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SANIBEL ZONING

Sanibel's bid for "uniqueness" is being considered by Lee County Commissioners by rezoning the island. On Tuesday, a petition for a 180-acre project from behind Bailey's store to the Gulf to be zoned for a development by Erich Trost was deferred for 30 days. A special meeting will be called to begin zoning the whole island. The Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board will be invited to the meeting, the Zoning Board for Lee County and professional planners Adley and Associates, hired by the county.

Dr. Vernon G. MacKenzie, chairman of the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board, Inc., read a five page outline of objections to the petition for development, listing the objections as urbanization of the island which would lead to encroachment on inland water areas, an acute water shortage, road limitations, and traffic pollution.

Malcolm Beattie further pointed out the traffic costs for control systems that would be needed, and Charles LeBuff, of the Ding Darling Sanctuary and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife expressed alarm for the encroachment and change to the Sanibel, and its ecology.

Islanders were represented at the zoning hearing by Archie M. Odom, former circuit judge in Fort Myers. Old zoning for general use and agricultural purposes that are no longer feasible will be studied in the rezoning plan for the island.

C. OF C. MEETING

An important annual general meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce will be held on April 19 at the Chamber of Commerce Building at 8 p.m. sharp. All six directors are to be elected at this meeting. Come and bring a fellow member.

EROSION COMMISSION

County Commissioners aired the entire problem of erosion on Captiva at Wednesday's meeting, and a review of the situation and future planning was forthcoming. Concrete will be poured over the limerock that has been placed along the eroding road (Periwinkle Way) on the Gulf side, \$9,500 worth of concrete, or 500 cubic yards, will be placed along the 1,800 feet of Gulf front where the main erosion is occurring. The Captiva Erosion Prevention District was formed in 1958 to try to prevent erosion, and has been working with the County in plans. The present Executive Manager is Paul Stahlin, who told of several plans and the fact that Captiva property owners will have to vote and pass on the plan that seems most feasible to them.

The most aggressive plan is to renourish the battered road and beaches from Plantation Inn on the northern end of the island to the County Park at Turner Beach, by dredging sand from the Gulf and forming a long sloping beach. This would require long-range planning, action, and money.

First, sand bags were tried. Some rotted mysteriously, and are still under analysis. Others suffered from vandalism, and still others were buried under tons of sand, and the Island's only road for about 1/2 mile along the beach is constantly threatened with extinction. In rough weather, it is necessary to bring in sand from the Ding Darling Sanctuary to keep the road shored up.


Last year the cost to county taxpayers was \$23,819 just for this sand dumping, and not counting time and other incidental expenses. No attempt is any longer made to keep the dusty road paved along this stretch, and Eddie Hart of the County Engineering Dept. agrees that the road is "dusty as the dickens," but said the rocks seem to be acting as a deterrent to the encroaching Gulf. Last year, the special nylon bags were purchased by the County for \$4,475, and the Captiva Erosion Prevention District paid for another \$10,000 worth of these special bags, which cost \$11.78 each, and the County had to buy a special pump to fill the bags with sand, plus a crew of men to do this. Before financing can be sought, a referendum of registered voters must approve a set plan of action before any bonds can be sold, said Stahlin.

"Property owners should have representation," said Stahlin.

Money being the main question, there are also other questions. Some of the 98 registered voters on Captiva and landowners in the interior of the island, oppose being taxed for a beach they cannot use, as the Captiva beaches are private, in that there is no public access to them, and to use them, one must trespass on private property. Any new public areas have been avoided, so far. Stahlin said that he understands the opposition. "People are concerned about having their tax millage raised," he remarked. "I can understand that, but we can't hope to save the island beaches unless the island is willing to underwrite the cost. There is a residual effect to the county and state, but it is basically an island problem," he said.

The assessed value of Captiva island is over \$6 million. \$3.6 million of that is in beach frontage property.

The best of plans are not assured of success, but it is a chance the island must take. There is little hope of restoring the lost land due to erosion in the past ten years, but with a gently sloping beach, some of the beach frontage could be restored. A sloping beach would resist further erosion much better than the present drop off to the Gulf, but there are internal problems to be worked out too and they must be, to keep Captiva beaches.



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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.)

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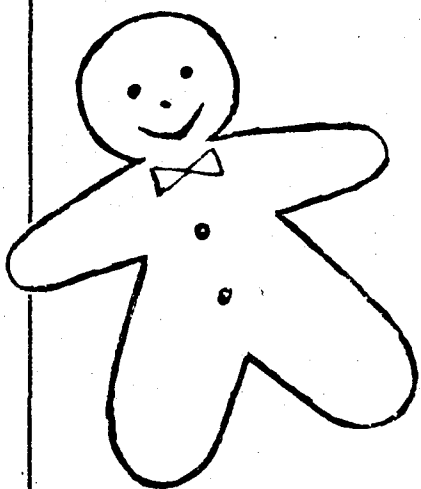
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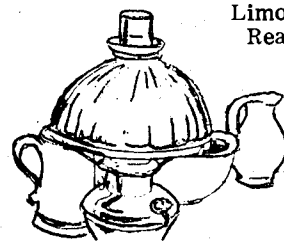
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WHO'S WHO AND WHY

RALPH S. GOULD of Hobart, N.Y., found his second junonia volute recently while a guest of Shell Harbor Inn. He found his first two years ago, both near the Casa Ybel. Ralph and Ann went back home with a fine collection of shells including two pairs of angel wings.

Mr. & Mrs. CHARLESA. CUMMINGS and family of Greenvew, Ill., have returned for the 12th consecutive year to the islands and are staying at Mitchell's Castaways, and enjoying the swimming and boating.

Mr. HERB PURDY of Segunda Apartments is again anxiously awaiting the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM VOSSLER from Huntington, W. Va. If you remember, this is the time when there is fish plenty on the Purdy table as Bill Vossler is Herb Purdy's fishing instructor, and fishing lessons are planned to start upon Mr. Vossler's arrival April 19.

BEACHVIEW COTAGES

Guests at Beachview Cottages are Mr. & Mrs. Richard Williams of Rowayton, Conn., who have returned for Easter. Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Thomas of Granville, Ohio, came back for a visit, but Mr. Thomas suffered a heart attack Wednesday evening and had to be hospitalized in Lee Memorial Hospital. Latest reports indicate he is improving rapidly, we are happy to report.

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Eaches of Oley, Pa., have returned for an Easter vacation, and other guests include the Clifford B. Toomes of Muncie, Ind., and newcomers, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Scott and family of Birmingham, Mich. Return guests are Mr. & Mrs. B. G. Head of Bloomfield, Mich., and Mr. & Mrs. L. Laramie of the same city. Back to join the Easter group are Mr. & Mrs. James Harper of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. & Mrs. Peter Mullner of Saugerties, New York.

ISLAND INN GUESTS

Guests at Island Inn include Mr. & Mrs. Erich W. Stroh and children from Grosse Pointe, Mich., and the Richard J. Bonk family from Glenview, Ill., Mr. & Mrs. Edgar A. Strause of Columbus, Ohio, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Jones, Brooklyn, N.Y., and the George Fergusons of Springfield, Mass. Dr. & Mrs. Parr and family of Lexington, Ky., are here for the Easter vacation, and Mr. & Mrs. George B. Hefferan, Jr. and their three children of Grosse Pointe, Mich., are here to join the senior George Hefferans from Detroit, Mich.

Miss Marian Franks is visiting here with her mother from Clearwater, and the Carrettas of New York are here on a return visit.

Other guests include Mr. & Mrs. C. Robert Peter of Louisville, Ky., Mr. & Mrs. Frank DuBell of Larchmont, N.Y., and Mr. & Mrs. A. T. McGrath of West Bend, Wis.

The Davis G. Kirbys and Mr. Kirby's sister too, from Chicago came down to spend the holiday with his parents, the H. N. Kirbys of Coral Gables. Also, Mr. & Mrs. David Morris came down from Charlottesville, Va., with their baby to show him off to all the Kirbys, as Mrs. Morris is the daughter of the H. N. Kirbys.

Other Easter visitors to the Inn are Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Charmichael of Williamstown, Mass., Mrs. Walter Rohback of Novelty, Ohio, Mr. & Mrs. Art Warren of Elgin, Ill., the John J. Scotts of Cincinnati, Ohio, the Gordon Taylors of Rockport, Mass., and the Arthur T. Mouldings of Lyford, Nassau in the Bahamas.

GALLERY GUESTS

Spending quite a relaxing vacation at The Gallery are Mr. & Mrs. Leonard and Mr. & Mrs. Monk of St. Petersburg, Fla. Others seen sunning on the beach are Mr. & Mrs. William Schur of Jenkintown, Pa.; Mr. & Mrs. C. Inglis Wetmore from Weston, Mass.; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gleason Jr. and family from Plandome, N.Y., the R. A. Wesselman family of Maitland, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. Leverette Crise of Plymouth, Mich.; the Robert W. Strothers of Orlando, Fla.

Guests enjoying the pool and basking on the beach are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wallace of Norwood, Mass.; Miss Adele Berkel, Miss Julia Kohl, Miss Lucille Berkel, and Mrs. Cecellia Twillmeyer from St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. & Mrs. Mc Clain and family from Newark, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Simons and family of Lynfield, Mass.; and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Schadle from Mascoutah, Ill.

Also vacationing at The Gallery for a change of scene and pace and to visit Sanibel Island's wonderful wildlife sanctuary are Mr. & Mrs. Shanahan and Mrs. Shanahan's mother from Bethesda, Md., and Lake Worth, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. Paul F. Isola and daughter of Arlington, Va.; and from East Haven, Conn., the Gerald Leavstrom family.

THE SURFRIDER by Susan Wille

Vacationing at the Surfrider this week are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Williams of Haddonfield, N.J.; Mrs. Ruth Zimmerman and daughter, Molly of Boynton Beach; Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Gillespie of Mississauga, Ontario; Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Coulter from Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mr. & Mrs. Ross Strong of Mississauga, Ontario; Dr. & Mrs. A. D. White of Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. & Mrs. John Valberg and children of Ottawa, Canada and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dixon and children of Ottawa, Canada.

Dr. & Mrs. Chester Sweet and children of Newton Upper Falls, Mass., and Mr. & Mrs. Louis Weigand, Jr. and children of Philadelphia, Pa., are here for a nice vacation and rest. They and the children are really enjoying the sun and the pool.

Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Catto and children of Port Credit, Ontario think this weather we are having was specially ordered for their vacation. They are soaking up the sun and enjoying the pool and surf.

Other guests relishing the lovely weather are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stix and children from Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Knight and daughter of Sturbridge, Mass.; Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Wallace and children of Knoxville, Tenn.; and Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Curtis and son, Gary of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Visiting Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Harrison this week are their daughter, Mrs. Sue Quinn and their grandson, Danny from Morristown, N.J. They are also enjoying the sun and shelling.

Miss Susan L. Briddell of Beaver College in Glenside, Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. H. Welles Steane. She will be taking a nice tan back home with her.

COVERED DISH DINNER

There will be a covered dish dinner at the Sanibel Community House, April 15 at 6:30 p.m., honoring new and recent members of the Sanibel Community Church.

All members and friend of the Church are invited.

VISITORS FROM LONG ISLAND

Ruth and Philip Hunter held a dinner party for their Godchild, Susan Flynn, her twin brothers, David and Matthew and parents, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Flynn. Mrs. Flynn is the former Josephine Millet, whose grandfather, Frank Millet was the famous painter of the murals at the first New York World's Fair. His home was in Broadway, England from which he was sailing when he lost his life in the sinking of the Titanic. The Flynn's and the Hunters were friends at Land's End, Sands Point, Long Island where William Randolph Hearst built a castle for Marion Davies.

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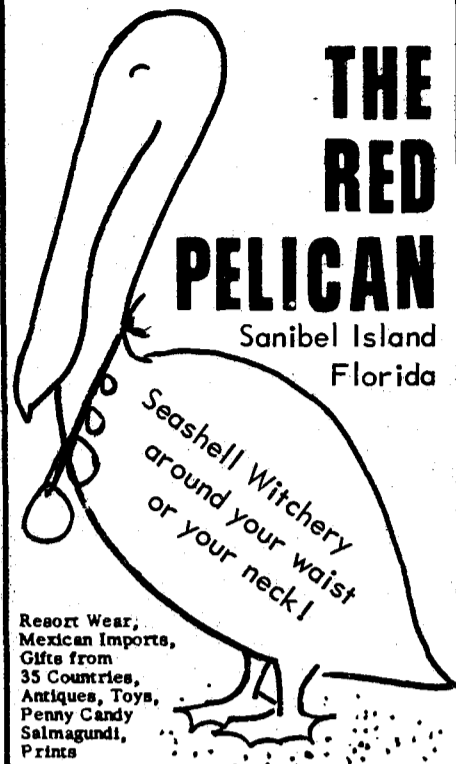
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Letter To The Editor

TO THE ISLANDER:

As a winter visitor to the Island for more than a decade, I am very much aware of the kindness and warmth of the residents, particularly Mary and Edson Eldridge and Muriel Lathrop, at Shalimar Cottages.

On Sunday, March 28, in the evening, my brother-in-law was stricken with a fatal heart attack while visiting with his wife. The efficient and capable response of the physician and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. M. Haber, as well as the fine and kind assistance of Mr. Holtz and the Rescue Unit, all made the tragic emergency easier to accept.

It is impossible to express adequately our thanks to all concerned, but hope that this public expression will in some part do so.

/s/ Gratefully,
Elaine Lorson

TO THE ISLANDER:

In re of my former letter concerning the disaster looking area of the public (Turner's Beach) on Captiva, I neglected to mention how sad it is to see there is only one very small garbage can supplied to the many visitors. It is always overflowing and has infrequent collection.

The whole situation is disgusting!
/s/ Mrs. C. Elliott
Captiva Island

TO THE ISLANDER:

In 1971 air and water pollution are the number one topics of the day in the United States as well as Canada. As a Canadian tourist to your area, last week I was impressed with the advertising on TV and in the local newspaper on this subject, but was very disappointed in one particular area -- garbage from deep-sea fishing boats from a local marina. There were no noticeable refuse containers on board and beer cans, paper and other items were thrown at random into the green waters of the Gulf. How long can these waters remain clean? Certainly there must be some responsible citizens that will ensure all future fishing expeditions make garbage cans available while at sea in order to keep pollution to a minimum.

/s/ D. Yates
Oakville, Ont., Canada

TO THE ISLANDER:

A copy of the following letters were sent to the Islander for publication.

Attached is a letter from W. W. Kimball, President, Island Inn, Sanibel, concerning the density of development at that establishment.

I am informed that allegations have been made recently that the Island Inn has been developed to high density and that it is now supporting a legal restriction requiring lower density development for other motels. This is not in accordance with any evidence available to me as president of the Planning Board. You may wish to publish this letter to set this matter straight.

/s/ V. G. MacKenzie
Sanibel

Mr. Vernon G. MacKenzie, President Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board, Inc. Lighthouse Way Sanibel, Florida

Dear Mr. MacKenzie,

It has come to my attention that certain misinformation about the Island Inn and its building program has been in circulation recently.

In 1970 the Island Inn removed the original Inn building which had 28 guest rooms and replaced it with a new building of 28 rooms and 6 apartments.

This makes a total of 62 units, an increase of 6 over the number of previous years.

On the south side of Gulf Drive, the Inn property is 9.3 acres. The density of units per acre is thus 6.6. If the land owned by the Inn on the north side of Gulf Drive is included, the density is 3.7 per acre.

The new building is 28 feet in height above the ground.

/s/ W. W. Kimball, President.

THE ISLAND CHEF

FASTER FLOUNDER

2 lbs. fresh skinless flounder fillets
2 Tbsp. grated onion
1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 large tomatoes, cut into small pieces
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

Place fillets in a single layer on a well-greased bake-and-serve platter, about 16x10 inches. Sprinkle with onion, salt and pepper. Cover fillets with tomatoes. Pour butter over tomatoes. Broil about 4 inches from source of heat 10 to 12 minutes or until fillets flake easily when tested with a fork. Remove from heat and sprinkle with cheese. Broil 2 to 3 minutes longer or until cheese melts. Makes 6 servings.

CANCER CRUSADE

The annual Cancer Crusade on the Islands is drawing to a close, and if you have not been visited by a volunteer crusader, won't you please mail in your contribution? Send it to Mrs. Frank M. Culpepper, Rt. 1, Box 74, Sanibel, or directly to the County headquarters: American Cancer Society, Lee County Unit, 2474 Edison Ave., Fort Myers, Fla., 33901.

Fight cancer with a check --- and with your own personal check-up! The life you save may be your own.



ISLAND GARDENER

The spring months bring about many activities in the lawn and garden according to the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association. Some of the things that you should be watching for in your garden can easily be overlooked.

Easter lilies, for instance, are beginning to show tall, slender stems prior to blooming. Fertilize these bulbs with a soluble fertilizer every two weeks. After the flower has bloomed, continue fertilization to induce bulb increase.

Tomatoes and peppers can be set in a hydroponic media. The fluctuation of our temperatures may cause some damage by frost in the northern areas. New plants can be covered to protect them.

Florida Nurserymen and Growers Assn. also suggests a spring treatment of your lawn for mole crickets. Some of the materials available on the market are chlordane and kepone. These can be applied as sprays or in some cases as baits.

A problem at this time encountered by many homeowners is a smelly mushroom that grows either in the lawn or in heavily mulched areas around ornamental plants. This mushroom is orange colored, shaped in a cone-like basket, and has a fetid odor. The name of the mushroom is stinkhorn. Little control is known for this mushroom, but by removing the growth before it breaks into the orange, lattice-like growth you can avoid the terrible odor. Fungicides have little, if any, effect on this mushroom.

Peaches have gained considerable favor, both commercially and among homeowners. To obtain good fruit free of brown rot, a fungus, it is important that you apply weekly applications of captan. Incorporate in the spray at the same time 2 tablespoons of 50% sevin wettable powder. This will help to control stinkbugs and curculio.

Nurserymen caution homeowners to watch new growth on all ornamental plants for aphids. This sucking insect can distort the growth and cause an unsightly appearance on your plants.

For further answers to your questions, be sure that you consult your local Florida Nurserymen and Growers Assn., or a nurseryman who belongs to that organization.

DON'T FORGET

Don't forget the special Easter week display of Adult Education Students Art Classes.

And don't forget to bring your paintings in to Legel Gallery opening at 9:30 a.m., on Saturday, April 17. The showing is open to the public, and a special showing will be on Sunday, April 18 from 10 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. Take down time is Sunday April 25 from 10 a.m. until noon.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ISLAND GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Sanibel-Captiva Island Golf Association was organized last January 29 by a group of interested golfers living on the Islands. The group consists of 28 individual members and the 12 largest motels plus three small motels and the Sunset South Condominiums.

The motel members are the Colony Inn, The Surftrider, The Beachcomber, The Shell Harbor Inn, The Gallery, The Shalimar, The Island Inn, The Reef, The Jolly Rogers, The Beachview Cottages, The Blue Dolphin Cottages, The El Segunda and Tween Waters Inn.

The membership was closed March 1 and the election of officers for 1971 has just been determined through mailing ballots to all the members.

The elected officers are: President, Ronnie Fenton, Director of Golf at the South Seas Plantation; First Vice-President, John Kontinos, owner of the Sunset South Condominiums; and Second Vice-President, William Such, owner of the Surftrider Motel. The voting was extremely close with John Kontinos winning by one vote over Bob Dormer and Bill Such for the office of first vice president and Bill Such was elected second vice president by the narrow margin of one vote over Frank Price, Harry Carr and Bob Dormer.

Each officer will remain in office for a period of one year with the first vice president and second vice president moving to the presidents and first vice president's office each year. The second vice president's office will be filled each year by election of the entire membership.

The secretary and treasurer's offices will be filled each year by the president's appointment. Dan Moore has been selected as secretary for this year and Bob Dormer has been appointed the treasurer.

The purpose of the Island Golf Association is to promote golfing activities among the men and women members of the association as well as tournaments and social activities. Headquarters for the association will be the South Seas Plantation on Captiva Island.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA REPORT TO NATION ON CONSERVATION

An in-depth report of the flora and fauna that inhabits Sanibel Gardens area on Sanibel Island was made recently by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation for The Nature Conservancy, Washington, D.C.

The area covered includes land adjoining the Bailey Wildlife Sanctuary extending north to Periwinkle Road and east almost to the Sanibel Post Office. The land is crisscrossed by shell roads that were created by dredging small canals on both sides of the roads. About 800 small lots are included in the subdivision which was platted in the 1920's.

A jungle of thick and tangled vegetation plus a normal availability of an ample fresh water supply, have made the area extremely rich in both plants and animal life. An inventory of the wildlife made by Griffing Bancroft and Mr. & Mrs. Hal H. Harrison disclosed at least 33 species of birds that nest there regularly. Of these, eight nest together in a closely packed colony: anhingas, little blue herons, cattle egrets, common egrets, snowy egrets, Louisiana herons, black-crowned night herons and white ibis.

Other birds found breeding are pied-billed grebe, green heron, least bittern, mottled duck, blue-winged teal, red-shouldered hawk, king rail, common gallinule, killdeer, black-necked stilt, ground dove, flicker, pileated woodpecker, red-bellied woodpecker, gray kingbird, fish crow, mockingbird, white-eyed vireo, black-whiskered vireo, prairie warbler, yellow throat, redwinged blackbird, boat-tailed grackle, towhee and cardinal.

In addition, numerous winter and migratory birds feed and roost throughout this area.

Mammals seen in Sanibel Gardens include the otter, opossum, raccoon and armadillo. It is also the home of several species of lizards, snakes and the American alligator.

Following is a partial list of plants found growing in this section. Trees and shrubs: Stranger fig (*Ficus aurea*); cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto*); buttonwood (*Conocarpus erectus*); Australian pine (*Casuarina equisetifolia*); papaya (*Carica papaya*); gumbo-limbo (*Bursera simaruba*); lime prickly-ash or wild lime (*Zanthoxylum fagara*); sea-grape (*Coccoloba uvifera*); southern bayberry or wax myrtle (*Myrica cerifera*); rapanea (*Rapanea guianensis*); white mangrove (*Laguncularia racemosa*); sea myrtle or grovel tree (*Baccharis halimifolia*); Christmas berry (*Lycium carolinianum*); randia (*Randia aculeata*); sea ox-eye (*Borreria frutescens*); Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*); wild olive (*Fosteriera populosa*); cat's claw (*Pithecolobium unguis-cati*); poison ivy (*Rhus radicans*).

Flowers: *Sisyrinchium graminoides*; *Argemone leicarpa*; *Vicia acutifolia*; *Vigna repens*; *Kosteletzkya virginica*; *Mentzelia floridana*; *Hypericum spec.*; *Oenothera spec.*; *Eryngium aromaticum*; *Hydrocotyle umbellata*; *Samolus floribundus*; *Sabatia spec.*; *Funastrum clausum*; *Metastelma*; *Calonyction aculeatum*; *Physalis elliotii*; *Buehnera*; *Lobelia feayana*; *Eupatorium capillifolium*; *Pluchea foetida*; *Pluchea purpurascens*; *Pterocaulon undulatum*; *Erigeron*; *Coreopsis leavenworthii*; *bidens pilosa*.

In addition to those listed, there are many other species of plants, including ferns, grasses, rushes, cattails, water plants and others.

HARVEY MEYERS HONORED

In grateful recognition of their dedicated and untiring efforts in behalf of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Meyer, affectionately known as Maude and Vey, were presented with a framed certificate designating honorary membership at the annual Shell Club dinner on April 14.

At the suggestion of Harvey Meyer, the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club was organized just ten years ago on March 13, 1961. The first meeting was held in Priscilla Murphy's office with twenty persons in attendance. The first few meetings were held weekly under the leadership of Mr. & Mrs. Meyer.

In November 1961, the first Newsletter was compiled by Mrs. Meyer, who wrote and mailed these to members twice yearly thereafter. In December, 1961, the Constitution and By-Laws, prepared by Mrs. Meyer, were adopted.

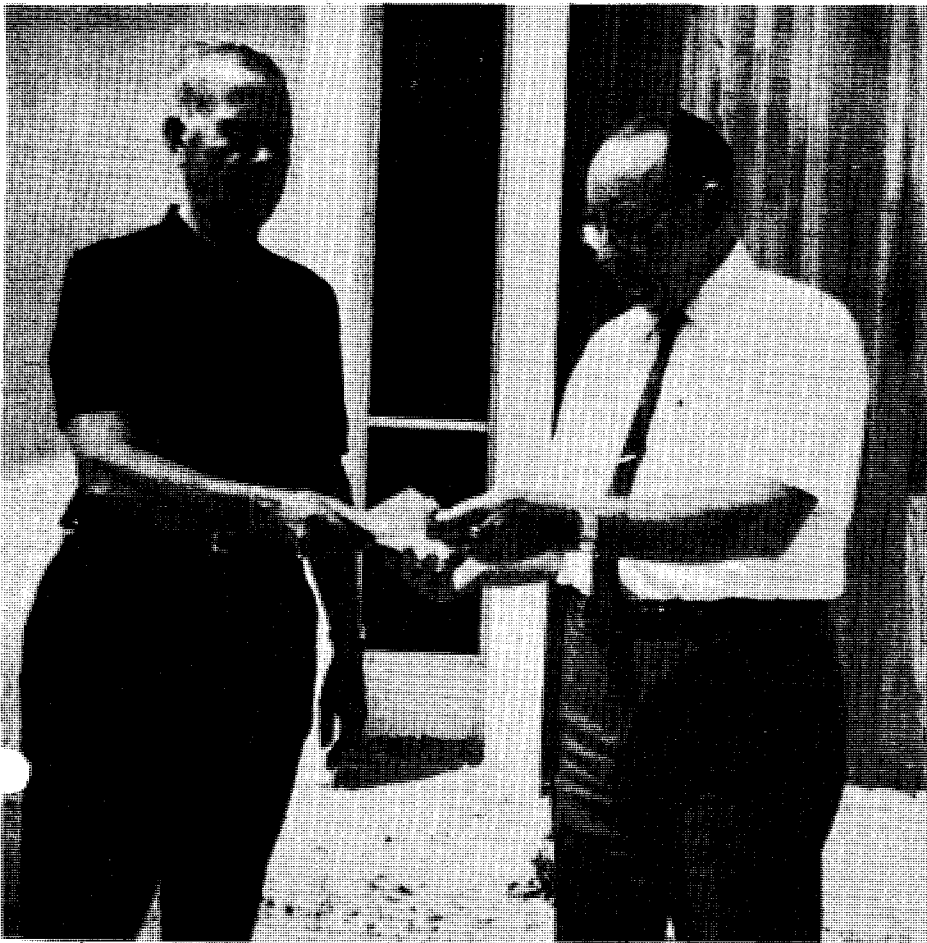
In January 1962, the Shell Club's first Shell Count was inaugurated by Mrs. Meyer, and in February of that year, at the request of the Shell Fair committee, the Club was host to the Girl Scout Leaders Workshop with Mrs. Meyer leading discussions and field trips.

At about this time, the Meyers participated in compiling and distributing the "Shell Handbook" on the conservation, collecting, and cleaning of shells, which was placed in motels, shops, and restaurants on Sanibel and Captiva, and later in Welcome Stations throughout the state. Also, about this time, at the Meyers suggestion, the Club joined the American Malacological Union and the International Oceanographic Foundation.

In 1963, at the invitation of the Sanibel Community Association, the Club took entire charge of the exhibits for the 26th annual Shell Fair. Mrs. Meyer acted as Fair chairman and new rules and classifications were carefully and painstakingly worked out.

Mrs. Meyer was president of the Shell Club for several years and at present is the Club's representative in the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Mr. Meyer took over the presidency in 1969 and 1970, but because of ill health was forced to curtail his activities at the beginning of the 1971 season.

The certificate which was presented reads as follows: "Honorary Membership is hereby bestowed for outstanding contributions to the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club".



A benefit performance was given at the Pirate Playhouse, March 21, for Migrant Workers. Shown above is George Brinkworth presenting funds to Capt. Harold M. Reece, C.A., President of the Immokalee Migrant Committee. Below is a copy of his thank you letter.

GOOD MORNING TO THE HUNTERS!

And a hearty thank you for the generous boost to our work in Immokalee. The Brinkworths stopped over yesterday and dropped off your check for \$150 and two other checks bringing it to a total of \$165.

The writer, among other things, is president of the Immokalee Migrant Committee. Just last week we wrote to several concerned persons pointing out that our fund were depleted and we were trying to gather some funds in order to help folks with medical prescriptions. The migrants come under a Federal assistance program for medical help. But our immediate problem is to render help to seasonal workers who stay here year round and as they are not migrants, they do not qualify for Federal assistance. Well to make a long story short I wrote and called several persons and we have received gifts to take care of our immediate needs.

Your gifts of \$165 will be used toward our Child Care Center used primarily by working parents. There we provide 12 hours (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) care, breakfast, snacks and a hot noon day meal for \$1.25 per day and free if circumstances do not allow for payment. Our thought is to use one half of the gift for this pur-

post and to hold the other half for a special summer program that I am trying to raise funds for. Here it is difficult to get volunteers so we must pay our help competitive wages.

The latter involves a large segment of our children who remain here year round and during the summer there is nothing for these folks to do, I am endeavoring to secure some classrooms and use of busses to run a two or three week program which would involve much handcrafts and trips to the beach, sea-quarium, etc. I have had a number of volunteers and will need a substantial fund for handcraft materials, etc. So we will use part of your gift to get this project started.

For your general interest I enclose a copy of my thank you letter to folks who helped with our Christmas project. You will notice we get involved with the adults as well as the children.

Well all for now, and we pray God's blessing on all of your efforts for children and for others. Hope some day to have the pleasure of meeting you personally and if you are in these parts please do stop in.

/s/ Harold M. Reece

AUDUBON ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

At the closing meeting of the 1970-71 season, held on April 8, the membership of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society elected unanimously the following officers for 1971: Mario F. Hutton, president; Griffing Bancroft, vice president; Louise Goodwin, secretary-treasurer.

In submitting his annual report, president Mario Hutton stated that 1970 was another year of achievement and continued progress for the local Audubon, with a further substantial increase in the number of members. Among accomplishments worth mentioning, listed many interventions on the national, state and local levels in matters regarding conservation problems in general, and in particular the defense of our Island's unique ecological treasures.

Mrs. Louise Goodwin, secretary-treasurer, submitted a report showing that the Chapter's financial situation has substantially improved in recent years with funds now adequate to meet all foreseeable future needs.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ENDORSE INTERSTATE 75

County Commissioners endorsed an Interstate 75 route south of Fort Myers to include Alligator Alley in Collier County Wednesday.

Commissioner Walter Shirey made the recommendation on the basis of serving traffic needs and being the best ecological solution. He said the route can be used to correct some faults in the present highway system which would include more water flow channels, breakup of roadside canals to stop east-west water exchanges, and limit access to roadside hunting grounds.

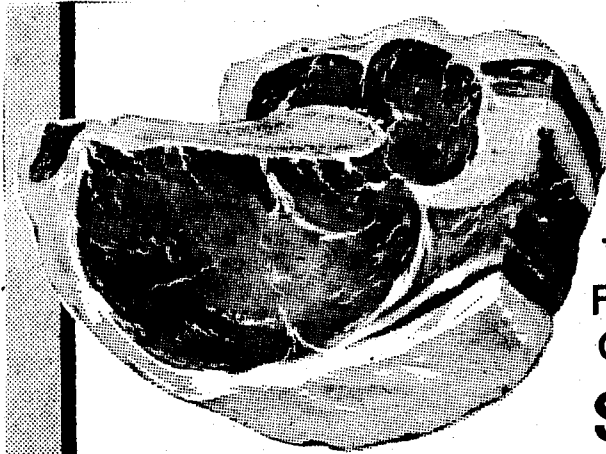
The recommended route would go far enough south to serve Naples. Commissioner Kenneth Daniels recommended "support for the originally proposed route as far as Naples. Then, I don't believe we should get into it." A route from Fort Myers eastward is a recommended route under study by the ecological study committee.

The Lee County Board's recommendation, along with other groups, will be forwarded to Prof. Carl E. B. McHenry, chairman, Interstate 75 Environmental Study Panel, University of Miami Center for Urban Studies, P.O. Box 8002, Coral Gables, Fla.

Then the Commissioners agreed to link the Sanibel toll bridge, the Pine Island bridge in the planning stage, and also the planned Fort Myers Beach mid-island bridge in a pooled resource funding plan for all the bridges and bonding for same.

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A very busy and productive afternoon was spent rolling bandages for the sick and poor sent all over the world by the Catholic Medical Mission Board.

BIDDERS SUBMIT

Bids for a protective seawall installation at the Sanibel toll bridge were opened by County Commissioners on Wednesday. Low bidder was Anderson Marine Construction, Inc. at \$11,000 for the first 100 feet and \$10,000 for the second 100 feet. Other bidders, and the amounts of their bids were: H. L. Kelly of Naples, \$12,400 for the first section and \$10,600 for the alternate; Langford Industries, Inc., \$19,500 for the first 100 feet and \$10,000 for the second; and Tom Abbott, Inc. of Naples, \$13,515 for the first section and \$9,070 for the second.

Also considered by the County Commissioners were continued repairs to the washed-out road to Captiva. The County will pay for the major part of the repairs, but Captiva will assist in some of the payments also.

RESCUE

The hero of the week on Sanibel is Paul L. Funk who dashed to his boat, the 28 ft. Thunderbird "Gulf Breeze II," and took off through pounding waves of the Gulf Tuesday morning to rescue two gals who were enroute out to sea on their big rubber raft, screaming their heads off. Paul, with his dad Lou, and a couple of neighbors, sped over the dashing waves, reached the raft and Paul pulled Cathy Feather and Peggy Crook safely aboard. They also rescued the raft.

Cathy and Peggy are from Worthington, Ohio, and were spending the holidays at the Periwinkle Trailer Park. Deciding to float a bit on the waves, they didn't realize the wind was so strong; the current started carrying them out into the Gulf and they started screaming. It worked --- but now they are not so keen about rafting! Paul is owner of the Funks Gulf Breeze Cottages.

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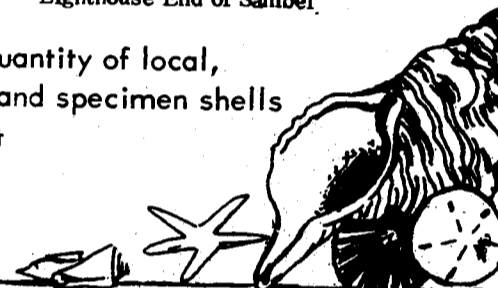
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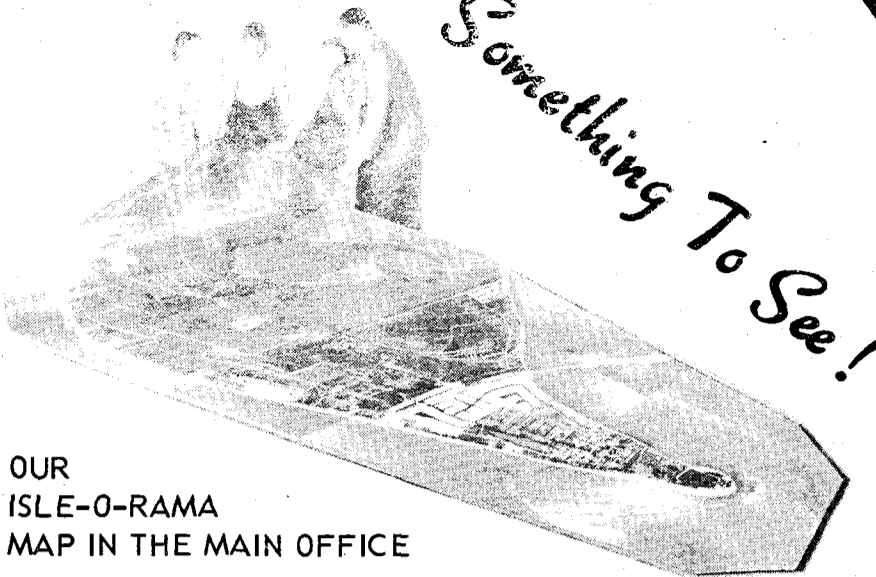
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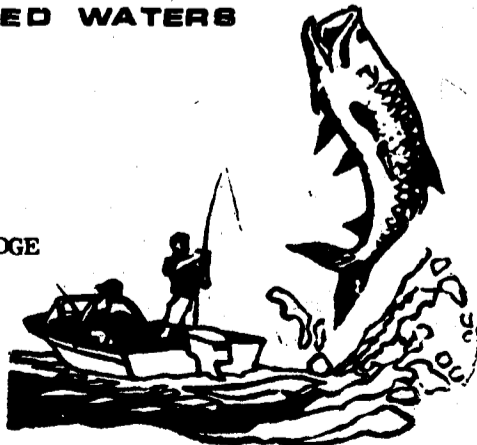
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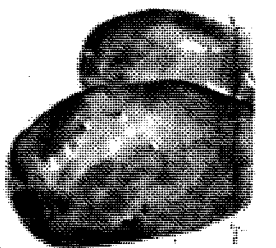
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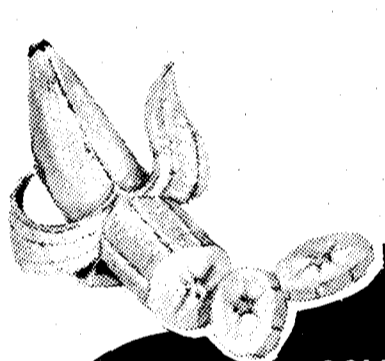
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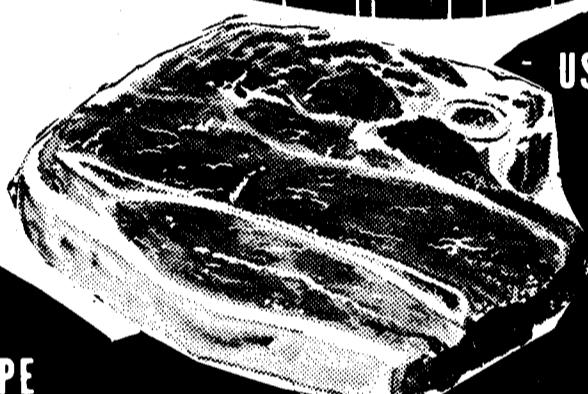
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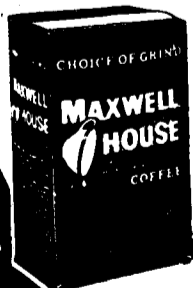


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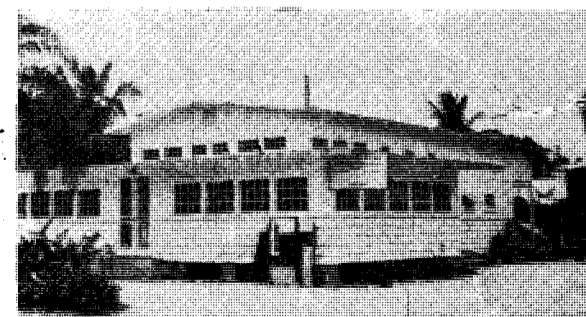
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From Roger and Lucia Wilcox to Nat and Betty Ozmon of Illinois, a Bayou lot. From Michigan Sales to Mr. & Mrs. S. D. Goldsmith from New York, a lot in Shell Harbor.

A Captain's Walk Condominium to Mr. & Mrs. Edward Scott, Jr., of North Carolina.

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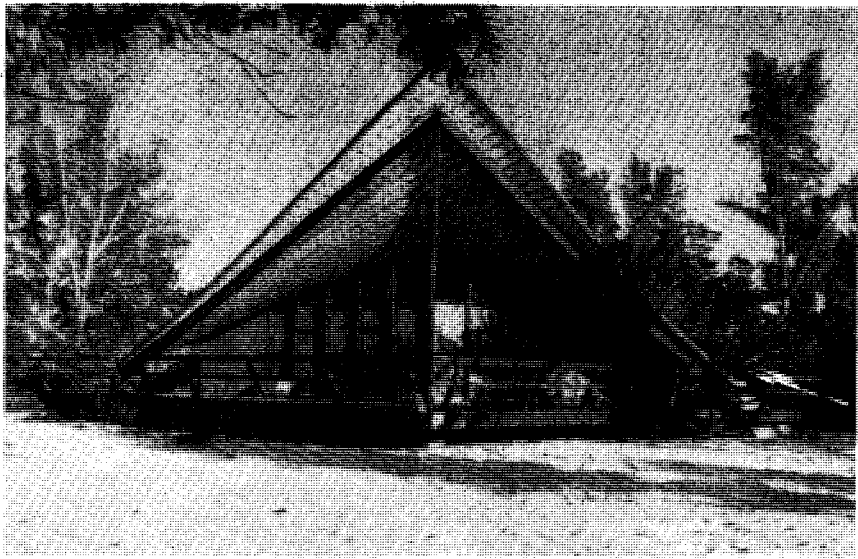
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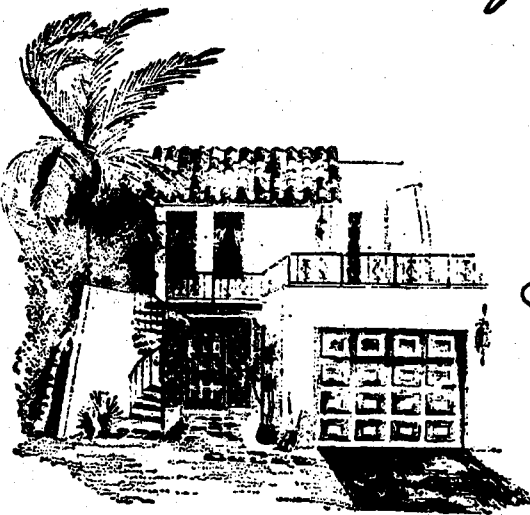
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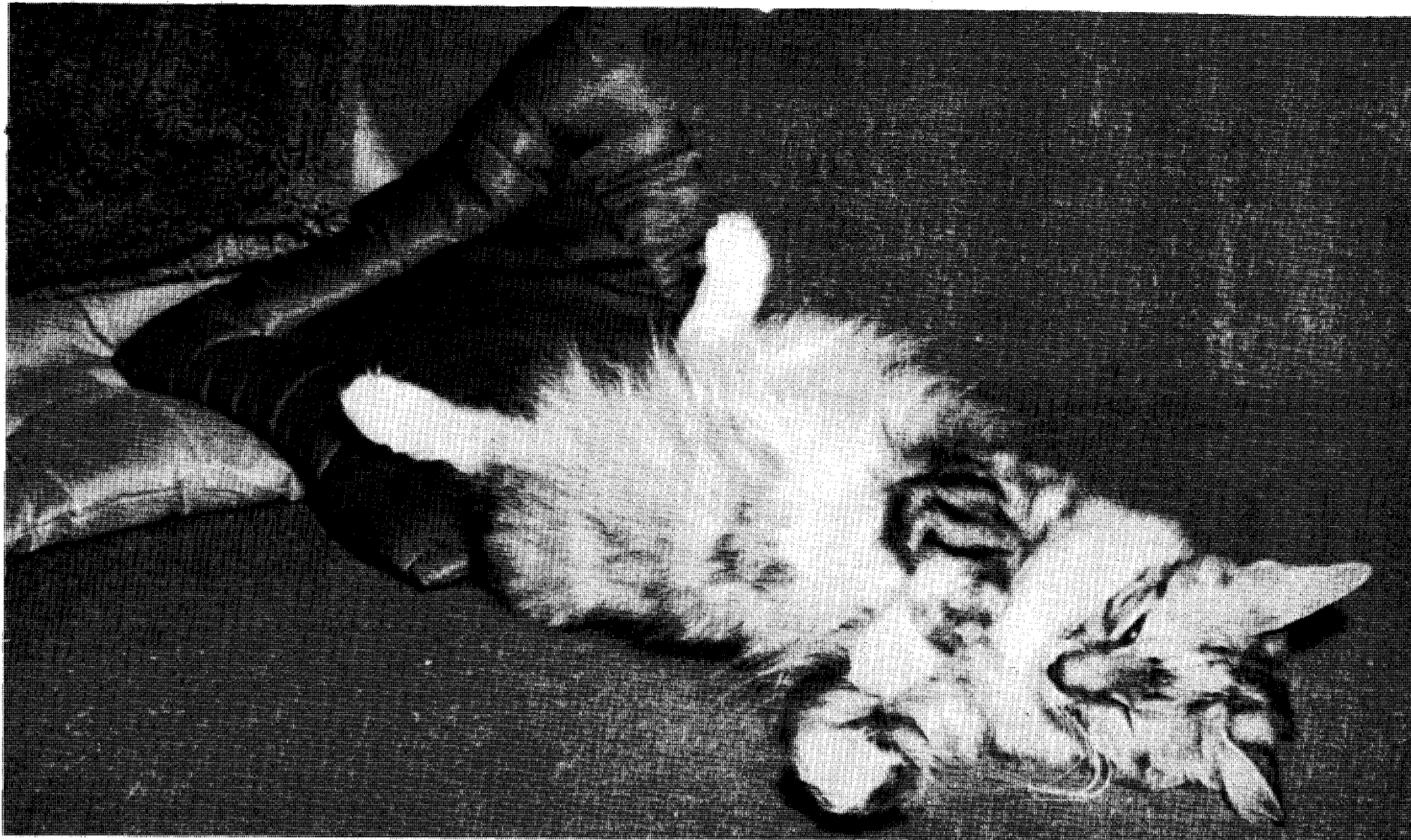
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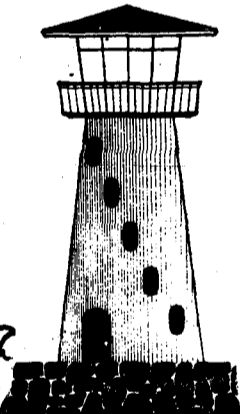
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A roseate spoonbill has been seen in the back bay at Fort Myers Beach precisely on March 21, as though the lone bird could read the calendar and tell that it was the first day of spring. Other dates of first sightings in other years have placed the time as April 12, later in March and earlier in April, when the birds have arrived from their winter habitat on Tavernier Key. Now an engineer and avid bird watcher, Mr. Joseph H. Portney of California says the birds follow the changing angle and length of shadows cast by the sun in annual migrations.

Portney explains that in the sunlight the tip of a shadow cast by any object follows a concave path during the day. It bends away from the sun during the fall months and reaches the maximum curvature December 21.

During the winter, the shadow path begins to flatten until March 21, the first day of spring, when it follows a perfectly straight east-west course.

"It is a well known fact that birds possess acute vision and retentive memories," Portney says. "Flying aloft in their winter latitudes, the birds could easily monitor the shadow cast by any tall object -- a hilltop, a tree, or even markers in the water, such as a buoy, or even a tallish building."

Anyhow, the roseate spoonbills usually travel in flocks and no flocks have been seen as yet, but are due here any day now, and we believe they will be reported in the Ding Darling Sanctuary soon. They come and summer here after having raised their young to adult age, many of which are still white and not old enough to attain their characteristic shell pink color with flame wing tips, which make the birds spectacularly beautiful in flight.

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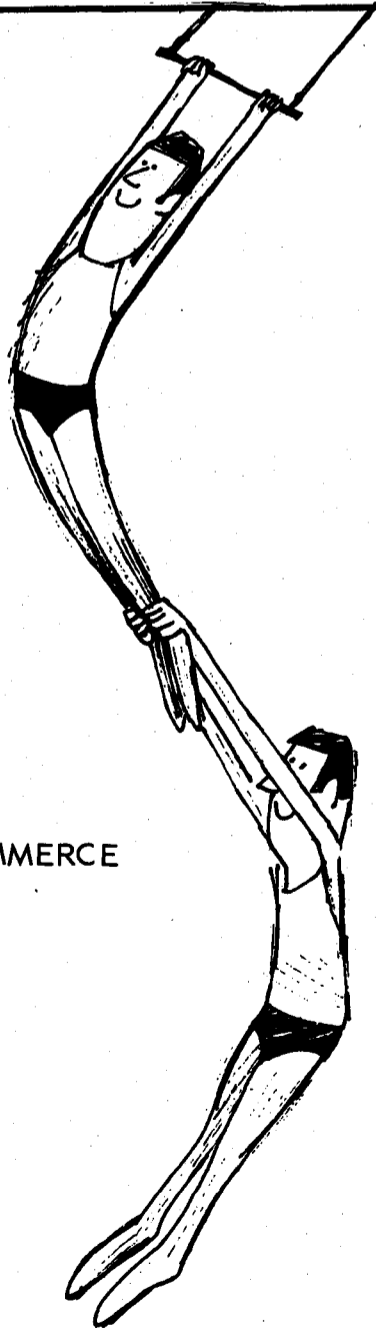
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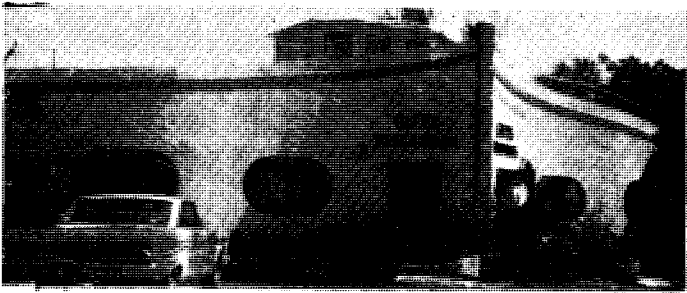
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