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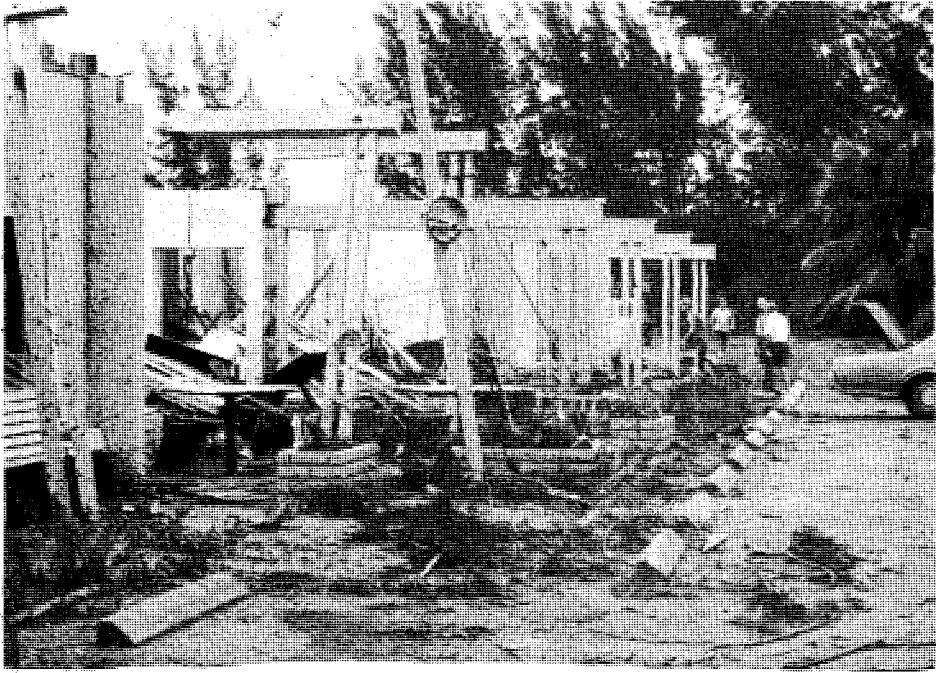
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A general view of Sunday afternoon's tornado destruction of Town Square. More pictures inside this issue. (photo by Larry C. Huston)

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## Tornado Hit Sanibel Sunday

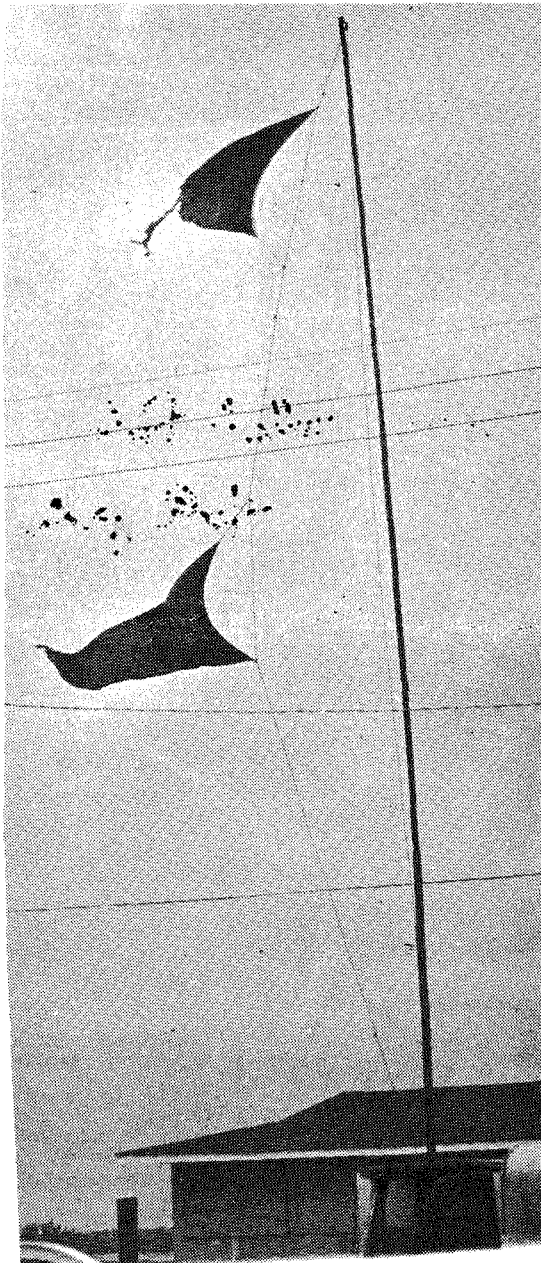
At least one tornado spun off Agnes, the first hurricane of the year, and hit down on Sanibel's Town Square, completely demolishing Serendipity Aniques, Jeanne's Snack Shack and the Island Travel Agency. The shopping center directly across Periwinkle Way, which houses Laughrey & Holtz Real Estate, Dotti of Sanibel, the Tender Touch, Jade Butterfly and the Shop suffered little damage --- shops with windows facing south had windows blown out. No windows, to our knowledge, were damaged on the Periwinkle Way side.

The Sanibel Community Church had portions of its roof blown off, and Ralph Woodring's front porch was demolished. (The tornado then lifted up and went on to Pine Island, where it destroyed three mobile homes, with no fatalities.)

"My Lord," said Dotti McQuade, whose husband owned Serendipity, "I can only say I'm glad it was on Sunday and that no one was hurt. Can you imagine the number of injuries or deaths which might have happened on Friday or Saturday? The fact that there were no injuries makes it a little easier to bear --- though I must confess I wanted to cry when I saw what had happened.

"Everyone was wonderful --- they helped salvage things from the wreckage and stored them across the street --- everyone helped, even strangers. It's something like this that makes you realize. . . ." she trailed off.

We were not able to speak with Jeanne Hopwood of the Snack Shack, or with



Thank goodness, these flags were flown instead of the other ones. These designate gale warnings "the other ones" are the dreaded square hurricane warnings.


the John Reynolds of the Island Travel Agency --- but the Snack Shack had absolutely no insurance, and, as we said, was completely wiped out. Funds are being collected to help replace the equipment and building through the San Carlos Realty office --- and we imagine, a donation for the church roof would not be amiss.

We also had reports that a condominium on Sanibel, still in construction was damaged. Phones and information were still unreliable at press time, so all we can do is report that neither Sundial nor Sunset South were damaged.

Also at press time, too late to get any pictures, we received reports that Captiva sustained extensive damage --- that Blind Pass was now open (we assume that the Pass was again out through Turner Park) and that some gulf front structures (and probably the road --- again) were damaged. We will have a more complete report and pictures on that Island for you next week.

We realize that most of our readers on the Islands know all of these facts --- this information is primarily for our off-island readers who perhaps might be worried about what they've read in their local papers. As far as we know, although the gulf tides were extremely high, there was little if any gulf front damage on Sanibel. And, as we said, reports aren't in about Captiva yet, but only heard definitely about Blind Pass being re-opened.


As for Agnes, she went directly north about 200 miles off the coast, and, except for the tornado, heavy rains, and a few palm fronds and signs down, more or less left us alone.



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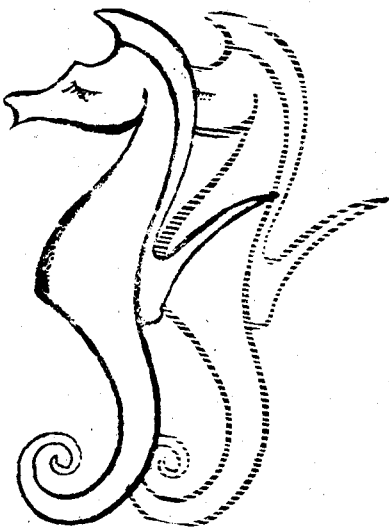
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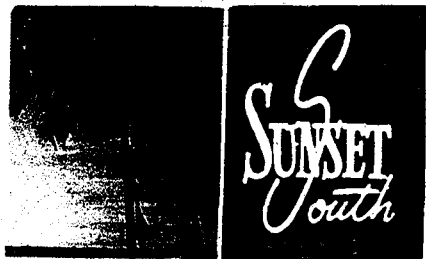
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**WHO'S WHO  
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The DWIGHT WILSONS of Captiva have been enjoying a visit with Mr. Wilson's parents, Mr. & Mrs. JOHN R. WILSON of Jupiter. The children, HANS and GRETCHEN have been having a great visit with their grandparents too, and all have been cruising around aboard the "Manitou," named for an Indian chief. A cruise to Tarpon Springs with sightseeing on land was a huge success. Dwight and Christa returned by Boston Whaler, and their friends, Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT SANDERSON of Port Charlotte joined them for a jaunt to Boca Grand. "The water has never been so clear. You could see to a depth of 30 feet, and schools of snook and tarpon were jumping life crazy," said Christa. And now Christa's great aunt who has recently travelled to Dusseldorf, Germany, but lives in Hollywood, Fla., brought back family reports from Europe. They are Mr. & Mrs. ERNEST MATTHAI, and they had their two small grandchildren with them, who much enjoyed the beach, and a great time was had by all, when the musical family got together to sing, reminisce and generally enjoy themselves.

DENISE STEVENS, daughter of ROBERT STEVENS, graduated this week from Stetson University with honors, in Deland. You can bet proud Papa was on hand for the great event, and then Denise will be home on the Islands, and in fact may be here now, but thanks to "Agnes" we have been unable to call around on the island to find out everything that is going on, but trust phones will be back in operation as this goes to press.

Spending their honeymoon on Sanibel are Mr. & Mrs. DAVID BLIVEN SMITH who were wed on Saturday at St. Hilary's Episcopal Church in Fort Myers.

**GULF BREEZE COTTAGES**

Miami is being represented by Dick Bennet, wife, and five children; Virginia Chilton treated her three grandchildren and friend to adventures on our seashore; the McAdams first visit with daughter, Ray Lou and three grandchildren; Jack and Betty Norris got away from hectic expressways.

Fram Racine, Wis. came the John Foreman family to be with friends, the Robert C. Adkins from Fort Myers; their yearly get-together. Graham Fountain and family from Deerfield Beach strolled the sands.

After many years it's Radford reunion time. Roland's mother, Mrs. Bense; brother, Dr. Warren Radford and wife plus their beautifully mature family from Cleveland, Ohio. The Shoop relatives from Pa., with sons; sisters Evelyn and Sara with husbands, Dan and Gene from Miami, and Titusville, with their children and grandchild; all are here having a fishing good time. (This family has a voluntary madness for fishing.)

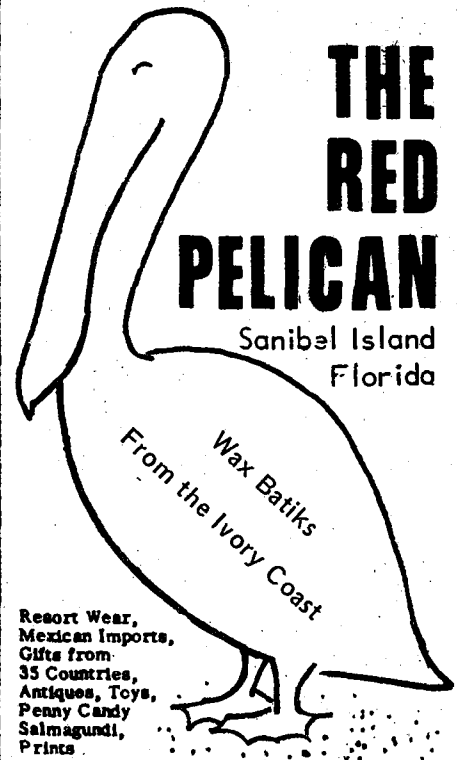
**RUTH EMORY**

Word has been received of the untimely death of Ruth Emory, Naples, N.Y., on June 11. Mr. & Mrs. Emory were seasonal guests at Casa Ybel for a number of years and were well known on the Island. Mrs. Emory is survived by her husband, Robert, and a legion of grieving friends.

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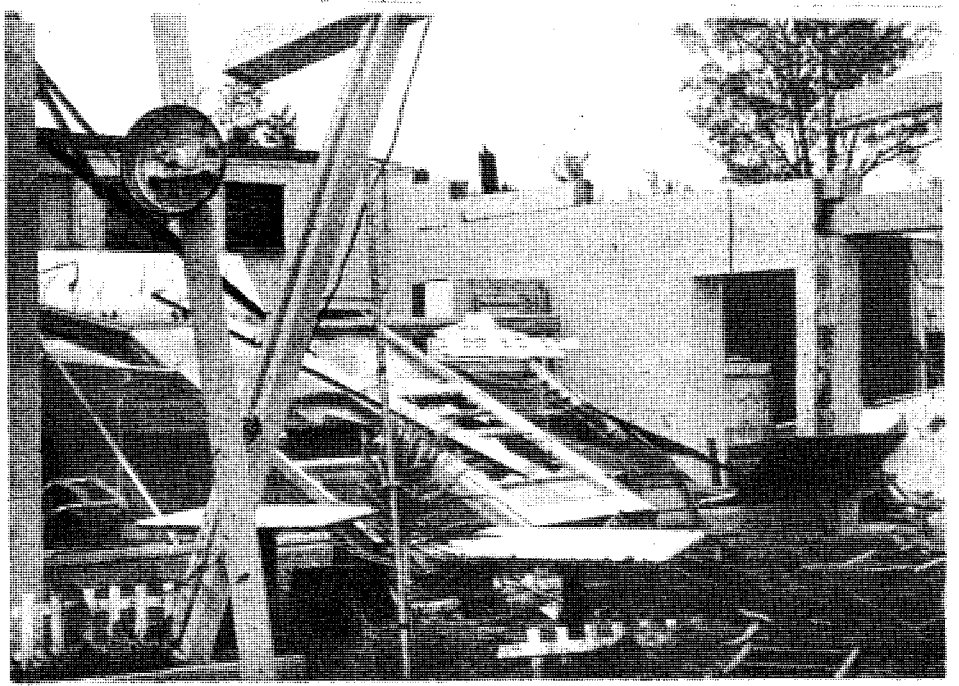
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This is what's left of the Island Travel Agency at the far end of Town Square on Periwinkle Drive. (This photo and all other storm photos in this issue by Larry C. Huston).



What remains of the Snack Shack. (Funds are being collected by San Carlos Realty to help Jeanne Hopwood replace her shop and equipment, which has been declared a total loss.)



The remains of Serendipity Antiques --- at least a couple of feet of roof remains, although not for any obvious purpose, we guess.



The damage to the roof of Sanibel's oldest church, The Sanibel Community Church, located directly in back of the demolished Town Square.



Rescuing precious possessions --- a tier of shelves and the American Flag.

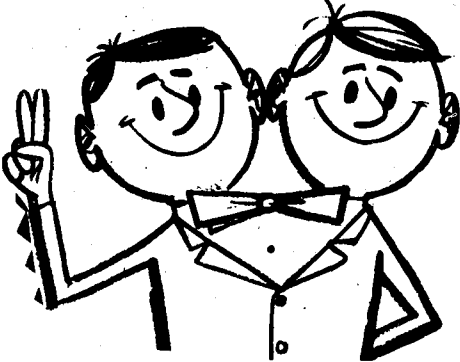


Dotti's antique car, which was lifted from the parking lot in front of her shop and slammed into the wall of her husband's shop, Serendipity Antiques.



Trying to save a commercial mullet fisherman's boat which sunk (or had drifted) directly off the Sanibel Causeway toll booths. (You're looking towards the spoil island and, in the distance, Sanibel.)

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**WATER RATE INCREASE DOWNED**

The Pine Island Water Association's members voted against a request for a water rate increase to finance the building of a desalination plant on Pine Island, according to president of the Association, Henry Nowak. In secret ballot on Monday, the increase was voted down 141 to 24, and the meeting was adjourned just before 10 p.m. Absentee ballots tallied 491 against the increase with only 24 in favor of it.

The vote followed a request by the Association's board of directors for an increase to pay for a loan from the Farmer's Home Administration for construction of the desalination plant, which was recommended in turn by Duane Hall and Associates, engineering consultants, who felt the plant would take care of the salt intrusion problem. Bill Thompson of Duane Hall thought the state would probably step in and prevent any additional hookups for water until the situation could be straightened out.

A tape recorder was played at the opening of the meeting clearing any employees of any devious operations in water stoppages or other wrongs. But employees Ted Fleck and Pat Casey remain on forced vacation until the board takes action.

The proposed rate increase called for a minimum charge of \$10 a month for private users for the first 5,000 gallons and \$1 for each additional 1,000 gallons with a \$4 per unit surcharge on hookups for motels and mobile parks. The present rates are \$6 for 7,000 gallons plus 65 cents for each additional 1,000 gallons. Mr. Nowak commented that "We directors were elected by the membership for one purpose; to serve the people. The people are our bosses."

**EXCESS WATER COST INCREASED**

By resolution, the Board of Directors of the Island Water Association, Inc., at their regular meeting on June 15, adopted the following:

1) In accordance with the amortization conditions of the loan approved by the Farmer's Home Administration, the Association agreed to increase the water rate for excess usage above the 7,000 gallons monthly minimum from the present 75 cents per 1,000 gallons to \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons. This new rate schedule will become effective July 1, 1972 and will be reflected in billings received Aug. 1, 1972.

2) All applications for future service connections to the present system must be approved by the Board of Directors, at a regular or special meeting. The Board's regular meeting is a 9:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Applications will be received at the Association's office throughout the month and considered at the next Board meeting.

The Board also received a progress report from the Association's recently appointed rate study committee. This report indicated that the committee was fully organized and the members now actively working on their individual assignments. The members of this committee are: Byron Kirby, chairman; Bernard LeRoux, James Robson, Charles Werkheiser, and John Willard.

**NEW FISHING LICENSES  
ON SALE**

Fresh water fishing licenses for 1972-73 are on sale at the office of all County Judges or Tax Collectors and authorized license agents, according to an announcement by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

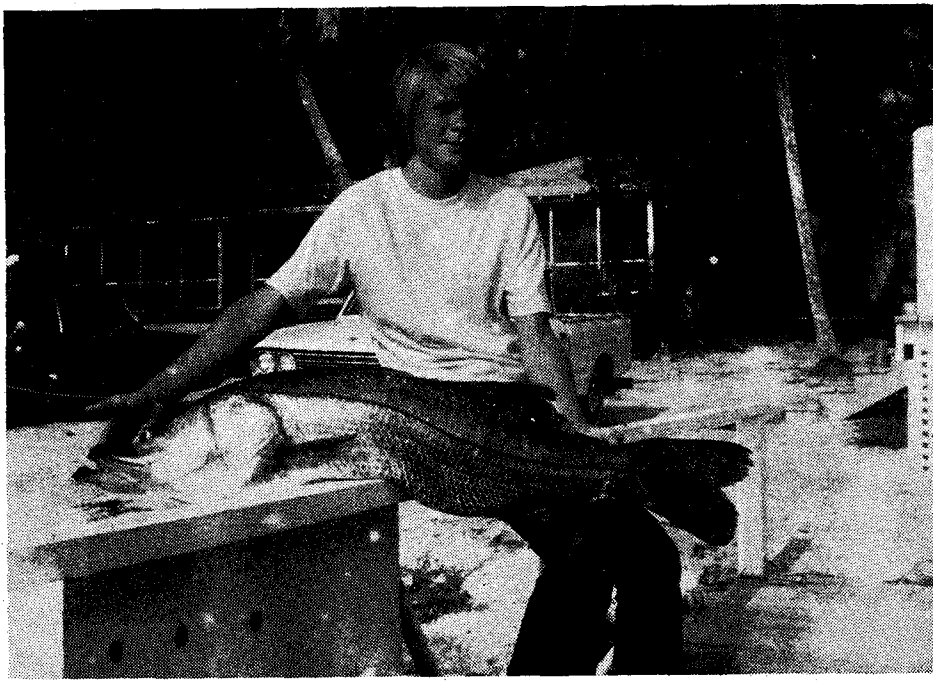
Commission Director, Dr. O. E. Frye, said, "The new fishing license will be honored by wildlife officers starting June 15. The new license will be valid through June 30, 1973."

Sportsmen are also reminded that they may purchase a combination hunting and fishing license that will allow statewide hunting and fishing throughout the 1972-73 season.

Frye said, "Buying a license now may prevent embarrassment at a later date when a sportsman may decide on a sudden trip and find he has no license."

**COMMISSION TURNS DOWN  
STATE REQUEST**

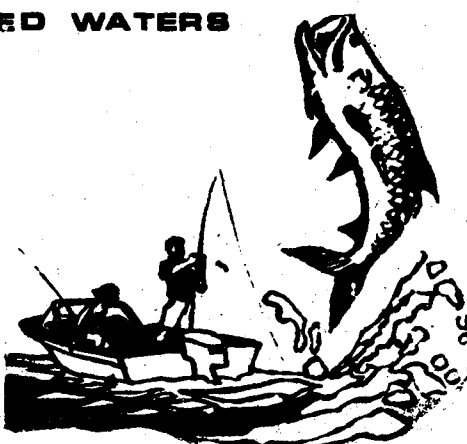
In a report to the Lee County Commission, Randolph Hodges, executive director of Department of Natural Resources, suggested that "prior to the issuance of any county building permits for construction along your beaches, it may be desirable to have plans and specifications reviewed by the staff of the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of determining the effects of the proposed construction on the stability of the beaches and dunes. It may also be desirable to have plans and specifications reviewed by the staff of the trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to determine possible encroachment on sovereignty lands." Chairman Kenneth Daniels dismissed this suggestion as superfluous.



Chip Mason is shown with a 30 lb. snook he hooked. Bob Sabatino was his guide.

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A new 170-unit condominium complex on almost 10 acres of prime Sanibel Island property fronting on the Gulf of Mexico was started last week with the issuance of a building permit from the Lee County Building Department. The permit was issued for the first 68 units in Loggerhead Cay Condominiums located on Old Bailey Road.

The permit, for \$676,000 worth of basic construction, was the leading one issued during the past week in Lee County. The countywide new building total reached \$1,948,769 for 137

permits issued by the County building department, the Fort Myers Building Dept. and the Cape Coral Building Dept.

The Loggerhead Cay project was listed by the county building department as a four-story project, but only parts of the building will reach a maximum height of 34 feet 10 1/2 inches. There is a height limitation on Sanibel Island restricting buildings to no more than 35 feet tall.

The permit for the construction of the Loggerhead project was issued to Sanibel Association, Ltd., which was also listed as the general contractor.

The construction of the project will be of reinforced concrete but many

exterior wall areas have been slated for covering by wood panels to provide warmth in the general appearance. Apartments, all two-bedroom, two-bath units with dining rooms, living rooms and screened balconies, will follow a contemporary design.

In a landscaped center courtyard there will be a swimming pool and other recreational ammenties located in another area will include tennis courts and a children's play area.

**STATE POLLUTION  
CONTROL LETTER**

A letter from the State Dept. of

Pollution Control was read at the Wednesday meeting of the Lee County Commissioners offering the county a contract for the handling of sewage disposal problems in regards to sanitation rules, by a local firm. Under this proposed plan, the county would receive \$20,816 to supply the manpower and office space for regulating septic tanks and sewage treatment facilities. Mrs. Lavon Wisner was asked to consider and study the proposal to decide whether the state money would cover the salaries and other expenses involved.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TO THE ISLANDER:

Is that little rascal who has been running around putting "Ecology" with a stencil in green paint on signs all over the island, FOR ecology or against it?

If he is against ecology why doesn't he paint ALL the signs for he can waste more material that way.

And if he is for ecology, since it takes seven trees to make a ton of paper, let's have a campaign to save it. We needn't have a paper cup every time we take a drink of water. Let's pick up spills with a tidy cloth and not a paper towel. And groceries which are already wrapped (bread, cereal, etc.) we could put in a shopping bag. A good brown paper bag (anyone want three dozen?), is ideal for the garbage can lining. (You can change it daily), etc., etc., etc.

I remember a wee Scotch poem:  
You mus' na thro upon the floor  
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/s/ Ruth Hunter

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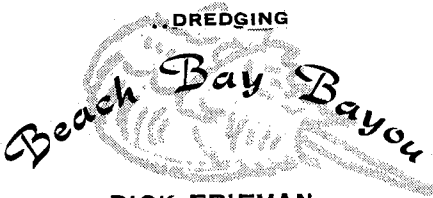
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Fireman responded immediately, but the fire which has been smoldering for some hours undiscovered, burned out the interior of the building. Fireman were able to contain the fire and keep the exterior from burning, so that it can be repaired, but damage was extensive. Cause of the fire is still unknown and the extent of damages monetarily remains unknown also.

In another fire, Tom Bowen of Stevens Construction was driving his mother's car on the Causeway when smoke from the engine caused by burning wiring stopped Bowen. Quick action by Bowen in realizing an electrical fire could be contained by shell and sand saved the car. Mrs. Bernice Williams of Bayside Estates is owner of the Thunderbird 60 Classic, which is undergoing repairs to the wiring system.

**REAL ESTATE NEWS**

Laughrey & Holtz Island Real Estate reports the following sales:

A canal front lot in Sanibel Isles from Admiral and Mrs. Carlos Cardeza to Mr. & Mrs. John P. Seabrooke of Huntington, N.Y.

A lake front residential lot in Lake Murex from Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Seemann to Mr. & Mrs. C. Homer Workman of Charleston, W. Va.

A bay front residential lot in Sanibel Harbours from Mr. & Mrs. John F. Kirkpatrick to Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Devasure of Tekamah, Ind.

A canal lot in Sanibel Isles from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Holland to Mr. & Mrs. W. Howard Hulsman of Eastham, Mass.

A corner business parcel along Palm Ridge Drive from Mr. & Mrs. Gerald T. Martin to the R & R Investment Co. of Plantation, Fla.

A canal lot in Sanibel Harbours from Mr. & Mrs. Jack E. Rowe to Mr. & Mrs. Donald K. Dickey of Dunkirk, Ind.

A residential parcel in Periwinkle Properties from Mr. Charles S. Bracken to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brown of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Commercial road frontage along Periwinkle Way in Section 19-46-23 from Mr. & Mrs. Robert V. Gilbert to Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bissell of Captiva.

**ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM IN AREA SCHOOLS**

A summer program on environment and ecology is open to students from the 7th grade through the 12th grade, and will be held at Cypress Lake Middle School and sponsored by the Environmental Education Center there. Classes will also be held at North Fort Myers High School, and will be held Monday through Friday this summer from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

What makes the classes so attractive is their field trips which will include several per week, with overnight trips to the Florida Keys, Everglades National Park and the Crystal River Marine Center.

Registration will be completed with a \$5.00 entrance fee by the time we go to press, but it is hoped some late registrants will be accepted. It goes without saying students will be required to pay their own food and lodging fees on the overnight trips.



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## BROWSING AROUND by fran o'callaghan

Iva Lee Dugger won another award on Friday when the National Hibiscus Society held its annual convention at the Sheraton Inn in Fort Myers. This award goes into a cabinet full of awards won by the Robert Duggers at various ceramics shows, which are on display in their new shop on Gulf Drive, but this one was for china painted earrings in a new category of arts and crafts displayed at the Hibiscus Society's Convention. And they have all kinds of ceramics on display, but the choir boy with the candles and music box is truly a favorite suitable for many occasions. "Cookie" and Bob invite you to come in and browse around, or join their new classes to learn all the secrets they know about this ancient art.

The Herb Purdys invited us in for a cup of coffee and a view of their lovely home, which is furnished and airily decorated in white rattan and wicker, making it a real island house. The lanai looks out on a captured part of the Sanibel River, where a million birds go about their daily life, singing all the day, and another million fish feed and jump in the waters of the river in their subdivision called Sanibel Lake Estates. Herb has spent much time and effort in trying to maintain the freshness of the river, while other developers built canals to the Gulf permitting the salt water to intrude and pollute all the fresh water areas around. When this happened, all the fresh water plants and fish died, and the more that died, the less oxygen there was in the water to sustain any life at all. Finally, after damming up the river, he has been able to produce a lake that will sustain bluegills and bass, but all the fish are fairly small, as it will take a long time for the water to become truly fresh. "And right now the water level is low. We need the rainy season to come and freshen and renew the water," says Herb.

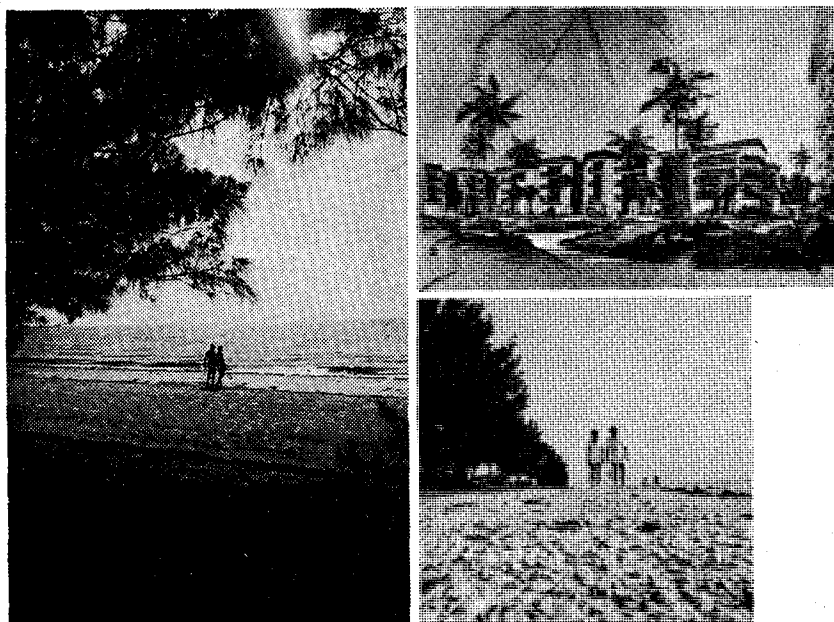
And along with all this natural beauty, he has built a native type swinging foot bridge across the river, which at this point is a 75 foot span. The bridge is sturdily built with cables capable of holding a four ton weight and cables attached to foot posts sunk in four feet of concrete. The bridge leads over to a piece of wild land with leather ferns and trees with Spanish moss hanging down. Wild orchids festoon the trees, and an occasional banana or coconut accent the wildness of a small woodland pool with tiny tropical fish in it. Herb says the fish keep the mosquito larvae under control, and it must be true, for we were not bothered by them at all.

Sanibel Lake Estates goes off Periwinkle Drive and originally encompassed 49 lots, most of which have been sold, and there are some lovely new homes in the Estates, surrounded by the wilderness for which Sanibel is noted.

And on another theme, if you are looking for some fun and food, in a happy mood, do go down to Scotty's sing-along on Friday evening. Everybody lets their hair down and joins in the spirit of music and merry making. So informal is the group, many bring along their own instruments and play and sing. "And if you can't do either, then you can dance or just be an enthusiastic watcher," says Scotty.

There is a new and colorful look at Priscilla Murphy's in both the offices. A portion of the main office is being remodeled with two additional office spaces and new carpeting in it and in the branch office. Green shag is the new soft look and foot touch, a color most appropriate for our beautiful green islands.

The strangely beautiful tree outside the Red Pelican Shop on Tarpon Bay is in bloom. There are no leaves on this exotic tree, and clusters of tiny white sweet pea blossoms festoon its branches. So far we have been unable to learn anything about this gorgeous tree, which will have compound leaves later on with a grayish green color. It appears to be an old tree, with gnarled old grey bark, and the Edmondsons have sprayed it to protect it from insects. But it remains a mystery as to where it came from, and what kind of tree it is. And there are other exotic trees in the area also. A Geiger tree, with its flame orange blossoms, is thriving in the area in bloom now. This tree is named for a Capt. Geiger who brought the tree from Asia to Key West, where it flourishes. Birds have carried the seeds all over Southwest Florida, and propagated the tree, considered a rarity in botanical circles. And no wonder, for the seeds smell like apples and have small seeds which sprout readily with little attention at all.



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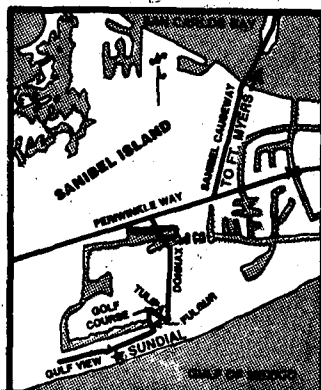
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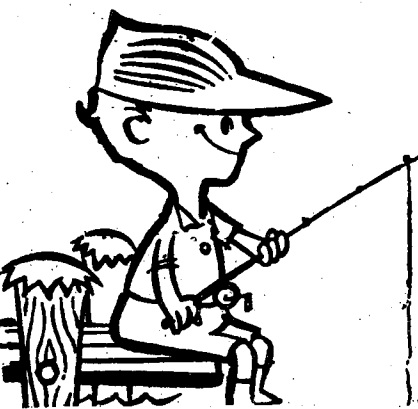
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Attending the summer meeting of ECOSWF (Environmental Confederation of South West Florida) in Port Charlotte Monday, June 19, were Mario Hutton, President of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, Vernon MacKenzie, President of the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board and Roy Bazire, executive director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

The meeting was primarily concerned with working on the completion of the first Environmental Inventory of the five southwest counties included in the regional organization's geographical area, and the adoption of by-laws preparatory to incorporation of the group. The environmental legislation passed by the last legislature was reviewed, and a committee will work on changes to propose for the next session to assure that environmental interests in the region will have a strong voice in the planning process.

ECOSWF was created at a workshop conference on Sanibel in January 1970, after almost a year of exploratory talks initiated by Joel Kuperberg and Roy Bazire. That conference and a highly successful regional planning conference held last January at Edison Junior College were both hosted by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. The Foundation, as a public service, has borne all organizing expenses of the regional group. ECOSWF started with 13 conservation organizations and now includes more than 50 conservation and environmentally concerned organizations.

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**MEETING OF  
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At a meeting of members of the Southwest Florida Conservation Clearinghouse on Wednesday, where the proposed county park along the Bonita-Fort Myers Beach Causeway was discussed, Roy Bazire attended representing the Islanders.

Bazire, executive director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Society said that for personal reasons, he would hate to see the proposed park, with recreational facilities and community activities in a natural park setting, because of the impact on the natural environment. He said, "There is no doubt that you have to provide some place for people to go but it must be controlled and supported properly. I think this park could produce a possible economic catastrophe with a heavy financial investment and not enough money to maintain it. It could become a park ghetto. I think this might require some re-education of the public as far as public use of lands is concerned."

But the meeting ended on a happy note with Bradford Patton, chairman of the Clearinghouse stating, "I think it's a very fine idea, and I hope there will be some dialogue on it. This is something the Beach and the county needs."

There are no plans for dredging in the Gulf park, and very little fill will need to be brought in. There will be no vehicular traffic on the beach area and a sanitary sewer system will be installed.

The County Commission approved the concept of the park plan and directed the Parks Committee to proceed with it.

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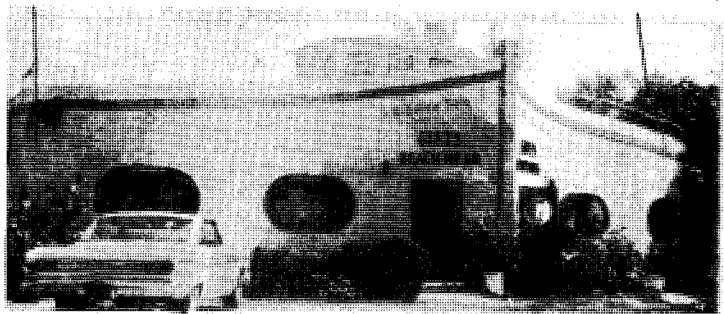
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