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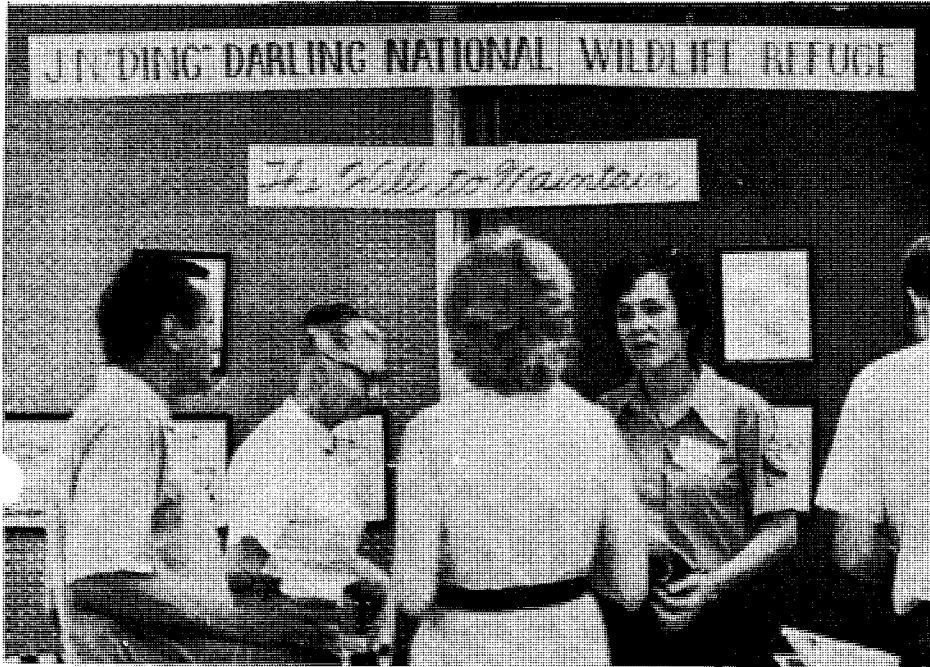
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CONSERVATION CELEBRATION

A gala celebration of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation took place at the Community Hall on Saturday. It was the annual meeting of the Foundation, and all of the island organizations were represented. The Fire Dept. put on an outstanding demonstration, and different groups had displays on what they do and have done in the past year.

The meeting was enthusiastically attended by most of the island residents and many visitors and a country fair atmosphere prevailed. On hand to answer questions at the open meeting were Dr. Vernon MacKenzie, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board, Bill Hammond of the Board of Education and Marine Research, Mario Hutton of the Audubon Society, Conservation Foundation Exhibit, Roy Bazire, Caretta Research Project, Charles LeBuff, Bob Barber of the U. S. Wildlife Refuge, lessons in shells by Mr. & Mrs. Crawford Cate, Island plants by Mr. & Mrs. Willis Combs, and Island Water Assn., Walter Emmons.

Chief Alan Nave of the Fire Dept. and Charles Nave, captain of the Rescue Squad, were on hand to explain and demonstrate equipment with the able assistance of Fire Capt. Phil Verdung, and Ass't. Fire Chief Preston Woodring.

Well known artists and writers donated some of their choicest to be given as door prizes, including The World of the Snake by Hal Harrison; Snowy, the Egret by Griffing Bancroft; Vanishing Wings by Bancroft; an original painting by Dorothy Robinson, and a drawing by Ann Winterbotham, a collage by Leon Levy, framed bird photo by Mario Hutton, shell picture by Mada Harrison, a pottery bird feeder by Toni Andrews, a junonia shell by Mr. & Mrs. Crawford Cate, a fish rubbing by Mrs. Jane Bancroft, and an A-frame birdhouse kit donated by Fur, Feathers and Scales. Winners of these lovely prizes were Mr. C. A. Matthiessen, Mrs. Eschbaum, Hal Harrison, Mrs. Leslie Waller, Virginia Mull, Mrs. M. Haber, Roy Bazire, Robert L. Johnson, Betty Wakefield, Bernard Graves, Greta Hackler, Paul Zalick, Abigail Nixon, Willis Combs, Mr. Leigh Bair, Evelyn Donaldson, Iris Weymouth, and Patsy Simmons.

Music selections were played by Scotty of Scotty's Pub and Dwight Wilson both artists of the guitar. Coffee and doughnuts were served and a great time was had by all. This get-together was followed by the annual meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation at the Captiva Community Center.

GREETINGS FROM FRIENDS OF THE SANIBEL LIBRARY

Volunteer workers and the Board of Directors of the Sanibel Public Library, and other Sanibel residents and visitors have contributed to the building fund instead of sending Christmas cards to their local friends and neighbors.

Now, having played Santa Claus to the Library Building Fund, the following friends of the library wish their Sanibel and Captiva friends and neighbors the merriest of Merry Christmases and the very happiest of Happy New Years: The Abrogasts; Anne and Bill Alquist; C. Ruth Anderson; Mort and Virginia Bachman (annual visitors from Pennsylvania); Jean and Leigh Bair; Marn and Ted Carnahan; Ruth and Arthur Clark; Katherine and John Cook; Jean and Russell Denyes; Sue and Tom Dugan; Helen Edgar; Mary Margaret and Walter Emmons; Dot and Charles Fishburn; Elise Fuller; Maida and Hal Harrison; Phoebe and Bob Haynie; Harriet and Paul Howe; Barbara and John Lawrence; Mary and Arthur Lee; Edie and Leon Levy; Betty and Al Muench; Lena and John Sallemi; Mary and Pat Siegenthaler; Sylvia Strong; Alice Strunk; Barbara and Bill Sur; Janet and George Tenney; and Marion and John Williard, Mary Peabody and Marie Craig.



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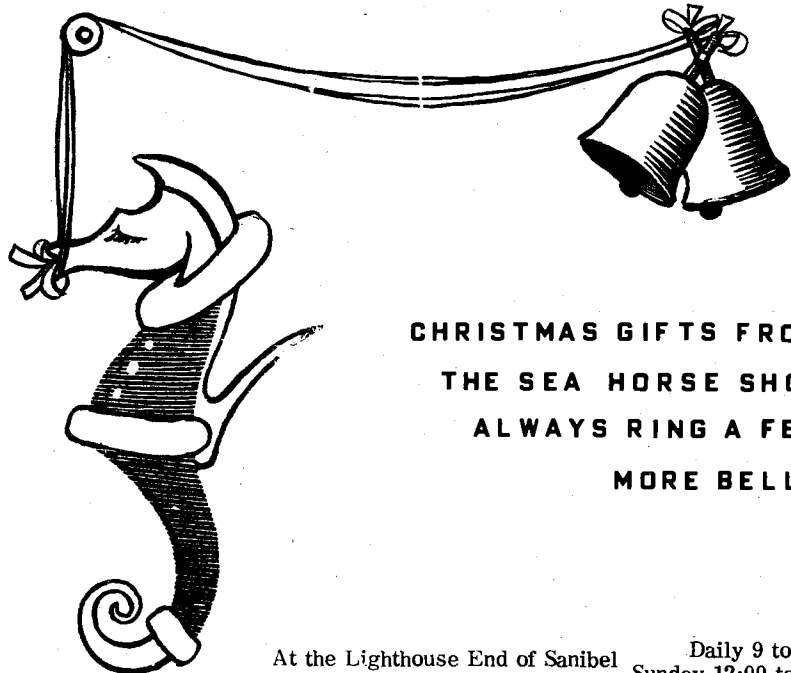
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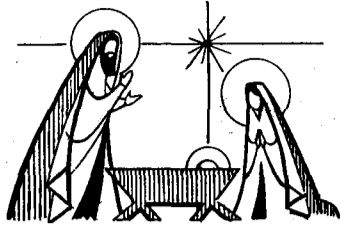
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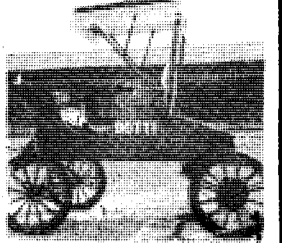
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SANIBEL-CAPTIVA A.A., St. Michael's and
All Angels Church on Periwinkle Way, Friday
nights, 8 p.m.

Sanibel COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, Inc.,
Sanibel Community House, 1st Tuesday, 6:30
p.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE - Third Tuesday
of every month, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the
Community House.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA AUDUBON: Programs
open to public at Sanibel Community House,
Thursday at 8 p.m., also monthly outdoor
events.

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

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

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

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

LIONS CLUB of Sanibel-Captiva meets at
6:30 p.m., first and third Wednesday of each
month at Island Beach Club.

Fire Dept. meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday
at 8 p.m., Palm Ridge Road Firehouse.

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

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB meets the
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MILDRED and CHARLIE FEIRICH of Carbondale, Ill., moved into their new mobile home at Periwinkle Park Dec. 1. They left Wednesday for the Apollo 17 launch, a tour of Disney World and visits with grandchildren in Clearwater. Mildred will soon be painting watercolors for the Artisan Shop and Charlie will be doing some writing for The Metropolis (Ill.) PLANET and the Southern Illinois University Outdoor Laboratories at Carbondale.

RUDOLPH DIAMOND's son DICKY liked the islands so much he decided to return again for a Christmas visit and bring his brother JERRY with him. PEGGY MALONEY's dear friends RITA and BILL REISINGER also will be guests at Rudy's home for the holidays. So it looks as if the house will be bulging at the seams with guests, but isn't that the way it should be at Christmas?

Mr. & Mrs. STEPHEN LASH from Ashland, Ohio, celebrated their first wedding anniversary with a visit to Sandy Bend Apts. It is their first visit to the islands, and they say it won't be their last by any means.

PAUL and CLAIRE PLUMER are waiting to move into their new home in Tahiti Tahiti Shores. Paul recently retired as publisher of the House of Kennebec Journal in Augusta, Maine, and they will live six months here and six there.

BEACHVIEW COTTAGES

Beachview guests this past week from Canada were the L. Browns of Mississauga, Ont., and the P. Holtbys of Toronto, Ont., who all took advantage of the sunny beach. The Weiss brothers, Port Huron Mich., and Roger & Lois Wilkinson of Kalamazoo, Mich., were here to thaw out.

Mr. & Mrs. John Titmus of Oscola, Mich., had just sold their resort in the north and were taking a much deserved rest. From Ohio, come Mr. & Mrs. Claude Haley and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Miller; from Downers Grove, Ill., the Fred Metz of Bridgeton, Mo.; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Busenhart from Fanwood, N.J.; Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Keef; and the Charles Lyons with their daughter from Westhampton Beach, L.I., N.Y. Mr. & Mrs. Richard Drew of Waukegan, Ill., loved the island.

Florida guests were John Steer and wife of Sunny Hill; Tilden Quinns, New Port Richey; and from Miami, Dr. & Mrs. L. Mate. Mrs. Ruth Zink is back on Sanibel for the season after spending a short time in Hawaii.

WHO'S WHO AND WHY

Mrs. WILLIAM S. DENNIS will have distinguished visitors over the holidays when the HAL DUMAS visit her. The Dumas presently live in Delray, Fla., and Highlands, N.C., and several informal parties are planned on the islands for their entertainment. Mr. Dumas was formerly with the Atomic Energy Commission.

The former PAMELA HARRISON, daughter of the late DEAN HARRISON and Mrs. EVELYN HARRISON MOSHER was entertained by her mother with the entire wedding party and friends at a dinner reception at the Castaways Restaurant on Friday evening. Pamela is the recent bride of WILLIAM STEINHART of Fort Myers, and of course the groom was much in evidence at the delightful dinner party. Mgr. JACK ROBERTS outdid himself in both elegance of decor and food at the reception, with a menu of shrimp, prime ribs, steak and all the delightful accompaniments served for the 40 diners.

GERTRUDE and PAUL KUHN are also biding a pleasant waiting period while their new home and art shop is being completed.

THE COLONY GUESTS

The Colony guests are Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Lawrence and Miss Mary Logan from Ashville, N.C.; Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Powley from Novelty, Ohio; and Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Hubbs and family from Ontario, Canada.

Returning guests include Mr. & Mrs. George Greenspan from Wilton, Conn.; the Baline Hoovers from Northbrook, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. James B. Andersen from Willoughby, Ohio; Lt. Col. & Mrs. Wesley Hannon and family from Linwood, N.J., and Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Steves from Bethany, Ohio.

SURF 'N SAND COTTAGES

Mr. & Mrs. George Zajicek, Sr. were greeted by their son, George and his family. They have arrived for the winter and are glad to leave behind the cold weather in Conn.

Bill and Mae McNamara and Lil Lownes are here from their home on the east coast. They are happy in Boca Raton, but do miss our lovely beach.

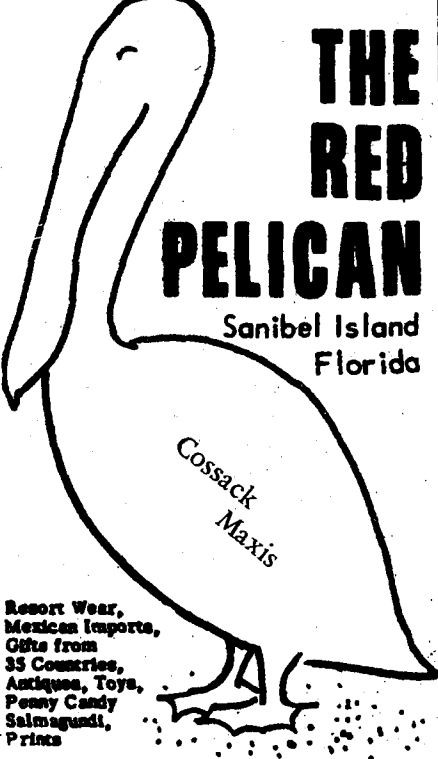
Jimmie and Reva Kasdan from Louisville, have come for a nice long visit to their favorite island. After an absence of four years, Jack and Sandy Ohanian and their two little daughters have arrived for a pre-Christmas rest and visit. Jack wrote that he "Hoped the island has not changed too much."

Val Glass has returned after a Thanksgiving visit to Ft. Lauderdale, and is back in the swing with her cottage-mates, Bea and Irene Spillane. These gals are great fishermen!




Dodie Booth with her catch of mackerel caught fishing with guide Charles Rosse of Captiva.

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TO THE ISLANDER:

After consulting Mr. Thompson from the County Attorney office and Mr. Schmidt, controller, and checking their copy of the Bond Resolution of the Sanibel Causeway I asked Mr. Walter Shirey, our Commissioner, to request a reduction of the commuter ticket to one dollar and a longer validity.

The Board of County Commissioners advised me that a memorandum was sent to Mr. Pavese on Nov. 28, quote: Please prepare a resolution to Ford, Bacon & Davis as adopted by the Board at its meeting of Nov. 22 in regard to the reduction of the Sanibel commuter rate.

The copy of the requested resolution was mailed to me and says: The Board does hereby request Ford, Bacon & Davis Ins. consulting engineers, to review the feasibility of reducing the toll on the Sanibel Island and Causeway system for the benefit of the residents of Sanibel Island and advise this Board as to the feasibility thereof. Duly passed and adopted 22nd day of Nov. 1972.

As can be read, the request for a commuter rate reduction was changed to a resident rate and the amount and validity deleted in the official request.

Commuter reduction is the only way feasible under the existing bond until refinancing provides other ways such as stickers or annual fee. This solution has the advantage to please everybody. The toll stays at \$3.00 bringing revenues but slowing down the traffic. Students and commuters both way get the break they need, and a few residents can happily pay the full toll they feel to be the price of their privacy.

Many passes have been cancelled and in fact only one islander, Mr. Dormer, has one, all others are given to County employees or ministers. List of passholders is made available at Mrs. Wisner's office.

A state law oblige the County to give a pass to any ordained minister who

applies for it, regardless of the fact that he has or has not a church. And so far 41 apostles are claiming to cast their nets for our souls and I wonder if St. Peter will find these passes valid for the Pearly Gates too?

Thanks to all the residents who supported my plea and offered their help for this petition.

/s/ Yvette Remus
Sanibel Island

TO THE ISLANDER:

A copy of the following letter was sent to the Islander for publication from the Island Water Assn., Inc.:

Mrs. Hilda Rush
Ridgefield, N.J.
Dear Mrs. Rush:

In answer to your letter of concern regarding the quality and taste of the water supply on Sanibel and Captiva Islands, the Island Water Association has no physical connection with the water supply of the city of Fort Myers. Rather, we are supplied by the Greater Pine Island Water Association of Pine Island.

The water is sampled and tested at regular intervals for salinity and bacteriological purity.

You failed to note where you stayed while on Sanibel. Not all homes on the island are served by our system; many use shallow wells and a few have artesian wells as their source of supply. This could possibly account for the appalling taste.

Something is being done about the future water supply. For more than two years we have been planning a system, arranging financing, securing sites for both plant and well fields, selecting the type of treatment to be used and arranging final contracts for construction. These have all been finalized and construction has begun, completion date is two hundred and seventy days, or Sept. 1, 1973.

We hope your next visit to the Islands will be more pleasant.

/s/ Patrick O. Murphy
Executive Director

TO THE ISLANDER:

On behalf of Lands for You, I would like to thank you for the article discussing the environmentally endangered and outdoor recreation lands bond issues, which appeared in your October 21 edition. Voter awareness of the Issues was very important in their successful passage.

The strong vote of support for planned growth in Florida puts a new responsibility on those carrying out this program. I look forward to reading your comments as the comprehensive land use plan is developed and the land and water management act is implemented.

/s/ D. Robert Graham

TO THE ISLANDER:

Three times in explaining the new zoning for Sanibel-Captiva, a gentleman said, "Some one is going to lose out." I should very much like to know who it is who decides somebody will "lose out." And who would want a man who is making an honest living, supporting his children and working toward a worthwhile goal, to "lose out." I am sure it is none of my good friends and from where I sit, I can see no reason to hurt a neighbor for the sake of 28,000 people who may or may not come to our Islands within the next ten years.

In the twenty years we have come to Sanibel, we always thought of it as a vacation spot for EVERYONE to enjoy -- and everything geared to that end. If we are going to change this to suburbia with a huge shopping center, etc., then shouldn't we have a high school, a park, and a place for young people to live whom we expect to work here?

One makes one's own happiness in life, and it surely isn't denying a man something he has worked for. You get out of life what you put in to it. When shall all man's good be each man's rule?

/s/ Ruth Hunter

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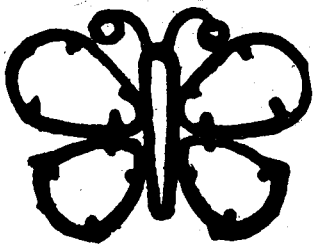
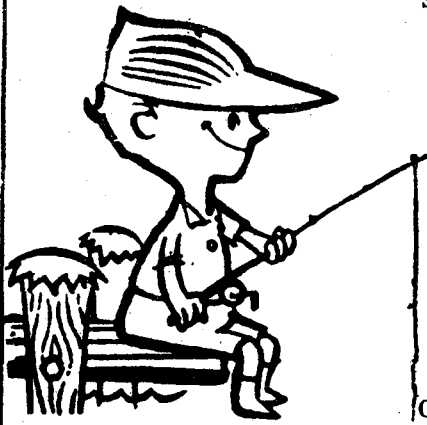
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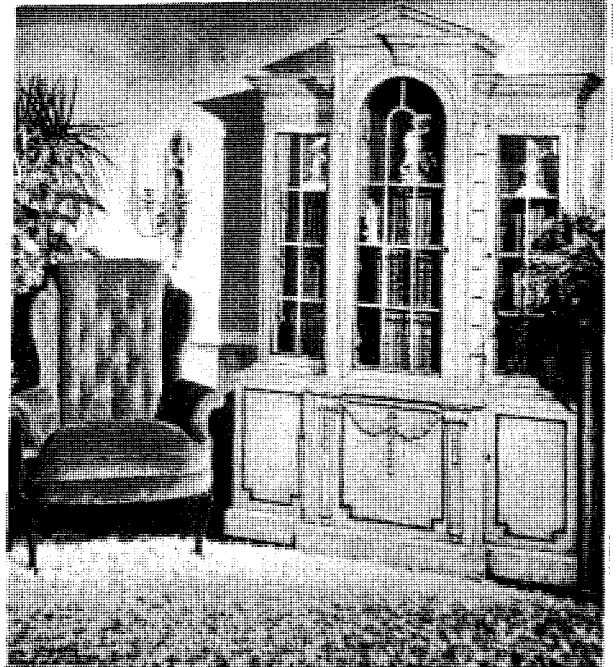


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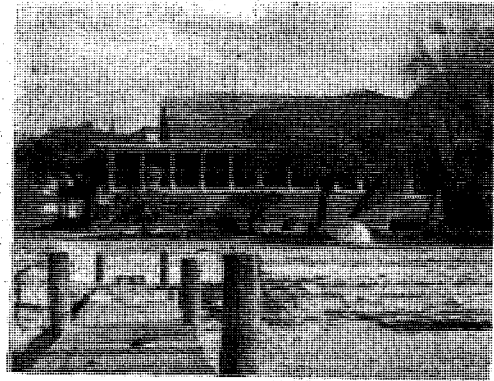
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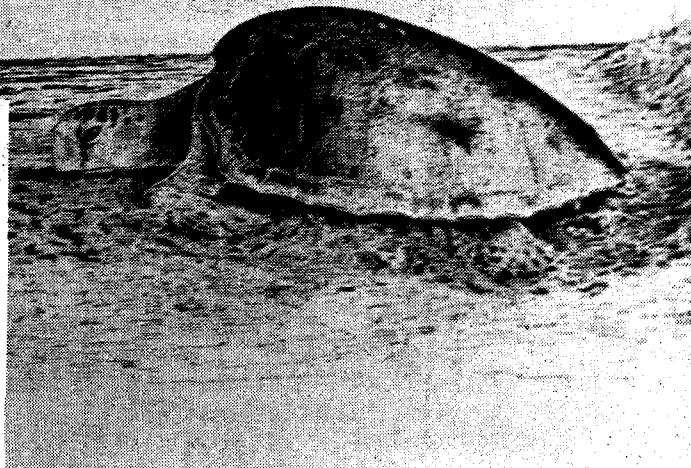
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A Challenge to Sanibel-Captiva, Inc.

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 - Patterns must be recognized relationships within patterns must occupy our attention in turn larger systems that involve us directly will become apparent.
 - The natural placement of red mangrove or beach berry may appear to us haphazard and remote but in the long run proves as vital to us as it does to the brown pelican.
 - A tremendous chain of events occurs between the pool of swirling diatoms the terminal racoon and scowp of the turkey vulture events more spellbinding than those found in any writing for the end product of many similar chains is man and our survival depends on their going unimpeded.
 - We must have faith in the natural laws that govern our environment the laws that dictate life cycles growth and decay for above all this silent wisdom must be trusted.
 - Conservation is not yet our heritage if it is not yet something we can look upon with pride. Let us make it that.
- Let us make our islands a part where silent wisdom prevails rather than the noise of concrete and chains let us make our islands a garden a garden for life.
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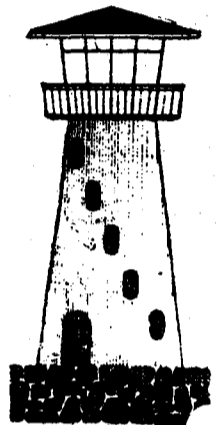
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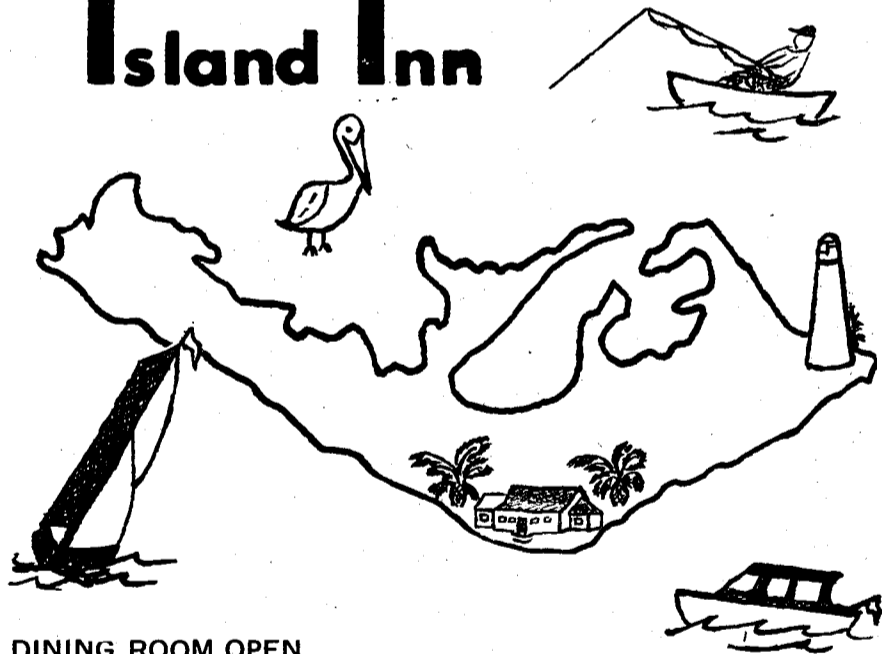
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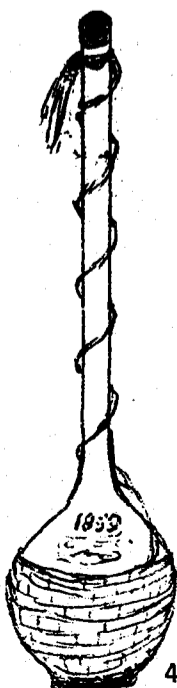
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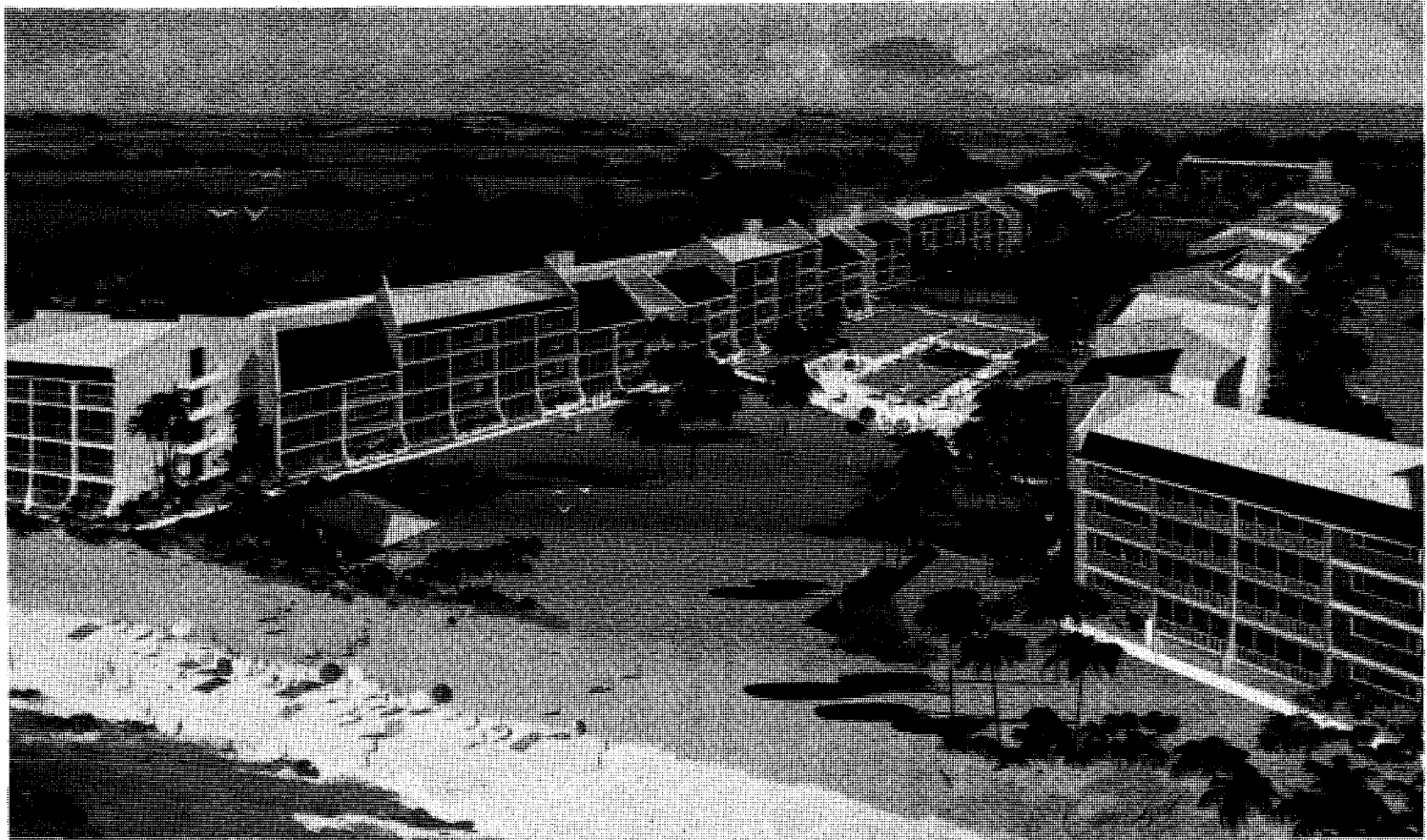
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Bob Mercer is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Winterrowd and he spent the weekend on Sanibel in the Winterrowd home before returning to the Cape for the Apollo 17 launching. He is a graduate of Yale and a research associate at the Dudley Observatory in Albany, New York. He started with the space program in 1961 when it was still called the Space Task Group and worked with several Gemini flights. Bob, 40, had applied for an astronaut's position but said that men who are accepted now probably will never fly since "there won't be enough vehicles in their lifetime" to make a space voyage.

He was explaining an experiment he labeled S-178, compounding ideas he has wrestled with for 10 years. These ideas came into fruition in the successful photographing of the dark side of the moon in the flight of Apollo 15 that he and his colleagues coordinated.

S-178 set out to photograph portions of a band of tiny dust particles orbiting in space called the Gegenschein-Moulton Region (he had to write that down for me, because who could ever remember that?). This was named after the scientists of over 100 years ago who first detected this faint patch in the night sky. He said that it is felt this band of particles (some as big as rocks) could present a hazard to future interplanetary space voyages. The cameras aboard Apollo 15 were able to photograph this band of particles and thus determine accurately its position from earth.

For Apollo 17, he had helped install the photographic equipment astronaut Evans will use while the mother ship is orbiting the moon. Bob Mercer will be in Houston at the controls directing this venture.

He and wife Jinx, are the parents of three lively and interesting children. Jinx is an artist and one of her lovely paintings hangs in the Winterrowd home. Bob, at the present time, is working on the plans for photographic experiments to be used on "Sky-Lab," and orbiting laboratory to be launched next April. To quote Bob, "The space program has benefited many areas of endeavor, principally weather, communications and medicine." Little do we realize the far-reaching effects this will have on civilization itself.

Talking with one of the scientists connected with the program brought more meaning into the experience of watching the red glow in the sky as Apollo 17 raced toward the "left eye of the man in the moon," Bob Mercer's way of describing to the layman the location of the rocket's destination. And to think I saw it from my own back yard!

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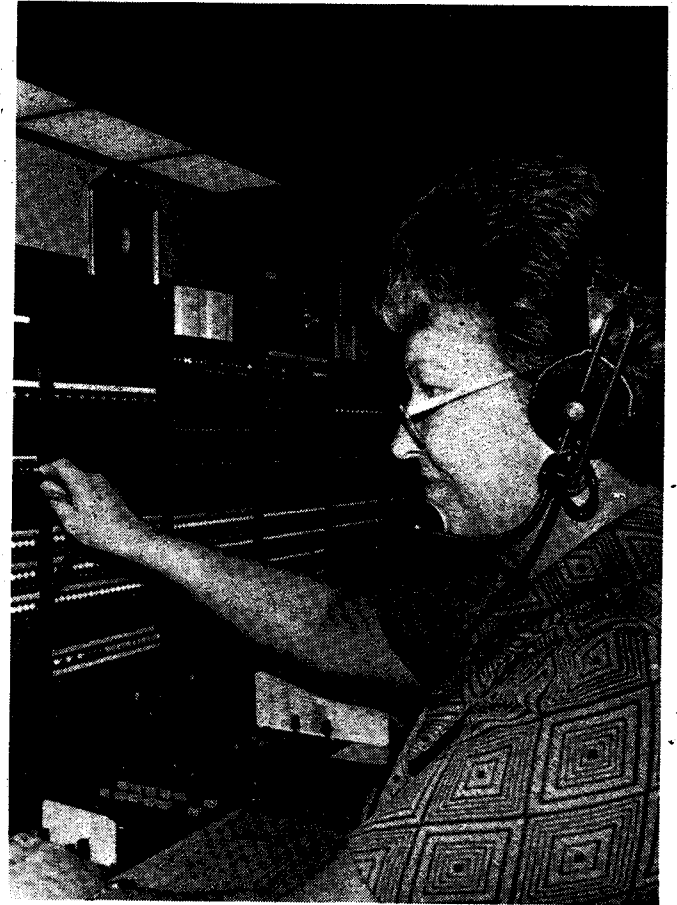
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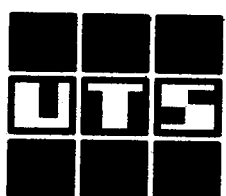
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**SANIBEL TOUR TO GREECE
(PART III)**
by Winifred Iurka

On Friday, Sept. 15, a day of sightseeing, the plain of Amphissa with its six million olive trees and the house belonging to the famous poet, Angelos Sikelianos whose American wife instituted the modern festival of Delphi.

On Saturday, the 16th, we left for Piraeus. On the way we stopped at the Byzantine monastery of Osios Loukas, 11th centry, decorated with brilliant

mosaics and frescoes. Some of us paused to sip the waters flowing from the Castalian Fountain where the Pilgrims used to cleanse themselves before consulting the Oracle. Fable has it today that one can restore or maintain one's youth by drinking therefrom. We were all quite ready for this by this time.

We passed purple heather covered hills and stopped in Athens for lunch before reaching Pireaus where we embarked on the cruise ship Jupiter which was to be our home for the next 8 days. The ship was of Greek Registry commissioned in 1971. Our

accommodations were very nice, the cuisine rich and plentiful and the service superb. There was something doing all the time on board for those who wanted to do something all the time. For those who did not, relaxing in the beautiful warm sunshine on deck was sufficient. It might be said here that during our whole tour the weather was just about as perfect as weather can be.

Our first day on board was one of leisure and then the fun and games began. We reached the port of Istanbul at 7 p.m. on Sunday, the 17th. Later that evening we visited the once beautiful but now somewhat shabby Casino where some of our group won and lost at the slot machines. Afterwards we attended a night club where there was varied entertainment. Very good magicians, Turkish national dances and lots of lovely belly dancers who got more glamorous at the evening progressed. One of the more dashing men of our party even got to have his picture taken with one of these lovely ladies perched upon his knee. The beam on his face belied his protests.

On Monday we motored to the famous Bazaar. Suffice it to say that once visited never forgotten. A visit to the Topkapi museum which houses one of the most famous and exquisite collection of jewels in the world proved more enriching. We also had time to visit two mosques, that of Sulieman the Magnificent and that of the Sultan Ahmed. Notable were the exquisite mosaics on the walls and the beautiful rugs on the floors. Of course, one was only allowed in without shoes. Some of

us, unprepared, had no recourse but to enter barefoot which necessitated a little extra time in the bath come evening.

On Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. we sailed for Ismire where we arrived at about 2 p.m. Izmir, or Smyrna, was much more beautiful to us than Istanbul. We also had time to visit lovely Ephesus, where the Virgin Mary was said to have spent her last days. The ruins here were among some of the most interesting we had seen and quite a lot of the area was still being excavated.

On the way back to our ship we saw colorful nomads encamped with their camels by the side of the road. It was also here that our bus driver decided to drag race another bus. We lost!

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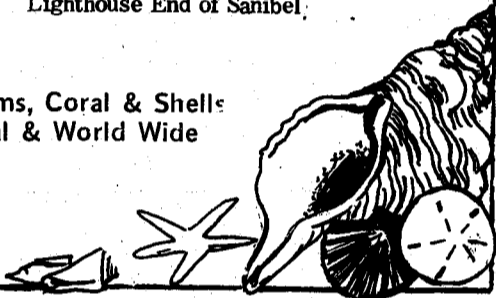
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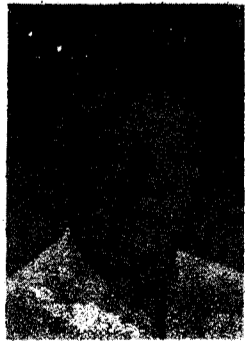
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The bandages will be sent to the Catholic Medical Mission Board in New York City to help the sick poor in Missions throughout the world.

FIRE DEPT. MEETING

The regular volunteer Fire Dept. meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. Thomas Frady and Ronnie Burns will discuss the fire fighting methods discussed at the fire school sessions that were held in Fort Myers on Dec. 9 and 10. This will be beneficial to all volunteers. Please attend.

SONG OF SEA

Song of the Sea hosted the Broward County Audubon Society last Saturday night, Dec. 2, to a lecture with slides of Sanibel birds and wildlife. The lecturer was Sanibel's own Mario Hutton.

Noted guests registered at Song of the Sea are Rear Admiral (Ret.) and Mrs. H. C. Allan, Jr., and Lt. Cmdr. Bruce McCandless II. Admiral and Mrs. Allan are old friends of Sanibel and well known on the island. Lt. Cmdr. McCandless is a back-up crew member for the NASA "Skylab" mission scheduled for April, 1973. Lt. Cmdr. & Mrs. McCandless and their children were in Florida to view the Apollo 17 moon launch.

NATURE PHOTO STUDIES FEATURED AT LEGEL'S ART GALLERY

A selected group of limited edition photographs, mostly dealing with close-up studies of natural forms and photographed by artist Ivin Wise, will be shown at a special Open House at the new Legel's Art Gallery at 1471 Periwinkle Way, Danibel, starting Friday, Dec. 15. The exhibit and Open House will continue through Sunday, Dec. 17. Mr. Wise will be at the Open House for the entire three days.

An artist of wide repute and great versatility, Ivin Wise, who began experimenting with photography more than two decades ago, has selected his current subject matter with care and originality. His photographs amply attest to the artist's appreciation and understanding of nature in all of its aspects, whether it be the capturing of the myriad brilliance of rain drops on leaves and the intricate patterns of line and shadow of weathered driftwood, pilings and three limbs, or the quiet observance of the graceful white heron, unaware of the presence of man and camera.

A long time student of the simplicity and purity of Oriental art forms, Mr. Wise's microphotographic studies further reveal his insistence on these very qualities. His approach is stark, uncluttered and fully descriptive of the subject before his lens. Many of his photographs resemble the ink drawing of the Orient. None of the work depicts man.

Mr. Wise is coming to Sanibel after just completing a highly successful one-man show at the Playa Del Sol in Fort Lauderdale. On the opening night more than 800 people attended this exhibit, setting a new record for attendance at an art opening in that area.

In addition to his photographic studies which are hung in leading art galleries in New England and Florida, and which will continue to be available at the Legel Art Gallery, Mr. Wise is an established ceramic artist, working in pottery made of stoneware and porcelain. Several of his pottery pieces were selected for permanent display at the Miami Museum of Modern Art. Samples of his pottery will also be on exhibit at the Legel Art Gallery.

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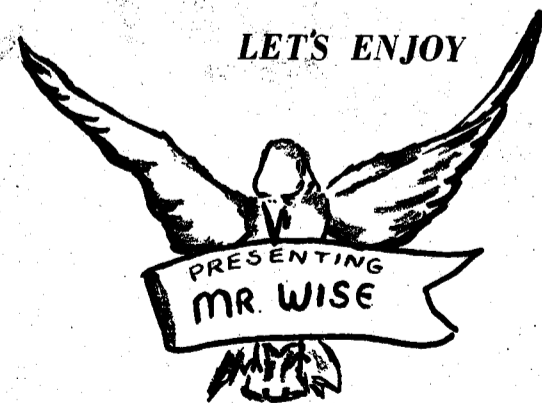
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Mrs. Wallace Byrd from South Charleston, W.V., found a large hawk winged conch, and two Scotch bonnets. The Byrds will soon be Islanders having purchased a lot on Buttonwood. Mr. & Mrs. Payne from Nebraska, found a hairy triton and a perfect golden olive. The Parton Althouses of Philadelphia and Lake Placid, back for their annual visit, have found a golden olive and many other miniatures.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Zumbo of New York City are spending their time between shelling and visiting with parents, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Davis, new Islanders who just built their home on Pectin Court. Mrs. Zumbo better known as Pat Davis is a free lance writer for Associated Press and husband Tom is city editor of UPL. Pat found a rose murex of specimen quality and also many miniatures.

The Kernahans from cold Wellsey Island are spending four months here; their son Ronnie will join them for the holidays from U. of Mass., where he is a marine biology major. Mrs. Kernahan is busy every minute doing arty things with her beach combings.

Major & Mrs. Arthur Hamilton hope to spend a few months on Sanibel to rest up after extensive world traveling. Ham is retired but painting seascapes and bird scenes on the Island and you will see his work at some of the local galleries.

Colleen Clark is home with parents, Mary and Harold Clark after a month's vacation in India. Colleen plans to return to Colorado University next semester.

MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM ORGANIZING

The Sanibel-Captiva Men's Softball Team is in the process of organizing and is looking for players, according to Manager J. B. Pickens, who can be reached at 472-2103 in the evenings. During the day Alan Nave can be contacted at 472-1011.

Initial practice session is planned for Sunday at 1 p.m. at the field behind the Sanibel Elementary School ball field, and all you players, or would-be players are invited to join in the fun and games.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS TO MEET

Regular meetings of the Sanibel-Captiva Islands group of Alcoholics Anonymous will begin on Friday night, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. The meetings are held at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church on Periwinkle Way. These are open meetings, and wives, husbands and other close relatives of alcoholics are also invited to join. For further information write P.O. Box 236, Sanibel Island, or call 472-2150.

PEBBLES

Thoughts and quotations from a poet's journal.

The reason many people either fail or succeed is because they do one and cannot do the other. The wise man is one who strives to do neither. DFM.

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BICYCLE GROUP REVEALS PLANS

To no one's surprise, lack of bicycle paths on Sanibel continues to be of high concern to residents. At least this is the conclusion drawn by a group of young women who recently banded together to plan and promote "Hike and Bike" trails for the island. They report that their display booth at last Saturday's Conservation Celebration was very well attended and that they received substantial pledged support for their aims.

Immediate activities arranged by the group are a bicycle rodeo for children and two bicycle races on Saturday, Dec. 23. The rodeo will start in the movie theater parking lot at 2 p.m. and feature slalom, bounce ball, polo and relay races. A main event will be a tricycle relay race for all ages using balloons as batons.

The races will follow the rodeo. Class A will be for 14 years and older, 10 speed bikes from the Lighthouse to the Post Office. Class B will be 3 speed and other bikes racing from Scotty's to the Post Office. Top prize for each race will be \$50 cash with second and third prizes being donated by Island merchants. There is a \$5 entry fee for each rider, but the group reports that many island businessmen and citizens have already pledged to sponsor entrants.

Proceeds from these events will be used to begin building a fund to support eventual construction of some 21½ miles of trails on Sanibel. First priority will be a path along Periwinkle from Causeway Rd. to Bailey's and from Bailey's along Tarpon Bay Rd. to the Gulf.

Using the theme "PRESERVE your environment, PROTECT children and wildlife, PEDAL your way to health," the group hopes that the display of public interest will not be lost on the County Commissioners. A recent article in the Fort Myers News-Press noted that the Commissioners will be reviewing plans for a county-wide bike trail system in January with Dept. of Natural Resources representatives from Tallahassee.

Commissioner Walter Shirey, who has been contacted by the Sanibel group, has provided helpful guidance and advised that there may be state funds available for bike path construction on Sanibel.

For bike race information, call 472-2234. Island residents wishing further information about the bicycle rodeo and races planned for Dec. 23 should call 472-2234 or contact Sherry Vartdal, Julie Barber, Grace Whitehead or Muriel Goss.

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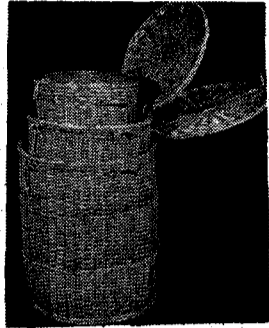
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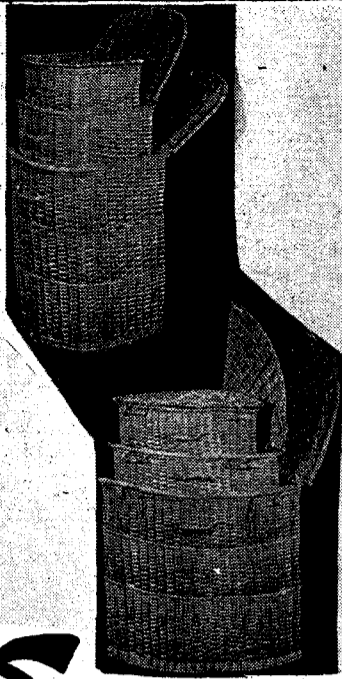


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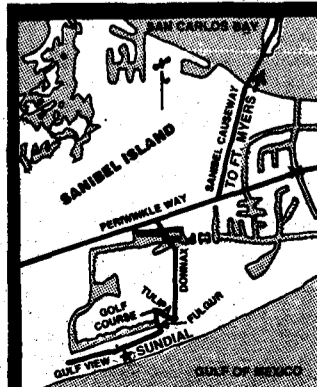
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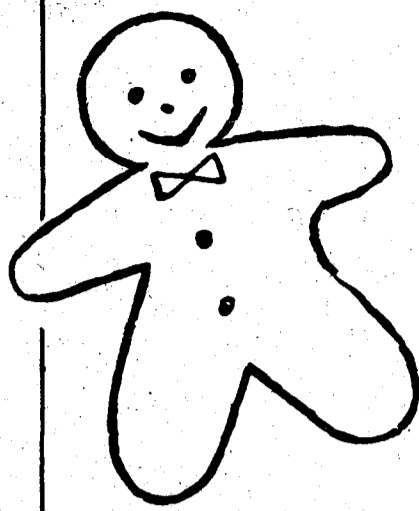
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House, or a field trip taken somewhere
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Leaders of the course will be
Charles and Ella Newell, who have been
involved in birding for many years.

Further information on the course
will be given at the Audubon programs
to be held on Dec. 21 and 28.

COMMISSIONER SHIREY AT COMMUNITY HALL

Commissioner Walter Shirey will be
at the Sanibel Community Hall from 9
a.m., Monday, Dec. 18. Firm
appointments may be made by calling
472-1302, or individuals may stop by
during the course of the morning to see
the Commissioner.

Island-residents are urged to use the
opportunity these first and third
Monday visits provide to communicate
opinions and/or facts to the
Commissioner. Though this program has
been in effect only about three months,
more than a hundred residents have met
with Commissioner Shirey to discuss
everything from bridges to beaches and
more.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club will
meet on Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Sanibel
Community Center. There will be door
prizes and Christmas refreshments.
Slides will be shown "Batangas
Bonanza" by Jean Cate and "Life Story
of Liguus" by Fran Hutchins. There are
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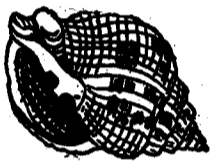
From Dr. & Mrs. Olaf Isachsen to
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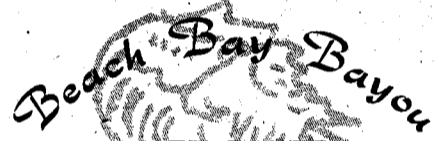
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Rex Brasher, who died in 1960 at the age of 91, early in life set for himself the monumental task of painting all the species and sub-species of birds of North America. That he ever accomplished such a feat is indicative of his persistence, and that the work is of high quality is affirmed by the words of John Burroughs: "He is the greatest bird painter of all times."

The original edition consisted of only 100 copies of the book and was published by Brasher himself. Each contained 875 full color plates all hand colored by the artist. All reproductions in the present volumes are full color facsimiles of the original paintings which now hang in the Harkness Memorial Museum.

Paintings of trees, all with common and scientific name labels, serve as backgrounds for the birds. An example is a pair of blue jays in a calabash tree --- a scene depicted in real life almost daily in my own yard.

Accompanying the two big volumes of paintings is a third book entitled "Rex Brasher, Painter of Birds." This 345-page biography was written by Brasher's nephew, Milton E. Brasher.

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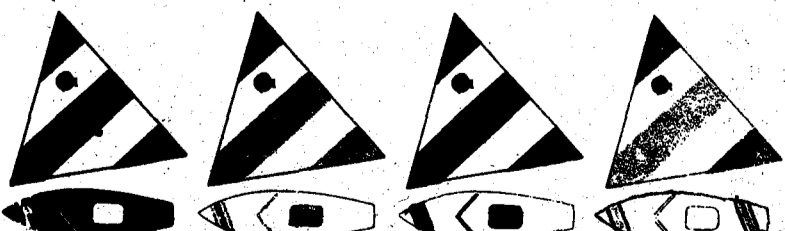
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Mario Hutton, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society and Roy Bazire, representing the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, attended a group meeting of ecologists and conservationists in Naples on Wednesday evening. Before the dinner meeting, reports were given to some 300 persons attending the meeting, but the major event of the evening was a special first-time award given by the president of the Collier County Audubon Society to Gov. Reubin Askew, for his outstanding action along conservation and ecology lines.

The meeting was held at the Beach Club Hotel and Frank Ridley, president of the Collier County Audubon presided.

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Other guests include Mr. & Mrs. George W. Dunham of Norfolk, Conn., former residents of Fort Myers; Mr. & Mrs. Edwin A. Jarvis of Chicago; and Mr. & Mrs. John P. Deren, Sayreville, N.J., who were here for the first time left Wednesday and are planning to return.

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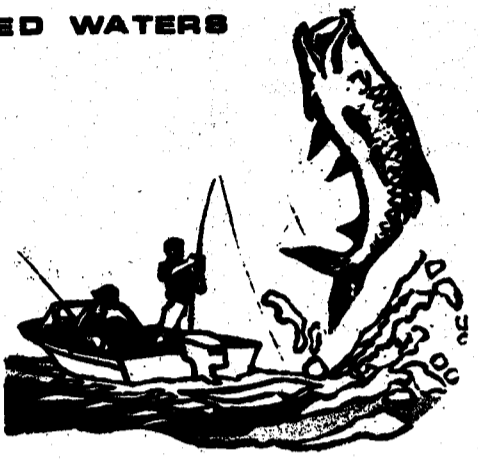
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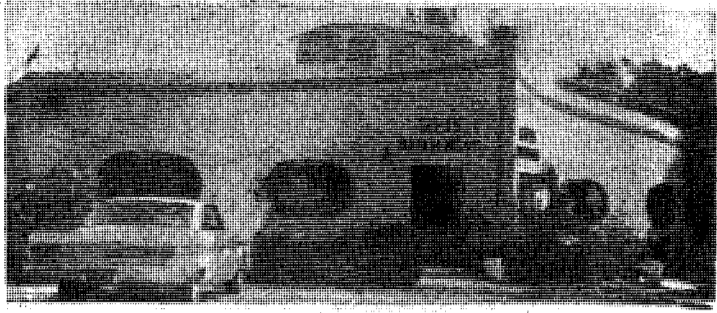
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1. ✓ JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL. Richard Bach. | Macmillan, \$4.95; \$7.50. Through November 17, Macmillan had sold 1,375,000 copies.
2. ✓ THE ODESSA FILE. Frederick Forsyth. | Viking, \$7.95. Moved up quickly.
3. ✓ SEMI-TOUGH. Dan Jenkins. | Atheneum, \$7.95
4. ✓ AUGUST 1914. Alexander Solzhenitsyn. | Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$10
5. ✓ THE WINDS OF WAR. Herman Wouk. | Little, Brown, \$10
6. ✓ THE PERSIAN BOY. Mary Renault. | Pantheon, \$7.95. As of November 16, 39,833 copies sold.
7. ✓ THE CAMERONS. Robert Crichton. | Knopf, \$7.95
8. ✓ ON THE NIGHT OF THE SEVENTH MOON. Victoria Holt. | Doubleday, \$6.95
9. ✓ TO SERVE THEM ALL MY DAYS. R.F. Delderfield. | Simon & Schuster, \$8.95
10. ✓ CAPTAINS AND THE KINGS. Taylor Caldwell. | Doubleday, \$8.95

NONFICTION

1. ✓ SUPERMONEY. Adam Smith. | Random, \$7.95. Sales 91,354 through mid-November.
2. ✓ I'M O.K., YOU'RE O.K. Thomas Harris. | Harper, \$5.95
3. ✓ THE PETER PRESCRIPTION. Laurence J. Peter. | Morrow, \$5.95
4. ✓ OPEN MARRIAGE. Nena and George O'Neill. | Evans, \$5.95
5. ✓ THE JOY OF SEX. Alex Comfort. | Crown, \$7.95; \$12.50. New best seller, with 120,000 copies in print. During the third week in November sold 16,000 copies. The author is flying from Holland to appear at bookstores here, the first the Pickwick in California.
6. ✓ DR. ATKINS' DIET REVOLUTION. Robert C. Atkins. | McKay, \$6.95. On one day alone, November 21, McKay received orders for 13,000 copies. Print figures were 100,000 by December 1.
7. ✓ ELEANOR: THE YEARS ALONE. Joseph P. Lash. | Norton, \$9.95
8. ✓ FIRE IN THE LAKE. Frances FitzGerald. | Atlantic-Little, \$12.50
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