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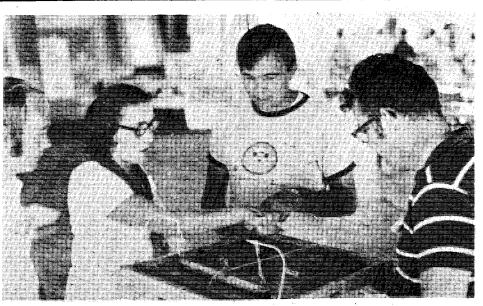
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The mangroves sustain sea life which is essential to all commercial fishing, crab and shrimp industries, and supports sport fishing, marinas, bait sales and inturn tourism.

"The mangrove forest is the most unique in the entire world. Because of its vital part in the economy, it must be protected and preserved," said Hammond. An acre of mangrove is worth about \$23,000 per year economically. Sanibel is undergoing an educational program in the areas of ecology and the economics of nature incorporated in all their studies, for the children. When the children know about environmental problems, they will be prepared to make decisions as adults on the knowledge acquired as children.

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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 Webb's Castaways Restaurant.

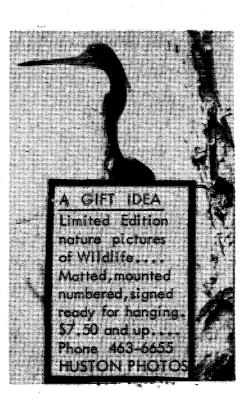
American Legion Post #123, American Legion Home, 2nd Tuesday 8 p.m.

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.

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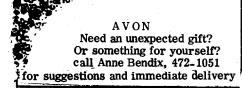
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ISLAND INN GUESTS

Two Pennsylvania lovelies are the Misses Jill and Debbie Van Sweringen who have been gracing the beach and enjoy getting the tan they will take home with them. Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Leseurgeon of Charlotte, N.C., have been enjoying the swimming, shelling and fishing. Guests from around the state who are luxuriating in the last days of summer are Mr. & Mrs. Barry Mercer of Seminole, the E.W. Youngs of Coral Gables, and Dr. & Mrs. J.P. Brown, Jr., of Vero Beach.

SEGUNDA GUESTS

Long-time friends of Sanibel returning this week for their fifteenth annual visit to the island are M. and Mrs. James L. Jewell, of Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Jewell is a cousin of Mrs. John P. Glass of Gulf Drive, Sanibel.

P. Glass of Gulf Drive, Sanibel.

Here for a brief sojourn over the Rosh-Hashanah holiday were the Bert Greenwalds, of Miami, with their four energetic youngsters. Mr. Greenwald is owner of Bertram's new and popular 200-seat restaurant located in Miami's Midway Mall. The Greenwalds have been coming to Sanibel frequently for respite from the big-city hubbub, and are now looking into property for their own vacation retreat.

The Ralph Bodnarczuks, of Clifton, N.J., have been utilizing a bit of their time while vacationing here to plant young palms on their island property, on which they may eventually build a retirement home.

Prize shelling finds of the week were a sizeable lion's paw and a fine golden olive, both found on the Segunda beach by Miss Puth Williams.

WHO'S WHO

Fishing has been very good at the end of Captiva. Casting off the point, at South Seas brought in a 14 pound snook, and A.W. DAVIS of Gulfbreeze, Fla., caught a 10 pounder. Mr. & Mrs. C. FRYE of Kincanon, N.Y., caught some good size redfish, and Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT MCDONALD of Largo were very lucky in their catch of reds, too.

Mr. & Mrs. PAUL ADAMS of Seven Seas have returned from a prolonged vacation, in which they were able to combine business with pleasure. Traveling first to the Atlanta Gift Show, they then went through the North Carolina Mountains on their way up to visit their three children in the Sterling, Ill. area, and saw all eleven grandchildren!

The RON ADAMS presented them with a new grandbaby, Monica Ann Adams, a long name for a little rosebud of a girl. They saw the Dennis Redfields and the Harold Van Drews.

Then the Adams drove on to Chicago and the Merchandise Mart to take in the newest in apparel; then to Ontario, Canada, for some new purchases for winter.

Their last stop was at the Merchandise Mart in Miami at the Men's Apparel Show, and they will hardly leave

time to settle down again before a return trip to Miami for more shopping, but the Seven Seas Store is shiny bright and open for business.

SHELL HARBOR INN

Guests at Shell Harbor Inn who have been enjoying shelling, fishing and fun on the beach include the Clyden Bowdens of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. Walter Thomas Frisbies of New Orleasn; Mr. & Mrs. D. Blenenst of Hamilton, Ohio; and Dr. & Mrs. John C. Rose of Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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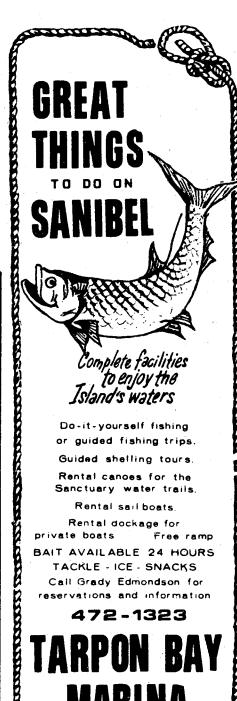
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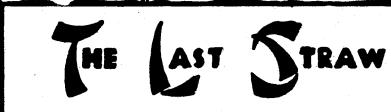


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business meeting held at the Community House on September 21, again by its ac- says: "It is my feeling that we, as a Board, should not make the final decision entirely tions expressed a concern and willingness to come to grips with the complaint of by ourselves but the people who live in the areas affected by this insurance should on Sanibel Island."

Invited to the meeting and representing the Sanibel-Captiva Teen Club were its officers: Scott Clark, President; Alice Aleck, Vice-President; Missy Muench, Secretary (not present) and Dina Aleck, Tresurer (also not present.) Non-officers at the meeting were Debbie Jenks and Kerry Lance.

Alice Aleck presented the board a copy of the Teen Club constitution, by-laws and rules of conduct for the group. In the exchange of ideas, objectives and needs of the Club between the board members and the representation from the Teen Club, the young people indicated their full awareness of and willingness to comply with all board directives, their constitution, by-laws, rules of conduct and their verbal agreements made to the board members present. Impressed with the sincerety and maturity of the Teen Club representation, and after lengthy discussion after the departure of the youth group, the board of directors agreed to allow the use of the Community House to the Teen Club on Saturday nights from hours of 7:00 P.M. to 12:00 P. M., with the reservation that the Community House be always available on any given Saturday night for use of the Community Association, its business or social functions as the need arises.

It was the consensus of the board members that the granting of the Teen Club request for use of the Community House for wholesome social activities should not supplant the responsibilities and duty of parents of all island young people to show continued and renewed interest in the guidance, welfare, and participation of parents themselves, in the concerns, problems and social adjustments of their sons and daughters. It is not the intention of the board or the Sanibel Community Association to usurp or replace parental authority and responsibility in such matters. In co-

with the island young people the board only wishes to be of some help and so fulfil its feeling of responsibility as an unofficial but concerned body in the problems of island young people, and to the man and the one lady member the Sanibel Community association Board of Directors was happy and glad to be of some help to our young people.

In other business a letter from Commissioner Walter Shirey was read regarding the Flood Insurance Program for the area and the desire of the board members that this most needed program be continued on permanent basis after December 31, 1971. What islanders and the general public can do about promoting the program is best

The Sanibel Community Association Board of Directors, at its regular monthly expressed in a brief quote from Commissioner Shirey's letter to the board. He by ourselves but the people who live in the areas affected by this insurance should have a strong voice in determining action that this Board should adopt, either in assuring the continuation or in the elimination of this program after the cut-off date of December 31, 1971." In the context of this statement from our commissioner the Sanibel Community Association Board of Directors feels it incumbent upon itself to urgently request all island residents and all and anyone concerned to write, petition and phone, not only Commissioner Shirey, but all five commissioners for the speedy implementation of the permanent Flood Insurance Program, and all are urged to attend all public hearings on this vital matter. The Commissioners address is: Bruce J. Scott, Chairman, County of Lee, P.O. Box 398, Fort Myers, Florida 33902.

LINES IN RESPONSE TO BEWLEY, E.H.

Bewley's really inquisitive but shy, His not to reason nor to pry, Modest but coy For a hostile ploy His letter has only 15 of "I." /s/Elizabeth B. Browney

May we ask you, Emerson Bewley Whose name comes amongst us no newly Are you making a game With a fancy free name Or are you for really and truly? Wesley T. Ravenscroft

Won't someone please tell E.H. Bewley Whose letter indicates duly His unfriendly intent We knew what he meant When he didn't sign off with "yours Truly!" /s/George Codrington Bampfylde There is Mr. Bewley who lives in a stew

He has so many questions he doesn't

know what to do He stropped at the border, was told to

keep out By the ferocious Combs who put him to

/s/ Fritz Scheishausen

There comes amonst us on Sanibel The righteous Emerson Bewley With forked tongue he writes to tell A yarn, a yard wide and all woolly. /s/ (Miss) Fanny H. Boccacio

P.S. We got some more, but since this is a family newspaper --- oh, well!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE ISLANDER;

The following is a copy of a letter I sent to County Commissioner Walter Shirey.

" I am writing to let you know of my interest in WOODMERE PRESERVE Sanibel, and to urge that it be accepted by Lee County as a permanent arboretum.

This beautiful and unusual sanctuary has been set up over a long period of years by Mr. and Mrs. Willis Combs. This remarkable couple have unselfishly always made their preserve available for tours and study to individuals and groups interested in furthering their knowledge of the flora and fauna of the island.

I know that Woodmere Preserve has been of great value to Lee County classroom students and to organizations such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts as well as many other natural history and conservation groups who have undertaken special studies of the unique features of the

Let us keep WOODMERE PRESERVE intact for all time by making it an offi-

/s/ Jeanne Niswonger

TO THE ISLANDER:

At long last maybe "Albert the Alligator" has a chance for survival. In recent action by Florida Game and Fresh Water Commission officers, 11 citations were issued against Lee County retailers charged with illegal possession of products made from alligator skins.

Although a determination has not yet been made, if the facts leading to the citations warrent prosecution in a court of law, a new state law which went into effect July 1, prohibits the possession of alligator products in a store, warehouse or retail business.

Products allegedly found in the stores were belts, shoes and watchbands. If these and other items, such as purses and wallets, can be removed from the market place, much of the incentive for the indiscriminate slaying of this endangered species will be removed.

/s/ Alligator Lover

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Bob Dormer, Broker, of San Carlos Realty, now located in Town Square, Sanibel, will purchase the building formerly occupied by Ross Mayer, Realtor.

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NEW CORPORATION

Secretary of State Richard (Dick) Stone announced the chartering of the following corporation this week:

Island Maintenance Company, Inc.; (3-88566) Box 150, Rt. 1, Main Street, Sanibel Island, Florida, (Lee County) Auth st: 500 sh com st @ \$1.00. Filed: Sept. 17, 1971. Dealing in General home etc. Incorporators: Jack E. Rowe, Peter E. Pavel, John Popovich, all of Sanibel Island, Fla. Filed by: W.H. Snyder, P.O. Drawer 9, Sanibel Island, Florida.

POST 123 AWARDS LIFE **MEMBERSHIPS**

Floyd Pflough and Joseph Wightman, charter members of the Sanibel-Captiva Post 123, were awarded Life Membership cards at the regular monthly meeting of Post 123 at the Legion Hall on

September 14.

Commander Gerald Johnson made the presentation and in his remarks to the Post membership cited the many singular contributions of both Legionnaires to Post 123 from its inception. Mr. Pflough and Mr. Wightman, over the years, have served on numerous Post committees which conceived many of its present many and commendable charitable and educational programs. In the early days of the struggling Post, long before it occupied its present fine hall and premises, both men recall frequently meeting in temporary, makeshift quarters with none of the luxuries of todays hall. But they and other charter members held firm to their one desire to have a Legion Post and in the true spirit of the American Legion they saw the fruitation of their labors and Legion Post 123 soon became a going concern, The impact of Legion Post 123 on island life today is testimony to the tenacity and zeal of men like Floyd Pflough and Joseph Wightman.

Floyd Plough first joined the Legion in 1922 and was an active member of Posts in Deland and Orlando, Florida. He is a World War One vetern and served honorably in Army Aviation.

Joseph Wightman is a World War Two veteran and served honorably in the U.S. Army and is a Past Commander of Legion Post 123 and also served as Post Sergeant at Arms.

CAMERA CLUB PLANS INTRODUCED

The next dinner meeting of the Sanibel Community Association to be held at the Community House, Tuesday, Oct. 5, will feature plans for organizing a camera club on the Islands.

The meeting will be devoted chiefly to the kind of monthly programs the Camera Club is planning for the fall and winter months.

The feature attraction for the Oct. 5 meeting, and a sample of the kind of entertainment the Camera Club is organizing. will be a 60 minute, 200 slide film presentation with narration and music entitled, "Around the World with P.S.A.*"

This special film presentation has been put together by Ann Hatcher of Port Chester, N.Y. Each year, for the

past ten years, Mrs. Hatcher has gathered prize slide from camera clubs in 20 or more countries around the world. From these, Ann selects the best ones, weaves them into a story, which is then recorded with background music generally from the country of origin.

The one to be shown on Oct. 5, was done in 1968, is considered her best, and won 5 gold medals and an international award.

This feature of the program has been arranged by Harry Borchers, a member of Photographic Society of America in White Plains, N.Y. Mr. Borchers is a member of the Community Entertainment Committee.

In addition to the film presentation, spokesman will outline briefly what is planned for the Camera Club that will make the club unique and fitting to the

While the covered dish supper meeting is for members and their guest only, the entertainment part, which begins at 8:00 P.M. is open to the public and all are invited to attend.

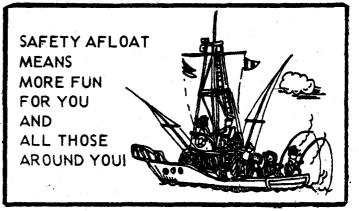
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The classes consist of: chart reading; use of the mariner compass; rules of the

road; navigational aids (buoys and markers) and safety practices as well as many other items.

The classes are free with an exception of a nominal charge for certain needed equipment.

Successful completion of this course can only lead to greater expertise, safety and enjoyment of boating.

For further information contact: Charles Holland or C.D. Yewcombe, Sanibel.

HEAVY RAINS HELP

Officials of the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District report that the recent heavy rains have been very beneficial to the major south water holding areas.

The water leval in lake Okeechobee has risen more than half a foot and now stands at almost 14 feet above mean sea The optimum is 14.73 feet on September 17. The big lake only has to rise a little more than a foot to reach its full regulation schedule.

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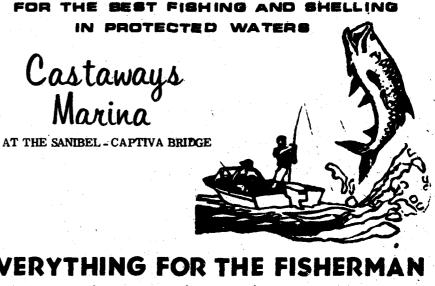
Priscilla Murphy, Realtor, reports the following sales:

From Mr. & Mrs. K. K. Hiatt to M & Mrs. Richard J. Shamansky of Wheatc. Illinois, a lot in Sanibel Isles.

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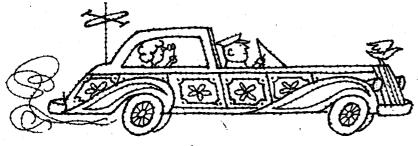


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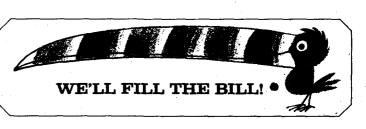
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If you are a retired teacher or administrator in Lee County, but not necessarily from Lee County originally, you are invited to attend a tea on October 4 at 2:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center South

Mr. Orville Bowman, president of the group and retired principal from Ohio, invites all retired school teachers to attend the tea and to consider joining the group which is interested in community services besides the special interests of the teachers.



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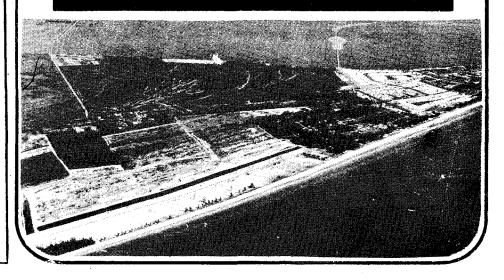
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sending the dog after me.

I'll thank you for all this now because someday when my feathers grow out (and that may be months) I'll be flying again and I'll be beautiful for people to admire.



ECOLOGY DISCUSSED AT WORKSHOP

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problems in every day life. Environmental experiments can be carried out by individual students and reported on to the group. Sanibel is particularly adapted to environmental studies becaruse of the Ding Darling Sanctuary, which is a center of ecological phenomenon.

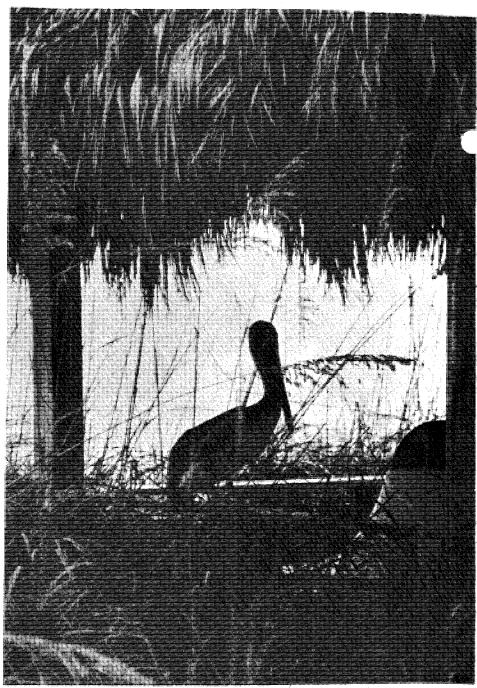
"We live in a natural laboratory of ecology," said Hammond.

A workshop sponsored by the Florida Audubon Society and the Environmental Education's project of the Lee County School system was held at Sanibel over the weekend. Leaders and teachers from all parts of the State gathered to take part in the workshop, according to Bill Hammond, director of the project.

Close to 200 attended the sessions, which were held at Sanibel because of its natural environmental suitability in representing the whole of marine-life ecology from fresh to salt water.

The workshop acquainted those attending with knowledge about their own environment, and began with a field trip demonstrating marine techniques in biological A short course was conducted at the Community House on Saturday on marine animal population and water chemistry.

In the evening, Hal Scott, executive director of the Florida Audubon Society, spoke to the group about "The Needs of the Audubon Society", and Sunday, a group dynamics class was held to indoctrinate the members in how to teach and implement the ideas learned at the workshop in their own classrooms, plus a field trip to the Ding Darling Sanctuary.



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AFTER THE FALL

"After the Fall," the Arthur Miller play, is now in rehearsal for the dinner theatre production Oct. 1 and 2 and Oct. 8 and 9 at the Surfside Banquet Hall in Cape Coral. John Wyatt, president of the Actors Repertory Theatre and leading actor in the production, said, "This is a tough play, a heavy play. Our neck is on the block but you have to be able to fail. It has to be done. To be entertained, you don't have to be laughing." Calling the drama "rather autobiographical," Wyatt said Miller received a lot of

criticism for exposing his inner feelings, having been one of a number of writers called before a congressional committee to name former Communist friends.

Tickets may be purchased for \$7.50 at Wyatt Interiors and the Suriside Restaurant Cape Coral and at El Libre Musica at Fort Myers Beach. Tables will be set up for six persons and a limited number for eight will be available.



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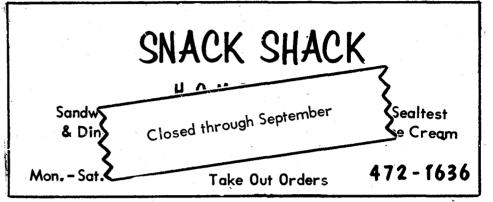
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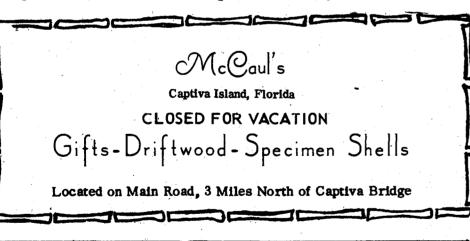
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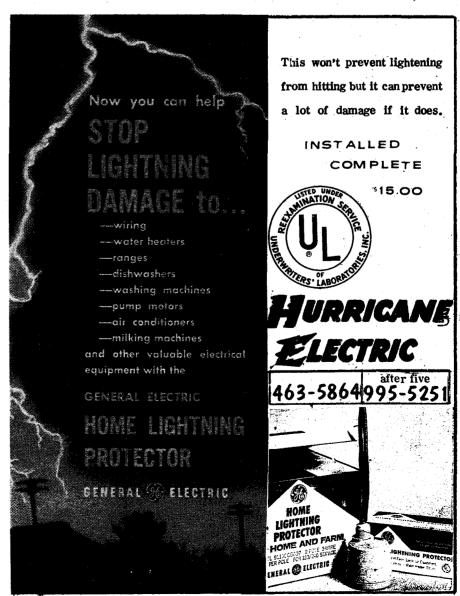
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BROWSING AROUND

We have had delightful hours browsing these lovely warm days with just the merest suspicion of fall in the early morning air. One day, we had the pleasure of a nice long visit with Mrs. Leon Crumpler of Punta Rassa.

She is a charming lady and her husband is just as nice. We enjoyed a pleasant visit on the verandah looking out over the waters to Sanibel; the same waters the ferry boats plied from 1927 to 1963 with Capt. Crumpler making most of the voyages back and forth.

What a treat for the visitor to take this journey with lasted almost 40 minutes acrpss the water now spanned by the Causeway! Often the waters were ruffled and just troubled enough to make the journey a real venture. Would the good captain never-to-be-forgotten role in history when the first word of the sinking of the Maine, get the ferry in the slip without a mishap, or would it hit the piling with a muffled in 1898, was received in the United States which touched off the Spanish American get the ferry in the slip without a mishap, or would it hit the piling with a muffled bump? And would there be enough room on the ferry for all the waiting cars?

Some were able to wet a line on the voyage and so add to the excitement. Sometimes a mother and baby would sit in the salon for protection from the sun, wind and salt spray, and other elderly people, but the children always loved the whole

Mrs. Crumpler explained that the block house on the edge of the road is not the original one that received the message of the sinking of the Maine in Havana harbor, but it is one brought from Maine. Meanwhile, telephones and radios came into common usage and so this particulartelegraph station was never really used.

"The original station which received and sent news by Morse Code was in an

old house beside what was the little old stone, and that too was not always a stone. Originally it was the was house for the big home and inn," said Mrs. Crumpler.

And now, folks, the saddest of all. The old familiar Punta Rassa landmark and

former store is no more! New owners of the land razed the picturesque old building several weeks ago to allow for progress! We do not know all the plans for the old site but we will wait and see, for many before have had grandiose plans for Punta Rassa only to have them fade and die.

Punta Rassa has remained a place sleeping in the sun since the forgotten days of the Steamer in Fort Myers, the busy cattle seaport it once was, the day it played a Will Punta Rassa again sink into oblivion or will it be reborn now? Time wil'

The new owners also own the bright new marina on the point and already many changes have come to it, but the basic structures remain, outside of the little wooden The Crumplers have three large rental homes and three small cottages.

"Last year was our best season yet. We believe it is because people keet trying to get away from the busy life and here time seems at a standstill to them, but of course it reall isn't," said Mrs. Crumpler.



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