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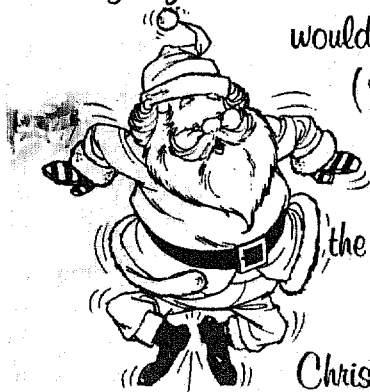
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Because Christmas and New Year's days fall on Tuesdays this year, we would appreciate it if all civic and service organizations, as well as church groups and new advertisers,

would have their copy into the Islander office (P.O. Box 2867, 2330 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931) no later than the Fridays preceding the issues of December 27 and January 3.



We will be closed
Christmas Eve afternoon and Christmas Day.

Santa's Coming!

Santa will be delivering Christmas presents in person to all the good little girls and boys. He will start delivery on December 23 on the islands, and asks the assistance of parents. If there are several packages (for several children) be sure to mark each wrapped gift individually with the name of the child and address and put them all in a large addressed paper bag, so that the right children will receive the right gifts.

All packages must be at the Sanibel Firehouse for delivery by Wednesday, December 21 at 4 p.m. so Santa will be able to work out his delivery route when he starts leaving packages at homes after dark on the 23rd.

The beautiful community Christmas tree will be lit on Saturday, December 15, after a program put on and sponsored by Sanibel and Captiva Elementary School children. This year the tree will be donated by Francis Bailey, and will be at the Community Center. Later on, in the spring, the Kiwanis Club will plant a living tree so that in Christmases to come it can be used. This year's program is being coordinated by the Kiwanis Club, and over 60 Island businesses contributed strings of lights for the tree.

Lion's Club Clean-Up

December 15 is C-Day on the Islands. According to Bob Potts, committee chairman, the local Lions Club is promoting a clean-up campaign on that day and will supply trucks, equipment and members. They particularly wish to encourage youngsters and teenagers to take part in this community effort because their youthful exuberance is usually almost as great a contribution as their physical efforts, and makes the job seem more like fun than work. Also there's nothing like a strong back and young legs when it comes to walking the length of Periwinkle Way picking up litter.

The group will meet at Bailey's Store at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, December 15. Refreshments for the participants will be served when the clean-up is over.

Arts & Crafts Fair To Be Successful

Thirty-one exhibitors already have signed up for the annual Arts and Crafts Fair at the Sanibel Community House, Feb. 9-10, assuring that a wide variety of items will be on exhibit and for sale for the benefit of the Sanibel Public Library.

Seven of those who signed up as soon as the first invitations went out will be new this year, not having shown their work at the 1971 or 1972 Fairs.

Other Island artists and craftsmen who want to display their work are urged to apply soon, as space may have to be limited this year. The deadline is January 18. Applications should be sent to George C. Tenney, 1672 Hibiscus Drive, Sanibel, 1973 chairman of the Fair.

In addition to both oil and watercolor painting, some of the crafts listed by the first rush of applicants included ceramics, weaving, macrame, decoupage, needlecraft, hand-painted china, creml, decoupage, cone craft, shell craft, metal work, bark collage, pottery and textiles.

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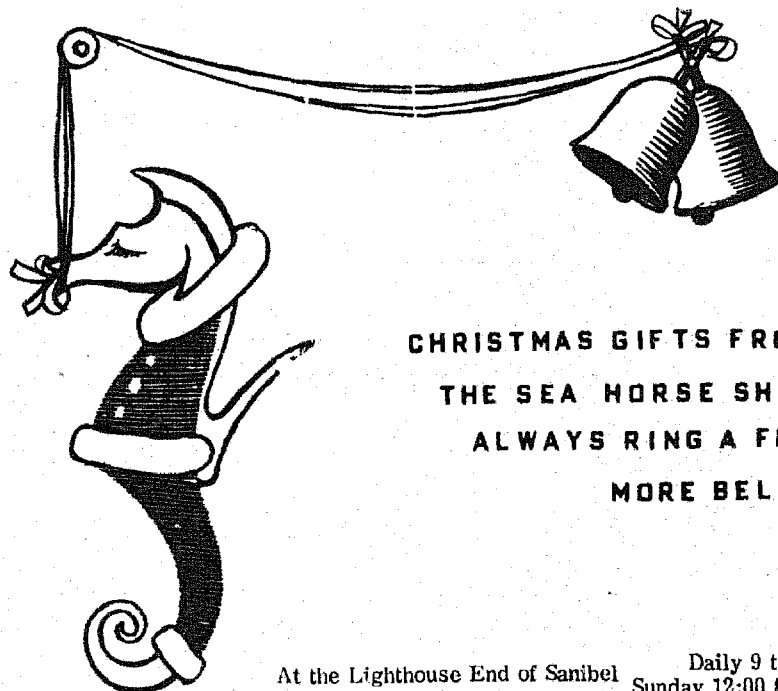
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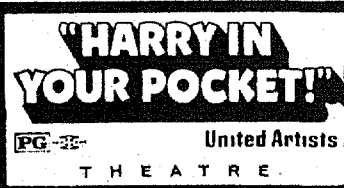
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IRENE GALE, Scotty's better half, is visiting daughter WENDY in Ocala, and enjoying a fall visit way up north there.

BILL MAIN has flown home to Baltimore to visit his mother, who is reported to be improving. MARYLOU MAIN's sister and brother-in-law, the BUD MALLORYS of Naples, have been enjoying a visit with Marylou. Bud is retired from the Baltimore Police Dept., and Marylou has had his many medals framed for display. Her mother, OPAL MELTON, will be coming down to her pretty mobile home on the 15th from Charleston, W. Va.

Visiting the CHARLES HOLLANDS is Mrs. INEZ DEVINAY, executive director of the American Red Cross in Boston. JUNE HOLLAND worked with her as a volunteer worker in the organization, and they are enjoying a restful vacation. ROBERT HOLLAND, honor student at Cypress Lake High, is the only island member of the freshman basketball team. It is quite a feat for Robert to attend night practice since his family has to come and get him afterwards. Makes for a long day for all of them. Sunday the family held an intimate birthday party for BETH HOLLAND who celebrated her ninth birthday. How? Fishing, of course. Beth caught a big one on one of the fancy lures she collects.

Filming of Dark Tower is finished at Woodring's Point and the props were being removed on Monday. The Point looked deserted except for indestructible ESPERANZA WOODRING. Incidentally, daughter-in-law, ANN WOODRING, has moved off the island and now lives at 252 Birt St. in Riverview Park. She is busy taking Christmas orders for Avon products on the islands. You can call her at 481-5342, and she will be happy to come see you with her order books.

Fairly new on the island is Miss SUZAN McCLAIN, who hails from Gatlinburg, Tenn. Suzan is working at the Black Pearl with another new member of their staff, JEANNE HOLLOWAY, whose husband is a fishing guide up on Captiva. The Black Pearl and Open Gate, along with many other island shops, are featuring handmade island tree ornaments for Christmas, or the materials for you to make your own.

TED COLE, new fishing guide at Tarpon Bay Marina took a party out on Tuesday, and they caught some very nice snook and trout, even though the winds have been a little on the high side. Come a nice day, be sure to go.

Real new to the islands is MIMI PIPINO who is living in her parents new home on Limpet Dr. Mimi works as part time secretary at Sanibel Elementary School, and in her spare time makes the most remarkable Christmas tree ornaments of stained glass with leaded edges, just like church windows. The colors are so soul-touchingly beautiful seen with the light coming through them. Some of them are on sale at the Red Pelican.

CHARLES and MILDRED REIRICH of Carbondale, Ill., are here for the season. Mildred will be remembered for her delicate watercolor studies which are on display in the Artisan Shop. She will have a class in watercolor painting there for island residents again this year. She also will conduct a class in Periwinkle Park for residents and suggests you walk to conserve gas.

CLARA MOULTON, an adoption social worker in Cincinnati, Ohio, is vacationing with her sister, EVELYN CHAMBERLIN. Evelyn teaches in Lorraine Community College, Lorraine, Ohio, and is very much interested in conservation. She has been building a peninsula of sand and stones on a lake in Ohio.

MARGARET GALLOWAY drove down Tuesday to stay for the winter season. When she left Canada, she drove through five inches of snow and freezing rain. She is busy making Christmas cards, note paper and jewelry of 4,000 year old clay concretions from Quebec. Meanwhile, she is glorying in the sun and sea -- says she is almost living in the glamorous shed she is converting into a studio and workshop. "It is the most important part of my house," she remarked.

MARK and DORIS STANG have sold their home in Dayton, Ohio, and moved down permanently. Doris says, "I love Sanibel with a passion, and I feel the same about my new home here."

Weekend guests of FOSTER and ELEANOR HUBER were Mr. & Mrs. JOSEPH SMITH of Ionia, Mich. On their sightseeing tours around the islands, they saw three huge alligators in the Ding Darling Sanctuary.

Mrs. G. T. MARTIN has a houseful of company, and things are really jumping. Her dear friend, MARGE SOUTHWOOD, of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting. She has bought some property and will be building on the island pretty soon. HOLT HAMLET, Mrs. Martin's son, is here with his two daughters from Montgomery, Ala. Daughter ROSA received an appointment by the Governor as Asst. Attorney General for the State of Alabama, the first time a lady has received this high honor, and Rosa isn't even 30 yet. Daughter Mrs. ROBERT YOUNG is accompanied by her two children, FLORENCE ELLEN and ELIZABETH, all from Montgomery, too.

SALLY and HARVEY LEE of Lee's House of Treasures are combining biz with pleasure on a shopping tour of the Bahamas where they are vacationing and enjoying the water.

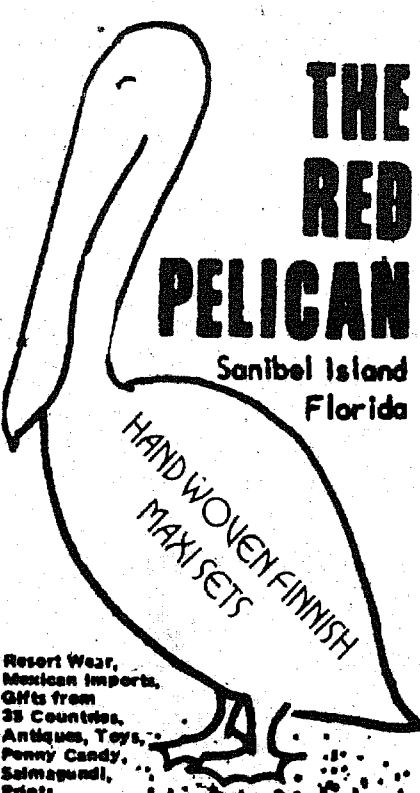
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Dr. Paul H. Schweitzer, who is vacationing on Sanibel at the Moorings, may well have the answer to gas rationing. Dr. Schweitzer has invented a little electronic gadget which buzzes when you reach a speed over 55 mph. He was also instrumental in having this year's cars labeled in showrooms for their fuel economy.

Dr. Schweitzer of State College, Pa., was a Professor of Engineering there before his retirement, but he really did not retire at all. He is in private business in the electronic field with his main office at the Optimizer Control Corp. in Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. Schweitzer is vice president of this company which specializes in transistorized circuits.

Much interested in the gas and fuel shortage, he has sent a letter to each of our congressmen recommending (1) reduced speed in driving, (2) no pleasure or Sunday driving, (3) curtailment of all unnecessary driving, (4) installation of a speed monitor on all new cars.

Dr. Schweitzer is not new in the invention field, and his partner, Dr. Carl Volz, of Schweitzer, Hussman, consulting engineers, also engineered the optimizer control system of spark timing and the polimiter, which retards spark. Both inventions are the basis of emission control devices scheduled to be used on most vehicles and all new cars, but which may now be scrapped.

The speed alarm is as simple as the seat belt alarm system used in all new cars. The inexpensive speed alarm system can be installed for as little as \$1.00. He hopes that they will be mandatory on new cars to conserve gas. "They could even be dispensed by the government, free of charge for older models, at a cost of approximately \$100,000," he states. The alarm is inactivated while the vehicle remains inactive, but when the car reaches the maximum speed for which the alarm is set, a steady and persistent buzzing occurs until the speed is reduced. Dr. Schweitzer explained the simple device so that even a layman can understand. It measures the engine revolutions by counting the pulse of the spark of the engine. Dr. & Mrs. Schweitzer occupy a suite in the Sanibel Moorings Condominiums overlooking the Gulf. "We would love to call Sanibel our second home and can only wish it will stay as it is, but of course further development will spoil it in the end," he remarked wistfully.

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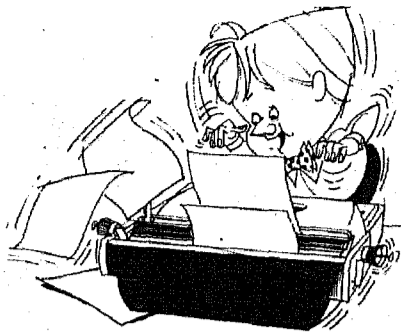
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Letters to the Editor



TO THE ISLANDER:

Like the famous cherry-tree chopper-downer, I cannot tell a lie. John Patrick the illustrious author of many Broadway hits including "Teahouse of the August Moon" wrote "Fifty needles and fifty pins and Fifty dirty R.....'s"

Little ole me it was who added:
Fifty dogs and fifty cats and
Fifty lily-white D.....'s.

But I'm one who thinks jingles are

fun, let's have one each week. I'll start off with:

"If I were you and you were me,
I'd look at me so tenderly,
and say

Oh Gee, I'm crazy over me!"

Yours from the Jingle Corner,
Ruth Hunter

P.S. "Fifty needles and fifty pins, etc. is a line spoken by a character in the "Curious Savage" by John Patrick and it must have been a popular jingle a long time ago for an actor replies, "We always said twenty needles and 20 pins. You've added thirty more dirty R.....'s."

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:

My name is Dieter Van de Bovenhamp. My friend and I came here to find and have found relaxation. I think you all do a fine job by smiling and doing your work so well that we both are longing for the moment to visit you again. Be sure I'll let you hear of me as soon as possible.

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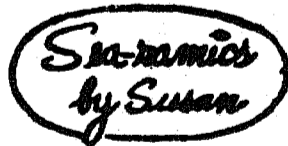
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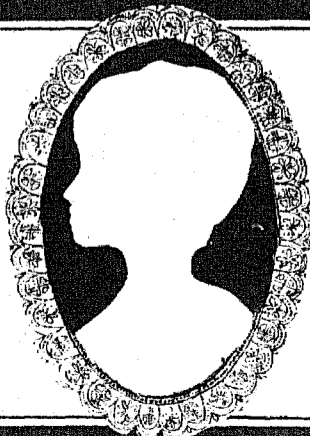
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School News

SURVIVAL HUNT

The fourth and fifth grades of Sanibel Elementary went on a survival hunt. They had to pretend that they were birds, and they had to go outside and hunt for their food, or they wouldn't survive. The food they hunted were "grasshoppers," but really they were different colored toothpicks. There were approximately five hundred of them, and we found four hundred and twenty seven. If we were grasshoppers we found that we would rather be light yellow than any other color because we found fewer of that color than any other color.

Barbie Bissell
Suzi Dumouchel
Roxane Costanzo
MR. M. AND MR. T

The kindergarten and first grade classes are very delighted to announce they have had two visitors from Letter Land already this week, as a result of the P.T.A.'s gift to the class of "Alpha Time." The visitors have been Mr. M., who has the munchingest mouth you're ever seen, and Mr. T., who has the tallest teeth you're ever seen. We certainly hope the energy crisis doesn't affect the arrival of our other letter people from Letter Land!

June Ireland
Marlene Francis
CONSERVATION PROJECT

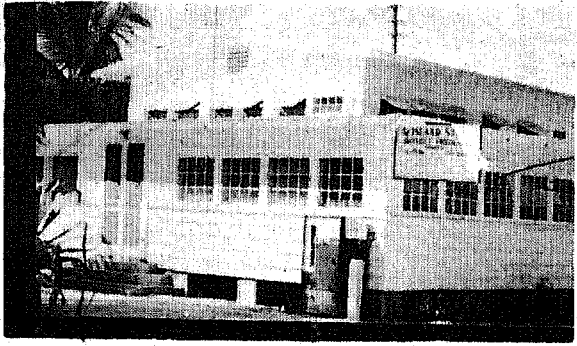
Wed., Dec. 6 the 4th, 5th graders of Sanibel Elem. School planted pin oak, and rosewood trees. There were thirtytwo all together -- sixteen of each kind. We planted them on the north side of the school. They will be transplanted and taken farther from the school in a year or two.

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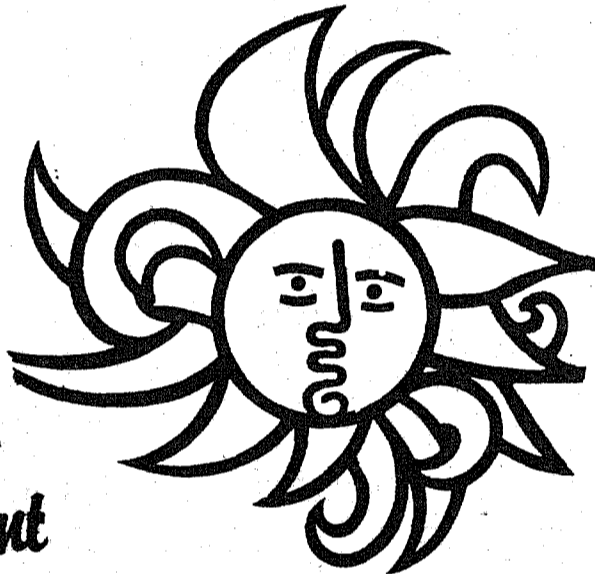
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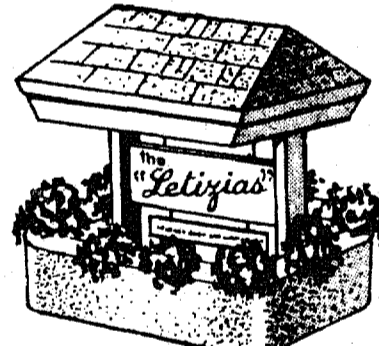
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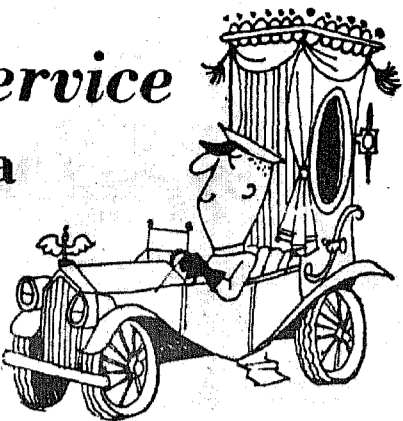
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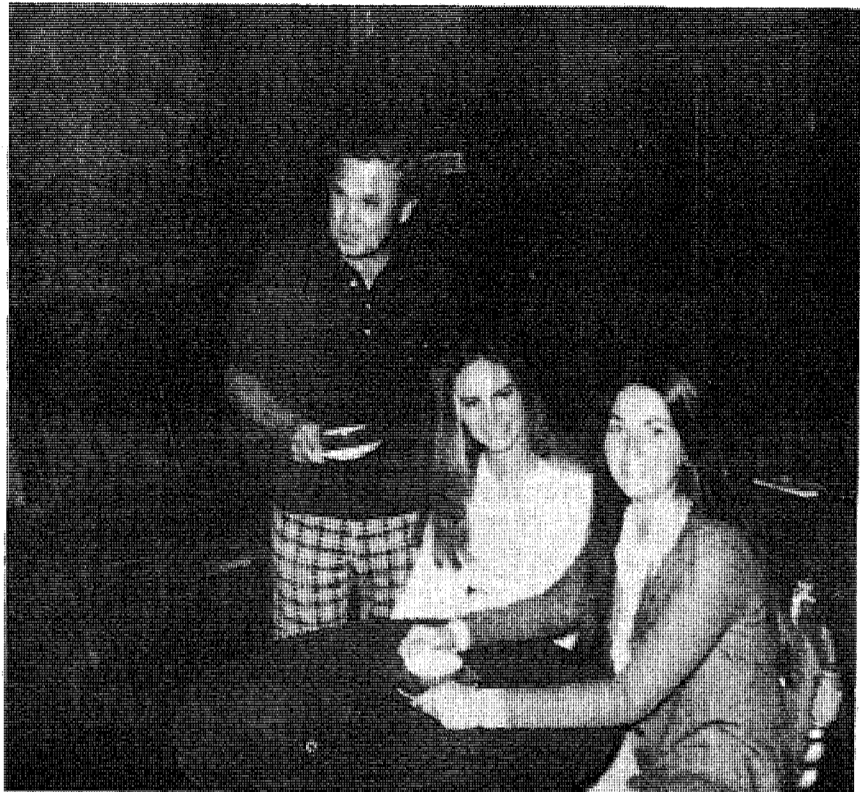
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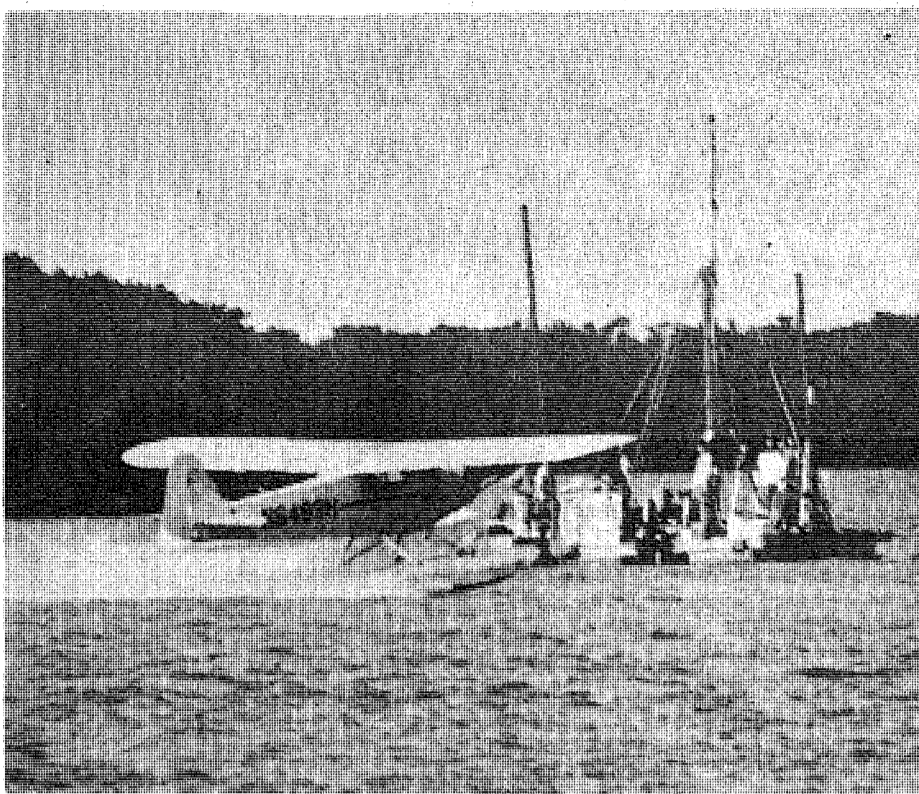


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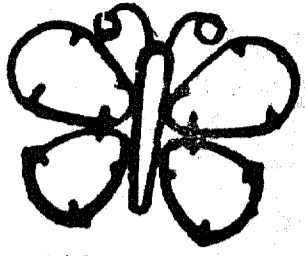
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Wildlife Notes

by Griffing Bancroft

One of our rare, fast disappearing falcons has been sighted several times on the islands recently. It is the pigeon hawk, or merlin.

This interesting bird is about half way in size between two better known members of the genus, "Falco," the sparrow hawk or kestrel and the large duck hawk or peregrine falcon. The bird seen here, assuming it has been the same one each time, is a mature female.

Falcons have intrigued humans for centuries. The sport of falconry, indulged in by kings and nobles of old, is still practiced by some people in this country today. The trouble is that devotees of the sport are running out of the principle players: the birds. The noblest of the falcons is the big peregrine which has almost disappeared from the entire eastern United States. It is doubtful that any nest in this big area any more. What few nests are left, out west or far to the north, are often illegally robbed, hastening the end of the bird. The falconer must obtain young birds which he can train, and about the only source of these are nests in the wild. But the peregrines, what few are left, are protected as an endangered species, so the aspiring falconer must either break the law, find some other bird, or give up the sport.

The only falcon at all common in this country is the little eight-inch kestrel. This bird is quite abundant over most of the United States and can be seen here during the winter usually perched, falcon fashion, on a hunting post or often on a utility wire along the roads.

But the kestrel is hardly a substitute bird for the falconer. The larger falcons live mostly off other birds and when trained can be loosed by their masters to make their tremendous dives upon many varieties of large birds. The kestrel, however, eats mostly large insects. It wouldn't seem very exciting to train one and then have him bring back nothing but grasshoppers.

The merlin, the medium-sized falcon sighted here, also has disadvantages. Only a foot long itself it will tackle birds as big as it is, like pigeons and small ducks, but securing a nestling merlin presents difficulties. In the first place the bird is rare, or at least uncommon everywhere and usually nests far to the north in inaccessible places. Altogether, falconry may be a dying sport.

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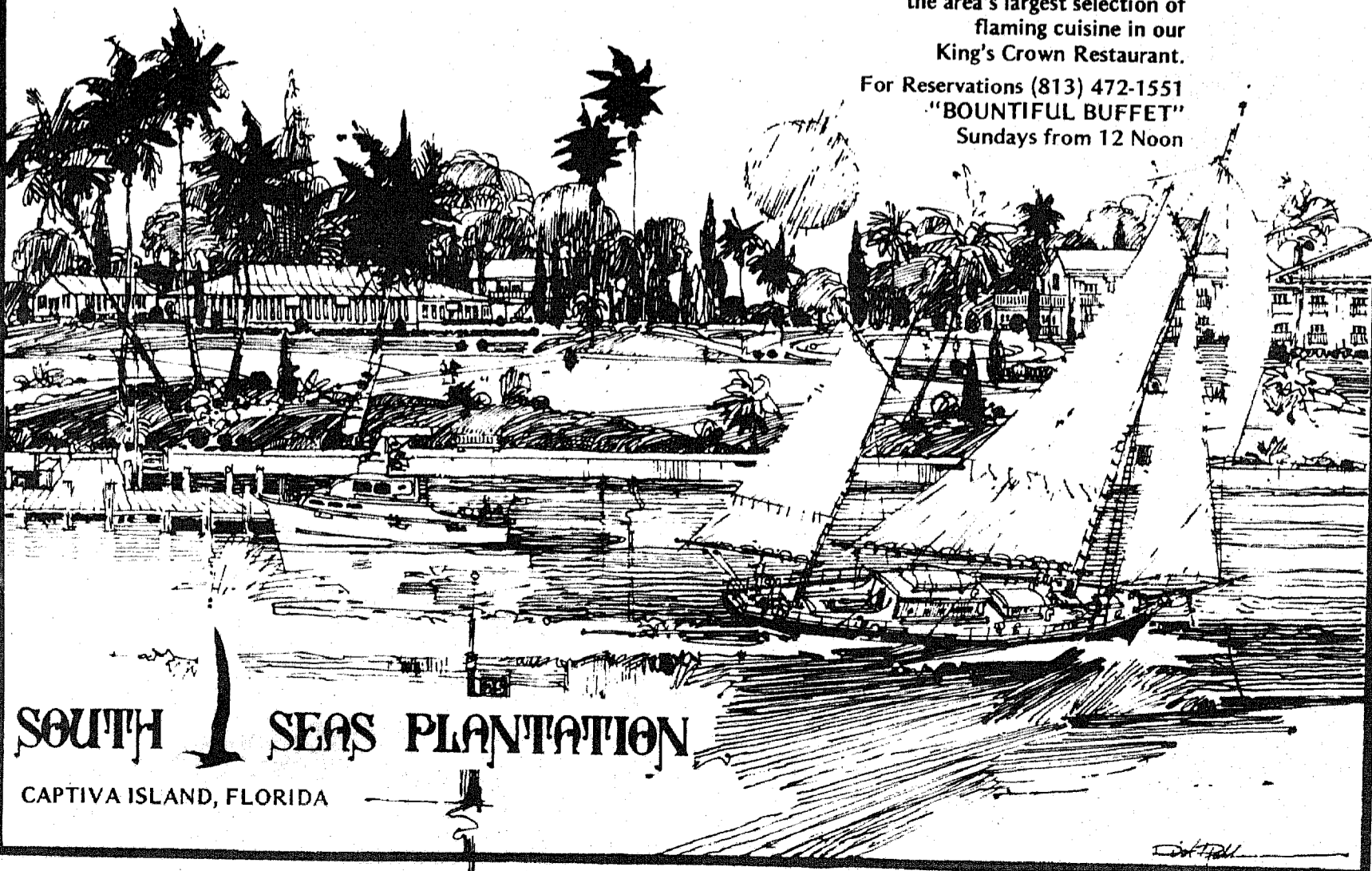
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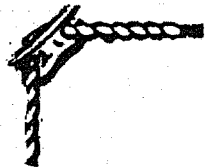
Mr. William Hammond of the Lee County Environmental Education Center will give a brief talk and there will be a little Christmas gift for everyone. All are welcome.

SNAPSHOTS AND JACKPOTS

Recently, when we asked Mario Hutton what he was up to these days, his intriguing answer was: "Same as usual ... Snapshots and jackpots!" Pressed for an explanation, he informed us that he continues to shoot and show a lot of wildlife pictures, many of which will be included in several new "photo-verse" features to be presented in the near future before the Marco Island Womans Club, and later on Sanibel on the occasion of a gala benefit.

The busy season has already started for Mario, who in recent weeks has done programs for groups visiting Sanibel, among them the Florida Audubon Society, the Royal Palm and Pelican Island Audubon Chapters, and student classes from Vermont's Windam College and the Tatnal School of Wilmington, Delaware.

With regard to 'jackpots' Mario explained that he still finds time to keep up his frequent deep sea fishing trips with good results. On his last four outings on the Blue Heron he has managed to win the daily pool no less than three times, bringing his lifetime grand total to 207.



A Grain Of Sea Salt
by betzi abram



To all you dear, wonderful readers who have written, called and asked right out whether the little green man I met sailing on the canal was real or not, what can I say? Who is to define Reality? If it pleases you, believe; if not, it can be taken with a grain of salt, you know. But I do have the most interesting adventures. Just this week, I was sailing off Captiva where the water is lovely and clear when I saw what I thought was a huge fish but as I leaned over the gunnel and stared down, the prettiest blue-green eyes stared back at me. A beautiful mermaid it was ... (I asked if she were Danish, but she said no, she was from Ireland and had just crossed the ocean to see if she could do it. That was some years ago, however, and like many others, she liked it so well here, she decided to stay.) We had a lovely conversation but one part I must pass on to you.

"You know I love you all," she said in her soft brogue, "from those darrlin' little red Snow-birds to the pale tan natives, but I be fearsome worried about the lot." "Worried?" I asked puzzled. "Indeed," she said, "you'd never believe the lummoxes I've rescued night and day, out here in their boats with nary a life preserver, no spare gas, too many wee ones in the boat. Why it shivers my scales just to think of it." Her pretty eyes did look anxious and she sighed deeply. "Of course, half the time, they've not even the wits to know they've been in danger. They think a little dolphin's just been playin' with them." I nodded sympathetically. "You'd think, they'd not take their loved ones out without knowing what a boat is all about, wouldn't you?" she asked, looking at me sternly.

"Of course," I agreed hastily. "Well, you'll just have to tell 'em!" she said smacking the water with her tail for emphasis. "Me?" I croaked. "Tell 'em

what?" "Well, for starters..." she paused to pop a passing hors d'oeuvre in her pretty mouth, "you'd best ask 'em a few questions. And if they can't answer rightly, you just make 'em take one of those really wavy (I think she meant "groovy") courses that the Coast Guard and the U. S. Power Squadron give. I know all about those courses because once I talked to the handsomest fellow and...Well, never mind that."

She caught another minnow and offered it to me graciously. When I declined she smiled and undulated off blowing me a watery kiss as she went. "Sure now, you tell the darrlin's for me to give a little thought to those dangerous weapons they be usin'." With a twinkle in her eye she added, "Their boats, I mean."

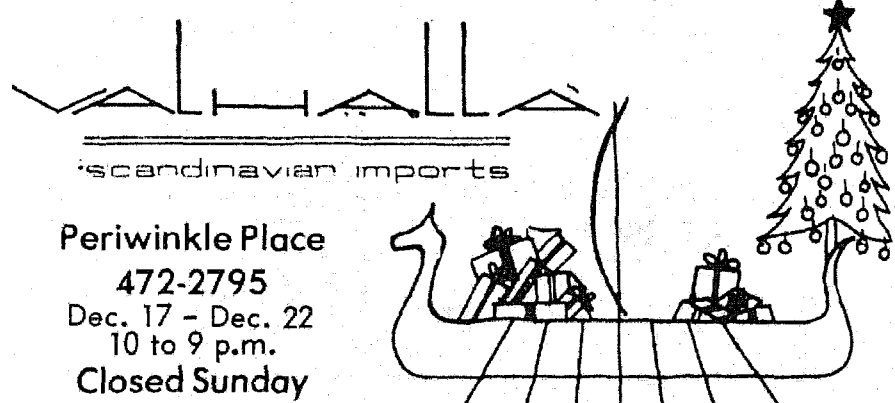
Now, of course I can't make you take a course or save your own life or anyone else's, but she was such a delightful girl and SO earnest and sincere, that I must pass on her questions. And if you can't answer them "rightly," then perhaps you'll want to take one of the seamanship courses after all.

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For answers see page 19.

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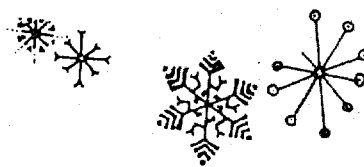
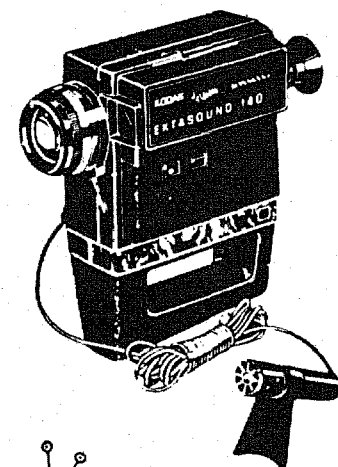


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When there's an energy crisis, life can be affected in many ways. Some industrious souls respond antwise by preparing for winter and others just lie down among the grasshoppers. (photo by Larry Huston)

"THREE BY TWO"

"Three by Two" opens December 23 at the Pirate Playhouse. This is an evening of three short selections, "Table For Two," "Please Call Me Sol" by Rena and Stanley Waxman and two scenes from the famous Broadway play and London hit movie, "The Reluctant Debutante." Director and producers Ruth and Philip Hunter are proud to have acting with them Pat Slater and, making her debut at the famous island arena theater, Susan Dean, with Robert Dorner as stage manager. "Table for Two" and "Please Call Me Sol" were written for the concert stage and are brought back to the Pirate Playhouse by popular request, as are the two charming scenes from "Reluctant Debutante," by William Douglas Home, brother of England's former Prime Minister, Sir Alec Home. A full production of this play launched the Pirate Playhouse ten seasons ago.

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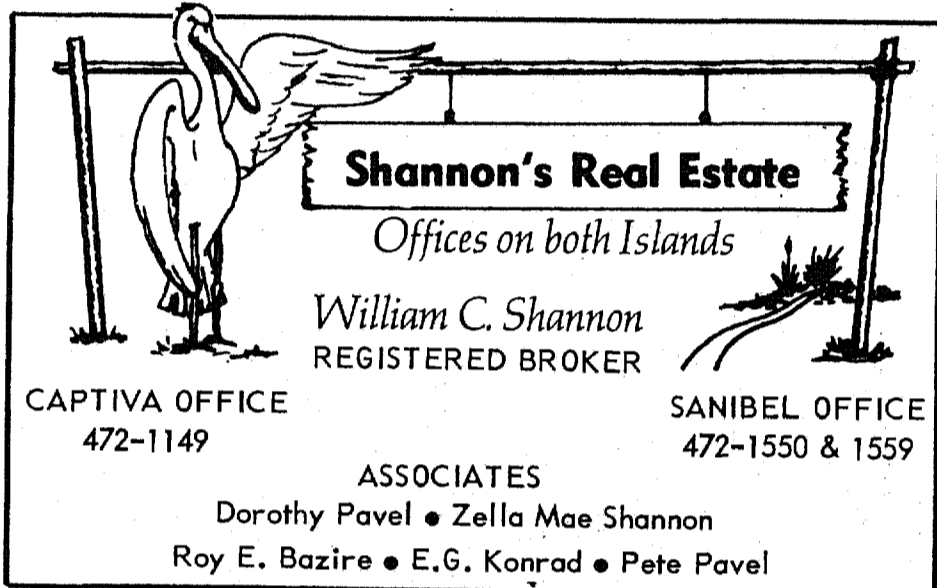
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Florida guests are Mr. & Mrs. Alan D. Johnston of Tallahassee, and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bayer and party of Fort Myers.

POST OFFICE OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY, DEC. 15

Postmaster Adams has announced that the Sanibel Post Office will be open on Saturday, December 15 (Full Service) from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

To assure delivery before Christmas, airmail letters and packages should be sent by December 15.

ONCE UPON A TIME

One of the newest businesses on the island is the antique shop so appropriately named "Once Upon A Time." It is located in the new attractive French provincial style building next to the Black Pearl. Mr. & Mrs. Bernard LeRoux, Sanibel residents, are the operators and owners of this charming new shop. The LeRoux' have tastefully placed beautiful furniture and other appurtenances. Everything is over 100 years old. Some articles are from the 17th century and many more from the 18th century. Recently returned from many months buying tour Mr. LeRoux said, "This year we toured England, France, Switzerland, Greece, Turkey, Ethiopia and Kenya. We spent a month in each country and tried to select what we thought would be of interest to people who come to our islands. Next year we plan to visit the Near East countries."

A massive wardrobe of hand-carved wood is from England; chairs, tables and a pair of beautiful old doors too are some of the lovely old pieces displayed. A table is set with delicate Haviland china and an ornate mirror with fancy gold edging makes a conversation piece. In Mombasa on the Indian Ocean, they found a young American from the Peace Corps helping natives develop their own arts of wood carving and weaving, and they brought

back some jewelry fashioned of gourds, old coins and banana fibers, mostly made by the crippled, blind and others who were formerly considered unemployable before the Peace Corps.

From Greece, they brought back bread molds which create a fancy design on bread and pastries for special holidays. They brought back old Coptic crosses, silver jewelry and even do-it-yourself jewelry from the Arabs, and spindles and spinning rods and spindle bases of carved wood. Mr. LeRoux is well versed in Coptic religious history and it is a joy to have him refresh one's sketchy historical memories. There are old prints, incense holders of brass, bells used to call workers to supper and all sorts of native jewelry. It is well worth one's time to visit this charming shop. The LeRoux are the former owners of the Song of the Sea Motel.

POWER SQUADRON CHARTER PARTY

The San Carlos Bay Power Squadron held their fifth annual charter party December 5 at the Melvin Cowart Hall on Buttonwood Drive on Fort Myers Beach.

Eighty members and guests attended the dinner dance. Stevenson's combo furnished the music.

Bill Allen, representing District Commander Warren Schaub, complimented the local squadron on their 5-year record of graduating over 1000 people from the boating course plus a high percent of advance grades achieved by members.

Local Commander Ed Richards was the M.C. and led the group in fun and entertainment.

GEESE CARRY ADDRESSES IN MAKE-UP OF FEATHERS

Research has uncovered a technique to determine the origin of geese by the minerals in their feathers, the Wildlife Management Institute reports.

Most wild geese grow flight feathers while in the vicinity of their breeding grounds. As these feathers grow, minerals ingested with food and water become incorporated in the keratin of the feathers. Biologists have shown that the quantities of minerals ingested by geese reflect the mineralogy of the local area and the origin of the birds can be determined on the basis of mineral patterns of the main flight feathers. The technique has been over 90 percent accurate.

MINNESOTA CLUB TO MEET IN CAPE CORAL MOOSE HALL

The Minnesota Club will have its Christmas party at the Moose Hall on Pondella Road in Cape Coral on Thursday evening, December 13. There will be a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. Members and friends are asked to bring their own table service and a covered dish to pass. Following the meeting there will be an exchange of \$1.00 gifts.

SURFRIDER GUESTS

Vice Admiral and Mrs. C. W. Wilkins of Daytona Beach, are here to enjoy the restful quiet and shelling, and are being welcomed by acquaintances. Other return visitors are Don and Vi Balletti from West Islip, N.Y., and Tom and Emily Skimmer from Coral Gables, Fla. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Alexander are here for some R&R from Wauwatosa, Wis., and Mr. & Mrs. George Watson are vacationing from Greenwood, S.C.

Expertise in the fishing field seems to run in the family, for Roy and Mildred Vogt and beautiful daughter Vickie are having great luck on their two weeks' stay. Mr. & Mrs. Don Katz and sons from Livingston, N.J., are constant fishermen back home, and their luck is running true to form. Don caught a fish right away off the dock at the Surfrider. Mrs. Theresa Baynum and her daughter Lori McNamara from Hialeah have a group of friends with them and they are having a great time on the island.



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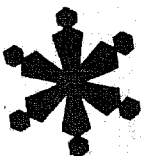
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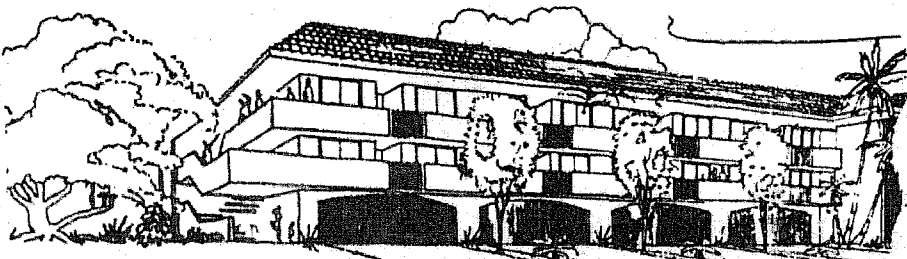
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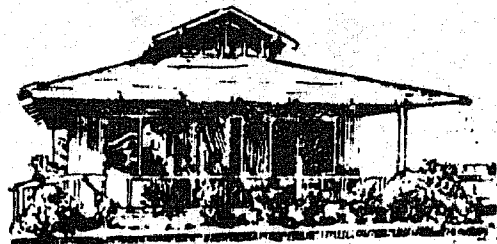


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TURKEY SHOOT TO BENEFIT FLORIDA LIONS EYE BANK by Edward Bennett

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions will hold a Turkey Shoot, December 21 and 27, according to Dr. John H. Willard, Committee Chairman. The event will take place at the Lions' shooting gallery on the west side of Bailey's General Store on Sanibel.

Each shooter will get three shots for a dollar. Dressed turkeys will be given away for high scorers. Fourteen turkeys were given away at the Thanksgiving shoot in November. The gallery will be open from 9 to 5 on both dates and all are welcome -- both observers and marksmen.

Proceeds from the shoot will be donated to the Florida Lions Eye Bank.

THE BLUE CIRCLE MEETS

Mary Stolz, the artist, hosted the Blue Circle Group last Monday at her spacious home on Gore Avenue, Captiva. After rolling a considerable number of bandages, they were treated to a tour of her studios to see her lovely paintings. Among her guests were Kay Schultz, Sarah Dennis, Betsy Reddy, Dorothy Robinson, Sylvia Olling, Dorothy Seymour, Margaret Dunham, Georgia Hemphill, Peg Racek, Violet Renshaw, Phyllis Mount, Sally Kirby, Miriam Johnson and Ruth Hunter.

Some kind person donated a pink sheet, so there will be some nice pink bandages sent to the poor sick around the world through the Catholic Medical Mission Board of New York. Donations of sheets for the Blue Circle are always welcome. Phone Ruth Hunter at 472-2121, and the bandage rollers will be most grateful. Soap and samples of medicines are also needed.

BROWSING AROUND by Fran O'Callaghan

The Ship's Store at South Seas Marina has opened a new shop called the Rainy Day Room. They feature some nice handmade things, such as macrame purses, coral arrangements, shell earrings, shell art, string art, (symmography), drawings, sketches and paintings of island scenes, and they are buying as well as selling these pretties.

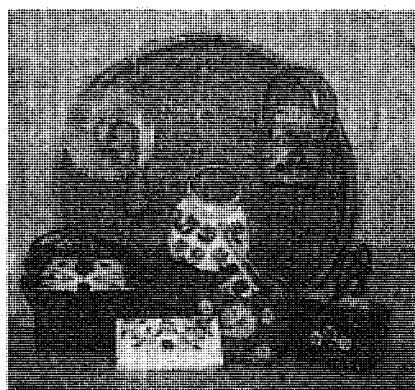
The islands are just full of birds, both tame and wild, with large flocks of martins around and the usual assortment of water birds. Once Upon a Time has a colorful caged Macaw of red, blue and yellow with a long red and blue tail which distinguishes him from a parrot, and he talks! So does the minah bird at the Accent Shop. The macaw is particularly fond of children, which is unusual for a bird. A pileated woodpecker lives near Case's Harbor House, and hawks, both the red tail and sparrow, sail around and cry piteously. We saw a whole flock of darling little sparrows sand bathing at Castaways.

CONCERT AUDITIONS TO BE HELD FOR NEW TALENT

Auditions for the Young Artists' Concert will be held on Saturday, December 29, 1973, at 2 p.m., in the Catholic Student Center or Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers. Applications should be made in advance. Instrumentalists and vocalists welcome. For further information, write: Young Artists, P. O. Box 1534, or call 481-4312.

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With growing concern in Florida over the possibility of gasoline rationing and the lack of gasoline availability, the interest in car pools for work and school is reaching its highest point since World War II. Joining a car pool can be a convenience and a time and money saver, as well as a way of improving the quality of our air, but many people are reluctant to enter such arrangements.

Florida residents are hesitant to expose themselves to car pools because of questions concerning their auto insurance coverage. The Insurance Information Institute advises that, in terms of insurance coverage, car poolers probably have nothing to worry about. However, a few words of caution and explanation are in order.

Insurance on a privately owned, pool-shared vehicle is placed in jeopardy only if the pool is operated for a profit. In the situation where everyone in the pool uses his car an equal amount of time there is, of course, no problem. The problem most often arises when one of the car pool participants does not share in the driving chores and thus pays a regular fee.

To preserve insurance coverage, the Institute points out, any car pool fee should not be more than the fair share of the gas, oil, and general depreciation on the car. A simpler way for the non-sharing passengers to reimburse the pool members is to give a gift sometime during the year to the drivers. This divorces the concept of "fee" from the privilege of riding in a car pool and leaves the insurance protection intact.

In the case of car pools involving children, the Institute stresses the importance of wearing seat belts, not only to protect the children in the case of an accident but also to prevent the kind of antics that might distract the driver's attention. Car pool participants will be covered by their auto insurance in almost any situation which might arise. Florida residents would be covered under their insurance policy in one of two ways. If a passenger in a car pool were an automobile owner in the State of Florida, he would be covered by his own no-fault coverage in the event of an accident. If a passenger in a car pool owned no vehicle in Florida, he would be covered by the policy of the driver of the vehicle.

Property damage liability coverage, which protects the motorist against claims resulting from damage to other people's property, is not likely to be affected by involvement in a car pool since the number of passengers would not ordinarily contribute to the amount of property damage done by the car in an accident.

ISLAND WATER CHARGES DISCUSSED AT MEETING

An additional connection fee to pay for extensions of and improvements to the water distribution system is now being charged, according to a report given by the Island Water Association Inc., at its December 6 meeting. Sixty-six members were present and endorsed the fee which will now go to the Lee County Commissioners for final approval and in the meantime the monies collected are being held in a special escrow account.

Those not present may wish to know that the charge was derived by adding the total of all living units now being served by the system and dividing this number into the book value of the existing distribution system. The result is \$214.00 each. With this charge new users coming on the system will pay for needed additions rather than being subsidized by members already on the system. This is the same method used previously to cover the cost of plant expansions. Your Board of Directors has invited bids for doubling the size of the plant just completed and expect to sign contracts about the end of the year. The membership will be glad to hear that the money for this expansion is in hand and no additional borrowing will be needed at this time.

Some time in the future, additional financing may be needed for new lines and for increases in the sizes of mains. The \$214.00 charge may not cover the entire cost and may not come in before large improvements are necessitated.

At the membership meeting some concern for well-flow was expressed by Mr. Walter Emmons, President. It has since been found that a well pump was installed backwards. This situation has now been corrected and the plant can be run at capacity. Another well is to be started at once with others planned.

Taste changes in the water have been noticed and can most likely be accounted for because of lime deposits built up inside all mains and pipes over the years. The new water is much purer and may be dissolving the mineral build-up inside the lines.

The results of two laboratory tests are now available to show that the water your Association is now producing is truly a quality product.

EMINENT BANKER RETIRES

New to the islands and to retirement is Dr. Karl R. Bopp (pronounced Bopé to rhyme with cope). Dr. Bopp was retired president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, and his impressive resume is large enough to fill a book. In fact, one has been written about him, over 260 pages by prominent colleagues in the banking system.

Dr. Bopp is far from pretentious, and he was most modest about granting this interview. He and his charming wife, Ruth, are Missourians. He was born in Kirkwood, and received all his degrees, A.B., M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Missouri. He taught there from 1931 to 1941. He has received honorary degrees from Temple University in Philadelphia, the University of Missouri and Cedar Crest College as well as a Citation of Merit from LaSalle College. While holding various positions as vice president and president in Philadelphia banks, he served on the faculties of various schools of banking including the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Columbia, Rutgers and the School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin.

With it all he has found time to author two books: The Agencies of Federal Reserve Policy (1935) and Hjalmar Schacht: Central Banker (1939). He has held offices and membership in the American Economic Association, American Statistical Assn. Sunday Breakfast Club (Philadelphia) and Cosmos Club (Washington, D.C.). He has also held Directorships in the American

Academy of Political and Social Science and the Atlantic City Electric Co.

Dr. Bopp was technical secretary of the Bretton Woods Monetary Conference and he assisted Thomas B. McCabe when President Truman appointed McCabe chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. He was active in the Federal Reserve System when it supported President Truman's Bond market before the 1951 Accord, and he was a policy maker at the Federal Reserve during the 1960-1969 Kennedy-Johnson prosperity.

Dr. Bopp has had an active and eminent career and his retirement to the islands is the islands' gain. The Biographical Section of the 1973 Edition of the International Year Book and Statesmen's Who's Who contains a biographical sketch of Dr. Bopp listing a paragraph of 50 lines of his memorable accomplishments. The Bopps live at 851 Angel Wing Drive on Sanibel.

FREE BOATING COURSE

Jim Cain, Boating Course Chairman of the San Carlos Bay Power Squadron, today announced the next boating classes sponsored by the local squadron. They will be held at the Sanibel Community Center on Periwinkle Way starting January 7, 1974 with Robert Bartow as chairman.

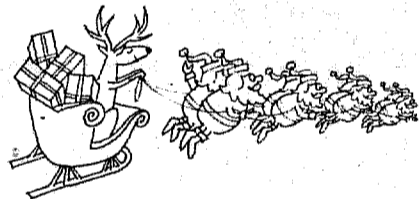
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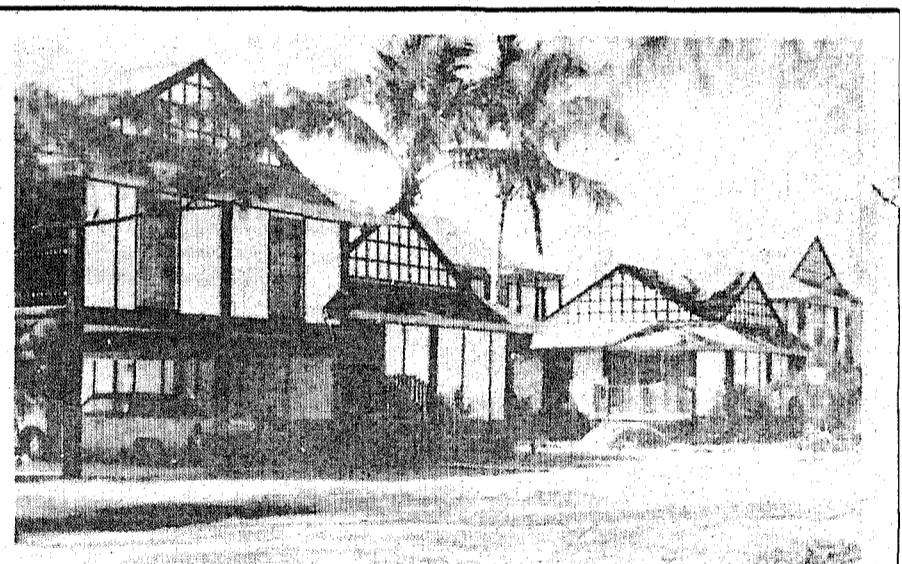
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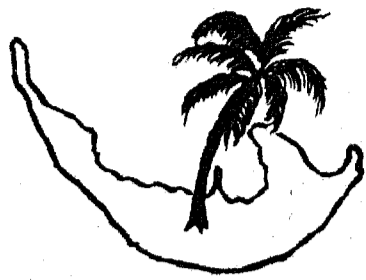
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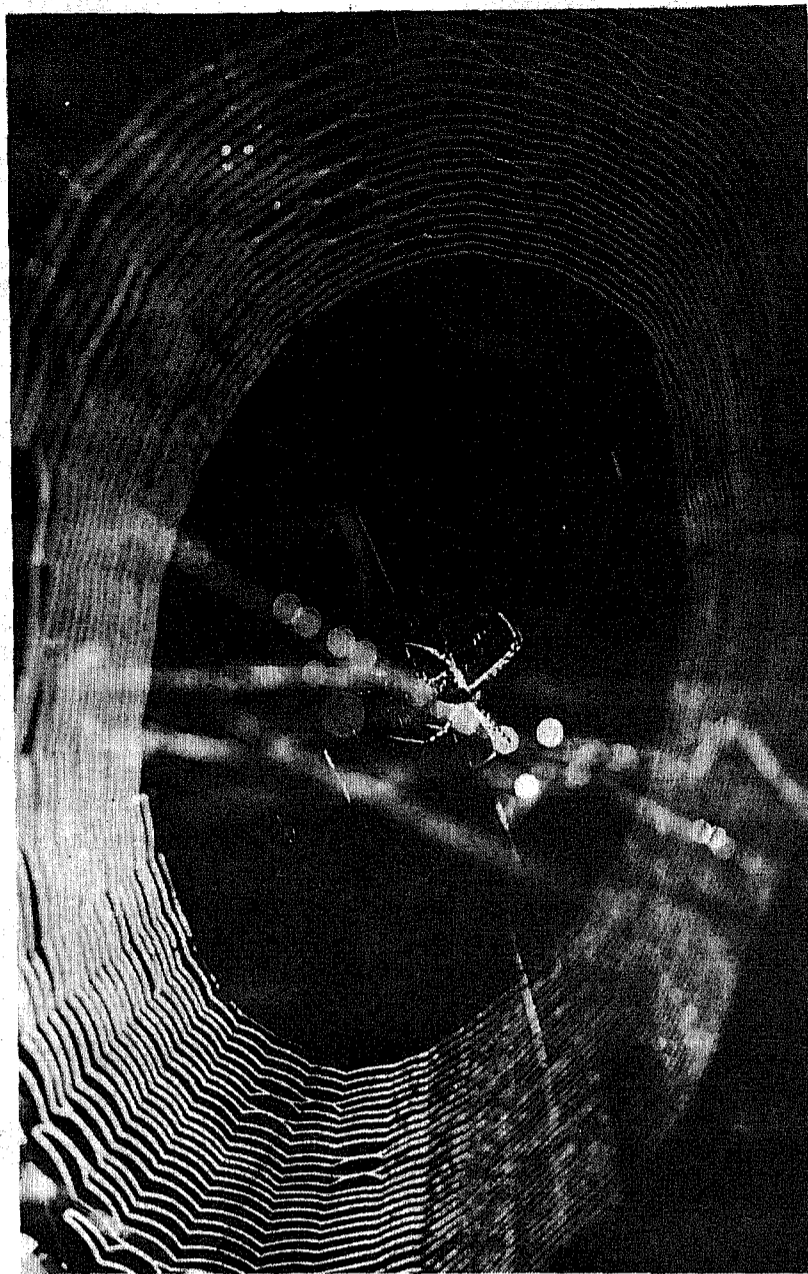


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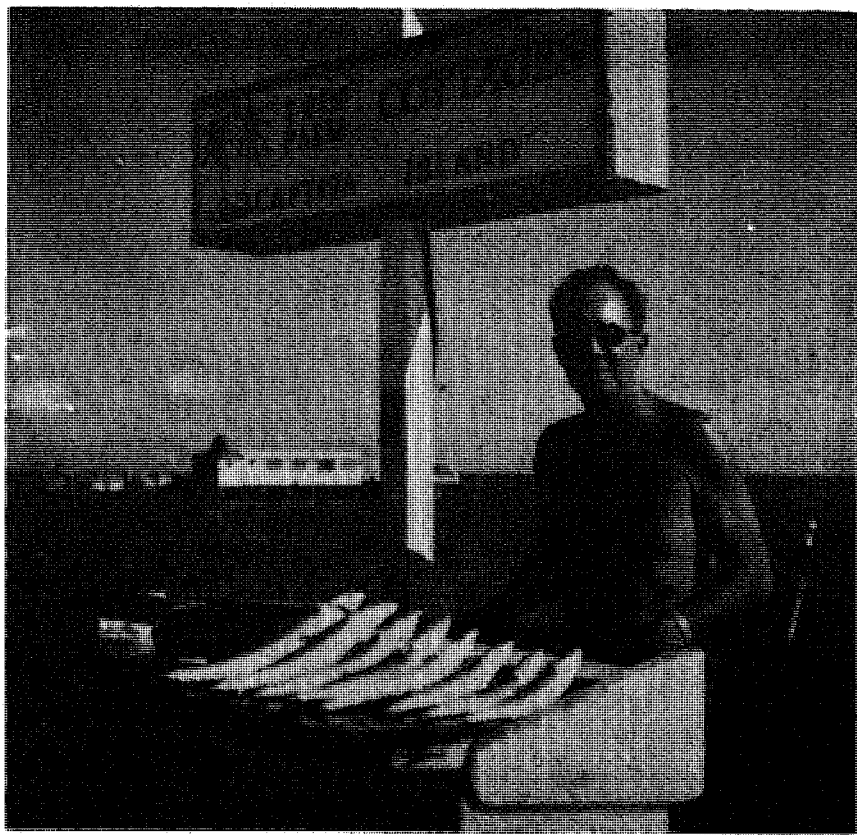
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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Over 200 members and guests of the Sanibel Community Association enjoyed a special Christmas program Tuesday night at the Community House. Produced and directed by Robert and "Cookie" Dugger, the show included music composition and accompaniments by Marion Chaplin and featured vocal soloist LeeRoy Friday as well as the following spots:

The Charleston by Connie Ritchie, Jeanine Welker; Winter Wonderland, song and dance by Connie Ritchie; Richy-Tick Sound. A special composition by Marion Chaplin sung by Marion Chaplin with dance accompaniment by Connie Ritchie and Bob Dugger; Toy Soldier, dance by June Ireland; Connie Ritchie; Buck Dance, team of Connie Ritchie and Bob Duggers; Comedy Skit, Bob Dugger, Cookie Dugger, John Shepherd, John and Helma Reynolds and Dr. Ingalls Simmons; Strange Interlude, comedy dance by Cookie and Bob Dugger; Christmas Composition, a special Christmas song composed by Marion Chaplin and played and sung for the first time. She also played and sang her well know "Christmas on Sanibel," a special audience request; White

Christmas, song by LeeRoy Friday; Christmas Carols, audience participation led by LeeRoy Friday; and Parasol Ballet, Connie Ritchie, "Geraldine" Dugger and Jeanine Welker.

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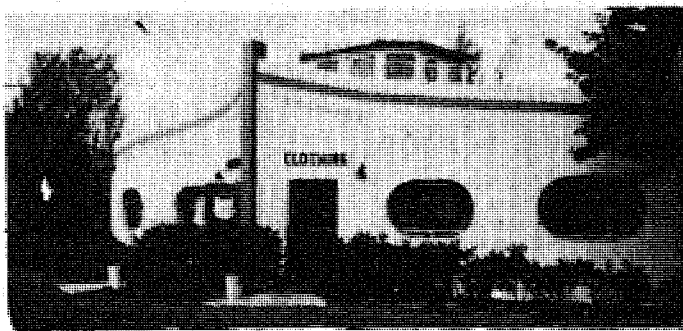
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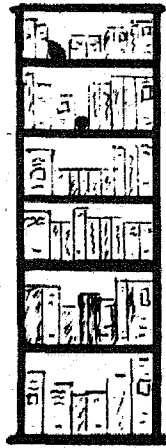
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**This Week at
the Sanibel Library**

by Hal H. Harrison

If you enjoy stories of the "old South," you'll enjoy Lonnie Coleman's best-selling "Beulah Land," a Literary Guild fall selection. The title is the name of a rich cotton plantation in Georgia, and this is the story of its golden age from 1820 to 1861. Kendrick White is the white master of 150 black slaves, but who was master and who was slave are questions with which the story deals.

We get a "sleeper" at the library once in awhile --- a book that is great reading for everyone but fails to get adequate publicity and does not realize the circulation it deserves. Such a book is "All Creatures Great and Small" by James Herriot. This is a story of an animal doctor in northern England which is filled with humor, pathos, superb tale telling, and a love of life. The veterinary's patients range from kittens to race horses and his anecdotes range from lying on his back in a stable with his arms inside a cow, trying to turn a calf into the proper position to be born, to calming a wealthy dowager with an overfed Pekingese, to comforting a lonely old man whose only companion, a dog, has died. You'll like it. I promise you.

What Charles Wright describes in his "Absolutely Nothing to Get Alarmed About" is what America is doing to its own. Wright sets forth his encounters with poverty, drug addiction, prostitution, murder, race riots and frustrated rage. He has been called "the aristocratic poet-in-residence of America's seamy side."

If you would like a realistic (and scary) trip into the workings of international finance, I can think of no better book for your education than "The Billion Dollar Sure Thing" by Paul E. Erdman. The story involves billions of dollars, and the action takes place in the arena of international finance --- where Swiss bankers tangle with speculators from the Near East; where Russia takes on the U.S. in a power struggle over the future of gold, the dollar and the ruble.

I should have reported long ago that we have "Ninety-Two in the Shade" by Thomas McGuane. This may be of particular interest to Floridians because the setting is Key West: Young Tom Skelton and Nichol Dance, two rival fishing guides, are the principals. It is a grim comedy in which two entirely opposite personalities head for an inevitable collision. The tale takes the reader through a multitude of oddball characters as well as the lives of the two protagonists.

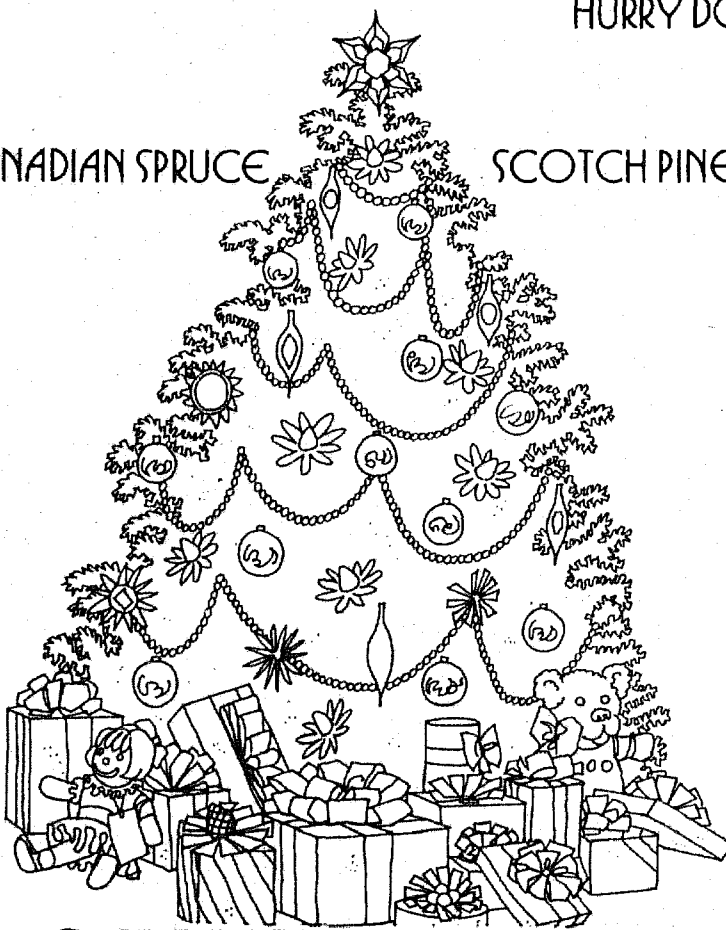
Another great book long overdue for announcement in this column is Morris West's "The Salamander." This is a story of conspiracy in high places with a background in modern Italy, the dark underworld of big cities, and the high society of politics and finance. Incidentally, the title comes from a legendary beast that lives in fire and is the symbol of man's survival in time of peril. It is also the code name of a millionaire who is the center of a plot that adds up to a suspenseful novel.

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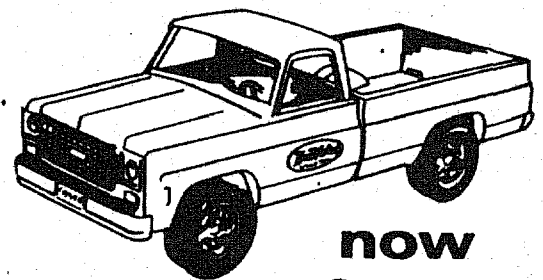
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