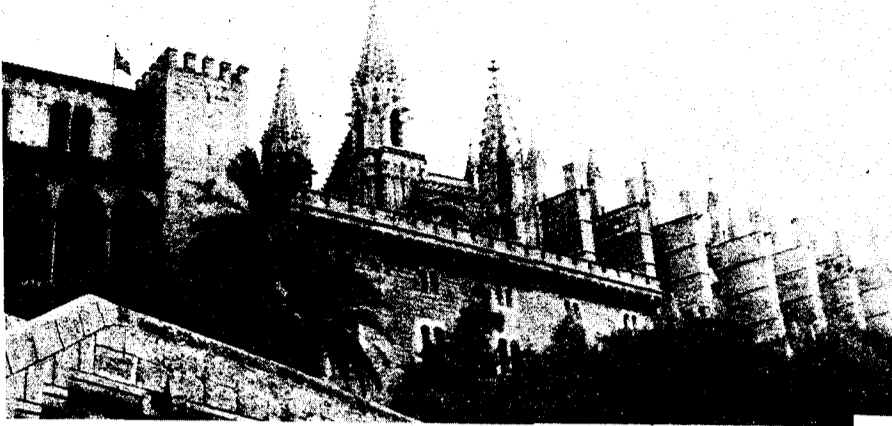


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Sanctuary Study Started

Automobile surveys of the specific interests of people using the J. N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge have been started by high school students in the Lee County Environmental Education Program. This is the \$325,000 federally funded project headed by Mr. William Hammond, who also is a director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Preliminary studies indicate the Ding Darling Refuge is the largest tourist attraction in Lee County. Results of the analysis by the student group will be published extensively, according to "Environmental A-L-E-R-T," publication of the Environmental Education Program.

This is only one of a number of varied projects undertaken by members of the high school environmental seminar group. Others include an evaluation of finger canals, Shady Oaks Park study, Six Mile Cypress study, thermal pollution. Incidentally, Mr. Hammond, director of the program, was an invited speaker at the recent U. S. National Commission meeting for UNESCO, Atlanta, Ga.

Turkey Shoot #2

The recent Plant Sale and Turkey Shoot was a large success and the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club wishes to thank you all for making it so. Treasurer Robert Dormer reported that a check for \$416 was sent to the Lee County Association for Retarded Children, and a check for \$645 has been sent to the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind.

Fourteen turkeys were won at the Turkey Shoot and a great deal of fun was had by all who participated, so, the Lions are doing it again! Another Turkey Shoot will be held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the west side of Bailey's Store. Lion Dr. John Willard is in charge of the event and he reports that all profits will again be donated to the Foundation for the Blind.

Restoration Started On Bailey Tract

The third phase in rehabilitation of the Bailey Tract, a unit of the J. N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island, was started this week according to Refuge manager, Bob Barber. As outlined in the refuge's concept plan, the restoration of the once productive Bailey Tract is a priority item. Again the bureau and Lee County are cooperating in excavating a management pond that will enhance the wildlife supporting capability of the tract. The latest excavation is next to Tarpon Bay Road and will total some eight acres with nesting islands when completed.

Island Clean-Up Saturday, December 11

Island clean-up will be held Saturday, December 11. Meet in front of Bailey's General store at 9 a.m.

As always we ask all concerned people to help in this community project. Our regulars will be out in full force; Boys Scouts, Lions Club, Community Association and American Legion, not to mention one real old guy.

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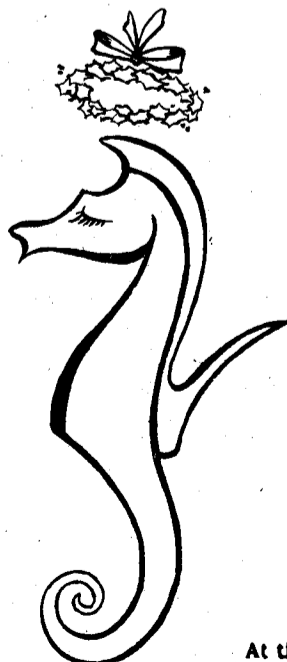
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Activities Calendar

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6:30 p.m., first & third Wednesday of
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American Legion Post #123, American
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The LEIGH BAIRS of Water Shadows have returned from their around the world trip, starting with a visit to London and on to an exciting African safari. From Africa, they went to Australia to visit Mrs. Bair's mother and from there they took a delightful side trip to New Zealand, returning to the states by way of Acapulco, Mexico. On their return, they are being honored at a Christmas party at the home of the GEORGE TENNEYS on Jewel Box Drive on Dec. 22.

The Dr. JOHN WILLARDS are entertaining their friends at a lovely Christmas soiree in their home on Dec. 19.

Mr. & Mrs. ROY MIDDLETON of Roseville, Calif., are spending the Christmas season at Gulf Breeze again this year, and are being greeted by friends.

ISLAND INN GUESTS

Guests at the Island Inn include Mr. & Mrs. George Halloran of Irvington, Va., the Thomas Dents of Haverford, Pa., Mr. & Mrs. G. Treggett of Montreal, Canada, and the J. S. Lewis of Dakin, Nevada. From Brecktown, N.J., are the Fred Grandkamps and Mrs. Charles M. Reed of Bayshore, N.Y., and the G. W. Carringtons of Winnetka, Ill., are enjoying relaxing at the Inn. The Joseph Chapmans of Radnor, Pa., are back for some welcome sun and the Misses Eileen Dobson and Rothwell of the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., are enjoying the beach and pool. Mr. & Mrs. D. Demerest of Boston, Mass., are here for some R&R as are the Laird C. Frobergs of Zanesville, Ohio.

SURF 'N SAND

New arrivals to spend their winter on Sanibel are Mrs. Eva Houlihan and her sister, Miss Marguerite Hand, both from Danbury, Conn. They are joining long time friends, Mae and Bill MacNamara, who are enjoying their second season here, along with Lillian Lownes and Pretzel.

Thursday was a lucky day for host, George Zajicek, and Val Glass, Bea and Irene Spillane. They returned with a nice string of sheephead and blow fish after an afternoon fishing in the bay.

Mr. & Mrs. Art Vollbrecht of Elm Grove, Wis., are here for a few days visit with their friends, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Matter of Milwaukee.

Enda Osborn and Helen Ayers of Ithaca arrived for a few days of our sun, only to find it chilly. We hope they will give us another chance to show just how beautiful our weather can be.

Mr. & Mrs. Rosenberg of Louisville, Ky., will be arriving for a week of rest before the holidays.

SHELL HARBOR INN

Guests from various points are gathering at Shell Harbor for the winter season. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bingham hail from Pequot Lakes, Minn., and Mr. & Mrs. S. Kartman are from Brigantine Beach, N.J. Mr. & Mrs. Dean Tennis from York, Pa., are enjoying shelling and return visitors are Dr. Sheldon Kaplan and family group from Warwick, R.I. The Robert Pollaks of Milwaukee, Wisc., are here for some R&R and the John H. Hamiltons of Troy, Mich., are escaping the wintry blasts. Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ruee of Cincinnati, Ohio, are here with their friends, the Edward Taylors of the same Bailywick. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wakely of Pittsford, N.Y., are here for an early winter vacation and the Sid Saul clan of Atlanta, Ga., too.

Other snowbirds are Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vargish of Lancaster, Pa., the S. D. Medleys of Ontario, Canada, Miss Anne Costakis and girl friends from Washington, D.C., Mr. & Mrs. Warren Engstrom of Richmond, Va., Mr. & Mrs. Walter Swenson of Northfield, Ill., the Walter Farbers of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and the Donald Waudby family of Cincinnati, Ohio.

WHO'S WHO AND WHY

We are sorry to report that DOTTI McQUADE is in Lee Memorial Hospital, and trust she will be on the mend shortly.

Mr. HOWARD K. SOPER, who is opening a gift shop in the Periwinkle Trailer Park, is receiving best wishes on his new venture from everyone including the C. W. BABBITS of Cincinnati, Ohio, who have a similar business there.

Mr. & Mrs. EDWARD HUNTMAN and Mrs. HELEN DULIN of Easton, Md., were here for Thanksgiving visiting GEORGE and MINERVA NOLL of Shalimar. Mrs. Dulin is Minerva's sister, and they have now all moved on to Miami to visit another sister, Mrs. JACKIE GLEASON. The Gleasons (and he really is THE Jackie Gleason) are building a new home in the Miami area.

The DAVE ROUGHEADS and MATTHEW McCABLES spent a leisurely day together Thursday enjoying a happy quiet visit. "The nicest kind of a get-together is often the unplanned one," said SYLVIA ROUGHEAD.

Son and daughter-in-law, the DEAN MITCHELLS, came over from Fort Lauderdale to spend the holiday with Mrs. STELLA MITCHELL.

Mr. & Mrs. D. T. EVANS of Captiva report a letter from daughter and son-in-law, CAPT. CHARLES BALLANTYNE of Ames, Iowa; states the "weather is cold and white and beautiful. Two snows have powdered the evergreens, just like on the Christmas cards." The Ballantynes were married in Indian Harbor, Fla., in July.

GEORGE and OLIVE BELL celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on Nov. 27 with DICK and DE HAHN on Captiva. The Bells are from Orlando and are the parents of DE HAHN, and a happier time cannot be imagined. Congratulations, and many more!

TOM and LEE FRADY, who are enjoying their nice home on Main Street, spent Thanksgiving with Tom's uncle and Aunt, BONNIE and CLEON SCHAFER in Fort Myers, and they all enjoyed turkey and duck for dinner with all the furbelows.

JACK YVES REMUS, son of Mr. & Mrs. GERD A. REMUS of Sanibel, graduates Dec. 13 from Florida Atlantic U. in Boca Raton with a Bachelor of Science in biology, major in Marine Zoology and Biochemistry. He was elected Senator and acted as vice president for the Student Council of F. A. U. He will enjoy the Christmas holidays on the Islands. After a well earned vacation in the Canal Zone, Jack hopes to work in the field of environmental biology while working toward a Masters Degree.

The ROSS GAMBELS of South Seas Plantation were recent hosts to Mrs. Gambel's brother, Gen. HARRY DISSTON, well known figure in horse circles in Virginia. Gen. Disston visited with Gen. LESLIE KINCAID of South Seas, who recently celebrated his 87th birthday, and would have visited with mutual friend, Dr. ARTHUR KINSOLVING, but had to fly back to Virginia.

New Island residents, Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE H. FOSTER are being welcomed to the Islands and their new home in Sunset South Condominiums, and we hope they will enjoy island living as much as they have looked forward to it.

JIM and BETTY REDPATH are visiting from Leven Fifeshire, Scotland, before their return to Ontario, Canada, where they plan to make their new home, but they will visit on the islands periodically, we hope.

KENAN FISHBURNE was home from her busy college activities at Setson U. for the Thanksgiving holiday and enjoyed turkey and all the trimmings with her parents, the CHARLES C. FISHBURNES of Gulf Drive.

The W. B. FRANKLINS, Jrs. spent Thanksgiving at their Hendersonville, N.C., home at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. They report the weather cold and crisp. It was about 27 degrees and the trees looked like crystal chandeliers with snowy sleet, but all in all it was very invigorating and real thrill to experience winter again. But they are back in their Sanibel home now.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This meeting was called to meet with Sanibel-Captiva Commissioner, Walter Shirey, for a follow-up on various items which were brought to his attention at his first visit before the Chamber Board in January. Many other organization officers and interested persons were invited, and there were about 40 residents that attended.

President Gault introduced Mr. Shirey, and he said he was happy to be here to give a further report on the items that the Chamber had been interested in:

1. Catwalk on the Bridge. The funds for the bridge are controlled by the Bond Holders, and that the R & R, or emergency fund is depleted, due to the bridge having three collisions, and the insurance company has not paid off, in fact, the County is suing to try to recover. The engineers do have a set of plans similar to that used on the MacArthur Causeway in Miami that can be used when funds become available to build this catwalk. Mr. Shirey said he intends to ask the Commissioners to set aside a large amount of money to be used for emergency and repair funds.

2. The road from Five Points to the Causeway was covered with dirt and sand in January, and in need of having lines down the center. This has been taken care of.

3. Turner's Beach. This is being studied, as the present entrance and parking place is almost completely unusable and the water is up to the rest rooms, so he is studying and trying to get another road and park entrance to the beach further east of present one.

4. Speed limit. The Chamber had told Shirey that many of the residents thought that the 45 mph speed was too fast, and wanted it reduced to 35 mph. A survey had been taken and it was thought that the 45 mph was the average speed on this road, but that if the majority of residents did want it reduced that steps could be taken to get it reduced.

5. Litter signs. Shirey had been asked if the County would place signs at strategic places denoting a fine for throwing litter along the roadside. This can be done by letting them know just where the signs were wanted.

6. Law enforcement. Shirey agreed that we needed more law enforcement, but that he had talked to Sheriff Snag Thompson, but had not received much encouragement. He noted that as a commissioner, he had been trying to get a more detailed report on the Sheriff's budget and programs.

7. Trailers parking on the roads. Shirey noted that this was a problem as there was not enough trailer spaces or parks to accommodate all the trailers that come over, and that some residents wanted more parks and others were against any more parks. But trailers can be reported to the Sheriff's Dept., and they would have to move. He also noted that Mr. Muench of the Periwinkle Trailer Park had petitioned for an expanded zoning ruling so he could enlarge his park.

8. Culvert on Tarpon Bay Road between Bailey Shopping Center and Gulf Drive. This culvert has been closed until a further study can be made, as the Sanibel River has been closed at Beach Road. This is tied in with the fact that due to some of the subdivisions cutting canals through has caused salt water intrusion into the river and many wells, and is a problem that will take a lot of study to solve.

9. Dog Ordinance. This will come up at the County meeting to be held on Dec. 8 and all who are interested should attend.

10. Fishing pier. Mr. Shirey placed a drawing of the proposed draft for the fishing pier on the bulletin board to show the work that has been done on this. He showed and read some of the many letters he had written and answers he had received from the Federal Regional Office in Atlanta. He told that he had started correspondence with a Mr. Carlson, one of the main men in charge at the regional office, the first of February, shortly after the January meeting. At that time, Mr. Carlson assured him that he would start working on this, and try to get a permit from the Coast Guard to rebuild the pier. This takes about 60 days, and as of a couple of weeks ago, had not even been started. Atlanta had promised to send specification and guidelines for the design of the pier, and when they had failed to do this, the county engineers went ahead and drew up their own specifications. They had planned a 4' wide walkway 48' long, then 108'x12' out over the water.

Pier contractor's had been contacted as to cost, and an estimate of \$17,000 was given. One of the Sanibel residents had offered a generous amount to help build this pier, and he was hoping to get between \$8,000 and \$10,000 from the county, and it would be necessary to raise the rest from contributions. The contracts had told him that it would take 45 to 60 days for delivery of the pilings (these are creosol wood pilings) as concrete pilings are too expensive. Then it would take approximately 30 days to build.

President Gault asked that he tell us exactly how much money would be needed, so that we would know how much we would have to try to raise in a fund-raising drive. At this point Ralph Woodring stated that he appreciated the Chamber's efforts in trying to get this badly needed pier built, but that he did not think that the Island should have to pay for it, considering all the money that the county collected from the bridge, that the county should be able to spare \$17,000 for Sanibel. Mr. McKinsey also stated that this was his sentiments, as he had reports from surveys that proved that Sanibel-Captiva residents paid for 40% or more of the bridge tolls. This was also voiced by Al Walther, and all were in agreement. Mr. Shirey agreed that they had collected \$360,000 from the bridge last year, and that \$100,000 had gone into the general fund, and the rest was spent to buy back the bonds, and that the bridge would be paid for nine to ten years sooner than expected.

Mr. Barker, of Wildlife told the group that this ground where the pier is to be built does belong to the Coast Guard, and they have said that they intend to reactivate this property in 3 years. So it was discussed if this would be feasible to build the pier and possibly only get to use it 3 years. Some thought that it would still be worth it, and others did not think so. It was noted by Jack Rushworth that the county owned the land at the foot of Bailey road on the Bay, and that the fishing was good there and why couldn't the county give that property for the pier. Mr. Shirey promised to go back and ask the other County Commissioners for the entire amount and the land for the fishing pier, and that all he needed was for two other commissioners to vote with him. He will report back on his accomplishments.

11. Gulf Drive. Mr. Shirey told that over 12,000 square acres, or 2/3 of Sanibel is owned by the Federal Government, leaving only 1/3 of Sanibel for private development, and nearly all of this was between the main road and the Gulf. Therefore it was absolutely essential that there be a second highway between the main road and the Gulf to handle all the increased growth and to connect all the subdivisions and dead end roads, so that in case of an emergency there would be another exit road that can be used other than just one main road. There are only a few places that need connecting to make Gulf Drive continuous, as several of the large subdivisions had already built and were ready to give to the county to complete this road, and Shirey plans to have this road finished during his remaining three year term. It was noted by Joe Gault, that when Sanibel had its own zoning board, and he was its first president that this road was in the plans and that was ten years ago.

12. Comprehensive Study. Mr. Shirey told that two commissioners, he and Mr. Sweeney, two zoning board members, Mr. Doug Taylor and Ed Rich, two Sanibel residents, Mr. McKinsey and Mr. Beatty, with Mr. Barber and alternate Mr. Haymie, with Mr. Cappell as an outsider was appointed to make a comprehensive study of Sanibel and Captiva to determine the facts, land uses, etc., and should have a meeting in December with different members having different projects.

13. Flood Insurance. He was wholeheartedly for it but there were a lot of details that had to be studied and worked out, as Lee County was all in flood zone. There will be a public meeting announced later and all interested should attend.

This was a long and detailed report, and Mr. Shirey was given a round of applause, and was thanked by the president for taking the time to come over and bring us up to date on these projects, and in answering the many questions put to him. The crowd seemed very favorably impressed with him, and many thanked him individually.

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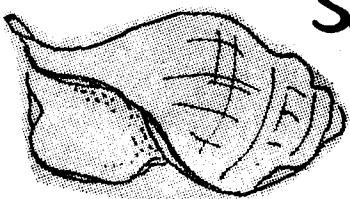
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LIBRARY BENEFIT PLANNED

Plans for the first in a series of benefits to be held on Sanibel for the new Library Building Fund have been announced by the Trustees of the Sanibel Public Library.

The initial Arts and Crafts Show benefit is set for Saturday, Feb. 5, 1972 at the Community House. At the present time plans call for this benefit to become a regular annual event in direct support of the Building Fund and the Sanibel Library in general.

The Feb. 5 Arts and Crafts benefit will be the kick-off of a concerted, and hopefully successful, building fund drive to secure sufficient funds to realize the completion of a new library facility in the near future.

Further announcements of this benefit and subsequent ones will be published in the Islander as plans are developed.

SHELL CLUB NEWS

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club will hold its first meeting of the 1971-72 season at the Captiva Community Center on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m.

The feature of the program will be a "Shellecture" by Dorothy and Norman Jensen, entitled "Pink Sands of Eleuthera." This is a shell-collecting trip to an unspoiled island of the Bahamas, whose name, we believe, comes from the Greek word meaning "free." Beautiful scenery and lovely shells and interesting sound effects are combined in this presentation. In addition, our Shell Fair award winners, Eugenia Wright and Helene Eker, will present a brief illustrated discussion on shell cleaning in general.

Club President, Crawford Cate, advises that items of Club jewelry bearing the official symbol, the Junonia, will be available at this meeting.

The public is welcome at all Club meetings and it is hoped that this and future meetings will be well attended.

AT THE SEGUNDA

The coincidence of several strong tides of late have brought out the Segunda shellers in force, with many out with flashlights well before dawn and cleaning their treasures well into the night. Those who merit special mention for their zeal (and success) are Mary Yamazaki and friend, Ida Patzer, both nurses down from the Windy City, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Decker of Morristown, N.J., and Mr. & Mrs. O. C. McFadden, of Osborne, Kansas. Mrs. Jack Weinstein and sisters, Ruth and Frances Williams, have also been out with shell pails daily, since their new home in Sanibel Harbours is nearing completion and they will soon be preoccupied with settling in.

Also back briefly this week before moving into their new home in Tahiti Shores, were Mr. & Mrs. William S. Foster from Pittsfield, Conn. We wish them all the best as new island residents. (Since they have no phone or street address as yet, we hope other readers will indulge use of this column for a personal communication. Mrs Foster: Your missing stockings and coat are here at the Segunda.)

Also here briefly, while visiting Mrs. Glass of Gulf Drive, were Josephine Hunicutt and family of Mableton, Ga. Other returning guests were Mr. & Mrs. L. F. McCann, here for a short respite from the bustle of Miami, while first time visitors included Mr. & Mrs. Albert Talbot of Greenwich, Conn., Mrs. John Winkler of Pompano Beach, Mr. & Mrs. James L. Lane of Terre Haute, Ind., Mr. & Mrs. K. S. Eckels of Jamestown, Pa., with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. James Eckels of McLean, Va.

Fishing laurels of the week go to Dr. David Anthony of Gainesville, who landed a fine 27 lb. redfish, on a 10 lb. line from his own boat in the Gulf just off Tarpon Bay Road.

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WILDLIFE NOTES by griffina bancroft

The last of our winter residents have now arrived. We mean birds, not people. Specifically our ring-billed gulls.

Bird populations are usually in a state of change. Some birds are here all the time, some only in the winter, some only in the summer. Others just pass through here in the fall and spring on migrations.

Still others pass through only in the fall and others only in the spring. And to all this there are exceptions. Our bird tours sometimes turn up things that shouldn't be: individuals, that according to all the books should be somewhere else.

Of the winter residents who are here in abundant numbers, the ring-billed gull is usually the last to arrive. On the beaches up to a short time ago, the only gull you saw was the small laughing gull, the only member of the family who is a permanent resident here.

Now you are beginning to see, in equal numbers, a larger, lighter bird, the ring-billed. Both are scavengers. Both eat about the same things. So it is interesting to observe how different are their habits.

The laughing gull is a nondescript fellow now, but in the spring he, and she, will have a pre-nuptial molt which results in a striking black head and reddish bill and legs. This will be followed by courtship and nesting in colonies on small islands in the Gulf.

The ring-billed, on the other hand, has no noticeable pre-nuptial molt and he disappears from here in the spring. He is a long range migrant, nesting mostly in Canada.

We do have other gulls here in the winter, but they are not common. Some of the larger herring gulls are now here. They are common at this time of year in northern Florida, but it is mostly stragglers, usually the brownish immatures --- less than 3 years old --- that get this far south.

Occasionally we get flocks of the much smaller, dainty bonaparte gulls, but only off and on. The little bonaparte nests far away, mostly in Alaska and northern Canada.

We can expect, almost any time, the first record of another gull here, the great black backed. Some have been reported this far south on the east coast and, on this coast, in Tampa Bay. He is pushing south and could be here any time. And no one will welcome this marauder who robs and chases away other birds.

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WATER ASSOC. SPECIAL MEETING

The Island Water Association, Inc. has received information from Mr. C. B. Williams, county supervisor of the Farmer's Home Administration that in accord with the latest policy of the Farmer's Home Administration, they will consider reamortization of the real estate loan to Island Water Association.

The membership of Island Water must approve this action by a resolution made at a public meeting, fifteen members present to be considered a quorum.

Mr. Walter Emmons, president of the Association, has called for and advertised a special meeting of the membership of the Association, to be held Thursday, Dec. 16, 1971 at 3 p.m. at the main office of the Association on Sanibel, Fla. At this meeting the resolution will be placed before those members present for such action they may wish to take.

CARETTA TEAM RECEIVES GRANT

Charles LeBuff of Sanibel, Director of the Sanibel-Captiva based Caretta Research Team, announced this week that his marine turtle group had received a grant from the Damroth Foundation of New York. Mr. William Damroth, wildlife photographer and writer, who is now residing on the islands periodically through the year, presented his Foundation's check in the amount of \$1,500.00 to LeBuff this week. The grant will be disbursed on several projects underway or planned on Sanibel-Captiva next summer.

The group's budget for 1972 has recently been submitted to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and totals \$3,020.00. The Damroth grant, nearly one-half of the total required, will insure that current ongoing projects will proceed, and the turtle group's Budget Committee has determined that the grant will be utilized on the Sanibel-Captiva operation. Of course other funding will be required that the full operational income will be realized to allow other units of the project (those in Naples, Englewood and Indian Rocks Beach) to continue their programs. LeBuff also stated that the Cape Romano project workload will be increased in 1972 and said that adequate funding is necessary that the group may implement plans for a massive egg protection/transplantation program at the Cape which is scheduled to begin this next May.

As in the past, new or additional contributions for the sea turtle conservation project should be made payable to, and forwarded to, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, earmarked for the Caretta Research account.

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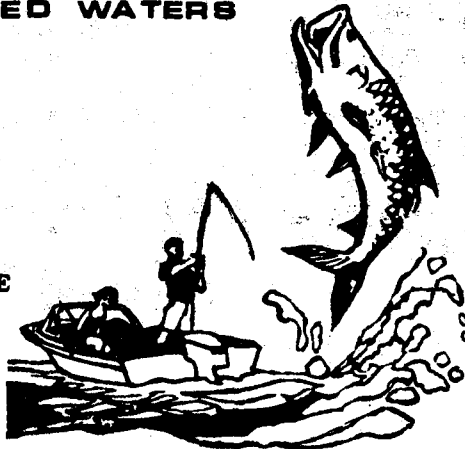
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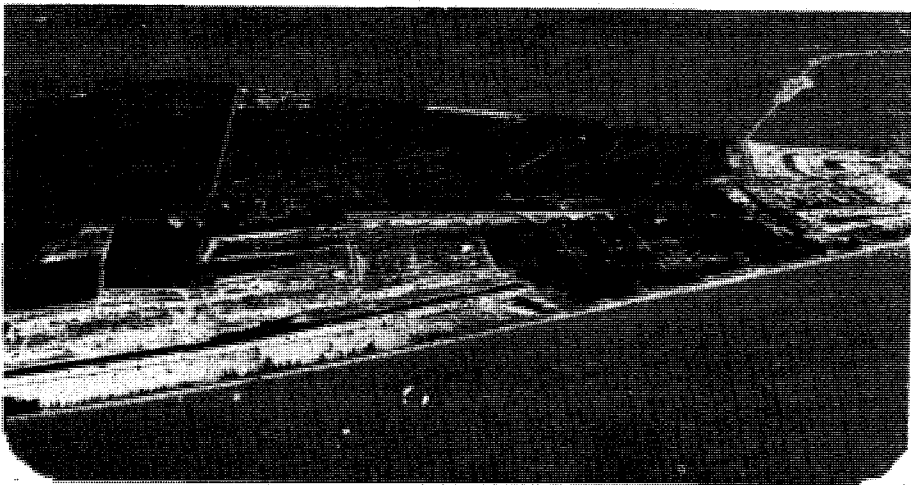
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CAMERA CLUB NEWS

The next regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Camera Club to be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Assn. Building will be a working session on "How to Photograph Flowers."

The special speaker will be Mr. Wilber Tusler, a retired hospital architect, from Minneapolis, Minn., who is a winter visitor to the Island residing at Shalimar.

Mr. Tusler took up photography as a hobby some 40 years ago when he was in high school. He is now a member of two camera clubs in Minneapolis. The Photographic Society of America and the Nature Camer Club of the same city. He has won one star in color photography and two stars in nature photography.

Mr. Tusler will actually demonstrate how to take prize winning photographs of flowers and will show some of his prize winning pictures of flowers taken on Sanibel. He has been a winter visitor to this Island for the past 6 years.

Following Tusler's talk, those present will be given a chance to ask questions.

All "Shutter Bugs" are invited to attend the meeting and learn the technics of taking professional pictures.

The Camera Club is being sponsored by the Sanibel Community Association. For any further information get in touch with John Shepherd, 472-1076 or Lu Borchers, 472-1428.

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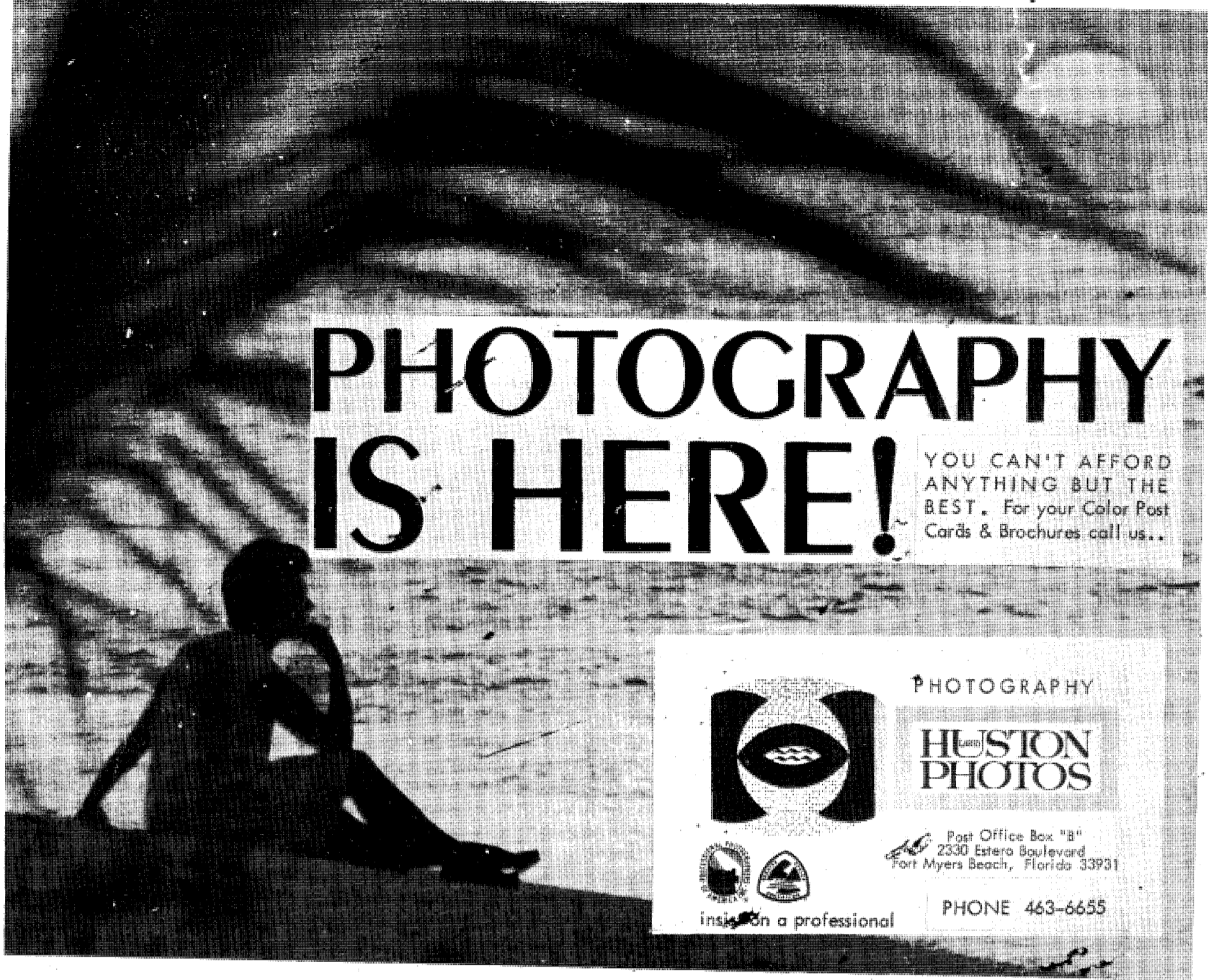


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE ISLANDER:
I think you should correct your article in the Dec. 2 issue which makes the Big Cypress land acquisition a Presidential proposal. It is not. The President belatedly endorsed a proposal that is a bill already in the Senate, introduced by Sen. Chiles and Jackson. He announced his endorsement just prior to a long-scheduled hearing in Miami by the sub-committee headed by Senator Jackson which is considering the bill. I was privileged to attend that hearing and I think the record should be set straight. The President's support is welcome. It was not his idea. It was not his leadership which brought it to the forefront.
/s/ Roy E. Bazire

TO THE ISLANDER:
A copy of the following letter was sent to the Islander for publication:
To: Mr. William Newman
Executive Secretary
Sanibel Island Chamber of Commerce
Dear Mr. Newman:
As you are already aware, public hearings on the location of Interstate 75 across South Florida will be held Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at Miramar High School in South Broward County, and Dec. 15 at East Naples Middle School.
This public hearing is your opportunity to make your opinions and the feelings of your constituents known to the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration.
Results of this public hearing and the I-75 extension project will greatly affect Florida in the coming year.
This department feels the citizens of Florida must present unified support for this extension, demonstrating to Federal Officials that an East-West link between Florida's coasts is a valid need for adequate transportation within the state.
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The same fine cast which delighted playgoers last year will be performing in "Busybody" again --- Roy Bazire, Judy Burner, Don Whitehead, Charlotte White, Philip Hunter, Grace White, Duane Whitehead and Ruth Hunter.

Tickets for all performances of the season are now on sale at the box office and The Islander will carry the full schedule of the Pirate Playhouse beginning with the Christmas edition. Curtain time is 8:15 at the Pirate Playhouse, Periwinkle Way, phone 472-1692.

All interested Islanders and visitors will be happy to learn that the 1972 tide charts have arrived and are printed this year in the form of a calendar with a place for notes.

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ART LEAGUE

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League will hold the first meeting of the new winter season at the Captiva Civic Center on Monday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

A special program has been arranged featuring a group of films which will be of unique interest to the observer as well as to the practicing artist. The four films are, "Collage, Exploring Texture," "Rhythm in Paint," "Design with Paper" and "Painting with Calligraphy."

The League will welcome new members and visitors at this first meeting of another season. Those wishing to join may send dues of \$2.00 to Mrs. Leigh Bair, R. R. 1, Box 116, Sanibel 33957.

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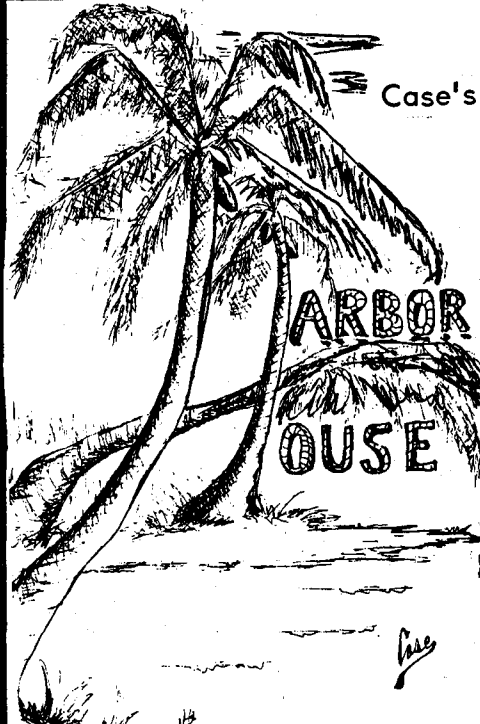
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Mrs. Wallace Byrd and husband took time out from house and lot hunting to find a golden olive and many other good shells. (Incidentally, if you have a house or lot to sell contact Sand Castles for the Byrds.)

Mr. & Mrs. Parton Althouse of Oxford, Pa., and Lake Placid, have found three golden olives. They spend six weeks of the year shelling. Last year while here, they then thought their son was minding their antique shop in Pennsylvania, but found out upon arriving home that he had been in Ireland flying antique planes for a movie.

Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Lew of Lorain, Ohio, are making this their 15th year on Sanibel. Kay's Christmas trees are always quite original --- this year it is a driftwood branch covered with angel wings (Kay says "fallen angels" as they are found Gulf side and slightly battered.)

Dr. & Mrs. Paul MacNamara of Laurel, N.Y., are spending a few months on Sanibel making plans for their new home in Lagoon Estates. With them are their talented sons. You will be seeing some of their metal and leather and other artworks at the local shops in the near future.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Stambach of Osborne, Kansas, are here for their 4th year of shelling, taking turns with Yucatan, Alcupulco and the Gulf shores of Texas.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Zumbo, (Islanders-to-be in the future), sorry it is not the near future, but they are quite young and both have busy careers in New York City where Tom is City Editor of UPI and Pat is a writer under the name of Pat Davis. Mrs. Zumbo's parents, the Harry Darises, are also here. They are new Floridians and we are trying our best to make them Islanders also.

The Franklin Warners are making their two week stay again. Mrs. Warner is busy making pine cone goodies. They hail from Oakfield, N.Y.

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All the way from Ottawa, Ill., are honeymooners, Mr. & Mrs. James Aldersay, and return guests are George and Madeline Seely from Chad's Ford, Pa., who will be here for Christmas too, we hope.

Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Hodgeman of Luther-ville, Md., had an unfortunate accident on their way down. Mrs. Hodgeman broke a rib, and so is resting and healing. They will be joined by friends, the Whitburnes, from Washington, D.C., shortly. Other guests are the C. W. Babbitts of Cincinnati, Ohio.

COLONY GUESTS

The Colony guests are: Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Wetherill from Houston, Texas; Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Petrovic from Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Ketcham from Jacksonville; Mr. & Mrs. George Greenspan from Wilton, Conn.; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hershman from No. Miami Beach; and the Robert E. Ross family from Troy, N.Y. are here for their annual visit.

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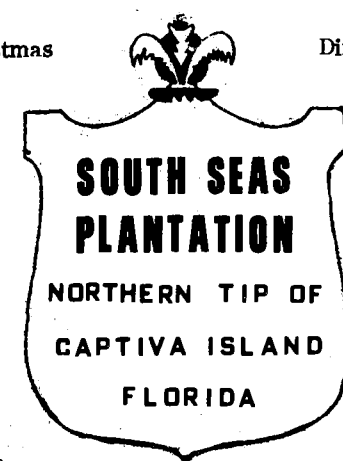
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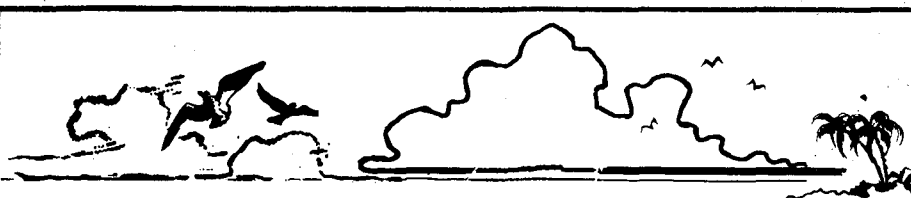
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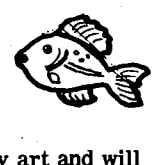
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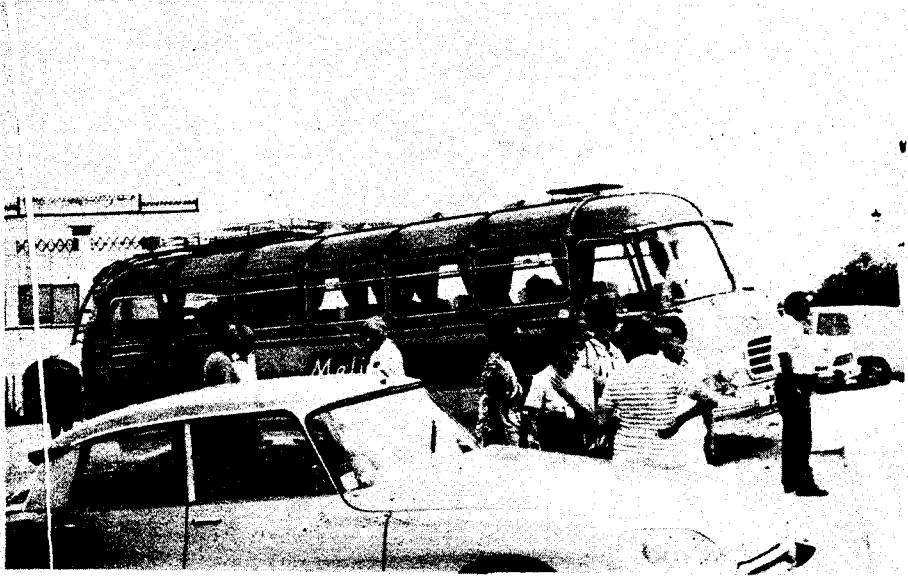
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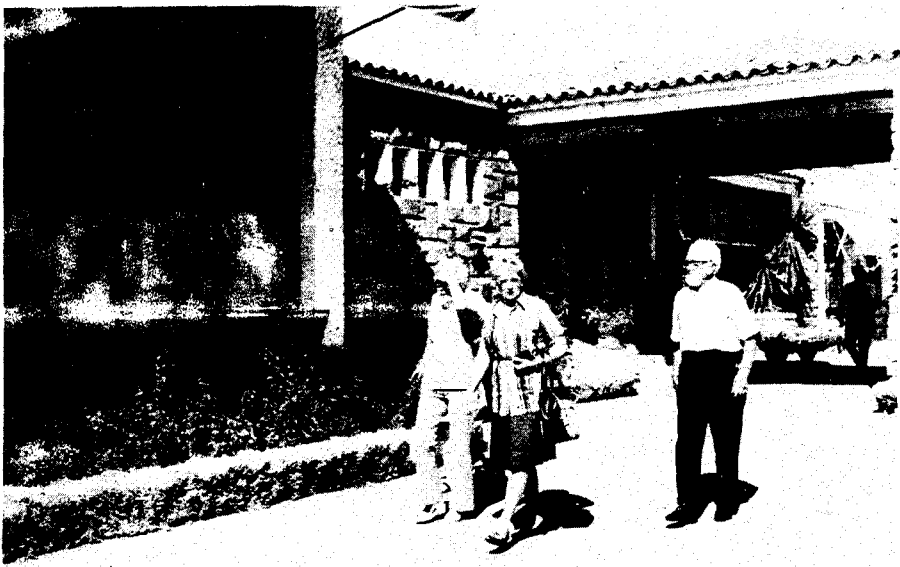
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Our motor coach at rest stop enroute to Alicante.



Some members of the Sanibel group pause at a vantage point overlooking Toledo, Spain.



Dick and Mimi Jones enjoying a restful moment with Ora Kirby and Ezra Gauerke at El Retiro Park, Madrid.



Sanibel group listening to a local guide in Palma de Mallorca, Spain.



Rest stop between Alicante and Valencia, Spain.



The Bailey's having a beer with the Longs at Hotel Almudoina, Palma de Mallorca.



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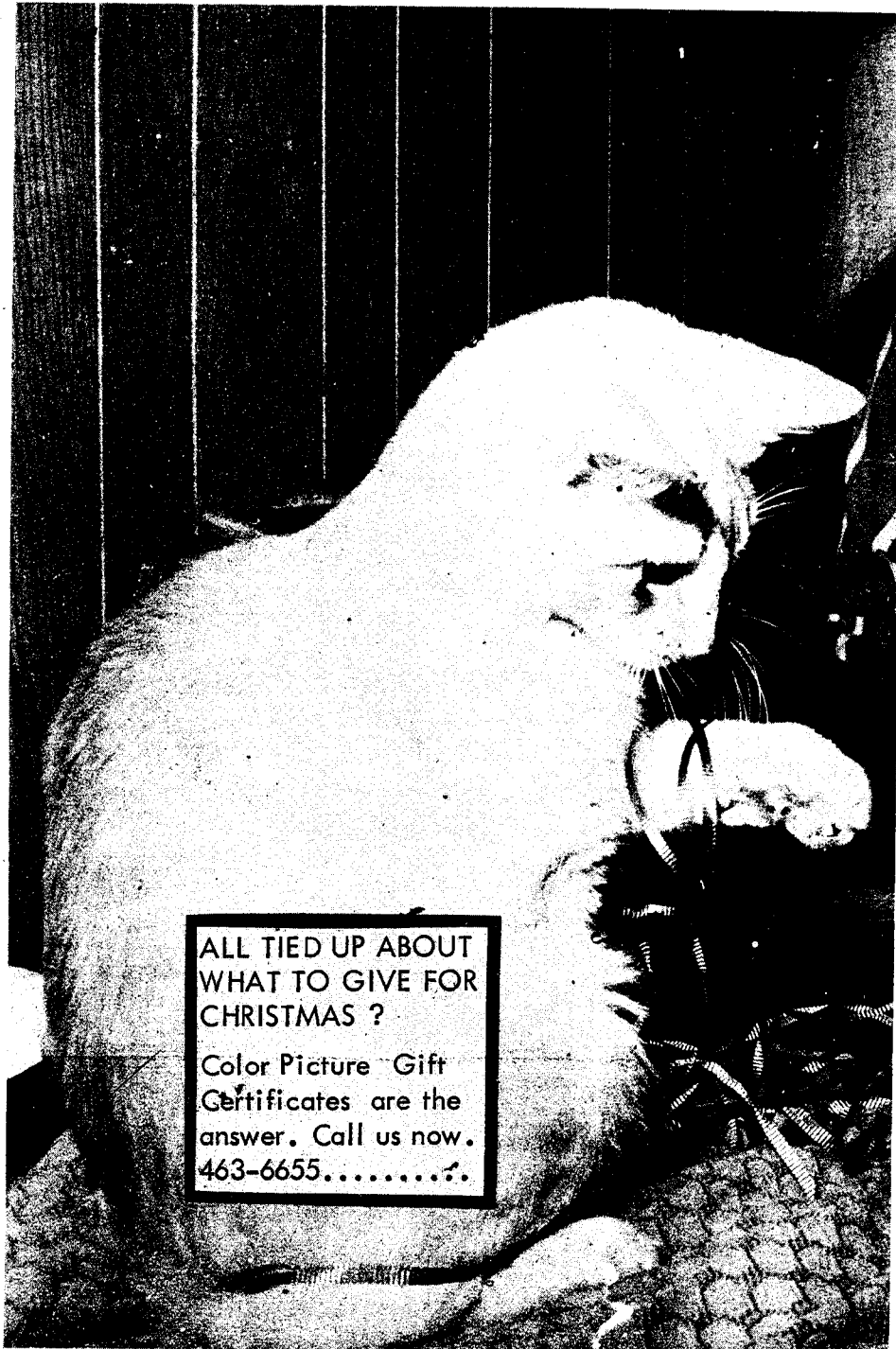
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5 ✓ THE WINDS OF WAR. Wouk	9	2
6 ✓ BEAR ISLAND. MacLean	5	5
7 ✓ OUR GANG. Roth	6	3
8 ✓ THEIRS WAS THE KINGDOM. Deiderfeld	10	11
9 ✓ RABBIT REDUX. Updike		1
10 ✓ THE SHADOW OF THE LYNX. Holt		20

GENERAL

1 ✓ ELEANOR AND FRANKLIN. Lash	2	6
2 ✓ HONOR THY FATHER. Talese	1	5
3 ✓ ANY WOMAN CAN! Reuben	5	10
4 ✓ BEYOND FREEDOM AND DIGNITY. Skinner	4	8
5 BURY MY HEART AT WOUNDED KNEE. Brown	3	30
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