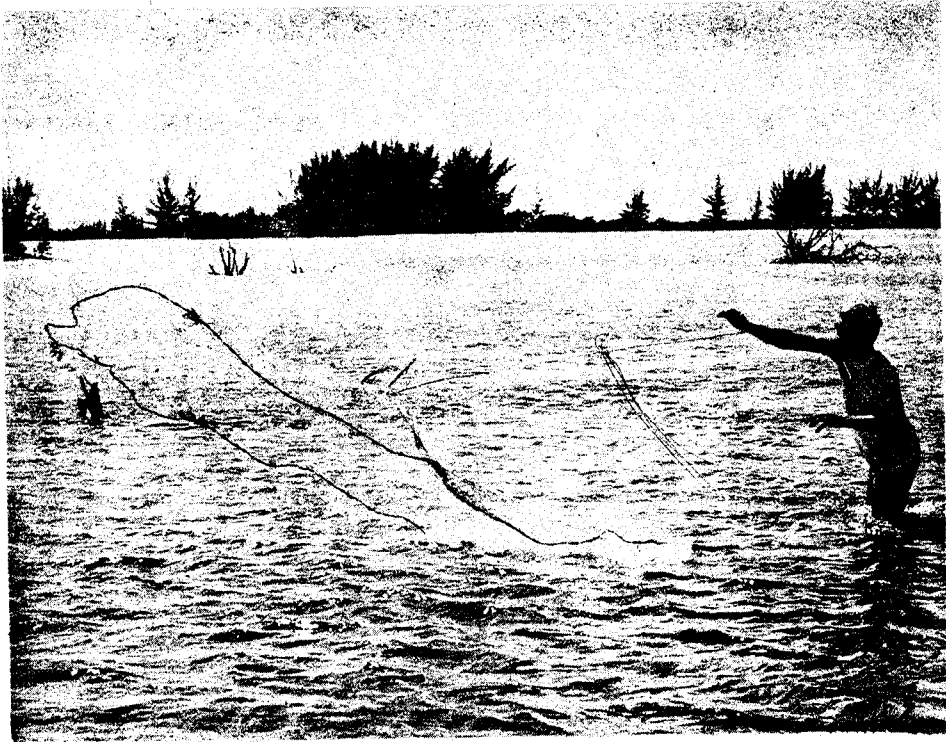


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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM STARTED

The Sanibel Community Association launched the spirit of the Christmas season in song, good will, good food and an overflow audience at its annual Christmas program held at the Community House on December 7.

After a brief business meeting John Shepherd's entertainment committee, surpassing an already superb series of programs, presented Mr. R. Runnels as emcee for the evening. Mr. Runnels introduced a chorus of some forty youngsters from the Sanibel Elementary School under the musical direction of Mrs. Phillips and accompanied by Mr. George Disette on the guitar. In the group rendition of "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" the solo part was ably performed by Christine Stokes. Soloist Elmer Friday's rendition of "Silent Night" was superb.

True to previous predictions the excellent performance by Mrs. Robert Chaplin of two of her own compositions, one of which was the beautiful "Christmas Time on Sanibel," this outstanding and accomplished artist brought a most enthusiastic and well deserved ovation from the audience.

The "group singing" segment of the program was conducted by the irrepressible

Duane White in a medley of traditional Christmas carols with the popular and able accompaniment of Mrs. Frank Culpepper at the piano.

A fitting climax to the evening festivities came in the appearance (not quite down the chimney) of Santa himself (realistically portrayed by Fred Bunnell) who to the delight of the youngsters forthwith passed out appropriate gifts to all the well deserving children of the chorus.

Association president, Marty Holtz, thanked the hosts and hostesses of the evening for an excellent repast and the festive Christmas decorations in the persons of Mr. & Mrs. Salemi, Mr. & Mrs. Tenney, Mr. & Mrs. Robson, Mr. & Mrs. Mueller, and Mr. & Mrs. Arnold.

CONSERVATION

Joel Kuperberg, executive Director of the Florida Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, assured members of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation at their annual meeting Wednesday, Dec. 8, in Sanibel Community House, that Florida has entered a new era of protection and preservation of its state owned lands.

He stated emphatically that "his bosses — the Governor and members of the cabinet," are committed to strong environmental actions. He cited a bill which that morning had passed the Senate Ways and Means Committee (and delayed his planned arrival on Sanibel) as evidence of a drastic change in the attitudes of state government officials towards protecting the environment of Florida. This bill provides for the utilization of TIF income for purchase by the state of lands for conservation needs. He contrasted that with the previous two eras of "giveaway" and "Sale for a pittance" of state owned lands. Mr. Kuperberg devoted considerable time to emphasizing that the major problems are in the preservation of "nature's industrial areas — the wetlands," where the great bulk of Florida's population now congregates.

In that connection, attorneys representing state agencies and the Attorney General had spent the day on Sanibel gathering information to provide the bases for assisting in the effort to protect and preserve Sanibel's fresh water wetlands. A coordinated program by state, federal and local agencies has resulted from efforts initiated by Mr. Kuperberg since his appointment in April of this year.


Preceding Mr. Kuperberg's talk, a brief business session presided over by Mrs. George Winterbotham, chairman, unanimously approved a slate of directors for the local Foundation, including Mr. Griffing Bancroft, Mr. Robert Haynie, Admiral E. G. Konrad, Miss Sarita Van Vleck, Mr. William Hammond and Mr. Robert Barber. Since members have been kept fully informed by regular reports throughout the year a progress report was not deemed necessary. However, the Foundation's Board plans a winter membership meeting to review progress on many programs now in process on which developments are expected within the next few months. These include fund raising, new land acquisition, development controls for Sanibel's interior lands, expanded Caretta Research program, new membership and service projects, an environmental plan for South Florida through cooperation with ECOSWF.

After the business session, Mr. William Hammond, a director of the Foundation, and director of the Lee County Environmental Education Project, presided. He introduced Mr. Kuperberg, and the film presentation, "Multiply — and Subdue the Earth." This film, obtained from Indiana University, presented the development philosophy of Ian L. McHarg, noted planner and landscape architect and author of "Design with Nature." Mr. McHarg will be a featured speaker at the environmental planning conference in Fort Myers on Jan. 27, 28 and 29, to be hosted by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.



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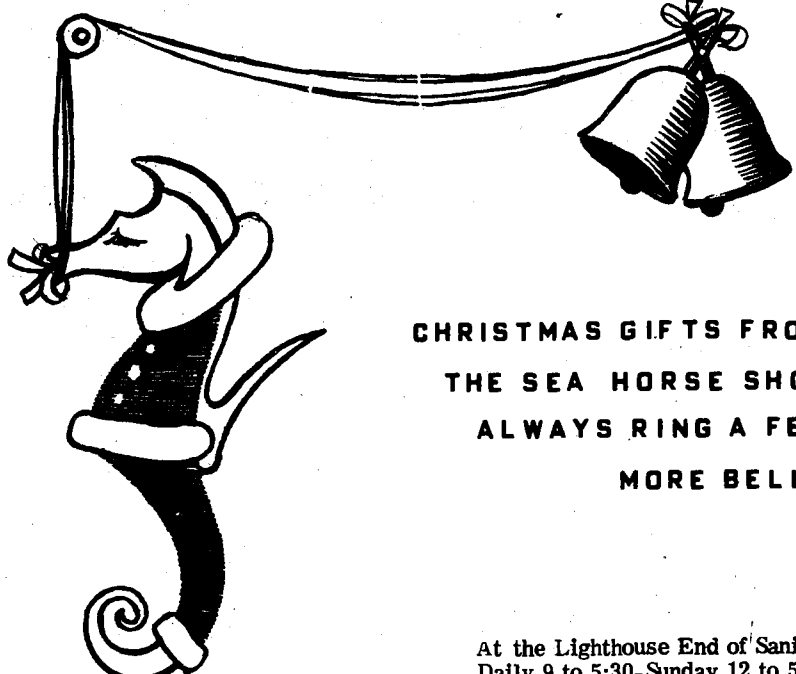
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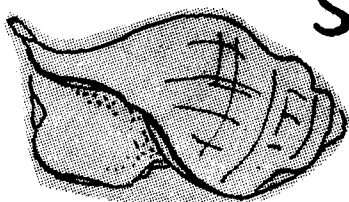
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*Activities
Calendar*

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Founda-
tion, board of directors, meets second
Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.

Sanibel Library hours: Monday & Thurs-
day, 2-4 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday, 10-12 noon.

Sanibel Community Association, Inc.,
Sanibel Community House, 1st Tuesday,
6:30 p.m.

Public Health Nurse - Third Tuesday of
every month, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the
Community House.

Lions Club of Sanibel-Captiva meets at
6:30 p.m., first & third Wednesday of
each month at Webb's Castaways Res-
taurant.

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

Bingo Murex, American Legion Home,
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Captiva Memorial Library is open 9 a.m.
till 12:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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The WILLIAM F. KRUGERS are enjoying the winter at their lovely new Sunset South Condominium home and do not plan a return to their summer home in Nova Scotia until May.

DONALD CASE, Jr. was married in New York City to GLORIA MANFREDI on November 9, and the couple are making their home on the Islands. Their best man at the wedding was TOM KAMINSKI who came down for a visit last week and truly fell in love with the islands.

RUTH ANDERSON of Hibiscus Road just returned from a visit to her mother, Mrs. JAMES A. ANDERSON in Spartanburg, S.C. They had a wonderful Thanksgiving together, and Ruth hoped for a little snow, and she got her wish. She had to dig out of 17 inches of the stuff, luckily having an old pair of fishing boots in the car trunk. "I like snow, but that was ridiculous!" said Ruth.

The BIRD KEY YACHT CLUB is being entertained this weekend at South Seas Plantation again. They had a wonderful visit here last July and have been planning a repeat performance ever since. They report the pink spoonbills are again down in the Keys wintering.

At the special invitation of the owners of the Norwegian Caribbean Lines, Mr. & Mrs. JOHN REYNOLDS flew to Miami and spent Dec. 2 and 3 aboard the M/S Southward, on its inaugural voyage. The Reynolds report a festive two days aboard this brand new ship from Oslo, Norway. The food, service and luxury accommodations will be long remembered (with EARL WILSON, Jr., as the night club attraction).

Mr. & Mrs. R. E. SHAVER will have their two daughters with them in their Captiva home over Christmas. Arriving Christmas Eve will be Mr. & Mrs. JERRY DeSCHEPPER of Athens, Ohio, BRETT DeSCHEPPER of Madison, S.D., Mr. & Mrs. EDWARD S. KIDD and Mr. Kidd's mother, Mrs. EARL KIDD, all of Richmond, Ky.

Mr. & Mrs. HAROLD B. ROBINSON are returning to their home on Captiva on Dec. 14 where they will be in residence until mid-May. "ROBBIE" is an ardent fisherman, but will take time out for his new job as a director on the Board of Governors of the Captiva Civic Association and chairman of its building and grounds. "DOTTIE" is well known for her watercolors of island scenes and is scheduling a winter exhibit of her small paintings of mushrooms at the Captiva Library. Their summer home is in Annapolis, Md.

Visiting FRANCES HOLLINRAKE of South Seas is her sister, ELEANOR JACKSON of Dandas, Ontario, Canada. She flew down from the very cold north to the sunny south and hopes to return with a nice tan.

And coming down for a visit during the Christmas season will be the JACK SMITHS of Brownsville, Tenn. DOTTIE and JACK will visit the GRADY EDMONSONS of Tarpon Bay. Dottie is Mrs. E's sister.

WHO'S WHO AND WHY

The HERB PURDYS have moved into their brand new home on Sanibel Lakes Estates and are delighted with it. Jackie's parents, the ROBERT HAFFS, just returned from a visit with friends from the north in Fort Lauderdale, where they had a pleasant time, "But it's always good to get back home," they say.

Mr. & Mrs. Hal Harrison have visitors from Miami, old friends, the RUSSELL PIKES, who are enjoying the change in pace on the islands. And hasn't our weather been spectacular!

The son of Mrs. W. V. HASKELL of Hibiscus Dr. will be visiting the Haskells over Christmas and in the entourage are LOWELL OWSLEY and wife, BETTY, daughter, AUTUMN and son TERRY of Jeffersonton, Va. Since it has been some time since they have been together, they will have a great time catching up on the news, and the young people will enjoy the beach and sun.

Mrs. Max Hayford, who has been a member of the Board of the State Wide Electric Cooperative for 18 years and director of the Lee County Electric Coop for the same number of years, has received a singular honor by being elected vice president of the Statewide Association. She is the only woman member. The Lee County Electric Coop meets once a month, and Mrs. Hayford takes care of the complaints. She likes to hear your views on all subjects pertaining to the electric service, good as well as bad. In the state capacity to which she has been elected she is concerned with keeping power rates down, and works with the Legislature in doing so. So our congratulations to Mrs. Hayford, who did it without Woman's Lib! Meanwhile, she is at your service on the Islands, with business as usual, listening to your complaints or compliments.

Mr. WOODY ANDERSON is about the proudest Papa around these days. His sixteen year old DONNA, who attends Lakeland High School, placed among the first ten in her class in recent achievement tests. Donna is active in all sorts of school activities besides her scholastic interests and attainments, but she has been consistently on the honor roll. We hope she will get home for Christmas on the Islands.

The ROBERT STEVENS of W. Gulf Drive will be entertaining a house full of young people for the holidays when son CHARLIE of the University of Florida will be home, and daughter, DENISE, will be home from Stetson in Deland and MARLA from Barry in Miami. Sweet things are all around the house for this lively group.

The DON WHITEHEADS are back from Washington, D.C., at their Lindgren Blvd. home.

The WESLEY HEILMANS of Coconut Drive are looking forward to a visit from son WESLEY HEILMAN III and family of Merion, Pa. The house will be made lively Christmas day by WES and KATIE, who will be visited by Santa here, too.

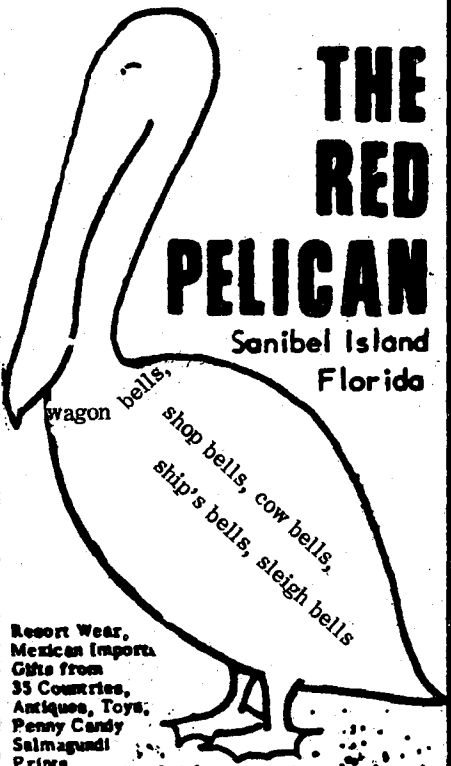
The RAYMOND C. HOFFMANS of Captiva will be entertaining the JOHNHOFFMAN family of Alexandria, Va., over the holidays. Mr. J. Hoffman is band leader for the Fairfax County High School band, and we hope he will go back displaying a nice tan.

Mrs. CHARLES FRANKEL of Wanamassa, N.J., and Sanibel Island, is at her home, 972 Whelk Drive, Sanibel, with son, Lt. BRUCE FRANKEL, who graduated Dartmouth College in June of 1971 and is waiting to report to the Adjutant General's Dept. in Feb. 1972. Joining them for the Christmas holidays will be CHARLES FRANKEL and sons, MARK of University of Houston, CRAIG of Brookdale College and DAVID, Ocean Township High School.

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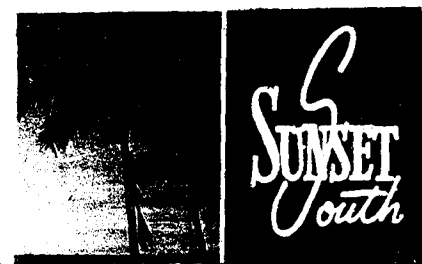
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THE COLONY GUESTS

Guests enjoying The Colony are Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Powley of Novelty, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Kauke of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Andersen of Willoughby, Ohio; Dr. & Mrs. Robert Scarborough of Sausalito, Calif.; Mrs. E. H. Ellis and Mrs. M. E. Walker of Manset, Maine and from New Jersey we have Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Hannon and family of Linwood, and Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Wurster and family of Moorestown.

SEGUNDA GUESTS

At the Segunda this week for a few days stay at the end of a month of junketing around Florida in search of pleasant vacation spots were Mr. & Mrs. J. Gordon Drain, of Southampton, L.I., with their affable poodle, Jock. Had they come to Sanibel first, they said, there would have been little need for such long and wearying travel. They have now been converted, however, and are already planning their next Sanibel sojourn.

Other first time visitors who have been captivated by our islands are Mr. & Mrs. Karl Schreiber, of Cleveland, Ohio. A special highlight of their visit, for which they had the highest praise, was the early morning bird tour through the Ding Darling Sanctuary with Mr. Griffing Bancroft.

The Segunda has a number of avid shellers as guests much of the time, but this week was honored to have the visit of a professional shell diver, Mr. T. Honker, here from Delray Beach with Mrs. Honker.

With winter setting in up in the Quaker State, we are also glad to welcome back Pennsylvanians, Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Bourke of Reading, and Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Caum, of Jenkinstown.

THE REEF

Another busy week at the Reef. The Barry Kock family of Alexandria, Va., are enjoying the nice weather, and a visit with parents, the Harry Kochs, and aunt and uncle, the L. J. Sedelmeyers.

Fred and Dorothy Wilson, Brielle, N.J., will be here all season while their new Michigan home is being built. Also here are the Charles Stevens, who are building on Captiva Island. While we hate losing our guests it is the Island's gain.

The Vernon D. Cobb's are here from Royal Oak, Mich., for a short stay but have promised to return.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Davis, Peoria, Ill., entertained the R. M. Pattons of Orlando; and the Robert Youngs of Nashville, Tenn., have returned for a nice long visit.

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SURFRIDER GUESTS

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Benneville of Dunwoody, Ga., will be at the Surfrider again this year through the holidays and are being welcomed back. The Lester Davidson family of Oakhurst, N. J., will celebrate Christmas on the islands, and Santa will come to Debbie, Jan, and Karen here.

Other holiday guests are the Allen Morgans of Greenwood, S.C., and Counselor & Mrs. Abe Greenfield of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and Mr. & Mrs. Harry W. Smith of Winter Park.

ISLAND INN GUESTS

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Blersch of Cincinnati, Ohio, left the wintry winds behind for a visit to the islands. Other Ohio guests are the Laird C. Frobergs of Zanesville and the J. Figels. The Robert Stouten family came down from Grand Rapids, Mich., to enjoy the beach, and Mrs. Ruth Winter is here from Lake Forest, Ill. Mr. & Mrs. B. B. Harris are from White Bear Lake, Minn., which even sounds cold, and Mr. & Mrs. William J. Gratz are here from St. Paul, Minn. Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kainz of Carmel, N. Y., are enjoying the balmy weather too and from New London, Conn., Mrs. Julie Peck is enjoying a restful visit, and all the way from Burlington Ontario, Canada, is Mr. R. N. Higginson. Other guests from the not so far north, but still a wintry scene, are Mrs. Gertrude Huckleberry of Gatlinburg, Tenn. Dr. & Mrs. Boggess of Dalton, Ga., Mrs. Henry B. Hall and her niece from Tryon, N.C., and Mrs. J. Walker of Tryon too. From Miami are Mr. & Mrs. G. Grana here to enjoy a change in pace.

ANNUAL LIGHTING OF THE LUMINARIOS AT THE COLONY

The Colony will have their annual lighting of the Luminarios on Christmas Eve at dusk as it has in the past.

One of the most beautiful customs brought to the southwest by early Spanish settlers was the lighting of Luminarios at Christmas time. Luminarios are little lanterns made of brown paper bags half filled with sand and lighted with a candle to illuminate the paths and patios.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate reports the following sales:

Apartment in Sanibel Arms to H. L. U. Corp. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from Estero Enterprises, Inc.

Apartment in Sanibel Arms to Dr. Lonas Juozevicius of Chicago, Ill., from Estero Enterprises, Inc.

Apartment in Captain's Walk to Edward Flatley of Chicago, from C-L Development.

Apartment in Sanibel Arms to Duane A. Shepard of Harrisburg, Pa., from Estero Enterprises, Inc.

Apartment in Sanibel Arms to George J. Economou of Dearborn Heights, Mich., from Estero Enterprises, Inc.

A lot in Tahiti Shores to Robert L. Hosick of Cincinnati, Ohio, from Jamestown Beachview, Inc.

Two lots in Leisure Acres to George Watterson of Madina, Ohio, from James A. Schregardus. (Priscilla Murphy, listing Broker, SCRE selling Broker.)

A lot in Periwinkle Properties to Eugene J. Barbanera of Miami, from C. S. Bracken.

A lot in Sanibel Lake Estates to Doris Haar of Alexandria, Va., from Herbert Purdy.

A lot in "The Rocks" to J. R. McCain of Media, Pa., from Arthur Gierke.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE ISLANDER:

On the afternoon of Dec. 8, we were shelling on the lovely beach between Sanibel Siesta and the Sunset South condominiums, when suddenly two airplanes swooped down extremely close to the ground and spewed forth clouds of poisonous gas. It seemed to me that strafing from the air must be somewhat like that; there was no escape from the noxious fumes. No warning had been posted on the public beach, and residents with whom we spoke said that they had not been consulted nor notified of the plan to spray.

As visitors to Sanibel, we were horrified by that air attack which was most irritating to us and would probably be dangerous for people with respiratory disorders. In addition, we are troubled by the destruction effects of such insecticide treatments upon other inhabitants of the region; for example, the birds and shell fish which contribute so much to the unique beauty of the islands. While I suffer as much as anyone else from bites by mosquitoes and gnats, I prefer that discomfort to the irreversible damage chemical "pest control" can do to the ecology of an area.

/s/ Dorothy Lane
New York, N.Y.

BLUE CIRCLE AT CAPTIVA

Georgia Hemphill had the December meeting of the Blue Circle her home in Captiva. Present to our bandages for the sick poor were Margaret Dunham, Margaret Fisher, Sally Kirby, Peg Racek, Sarah Dennis, Brita Wooleyhan, Elizabeth Chew, Violet Renshaw, Dorothy Seymour and Ruth Hunter.

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MAKING TRACKS with Sandy

It's quite a jump from being Creative Supervisor in an advertising agency in New York to creating new houses on Sanibel, but Jean Culpepper seems delighted with the jump! She and her husband Frank (an Annapolis graduate and former Lt. Cmdr., USN) designed and built their own home on Sanibel and then went on to design, build and sell others. Though it's a far cry from the hectic life in New York City, Jean swears she's even busier down here — in different ways, of course.

A graduate of Swarthmore College, Jean joined the Philadelphia advertising agency, N. W. Ayer & Son, as a secretary. A year later she transferred to their New York office to become a writer in the radio department. Writing advertising included composing musical jingles for Kellogg cereals, Chrysler Corp., Sealtest products and Atlantic Refining Company sports casts. "I would write words and music, turn it over to a conductor like Raymond Paige, who would round up a singing group and the jingle would then be recorded for use during commercial spots, or as the theme song for a series. It was fun tailoring commercials to the talents of stars I'd always admired, like Jimmy Durante and Groucho Marx. And fun, now, to look back on some of the people who acted in our commercials before they were so well known: Dean Jones, Tony Randall, Joan (Mrs. Ted) Kennedy, Ed McMahan, Peggy Cass, and Patty Duke at age 8 (I helped her with her homework between takes). Jonathon Winters was our favorite actor, because by hiring him we got a thousand voices."

When television came along, Jean was in on the ground floor — wrote the first "time signal" seen on TV. At the Benton and Bowles agency, she helped shape the very first Zest and Crest advertising when those products were introduced. Her work frequently sent her flying to Hollywood to supervise casting, set construction and filming of her agency's commercials. You may have seen, on "Oscar" telecasts, Jean's commercials which featured Mrs. Bing Crosby, Mrs. Ronald Reagan and their children, filmed in their own homes.

Another Crest commercial, featuring June Lockhart and a group of small children, won a citation as one of the best commercials of the year in 1965. Although she left New York nearly five years ago, you're still seeing Jean's ideas on your TV set if you watch commercials for Johnson's Wax, Pampers, Post Grapenuts and Prell Shampoo.

Then, as if she weren't busy enough, she whiled away her spare time teaching cooking classes, writing book and play reviews and constructing crossword puzzles for the New York Times and Herald Tribune.

This vivacious and interesting gal who can do just about anything, in my opinion, now directs the choir and plays the organ at the Sanibel Community Church, serves on the board of the Lee County Cancer Society, is secretary to several Island business men and organizations and takes flying lessons!

If I could write a jingle about HER, it might go like this:
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The Captiva Chapel by the Sea is entirely non-denominational. It has been the place of worship for people of all denominations since it was established twenty three years ago. All are welcome. There is no list of members. The affairs of the Chapel are handled by a Board of fifteen associates, elected annually, but in a three year rotation. Financial support is by voluntary contributions.

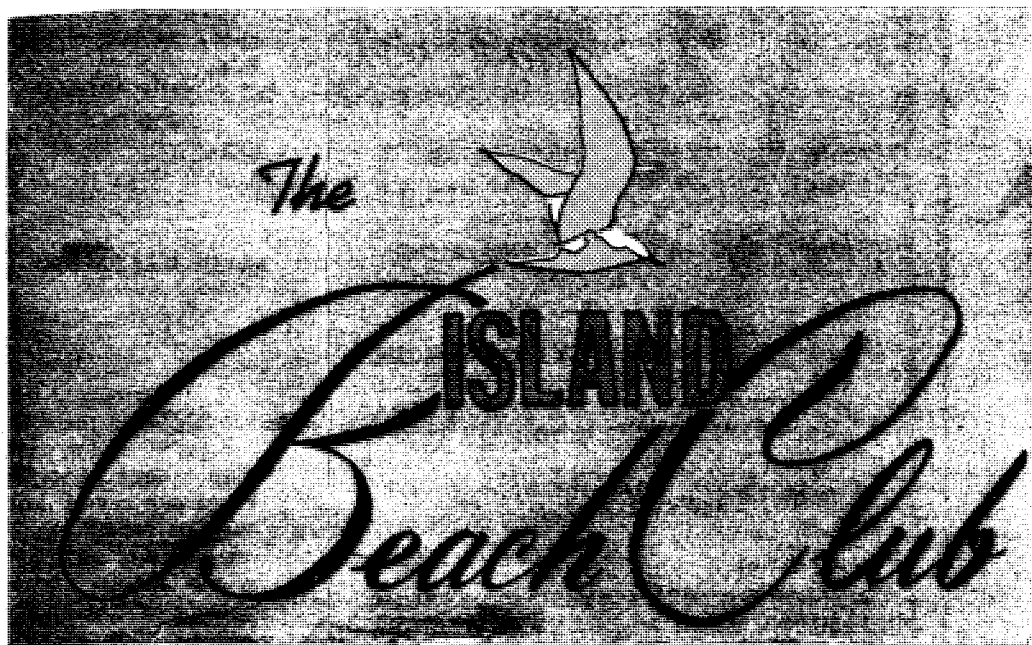
In the past, nine ministers of various denominations, retired from previous pastorates, have been the preachers for one or more winter seasons. This year the Chapel by the Sea is fortunate to have as its minister the Rev. Dr. Arthur Lee Kinsolving. He retired recently from the rectorate of St. James Episcopal Church in New York City. Previously he had been rector at Grace Church in Amherst, Mass., at Trinity Church in Boston, and at Trinity Church in Princeton.

Dr. Kinsolving was graduated from the University of Virginia, and subsequently from the Virginia Theological Seminary. As a Rhodes Scholar he studied at Christ Church, Oxford University, receiving the degree of Master of Arts. He was then ordained as a priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Dr. Kinsolving has formerly been a trustee of Amherst and of Vassar Colleges, and of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, in New York City. He served as president of the Protestant Council of the city of New York.

Dr. & Mrs. Kinsolving have been at the Chapel residence since Nov. 17. They were welcomed at a reception in the Captiva Community Hall on December 1 by a large group of friends of the Chapel from both Captiva and Sanibel.

One of the charming features of each season at the Chapel by the Sea is the celebration on Christmas Eve. Since there are many children on the Islands at this time, together with other short term visitors, these services bring together 200 or more people at the 8 o'clock service. After a reading of the New Testament Christmas story, and singing traditional Christmas hymns, the audience files out. They light candles as they leave the building and gather about an illuminated Christmas tree for singing carols. Since the Chapel cannot accommodate so large a group, the permanently installed loud speaker at the outside front makes it easy for those seated in the Chapel yard to participate in the service as is true on Sunday mornings.



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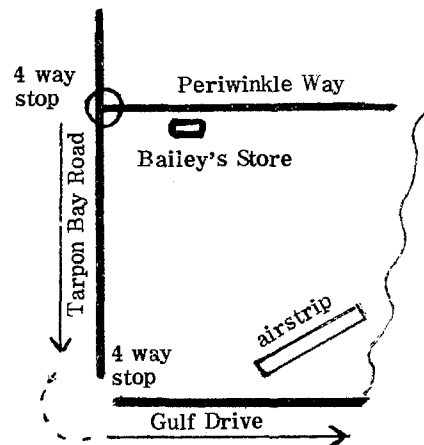
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With all the new people on the Islands in the past couple of years and more coming every day, the Hunters, who brought the Pirate Playhouse to Sanibel, feel it's time to tell them what this unique arena theatre has to offer. It was opened in 1965 to an enthusiastic packed house. Since then 23 entertaining plays have been presented under the professional direction of Philip Hunter. Both he and Ruth, who played for many years on Broadway, have given generously of their talents both on and off stage. These actors, since their teenage days, have been associated with the entertainment world. They played together in Chautauqua, vaudeville and stock and then Broadway; plays in the legitimate theatre for Ruth and 17 years in radio with his own program over WOR Mutual for Philip.

Sensing the decline in good theatre in 1956, the Hunters opened their own Towndock Summer Theatre at Marshall's Marina on Manhasset Bay on Long Island, New York. They produced one hundred worthwhile plays in the next nine years.

After vacationing since 1952 on Sanibel Island, Philip decided in 1964 the Islands were ready for a theatre. The Hunters then bought the old schoolhouse on Periwinkle Way and promptly converted it into the charming area Playhouse it now is. And unlike other theatres, they did it without appeals for funds, drives for subscriptions or angels. And they were able to do it only because they were willing and happy to take on themselves all the staff chores associated with a theatre. In addition to directing and acting as well as coaching a bevy of creatively minded people who were on the Islands at the time and have continued since to come here to live.

There has been a great deal of satisfaction in all this, say the Hunters. The audiences couldn't be more appreciative and the actors, in every one of the one hundred and fifty performances to date, have been great, joining in and working together to bring a cultural endeavor into the lives of their fellow men. To all this the Hunters say, "Amen" and thank everyone from the bottom of their hearts.



Here's the way the old Sanibel Schoolhouse looked when the Hunters bought it. That's Ralph Woodring on the front porch, little realizing when he attended the Island schoolhouse as a boy, he would one day be wielding a hammer to make it the Islands' Pirate Playhouse.

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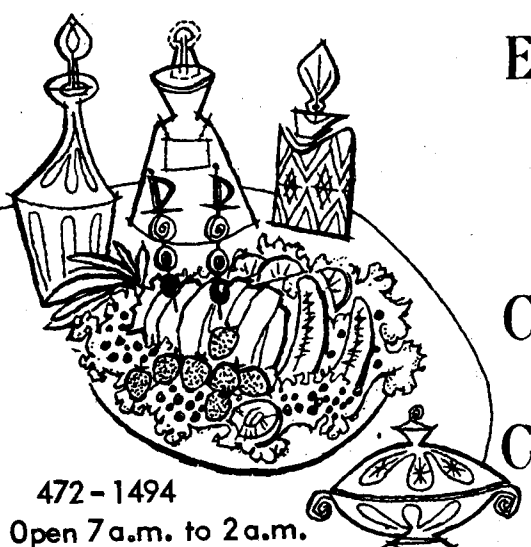


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**CHRISTMAS EVE
CAROL-SING**

The traditional Christmas Eve carol sing will again be held at the Sanibel Community Church at 8 p.m., with all Island residents and visitors invited to come join the chorus.

While congregational choristers collect their breaths between carols, a few very special features will be presented by Mrs. Marian Chaplin, Lee Roy Friday, Philip Hunter, Leonard Stokes and the Community Church Choir. Francis Bailey will read the Christmas story from the Bible as his father traditionally did before him at the Island's Christmas Eve service.

So tune up your vocal chords so you'll be in good voice when you join the festivities as Sanibel gathers to celebrate the birthday of Christ at the Community Church at 8 p.m., Christmas Eve.

SURF 'N SAND COTTAGES

Mr. & Mrs. George Zajicek, Sr. of Clinton, Conn., have arrived to spend the winter with son, George and the family.

Mr. & Mrs. James Kasdan of Louisville, Ky., are here for a few weeks over the Christmas holidays.

Also arriving for the holidays are Mr. & Mrs. Reeves of Gardiner, Maine.

LADIES GUILD

The December meeting of the Ladies Guild of the Sanibel Community Church will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16 at the home of Mrs. Hal Irwin, Murex Lake. Miss Helen Ploesser will serve as co-hostess for the evening. Devotions will be led by Mrs. Howard Hoffman, Mrs. Walter Strong will continue the study of The Pursuit of Happiness.

A discussion of the recent bazaar and plans for the coming year will be the main items on the business agenda. All women, whether members of the church or not, are most cordially invited. If transportation is needed please call any of the guild members and they will be happy to make arrangements.

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by Thomas Kaminski

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I'm really enjoying myself and that's what I came for — on Sanibel Island, Florida.

I've got to go now, but I'll be back. Once again you'll see me unpack.

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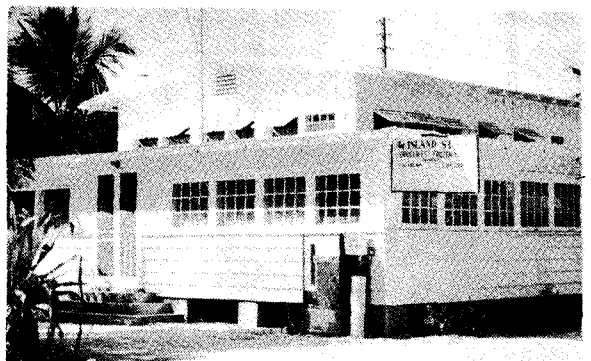
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NOTICE

The special meeting of the membership of the Island Water Association originally scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. has been re-scheduled.

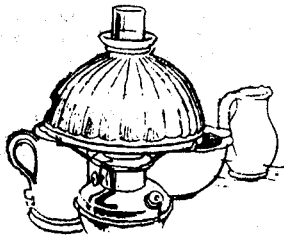
You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the membership of the Island Water Association, Inc., will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 23, 1971 at the office of the company, Sanibel Island, Fla., for the following purposes:

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On Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m., the Sanibel School children will present their Christmas musical program. All parents and interested parties are invited.

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The Lee County contingency invited by the Lee County Chamber of Commerce, attended a hearing on Interstate 75 at the East Naples Middle School auditorium. The motorcade left the Exhibition Hall parking lot in Fort Myers at 5 p.m., Dec. 15, and was furnished an escort by the Sheriff's Dept. The motorcade stopped at U. S. 41 and Gladiolus Drive to pick up additional cars of interested parties, and it also stopped at the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce Bldg., along U. S. 41 where a number of South Florida residents from that area joined them to stump for the building of the new highway along the Naples route, following Alligator Alley.

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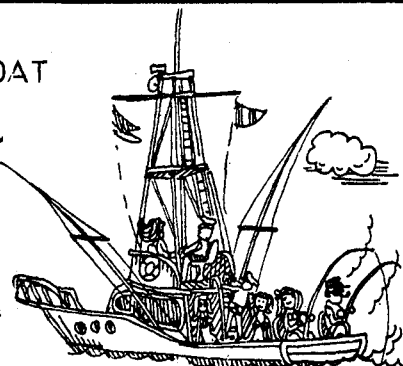


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WILDLIFE NOTES by Griffing Bancroft

In a previous column we mentioned that one of the fascinations of bird watching is that you sometimes see things that shouldn't be that is, birds that should be somewhere else.

As if to prove our point, there have been two examples of this recently on the islands. This December a dozen roseate spoonbills have been seen in the area of the new golf course on Sanibel. And even more surprising, a black-necked stilt was seen at the same time in the same area.

These are birds who obviously do not read their ornithological literature.

If the spoonbills had paid attention to what the scientists say about them, they would have known that they should have been in one of their breeding colonies south of here.

Spoonbills are supposed to start nesting about the middle of October. They are highly social birds and will nest only in large colonies. The nearest such colonies are in Florida Bay, on mangrove islands between the mainland and the Keys.

Here the beautiful pinkish birds assemble each fall, disappearing from Sanibel and other non-breeding haunts. Ordinarily they return here after their young are raised. From about the middle of February on we can usually count them here in the hundreds.

But at this time of year, only an occasional, non-breeding straggler has been reported. We had no spoonbills at all on our last Christmas bird count.

Now there have been a dozen. Why are these birds lingering? There is no definitive answer and your guess is probably as good as that of the most erudite biologist.

The sighting of a stilt at this time of year is even more unusual. This graceful, long-legged shore bird is the opposite of the spoonbill in that he is ordinarily here only during his breeding season, which in his case is the spring and summer.

In this part of the world stilts spend fall and winter far to the south, mostly in Central and South America. The Fish and Wildlife check list up to now has never reported one here at this time of year.

Well, neither their lives nor ours would be so interesting if the birds always did what they are supposed to do.

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PROGRAM TO PROTECT SHELL LIFE REPORTED AT CONSERVATION FOUNDATION MEETING

A program to protect and preserve Sanibel's world famed shell life was reported at the annual meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Dec. 8, Sanibel Community House.

Roy Bazire, executive director of the Foundation, read a statement that emphasized the disastrous effects of last summer's red tide on the area's shell life. Old timers report that after the last red tide as serious as 1971's, it took several years for shells to come back in great numbers. Today, with the volume of tourists visiting the islands, it is feared some shells might become extinct.

As a protective measure, the Foundation has contacted Mr. Randolph Hodges, director of the Florida Department of Natural Resources requesting that an official investigation by competent experts of the effects of the red tide on shell life in this area be made. Based upon that, a course of action to preserve remaining shells and protect all shell life in the future can then be determined.

Some shelling guides have voluntarily imposed limits on the number of shells they are permitting their parties to take. Mr. Grady Edmonson, for example, has discontinued live shelling trips because he feels the present condition of shell life is so critical. Other shell guides, it is hoped, will also cooperate in the common effort to assure Sanibel's number one attraction — its variety and beauty of shell life. Anyone having any suggestions as to how to implement this program, please write or phone Mrs. Harvey Meyer, Captiva, or Mrs. Robert Dormer, Sanibel.

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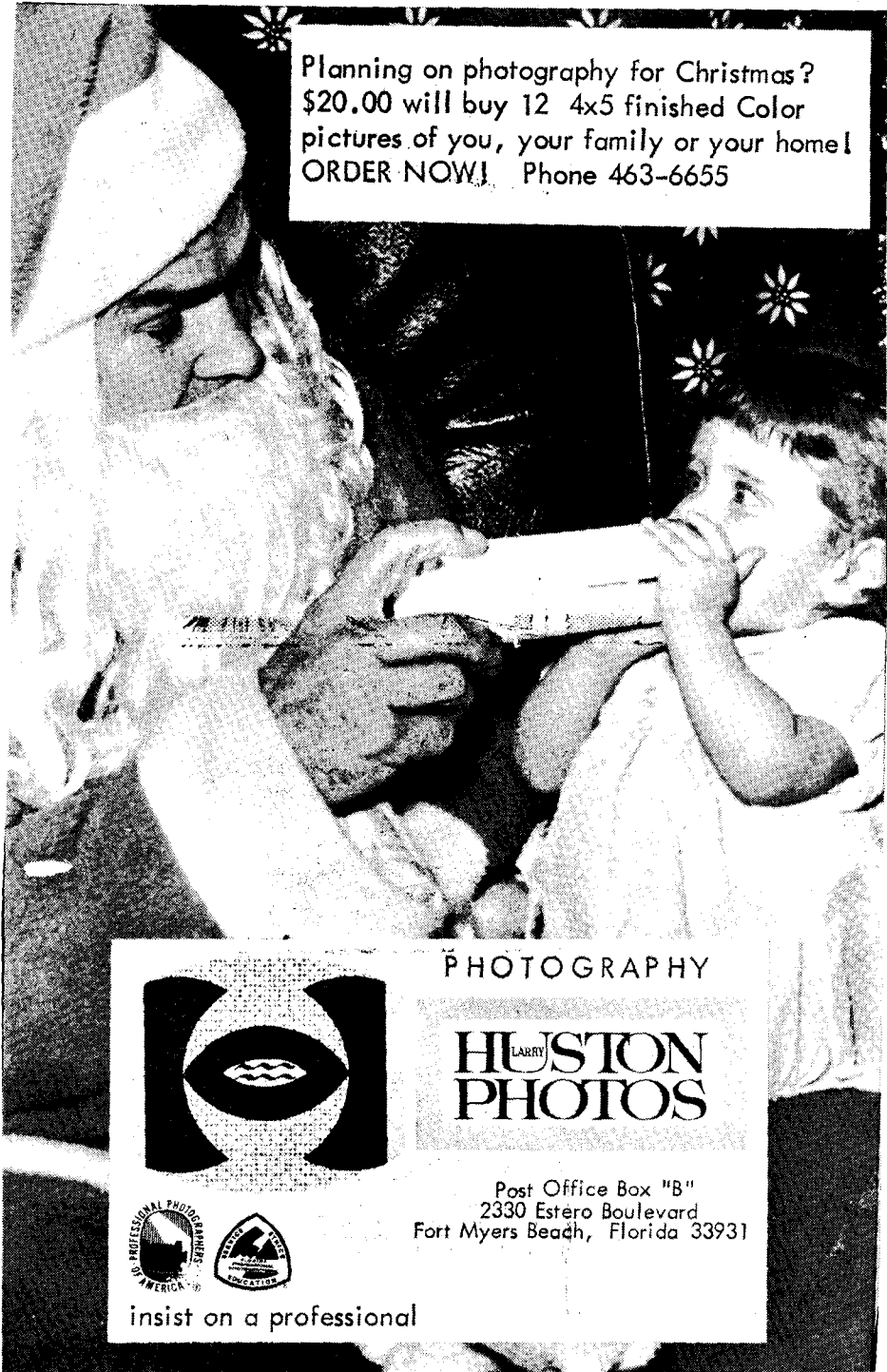
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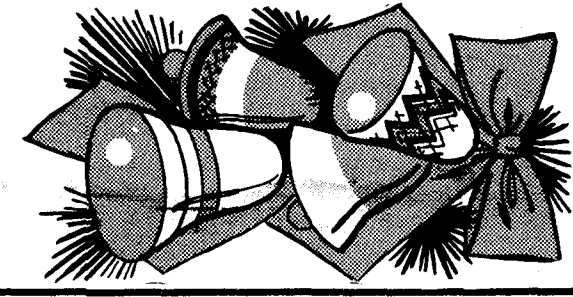
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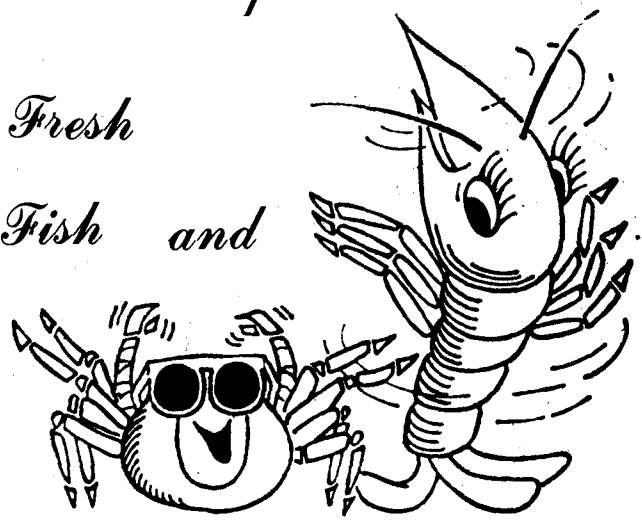
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In a candlelight ceremony, Miss Barbara Lyn McGoon became the bride of Charles Allen Nave Jr. at 7:30 p.m., Friday in Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. The Rev. Donald Kokomoor conducted the double-ring rites. Miss Sue Beehler, organist, and Mrs. Donald Mastro, soloist, presented the music. John Hiers, cousin of the bridegroom, was acolyte.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas James McGoon of 139 St. Croix Ave. Mr. Nave is the son of Mr. &

Mrs. Charles A. Nave of Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Mr. McGoon gave his daughter in marriage. She was gowned in a formal empire style of silk organza with round neckline and chapel train.

The matron of honor was Mrs. David A. Lane, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Roger D. Tabor, Mrs. Nanci Holmes, Mrs. William B. Radcliff and Mrs. Laverne C. Wicks. Miss Yvonne Nave, sister of the bridegroom, was junior bridesmaid.

Elizabeth Lane, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

Curtis M. Nave was his brother's best man. Serving as ushers were Roger D. Tabor, Jerold Muench, David A. Lane, brother-in-law of the bride, and Raymond Rhodes.

Large silver candelabras flanked a decorated Christmas tree at the reception given by the bride's parents at the Ramada Inn. The tiered cake topped with a nosegay was encircled with the attendants' bouquets on the refreshment table which was overlaid with white lace. Mrs. Anne Mitchell kept the bride's book. Assisting with the hospitalities were Miss Terry McGoon, cousin of the bride; Mrs. Jerold Muench, Miss Carla Raby, Mrs. Gary Rucker and Mrs. Geoffrey Duncan.

For a wedding trip to St. Petersburg and Disney World, the bride changed to a long white peasant style dress with Mexican lace bodice and tucked cotton skirt and red velvet bolero. After Wednesday, Mr. & Mrs. Nave will live on Periwinkle Way on Sanibel Island.

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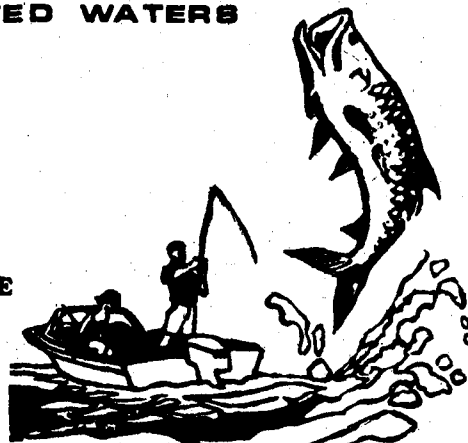
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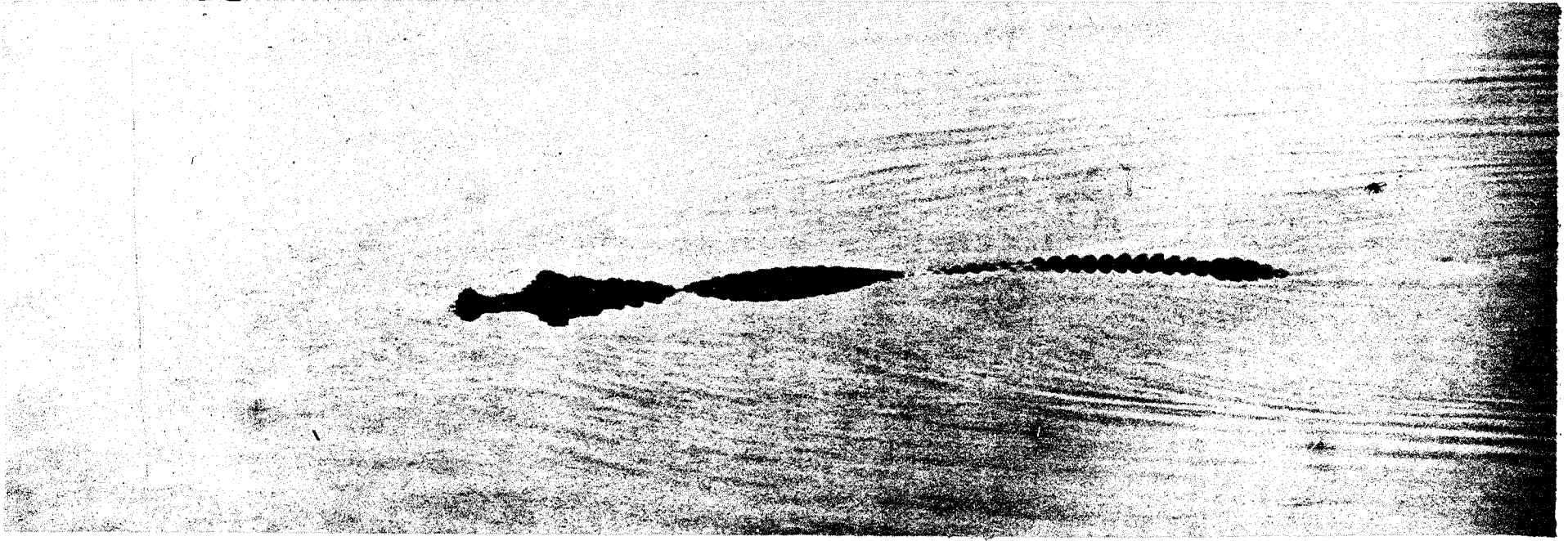
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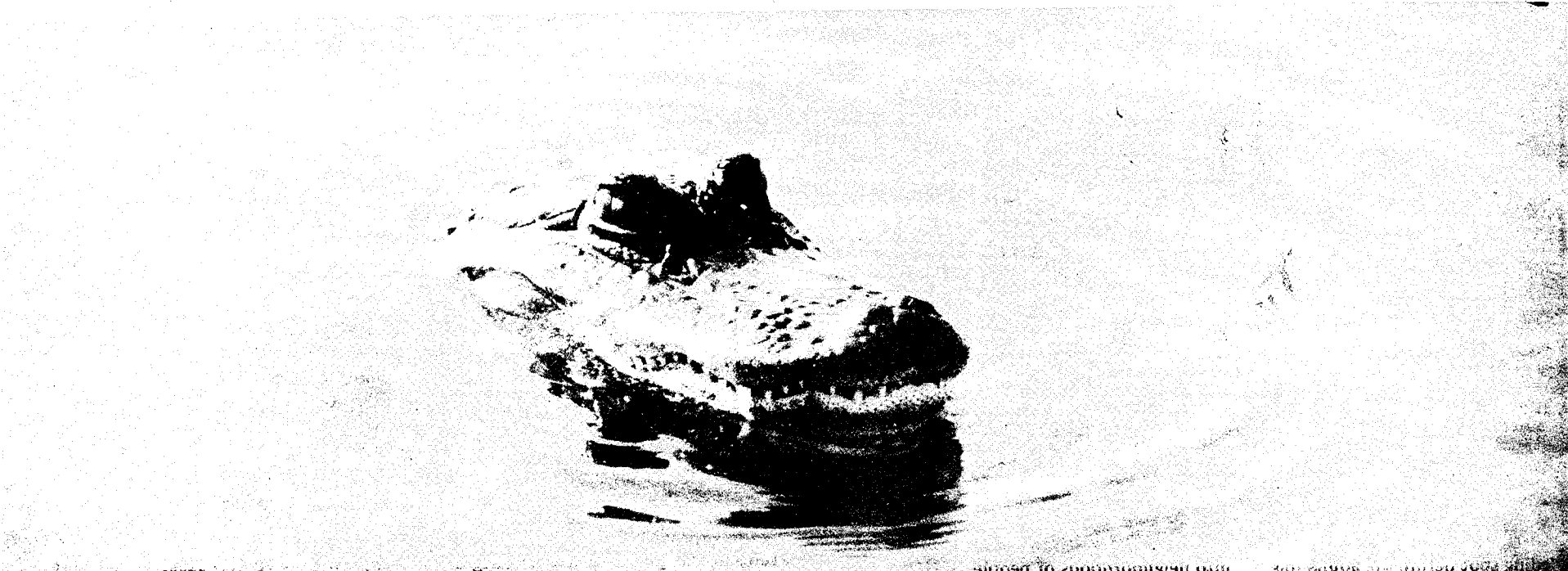
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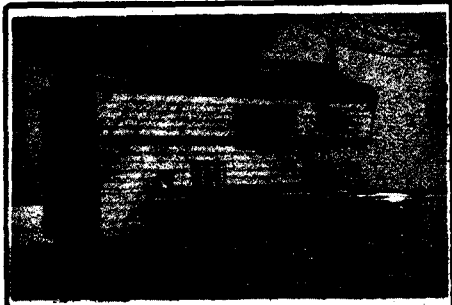
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Christmas and the January white sales. It does not get cold enough here for the
temperature to make a serious difference. If anything, the salt marsh mosquitoes live
longer.

Mosquitoes slow down during the winter months because the rains and tides ease
up. But this very slowdown can be most deceitful, because the climate is setting the
stage for the great invasions of June, July and August.

The District has now reduced the mosquito problem in two directions. The
"annoyance" months generally have been reduced to the summer rain and storm tide
season, and the numbers of mosquitoes present at any given time have been reduced
to a countable level. If the latter is difficult to accept, remember that there is little
difference at the backyard barbecue whether the guests are attacked by 50,000
mosquitoes or 1,000 — the result is the same.

What happens to the winter mosquitoes? The system gets them. The larviciding
program, designed on a concentrated scale to defeat the summer levels, makes short
work of the reduced breeding levels of the intervening months. Occasionally a small
breeding area will "get away," but a small area can be confined by fogging the
breeding spot before the adults migrate into neighborhoods of people.

Because there still are mosquitoes to watch, the task force is split. While one half
concentrates on fogging and larviciding, the other half is busy with maintenance
work that cannot be done during the summer. Aircraft and motor vehicles must be
overhauled; supplies must be renewed; all of the cleaning, adjusting, repairs,
construction and changes in planning must take place in the "off" season. But the
single helicopter leased year-round stays in the air; the inspectors still maintaining a
close watch over the tidal flats that send the salt marsh mosquitoes zooming, even if
it doesn't rain. This winter killing has a two-fold purpose. On the one hand, it keeps
Lee Countians from having mosquitoes for Christmas. On the other, it eliminates
adults which would lay the eggs for next summer's brood.

As the winter drought deepens, the tidal flats, inland shallow pools and canals
dry up. The females of Lee County's volume species — one fresh water and two salt
marsh mosquitoes — must lay their eggs above the water. As the water level drops,
they are presented with plenty of hatchery area. In a normal season, the egg levels of
thmosquito can exceed 10,000 per square foot.

Development by subdividers has not helped as much as it might seem. Favorite
areas for waterfront development are the red mangroves, but mosquitoes don't use
the red mangroves. They breed on the higher ground in the upper margins of the
black mangroves and on the higher marshes inland. These areas have not been favored
for development in most areas because of poor drainage quality, and general lack of
waterfront potential. Replacement of breeding beds with housing sites has not been
in proportion to the rest of the county's development — with some 65,000 acres of
an original 75,000 still in mosquito production.

Inland, where the Glades mosquitoes breed in fresh water, development has
worsened the situation. Canals cut to drain the land, having accomplished their
purpose, leave the females even more egg-laying area, besides killing the tiny fish
which eat mosquito larvae. With the advent of the rains, the eggs hatch, with nothing
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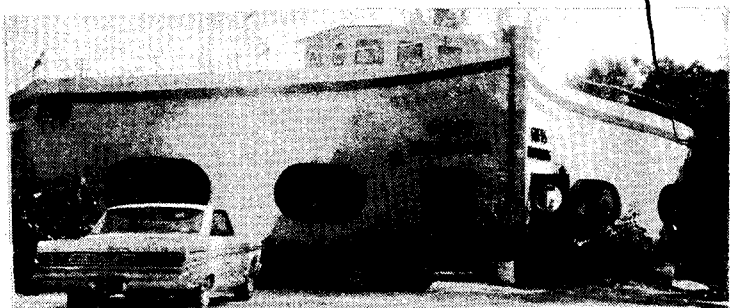
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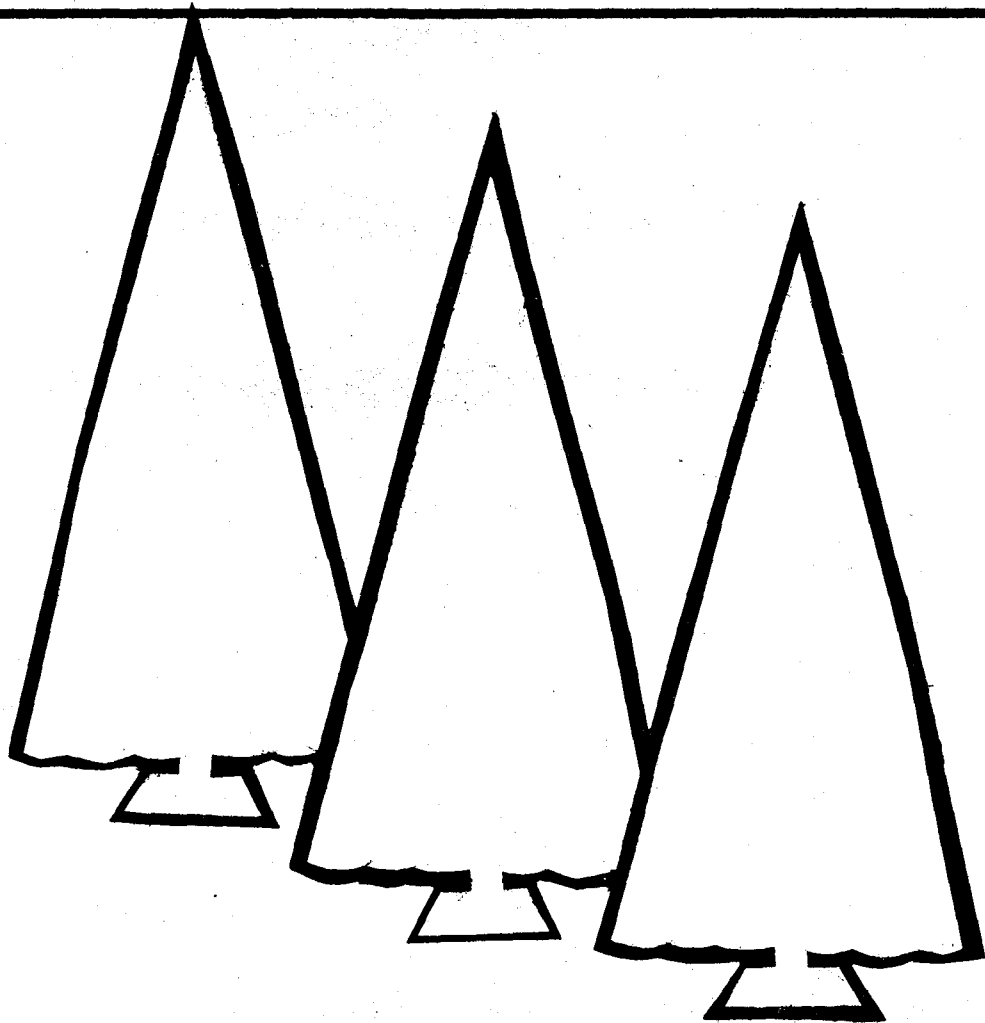
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