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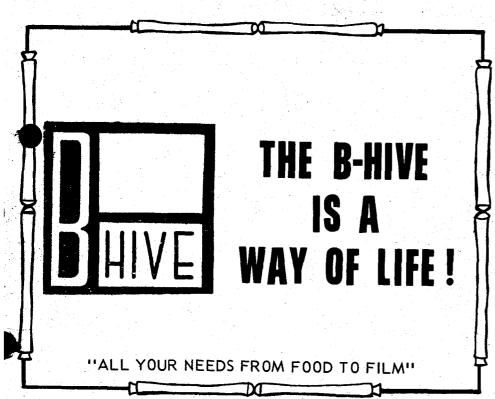
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## LOGGERHEADS HATCH ON FORT MYERS BEACH

When Alan Rowell, 18, Cypress Lake Senior got up to do his chores at cleaning up Public Park area of the County Park, at Fort Myers Beach Saturday morning, he had call "help from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Velde, Park Manager. About 100 or 'baby loggerhead sea turtles were scurrying over the North end of the picnic area. 'me were heading for the open Gulf, and the seagulls were having an early morning picnic on as many as they could corral. Some had headed the opposite direction for hoped-for safety in the canal leading to Matanzas Pass. It was 6:30 in the morning, but about 100 of the two inch turtles were saved in a vat with an inch of water in it. Several of the turtles were inadvertantly crushed by motorists, when they ventured out into the street. One made it to the Sand Castle swimming pool, and was discovered by an early morning bather having a ball in the pool all alone. The Caretta Research of the Fish and Wildlife Service on Sanibel was notified of the find, and they agreed the best plan was to take them far out into the Gulf on Sunday, September 6, during the Sailboat Races and

release them far from regular boat lanes.

Where the eggs were laid could not be determined, but it was assumed they were deposited under a large oleander or other shrubbery in the area.



## PIONEER FAMILIES OF THE ISLANDS

#### by elinore dormer

Before there was even a word for it, our poineer families had conservation in their bones. They came from all walks of life but in one way, they were the same. They loved the islands and the beauty of their surroundings. Those who farmed and fished did it wisely and the ladies planted many of the trees, shrubs and flowers that we call "native" today-even, I'm afraid, the first Australian Pines! In 1939 when Sanibel and Captiva became wildlife refuges, Mrs. Hallie Matthews, Mr. Webb Shanahan and Mr. Ernest Bailey were members of the Conservation Commission whose job it was to enforce the ban on anything. Ernest, in fact, wanted to carry a gun to protect alligators from poachers. His offer was turned down and be became an "honorary" warden, instead. Members of these three families are living on the islands today or have been recently, so let us start with them. Miss Charlotta Matthews came with her family to Sanibel in 1895 from Covington,

Miss Charlotta Matthews came with her family to Sanibel in 1895 from Covington, Kentucky. Grandfather was convalescing but for the four children and their parents it was an exciting vacation at the Sisters Hotel (later the Casa Ybel) first on Sanibel. Grandfather recovered and returned to Kentucky but the others stayed on with "Aunt Jane" Matthews, an old friend but no relation, who was homesteading a parcel of land along the Gulf. William Matthews, graduate of Kentucky Military Institute, had no desire to return to the railroad business but actually, it was the fmily's excellent cook that made them hotel-keppers. Once established in their own home, everyone wanted to eat there and Hallie found herself with a boarding bcuse. When Aunt Jane died, she left Hallie \$500. With this, the brisk, little lady bought homestead land - and began to give it away! She stipulated that the recipients build cottages and take their meals with her. "The Matthews" became the Island Inn.

Mrs. Kathryn Williams is the daughter of our first mail carrier, Webb Shanahan, and the granddaughter of Henry Shanahan, born in Ireland, who came here from Key West to help activate Sanibel Light in 1885. He became its keeper in 1892. Kathryn's parents had the Palms Hotel located on the Gulf near the last ferry dock. It was famous to us Islanders for her mother's cooking but the world knew it as the place that burned down in 1936 destroying a manuscript of the poet, Edna St. Vincent Millay. Fortunately, the poems, "Conservation at Midnight," were rewritten from memory the following year.

Mr. Ernest Bailey was the first of his family to arrive on Sanibel in 1894. The family had been in the tobacco business in Covington, Kentucky, but when her husband died, Mrs. Mary Bailey decided to establish a new life on Sanibel. Ernest came first to buy land and then was joined by his brothers, Frank and Harry and their mother. The house on Periwinkle Way was begun and the young men put in acres of citrus groves and produce. Their Sanibel Packing Company on San Carlos Bay became a very busy place and the dock there, outlasting all the others, the hub of island activity. A store was added first at the end of the dock then moved ashore and, over the years, as shipping produce declined, a grocery that sold everything became the main family business with Frank Bailey, now married to Annie Meade Matthews, as its proprietor. Some of his land became the Bailey Tract of the "Ding" Darling Refuge and his eldest son, Francis, is our "Mr. Sanibel."

Miss Scotia Bryant and brother, Kenneth, represent two pioneer families of Captiva. Their grandfather, G.W. Bryant, homesteaded there before the turn of the century, and, with his eldest son, Tobe, planted avocados and sugar cane. Uncle Tobe built "The Manor House," now part of South Seas Plantation, for his own family but later sold it to Clarence B. Chadwick, Chicago business man who invented protective paper for checks. Mr. Chadwick put in a coconut grove and at one time, sold the nuts, but it



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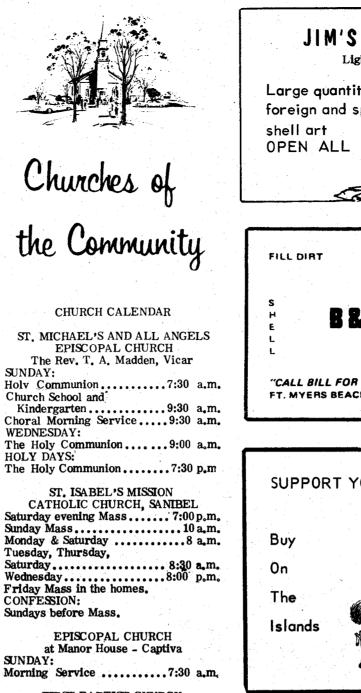
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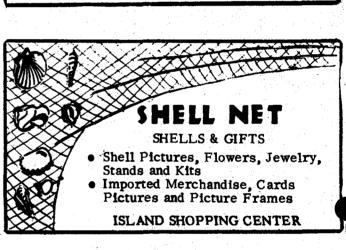
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Edith Mugridge, "Glory of the Sea's" owner has just returned from a four week trip to Venezuela, South America, Edith, combining business with pleasure, went in search of two very rare shells: The Cypriaemus and volute musica, both of which she returned home with. The Cypriaemus was preserved for scientific purposes, and study by scientists and museums, who know little of the animal inhabiting the shell, and therefore is of much interest to them.

Edith flew to Maracaibo at the extreme Northwestern coastal edge of Venezuela. There she hired a car, and met with her friends who were to accompany her on the rest of the trip. They drove through the coastal plains where most of the population lives and on to the extreme Southeastern Coastal area, On the Paraguiana peninsula there were few people, and they were mostly the employees of a large oil refinery. Numerous other inhabitants were wild goats and wild burros. The goats were generally the mainstay of each meal, but the party was able to stick to fish and chicken, but suffered for pure water. They travelled through beautiful verdant jungles, enjoying the flamboyant blooms of the many wild orchids, the bright plumed birds: parrots, macaws, and parakeets. "Much of this jungle land is trackless and inhabited by many wild animals, many of which we have here but some we see only in a zoo, such as anteaters, sloths and monkeys", said Edith. It was the rainy season in the mountains, and Edith, who is used to the mountains, did most of this difficult driving. They flew up to Angel Falls, one of the highest in the world, nearly 8,000 ft, above sea level. They also visited some of the deepest caves, four kilometers down (a kilometer is about 2/3 of a mile). They located several new and unknown varieties of tree snails in the mountains and brought them back too. Then they went back to the island of Margarita, the Pearl Capital of the western hemisphere. Pearl hunting was out of season, and so they had to be content with snorkel and scuba diving for other shells, and purchasing some very beautiful pearls, which they also brought back. In all, Edith drove some 3,700 kilometers, and they arrived home pleased with their purchases and the entire trip. But Edith says: "It is good to get back home. People here have been complaining about the heat, but I love it. It can get mighty cold in the mountains,"

Guests at the Island Inn include: Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES A. MILLER, Fort Lauderdale; Miss LEA LEACH, Miami, Mr. and Mrs. G. BURKE of Miami; Mr. and Mrs. F. GRANA, Mi-ami; Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT GROSS-BERG, Miami; Mr. and Mrs. K. MAN-BERG, Miami; Mr. and Mrs. K. MAN-DEL, Miami; Mr. and Mrs. N. KAL-ANKO, Orlando; Mr. and Mrs. T. STANLEY, Miami; Miss MARY E. GRANDE, Gainesville; Mr. and Mrs. M. BARROSSE, Miami; Mr. and Mrs. J. CARROLL, Miami; Dr. and Mrs. J. MEYERSON, Miami; Mrs. ELEANOR ROBINSON of Winter Park, and Mr. R R RUDOLPH of the Regional Office R.R. RUDOLPH of the Regional Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Dept, of Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. R. BENNETT, Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM B. CODDINGTON of Lakeland.

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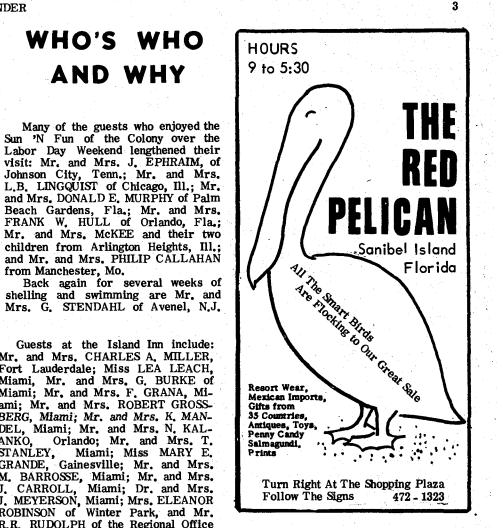
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Mr. and Mrs. PAUL ADAMS of the Seven Seas have been delighted to have their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. DENNIS REDFIELD from Sterling, Illinois, visiting them.

Guests at the Castaways are Mr. and Mrs. EARL WISENER, of Hialeah, who have been house hunting on the Islands. They have been such frequent visitors, they plan to buy a home here. far from the noise of the East Coast. They were fortunate enough to catch a lovely snook Thursday.

The President of the Island Inn Assn. Mr. WILLIAM KIMBALL of New Port Richey, brought his wife with him for a brief visit to the Inn to study the details of the new building planned for the Inn. "The old building affectionately termed "The Barracks" has been removed and at this time, it is planned to landscape the area," according to Mgr. JOHN RUSHWORTH. "We are also in the midst of consummating a deal for three more homes for employees," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. MYTON IRELAND of the Snook Motel had the christening of their new baby boy at St. Michael's All Angels on Sunday, September 6. Rev. THOMAS A MADDEN christened the baby MYTON WILLIAM IRELAND, JR, and godparents are Mr. and Mrs. HERB PURDY. Afterwards, the Ire-lands entertained friends and family with a luncheon. The Purdys left later to attend the American Legion Fish Fry, which was well attended.



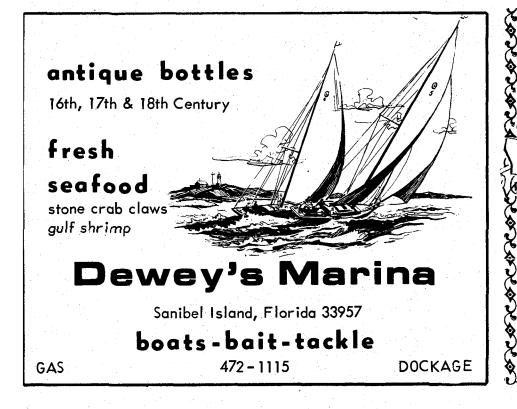
Guests at the White Caps are Mr. and Mrs. DON BENNETT of Holly-wood, Mrs. RUTH HARRIS of McLean, Va., Mr. and Mrs. JACK TANKERSLEY of Miami, Mr. and Mrs. TOM EAGEN, Hollywood, Mr. and Mrs. CARL GUINS-BERG of Hallandale. All will be staying through the Labor Day week.

#### SANIBEL SCHOOL NEWS

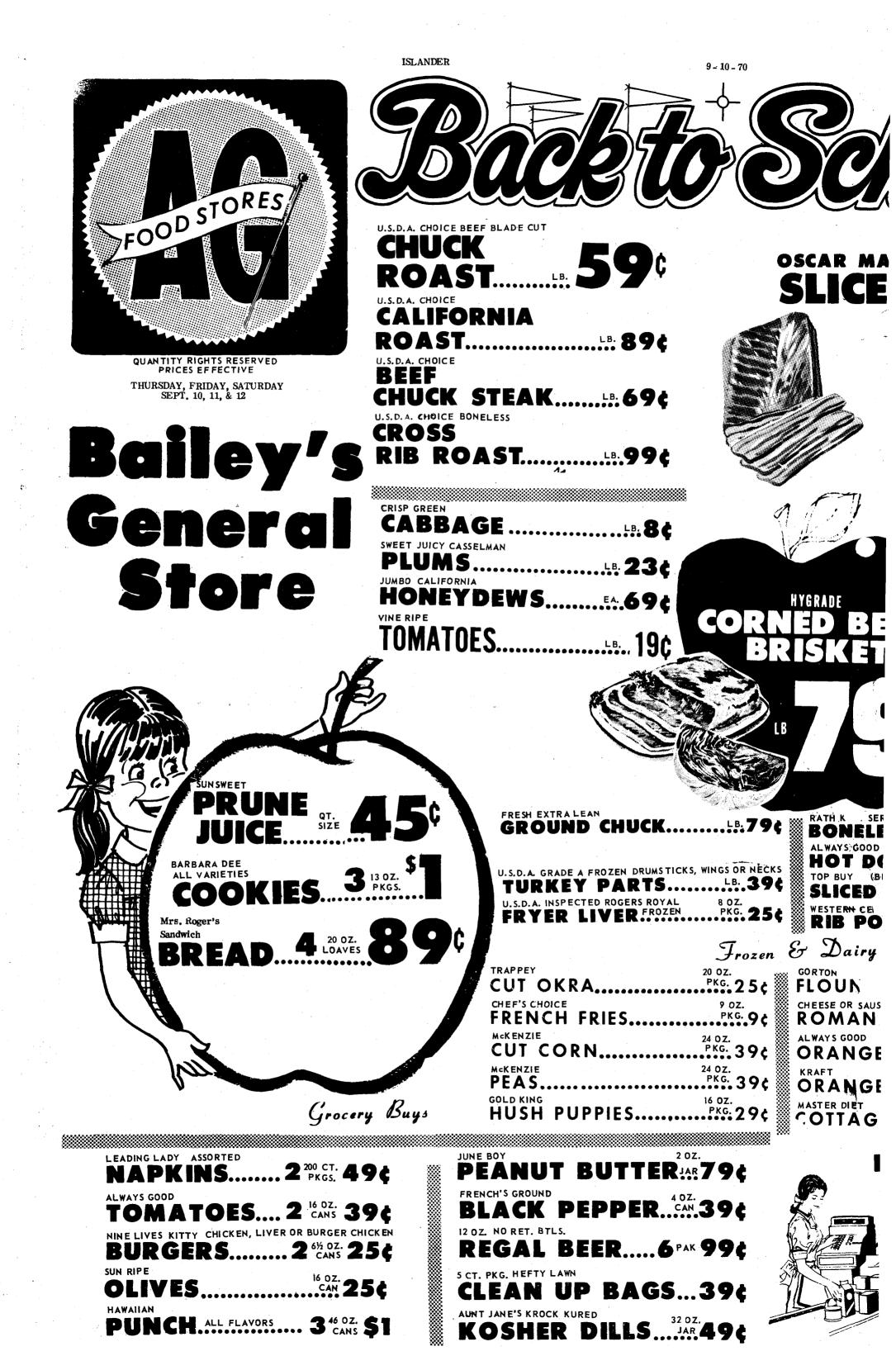
Mr. Douglas Santini, personable young principal of the Sanibel Elementary School, said that school has started without incident. "There are fifty-five pupils enrolled now, but we expect the pupil population to escalate to around 70 by November the first," said Mr. Santini. He has instituted a new enrichment program two days a week for one hour, to add enjoyment of accomplishment and interest to the curriculum. Subjects offered to the children during school hours are: Shop and Industrial Arts, tag or rag football, basketball, softball, cooking, sewing, school paper, gardening, creative dramatics, story telling, school play, musical activities, library reading hour, nature study, photography and social skills and problems. Children are able to cover four of the above courses of their choice during the school year, along with their regular subjects. Smaller classes in the school permit the teacher to give in-dividual attention to each pupil.

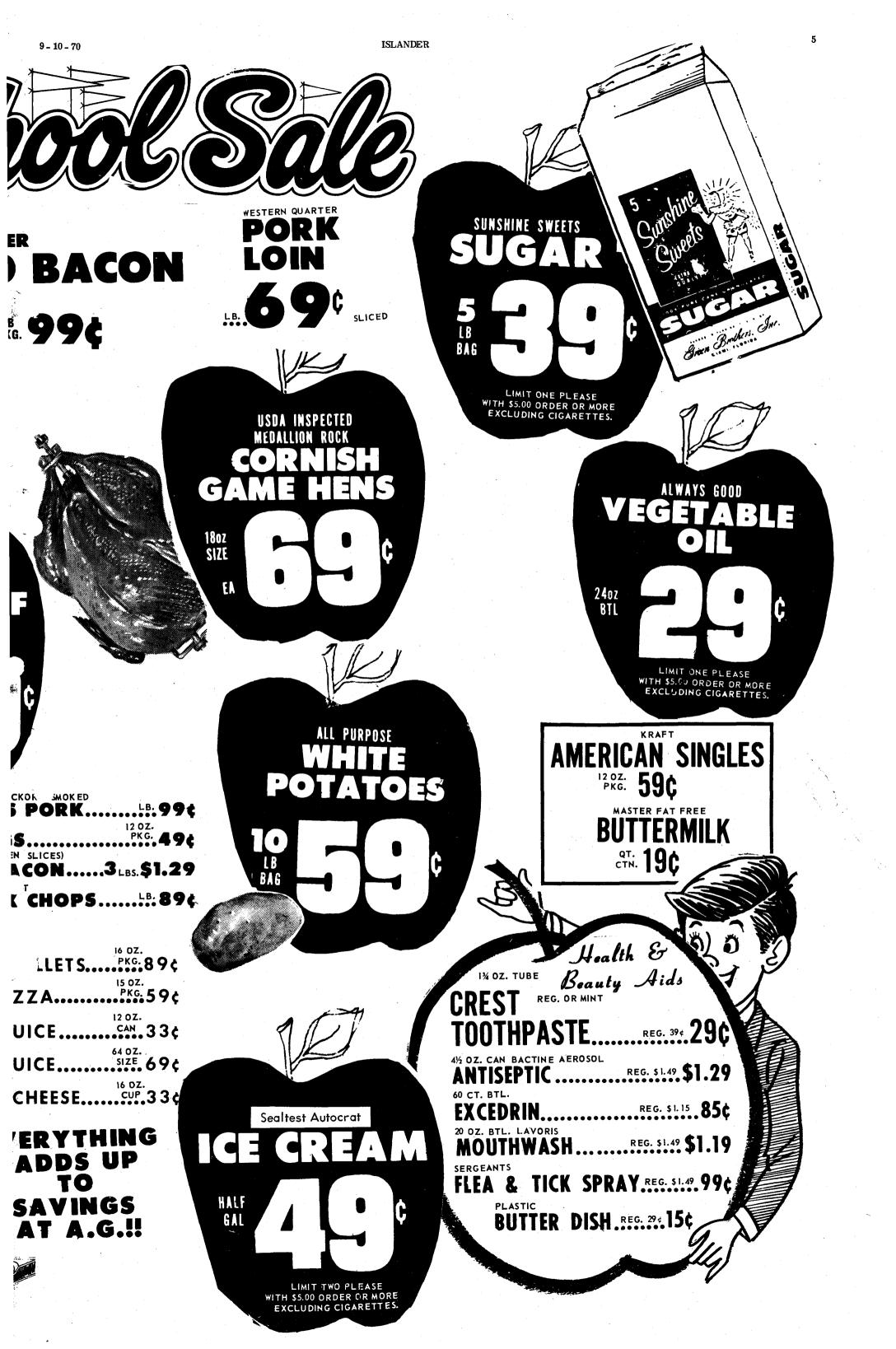
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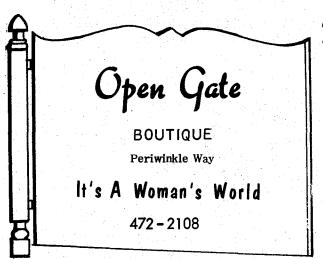
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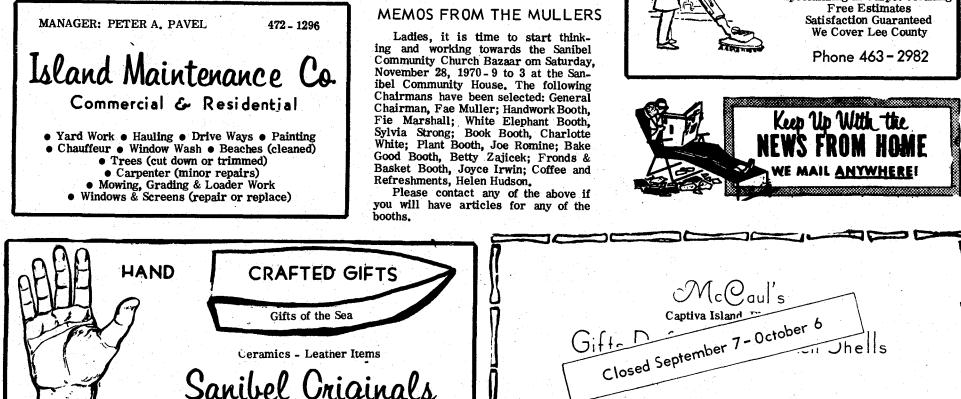
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#### To The Islander: Gentleman,

I am a 13 year-old vacationing resident from Illinois, staying with my grandparents, Gladys and Harols An-derson of Sanibel Island. They are registered voters, home owners, and now worried. I have heard about the highrise concerning the island.

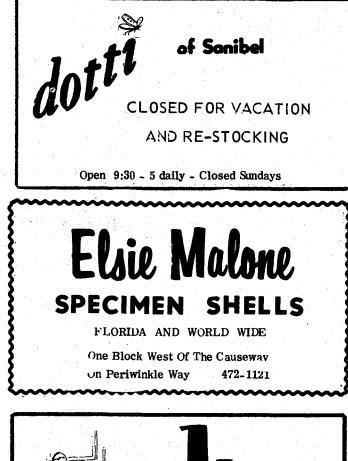
I am terribly dissapointed that anyone would even think to destroy the natural beauty of the Sister Islands.

In the short time I have been here, I have witnessed breathtaking and wonderful views. I have never seen a place that's unpolluted and so nature-filled as this space is.

When you drive the Ding Darling Wildlife Sanctuary, you witness an Is-land striving to work together to make and preserve the better of community.

If you do build these high-rise buildings, you are going against the islanders who "made" the island in the first place. Plus you are taking away the birds, the lush plants, and you're also polluting the island. The islands that haven't been touched by big city, hotel-resort places.

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#### PIONEER FAMILIES OF THE ISLANDS

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never became a very successful venture. Many of the trees remain today but most were lost to erosion. Scotia was born on Captiva but the place where her home was is now a quarter of a mile out in the Gulf! Mrs. Rosa Bryant was a Kennon whose family came to Captiva in 1902. Her father helped build the old fort in Fort Myers during the Seminole Wars.

The Woodring family homesteaded Woodring's Point in 1888. They went first to Pine Island from Pennsylvania where the first Sam Woodring catered to the drummers who came here to buy produce for the northern markets. The second Sam Woodring was a fisherman and would not let his sons keep even a catfish if they had no immediate use for it. His wife, Esperanza, was born and raised on La Costa although her family had originated in the Canary Island. Her grandfather, Tereva Padilla, had a large fishing camp on Sanibel at about the time of the Civil War. It was located where the Seahorse Shop is now and teams of fishermen worked for him bringing in mullet which was then smoked or salted for markets in Key West and Cuba.

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