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LEGION AUXILIARY

American Legion Unit 123 held its first meeting of the new fiscal year at the home of Auxiliary president Mrs. Thomas Nix on Gulf Drive with good attendance by members who welcomed Mrs. Herbert Purdy, wife of the Post Commander.

A different member will serve as hostess for the Auxiliary each month for regular meetings with joint meetings of Post and Unit to be held at the American Legion home. The October meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ross Purdy. Material was purchased for the making of lap robes, utility bags and pillow covers for distribution along with other needed items, to the three Veteran's Hospitals in the state.

The members were extended an invitation to attend Bingo nights which will be held by Post 123 each Wednesday night beginning October 4 at the Legion home.

The door prize, a lovely shell flower arrangement donated by Mrs. Ross Purdy, was won by Mrs. Allen Nave.



Laying flooring in the new addition are from left to right, Gerry Martin, Tom Nix and Floyd Pflough.

SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Over the past five years the subject of enlarging the Sanibel Community House has come up from time to time with estimates ranging from \$11,000 to \$20,000. The addition has become a reality, and, thanks to the gratis labor of a few of the members, has cost only a fraction of the lowest estimate. It is all paid for with some extras that weren't intended to have to come out of the amount appropriated by the Board including insulation, inside finishing and wonderful lighting throughout the building.

The Committee members giving full time were Gerry Martin, Floyd Pflough and Tom Nix. Bill Newman and 'Doc' Bryant gave their time off to the project and others who gave many hours of labor included Bob Dormer, H.O. Romine, H.E. Skinner, Robert Stevens, Al Walther, Robert Dormer Jr., Mike Dormer, Tom Holtz, Skip Purdy and Raymond Rhodes. Cash donations were also made by H.O. Romine and Hal Irwin, who could not be on the Islands while the work was in progress. A

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with Roy Bazire at Priscilla Murphy's office
or at Sanibel Captiva Real Estate.

Final deadline for ads and copy is Monday
morning, although we may be able to accept
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to:
Mr. C. Michael Jackson

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uge, immediately south of the
proposed 51-acre trailer camp,
we are put in the position of
being an interested, concerned,
and affected party.

It is our experience that
developments such as this, es-
pecially in the middle of an
attractive Island such as Sani-
bel, have an adverse and de-
preciatory effect on surround-
ing lands. They harm the natural
ecological environment. They
mar the island's natural beauty.
They eventually affect and re-
strict desirable recreational
potential. And they tend to de-
preciate property values--
which then compounds the other
harmful effects.

Yes, we oppose this zoning
change. We oppose it as a party
vitaly interested in the Island's
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/s/ Walter A. Gresh
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The agencies serve you 12 months of the year. No matter where you live in Lee County, YOU are daily receiving benefits, directly or indirectly, from the services provided through your United Fund.

Volunteer citizens of your community have been working since the first of the year to get this campaign organized. The various standing committees of the United Fund Board of Directors have been carefully going over each agency's budget and working with them to eliminate duplication and how to save you, the citizens more money. It is much more economical to support our own local agencies through volunteers than through taxation or governmental control.

The United Way concept has proved the most popular way to save manpower and eliminate costly competing campaigns. The United Fund solicits money to make up the difference between the total budgeted needs of the agency and the agency's income from other sources. The amount of the Fund's allocation is related to the agency's ability to support itself, applying the basic sociological concept of self-help to the extent of ability before seeking help from the community as a whole.

This is how you receive benefits from the services of your United Fund: If it were not for the three character building services that are affiliated with the United Fund perhaps we would have more juvenile delinquents, hold-ups and murders in our community. Did you know it costs \$1800 in our tax money to rehabilitate a delinquent and \$3500 per year to keep a person in prison?

Available to you, as a resident of Lee County, are the services of our family counseling agencies, either with family problems (you know it is more economical to keep a family together than have a broken home) or help for unwed mothers, foster home care and adoptions. Perhaps someone in your family would like to adopt a baby, there are 2 United Fund services that do this.

Did you know there is a service that clothes several thousand children to keep them in our public schools--if these school children cannot attend school because of shoes and clothing it will cost us, the taxpayers, more money.

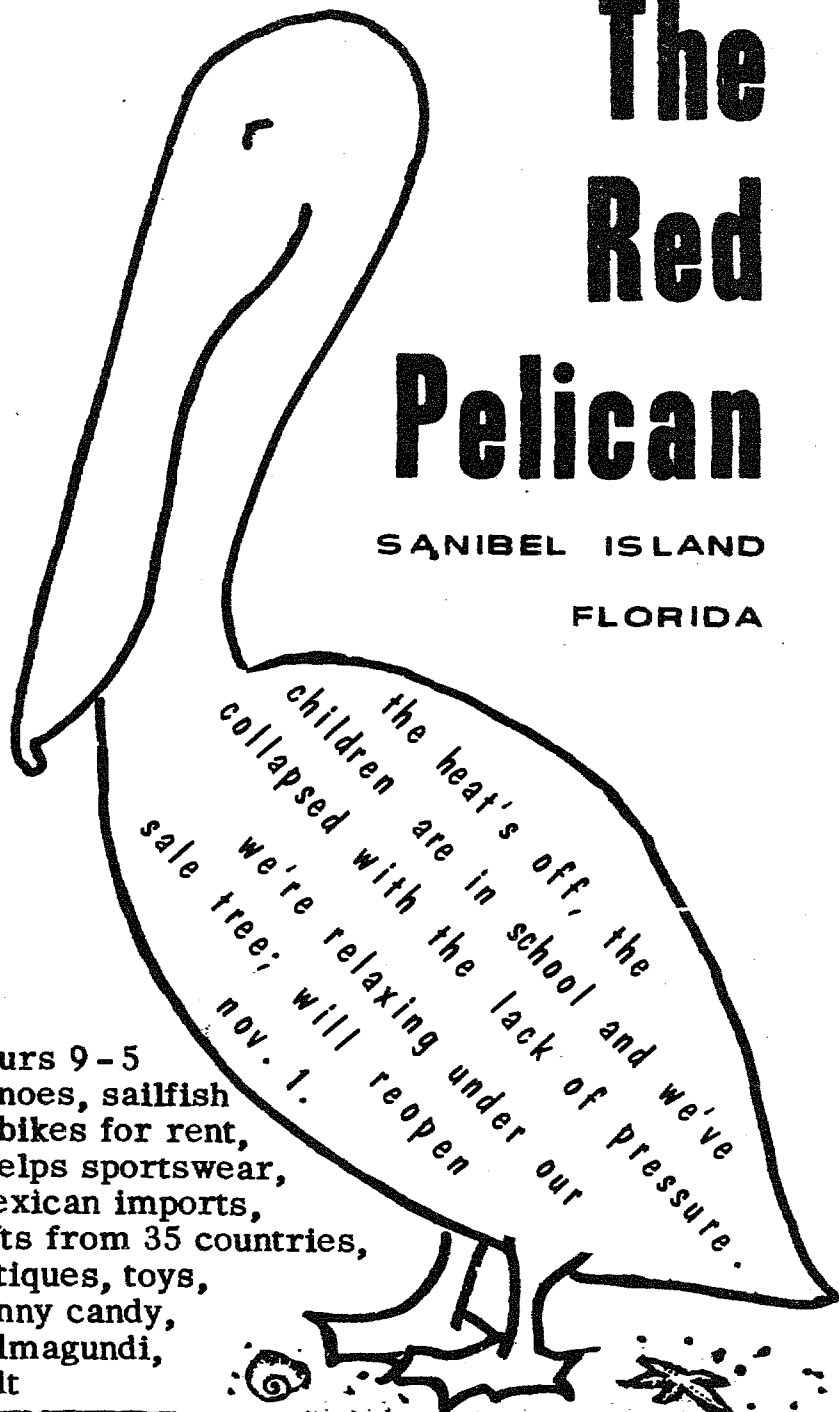
One of the United Fund services is teaching the trainable retarded a skill so they can take their place in the community and support themselves, this is much cheaper for all of us.

Another United Fund service tries to cope with the many problems concerning mental illness. In our chaotic society this is becoming a tremendous problem as one person in ten suffer some form of mental or emotional illness. There are more people in hospitals with mental illness at any one time than with all the diseases combined.

There is also a service provided by your United Fund to help those with legal problems that are not able to afford an attorney.

Another United Fund service trains gray ladies for our school system, which saves the taxpayers thousands of dollars as they would have to hire someone to do the work they do if it were not for them; they also take care of family disasters, hurricanes, home services to men and women and their families that are in the armed forces. Perhaps you will be in an automobile accident some day and someone that has been trained in first aid by this agency will save your life, or someone dear to you will be saved from drowning by the training given by this agency.

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Really, very very little. Until the first of September, both Islands had an unusual air of hustle and bustle for summer time. Families were here for vacations, East-coasters spent week-ends, out of town shop keepers came over on a bus man's holiday to see our own attractive shops. But now, as in previous years, September finds our Islands practically asleep. The majority of our shops and stores are closed-Dotti's, Friday's, the Bakery and Delicatessen, Black Pearl, The Book Shop and others-while their owners are resting weary bones at home, scouting for new merchandise or preparing for exciting events. All are preparing, in one way or another, for what looks like a big season ahead.

There are enough stores remaining open to carry on "business as usual" for the home folks and the visitors who find September the time for a quiet peaceful rest. Bailey's, the Bee Hive, The Sea Horse some of the Shell Shops, some of the Real Estate Offices, South Seas and Casa Ybel, and the gas stations seem to be keeping reasonably busy. Weather wise we have been fortunate, except for some high tides washing out roads and damaging one house on Captiva, no storms have bothered us, rain fall has been adequate and the temperature has been quite comfortable.

Shelling and fishing have been excellent with many fine specimens and catches being brought in.

All in all, not much is new, but things are as wonderful as always.

Mr. and Mrs. DAVID R. WOOSTER of Sanibel have just been informed that their son, ROBERT A. WOOSTER, has been assigned as a truckdriver to the 561 Engineering Co. near Sakhon Nakhon, Thailand. Bob is a 1965 graduate of Fort Myers High School and has been in Thailand since August 1967.



SEA CHEST

By RAY SOREL

It's beginning to look as though Florida's sponge fishery is reviving. The industry just about passed out of existence several years ago when a blight swept through the sponge beds and killed off most of the marketable sponges. Recently, the sponges seem to have recovered and are reappearing in increasing numbers.

The industry is faced with a new problem, though. Most of the sponge fishermen found other work and none of the younger men wanted to go into a dead industry. So it's been necessary to encourage spongers to immigrate from Greece to work the beds in Florida.

The spongers don't seem to be worried about competition from the synthetic sponges on the market. A natural sponge outlasts the synthetic variety several times and in the end it costs no more, or may actually be a little cheaper, to buy a natural sponge than a synthetic one.

Traditionally there are two ways of harvesting sponges. One way is to go after them in a diving suit. The other way is to pick them off the

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Elsie Malone

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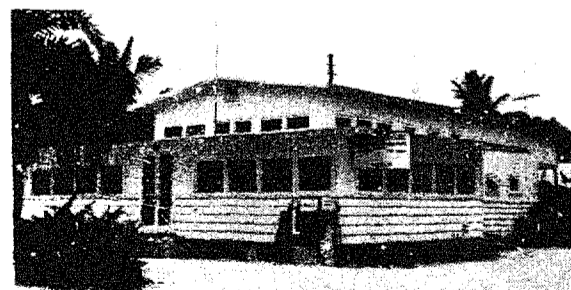
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full report was presented at the September business meeting which followed the first buffet supper of the season.

The Improvement Committee chaired by Bob Dormer has been active all summer, not only with zoning matters but have placed rubbish receptacles of a permanent tute at a;; lib;oc

receptacles of a permanent type at all public access areas on Sanibel. The cans are covered so it is hoped that picnic refuse left by visitors will not become scattered as in the past. Howard Xchriner, Brochure chairman, reports that the 1968 edition has gone to press and is expected to be ready for November distribution.

Word has been received from Dr. R. Tucker Abbott that he will serve as a judge at the 1968 Shell Fair. He is well known on the Islands, not only as a frequent visitor, but also as a judge of past shell shows.



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Sea Chest
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bottom from the surface with long tongs. The Greeks usually used the diving method and I believe British spongers used the tonging method. The tongs used to fish the beds in the keys and the Greek divers fished the area for several hundred miles around Tarpon Springs.

There are probably close to a hundred species of sponges growing in Florida waters. In Dry Tortugas alone were found 84 species. But only a half dozen or so of these species are used as bath sponges. The spongers themselves could help the industry to grow by exercising some conservation practices.

Sponges are found attached to the bottom as though they were some kind of plant. But they are actually colonies of tiny animals. If you cut a sponge up into several pieces and throw them back into the water, each piece will grow into a new sponge. So if the spongers will take part of their "crop" and replant new colonies to replace those that they have harvested they will keep the sponges increasing and their industry growing.

Florida may be on the brink of a new pharmaceutical industry based on sponges. Biologists have found that some of these sponges (not the bath sponges) have antibiotic activity. That is, they found if they ground up the sponges and made an extract of the mess, this extract would kill some bacteria.

I've collected some of these

sponges myself in the Florida Keys and I soon found that you have to wear rubber gloves. If some of these sponges come in contact with your skin, you break out in a rash and it itches as though you had been burned by an acid. It is activity like this that first aroused the curiosity of biologists and the antibiotic activity was discovered secondarily.


Most of the drug companies are willing to put a certain amount of money into research, but recent tightening of regulations about testing a new drug before it is put on the market has made it less attractive for them to go into new research. They tend to stick to specific problems like the resistant form of malaria that is found in Vietnam. They are interested only in those materials that promise to solve this problem. And so some promising materials are going begging --- like these sponges.

The contact I've had with these companies shows that they would be willing to pick up and investigate any materials that showed preliminary promise, but they didn't want to go into the business of collecting, extracting, and testing all 100 of the sponge species found around Florida.

The state might be able to give this pregnant industry a boost if it could set up some kind of state wide surveying and testing program through its marine laboratories and university system. It would be good practice for biology students and fun for them besides.

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Tibor Yusti, young Belgian born pianist, will highlight the presentation of a special Symphony Campaign Concert, Saturday, September 23, 8:00 p.m. at the Fort Myers Senior High. Mr. Yusti, performing with the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra and chorus, will present Beethoven's Choral fantasy in addition to several other works.

Mr. Yusti, a former resident of Miami, studied and graduated from the Royal Conservatories of Antwerp and Brussels. His teacher was Arthur de Graaf, a pupil of the famed composer Franz Liezt.

Before coming to south Fla., Mr. Yusti concertized extensively throughout South America, Europe and United States receiving rave reviews. In 1954, Mr. Yusti served as a jury member of the first annual piano competition held in Brazil, El Salvador, and Honduras.

Mr. Yusti has also performed widely throughout the Greater Miami area. He was a featured soloist with the University of Miami Symphony and conductor Fabian Sevitzky in 1961 at the University's Festival of Contemporary American and International Music. Last year Mr. Yusti was appointed "Artist in Residence" and Head of Piano Department of the Detroit Institute of Musical Art. He is continuing an extensive concert career along with his teaching duties.

This concert is in addition to the regular concert season of the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra and is a feature of Fort Myers Symphony Week in southwest Florida. Tickets for this performance only are \$1.50 adults-.50 students, and may be obtained at the door.



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