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### PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PHONE SERVICE NEXT WEEK

The Public Service Commission has scheduled public hearings December 11-12-13 on the quality of service of United Telephone Co. The Dec. 12 hearing will be at 9:30 a.m. in Building D, Collier County Courthouse, Naples. The Dec. 13 hearing will be at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commission meeting room of the Lee County Courthouse in Fort Myers.

The hearings result from complaints received by the Commission about United's service. Members of the public may appear at the above times and places to testify as to the quality and sufficiency of service being rendered by United Telephone Company. Mr. Keith Pafford, an attorney from the staff of the Commission, will be present to assist public witnesses in presenting their

testimony.

The hearings will be held to receive relevant testimony and exhibits of all parties of record and other interested parties who may appear concerning service complaints, lack of telephone service, condition of appliances, instrumentalities, and equipment; the need, if any, for repairs, improvements, changes, additions, and extensions of service and facilities furnished by United Telephone Co. Hearings at the above places stated are for the convenience of the public, and subscribers of United Telephone Co., regardless of where they live, will be heard at whichever hearing is most convenient to the individual subscriber.

### NEXT YEAR'S SHELL FAIR PLANNED FOR MARCH 7-8-9

Plans for getting the show on the road were finalized last week when committee chairmen for the 1974 Sanibel Shell Fair met with general chairman Anina Mills at the Community Association building to hear reports on progress. The world renowned Shell Fair, which will be held next March 7, 8 and 9, promises to be bigger and better than ever with some new awards as well as those for which exhibitors competed in past years.

Two beautiful shell tables will be given to lucky ticket holders this year instead of one and the tables will be on display at Baileys and other Island stores in mid-December. Volunteers are needed to man the ticket sales tables according to Mrs. Patsy Simmons who heads the shell table committee.

The 36 page four color Shell Fair brochure will also be ready for distribution in mid December and copies may be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce office and from various Island shops as well as applications for exhibiting in the Fair giving the categories.

Personnel in charge of the different 1974 Shell Fair activities include the following: General chairman, Anina Mills; Vice chairman, Dr. John Willard; Advisory board, Duane White, Paul Mamei; Brochure, Solon W. Geer; Driftwood Shop, Mrs. Robert Duggers, Martha McCullough; Exhibits, Sharon Vardal, Virginia Shannon; Finances, Dan Moore; Hostesses, Priscilla Murphy, Blanche Pflough; Live exhibits, Dr. Robert T. Spicer, Ralph Woodring; Promotion and publicity, George Tenney, Don Whitehead; Photography, Martha Mathes, Suzanne Pickens, Don Whitehead; Refreshment, Harry J. Borchers, Walter Cartright; Sanibel-Captiva Art League, Dorothy Robinson; Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Dick Workman, Ann Winterbotham; Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club, Faye Muller; and Shell table, Patsy Simmons, Mrs. Fred Holtz, Betty Davis.

### TAXI SERVICE ON ISLANDS

A new taxi service, Tropic Transit Taxi, will open on Dec. 8 for Sanibel-Captiva. Offices of the company are located at 2398 Palm Ridge Rd. on Sanibel, across from the new library. The service is affiliated with the Tropic Transit Bus Company on Fort Myers Beach and will be managed by Glenn Mulford. Busses for charter are also available. Plans for the future include a local bus on the islands, providing transportation to the mainland, as well, but no date has been set. Suggestions from local residents about the service are most welcome, says Mr. Mulford. For taxi or charter service, call 472-2283 during the day, or in emergencies 463-2054.



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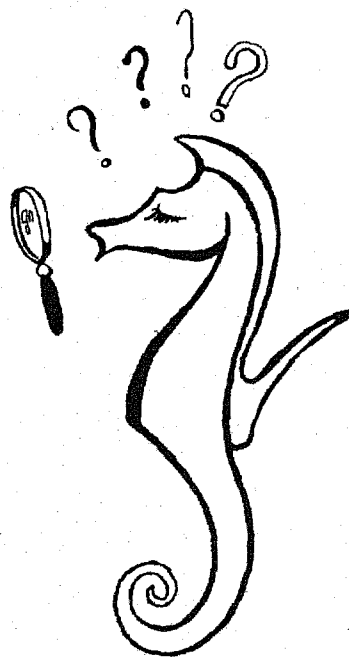
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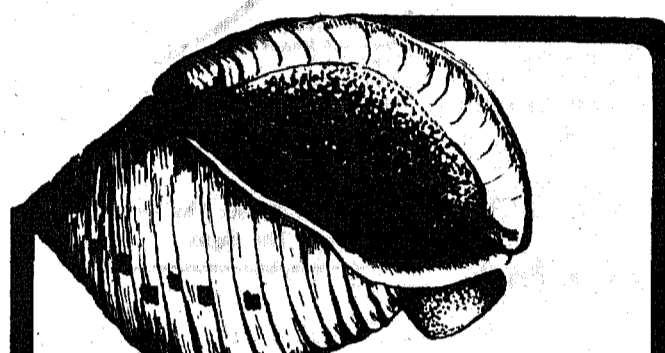
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, open meeting, St. Michael's & All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Friday nights, 8 p.m. for information call 472-2150.

CAPTIVA MEMORIAL LIBRARY will open Tuesday, 9:30 until 12 noon and Friday 1:30 until 4 p.m.

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

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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.

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 thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 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.

KIWANIS CLUB meets each Thursday at noon at South Seas Plantation.

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanibel community House. Partnerships arranged.

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**Who's Who & Why**

Lovers of the Islands, JOHN and DORIS SCHMITT are here on a return trip and visiting dear friend, GERTRUDE MARTIN at Periwinkle Park.

Visitors from other islands are coming down too. From Jekyll Island, Ga., is NAN HOOVER, who will be visiting with RICHARD and MERCEDES SMITH at their lovely mobile home in Periwinkle Park. And with Nan is her dear friend, Mrs. LUCY LANGFITT, who hails from St. Simon's Island, Ga. Nan is Richard Smith's sister.

Delightful snowbirds returning from Bolton landing, N.Y., are RELIANCE and RENSEN KINNE who will become year 'round residents in their lovely new mobile home on Lot 10, and many of their friends will be welcoming this popular couple back to their new home. The Kinnes have been regular visitors to Periwinkle since the days it first began in 1961, and they love the shady park and charming birds and water, but especially the friendly people in the park. "There are no strangers in Periwinkle Park," they say.

BOB O'CALLAGHAN reports that the earthquake which came in the small hours of Friday a.m. did not even rattle the dishes in his house in Franklin, N.C.

OSCAR and MARIE WILSON from Lake Monroe in Sanford and Miami are at the Periwinkle. Oscar is driver of the dressing room van for Warner Bros. on location for "Dark Tower." The van he drives has four dressing rooms and four baths. When they first came to Sanibel they stayed at the Blue Heron and, then finding that Periwinkle had space for the van, he brought it from Miami. Mrs. Wilson has appeared as an extra in some of the pictures but she is not in this one. Some of the other members of the crew are staying at Sanibel Moorings along with some of the cast.

Return visitors to the islands for the winter are MADGE and BURKE WILES of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and CLAYTON and PHYLLIS HARVEY from West Springfield, N.H. DAVID and RITA EDWARDS have also returned leaving cold weather at Ballston Lake, N.Y. Visiting KEN and JEANNE SOPER from North Hampton, N.H., are LYNN and JAMES DONALDSON and three attractive daughters, KENDRA, KAREN and CAROLYN.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Borchers were winners at the Friday night duplicate game. If you enjoy duplicate, come to the regular Friday night game at the Community House with your favorite partner or let us arrange a partnership.



ROBERTA and MORRIS PEMBERTON BROWN report cold weather has arrived at their Marion, Mass. home, and they are happy to be back for a winter vacation at their mobile home in Periwinkle Park.

DOROTHY SCHNELL reports husband, WILLIAM SCHNELL is still a patient at the Shell Point Nursing Pavilion. He has been there one month and would welcome visitors during regular visiting hours from 2 to 8 p.m., as he is much better.

Bidding farewell reluctantly to our fair isles are Mr. & Mrs. OWEN DUMFEE of Neptune, N.J., who are leaving for the holidays and a three week vacation. We hope they can return soon, just as they do.

**NEW RESIDENT WELCOMED**

We welcome Grace Burns Younge to Sanibel. Ms. Younge is a member of the Inter-National Transactional Analysis Association. She is under sponsorship with Dr. Hedges Capers of La Jolla, Calif. Grace received her training at SECTA in Tampa. She does personal counseling in special cases. Hours by appointment only, 472-2696.

**COLONY GUESTS**

Out of state guests at The Colony this week include Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Clendenin of Monmouth, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. Grissinger of St. Elizabeth, N.J.; the George Greenspans of Wilton, Conn.; the John Ephraim of Johnson City, Tenn.; Mr. & Mrs. James B. Andersen of Willoughby, Ohio; and Mr. Harold E. Heidenreich of Rocky River, Ohio. Among the Florida guests were Mr. Richard Russel of Hollywood, and Mr. & Mrs. Alan D. Johnston of Tallahassee.

**ISLAND INN GUESTS**


Arrivals at Island Inn this week were Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hazen and Mr. & Mrs. Scott, all of So. Hadley, Mass.; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Millspaugh of Plainfield, N.J.; the T. Leffingwells of Rockville, Md.; Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Neudorf of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Dr. & Mrs. Philip Pflalzgraf of Batavia, Ohio; and from Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. & Mrs. S. Lokey.

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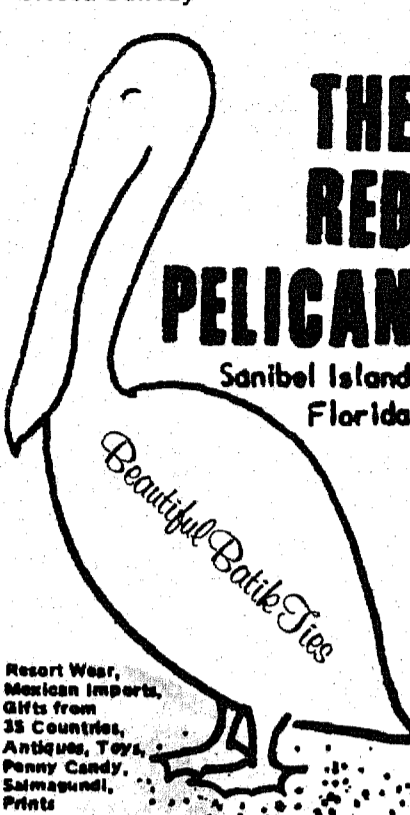
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TO THE ISLANDER:

I must add one more voice to the wave of protest over what is being done to our beautiful Sanibel. A gift of God to mankind to enjoy but not to destroy.

The goose that laid the golden egg is being sacrificed to greed, greed which may be rightfully laid at the door of the building developers and the county commissioners for granting the permits. Person after person has said to me, "How very sad. I will never return. I want to remember it as it was."

Heavily laden trucks roar by continually, breaking up our roads which would have lasted indefinitely under ordinary wear. As they roar by they scatter their debris along the way. Every road to a big development is littered with refuse.

The Gulf shore where once the Australians and the sea oats swayed with the prevailing winds is fast becoming a row of ugly monstrosities which hopefully will be destroyed by the first hurricane.

The high-tide line where a row of brilliant sea washed shells sparkled in the sun is now a row of tin cans and cigarette butts and other cast offs of careless mankind.

Our beautiful Sanibel which lies like a gem in the blue-green waters of the Gulf is being desecrated.

The shells are practically gone now, the blue crabs which swarmed into the canals are gone so are the oysters and shellfish. The on shore fishing is going fast. The big fish are retreating farther and farther off shore. What will be the next victim?

What price progress!!!  
Alice Kylo  
Sanibel

TO THE ISLANDER:

It seems, judging from the recent anti-moratorium spectacle performed by the real estate vested interests, that Sanibel is to be sacrificed to the cause of accumulating gold.

In fact, one might say, judging from the deplorable, short-sighted, undemocratic actions of the County Commissioners that Sanibel is being viewed as one big gold trap. The fact that there are horrible examples of how other garden spots have been, and are continuing to be, raped and despoiled and polluted (witness your own Fort Myers Beach and Marco Island, down the coast a ways) doesn't enter anywhere into the gold-trapped minds of the County Commissioners -- not even to mention the notorious real estate big-wigs who are actively doing the raping.

Like cancer, once these moneyed interests dig into the flesh of the land, they spread destruction, laying waste to the natural beauty, the peace, and the true value of what was there before.

What can the majority do about it? Do not give up. Fight with every ounce of strength you can muster. Flood the County Government, the State Government and the Federal Government with protest upon protest. And do not fail to set the wheels in motion for an independent self-governed Sanibel.

It is unthinkable that what has happened to Miami, so polluted you can swim in human waste; to Hawaii where signs have already appeared warning you off certain beaches, to so many other ostensible recreational and unique areas, be allowed to happen to the one-and-only Sanibel.

A moratorium must be imposed at once so that the vested interests, now bulldozing at a mad pace, be forced to cooperate in the sensible growth of the island as proposed by the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Committee.

It must be made abundantly clear to these cancerous growths that Sanibel is not a gold trap.

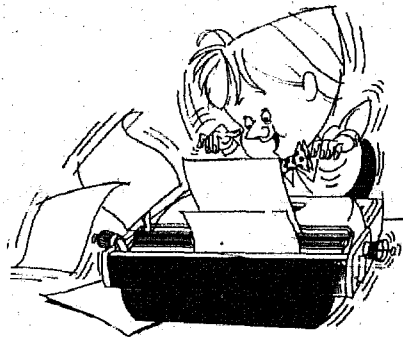
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Sanibel Postmaster Adams announced this week that the outside collection boxes, formerly in front of the Post Office, were moved onto Sanibel Boulevard near the entrance.

The boxes (local and out of town) were moved in order to divert traffic from the small parking lot. Postmaster Adams stated that if letters are properly stamped and ready for mailing they may be deposited in these boxes and thus vehicles need not be driven into the congested parking lot. He earnestly solicits our cooperation in this matter.

# Letters to the Editor



Letters from readers are welcome if not over 300 words, give the sender's name and address and include no libelous material. We welcome this opportunity to fulfill our stated objective as a community newspaper, but we do not necessarily agree with the opinions expressed in this column.

TO THE ISLANDER:

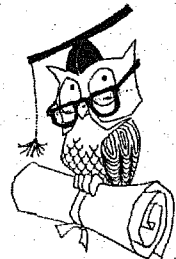
I attended the meeting on home rule and left with the firm knowledge that the question of possible incorporation had been handled fairly and objectively.

The purpose of forming a Committee is to study, with professional help, the question of FOR or AGAINST, a decision to be made by Sanibel voters when all of the facts are in and presented to them.

Money was not pledged for home rule; it was pledged to pursue and fabricate facts on which voters may be asked to make a decision. The meeting moderator repeatedly, time after time, stressed the objectivity of the recent meeting, of the study and of the policies under which funds would be expended.

Any other conclusion arising out of the meeting is inaccurate and grossly unfair.

Milton H. Prince  
Sanibel, Fla.



apathy and ignorance.

In fairness, it should be pointed out that the agencies under the authority of the County Commission -- and remember that many important ones are not -- are coordinated by the County Administrator, Lavon Wisner, who is well qualified by professional training in business administration and much practical experience dealing with politicians. Even within the existing overall structure, which I repeat is archaic, the Administrator probably could contribute much more effectively toward solving some of our many problems in Lee County if the Commission would delegate more authority to that office and refrain from trying to manage the operations of Lee County Government themselves.

Perhaps the image of incompetence that some of the Commissioners continue to convey to the public would not be so sharply etched if they could learn to allow the County Administrator to manage their bureaucracy. In the process, instead of being caricatured as clowns, the Commissioners might even accrue some credit for the good things that some believe they are doing.

Charles C. Fishburne, Jr.

TO THE ISLANDER:

Criticisms of Lee County Government are rampant these days. Just to keep the record straight, recent criticisms by this observer describing the condition of local government in Lee County did not single out the County Commission, but referred to the entire aggregation of agencies that comprise Lee County Government. The latter, the whole glob, is a classic example of what political scientists characterize as "traditional county government." A major barrier to modernizing county government is lack of understanding by voters as to what we now have and what is possible.

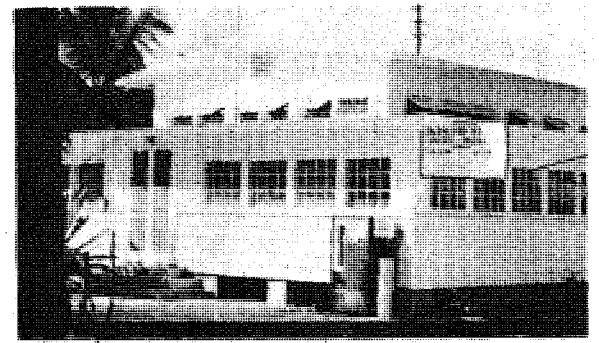
It may be timely to note that whether Sanibel incorporates or not, there will continue to be some kind of county government in Lee County. Regardless of the outcome of the Sanibel study of "home rule" possibilities, the residents of Sanibel, Captiva, and the rest of Lee County will be better off in trying to cope with galloping urbanization if a modernized county government replaces the archaic, traditional form that persists thanks to a combination of certain vested political interests and vast voter



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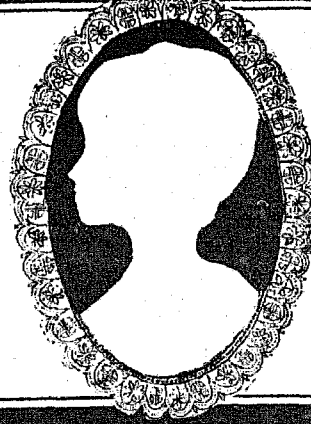
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# School News

## TUMBLING MATS

The students of Sanibel Elementary are getting six tumbling mats. At their Tuesday night meeting the P.T.A. graciously voted to purchase the tumbling mats. We want to express our appreciation to the P.T.A. for making this valuable addition to our P.E. programs.

Jody Welker  
Barbie Bissell  
Suzi Dumouchel

## ALPHA TIME"

Mrs. Rhodes tells us that the Kindergarten and 1st grade are very grateful to the P.T.A. for helping them obtain a tremendous new beginning language arts program called "Alpha Time." It is a very active, exciting, fun program featuring the letter people called the "Huggables." Thanks again P.T.A. --- we sure appreciate it! Our results are going to be great!

Rozanne Costanzo  
Shane Woodring  
Shelley Webb

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The School Christmas program will be Dec. 12. The P.T.A. is furnishing refreshments. After the program the children will be served refreshments outside of the second and third grade room. After refreshments the kids will see the movie "The Prince and the Pauper." The program will start at 7:30 in the second and third grade room under the leadership of Mrs. Norris, our music teacher. The parents will go to the library for refreshments and meet the teachers and other parents after the program.

Roxanne Costanzo  
Marlene Francis  
Mike Galli

## PTA HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Sanibel-Captiva PTA will not hold a regular meeting in December. There will be a Christmas Party following the children's program that will be held on December 12. This party will be given by the PTA for children and parents, friends and relatives.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 15, 1974.

## MEMORY BOOK FOR PTA

The P.T.A. made plans in their meeting Monday evening to contact local business places to sell advertising space in this year's memory book.

Mr. Miller and Mrs. Pickens have been taking group pictures for that purpose. Mrs. Pikino will help with the art work and do the typing. Mr. Miller, Mrs. Pickens, Mr. Ivill, and Mr. Runnels will pool efforts in helping lay out the paper.

A committee of P.T.A. members volunteered to secure the ads. The committee consists of Mrs. Kessler, Mrs. Wightman, Mr. Francis, Mrs. Dutton, Mrs. Anholt, Mr. & Mrs. Herman, and Mr. McClintock. They hope to complete their work before Christmas. Should there be any owners of new businesses that may be missed, and who wish to be remembered, please contact either our President, Mrs. Herman, 472-1359, or the school office, 472-1617.

## THANK YOU

Roy Caldwell, Solicitor, would like to thank all the people on Sanibel who gave to the Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church organ fund. God bless you all! Mr. Caldwell may be reached at the Island Inn Monday through Saturday.

## Sanibel - Captiva Audubon Society

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## Audubon Programs for 1973 - 74 Season

*In the belief that many readers will be interested in the recently released schedule of Audubon indoor and outdoor activities for the coming season, we publish it in its entirety, suggesting that it be clipped and kept as a reminder of the dates on which all events will be held.*

Programs at Sanibel Community House,  
Thursday 8 p.m., except as noted.

### ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- Dec. 20 - "THE LOGGERHEAD LEGACY" - Illustrated Program by Paul Zajicek on 'Caretta' Project for Turtle protection in Southwest Florida.
- Dec. 27 - "YEAREND SPECIAL" - Yuletide "Photo-verse" Show by Mario F. Hutton.
- Jan. 3 - "NATURE'S CREATURES, WALL TO WALL" - Slides and Commentary by Rosemary K. Collett.
- Jan. 10 - "NATURE'S FINEST ADVERTIZERS" - Slide Show on Florida bird life, by Dewitt Jones, Sr., advertizing executive turned wildlife photographer.
- Jan. 17 - FROM 9 a.m. to 12 noon: OPEN HOUSE AT WOODMERE BOTANICAL PRESERVE, Dead End of Gulf Drive - Willis and Opal Combs, hosts.
- Jan. 24 - "AFRICAN WILDLIFE" - A Panorama of Birds and other African Fauna, presented in person by Oliver Hewit.
- Jan. 31 - "FLORIDA'S BROWN PELICAN -- ABUNDANT YET ENDANGERED" - Color Slides and Documentary by Ralph W. Schreiber.
- Feb. 7 - "WINGS OVER SANIBEL" - Illustrated Program presented in person by Richard Beebe.
- Feb. 14 - "BIRDS OF THE OUTPOSTS" - Slides and Narration by Mrs. Whitney Eastman
- Feb. 21 - WILDLIFE DRIVE - Conducted by Charlotte Shea, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Meet at 9 a.m. at Sanibel Elementary School Parking Lot on Sanibel-Captiva Road.
- Feb. 28 - "TERNS OF THE OUTER BEACHES" - Slides and Commentary by Mrs. Bradley Fisk.
- Mar. 1 - FRIDAY - AT CAPTIVA COMMUNITY CENTER - 8 p.m. - "SERENADING SANIBEL" - Latest "Photo-verse" Production by Mario F. Hutton.
- Mar. 7, 8 and 9 - Visit AUDUBON STAND at SANIBEL SHELL FAIR.
- Mar. 14 - BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATION by Dorothy A. Mendinhall, licensed cooperater Fish and Wildlife Service - Meet 9 a.m. at Tennis Courts of Island Inn, Gulf Drive at Island Inn Road.
- Mar. 21 - "FRAGILE WONDERS" - Original "Photo-verse" Show by Mario F. Hutton.
- Mar. 28 - "NATURE'S BEAUTY THAT ESCAPES US" - Slides and Narration by Pete Carmichael.
- Apr. 4 - "BIRDS OF OUR ISLANDS" - Outdoor Program conducted by Griffing Bancroft - Meet 3 p.m. at Bailey Tract Sanctuary, Tarpon Bay Road.
- Apr. 11 - ANNUAL MEETING, followed by "THIS WORLD WORTH SAVING" - Illustrated Program by William Hammond.

### BASIC BIRD IDENTIFICATION COURSE

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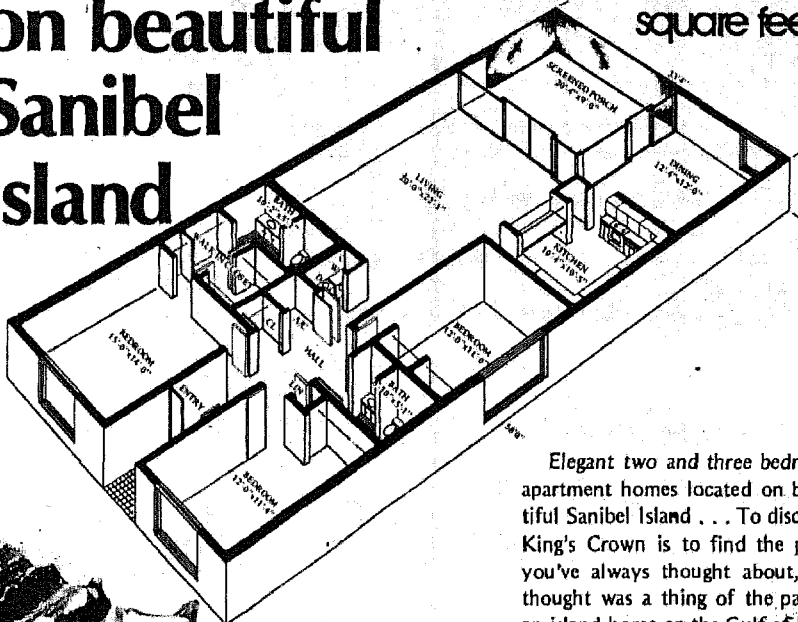
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January 29	February 5
February 12	February 19
February 26	March 5
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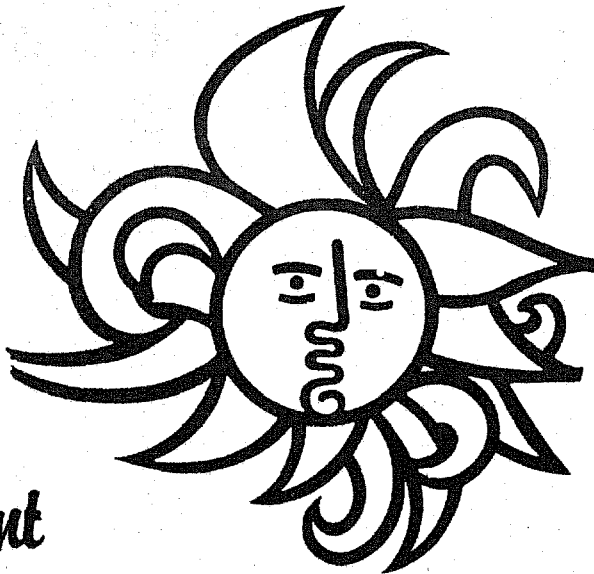
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### DECEMBER REFUGE TOUR SCHEDULE

- December 7, Wildlands Hike, 9 a.m., Bailey Tract
- December 10, Wildlife Drive, 9 a.m., Lighthouse
- December 11, Beach Walk, 9 a.m., Lighthouse
- December 12, Canoe Tour, 9 a.m., Tarpon Bay Marina
- December 14, Wildlands Hike, 9 a.m., Bailey Tract
- December 17, Wildlife Drive, 9 a.m., Lighthouse
- December 18, Beach Walk, 9 a.m., Lighthouse
- December 19, Canoe Tour, 9 a.m., Tarpon Bay Marina
- December 20, Wildlands Hike, 9 a.m., Bailey Tract

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## This Week at the Sanibel Library

by Hal H. Harrison

Perhaps the message contained in "The Corporate Eunuch" would find a more ready-made audience in a New York library than on Sanibel Island where over-worked executives are outnumbered by retirees, but you will find it fascinating reading, especially if you have ever been a runner in that metropolitan rat race for success. O. William Battalia and John J. Tarrant, the authors, have analyzed the new executive life style and the picture they paint is not always a pretty one. A section devoted to corporate wives — their problems and strategies — may hit the mark with some Sanibel wives. Too bad every young man who is married to his business instead of his wife and family cannot read this thought-provoking book.

I note just another complication of the Supreme Court's decision to do nothing about setting standards for pornography, to leave it all up to "local standards." In Drake, N.D., the school board and some of the citizens decided to have a book-burning. They destroyed all copies of James Dickey's "Deliverance," "Short Story Masterpieces" which included Hemingway, Faulkner, Steinbeck and others, and the best-selling Kurt Vonnegut novel, "Slaughterhouse Five." With the great popularity of Vonnegut's new book, "Breakfast of Champions," the Sanibel library was encouraged to stock all of Vonnegut's best sellers, not only "Slaughterhouse Five," but "God Bless You, Mister Rosewater," "Welcome to the Monkey House," "Cat's Cradle" and "The Sirens of Titan." Incidentally, didn't Hitler do a bit of book burning in Germany at "one point in time?"

Joyce Carol Oates is a very popular author with patrons of the Sanibel Library; and her new one, "Do With Me What You Will," is in circulation all of the time. It is the story of Elena Howe, a story with a contemporary setting reflecting today's social upheaval and shifting morality. Ms. Oates won the National Book Award for Fiction in 1970 for her novel "Them," which is available at the library. Also on our shelves are her "Marriages and Infidelities," "A Garden of Earthen Delights," and "The Wheel of Love and Other Stories."

For readers intent on the political scene, we have on our non-fiction shelf Dr. Hunter S. Thompson's "Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72." This book tells it "like it was" to an eminent reporter who covered the 1972 campaign. Thompson, in an interview, declared: "Teddy White is a very nice fellow, but we moved in different circles. I'm sure his account of "Campaign '72" will be different from mine." That it is! Thompson's book is a bizarre, irreverent and highly personalized book which gives off sparks. But this is the way Thompson saw it.

Also in the non-fiction department, we have that controversial "Sovereign State of ITT" by Anthony Sampson. Basically, the book covers three fields of ITT action: San Diego and the Republican convention; anti-trust negotiations; and Chile. Sampson shows some of the "inexorable pressures" brought to bear by ITT on the administration, both to modify the anti-trust settlement and to adopt a hard line toward Chile.

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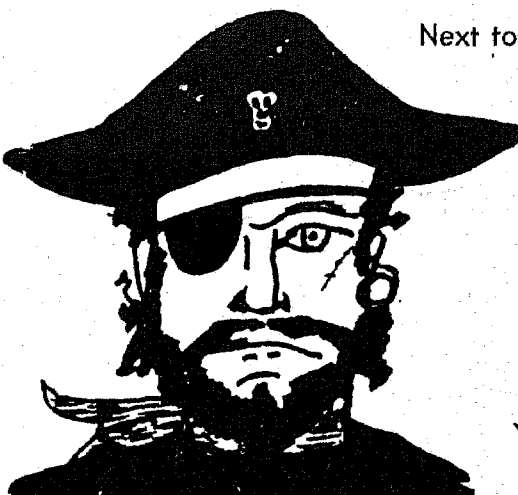
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They visited Virginia City where the Comstock lode is located. The old ghost town has been restored and is a tourist spot for former gold and silver mine buffs. They also visited Reno and hiked down into the Grand Canyon. Imagine our fragile Ellen afoot in the mile deep canyon, but she loved it.

They saw famed Lake Tahoe, drove across the desert and on to San Francisco, then on down the California coast through Monterey, Carmel, Big Sur and San Simeon. At El Paso they visited Carlsbad Caverns and were most impressed by the many National Parks, some of which are extensive but not well known.

**MANY EXCITING SIGHTS**

They were much interested in Meteor Crater and the San Francisco Peaks, the Grand Tetons of Wyoming, those massive jagged peaks of high mountains which are almost always snow capped, and they remarked on the vastness of the West. The Wind River Mountains and Wind Cave National Park were very beautiful with its wildlife, some nearly extinct. "We saw prairie dogs, trumpeter swans, pronghorn antelopes, by the thousands, moose, bison and coyote," remarked Chet.

At Flagstaff they visited Sunset Crater, an extinct volcano located in a national park with an impressive national monument and another called Wupatki. "We found the ruins of old pueblos particularly interesting, because they were not too far removed from our modern condominiums. They had high rise Indian apartments built in the mesas. Even the remains of an old ball park where the Indians played were there. Archeological diggings and tree ring interpretation show that these areas were abandoned 800 years ago when Sunset erupted. Now we seem to be going back to the cliff dwelling age. Surely our high rise buildings are copies in many ways of the old Indian pueblos," muses Chet.

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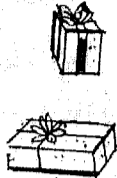
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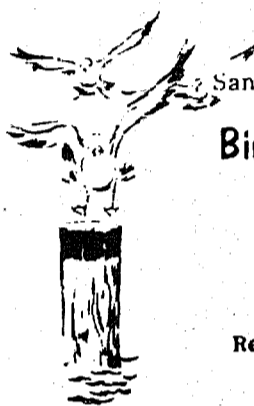
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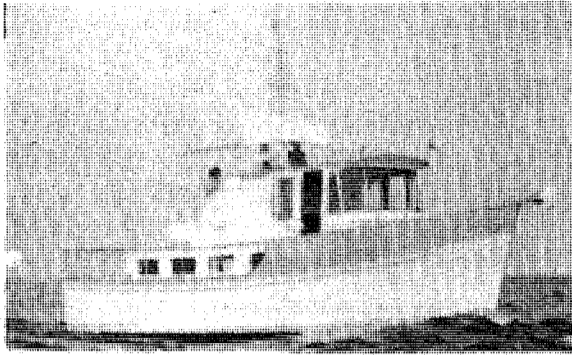
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## Ding's Things

The Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1951, lies in the southeastern part of Palm Beach County, Florida, occupying a part of the legendary Everglades. The refuge provides habitat for many rare and endangered wildlife species, thousands of wading birds, and both resident and migratory waterfowl. It offers a convenient site for Florida's "gold coast" residents and tourists to fish, hunt waterfowl, observe nature, and enjoy other recreational activities.

Historically Loxahatchee Refuge lands and the Everglades were once under the sea. The growth and decay of plant and animal life eventually raised this large body of organic matter above sea level. The Everglades basin forms one of the largest fresh-water marshes on our continent.

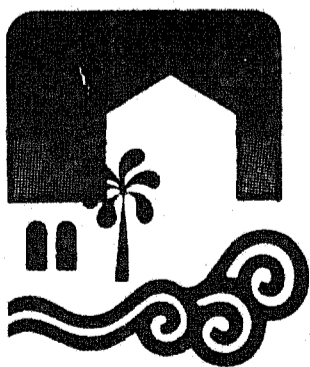
When the United States Corps of Engineers began the construction of extensive water retention units north of the National Park, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife leased one of the Conservation areas and established Loxahatchee Refuge. Here long-legged wading birds, waterfowl, fish, and several endangered species find their habitat and protection. The sandhill crane, osprey, alligator, great white heron, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, Everglades mink, Florida panther, masked duck, and fulvous tree duck are present on the refuge from time to time. But by far the most exciting species that is being managed and protected by the refuge is the endangered Everglades kite, a hawk of southern Florida that is being exterminated by the loss of habitat of its food source, the apple snail.

### MANY ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTED

In 1964, the only known nesting Everglades kites were at Loxahatchee Refuge. The managers at Loxahatchee are approaching the kite dilemma from a position of habitat management. The destruction of alkaline waters containing an ample supply of submerged vegetation, the apple snail's habitat, came with the drainage of wetlands in Florida's land boom. With its habitat greatly reduced, the apple snail

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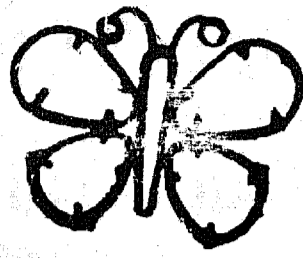
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populations declined, and with them the Everglades kites. The kites are so specially adapted to feeding on apple snails, their beaks are specifically designed to extract the snail meat from its shell, that they have not become adept at feeding on any other foods. When the apple snail is gone, so too will be the Everglades kite. To manage the kite, the apple snail is being encouraged at Loxahatchee by permanently flooding parts of the refuge, encouraging specific submergent plants for the snails to utilize in breeding, and introducing snail populations into management areas devoid of the creatures but providing suitable habitat. The goal of the refuge is to provide habitat and food for 50 adult Everglades kites.

The proposed development and management of the Loxahatchee Refuge will serve to increase waterfowl populations and wading bird production, maintain indigenous wildlife populations, improve habitat and nesting conditions for many species of waterfowl and marsh and water birds, assure habitat for endangered species, improve off-refuge hunting opportunities, and provide for 1,000,000 visitors each year.

### CHAPEL BY THE SEA CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Every Christmas Eve a traditional candlelight service is held at the Captiva Chapel-by-the-Sea. Because this is a family service, it is held at 7:30 so that small children may be a part of this lovely service. Dr. Arthur Lee Kinsolving, the present minister of the Chapel, will hold the service.

The closing part is when everyone with a lighted candle gathers around the outdoor tree and there under the stars, sings the old beloved carols. After the benediction, the candles are extinguished and everyone quietly departs with a feeling of deep reverence.



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**WE'RE GROWING, GROWING STAFF EXPANDED BY TWO**

Mr. Edward Bennett has accepted a position as consultant for the Sanibel-Captiva Islander. He is former publisher of the Claremont, New Hampshire Daily Eagle and of two New Hampshire weekly newspapers. He began his newspaper career in 1940 as a reporter and served five years in the U. S. Navy and Coast Guard, both in WWII and the Korean War. In 1967, he was war correspondent and photographer for his own daily newspaper in Vietnam. Mr. Bennett has served two terms in the New Hampshire State senate and was the youngest man ever elected to that body. He has held numerous other local and state offices in New Hampshire.

In addition to his writing news and editorials for his own publications, he has authored other newspaper and magazine articles and short stories. He has a farm in Sunapee, N.H., where he has trained

and driven large Belgian draft horse teams throughout New England in pulling contests. Two of his teams won the Northeastern Draft Horse Association championships in 1972. He is on Captiva Island for the winter working on a variety of writing projects. His parents, the late Mr. & Mrs. Samuel C. (Elizabeth J.) Bennett were Captiva residents for many years.

New copy editor on the Islander is Betzi Abram, already familiar to our readers for her weekly column, Grain of Sea Salt. She has been a columnist and free lance writer for many years, an industrial editor for American Cyanamid Company, and has had her own sales promotion and advertising business in New York, N.Y., before coming to live in Florida.

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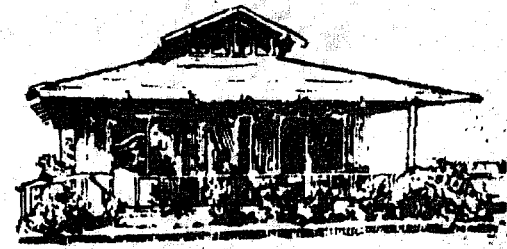
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They will be joined by fellow actors, Keith Trowbridge, Pat Slater, Vincent Back, and Ruth and Philip Hunter to open "The Curious Savage" on January 6 at the Island's delightful area theater, The Pirate Playhouse. Curtain, 8:15, box office, 472-2121.

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## The New York Times Book Review New and Recommended

### FICTION

- ✓ **BURR**, by Gore Vidal. (Random House, \$8.95.) Using the device of an autobiography cum biography of the textbook villain, Mr. Vidal slyly upends American history; the result is a wicked entertainment.
- A CROWN OF FEATHERS**, by Isaac Bashevis Singer. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$8.95.) God crowds the world of these masterful short stories with his busy divinity, strewing surprises along every path.
- ELSEWHERE, PERHAPS**, by Amos Oz. (Helen & Kurt Wolff/Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$7.95.) The life of a kibbutz poised on the brink of the Asiatic void, told with a careful and wise simplicity.
- ✓ **THE JUNIPER TREE**, selected by Lore Segal and Maurice Sendak. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, boxed, \$12.95.) The fairy tales of the brothers Grimm newly translated by Lore Segal and the late Randall Jarrell and illustrated by the incomparable Maurice Sendak.
- OTHER MEN'S DAUGHTERS**, by Richard Stern. (Dutton, \$6.95.) It is the not-exactly-new story of a professor who falls in love with a student, but here the execution is beautiful, honest.

### GENERAL

- FOOD IN HISTORY**, by Reay Tannahill. (Stein & Day, \$15.) Through the alimentary canal with gun and camera: a copiously illustrated account of the influence of nurture on man's nature.
- ✓ **THE IMPERIAL PRESIDENCY**, by Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. (Houghton Mifflin, \$10.) The inflation in Presidential power—particularly the war-making power—is the timely subject of this expert, if legalistic study.
- ✓ **MALCOLM LOWRY**, by Douglas Day. (Oxford, \$10.) A scrupulous and level-headed biography of a tragic man—a one-book genius whose only subject was himself and who drank in order not to write.
- THE NEW YORK CITY BALLET**, text by Lincoln Kirstein. (Knopf, \$25.) **ELIE NADELMAN**, by Lincoln Kirstein. (Eakins Press, \$35 to Jan. 31, then \$50.) The founding director of the New York City Ballet contributes a superb text to a pictorial history of his company; he is also the elegant explicator of the art of the sculptor Elie Nadelman.

## Best Seller List

This Week	Last Week	Weeks on List
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### FICTION

1	✓ THE HONORARY CONSUL. Greene	2	8
2	✓ THE HOLLOW HILLS. Stewart	1	20
3	✓ BURR. Vidal	4	2
4	✓ THE BILLION DOLLAR SURE THING. Erdman	3	17
5	✓ WORLD WITHOUT END, AMEN. Breslin	7	11
6	✓ THEOPHILUS NORTH. Wilder	9	3
7	✓ THE SALAMANDER. West	5	11
8	✓ COME NINEVEH, COME TYRE. Drury		1
9	✓ ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH. Susann	10	34
10	✓ THE FIRST DEADLY SIN. Sanders	6	5

### GENERAL

1	✓ HOW TO BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND. Newnan & Berkowitz with Owen	2	18
2	✓ THE JOY OF SEX. Comfort	1	49
3	✓ PENITIMENTO. Hellman	5	7
4	✓ IN ONE ERA AND OUT THE OTHER. Levenson	3	10
5	✓ ALISTAIR COOKE'S AMERICA. Cooke	7	2
6	✓ THE ONION FIELD. Wambaugh	4	9
7	✓ COSELL. Coseli	6	7
8	✓ PORTRAIT OF A MARRIAGE. Nicolson	9	4
9	✓ UPSTAIRS AT THE WHITE HOUSE. West with Kotz	10	3
10	✓ THE MAKING OF THE PRESIDENT 1972. White	8	18

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#### MAN AGAINST THE SEA by Edward J. Bennett

CAPTIVA - A long-time winter resident tossed a piece of driftwood into the Gulf the other day and remarked, "And that's about where I could stand on the beach surf casting a decade ago."

Old-time Islanders here, be they fishermen, shellers or beach lovers, probably can all come up with some similar point of personal reference to illustrate man's losing battle with the sea.

More recent visitors to Captiva wonder out loud about "those cement things which spoil the beach." Older residents recall the sometimes bitter controversies stirred over placement of the "dogbone" groins more than ten years ago which made walks along the beach a circuitous path and running either circuitous or "faking the hurdles."

Painful indeed can be physical contact with the "dogbone" groin, whether on land or swimming. Now, with much of the beach groins under sand, or nearly so, it's possible to walk or run the beach as the crow flies for the first time in many years, but under water, swimmers beware!

Erosion is man's natural enemy as erosion is a destroyer of man's property. The curse of erosion has been fought by man in various ways for hundreds of years. For these centuries the engagement has been fought out along the lines that an immovable object ought to be created which can defeat an irresistible force -- the sea. So we have witnessed, and still see, man erect walls, jetties, rip-rap cribs and groins for the battle against the sea, the never-to-be-ended war against the invasion of man's priceless possession-land.

If erosion were a predictable opponent the battle of man against it would be far simpler, but unhappily the odds are greatly against man. Naturally, man is tempted to dream that what Mother Nature is robbing will, by some miracle, wash back upon the shore one fine day, building up lost beaches. But Mother Nature is not usually forgiving, particularly when her cruelties to man and his properties are partially of his own ignorance and his own making.

Man has forever built walls to keep unwanted things, or other men out. The Great China Wall. The Maginot Line. The forts of Liege and Verdun. And seawalls to keep back the sea. Most have crumbled. Most have failed.

In his battle against the sea man has developed other strategies. One is wisely to admit defeat; to acknowledge that walls won't combat waves. So why not take back what has been taken? Why not dredge and pump back to the beaches the precious white sand captured by the sea?

#### DREDGING ONE WAY TO RESTORE BEACH

Such a dredge and pump operation is underway at the north end of Captiva. And, for the first time in dredging history, "sterile" sand -- i.e., sand of the same consistency as the present beach -- is being used. How much sand can be dredged and pumped to the beach is one matter. How much will "stay put" is another.

Unhappily, history tells us that getting back sand is one thing, keeping it is something else. All too often vast mountains of reclaimed sand have, overnight, been seized back by the sea. Mother Nature is cruel and she is no respecter of man's pump and man's dredge. It is a truism that vertical objects, no matter how small, stuck into the sand, will retard the outflow of sand, thus retarding erosion. These, whether natural plant life or sophisticated (or not-so-sophisticated) groins are known as permeable objects; objects which allow another matter to pass through, around and back out again.

The beachcomber will find pieces of coral, permeable in that water passes through. He will also always find in coral another commodity: sand. How to keep it. How to capture it, once gone. Man's ageless problem, perhaps never to be solved.

In a paper prepared more than ten years ago the traditional groin, or series of

permeable barriers was described. "One groin, standing alone, is doomed to failure for a violation of nature is involved. Sand will accumulate on the weather side where the prevailing winds are a factor, but more erosion will be induced by a scouring action on the lee side. This is overcome by building yet another groin at a determined distance so that the sand on the weather side of the second groin replaces that stolen on the lee side of the first groin. Then, in theory, with a series of groins, as are in evidence at Captiva, some measure of protection will be experienced, but not beyond the first and the last groin."

Merits notwithstanding, erection of groins on Captiva spoiled the natural beauty of the beach. Until recently, on what beach is left remaining, a straight line walk was, and in some places is still, impossible.

#### ALTERNATE SOLUTION PROPOSED LONG AGO

About 40 years ago a native Floridian, Sydney Makepeace Wood devised and developed the concept of a single pier-type groin which could thrust out into the sea, yet not impair the beauty of the beach. Then, and perhaps today also, both Federal and Florida erosion "experts" frowned on Wood's concept; in fact they rejected it. Wood's notable and mostly wholly successful groins have been constructed in the West Indies. Once, about to construct a Makepeace Wood groin in Florida, Wood was told to cease and desist because he carried no Florida engineer's license, although fully accredited in another state.

It has been said that Makepeace Wood groins have never failed when built according to his specifications and located where he designated. While Wood's groins resembled piers, the similarity of construction ended there. Wood called his construction "increasingly permeable." The opening through which the waters flow in Wood's groin are smaller at the land end, increasing in size towards the water end; also the openings are smaller at the bottom of the groin and are graduated larger toward the top.

More simply stated perhaps, the Wood groin is two parallel walls with concrete members between, on which lugs have been cast to give the degree of permeability desired. Generally, a top deck is added to form a recreation and fishing pier.

Does the Makepeace Wood groin work? History tells us that it invariably has; that where there have been failures there have been departures from Wood plan, Wood technique.

Makepeace Wood was once asked, "Would one of your pier-groins, built exactly to your specifications and design, survive one of our severe Gulf storms on Captiva, or even a hurricane?"

Wood replied without hesitation: "Yes, if built right and installed right, nothing short of an earthquake would shift the pilings or do more than some surface damage."

Sydney Makepeace Wood was just one man waging the frustrating battle against the sea, against erosion. Men, at times bitterly, have disagreed on strategy in this war. Mother Nature has always been on the offensive; man is cast in a defensive role.

Have Captiva's "dogbone" groins done any good?

Who can really say what the beach would be like today if they had not been installed more than a decade ago?

And how about Mr. Wood's groin? Had one, or more, been erected on Captiva Island would we have more, or less beach? Or no beach? Or would things be about the same?

Who can say, really? We may have our firm opinions. Or we may just gamble on a guess that may please us.

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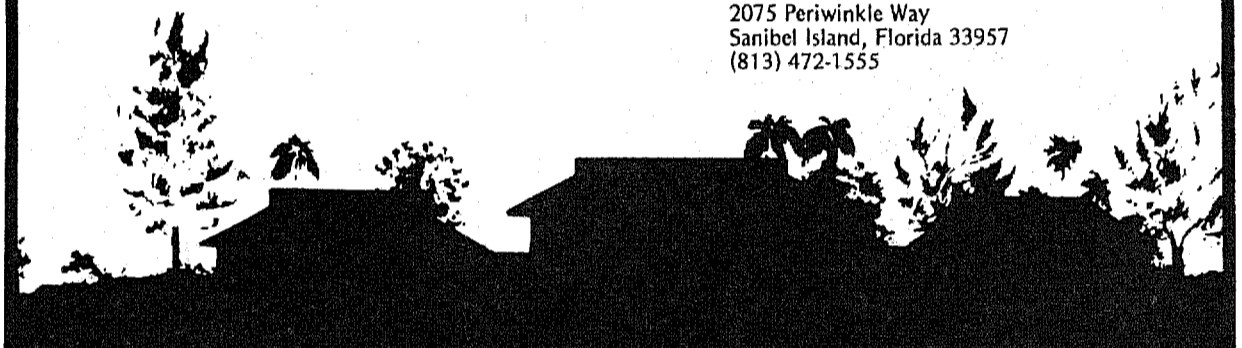
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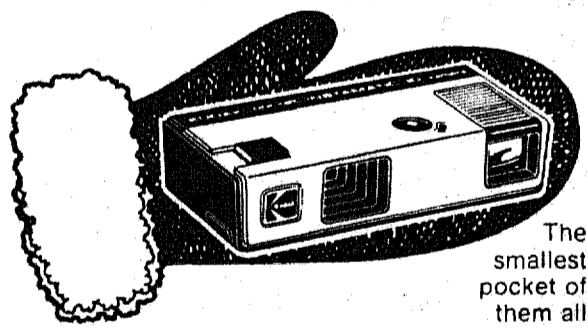
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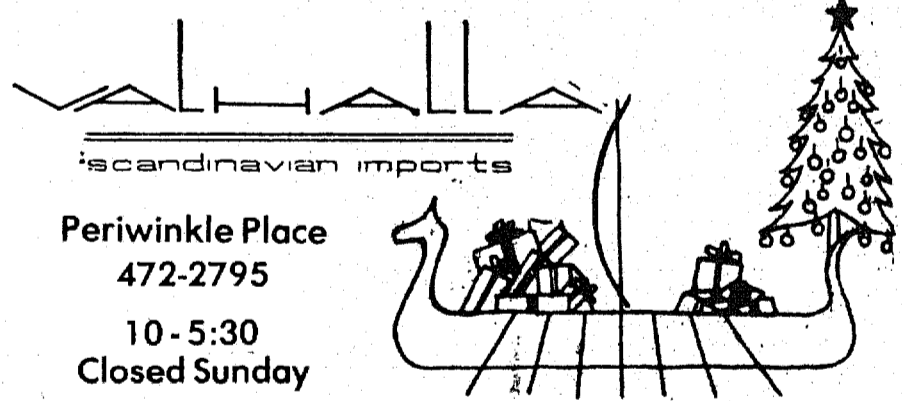
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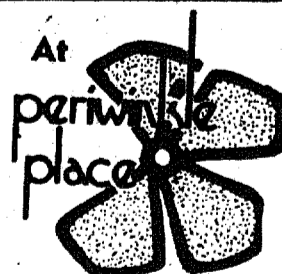
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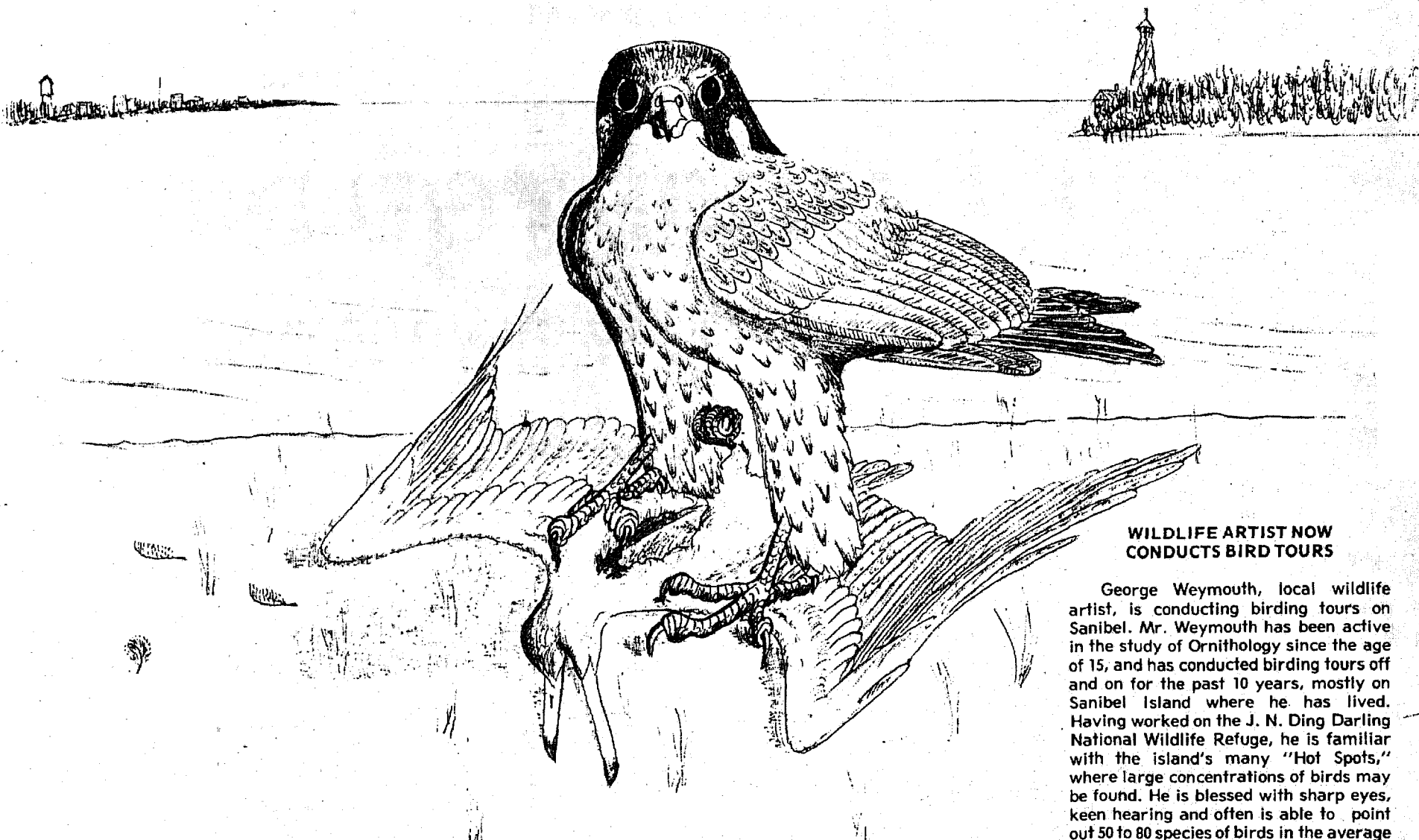
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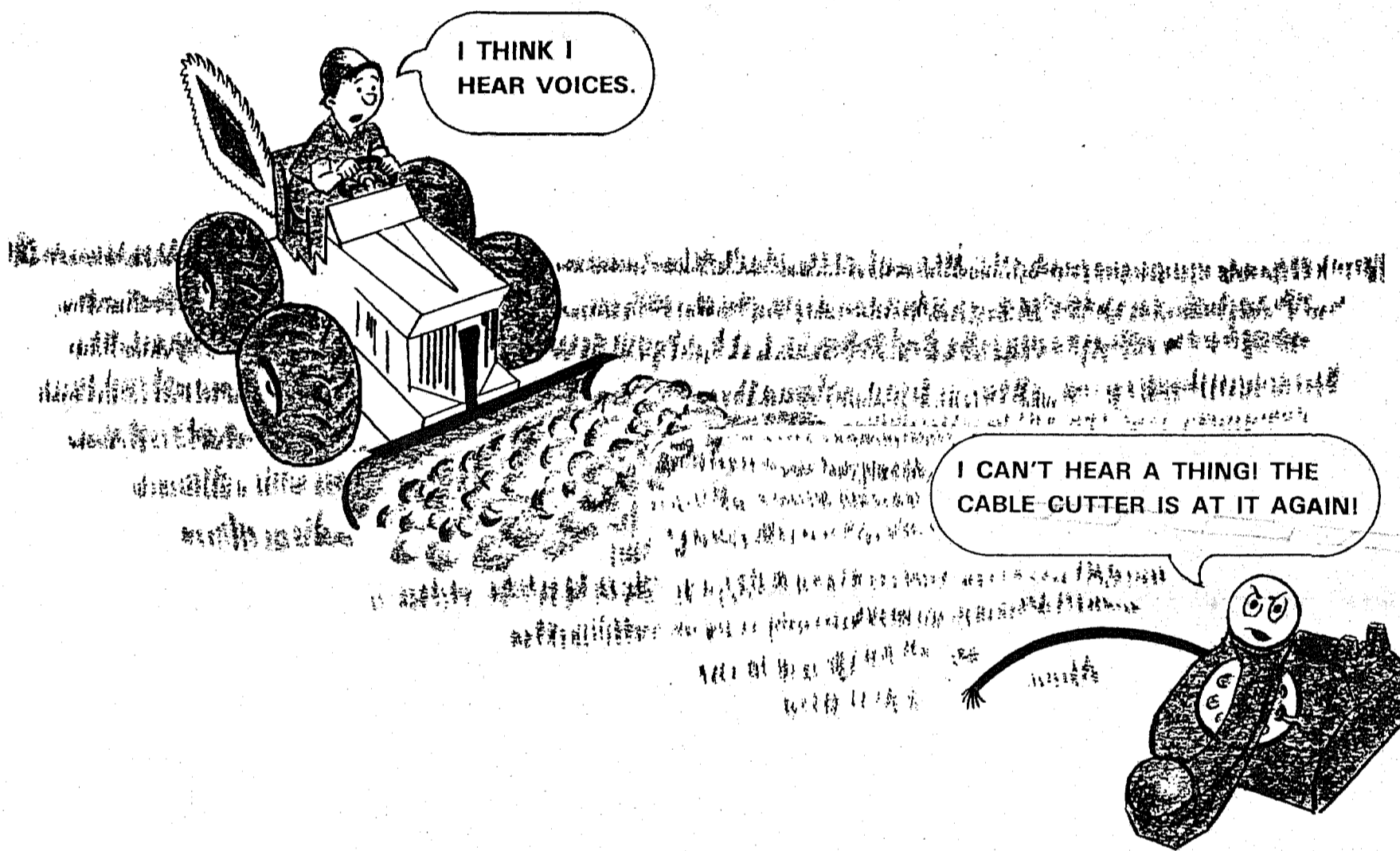
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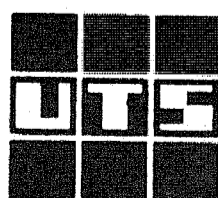
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**BROWSING AROUND**  
 by Fran O'Callaghan

Is our face red, green and purple? Just as we were headed for the press, we learned that Dotti McQuade and Al Muench have teamed up and are now selling the fantastic and adorable little old NEW model cars. Al is a real go-getter, and we can't think of a nicer person to be handling these newest of vehicles, and you really must see them to appreciate them. Dotti has two outside her boutique, but Al has several to demonstrate and ready to roll in the Periwinkle Trailer Park. He can be reached at 472-2390. The energy crisis can only get worse before it gets better, and these little gems are the perfect answer for island travel.

Incidentally, our plucky little Dotti is getting along just great, we are happy to report, and her boutique is loaded to the gun'ales with beautiful clothing for just any and every occasion, and the sales girls are so pleasant about helping you, it's a joy to step into her shop.

When you are in the Periwinkle Trailer Park to see Al Muench about runabouts, do take advantage of its many features that make it a unique trailer park. Stop in there at the little grocery known as the "Craftsman." Ken Soper who manages this shop is just that: a craftsman. He travels to the Great Smoky Mountains and the Carolina Blue Ridge to select and bring back just the right woods for his beautiful and original wood carvings. Some are of aromatic red

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Another little winner we must mention is Jeanne Hopwood. Jeanne has opened her "Snack Shack No. 2" down at the Lighthouse end of the island in the new Punta Ybel Plaza. Everything fairly sparkles with new cleanliness, and it is difficult to find a seat, that's how popular it is. It's worth waiting or taking out because she features, among other things mouthwateringly good, a really delicious charbroiled steak. Speaking about the lapse in time between the old Snack Shack, which you will recall blew away in a freak tornado, Jeanne says, "it took me months to do it, but I'm glad I did." We certainly must give her an A for effort. How many of us would have persevered in rebuilding our business and in carrying the dream in our hearts all these many months? Best of luck, Jeannie!

The girls did get away for that fantastic vacation. We mean Grace Rasche and Vi Jones of the Artisan Shop who talked it over and decided that the perfect vacation would be to live on a tropical island, laze on the beach and just take it easy for awhile. And so where did they go? Right here on Sanibel! They rented a house and took off their shoes, donned bathing suits and really enjoyed going native. And their kitty cat went with them! Now the girls are back in the Artisan Shop and open for business with a bang. They have a beautiful new array of delightful jewelry, cards, pottery, -- you name it. We will be writing more about them and their new artisans later.

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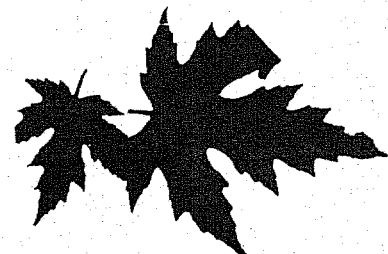
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FLASH!! We've just seen County Board of Education approved plans for a 20'x20' CBS building. What we need now is approximately \$1,000 worth of materials and volunteer labor to construct the building. Any pledges for either will be greatly appreciated.



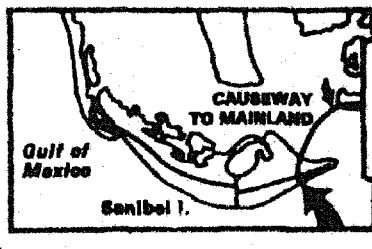
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## Wildlife Notes

by Griffing Bancroft

People on bird tours, and even some veteran Florida duck hunters, often ask if male and female red-breasted mergansers have similar plumage.

The answer is no. Like most ducks, notably excepting our local mottled duck, the male is much more handsome, with a striking green crested head and a brilliantly colored back.

The trouble is that here in Florida we virtually never see one. The female red-breasted mergansers have now arrived in good numbers as they do every winter, and you certainly can't miss them. They are reddish with a long slim unduck-like bill, serrated for holding the fish they eat.

They are the most active of the ducks here, usually feeding in flocks and often pursuing their prey along the surface or with fast, shallow dives in the inland waters and in the Gulf.

Usually other birds, particularly herons, egrets and ibis are seen with these mergansers, trying to catch some of the panic-stricken fish fleeing from the ducks.

Another merganser, to be seen locally, is the hooded. It is much less common but in its case, as with most other ducks, the males as well as females winter here. Only the red-breasted merganser has this peculiar migratory pattern, along the east coast. They nest mostly far north in Canada. When nesting is over in the fall both sexes migrate south to the coasts of New England. There the males remain. Observers around Cape Cod for example report seeing red-breasted mergansers all winter --- almost all males.

We here see them all winter, too, almost all females --- for, while the drakes stop off in New England, the females continue on south. Only about one in a thousand around here is a mature male. In the spring the females will return northward. They rejoin the males in New England and there have their courtships and form pairs. Then both sexes go further north to the nesting grounds.

About all you can say of this performance is that there is a great deal about bird migration we do not understand.

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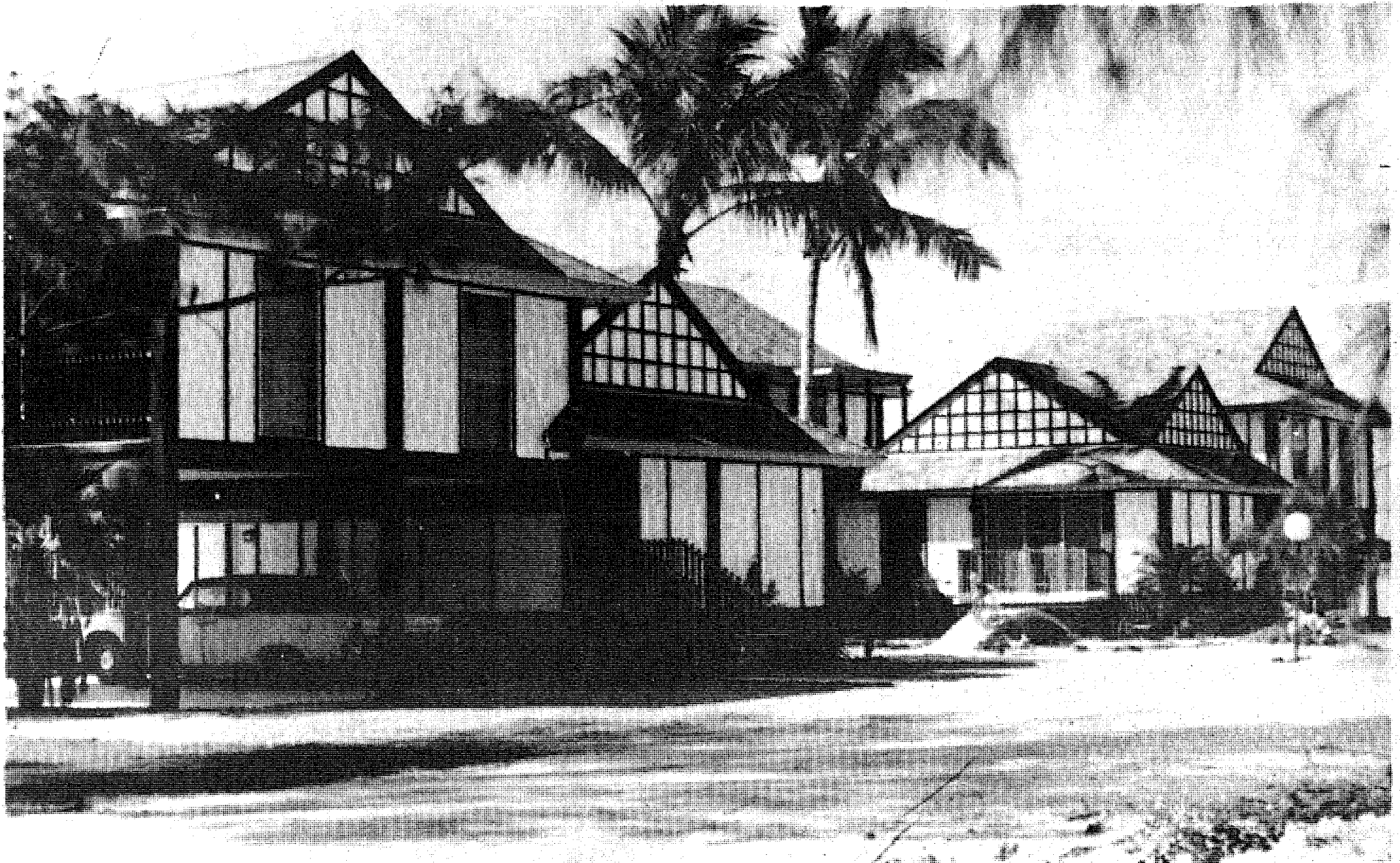
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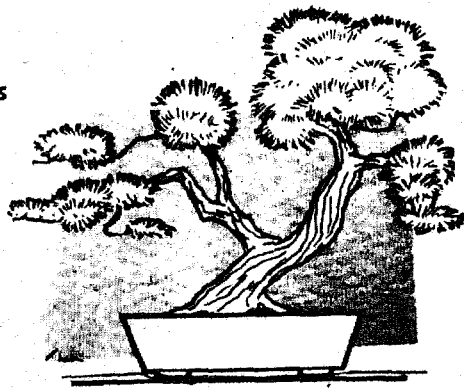
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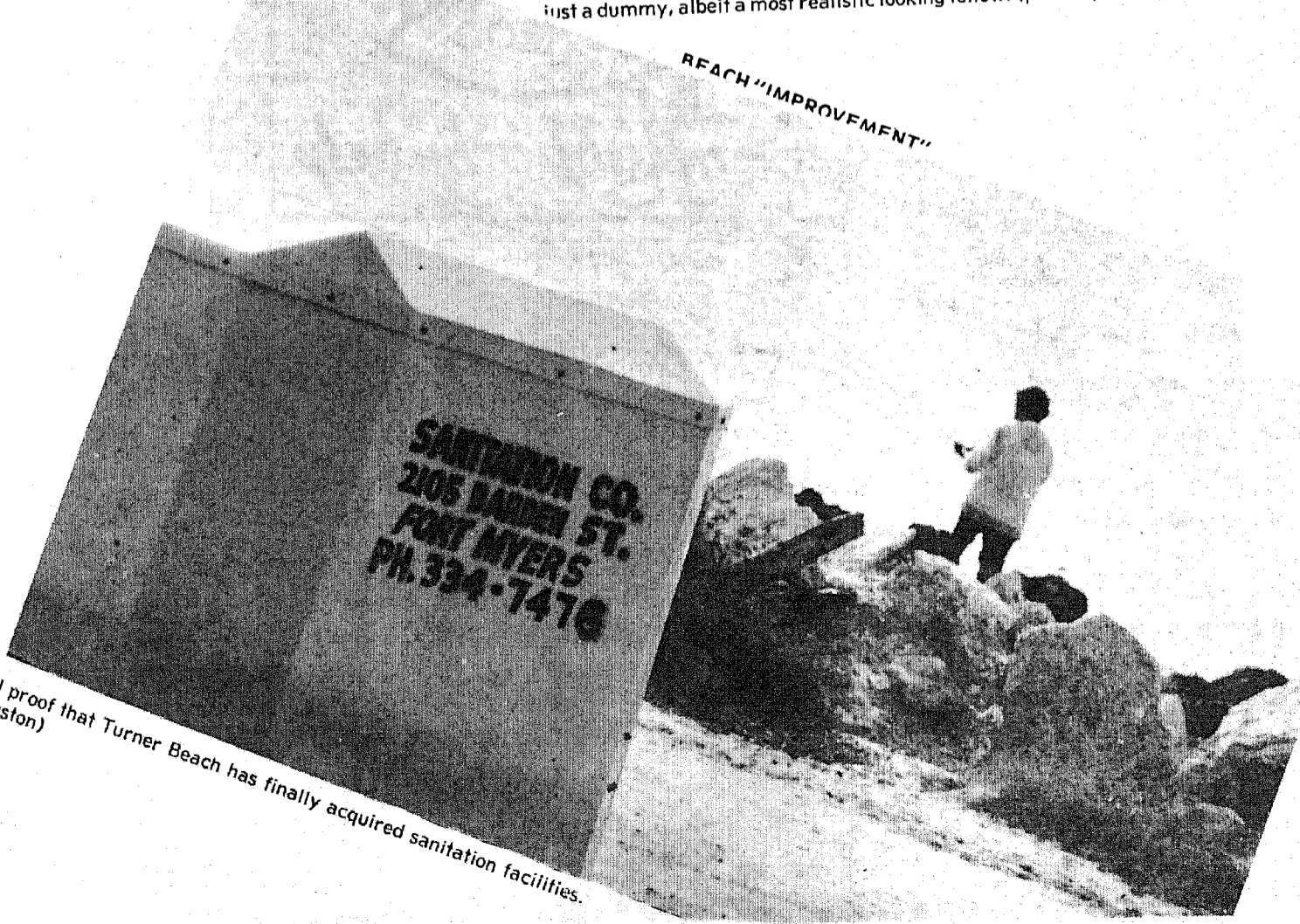
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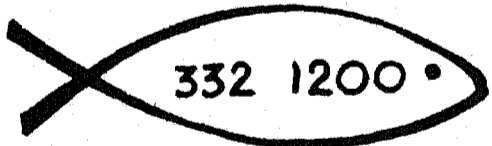
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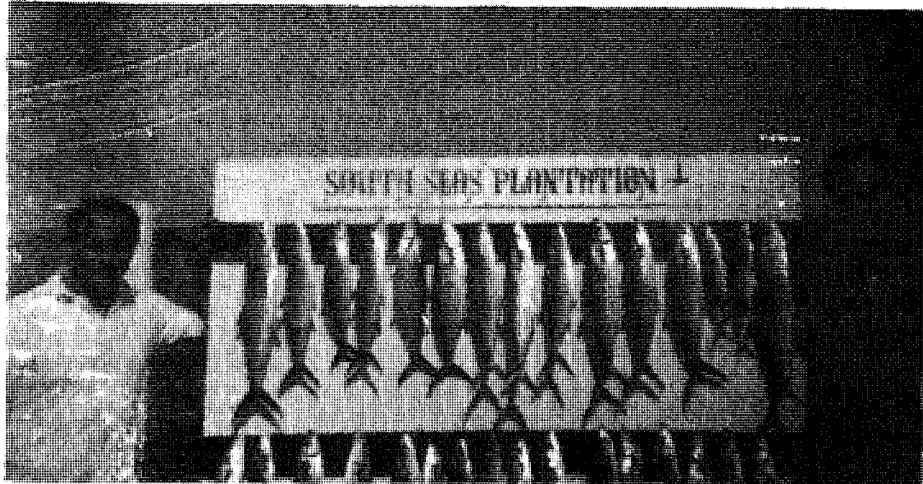


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First I'd like to warn you that trout fishing is not as simple as might be inferred by the light, airy way that some men toss off the remark, "I think I'll go catch some trout today." It is a long, slow process and must be warmed up to, the way you get ready for a prize fight. When you have taken 3 deep breaths, studied your bank book carefully, and instructed your husband to consult 4 or 5 of his buddies in his favorite bar, 2 of whom may have actually caught a few trout, you send him out to buy a trout-fishing-boat. Not a shrimp boat or a snapper boat or a mullet boat, not a skiff, a scow or a sloop, but a small, sturdy, flat-bottomed job with an inboard motor. You see, trout have very good ears (heh, heh, heh, you didn't know THAT did you!) and, reasonably enough, they are quick to skeddaddle when they hear some monster outboard motor chugging in their direction. (You would too, wouldn't you?)

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normal, it uses hardly any gas and all that water in the bilge is nothing but left-over rain. He will find out for himself that the poles are too brittle, the lines are too short, the hooks are rusty and the sediment bowl is full of rust. It is at this point that you must be exceptionally careful; one discouraging word and he will choose to remain permanently at the bar dispensing advice to other would-be trout fishermen.

Now assuming that he has discovered, or you have told him, that trout like to feed in shallow water over a grassy bottom and that he is smart enough to know shallow water when he sees it (don't laugh --- there are a lot of bent props around here to prove that many men don't) and assuming that he has got the boat outfitted properly --- for example a 25-gallon ice chest to hold 50 lbs. of ice for the 6 trout he may catch --- then all he has to do is find the right spot and start trolling. Of course, if he's not sure of the spot he can troll all around the back bay and Pine Island Sound until he finds something, but that way it may take weeks.

Be sure to explain to him that he must not troll too fast or too slow because trout are very fussy about the speed of their dinners; that he must be sure his lures are attached properly as the spooky fish are highly suspicious of anything unusual; that he must expect to catch 10 lady fish, 15 jacks and 4 undersized trout to every one that's big enough to keep. Furthermore, once he's hooked one, he must pull it in ever so gently because they have tender mouths and the hook will rip right out with an overly zealous tug. If he does get a bite, pull it in slowly and carefully, ease it over into the boat without falling overboard in excitement, he will know the thrill of the success that comes from patience, determination, and hard work and in spite of good advice. And you will have the joy of cleaning a very pretty, silvery, spotted fish with a delectable flavor, plus the knowledge that you were a good teacher. And that's only salt-water trout. Fresh water trout is a whole 'nother can of worms which I wouldn't even mention if I were you.

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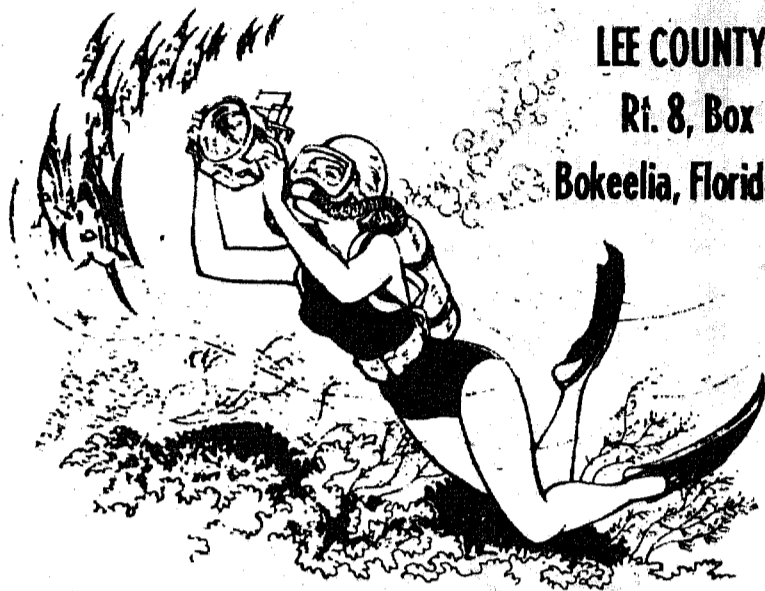
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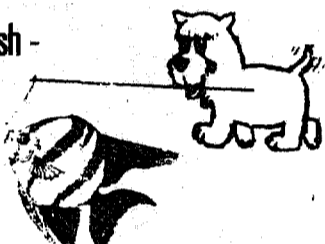


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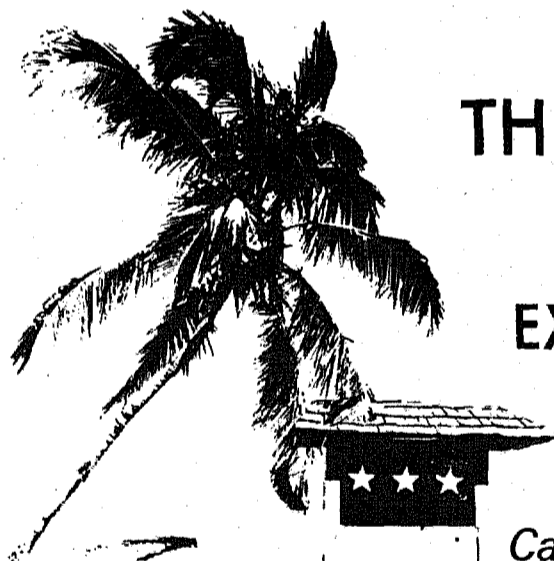
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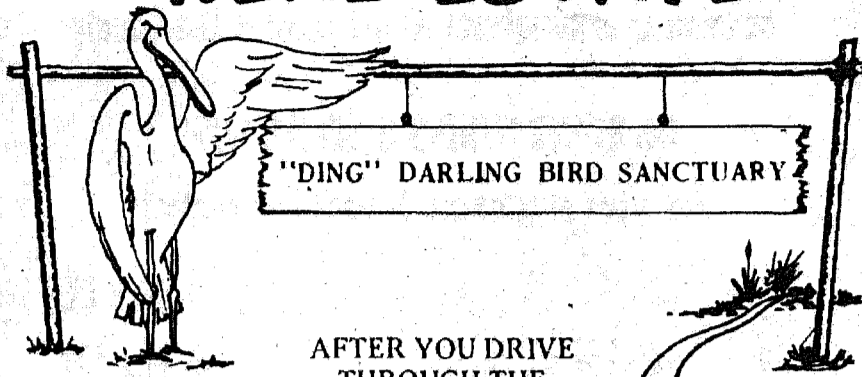
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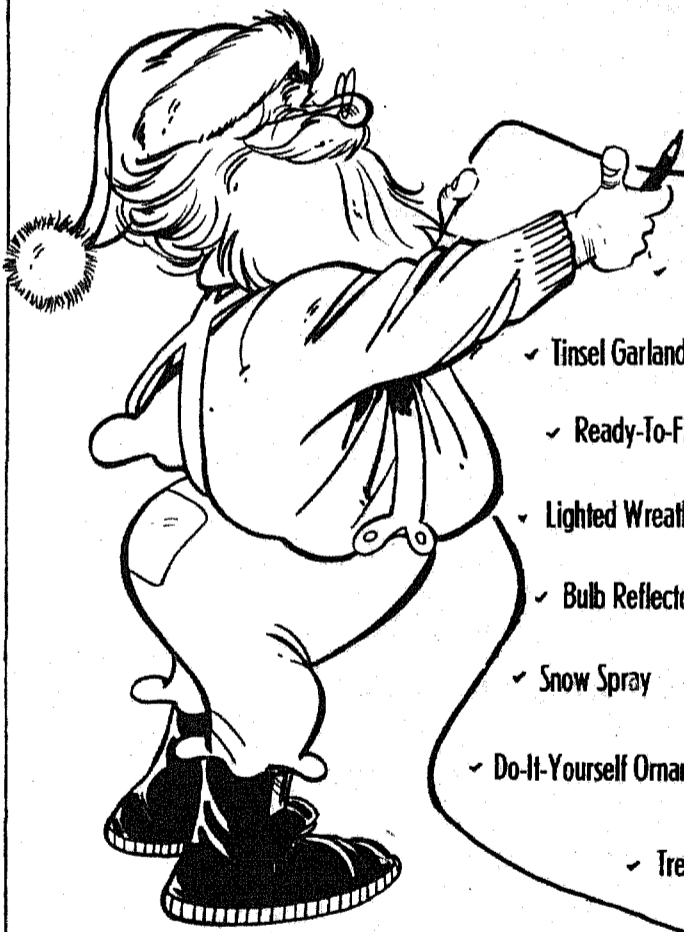
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- ✓ Angel Hair
- ✓ Tinsel Garland
- ✓ Nativity Sets
- ✓ Icicles
- ✓ Ready-To-Fill Stockings
- ✓ Ornament Hangers
- ✓ Lighted Wreaths
- ✓ Christmas Cards
- ✓ Replacement Bulbs
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- ✓ Twink-o-flashers
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- ✓ Snow Spray
- ✓ Indoor and Outdoor Lights
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