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SANIBEL LIBRARY TO MOVE

The Sanibel Public Library will be closed from October 1 to October 15 to permit movement and regroupment of books from the present rented quarters to the new building next to the Fire House. That leaves only Thursday, Friday and Saturday to check out anything you might want to read in the next two and a half weeks.

Like everything else about the new building, construction is a little ahead of time, permitting an orderly move and setting up the new quarters the way Librarian Mary Margaret Emmons and her co-workers want it to be.

Although books may be returned and checked out at the new building from October 15 on, the formal dedication and open house will not be held until later. The date will be announced in The Islander well in advance, with all details.

Days when the library is closed will NOT be included on any fines due on books.

The summer schedule will prevail when the library reopens. The winter schedule will not start until November 1.

Mrs. Mada Harrison, author of the recently published book, "Native Trees" continued on page 12

INCORPORATION

At the next meeting of the Sanibel Community Association, Tues, Oct. 2, there will be a discussion on the pros and cons of community incorporation as experienced by Cape Coral. Two men from that city have agreed to appear before the Community Association and relate the assets and liabilities of incorporation as it applies to their area.

Both Duane White, President, and John Shepherd, Director and Program Chairman of the Community Association, have emphasized that this is not to be a debate nor will it relate to Sanibel in any way, but will endeavor to attempt to educate members of Sanibel as to the blessings, pitfalls, and problems of attempting to incorporate a municipality the size of Cape Coral.

Paul Fickinger, who was instrumental in getting Cape Coral to incorporate and was in on it from the beginning, will present the positive side.

Paul, a resident of Cape Coral for 10 years, was in on the planning from the very start, served on the Executive Committee, then as mayor for two terms, and at present is a councilman. He hales from New Mexico where he served in different jobs with the U.S. Government Bureau of Indian Affairs.

John Langan, who headed up the opposition to incorporation, will present the negative view.

John is a retired Lt. Colonel from the U.S. Air Force, a Registered Real Estate Broker, comes from Hawthorne, N.J. and Rochester, N.Y., where he was engaged in the contracting business. He is a civil engineer by trade and has been a resident of the Cape since 1965.

The questions Mr. Fickinger will attempt to answer are:

-Why was it necessary to incorporate? What problems did the Cape face that made you feel incorporation was the only way out?

-How did they go about studying the problems of incorporation?

-What were the findings that convinced them they should incorporate?

-After three years how has it worked out?

The questions Mr. Langan will attempt to answer are:

-Why would it have been better to have remained under county rule?

-What have been the drawbacks to incorporation?

-What has Cape Coral lost by incorporation?

Where would they have been better off to have gone on as they were?

Because of the timeliness of this discussion and the delicate situation Sanibel

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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.

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

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 Tween Waters Inn of Captiva.

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

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

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House.

SANIBEL CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, Board of Directors, meets second Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.

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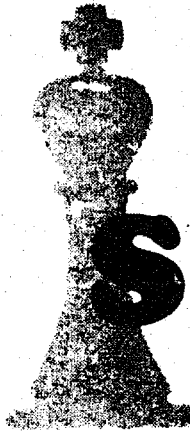
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Florida guests this week include: Mr. and Mrs. SCHNEIDER of St. Petersburg and Ms. MARGARET SCOTT and Ms. BROCKELBANK both of Lake Park.

FISH STORY SEQUEL

We recently reported about Mario Hutton winning his two hundredth lifetime fishing jackpot. We now learn that following two more wins in as many weeks, his grand total now stands at 202. Mario pointed out that if he can keep up this pace he will achieve his three hundredth win in just under two years. However, when asked whether he is prepared to bet on his chances, he stated candidly that he would recommend to his many friends not to wager a plugged nickel on this happening.

HELP

We are presently operating on land which has been graciously loaned to us for rehabilitating our patients which are the birds, animals and reptiles that are sick, injured or abandoned here on Sanibel.

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BANK OF THE ISLANDS

James E. Scholefield, Agent for the Organizers, Bank of the Islands, Sanibel-Captiva, Florida, announced that conditional approval of the bank was granted by the Florida State Comptroller September 18, 1973. Bank membership in the Federal Reserve System has been requested by the Organizers and this final step should be accomplished in approximately three weeks, at which time the bank will be fully approved. Capitalization of the new bank totals \$800,000 represented by 40,000 shares of common stock.

Bank of the Islands will be community oriented and its main efforts directed toward serving the residents of Sanibel and Captiva Islands. The bank will be located at the corner of Casa Ybel Road and Periwinkle Way on a 3.5 acre site. This location was chosen by the Organizers as one that will conveniently serve the majority of the population of the two islands. Plans for the site include an attractive, well-equipped one story building with drive-in facilities and ample parking. Construction will be started in the very near future and the bank will be opened at the earliest possible date.

Directors of the bank include John W. Beck, Robert C. Haynie, Edward M. Henry, G. Byron Kirby, James W. McFadden, Walter J. Woodhams, James E. Scholefield, and Frank Sexton.

WHO'S WHO AND WHY

PAUL ZAJICEK has enrolled in Florida Institute of Technology at Melbourne. Paul acted for the past several years in Caretta Research. He plans to study marine biology.

Coconut Grove Restaurant is again open for dining. It has undergone a beautiful "face-lifting" and a portion of it is still undergoing transformation. Some of the features are soft grey panelling with rose red tones, beautiful jungle tones in the carpeting, a spacious entrance with the lunch and breakfast area to the left and more formal dining to the right. The Cocktail Lounge is adjoining the left wing. A convenient, large waitress station joins both sections with the entrance from it going into the kitchen. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JOHN KONTINOS.

Mr. and Mrs. BRUCE CHAPIN and sons, MATHEW AND EARL, of the Lighthouse Restaurant have just returned from their vacation in the Keys. They took, as a guest, Miss Bonnie Malone. In their absence the restaurant is being remodeled.

MARK SEBALD of Skiff Place is back from Michigan where he spent the summer working in his father's bakery. Mark is back in school at Cypress Lake. He especially enjoyed Bavarian Week in Frankenmuth and also attended the 2200 races at International Speedway.

DAVE and SYLVIA ROUGHEAD of Pine Tree Lane are living it up in New Orleans for two weeks. They are Jazz and Dixieland buffs and of course where else would they find so many artists. They are staying in the French Quarter and also enjoying the fine restaurants there.

TO THE ISLANDER:

The Island Water Association, Inc., is pleased to report that the water crisis is over. The two million gallon tank is full and we are maintaining a constant 60 lb. pressure.

The third well on property donated by Mr. J.O. Evans is producing and will be piped to the plant this week.

In spite of the usual problems the plant should be under test run at press time.

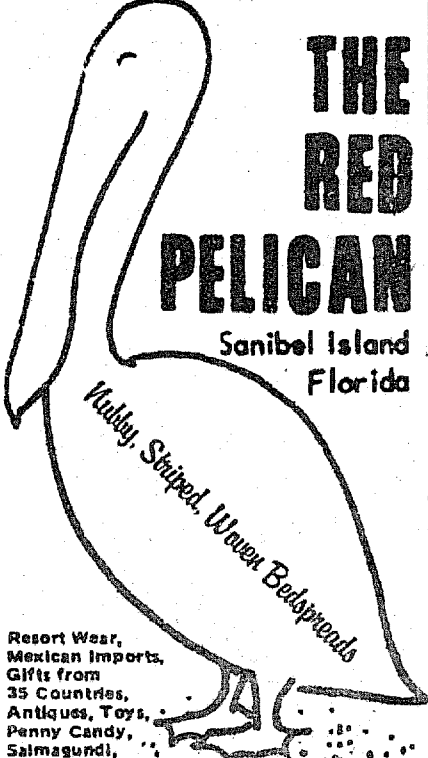
-s- Jim Robson

ROBIN, CHARLOTTE and KEITH, 9, 4 and 8 respectively, Dahlgren of Miami, brought their parents, CONNIE and GEORGE ROSZICH, into Ye Scottish Pub (commonly -- well, at least familiarly -- known as Scotty's Pub) last Saturday afternoon for lunch. Lunch was, of course, delicious, but Scotty's effect on the kids was even more so and vice versa. Due to their age, of course, the number 305 was, of course, not mentioned, but he did comment on their spectacular growth, beauty, brightness, etc.

Actually, Ye Ed's Ed (That's the female half) and Ye Trusty Helper named BLYTHE got stuck in a thunderstorm at Ye Pub, and a delightful time was had by all. (P.S. No one paid any attention to number 305 -- OK, Irene? Love, Ginni). The food was great, the wine delightful, the rain was fantastic and the conversation was outstanding.

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And Chuck stated that the old philosopher who said "A job well done does not need to be done over" never mowed a yard in Florida.

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Ever glance into the huge purses our gals carry nowadays? Money isn't everything, is it?

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We complained the other day that the days just aren't long enough; Vivian opined that they are lots longer when you are on a diet.

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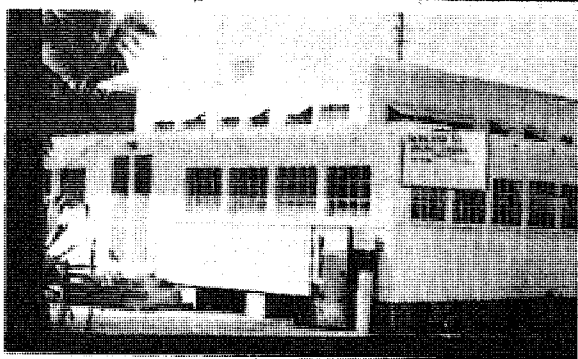
Uncle Herman Gray calls our squirrel's nest the nutcracker suite.

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The person who keeps a smile on his face is open to suspicion: He either doesn't know what's going on in the world or doesn't care

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NOSTALGIA: As we watched 11 year old Linne take a hefty swing at a safe ball, we pictured ourselves at that age making strings of ballet dancers from hollyhock blooms.



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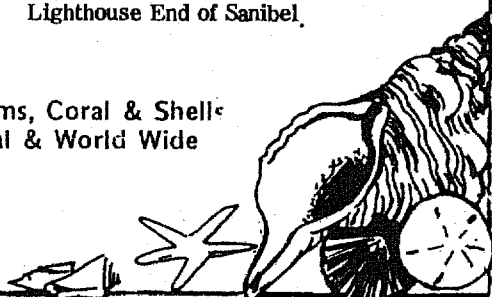
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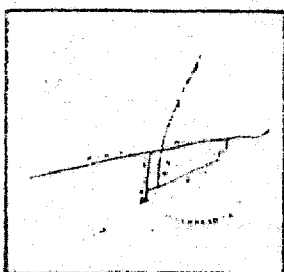
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With land clearing, drainage work and building construction going on throughout the company's 13 county area, company officials say the problem has become serious, due to the expense and delays it creates.

The average cable cut means an extra expense of \$300 to \$500, said Dalton, which is normally billed to the party causing the damage, if it can be determined. Sometimes the damage runs to thousands of dollars, he said.

"We're unhappy, too" says Dalton, "because it diverts people from jobs that would otherwise contribute to meeting our expanding requirements for telephone installations and other service."

Then, there are also a large number of cases where minor damage to cables isn't detected for days or even weeks, Dalton said.

"A metal stake or other object may have made a tiny hole in a cable sheath" he said "which may not cause problems until moisture gets into that cable."

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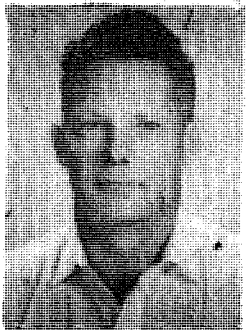


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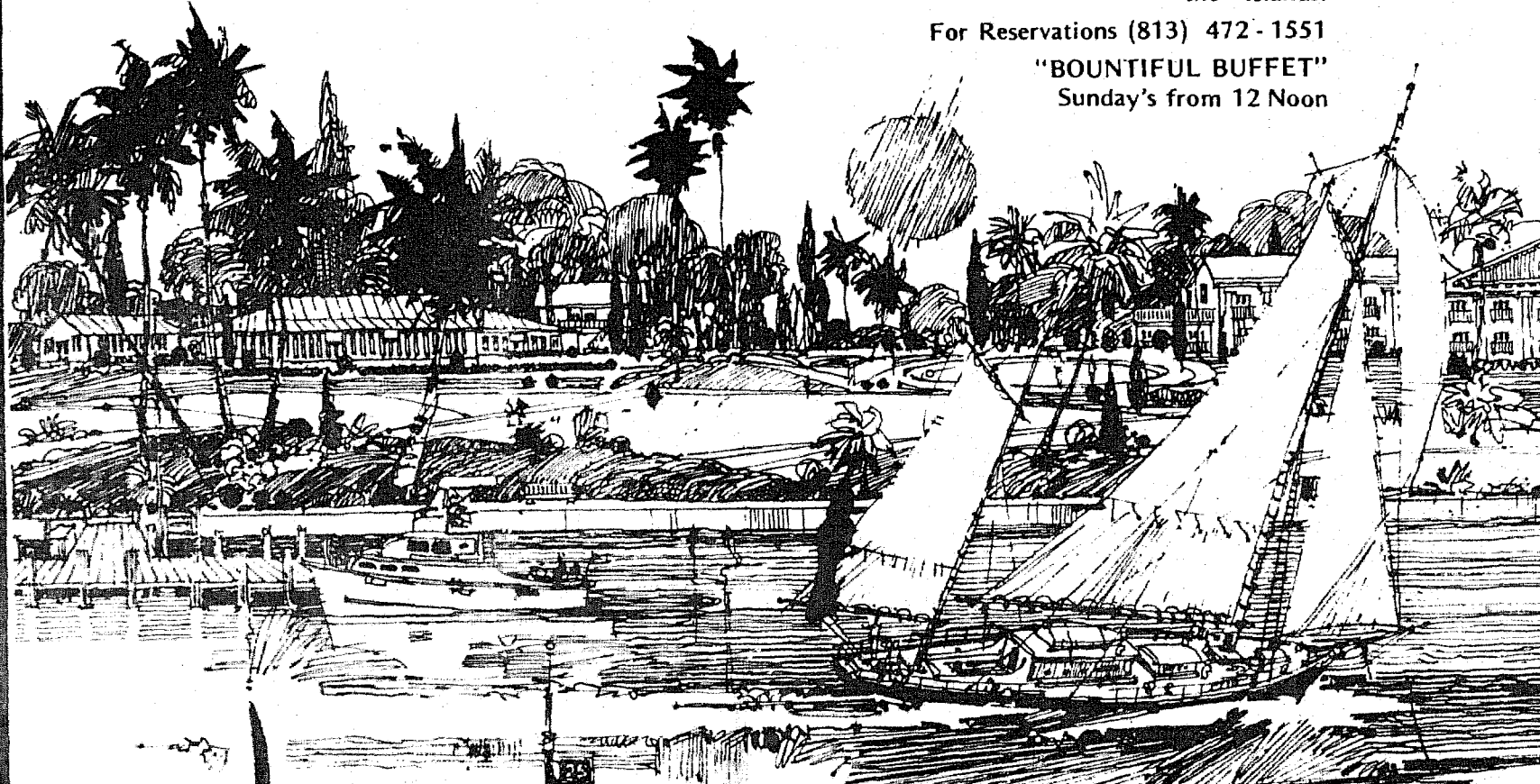


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THIS WEEK AT THE SANIBEL LIBRARY
By Hal H. Harrison

Tom Wicker is a familiar name to readers of The Fort Myers News-Press. His New York Times syndicated columns are often carried on the editorial pages of this local paper. His concern with politics and the national condition dominates his writings, so it may come as a surprise to you to learn that Tom Wicker has written his first novel, "Facing the Lions." And his entry into the fiction field was greeted with such enthusiasm that the book is now fifth among the nation's top 10 best sellers.

The story is about politics, or rather, about a politician....Senator Hunter Anderson, his wife, Kathy, and their newspaper friend, Rich Morgan. It is no secret that Wicker's inspiration for this brilliant and brooding novel was Senator Estes Kefauver. Patrick Anderson, also a political novelist, makes the following comment on Wicker's book: "Facing the Lions" is one of the best novels you will read this year and one of the best political novels you will ever read."

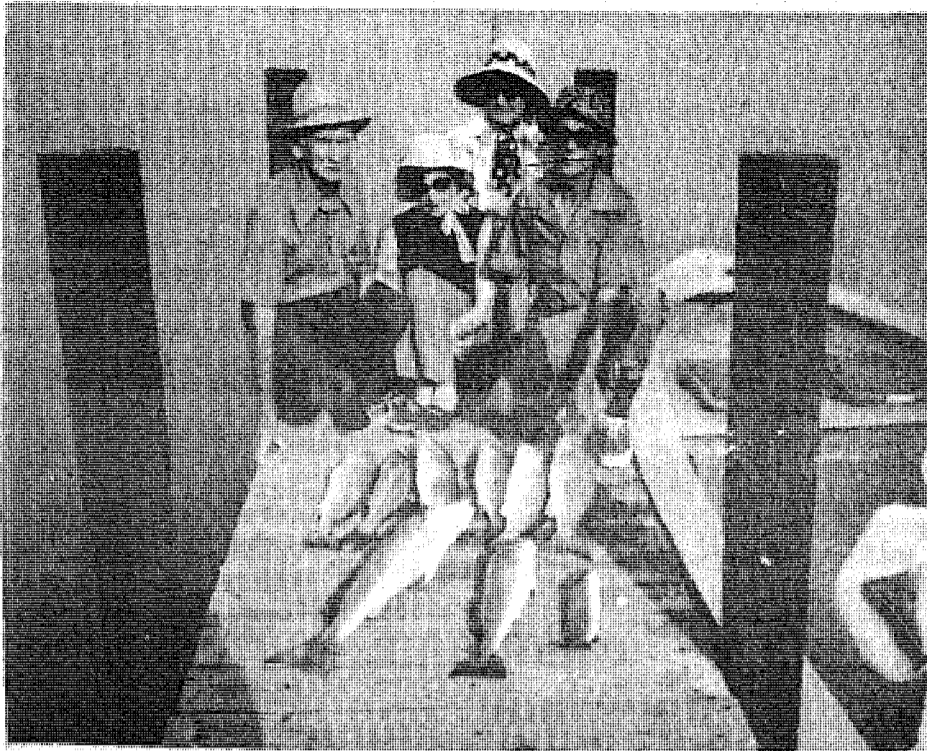
"A Day No Pigs Would Die" by Robert Newton Peck is a modest, unpretentious book about a 12-year-old Vermont boy who learns some hard but useful lessons about life. It is a sentimental book which may remind you somewhat of "True Grit" or "Addie Pray," but the sentimentality is not overdone nor maudlin. It is the story of a boy who receives a gift of a baby pig that grows up to be a barren female, a useless critter to poor, thrifty people. It is slaughtered and it is in the aftermath of this boyhood tragedy that a 12-year-old comes of age.

The Literary Guild chose "The Hollow Hills" by Mary Stewart as its August selection and before August was half gone, the book was headed for the top of the best seller list. The Sanibel Library, as usual, had this popular book available to you as soon as it was published.

Ms. Stewart's latest is a continuation of the fascinating tale which she began in her previous best seller, "The Crystal Cave." It provides a re-creation of pre-Camelot England as seen through the eyes of Merlin the Magician. Mary Stewart has a vast audience that follows her literary efforts from one book to another. We are conscious of this at the Sanibel Library as evidenced by the eight other books by Mary Stewart that are available to patrons.

Another Literary Guild selection (July) is also awaiting you at the Sanibel Library. This one comes from Thomas Tryon and carries on the spine-thrilling tradition that Tryon set in his best seller of last year, "The Other." The new book is "Harvest Home," a mixture of horror and suspense laid in a New England village straight out of a bygone era.

"Rabbit Boss" by Thomas Sanchez is a big, ambitious novel that tells the tragic experience of the American Indian as the story moves through four generations of Washo in the California Sierras.



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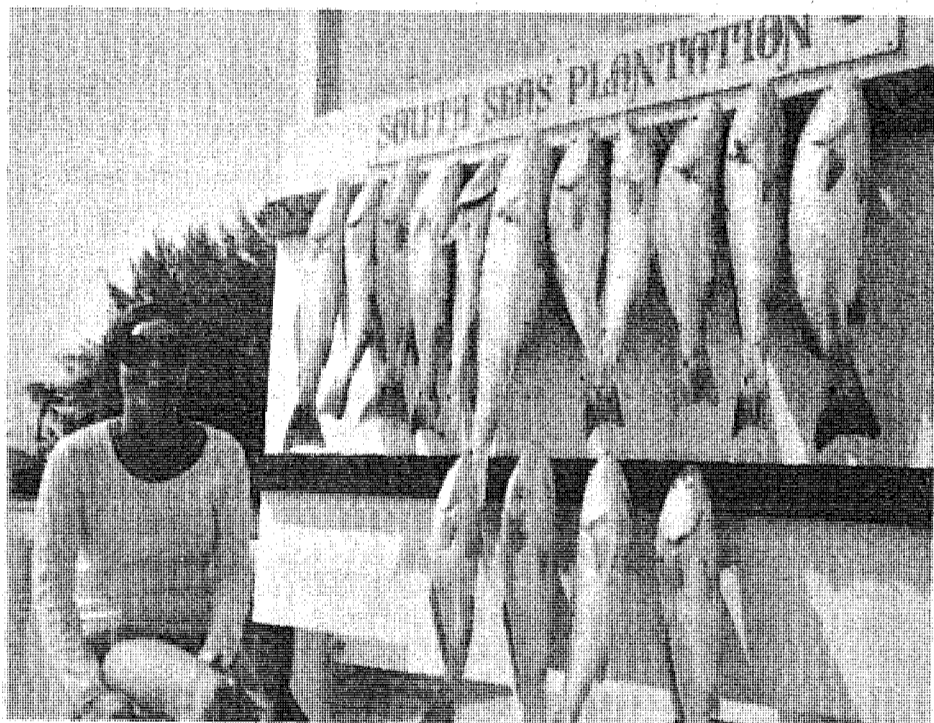
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sanctosanct status of the S-C Planning Board vis a vis the Sunshine Law. Don't get me wrong, they had it coming and more, but none of us is going to call them on it. They purport to represent us and they don't; they purport to have a "Comprehensive Plan" and they don't; why I'll bet they'd be right insulted if you dared even suggest that some of them might have a "conflict of interest" or that the "plan" is little more than an arbitrary map. They'd sure rather we assumed they have our best interests at heart and take their advice about what to say and how to say it to the Co. Commissioners. They'll even tell you how many minutes to take to say what they want you to say -- even if you don't ask them. In fact, they probably don't mind if we blame the rape of our islands entirely on the Co. Commission, or "the developers," or "real estate people," so long as they appear to be putting on a magnificent fight -- in your and my best interests of course, and no one particularly notices how their interests might be in there somewhere.

You see, Mary, our whole system operates on the principle of "divide and conquer" the Joe Does so that "them that have get more." It's been operating like that in this W.A.S.P. world ever since there have been commissions and boards. Those who've worked toward changing the way we operate -- that includes some people on boards and commissions as well as "ordinary" people -- have wound up in one of three positions:

- (1) Operate like a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
- (2) Operate under the control of the Frankenstein monster we've helped create, or
- (3) Operate like a very hard-shelled clam -- keep your trap shut, don't bother anybody else and hope nobody bothers you.

I'm stuck in position 3 right now, I can't stomach 1 and 2 positions, even though I feel sad for anyone that got stuck there and couldn't help it. I'm sad to live inside a shell, but that's survival.

Well, it's survival unless some caterpillar or bulldozer smashes me as it rolls over me -- ever so impersonally, of course.

What'd you say, Mary? You want to know who this is? I had in mind I'd better not tell that, but seeing as there's nothing I can do to better the Islands, then of course nothing I can do can worsen them either. I was just trying to help you out so your feelings wouldn't be hurt when nobody gave you anything to print.... You say you really have to have my name or you can't print it?

Well, O.K., this is Ruth Happel Clam, but I gotta' hang up and run right now. There's a heavy piece of equipment headed my direction and I don't want to get smashed.

GARDEN CLUB

Local residents can acquire those brilliant red "Sincerity" geraniums used to line the drive at Beach 1st National Bank through the Edison Garden Club's annual geranium sale on October 11.

It is the fifth year the Fort Myers garden club has sold the plants developed by Yoder Brothers, one of the largest flower growers in the U.S., at the Lee County farm especially for South Florida.

They will be sold from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. near the main entrance to Terry Park just off Palm Beach Blvd. Cost is \$5 for a flat of ten well-rooted plants.

Mrs. Edward M. Henry, sale chairman, said anyone wishing to reserve plants could call her at 936-4346. She will take the order for pick-up on October 11.

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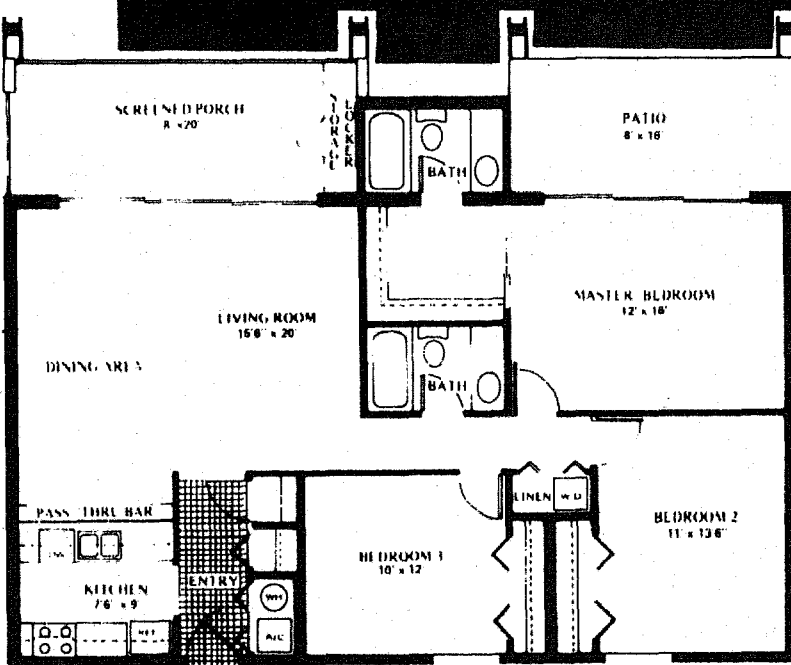
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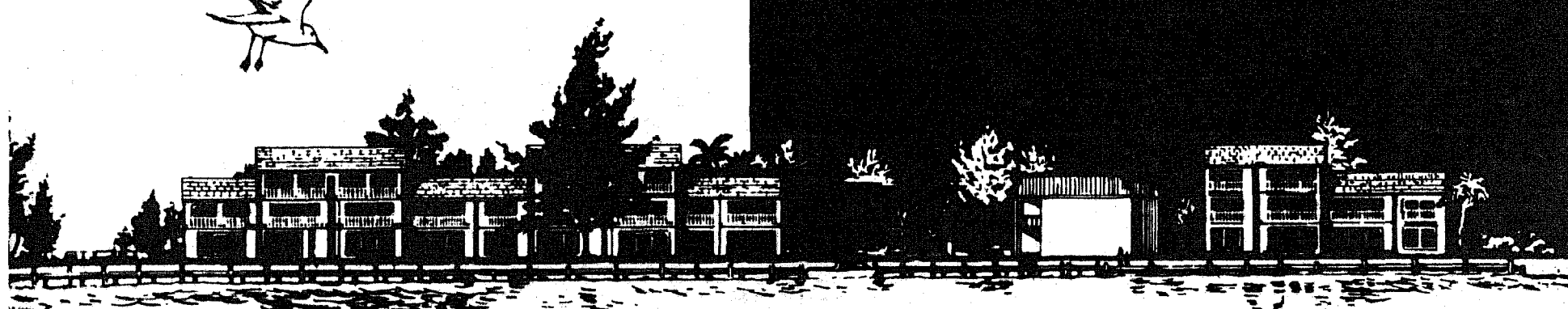
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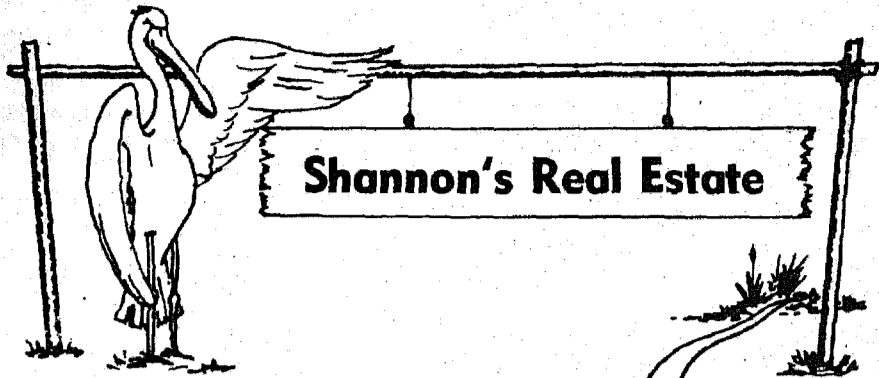
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Incorporation (cont. from front page)

finds itself in at this time, there will be no questions permitted from the floor. Any questions which individuals would like answered they may ask either speaker privately after the meeting has been adjourned. The meeting will close at the end of the last speaker's remarks. Each man will speak for 15 to 20 minutes.

This will be a rare opportunity for the residents of Sanibel to hear first hand the problems and solutions of incorporation from a nearby neighbor who faced at one time many of the problems Sanibel faces today.

This all important meeting will begin at 8 o'clock following the regular dinner and business meeting of the Association for members and guests, which starts at 6:30 Tuesday night, Oct. 2, at the Sanibel Community House.

The general public is urged to attend the 8 p.m. meeting.



Mrs. Nilda Steelman, First Federal

FIRST FEDERAL OF FORT MYERS OPENS ITS SANIBEL OFFICE

First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Fort Myers is putting the final touches on its Sanibel office, which is located in the Island Shopping Center. The grand opening is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., on Saturday, September 29, 1973.

Mr. W. T. Howard, President of the \$130 million savings & loan association, noted that they were very pleased to be the first financial institution to provide service to the Sanibel-Captiva Islands. "We have prided ourselves on being the leaders in customer convenience and the opening of our seventh office is a further indication of our efforts to make our services readily available to as many people as possible," Howard said.

In announcing the grand opening, Howard also announced the appointment of Mrs. Nilda Steelman as the Sanibel office manager. Mrs. Steelman has been with First Federal since June of 1966. She started as a teller, served as a savings counselor and most recently was assigned to the Cape Coral office. In preparing for her new post, she completed the association's management training program.

Assisting Mrs. Steelman is Miss Susan Dean, a new resident of Sanibel. Miss Dean had prior savings & loan experience having been with Flagler Federal Savings & Loan Association in Miami for three years.

The new office, which is located at 2449 Periwinkle Way, between Priscilla Murphy's and Prather's, has been remodeled and consists of some 1,000 square feet of office space. There are two teller positions, two savings counselor desks and the manager's office. It also incorporates a private lounge for employee use. Basic colors are a blend of green and whites, executed in the teller

counters, walls and carpeting.

Mrs. Steelman stated that the week long celebration, which begins this Saturday, will feature a free gift for everyone who visits the office. "For those who add \$50 to a present First Federal passbook savings account, or who open a new passbook account in the amount of \$50 will receive their choice of a free GE electric alarm clock or a space-age digital thermometer. "However, she continued, Federal regulations do limit us to one gift per family."

Mrs. Steelman also emphasized that some unusual door prizes are going to be awarded each day during the period of the grand opening. "We will award one collector's print and a certificate for framing, with a value up to \$45. The winner will have their choice of either a Richard Younger, Wellington Ward, Jr., or Charles Harper print from the Frame House Gallery Collection," she said. "The special arrangements for these unique door prizes have been made available through the cooperation of Mrs. Shirley Walters and Fur, Feathers, and Scales galleries."

Mr. Howard stated that the Sanibel office will feature all of the services available at any of the association's six other offices. "The customer will be able to add to, or withdraw from his account. He can purchase money orders and travelers cheques and he will be able to open a Christmas club account later in the year." "Of course, he continued, mortgage loan applications can be handled at the office as well."

First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Fort Myers was founded in 1934. It is the second largest financial institution in Lee County with assets in excess of \$130 million.

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Sanibel Library (cont. from front page)

and Shrubs for Sanibel-Captiva Landscaping," is chairman of the committee doing the landscaping for the new library. So you can expect to see the choicest native greenery surrounding the attractive building.

Finger Construction Company of Fort Myers did the new building and Frank Vellake is the architect. The lot was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald T. Martin. The new address is 719 Palm Ridge Road.

During the October 1 to 15 period, books may still be returned through the book slot in the door of the old library.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - On October 11 at 10 a.m. there will be a meeting at the new Library building of ALL aids of the Library to get acquainted with the new equipment and procedures.

REAL ESTATE NEWS
by Betty Davis

The most extensive credit check most people encounter in a lifetime is when they obtain financing on what usually amounts to their largest lifetime expenditure -- a home or other piece of property.

To avoid any obstacles in obtaining a mortgage, REALTORS advise homebuyers to check their credit file before contacting a savings and loan institution or bank. By this process, errors on file may be corrected and outdated information deleted.

If one applies for a mortgage with adverse information on file, the loan process may become a headache until corrections are made or a great disappointment if the errors remain and

the applicant is rejected. Since erroneous information can damage an individual's credit status, whatever the purchase or loan, periodic checks are well worth the effort.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act provides that credit files of local credit bureaus may be investigated but be sure to take proper identification because stiff requirements are in effect to prevent the wrong people from viewing confidential files.

The credit agency wants its information to be as accurate as possible.

If anything is found to be inaccurate or misleading, deletion will usually follow. Should the bureau's findings remain unsuitable after re-investigation, a statement may be submitted by the applicant explaining his position and this explanation will be included in all future reports.

When changes are made in the file, the applicant may ask that creditors be notified and upon request the bureau can be obligated to notify anyone who has received regular credit reports within the last six months.

Credit bureaus are entitled to charge a reasonable fee for viewing the file. However if credit has been denied within the last 30 days due to a credit bureau report or a collection notice has been received from an affiliate with the credit bureau, the laws provide for a viewing at no charge.

If you are anticipating obtaining a mortgage, keep in mind that adverse information can stay on file up to seven years -- information that may have been inconsequential in obtaining a credit card but could cast doubt on qualifying for a mortgage.

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A Grain Of Sea Salt by betzi abram



Many of us share that "life-long dream" of buying a "nice little boat" and retiring to the sea. Some, like Fritz Seyfarth, have already been at it for many years; others, like Pat Gravis and his wife are just starting off by crewing for others. Mary and Rollin (Rol) Hultgren are a little more than half-way there. They grew up around boats, have been sailing for years and knew just what they wanted. After Rol, a mechanical engineer, finally decided to retire for good, they spent two years looking for THE boat. From Maine, to California, to Florida they traveled from their home in Chicago, pursuing each likely clue. Last February, they found the SHALOM in Fort Myers with a Chicago owner!

She's a beautiful steel hull, ketch-rigged 45 foot motor-sailor, with a 12 foot beam. Custom built by Arco in Holland, the SHALOM is only 15 years old. Actually, that's getting on for a boat and it turned out (as it always seems to) that there was a lot more work than they had expected before she was ready to go. During this time they've tied up in the congenial atmosphere at Rankin's Anchorage right next to the Fort Myers Yacht Club. They're pretty lucky at that because an outside berth was available. The boat draws 64 inches which is pretty deep for that part of the back bay.

Fortunately, they're both talented people. Mary is a whiz with paintbrush and sewing machine (she knits a gorgeous afghan too, but that's for her daughter not the boat). She has transformed the galley-dinette with paint and reupholstering the cushions - a truly professional looking job - and has made new curtains there and in the salon. Her extensive decorating abilities, however, have come to a halt since the rainy season because, to everyone's dismay, the SHALOM leaks.

It seems that 15 years ago they didn't make boats with double decking. The beautiful teak deck leaks like a you-

know-what and will have to be sacrificed to plywood and fiberglass in order to keep all ship shape and dry below. Rol will undertake this crucial chore as soon as things dry out enough. Meanwhile, the light plant only runs 15 minutes at a time and will to be overhauled, the shower doesn't drain properly and will have to be re-engineered and a new stove and microwave oven will be installed.

Instead of the six weeks they thought it might take them to get ready, it may take a year or so, but Rol just leans back in his chair, looking happy and confident. "I've been preparing for this a long time. Took every course given by the U. S. Power Squadron, have my motor boat operator's license to be a professional captain, learned to navigate." Mary just sits and knits demurely, "I never let on I can do anything," she says, but you can see the twinkle through her eyelashes.

Rol used to sail a 27 foot Swedish Vega, often single-handed and once all the way across Lake Michigan (300 miles) alone. They both agree that it was their favorite boat, "sturdy, ocean-going, built for the North Sea," but that 27 feet was simply not enough room for two people to live on permanently with comfort - certainly not accompanied by a typewriter, sewing machine, drawing board, and bunks for visiting offspring or friends.

Before they take off around the world, Rol wants to make a few shake-down cruises - to the Dry Tortugas, around the Keys, over to Bimini. (Does that sound familiar?) But in the meantime, they don't just sit at the dock. They belong to CMCS and, although not in condition to race, they go along for the cruises or as a guide boat as they did in the Summerset Regatta. When they finally take off, they may go alone, or have a couple of long-time friends as crew. Either way, it's for sure that they and the SHALOM will be ready and seaworthy.

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The Imperial National Wildlife Refuge is another California wildlife area. This refuge, however, for 30 miles straddles the lower Colorado River and is included in the Arizona borders and is administered from Yuma, Arizona. The over 25,000 acres of open water, marshy areas, and upland Sonoran Desert are the home of 13 threatened species, a stop-over for thousands of ducks and Canada geese migrating south, and the native range of the desert bighorn sheep.

Not always has Imperial been as blessed with wildlife. Before 1930, the Colorado River vacillated from a raging torrent to a practically dry bed. But then 3 dams - Hoover, Parker and Imperial - were built and the Colorado was harnessed. Acres of new backwater lakes and marshy areas appeared where once brush and trees had stood. Fish and water bird habitat was prime in these places.

The dams have not changed the desert environment, but the riverbottom has deteriorated so that the lakes and marshes have become less valuable to fish and wildlife because of siltation, cattails, cane and brush. The marshes have begun to dry up in the winter, and several of the thirteen threatened species are suffering - particularly the Yuma Clapper Rail. The wood ibis, osprey, prairie falcon, peregrine falcon, brown pelican, ferruginous hawk, bald eagle, greater sandhill crane, desert tortoise, Gila monster, Colorado River squawfish, and humpback sucker are the other threatened creatures found on the refuge.

However, waterfowl usage at Imperial has increased. The growth in numbers is due primarily to the loss of wintering habitat in other areas. As food conditions improve, the refuge should see even greater numbers of ducks and geese feeding and resting there.

The staff of the refuge, considering the needs to return the vegetation to its former state of lakes and marshes and to supply waterfowl with more food, have outlined their plans to accomplish these goals. Those wetlands which have not deteriorated will be used to maintain and improve the fisheries and to provide food and cover for the Yuma rail, waterfowl and other waterbirds. The available farmland will be planted to crops for doves, geese, and other wildlife. The riverbottom brushlands will be managed to create irregular openings for food and cover for the white-winged dove; and the desert uplands will be retained as they are.

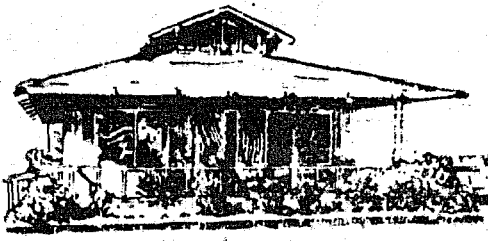
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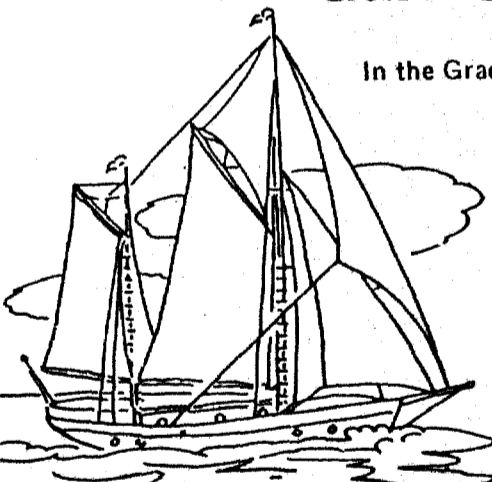
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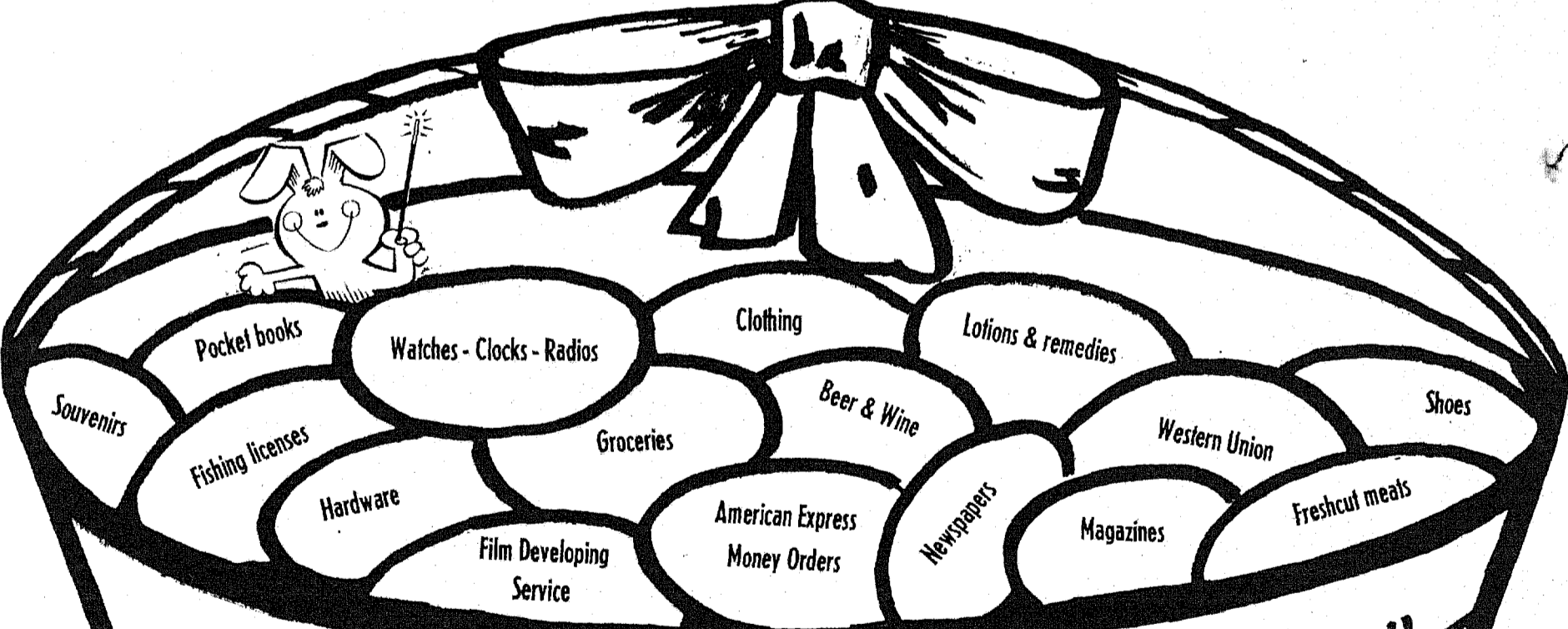
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