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AUDUBON MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will hold its closing meeting of the season tonight, Thursday, April 10, at 8 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House. The membership will vote on the following slate of candidates included in the list submitted by the nominating committee. Officers to a one year term: Mario F. Hutton, for president; Griffing Bancroft, for vice-president; Louise Goodwin, for secretary-treasurer. Only one new director, Marion Cannon, has been nominated, as all other members of the Board will be held over to serve the second or third year of their three year terms.

Following the annual meeting, an interesting program will be conducted by Mrs. Bradley Fish, an authority on bird banding, who will show slides and describe her experiences in the United States and the Caribbean in this field. The title of the program is "Birds in the Hand," and as usual the entire proceedings are open to the public, that is cordially invited.

SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Sanibel Community Association followed the covered dish supper, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. G.T. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pflough, on Tuesday evening, April 1, 1969.

Reports were given by the treasurer, Bob Aycock, regarding the financial condition of the Association and the results of the 1969 Shell Fair. Various reports were given on the Shell Fair including that of exhibit chairman, Mrs. John Van Arsdell; food, Gerry Martin and Shell Table, Mrs. Howard Schriner. It was noted that the winners of the 1969 Shell Table, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jacobs, have graciously allowed the table to remain at The Colony - on display - the year around. The president's report was given by Francis P. Bailey, Jr. who thanked the different chairmen and workers and encouraged all of the members of the Association to join in the work next year.

The report of the nominating committee, given by Floyd Pflough, was unanimously adopted with the following thereby being elected: President, Al Walther; Vice-President, Floyd Snook; Secretary, Mrs. Tom Nix; Treasurer, John Cooke; directors for three years, Bob Aycock and Bob Dormer; directors for two years, Mary Holtz and Dan Moore. Directors who automatically remain for the next year are Francis Bailey and Howard Schriner.

At this point, Al Walther assumed the chair, thanked the outgoing officers and directors and asked the cooperation and assistance of the entire membership to help make the Sanibel Community Association a more active group. The next general meeting and covered-dish supper will be Tuesday, May 6, 1969 with Tom and Mary Nix and Elsie Malone hosting.




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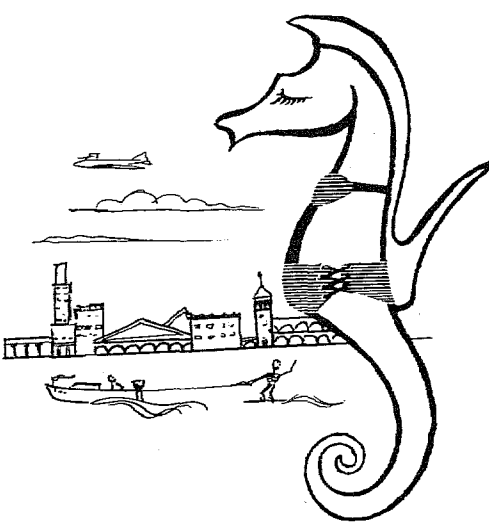


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Evening Worship ... 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
..... 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY:
Youth Ranch 7:30 p.m.

Activities Calendar

Sanibel Community Association,
Inc., Sanibel Community House,
1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Sanibel-Captiva Teen Club, Sanibel
Community House, Saturday,
8 p.m.

Game night, Sanibel Community
House, Fridays, 7:30.

American Legion Post #123,
American Legion Home, 2nd
Tuesday, 8 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary, Unit
123, 1st Mondays, 8 p.m. Legion
Hall.

Bingo Murex, American Legion
Home, Wednesday, 8 p.m. (No
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A.A. open meeting Fridays 8 p.m.
at St. Michael's Episcopal Church
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Lions Club, dinner meeting at
South Seas Plantation, 6:30 p.m.,
first and third Wednesdays of
each month.

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"Improvements in the Miami and North New River Canals have permitted the FCD to release water from Lake Okeechobee into the Everglades region at the rate of over 5,000 cubic feet per second," Rogers said. "Prior to the improvements in these two important canal systems, all excess water had to be released through the St. Lucie Canal and the Caloosahatchee River. This has been particularly harmful in the Stuart area, where excess water flow has increased silting and seriously upset the normal ecology of the St. Lucie and Indian Rivers.

"Unfortunately, much water still must be released through


the St. Lucie Canal in times of high lake levels, even with the improvements made," Rogers said. "Additional help will come with the completion of the Caloosahatchee River deepening project, now stalled because of Federal spending limitations in effect. As soon as this important work can be completed, additional pressure can be removed from the St. Lucie Canal side of the lake.

"Of Florida's many vital natural resources, few, if any, would equal the importance of the Everglades region. The increased capacity of the FCD to release water southward from the lake in its historical pattern is a major step to return the proper balance of nature to the Everglades," Rogers said. "This, of course, will mean high water in times of high rainfall, but it will also mean a more adequate water supply at all times.



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Sanibel and Captiva have and are growing to a large enough community that we should be self reliant. That's what I'm trying to get across.

I also know that we do not have a regular ambulance but we should; it should be maintained around the clock.

Yes, we should also have a doctor full time on the Island. Yes, I know our tax dollar supports and pays for the equipment. The tax dollar could still pay with the people of Sanibel and Captiva also contributing the rest of the necessary money. They pay for hospital and fire insurance. This would be another tax deductible insurance policy for them. No, I did not mean a registered nurse, the women mostly are trained by Red Cross and some are practical nurses that ride the ambulance. They also give their time free. The forthcoming abandonment of ambulance service by funeral directors is what caused me to write the first letter because I think we owe it to ourselves, the people of the Island and to the visitors to be prepared and to give the best service possible to get anywhere in the U.S.A.

Total elapsed time, 67 minutes to get a heart patient to Lee Memorial I don't think is anything to be proud of. When you can say 25 minutes then hold your heads up high. Also the people of Florida should be made more aware that when they hear a siren they should pull off to the side of the road and give the emergency vehicle the right of way. Perhaps I can be of aid, I don't know. I know I have a lot of ideas I'd love to see go into use here, not only as a civic minded member of the community, but as a human being who may be in need of a fast ride to the hospital some day. To me life is very precious and I don't want to lose it because some one may be too slow at getting me to a hospital and care some day. So roll up your shirt sleeves, I'll do my best to meet with you Monday, April 14 at 8 p.m. and I don't back down easy.

/s/ An Islander

YUGOSLAV TOUR.

Bill MacIntosh reports that of this moment sixteen persons have signed up and made deposits on the tour to Yugoslavia next September.

More than half of this number are repeaters from the previous tours to Portugal and Spain two years ago and to Greece last year.

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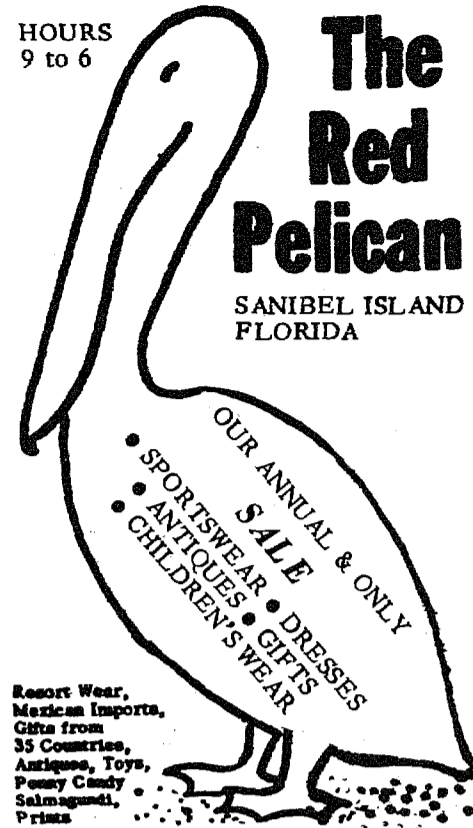
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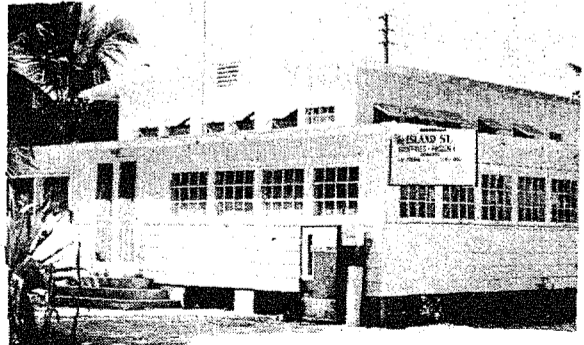
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Kirkman warned drivers against becoming lulled into an accident by their solitude. The "highway hypnosis" of long trips and the "routine" of short trips are equally dangerous said Kirkman.

Patrol records show there were 34,738 one-car accidents in Florida during 1968.

"A conscious effort to stay alert," Kirkman concluded, "will be a conscious effort to stay alive."

THE PIRATE PLAYHOUSE

The final performance of the season, the Silver Whistle played to a capacity audience last Easter Sunday at the Islands own unique arena theater once the old one room schoolhouse at the turn of the century.

At this time, the Islander quotes the theater's program:

This is the fifth season of the Pirate Playhouse which opened with Reluctant Debutante followed by Mrs. McThing, Make Mine Mink, The Loud Red Patrick, A Majority of One, The Late Christopher Bean, Pagan in the Parlor, The Pleasure of His Company and My Three Angels.

The Pirate Playhouse, which is now known all over the world, is indeed proud of its roster of performers, and grateful for all your enthusiasm which has made it possible to give you good theatre without benefit of fund raising, grants, angels, etc.

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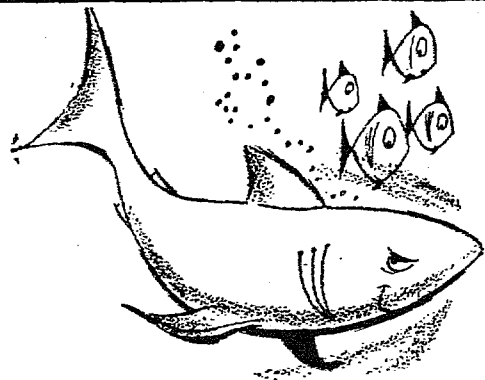
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Mr. & Mrs. PETER H. LOUSBERG of Rock Island, Ill., and their children, MACARA LYNN and MARK PETER, and STEPHEN HOWARD, are visiting Sanibel Island for the first time. They are staying at the Wood's house in Chateaux Sur Mer.

Professor, Doctor and Mrs. ROBERT D. BIRKHOFF of Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the University of Tennessee are guests of Dr. & Mrs. CLARENCE CONKLIN of Buttonwood Lane, Sanibel.

BOB DORMER, 19, is home for one week. He is a junior at the University of North Carolina majoring in psychology. Bob brought a friend home with him, ODIS ALEXIOU, 19, from Greensboro, N.C. Odis spent a day on Sanibel before leaving for Nassau on Friday.

LEE ROY FRIDAY is recuperating in Lee Memorial Hospital following an operation last week, and can now receive visitors.

THE COLONY GUESTS

Back for their annual visit to The Colony are: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brown, Tiffin, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Albrecht, Peoria, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Churchill and family, Evanston, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. James E. Shanell and family, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Marsch, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; Mrs. Fred Sergentian and Mrs. N. B. Marden, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.; and Mrs. Wm. E. Hartmann and daughter Rebecca of Glencoe, Ill.

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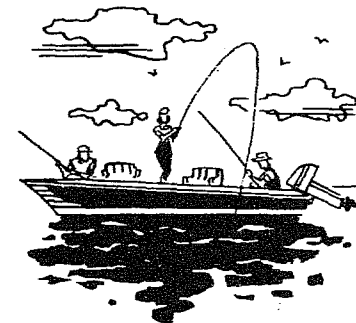
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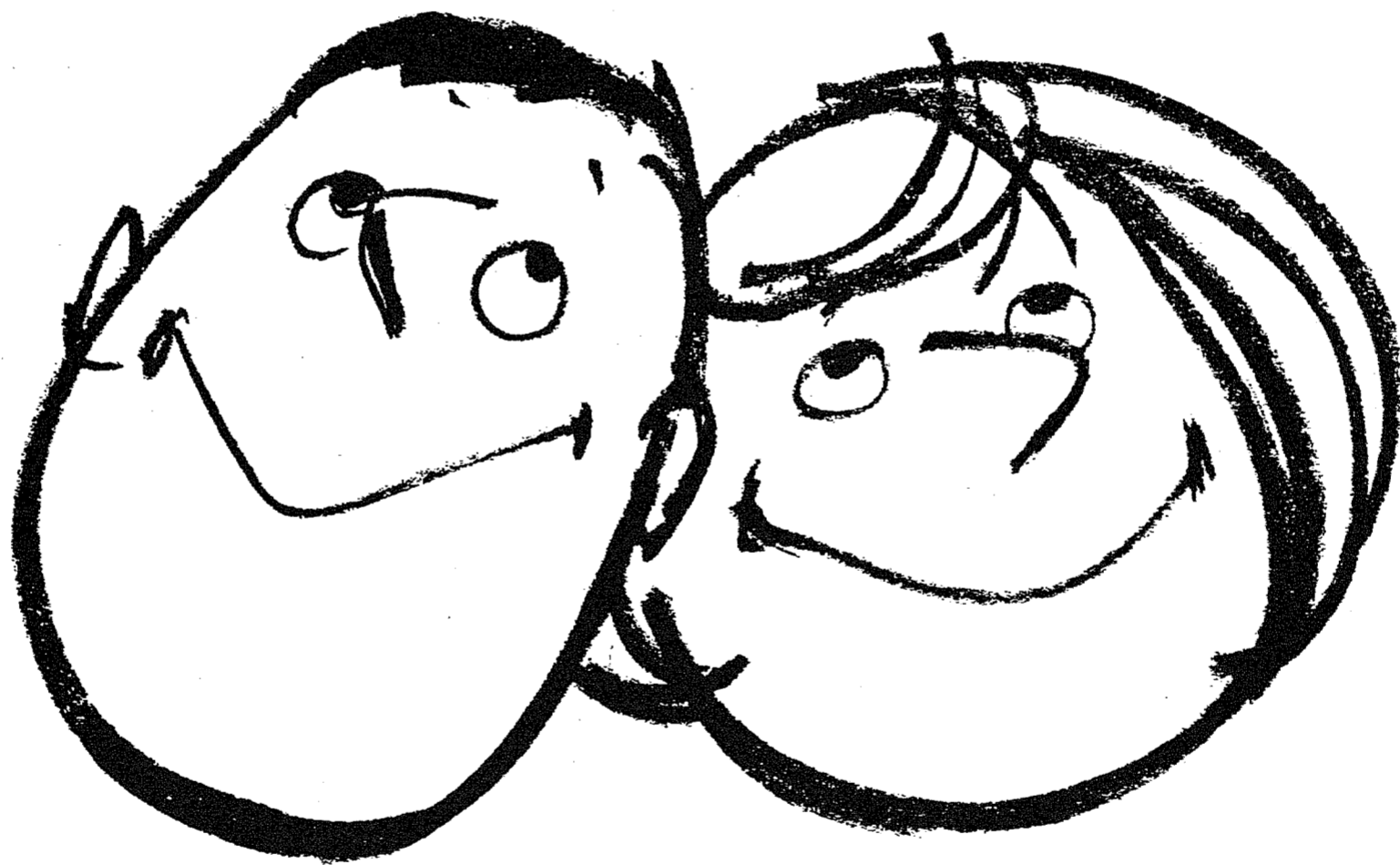
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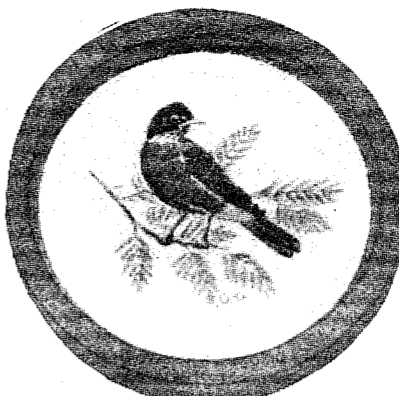
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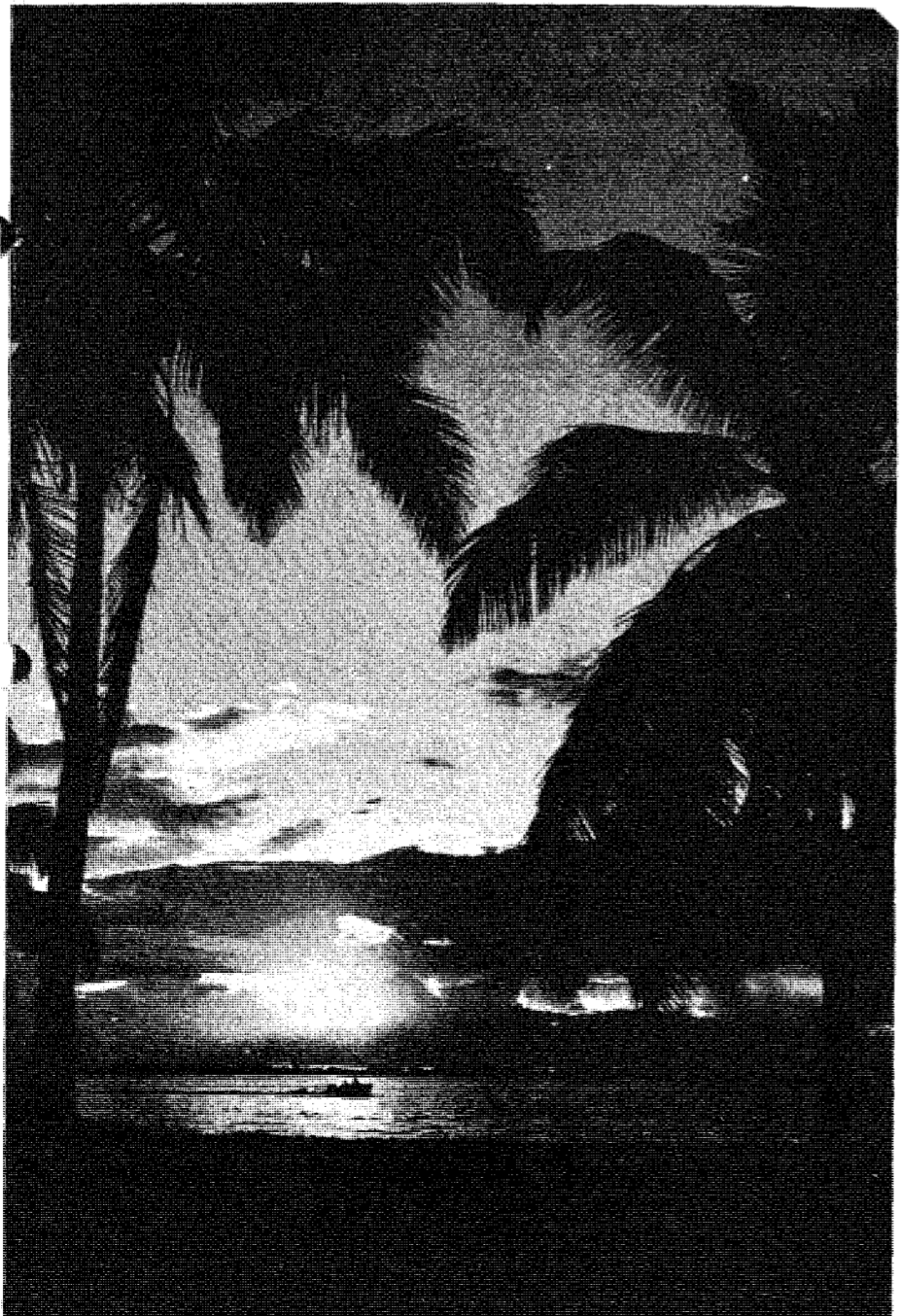


On Saturday evening, April 26, the Island School of Dance will present "Evening at the Ballet." The school, under the direction of Coralie Rumbold, will present an original story ballet "Treasures of the Sea," and excerpts from "Les Sylphides" a classical ballet with the music of Fredric Chopin.

In addition the show will feature the Studio Bochette semi-

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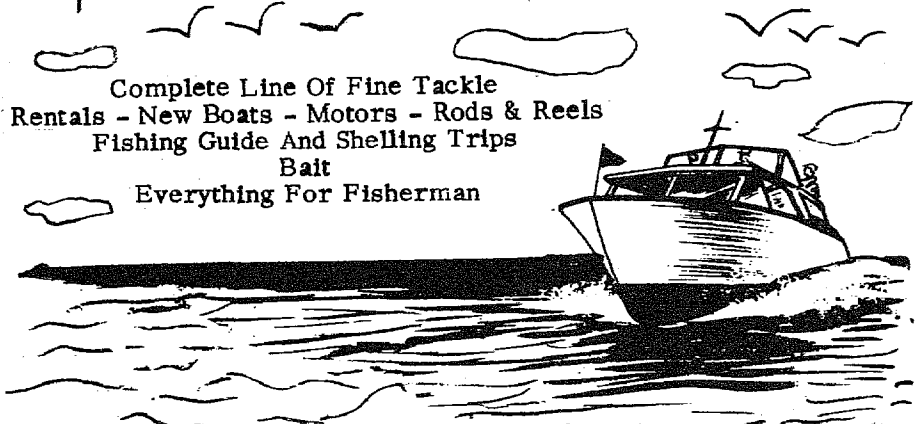
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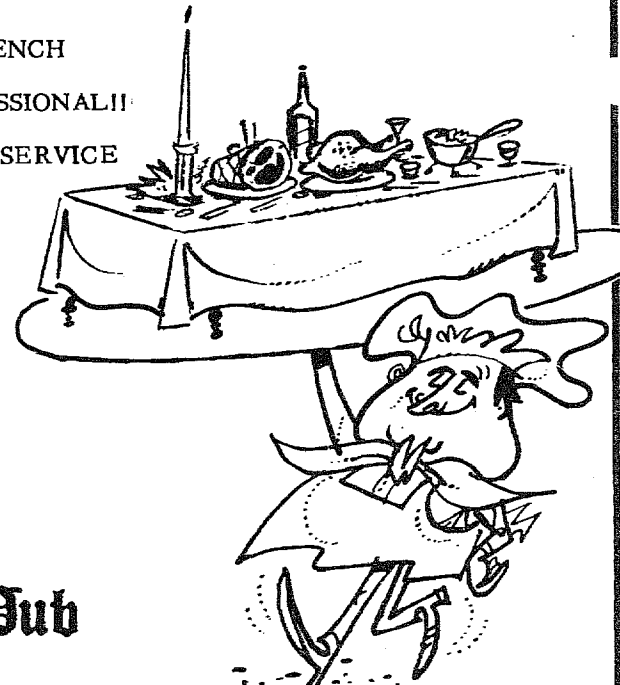
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To The Islander:

Back in about 1946, I made my first visit to Sanibel and Captiva and after returning many times, my wife and I have become perennial visitors. Each year, when we take our eagerly anticipated Florida vacation, we habitually head for the Florida East Coast to see relatives and friends and then, saving the best for the last, proceed to our beloved Sanibel. Each year, we find ourselves spending a larger portion of our vacation time at Sanibel and Captiva.

In some respects, Sanibel and Captiva still retain much of the charm of what I think of as "Old Florida" as I knew it, in and around Tampa, when I attended school there as a kid. The more I see of Florida and the rest of the world, the better I like Sanibel. (Incidentally, everytime I mention Sanibel, I automatically imply Captiva too.)

In addition to their great natural charm, Sanibel and Captiva have so many wonderful things to enjoy and admire. This community is truly a paradise for shellers, fishermen, swimmers, artists, writers, nature lovers, bird watchers and for those who live its opportunities for relaxation and recreation, as well as its friendly atmosphere, its scenic beauty, its ruggedness, individuality, its tradition and history, its lovely shops, restaurants and accommodations. As a visitor who longs to be accepted as an adopted member of the community, I somehow dread the possibility that Sanibel might become too popular and too crowded. I hope that day never comes! I also hope, sometime soon, to become a permanent resident of Sanibel.

I would like to offer a salute to the Sanibel-Captiva Islander which keeps me in touch with all the interesting things that are going on here, even when I am back in my native Michigan. My sincere compliments also go to the Pirate Playhouse, the Chamber of Commerce; those wonderful and lovely ladies who do such a dedicated job with the Sanibel Library and all those remarkably inspired people responsible for the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and other parks and sanctuaries. It's heart-warming to know that public-spirited members of the community have been so generous with their time, efforts and donations of land and money.

Sanibel should have a Hall of Fame and there are many fine men and women who are deserving of places of honor in such a place. May I offer this as a suggestion: that some tangible recognition be given to the many fine leaders who have given so much to bring about such a wonderful community.

I am sure that many of the people I have mentioned will not remember me because they do get to meet so many visitors and couldn't be expected to remember them all. But I remember them! I know that there are many other fine people here but I have not met them all yet. I am also aware that Sanibel and Captiva have excellent churches and numerous other worthwhile organizations which I haven't space to mention.

Here is a remarkable thing I have noticed which is peculiar to Sanibel. Almost without exception, the prominent business and professional people I have met here and who I mentioned above, practically all of them speak well of each other. This is indeed noteworthy and quite possibly is one of the chief reasons that Sanibel is such a wonderfully fine community.

I would like to offer special bouquets to the Sanibel-Captiva Islander and to the Chamber of

It has been my pleasure, honor and privilege to meet a number of the people who contributed to the attainment of such an outstanding haven. Space wouldn't permit mention of all of them but I couldn't conclude without commenting on some of the standouts in my memories of Sanibel. I have found recollections of the late Jack Cole (the "Old Goat"); the enjoyable Hunters, Ruth and Philip; Francis Bailey, a real pioneer, fine merchant, a tower of strength in the community and who stands out brighter than the Sanibel Lighthouse; William Newman, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. & Mrs. John Kontines and their excellent Coconut Grove Restaurant and other worthwhile enterprises; William MacIntosh and his outstanding book shop; Lee Roy and Helen Friday, whose House of Treasures would be a credit to any community or city in the entire world; Al Muench; the amazing tycoon, Hugo Lindgren; Robert Dormer and Dan Moore; Joseph Gault of the Sea Horse Shop; William Shannon; General Clyde Dougherty; Bernice McCaul, pert and precious Priscilla Murphy; those nice gals whose names I don't know who operate the Artisan Shop; Admiral E. G. Konrad; attorney, William G. Snyder; the Wakefields of 'Tween-Waters Inn; Jere and Dot Jeremiassen, Captiva Beach Motel; Ethel and Delmar Reynolds; Mr. & Mrs. Milton Stanley of Harbor House Restaurant; Dotti McQuade and her charming boutique; Doc Pickens and Claire Walter; Richard Wombwell of Lighthouse Lounge; gracious Susan Holtz who I have only met via telephone; and a special word for the couple I know and like best -- Mary and Lew Funk of Funk's Gulf Breeze Cottages where we happen to be guests. Mary Funk is a mighty mite, a bundle of energy who nobly serves the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as secretary; Lew Funk with his gruff manner really doesn't fool anyone -- he's the softest-hearted guy on the Island. It tickled me to notice how much he resembles Brian Keith, the lovable Uncle Bill of television's popular program, "Family Affair." Aimable artists Arthur Hunter, John Pierce, and handsome and friendly Gene Karr.

Incidentally, I should point out that even the Lew and Mary Funk have the same surname as mine, I cannot claim relationship, altho I'd be very proud if I could.

Commerce -- both absolutely indispensable. May they both continue to inspire, lead and serve the community.

If I am fortunate enough to be able to come to Sanibel in the near future as a permanent resident, whether or not I participate in any occupational or business activity, I hope that I would be eligible to become an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.

I think that those who are members of the Chamber should prominently identify themselves as such. They should be proud of those who support and staff the Chamber. I would like to make a deep bow to executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Bill Newman, a real leader, a tireless worker and a great credit to a great community!

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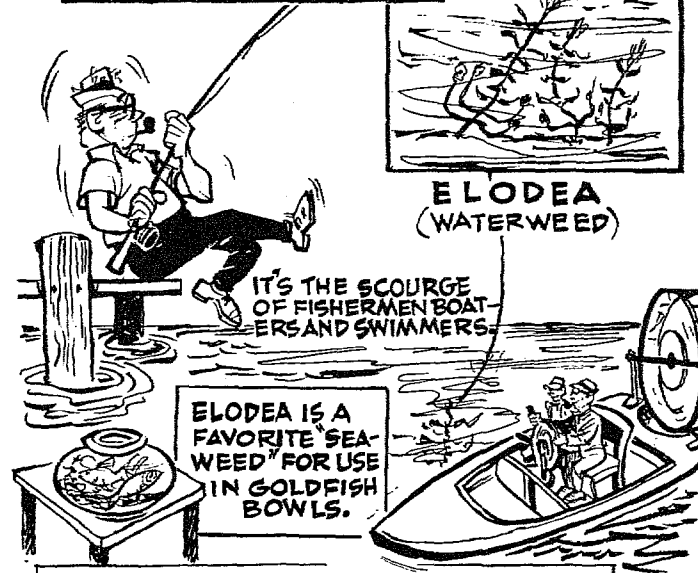
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