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After a careful investigation, Charles R. LeBuff, Jr., acting director of the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, said, "The rumor rampant on the Islands lately which disclosed birds were being killed in the Sanctuary was absolutely false."

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MARIO HUTTON CAPTIVA SHOW

Tomorrow evening, Friday, March 26, Mario Hutton will present the Captiva premiere of his latest 'photo-verse' show for the benefit of the island's Public Library. Entitled "Islands Inimitable," this all new program includes a number of varied features to suit all tastes, ranging from 'Another Day' and 'My Rhapsody in Blue,' both conveying timely conservation messages to 'Great Blue' and 'Snowy,' that can be defined portraits of two of Florida's favorite birds. Also, a visual idyl called 'Halo, The Nightingale,' a nostalgic nocturne, and 'Signs of our Times,' a humorous take off on island sights.

Of special interest to fishermen will be a documentary on commercial fishing on the "Harbor Queen," a grouper boat sailing the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The second part of Mr. Hutton's show will feature a series of inspired compositions depicting the diversified charm of five Captiva and one Sanibel residence, as seen by his sensitive camera and described by his pen.

The unusual program will start at 8 p.m., in the Captiva Civic Center, and is expected to attract a large audience. The show is open to the public and all are cordially invited. Voluntary donations will be gratefully accepted.



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The Foundation's Board, therefore, has decided to seek volunteers to create a pool of workers available for the various jobs that arise from time to time. A chairman will be named to be responsible for obtaining the volunteers needed for any specific job. It is hoped in this way, assistance can be obtained quickly and on short notice, and that with a sizeable pool, no volunteer will be called upon to contribute time more than a few hours occasionally.

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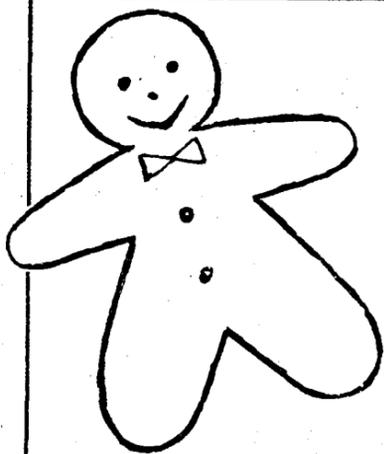
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CHURCH NEWS

The Christian Science group of San-
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Sunday meeting and services until next
January, and will not be meeting until
then on the islands.



Activities
Calendar

Sanibel Public Library hours: 10 to 12
on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and
Saturday; 2 to 4 on Thursday.

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.

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.)

Captiva Memorial Library is open 9 a.m.
till 12:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Shell Club, beginning in December, 3rd
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WHO'S WHO AND WHY

Mr. & Mrs. R. E. SHAVER (Zeke and Frances) are enjoying having all of their children back under their roof again. Mrs. JERRY DeSCHEPPER (Anne) and Mrs. E. S. KIDD (Susan) flew down from Ohio Saturday for a week's visit. Their son, ANDY, and grandson, REID, drove from their home in Pulaski, Tenn., yesterday.

Anne and her husband have three year fellowships at Ohio University in Athens where they are teaching and working on their doctorates; she in English, he in Comparative Arts.

Susan and her husband live on their newly purchased farm near Hillsboro, Ohio. Although they both work in Cincinnati, their main interest is in breeding and showing appaloosas. Susan is secretary of the Blue Grass Appaloosa Club and Ed is a member of its board. Andy is in data processing, associated with Maremont Corporation in Pulaski.

Mr. ROBERT AKERS has returned for a nice long vacation to Shell Harbor Inn. Mr. Akers comes from a town with a lovely name, Rocky River, Ohio, but he tells us it is better there in the spring months, which he hopes to encounter when he returns home. The JOHN W. DAVIS family of Toledo, Ohio, have been enjoying a fishing expedition and hope to go out boating and shelling before they leave. Other Ohio visitors are the DAVID BAIRD family from Columbus, and they have enjoyed the pool swimming and sunning on the beach, and finding handfull of shells to take home in remembrance of a care-free vacation.

MARIE LOHSE, a visitor at Shalimar, was strolling on the beach with friends who invited her to come home with them. She demurred, not wishing to curtail her stroll, and moments after they left, a wave washed a lovely junonia right up to her feet. She took her treasure to show everybody willing to look and envy.

Another lucky sheller was Mrs. NELSON ZIMMERMAN of Gulf Drive. She has long been a resident and often strolled the beaches, but it was the first time for her to find a perfect junonia on Thursday afternoon, and she displayed it for all admirers at the Hurricane House. She even let us hold the lovely shell gingerly and admiringly.

NOTES FROM THE REEF

Back for annual sunny vacations at The Reef are the Richard Pilles, Binghamton, N.Y.; Mr. & Mrs. Donald Wicks, Woodstock, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. Parker Watt, Chicago; Mrs. C. P. Heiman and Mrs. Elliott, East Hartford, N.Y.; Mr. William Kleven and family, Oak Park, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. P. I. Smallwood, Dayton, Ohio.

Many newcomers, and many are returning after a long absence: Mr. & Mrs. George Schoenberg, Dayton, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. John Katherler, Allegan, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Howard, Logansport, Ind.; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Dahlgren, Anoka, Minn.; Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Baldwin, Belleview, N.J.; Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Clark, Decatur, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Hagelberg, Jamaica Estates, N.Y.; Mr. & Mrs. James Flagg, Collinsville, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. Ray Koepke, Broadview Hgts., Ohio; and Mr. & Mrs. K. W. Hardey, Indianapolis.

CASTAWAYS GUESTS

Castaways guests this week include Mr. W. DAMFORTH, a return visitor. Mr. Damforth recently returned from a New Zealand field trip where he took many interesting photographs of birds and wildlife for the Audubon Magazine. On his last visit here, he took many prize winning photographs of beautiful birds in the area, as he has only to step out his door to get in his boat and be off and away with nature.

SEGUNDA GUESTS

Segunda guests enjoying the homey atmosphere and fun are the Ballbridges of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Charles Lipscomb and cute daughter, Cathie of Summit, N.J.; the Charles Stegners of Marietta, Ohio; and the Frank Posts of Coral Springs, who have returned for their third visit.

Of most importance to the Herb Purdys is the christening of the new grandbaby, Ava Elizabeth Friday. The baby is the daughter of Pam and Skip Friday, and she will be christened by the Rev. Thomas A. Madden at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sunday. Godparents to Ava Elizabeth will be Susan and Richard Friday. Richard is Skip's brother. After the ceremony, the family group will be entertained by Mr. & Mrs. David Holtzmans at their lovely new home in Shell Harbor.

GALLERY MOTEL NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Oberauer and family of N. Miami Beach, are staying at the Gallery for a rest and plenty of sun and shelling, as are Mr. & Mrs. Funkhauser; Mr. & Mrs. Joe Kremp and family of Washington, Ind., who are returning to the Gallery and Sanibel because they have enjoyed it so much; Mr. & Mrs. Sam Duncan of Huntington, W. Va.; Mr. & Mrs. Gachot of New York; and Mr. & Mrs. B. Keen from Plymouth, Mich.

Mrs. Nash and her two children are here from Des Plaines, Ill., and are very happy with the bright sunny days, instead of the chilly weather in the north. Mrs. Schneider and her two sons, Kurt, 9, and Kris, 7, of Rochester, N.Y., are enjoying the heated pool and playing in the sand.

Dr. James A. Doull and family are having a slow and restful vacation, leaving some of the chilly days back in Cleveland Hgts., Ohio.

Mr. & Mrs. Lee J. Rusling of Rochester, N.Y., are here for a return visit and also to enjoy the company of Mrs. Charles E. Angle, also of Rochester. They like to come to Sanibel because it is so charming and unique.

Other guests seen walking on the beach are Mr. & Mrs. Heyboer and family of Grandville, Mich.; the John Mc Guckins from Park Ridge, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. Bonta and family from Miami; Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Schlafman of Cleveland, Ohio, who returned again for a wonderful vacation.

The Douglas Armantrout family are relaxing and sunning around the pool; they are from Wheaton, Ill., and like leaving the cold weather. Other guests having fun shelling and sunning are the William Dickenson family from Fort Madison, Iowa; Mr. L. L. Austin from Logansport, Ind.; the James Kramer family from Warsaw, Wis.; Mr. & Mrs. Filback; the D. A. Bushnell family from Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. & Mrs. W. P. Osburn of Atlanta; Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Price from Naples, Fla.; and Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Nevins have also found it very restful here.

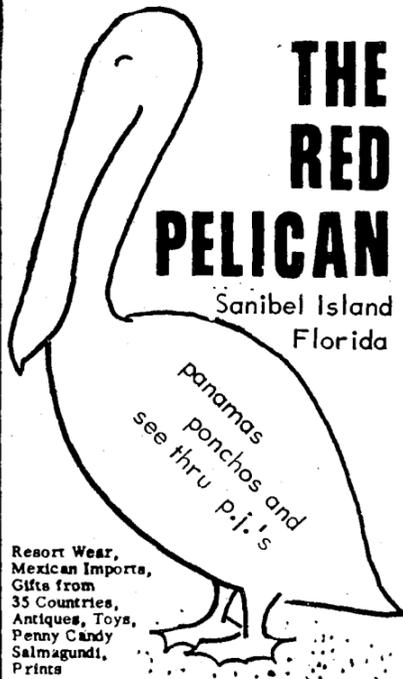
Mr. Willard Curtin from Morrisville, Pa., found a perfect sundial!

ROAD REPAIR

Traveling along the beautiful road with arching branches of the Australian pines, we noted that the pines have fallen all over Turner Beach, overturned by some rough weather the past week, and what a pity. The trees afforded some shade, a rare and often welcome thing at the beach.

But the road has been repaired and put back in travel condition on Captiva. The sandbags are almost all gone. Some are buried in tons of sand and no longer visible. Some were broken by the waves and winds, and others seem to have died of old age, but they have been replaced in most instances by huge native rocks brought in by the County Road Dept., which gives one a feeling of much more durability than the cloth sand bags were ever able to do. So the constant battle between the water and the land goes on.

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HOME TOUR TOMORROW

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People are reminded to wear flat heeled shoes as pathways and driveways are mostly of shell. Tea will be served on the church patio from two o'clock until four.

WATERY RESEARCH GOING WELL

Good progress is being made by Dr. Robert F. Smith, Director, Florida Institute of Oceanography, on the estuarine research program for the west coast of Florida, using the houseboat donated to the Institute through the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and a member-donor.

A recent report to the Foundation from Dr. Smith advises that faculty of both Florida Atlantic University and Florida Technical University are planning use of the houseboat and its marine research equipment for special projects involving the islands and surrounding waters. It is hoped these may start this summer.

Dr. Smith said, "I hope to get the houseboat down to Sanibel by April --- keep your fingers crossed."

The story of the adventurous cruise of this boat from its home in a Kentucky lake to Florida was told in the St. Petersburg Times recently. Costs of bringing the houseboat to Florida were provided by a special contribution subscribed to by a group of Sanibel businesses known as Sanibel Businessmen for Conservation.

CAPTIVA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Captiva Civic Association will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m., in the Captiva Community Center with Michael J. Reddy, president, presiding. Walter Shirey, Lee County Commissioner, has been asked to be the guest speaker at the Association's bi-annual meeting.

Paul Stahlin, executive manager of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, will present the annual report of the Captiva Erosion Committee and explain future plans of the district for beach nourishment.

The Association president announces the chairmen of the following standing committees: Zoning, J. Paul McCulloch; Building and Grounds, Gen. Clyde E. Dougherty, whose assistant is Charles H. Jett, Jr.; Turner Beach, Lorence B. Burdick; Liason to Captiva Erosion Committee, John J. Oster, Jr.; Legislative, Gen. Dougherty; Waterways, Burt Ellis; Anti-litter, Mr. Oster; Project, Mrs. William S. Dennis, Jr., and Social, Mrs. C. D. Seymour. A nominating committee of one member of the Board of Governors and two members from the Association at large will be named by the president at tonight's meeting.

The president appointed Mr. Jett, Mr. McCulloch and Gen. Dougherty as a by-law study committee.

Other officers and members of the Captiva Civic Association's Board of Governors are Mr. Burdick, vice president; Joseph Green, treasurer; Mrs. R. E. Shaver, secretary; Mrs. Maxwell Hlayford and John E. Recek.

SANCTUARY BOTANICAL REPORT

The following botanical report was prepared by William Brumbach, Sanibel, on an area in the Sanibel fresh water wetlands of particularly great natural values. This was part of a broad ecological study made in conjunction with application for a Land and Water Conservation project for acquisition of \$561,000 of interior lands on Sanibel for the Sanibel Fresh Water Wetlands Refuge. The application has been approved by the administering state agency, Florida Division of Recreation and Parks, and is expected to be in federal hands in the near future. It will increase holdings to approximately one-half the 1,500 acres proposed for this supplementary refuge to the J. N. (Ding) Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Negotiations for these lands are now under way, with private funds on hand with The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Va. The project was initiated by, and is being supervised by, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation as part of its five-pronged "Plan to Save our Islands Under Siege."

Parts of the report follows:

"As a collecting botanist who has been to the far corners of Sanibel Island in search of plant specimens I have been asked to give my considered opinion of the value of a certain tract of land in western Sanibel for possible purchase as an addition to the larger interior wetlands sanctuary on that island.

"It is difficult to be unemotional about the tract involved for it has a wildness and authenticity that cannot be denied. To begin with, the well known Akers Sanctuary is contiguous with it through the De Witt tract at the western end. Therefore, the addition of the tract under consideration would give the region very desirable continuity for protection of wildlife.

"The tract has its beginning at the access road to the Tahiti Shores development. Running through the center of the area in an east-west direction is the Sanibel River, which provides the entire section with the fresh water storage needed to support the surrounding marshes. In this river are the water plants necessary to provide the fish, small mammals, alligators and waterbirds with a suitable habitat. Dense growth of grasses and shrubbery presses irresistibly to the very brink of the river banks on each side and provides excellent cover for the wildlife...

"To the south of the River and close by it lies the jewel of the proposed purchase. It is a hardwood hammock running parallel to the river and at varying distances from it. In botanical parlance, a hammock is an area in the midst of a low marsh where the ground level is somewhat higher, and thus able to support a growth of trees and shrubs of different species than the marsh surrounding it. In the present case, the hammock is larger than any I have seen in other parts of Sanibel and is so dense that it can hardly be penetrated at all. The trees and shrubs are all mature and represent many decades of continuous and uninterrupted growth.

"At the western end of the hammock is a live oak grove which sets the stage for what is to come. Under these trees the bright green of a network of Saw Palmettos provide a fitting floor for the canopy of gnarled oaks above...

"Other trees which add to the completeness of the scene are the Gumbo-Limbo, the Seagrape, and the Cherokee Bean...

"Wherever one is able to force entry into a part of the hammock a special treat is in store there under the vaulted ceiling of tree crowns above. A hush prevails which is broken only by the song of many birds which seek sanctuary in the dim-lighted surroundings and probe unafraid.

"Underfoot, the jungle has a soft spongy texture which attests to the depth of decayed organic matter. Numerous leather-leaved hammock shrubs grow luxuriantly in this soil and their greenery completes the scene in this world apart...

"Finally, we return to the man-made world with a feeling that something must be done to save this unique hammock and the surrounding marshes from the onslaughts of giant earth-moving machinery which today is ever waiting in the wings to satisfy its huge appetite.

"In conclusion, I recommend without reservation that the tract involved in this investigation be purchased by The Nature Conservancy as a splendid addition to the wetlands sanctuary so that many other individuals will be able to enjoy it through the years and drink deeply at the spring of its life-giving qualities as I have."

MAKING TRACKS with Sandy

Through the seagrape vine and coming right out and asking a friend of his, I've heard that Dr. Reason A. Goodwin ("Al" to his host of friends on Sanibel) will be off soon for Hollywood, Calif., to start taping a new series of the wonderfully entertaining PASSWORD TV shows. Remember them a few years ago? We were sorry when they stopped and can now look forward to their return in the fall. Al will again be judge and jury and man the dictionary -- deciding whether the contestants (always notables in the world of show biz) are using two words instead of one to quiz their partners. I understand he will only remain a few weeks until another "judge" takes over in his place. Now this is easily understood, because Al, along with the rest of us, can't be away from Sanibel too long without getting downright homesick. So have a great time, hurry home, and see you next year (we hope) in a Pirate Playhouse play.

I went around the Shell Fair asking people where they were from. I was amazed to find that there were some from Alaska, Canada, London, England, Texas, Oregon, good old St. Louis, Dayton, Ohio, Millersburg, Ky., Chicago, Connecticut, St. Paul, Minn. -- and this was just in the first half hour! They were all agog over the beauty of the Sanibel shells and the imaginative displays. Many had made a point of coming again and seemed just as thrilled. So was I to meet them.

AUDUBON PROGRAM TONIGHT

Another interesting program will be presented tonight, Thursday, March 25, by the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon starting at 8 p.m., in the Sanibel Community House. Featured speaker will be the noted birder, Russell E. Wilson from Los Angeles, who has been very active in that Audubon and the Sierra Club. He will illustrate with slides a talk titled "Happiness is 600 Birds," showing no less than 65 unusual and rare species.

The program was completed during a two year birding tour of the United States and Canada, in the course of which Mr. & Mrs. Wilson visited many of the most rewarding areas of North America, including Southern Arizona and Southern Texas, Northern Michigan, Machias Seal Island, Hawk Mountain, Bonaventura Island, Cape May and Florida. As usual the show is open to the public, and all are cordially invited.

SANCTUARY WILD LIFE REPORT

The following is a report prepared by Charles R. LeBuff, Jr., acting director of J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, as part of an ecological evaluation of the significance of the Sanibel fresh water wetlands to the natural values of the islands. The evaluation was made in connection with the project sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, which brings together private funds and a matching grant (to the total of \$561,000) for purchase of interior wetlands.

The Sanibel River is an entity in itself and its value to wildlife resources cannot be subdivided to coincide with tracts of land that compose some acquisition priority system. It is true, however, that some specific areas harbor more wildlife or plant species than others, and if the entire river cannot be safeguarded then those units with the greatest wildlife or environmental values must be secured before they are lost.

Historically, the Sanibel River has provided habitat for a variety of wildlife species and as reports on some of these are forthcoming from other sources, I will discuss forms that occupy other classifications. Over the past several years officials of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife have discussed at Island Conservation Conferences how the entire Sanibel River complex compliments the Darling Tract of the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The Bureau has also concurred that preservation of as much of the river as possible would be advantageous in the overall management of the various refuge lands, particularly the Darling Tract.

Wildlife does not recognize imaginative boundaries that are man made; they are not influenced by state or international demarcation lines; when requirements for the particular life processes cannot be made they move -- either temporarily (climatic or food supply factors determine such movement) or permanently (when habitat is destroyed or so altered to prevent wildlife utilization). Temporary movement has become a way of life for wildlife populations in South Florida. Seasonal relocation from one system to another has been documented for many wildlife forms indigenous to Sanibel Island.

Two hundred and seventy species of birds have been recorded on Sanibel Island. Many of these occupy the Sanibel River both on a permanent resident basis, or as seasonal transients. Several birds that are endangered or rare in North America are known to use the river area. These are the Florida great white heron (endangered), short-tailed hawk, southern bald eagle and American peregrine falcon (rare). The non-migratory mottled duck nests through the river system and they are often observed with broods of young crossing State Road 867 (Sanibel-Captiva road) from the river to the Darling Tract. Most mottled duck production is in the environs of the Sanibel River. This amounts to dozens of broods per nesting year.

Colonial birds (herons, egrets and ibis) nest along sections of the river. Two areas are noteworthy: The Bailey tract and Sanibel Gardens Subdivision. Both areas have supported impressive colonial bird rookeries in recent years; the only multi-species rookeries on all of Sanibel Island. Some desultory nesting by anhingas and herons occurs along the length of the waterway. The birds that nest adjacent to the river travel to the impoundments, mangrove pools, and the tidal flats of the Darling Tract for feeding, yet remain dependent on the Sanibel River as a source of fresh water and an area apparently required for reproductive purposes.

The Florida otter, long a resident mammal with limited population potential, because of restricted habitat utilization, ranges through the river system and moves to and from the river and the Darling Tract. Destruction of the river and condensing of the waterway into "lakes" or ponds by near urban development would limit the availability of food for these animals. The Spartina marsh that receives seasonal flood from the river would be lost and areas that would be ditched and filled for development with deep waterways will become useless for many wildlife forms that now utilize the system. The shallow, flooded Spartina sections of the river's perimeter provide easily accessible food supplies to a host of wildlife which includes fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

The endangered American alligator is represented by approximately 700 individuals on Sanibel. Three quarters of these are residents of the Sanibel River. The remoter reaches of much of the Sanibel River, particularly that section situated between Sanibel Gardens and Chateaux-Sur-Mer subdivisions, supports many of these reptiles. It is in that location that perhaps the majority of the island's alligator population dwells. The alligators will continue to move from the river to the Darling Tract or vice versa on a seasonal basis for they are attracted to other areas of the island for many reasons -- water levels; water salinities; water temperatures; encroachment of land development; food needs and reproductive requirements.

As previously discussed, several of the above wildlife groups are dependent on the river and many particular species are present today solely because of the permanent fresh water the river provides. Without the existing fresh water system and its permanent availability, the following forms of wildlife would not be present, or would be of such restricted population structure as to exist only as limited peripheral species, insofar as Sanibel-Captiva Islands are concerned:

Fish -- Florida largemouth bass and bream; Reptiles -- Florida red-bellied turtle, peninsular cooter, chicken turtle, and southern soft-shelled turtle.

A variety of more upland forms of wildlife are distributed through the river's locale. Bordered by a series of shell ridges that are included as part of it (as a unit) the river provides habitat for a variety of song birds, marsh birds and small mammals that occur nowhere else on Sanibel Island. These ridges also contain populations of gopher tortoises, indigo and coachwhip snakes, raccoons and rabbits, not to mention the highly specialized plants that occur there.

Letter To The Editor

To The Islander:

It has been a long time since we have had a bad storm.

The erosion to the Public (Turner's) Beach has been considerable, by the bridge.

It is a shame so many pine trees were blown down across the sand and have been allowed to stay there and rot, presenting quite an eye sore and eliminating a large part of the small parking space that was there before.

This is a shame for those who pay the toll to come and fish and must park way up on either side of the road.

Since the picnic tables have been washed away, picnics are held by the side of the road which is sometimes congested with heavy pedestrian traffic.

Has Captiva no pride?
/s/ Mrs. Chetwood Elliott
Captiva Island, Fla.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Mr. Bernard LaRue, chairman of the Directional Sign Committee, has been working on the new signs to replace the present signs on the highways. The new changes are favored by the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber is hoping for a favorable consideration of free toll telephone service to Fort Myers and environs. Though the Chamber conducted a survey indicating the desire for this service, Tallahassee directed the telephone company to conduct its own survey and recommend accordingly. This has been done, but the toll-free service has not been forthcoming as yet.

A meeting with the Chamber directors and the County Commissioners was scheduled for yesterday (Wednesday) to discuss the new bridge planned to connect Pine Island with Sanibel. Further developments are anxiously awaited on this new development.

THE ISLAND GARDENER

More roses are planted in Florida than any other southern state according to the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Assn. (FNGA). Almost any nursery will carry a few rose bushes. Most of the roses offered for sale at this time of year will have a significant amount of blossoms on them. If you anticipate setting rose bushes, it is suggested that you improve the planting site with peat, dolomite, or bonemeal, and perhaps a little organic fertilizer.

Roses in Florida are set with the bud union (that's the large knob on the stem) above the soil level. Since there is no danger of freeze, it is not necessary to place this bud beneath the soil.

After roses have been set in place it is desirable to commence thorough watering at least 2 or 3 times a week. The secret to a lot of blossoms is correct watering and fertilization. Of course, you will need to spray too. In the spring months black spot will become an apparent problem in rose growing. The best control for black spot is Dithane M-45 applied weekly. This material must be sprayed well on the underneath side of the leaves since the fungus invades the leaves through the stoma or breathing parts of the plant.

Aphids also can become a problem on the new growth on roses. For their control you should use malathion.

Many of our cold damaged plants are beginning to emerge with full flushes of growth. If you have not pruned back your ornamental plants, now is an excellent time to perform this task.

Azaleas are pushing out their blossoms in full force, and they will need spraying to prevent azalea petal blight. Azalea petal blight is a fungus that invades the blossoms over night. An infected plant with many blossoms will appear as though it had been scalded with hot water. The blossoms will wilt, sag, and show a loss of turgor.

Weekly sprayings of zineb, maneb, or Dithane M-45 will give good protection against azalea petal blight.

Most azaleas are still dormant and can be transplanted at this time of year. This is in your favor. You can see the color of the flower and determine the shades for proper landscaping.

Prune azaleas after they bloom says the FNGA. This will give you new growth that will produce lots of flowers for next year.

THE ISLAND ARTS

MONTY HEY TO GIVE WATERCOLOR DEMONSTRATION

A demonstration of watercolor technique will be given by Monty Hey at the Captiva Civic Center on Monday, March 29, at 10:00. His appearance is sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Art League.

Mr. Hey is a resident of Fort Myers. One of Southwest Florida's best known artists, he has repeatedly won prizes in the watercolor category of juried art shows in the area.

The public, as well as members of the Art League, is invited to see the demonstration. A donation of \$1.00 is requested.

A group of Mr. Hey's paintings can be seen at the Legel Art Gallery and exhibit a great variety of subject matter and technique. The Gallery is something new and worth viewing too as other artists have their works on display.

ONE MAN SHOW

Julia Elliott, who has studied at Parson's School, New York, and the Art Students League, won a scholarship to Cooper Union, also in New York. She was graduated from there as a qualified textile designer. After studying watercolors for six weeks, she will have a one man show at the Captiva Post Office.

The paintings will be hung from approximately 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on March 29 and 30.

ART DEMONSTRATION BY LEVY

A large group turned out at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association meeting last Wednesday for Leon Levy's demonstration at the Beach Art Center. Using Japanese inks in various hues and a soda straw to actually blow the medium into a design, Levy's technique is aptly named "Happy Accident." Members of the audience participated, received applause for their efforts, and enjoyed the spirit of fun with Mr. Levy.

ONE MAN SHOW AT CAPTIVA

Tomorrow morning, Friday, March 26, at the Captiva Post Office, Wilb Snyder will exhibit a series of abstract studies in color and motion. The show will also include a few paintings of local beach scenes.

Mr. Snyder holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Fine Arts. He also holds Masters and Doctors degrees in Social Science. Most of his professional life has been spent in the latter field, in teaching, writing and research. Since the war years, when he served with the Air Force in India, he has been with an executive agency of the Federal Government.

Painting has been a hobby in recent years and he has exhibited in Massachusetts, Philadelphia, the Jersey Coast and in Southwest Florida. His work is included in private collections throughout the United States and is represented in the current edition of Artists/USA.

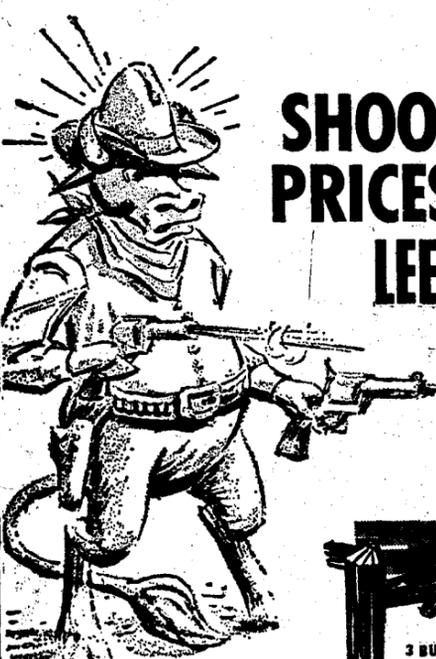
VALLEY SHOW AT ARTISAN SHOP

A mixture of watercolors, acrylics and silk screen prints by Naples artist Jerry Vallez was on view Sunday afternoon at the Artisan Shop on Sanibel.

Vallez has won several awards and his paintings hang in many fine private collections in Florida, Illinois and Wis-

consin.

He has been invited to show at exhibits in and out of Chicago, and in 1963 was one of 53 artists selected from over 800 entries to exhibit at the Chicago Arts Festival.



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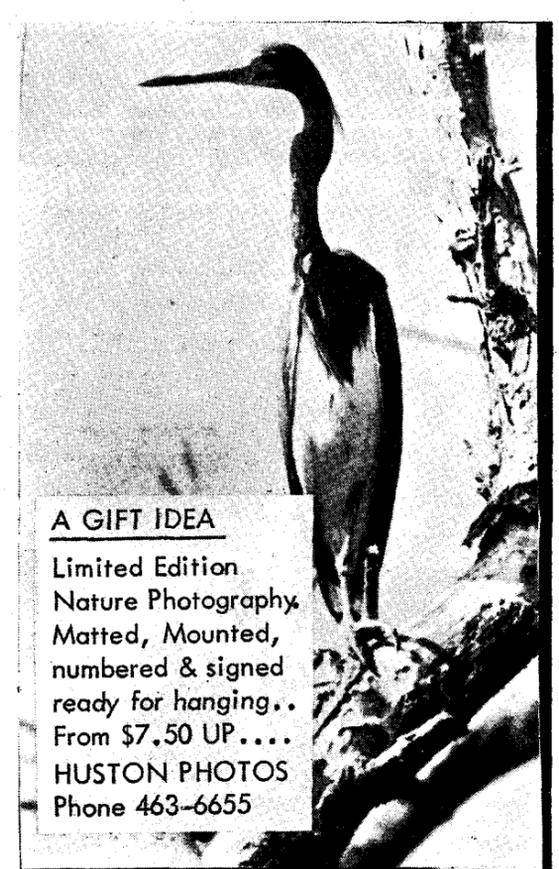
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The Sanibel PTA Bake Sale, raffle and rummage tables will be the "in" place to be this Saturday, March 27, from noon to 6 p.m., at Bailey's General Store Shopping Center on Sanibel. The highlight of the sale will be none other than artist Robert S. Van Sickle, who will be drawing charcoal sketch portraits on the premises as his generous donation to the PTA endeavor. What could be more beautiful than a sketch of a loved one to grace your home, namely of you maybe?

Spaces are still available for rental and use for the sale of your white elephants, for what may be trash to you may be someone else's treasure, and you can make yourself a nice piece of change while doing a good turn for the PTA, which is earnestly trying for enough money to air condition Sanibel's school-rooms to keep the bugs out and the kids in. Call the school for space available, 472-1617.

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SOUR CREAM STUFFING

3/4 cups chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup melted fat or oil
1 quart dry bread cubes
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup diced peeled lemon
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1 tsp. paprika
1 tsp. salt

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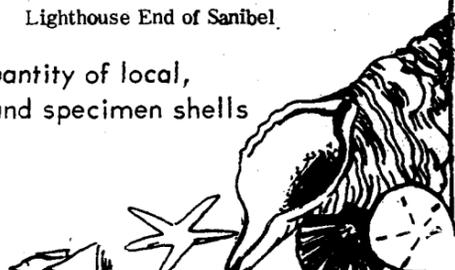


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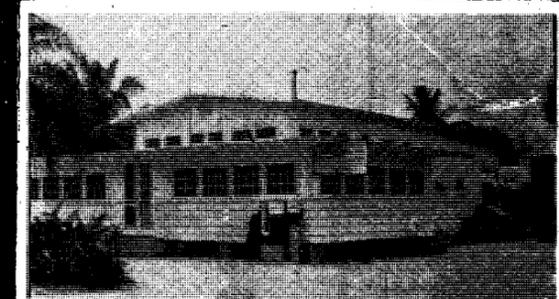


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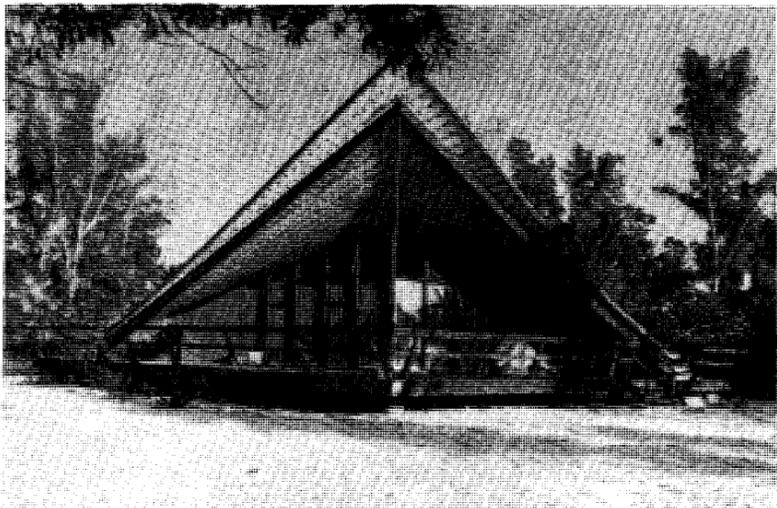


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SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB

The March meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club was held at the Captiva Community Center on March 17, and in spite of several conflicting events in honor of St. Patrick, was very well attended.

The program consisted of an illustrated discussion by Ada Dayton of Tulip Shells (*Fasciolaris tulips* and *F. hunteris*) concerning which there has apparently been very little scientific data.

This was followed by the feature of the evening, a Shellecture, based on the life and work in conchology of Lovell Reeve (1814-1865); a most interesting account compiled and presented by Jean Cate.

The April meeting, which is also the final meeting of the season, will be held on April 14 at the Sanibel Community House. At this time the program will be made up of a brief illustrated talk by Jean Cate on *Polinices duplicatus*, or in common parlance, the Shark's Eye. Featured will be a Shellecture entitled "Practical Ecology for the Shell Collector" by Dr. Rudolf Stohler.

Preceding this meeting, the Shell Club will hold its annual dinner at 6 p.m., at the Coconut Grove Restaurant. A choice of three dinners is offered as follows, price including gratuity: Roast Beef, \$5.25; Baked Chicken, \$4.25; and Fried Shrimp, \$4.50. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome, and those who were unable to sign up at the last meeting can make their reservations by calling the Coconut Grove, 472-1366.



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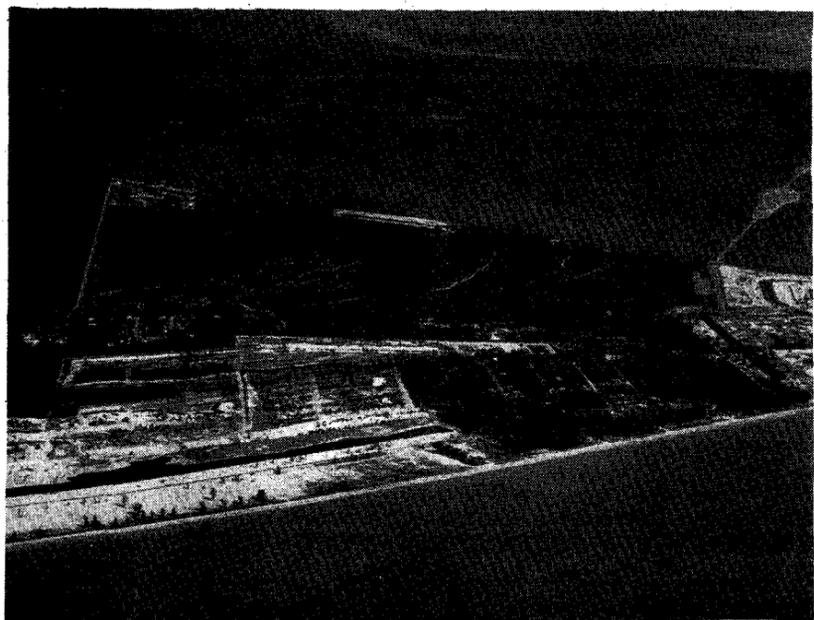
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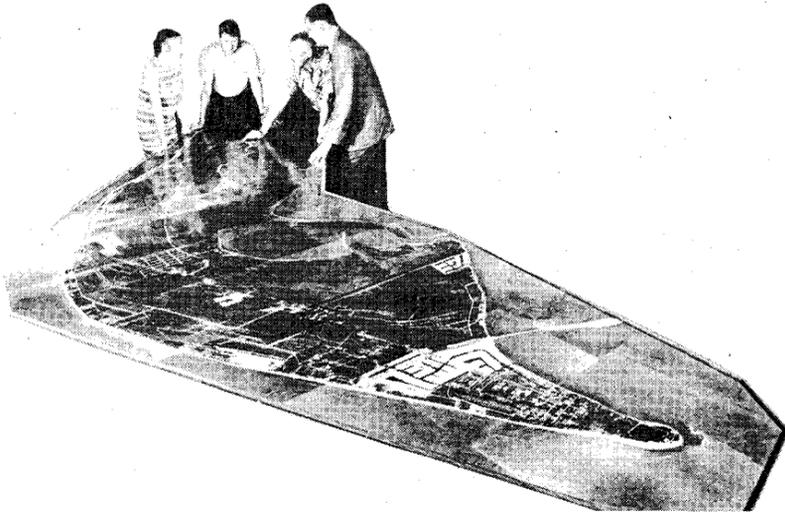
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Dr. Reason Goodwin relinquished his part of Tobin to George Tenney in "Apple of his Eye." He will be with Allen Lucden on a new series of Password on CBS.

GEORGE CALDWELL

George Caldwell, a former resident of Captiva, who had been ill many years, died Sunday, March 14, in Knoxville, Tenn. Burial took place Tuesday in the cemetery in Bristol, Tenn. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Harriett Caldwell, a son and a daughter.

EASTER COMES EARLY

Easter has come early to Casa Ybel with the hatching out of about two dozen ducklings. Proud Mama duck steals the show with her brood and had her hands full (or web feet full) herding the babies across the roadway to the duck pond. Guests were intrigued, as all were, by the sight.

THANK YOU

I wish to express my deep gratitude and thanks to many friends on Sanibel for their kind notes and contributions to various worthy causes in memory of my late husband, Harry Romine.
/s/ Mrs. H. A. Romine

WIRE CUT, BUT NO FIRE

A spark from a downed electric wire accidentally cut by a piece of heavy equipment, a "cherry picker" working in the area, caused some electrical trouble and failure for a short time on Thursday.

The downed wire was across from the Sea Horse Shop, and caused the trouble affecting the lighthouse end of Sanibel, but no fire ensued from the sparking wire due to the fast action of men on the scene. A fire could have resulted in disaster because of the high winds and dryness, but good thinking and fast action prevented this on the part of the telephone company.

CATHERINE WHITMORE

Catherine C. Whitmore, 77, of Captiva Island, died Saturday at her residence. The body will be sent to the Mc Grath & Sons Funeral Home in Bronxville, New York, for burial. Memorial service was held at the Chapel by the Sea of Captiva with the Rev. H. O. Smith officiating.

The family request that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Chapel by the Sea-Captiva. Leo W. Engelhardt Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

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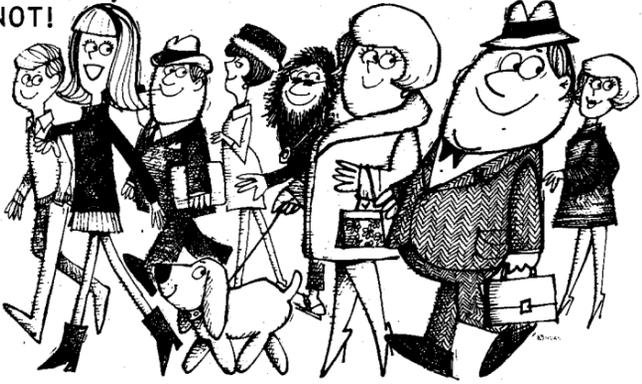
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The team should do very well this year (despite smug predictions across the bridge) but good playing demands team support, so why not get a gang together on a Monday or a Wednesday night and cheer them on! A two month schedule will be in the Islander soon so you can pick the dates you want to attend.

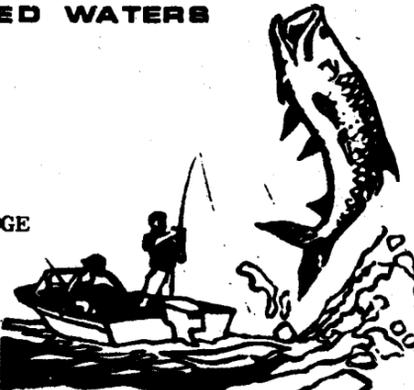
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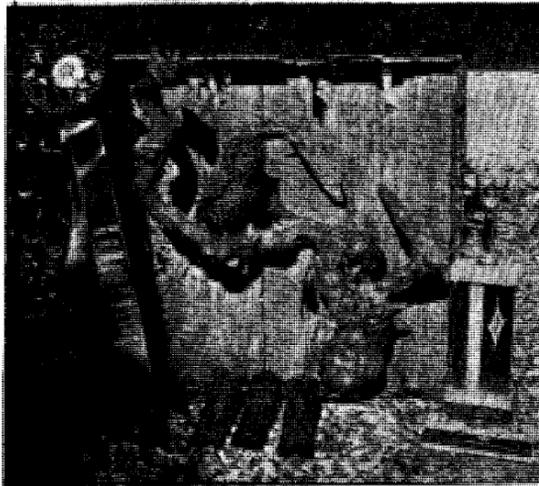
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Mr. & Mrs. George M. Elliott of Elmhurst, Ill., find this weather a bit more to their liking too, right now, but they will return to a beautiful spring. Mrs. Edwin Winter of Lake Forest, Ill., met her old friend, Mrs. D. Ellsworth of Salem, Conn., and both are enjoying each other's company on the beaches and on shopping tours.

Mrs. J. M. Hyde of Minnetonka, Minn., is enjoying the leisurely life here and not missing the snow at all, and other ladies who have come to vacation and miss some of the slippery cold are Mrs. John E. Alexander of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Ann Whitman of New York City. The G. W. Reeves of Birmingham, Ala., are enjoying sightseeing and resting.

Miss Hattie Lundgren is here for a visit and sunning on the Beach from Lake Wales. Mr. & Mrs. Porter Ellis of Dallas, Texas, are enjoying the water and sightseeing. Soaking up sun and wishing to take a little home with them are the Morton V. V. Whites of Allentown, Pa.; the William S. Turners of Chicago; and the J. Carters of Washington, D.C. Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Shaw were joined by their grandson, Ralph Scott, at the Inn before their return northward. Dr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Rich of Cherry Hill, N.C., are here for a restful vacation, as are the Sam Andress family from Akron, Ohio. The children are as busy as bees on the beach and love the water. Dr. & Mrs. Howard J. Lee are here for a nice rest from his busy practice in Milwaukee. Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Verplanck of Kennett Square, Pa., took a tour of the islands, which takes most of a day if done in a leisurely fashion. Mrs. William C. Pickford of

Boston, is accompanied by her three charming children who are finding many treasures on the beach to take home with them.

Mrs. Allen Carrick of Princeton, N.J., and the Carl Reeds of Buffalo, N.Y., found an alligator in the slough to admire from afar. Busy families with busy children, who find all sorts of excitement on this vacation, are Dr. & Mrs. R. D. Salerno of Ithaca, N.Y., and their three children and Mrs. John L. Ward and her three of White Bear Lake, Minn. From not so far away are the A. R. Malkins of Palm Beach, who find this scene a little different from the East Coast.

Other guests from the north are the Allen A. Cooks of Rochester, N.Y., the Clayton L. Squires of Hamburg, N.Y., and Mr. & Mrs. George Light of Winsted, Conn., all making the most of sunny days and our white beaches, and hoping to take home a nice tan and nice memories.

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- 2 lbs. fresh shrimp
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 3 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- Dash freshly ground pepper
- Chopped parsley

Peel shrimp. Make a shallow cut lengthwise down the back of each shrimp and remove sand vein. Rinse in cold water. Cook garlic in butter until tender; remove from heat; add lemon juice, salt and pepper. Arrange shrimp in single layer on baking pan 15x10x1 inches. Pour sauce over shrimp. Broil about four inches from source of heat 8 to 10 minutes or until shrimp are pink and tender. Baste once during broiling with sauce in pan. Sprinkle with parsley and serve. Makes 6 servings.

APPLE OF HIS EYE

Like all good things, time comes when one has to bid a fond farewell. Probably one of the most popular plays ever presented at the Pirate Playhouse is "Apple of his Eye," a sweet cidersy comedy which was brought to life on the New York stage by Walter Huston and on the road at the time of this release by Buddy Ebsen. Hundreds of playgoers who have already seen the Pirate Playhouse production of "Apple," agree that Sanibel Island's Sam Stover and Lily Tobin are probably the best. Now there are only two more chances to see this fine play; next Saturday, March 28 and Easter Monday, April 12. And then it will be goodbye to one of the finest plays ever

written for the American stage. There will be a note of wonderment too in this goodbye because many of Sanibel Island's rooted citizens won't have seen this play. A great artistic effort was presented by their fellow Sanibelites --- thought, time and care put into a fine evening which they have been too busy to enjoy.

For those who can get the time, remember this Saturday night, March 27, Pirate Playhouse will present "Apple of his Eye" by Kenyon Nicholson with a cast tourists and Islanders are talking about: Duane White, Elaine Patton, Philip Hunter, Jo Neff, Ted Fonda, Karen Kemle, Bill Bates, Ruth Hunter, Yvonne Nave and George Tenney.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

NOW TIED IN WITH CONSERVATIONISTS

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, long considered the enemy of conservationists, suddenly finds itself wedded to the cause of conservation and environmentalists, according to a recent news release from Washington.

"I find it quite refreshing and reassuring that some of these people are coming to appreciate the position we're in, and the measures we've taken," said Brg. Gen. Richard Groves, deputy Director of Public Works.

The alliance with ecologists was formed right after the Refuse Act of 1899, when the act was put in use to fight water pollution, in prohibiting industries from dumping wastes into navigable waters without a permit from the Corps of Engineers.

Conservationists have fought to have the Corps implement the permit program, and criticism has been aimed at the Corps as "dam builders, ravaging the environment." But the Corps, as an arm of the government acts only on government orders and direction, and Gen. Groves doubts that the new found peace will last. New decisions will be made in the near future on whether to try to maintain an area in its pristine wilderness state, or permit building and housing for a growing population.

"We will try to preserve it, but for what?" asked Gen. Groves. At present, the Corps and most conservation organizations are in general agreement, but a showdown will come over deciding what rivers will be saved primarily for naturalists, and what streams will be used and developed by pleasure seekers and for industry.

Since the Corps does not originate ideas, but acts only on directive of public interest and thinking, the General sees another conflict in the near future where the Corps will again be caught in the middle and blamed for completion of dam and canal projects that are now under construction, but were planned 20 years ago.

"The things you don't like today were the things you told us to do 20 years ago," he said.

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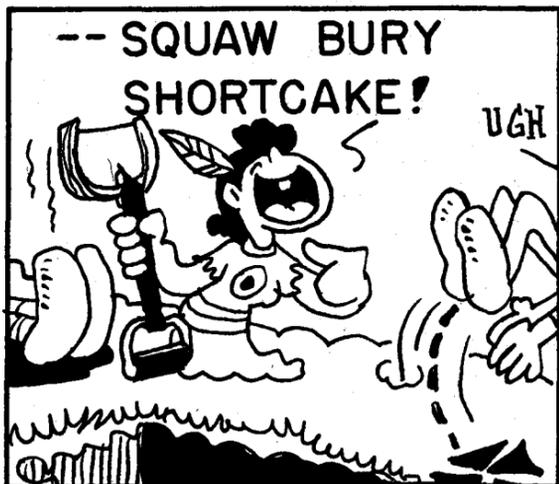


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To which she replied, "No, Squaw bury Shortcake." Well, Mr. N. sent the joke off, just for laughs, to Stan MacGovern, a former fellow newspaper staffer and cartoonist. He, in turn, sent back the above panel from one of his "Silly Milly" strip with the notation "From Sept. 1945 --- you crook!!"

Mr. N. passed the information on to us, with the added item that the self same joke had been used on "Hee Haw" last week. Guess there isn't really anything new!

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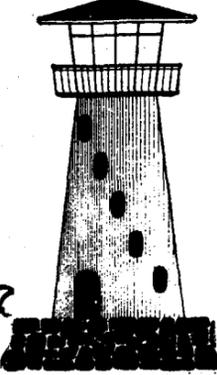
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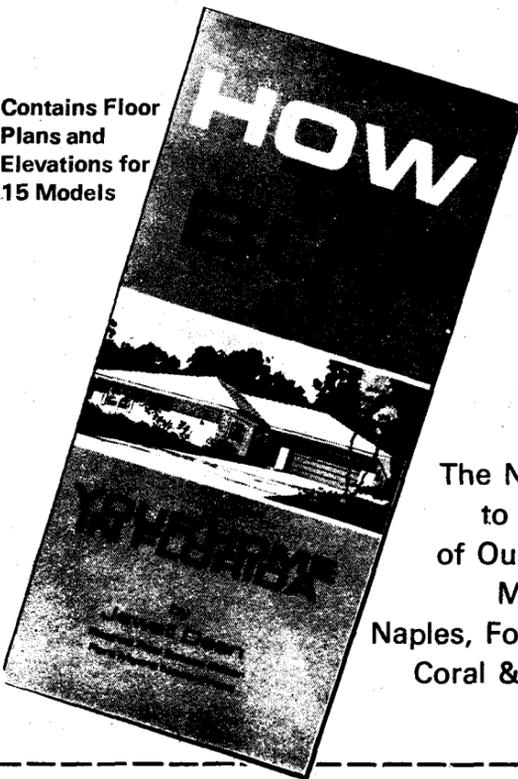


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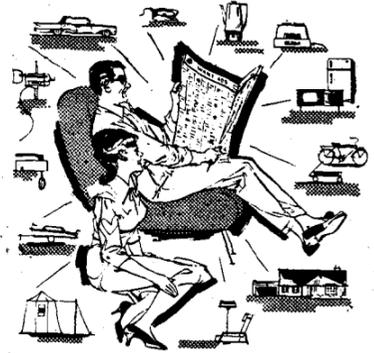
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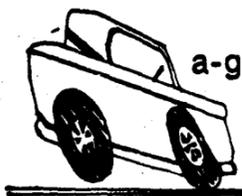
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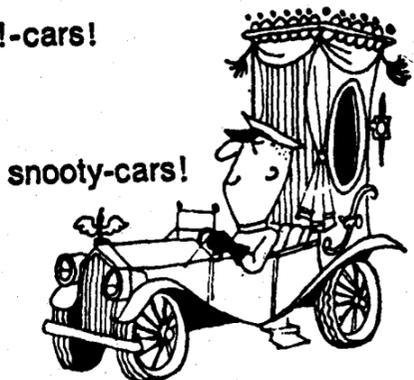
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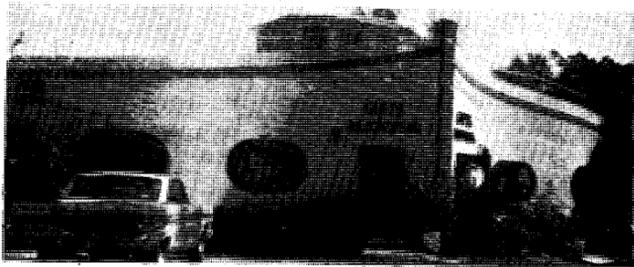
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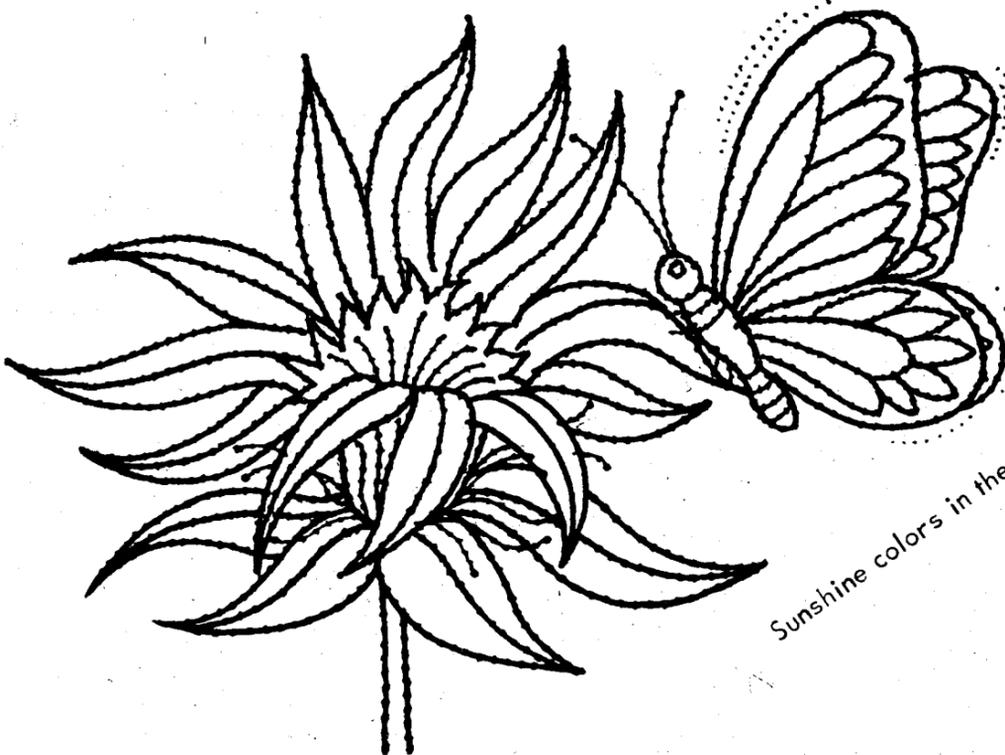
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