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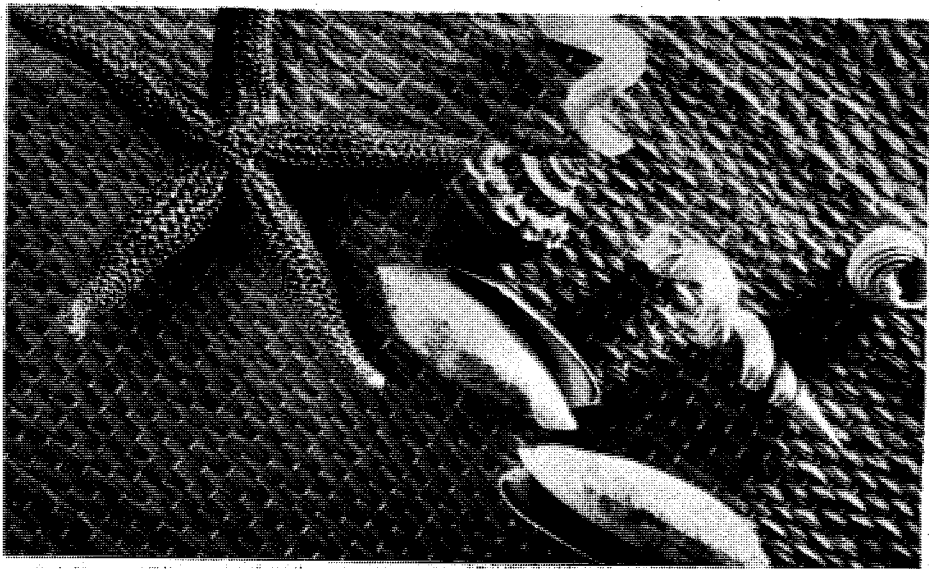
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ELECTION OF FIRE BOARD

Resident freeholders of the Sanibel Fire Control District will elect three (3) board members at the November 1968 election. Those elected will serve terms of four years, unless removed for cause by the Governor. This service is without compensation.

Candidates for the Sanibel Fire Control Board shall file notice of candidacy with the Clerk of the circuit court of Lee County thirty (30) days prior to such election, and such notice shall be signed by ten (10) registered freeholders of the Sanibel Fire Control District. No filing fee is required by the candidate. The Lee County Commissioners shall provide a separate paper ballot for the election of said Board Members.

Candidates for the election shall be divided into, group one (1), group two (2), and group three (3), and the notice of each candidate shall designate the group number in which he qualifies. The candidate having the highest number of votes in each group shall be declared elected. The three (3) candidates thus elected shall constitute the Sanibel Fire Control Board.

The three (3) candidates thus elected will take office on the first (1) Tuesday after the first (1) Monday in January 1969.

TURTLE STUDY FINISHED

Charles LeBuff, Biological Technician, of the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Sanibel Island, announced recently that the nesting season of the Atlantic loggerhead sea turtles along the Lee County shoreline had ended for the current year. Hundreds of the huge reptiles visit local beaches during May, June, July and August to deposit eggs. Sanibel Island has long been a choice location for such activities by marine turtles.

During the 1968 summer various studies were conducted on Sanibel by LeBuff and Clifford Grimard, also of Sanibel. These studies included a tagging program in cooperation with the University of Florida, appraisal of various types of egg depredation and mortality of developing young within egg compliments. Other phases of the work consisted of recording of beach contours in relation to marine turtle use as well as consideration of data revealed by the tagging work itself.

Destruction of nest sites along the Gulf boundry of the refuge was most significant and a problem of grave importance to the conservation of marine turtles in general. A report of the season's activities is in preparation. This report will include a resume of work during the season and recommendations will be made for additional conservation of the diminishing loggerhead sea turtles.

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Priscilla Murphy, Realtor reports the following sale:

An old landmark on Captiva, the Gulf View Inn purchased by Mr. G. Byron Kirby of Louisville, Kentucky, from Gulf View Inn, Inc.

HURRAY FOR THE MAILMEN

We had the opportunity to discuss with Scotty of 'Scotty's Pub' yesterday, the ability of the post office to get through mail with very little address. For instance Scotty has received mail addressed: Scotty, Sanibel Island, Fla. That happens fairly often but he had one that really topped them all. He received a card from Seattle, Washington the other day with the following address: Scotty, 33957 and it had been mailed just two days before! Everyone should be praised now and then so HURRAY FOR THE MAILMEN! Just before we ended our conversation he made another nice statement-advertising pays!

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State Board of Health



INSTRUMENT OF TORTURE

Fashion has always dictated how women will dress. The plummed hats, sweeping skirts and wasp like waists were just as much in vogue in 1890 as are the mini-skirts of today.

But unlike modern fashions, public health officials had some misgivings about the clothes that women wore some 70 to 80 years ago. The plumes on their hats were stripped from wild birds slaughtered by the millions on behalf of fashion. The trailing skirts swept through the dust and carried dirt and disease into stores and homes. But above all, the most unhealthy fashion was the hour-glass figure - created by that "instrument of torture" - the corset. This garment of womanly apparel was drawn so tight as to constrict the breathing of the wearer and crowd together her internal organs.

Little was known about good health practices in the 1890s. People laughed at the theory that disease could be carried by bacteria and microbes. Such creatures weren't believed to exist since they were invisible. Women did not believe that they could carry germs of disease in their clothes from house to house or sweep up germs in the dust of the streets on their trailing skirts. Patients cooperated (more or less) with physicians and practitioners of the healing arts, but they did little to fight disease or to keep "disease from their door."

They opposed with their influence the erection of hospitals for infectious diseases and impeded the efforts of medical officers and inspectors of meats and food.

The Florida State Board of Health, which was created in 1889, made every effort to interest Floridians in their own health, the health of their neighbors and the community. As good citizens, they were asked not to build cesspools or privies under a neighbor's bedroom window to poison the atmosphere, nor conceal a case of measles or whooping cough, which could endanger the health of themselves and their neighbors.

Just as they campaigned against the corset, health officials promoted good sanitary practices. This meant clean food

and a safe water supply, dry cellars, plenty of fresh air and sunshine and proper disinfection of sick rooms.

Even as late as the 1890s people thought of epidemics as "Visitation of Providence" and that there was nothing they could do to avoid them. Health officials knew that "providence" usually visited the unclean with pestilence much oftener than it did the scrupulously clean. People who tolerated dangerous nuisances, such as cesspools, unsanitary cellars containing decaying vegetables and fruits, and stables too near the house, too often had to pay the penalty with typhoid fever, diphtheria and other filth diseases.

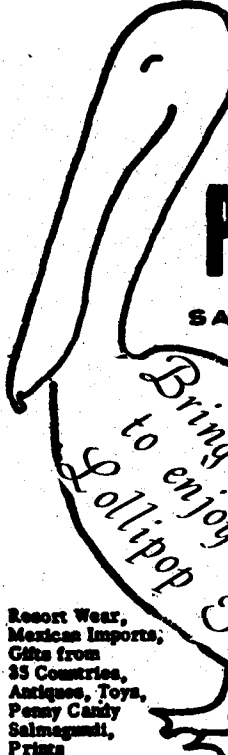
Today, the State Board of Health does not have to concern itself with women's fashions and instruments of torture. Communicable diseases are mostly under control but there are other health problems to take their place. These include problems of chronic diseases (heart, cancer, diabetes), and environmental health (sewage and industrial waste disposal and water and air pollution).

While the health agency has always used educational methods to promote good health for Floridians, health education is needed more than ever because of the vast amounts of medical and scientific information available. NEXT WEEK: YELLOW JACK AND THE FOMITES. It was a known fact in Florida that "fomites" were dangerous--or were they?



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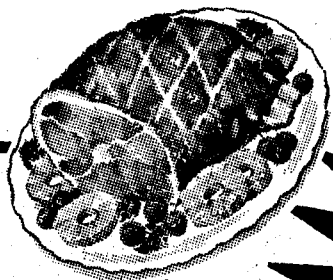
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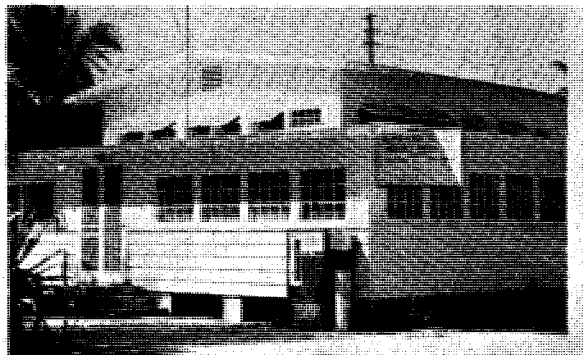
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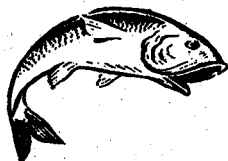
Sanibel-Captiva Sharks Men's Soft Ball Team will hold a benefit fish fry on the Sanibel Causeway on Sunday, September 1st. Proceeds from the fish fry will be used to complete construction of the Sanibel school athletic field.

The platters, at \$1.25 per person, will consist of fried fish, hush puppies, cole slaw and baked beans. Soft drinks and coffee will be available.

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To The Islander: THE GREAT POLITICAL HOAX

Politics is a way of life for some, but at best a game--where men of power and position wheel and deal, barter, trade, swap, at times their conscience and soul, and often the heritage of the people they supposedly represent. A game studded with compromises, double talk, half truths to out and out lies and fraud, not just the people's monies but the public trust.

I would like to think that the general, average, complacent American is aware of our system of government and our political structure. We frequently hear--it may not be the best system but it's better than anything else or what anyone else has. Isn't that a ridiculous statement. We should be satisfied, this statement says, that we're no worse off than we are. Why can't we be better off than we are?

We can no longer believe what we read, what we hear or even what we see.

Men of supposed integrity, honesty, truthfulness tell us, their hands literally on a stack of bibles, which also seem to be meaningless these days, that they stand for a principal of right and justice--for first one thing then another and in this election year they have done a 100% turn within an hour of their sworn statement.

What are we, the lowly peon, supposed to believe of our leaders? What do we have to really hold on to, to look up to, to believe in? What choice is there any more for the masses? Is one any better than another? Which one can we really believe? The questions pile one on another and I for one find no suitable or satisfactory answers.

I have watched men of basic honesty and integrity get into the political whirlpool. If they try to retain these principles they are soon lost in the shuffle and obscurity--or else they begin to compromise their every principal to hold onto the little bits of power or prestige they feel they have attained. And it's logical to assume that those with the greatest power and influence have mastered the arts of the political arena.

In this election year I have listened with near disgust, to men who wish to lead our country, playing fast and loose with their public trust of trying to lead the people by misleading them. They fence straddle until they feel the right moment. Their explanations for their reversal of position are flimsy and certainly not worthy of men of their prominence.

One of the greatest politicians of our time worked his way up from a school teacher to the high-

est office in our land. This commendable from the standpoint, that in our great country, this is possible but this also represents years of studious wheeling and dealing to arrive. This was not a man who got lost in the shuffle or obscurity but a man, who in the last election, proclaimed a "mandate from the people," when he won the election. Again, making a positive statement does not make it so and our system of government does not necessarily reflect the true feelings of the majority. I feel the American people and in particular the many politicians who are vying for our highest office, be they good or bad is beside the point, are being given the greatest political ride of their lives. They have again been completely out-manuevered by a master at the art.

When a few hats had been thrown into the ring and others were feeling the pulse and temperature and vacillating the master set up the peace talk conferences and then jerked the rug out from under everyone, Democrats and Republicans alike, by announcing he would not seek re-election.

My immediate thought then was, what a perfect 'draft-me' set up! As the months have passed this theory has been strengthened and the recent statement by the chairman of the Texas delegation makes this almost a frightening certainty.

Whether any of the other candidates would be a better choice, is not the point--what is important is that every one of them has been "hog-tied," first, its don't rock the boat while the peace conference members politely insult each other and then the "I shall not seek the office" statement literally took the wind out of their sails and set the stage. Timing in any action is an important factor and each of these factors have taken their toll in breaking the stride and momentum of all the candidates at one time or another.

The unscheduled and absolutely unnecessary assassination of one candidate completely threw all but one, off stride, he sits and waits. The Democratic party now has so many cracks and splinters it looks like a shattered mirror and then at the strategic moment the master will allow himself to be drafted as the only one who can pull the strays together and bind the party wounds--and away we go with another mandate and another 4 years of the great society which we really can't afford. Not just from a monetary standpoint but primarily to preserve our individuals rights and freedoms which are daily eroding.

Somewhere, somehow, we must regain our respect and pride which is our heritage, we need to

concentrate in a proper and orderly manner on our growing problems at home. We have to realize the peoples of the world cannot be 'bought' into the fold. We can not, as a nation, continue to say one thing and do another. When we begin to lose faith in our leaders and our government, how can we expect to paint with pride to our great nation and its accomplishments. With the present trend we can soon enter the class of those we loudly condemn.

Let us be aware and awake and know what is going on and not be caught up in a surge of emotional stage play, designed to promote a steam roller situation.

I offer no solution for I am not a master-mind. I offer a theory and feel sure I am not alone. It is time we, as individuals, became vocally concerned and active and realize that perhaps the road back to the basics is far better than than surging road forward that is leading us away from the principles upon which our great nation was founded.

/s/ I hope I'm wrong

SHALL WE CHOOSE OUR POLITICAL LEADERS OR NOT?

Do you care who makes the decisions in government that affect your safety, your income, your personal freedom? If so, you should vote in the general election on November 5.

Most islanders know that votes are conveniently cast at the main Fire Station on Sanibel. But there is just one small hitch. In order to vote on November 5, you must be registered as a voter before October 5. Problem? No, that's easily done. Here's the story.

If you'll be twenty-one or over before November 5 and now live in Lee County, just walk into the Registration Office on the first floor of the new part of the Lee County Courthouse on Second St. You will be courteously received, and the only really "political question" you'll be asked is whether you wish to identify with a party or not. If not, you register as an "independent." However identified on the register, in the November general election you may vote for whomever you prefer on the ballot. (Your influence is greater when you identify with a party and vote in that party's primaries when its office seekers are selected.)

But how long must you have resided here? Florida law requires twelve months residence within the state and six months within the county. Exceptions extend to persons intending to be permanent residents who have been properly registered else-

where. They may qualify to vote in the Presidential election if they visit the Registration Office after September 21 and prior to October 5.

Exactly when is the Registration Office open? The Supervisor of Registration, Mrs. Clutz, advises that the regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, ending October 4. Additional hours in September (on Saturdays and/or evenings) may be announced through news media.

SELECT YOUR LEADERS; REGISTER SOON AND VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5.

(Submitted as a public service by the Sanibel-Captiva Democrat Club)

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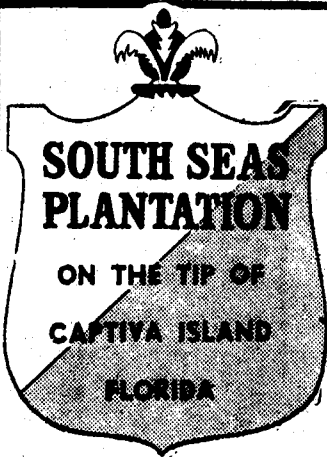
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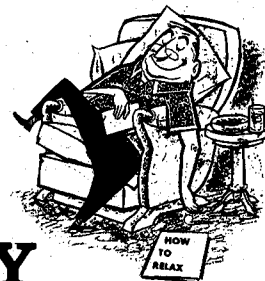
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