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One million dollars for the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge was approved July 21 by the Senate-House conference committee as part of the Department of Interior appropriations bill. Senator Spessard L. Holland, Democrat of Florida, phoned the information direct to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife's office on Sanibel, and to the chairman of the board of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

The Conservation Foundation learned on Monday, through Dick Koss of Des Moines, Iowa, that the bill was in conference committee, with the Senate version calling for \$1,500,000 (put in by Senator Holland), but only \$250,000 in the House bill. The Foundation's board chairman phoned Senator Holland and Congressman James A. Haley (through his Fort Myers representative, Mrs. Burnett Bloodworth.)

Although not on the conference committee, Senator Holland promised to use his influence to assure the maximum appropriation -- and succeeded. The entire island community is indebted to Senator Holland for his interest in the Darling Refuge -- an interest that goes back to the 1930s when Mr. Darling sought to get these lands into a federal refuge, with the support of the then Governor Holland.

ENDANGERED ISLAND PLANTS

When people ask me what plants are endangered on the Islands, I'm sometimes tempted to say, "Everything except cabbage palms, Australian pines and sanspurs." If you'll look around near the causeway and along Rabbit road you'll know what I mean.

But seriously, the threat to plant life is one of our major problems --- not only on the Islands, but all over the country. After all, all life --- including our own --- depends upon plants. Plants are the basic food upon which all animals exist. They're the organisms that absorb the poisons, pollutions, and waste materials, and turn them back into substances that can be used again. And, highly important, they take up the carbon dioxide that animals exhale and chimneys produce, and release the oxygen that we need to breathe.

Scientists are pointing out that our air pollution is being made much worse through the destruction of the forests that normally would absorb most of the harmful gases.

So when we, properly, worry about endangered mammal, bird, reptile and marine life, we should also worry about the less obvious plants that provide the food, shelter, and oxygen these animals need. Lose the plants, and you lose everything.

Well, this aspect takes in too much territory to cover here. So let's narrow it down to some specific plants.

Some people may be surprised at my choice for the Number 1 plant to worry about. It's the mangrove, or more accurately the mangroves. You say, "Good Lord! Mangroves are growing all over the place." And they are. Now. But every time a "developer" comes along, what's his prime choice? Waterfront, naturally. And most remaining waterfront is where the mangroves are growing. It's a little hard to build houses in a mangrove swamp. So he knocks down the trees, scoops out some canals, and uses the fill to raise the level of the fingers in between.

This doesn't violate bulkhead laws. So even if the bulkhead laws were observed strictly, and I'm afraid a million dollars can ooze around a lot of bulkhead lines, it wouldn't stop turning the mangrove swamps into subdivisions. Look at Marco Island --- if you can stand to!

Not many people understand that mangroves are highly important to our whole ecology. In addition to their building land and combatting marine pollution, mangroves are the nursery for shrimp and many food fish. If you think shrimp are high priced now, just wait until the mangrove swamps are gone! Losing the mangroves will also mean the end of our shrimp fisheries, valued at more than three million dollars for Lee County alone. It will cut heavily into the equally valuable commercial fisheries, to say nothing of the sport fishing that's one of the reasons tourists come to Florida. Even ignoring the conservation angle, destroying the mangroves means that Florida and Floridians are going to lose a lot of money.

Putting it on this sordid dollar loss basis may be one way to get our officials to wake up to what's happening. But with all the money the developers are making out of it, I'm afraid it's going to be awfully hard to stop before it's too late.

Stopping mangrove destruction is a large scale political job. But we as individuals can do something about other endangered plants. About 40 species of Florida plants are protected by state law. Strictly speaking, a few of them aren't exactly endangered. They were put on the list to stop commercial gatherers from shipping them out of the state in truckload and even freightcar-load lots, and few plants can stand that kind of pressure. Even with the laws, just last summer some people were caught on Bowman's Beach filling a truck with sea oat heads.

The most rapidly disappearing are the native orchids. Less than ten years ago you could find wild butterfly orchids commonly in the mangroves, and all over the dry jungle where the Sanctuary exits comes out on Wulfert road. I remember single plants that would fill a bushel basket. Today? Well, I know of a few wild orchid plants, but they're way back in the boondocks where only nuts like botanists go.

At least we have a feeble few orchids left. But one beautiful shrub apparently has


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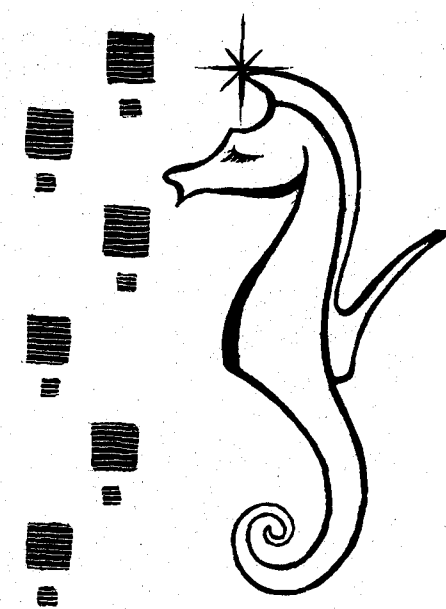
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Mr. & Mrs. Frank Magee and their daughter, Mrs. Janet Galloway and their grandchildren, Gary and Terri are here from Cincinnati, Ohio having a lot of fun. Terri celebrated her first birthday complete with cake and the trimmings.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ador from Orlando are on the islands for rest and relaxation.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Boal and children are here from Jacksonville. Also from Jacksonville, are Mr. & Mrs. Hallerman and their children.

Capt. & Mrs. Morris Foster and their daughters, Susan and Diane, are visiting from Key Biscayne. They are one of President Nixon's neighbors.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Drake from Oxford are enjoying the beach and quiet.

Dr. & Mrs. Ackdoo and their daughters came from Cincinnati for a return visit. They were here last Easter.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hull and their children are on Sanibel from Atlanta, Ga. Rev. & Mrs. John Mormon and daughters are visiting from Letitz, Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Martin and their children are here from Indianapolis for a much needed rest.

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WHO'S WHO AND WHY

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JIMI and JERRY BELLOWES, with Miss BETSI NEWMAN of Fort Myers arrived in Fair Haven, N.Y. to spend the rest of the summer. Jerry flew to the beach last week to visit old friends and help with the driving north. He will be a senior at Webb Institute of Naval Architecture in Glen Cove, N.Y. this fall.

Next weekend the Bellows expect MARY AHRENHOLZ, LESLIE, ERIC and TONY of Primo Drive, Fort Myers Beach. They will leave Eric with the Bellows until the end of August when they head back to the beach. The Ahrenholzes are visiting in Middletown, N.Y.

Mr. & Mrs. TOM HUTSELL, formerly of Leawood, Kansas, have moved into their new home on Sand Dollar Drive, Shell Harbor, Sanibel. The Hutsells have vacationed on Sanibel for the past 19 years, and have seen quite a change in the islands over that period of time.

Both are avid shellers, and have brought back to the islands their rather extensive collection of Florida shells.

Mr. Hutsell was formerly manager of Training and Selection for the Western Auto Supply Company at their home office in Kansas City.

ALICE ALECK, daughter of Mrs. MARY ALECK, along with 200 other students from all over the U.S. are touring Greece under the Byzantine Fellowship of the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America. They will wind up their trip with a three day tour of Athens.

Rev. & Mrs. JAMES KALARIS and family are here from Washington visiting Mr. & Mrs. JOHN KONTINOS and Mrs. MARY ALECK. Mrs. Kalaris and Mr. Kontinos are sister and brother. Also visiting is Miss JEAN KONTINOS, another sister.

PAUL REYNOLDS from Middletown, Ohio is visiting his brother, DELLMAR REYNOLDS. He bought a mobile home in Sun 'n Fun Trailer Park at the Orange River Bridge on Palm Beach Blvd. where he and his wife will spend the winter. He is staying at Gulf Breeze Cottages.

BOB and MIKE DORMER are continuing their tour of Europe. At last report they were in Switzerland and climbing the Matterhorn. They hiked and climbed six hours to the last station.

THE COLONY GUESTS

Guests enjoying a vacation at The Colony are: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Strehelen, Jr. and family of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. Howard Davison and children from Boca Raton, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Henderson and family from LaGrange Park, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. Don Sowder of Evansville, Ind.; Mr. & Mrs. C. Knispel and family from Park Forest, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. Byron Stewart, Jr. and children of Independence, Mo.; Mr. & Mrs. Joe McCormick and family from Avondale Estates, Ga. with their friends Mr. & Mrs. Ed Munson and family of Houston, Texas; Miss Dolores Sundwall from W. Palm Beach, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Carroll and two children from Louisville, Ky.; Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Daly and family from Winter Park, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Burali-Forti and two children of Peoria, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. David Sloan and children of Dayton, Ohio; Capt. & Mrs. H. T. Reynolds and children of Homestead AFB, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. M. R.

MOODY-WINN WED

Mrs. Judith Ann Moody of Miami and Mr. Ronald Winn of Hialeah were wed Saturday, July 18 at 6:00 in the First Baptist Church on Sanibel. Mrs. Winn is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bunnell of the Surfrider.

Mr. Dave White of Hialeah was the best man. The bride's sister, Mrs. Mel Canterbury of Miami, was the matron of honor. The marriage was performed by Rev. Jack E. Otis.

Those attending the wedding included Mrs. Susan Willy of Hialeah and Mrs. Sadie McKelvie of Jacksonville, sisters of the bride, and Mr. & Mrs. John Nowicki, parents of the groom.

A reception followed at the Golden Sands.

As of July 25 the couple are making their home in South Miami.

SHANNON MOODY who has spent the year with his grandparents, the BUNNELS, will return to Miami with his mother.

SIGN ORDINANCE

A sign ordinance which would add restrictions to the present sign zoning was discussed by Sanibel Island boosters and their attorney, Mike Jackson, with the board but no final action was taken. The intent is to keep Sanibel from growing up in billboards but it would have to have countywide availability. Realtor James Fortiner cited potential damage if zones were established on the mainland. The ordinance would prohibit off-premise signs and limit the size and location of on-premise signs but would allow existing signs to continue indefinitely. At issue is the percentage of landowners in an area necessary to petition for a hearing.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 1970.

SURCHARGE SOUGHT

A special surcharge is being sought on garbage and trash collections to save some franchise holders from losses due to special problems which the county uniform rate won't cover. The leading example is Sanibel Island, where bridge tolls cost the collectors \$2,000 last year, the Harlem Heights landfill is the nearest dumping point, and customers are acres apart down separate sand roads. Franchise operators seeking relief will be heard in September.

POT LUCK DINNER CANCELLED

The Board of Directors of the Sanibel Community Association announced that there will NOT be a pot luck dinner on Tuesday, August 4. The next pot luck dinner will be on the usual date, the first Tuesday of September.



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Choral Morning Service.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
The Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS:
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SUNDAY:
Morning Service.....7:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY SERVICES:
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Worship.....11 a.m.
Evening Worship.....7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Prayer Meeting.....7:30 p.m.

SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Dr. H. E. Sheely, Pastor
The Rev. W. H. Sloan, Acting Pastor
Morning Worship.....11 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.



Activities
Calendar

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

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 Res-
taurant, 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,

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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Letter To The Editor

To The Islander:

On page two of the July 24 issue of Life Magazine, is an article by Rene Dubos that should be required reading for everybody. He describes the real tragedy that is in store for us if we destroy our natural environment. Man as a species could survive and even adapt to a life devoid of the quality we now have, he says, but he would lose his "humanity." *We would be less than people for the instincts of man's dim past survive in us still and we have deep needs to return to the earth, the sea and the sky. Survival is not enough for if the creative aspects of our environment are lost, so are we.* He says much more, including this: "The problem of environment involves the salvation and enhancement of those positive values which man uses to develop his humanness. It involves, ultimately, a social organization in which each person has much freedom in selecting the stage on which to act his life: a peaceful village green, the banks of a river, the exciting plaza of a great city." Or, perhaps, a serenely rustic tropical island? In the same issue, read the article on signs.

We, on Sanibel and Captiva, want to be free of city buildings, traffic, noise, pollution, billboards -- and types who blow the whistle on everything constructive we are trying to do! And do the people in the rest of Lee County have a right to exert some control over their surroundings? You bet they do! So let's put it all into the new zoning code and get on with it -- greedy, private interests notwithstanding.

/s/ Elinore Dormer
Sanibel

To The Islander:

A copy of the following letter sent to Mr. Daniels, Chairman of Lee County Commissioners was sent to the Islander for publication.

Dear Sir:

Once again there seems to be a need to urge the Board of County Commissioners to vote against high risers on Sanibel and Captiva.

In the May meeting, the Fort Myers Board of Realtors joined the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Committee in agreeing that these islands are indeed unique and should have special zoning applied.

What has happened since then to forestall the Commissioners' decision?

It has been proved over and over that Sanibel and Captiva are unique entities -- once destroyed never to be seen again. And destroyed they will be unless the Board of County Commissioners act with firmness and emphasis to defeat those few who would line their pockets at the expense of the many who would forever be deprived of the beauty and wonders of these precious islands.

As a Sanibel property owner for the past ten years, and one who expects to be a permanent resident, may I respectfully urge you to restrict building heights once and for all and thus preserve another natural resource of which this nation is so sorely in need.

/s/ Cyrus Biscardi

Roslyn Heights, Long Island, N.Y.

To The Islander:

As there are generally two sides to most any issue, I would like to say a word or two for people, like myself, who are all for orderly progress and a golf course on Sanibel Island.

The statement that life is a disease which infests the planet might be extreme but one which our newly termed ecologists, in some cases, might hold with. Exception to high rise and high density for Sanibel and Captiva may well be justified, but to object to and to impede the construction of (which will be) a most beautiful 18 hole golf course carved out of mostly swamp land which has been of no use to any persons because of inaccessibility just seems ridiculous. Birds, fish and gators have already been allotted hundreds of acres on the islands which are inviolated by law.

A few people have built nice homes around what they choose to call a lake or pond on Sanibel, but if anyone else digs a hole they call it a 'borrow pit.' These people should realize that the primary purpose of the 'lake' was to provide suitable elevation for their homes.

Great concern has been expressed over salt water which was pumped from a canal near the Gulf into the Sanibel fresh water system. This material was necessary for the filling and construction of the afore mentioned golf course, and

for bringing up to habitable grade, which is established by your County Commissioners, lots and homesites which make the golf course a profitable venture. Any high school graduate can tell you that sea water is heavier than fresh water and as such, remains on the bottom of any pit, lake or canal (which is not connected to a source of tide or seawater.) High tides and hurricanes have caused sea water to flow into our fresh water system, which we call the Sanibel River many times in the past but the fresh rain water has always taken over as it always will. Sanibel can never remain a vast natural preserve for game and birds in its entirety, but must take its place, with all others, as a controlled progressive community.

/s/ Bill Way
Sanibel, Fla.



THE ISLAND GARDENER

Most permanent residents in Florida have little to choose from in the way of color from annual plants in the summer months according to the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association (FNGA). There are a few that do quite well, however: zinnias, marigolds, and wishbone flowers. These can be planted throughout the summer and the choice of the size of plants when full grown is quite varied. There are the dwarf or bush type zinnias, the small french marigolds, and then, of course, the large sizes in both. The wishbone flower does best when planted in the shade, and if cared for properly will bloom until late fall.

Zinnias and marigolds have had several problems this year. The two most prevalent disorders are damping off and red spider. Red spider frequently takes up residence on the underneath side of the marigold leaves. The feeding of these insects causes the upper surface of the leaves to become silvery gray. The infestation may be so heavy that the plant will become stunted. Zinnias are subject to powdery mildew, according to the FNGA. This can be controlled by Acti Dione PM or Karathane.

Both of these plants are subject to damping off. This condition is sometimes accentuated by over watering.

It is advisable to sterilize annual beds yearly. This would be necessary for either summer or winter annuals.

Since there is a lack of availability of annuals, the homeowner may want to revert to perennials for summer color. Here you have a rather wide choice. Pentas, rather exotic looking plants common to all of central and south Florida, grow easily, bloom profusely, and can be obtained in colors from white to deep red. The plants may reach a height of two or three feet, but can be kept low by periodical pruning.

The shrimp plant is an excellent perennial providing a constant bloom throughout the summer months. Once it is established there are few problems encountered according to the FNGA. Shrimp plants should be fertilized about once a month for best flower production.



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BUZZING LOVER: Gently he pushed her quivering shoulders back against the chair. She raised her beseeching eyes in which faint hope and fear were struggling. From her parted lips, her breath came in short wrenching gasps. Reassuringly, he smiled at her. B-zzzzzzz went the dentist's drill.

'TAINT FAIR: Life isn't fair to men. When they are born their mothers get

matt tanza's memories

HELLO FOLKS:

My wife and I have just returned from a trip through the mountains of New England and Pennsylvania. One of the places we stopped at was an old farm house. Another place we stopped at was a new, modern home. In this new, modern home was a spacious kitchen. It was equipped with every modern mechanical and electrical gadget you could think of. There were two ovens and a broiler. All you did to cook anything was to place it in the oven, or the broiler, push a few buttons and a bell rang or a red light flashed when you were supposed to take it out. You peeled potatoes with one contraption and mashed them with another. You blended the salad dressing with a machine, cut the roast with an electric knife, and so on, ad infinitum. The immaculate ceiling, walls and floor reeked with antisepticity.

The farm house took me back to an era when the kitchen was the most pleasant room in the house. The coal range was used year around except in the very hot weather when an oil stove took over. On a winter's evening you gathered around the kitchen table with your friends. A game of cards, or just plain talk substituted for today's TV. Before the friends left piping hot coffee was poured from a coffee kettle through a strainer to keep out the grounds and the egg shells. A piece of home made pie or hot corn bread went along with the coffee. In the summertime it was lemonade and fresh fruit.

I felt at home in the old farmhouse. The house with the modern kitchen reminded me of an institution.

Back in the early twenties some friends wanted to drive to Niagara Falls. They asked me if I would go along and help with the driving. We stopped one night at a farm house in Sharon Springs in New York's cherry valley. We slept on mattresses stuffed with feathers and under quilts filled with eider down.

In the morning we had to go outside and break the ice in the trough by the pump to wash. (It was early fall.) For breakfast we were served cereal with fresh cream, a stack of pancakes with butter and maple syrup, a thick slice of ham with eggs, german fried potatoes, coffee and pie. We were asked if we wanted chops or steak. I don't think any of us left anything on the plates.

Were these better times? Statistically, they were not. People died right and left of tuberculosis. There was no sulphur or antibiotics to fight pneumonia and other infectious diseases. When you got real sick, chances were it was the end. I remember the "Flu" epidemic right around the end of World War I. People dropped like flies. People know more about health today and how to preserve it.

However, people were happier then. With all the chores to be attended to they still had more leisure time. They read anything that was printed. They studied and practiced music, even the humblest. The family was a closely knit unit. You took care of your own -- sans social security -- sans medicare and medicaid -- sans Blue Cross and Blue Shield -- sans welfare -- sans etcetera and etcetera and sans the "Do Gooders."

I'm glad I lived through it all.

With love,
Matt Tanza.

the compliments and the flowers. when they get married their brides get the presents and the publicity. When they die their widows get the insurance and the winters in Florida.

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TOMATOES WITH CRAB MEAT DRESSING

1 lb. blue crab meat, fresh
1 cup grated carrot
2 hard cooked eggs, chopped
1 Tbsp. chopped onion
1 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 tsp. prepared mustard
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
18 tomato slices
6 lettuce leaves

Combine carrot, egg, onion and crab meat. Combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, mustard, salt and pepper, mix thoroughly. Add mayonnaise mixture to crab mixture, toss lightly. Chill. Arrange 3 tomato slices on each lettuce leaf, sprinkle with salt. Top tomatoes with approximately 2/3 cup crab meat dressing. Serves 6.

SHRIMP SANDWICHES

1/2 lb. cooked, peeled and cleaned shrimp
1 cup creamed cottage cheese
1/2 cup drained crushed pineapple
1/3 cup mayonnaise
2 tsp. lemon juice
1/2 tsp. salt
12 slices buttered cracked wheat bread
6 lettuce leaves

Chop shrimp. Drain cottage cheese. Combine all ingredients except bread and lettuce. Chill. Spread 6 slices of bread with approximately 1/3 cup shrimp mixture. Cover with lettuce and remaining 6 slices of bread. Cut each sandwich in half diagonally. Serves 6.

WATER-BROILED FISH

FILLETS WITH EGG SAUCE

1-1/2 lbs. fresh fish fillets
Lemon juice
Salt and pepper
Paprika
1 tsp. margarine
2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
2 Tbsp. minced green onion
2 Tbsp. minced green pepper
1 Tbsp. minced parsley

Rinse fish quickly under running cold water and drain on paper towels. Cut in 4 or 5 portions and arrange, skin side down, in 11" x 7" broiler-proof baking pan. Fold tail parts double so all portions are of same thickness. Pour boiling water over fish to half its thickness. Sprinkle with lemon juice, salt, pepper and paprika. Broil about 3" from heat 12 minutes, or until fish is opaque and flakes easily with fork. Remove fish from broth. Head 1/3 cup broth and remaining ingredients and serve on fish. Makes 4 or 5 servings, 150 to 185 calories per serving.

CRAB CURRY

2 Tbsp. butter or margarine
1/2 cup packaged frozen chopped onion
2 to 3 tsp. curry powder
2 10-oz. cans frozen cream of shrimp soup
2/3 cup milk
15 oz. crabmeat, drained and flaked
Cooked rice or toast

Melt butter in a large saucepan over moderately low heat (about 225F). Add onion and curry powder and cook over moderate heat (about 250 F) until onion is tender, about 5 minutes. Add soup and milk and cook until soup is thawed and well blended, stirring occasionally. Add crab and blend well. Cook until mixture is thoroughly heated. Serve over hot cooked rice or buttered toast. Serves 8.



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The Puffers, also known as Swellfish, can quickly inflate their bodies with air or water till they swell to three times normal size. When danger is past, they deflate just as rapidly. They live in shallow water, feeding on crabs and other invertebrates. Some Puffers are poisonous. Since the poison is extremely potent, it is unwise to use Puffers as food. The smooth Puffer, one of the largest species, is most common in Southern waters. It has prickles confined to area on belly. Up to 2 ft. in length. The northern Puffer is not common north of Cape Cod. It spawns in summer. The Bandtail Puffer, from Florida south, and Southern Puffer of the Gulf, are similar in form and size.



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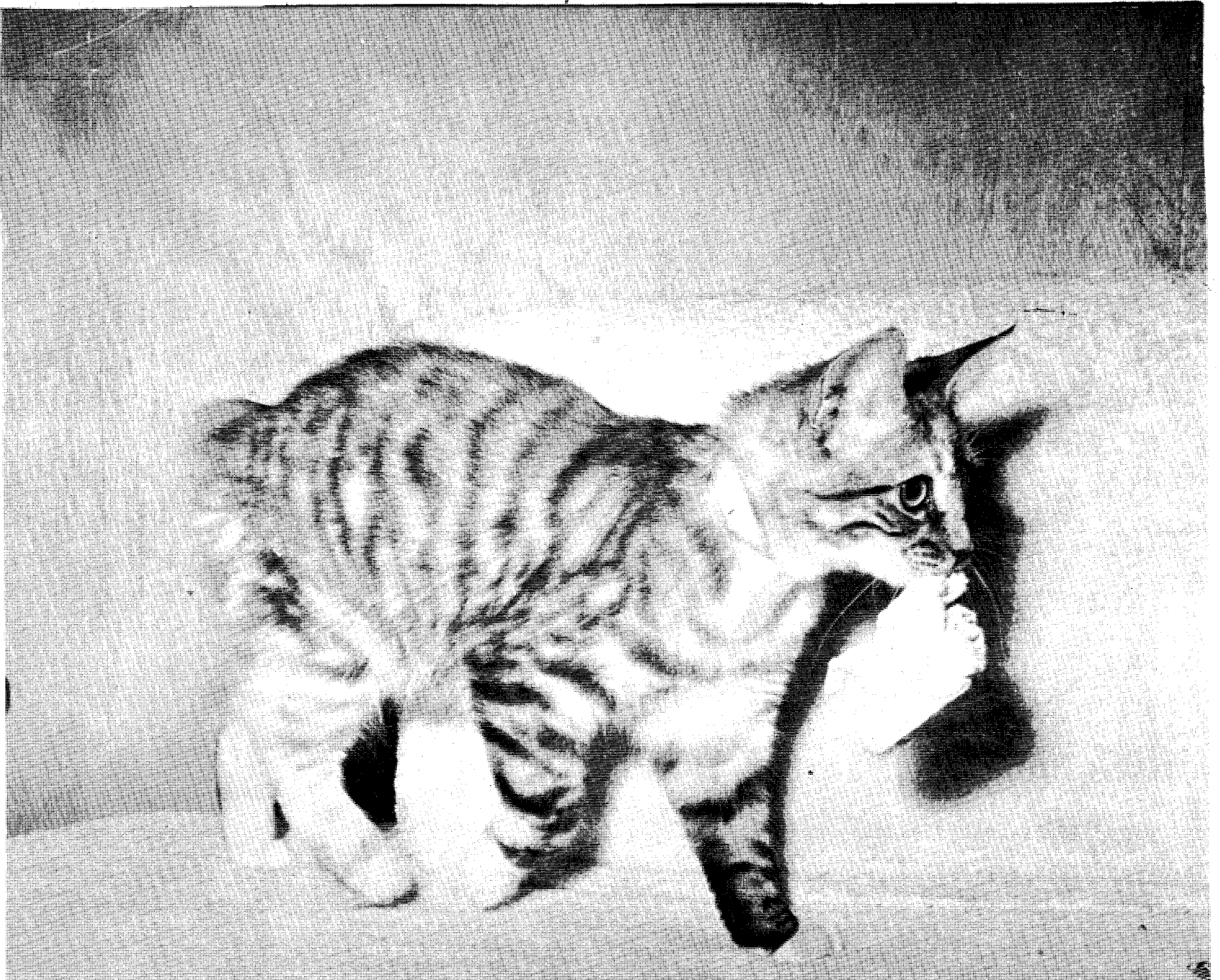
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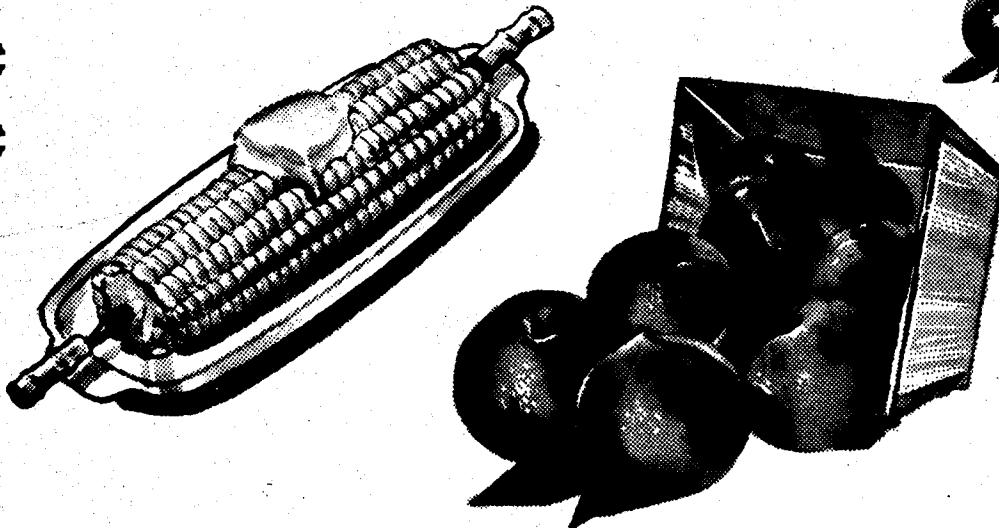
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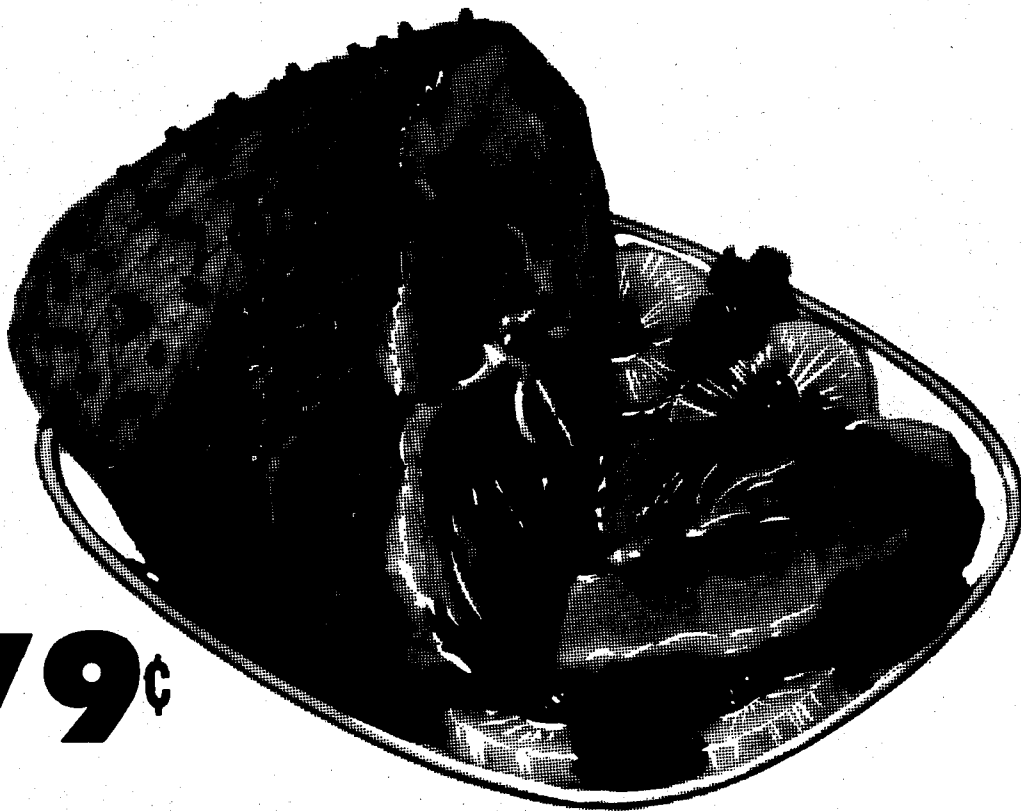
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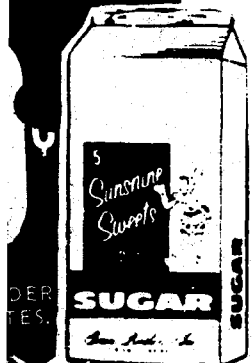
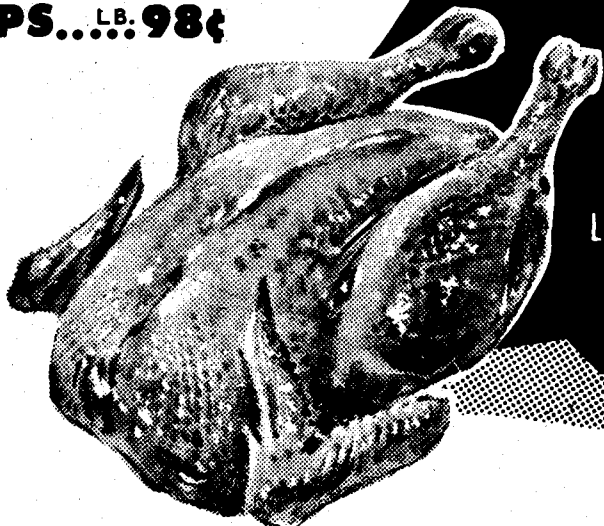
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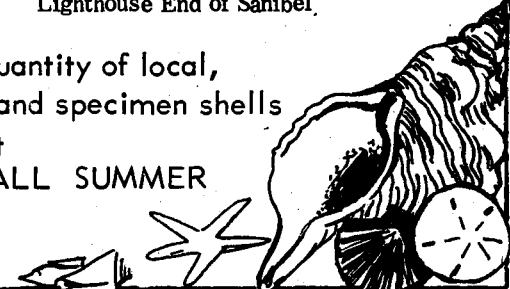
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The Spanish class which meets on Monday and Thursday evenings at the Sanibel Elementary School had a special treat last week. Monday evening Harry Borchers, one of the class members, gave a program showing color slides of a trip to Spain and Majorca. Mr. Borchers and his wife live in Shell Harbor. This class is taught by Vincent Tata under the Adult Education Program. He also teaches classes under this program in Fort Myers and is a regular teacher at Cypress Lake Junior High School.

This class was augmented by some of the husbands and wives of the regular members for this special program. Also two members of one of the Fort Myers classes attended.

ROAD TO LIGHTHOUSE

A new road is being put in to the Lighthouse and the road is blocked off. Those having official business there may go down the road to the fishing pier and come in that way.

EDISON PLAYERS

A reading of "The Caine Mutiny Court Marial," the fourth and final production of the Edison Players' current season, will be presented at 8 p.m., Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1 at the Edison Junior College Auditorium.

Starring as Captain Queeg, the role made famous by Humphrey Bogart, will be Clark Bell. John Wyatt will portray Lt. Barney Greenwald, the prosecuting attorney and Dean McMahon, the role of Jack Challee, the defense attorney.

The play, a court room drama, is the court martial proceedings against a young, upright lieutenant who relieved his captain, Captain Queeg, of command during a typhoon on grounds that the captain was psychopathic in the crisis and was directing the crew and the ship to its destruction. Herman Wouk adapted the play from his own Pulitzer Prize winning novel by the same title.

Others in the cast are Bill Wenzel, Lee Laack, Nick Arlington, Robert Favre, Tee Hill, George Goodrick, Joe Stilwell and Rick Boynton.

"The Caine Mutiny Court Martial" is directed by Ollie Smith and produced by Prudy Taylor.

Admission is free to members of the Edison Players. General admission tickets are now on sale at the Arcade Cigar Store at \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

OPEN HOUSE

Members and prospective members of the Southwest Florida Union of Voluntary Health Organizations met July 16 to plan an "Open House" for Sunday, October 11th. Dr. Mary Baker Davis, Fort Myers, President of the organization, appointed working committees to prepare for the event.

The Open House will be the first united effort of voluntary health organizations to acquaint the citizens of the county with the services they provide. The Open House will be staged at TB-RD association headquarters located at the 7-Eleven Shopping Plaza on Palm Beach Blvd. Plans are for educational displays and demonstrations both inside the offices and outside on the plaza. Organizations represented at the meeting were: Cancer, Alcoholism, Mental Health, LARC, TB-RD, Multiple Sclerosis and Easter Seals. Other organizations not present but that have indicated they will participate are: Heart, United Foundation and Muscular Dystrophy.

UNITED TELEPHONE NEWS

Murray M. MacDonald, area manager for United Telephone here for the past 15 months has resigned his position, effective July 31, to accept employment outside the company.

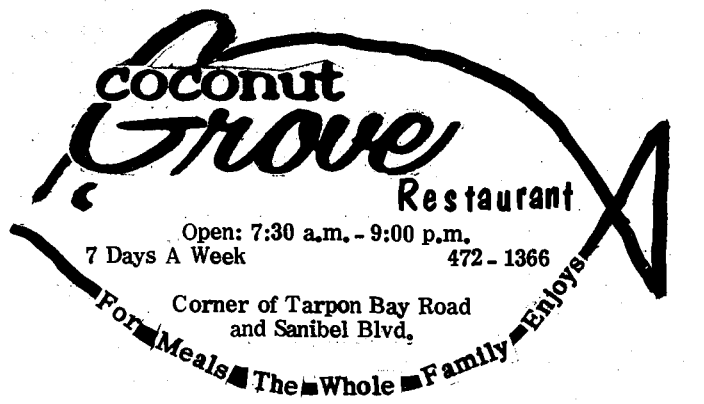
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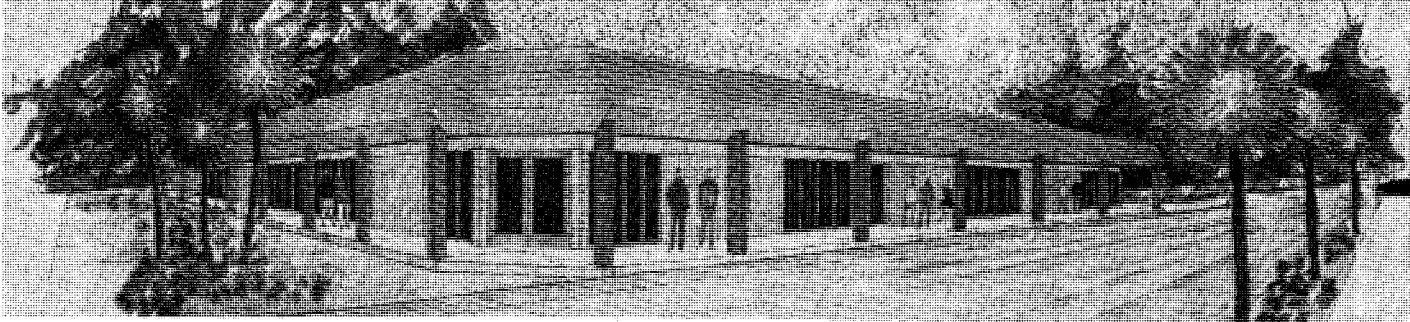


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ENDANGERED ISLAND PLANTS

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disappeared from the Islands. It's the true sea lavender --- *Tournefortia* -- not the introduced *Vitex* that's spreading along Casa Ybel Road, and that some people call sea lavender.

The real sea lavender is a most attractive low shrub, with silky grey leaves and heliotrope-like flowers, that grows along beaches and sand dunes. Dr. Provost included it in his study of Sanibel made some years ago, but right now I don't know of a single plant on either island. You can still find it in the Keys, but unless something is done to propagate it I suspect it won't be around much longer. You might say its beauty has been too much for it.

The Geiger tree is another example. In my book it's our most beautiful native tree, with large orange-red flowers growing in big clusters. A tree covered with bloom is a gorgeous sight. But again it's too beautiful, and it's now almost extinct in the wilds. Fortunately it grows easily and rapidly from seed, and ours bloomed when it was only 18 inches tall. Some nurseries are propagating it, so the Geiger tree will probably be saved. But only horticulturally.

The Jamaica dogwood is almost gone from Sanibel, I know of only a few trees. The most exposed of which are along the road running from the old Bailey road to Dixie Beach. If you're on Sanibel around the first of June, go look at them. They're gorgeous, with branches simply loaded with pink, white, and green pea-shaped flowers. The flowers are followed by curious winged pods, that look like nothing else I know. If the tree is in bloom, I think even the most hardened bulldozer would let it alone. But most of the year it's just "brush."

One of our most beautiful shrubs is also just "brush" much of the time. The necklace pod should start blooming before long, with big golden pea-shaped flowers in large clusters. A well-blooming bush is pretty spectacular. The flowers are followed by pods that look like a string of beads, and that are attractive in dried flower arrangements. The necklace pod also grows easily from seed, and it's well worth planting.

I could go on with a whole string of plants that the Islands are losing: the "living fossil" whisk fern, or *Psilotum*, that has remained unchanged for 350 million years since the Lower Devonian; the pond apple; the Cherokee bean, with beautiful heads of red flowers; the seaside gentian; the gutta percha maytens that grows only in four counties: Lee, Collier, Dade, and Monroe. Four counties only. The tree books specifically mention Captiva as one of its best locations. The biggest one I know is in the Gasparilla Hideout hammock at the end of the Sanctuary Road.

Yes, I'm afraid I could go on for some length. But you get the idea. I've been telling people I'm glad I got the color slides I've been taking over the last five years, because five years from now a lot of the plants won't be here to photograph.

Except, I hope, in somebody's yard. Because, except for the queer *Psilotum*, all the plants I've mentioned, plus others, are definitely worth planting in a yard. Their flowers and fruits are equal to many of our popular horticultural varieties. And being natives, they'll probably grow better.

So maybe we should do two things. First, we certainly should try to acquaint people with the desirable plants, and encourage them to plant seeds. Second, even though some of the plants are protected by law, if they're going to be bulldozed out I'm strongly in favor of letting people try to transplant them. When it's learned that

scorched-earth bulldozing is going to start somewhere, some organization should make it is business to get the developer's OK, and then invite the public to come dig the plants that will be lost. The developer doesn't want them. In fact, he might be glad to let the public salvage them in the hopes of softening the criticism he knows he'll get.

Sure, some of our best plants are hard to transplant. But if only a fraction of them live, it's that much better than losing all of them.

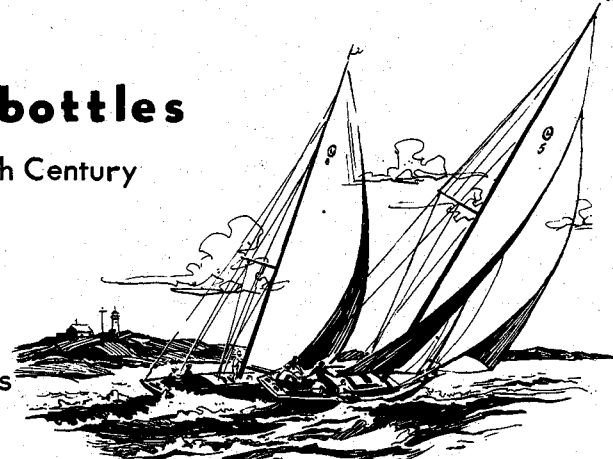
I said we should try to acquaint people with the plants we have. So as a small first step I have dried specimens of about 150 Island plants around the walls. Of course dried specimens don't do plants near as much justice as the actual flowers or fruit, or even color slides. But they can give you an idea about some of the native plants we should make an effort to save.

Right now there's still time. But I'll predict flatly that in five years it will be too late.

(The above speech was presented by Mr. Hervey Roberts, formerly of Captiva at the Third Annual Conservation Conference, Sanibel, January 22, 23 and 24, 1970, sponsored by Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.)

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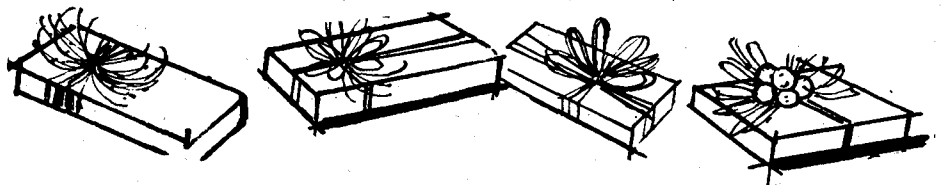
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STORY TELLING AT THE LIBRARY

Here are some of the first arrivals to the Story Telling at the Library. (l. to r.) Mike Perry, Michele Galipeau, Bill Perry, Chris Bancroft, Steve Perry, Artie Perry and Laurie Kearns.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!



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The Islander's only 11 years old --- but the original publisher just turned 80. It was "standing room only" at the Brown home Friday afternoon after word had circulated that Barrett was observing his 80th birthday and that friends who wished to do so were invited to drop in between four and seven and say hello.

It was to have been a surprise but by Friday morning the honoree had to be told that a few people might be in in the afternoon. (Any hostess knows that you can't bring in a half bushel of potato chips without creating some suspicion.)

The open house turned out to be a real surprise even to the hostess, as more than fifty guests signed the giant-size birthday card and exchanged compliments and insults with (heaven help us) the octogenarian.

Coconspirators were the Duff Browns, the E. E. Marshalls and the Hubert Lyons. But it was the guests themselves who made the party. Old timers getting together do enjoy a reunion, and they vowed they'd do it again soon --- and they really should.



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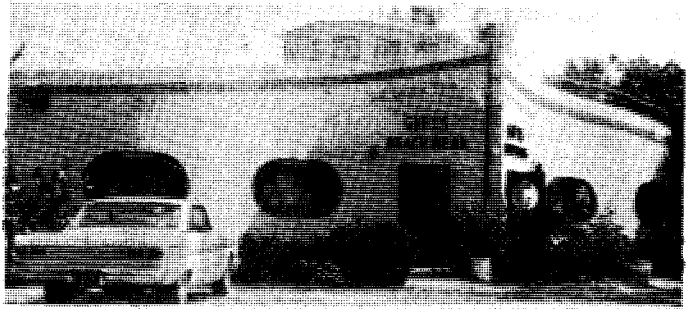
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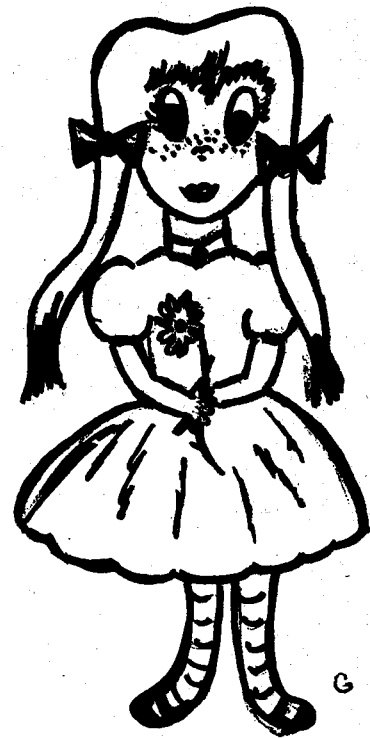
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