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## Wisher to Address Community Assoc.

Mrs. Lavon Wisner, newly appointed Administrative Assistant for Lee County will address the next meeting of the Sanibel Community Association dinner meeting Tuesday, October 3.

The subject of Mrs. Wisner's talk will be "How the New Organizational Set-Up for Lee County will Effect the Objectives and Problems Facing Both Sanibel and Captiva."

Some of the subjects Lavon Wisner will touch on have to do with Flood Insurance, Sewerage Disposal, Ambulance Services, Bridge Refinancing, Traffic Control, Roads and Parks Maintenance, Beach Clean-up, Easement Right-of-Ways, Fishing Pier, and overall Zoning and Planning. If you wish to know the Commissioners thinking on these subjects, at this time, you are urged to attend this all important meeting. There will be time for questions and answers at the end.

In addition to Mrs. Wisner's talk there will be a short movie film on the recent "water spout" sighted over the bay just this past August and caused traffic on the Causeway to be held up for 30 minutes.

The covered dish supper meeting is for members of the Community Association only and starts at 6:30. However, the above program will be open to the general public beginning at 8 o'clock.

This meeting was especially arranged by the program committee consisting of Harry Borchers, Paul Howe, Cecil Rhodes and John Shepherd, chairman. The committee also announced that due to the fact the November meeting falls on election night (Nov. 7) the Board of Directors have voted to move the date to the following Tuesday, Nov. 14, at which time the Audubon Society is arranging a special program.

## Dr. Haber Retires; M.D. Needed For Islands

Dr. Mordecai Haber, in a letter to his patients, has announced the intention of terminating his general practice on Sanibel and Captiva as of the first of November. Dr. Haber will continue to reside on Sanibel and will open an office in Fort Myers for the practice of Psychiatry, his field of specialization.

The Sanibel Community Association has taken immediate steps to assist in the task of insuring that "the serious gap left by Dr. Haber's departure" will be filled as soon as practicable.

"We are conscious of the importance of having a qualified General Practitioner on the Island and of the valuable contribution made by Dr. Haber," Mr. Duane White, president of the Community Association, stated.

The Community Association has appointed a committee to explore ways of encouraging a medical doctor to establish an office on the islands. Mr. Robert Dormer is chairman of the committee which includes also Dr. John Willard, Dr. I. H. Simmons, Mrs. George Winterbotham and Mr. Porter Goss.

Chairman Dormer has indicated that his committee would like to cooperate with any other groups working toward the same objective. He has asked that all groups or individuals with a knowledge of available General Practitioners contact him or his committee.

## Fishing Pier Bids Out

Bids are out for the Sanibel Fishing Pier and are due to be returned to the County Commissioners Office in Fort Myers by an October 4 deadline. For anyone interested in viewing the blue prints for the proposed pier, a copy is available at the Chamber of Commerce building, but the plans may not be taken from the building.

"Now that we are just around the corner from reality," states Mr. Don Bissell, committee member for the pier, "we are hoping that anyone interested in contributing to the pier cost who has not done so will either contact me at the Dairy Queen, or Mr. Don Case at Harbor House or Ralph Woodring at the Bait Box. We will be happy to apply any contributions to the cause, and we will be glad to receive mailed in contributions too."

They are also asking that those who have not completed their pledge of funds, now is the time to do so, as available money is needed now for the imminent construction, with a completion date as early as possible in the near future.

Also, according to Mr. Bissell, a preliminary plan for a park open to the public at Bowman's Beach is at the Chamber of Commerce for viewing. This plan is contingent upon completion of the new Bowman's Beach Road by the County Commission.

## Your County Commissioner


Walter Shirey is your County Commissioner, and he is anxious to act in accordance with your wishes. He is generally on the Islands on the first and third Monday of each month, and if you have a special problem to discuss with him, you can make an appointment with him either through his office in the Courthouse in Fort Myers, or through the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce. He is usually on the islands in the mornings on the first and third Monday, and is most anxious to do the best for the island people, and wants to be available for consultation.



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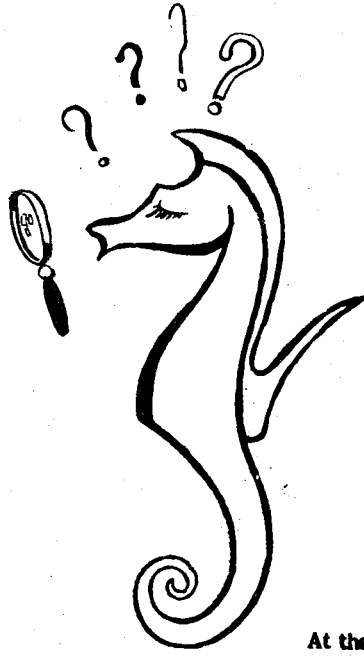


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 Calendar**

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 second Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.

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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.

LIONS CLUB of Sanibel-Captiva meets at  
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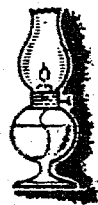
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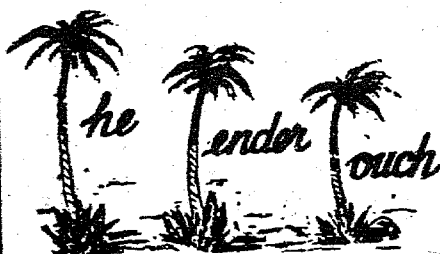


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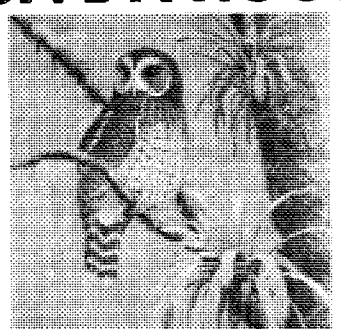
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OTTO and LOUISE SEIFERT have gone on an extended holiday in the Keys, and they will be greatly missed at South Seas where Mr. Seifert has been manager for the past three years. Guests, friends and acquaintances will miss Louise's friendly smile and astute business head. A staff dinner held in the dining room at South Seas on Saturday evening attested to the fact that they will be missed. Mr. TENBROECK will be the new manager, and will live in Fort Myers with his wife and two children.

You meet the nicest people on the islands in the world. Col. & Mrs. BOB AYCOCK fall into this category. They have just returned from their property up in Boone, N.C., and are back at their post in the Shell Net, which has such adorable birds that sing all the time, in realistic tones, until the batteries run down in 1,000 hours. They also have some pretty shells in lucite which make most unusual bookends.

Mrs. KAY CASPARIS found her very first junonia at Blind Pass, and visiting there are JACK HAM from Nashville, Tenn., and Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES SAXER of Fort Lauderdale.

More of our young people who have left for school are BOB DORMER, Jr. who is attending Memphis State University studying law. Brother MIKE DORMER, returned from a European trip and a wonderful browse through the historic and romantic Greek Isles in the Aegean, and he has returned to the University of Florida in Gainesville, where he is a junior. And the senior DORMERS, BOB and ELINORE, recently returned from a wonderful six weeks spent in Deer Isle, Maine, where they renewed old friendships.

#### TOWN MEETING CANCELLED

The Sanibel-Captiva town meeting originally scheduled for October 2, has been cancelled. The date regarding the status of the utilities and services which was to have been distributed at that meeting will be made available later in October by notice in The Islander.

If the meeting is rescheduled Mr. Walter Shirey will be happy and willing to attend and hear first hand what the concerns of the Islanders are. He informed us that the maps for the Comprehensive Plan for Sanibel and Captiva, being prepared by Carl Johnson, Inc., have been promised completed by Oct. 6. As soon as the maps are completed the committee appointed in 1971 can analyze their data and prepare the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Shirey has been asked to make copies of the Plan available to all Islanders for consideration and comment before its official adoption.

#### THE COLONY GUESTS

The Colony guests are Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Hicks from St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. & Mrs. W. Harrison Wright and family from East Peoria, Ill.; Mr. Gilbert Helwig and party of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cooper from Winchester, Va.; Mr. & Mrs. K. Bruce Rowe and family from Kansas City, Mo.; and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Brommelhorst from St. Louis, Mo., here on their honeymoon.

From Florida, Miss Ruby Goff and party from Tallahassee; Mr. & Mrs. Myron Lewis from Miami; Mrs. Walter Lewis and party from St. Petersburg beach; Dr. & Mrs. Ronald W. Miller from Mt. Dora; and the Frank Muxels from Riviera Beach.

## WHO'S WHO AND WHY

MARY ALECK'S mother and father, Mr. & Mrs. KONTINOS are up north visiting Mary's brother J. KONTINOS in Washington, D.C., and Mary's brother, NICK KONTINOS in Nashua, New Hampshire, and on to Arlington, Mass., to visit sister JEANNE KONTINOS, and Mrs. KOLARIS.

BETTY SEARS and EVELYN PEARSON of the Nutmeg House are still up in Quebec on the Gaspé Peninsula. They will travel the Trans Canada highway to see Evelyn's mother in St. Paul, Minn., and Betty's mother, Mrs. CLINTON SEARS in Birmingham, Mich. They expect to be back on the islands this week, and they will be working toward the reopening of their famous restaurant around the first of November or thereabouts.

RENA and BILL REISINGER, former island residents, and now residing in Sarasota, have not returned to the islands for a long time, but are here now visiting with PEGGY MALONEY. When they leave, Mr. & Mrs. FRANCIS DEWELL will come and visit her, which will come as a surprise to Peggy, who has not seen them for ages, too.

And another of our young ladies is off to Edison Community College; she is CAROL NIX, who took mathematics and psychology in summer sessions, but she is enrolled full time as a freshman commuting daily. MARY and TOM NIX, Carol's parents, have been enjoying a visit from Mary's brother DEAN GUNN, who is Jacksonville's District Fire Chief, and another brother, WEST GUNN and his wife JEANNETTE and daughter GINNY, all from Winter Haven, came down for the petite family reunion.

Carol, who bought nine little hens for pets, is as surprised as anything to have received 8 fresh eggs daily from these hens. They are fed, besides chicken feed, bread and raisins and all sorts of goodies, and all their friends have been benefitting by receiving gifts of fresh eggs.

As a perfect windup for a busy summer Admiral & Mrs. CARLOS CARDEZA of Sanibel Isles took their houseguest Miss JILL BEAN to Bimini for a week of shelling. It was Jill's first trip to the Bahamas, and her first experience at getting a week's vacation from school to play. Somehow, being the guest of the Director of the Lerner Scientific Laboratory made her think she learned more than she would in an average school week, and there were no signs of the truant officer when she arrived in Valparaiso, Ind. She was greeted by her mother and father, Dr. & Mrs. TED BEAN and her grandmother -- all anxious to hear about her summer and the trip at the end of it.

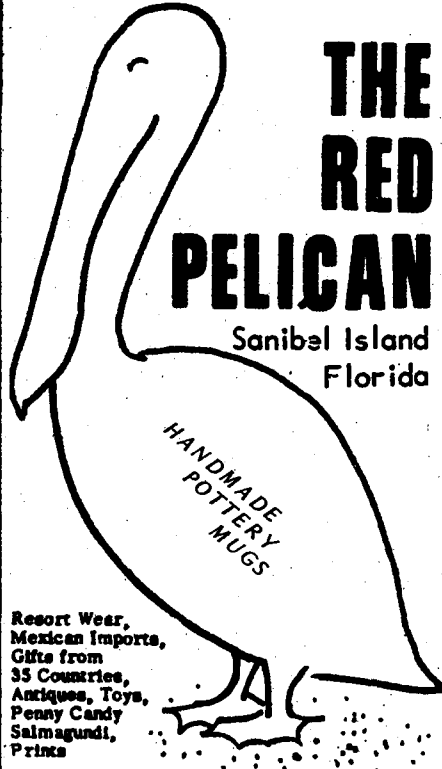
Mr. & Mrs. ANDREW PALGUTA of Boynton Beach are at the Beachcomber, and enjoying a change in pace, renewed friendships and our peaceful isles.

#### LIONS CLUB NEWS

At the regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club on September 20 they were entertained by a talk given by George Krauss, Consumers Services Division, Florida Department of Agriculture. Mr. Krauss who works out of the District Office on Palm Beach Blvd. in Tice discussed the various types of trees which grow in our south western Florida area and reviewed the relative advantages and disadvantages of many varieties. His talk was accompanied by color slides.

It was interesting to learn that any interested parties can obtain seedlings of many types of trees by contacting their nearest Florida Department of Agriculture District Office. Lion C. Duane White was program chairman for the evening.

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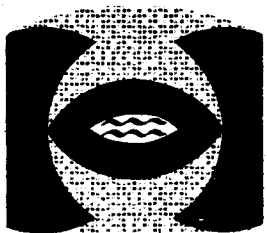
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**CONCH KEY LIME PIE**

- 1 can condensed milk (sweetened)
- 4 egg yolks & 4 whites (separated)
- 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 6 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/4 cup lime juice

Beat the four egg yolks until light yellow then add the can of condensed milk and the lime juice, and pour all into either a baked pie shell or one made of butter and crumbled graham crackers. Then beat the egg whites into stiff peaks, add cream of tartar and the six Tbsp. of sugar and spread in peaks on pie. Bake at 350 until egg meringue is delicately browned.


**KEY LIME PIE**

- 1/2 cup lime juice plus 2 drops green color
- 2 1/2 Tbsp. corn starch and two cups water
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs, separated

Mix corn starch, water, sugar and lime juice together and heat in double boiler until a thick sauce is formed. Then in another bowl, beat egg yolks, and add the very hot liquid a little at a time and beating constantly. Pour this mixture, slightly cooled, into a cooked pie shell or prepared graham cracker shell. Beat egg whites very stiff; add six Tbsp. sugar and 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar, and spoon over pie. Bake in low oven until meringue is lightly browned.

**COCONUT GROVE GETS BEVERAGE LICENSE PERMIT**

Three beverage license permits were approved by the County Commission last week for the original Oyster Bar Inc. of Fort Myers, the Glass Boot Lounge of Cape Coral and the Sanibel Coconut Grove Restaurant Inc. No liquor licenses will be issued until the State Beverage Department approves.




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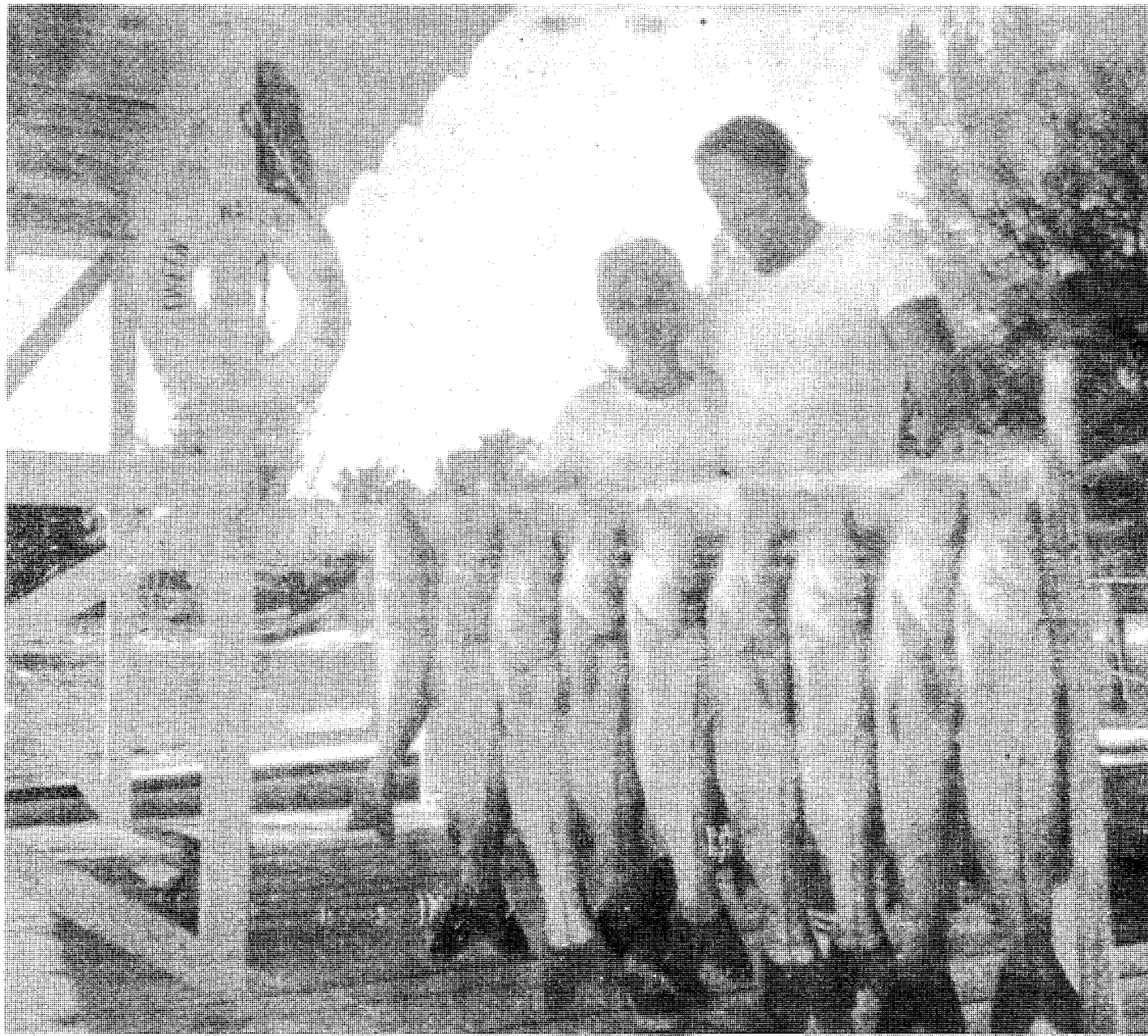


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Mr. & Mrs. John Wise of Winter Park, Fla., with their catch. Bob Sabatino was guide.

Children who participated and excelled in the summer swimming program in both beginners and advanced classes, received awards at an assembly on Friday. Those so honored were Wendy, Barbara and Janet Bissell, Mary Ellen and Heide Heffron, Sandy and Eric Wightman, Penny Carter, Calvin Gavin, Brian and Jill Welker, Pam and Beth Holland, Margot Rosse, Morgana Anholt, Tommy Waterson and Greg and Jill Rhodes. The class was sponsored by the American Red Cross and taught by instructor Hughes from Fort Myers and assisted by various mothers, namely Mrs. Don Bissell and Mrs. Karl Wightman.

Mr. Duane White, chairman of the Shell Fair, spoke to the children about the coming fair, asking and encouraging more children to become involved in shelling, classifying and exhibiting. He is hopeful that more children will participate and qualify for exhibiting their shells.

Principal G. Dissette remarked there are 80 pupils enrolled in the Sanibel Elementary School. The projection for this year's peak load was 75 children, and so the school is taxed to the utmost to provide books and other necessities for the greater number of pupils. "We have a very good set of encyclopedias, which is in constant usage, and we could very well use another set of these books, preferably not too old a set, and one of the better known such as Colliers, Americana or World Book. We are not desperate by any means, but another set would be put to good usage by our studious children, and we would appreciate even the loan of such a set," said Mr. Dissette.

The school lunch program is not yet off the ground, but there is still hope that it will be in the offing in the near future. Meanwhile, keep those sandwiches coming, and if you know of an encyclopedia set just waiting for some eager hands to hold, please let Mr. Dissette know. He will call for the set.

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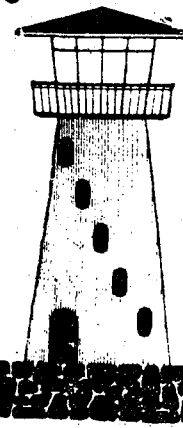
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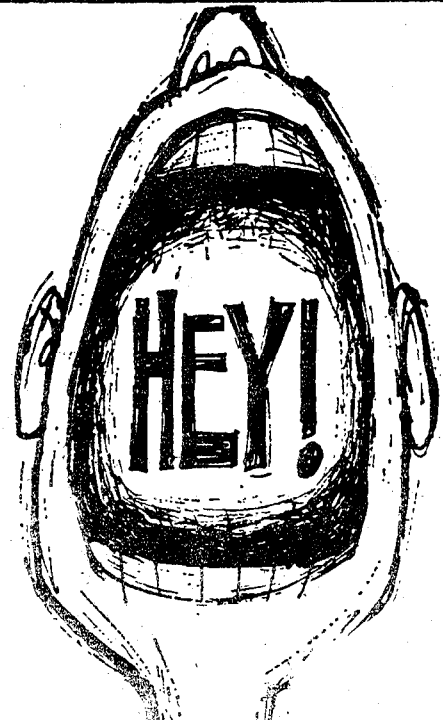




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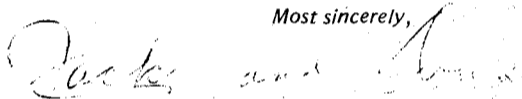
The Island Bake Shop will re-open next Tuesday, October 3, with a new owner. His name is Walter Haselbauer and he's no stranger to Sanibel - his brother-in-law is Don Case of Case's Harbor House.

For the time being, Walter will use the same recipes and have the same varieties of baked goods we offered and hopes to introduce new varieties as he goes along. We will leave our wonderful paintings and the other lovely things so many of you gave us temporarily in the shop until Walter can decide on his own decor.

We're selling the bake shop for personal reasons but we are both going to stay and live on Sanibel. Doris is going back to the Island Inn and Jack will be working with Walter for a little while. We'll be seeing you around the island.

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**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**  
by russell kay

Under the heading "Time Thieves" the current issue of Newsweek points out one of the reasons taxes are so high and why governmental agencies have such a hard time meeting their steadily increasing budgets.

The article points out that a large percentage of governmental employees have developed the art of goldbricking to a high degree. The situation, particularly in our larger cities, has become so bad that recent checks in some areas indicate they would provide material for a paperback (to be read on the job, of course) titled "How to Get Paid for Doing Little or Nothing."

Listing a few examples from a recent check in New York City showed that meter readers average 39 meters a day while meter readers employed by private firms read an average of 100 meters a day. City elevator inspectors are supposed to inspect at least 9 elevators a day. A check revealed that most were inspecting 6.

An auditor checking activity of employees in the city welfare department, who's job was to check on cases of welfare fraud, worked less than one third of the time. The balance of their time was spent reading books or newspapers. One couple was observed playing chess, others roamed around aimlessly, some arrived late to work and many left early. In fact, they did very much as they pleased with little or no supervision.

A clamp down and quotas established in some departments showed startling results. Rat control inspections by the health department were increased 100% in the number of pot holes plugged in a day. With the cooperation of unions, Mayor Lindsey got remarkable results in increasing productivity among city employees.

In other cities, notably Detroit and St. Louis, stiff union opposition prevented any improvement at all when city fathers tried to cut down on the boondoggling.

Perhaps the most successful efficiency plan, says Newsweek, was in Jacksonville, Fla. There teams of work watchers compiled an "idleness index" that compared the number of workers in each department with the number who were actually doing something.

To make sure the idleness index was not ignored, the city council introduced its figures at budget hearings and used these figures to determine which department actually needed an increase.

When department heads realized that they were being checked and that their jobs depended on their doing something about it, they got busy. As a result taxes have dropped three years in a row and indications are they will drop again this year.

Most jobs performed by those paid for by taxpayers have counterparts in business and industry. A check of what those in private industry do to earn their pay compared with what civic employees do makes interesting material to bring up at a budget session.

Not all civil employees are loafers. They get that way through lack of supervision and apathy on the part of department heads and officials. Surveys and auditors' reports in some instances show that as many as 80% of employees fail to give an honest day's work for the money received.

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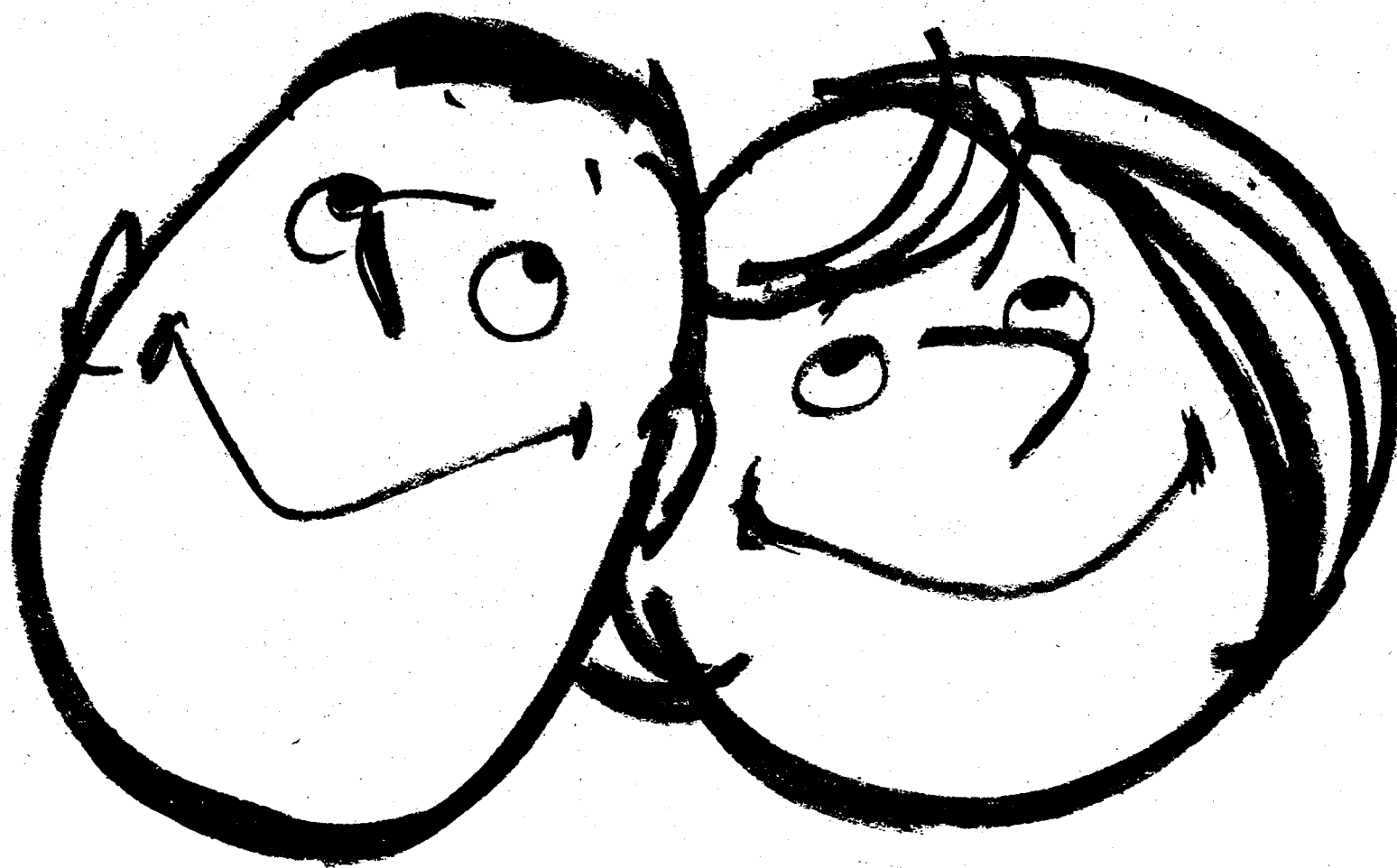
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TO THE ISLANDER:

Current zoning already approved and "on the books" permits an Island population increase of over 100,000 people. (33,000 in tourist and condominium accommodations, 66,000 in single and duplex dwellings). That's almost a twenty fold increase over the current 5,700. Can you imagine what the new population will do to the island water supply, sewerage, roads, telephones, and electrical system? It also means that Sanibel and Captiva as a "unique tropical paradise" will be better known as "the asphalt jungle of concrete block and mortar."

Guam, a United States island possession, increased its tourist population from 500 in 1965 to 90,000 in 1971. Since Sanibel and Captiva are considerably easier to reach than Guam, why can't they increase with the same speed? Have you noticed that: -- the coast line to our north, at Tampa, Sarasota, Venice, etc., is already overbuilt? -- the coast line to our east, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, etc., is already overbuilt? -- the coast line to our south, Marco and Estero Islands, etc., is already overbuilt? -- Florida's population increases now at over 4,000 persons per week with no place to go but undeveloped lands (and these Islands have a plentiful supply)? -- Lee County Government apparently views expansion as "good for the economy," hence minimal official opposition to expansion? -- within the last several years large Island acreage has been acquired by investment companies noted for their ability to anticipate building booms and having the financial capacity for rapid construction and resale?

It's high time to get alarmed about the near future. There are serious questions to deal with like water, roads, sewerage, and electrical power; like the right of a community to determine its own future; like the right of a property owner to develop his land without

infringing on his neighbor and the community; like the right to have a community with open green spaces; etc. After the land is built on it's too late. Nine out of every ten visitors to the Islands from Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa, Sarasota, Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington ask us over and again to stop the overdevelopment of the Islands now before it is too late as it is for them in their communities.

/s/ Rod Happel  
Sanibel Island

### TO SANDY OF THE ISLANDER:

I am very miffed -- catmiffed that is. In my own inimitable way I have given my beautiful offspring to Island residents and I am completely left out of your cat-tale.

My prize male, Golden Boy, was presented to Robert Parcels with a red ribbon on his neck for Fathers Day. And he is such a good cat. Bob wouldn't take a million dollars for Tiger. Then there was Suntan, who had the same beautiful sandy coat given to Jo Ann Schnabel. (What a home for him, Sanibel Botanic Gardens).

John and Helma Reynolds have my George, enormous tail; one of the smartest cats I ever produced.

Coleen Clark had a ball with my two twins, Satan and Sabbath. Their black fur was two inches long.

And my latest crowing achievement was Percival and Persephine, who are adored by their mistress, Elaine Patton. They are handsome striped gray cats which gives you an idea of the scope of my artistic endeavor.

But why go on -- the rest of the Sanibel cats are probably purring in their whiskers that I was left out of the feline four hundred. I think I shall run

away; probably to the woods.

/s/ Lily Pons  
Mother of the above felines  
who lives at the Pirate Playhouse

P.S. Guess what, I shall have a fresh supply of my darling kittens, any shade you prefer at the end of this week. First chosen -- first given.

### TO THE ISLANDER:

Speaking of hurt feelings! I've got 'em. Just been reading about the other dogs on the Island! Well, I'm not a dog even tho' I have four legs and bark occasionally. Also I am not a pet, I am a member of the family and even if I'm a toy French Poodle, my name is "Hey You, Poncho Lester" (that's the family name). I fly to Sanibel every September from Eden, N.Y. It's a short distance south of Niagara Falls and Buffalo. My claim to fame is that I am known as the poodle with the blue ears! Ask about me at the B-Hive. I am well known and folks remember me year to year in there. So doesn't it seem like I deserve some publicity too? I can walk and dance on my hind legs if anyone wants an audition.

I am dictating this to Mrs. G. D. Lester who will be leaving for Eden with me on Friday, Sept. 29. Thank you!

/s/ Hey You, Poncho Lester.



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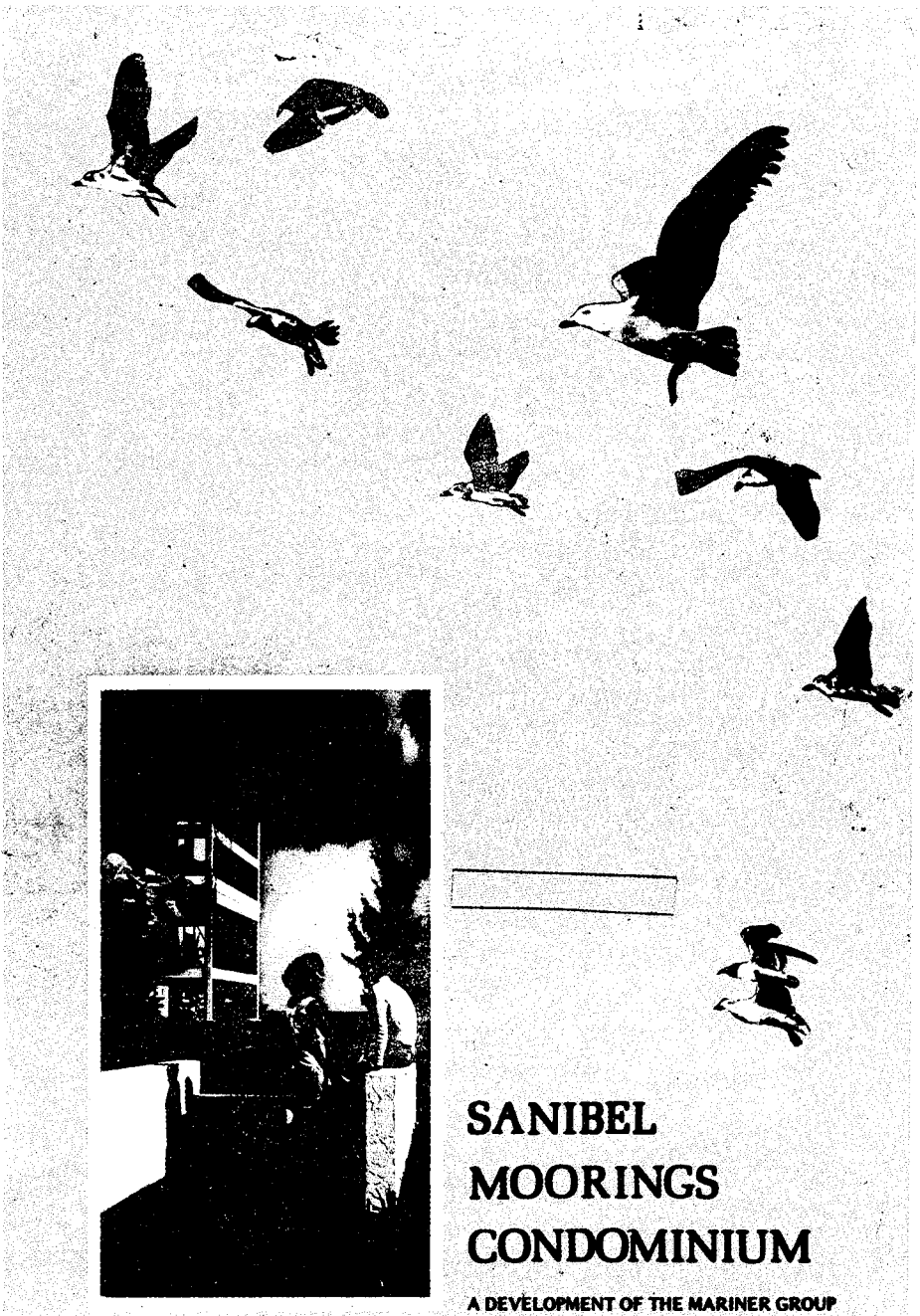
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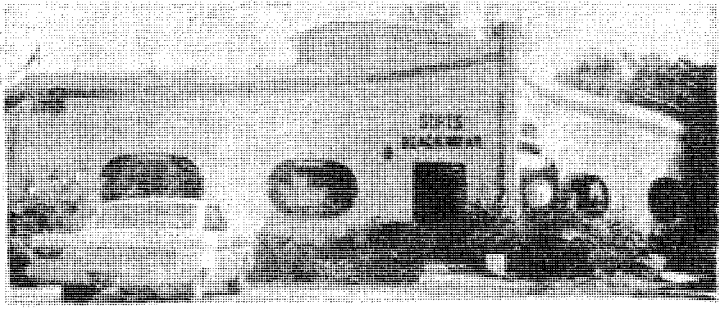


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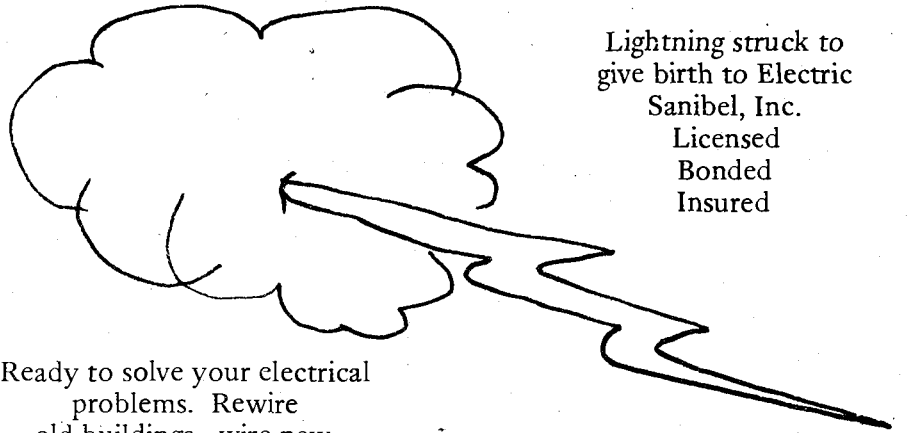
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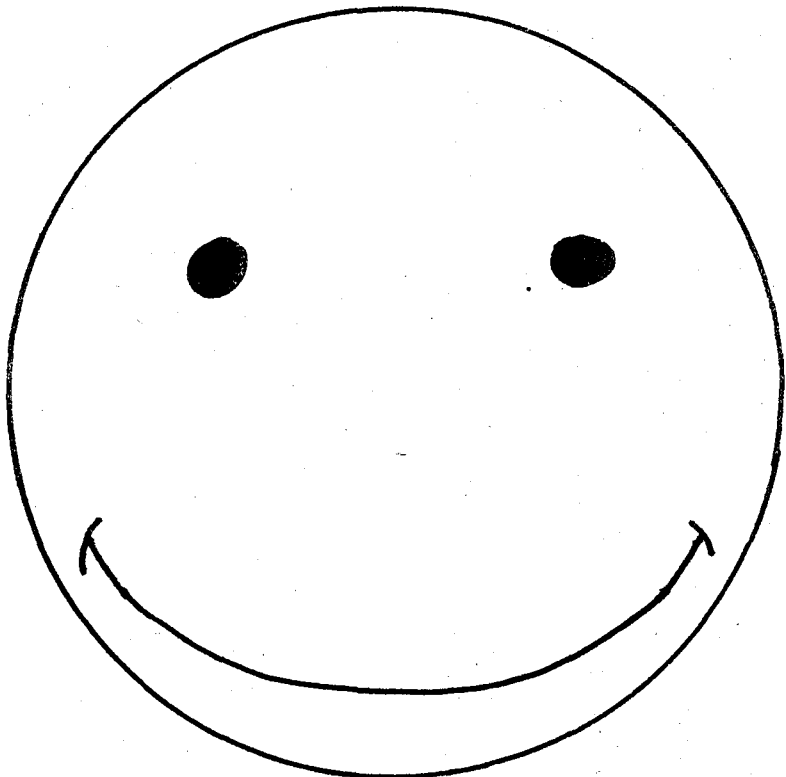
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