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Nylon bags are being placed at two points along the 7 miles of Captiva Beach front by the County Public Works Dept.

\$10,000 worth of the bags (at \$11.78 each) are being placed along a 1,500 foot stretch of beach fronting the main road on Captiva. There the sea has chopped away a 500 foot depth of shoreline over the past 90 years, according to the 1967 Corps of Engineers survey. At some northern points nearly 1,000 feet have been lost.

The new attack on erosion now in the formation stage will involve getting more than 100 property owners to enter into a beach nourishment project. The details aren't firm at this point, but Paul Stahlin, agent in the planning for the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, said the plan is to make the new beach an erosion control device within itself.

By using sand from the sea shelf just offshore, the beach would be filled in to raise a 100 foot wide strip, along five to seven miles of beach, involving some three million cubic yards of sand.

"This is physically feasible, and I think it is economically feasible," said Stahlin. But the cost is not yet so closely approximated as to give an estimate, he said.

"H" ZONING HEARING

It has become necessary for the Board of County Commissioners to change the hearing date for the adoption of the height (H) classification zoning. The hearing is now scheduled to be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 1970.

OPEN HOUSE AT REFUGE

On Thursday, April 16, the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island will participate in an Open House. Similar activities are planned at 94 other National Wildlife Refuges throughout the United States.

A full day's schedule is planned for the Sanibel-Captiva refuge with activities commencing at 8:30 a.m. and ending in the last afternoon. A boatcade to a bird rookery will kick the Open House off and later in the day various speakers will participate at the Sanibel Lighthouse, site of the J. N. "Ding" Darling Refuge Headquarters, where a wide range of topics will be presented. All activities are open to the public-at-large and everyone interested in the Southwestern area of Florida are urged to attend. Each individual can schedule the afternoon to personal plans and attend any or all of the presentations.

The activities for the Refuge Open House and persons participating is as follows:

8:30 a.m. - Bird-banding Boatcade departing Sanibel Marina to Pine Island National Wildlife Refuge to explore a colonial bird rookery and learn of problems facing the future of such islands. You must bring your own boat or make arrangements with a friend who has a boat for transportation. There are no arrangements for persons who do not have a craft available when they arrive. Bring camera, snack, drink and rough clothing. P.S. Better bring some insect repellent along too.

1:00 p.m. - "History of Sanibel and Captiva Islands". Mrs. Robert Dormer, a long-time Sanibel resident, has conducted considerable research on the true history of our interesting islands. Her program will include information on the early settlers, hurricanes and the lighthouse.

1:30 p.m. - "Ding" Darling's Contribution to Conservation." W. D. or Tommy Wood as everyone knows him, has been Manager of the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge for over 20 years. He was a close friend of the late Mr. Darling who had great interest in Sanibel-Captiva and the creation of the refuge that now bears his name.

2:00 p.m. - "The Future of the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge." Charles LeBuff, also of the refuge staff, will discuss the future of the refuge, including its objectives, management plans, and recreational opportunities as diagrammed in the refuge Concept Plan.

2:30 p.m. - "The Mangrove Community." Bill Hammond of the Lee County Science Department is an authority on the marine ecosystem in the waters surrounding Sanibel-Captiva. His topic will include the overall importance of the mangrove forest to our environment.

3:00 p.m. - "Cooperation Between Island Organizations and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife." Roy Bazire, chairman of the Board of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will discuss the fine cooperation between the Bureau and the Foundation to save at least a part of the wildlife and natural beauty of Sanibel-Captiva.

3:45 p.m. - "The Sea Turtle Project on Sanibel-Captiva." Miss Sarita Van Vleck, author and naturalist, will conduct an information presentation on the loggerhead turtle project that has been underway for some time on the islands.

All afternoon programs will be located at refuge headquarters at the Sanibel Lighthouse with the exception of the last (3:45). This will take place at the sea turtle nursery on Tarpon Bay.



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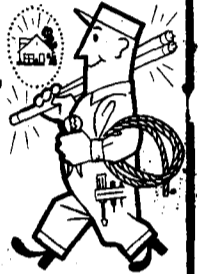
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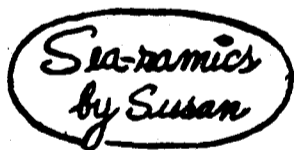
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GARRY KERR, son of Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM KERR of Ithaca, N.Y. celebrated his last day on Sanibel this year by finding a perfect golden olive on the beach at Casa Ybel.

COPE MEETING

Doctor Michael E. Morgan will be the speaker for the next Cope (Community Organization for Patients with Emphysema) meeting to be held Tuesday, April 14, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association office, 3643 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers. Doctor Morgan is a graduate of the University of Tennessee Medical School and has recently attended a Respiratory Disease Seminar. There will be a general discussion of the factors involved in emphysema. Anyone interested is welcome and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

THE BATTERS BOX

The Sanibel-Captiva softball team dumped Taylor Industries 20 to 11 on March 30. Single predominated the game with a triple by Chuck Nave and a double by Bill Robar.

Peoples Bank defeated our team 11 to 8 on April 1st (Fool's Day!). However, Sanibel-Captiva rallied with a home run by Bill Fisher, and doubles by Dan Rozelle, Bob Sabatino and Roger Tabor.

The team standing is presently two wins to three losses.

CASELOAD REPORT

Joseph P. D'Alessandro, State Attorney, 20th Judicial Circuit, reports the following caseload for the first 9 months, fiscal year 1969-70, July 1969 through April 1970.

Cases pending as of 7/1/69, 241; cases filed 7/1/69 to 3/31/70, 178; convictions, 131; Nolle Pros, 131; acquittals, 11; cases pending as of 3/31/70, 356.

A total of 2,626 other matters were handled by Joseph P. D'Alessandro's office consisting of appeals to higher courts, bond validations, bond estreatures, extradition proceedings, rule 1 motions, criminal hearings, Habeas Corpus hearings, uniform support procedures and investigations.



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Henry Viscardi, president of Human Resources who lectures throughout the world about his schools and workshops for the severely handicapped was the guest of Ruth and Philip Hunter on Wednesday at the Pirate Playhouse.

Mr. Viscardi, with his family, Mrs. Viscardi, Lucien Viscardi, Nina and Brian Sharkey attended the enmpagne dinner for Director Philip Hunter in Pirate Alley on his birthday, April 1. It was a beautiful evening with lamp-light, red hibiscus and the frogs and crickets singing.

Mr. Viscardi's next appointments are in Lisbon, Portugal, Israel, and South America.

EDUCATION ART SHOW

The third annual Adult Education Art Show will be staged on the grounds of the Edison Estate tropical gardens April 12.

Waltzes and polkas reminiscent of the 1930's and light contemporary tunes will be performed by the Fort Myers Community Orchestra and the Lee County Youth Symphony under the batons of Clark Gandy and Roger Morrison.

Creative works in all media by the 108 artists enrolled in the county's adult art program will be placed in strategic spots in the gardens.

The art exhibit and concert will open at 1 p.m. and continue through 4:30 p.m. April 12. In case of inclement weather, the show will be postponed until April 19.

Artists in their early 20's to some in their late 70's are enrolled in the adult education art courses at Fort Myers Senior High, Fort Myers Junior High, Sanibel Elementary and Cape Coral Elementary schools.

ESTERO BAY SURVEY TO BEGIN

The Florida Dept. of Commerce has announced that a four-month hydrographic survey of Estero Bay, from the northern end of Estero Island through Matanzas Pass, Ostego Bay and on throughout the aquatic preserve, will begin in mid-April. The survey date subsequently will be incorporated into the small craft chart.

A six man Coast and Geodetic Survey team headed by Lt. Brent H. Traugher will use a shallow draft launch for the survey.

Channel widths and water depth will be shown throughout the bay, from low water mark out, by use of an electronic echo sounder in the launch. The equipment makes a continuous profile of the bottom it crosses.

Reported small channels will be investigated, along with bay entrances, all of which have changed since the last survey of the area shown on Small Craft Chart 856-SC.

The bottom profiles will be coordinated by making parallel runs across the bay. All physical obstructions will be measured as necessary, and all will be reported to the "Notice to Mariners."

LUCKY WINNER

Oliver F. Gang was the winner of the Buick Skylark, 2 door sedan at the 5:00 p.m., March 28 drawing by the Edison Mall Merchants Association of Fort Myers.

Mr. & Mrs. Gang of Racing Beach, Falmouth, Mass., have been winter residents here on Sanibel Island stopping for the 3rd year in succession at Palm View Apartments, Tulipa Way. Before that they stayed at Shalimar and back in 1956, 57 and 58, Mrs. Gang spent the winters at Tween Waters Inn, Captiva.

Dixie Buick Company of Fort Myers served the new 1970 Skylark which is air conditioned and has a 260 h.p., V-8 engine and Turbo Hydromatic transmission and power steering. Mr. and Mrs. Gang will start north next week and expect to return to Palm View Apts. next winter.

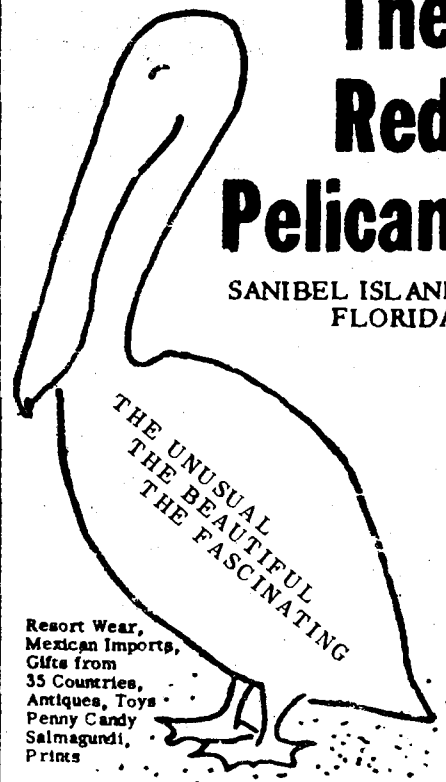
RICHARDS TO SPEAK AT SANIBEL CONVENTION

Mr. Thomas W. Richards, president of the Nature Conservancy, will address the Florida Chapter at Sanibel convention. The chapter is highly honored to have Mr. Richards at the featured speaker at the 9th annual meeting of the Florida Nature Conservancy. The convention will be held on May 1, 2 and 3 at the Golden Sands Restaurant on Sanibel Island. Mr. Richards is flying down from Washington, D.C. especially to attend the convention and deliver the keynote address. Make your plans now to attend.

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Chapter CO will be hostess for a coffee to be held Saturday morning April 11 at 10 at the Pelican Hotel. All visiting P.E.O.'s as well as resident members are invited to attend the coffee, spend the day on the Beach (casual clothes suggested) and to stay for lunch at the Pelican Restaurant if they desire. Unaffiliated P.E.O.'s should make reservations by April 8 by phoning the Pelican Hotel direct.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY
by Russell Kay

Considering the disagreeable winter Florida has experienced this season, along with the almost constant severe weather in the north and northwest, one may well ask if our continent's weather patterns are changing.

I have been a resident of Florida since 1914 and can't recall a year when so many cold fronts have entered the state bringing heavy rains, high winds and cold.

Normally we expect hurricanes in Florida, but not tornadoes. Now we have them frequently and some quite severe. I have lived in Florida many years and cannot recall a tornado hitting anywhere in the state, until a decade or so ago. Now it seems we can expect them every-time a cold front enters the area.

In the 20's, 30's and 40's we expected three or four cold spells during the winter season, usually with frost and low temperatures. But it would warm up after three or four days and remain pleasant and warm for a week or so.

Scientists of some schools tell us that the continent's weather really is changing and they predict that we can expect colder weather every year. Some blame it on our upset of the balance of nature, others the testing of bombs with attendant atmospheric disturbances. I hope they are wrong and that in the decade to come we can look forward to more normal weather patterns, not only for Florida but the nation and the continent.

There is no question that pollution has had a lot to do with our problems today. We cannot point the finger at any one individual or group. We have all contributed and continue to do so.

Government itself has been guilty of polluting many of our lakes and streams, probably as much as has large industry. Individual citizens with their automobiles, airplanes and trash burning do their part to foul the air. The situation has worsened from year to year with nobody doing anything about it, but everybody pointing the finger at the other fellow.

But we probably will continue to blame the other fellow while we throw our trash and garbage in the streets, burn our leaves and drive our two or more cars further and faster. Internal combustion engines will be bigger and better, airplanes more gigantic, highways more numerous as we go on our merry way to oblivion. But ain't it fun?

30 ACRES SOLD FOR \$100,000

A Sanibel parcel, about 30 acres located on the Pine Island Sound about a mile west of the Causeway at the end of Bailey Road, was sold for \$100,000 by Kenneth A. Guyer of Collier County to John F. Kirkpatrick of Sanibel Island.

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Letter To The Editor

To The Islander:

I am moved to express the common opinion not only of my husband and myself but of everyone we know -- more than a dozen persons -- who have visited Sanibel in recent years: sorrow at the progressive desecration of a once lovely island. And in so many cases, unnecessarily, even considering development.

We recently returned from the latest of near-annual visits over the past 10 years. Where a pileated woodpecker had nested, a concession stand had been erected and the land around it was bare.

At a new condominium project, where once a part wooded part water area sheltered thousands of birds and other wildlife, the ground has been bulldozed with only a few isolated palm trees remaining over vast stretches of barren and all-but-lifeless sand.

Could not building proceed without this laying waste? We have stayed at the Sanibel Siesta, which is an excellent example of construction without destruction; the cottages are surrounded by vegetation, and wildlife abounds. Could not some sort of regulation with supervision be enacted to prevent development destroying the wonderful character of Sanibel? (And it is shortsighted to discount views such as ours, for they are the reason persons have been attracted to your island, who will come no longer if these attractions cease to exist.)

The prohibition of shooting contributes greatly to the variety of wildlife available on Sanibel; but the destruction of habitat which is now under way can be even more devastating than would be

uncontrolled shooting.

One final word on another facet of the same basic question, pollution: is it not essential that some solution be found before development proceeds further? Could not a moratorium be declared on building until a plan has been evolved (for once ground water is affected, it will not soon be purified no matter what measures are taken, and unheeding builders and their investments will be affected equally with others.)

I should like to hope some consideration is being or will be given to this idea.

/s/ Mrs. William Riley
Pittstown, New Jersey

To The Islander:

Please accept a hearty pat on the back from a frequent visitor to your lovely Island. You may remember us from our book drive in 1962.

Monday, March 24, found us relaxing at the Villa Capri Motel, which has been our home away from home for about 11 years. Unfortunately, that morning a guest became seriously ill. I was highly impressed with the prompt and efficient cooperation of your rescue squad. They responded instantly to Marshall Tabacci's S.O.S., very professionally attended the ailing guest and took him to the hospital at Fort Myers.

This being our first experience with an emergency, has endeared us, even more, to your peaceful Island.

May God bless your volunteer squad.

/s/ Margaret & John Fenko
Pompano Beach, Fla.

To The Islander:

Although many of us were under the impression that the subject of high-risers on Sanibel-Captiva had been deferred to the Fall of this year, the Board of County Commissioners has recently sent out a mailing to wit:

"The hearing of Feb. 17, 1970 pertaining to a zoning classification to limit the height of buildings to 35 feet ("H") zoning, will be continued at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 1970."

Needless to say that since the Board has indicated, through this notification, how vitally interested they are in knowing our opinions in this crucial matter, we should all make an enormous showing in person to get this question settled in favor of limiting the height of buildings on Sanibel-Captiva.

There is no more important matter at present than this zoning to all those dedicated to the salvation of the Islands.

/s/ Cy Biscardi
Sanibel Home Owner.

THAT WAS THE WEEK
THAT WAS WET

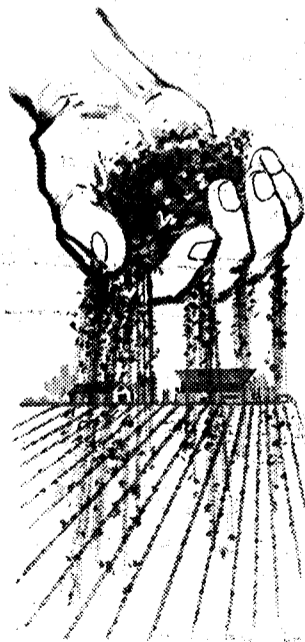
It has been facetiously said that one day the islands would sink under the sheer weight of the tourists that jam our land particularly at the Christmas and Easter holidays. This past week as we drove through foot deep puddles that in some spots almost obliterated the roads, it began to look as though that prediction

might come true. With those torrential spring rains the water simply had no more place to go, the sand we call earth had reached a saturation point and many shallow new "lakes and ponds" suddenly appeared as if by magic. Not only was it damp but it gave an eerie unfamiliar aspect to the landscape. Suddenly there were new sanctuaries for aquatic birds where only a few days before had been a developers dream of future wealth. Then too, there were the many frustrations of an unusual weather phenomena like stalled cars, musty houses along with the special island frustrations of temperamental phone and electricity outages. Yes, it was "un-usual" weather and a trying time for tourists and residents alike for we island-maniacs are especially vulnerable to weather conditions. We could write it off by saying, "that's the price we pay for living on an island paradise."

But then I heard about the latest island status symbol; to have a septic tank and drain field in good operation. Shouldn't this problem alone give us all pause to reflect that there are more than esthetic reasons why the progressive development of these islands should be approached with more caution and firmness? Are we willing to risk adding ground pollution to the already overburdened problem of air and water pollution that threatens us all with extinction? Since we haven't learned to do anything about our weather maybe we should be thinking about doing something about our status symbol. It surely would be great to have the only off shore island free of any pollution. Think on it.

/s/ An Islander.

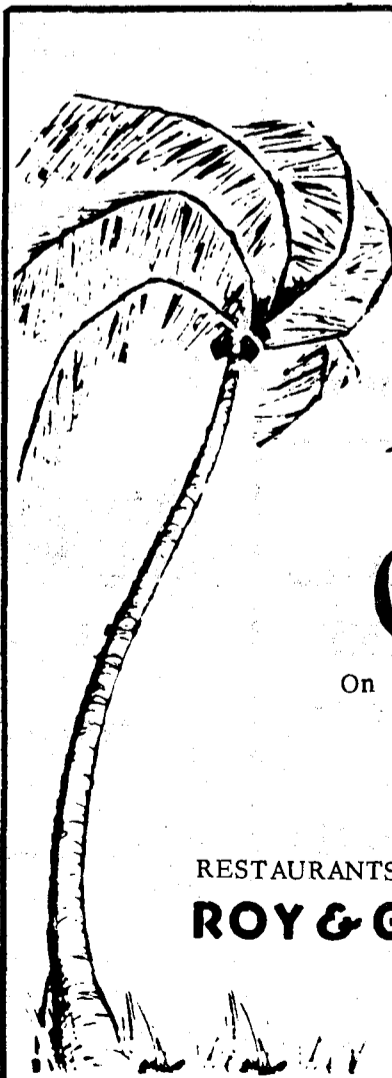
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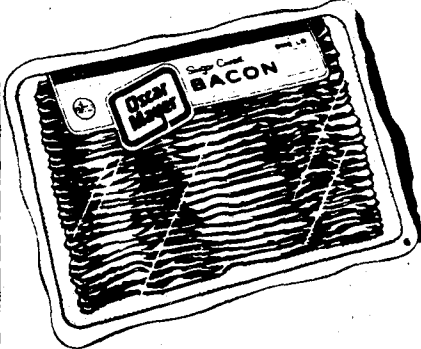
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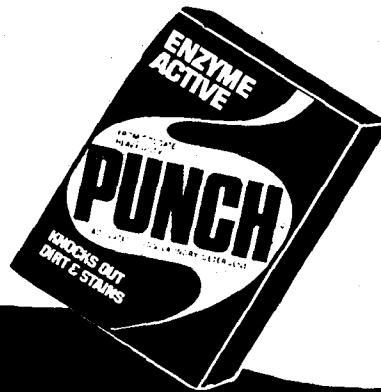
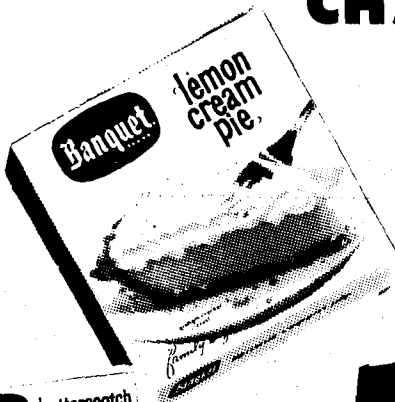
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Amaryllis can lend spring beauty to your landscape according to the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association (FNGA.) These bulbs are easy to grow, produce an abundance of flowers, and have relatively few problems. The major problem encountered in growing amaryllis is red blotch. This is a fungus that attacks the leaves causing a large red lesion. The disease over-winters down in the center portion of the bulb. When the

new leaves grow out the fungus is attached to the leaves, thus causing injury as the leaves continue to grow. A neutral copper spray will prevent excessive spreading of the disease. The proper way to control the disease is to dig the bulbs in August or September and soak them in a solution of formaldehyde diluted in water. Use one pint to each ten gallons of water. Soak the bulbs one and one-half to two hours.

Amaryllis are easy to hybridize, but the seeds have a short viability. It will take young seedling amaryllis two years

to produce blossoms.

Aphids are numerous on citrus and other plants. Immediate steps should be taken for control of aphids, since they cause a curling of citrus leaves and a distortion of the foliage of other plants.

The secondary problem that results from aphids is sooty mold. This is a black fungus that feeds on the excrement of the aphid. Malathion is the best control. After the fruit has reached the size of a pea or larger, an oil spray can be applied to your citrus tree which will cause the sooty mold to flake off of the

leaves. Avoid using oil more often than at 30-day intervals. If used more frequently you may have leaf burn, fruit drop, or leaf drop.

Mole crickets in the lawns are a real problem at this time of year. Bahia grasses are especially susceptible to these insects. The mole cricket works the upper inch or two of the soil cutting off roots and letting air down to the roots which in turn causes the bahia to thin out. Mole crickets can fly and migrate from one area to another.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Priscilla Murphy, Realtor reports the following sales:

John Ed. Pearce of Louisville, Ky., to Olaf Isachsen of E. Lansing, Mich., a lot in Southwinds.

Vera M. Cantor, a lot on Cayocosta from Jim Spivey.

Vera M. Cantor, lot in La Costa Isles from Travis A. Gresham, Jr.

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J. F. Pate General Contractors Inc. were issued building permits to start construction on the third and fourth buildings in the Sunset South Condominium Complex located off Tulipa Way on Sanibel Island. Each permit was issued for \$110,000 worth of construction.

Sunset South is being developed on a large parcel overlooking the Gulf of Mexico and adjacent to a golf course now under construction. Pate during past months has completed two four-unit buildings and a recreation complex for the development. Construction of the two new buildings is expected to take about nine months.

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AUDUBON MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society holds its annual meeting tonight, April 9 at 8 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House. Following the president's and treasurer's reports, members will vote on the slate of candidates submitted by the nominating committee, including officers for a one year term: Mario F. Hutton for president, Griffing Bancroft for vice-president, and Louise Goodwin for secretary-treasurer. Hal H. Harrison, Erard A. Matthiessen and Julie Miller have been nominated for three year terms as directors, and Dr. Elmer L. Severinghaus for a two year term. Serving unexpired terms from previous years will be the following directors: Marion Cannon, Edmund Carnahan and Clarence R. Conklin, in addition to Roy E. Bazire, chairman of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, appointed 'ex officio'.

The evening's program will include two fascinating color film produced by the Kentucky State Wildlife Department. Titled "Kentucky Feathered Rainbow" and "Kentucky Whitetail and his Friends," both these prize-winning movies have been widely acclaimed as among the best of their kind. As usual, the meeting is open to the public, and all are cordially invited.

SANIBEL HOSTS MISSOURI STUDENTS

During the big rains of March 25 and 26 a group of Biology majors from the University of Missouri-St. Louis fought their way around the clock collecting and preparing vertebrate and invertebrate specimens from the area. They were washed out of their camp, buffeted at sea, and constantly soaked to the skin but on their tight budget they had to keep to their pre-planned schedule in order to include all the phases of this first field trip into Florida. The group was headed by Dr. Frank Moyer, head of the Biology Department and his two associate Professors, Drs. George & Muriel Babcock and included five students: Mary Chubb, Phil Burch, Mike Pursley, George Taylor and Steve Wortman, all of St. Louis. Dr. Moyer is no stranger to Sanibel for he is responsible for the meeting of the Bio-Chemists Isozymes Conference which is held here in December. This is not to be confused with the Quantum Theorists but is a group of 40 members from the field of Bio-Chemistry who are interested in the multiple molecular forms of enzymes. This group has previously met in Williamsburg, Va, and Galveston, Texas but have found Sanibel much more conducive to their studies.

The March field trip had been pre-planned with the Schriners of Sanibel when Dr. Moyer was here in December and the big guess was what will the weather be like? On arrival the students made a heroic stand to make camp in the first down pour but were finally convinced to make a strategic retreat to the Schriener home where the bedrolls went down on the floor and the dryer kept turning out dry clothes in shifts for 72 hours.

First stop was to pile everyone into the Land Rover for Ding Darling Sanctuary. Just behind their entrance, Charles LeBuff put up the barricade warning of impassable roads. Here the rains were turned into a real asset for an abundance of birds were seen calmly standing at an "arms-length" range because of their reluctance to risk flight with wet feathers. Pictures were taken with waterproof cameras through the open windows of the Land Rover and may prove highly valuable because of the bird attitudes under these adverse conditions. At one time the spoonbills braved the weather and made a magnificent close-up overflight in some semblance of formation. The group will be forever grateful for the fine work done at Ding Darling which gave them this opportunity to see the results of the battle for the preservation of an ecology.

Some of these students had never been to sea, on a boat, or had seen live sea specimens. A preliminary classroom session was held at the Schriener home where they viewed and discussed seashells and the sea life they could expect to collect from this area; they saw shells uncleaned, were told something of their habits and life cycles, were shown fossil counterparts of species they would find both here and in the Keys which was to be their next stop. Heretofore their only experience with sea life or mollusks had been obtained through text books or the salt water aquarium Dr. Moyer had set up in the laboratory. Incidentally, it is one of the very few successful inland salt water installations in the country. The youthful enthusiasm of the entire group pulled them through the next two rough days without one complaint or one seasick stomach. Dr. Moyer and his associates are to be congratulated for their intensive work with these young people.

During Thursday's heaviest rainfall these stalwarts were out dredging and netting for live specimens. Two boats shuttled students and teachers from shore to dredger and back to shore where specimens were sorted into waiting pails and vials. No one mentioned the rain seeping under rain gear as new wonders of the sea were uncovered. Their enthusiasm and dedication was such that they worked right through the night preparing specimens for transport home.

In the first weak sunshine they had seen since their arrival they were able to have a brief session on the plant life of the area rounding out all major phases of the biological environs. Dr. Moyer is hopeful that these natural attributes can be maintained on the Islands for many years to come. Both he and the Drs. Babcock feel this area is unique in the scope and variety of fields it offers to scientific study. They would hope to be able to bring other student groups here for future field study strips. As residents we owe it to ourselves as well as to science to continue this as a place of scientific research even though it may only be in the awakening of an inquiring mind.

As the group left the island for the next stop at Corkscrew Swamp, John Pennecamp Park and to the University of Miami's experimental boat they all agreed that Sanibel was all Dr. Moyer had told them it would be --- even in the rain.

Activities Calendar



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

Card Game Night is sponsored by the Sanibel Community Association at the Community House on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Table and drink prizes, plus refreshments. All for 50¢ per person.

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

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

Lions Club of Sanibel-Captiva meets at 6:30 p.m., first & third Wednesday of each month at the Golden Sands Restaurant, Periwinkle Drive, Sanibel.

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

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.

Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club meets the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

Southwest Florida Conchologist Society meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the South Recreation Hall, 1801 Gulf View Drive, Ft. Myers, Fla.

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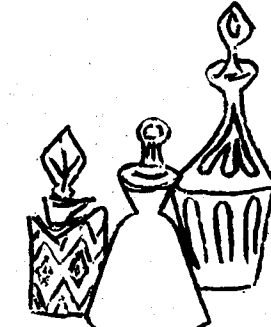


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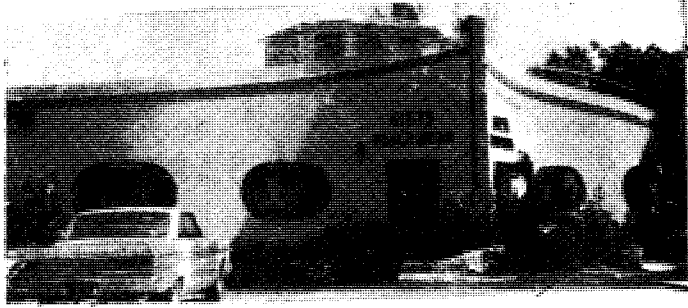
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Dash of nutmeg
3 tbsp. dry sherry

Combine in a large saucepan the chicken stock, cream, milk, liquid from the oysters, butter, Worcestershire sauce and pepper. Bring to a simmer, but do not boil. Set aside. Flake crabmeat with fork. Peel and coarsely chop shrimp. Very small oysters may be used whole, otherwise, quarter into bite size pieces. Add seafoods to liquid and return to stove. Simmer for 15 minutes. Remove from fire, add sherry and a dash of nutmeg. Serve hot. Garnish with a sprinkle of paprika. Makes 12 servings.

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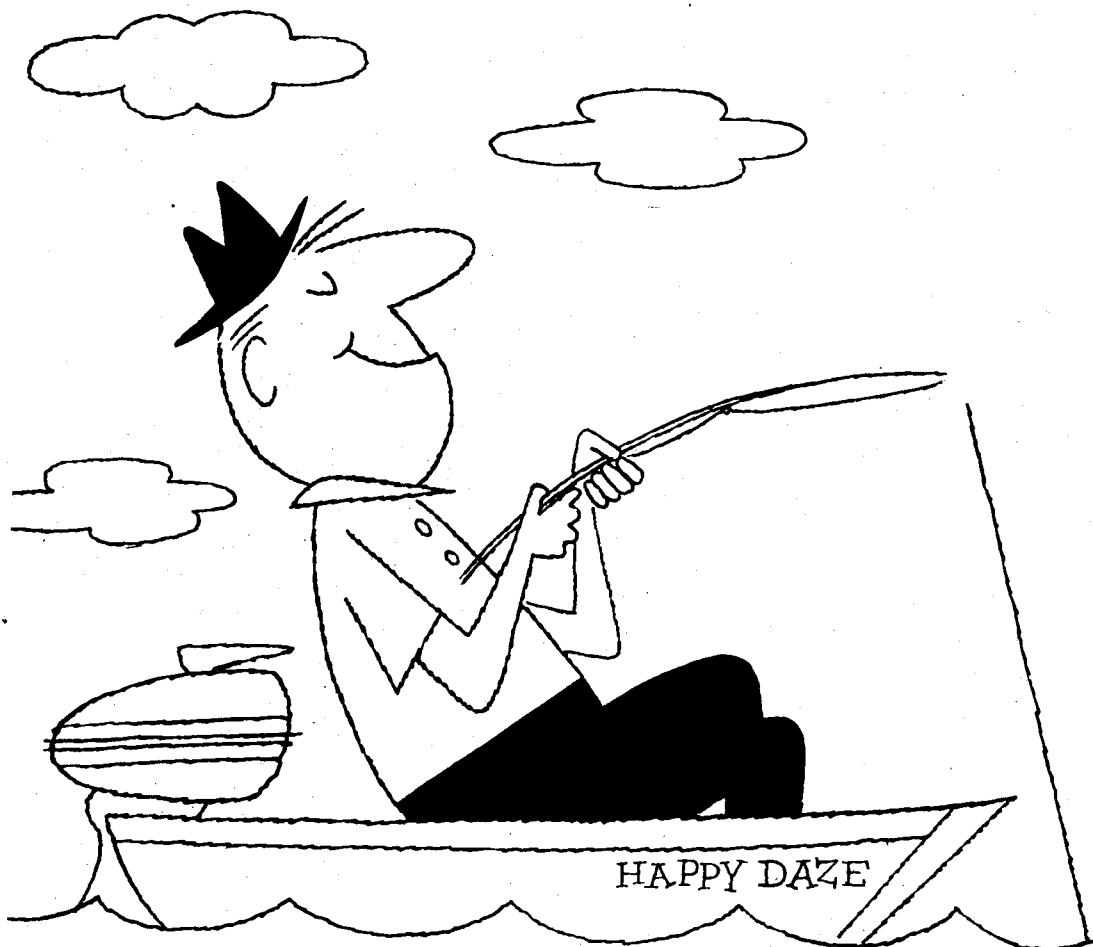
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