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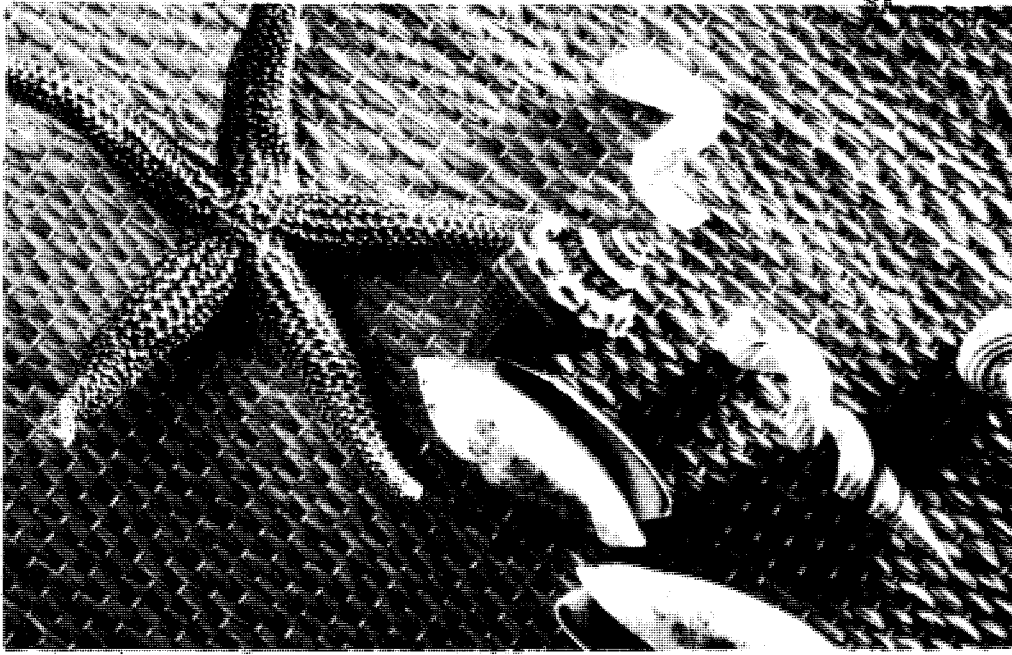
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Help Wanted

Co-chairmen Ralph Woodring and Don Case state that although the contribution response to the erection of Sanibel's new fishing pier for the public has been great, they are still short about \$1,000.00 from their goal to allow giving out the award to the contractor who submitted the best bid.

Please, all those that like fishing or have an interest in the Island's activities for residents as well as visiting guests, please dig down in your pockets and see if you can't mail a donation to Herb Purdy, P.O. Box 96, Sanibel Island, or even better deliver it yourself to Herb Purdy at Ibis Lane, Sanibel Lake Estates, right next to the Pirate Playhouse at say about 5:30 p.m. (cocktail hour) any day of the week. This includes all you wonderful Captiva friends as well, of course. Please help! Checks should be made out to the Sanibel-Captiva Fishing Pier Fund.

Chambers Heads United Way Drive

Norman Chambers of West Wind Inn is the new chairman of Sanibel's United Way Drive. "If I could stop long enough to wring my hands, I'd do it," said Chambers, "but there is really too much to be done."

"Co-chairmen with me are Bob Dormer, Robery Aycock, James Evans and John Cook.

"We have decided on a different approach this year and expect to break all previous records. We plan to make a personal contact with the folks on Sanibel and part of that is a review of former records of names of Islanders to bring the list up to date. We have had more help offered and in only four days, we have already got \$1,200 in pledges or donations."

School Daze

Two weeks ago the Lee County Commission voted to let the teachers going to the Sanibel Elementary School have free bridge passes. Shortly after this vote, Attorney Jim Thompson wrote an opinion that permitting free passage of the bridge for the teachers was not legal. In spite of the feeling of some of the Commission members that this was not fair, yet at their last meeting they voted to uphold Thompson's opinion.

Commissioner Walter Shirey, Julian Hudson and James Sweeney were in favor of the teachers receiving the tickets, but naturally they could not vote for something ruled illegal.

"The next step in my opinion," said one of the Commissioners, "is for the teachers themselves to consult an attorney and look into the matter. At the moment, the latest Commission decision is based only on an attorney's opinion." So there's hope yet that the teachers driving to the Sanibel School will get a fair break. The School Board itself may decide to pay for the tickets.

New Parking Lot?

Lee Phillips, chairman of the Lee County Park Advisory Committee, is at present discussing a proposed swap of land which would give the Sanibel Islanders and their visitors a bigger parking lot than is now contemplated about three miles south of the present Turner Beach which is on Captiva.

The contemplated parking lot would be used by people now enjoying the so-called Bowman's Beach. The south end of Turner Beach might be traded and Phillips is taking up the matter with attorneys for the two companies which own land on either side of Sea Belle Road.

"The parking areas on our plans are far too small for a three mile long beach," Phillips said. "It was designed for 114 places or 500 persons. Now we're thinking of five or six times that number of parking spots for a minimum of 3,000 to 4,000 people."

Phillips said the 600 feet up for trade lies near the site of a proposed wooden foot bridge across Blind Pass at the south end of the beach. The cost of the bridge is estimated at between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

At present the county owned beach front is accessible only to boaters and those willing to trespass on private property.

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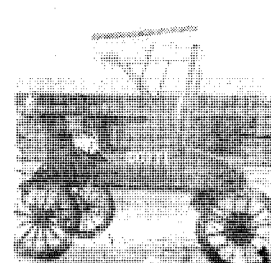
THE FENCE IS DOWN!

Who owns the beach adjacent to
Mrs. Carol Quillan's property on
Sanibel? That is the question causing
the rhubarb between Mrs. Quillan and
the County Commission. Walter Shirey
claims it belongs to the county; Mrs.
Quillan says she has deeds going clear
back to 1898 to prove her ownership.

Monday the Commission tore down
the fence which she had put up several
weeks ago, and had been notified to
remove within ten days. Mrs. Quillan
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September and October guests have not been disappointed with the fishing on our gulf front with redfish, speckled trout, drum fish and the snook that got away. Trying their hand were the Richard D. Purvis of Cocoa; the D. K. Schells and the C. R. Sanders of Ft. Augustine, all here for the second time this season.


Guests busy shelling and touring the Sanctuary are Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lindsey of Point Claire, Quebec; Don and Mary Schleiger of Denver, Colorado; the J. H. Millers of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Martino of Lansdale, Pa.; the Wm. Ostries of Columbia, Md.; Albert Hornyak of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. Carl Shadix of Cincinnati, Ohio; Matthew N. Kuehn of St. Louis, Mo.; and the Jeffrey Clarks and John Matts of Memphis, Tenn. Also the W. D. Coldsby, Jr. family of Huntsville, Ala.

From Miami, comes Dorothy A. Smith; James B. Orr and Robert Teitrick; James and Judie Howe; and Harry L. Reynolds and family, here on their second visit this season. From other parts of Florida, came the Charles Stevensons of Titusville; James L. Adkinson of Jacksonville; Jay Hopins and family of Palm Beach; Mr. & Mrs. Walter Metz, Jr. of Baynton Beach; the D. Claghorns from Winter Park; the David Ritchies of Altomonte Springs; Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Edwards of Pensacola; from Treasure Island, the L. J. Hardings; the James Newtons of Fort Myers Beach; the Richard Wards on their second visit from Ft. Lauderdale; Vernon Black of Lake Worth; and Suellen Boyle of Ft. Lauderdale.

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Mr. & Mrs. B-HIVE have returned to their store earlier than they expected to. MOLLY and ARTHUR ORLOFF decided to have a double vacation; they went up to Disney World where they stayed at Contemporary Hotel for almost a week; then they came home and were going to stay there and just enjoy themselves but they couldn't resist; they got back to the B-Hive a whole day earlier than they had planned.

JOE GAULT got away from it all last weekend on his boat and we hear he enjoyed the respite enormously. Naturally he would, as Joe is our Chamber of Commerce president as well as being a busy business man with the Sea Horse Shop.

Another busy young lady is now vacationing here on Sanibel Island; she's GRACE RHODES of Bailey's staff, but maybe we shouldn't say vacationing, she's getting ready to move into a new home, and boy, that's work!

THEODOZIA, the two foot alligator, relaxing in the aquarium of the Sea Horse Shell Shop is really living it up these days. "She's getting fatter than a pig," said SID COLLACUTT, "BRUCE CHAPIN brings her over fresh shrimp and ground beef every day from the Lighthouse Restaurant and she really gobbles it up."

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A drawing for a half day fishing trip on the charter boat, Angel Wing, was won by Lion Francis Bailey who, in turn, raffled off the winning ticket to Lion Cecil Rhodes for the benefit of the Lions Club.

Promotions presently under consideration by appropriate committees are Plant Sales, Light Bulb Sales, and a Turkey Shoot. Funds realized from these promotional efforts will be devoted to the sight preservation work of Lions.

Considerable discussion was devoted to ways and means of interesting the full membership of the Lee County Board of Commissioners in the problems of Sanibel and Captiva Islands. It was pointed out that Commissioner Walter Shirey is available to meet with anyone having a problem. A recent issue of The Islander contained information regarding Commissioner Shirey's availability for meetings on the islands.


FLOWER SHOW

On Sunday, October 15, the James E. Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society will hold its 21st annual flower show at the Edison National Bank, Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. There are a number of island residents who are members of the Club and who will be showing their best hibiscus blooms at the show hoping for "the best hibiscus in the show."

Blooms will be arriving from all areas of Florida during the morning. If you have some beautiful hibiscus blooms that day, and would like to compete, bring them to the bank before 11 a.m. It is not necessary to be a member to enter the show. For a really great show come to the Hibiscus Show.

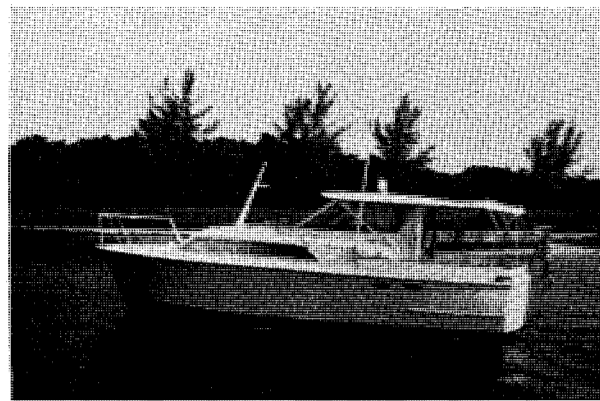
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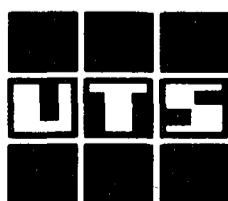
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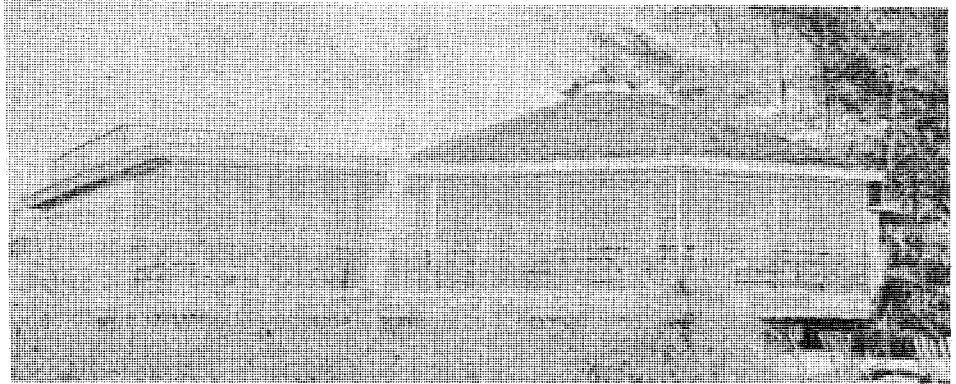
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The Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation are urging the residents of the islands to vote in favor of two propositions on the Nov. 7 ballot. The first is for a general revenue bond issue of \$240 million, \$200 million to buy endangered lands and \$40 million to buy recreational lands. The second "Yes" would give the state government a constitutional amendment permitting the issuance of revenue bonds to buy more recreational lands and improve parks and recreational areas.

The first bond issue would be paid for from the general revenue, the second from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund and probably would make no difference in the tax bite of the average taxpayer. Conservationists and state officials agree it is a now or never action to save what remains of Florida's natural beauty, including parts of our southwest coast. If the voters approve both propositions, it will greatly improve the chances of Sanibel and Captiva to be designated as "areas of special concern" and so benefit under the new legislation.

Registered voters who will not be on the islands November 7 are urged to write the Supervisor of Elections, Lee County Bldg., Fort Myers, for an absentee ballot. Everyone's vote is of utmost importance.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE ISLANDER:

We would like to thank the kind people who stopped to help us when we found ourselves stranded after seven p.m. in the Ding Darling Sanctuary last Saturday, Sept. 30. Only in Sanibel could help have come so quickly from so many different quarters. Four different cars stopped to rescue us. A station wagon with a woman and three children stopped and promised to look for help. One family offered to find help and when this was impossible, returned with a bucket of water for our radiator. A mechanic who carried tools for just such emergencies stopped and repaired our water hose free of charge. The mechanic followed us to a closed service station where another Good Samaritan filled our radiator with water. We are truly grateful for all of this help. Where but in Sanibel could one find so many Good Samaritans?

/s/ Emma Row
 Margaret Rowe
 Evelyn Meredith
 Hazel Hargrove

TO THE ISLANDER:

Down with toll rates. It is quite cynical from our elected protector, Mr. Shirey to see a hundred thousand dollars of surplus money from the Sanibel Causeway going in the Lee County General Funds and ask the residents to shell \$10,000 to help pay for a fishing pier which will attract more tourists over the toll booth.

The Causeway has become the pot of gold of the Lee County. No expenses or outlays. Just get the revenues roll in for any crazy ventures for which the commissioners could not get the support from the taxpayers. For any objection to a project, they say, "It will come from Sanibel money." You darn right it does, and not all of us can afford it forever. There are a few welcome snowbird millionaires on Sanibel-Captiva. and many unwelcomes, greedy ones who bulldoze our islands recklessly to make their first or second million in a hurry, and many suckers who are taken in. One of our real estate businessmen advocate to raise the toll to \$5.00 to keep the riff-raff out. Who is the riff-raff? The tourist who throws his litter out of his car window into our front yard? The one who leaves his picnic left-overs on our beaches? The fancy boater with a wake of beer cans, and what else? The contractor dumping illegally on backtrail properties? The speculator, bulldozing acres bare of trees and bushes and covering the soil with sterile, glittering sand? Or is it the long haired barefoot kid who fills bags of litter to bury or cart away?

We have also a few so-called civic leaders who send a few of us bleating like sheeps to the courthouse, when a trailer park or a new motel compete with their private interests, but eagerly applaud to the big developments, deadly salt water diggings, and unnecessary and unfair sewage hook-ups.

I am sure that many of use are hurt by the high toll and for the many who have a pass or can afford the high toll, remember that all the services you expect are curtailed or affected in quality and quantity by the toll too. Let's hear from more of us residents, and let's do our own thinking too. United in the fight for a free toll for Sanibel-Captiva residents. This is one cause in everybody's interests.

/s/ Yvette Remus
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TO THE ISLANDER:

A copy of the following two letters were sent to the Islander for publication:

Enclosed is the answer I got to a request that Sanibel-Captiva residents should get a yearly sticker for a nominal fee.

/s/ Phil Verding
Sanibel, Fla.

Dear Mr. Verding:

In answer to your note dated Sept. 28, 1972, we are not aware of any plan now under discussion by the Board of County Commissioners which will allow permanent residents of Sanibel Island free use of the Sanibel Island Bridge and Causeway.

So long as there is a bonded indebtedness on the present facility, the Board is obligated to confine itself to the restrictions of the resolution under which the obligation was incurred. This resolution clearly states that there shall be no free passage on said bridge and causeway except to officials or employees of the County on official assignments.

Therefore, even though the facility's financial condition is excellent, a "sticker" such as suggested in your letter cannot be issued under existing circumstances.

/s/ Robert D. Kirk
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TO THE ISLANDER:

A copy of the following was sent to the Islander for publication:

Mrs. Lavon Wisher
County Administrator
Fort Myers, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Wisher,

Thank you very much for the notice sent out Oct. 2 re zoning case 72-7-32 being postponed to Oct. 11 at 10 a.m. This type of prompt clear notification to the citizens of Lee County on matters of vital interest to all goes a long way in building a communication link between the office of the County Commissioners and those

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they represent.

I also want to commend the series in the News-Press by Nancy Wilstach. The information you worked up for the series is much appreciated.

I was sorry you could not meet with the citizens of Sanibel and Captiva on Oct. 3 but Mr. Shirey did a good job of covering your material. I hope you will be able to come to Sanibel at another time.

/s/ Ruth Happel

Below is notice received re zoning case 72-7-32:

The hearing fro zoning case 72-7-32, Rufus M. & Violet R. Dodrill requesting a zoning change from GU to RU-3 for multi-family, set for 1:45 p.m., Oct. 4, 1972 before the Board of County Commissioners, has been deferred to 10 a.m. Oct. 11, 1972.

This change was made so that the Board of County Commissioners may attend the funeral of Mr. Park Pigott, who was the Director of the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department.

We hope this change does not inconvenience you.

/s/ (Mrs.) Lavon Wisher
County Administrator

TO THE ISLANDER:

I'm enjoying the news of the Islands. Have enjoyed a visit to my home here from Jane and Griff Bancroft who saw what a busy time one can have at a banding station during my migration.

Today we had a visit with Mr. Leetch and his wife from Naples, Fla. Mr. Leetch is vice president of the Florida Audubon Society. After all how small the world is! We are looking forward to our return to the Island Inn this winter and hope we'll find peace and quiet and not a recreation monstrosity at the nearby Shalimar property.

/s/ Mrs. Edward Mendinhall
Chestertown, Md.

TO THE ISLANDER:

I have one suggestion; if it is at all possible, and that is to publish the daily temperature at Sanibel -- high, low and the precipitation. This would give the off-island readers an idea of the weather conditions at Sanibel.

/s/ Elliott Gelberg
Alexandria, Va.

TO THE ISLANDER:

On October 3 the Hon. Walter Shirey spoke to the Sanibel Community Association about a 100 foot wide easement to the beach along Bowman's Beach Road (now being called Sea Belle Road). He was not explicit in saying where the parking area would be nor whether a 100 foot wide strip of trees would be chopped down in order to make room for automobiles to enjoy the beach.

He also did not explain the type of walk bridge to be built over the little bayou. Since there is only a very small amount of water at the east end of the bayou, it would be a simple matter to fill the bayou at that point thereby helping destroy one of nature's magnificent incubators for all kinds of sea life. However, the benefit of the doubt must be afforded to Mr. Shirey who insists that his main interest is in keeping Sanibel a special place. Let us hope for aproper bridge.

There was also no discussion regarding where toilet facilities were to be built and whether the county intends to have a large enough septic tank or sewage disposal plant to handle a very large and growing beach population. Since there were no questions from the audience, it can only be assumed that the building rules and regulations that apply to individuals must also apply to the county and hope that waste materials are not flushed down the drain into the bayou or Gulf of Mexico.

/s/ C. Quillinan

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TO THE ISLANDER:

I wholeheartedly support the sentiments regarding overdevelopment so well expressed by Rod Happel's letter of Sept. 28. Such letters and the ads sponsored by him and others are a great public service. A few developers -- Trost International, Nationwide Realty and a group planning a large development near my neighborhood -- have consulted an ecologist and the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board with the result of planning with nature to the betterment of all. This kind of cooperation, along with the land-acquisition program of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, could keep the islands from becoming just another disaster area.

Nevertheless, our frustrating meetings with the Lee County Zoning Board, the Lee County Planning Commission and occasionally the Board of County Commissioners has proved that we cannot put our faith in county government but must look to Tallahassee -- from whence cometh help. Our Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board and the Conservation Foundation, separate organizations but singular in purpose, are working to have these islands designated as "an area of special concern" with all the necessary controls to keep them beautiful. On the November ballot, we will vote on a special bond issue that will help finance this program and we urge a big, resounding YES. Please, don't let this chance slip by. Wouldn't it be wonderful not to have to worry any more?

/s/ Elinore Dormer
Sanibel Island

TO THE ISLANDER:

The subject of this letter is Zoning Request 72-7-32. My wife and I stayed at the High Tide Motel during the winters of 1952 and 1953, and since 1954 have lived in our present home on Gulf Drive. We have passed the area involved in the above request almost daily for the past 18 years. It is a swamp, and alligators abound all the way to Tarpon Bay Road. According to reports, this 66-acre piece of swamp is owned by the same owner of the land in Request 72-7-32.

There should be a moratorium of all building in the areas above described at least until an adequate sewage system is installed. Septic tanks are not good in such an area. In fact, in past years during heavy and continuous rains, the "privy" odors from septic tanks on the south side of Gulf Drive in this area are quite noticeable.

As you know, Sanibel once had its own Planning and Zoning Board. Now we have only the County Zoning Board and no county planning for future development. I wish our officials would pay some attention to our local Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board. They should listen to all experts in the planning field and not just to the developers who have no apparent interest in the future of Sanibel or Lee County.

Last year we appeared with counsel before the Commissioners on the proposed extension of Gulf Drive. Their decision was very favorable to us. We look to them to keep undesirable "progress" in hand. We are residents of a unique part of Lee County and we will oppose as best we can any ill advised and undesirable moves to sacrifice our little island.

/s/ Willis B. Combs
Sanibel, Fla.

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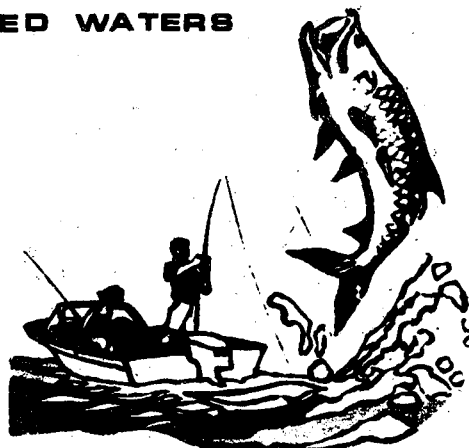
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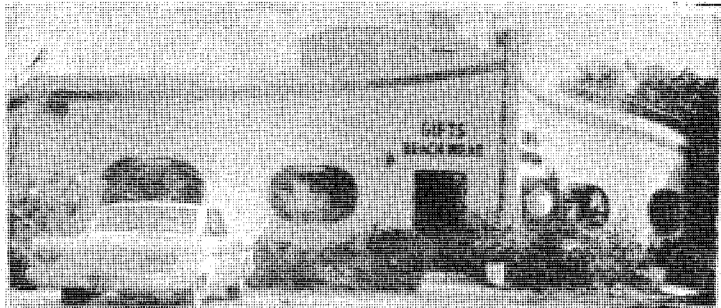
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