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ALMA'S DAMAGE SLIGHT, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

Predictions of 7 to 11 foot tides sent many Islanders hurrying to safety in homes of friends, motels and hotels in Fort Myers Wednesday morning, June 8, as Hurricane Alma began to move up the southwest Florida coast from the Keys.

A rainfall of 2.82 was recorded Wednesday and Thursday on Captiva Island; wind gusts up to 80 m.p.h. were reported briefly on nearby Fort Myers Beach, but winds mostly stayed in the 45 to 65 m.p.h. range.

Thursday afternoon, all roads were clear with the exception of the Captiva road bend on the way to South Seas Plantation just past the corner after Mary Cunningham's shop. That road wasn't clear, because there wasn't any road left.

With the exception of eight full grown coconut palms down at South Seas Plantation (which must have been hit by twisters) most shrubbery

damage on Captiva consisted of broken palm fronds, twisted sea grapes and broken Australian pine branches.

An eight inch water main exploded at Crescent Farms, the water spurting out high, wide and handsome and leaving three families without water.

One of South Seas's cottages was lifted off its foundations, a few shingles were blown from various houses, and the electricity was off until Friday afternoon at 2 p.m., but all in all, the damage was small.

Sanibel Island motels seemed to be hardest hit by the gusts of winds. The Gallery motel lost part of a roof on the two story building near the Gulf front, but had it repaired (and occupied by guests) by Sunday.

Island Inn had several roofs blown partly away, half of an eight car garage was swept away, quite a few shingles were blown from the barracks and the rooms were plastered with sand. The new building there only suffered screen damage. As manager Jack Rushworth said, "They are all piddley little things, but with the shrubbery and everything, it will run into a couple of thousand dollars." Besides the ever-present palm fronds, the only trees down at Island Inn were three pine trees at the back of the property across the road.

Casa Ybel, the Reef, Hiers By The Sea Motel and others along Gulf Drive reported mostly screen, palm frond and shingle damage, although Casa Ybel also lost three roofs and a number of sliding glass doors.

The power was back on Sanibel by Thursday afternoon.

CAPTIVA FILL EFFECTIVE

The Captiva Island road fill near the Post Office corner weathered Hurricane Alma with great success.

"I would call the nourishment program extremely successful," said Paul Stahlin, who directed the project for the Captiva Island erosion group. "What little nourishment washed from the fill was distributed on the beaches on both sides. As a matter of fact, it may well be we have more nourishment than we had before the storm.

"I would say this indicates we have found a solution to the problem. We'll now have to work on the upper road. The problem of course, is where to get the fill. The perfect place is from off-shore dredging, which would not interfere with breeding or feeding grounds for fish.

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Twenty years ago, John De-
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iness. They bought a sub-chaser
at New Orleans, ran up the coast
to Biloxi, where they turned
down an offer to join the Coast
Guard, and finally made their
way to Tampa, where they got
a loan from a Tampa bank.

The money was used to buy
a cargo load of onions and po-
tatoes for re-sale in Cuba.
(Someone offered them 100 bales
of barbed wire, which, consider-
ing everything, probably could
have been put to good use on
that island, but they had to turn
down the offer after running into
the 1947 hurricane, which was a
doozy.)

They finally got to Cuba---
the first boat to land there since
1944---successfully sold their
potatoes and onions and took on
a load of pineapples.

The pineapples cost them
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pineapples were completely
ruined when they ran into more
bad weather at sea and didn't
make port in time to save the
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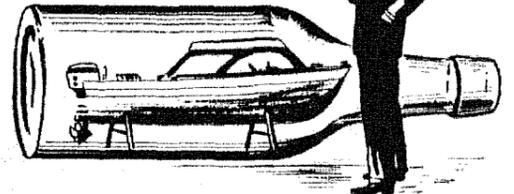
During their trip they had
sailed up and down the west
coast of Florida, passing our
islands but not stopping.

After the pineapple fiasco,
they sold the boat and all went
into other businesses. Mr. De-
Glenn went into the insulation
business in Parkridge, Illinois.

One day, Mrs. DeGlenn an-
swered an ad in the Chicago
Tribune about Sanibel and Cap-
tiva. Bill Newman of the Cham-
ber of Commerce responded
with a packet of literature. When
Mr. DeGlenn looked over the
brochures and information, he
said "Why, those must be the
islands we saw---but we never
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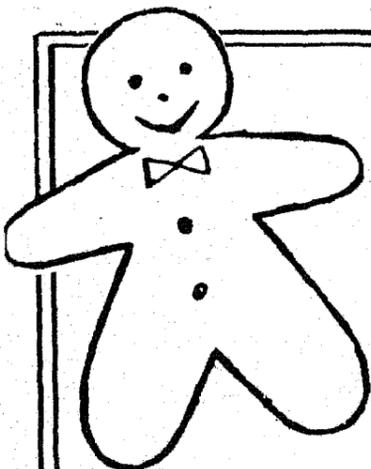
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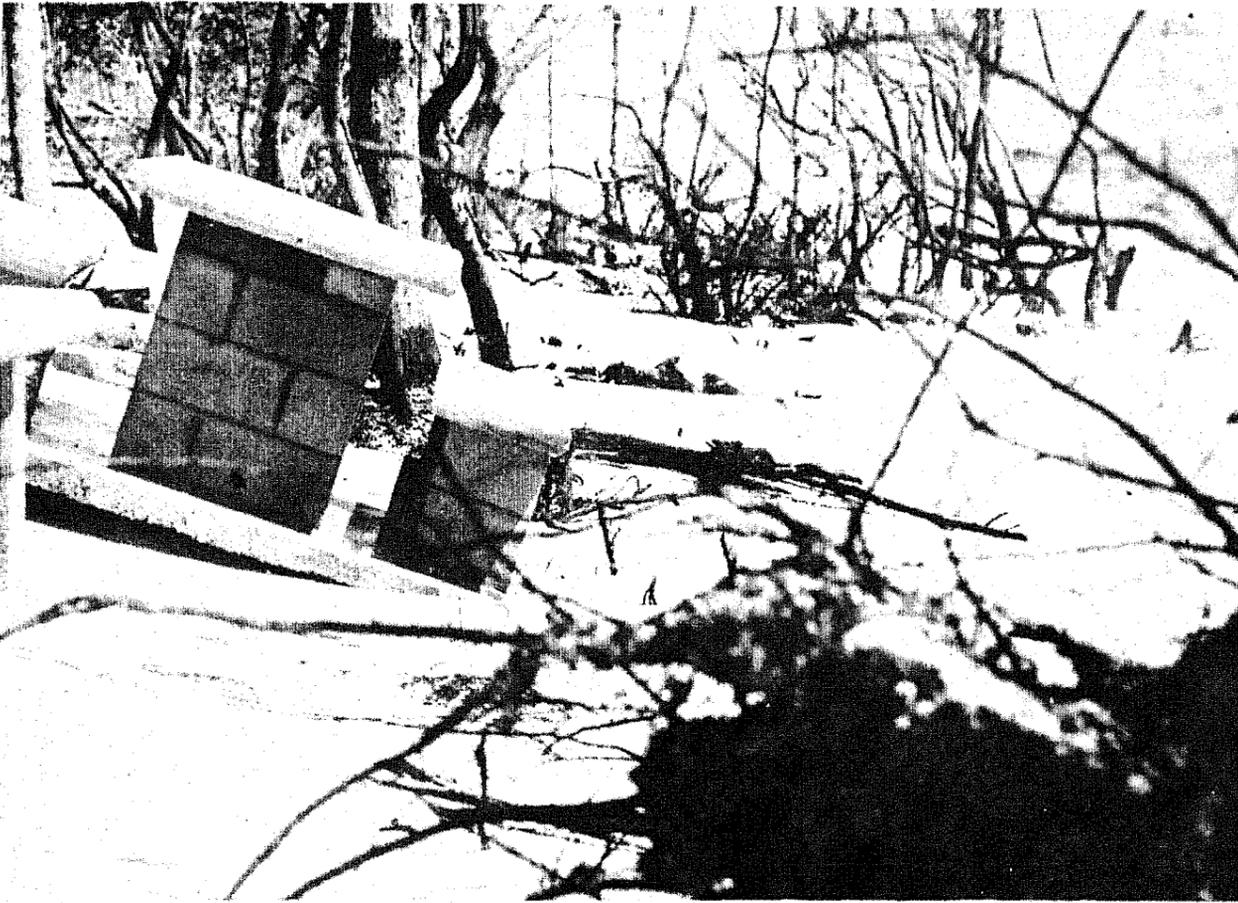
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ISLAND INN BUILDING SWIMMING POOL

Island Inn (not South Seas Plantation, as reported elsewhere) is building a 40 by 25 ft. swimming pool right in front of the old building.

Manager Jack Rushworth said the Inn is also buying a considerable amount of new equipment for the kitchen, repair work is being done on the manager's cottage, and an area

has been cleared on the back of the property on the other side of the road for new employee housing which will be started sometime this summer.

The old building will be re-

moved in the next few years, he said, and the Inn is in the process of planning new guest accommodations facing the Gulf, but the exact site has not been decided.



Alma No Help To Shellers

Hurricane Alma, who passed the Islands at an off-shore speed of 20 m.p.h. with winds gusting up to 60 m.p.h., didn't bring in the quantities of shells normally expected after a blow. As a matter of fact, Alma swept the beaches on Captiva and upper Sanibel completely clear of shells.

"People have been driving by here all day," said Mary Cunningham Sunday, "looking for shells, but there aren't any good ones. There aren't even any bad ones. Not even dead ones. Just lots and lots of sea life---sea cucumbers and hares and so forth."

Ede Mugridge on Sanibel reported absolutely no luck at all, Admiral Ed Konrad said his beach was also swept completely bare, but Priscilla Murphy reported good shelling between the steam boat and Tulipaway (about half way in between, she said) and at the Lighthouse, where she said there were lots of miniatures.

"I've seen lots of Florida Jewel boxes, live lady's ears by the dozens, live conches, plover's eggs, pectins, but a very few of those, and one woman found a live double angle wing, undamaged, by the Lighthouse," Priscilla said.

"And from the way the beach in front of me smells, I know there's something good out there."

MRS H.J. (PATRICIA) WATERS

Mrs. H.J. (Patricia) Waters of Captiva Island died suddenly Monday, June 6, in Columbia, Missouri. She was well-known on the Islands, and had been a winter resident for a number of years.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. H.J. Waters, the editor and publisher of the Columbia Daily Tribune.

Well known in the fashion design field, Mrs. Waters was the author of two text-books on fashion design and set up the fashion design department of Stevens College in Missouri. In the early 1930s, she was chosen "Artist of the Year."

Any friends wishing to make memorial contributions may do so by giving to the Ding Darling Memorial Foundation, in care of Roy Bazire, treasurer, Sanibel Island, Florida.

CLYATT-REDINGER

The engagement of Jackie J. Redinger of Sanibel Island and Miss Linda Elizabeth Clyatt of Punta Gorda was announced this week.

They expect to get married at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church by Father Thomas Madden in July.

The bride-to-be is a cashier at Bailey's Store on Sanibel. Jackie, who is the son of Mrs. Margo O. Redinger of Sanibel, and the late Joe Redinger, is employed by Thomas Hines at the Gulf service station.

The couple plans to make their home on Sanibel permanently. All wish Linda and Jackie a very rosy future and a lot of happiness.

LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

In spite of the threat of Hurricane Alma, twelve children attended the first "Smoky the Bear Summer Vacation Reading Club" at the Sanibel Public Library. This group and other children who are to enroll, will meet with Mrs. Harry Romine each Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 at the Library.

At last Wednesday's meeting, the pre-school children enjoyed looking at picture-scripts which were read for them by the older children---Later, under the direction of Miss Pauline Wilson, they looked at "View Master" pictures and played with building blocks and beads. Mrs. Romine started reading "The White Camel" by Eden Philpott for the older children and she continued the book at yesterday's session.

Each Club Member has been presented a Smoky Bear pin, a reading record card, a Smoky Bear book and a book mark. In the Smoky Bear book there are pictures to be colored and among other things, the Smoky song and the Smoky pledge. The children are learning both the song and the pledge.

During the summer the Club Members will read about conservation---wood lore, trees, birds, insects, camping---all about the world of nature.

Each member who reads ten books or more during the summer will be presented a certificate by Smoky, himself. At the first meeting, 24 books were checked out.

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MATT GIVES A PARTY
by ethel snyder

The first summer I spent on Sanibel Island I lived at Island Inn. It was more like a story book existence, a South Sea Island romance! That was before the days of electricity and kerosene lamps fitted into the picture. Granny Matthews and I drove in my match-box-size Chevrolet all over the island and had adventures. The cocker Dolly Varden sat on her self back of us. Maria the cook knew where we could pick up this and that, and Charlotta had us drive to the store. Bailey's, of course!

Matt and Elinor Clapp were lively teenagers so there was never a dull moment. One morning at breakfast Matt invited us all to a beach fish fry that very noon at the light house beach. He was catching the fish after he got there, and also frying them. With alacrity we all accepted and arrangements were made on the spot.

We drove in the Inn station wagon. Maria the cook and Charlotta saw to the luncheon details. Everything from skillets to coffee cups! And Douglas Clapp thought of the comfortable things like pillows and blankets

for a nap under a cocoanut palm, jugs of water! For a long time Charlotta and I had been wanting to walk from Casa Ybel along the beach to the light house. And here was our chance.

The station wagon let us out at Casa Ybel and Dolly Varden was on her leash. No running around! This was a long walk and not a single cottage or stopping place on the entire way but we were rarin' to go! The beauty of that walk is beyond description. Wide stretches of smooth white sand beach, long turquoise blue rollers breaking over into foaming white as they neared shallow water. Thick groves of tall cocoanut palms along the shore all the way. It was heavenly! White herons stalking along the shore and flying overhead.

At one place there was an inlet and the growth seemed thicker. A tumble-down brown unpainted cottage was high on stilts and barely visible. We had heard our bootlegger and smuggler had a Cuban wife and they lived there. Nobody ever saw him there but every tropical isle should have at least one smuggler! We thought we saw someone peeking out a broken window but we hurried on. The beach path seemed more well defined and suddenly we

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saw ahead a group of six men approaching. Obviously Cubans. They looked like the pirates on the colored cover of my Robert Louis Stevensons stories! No hats, heads tied up in bright kerchiefs, beards, well, we were scared stiff! But we kept right on walking towards them. Each man had a gunny sack slung over his shoulder bulging with knobby somethings. We thought it might be rum! They simply beamed on us. They smiled broadly showing very white teeth. They bowed. They said "Buenos dias" and we said "Hi!" and "Good morning" and hurried on. We passed and went as fast as we could.

"Pirates" said Charlotta when we were out of ear shot.

"Smugglers" I said. Charlotta said "Look over there" and pointed to a six-oared row boat pulled upon the beach. Empty! And on the horizon we saw the colored sails of a Cuban fishing smack. "Well, wasn't that something said Charlotta and we ran on as fast as we could! Finally we made a turn on the beach and we saw the light house tower! And never were we more thankful to have arrived!

Matt had caught his fish, cleaned them, and fried them

deliciously over his beach grill. But we had a cold drink of orange juice and a ten minute stretch out in a blanket all the time both of us telling them about our smugglers! They were properly impressed.

Our party was delicious. After we had eaten and rested Matt told us he had something to show us. We had to take off our shoes as we had to wade in the shallow water. After we were out knee deep Matt pointed down in the water a bit farther along and called "LOOK." We looked. And to our astonishment saw where Matt had thrown the carcasses of several of the fish he had cleaned and each was covered with live tulipas shells feeding off the meat still left on the fish after he had cleaned them. What a sight that was. Matt had given us all a never-to-be-forgotten day.

Charlotta and I were thankful to drive back to the Inn in the station wagon. So was the cocker who slept all the way!

P.S. We found out later they really were smugglers. So did the sheriff!

CAPTIVA RAIN FALL

Allen Weeks of Captiva reported .13 of rain on Monday, June 6, .74 on Tuesday, 1.22 on Wednesday, 1.60 on Thursday, and none the rest of the week through Sunday.



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I Say They Are Damn Fools

EDITORIAL

The worst thing about Alma, as far as we're concerned, is that a number of people who perhaps have never been through a hurricane before will think "Oh, hurricanes are nothing. Why worry about leaving?" Or "But I want to see a hurricane, why should I leave?"

We'll tell you why you should leave. If that 11 foot tide had arrived as predicted, major portions of Sanibel and parts of Captiva would have been six feet or more under water.

Civil Defense officials said that this time they would not evacuate by helicopter as the Coast Guard did during Donna (at the risk of their lives and thousands of dollars of taxpayers money), but we assume if things really got rough, a boat evacuation might be attempted, at a risk of their lives as well as yours.

A number of people on Captiva gathered at a home which has not only withstood a number of rough hurricanes without damage, but is 17 and a half feet above sea-level. This is actually 6 and a half feet higher than Fort Myers---and if the people involved do not include any heart patients, or others who might need fast medical help, this is fine.

But too many people we talked to just want to stay to see what it looks like---and they stay in houses in many cases which are not very sturdy. Very frankly, the wind will blow just as hard in Fort Myers as it will on the Islands---the rain will fall just as hard, the power lines will snap just as quickly, so you can get the "fun" of hurricane party-ing by candlelight and flash-light, and the trees will fall just as hard.

But most killing hurricane damage is done by water, not wind. The amount of water in Fort Myers will not kill you. The amount of water on the Islands will.

Outside of all other considerations---taking into account, for instance, the hundreds of people killed on the New Orleans waterfront last year by Hurricane Betsy, and the hundreds killed in other low-lying areas in other hurricanes by people who refused to leave their

homes---can you imagine the publicity damage to the islands if major newspapers and television stations report "200 killed on Sanibel and Captiva Islands?" Or even 20?

Outside of scavengers who feed on other people's tragedy, we would bet such a report would kill the tourist trade for at least one year, if not two.

As one man who left the islands remarked, when asked what he thought of people who stayed, "I say they're damn fools."

We agree.

ANOTHER HURRICANE?

One of the questions uppermost in Islanders's thoughts right now is---will there be another hurricane this year? Answers range from "It looks bad" to an anguished "Oh, I hope not!"

Paul Stahlin of South Seas Plantation said, "Undoubtedly there will be another hurricane---I don't know what year. But I'll tell you this---I'm in close touch with the Seminole Indians. It's a sure sign when the Seminole Indians's toenails grow long, we'll have a hurricane. And when those long toenails turn pink, that's the year we'll have one for sure."

Would you believe he's putting us on?

COOL PLAY

The Pirate Playhouse on Sanibel Island has just been air-conditioned for opening of a cool comedy, "The Pleasure of His Company," by Sam Taylor and Cornelia Otis Skinner.

Curtain on this play goes up at 8:15 p.m. on July 1, 2 and 3, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

As Floridians and visitors from all over the country plan their summer vacations in this area more and more, they will be able to be delighted by the good theater at the Pirate Playhouse, converted two seasons ago from the old school house to an unique arena theater.

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW AT ART GALLERY

Mario F. Hutton is exhibiting 45 original color photographs at the Sea Horse Art Gallery, mostly of local wild-life in close-up or with a background of Sanibel scenery, including many shots taken in the Ding Darling Sanctuary.

Mr. Hutton has practiced photography seriously for a number of years and won his first prize at nine, when he placed second in a Junior Class Contest sponsored by the Zoological Gardens of Rome, Italy. He has taken up wild-life photography during the past two years, following his retirement in 1964. This new field led him from New York to Sanibel Island. Two months ago he reached an agreement with two New York photographic sales agencies to distribute his color and black and white pictures.

His exhibition is well worth seeing---the finest single collection of color photography we have seen. He gets exquisite detail in his shots of water birds and waders---a rare shot of roseate spoonbills in flight, a pelican caught in the act of gulping a fish and an absolutely beautiful study of a lone white heron at the edge of foamy breakers of grey-blue surf.

Dog lovers (poodle fanciers in particular) would love the poodle portraits.

Besides a number of paintings on exhibit, another first-time exhibitor at the gallery is J. Wilbur Snyder, who has some of his paintings on display.

We would like to commend the gallery for putting on such a fine exhibit for what will be essentially a "native" audience.

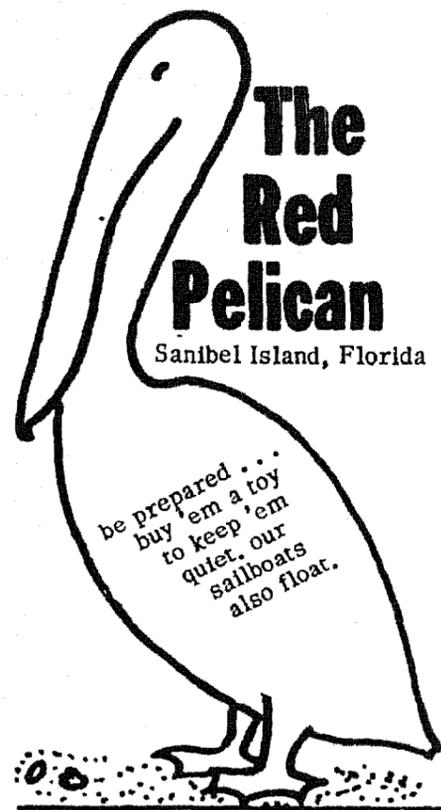


NOTHING HIGHER THAN THE ALPS

Nancy McCann did indeed have a glowing account of her recent trip to Europe. She ate buns at Banbury Cross; took in the show at the Palladium; saw Sammy Davis, Jr., at London Airport; enjoyed the beauty of Italy and the Alps; boated on the Rhine and thought she saw one of the legendary Rhine maidens; and everywhere she went---everywhere---she found a wealth of flowers in bloom. Europe seemed to be a veritable garden of color. These were the highlights for Nancy.

When we asked her which might be the highest of the highlights, she thought for a moment and then said with a smile, "I guess it was the Alps---all covered with snow." And we guess it would be hard to dispute this judgment.

Nancy found touring seven countries in three weeks a tremendous undertaking but utterly rewarding. It was a special delight to revisit the places she had seen when she made a similar marathon trip three years ago. This trip---the one she just made---was sparked by a notice in the paper that a group from Lehigh Acres were planning to go and were inviting others to join them. And then for a while there was a hitch; there were planes leaving for Europe from Tampa and Miami, but none from Fort Myers. The group consulted Commissioner Geraci. It was no time before he had the solution and the wonderful outcome was the initiation of Geraci's Annual European Tours.



WHO'S WHO

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES MIDLETON and son, JIM, of Bettendorf, Iowa, are spending a week or ten days on the Islands. They own property here and will sometime call Sanibel "home."

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT FORD were hosts to the Sarasota Girl Scout troop Tuesday the 14th. A number of activities are planned to make their several day stay interesting.

ELSIE MALONE has returned from her visit to Maryland and has gone to Marathon where she will spend the remainder of this month.

PAT KONRAD was home from college but left Monday for Wyoming to spend the summer on his archaeology project. He will remain in the west until almost time to return to school in Boston in September.

Well, ELSIE MALONE's tree snail has been renamed ALMA in honor of the recent blustering gal who must be responsible for Alma the snail's return home.

The snail had been at home in the tree behind Elsie's shell shop for many moons, then she (he or it) disappeared. The day after the hurricane passed by Snail Alma appeared on the patio porch. Priscilla Murphy picked her (him - it) up and discovered that the snail had gorged to the point the head and body would not go back into the shell for an hour or more. Meanwhile the white snail, on being indoors, began to change coloring and is now striped with yellow and has a pink tip. Alma eats pablen, in case you want to feed a tree snail!

Mrs. ETHEL PRESTON has seen hurricane weather before---and elected to spend Alma's visit at Holiday Inn in Fort Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. AL MUENCH are in Rochester, N.Y., where they went to attend the wedding last weekend of their son STEVEN. During their absence ROY BAZIER is playing host to their pooch - Chauncy.

Mr. and Mrs. BILL NEUMAN hosted the Sanibel Community Assn. Inc. covered dish supper LAST Tuesday. There will be no meeting nor supper in July. The next meeting will be the first Tuesday in August.

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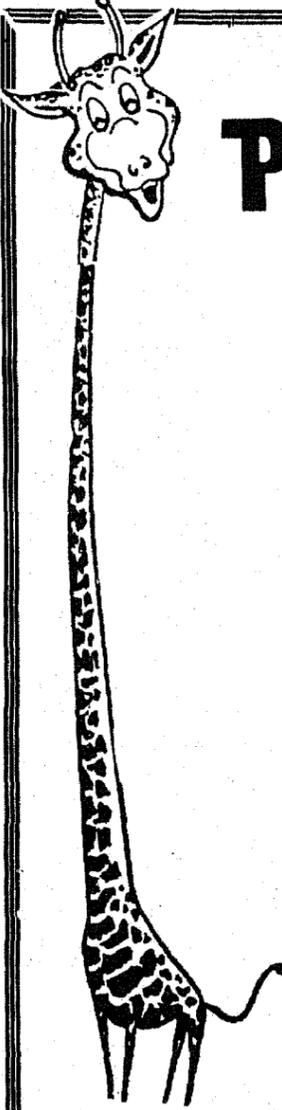
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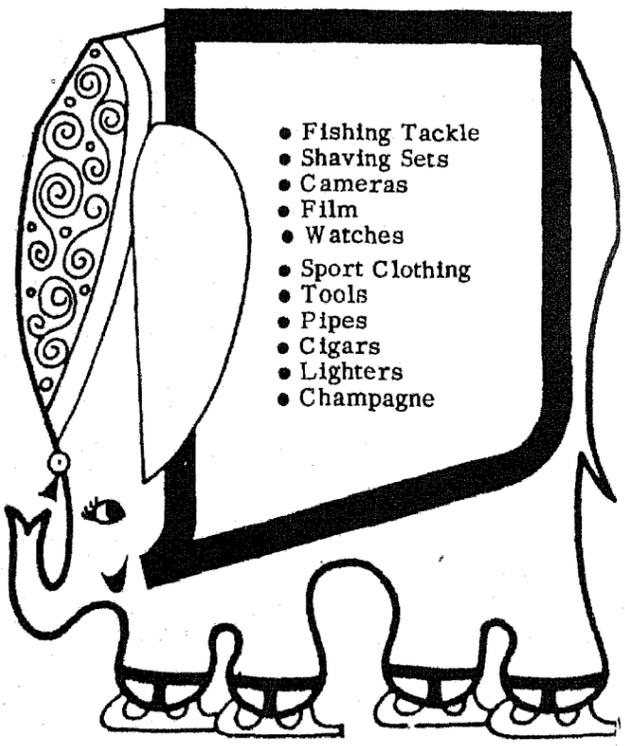
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