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## NEW DOCTOR FOR THE ISLANDS

Residents of Sanibel and Captiva have been delighted to learn that they will soon have a full time doctor available; Dr. and Mrs. Mordecai Haber have recently bought the home of Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Perry on Gulf Drive next to the Island Inn. Dr. Haber practiced medicine in the Fort Lauderdale area for about 12 years and often took vacations on Sanibel.

The Habers said that the doctor will reopen his practice here as soon as his office is ready. In the meantime, he said, he will accept only emergency calls.

Mrs. Haber said that they look forward to life on Sanibel and feels that the Doctor also will be able to enjoy a quieter pace than he experienced on the East Coast.

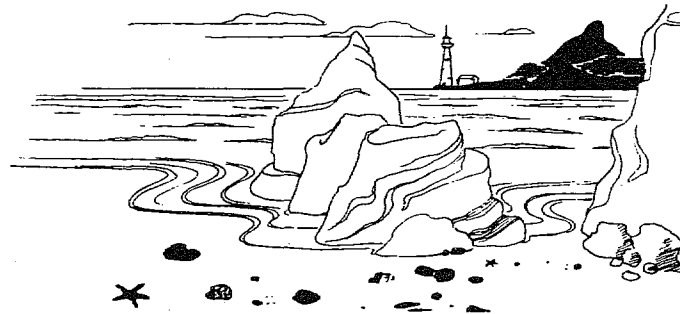
## DEEDS DONE MOST FOUL

An all-points bulletin was issued Sunday by the Lee County Sheriff's office for the apprehension of two persons who are wanted for attempted murder and grand larceny on Sanibel. They were identified as J. C. (Jake) Littlejohn, 37, and Mrs. Marilyn J. Royalty, alias Marilyn Knowles, alias Marilyn Clark, 35. They are believed to be traveling in a green Buick Special with Michigan tag FH 6308.

Investigator Frank Chapoton, Jr. gave the following background in the case: Saturday Walter Royalty, his wife Marilyn, and Littlejohn, an employee of Mr. Royalty, had started drinking very heavily at the motel where Mr. Royalty is manager. Mr. Royalty discovered a note from his wife's mother which indicated Marilyn had neglected to divorce her second husband before marrying Royalty last August.

An argument arose and Mrs. Royalty disappeared during the early part of the evening. Special Deputy Lou Secary discovered her in a nearby motel, "passed out" in the linen closet. Secary suggested that all involved sleep off the effects of the alcohol. Royalty went to bed, but was awakened about 4 a.m. Sunday when he was hit in the back with a blunt object. He came to long enough to see his wife and Littlejohn standing near him "discussing the advisability of killing him." He lost consciousness when he was struck again. When Royalty again awakened he found he had been stabbed in the back with an ice pick. Missing were his wife, \$1,500 in cash and most of the foodstuff in the motel refrigerator, all of his wife's clothes, some of his clothes, his car and Littlejohn. Responding to Royalty's call Deputy Dave Wooster sent Royalty to Lee Memorial Hospital. He was treated and released.


Deputies reported coming across the Royalty car before dawn with Mrs. Royalty and Littlejohn stranded out of gas. At that time, it was not known that Mrs. Royalty and Littlejohn were "wanted." The deputies located some fuel and sent the car on its way. Investigator Frank Chapoton warned that both may be armed and could be dangerous.



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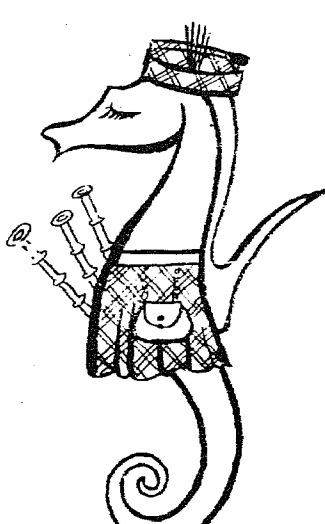


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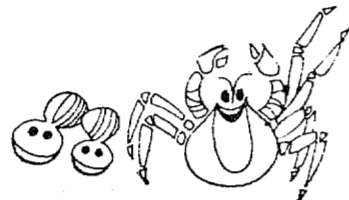
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The tropical breezes tell us that MARK and LORAIN Mc CLINTICK from the Trade Winds are on vacation. First going to Indiana to see Mark's father then to Washington, D.C. and Virginia for some sightseeing.

EDSON and MARY ELDRIDGE of the Shalimar have returned from a long overdue vacation in the Carolinas. Changing leaves, lovely mountains and extending greetings along the coastal towns to get people to come to Sanibel.

Recent visitors in the home of TOM and PEARL McINTOSH were Tom's cousin JOHN and wife, MARY WALTON from Jefferson Borough, Pa. Mr. & Mrs. JOSEPH MURT and children from Lynnwood, Pa. Joe was a fellow employee of Tom's. Also Mr. & Mrs. GUS LaBLANC of Venice, Fla. Gus is a retiree and they are from Clairton, Pa.

HENRY and OLIVE RHODES and daughter, GRACE spent the weekend in Plant City, Fla. visiting Olive's sister, Mrs. MARY LEE.

Mr. & Mrs. PAUL MAMET of Middlebury, N.H. who have been guests of The Galley and now Shell Harbor Inn are building a home in Shell Harbor. Welcome folks!

DON and DOROTHY SEYMOUR on Captiva have just returned from an extended trip "up North." Among the interesting things they did was to visit their daughter, Mr. & Mrs. ERIC SIEGFRIED, another daughter, Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM HANSON and four sons, and 4 daughters in Snyder, N.Y. Three of the boys were here this summer, DONALD, BILLY and BRUCE. They also visited their son, Mr. & Mrs. DONALD SEYMOUR and three sons in Greenwich, Conn. They toured the New England states and Nova Scotia. Dot and Dan are among our new residents. They visited and vacationed in Pompano for 8 years or more, decided to visit Sanibel and fell in love with the Islands.

They had a lovely home built on Captiva and moved here this past Spring. They are now going back to Pompano to visit neighbors and friends. The Seymours are originally from Scarsdale, N.Y. Don is retired from the auto dealership business.

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## NEWCOMERS CORNER

The Hawk's wing spread was a sight to behold. He looked suspended in mid air, floating lazily, taking advantage of the slight air to keep him air borne and then in a flash he swooped to earth and retrieved a squirming reptile in his claw. Hardly seemed to light in a huge pine. But, in those flashing seconds the wonders of perfect color, beautiful tail, proud head caused one to stand in awe and appreciation. Another witness to this spectacular was Midnight (the cat) who did not share this joy but ran bewildered at the sight, coal black tail and body bushed full and a low moan of fright as she ducked under a seagrape for protection. Lizards are more to her liking, can't say as I appreciate her taste.

With the coming of the northern birds, are the new residents, of our Newcomers Corner. Floyd and Hazel Lamb are awaiting for completion of their home in Sanibel Estates. They are from Murfreesboro, Tenn. and have been coming to Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel for several years. They finally decided to move here after the children were out of school. Son, Bobby, just finished at Middle State University in Tennessee. He has been commissioned a second Lieutenant and stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky. Their daughter and husband, S/Sgt. and Mrs. Downs and the 3 grandchildren are with the Air Force in Anchorage, Alaska. Hazel and Floyd are both associated with Bailey's General Store.

Jerry and June Muench from Syracuse, N.Y. are young newcomers to Sanibel. Jerry's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Albert Muench. Jerry and June were married in August in Syracuse. They honeymooned in the Pocano Mts., in Penn. They continued down to our Sanibel and are now associated with Muench Sr., owner of Periwinkle Trailer Park.

Forrest and Juliet Miller are from Weirs Beach, N.H. on Lake Winnepesaukee, where Forrest was in the real estate business and had a development of his own. Julie, a conservation enthusiast, is the author of several articles, among them "The Sanibel" in the July issue of the Florida Naturalist.

George and June Davel and 9 year old Gail are from Westland, Mich. They came down last year on vacation, and liked it so much, went back home, gave notice on their jobs, George with Montgomery Ward, June with Sears Roebuck & Co. and then left for a new way of life by living in Sanibel, at the Shell Basket. They are now associated with Mr. & Mrs. Eldridge at The Shallmar. George's brother, Peter & wife Dorothy are also planning to be new residents here soon with entire family. More about them later.

Mr. ROY BAZIRE, who is associated with Priscilla Murphy Realtor has returned from a very interesting vacation in England.

## BABY SHOWER

A baby shower and luncheon was given by Mrs. Russell Rupert, in honor of Mrs. Lou (Mary Lola) Cecary at the Golden Sands Restaurant, Oct. 16, 1969.

The guest list included Mrs. Flanders Thompson and Mrs. Nick Kelly of Fort Myers. Mrs. Alex H. Ardry, Mrs. Bruce W. Munn, Mrs. Denton B. Woodward, Mrs. George P. Atkinson Jr., Miss Joan R. Davison, Mrs. Luther R. Hill, Mrs. Wm. J. Bailey and Mrs. Howard Heathman all of Naples, Florida.

From Sanibel was Mrs. Francis Bailey, Mrs. Ann Woodring, Mrs. Louise C. Daniels and Mrs. David Wooster. And from Captiva Mrs. C. F. Replogel and Mrs. Willard H. Wight.

## THE COLONY GUESTS

Guests enjoying a vacation at The Colony are: Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Lutteke of St. Louis, Mo., Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Gotschall of Sun City, Fla.; Dr. & Mrs. Alfred Johnson of Sewickley, Pa., Mr. & Mrs. Irving J. Gallagher of Union, N.J., Miss Betty Ann Reed & Mrs. W. Wallace Smith of Delray Beach, Fla.

Mr. Harry Carr of The Colony found two live golden olives this week.

MARY HOLTZ is in Lee Memorial Hospital following surgery. His wife, MARY, says he is doing just fine.

Other visitors on Sanibel are Mrs. VICKERS and daughter, Thelma. Both are very avid shellers. They attended the Fort Myers Beach Shell Club meeting and found it most interesting and informative.

If you want to meet a couple with a heart, do go meet Mr. & Mrs. HAROLD RICE at the Blue Dolphin Inn. They are long time, frequent visitors here on Sanibel. Realizing that Mrs. ELVA COOPER has been unable to take a vacation for quite some time, they took over for her. She is touring some of the other Islands and wrote them a card from B.W. I. Georgetown. She's having a ball.

Among the guests at The Islander Inn are Mr. & Mrs. G. MOOREHOUSE of Coral Gables, Fla., Mr. & Mrs. W. GORDON HUGHES from So. Dartmouth, Mass., Mr. & Mrs. JOHN C. SLATER from Gainesville, Fla., Mrs. COOLIDGE WOODRING of Wilmington, Del., Col. & Mrs. CHAS SHILLMAN from Tampa, Mr. & Mrs. J. COPE and Mrs. BRINKER from New York City, N.Y.

## HURRAH!!

Fae and Chuck Muller have a phone now; the number is GR 2-8761. Call us!

WHO'S WHO  
AND WHY

Guests at Shell Harbor Inn include Mr. & Mrs. LEWIS JACOBS from Prairie Village, Kan. This is a return visit for Mrs. Jacobs as she is an avid sheller. Other returnees are Mr. & Mrs. ANTHONY M. KLIR of Chargin Falls, Ohio. They were one of Shell Harbor's first guests when it opened last spring. Mr. & Mrs. PRESTO BIGLOW from Springfield, Va., are having a home built on Lighthouse Way. Mr. & Mrs. JOHN R. CASSIEN, friends of the Biglows from Springfield are also enjoying the Beach. Mr. ROBERT G. JOHNSON from Orlando Park, Ill. has purchased a lot in Shell Harbor and is here checking on the type of home to build.

This is the first visit for Mr. & Mrs. R. R. PALMER of Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Mr. & Mrs. PHILLIP S. PRICE of Winter Park, Fla. They are associated with Rollins College.

JOHN LEDBETTER of Captiva fell and broke and severely cut his leg but was back at business at South Seas Plantation, bad leg and all.

At the Gallery are Mr. & Mrs. HAROLD SPILLMAN from Bedford, Ohio. They've been visitors here for many years. Maybe they'll soon decide to be permanent residents.

Mr. & Mrs. MALCOM BEATTIE have returned to their home on Palm Lake Drive after spending some time in their summer home in New Hampshire. They toured the west coast including King's Canyon and the Sequoias, and visited sons and family in San Francisco, Calif.

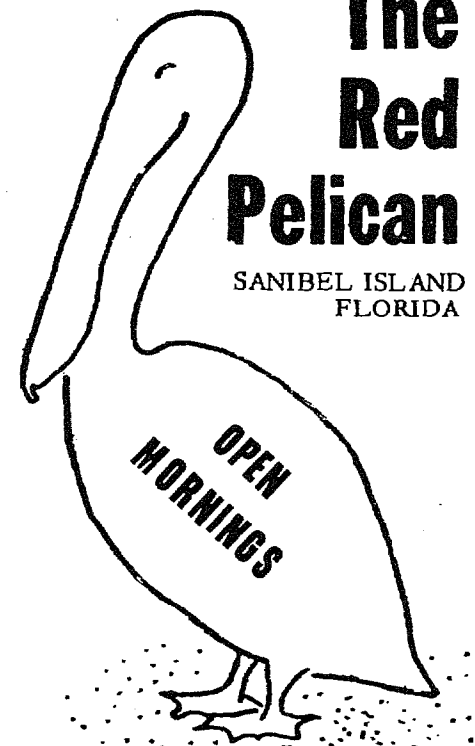
On return visit to the Shallmar Cottages are the CARL HILBERTS from Atlanta, Ga., who are catching their share of trout near Tarpon Bay Marina; the GORDON MELLERINS from Jollette, Ill; the REED MAULLS from Leonia, N.J; the GEORGE PITCHERS from Stuart, Fla.; the TOM HUTSELLS from Leawood, Fla. The HOWARD YULLES are from Wilmington, Del. They have been coming here for years and love it so much that they are having a home built on the Island.

## LIONS CLUB

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club will hold a special Ladies Night on Wednesday evening Oct. 29 at the Golden Sands Restaurant. Lion Karl Wightman, program chairman will provide additional details to members by individual letters.

## SANIBEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Sanibel Public Library has resumed the Saturday afternoon reading for 4 to 7 year olds. Why not come and enjoy these programs each Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at the Library.

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Many friends, of KEN and CHARLOTTE CARPER, honored them with a house warming at their new home off Dixie Beach Blvd. last week. Among the gifts were an electric clock, G.E. roaster, and frypan in teflon. The old tradition of sweeping salt off the steps with a new broom for good luck was observed. They toasted the new home with champagne; Father Madden blessed it. Others attending were Mr. & Mrs. Francis Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Saxinger, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Lamb, Grace Rhodes, Annette Arvin, Thelma Preston, Kathy Lucas, Mitchel Gulnac, Lou Burfield, Wally Hudson and Ronnie G. Garwin.

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## PTA NEWS

On Tuesday, Oct. 14 president Ralph Woodring called to order the second meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva PTA. The members discussed possible money making projects for the coming year, and it was decided to repeat the bake sale this year as last year's bake sale was such a success. So get ready to go off your diet as the date is approximately Dec. 29. Any change, you will be notified. We do hope everyone will give their usual good support and urge others as we do want to surpass last year's quota.

Mr. Irving Billheimer, Mr. John Kontimos and Mr. Francis Bailey told the members if the sales of this year top the sales of last year the three gentlemen will give a part for the children of the school, so -- please -- everyone help make this the best bake sale ever.

Mrs. Betty Muench very graciously donated four picnic tables to the school. We still need many things like shelving shrubs, plants, etc. and we hope that during this school session we will attain all of our various goals.

## SMALL WORLD DEPARTMENT

On a recent trip to the mid-west the Senior Browns stopped for breakfast in the small Missouri town of Trenton. As we entered the dining room we heard a man say, "That is just out of Fort Myers." He had seen the "Esterio Island" front tag on our car and he told us they formerly lived in Wauchula and knew the Beach area quite well.

When we reached out table, the couple next to us asked at once, "Are they still finding golden olives and junonias on Sanibel?" It turned out that this couple, Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Stuart of Arlington, Virginia, spend some time each year on Sanibel, usually at the Reef, and at home they have a large file of The Islander which they consult often and like, and are most enthusiastic about the Island.

## WANT TO BE IN?

If you want to make our Who's Who column for your guests, or have any items of interest for the Islander, please drop your written notes with names and your telephone number at the Surf-rider or at Priscilla Murphy's office or call Kathy Bunnell at GR 2-6441, no later than Wednesday for the next week's paper.

## THE ISLAND CHEF



### BROILED GARLIC SHRIMP (Occasionally called Scampi)

(This recipe is for two people for dinner, or four for snacking. Warning: Be sure that anyone you plan to be near eats some too.)

Shell and butterfly 20 large shrimp, leaving tail segment on shrimp. Roll in a mixture of half Romano cheese and half flour. Melt one stick of butter or margarine and drizzel over shrimp so they are completely coated. Place shrimp in 350 degree oven while making the following sauce. In a saucepan combine 2 tablespoons butter with 2 1/2 tablespoons of flour-cheese mixture. Add one cup of white wine (or water, if you prefer) and stir over low heat until thick. Add salt and pepper to taste, and 3 tablespoons (tablespoons is correct) of garlic chips or minced garlic. Remove from heat and add 3 tablespoons of dried or fresh parsley flakes. This process takes about 5 minutes.

Remove shrimp from oven, spoon sauce over them (reserving some) and place on broiler rack about 6-8 inches under flame (or heating element) until brown. (Oven temperature should be on broil by this time.) Remove from oven, turn over, spoon rest of sauce on other side and broil until brown. Eat.

## CORRECTION

Let it be known that the ladies who cleared the Sanibel Community House were as follows: Fae Muller, chairman, Holly Moore, Ann Burrel, Joyce Irwin, Lillian Skinner and Sylvia Strong.

### FORT MYERS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra will present its first concert of the season in the auditorium of Fort Myers Senior High School next Saturday, starting at 8 p.m.

The soloist is to be Tibor Yusti, celebrated pianist. Arlo Deibler, founder and conductor of the symphony, has announced the program will feature the fabulous concertos of Franz Liszt for piano and orchestra.

Tickets will be available at the door at \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Or reservations may be made by telephoning the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra which is listed in the telephone directory.

## LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will have their meeting the first Monday in November, 3 at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Kirkpatrick says, "Ladies, your dues are due and payable to Goldie Nave, treasurer. At the first meeting please bring a one dollar gift for the servicemen in our veterans' hospitals."

## 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, Wednesdays, 8 p.m. (No minors)

A.A. open meeting, Fridays, 8 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church GR 2-3121

Lions Club, Dinner meeting at South Seas Plantation, 6:30 p.m., first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Sanibel Public Library - hours: Tuesday, 10 to noon; Thursday, 2 to 4 p.m.; Saturday 10 to noon; Wednesday night, 7:30 to 9

Public Health Nurse - Third Tuesday of every month, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Community House.

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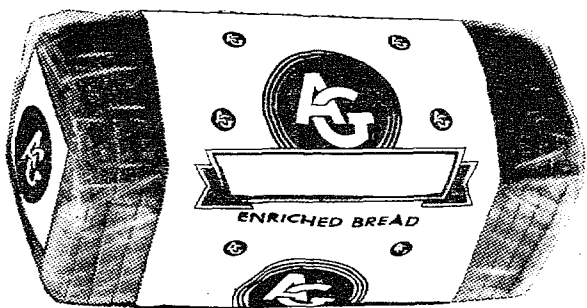
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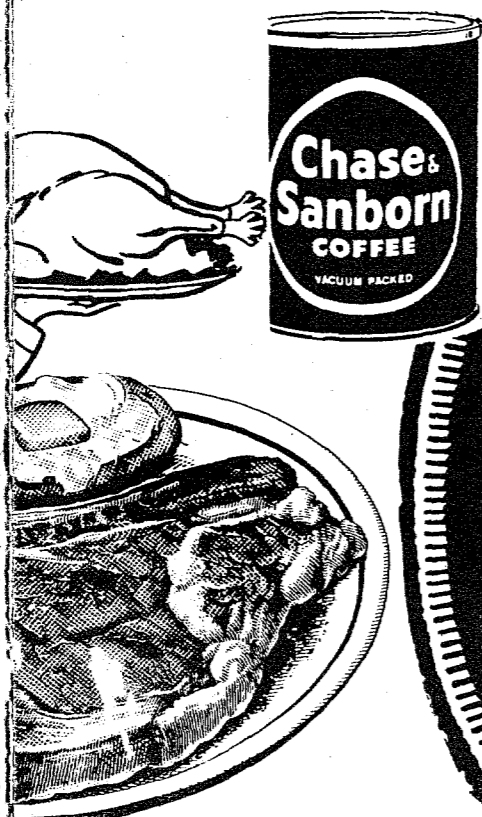
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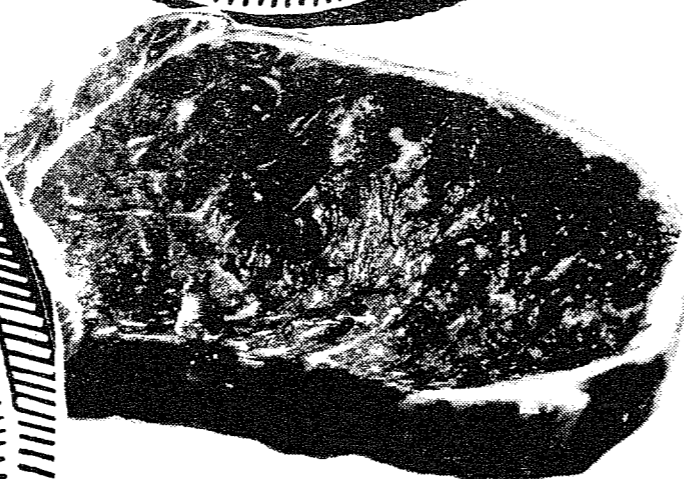


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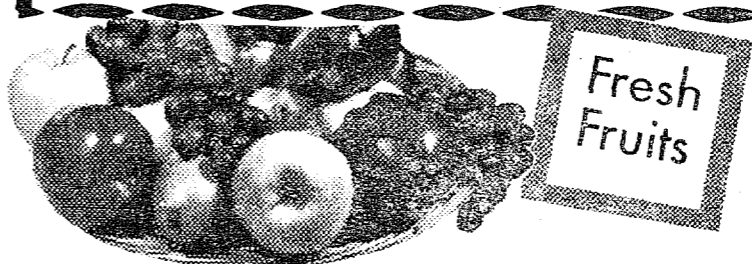


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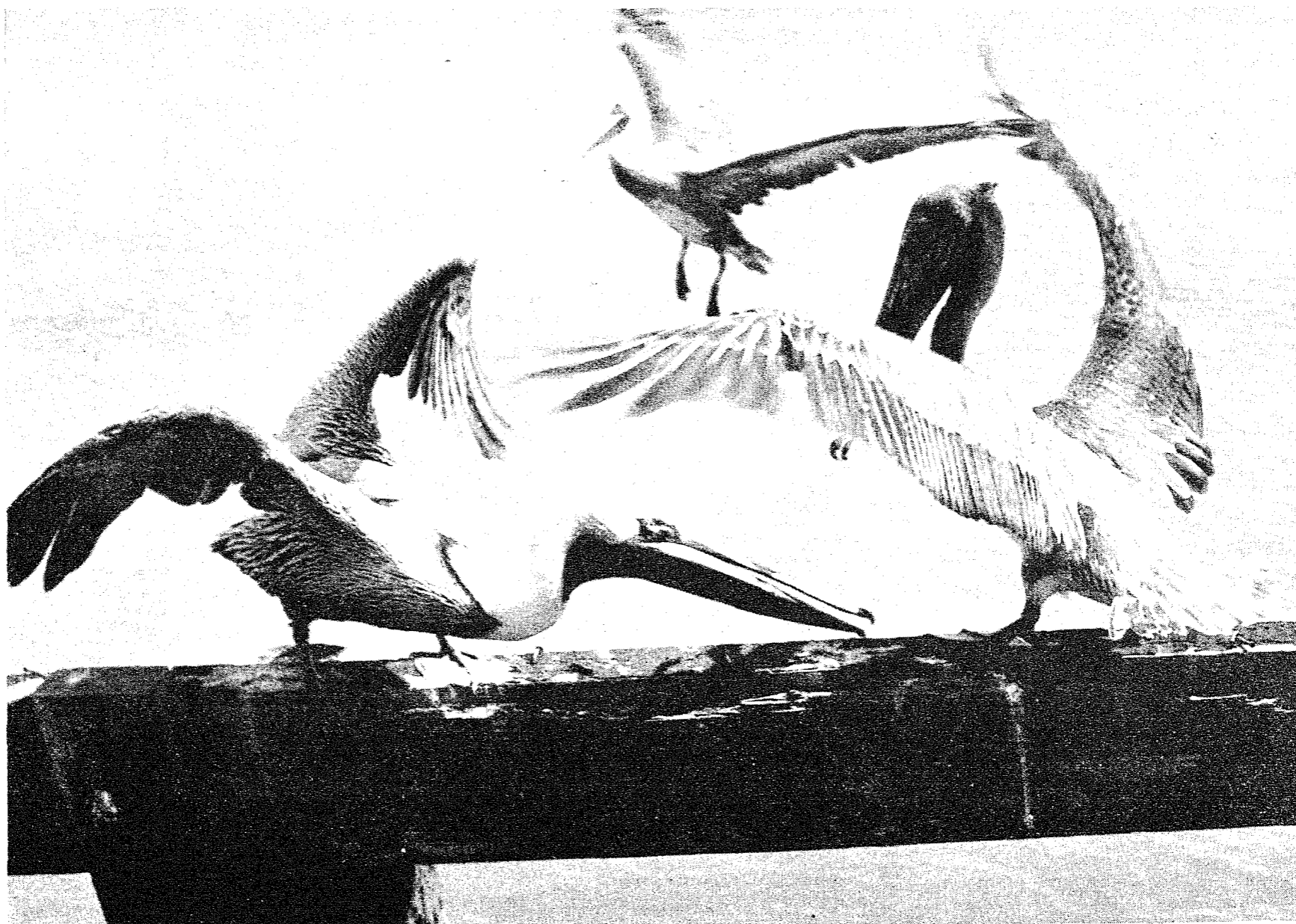
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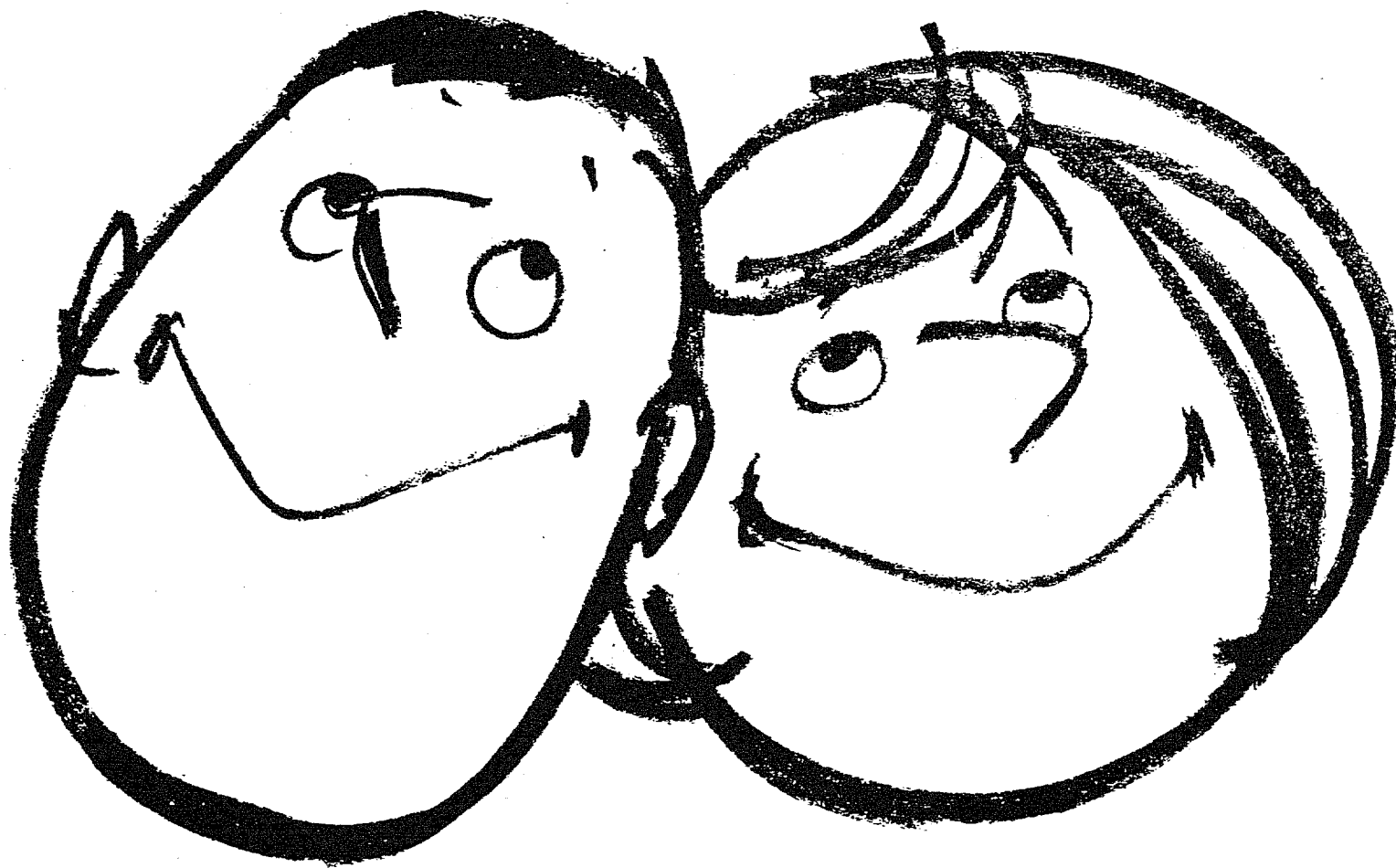


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"The disease is usually a mild one," Division of Health epidemiologist Dr. Charlton Prather said. "It lasts 5-8 days with diarrhea and slight fever, but it's not to be ignored. Every year we have a few deaths from it." Dr. Prather said the deaths occur among either very young children or the debilitated elderly.

"We do know that a large number of turtles bought in stores are infected," he said. "What we don't know is how many of them are transmitting the disease. If you don't handle the turtle or his water, you don't get the disease from him."

Dr. Prather said that studies have shown the turtles can remain positive for salmonella for all of their natural lives. "It's no problem for them," he said. "All they do is transmit it. They don't die of it."

So far this year, the Division of Health has recorded 870 cases of Salmonellosis in humans. How many of these resulted from pet turtles is unknown. "All animal sources are suspect," acknowledged Dr. James Nichols, state

chief of veterinary public health. "You find salmonella in dogs, swine, and cattle. Chickens have it but you kill the bacteria when you cook the chicken."

"The trouble with pet turtles is they are bought by the thousands, mostly for unsuspecting kids who naturally handle them," he said.

"Salmonellosis may be a mild disease when compared with something like encephalitis," Dr. Nichols said, "but it won't seem mild to the child who has it."

"I wouldn't let a child of mine gamble on Salmonellosis for the sake of having a pet turtle," he said. "And no other ordinarily protective parent should either."

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

Last week's meeting of the Ladies Guild of the Sanibel Community Church was held at the home of Mrs. Don Marshall on Gulf Drive. The Christmas bazaar and white elephant sale will be held Nov. 29 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Community House. Chairmen were named for the different booths for the Fair. White Elephant booth: Silvia Strong, Jo Romein, Helen Ploesser. Food: Willie Glass, Mary Reynolds, Isabel McWhorter. Sewing and Christmas Items: Ethel Reynolds, Fay Muller, Mildred Scott. Coffee: Helen Hudson, Thia Marshall. Plants: Mary Nix, Opel Coombs. Publicity: Betty Zajicek.



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#### ISLAND'S MINI-SAFARI by Julie Miller

Recipe: Ingredients - one hot and shiny afternoon, 1 green-watered bayou, 1 small yellow canoe, 2 explorers more curious than intrepid. Add slacks, boots, long-sleeved shirts; spray well with insect repellent. Top with 1 machete (not very sharp), 1 small 22-calibre pistol (snakes!) and garnish with 1 package of life-savers. Mix thoroughly and what have you got? A Mini-Safari!

Paddling quietly along the mangrove shore of one of Sanibel's peaceful bayous white egrets common and snowy, little blues, while a female man-o-war soared high overhead, her white breast patch gleaming. Great Blue squawked from his driftwood stump and across the Pass a spoonbill's elegant rosy costume was reflected in the shallow water where he was spooning his lunch. As we reached the small opening in the mangroves, where we planned our landing point, a great osprey flew out from the very spot, winging his way to his young, a fish in his talons. We pushed into the narrow opening, finding as we expected those unpleasant little characters, the death's-head spiders, strung in their tough webs between the mangrove branches over the entrance. Jeanne slashed the machete at them, and we pulled up the canoe, disembarking into a morass of low tidal mud, little green crabs surprised by human feet and more and yet more spider webs. Africa has nothing on this! Just ahead loomed an impen-

etrable mass of snake plant, the sansevieria with the thick mottled green leaves so stiffly erect. This was none of your cultivated garden stuff, primly tailored; this was four and five feet high, rampant, wild and thick beyond belief. Then we saw a night-blooming cereus, enormous, a hill in the shape of a conetwenty feet high and thirty feet around, probably smothering several cabbage palms and loaded with faded blossoms hanging limp, and crisp new buds a foot long waiting for the night to open them in this secret and silent place.

Behind all this was a dilapidated little house - a fisherman's shack? - the four sides falling together in dismal hopelessness. The machete slashed a narrow way through the snake plant and we achieved the front door, only to find there was none, only an opening and a rotted sill. What had been the floor was strewn with tiny bones and skulls, the remains of many a midnight feast of the owls, its sole occupants. Now a little charnel-house, the eerie atmosphere suggests the scary whirl of wings in the dark, and great yellow eyes unblinking in the decaying rafters, the pitiful squeak of small creatures tight in those cruel claws. Small pale mushrooms were growing on a rotten board, coffee-colored buttons on tiny stalks.

We were evidently not the only visitors, only the most recent. A strong new board was balanced from the sill nearly across to the open doorway on the other side. Making our way warily over it, I picked up two



small skulls an inch to an inch and a half long, with tiny rodent teeth. Field mice probably. Anyway, they were not birds. Now our long pants and sleeves, uncomfortable in the heat, proved their value for such an expedition; we were reasonably secure from the bugs, spider webs, thorns and vines that reached out for us from all side, determined to grab us for invading their privacy. Those death's-heads! Harmless they may be, attractive they are NOT. And their webs are spun of nylon, dunked in Elmer's glue.

On the other side of this haunted cottage lies what may have been once a spacious and beautifully planned patio. Fifty or more coconut trees in healthy condition, century plants in dozens and eight feet high, rubber vines (cryptostegia), devil's backbone (pedilanthus), gumbo limbos, wild olive, buttonwood, tall white mangroves, the ubiquitous Australian pine were all there. A massive agave, the stunning yellow-banded variety, stood in perfect dignity with great curled tips, worthy of a specimen planting position in any of Florida's great public jungle gardens.

What happened to this once lovely spot? Now densely overgrown, it is so thick with vegetation gone wild that only a few steps in any direction are possible without the trusty machete.

The imagination seeks in vain for a reasonable explanation, it must have once been such a delightful and liveable spot. Devil's backbone, those strange zigzag stems and branches so curiously angled, filled an area

larger than an average garden. The rubber vine completely covered a small outbuilding a few yards from the house, its glossy leaves bright in the sunlight, its lovely soft blue-lavender flowers showing off their pretty bell shapes as proudly as if they were on public view. Crinum lilies, the kind we call milk-and-honey or milk-and-wine, were everywhere in marvelous profusion, bigger than the biggest we had ever seen. Young ones were all around them like chicks about a mother hen, and fat green pods littered the shelly ground. Pink and white periwinkles grew in a crowd, a host like Coordsworth's daffodils.

This is a madhouse of plantings, a nursery gone berserk. We stood among the great coconut trees and lusty vines and enormous lilies and agaves trying vainly to visualize a living home on the site of that owl's rest, to see in the mind's eye a garden with controlled growth and a sense of discipline instead of just riot. And then Jeanne and I left as we had come, quietly pushing the little canoe out into the green water, richer by two little skulls, some green seed pods, a few small pieces of rubber vine and devil's backbone, and a gull's white feather.

P.S. No snakes. But when our color slides were developed there beside the door of the little house was a perfectly readable sign which till then we had not even seen. It read NO TRESPASSING.

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The State Board of Education and other public and private organizations have been urging a favorable vote on the Education Building Amendment as a means of financing about half of the facilities needed for enrollments which will almost double by 1975.

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