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## That Pier Will Appear

At least, that's the news from Ralph Woodring and Don Case, of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce Committee heading up the Pier Fund.

"We actually hope to have the pier built and in operation by next January 1," said Woodring. "The plans for it are already in the office of the Lee County Engineer, M. M. Comwell, Jr., and will soon be ready for bids. The pier will be built on Lighthouse Point and will be 112 feet long; 108 feet will be 12 feet wide and 54 feet, 8 feet wide.

"Cost of the pier is estimated at \$20,000 of which Lee County will pay \$10,000 and the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber and residents will pay the other half. We urge every one here to make a donation. Already the Chamber of Commerce has \$5,000 in the bank and we have \$3,000 more in pledges for the pier fund.

"Oh, and in regard to pier, it will also have handrails along the whole extent for safer use."

## Commission Stalls Action

At the Sept. 5 meeting of the County Commission, action was halted on the petition to make a 147 unit addition to a Sanibel motel after a huge protest from many Sanibel and Captiva residents and business people.

Zoning for the addition to the Shalimar Motel on a 6½ acre tract near the Bailey Sanctuary just north of Gulf Drive, was deferred by Lee County Commissioners Tuesday to await the findings of a year-long development study on the island's development trends.

Rufus M. Dodrill Jr., owner of the Shalimar and petitioner for the zoning change from a general use to multiple family residential which permits motels, said the 147 units in the addition would provide a density ratio of 21.9 units per acre, just under the county recommended density of 22 units.

A large group of Sanibel opponents of the addition were at the meeting to oppose the rezoning and many more had written letters, sent telegrams and purchased advertising to oppose the rezoning.

After the first Zoning Board meeting, the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board had asked the owner to defer his request until he could meet with the Planning Board and explore the possibility of developing mutually acceptable plans. However he refused.

Those opposing the expansion said that apartment and motel zoning in this area would dangerously increase the high density area and that each downgrading of zoning tends to set a pattern making further changes more easily approved.

Another reason against the new building was that it would increase the difficulties the Island Water Association is now facing; also it would help add to the highway congestion, already bad in the tourist season. Over 50 leading residents on the Island protested the zoning change.

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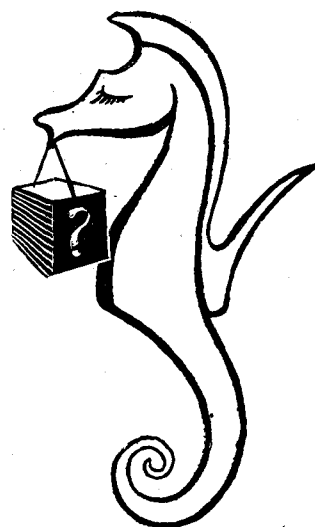
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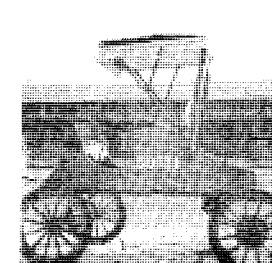
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JOHN KENEDY of Fair winds is home again after several weeks stay in New York City.

Mrs. YVETTE REMUS of Sanibel is back at her home after a rather unexpected stay in the hospital in Homestead. She has started her embroidery classes again, the first today and also on Sept. 21 and 28. Children who are interested can drop in after school, said Mrs. Remus; classes for the elementary school children start at 4 p.m.; it's 6 p.m. for junior high pupils.

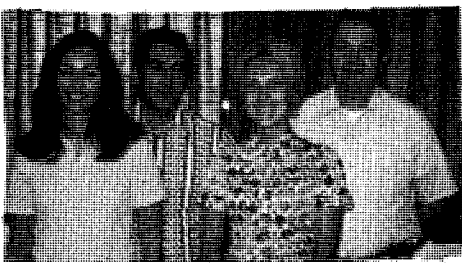
KEN and CLARE WALTER of Coquina Drive are living it up, we hear; they're on the fabulous MacIntosh tour to the Grecian Islands.

Friends are glad to hear that LEE and JULIE WOODRING, son and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. RALPH WOODRING of Woodring Point, are out of the Lee Memorial Hospital and are both well on the way to recovery.

Mr. & Mrs. ADAM COPELAND of N. Webster, Ind., arrived Monday for a visit with their old friends, Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES HOLLAND and family at their home on San Carlos Bay Drive on Sanibel.

Mr. & Mrs. ARTHUR LEANOS of Woburn, Mass., are visiting their aunts and uncles here, Mr. & Mrs. JOHN KONTONIS of Gulf Drive, and Mr. & Mrs. STANLEY LEANOS of Roseate St.

Mr. & Mrs. EUGENE FRANCIS and two children from Indianapolis, Ind., have taken up residence on Sanibel and will be working for Shalimar Cottages where they now reside.



Above left to right, Bonnie & Gene Sweisberger and Dr. & Mrs. Ted Tyler, the proud new owners of a new firm to open in October, "Island Interiors by Bonnie", which will be located at the corner of Casa Ybel and Periwinkle Way in the Sanibel Center Bldg. on Sanibel Island.

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Bonnie Sweisberger, Design Consultant, was formerly associated with Berguin Interiors of Fort Myers Beach and has served the Fort Myers area for the last 4 years and is well known to residents in the area. Her husband, Gene Sweisberger, will manage the new firm.

## WHO'S WHO AND WHY

NORM and Rose chambers, owner-managers of the West Wind Inn have come back from their summer vacation, if it really was summer. "I played golf at Rochester, N.Y., with the temperature reading 47," said Norm. "We also visited in Toronto and in the whole month we were gone, we only saw the sun three times. I'm telling you, it's good to be back."

PRISCILLA MURPHY, our distinguished realtor, is putting the last touches to her packing before she sets out on an unusual vacation to Tonga. It's a group of islands in the South Pacific east of the Figi Islands called "The Friendly Islands." Priscilla says she intends to hunt for shells on all of the 45 islands making up the group. She will be leaving Sept. 19 and during her absence, her friends, Mr. & Mrs. EDWARD L. JONES will be staying at Priscilla's home and keeping an eye on "Fat Cat" and "Piper."

Judge & Mrs. JAMES F. CROUCH of Adelphi, Md., have been enjoying a long Labor Day weekend visiting with the Judge's sister, CECILIA RHODES. Mr. & Mrs. CECIL RHODES live on West Gulf Drive and they are looking forward to another visit from the Crouches for Thanksgiving.

### THE COLONY GUESTS

At The Colony from out of state are Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gould from Clinton, Iowa; Ms. Winifred Arkle and party from Framingham, Mass.; Mr. & Mrs. John R. Peck from Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. & Mrs. R. Wood from Greenwood, S.C.; and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Strickland from Columbiana, Alabama.

From Florida are Mr. & Mrs. G. C. McCracken, Jr. of Opalocka; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Morin of Delray Beach; Mr. & Mrs. William Clifford, Jr. of Ft. Lauderdale; Mr. & Mrs. John Cheek of Coconut Grove; Mr. & Mrs. William Holiday and family, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Fuller, Mr. & Mrs. William W. Heyer and Mr. & Mrs. G. Ritter all of Miami.

### BEACHVIEW COTTAGES

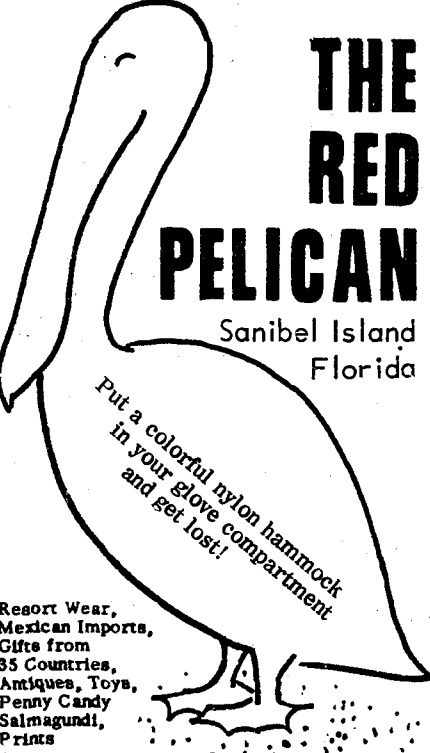
Labor Day weekend found guests returning for their second or third visit to the Beachview this summer. Florida was well represented; Lester Bryant and family from Miami; Dr. & Mrs. David Kasner, for their third visit, from Coral Gables; Mr. & Mrs. James Moffett of Daytona Beach arrived with their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. Conrad Hazen and Kitty, ready to bring in the snook again. They did!

Johnnie Jezek and family, with the Richard M. Hatchers from Miami, are here on their third trip this summer; the S. F. Lauries of Miami, were back for their third visit since May. Patti Amon, our devoted guest for many years, also comes from Miami.

Marilyn Langlois and daughter accompanied the Lauries of Miami; also from Miami, the E. G. Breiers who were here for their third visit in 1972; the A. D. Drakes, Larry Taylor, John Kronenweller and family, and John Di Petta.

Regina Tavel and daughter from Seminole, Fla., beautified our palm drive again in their long robes; John Strickland from Margate, Kenneth Jones and wife, Pinky, grabbed all the snook out of the Gulf again. Other guests included Edward Levins of Bradenton; William Ganz of Lighthouse Point; C. B. Hamilton of Hialeah; the Chastains of Leisure City and the Fervers of Bradenton. And last, but not least, David Rix and family of Arlington, Va., Peter and Olga Guzy of Huntsville, Ala., and the Stephen Johnstons of Lexington, Ky.

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Kenan is the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Charles C. Fishburne, Jr. of Sanibel. Robert is the son of Dr. & Mrs. Edward L. Thompson of Daytona Beach.

The bride was attired simply in a floor-length, creamy-white muslin dress trimmed with white lace. In her hair a wreath of flowers matched those she carried in a bouquet composed of bachelor buttons, stephanotis tinted blue, babies breath, white daisies, yellow rose buds, and ivy.

Maid of Honor, Lucia Fishburne, sister of the bride, and bridesmaid, Peggy Ellis Rosenberger, married only the week before, wore dresses of blue, beige and violet floral print voile, trimmed with tea-dyed lace. Their bouquets accented blue tinted daisies and babies breath.

The groom, his best man, Steve Bolding of Daytona Beach, and usher Douglas Taylor of Sarasota, were attired in semi-formal day wear accenting gray and black.

Guests enjoyed a reception held directly after the wedding at the Fishburne home on Gulf Drive. After cutting the wedding cake, the newlyweds, radiating happiness, departed for a honeymoon in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

Both the bride and groom will be pursuing graduate studies at Florida State University in Tallahassee this fall.

**JOHN F. KIRKPATRICK**

Memorial service for John F. Kirkpatrick, 72, of Sanibel, was held Wednesday at the Sanibel Community Church with the Rev. Ray Schember officiating.


Surviving is his widow, Mrs. Isabel Kirkpatrick; one son, Robert Kirkpatrick of Omaha, Nebraska; and four grandchildren.

**FLORENCE HERNDON**



Florence Reed Herndon, daughter of the late Sanibel Postmaster and Mrs. William Reed died August 29 in Lemon Grove, Calif.

Survivors include a son, Capt. Paul C. Herndon, Jr. of Annandale, Va.; daughter, Mrs. Jack Mills of Lemon Grove; one sister, Mrs. Joe Ebsworth of Fort Myers, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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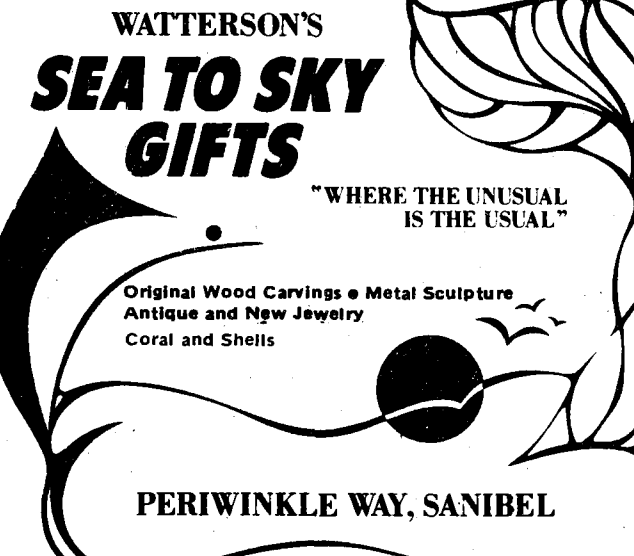
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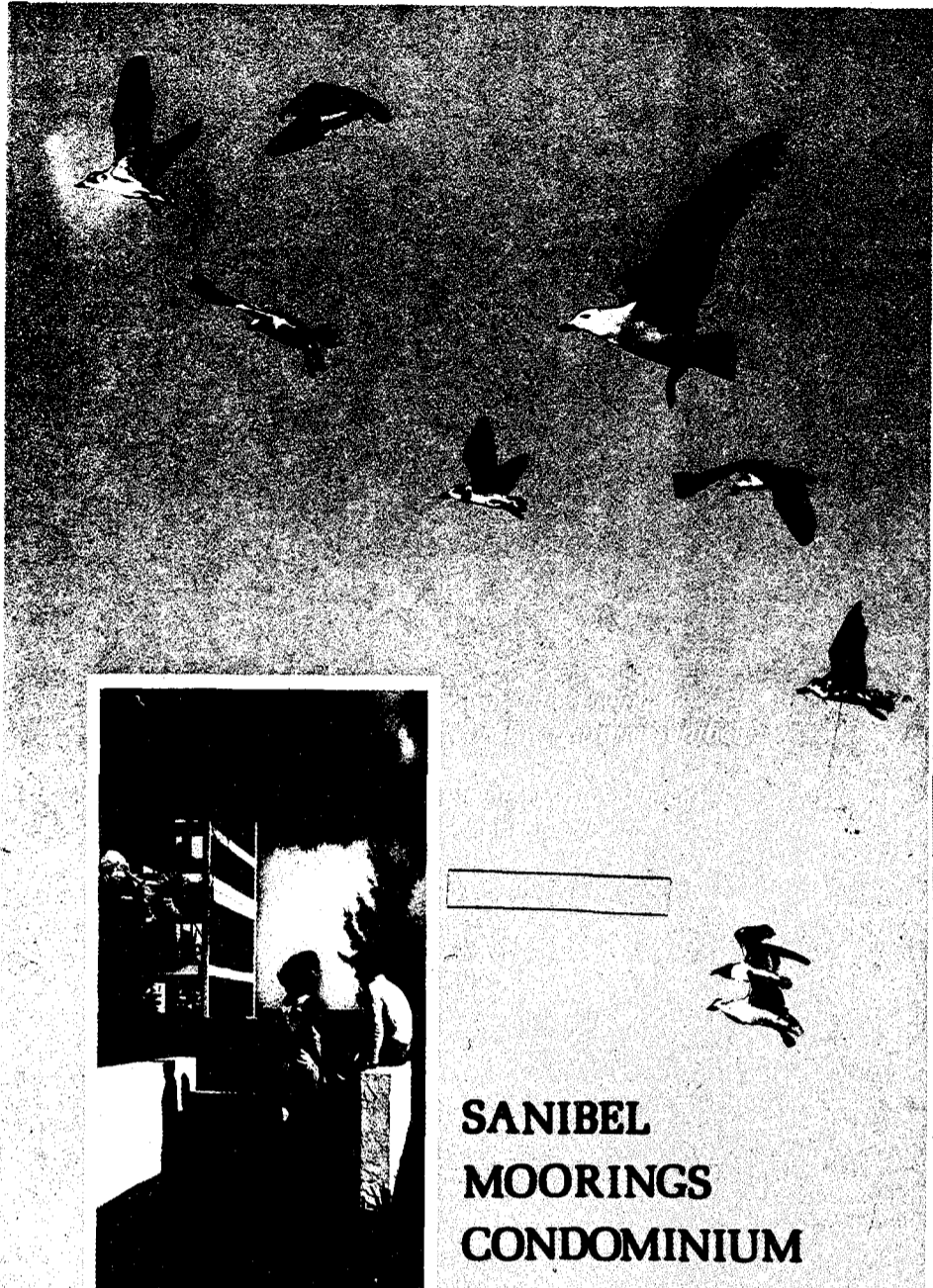
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**HOWLS and CATERWAULS**  
by Dandy

A fascinating story appeared last week in the Islander titled "Making Tracks" by Sandy. However, unfortunately all our canine and feline friends on the island did not fully appreciate the story and immediately wrote in to tell their objections. First heard from was an indignant letter from Nickey, whose name is Nicodemus Van Leverbell, who states that he feels neglected. His letter is as follows:

"It really is a dog's life! As a highly respected member of the Sanibel Dog Community, I must protest Sandy's article in last week's Islander, purported to be about "very important" Island residents. Such false dogma! Who? Who's Who? Whose inspiration does Sandy think has kept the Island Bake Shop running all these years? Any my name was not even mentioned in that doggerel. I don't know who Sandy is but it's obviously some one carrying a dogged grudge at not being invited to my last 15th birthday party. Even the Fort Myers paper had my picture in it." Yours respectfully, Nicky.

Then there's a letter with picture from Miney C. Culpepper which reads as follows: *Big Deal! Praising my brother cat, Meanie, because he learned to say "Lemmeowwwwt" when he wants the door to open.* (We have a cousin in Pennsylvania, who rings the doorbell when he wants to come in, but that's another story.)

It didn't take me long to teach Meanie to ask to go out, but I'm having more difficulty teaching him the difference between a strombus alatus and a busycon contrarium. I'm afraid he just wasn't cut out to be a Sanibel sheller. I, on the other hand, am busy completing the collection I hope to have ready in time for the 1973 Shell Fair --- as you can see from the action photo, I'm looking for a junonia!

In quite a different vein is a note stating that Mrs. Robert Herman of the Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate office is now entitled to wear a large gold button (if any can be discovered and made available) with her name and the initials C.R. inscribed on it. She won this non-existent medal by her heroic efforts last Sunday when her small kitten fell behind the water heater and was unable to extricate itself. Braving its frenzied yowls and clashing efforts, she got the kitten out safely. In case you're wondering, the C.R. stands for CAT RETRIEVER!

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**  
by Russell Kay

You would probably be startled and indignant if somebody called you a slumlord. But you are just that if you happen to be an American taxpayer, for the U. S. Government probably owns more slum property than anyone else.

There used to be a time when "Landlord" was a dirty word. Now, in major cities, landlords have been going out of business so fast it isn't funny.

During the last few years owners have abandoned 105,000 housing units in New York City alone, or enough to house the population of Newark, N.J., if they were occupied.

It is no longer profitable to try and maintain rental property in most metropolitan slum areas. In fact, you can build new housing from the ground up cheaper than you can rehabilitate the old structures.

For example, a 36 apartment building in Boston which was structurally sound was purchased by an investor who borrowed \$456,000 from the Federal government to make it habitable again. It was a sad experience. Since he renovated the building insurance rates have doubled, heating costs have risen 60% and taxes have gone up 30%. Rental rates sufficient to meet actual operating costs are beyond the means of underprivileged families. The owner can either default on his mortgage, walk away leaving the white elephant to Uncle Sam, or continue to operate and lost his shirt.

Today in all major cities we find block after block of abandoned buildings suitable for housing that are ghost towns in the middle of the city. Rat infested with broken windows, they serve as temporary shelter for junkies. Many have been destroyed by fire of unknown origin.

People in dire need of housing are afraid to rent in certain areas. Vandalism and crime run rampant. Tenants, particularly the elderly, are mugged. Rooms and apartments are entered and everything of value is taken.

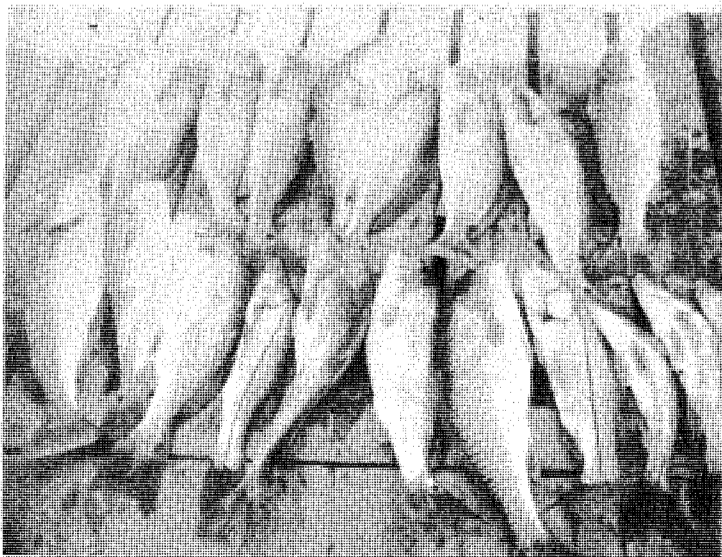
It appears that none of the government's programs to provide low cost housing have met with success. Bright young bureaucrats of the numerous agencies set up to solve the problem have only developed more problems and more red tape.

What has happened, housing experts agree, is that the private housing market can no longer afford to shelter the poor. Labor costs have risen steadily. No landlord can meet the costs of providing hot water, heat and other services. They throw up their hands and walk away while the luckless tenants follow them hoping that, some how, some way, their problem will be solved by government housing agencies.

In the meantime we continue to conduct costly surveys, investigations and hearings to no avail. Millions of federal funds go down the drain and we are no where nearer the answer. Congress studies and ponders but can't find an intelligent, workable answer. It is a pitiful situation that promises to get worse before it gets better.

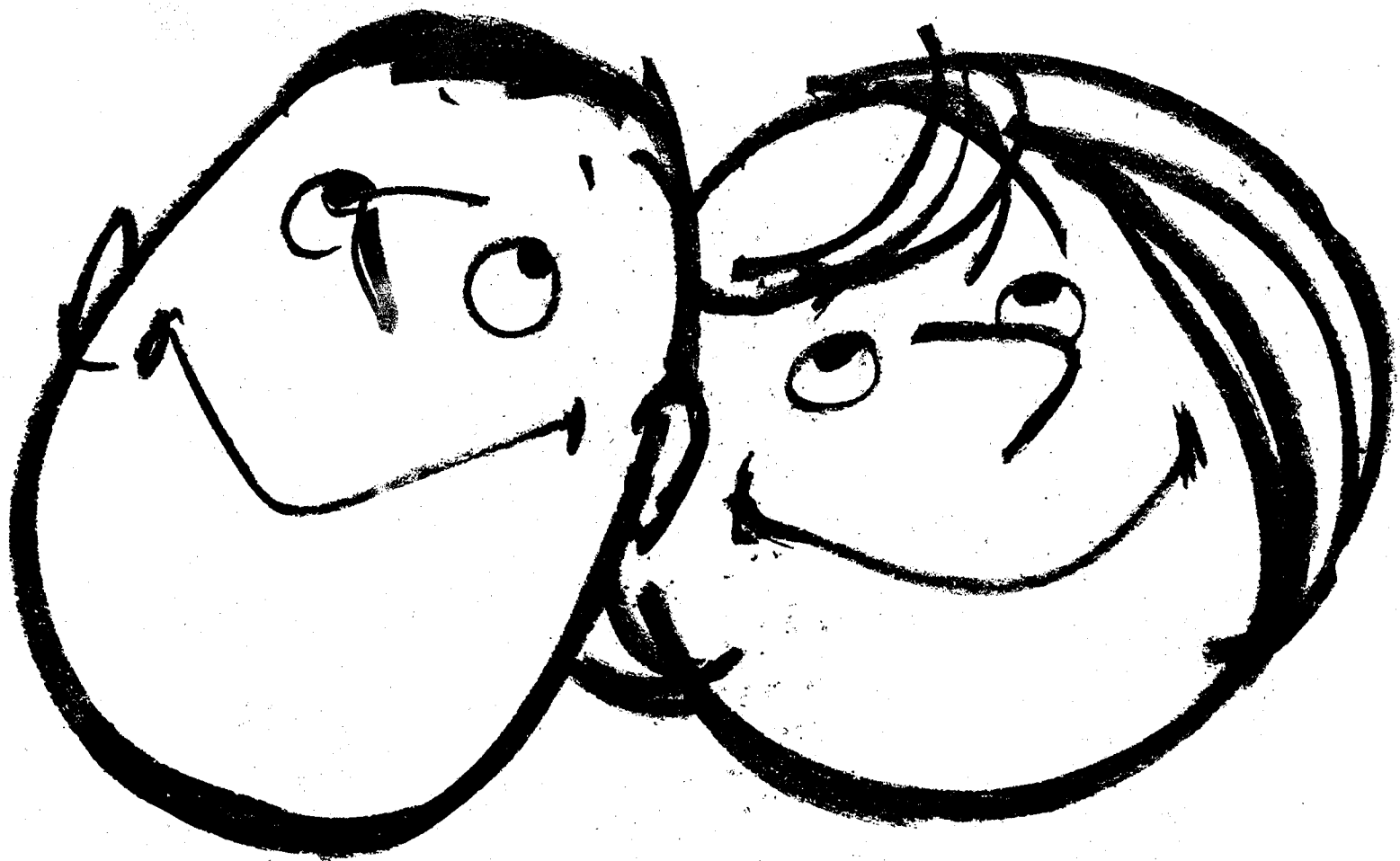


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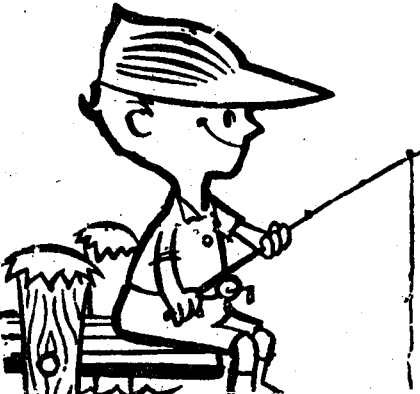
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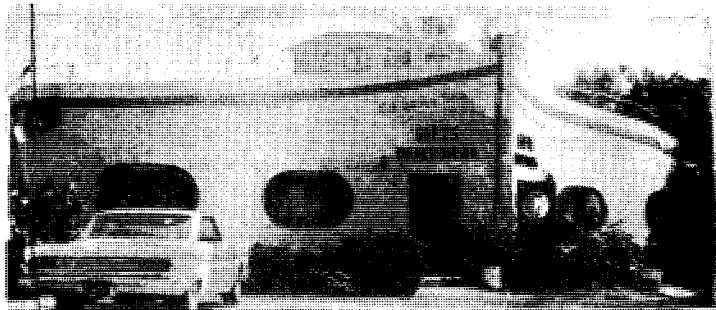
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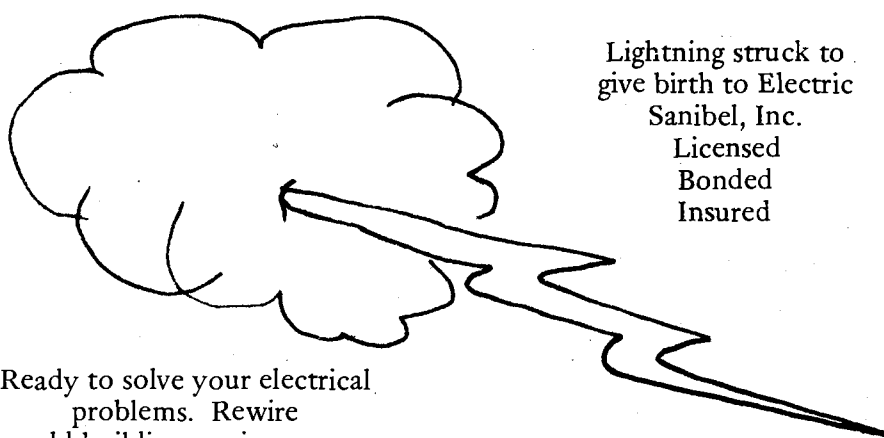
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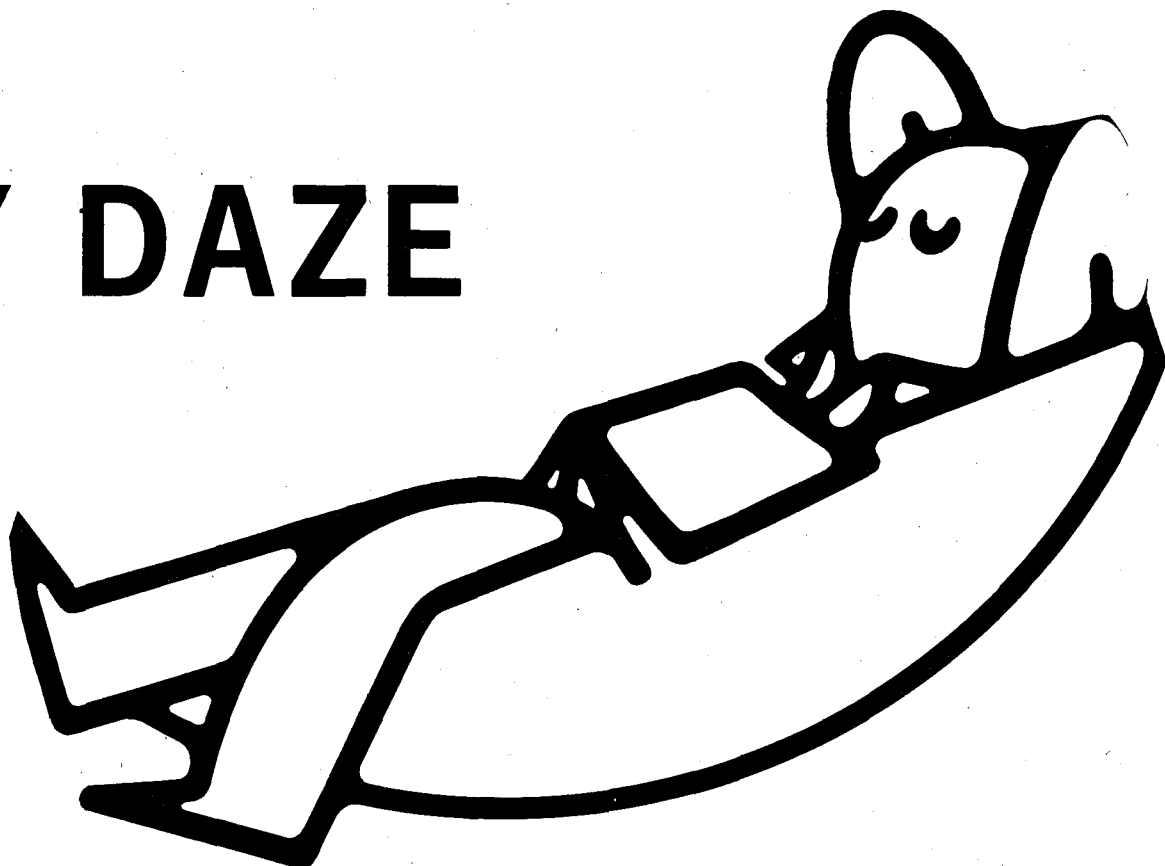
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