



Mr. Tony McCullom and friends of Tavares, Fla., caught these snook last week; they weighed 4 to 10 lbs. Charles Rosse of Captiva was their guide.

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## New PTA Officers

At the PTA meeting election of officers held on Wednesday evening, Mr. Tim Squires was honored by being chosen president of the group for the coming year. Vice President is Mrs. Donald Bissell, Secretary, Mrs. Rosalee Wood and Treasurer, Mrs. James Anholt.

It was announced at the meeting that the fans were all installed and paid for by the PTA and in working condition, and truly, they are a boon to both students and teachers alike. But in the process, the treasury has been depleted, and this year's officers start out with a clean slate; no money for this year's projects. They wish to thank all the generous donors, and all those working on raising money to purchase the fans and install them.

Mr. J. Bissell was appointed chairman in charge of the annual picnic and field day scheduled to end the school year on June 7. Children will still be reporting to school until June 9, last official day. Children of the fifth and sixth grades went by Greyhound charter bus to Disney World, leaving Sanibel at 6 a.m., on Saturday, and after a very eventful and fun filled day, they returned that night at about 9:30. Fourteen parents acted as chaperones for the group with teachers Mrs. Karl Wightman and Mr. B. G. Runnels also helping with the 43 children in the entourage.

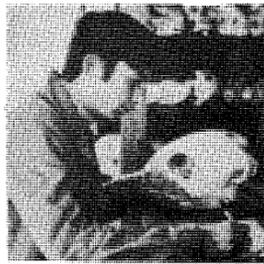
Mr. Mario Hutton gave an interesting program in photo verse for the school children on Thursday afternoon.

Children have been playing soccer with great enthusiasm during physical fitness time, and also working with their aquariums, which now boast a star gazer, a shy fish with large tummy who burrows into the sand at every opportunity. They also have a

pin fish resembling a cross between it and a snook, as he has beautiful colored bands and one large dark stripe.

A summer reading program and also a swimming class is planned for this summer season. Mrs. Wightman will act as swimming instructor.

Sanibel school children are ecology conscious. A picture of the great bald eagle on a nest with one chick adorns the door of Principal G. L. Disette's office stating, "Ecology: A Wild Idea." Also a sign proclaiming "Jaywalkers are perfect targets. The score gets higher every day. Arrive Alive. Think about it," is on the door.



## Doug Kenefick

### Given Reseach Grant

Charles LeBuff, director of the Caretta Research project on Sanibel-Captiva, announced this week that his group has given a summer research grant to Doug Kenefick of Danielson, Conn. Kenefick will supervise the sea turtle conservation project the turtle group plans on Cape Romano this summer.

Although working with giant loggerhead turtles will be something new for Kenefick, research on turtles will not be. He has published extensive material on snapping turtles, and recorded the first Captive-hatched gopher tortoises. For the past five years he has travelled through the northwest and Alaska working on various aspects of the life history of grizzly bears.

Along with his wildlife interests Kenefick works actively in the wild animal skull field, supplying specimen skulls to museums and universities. His personal collection contains over 500 skulls which are often used for reference material by research biologists.

The sea turtle group will establish a camp site on Morgan Beach near Marco on June 10. The camp will be staffed by Caretta Research volunteers and will operate until July 15, barring severe storms. A turtle egg hatchery capable of holding 50,000 loggerhead turtle eggs will also be located at the site.

Turtle patrols will work out of the base camp by boat, to adjacent islands, and with portable all-terrain vehicles on the beach at Cape Romano. These patrols will protect and tag nesting loggerhead turtles, transplant eggs, and study factors of turtle populations, predator problems, and investigate areas of increased nesting activity. Sea turtles on Florida's Gulf Coast are imperilled because of encroaching beach erosion, commercial and residential development, and increasing public use. All aspects of their survival problems are to be studied by Kenefick and his co-workers.

The Caretta Research project which originated on Sanibel-Captiva in 1968, has become the largest privately financed sea turtle conservation project in the world. Funded by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, the organization concentrates on nearly 200 miles of coastline during the marine turtle nesting season, has dozens of volunteer workers, and through increased efforts will produce approximately 65,000 young turtles in 1972.

LeBuff said that Kenefick will need additional volunteer help and mentioned that the project offers on-the-spot training for school teachers or others interested in conservation or environmental problems. LeBuff can be contacted on Sanibel for additional information.



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Sanibel LIBRARY hours: Monday &  
Thursday, 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday & Saturday, 10-12 noon.

Sanibel COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, Inc.,  
Sanibel Community House, 1st Tuesday, 6:30  
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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 and third Wednesday of each  
month at Webb's Castaways Restaurant.

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

BINGO MUREX, American Legion Home,  
Wednesdays, 8 p.m. (no minors.)

Captiva MEMORIAL LIBRARY is open 9  
a.m. till 12:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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

CAMERA CLUB meets every second  
Tuesday, 8 p.m., Community House, Sanibel.

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Mrs. L. G. WINANS observed an amazing operation early one Sunday morning recently. Some people had brought large plastic bags and worked vigorously one beautiful Sunday cleaning up all the trash accumulation on Bowmans Beach. They even picked up large caches of bottles, cans and refuse from pits and took them off for disposal. Mrs. Winans learned that these truly public spirited people were visitors to the islands who just couldn't stand the thought of such a naturally beautiful place being spoiled. They were VERN and MARY TRUSLOW of Fairfield, Conn., and SAM EDSALL of Southbury, Conn., and how we wish all our visitors were as thoughtful and public spirited as these wonderful people.

KAY CASPARIS has joined the group leaving the Islands for a northern vacation, and she will be spending the next few weeks away from Blind Pass and with her mother, Mrs. GLEN McCONNELL of Troy, Ohio.

LORRAINE HOLLAND, another courageous lady and chief chef at Golden Sands Restaurant, is recuperating at her residence after her auto accident on Sanibel last week. All her friends miss her gourmet cookery like mad and miss her smiling presence like crazy. Please get better soon, Lorraine.

CHARLES MILLER has taken over as new manager of Timmy's Nook, but the same groovy food fare will be served with the same fun group on Friday and Saturday evenings to liven the scene. CHRIS CUNEO will be opening the Marina and acting as fishing guide in the near future.

Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM SHANNON of Captiva will be going up to Franklin, N.C., the latter part of June, and they promise to bring back some of the cooling breezes from up there. Mrs. DUANE ANDERSON from Coral Gables has been visiting at the Shannon compound while waiting patiently for her new home to be completed on the Gulf on Captiva.

Mr. ARTHUR HUNTER achieved an outstanding floral decoration -- a carpet of varied colored hibiscus.

**BRIGHT-MILLER  
WEDDING DATE TOLD**

The betrothal of Miss Linda Marilyn Bright and Joe Milton Miller was announced last Sunday. Miss Bright is the daughter of Mrs. Jane Bright of 619 Palmetto Ave., Fort Myers, and the late Donald Bright. Mr. Miller is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Carl C. Miller of 2440 Kennesaw St.

The bride-elect was graduated from Fort Myers High School and is now employed in the phone room of Olan Mills Studio.

Mr. Miller attended Vero Beach High School and is presently employed in the maintenance department of South Seas Plantation on Captiva Island.

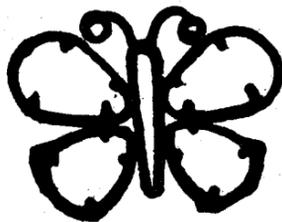
The wedding will take place at 2:30 p.m., June 11 at the home of the bride,

A boatcade of 8 craft stopped at South Seas on Thursday. They were from the Port Charlotte Yacht Club and were on their way to Clewiston through the Okeechobee Waterway with stops scheduled at Fort Myers and other points of interest enroute. They had already stopped at Boca Grande, Pine Island and other spots, but they definitely plan a return trip to Captiva and Sanibel, and they seemed to be thoroughly enjoying their tour. In the group were CLARENCE and GERTRUDE BLANK, DONALD and EVELYN GERKEY, MITCHELL and DOROTHY FORD, WILSON and PAT MILLER, JAMES and INEZ HAAS, GILBERT and MARY WHITE, GEORGE and BETTY LYONS, DR. CALVIN and LAURA HAGERMAN, MAC and JOYCE McOMBER, DAVE and JEAN ABRAMS, ARNOLD and BECKY SCHADE, ROBERT and ELIZABETH WILL, CARL and RUTH WEAVER and KEN PRESTON and DAVE LUTZ.

Dr. & Mrs. D. KETTLER are enthusiastic return visitors to Shell Harbor from Southfield, Mich., and Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM TAGERT of Aspen, Colo., too, have returned to the Islands to enjoy a really warm bit of sun after the ski season in Aspen. Maybe they can try water skiing for a change.

MARLA STEVENS, daughter of ROBERT STEVENS, of Gulf Drive has successfully completed her first year of nursing at Barry College in Miami Shores. She plans a leisurely vacation at home this summer, before returning to Barry for her second year in nursing this fall.

The I. T. BILLHEIMERS are in their new home in East Rocks and getting settled nicely, thank you, and thoroughly enjoying their pretty residence.



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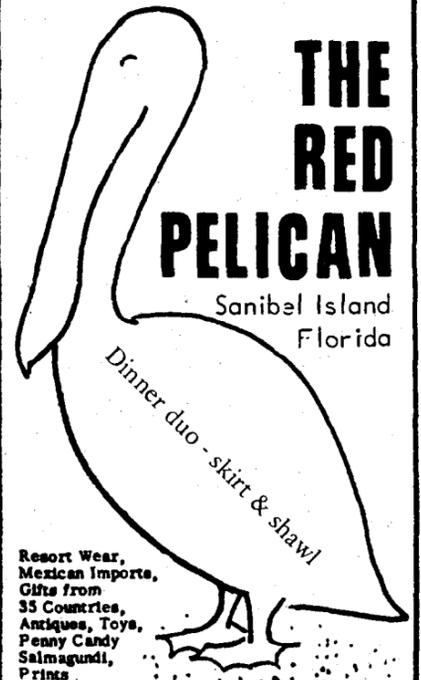
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**REAL ESTATE NEWS**

Priscilla Murphy, Realtor, reports the following sales:

From Mr. & Mrs. Richard Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Bert Jenks to Mr. & Mrs. George Vemay of Maryland, a lot in Poinciana Circle.

From Mariner Properties, Sanibel, to Mr. & Mrs. William K. Rusch of Sanibel, a lot in Gulf Pines.

From Mariner Properties of Sanibel, to Mr. Ralph Livingston of Indiana, a lot in Gulf Pines.

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The list, of course, is too long to put down on paper but it does contain some wonderfully useful things; a stethoscope, hypo needles, sutures, thermometers, etc., which will surely gladden the hearts of all the kind people who made this possible.

**RUTH ROSS GENTLE PERSUADER**

It is with homey satisfaction we Islanders meet each year at the Community Church to hear the pupils of Ruth Ross in their annual piano recital; and then we contemplate on the marvelous job Ruth does to persuade these pupils to perform for their friends.

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**THE SURFRIDER**

A returning visitor to Sanibel and the Surfrider is Mrs. K. C. Niedermiller and two friends from Lighthouse Pt., Fla. Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Lucher and children from Pennsylvania, are here enjoying sunning, shelling, and relaxing. Mr. & Mrs. Allen Wente from Pittsburg, Pa., are also here at the Surfrider.

Four generations of one family are here; Mrs. Ida Levy, her daughter, Mrs. June Kurlander, her son, Craig Kurlander, his daughter, Heather Kurlander and a friend, Beth Tonkins. Craig and Beth are from St. Pete, rest of the family, from Tampa. What a lovely family!

Other guests are Mr. & Mrs. Wm. D. Gardner from Arlington Heights, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Spaulding and Mr. & Mrs. RATHERING from Hamilton, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. William Lewis and son, Michael, of Potomac, Md., who are resting and fishing; and Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Austin from N. Miami Beach, on a busman's holiday, (they have a motel on the east coast). It's a return visit for them.



**ANNOUNCEMENT**

A third member is to be added to the staff of the J. N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Mr. Robert L. Barber, director of the Refuge, announced recently.

Notice of the staff increase came from the Atlanta regional office of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife, which administers the Darling Refuge.

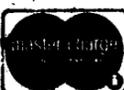
Further details as to the new assistant were not available. The present staff includes Barber and Charles R. LeBuff, Jr., who has been with the Refuge on Sanibel for many years.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TO THE ISLANDER:

Have you noticed the green ECOLOGY legend that has been recently painted on several tawdry signs along Sanibel's highways advertising land development projects?

It is an upsetting commentary on the efficacy of the county's enforcement of its new sign ordinance. It seems to me that when the citizenry have to do the job themselves, it is time for the Governor to read the riot act to the County Sheriff!

It has been wisely said: "The luxury of picking the laws he chooses to enforce is only available to a tyrant, not the lawman." It behooves us Islanders, therefore, to demand that the County Commissioners allocate our high tax payments in such a manner that the Sheriff is given enough to beef up his full-time Island force.

/s/ Paul A. Howe  
Sanibel, Fla.

### TO THE ISLANDER:

Good heavens, I had no idea we had already given 500 acres to the birds! I agree 100% that's enough. What more do they need? In the rush for a spot for birds to live, folks are forgetting they have all kinds of territory already in our gardens.

Our birds, blue hawked nosegays, rabbit eyed penny wrens, aside from cardinals, robins, mocking, birds, etc., etc., just love it. We have bird condominiums of pine trees thirty feet high they dote on. Not one of our three herons has asked to break his lease and move to the sanctuary, and red shouldered hawks nicely do numbers on the lawn chairs. A prison is desperately needed in Florida where men are sleeping in tiers of six. I think the good Lord would rather we did something about that.

/s/ Ruth Hunter

### LETTER OF THANKS

Dotti McQuade and the group who flew down to the Bahamas last month on their own little shelling and sightseeing vacation, received a letter of thanks from the local restaurateur where they dined, because they willed the sneakers they bought to walk on live coral to the proprietor. They also left the food supplies accumulated on their stay, and they plan to send some clothing to these hospitable people. Here is the letter Dotti received from Green Turtle Cay, Abaco:

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How are you? I am fine.

Just a few words to say hello and say how much I appreciate the groceries and the tennis shoes what you gave me.

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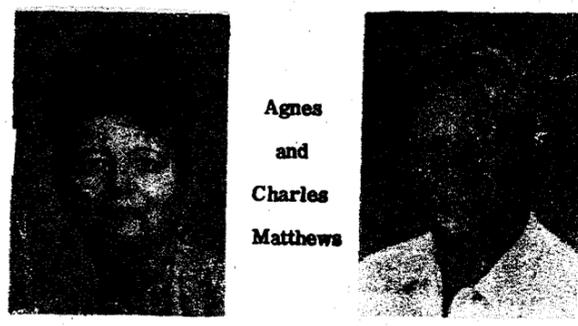
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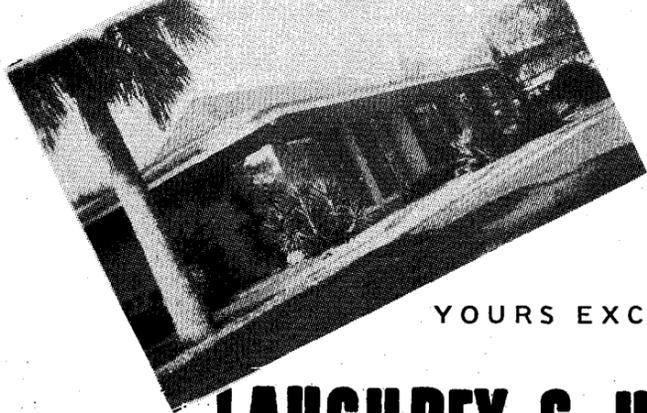
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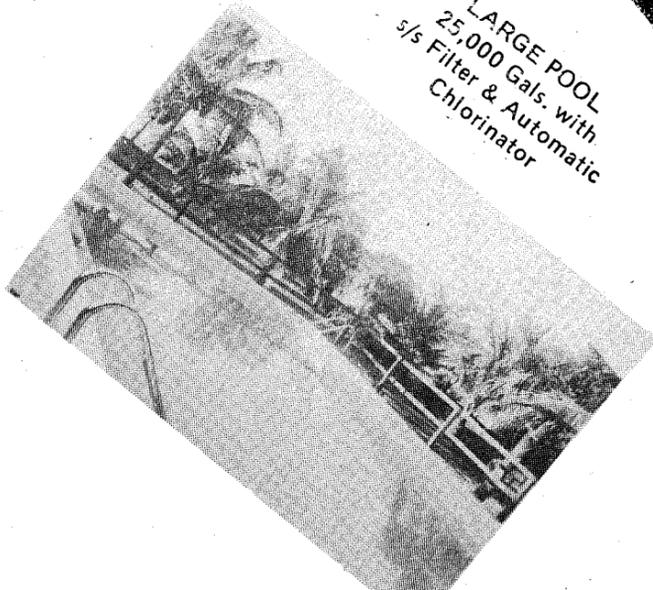


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From Mr. & Mrs. Gerald T. Martin to Mr. & Mrs. William D. Fletcher, Jr. of Newark, Delaware, a residential lot in Lake Murex.

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From Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Johnson of Jamestown, N.Y., to Mr. Walter Woodhams of Sanibel, a Gulf front parcel on Sanibel Island.

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Mr. William Albrecht of Peoria, Ill., had the good fortune in finding a near perfect junonia this year. Mr. & Mrs. Albrecht have been coming to The Colony for the past nine years and although Mrs. Albrecht found three junonias over this period of time, this was Mrs. Albrecht's first.

Other guests are Dr. & Mrs. D. S. McEwen from Lake Park, Fla., Mr. & Mrs. J. McKee and family from Chattanooga, Tenn., the Donald White family from Lexington, Ky., Mr. & Mrs. Emmett L. Carden from Brewton, Ala., Mr. & Mrs. Carl DiPrima and family of Mt. Prospect, Ill., Mr. & Mrs. Henry Lewis from Babson Park, Fla., and Dr. & Mrs. F. R. Rudisch and family from N. Miami, Fla.

**BEACHVIEW COTTAGES**

Dr. & Mrs. Martin Gross of Westminster, Md., departed from Beachview Sunday after adventures of

snook fishing and a midnight catch of a large trout right outside their cottage.

Newlyweds, Mr. & Mrs. Terrence Sunnicht of Ft. Lauderdale, also devout fishermen, received pink gladiolas from Pete and Ellen Bertram, a warm gesture from Beachview's new owners.

Mr. & Mrs. Chester R. Borowski of Westchester, N.Y., spent a glorious week inspecting every part of the island. Devotees of Grand Bo Key, Sanibel has won their hearts. Regina Tavel of Seminole, Fla., and daughter on one of their two or three visits a year wore flowing cotton gowns adding a romantic note to the palm tree lined drive. The Ron Koers of Dearborn, Mich., had a ball as did the Gerald Karpfs of Miami.

The Robert Jaynes of Euclid, Ohio, always a delight to have on board and Mr. & Mrs. Emil Knapp in their favorite Cottage No. 1 returned to St. Petersburg. Pete Kerwin and wife and two children of Miami, a guest for ten years found many treasures from the sea.

**COUNTY BOARD NEWS**

Beach erosion is the topic of a meeting scheduled at 9 a.m., June 1 in the Community Center on Captiva. Commissioners were invited to meet with members of the Captiva Beach Erosion District and state and federal engineers to discuss plans for correction of beach erosion using a combination of a local bond issue, state, county and federal funds.



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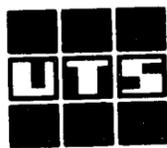
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by Russell Kay

When the developers of Tampa's Carrollwood subdivision advertised the advantages of owning a home on the shores of Lake Carroll they neglected to mention the fact that in addition to the pleasures of fishing, swimming and boating from your own lake front back yard you could sit in your lounge chair and watch a neighborly alligator crawl ashore and dine at a toothsome dog, water bird or turtle.

One resident had such an experience and, since she owned a dog plus a couple of young children, she became alarmed and called the sheriff's office to see if something could be done to discourage the alligator.

The thought of getting rid of a hungry gator didn't appeal to the sheriff. He referred the lady to the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

She might have put up a sign reading, "No Trespassing - Under Penalty of Law." But the question was what law? The gator was simply doing his thing in what he considered his own back yard. And he was there first, long before there was a house within miles. Besides, it is unlawful to annoy, shoot or kill an alligator in Florida.

The game wardens scratched their heads and decided they couldn't do anything about it unless it could be caught out of the water and removed to a less populated place. It was suggested the lady might tie her dog on the shore as bait, but not until she had become proficient in wielding a lasso. If successful in roping the beast, she could call the game wardens who would come and get the intruder.

She thought it might be more effective to tie a warden near the lake, but he explained he had other fish to fry. The comic opera has been going on for over a month, with the gator continuing to chomp contentedly, emitting an occasional belch in the form of a loud roar.

But it appears the lady's problem is minor compared to a poor fellow in Tallahassee who had his house stolen. It seems he had purchased a home with the intention of using it for rental property as an investment.

When he went to look at it a short time later the house was gone. A neighbor said two men and a boy came by with a truck and tore the place down brick by brick. They removed everything including the plumbing fixtures and wiring and left only a yard full of worthless rubble.

The neighbor assumed the owner was doing the job and saw no reason to report it or be concerned. Who could imagine they were watching somebody steal a house?

It seems our crime problem has gone beyond the matter of a man being safe in his own domicile. Now, even his house isn't safe. Maybe the Carrollwood lady could lasso the alligator and stake it in her front yard. It might help to discourage someone from walking off with her house.



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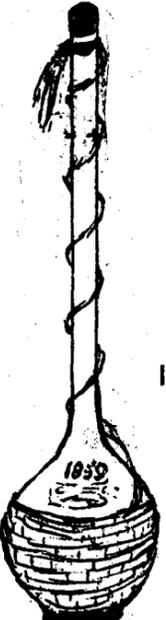
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### TRIP TO CROOKED ISLAND by alicc kullo

Edna Russell, Anne Burrell and myself boarded Pan-Am in Miami which carried us to Nassau where we changed to a smaller plane on Flamingo Airways which made one short stop at Deadman's Cay before landing on Crooked Island in the southern Bahamas. The airport was just a strip with a small cement building flanked by a group of coconut palms.

Crooked Island is a rolling rocky island with a few jutting promontories and a rocky ridge running through the center. The growth is mostly low brush twisted into beautiful driftwood by the prevailing winds. Here and there are groves of coconut palms and groups of banana trees. Tall sugarcane cactus and rambling vines festooned by white passion flowers are also abundant; also on part of the island there is a thick growth of spider lilies which bloom at Christmas in a variety of colors.

The population is very sparse. The natives are a combination of the original Carib Indians and descendants of slaves brought here to service a group of manor houses whose ruins stand starkly white against the sky on the tallest ridge. The staple food of the islanders is the meat from the queen conch, the sliced shells of which lie in piles along the shore lines bleaching in the sun.

We were met at the airport by Mr. Thompson who drove us many miles over very rocky roads to his guest house on Seaview Beach. Just across the road from us the beautiful blue-green Caribbean broke on a rocky shore; it stretched deep variegated colors to the horizon where the waves broke over a long line of barrier reef. Many ships have been lost on this reef.

Nearby was a stone gateway with the date 1796 inscribed on it. A rough stone path led steeply upward to the top of the ridge to the ruins of a once proud mansion. Two elderly ladies both in their 80's lived in one of the outbuildings. They lived in the manor house until a hurricane drove them into hiding in a cave below the hill. When the storm ceased the roofs were blown away and friends roofed in one of the outbuildings for them where they lived meagerly by their own ingenuity and a

little help from the islanders. Their faith in the Lord made them strong enough to cope with anything.

Mr. Thompson took us in his boat on a shelling trip to Lucerne Key. On the way an osprey flew in alarm from its huge nest on a rocky point. We also saw a huge old cannon pointed seaward and mounted on a ridge by the Spaniards a very long time ago.

On Lucerne Key we found top shells and large helmets among the rocks and on the leeward side of the island were beautifully colored tellins. Large queen conchs were abundant also in the shallow water. The coloring of the Caribbean here was unbelievably beautiful.

We took long walks along Seaview Beach and were very fortunate in finding colored glass balls in several colors used by foreign fishing vessels as floats for their nets.

We also discovered some large caves in the pink limestone near the shore where there were stalagmites and stalagmites. We planned on further exploration but decided not to when we were told that the inner recesses contained large numbers of bats and that could be very unpleasant.

Farming was very crude due to the extreme rocky condition of the soil so patches of brush were burned away and seeds of corn or papaya dug in here and there. The oranges on the island were very sour but there were bananas in season and also sappodillos.

The people lived in small plastered rock houses painted in many bright colors. They were healthy looking people and always neatly dressed. The economy is very poor due to the poor soil and the location of the island but they seem to cheerfully make the best of it. It is a British possession but they are now asking for their independence.

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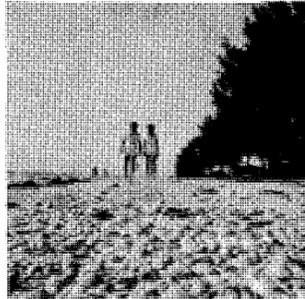
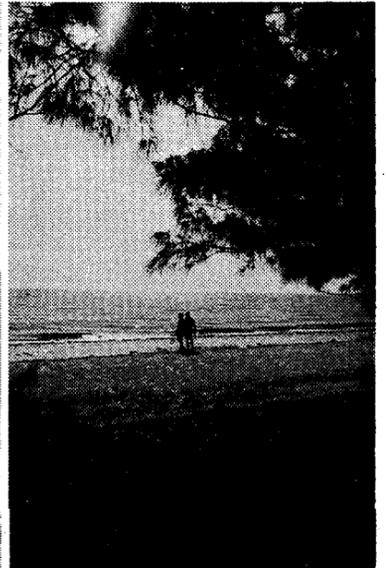
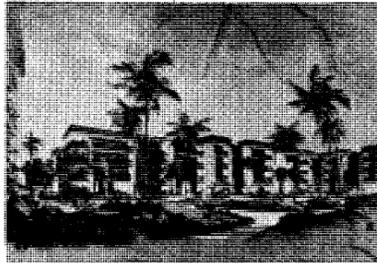
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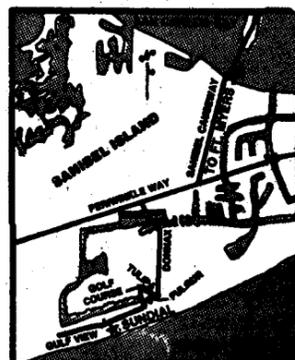
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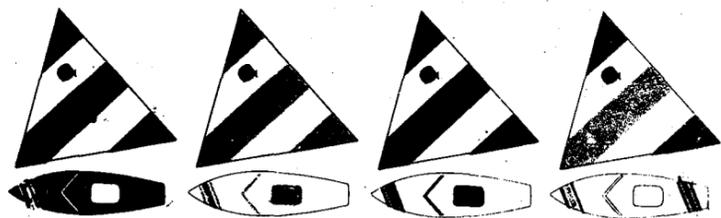
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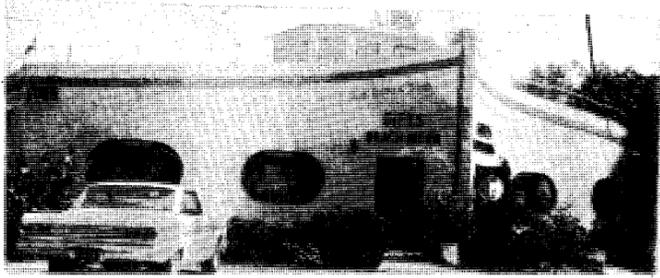
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