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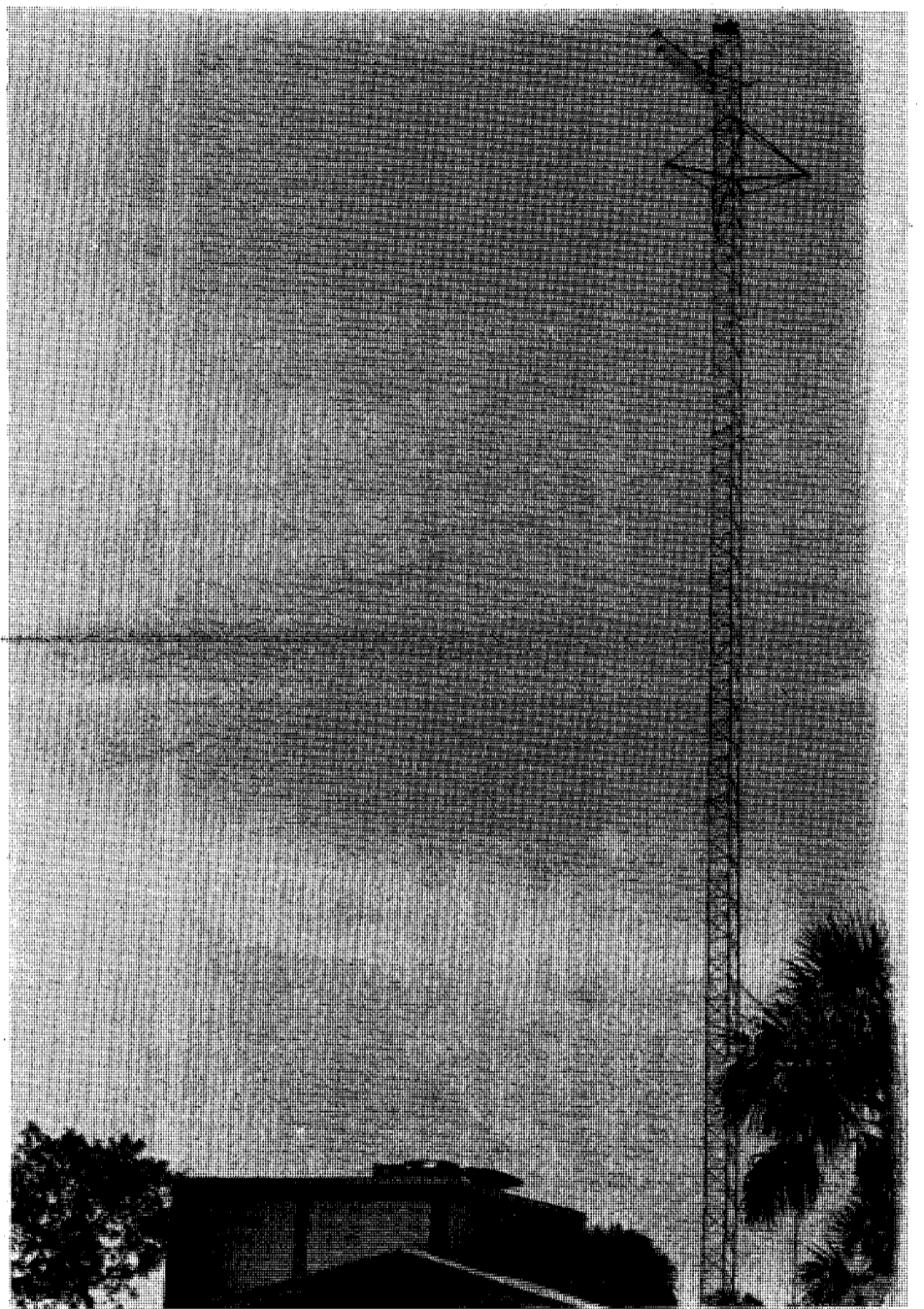
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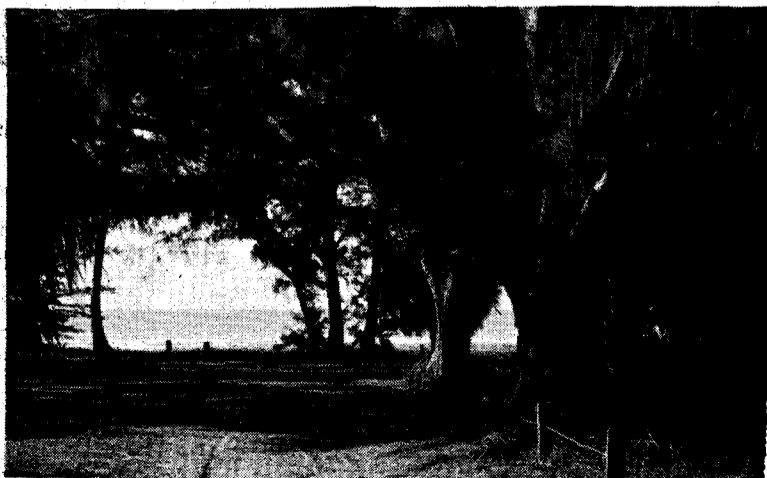
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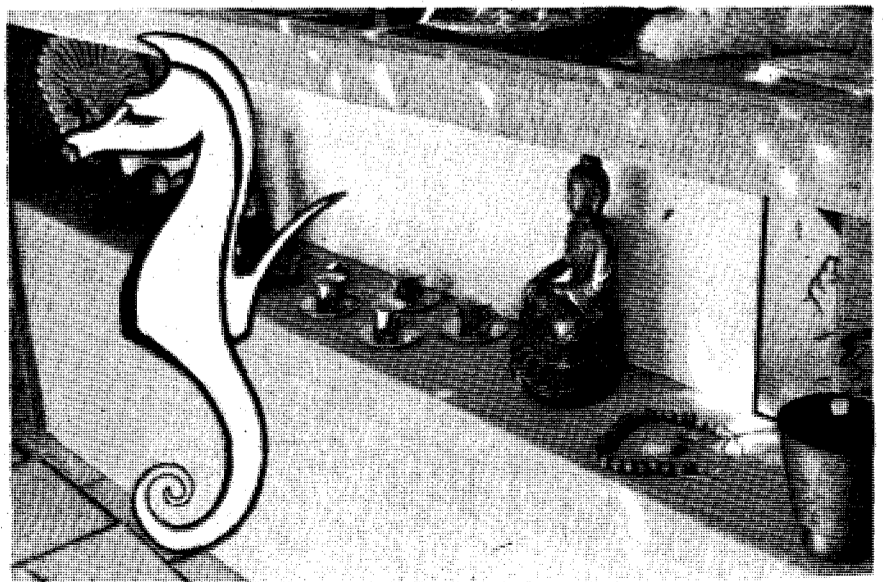


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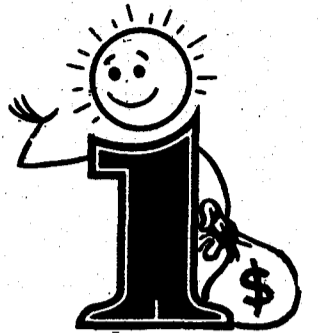
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We have received word from the New York State Department of Health that Dr. Granville W. Larimore, first deputy commissioner of the State Department of Health and an official of the Department for 21 years, has been appointed state director of the Florida Regional Medical Program, it was announced today by Dr. Hollis S. Ingraham, state health commissioner.

Dr. Larimore will assume his new post October 15, with headquarters in his native city of Tampa, Fla. The regional medical program is operated under a federal grant to the Florida Advisory Council, Inc., a non-profit corporation representing major health and medical organizations in Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. Larimore have a home on Gulf Drive and have been coming to Sanibel for many years.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 123, met on Sept. 3, 1968, at the Legion Hall. Members of the Unit are invited to attend a luncheon given by Unit 90 at Cape Coral on Sept. 25, and one in Bonita Beach to be held on Sept. 26. All members who are interested in attending either one or both luncheons should call Mrs. Kirkpatrick, phone GREENleaf 2-3181, for details. Considerable enthusiasm was shown by the members present during a craft demonstration by Mrs. Jean Aycock. The president urged all members who are talented in handcraft to attend the next meeting to help with making articles for the veterans. Bring one or two bars of sweet-heart soap, 1/4 yard of ribbon, 1/2 yard of lace, some sequins or small beads, straight pins, and small artificial flowers, as we have a very attractive and easily made craft item to make during the next meeting craft hour.

RECEPTION FOR FR. HARDY

An informal reception was held on Friday evening, September 6, for the members of Saint Isabel's Mission to meet their new pastor, Father Norman Hardy. The reception took place at Father Thomas Madden's Saint Michael and All Angels parish hall.

Almost fifty persons attended. Light refreshments were served. Father Hardy and his parishioners sincerely thank Father Madden for his assistance in these arrangements.

SYMPHONY BREAKFAST

The annual kick-off breakfast commencing the membership drive of the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra will be held at the Holiday Inn on Saturday, September 14, at 8:30 a.m.

The featured Guest Speaker will be Dr. James Christian Pfohl, founder and, for twenty-eight years, director of the Brevard Music Camp in Brevard, N.C., and founder and director of the Reston Music Center, a summer music camp for young artists near the nation's capitol.

Another highlight of the breakfast will be a presentation by the new Symphony Trio, consisting of Al Decson, violin, Margaret Rhodes, piano, and Ed Bayliss, violincello. Dr. E. L. Risley, President of the Symphony, will preside. Friends of the Symphony are cordially invited.

Memberships are available for those who wish to support the Symphony over and above ticket prices, and are as follows: Sustaining, \$100 or more; Donor, \$50; Patron, \$25; Sponsor, \$10. Adult season tickets are \$8 and student season tickets are \$3.50. The Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra begins its eighth season with its first concert on October 26, 1968.

A contract for building an addition to the Captiva Community Center to house the Captiva Library has just been awarded to Karl Wightman of Sanibel by the Captiva Civic Association. The contract was approved last Wednesday by those members of the Board of Governors now on the Island, at a meeting held at 'Tween Waters. Those present were John Wakefield, president, Hervey Roberts, vice president, Jo Reddy, secretary, Harvey Meyer, treasurer, Joe Green, Mrs. Jean Hayford, and Mrs. Marguerite Flores, plus Mrs. Hazel Roberts, librarian.

The addition will be a continuation of the Community Center to the west, duplicating the present center in style. It is designed to ultimately hold 5,000 books, about twice as many as are in the library now. Special attention has been given to lighting and to facilities for reading.

While the addition was originally planned to be built partly upon leased property to the north of the Community Center, for legal reasons it has been moved so it will be entirely upon property owned by the Civic Association. It is planned to use part of the leased land for additional parking space. The parking area will be available for use by the Chapel-by-the-Sea as well as the library and community center.

Funds to build the library were raised by private subscription on Captiva and Sanibel, by an "anything" rummage sale, by the sale of donatee art and craft work, and by movie shows. The library is almost unique these days in that no government body, County, State, or Federal, was asked for money.

The new building will be known as the Captiva Memorial Library, as much of the money donated for the project was in memory of former Islanders. A plaque bearing the names of those specially designated by the donors will be placed in a prominent place. Other names can be added if future donors so specify.

It is expected that construction will start within the next week or so. The necessary surveys have already been completed.

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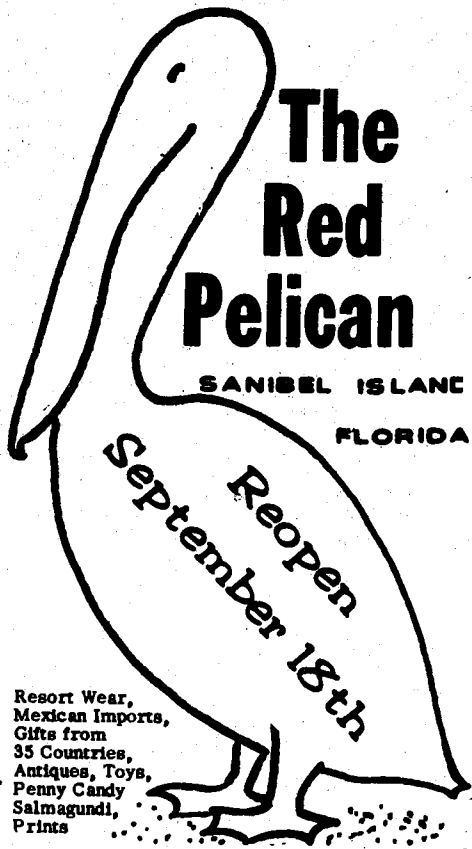
The Sanibel-Captiva Sharks Mens Soft Ball team would like to thank all who help to make the recent fish fry on the causeway a success. This includes the ones who worked, the ones who came and enjoyed and the many who donated to the team.

This is also to announce the winning ticket for the boat rod and reel that was raffled off at the fish fry; the winning ticket number is #14264. The name was not filled in on the stub so if the person holding this ticket number will contact Frances Saxinger, the manager of the team, at Bailey's store he will receive his rod and reel.

THE RISE AND DECLINE OF THE "PEST" HOUSE

The small special hospitals near centers of population in Florida in the first decade of the 20th century were not exactly the most popular places in town. Known as "Pest" houses, they were one of the two means of controlling smallpox - the second major epidemic disease in the state.

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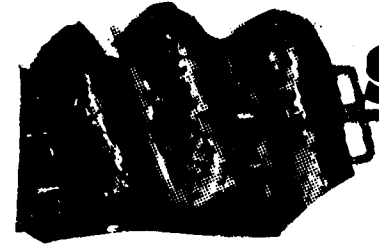


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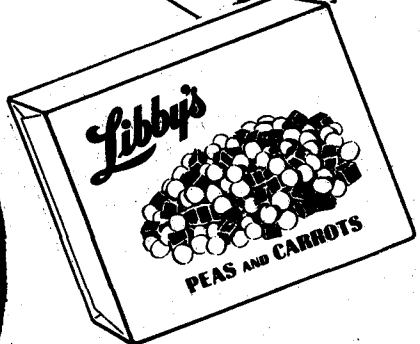
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The most familiar of the Bromeliad family includes the edible pineapple and the trailing moss so picturesque in the south. Another native well known in Florida is Billbergia nutans, the friendship plant, according to President Richard Johnson of Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association.

Bromeliads are almost all similar in form, being composed of a rosette of leaves, from the center of which the flower head emerges. However, they come in all sizes---some small enough to fit in a dish garden, and others so large they are out of place in the backyard. They may be tall or flat, loose or compact. The leaves may be grass-like or strapshaped, smooth-edged or armed with spines, plain green or brightly banded or mottled. The flower stalk may rise above the rosette of the plant or nestle deep within the heart. In some varieties the flowers are small and inconspicuous, in others they are large and showy. Tho the individual flowers may not last long, the bract is beautiful for many months.

Bromeliads really are epiphytes or aid plants, and the roots are used only to anchor them to their mounts in their native habitat, where they obtain their water and food from what falls into the cup formed by the encirclement of leaves. They are fascinating house plants, and attractive outside in rock gardens, by pools, along garden paths, or perched in trees.

Some of the better known varieties include Aechmea fasciata, with silvery banded leaves forming a greeclian urn from which a pale pink flower head studded with powder blue protrudes; Aechmea Chantini has dark olive green foliage marked with silvery white crossbands. The branched inflorescence has bright salmon bracts blending into yellow tips. Other species grown in Florida include Vriesea, Neoregelia, Midularium, Billbergias, Guzmanias, Tillandsia, Crypanthus, etc. If you do not know these, visit your nearest FNGA nurseryman and get acquainted.

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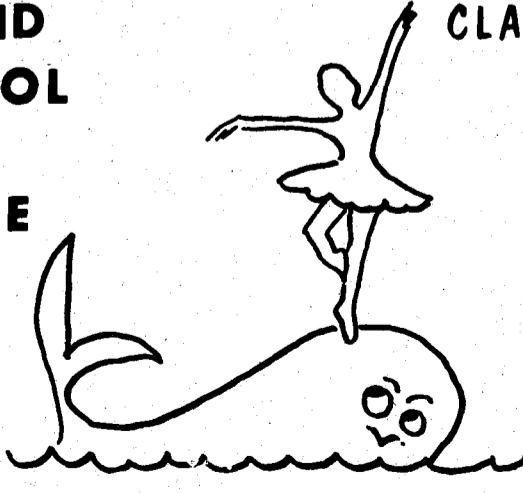
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To The Editor:

I enclose the editorial page of the Friday, Aug. 30, 1968 issue of the Providence Journal. The author of "IN PERSPECTIVE---AN OLIVE FOR DEBBIE" signed only as "W.P." has given our lovely island some further publicity.

We have had a wonderful summer on Block Island Sound but are looking forward to return to Sanibel in November. The arrival of the Islander is a welcome weekly event.

/s/ Clarence C. Conklin

"IN PERSPECTIVE--AN OLIVE FOR DEBBIE"

Sanibel Island, a banana-shaped reef off the west coast of Florida, is regarded as a shell collectors paradise. Something about the quality or the temperature of the water there causes the shellfish to multiply in great variety, and something about the currents causes quantities of them to wash up on the Sanibel beach. Shell collectors from all over the world trek to Sanibel in pursuit of their hobby.

I had never visited Sanibel. Nor had my sister, who lives in Florida. But we both had heard enough about the place to be interested, so on my recent trip down that way, I picked her up and we drove down the west coast to Fort Myers and on out to Sanibel.

The ferry that once plied between Sanibel and the mainland was abandoned some time ago. In its place is a fine bridge and causeway.

The round-trip toll over this facility is three dollars, which struck me as a pretty stiff bite. I suppose, though, that the permanent residents on Sanibel (yes, there are a few) appreciated their relative isolation in the ferry days and resented the relative accessibility provided by the new bridge. So perhaps the steep toll was agreed upon to hold down the number of visitors and thus preserve at least some of Sanibel's sense of isolation.

My sister and I had envisioned Sanibel as a 10-mile stretch of sand and dune. We had imagined that the only vegetation would be beach grass and perhaps some hardy, wind-blown bushes.

But it wasn't like that at all. Shortly after we completed the bridge crossing, we found ourselves driving along a road bordered by towering trees and lush plants. We couldn't see the water or the beach. Just trees. It was hard to believe that we were on a narrow reef in the Gulf of Mexico. From the look of things on either side, we could have been driving through a forest 1,000 miles from the sea.

A portion of Sanibel, mostly woods and marsh, has been set aside as a wildlife sanctuary. It is named for Jay "Ding" Darling, the one-time newspaper cartoonist who was an avid conservationist.

Eventually we found the beach, and a beautiful beach it is. It follows the outer curve of the banana-shaped island for a distance of about 10 miles, then continues for a few more miles along the outside of neighboring Captiva Island.

We found the shells, too. Millions of shells. In a few minutes, I had filled my pockets with a collection which I cleaned up in the motel sink that evening and tucked away in the car to take to my granddaughter in Chicago.

Just before dusk, while my sister and I sat there on the beach watching the sunset, some of the serious shell collectors appeared.

These serious collectors, unlike us dubs, don't pay much attention to the dry, dead shells lying on the sandy beach. They prefer to wade into the water searching for live specimens. The idea is that the live specimen is likely to have an undamaged shell, whereas the cast-off shells on the beach are likely to be eroded or broken by the action of the waves.

There are other techniques. The ideal time for shell-collecting, I was told, is just after a storm, at dusk, when the tide is out. When these three conditions coincide, the serious shell collector is as happy as a cat in a bed of catnip.

One of these serious collectors greeted us pleasantly when he went by, headed for the water's edge.

"I got 13 olives last night," he remarked to me with obvious pride. "Not bad, eh?"

"Gee, that's great," said I, trying to be agreeable. Actually I hadn't the foggiest idea what an "olive" might be nor how much of an accomplishment it might be to get 13 of them.

I learned later that the "olive" is a very glossy and attractive shell, shaped roughly like a peanut, but about two inches long. I saw one in the shell collection at the restaurant where we ate the next night. But, shucks, there were no olives among the shells I picked up at Sanibel.

Perhaps some day I'll return to Sanibel. If I can make it after a storm, at dusk when the tide is out, I'll wade out there into the shallows and see if I can find an olive for Debbie.

W.P.

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contagious diseases, and one for contagious diseases which was to be built on a hill some distance from the town and in a region where prevailing winds would not endanger inhabitants of the town. Like the Spanish hospitals, the Florida "pest" houses were built on isolated sites away from human habitation.

These structures cost the Florida State Board of Health approximately \$2,000 each. In 1904, the cost of controlling smallpox was greater than for any other contagious disease. In that year, 660 cases were cared for at an average cost of \$6.95 per case. Management consisted of treatment, medicine, food, nurses, guards and substantial disinfectants. This was considered not bad management since the cases ran from three to six weeks. Most of the money went for armed guards and for food brought into the hospitals.

However, the State Board of Health felt strongly the need for compulsory vaccination. In 1901, the state health officer took a leave of absence without pay to urge the passage of a law requiring vaccination against small pox. One feature of the proposed legislation was to prohibit large industries, such as lumber, turpentine and phosphate, from hiring laborers before they had been vaccinated.

There was so much opposition to the bill that it failed. But the State Board of Health announced that it would vaccinate any man, woman or child who wanted the protection against smallpox. Houses where there was a case of smallpox would be placarded so that everyone would know they should not enter.

Where the Legislature failed, public opinion prevailed and families where smallpox existed were ostracized socially. People had



Ruth and Philip Hunter have just returned to their Pirate Playhouse from a trip around the world. Aboard the S. S. Australis (Chandris Lines) they celebrated their wedding anniversary with the Ship's Captain N. Lambrinopolous, at a champagne dinner. In this picture Ruth is cutting the cake.

Their journey of 35,000 miles took them to Greece, Yugoslavia, Capetown, South Africa, Sidney, Australia, The Azores, England, Gibraltar, Messina, New Zealand, The Fig Islands, Acapulco, Mexico and through the Panama Canal.

Friends of the Hunters are planning to visit Ruth at the Lee Memorial Hospital where she had a cataract operation last Tuesday. She is progressing well.

originally fought compulsory vaccination as an infringement upon the personal rights of the individual but the State Board of Health took the position that when the individual relations to society were such that he became dangerous to the life and health of others, he should be considered a nuisance and legally treated as such. A law which compelled vaccination was passed. It reached beyond the personal question and was in the interests of the community. As a result, a number of people were ordered by the courts to be vaccinated.

A major smallpox epidemic occurred in Florida in 1912 and 60,000 persons received vaccinations that year. As time passed, the number of cases declined with the acceptance of vaccination and by the beginning of World War One, the "pest" houses built for the care of smallpox patients were either closed or utilized for other purposes.



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