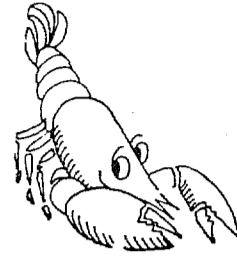


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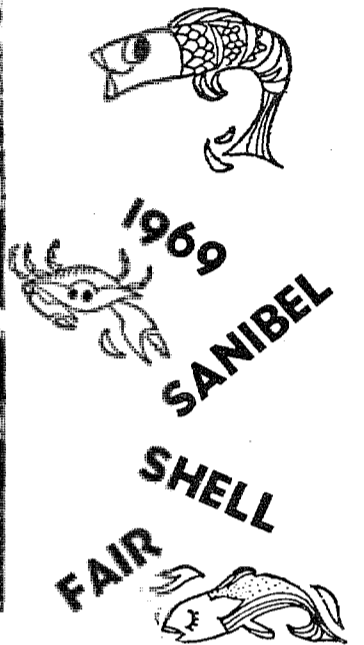
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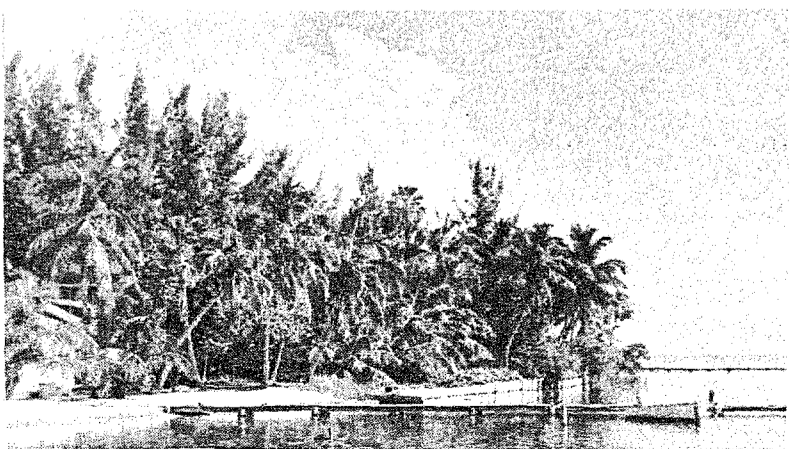
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After many months of hard work, sleepless nights, and anxious moments the results of the 1969 Sanibel Shell Fair are now a matter of history. Despite the cool weather, a sprinkling of rain and rival attractions in near by communities the attendance was in excess of 8000. The size of the competitive show has increased over previous years and all categories were amply covered. There were 138 entries, many from out of state, and it was gratifying to have twelve Elementary school children enter fine displays.

Dr. Donald R. Moore of the University of Miami and Dr. Vincent Conde of McGill University were lavish in their praise of the caliber of the displays and the excellence of the presentation of material. Both judges agreed that this Show afforded an opportunity to many people to see shells so rare that they might otherwise be seen only in museums. They also pointed out the importance of proper identification and labeling as an educational measure for amateur conchologists as well as the viewing public. Dr. R. Tucket Abbott, who holds the Pilsbury Chair of Malacology at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences couldn't pass up the opportunity while he was in the vicinity of visiting the Granddaddy of all Shell Fairs and said it was bigger and better than ever. He said that many of the exhibits were of museum quality and should be used for teaching displays in Universities. (One of the Educational entries was of such excellence that arrangements are being made to make it available for college level study.) Dr. Abbott said he didn't envy Drs. Moore and Conde their task of selecting winners in this year's show but felt that they had judged most fairly. He said that over the

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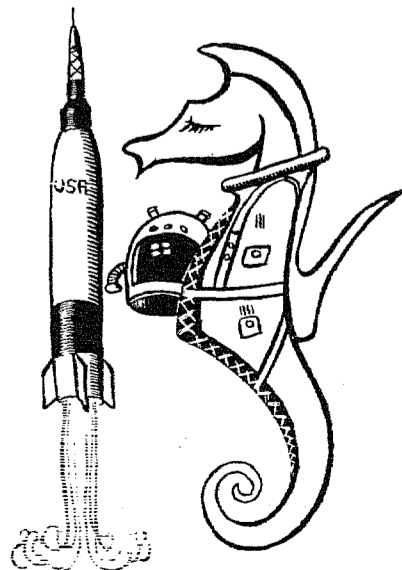


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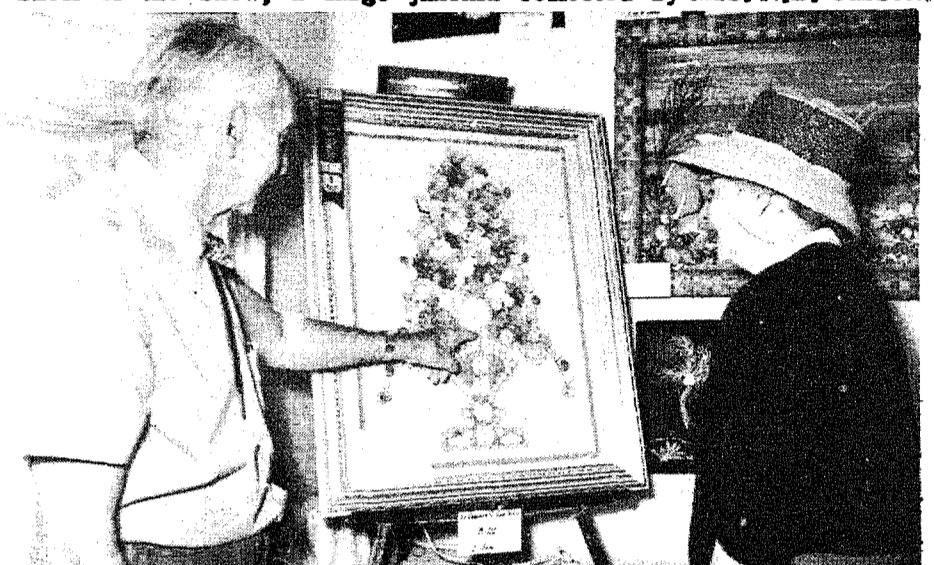
Mrs. John M. vanarsdell, Fair exhibits chairman, admires Mrs. Robert C. Braner's (right) interesting medallion entry.



Dr. Conde (left) and Dr. Moore examine the beautiful Sanibel-Captiva shell of the show, a large junonia collected by Mrs. N.B. Gussett.



The souvenir booth was also of interest to many



H.C. Porreca, who won first prize for his glass-enclosed sailor's valentine, points out a portion to a shell club visitor.

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years of his experience with the Sanibel show that the competition has produced a much greater effort on the part of exhibitors until their displays show boundless imagination as well as scholarly accuracy. It has become a fact that if you win an award on Sanibel no matter what the color you have indeed won more than a ribbon. From the viewers vantage point the wide range of material offered made for an interesting and beautiful display. Many exhibits were put in for their beauty alone regardless of where they came from or what their name. Others showed the wide variety of shells that come from one tiny area. Some showed the wide range of variety that are produced by a single species.

One exhibit was a shell so small it had to be displayed under a magnifying glass to be seen. It has been dissected from the intestines of a sea cucumber and was shown along side the head of a pin and still it looked small. Mr. N. B. Gussett, an exhibitor from Des Moines, Iowa worked all year long on shells he took home with him last year. He created a display showing the interior of shells from two angles that novices rarely have a chance to see. What started out as a peaceful hobby of walking along sandy beaches has become an absorbing occupation that may one day show scientists a clue to the mystery of how shells grow. It has been said that there is a little archeologist lying dormant in all of us and some of the fossil exhibits stirred the imagination as we are transported back in time to an era of 13 million years. There was one exhibit of twenty boxes showing a range of color and form of a single family of shells, so beautiful as to be beyond description. And then there were boxes devoted to freaks of shells that had suffered misfortunes. These were but highlights in the Scientific division for the Artistic division produced unique and beautiful displays fashioned almost entirely of shell.

Several Sailors Valentines were shown each in their own way a fine example of what is almost a lost art form. These were copies of an idea brought down from the time when shells were first collected as treasures in the early 1800's as sailors on windjammers would spend their free time collecting and making these quaint expressions of love to present to their loved ones when they got back home to port after years at sea. Flowers, decorated eggs, and pictures showed skill as well as artistic ability. One plaque fashioned of shells as a replica of a coin was unfortunately not placed in the competition due to an error the dexterity and skill of Mrs. Braner, was prominently displayed for public accolade. Incidentally, Mrs. Van Arsdell and her committee wish to apologize to Mrs. Braner of the Sanibel Trailer Park and Miss Zee Seigler whose identifications were misplaced before the judging. These were the only two mishaps out of the 138 entries that were processed in the five hours the show took to set up. Mrs. Van Arsdell said, "I'm sorry there had to be any errors. We tried so very hard to make every effort to keep things straight." The reports from the hostesses was that it was a beautiful Show, well laid out so every one could see all the exhibits, from the most beautiful, to the deformed to the derelicts..... proving once more that beauty is really in the eye of the beholder. We all owe a special vote of thanks to Mrs. Van Arsdell for her tremendous efforts in making this show the best one in years.

Outside the Driftwood Shop was a gay profusion of attractive items and the Live Exhibit drew its usual interested on-lookers. The sea anemones were particularly beautiful and they offset some of the ugly fish in separate tanks. The Art Exhibit presented its usual panorama of color and form along side the Audubon display. And the Turtle pens added a new attraction that fascinated old and young alike. And of course the inner man was ably taken care of by our good Chef's Martin, Pflough, Uhe and Nix.

And so the Fair is over for another year. From all reports it was a successful Fair, from the exhibiting right down through to the drawing for the prizes. As the lucky tickets were drawn by Dr. Conde, one of the judges, the large crowd gathered around were heard to say....Well, see you next year....and so say we all.

THREE HAPPY PEOPLE

The Sanibel Shell Show for 1969 was put to bed in a blaze of glory in spite of the drizzly rain last Saturday afternoon. A large crowd gathered at the entrance to the Community Center at 4:30 p.m. as Dr. Vincent Conde, one of the judges for the Show prepared to draw the three lucky tickets. None of the winners were present for the drawing but at least one of them was on the Island and this year we break the precedent by keeping the table on Sanibel.

While the ticket read St. Paul, Minn., we found that Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs (Sam & Jane) have been coming to the Islands for 25 years and have just bought an apartment at the Colonnades section of the Colony. When contacted about their good fortune they said, "We have just the spot picked out for it and are delighted to be able to finally keep this prize right here." Even though the Jacobs will only be winter residents they have already made themselves a part of the community by helping with the live exhibit at this year's Fair for two full days. Mim Schriner, who sold them the winning ticket said it couldn't have happened to a nicer couple.

The second prize, that lovely junonia under the glass dome was won by a long time visitor from Boca Raton, Florida, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jameson. They come to the Funk's Gulfbreeze Cottages several times every year and are avid shellers. They are making a special trip over from the East Coast to pick up their prize and only a family crisis prevented them from being here to see our show. Mary Funk, who sold the winning ticket is almost as excited about their winning as the Jamesons.

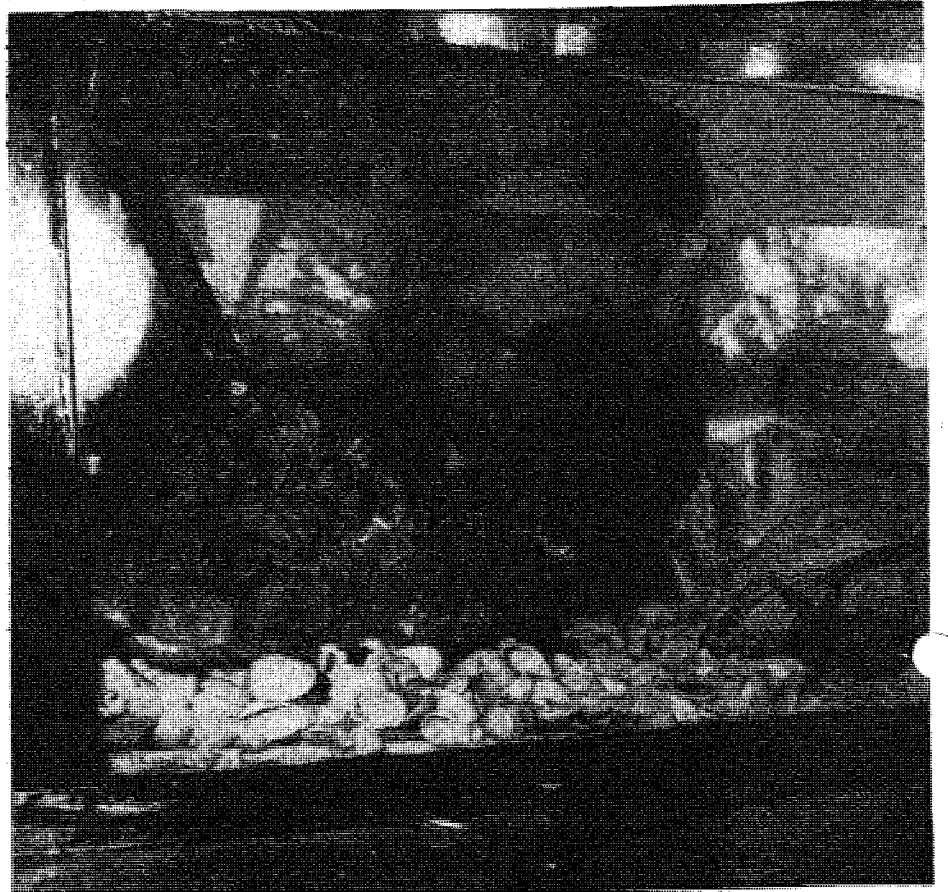
Third prize of the Johnstone's Volute was won by Mrs. Ann Peacock of Livingston, Texas and as yet have not been able to contact her about winning. One of the faithful "table sitters," Mrs. Leon Berkowitz, who spends part of her months vacation on the Island helping to make this annual event a success sold the winning ticket.



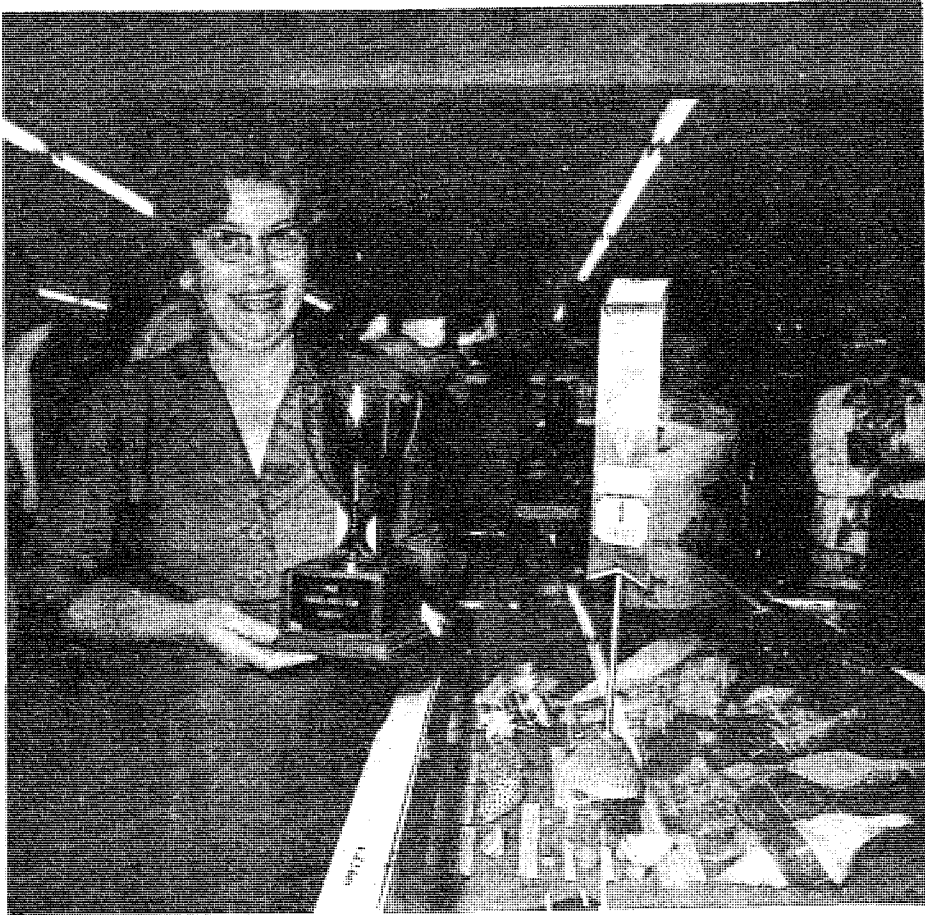
Mim Schriner (left) who did such a marvelous and brave job of doing the shell fair publicity this year and Mrs. Gerald Martin, just after the three winning tickets were drawn.



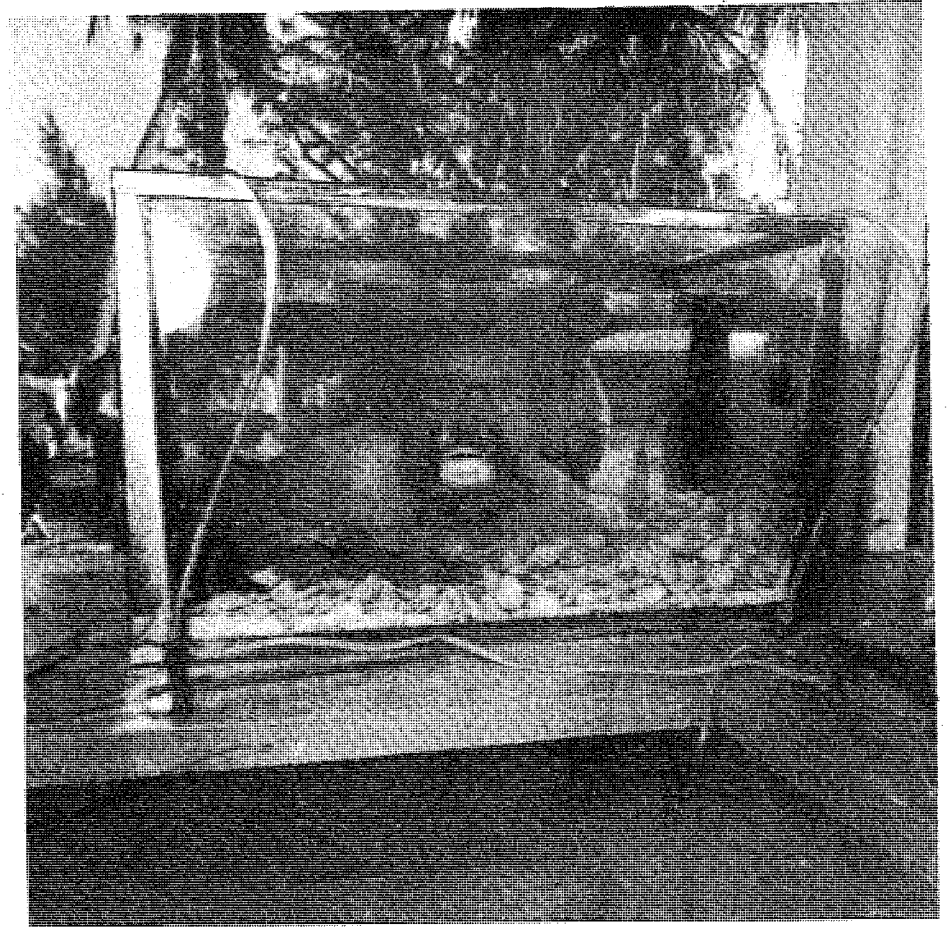
Mrs. J.R. Black proudly holds the Philadelphia Academy award trophy which she and her husband won. The Blacks also won first prizes in world wide shell of the show, Class 10, one area, Class 11, world wide, Class 14, one species to show color, growth or form, -- the latter two categories being ones in which they shared first place honors with Mrs. George Schribner and Jean Cate. The Academy award was won for eight boxes of Florida shells from both coasts.



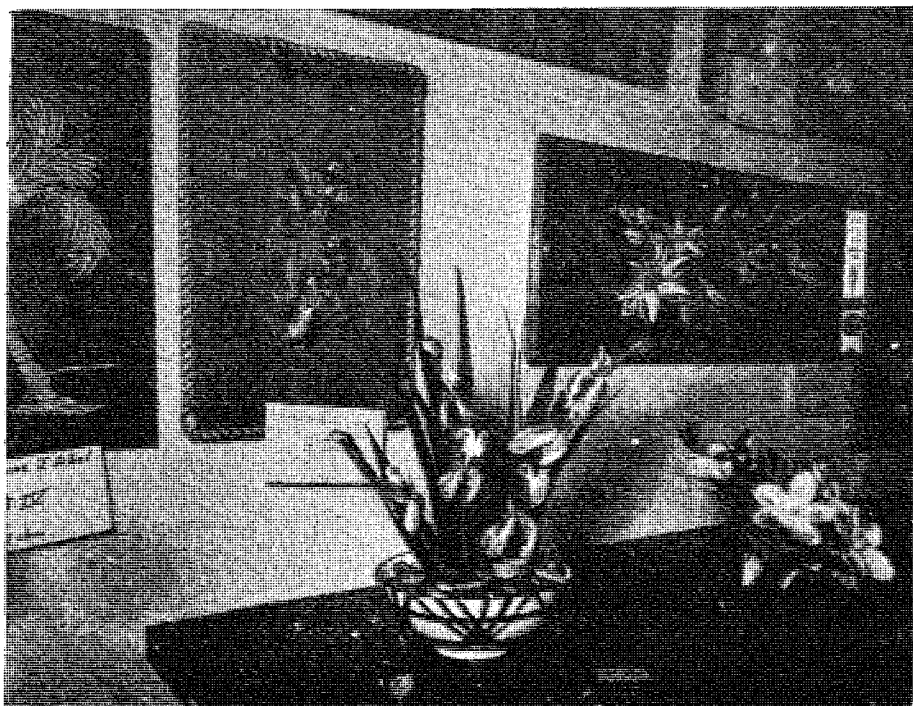
Now we know what we look like to creatures in aquariums when we peer in. Few stop to think they peer out, too! These two pictures are of the fascinating live exhibits.



Mary Nix, who also one a first place in miniatures, holds the precious Sanibel Community Association Trophy for her prize winning entry in Sanibel Captiva self collected, adult experience.




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Grace Horn won first prize in the tree-flower category with this very striking arrangement of shells in the form of a Japanese iris.



According to shell fair chairman Francis Bailey, over 1000 persons visited the shell fair the opening day, and we're sure they all enjoyed not only the shell exhibits, but all the extras --- such as the art exhibit shown above.



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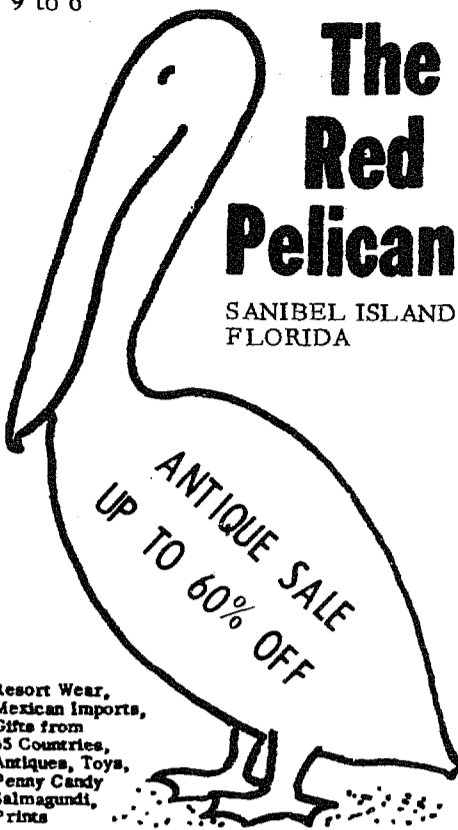
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The program opened with a wildlife film by Hal Harrison. He had travelled over 16,000 miles just to put this film together. More than 85 different types of wildlife were shown. The film was absolutely extraordinary in vivid living color.

The movie was filmed in Pennsylvania. Rainbow, spring, and brook trout were shown. The brook trout is Pennsylvania's only native trout. Mr. Harrison stated that over \$2 million is spent per year on fishing licences in Pa. Great-blue heron are found in northwestern Pennsylvania. Green heron and wild orchids are in the swamps.

The state stocks Mallard ducks so hunters have more to hunt. A numbered aluminum band is attached to a leg. If you should find one of these ducks, return the band to Pa. These ducks have been found in 26 different states.

It may be of interest to know that porcupines have over 20,000 quills. Flying squirrels make good pets because they don't bite or fly--they glide. Over 1,000 forest fires occurred last year in Pennsylvania because of careless smokers.

The secret of taking wildlife pictures is to hide under a burlap bag and don't wear good clothes. But, this doesn't mean that you'll be safe. Mr. Harrison had a cute furry creature join him under the tent--a skunk!

The film was followed by an auction of pictures and paintings by our Islands artists. They were done in oils, watercolor, ink, shells, etc.

Floral with Firethorn by Helene Sparkes, \$45.00; Lines II by Robert Haynie, \$45.00; Beach at Sanibel by Wilb Snyder, \$50.00; Mushroom by Jane Bancroft, \$45.00; Back Cove Harbor by Florence Simonds, \$15.00; Sanibel Sealife by Margaret Carnahan, \$40.00; Tacony and Mac by Mary Pevear, \$30.00; Flight by Hazel Roberts, \$20.00; Sea Birds by Leon Levy, \$108.00; Nature's Mobile by Elizabeth N. deVincq, \$45.00; Two shell pictures by Mada Harrison (won 2nd prize at the Fair), \$43.00; Life Cycle of the Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly

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A total of \$1,506.00 was made at the auction. All the proceeds go to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Inc.

A ticket was drawn for an etching by Ding Darling entitled "Tarpon at Redfish Pass." Kip Koss, grandson of Ding Darling drew the winning ticket. Mr. Ted Manhire of Milltown, N.J. is now the proud owner of a Darling original.



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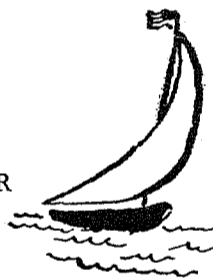
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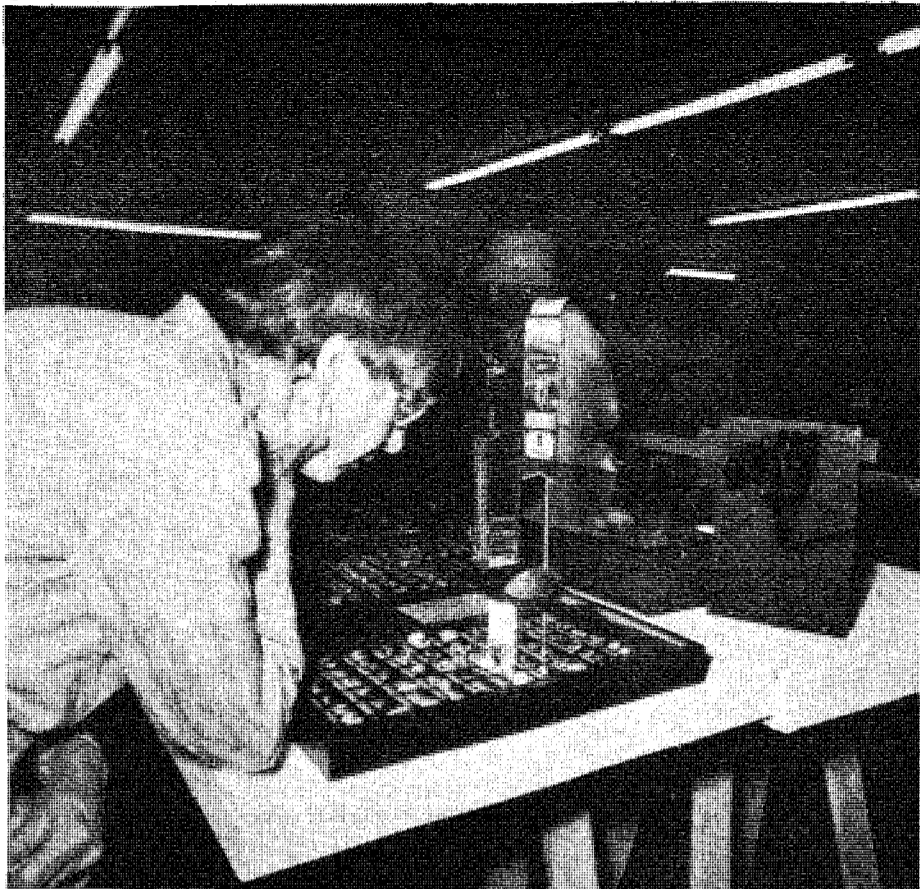
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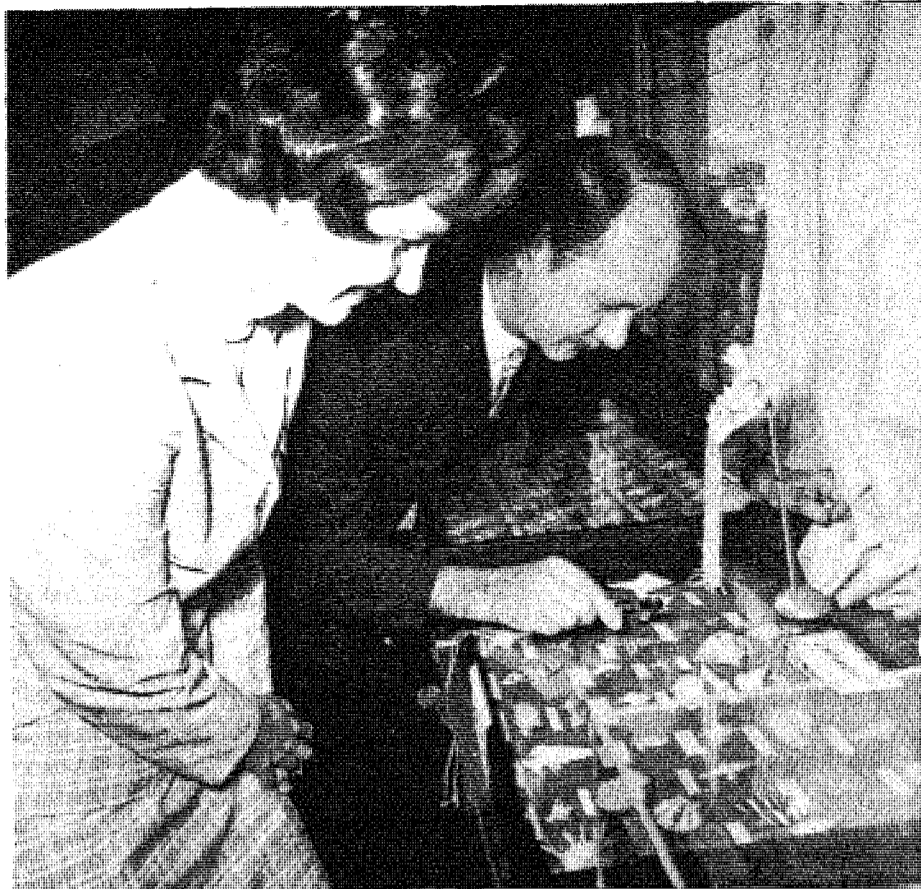


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One of the many hundreds of persons who visited the shell fair on Thursday admires Mary Nix's first prize winning miniature-juvenile collection.



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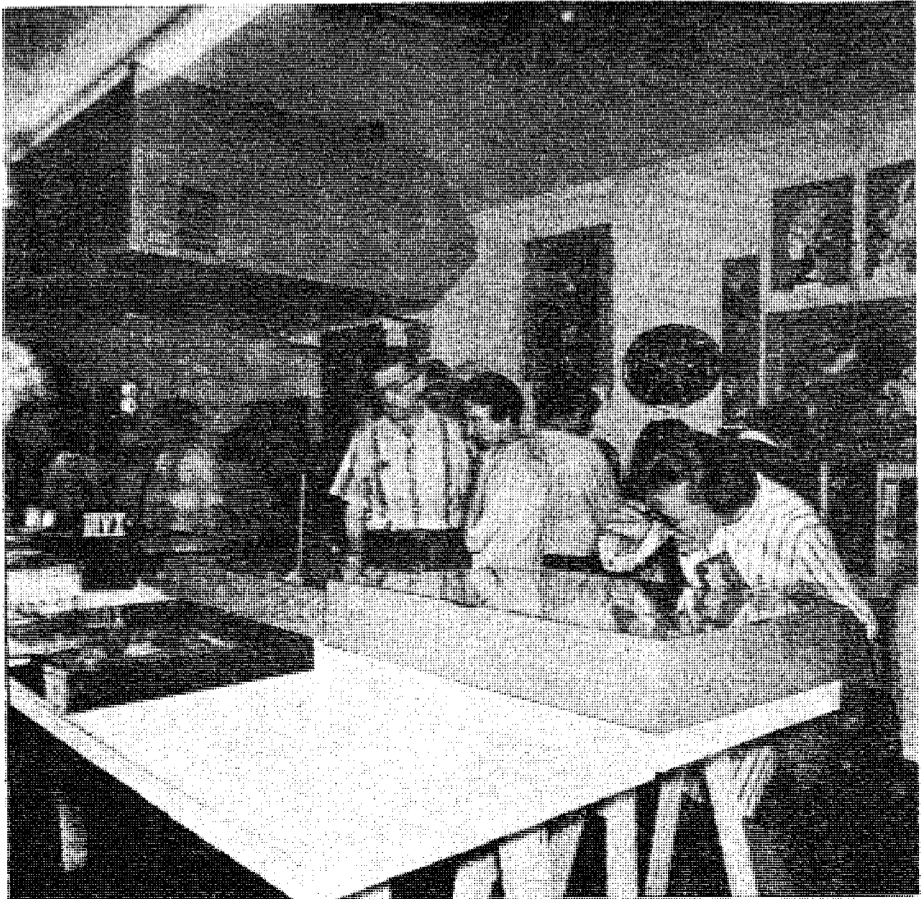
Dr. Edward B. Voelker shows off his very well done blue ribbon sailor's valentines.



Gladys Rodrigue points out an interesting miniature in her first prize winning exhibit to a miniature shell fair visitor.



Mrs. Howard Oberlin (who was a co-winner with Catherine Lucas for first place in Class 13, one genes or sub-genes) points out a particularly interesting shell in her collection on cones.



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LIBRARY BAKE SALE SUCCESS

The Sanibel Public Library bake sale was the best ever. Total dollar sales more than doubled those of last year. Mrs. Charles Siegenthaler, general chairman, wishes to thank all who helped in this successful event. Her thanks are extended to committee members, those who contributed baked goods and other items for sale as well as those who helped in many other ways and to the great number of people who made this a successful bake sale by their purchases.

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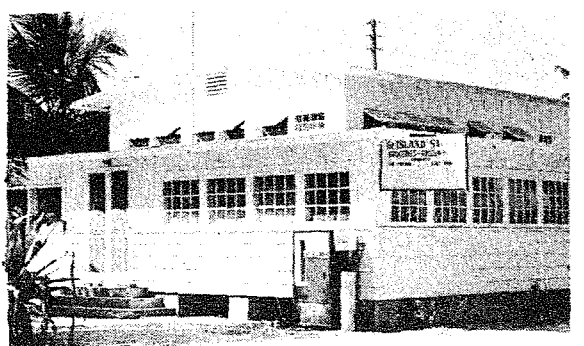
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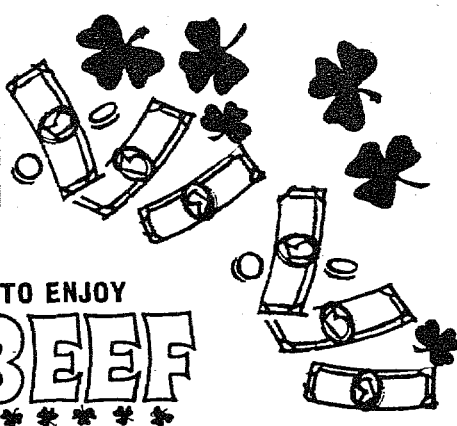
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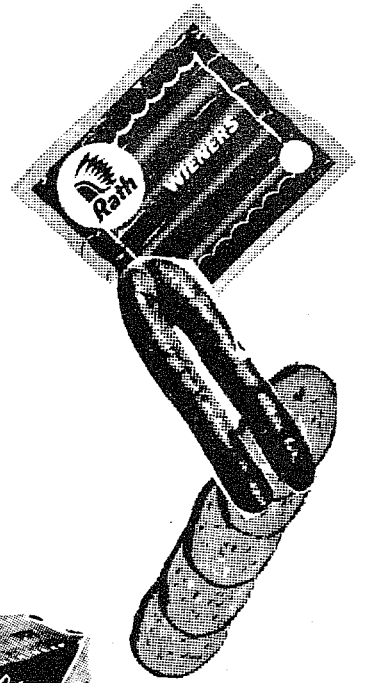
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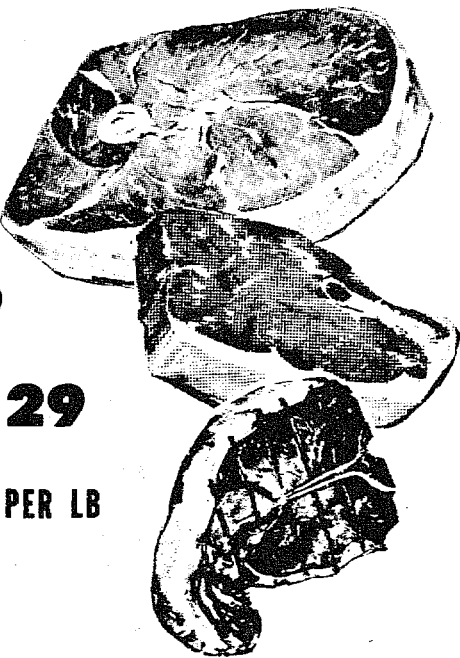


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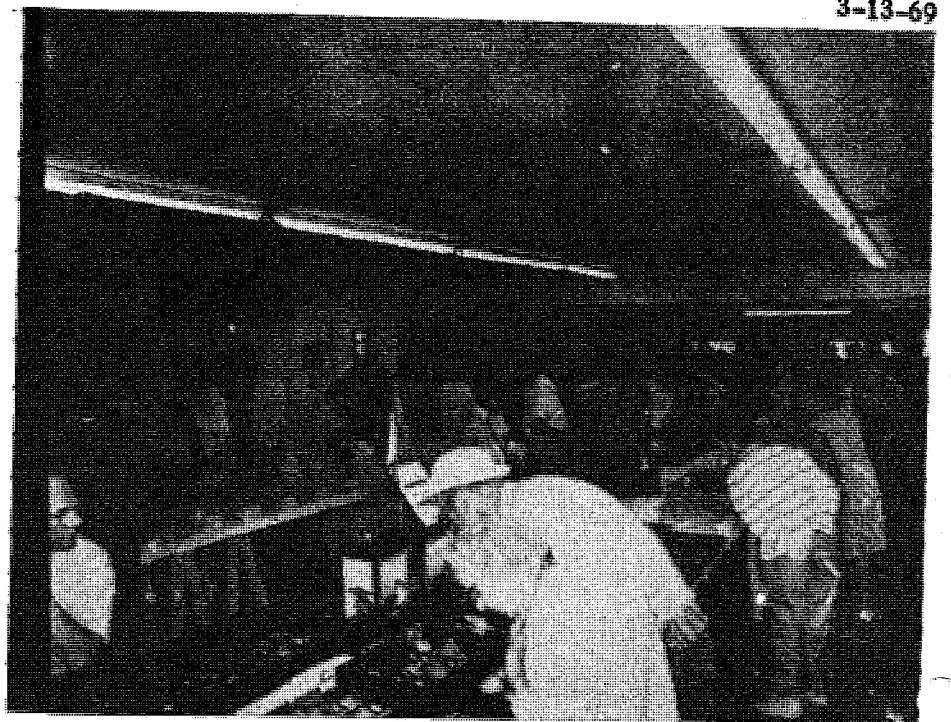
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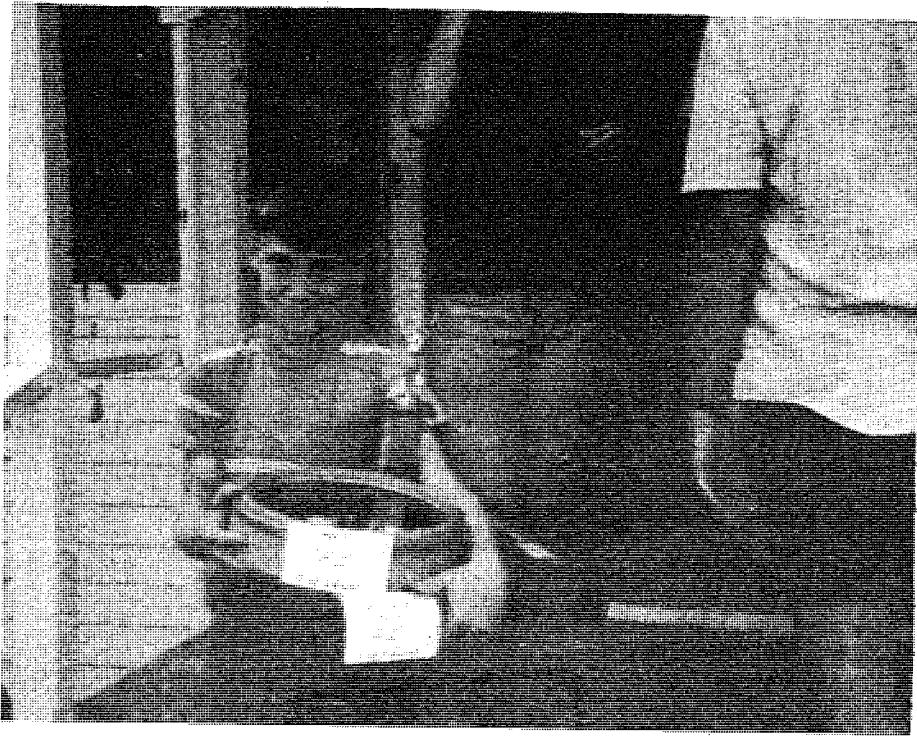
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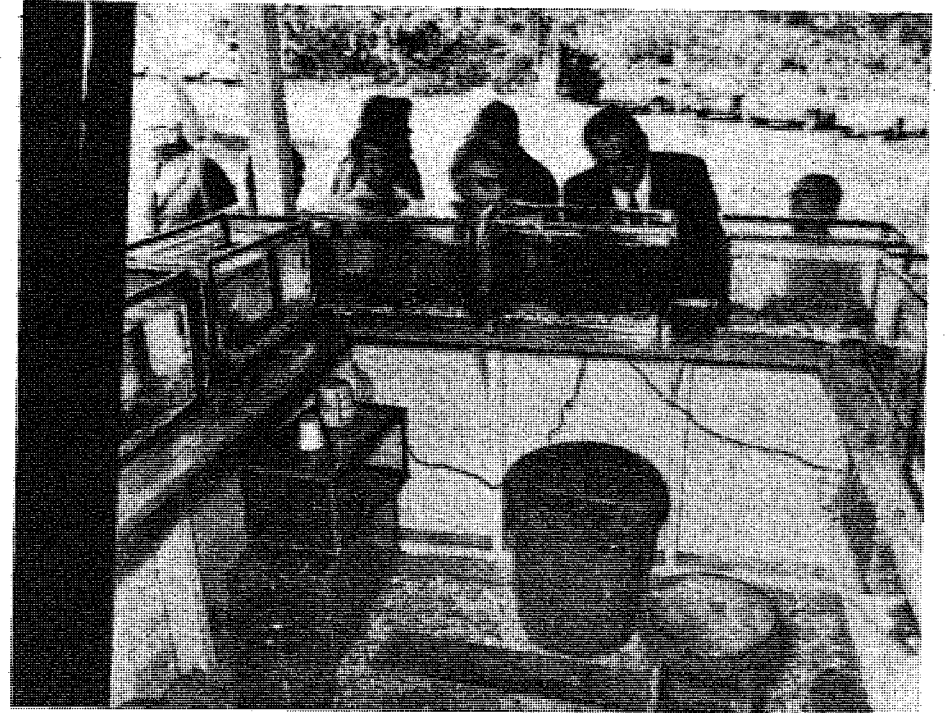
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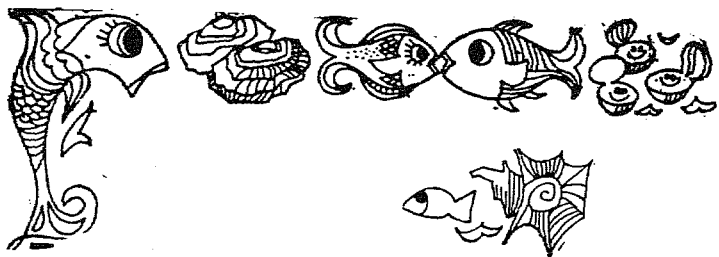
Lee Woodring, 13, of Captiva won the Mary Cunningham Award at the Shell Fair. He is pictured with his sister, Julie. Lee had lived on Sanibel 11 years. Among his many hobbies are collecting rocks and stamps, playing football and baseball, and painting. He shells and fishes whenever possible. Lee is a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Troop #88 Boy Scouts. He was a former patrol leader and is now the assistant. Lee was really surprised to win the Mary Cunningham Award. It was his first time. In past years, he had won four 1st prizes, one 3rd prize, and two 2nd prizes.



Alan Ford with his Sanibel Captiva Community Association Trophy.



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HEARD AT THE FAIR

A middle aged man gazing at a display of rare shells with a blue ribbon over the displaycase exclaimed "The dollar isn't worth much any more. Do you think they'll ever use them again for money?"

A sweet young thing with her escort: "Are they for real or are they made from plastic?" He said "I think they must be made from porcelain."

An elderly lady with a real country drawl was heard to say, "Who thinks up those crazy names?"

A corpulent gentleman with a pronounced New York accent: "The crackers will con anybody into comin' here. If the weather ain't good, they'll do it with shells."

However, most comments were on the order of "How beautiful!" "I hever knew there were so many different varieties." "This show tops em all." And, "I can't wait until I get to the beach to start shelling." "Isn't that man at the parking lot with the white beard nice?"

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ART LEAGUE BENEFIT FOR THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

On behalf of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, I would like to thank all those who contributed to the very successful benefit held on Saturday, March 8 at the Casa Ybel Auditorium, the proceeds of which were given to the Conservation Foundation.

Although at this writing, the final returns are not yet in, it is probable that an amount in the neighborhood of \$2900.00 will have been realized, to assist the Foundation in its efforts to acquire additional wild lands for the protection of birds and animals.

It would be impossible to itemize the names of the dozens of Island ladies, who served as the ticket committee, and who spent many cold and wintry days at their outdoor-tables, obtaining donations, guaranteeing the success of the benefit long before its date. The Committee on arrangements and publicity, headed by Mada Harrison and Jane Bancroft, performed valiantly, and

was responsible for the attendance of a capacity crowd, many of whom had to stand, when all available seats were filled.

Thanks are due to Mr. Howard Dayton, owner of Casa Ybel, for donating the use of his auditorium -- to Mr. Brad Lacey, of TV Station WBBH, in Fort Myers, for acting as Master-of-Ceremonies and Auctioneer -- to Ann Winterbotham for contributing the proceeds of her art class fees to cover all production expenses -- to Bailey's General Store, to the B-Hive, and to The Island Store, for generously providing attractive and valuable door prizes -- to Hal H. Harrison wildlife lecturer and naturalist, who showed and narrated his own color movie, "Sylvan Trails," which was one of the high points of the evening for the audience -- to all of the artists who contributed their works to be auctioned -- and finally, to Mrs. Richard Koss, the daughter of J. N. Ding Darling, who gave one of her famous father's mezzotint etchings to the League for fund-raising purposes.

Mention should also be made of Mr. Willis Combs, of Sanibel. Mr. Combs, who with his wife, is an ardent conservationist, is also a painter, having first taken up the brush and palette two years ago. His primitive painting of the First Church on Sanibel, rated the top bid made at the auction. It was bought by Addie & Francis Bailey for \$325.00, against spirited opposition from all over the floor. In this auction, which was of the Chinese variety, the winners were saved by the bell.

The Sanibel Captiva Art League, the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, and those of us who were privileged to work with the many volunteers in this very satisfactory effort, gratefully acknowledge the generously-given and at-all-times-cheerful assistance of so many dedicated helpers.

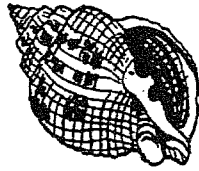
/s/ Leon R. Levy, Chairman
Sanibel-Captiva Art League



ROBIN HUNTER JOINS CAST OF AARON SLICK

Saturday evening March 15 at the Pirate Playhouse. Robin Hunter joins the cast of Aaron Slick from Punkin Crick in the role of the girl in red who is the mistress of ceremony in the Cabaret scene at the beginning of Act Three. Entertainers with her in Act Three will be Scotty Gale, Ed Legel, Dwight Wilson, Robert Dormer and Gene Karr.

Robin will be remembered by the Pirate Playhouse audience for her outstanding performances in the Reluctant Debutant and the Pleasure of his Company. She will be commuting from Miami for the 15th and March 22 performances of Aaron Slick. Others in this fine cast are Duane White, Alice Aleck, Susan Holtz, Gene Karr and the Hunters, Ruth & Phillip. Make reservations early, box office GR2-3943. Curtain 8:15 p.m., March 15.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Carol Nix, 15, Cathy Laughrey, 13, Linda Legel, 12, and Kevin Stevens, 13, made the National Junior Honor Society at Cypress Lake Junior High on March 4. Cathy and Linda are new members. In order to become a member, one must have a 3.5 average and to remain a member must keep a 3.3 average.



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Wednesday, March 26, 1969 has been tentatively designated as the date for the attorney, retained by the Chamber of Commerce, to read, discuss and explain a proposal which is to be presented to the County Commissioners for the control of signs and billboards on Sanibel and Captiva Islands. The meeting will be open to all residents and property owners of both islands. Details as to time of the meeting will be released when known. It will be held in the Sanibel Community House.

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CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

All residents of Sanibel and Captiva Islands, all visitors to the Islands, and anyone interested in the conservation and preservation of this unique tropical paradise, will be invited to join the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation during a massive membership drive that opened this week.

"Save the Islands" is the theme of the drive which gets underway with a definite list of goals that prospective members may contemplate as specific reasons for joining the conservation organization.

"While the goals of our Foundation are many and far-reaching, we have tried to sum them up into six general categories," Roy Bazire, chairman of the Foundation declared today. The goals are:

1. Conserve the beauty of the Islands by acquiring and preserving land vital to our plant and animal life.

2. Fight contamination and pollution of our fresh water slough and our salt water resources which would follow overdevelopment of our Islands.

3. Work in close cooperation with the U. S. Department of Interior for the expansion and protection of the Ding Darling Sanctuary.

4. Establish a nature center, observation towers and trails for educational and research purposes.

5. Provide scholarships for graduate students who will share the results of their research with Island residents, young and old.

6. Sponsor conservation research projects with resulting publication of reports and monographs to enhance our knowledge of our environment.

Three types of membership have been announced as contributing at \$25 per year; sustaining at \$10 per year; and student at \$2.

In addition to the financial support given through membership dues, those who join will also receive reports of Foundation activities, thus keeping all members up-to-date on progress of all projects.

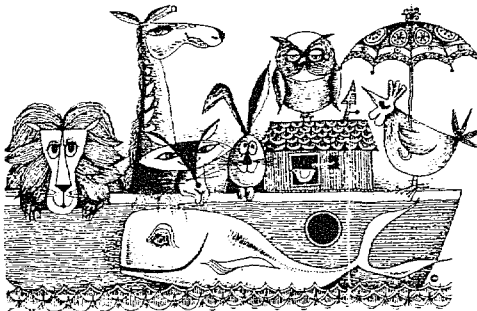
Members will be admitted to all special educational meetings of the Foundation. They will also receive regular reports of Island ecological studies by professionals working with the Foundation.

Officers of the Foundation, besides Chairman Bazire, are: Mrs. George S. Winterbotham, vice chairman; Mrs. Herbert

Lewis, vice-chairman; Griffing Bancroft, executive director; Mrs. Robert Haynie, secretary; Robert Haynie, treasurer; and Mrs. Leon Levy, corresponding secretary.

Seven members comprises the board of directors. In addition there is an advisory board of 10 experts in various fields of conservation. An honorary board of six rounds out the official body as of March 1.

All membership checks should be sent to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Sanibel Island, Fla., 33957. Contributions over and above the regular membership dues are urgently needed. All dues and contributions are tax deductible.



SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ART LEAGUE ANNOUNCES SPECIAL GIFT TO CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

In addition to the sum raised for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation through the various phases of the March 8th Art Auction, the Sanibel-Captiva Art League has donated to the Foundation money from the sale of 2 pictures donated by Hugo Asbach and Robert Haynie.

Mr. Asbach's large oil painting entitled "Fish Houses" and Mr. Haynie's mixed media work called "Space Flight" were sold prior to the auction. The sum realized on these sales was over \$300.

On Monday and Tuesday, March 16 & 17, Elizabeth M. de Vicq will hold her first one-man show in the Sanibel-Captiva area.

Although this is her first show here, Mrs. deVicq, who comes from Gloucester, Mass., has taken part in many one-man shows, group shows and juried shows in New England and the middle west and has won prizes in shows held by the Copley Society of Boston, the North Shore Art Association and the Concord Art Association.

She has specialized the past five years in peating mushrooms and has done 135 varieties on Cape Ann, Mass. Her work in this line has been described as "best in her field of recording fungi."

1969 SHELL FAIR AWARDS

Division A:

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia Award: Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Black.

Mary Cunningham Memorial Award: Lee Woodring (*Mercenaria campechiensis*).

Sanibel-Captiva Shell of Show: Mrs. N. B. Gussett (*Scaphella junonia*).

World-Wide Shell of Show: Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Black (*Latitaxis* species).

Class One Sanibel Community Ass'n Trophy and Self-Collected Sanibel-Captiva Elementary School Students: 1st, Alan Ford, 2nd, Dale Legel and Lee Woodring (tie), 3rd, Deborah Zambuto, HM, Yvonne Nave and Ilena Kontinos.

Class Two Sanibel Community Ass'n Trophy and Self-Collected Sanibel-Captiva High School Students: 1st, Diana Hollingsworth, 2nd, Bonnie Brown, 3rd, Zee Seigler.

Class Three Sanibel Community Ass'n Trophy and Self-Collected Sanibel-Captiva Adult Beginner: 1st, Mrs. William Such, 3rd, Reva Denison.

Class Four Sanibel Comm. Ass'n Cup and class adult Experienced: 1st, Mary Nix.

Class Five Sanibel Comm. Ass'n Trophy and Self-Collected Sanibel-Captiva Miniature and/or juvenile: 1st, Mary Nix, 2nd, Grace Horn.

Class Six Sanibel Comm. Ass'n Trophy and Self-Collected Sanibel-Captiva Beautiful (No labels) 1st, Reba Mast; 2nd, Fae Muller, 3rd, Mr. & Mrs. Harold J. Hills, HM, Edward J. O'Connell.

Class Seven Beautiful shells or arrangement. Any source, no labels: 1st, Catherine Oakley Lucas, 2nd, Mr. & Mrs. Neil Hepler.

Class Eight Miniature and/or Juvenile, any source: 1st, Gladys Rodrigue, 2nd, Ada E. Dayton, 3rd, Shirley Ryan.

Class Nine, Giant Shells: 2nd, Art Morey.

Class Ten, One area - any source: 1st, Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Black, 2nd, Mrs. William Bedford, Jr., 3rd, Dr. Edward Voelker, HM, Harold C. Wiswall & Gladys Rodrigue.

Class Eleven, World-wide collection: 1st, Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Black & Mrs. George Scribner, 2nd, Jean & Crawford Cate, 3rd, Dr. Eugene P. Wightman.

Class Twelve, One family or subfamily: 1st, Mrs. George Scribner, 2nd, Dr. Edward Voelker, 3rd, Dr. Eugene P. Wightman.

Class Thirteen, One Genus or subgenus: 1st, Mrs. Howard Oberlin and Catherine Oakley Lucas, 2nd, Crawford N. Cate & Dr. Eugene P. Wightman, 3rd, Newell & Christine Goddard.

Class Fourteen, One species - to show color, form or growth series: 1st, Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Black and Jean Cate, 2nd, Edward J. O'Connell, 3rd, Mary E. Nix, HM, Mrs. George Scribner and Christine Goddard.

Class Fifteen, Educational: 1st, Neil M. Hepler, 2nd, Alex Slade, 3rd, N. Bernard Dussett.

Class Sixteen, Marine Fossil Shells: 1st, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Rathburn, 2nd, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Schriener, Jr., 3rd, Alex Slade, HM, Milton H. Prince.

Class Seventeen, Geodes, agatized coral: 1st, Carolyn Nix.

Class Eighteen, Unusual specimens: 1st, Doris M. Stickler, 2nd, Clifford Guthrie, 3rd, Reba Mast, HM, Mrs. George Scribner.

Class Nineteen, Sea life other than shells: 1st, None, 2nd, Mrs. Wm. A. Bedford, Jr., 3rd, Priscilla A. Wiswall, HM, Mrs. Laura E. Hepler.

Division B:

Class One, Tables: 1st, None, HM, Mary E. Nix.

Class Two, Trays and table arrangements: HM, Mary Siegenthaler (eggs).

Class Three, Flowers: 1st, Grace Horn (iris), 3rd, Mary Nix (shell of flowers).

Class Four, Open pictures: 1st, Dr. Edward B. Voelker (*Sailors Valentine*), 2nd, Mada M. Harrison (white frame with flrs), 3rd, Mary Purdy (natural frame pic), HM, Roy D. Seiler (5 cut shell pictures).

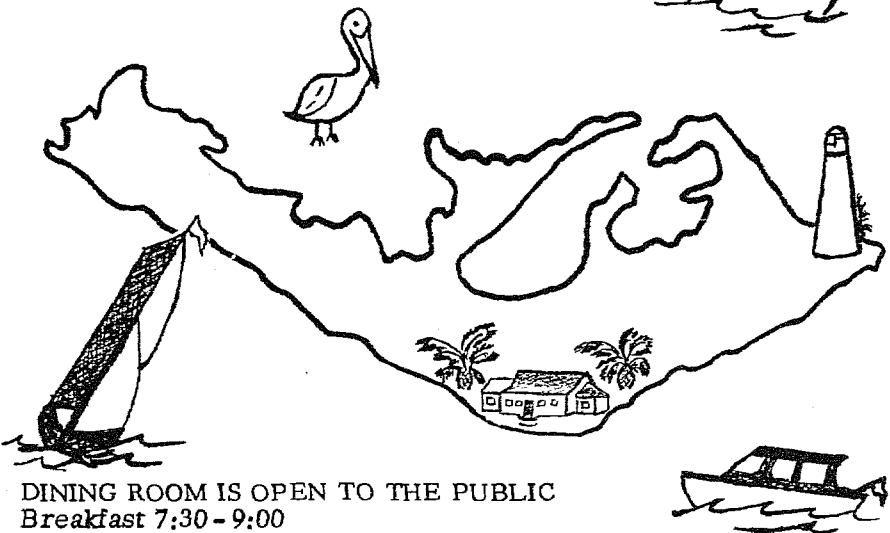
Class Five, Glass-enclosed pictures: 1st, H. C. Porreca (*Sailors Valentine*), 2nd, Joseph K. Martyn (small pic group), 3rd, Mrs. A. R. Mc Namara (miniature pic), 3rd, Mrs. John Usalis (large pic), HM, W. T. Romizer (spoonbill).

Division C:

(Commercial - Shell Dealers) Class One, Scientific, 1st, Elsie Malone.

Class Two, Artistic: 1st, Bette O. Parke (light fixture) and 2nd, Enid Donahue (table).

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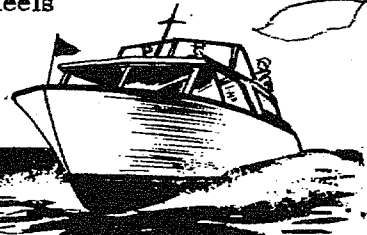
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HOW IT ALL BEGAN

If you have been "baby sitting" with the 1968 Shell Table you would have been hit with all sorts of questions: about the shells, the table, the best places to shell on the Islands; but most of all about the Annual Shell Fair itself. Written records are sketchy or non-existent and only a few "old timers" are left to talk to. Priscilla Murphy's attic produced a picture story carried in the Fort Myers News-Press in 1953 and several back copies of The Islander from the years 1935, 36 and 37 that featured The Shell Show. (Incidentally The Islander was priced at 10¢ per copy. Who says everything is higher today.)

The first Community Fair was held in 1928 on the porch of the old Island Inn and was a miniature county Fair with bake goods, "fancy work" and home made gifts offered for sale by the ladies of Sanibel to help the community. It was considered quite a success. As a matter of adding interest the ladies brought boxes of their pretty Sanibel shells to show the visitors. This had so much appeal that the next year when the Fair was held on the porch of the Casa Ybel Hotel more shell displays were added and people began to come across on the ferry from Fort Myers to see. They also came to take home some of the toothsome fresh coconut pies and cakes that the Island ladies baked for the sale. Thomas Edison and Henry Ford were among the more distinguished visitors at this Fair. Pictures taken of them on the porch of Casa Ybel viewing the shells are still in existence. By the next year the Fair had

grown in size and popularity to such proportions that the men of the community got together and decided to build the existing Community House to take care of this, by now, annual event.

Francis Bailey remembers that at one of the early Fairs they had produce and poultry shows because he recalls getting a ribbon for his Bantam chickens although he isn't sure whether it was a first or second.

After the Community House was finished and the Fair activities held there the ladies of the Island added a speciality of serving soup. They gathered several days before the event at the Island Inn kitchen to cut vegetables and make this never to be forgotten treat that was served on the Fair grounds. Even at last year's Fair some people were asking where they could get "the soup" or coconut cakes and pies. The main hall was always attractively decorated with shells and sea life just for people to show their wonderful collections of Sanibel shells. According to the rules of the original Charter competition was not permitted and the Fair was strictly a Sanibel project. At this time the road connection between the two Islands was non-existent and the only way to get from one island to the other was by boat.

As near as anyone can remember it was around 1932 that someone thought it would be a good idea to give away a box of Sanibel shells at the Fair. No one knows for sure how this was handled but Clarence Rutland made the first shell box and people on the island donated the shells to go in it. These early boxes were made of Sea Grape wood and were highly prized for their sturdy beauty.

They were a genuine island creation.

The March 1936 issue of the Islander stated that "The Shell Exhibit will show a profit of \$150, or more and this profit is to be used in making necessary repairs in and about the Community House." This was the first time in its history that the Fair ran over three day period and all the booths were sold out well in advance of the closing of the Fair. The ladies just weren't prepared for all the publicity they received from newspapers all over Florida.

According to these early editions of the Islander the ladies who seemed to be the moving force behind this event were Dr. Louise Perry, Charlotta Matthews, Lillian Cockerill, Mrs. Bailey, Pearl Stokes and no doubt many more. The 1936 Islander speaks of an Associated Press article carrying the story of a sea horse giving birth to young at the Live Exhibit. In the 1937 Islander the Shell Show was again reported "to be most successful. An estimated 1,000 people saw the Show and we couldn't count all of them." (This past year's Shell Fair an estimated 5,000 people saw the show and again we couldn't count them all.)

After the 1944 Hurricane that did so much damage to the Island many records were lost and a new Charter was formed allowing for a competitive show. The first ribbons were thought to be exclusively for children but this is not known for certain. To the best of anyone's knowledge the first real ribbons for competition were given about 10 or 12 years ago. These were for Sanibel and Captiva shells and were judged mostly for their beauty. In 1963 the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences Trophy was added to the awards given annually and the shell displays were augmented to include world wide shells.

Again, no one recalls the exact year that the Shell Box developed "legs" to become the Shell Table but according to one old timer this donated collection of

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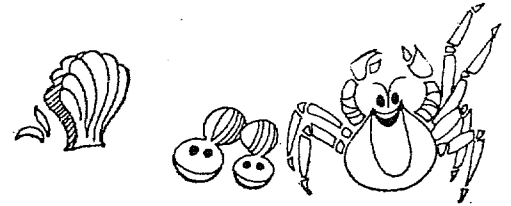
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Sanibel and Captiva shells was given at the Fair somewhere around 1955 or 1956. Up until now it has never been won by a permanent resident of either Islands although several early winners later became permanent residents after winning the table. One winter resident who won an early collection left it in his beach house when he sold it to Mrs. Willie Glass about 7 years ago.

In the past 6 years this Table that started as a box on legs has been developed into a lovely piece of hand made furniture made by Charles LeBuff, Sr. of Naples. Over the years these tables have been sent to many states in the union, Conn., N.J., Ohio, Ill., and N.Y., to name a few. Recipients have reported not only their delight in winning but also that the shells have always arrived in perfect condition. They have carried the romance of the Islands into homes far from Sanibel.



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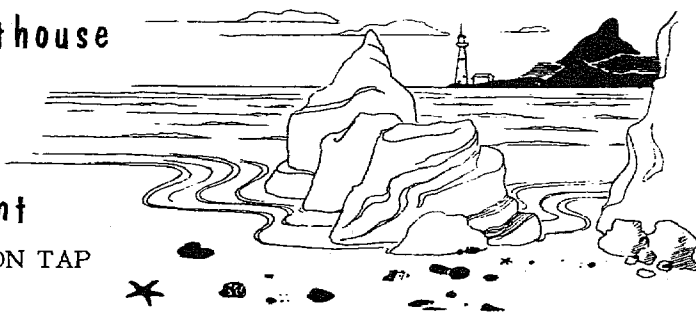
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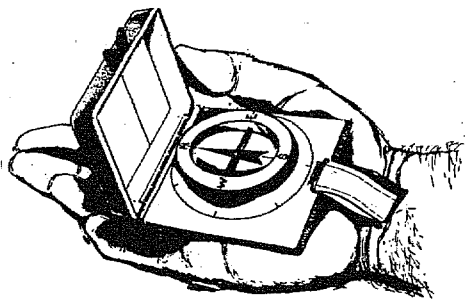
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CORRECTION

Last week's Islander stated that a birthday luncheon was held at the home of Mrs. Rupert. It should have read the luncheon was given for Mrs. Rupert by Mrs. Cort Daniels.

POODLE PARTY

Jean LeBuff purchased another poodle and decided to have a party last Sunday. Charles LeBuff and Jim Goff played guitars and sang Johnny Cash music with Jimmy Trojan on the drums. Marilyn Hines and Nell Goff also were present. And knowing the Le Buff's, the party was a blast! But what in the world did the poodles get out of it?

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Mr. & Mrs. JOSEPH McCUNE have left the ice and snow of Harrisburg, Pa., for the sun and fun of Sanibel Island. They are spending the month of March at Tiki Cottage. Enjoy yourselves, Spring will have arrived at Harrisburg when you return there.

A funeral and burial were held at Castaway's last Saturday morning when Roy Webb's kitten went under the radiator seeking warmth. The fan pushed him through the dry shaft.

JANIE HINES, a freshman at Andrew's College in Georgia will return home on the 14th for four days. Jane is bringing a friend, LUCY WEST.

JEFF TOBIN, manager of Castaway's Marina, went to a hospital in Lakeland last Saturday for a lung operation. While Jeff is gone, JERRY WAY will watch the Marina.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Sanibel Captiva Real Estate reports the recent sale of two lots in Castaways Estates from Tyree's Inc. of Tampa to Frank and Ada Vitelli of Sanibel.

Priscilla Murphy, Realtor reports the following sales:

Two lots in Anchors Aweigh, Dallas S. Townsend, Jr., of Montclair, N.J. from H. J. Bickel, Jr. of Houston, Texas.

Gulf front lot, Lowell Devasure of Tekamah, Neb., from Sanibel Properties, Inc.

Lot on Dinken's Bayou, Rafael C. Benitez, Coral Gables, from Dean Mitchell.

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HUGH JOSEPH MCGINNIS

Mr. Hugh Joseph McGinnis 65, retired employee of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. died today in Shands Teaching Hospital, Gainesville, Fla. Mr. & Mrs. McGinnis have traveled extensively for the past five years and have spent the winter months in Sanibel Island, Florida for the past three years. While in Sanibel Island they lived at the Sanibel Island Trailer Resort. In Dec. 1968 they came to Gainesville and the University of Florida Medical Center so Mr. McGinnis could receive medical treatment.

Mr. & Mrs. McGinnis are from 300 Ridgeway Ave., Santa Rosa, Calif. Mr. McGinnis was a member of Carquinez Masonic Lodge #337, Crockett, Calif., the Santa Rosa Consistory Scottish Rite Bodies and the Ahmes Shrine Temple of Oakland, Calif. Mr. McGinnis was a life member in Telephone Pioneers of America.

Mr. McGinnis is survived by his wife Mrs. Bernice McGinnis, one son Robert McGinnis both of Santa Rosa, Calif., one brother Bert McGinnis of Napa, Calif., and two grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held in Santa Rosa, California at a later date. Interment will be in Santa Rosa Memorial Park. Johnson-Hayes Funeral Home, Gainesville, Fla. is in charge of local arrangements.

JIM GOFF of the Texaco Station will celebrate his birthday on the 14th with his wife, NELL. They will go to the Piccadilly Pub in Naples with LEE and TOM FRADY.

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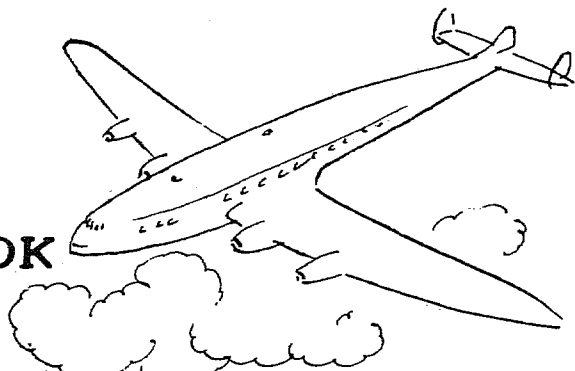
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Audiences have been highly pleased with "Three By Three" and the players have too, because of the opportunity they have to portray several diverse characters in one evening.

The Sisters McIntosh and The Weak Spot are both period pieces and as usual Pirate Playhouse has dressed them in authentic costumes of their respective periods. The feminine members of the audience especially have enjoyed the clothes.

Sunday, March 16, curtain at 8:15 p.m. Box office, GR 2-3943.

There will be an exhibit of works by artists of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League at the Exhibit Board near the Captiva Post Office, today and tomorrow, March 13 and 14, from 9 to 3:30 p.m. This show is open to all members of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, and Island visitors are invited to visit the Exhibit Board to see work done by local artists and craftsman.

Visitors are also invited on the following day, Saturday, March 15, from 9 to 3:30 p.m., when husband and wife artists, Wilb and Medina Snyder, will have a two-man show of their works at the same location.

Mrs. Snyder's works will consist largely of serigraphs and batik, while Mr. Snyder is best known for his watercolors, particularly seascapes and island scenes. Each of the artists will also show one or two oil paintings.

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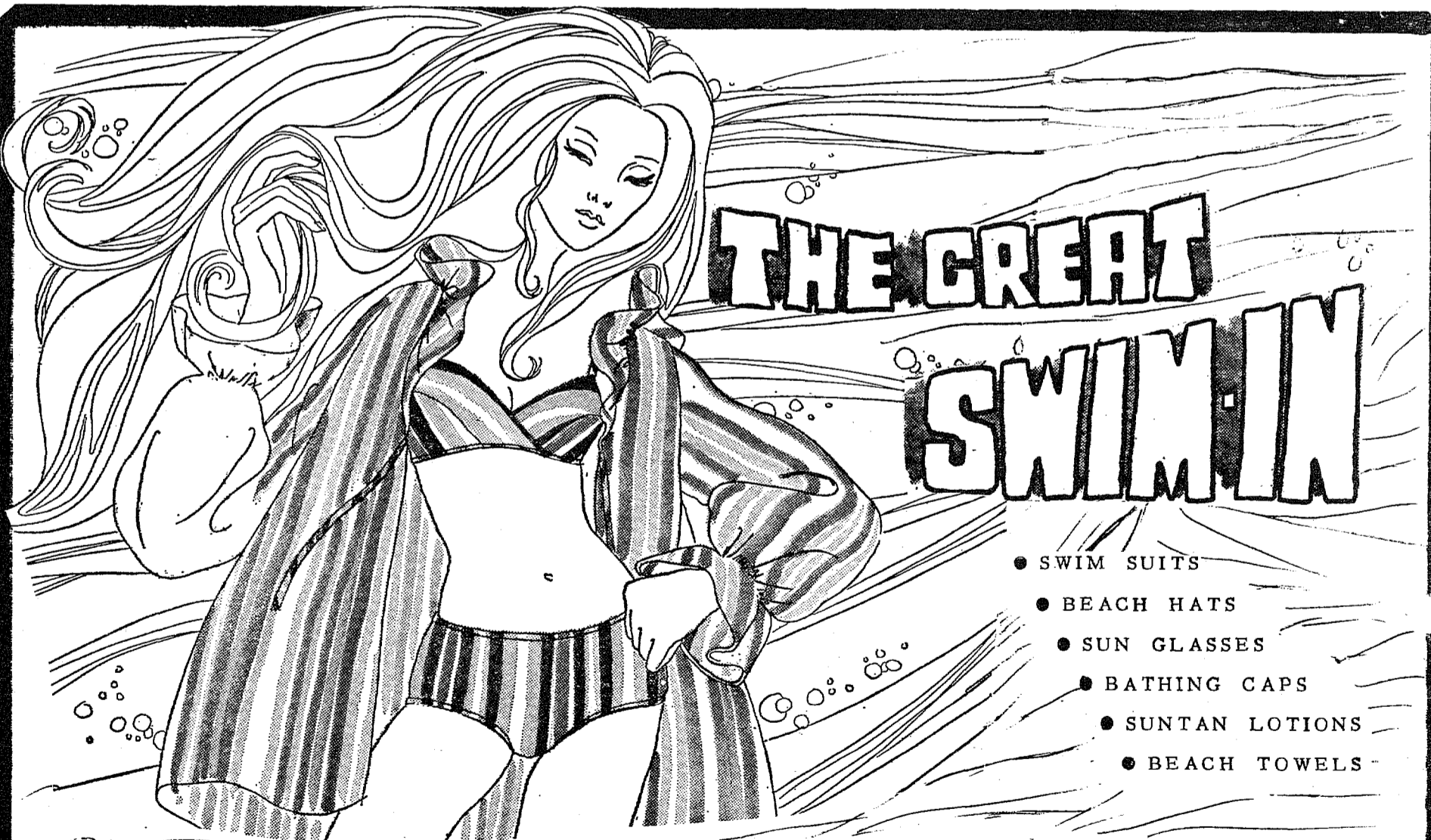
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