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The U. S. Department of the Interior has been conducting tests and water quality tabulations on Sanibel. Six geological recorders tabulating water stages in artesian wells, the water table aquifer and tide changes at Point Ybel and the Sanibel slough aquifer will continue their recordings until July, according to information received by Roy Bazire, executive director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

After July the network of six geological recorders will discontinue four of the recorder operations and discontinue water sampling at 50 well locations and 40 surface water locations in canals, ponds and the Sanibel Slough. Then the Dept. of the Interior will begin tabulating and evaluating the collected data, so that a complete report can be made. This is a very valuable water study of the islands, and will reveal much of interest to all.

Community Association

Charles LeBuff and George Weymouth of Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge will address the next regular meeting of the Sanibel Community Association meeting Tuesday, June 6 on the wildlife to be found on Sanibel.

Using slides, sound effects, and live exhibits, LeBuff and Weymouth will tell all about the animals and reptiles to be found on the island. These will include alligators, snakes, turtles, racoons, otters, armadillos, birds, spiders, etc. It's a presentation for children as well as adults.

While the dinner meeting which begins at 6:30 is for members only the above exhibit and presentation beginning at 8 p.m. will be open to the general public as usual.

"I'm told," says John Shepherd, program chairman, "by people who have seen these two boys perform that it's highly informative as well as entertaining and shouldn't be missed. I hope as many parents as possible will come and bring their children as it will be more for children than adults."

Visitors to the Island are as welcome as residents. It's a program that will long be remembered. Tuesday, June 5, 8 p.m. at Sanibel Community House.

Help! Help!

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce is working toward its goal of \$10,000 for half the cost of the proposed fishing pier for Sanibel. The County agreed to pay 1/2 the estimated cost and since the County rejected the proposal to pay for the entire cost of the pier, \$20,000, the Chamber is endeavoring to raise the additional \$10,000 through pledges, according to Ralph Woodring and Don Case, committeemen to raise the money who are working closely with Lee County Commissioner Walter Shirey. Attached is a pledge tab for those who might like to help in this community project.

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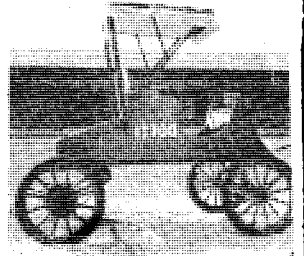
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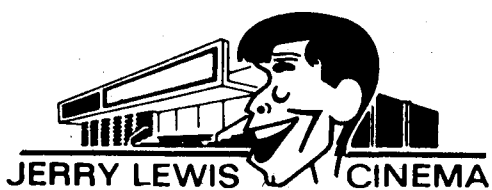
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Sanibel LIBRARY hours: Monday &
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Friday & Saturday, 10-12 noon.

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
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AMERICAN LEGION POST 123, American
Legion Home, 2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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a.m. till 12:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

BOY SCOUTS meet 7:30 p.m., Saturday
nights at the School.

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Tuesday, 8 p.m., Community House, Sanibel.

GARDEN CLUB every fourth Tuesday, 8
p.m., Community House, Sanibel.

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PRISCILLA MURPHY'S niece Mrs. DOLORES MYERS of Detroit, Mich., is spending her vacation with Priscilla. She has been on Sanibel several times and always enjoys the peace and quiet of the Islands.

The DUANE WHITES have been enjoying a visit from Charlotte's niece, ANDREA BENNETT and the Bennett family, Father BART BENNETT and three sons, STEPHEN, KEITH and DAVID, and they have come from Baton Rouge, La., and are thoroughly enjoying our fine Sanibel weather.

JIMMY JORDAN, who will graduate on June 6 from high school, will be registering for Edison Community College and plans to attend the fall session. Meanwhile, he will be looking for work on the islands for the summer.

While ARTHUR ARNOLD is busy getting his franchise and all the other preliminary groundwork for the planned out-island ferry to Cayo Costa, Upper Captiva and around, his wife is busily working on shell work original creations, which make such lovely souvenirs and gifts from the islands. "I found a talent I never knew I possessed in working with my hands," she said.

CHET and ELLEN SMITH have returned from separate missions. Chet went to Conway, N.H., a lovely summer mountain retreat, to see his ailing mother and Ellen went to Miami to visit with her father. Chet's mother is in the hospital but Ellen's father is just fine, we are happy to report.

Mr. & Mrs. ROSS GAMBEL of South Seas are having lots of company visiting them in the Bennett House. Mr. & Mrs. GORDON CLARKE from Rye, N.Y., have been enjoying some rest and relaxation and they will be followed by Mr. & Mrs. G. RAY FOULTZ of Apopka, who were former neighbors of the Gambels in Oldsmar, and so they will have a lot of getting up to date on neighborhood news.

ROBERT and DEAN FOWLER, formerly of Fort Fairfield, Maine, are now residing at the Surfrider permanently. Their son, LESLIE FOWLER, has been visiting them from Tucson, Ariz., and enjoying the greenery, as Tucson has been having a proiong drought. Leslie, who is in the Air Force, will be leaving shortly for a year's tour of duty in Greece.

Mr. & Mrs. OTTO SEIFERT of South Seas are in Indianapolis, Ind., on a vacation.

ANN and LOUIS RAPP and children, LAURA ANN and ERIC, arrived by plane Sunday from their home in Lake Forest, Ill., so spend a week with Ann's grandmother, ANNIE ALLRED, at her Sanibel home. They've visited here several times previously and adore the island. They'll be taking lots of shells with them back to the Windy City.

There are two new additions to the JEANNE HOPWOOD family; two precious Siamese kittens. SOX is recuperating nicely from pneumonia. He is Jeanne's dog. Mrs. MARY HOPWOOD, Jeanne's mother from Milwaukee, Wis., will be joining the group, and Jeanne has just had air conditioning installed so that Mom will be comfortable too in our climate.

Mr. & Mrs. DONALD BROWN of Chateau Sur Mer will be in their new home very shortly, and though moving is really a job, they will be happy to be settled when that chore ends, and their new home is beautiful!

ATTENDS MEETING

Mr. & Mrs. Willis Combs and Roy E. Bazire from Sanibel attended the annual meeting of the Florida Chapter of The Nature Conservancy in Crystal Springs May 19, 20 and 21.

The meeting was held at Crystal Springs to assist a local group in forming a Conservancy unit there to protect the rich estuarine waters of the region, and the manatee which frequents the area in considerable numbers.

Bazire, executive director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, was elected first vice president of the state Conservancy organization. Fall meeting of the group will be held on Sanibel at Island Inn, November 17-19, with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation as host.

SUMMER EMBROIDERY AND SEWING CLASSES

Mrs. Yvette Remus is starting a sewing and embroidery class for children at her home on the Sanibel-Captiva Road, one mile before the Captiva bridge. Children of the 3rd through 6th grade will learn stitches on a sampler before choosing or drawing a design of their own on place mats.

The class will start on Tuesday, June 13 at 2 p.m. There will be 10 sessions of two hours each every Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. June 3 is the deadline for registration, and there will be a fee of \$12.00 charged. If your child is interested in joining this class, call Mrs. Remus at 472-1382. This class was taught by Mrs. Remus at the school last year, and by popular request, Mrs. Remus plans to teach sewing again to those interested.

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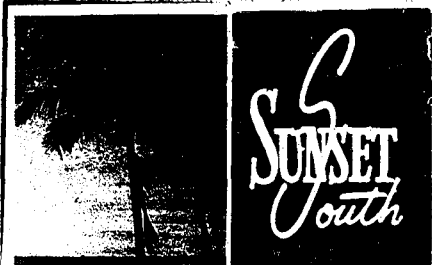
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Looking something like "Moon Rover" the sea turtle patrol vehicle is made from converted motorcycle components and the program is under the direction of the Caretta Research Laboratories with Wayne Parker of the Big Cypress Nature Center in charge of the program, but islanders who are interested in the project may contact Mr. Charles LeBuff of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife on the islands.

MORE ABOUT ADVERTISING SIGNS

With the removal of the Sunset South Condominium billboard on the causeway road the entrance to the island is now free of all advertising signs but for those of one development.

Other businesses have taken down signs to comply with the islands' sign ordinance, Gulf Breeze Cottages and Motel, the Hines Gulf Service Station, the Island Travel Agency, the Shell Basket, the Sanibel Standard Service Station and Sundial.

The Sanibel-Captiva Islander speaking in behalf of the islands' community addresses its thanks and appreciation to all these businesses.

There are now but a few who have refused to remove illegal signs; complaints have been lodged and it will not be long before the arm of the law catches up with them.

/s/ B. P. Le Roux, Chairman
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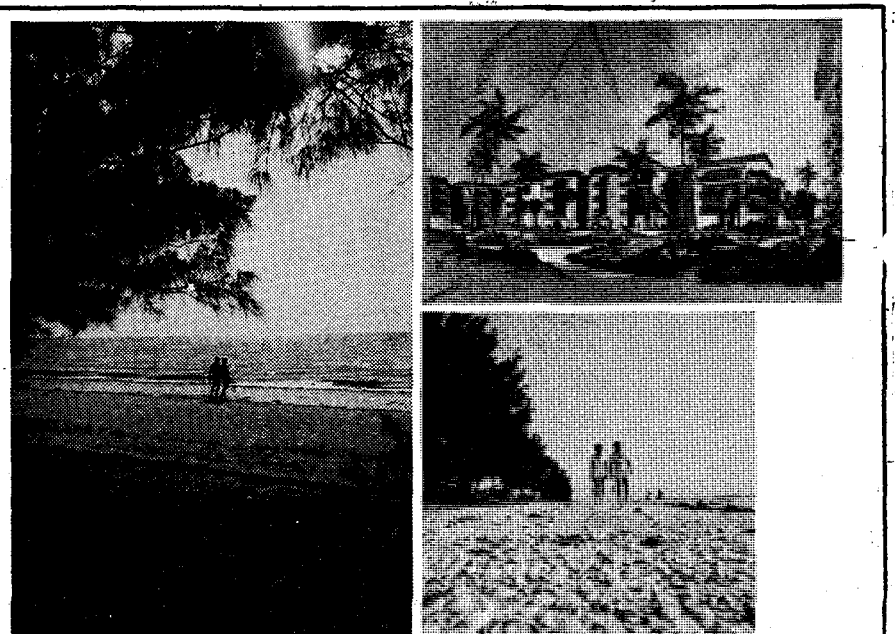
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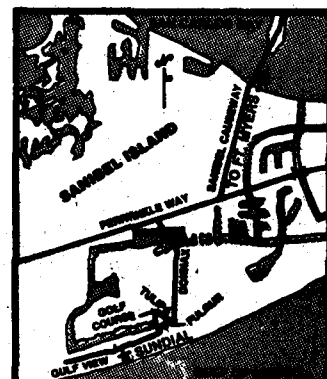
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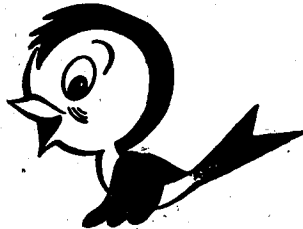
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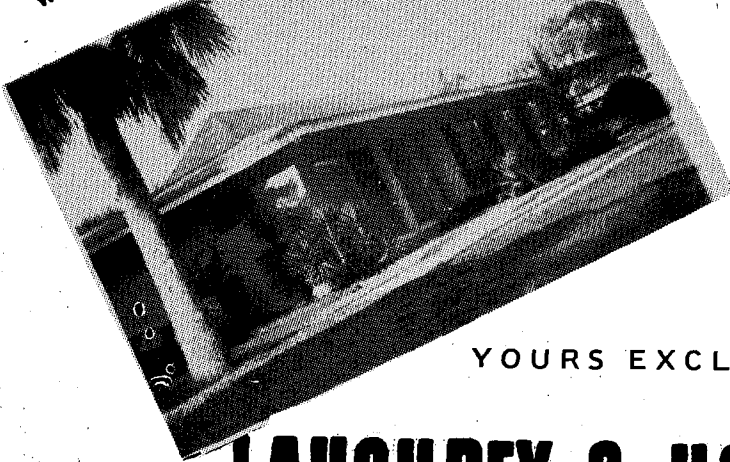
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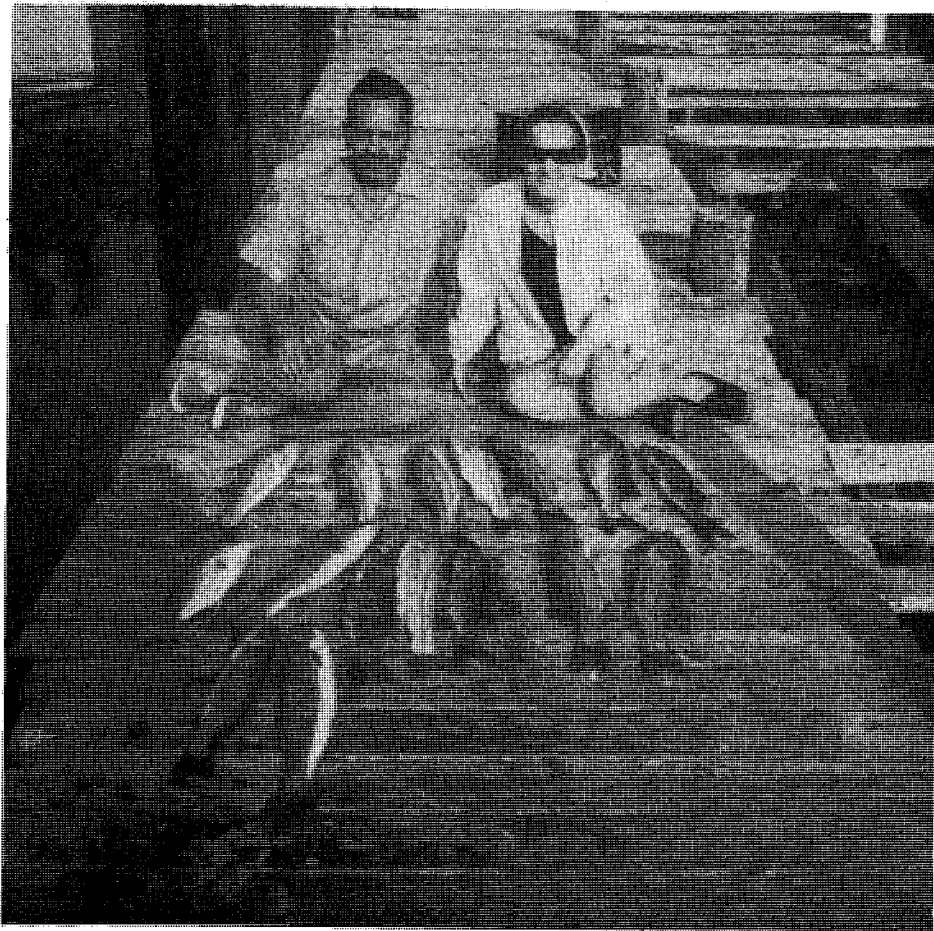
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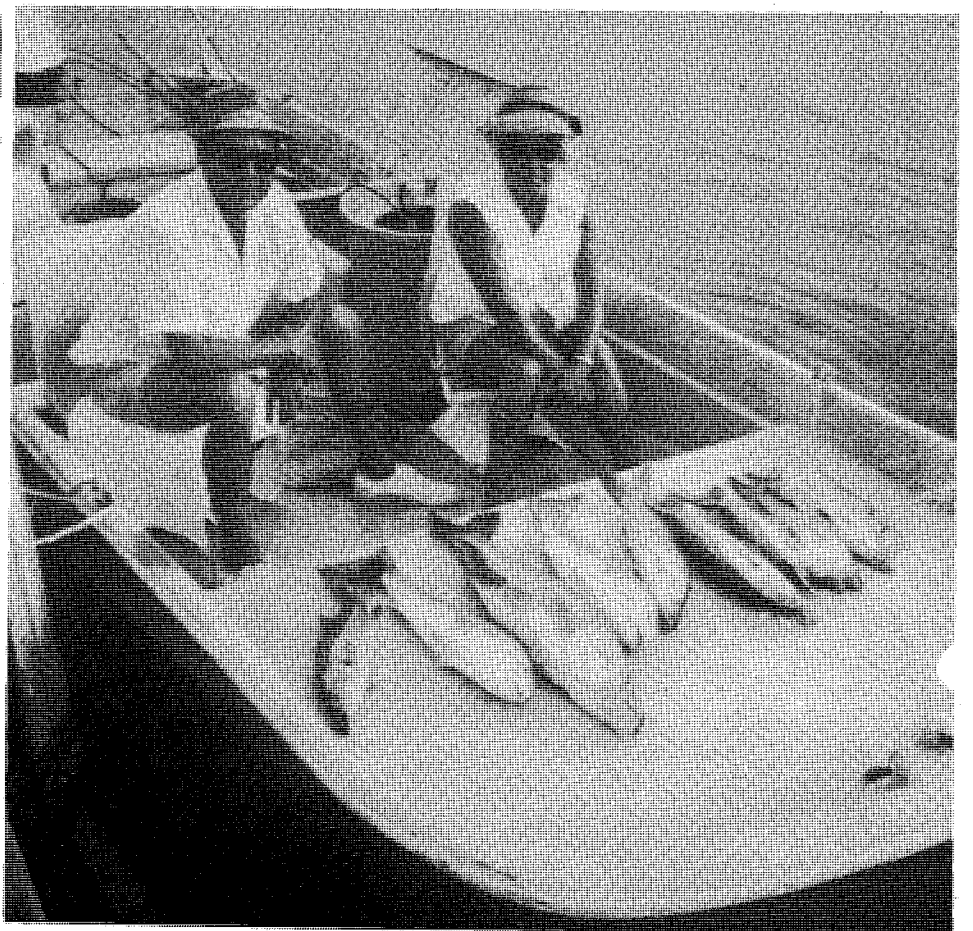
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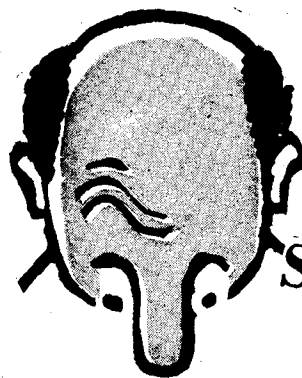
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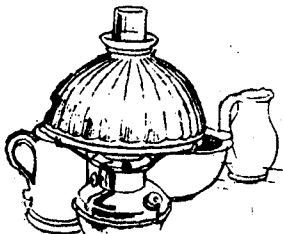
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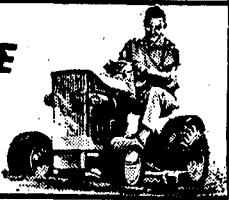


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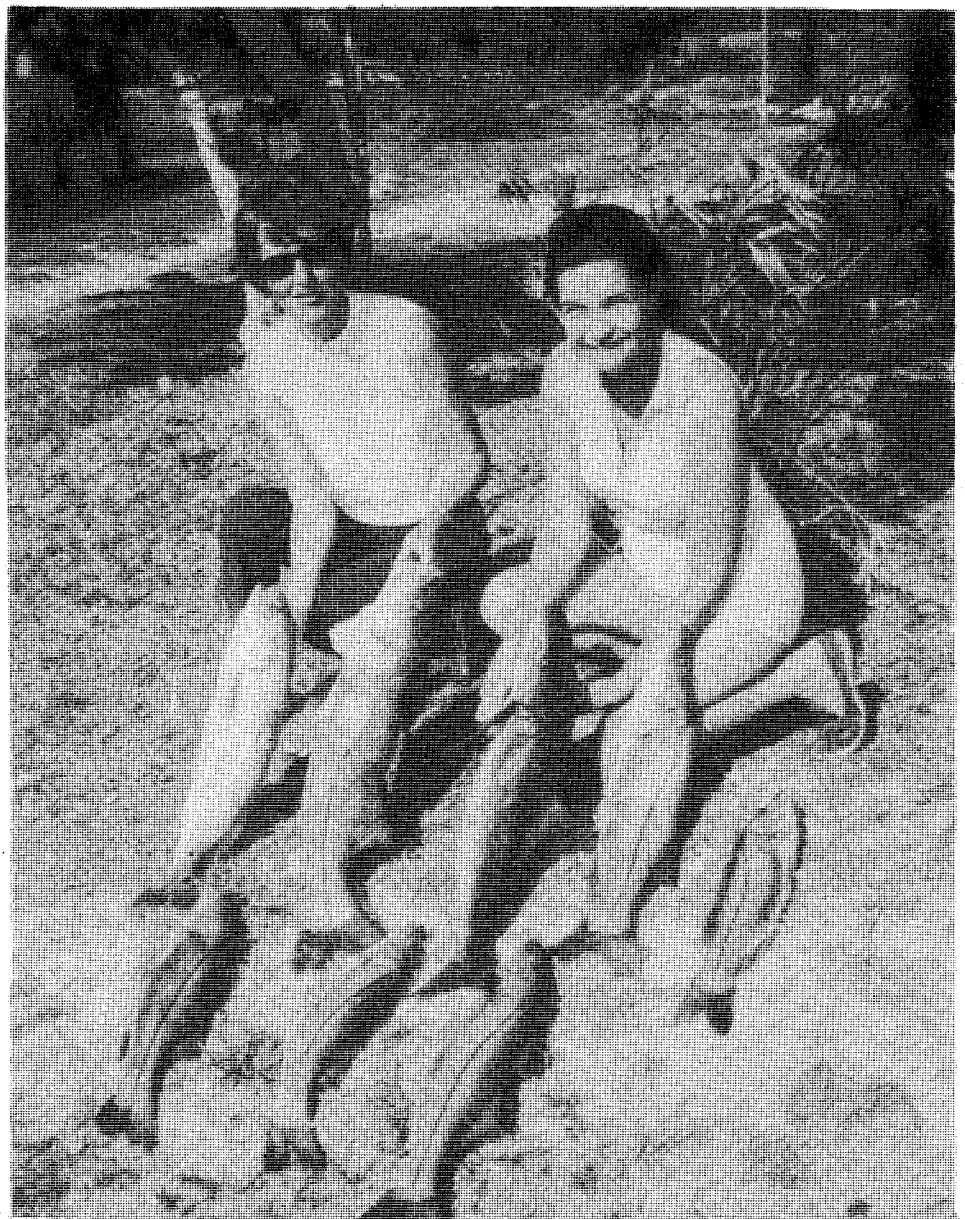
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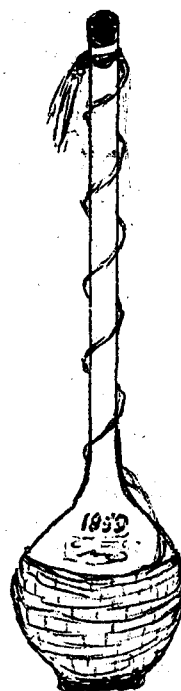
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"The individual owner of condominium units is going to have to pay when the county system comes in and they should be made aware of it right now," stated consultant Bill Thompson. Subscribers to private sewer service will be forced to lay out additional conversion money when a county sewage system is constructed, he added.

By the time a county system is installed, Commission Chairman Daniels pointed out, "the developers will be gone and it will be the residents who bought their units who will have to pay. These people are going to be terribly hurt if they have to pay again."

SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, May 26, a musical program was given at the school under the sponsorship of Mrs. Nona Hillips, Lee County music teacher. It was a variety musical program, featuring several different types of music, so that each child might benefit, and parents were invited to enjoy the program also.

Wednesday, June 7, will be Field Day, and various awards will be made, games will be played, and refreshments will be served. At one p.m. a magic show will entertain all of those attending and participating in the Field Day events.

June 8 will be a teacher duty day, and no classes will be held, but the last day of school for this term will be on June 9, when children will receive their final reports cards for this session. School will be dismissed at 1 p.m.

Teachers hope that all children will have a happy and safe summer holiday and return on Aug. 24 for the first day of school in the fall session.

CORPORATION FORMED

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

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate reports the following sales:

A gulf front parcel in Tahiti Shores to Dr. & Mrs. Casimir R. Sheft from Walter A. Walker.

Condominium apartment in Captain's Walk to Mr. & Mrs. Harry B. Lewis.

A lot in Tahiti Shores to Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Wrenn.

A lot in Tahiti Shores to Mr. & Mrs. Hans W. Petersen.

A furnished apartment in Sanibel Arms to Dr. & Mrs. John G. Zoll.

Two lots in Sanibel Estates from Edward T. Cramer to Stephen D. Reynolds, Jr.

A house in The Rocks from Robert Stevens to Mr. & Mrs. F. Whitten Morse.

375' gulf frontage from Drs. Marting, Hawkins et al to Jerome J. Wimmer.

CORRECTION

It was Arthur Hunter who made the attractive hibiscus decoration for Ruth Ross' recital at the Community House and it was Philip Hunter who wrote the musical "Come Back on Tuesday" which was produced at the Collins

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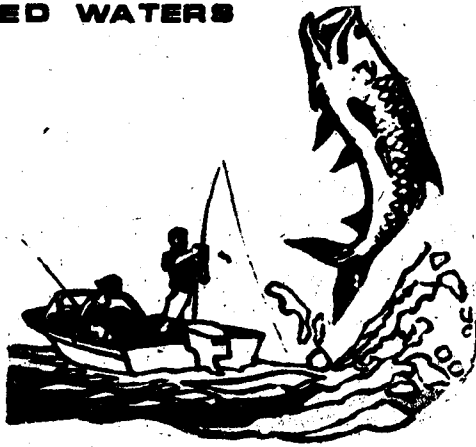
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Mr. JOSEPH McMURTRY, Advisor, received a B.S. in Landscape Architecture from Penn State University and did special studies in community planning at Carnegie-Mellon U. He was chief planner and assistant to the director in the Dept. of City Planning, Pittsburg, then became the first director of the Bureau of Advanced Planning of the Pennsylvania Highway Dept. A registered professional engineer, he was active in the passage of the Urban Redevelopment law and the Limited Access Highway Act. He served as president of Planners Associates, a private firm doing city planning, until his retirement and was a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Amer. Institute of Planners, Amer. Society of Planning Officials, Amer. Public Works Assoc., Pennsylvania Planning Assoc. and the National and Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers.

Mr PARKER MILLS, Director repr. the Captiva Civic Assn., was brought up in New York City where he attended the Clare Tree Major School of the Theater. He has spent much of his life in the theater, acting, directing and in charge of scenery but has also been an inn keeper and, during World War II, a seaman in the Merchant Marine during which time he traveled to many ports. Later, he was a field director with the American Red Cross, serving in New Guinea, the Admiralties, the Philippines and Japan. A good friend of the late Ding Darling, he and wife, Pintard, have operated the Captiva Island Store since 1949. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Captiva Civic Assoc., the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, and is currently on the membership committee of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.



SANIBEL ALLIGATOR RESEARCH

Upon moving to Sanibel in 1959, Charles LeBuff began a study of Sanibel's gator population; movements, growth, and various other aspects of their life history. As a biologist for the Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Mr. LeBuff has gained much insight into the natural problems facing this reptile, and its relationship to the Island's growing human population.

He and George L. Weymouth, also of the Refuge, have joined efforts to research this unique creature even deeper. They wish to relocate all specimens endangering man (usually as the result of such practice. By year to year study of the areas of highest juvenile survival, and reasons why, also by tagging and color marking, they hope to compile new life history data and substantiate old findings by other herpetologists.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE ISLANDER:

We returned to Sanibel yesterday afternoon (Monday), completing a nice trip to Crystal River and return. We took a "shunpike" route in the middle of the state by way of Route 98, and, except for a little way on the return trip, the traffic was light but the "love bugs" were heavy. These are little black bugs that smear the windshield and everything else they hit, and to remove them we use a fine grade of steel wool and a detergent, in this case Ajax. On the return trip we got a piece of fly screen to cover the front of the car, radiator and headlights. This was the first experience we had had with the love bugs, that fly coupled.

The principle subject of the program of the Florida Nature Conservancy was the Crystal River manatee and the ecology of the area. The Paradise Inn, where we stayed, is located on King's Bay on Crystal River. There is a huge fresh water spring in the bay and this water forms the Crystal River, which flows several miles into the Gulf of Mexico, forming an estuary. The shore line is dotted with many islands on which mangrove and cabbage palms grow.

We were on three boat trips during the 2-day meeting. The first was a 2-hour trip down the Crystal River to the Gulf, passing several bird rookeries. The second was a shorter trip around King's Bay, and the third trip, on Sunday, started at Yankee town and toured the area around Gulf Hammock. All trips were taken in small boats carrying 6 passengers each. The boats were furnished by local residents or Coast Guard personnel.

The Crystal River is threatened by developers who wish to build high rises and houses on the nearby islands to be connected by a causeway. The program of The Nature Conservancy is to secure control of these islands ahead of the developers. We fear pollution of the river and spring and the extinction of the fresh water manatee that live here. A local committee is working hard to prevent this pollution by buying the islands in the area. This committee has secured almost 100 new members for

TNC in recent months.

The manatee is a huge animal that eats water hyacinths, which is a noxious weed that clogs rivers and the owners of power boats do not like the weeds. However, we learned that the propellers of power boats often injure the manatee, so that raises another problem.

On the way back we drove south on US 19 and found out that because of congestion at Disney World, no eastbound traffic was allowed until we got as far south as Clearwater. There we turned east on route 60 and spent the night at Babson Park with an old Audubon friend of ours. All in all we had a very pleasant trip.

The fall conference of the Florida Chapter of Nature Conservancy will be held on Sanibel Nov. 17-19 at Island Inn. Mark the date.

/s/ Willis Combs

TO THE ISLANDER:

A copy of the following letter was sent to the Islander for publication: The Harvey Company and The Isle of Umbrellas Company Pirate Playhouse Sanibel Island, Fla. Dear Friends:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the latest gift of \$50.00 to go to the Bangladesh refugees as a result of the benefit performances that you have given.

You will be interested to know that we too are concerned with the refugees who have returned from India to Bangladesh and are this week sending out a special appeal to a limited group, and I enclose a copy of that just for your information. Your total gifts, that you indicate will amount to \$200.00, will go into this fund.

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It is too bad that Sanibel Island is just too far away for any of us to drop in for a performance. This we wish we could do. Thank you again for these gifts from your generous benefactors.

/s/ Donald F. Ebright, Ph.D.
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TO THE ISLANDER:

When our family visited Sanibel in February of this year, we all fell in love with an island that contained everything we had ever hoped to find in one place.

Along with its beauty, the people were warm, friendly and kind. We all felt so safe but how deceptive it was and little did I realize that on Sanibel, I was to experience the most terrifying night of my life upon my return visit, just two months later.

I was one of the two women who were robbed and assaulted on the morning of May 5th. Do you know what it means to be covered with blood as a result of being beaten about the face? I do -- my nose and mouth were swollen for a week. Today, two weeks later, I had to see a specialist as my nose was damaged and is giving me great pain.

Along with the money, I lost pieces of jewelry that had great sentimental value to me, such as my engagement ring that was 32 years old.

My only mistake was returning to Sanibel. I did not try to keep the young man from taking my things. Unfortunately, I woke up to find him next to my bed.

No one had informed us of the lack of police protection during the early morning hours, but our assailant knew.

Good people of Sanibel, no one will be safe until this man is found. Apparently, he is familiar with the island and the next victim may not be as fortunate. At least, I am able to write this letter.

My dreadful experience will take many years to erase. What happened to me could happen to anyone on that island. I want to return to Sanibel more than anything else in the world. It will take great courage to make the next trip. We have purchased a condominium and had such great plans. Sanibel should be one of the safest places in Florida.

/s/ Mrs. Elmer L. Ernst
Buffalo, N.Y.

TO THE ISLANDER:

Just a short note in reply to Mr. Hubbard's letter of 5/25/72. What is he doing in New Jersey? Why doesn't he come down here where the action is? His cupboard must indeed be bare, at least of the milk of human kindness, when he must ridicule a proper name. I am sure that he is properly categorized by most people on both sides of the fence.

/s/ William A. Way
Sanibel

TO THE ISLANDER:

Long before we had a lot of people on Sanibel Island, Mr. Bill Way put us up in one of his attractive cottages when no one else had a speck of room. They weren't quite finished and he got us a little grill to make our "coffee and" --- that's the way actors referred to pancakes and coffee, probably because of the world famous Childs. Thanks to Bill Way we enjoyed a few more days of Sanibel.

I played Plainfield, N.J., in vaudeville with Dolph Singer, a fine song writer. I'll bet you a dollar to a doughnut Plainfield, N.J., has changed since then. Shall we all squawk?

/s/ Ruth Hunter

RAISING TOMATOES ON SANIBEL ISLAND
by W. B. Combs

Hope springs eternal in the human breast! Could be a good sub-title for this article. Last November at the Garden Center in Fort Myers they were selling tomatoes in baskets filled with woodchips for about a dollar and a half with the tomato plant already started in the center, but for a dollar and a half more you could buy one that had small tomatoes already started, and we got the more expensive one. Opal nourished it carefully during the winter putting a half gallon of water in the evening and a doze of plant food in the morning. Seven or eight small tomatoes ripened, then the plant gave up and died.

However, we planted some seed of the Big Boy variety in the ground and while most of these plants failed to survive, there were about a half dozen that grew slowly and we are now harvesting the crop. As fast as a tomato began to ripen, a bird was there to sample it. I hung up a tin disc that would swing in the wind, but this did not seem to deter the birds. Then we called on Petunia to help. Petunia is our little stuffed skunk. We placed Petunia near the vines, and also covered some of the remaining tomatoes with cellophane bags. Our prize tomato was picked yesterday and measured 4 inches across and 13 inches in circumference. In all, our crop may amount to one-half bushel.

The Fort Myers News-Press carried an ad for vine-ripe staked tomatoes for \$2.50 per bushel, 3 miles north of Fort Myers on State Road 31, pick your own, bring container. However, to this should be added a bridge toll of \$3 and 90 miles of driving, so all things considered it was probably just as cheap to raise our own and think of the fun and exercise we had in doing it.

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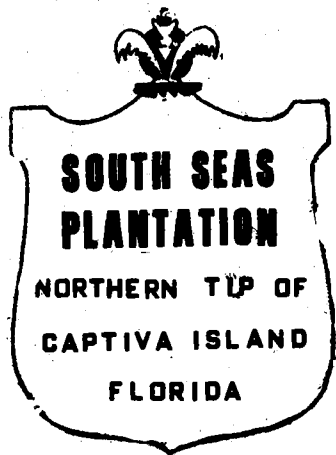
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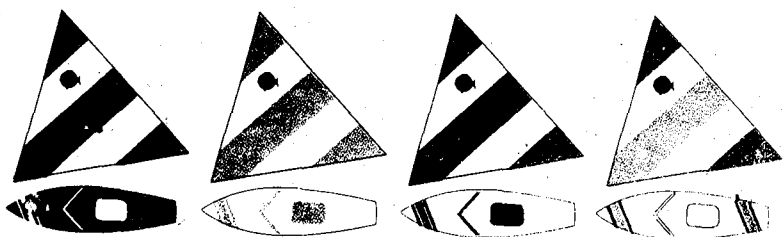


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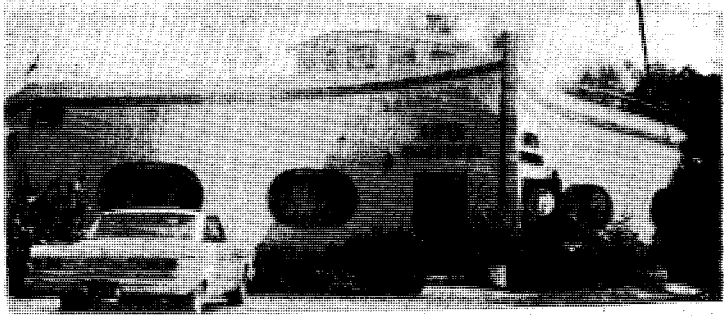
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