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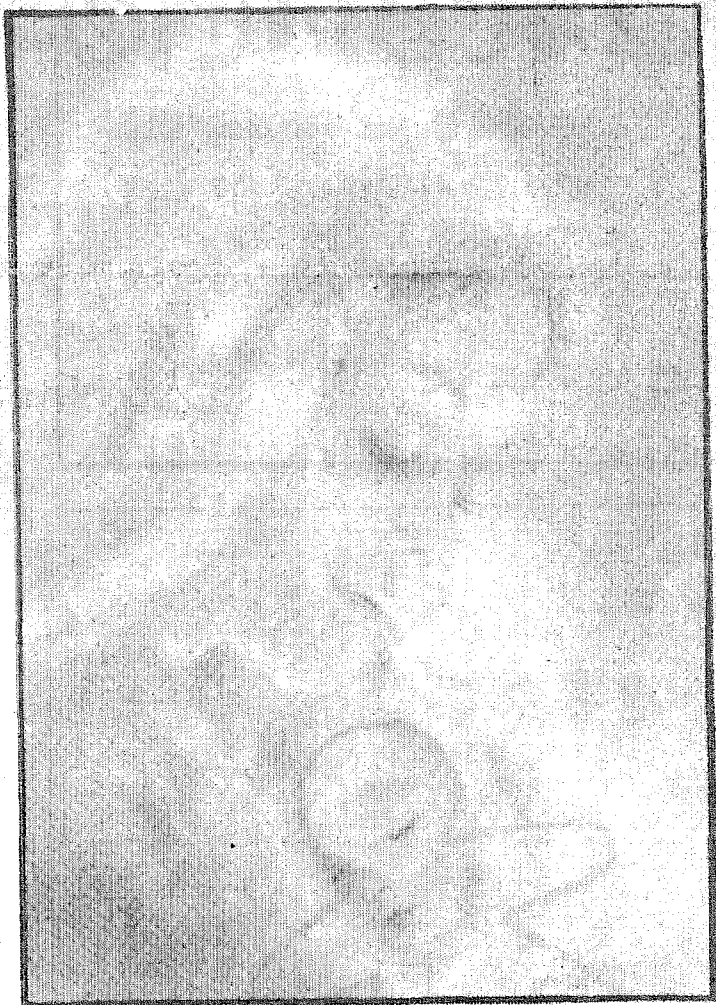
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Peace on earth, to men of good will

From The Islander Staff

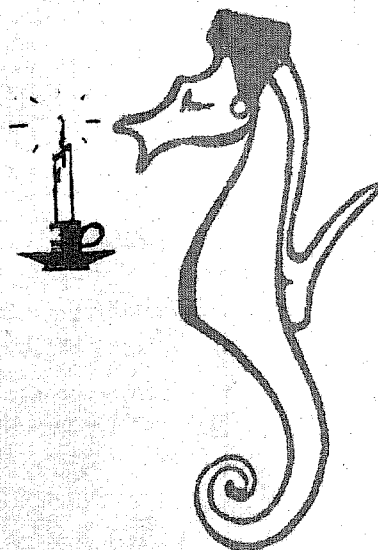
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May the glad tidings bring joy into every heart at this holy season. And may every home be blessed with all the warmth and cheer of Christmas! Greetings from everyone at



SANIBEL'S REAL ESTATE FAMILY
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THE
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WISHES YOU
A VERY
VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS

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**AUDUBON ACTIVITIES
 PAST AND FUTURE**

1973 was a busy year in the history of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, and 1974 again promises to be one rich in worthwhile achievements. The activities cover a variety of subjects related not only to Audubon's traditional goals, but also to broader objectives, that today make defense of the environment and orderly development an essential part of vital local issues. The well balanced series of indoor and outdoor programs and events, held from December 1972 through April 1973, attracted a record number of viewers and participants, including not only local residents, but hundreds of winter visitors. The purpose was thus served of better informing and alerting an ever increasing number of concerned people on a variety of timely subjects.

In keeping with the policy of not restricting attendance to members, all events were open to the public, and this policy continues to pay off, not only in terms of attracting greater general interest, but also of effectively increasing the membership. This has been proven true year after year, as new applications are received from those attending lectures of field events.

At the beginning of 1973 a new, very successful Bird Identification Basic Course was held for the first time, conducted by Charles and Ella Newell. Over fifty interested persons followed the course, consisting of five indoor classes and five brief field trips. So many requests for the continuation of the course have been received that it will be repeated starting on January 15, 1974, and will again be open to all. The regular 1973-74 season will open on December 20, and again all evening programs will be held at the Sanibel Community House, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, featuring a number of noted speakers, film and slide shows. Outdoor events will include an open house at Woodmere Preserve, a bird banding demonstration, and participation in the Sanibel Shell Fair with an Audubon Stand on March 7, 8 and 9.

One of the most appreciated activities has always been that of assisting and cooperating with Audubon Chapters and other associations visiting Sanibel. For example, during the past few weeks escorted daytime tours and evening programs have been held for the benefit of the Royal Palm Audubon from Boca Raton, the Pelican Island Audubon from Vero Beach, students from Vermont's Wyndam College, and the Delaware Environmental Education Center. In September of 1973 and again on December 8 and 9 our Chapter cooperated to assure the success of Environmental Seminars for teachers, held on Sanibel under the auspices of the Florida Audubon Society. Needless to say, closest cooperation has and will continue to be maintained with the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation and other local organizations. A number of appearances and written recommendations have been introduced before national, state and Lee County agencies whenever warranted. All told, in these crucial times, our Audubon will continue to work for the true welfare of those who find our islands a clean, enjoyable habitat — including decent human beings.


**GREETINGS TO ALL FROM
 WILDLIFE REFUGE STAFF**

Be sure to see our Christmas tree — it is decorated in living reds and greens, blues, yellows, and pinks — reddish egrets, green herons, indigo buntings, yellowthroats, and roseate spoonbills. The star on top of our tree is real, and a snowy (plover and egret) flurry adds to the Christmasy atmosphere.

Our St. Nick has a unique personality here. He wears a red-breasted (merganser) coat that is also red-tailed and red-shouldered (hawks). He had a redhead and a ruddy (duck) complexion. Instead of having a "fat little belly," he is a red-bellied (woodpecker). And when you drive through the refuge, if St. Nick's Ho-Ho-Ho sounds a little raucous, just remember his laughing (gull) in Florida doesn't have all the chimney (swifts) to bounce off.

A Merry Christmas to Sanibelites from the staff of the J. N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Enjoy your wildlife refuge in 1974.

Glen, Charles, Glenn,
 Ede and Charlotte



A Very
 Merry
 Christmas
 and
 A
 Happy
 New Year

from ruth, gertrude and dotti at

dotti OF SANIBEL
 The Islands' Boutique



It's that time of year — when we think of friends old and new and extend our heartfelt wishes for their happiness!

Gripping Bancroft



Merry
 Christmas

Deck the halls with holly
 ... may joy reign in your
 hearts and homes this season!

Sea Horse Shell Shop



Merry
 Christmas

From

**Island
 Bake Shop**



FILL 'ER UP WITH BEST WISHES!

SMITTY'S EXON

Season's Greetings

December 25th

To Our Friends:

As the Holiday Season approaches our thoughts turn to the true meaning of this happy time.

During the course of the year and in the rush of events, we tend to overlook the important friendships that are the real basis of all business relationships.

And so it is that we would like to set aside the routine of business and express our sincere hope that your Holiday Season will be Joyous and Happy and that the New Year will bring Good Health and Prosperity to You and Yours.



Gloria in
Excelsis

Let us rejoice
at Christmas!

Like the Wise Men of old, let us worship the new-born Prince of Peace—may He bless you and yours.

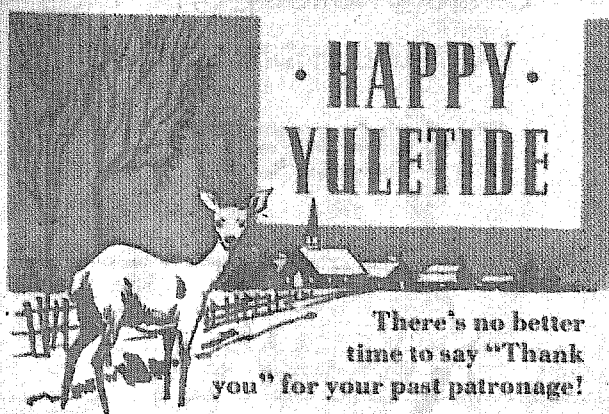
SAN CARLOS REALTY

Holiday
Cheer

TO
ALL
OUR
FRIENDS



The Whitecaps



HAPPY
YULETIDE

There's no better time to say "Thank you" for your past patronage!

Blind Pass Cottages
& Marina

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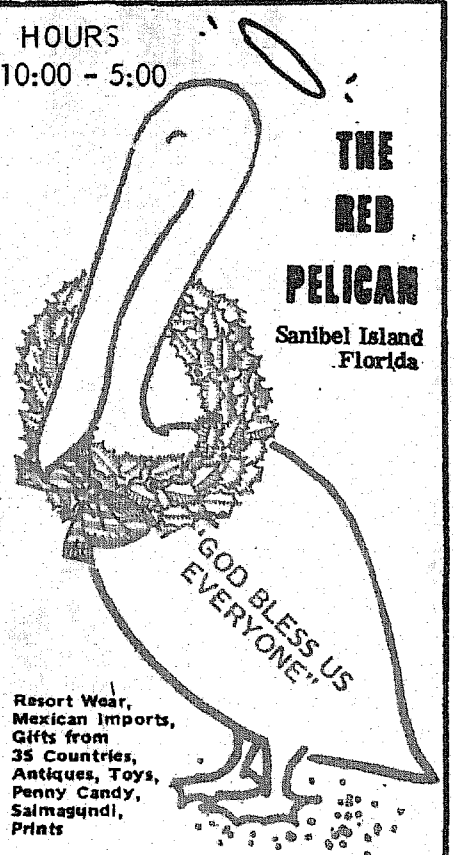


Peace, love and happiness be yours during the Christmas season and throughout the coming year.

The Open Gate

BOUTIQUE

HOURS
10:00 - 5:00



THE
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Sanibel Island
Florida

Resort Wear,
Mexican Imports,
Gifts from
35 Countries,
Antiques, Toys,
Penny Candy,
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Turn Right At The Shopping Plaza
Follow The Signs 472-1323



We wish to
our many friends
and customers a
joyous holiday

THE BAIT BOX

Ralph Woodring, Prop.

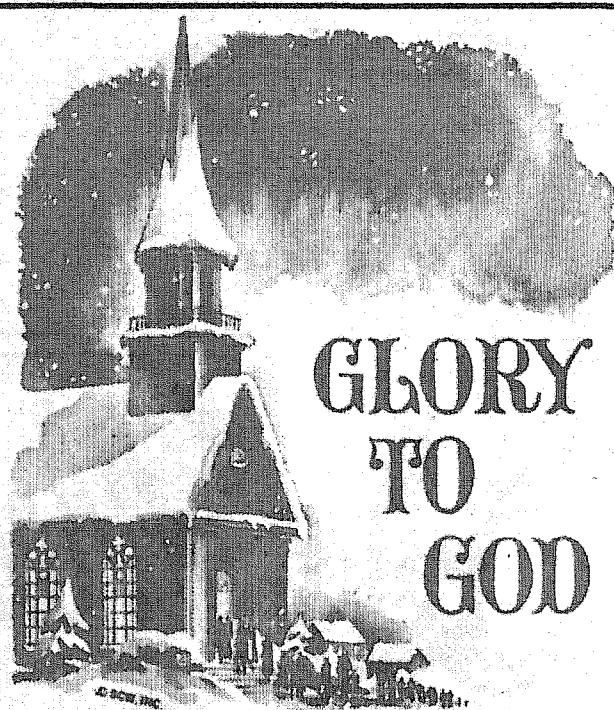
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

It's the season for saying hello to friends & wishing them the very best!

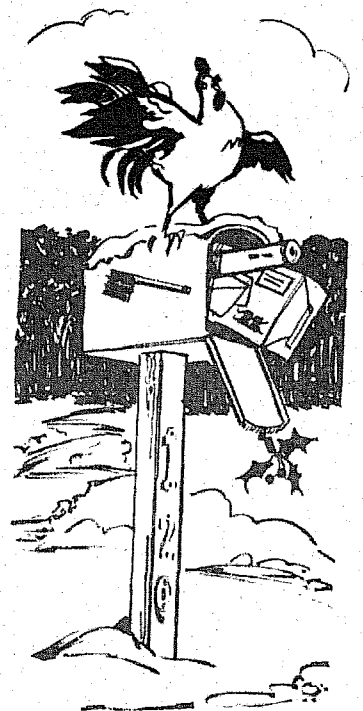
HURRICANE HOUSE



GLORY
TO
GOD

And peace on earth, good will toward men! May the Christmas message inspire us with love for all.

ISLAND
Beach Club



GREETINGS

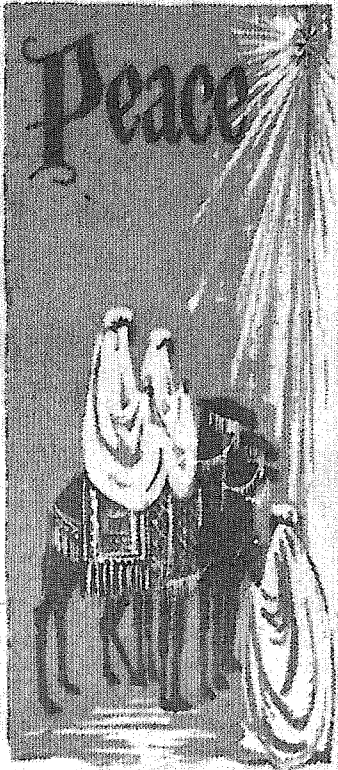
of the season, from
all the folks at

The
Beachcomber
Sanibel Island

The Little Drummer Boy

*When the Christ child was born,
many beautiful gifts were
brought to the manger,
gifts of great beauty and splendor.
But one small boy who was
very poor had nothing to offer
the Lord, and he was very sad.
Then he thought, "I can play my
drum for Him". And so he did.*

*Pa-rum-pum-pum, pa-rum-pum-pum!
He played with all the love
in his heart, and as he played, the
Baby Jesus smiled,
showing that at Christmas
the gift of love is the
best gift of all.*

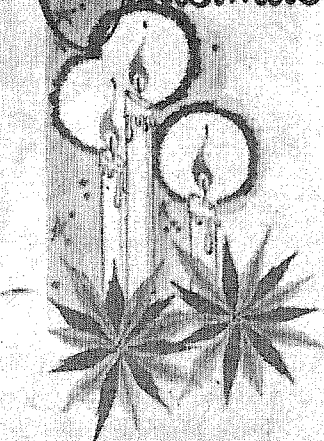


May the Star of Bethlehem lead us to harmony.

**Legal
Frame Fair**

Ed, Frances, Linda
and Dale Legal
Sanibel Island 472-1736

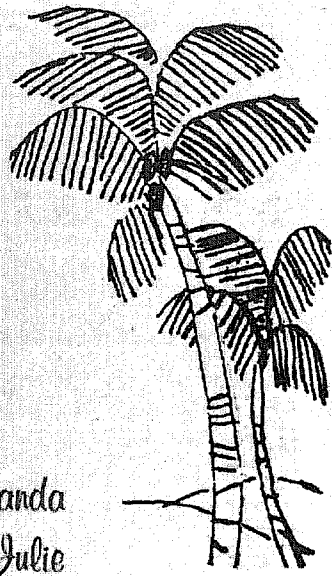
A
JOYOUS
Christmas



Here's wishing our friends the very best at Christmastime and in the days to come. Warm greetings from

SNACK SHACK II

A Merry
and
A Happy
To All



from: Dean, Wanda
Paula & Julie

McCaul's Gift Shop Captiva

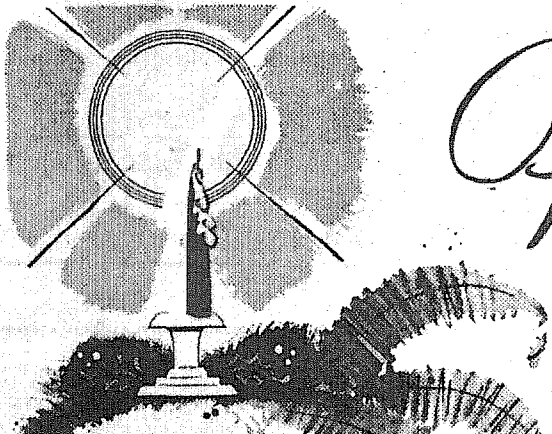


**GREETINGS
OF THE
SEASON**

The Knudsen Co.

Since 1952

George Arehart, Broker



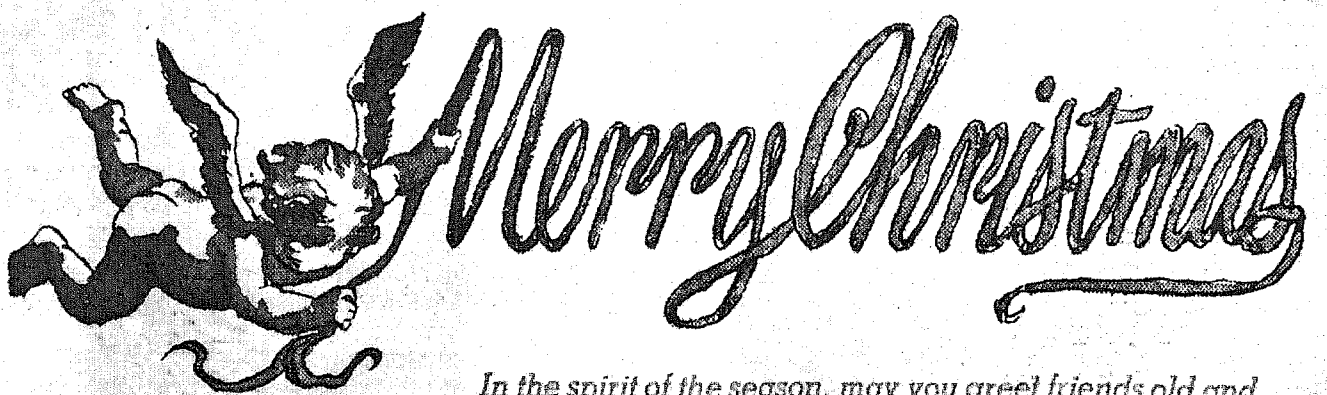
THE Fridays'
CREATIVE JEWELRY

HELEN & LEE ROY FRIDAY SANIBEL ISLAND, FLA.

Happy Holidays

Best wishes for a joyous Noel to all our wonderful friends. May the best of the holiday season be yours!

*Helen Friday
Lee Roy Friday C. Ruth Anderson
Ann Anderson*



In the spirit of the season, may you greet friends old and new, wishing them all the blessings that the Yuletide brings. May you be surrounded by your loved ones as you enjoy the gifts piled high around your tree. In other words, may your Christmas be truly merry!

Elsie Malone

specimen shells
1017 periwinkle way . . . sanibel island



Here's hoping your Christmas "sparkles" with lots of good things . . . health and happiness.

Sincere holiday greetings from the entire staff at

THREE STAR

**MARK OF
EXCELLENCE**

Good Tidings



Hope the season "clicks" with you in every way. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our friends for their patronage.



He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying... His executioners gambled for His garments, the only property He had on earth. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that.....

ONE SOLITARY LIFE



THIS WEEK AT THE SANIBEL LIBRARY by Hal H. Harrison

You could hardly call them Christmas books, but I think your children will enjoy a set of four books about animals that we have just received at the library. They are called Ranger Rick Books and are published by the National Wildlife Federation. I suspect that this marks the beginning of a series of similar books. The first four titles are "The White-Tailed Deer," "The Big Bears," "The Froxes," and "The Beaver's Way." If the stories are too advanced for your toddler, the beautiful illustrations (photos and paintings) may catch his eye.

With Christmas only a few days away, you may be coming under that holly and mistletoe spell of goodwill and good cheer. If so, let me remind you again of the library's hope that many friends will be moved to start an annual tradition of giving the library a book for Christmas. We need many subjects in all fields so you can choose a book that appeals to you. We will be happy to receive the book, or, we will make the purchase of your choice if you wish. In the front of any gift book will go a book mark with your name as donor. As Tiny Tim might have said, "Let the spirit of the season rest upon you."

By now, you have sent your Christmas cards (the post office hopes!) and you are conscious of the fact that one of the two U. S. postage stamps issued this year is a replica of a beautiful creation in needlepoint -- a trimmed Christmas tree. If this has inspired you to try this craft or renewed your interest, we can help you at the library. "Needlepoint For Everyone" has all the information needed to get started and it follows through to the creating of handsome and satisfying pieces of needlepoint. "McCall's Needlework Treasury" also has a section on needlepoint. Books on kindred crafts include "Good Housekeeping's Complete Book of Needlecraft," "Adventures in Stitches," and "Design in Fabric and Thread."

Just before her death last spring, Pearl S. Buck's publishers released a Christmas book by this famous author. It seemed a strange time of year to offer such a title as "Once Upon a Christmas," but this is the first Christmas since its appearance and many of you may want to borrow it. The book contains 14 stories gathered from Ms. Buck's own tales and from her personal reminiscences of a lifetime. It is both fiction and non-fiction, much of the material relating to China. It is a book for all ages.

Perhaps you are looking for some light reading over the holidays. I can recommend a good who-dun-it -- John Creasey's new one, "A Life for a Death." The story starts with the death of Patrick Dawlish, the world's No. 1 policeman, cut down by an assassin's bullet. He had just been investigating an underworld organization called the Farenza. From that point, Creasey, writing as Gordon Ashe, spins a novel of suspense and high adventure.

Addenda: If the movie version of "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" is half as bad as the reviews say it is, I will change my mind and see it just to be a witness to the cinema's worst disaster.



The Legend of the Nightingale

And throughout the long darkness of that night of nights, a single note of sweetness softened the manger's chill and called the Child into peaceful slumber.

Bid by His grateful mother, only one birdsong graces the stillness of the night. Ever more, even now -- evenings' balladeer, the nightingale.

SCULPTURE POTTERY



Peace on Earth



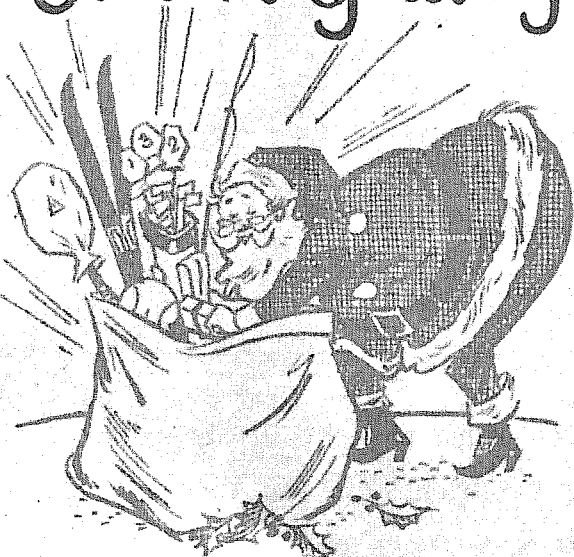
SANIBEL SIDE OF BLIND PASS BRIDGE SEA LIFE REPLICAS



We bring to you the heartiest of greetings, "Merry Christmas"

FLAMINGO RESTAURANT

Season's Greetings



Here's hoping Santa's a good sport and brings you lots of gifts! And here's hoping your holidays are happy!

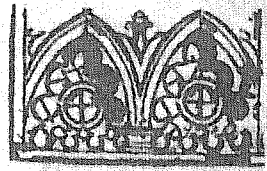
Skip & Pam Purdy
THE REAL EEL
in Sanibel Center Bldg. on Periwinkle Way



...ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE...

Kitty & Jonathan Bourne
and
THE CHEESE NOOK

WISH YOU GREETINGS OF THE SEASON
& BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR



CHURCHES OF THE COMMUNITY

**ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
The Rev. James D. B. Hubbs, Vicar
SUNDAY
Holy Communion 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.
Church School & Kindergarten 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAYS
Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.
HOLYDAYS
Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

ST. ISABEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Gerard Beauregard
Saturday Evening Mass 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass 10 a.m.
Friday Mass in the homes
CONFESSION
Sundays before Mass

SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Dr. H. E. Sheely, Pastor
Morning Worship & Nursery 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
The Rev. Gilbert Speak, Minister
SUNDAY SERVICE
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Services 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY EVENING
Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

CAPTIVA CHAPEL BY THE SEA
(non-denominational)
Dr. Arthur Lee Kinsolving
Sunday 11 a.m.

Everyone is someone
Everyone welcome

Greetings

**Island
Inn**

It's always a pleasure to greet our friends, especially at this holiday season! Merry Christmas!

Dave & Marge

Dick & Ruth

wish you a joyous Christmas and happiness throughout the coming year

Pete & Ellen Bertram
BEACHVIEW COTTAGES

Silent Nite

May this holiday season be joyful for each of our good friends! Thank you for your patronage throughout the past year.

**THE LAST
STRAW**

ISLAND INTERIORS
BY BONNIE

PERIWINKLE WAY and CASA YBEL
SANIBEL ISLAND, FLORIDA 33957

Mon. - Fri. 9:30 - 5:00
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Evenings by Appointment
PHONE 472-1591

Greetings

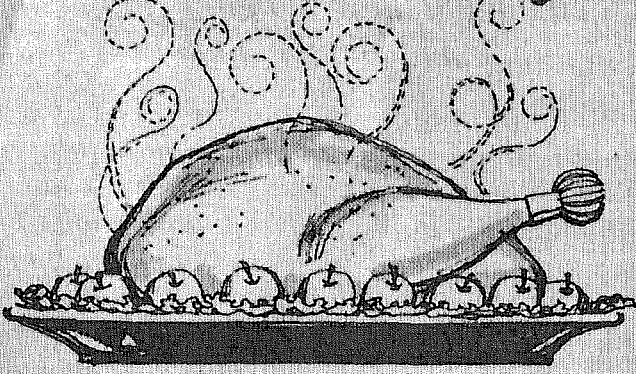
We wish to extend our holiday greetings to you and your family as you gather in celebration.
Thank you for your loyal support.

Season's Greetings

The Yuletide season brings thoughts of Christmases gone by...and thoughts of friends like you. We sincerely hope that you enjoy the happiest of holidays!

**CAPTIVA
SERVICES**

Holiday Greetings



We're "seasoning" our greetings with good wishes for a happy and hearty Yule! May our friends enjoy the best of everything!
The Welker Family

GOLDEN SANDS
RESTAURANT



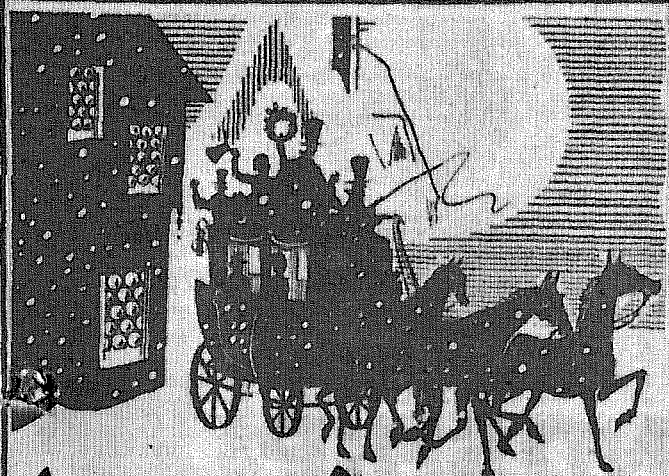
CHRISTMAS CHEER

We're sending old-fashioned greetings to all our good friends... may you have the merriest holidays!

The GLOVE HITCH

One little lamb, and
the world becomes lighter.
One little star, and
the heavens are brighter.
One little thought, and
a good friend is nearer.
One little child, and
Christmas is dearer,
One little wish...
to go far and wide...
For a peaceful and
happier Christmastide.

M.A. SCOTT



SEASON'S GREETINGS

from
Sandy Bend Apartments

Owners: Jack and Betsy O'Neill, Dick and Barbara Vockel, Tim and Press Norpell, Dick and Dottie Mann, Dr. Gilman and Lucille Kirk, Dick and Jayne Johnston, Joel and Fran Smith, Dave and Marie Klauer

May Christmas
bring to you the music

of laughter... the warmth
of friendship and the
spirit of love

**THE
CORNER
SHOPPE**



GLORY TO GOD

...and peace on earth,
good will toward men! Let
us rejoice at Christmastime.

Paul & Irene
Seven Seas Shop

Sanibel Island, Florida



**That jolly old
fellow is coming
and we hope he's
bringing lots of
gifts your way!
The best of holi-
day greetings to
everyone!**

**GLORY of
the SEA**

Edith Mugridge
Sanibel Island, Florida



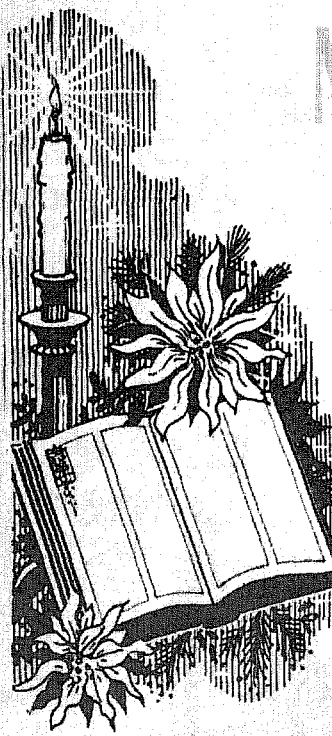
Sandy, Len, Robin & Jill Kessler

Island Apothecary

We will be open Christmas &
New Year's Days for your convenience.

**Season's
Greetings**

The Best
of the Holiday
from your Islander reporter,
Fran O'Callaghan



Let us rejoice in
the age-old story!

JOHN & HELMA

Sanibel - Captiva
ISLAND TRAVEL AGENCY

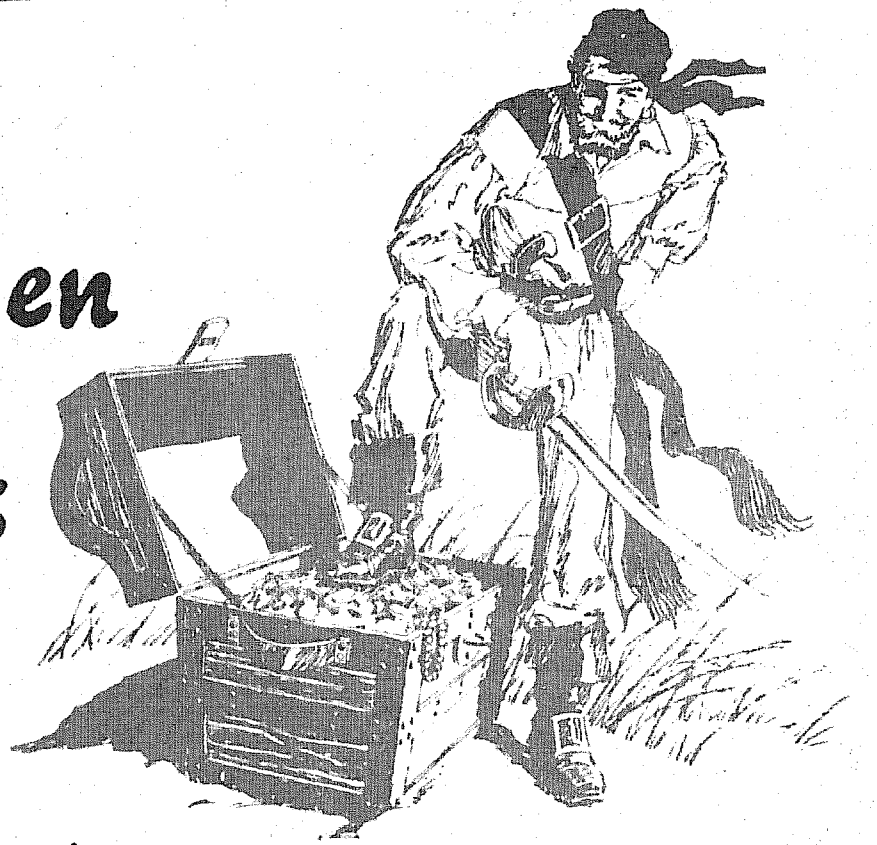
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Sanibel Island 472-1521



LET US LOOK TO
BETHLEHEM ANEW!

Snook Apartments
Sanibel Island, Florida
Gulf Drive
472-1345

From the pirates den
and the salty seas
the pirates send
Good Wishes to Thee!



*From all of us
to all of you.*


**JOLLY
ROGER**

**FRIENDSHIP
INN**



**SEASON'S
BEST**

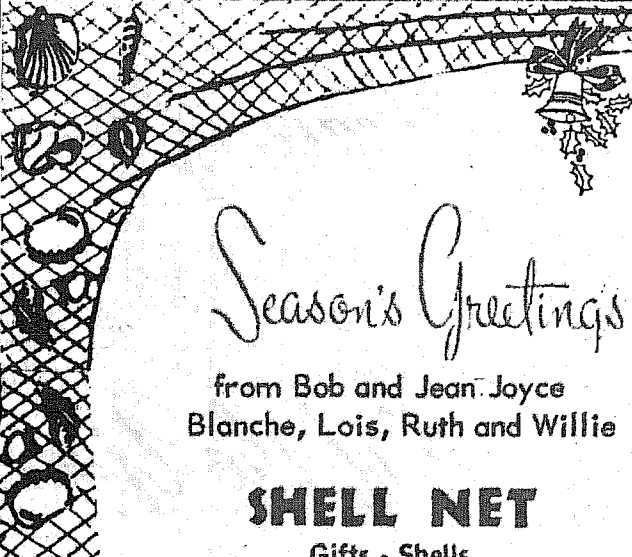
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ISLANDS
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**



Joyous Christmas
BLESSINGS OF TRUE HAPPINESS.

Lees' House of Treasures

1622 PERIWINKLE WAY



Season's Greetings

from Bob and Jean Joyce
Blanche, Lois, Ruth and Willie

SHELL NET
Gifts - Shells

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHAPEL BY THE SEA
CAPTIVA

Sunday, December 23, 11 a.m.
Service of Worship with sermon.
Monday, Dec. 25, 8 p.m. - Christmas
Eve service of Candlelight and carols.

ST. ISABEL MISSION

Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass.
Confessions: 10 to 11:15 p.m.
Christmas: Masses 8:30 and 10 a.m.



We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year and to express our warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and New Year.

THE LADE BUTTERFLY
INCORPORATED

SANIBEL CENTER BUILDING next to dottl's



1974

John, Bella & Staff
wish you a Merry Christmas

A feast of good wishes to
all our loyal patrons and their families.

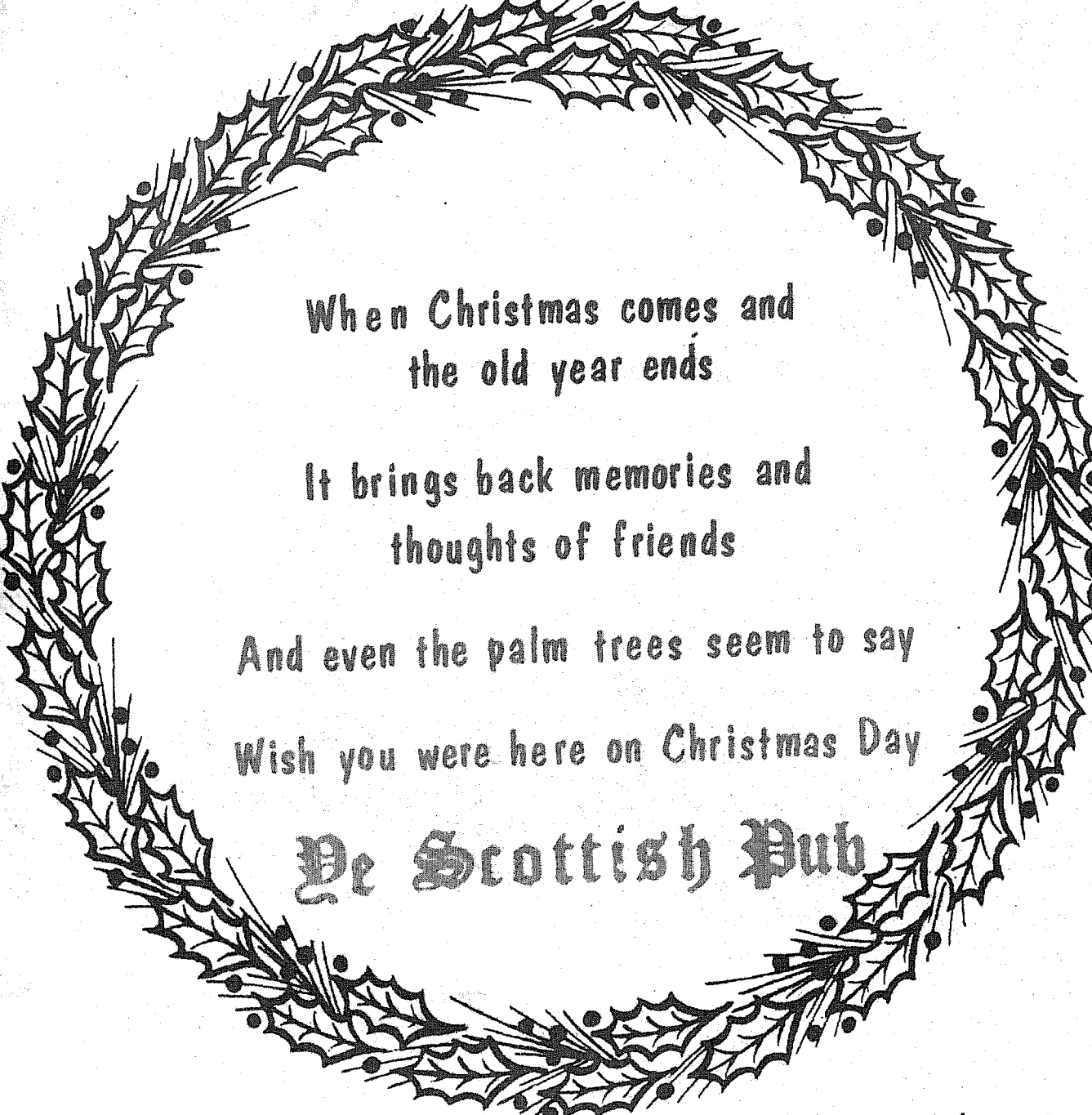
at
Coconut Grove restaurant



Merry Christmas.

To our loyal patrons and friends

No-Risk
EXTERMINATING CO.
Termite and Pest Control
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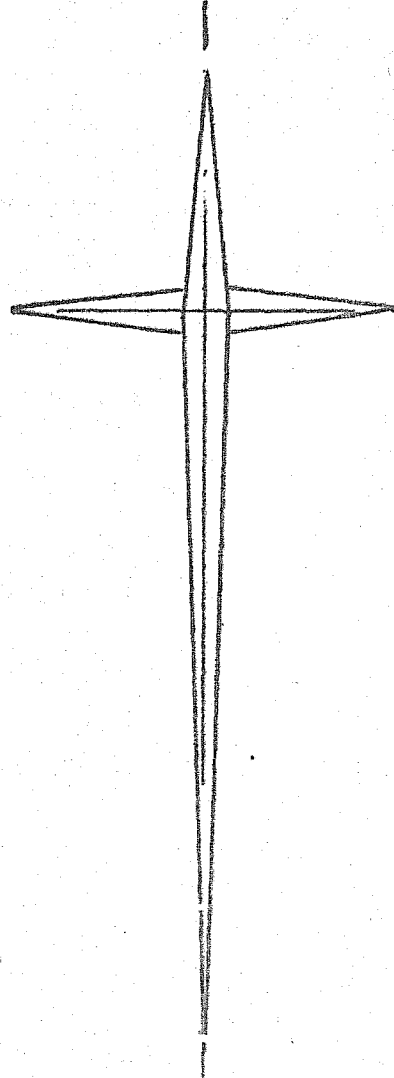


When Christmas comes and
the old year ends

It brings back memories and
thoughts of friends

And even the palm trees seem to say
Wish you were here on Christmas Day

De Scottish Pub



May you find
peace at Christmas

Tom, Mary, and Carol Nix

ZIC ZAC

*May the Peace of the
Christmas Season
be with you all of the Year*

Al Laughrey and Marty Holtz


MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a very
HAPPY
NEW YEAR



**HURRICANE
ELECTRIC**

Iona Road & McGregor Blvd.
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After 5 p.m. 995-5251

*Season's
Greetings*



AND BEST WISHES FOR
THE NEW YEAR

**ROB & JEANNIE
ALBERTS**

SEGUNDA APARTMENTS

THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS ROSE

The shepherds upon receiving the angel's message journeyed to the manger in Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ Child. According to legend a little shepherd girl followed hesitantly and with sadness of heart because she had no gift to offer the Babe. Suddenly in her path there appeared an angel who scattered beautiful white roses before her. Joyfully she gathered some blossoms in her arms and laid them around the crib in the manger as her gift to the Christ Child. These flowers had never been seen before and came to be known as the Christmas Rose which ever after bloomed abundantly during the Christmas season.




Here's a sleighful of good wishes for you, our patrons. Thank you for letting us serve you in the past—hope to serve you again.

Gasparilla Restaurant

NEXT TO SANIBEL COMMUNITY HOUSE

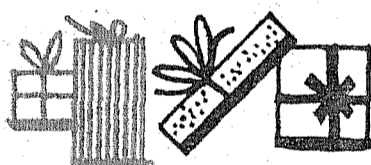
Sanibel Beauty Salon

Mary Aleck
Elna Andersen
Gayle Knorr
Janis Edelblut
Ada Rabowsky



Salon de Belleza

Harry Fisher
Anne Costanzo



Happy Holidays!!

Greetings of the Season and best wishes for the New Year



from



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FUR, FEATHERS & SCALES INC.

HO HO HO HO.....



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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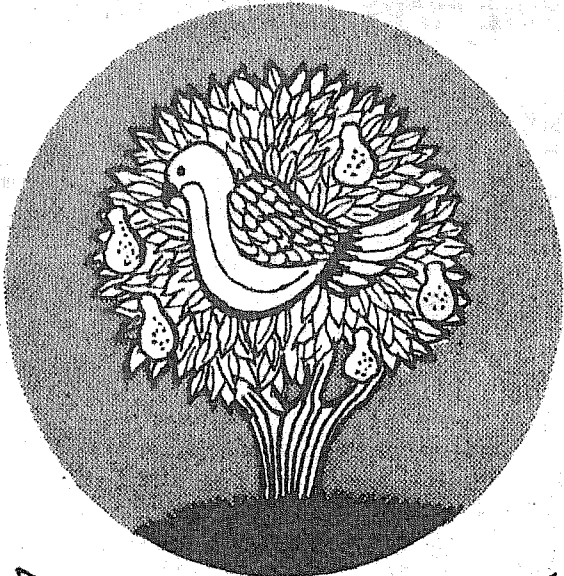
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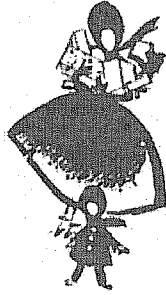
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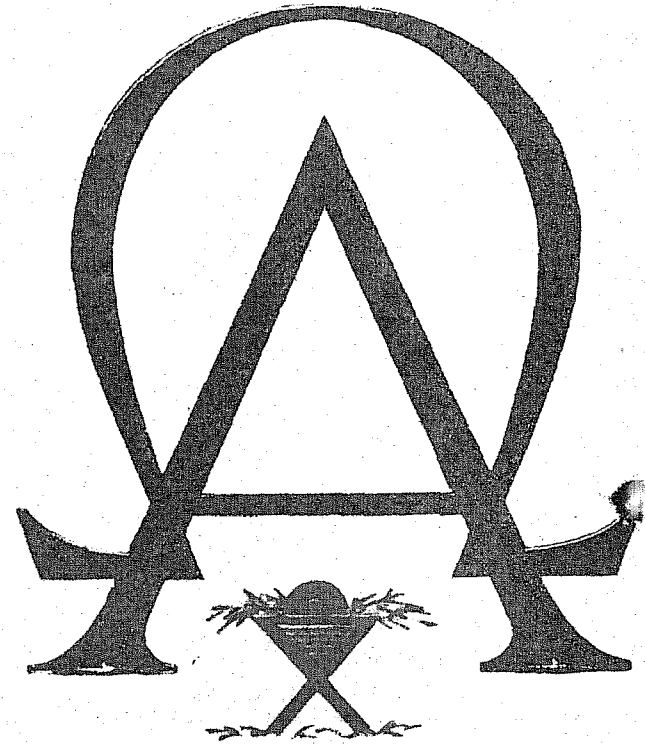


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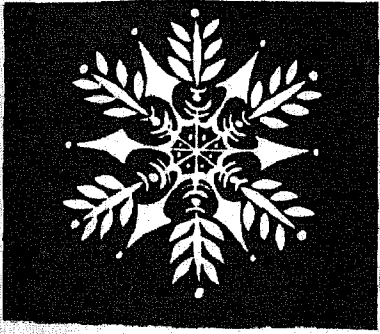
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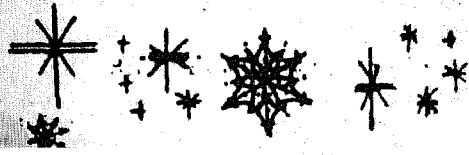
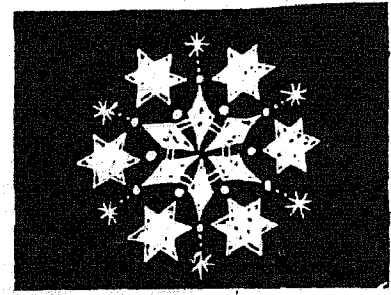


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So please, dear thousands of northern readers ... don't put off your pleasant days (or months) in the sun ... come on down, yawl, heah?



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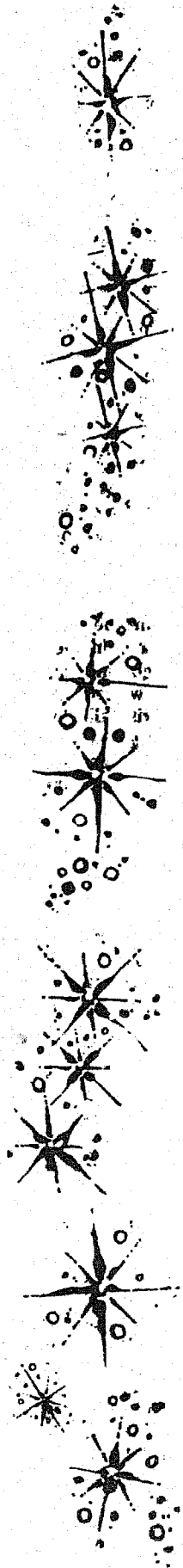
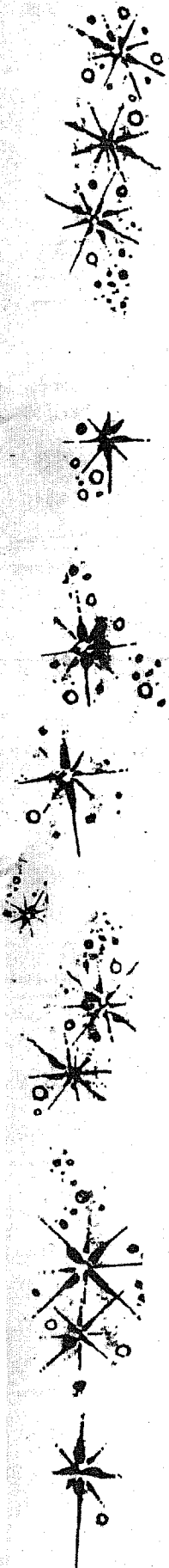
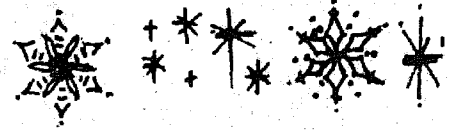



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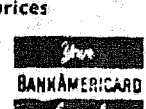
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We will admit that airline flights are full but that's what they are designed to be. There is no way for an airline to stay in business with half-full flights.

We have not had any problems getting air reservations to or from the islands, not even in this busy Christmas season. We have people call us from all over the north in the past week stating they can't get air reservations but with a little extra effort we have had no problems in their behalf.

Everyone gets up in the air when they hear all these rumors. Our advise is not to believe all you hear unless you hear it from an approved travel agent or an airline.



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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.

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

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

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

BINGO MUREX American Legion Home, Wednesdays 8 p.m. No minors.

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.

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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.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL (Area meetings), Fort Myers, Tuesdays at 12:15 in the Shrine Bldg. (Off Cleveland Ave.); Fort Myers South, Mondays at 12:15 in the Sheraton Inn on Rt. 41; Fort Myers Beach, Thursdays at 12:15 in the Holiday Inn on Estero Blvd.; Cape Coral, Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in the Cape Coral Country Club. For information call Dick Vann, 463-9436.


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CAPTIVA NEWS

Castaways has again opened for the winter under new ownership. The fishing at Blind Pass is reported as being good, particularly with return of warmer weather and the wind shift toward the south. Don't forget to support your local Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club Turkey Shoot near Bailey's General Store on Sanibel. The dates are December 21 and 22. There will be a special \$50 cash prize awarded for perfect shooting. The Thanksgiving shoot was both successful and popular. Proceeds to support the Florida Lions Club eye-sight project. Captiva news items for The Islander may be telephoned to its representative on the island. The number is 472-4019.

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Who's Who & Why

WHO'S WHO ON CAPTIVA

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest N. Stanton of Grosse Ile, Mich., will leave Captiva this week with their daughter for Honduras where they will spend Christmas and visit for a few weeks. They expect to return to Captiva sometime in January for the winter. E. J. Bennet cares for their property in their absence.

Prof. & Mrs. George P. Drowne of Norwich, Vt., and Mr. & Mrs. Edward G. Lowry, Jr. of Peterborough, N.H., are at their respective Captiva homes.

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Phillips of Ft. Lauderdale has been a guest of Edward J. Bennett of Captiva for the past week. Mr. Bennett's eldest daughter, Vicki, of Burlington, Vt., will be with him over Christmas. Vicki is a sales executive for Air New England and was formerly employed by Executive Airlines.

Mr. & Mrs. John Graham of Ottawa, Canada are on the island. Two of their three sons will be with them here over holidays.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Persall have been at their home on the island and will return from Rocky Mount, N.C. for the winter soon after Christmas.

DOTTI McQUADE says, "I hope I am over this year's cold for good," as husband MIKE just returned from up in the North Carolina mountains to spend Christmas at home. Enroute he did a little antiquing, bringing back some new (but old, you know what we mean) furniture and bric a brac. "Everybody was so good to me, I am thoroughly spoiled by the good homemade soups and all the other nice things people did for me," says Dotti. "It's so nice to know people care."

Mrs. HENRIETTA MORRIS of Buttonwood Lane and long time resident has some beautiful local scenes showing at the Lighthouse Restaurant. They are in brilliant acrylics, as bright as the Sanibel Sun. She is a real charming person, too. "I came to Sanibel 15 years ago to stay for two days and have been here ever since, though I do go back to New England every now and then just for a visit. Sanibel is really my home now."

BRUCE CHAPIN at the Lighthouse offers some yummy fare. "Even his cole slaw is deliciously different," says Editor GINNI BROWN, and he offers specialties of the house like fresh baked desserts that can't be duplicated anywhere.

ELLA MAE RASMUSSEN's beauteous daughter, MARICA RASMUSSEN, from Carmel, California, has been visiting her, and has been all over the islands looking into the private life of birds, her special study and interest. She is writing an article on them for the Monterey Peninsula Herald and has found a world of material in the Ding Darling Sanctuary as well as help and information from MARIO HUTTON, the Audubon group, and other birding enthusiasts. In talking about some two-legged birds, the human ones, Marcia says, "One of my neighbors is CLINT EASTWOOD, the movie star, and he looks better off screen than on, but of course you can't say that of all of them."

Mrs. B. ABBEY, of Abbey's Tobacco and News is quite charming and loves to meet people. She commutes to their new shop in Periwinkle Place from North Fort Myers after getting her three children ready for school. "Well, CHARLENE is 21 now, and I don't have to get her off. In fact she is a big help in getting SHELLEY, 17, off to Fort Myers High, and DAVID, 14, off to North Fort Myers High."

Abbey's is one of three stores, the other two being downtown in the Arcade and in Edison Mall. We just don't know how we managed without her here before, as she offers all sorts of interesting things for that last thoughtful gift, plus that wonderful smell only a tobacco store has. They have something for everyone, even us non-smokers and children too.

The CHARLES HOLLANDS entertained hometown guests and former neighbors from Warsaw, Ind. They were Mr. & Mrs. RALPH SPRONG, who really enjoyed shelling and strolling on the beach with Beth's guidance. When they left Indiana it was a pleasant 63, but on their way home it was 37 degrees by the time they reached Tennessee. It seems to some that it's a toss-up whether to stay home in semi-frigidity saving fuel or to expend a little on gas to come down here and save a lot of fuel while staying here in comfort.

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SANIBEL HOME RULE GROUP MOVES AHEAD WITH PLANS

The Sanibel Home Rule Group, Inc. met Thursday morning at the Community House to set a list of priorities and to read the Articles of Incorporation.

The first Article of Incorporation designated the name of the organization: The Sanibel Home Rule Group, Inc. Article 2 gave its purpose: "The purpose of the organization shall be to initiate and conduct studies of the pros and cons of alternative methods for obtaining a form of local government that will provide voters of Sanibel Island the right of self determination and effecuation of their aspirations for continuing the unique and scenic character of the island and to implement an improved proposition that could be presented to the voters." Article 3 stated that all persons owning property or residing on Sanibel shall be eligible for membership. Additional eligibility requirements may be added to the articles from time to time.

They also discussed the various aims such as traffic control, establishing rapport with the existing government, drinking water supply, sewer service, solid waste disposal, enforcement of existing laws, use of beaches, bridge tolls, air and water pollution, public transportation and beach setback lines. A sampling of community organizations brought out the above problems and questions and answers the group is interested in.

Presiding officer at the meeting was president S. Ralph Zeiss who was elected December 7. Other elected officers are: 1st V.P. Anina Hill; 2nd V.P. Rhea Nichols; secretary, Zelda Butler; and treasurer, J. Cecil Rhodes.

An information office is open at the Sanibel Community House five days a week from 9 until one. The telephone number is 472-2155. Contributions are still being accepted, as at present only 1/2 the \$20,000 pledged has been received. The Articles will be presented to an attorney for finalization. Meetings will be held each Thursday morning at 9 a.m. through January. After January, they are hoping to have a planning consultant available.

SUPTEFUGE? OR JUST CLEVER

Signs of the times in Jeanne's Snack Shack II (which is in a one-story shopping center, Punta Ybel Plaza) read --- "Complaint Department, 4th Floor" and "Credit Department, 5th Floor; please use elevator."

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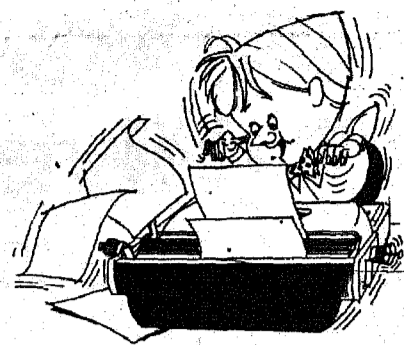
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Letters to the Editor



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:


Dear Audience:
We do appreciate your wonderful letters of praise for our Pirate Playhouse, and take this avenue to thank you. We are grateful it is the highlight of a vacation for so many of you, and remind you that to bring you a season of fine plays (this is the tenth), takes the combined work of a dedicated group of people interested in bringing art to the Islands, and to them must go the biggest share of the applause.

Merry Christmas!
Ruth Hunter
Phillip Hunter
P.S. Yes, you can buy tickets in advance for Christmas presents, and birthdays too!

TO THE ISLANDER:

We all congratulate Postmaster Adams on the new placement of the drive-in collection boxes. However, I suggest that he put "No Parking" signs adjacent to the boxes.

The boxes cannot be used if cars are blocking the way, as they have on many occasions. This is all in the interest of expediting the excellent service at our Post Office.
Greta Hackler
Sanibel



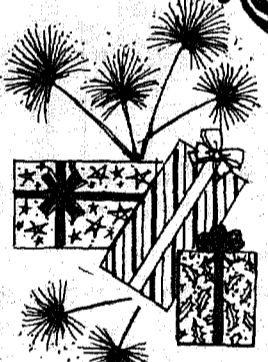
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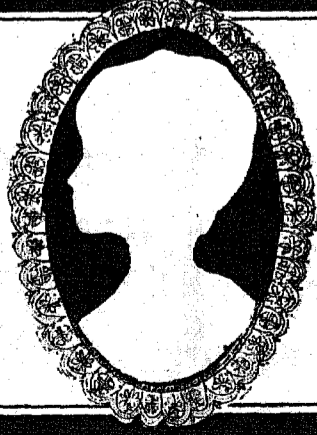
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recorded within the confines of the Ding Darling Sanctuary areas.

The ones that usually attract the most attention, from visitors at least, are the alligators, of which we have a substantial population. And here a word of warning is in order to residents and visitors alike. Alligators should not be fed. It is against the law in the sanctuaries and should be elsewhere too. This is not for the alligator's sake but for yours. This big reptile is entirely harmless to humans if left alone. If it gets fed by humans, however, it can lose its fear of us, will approach people hoping for food, and when there can be trouble.

Sooner or later some child is apt to startle one, or slip down a bank in front of one and the bewildered reptile can then be dangerous. It is like the bears in the national parks which have had to be shot because people have tamed them. And when there is trouble the alligator or the bear is blamed. The fault lies with the people.

Among the other reptiles recorded on the islands are fifteen varieties of turtles and terrapins, ranging from the gigantic sea turtles to tiny fresh water species.

There are, of course, chameleons and lizards and skinks and thirteen varieties of snakes. One of the most common of these is the big indigo snake. My colleague, Hal H. Harrison who writes the library column for this paper and is the author of the definitive "The World of the Snake" reports that indigos get larger than any other

snake in the United States. The record is one eight feet seven and a half inches long.

The indigos, as are almost all the other snakes on the island, are absolutely harmless, in fact are beneficial. Two poisonous snakes are listed, the rattlesnake and the coral snake, but they are certainly rare. In years of leading nature tours here I have never seen either one on the islands.

Water moccasins, or cottonmouths, are abundant on the mainland but apparently have never crossed the three miles of salt water to get to the islands. None have ever been reported here.

For information about bird tours call MacIntosh Book Store, 472-1447.

AUDUBON SEASON OPENS

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will hold the first program of the 1973-74 season tonight, Thursday, December 20, at 8 p.m., at the Sanibel Community House. The opening show promises to be one of special interest and unusual local significance. Called "The Loggerhead Legacy," it will describe in detail, and with an abundance of color slides, the egg-laying habits of the sea turtles that in spring and summer months come ashore for this purpose along Southern Florida's coastline, including Sanibel and Captiva Islands. Featured speaker will be young Paul Zajicek, who since the end of 1968 has been deeply involved in research on this subject, spending many weeks on remote stretches of Morgan Beach, near Cape Romano. He will be introduced by Charles LeBuff, acting manager of the J. N. Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge, and founder of Caretta Research.

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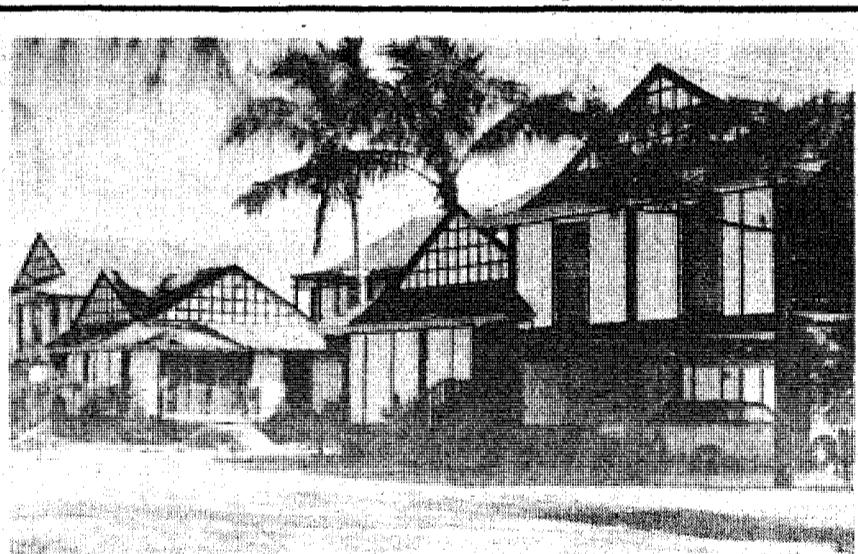
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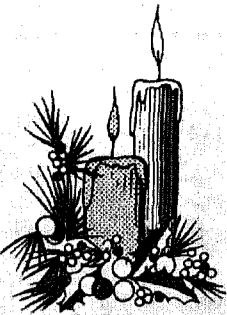
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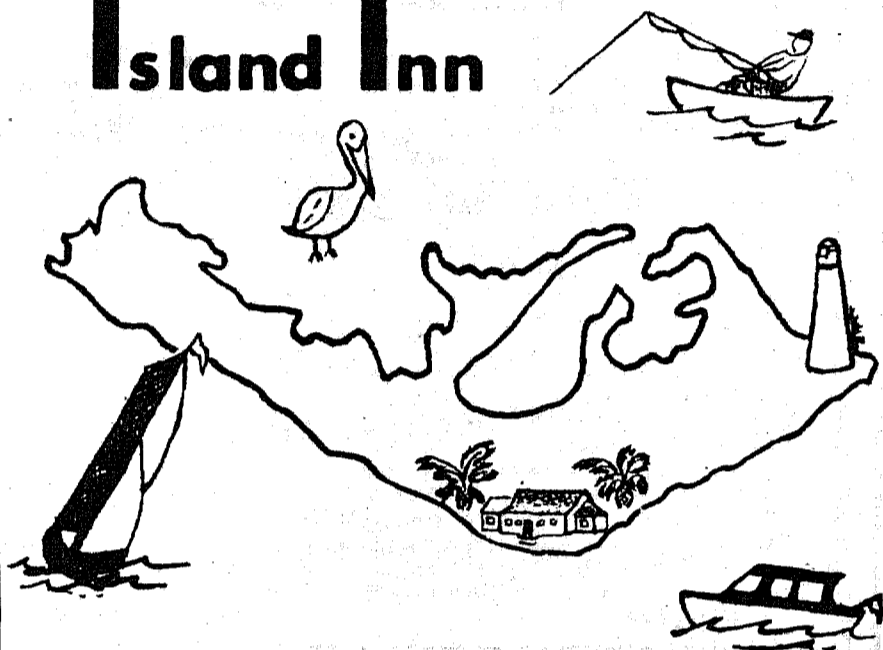
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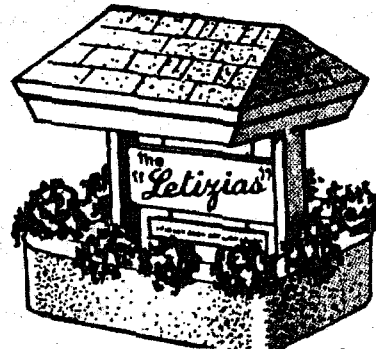
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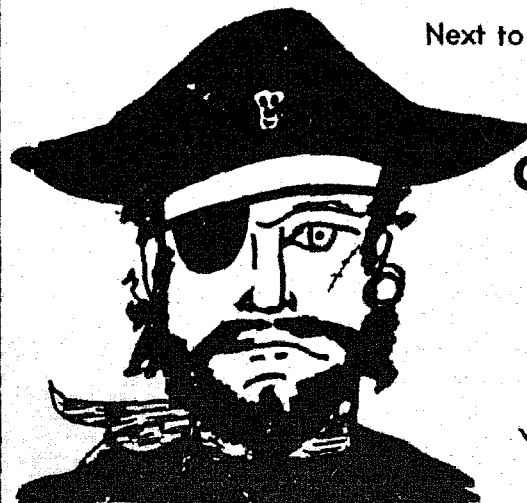
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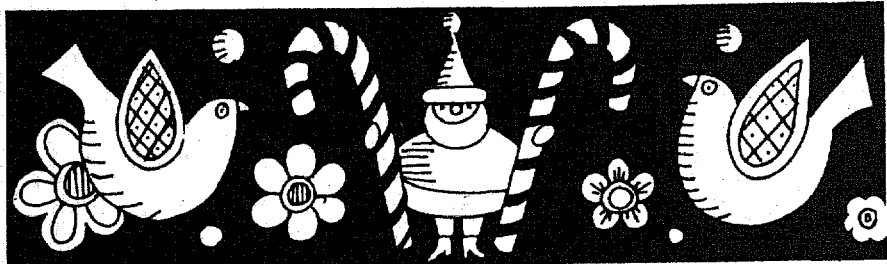
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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT SET
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The Sanibel Chamber Orchestra will present a Christmas program at the Community House on December 23, 1973 at 8 p.m.

Elliott Magaziner will be the soloist for this one-time-only performance. Mr. Magaziner and his beautiful Stradivarius violin are well known to Sanibel audiences. He, and his lovely wife, Sari, have spent their Christmas vacation on Sanibel for the past several years. The idea for the concert is Mr. Magaziner's since he wanted to contribute to the cultural atmosphere on Sanibel.

The Sanibel Chamber Orchestra is made up of the Resident String Quartet of the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra augmented by several other performers from the Symphony. Mrs. Magaziner, a professional violist in her own right, will play first viola for this performance.

Tickets are available at the Island Travel Agency or by calling Zee Butler at 472-1050. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the evening of the performance.

**CHRISTMAS CANDLES WILL
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In keeping with the critical energy crisis, The Colony, on East Gulf Drive, will not use outdoor Christmas lighting this holiday season.

However, as has been the custom for many years on Christmas Eve, The Colony will once again display the luminarios for the pleasure of guests and all other Islanders who want to view this Mexican custom.

Candles, set in bags of sand are lit at dusk, and will line the entrance ways, driveways, and walkway to the Gulf. Guests are reminded to turn down their headlights as they drive through the Colony grounds, in order to more fully enjoy this traditional Christmas Eve celebration which early Spanish settlers in Mexico observed as a means to light the path of the Christ Child to their homes. Depending on the weather, the luminarios sometimes burn until daylight.

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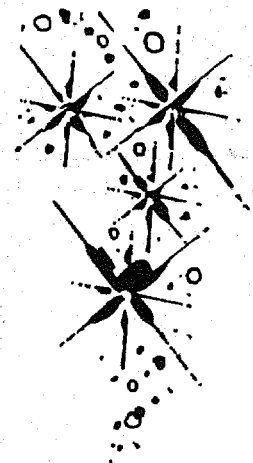
The Christmas season will be ushered in at St. Michael's Church with the traditional midnight Mass commencing at 11:30 Christmas Eve. The Choral Service will be sung by the Rev. Father Madden who will be assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. James D. Hubbs, who will also deliver the Christmas message. Preceding the service there will be an organ prelude by Miss Sears, organist and soloist, Mrs. Mozella Jordan. The full adult choir will sing at the midnight service. There will be Holy Communion at 7:30 Christmas Day and Mrs. Andy Willis and the children's choir will provide the music at the 9:30 service.

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Sanibel Community Church annual Christmas Eve Carol Sing will be Monday, December 24 at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited.

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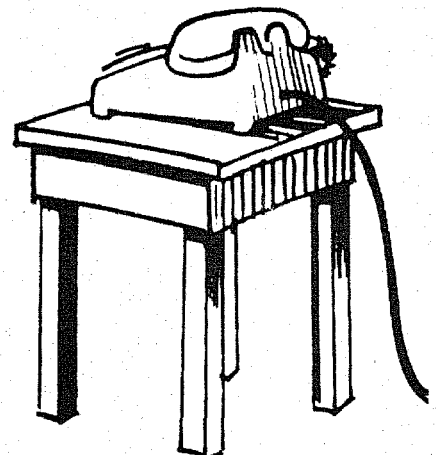
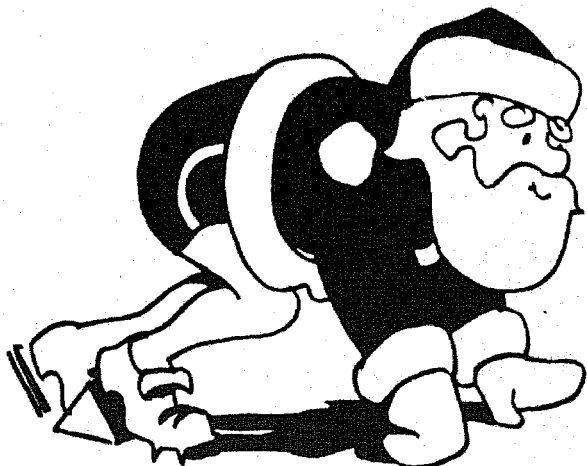
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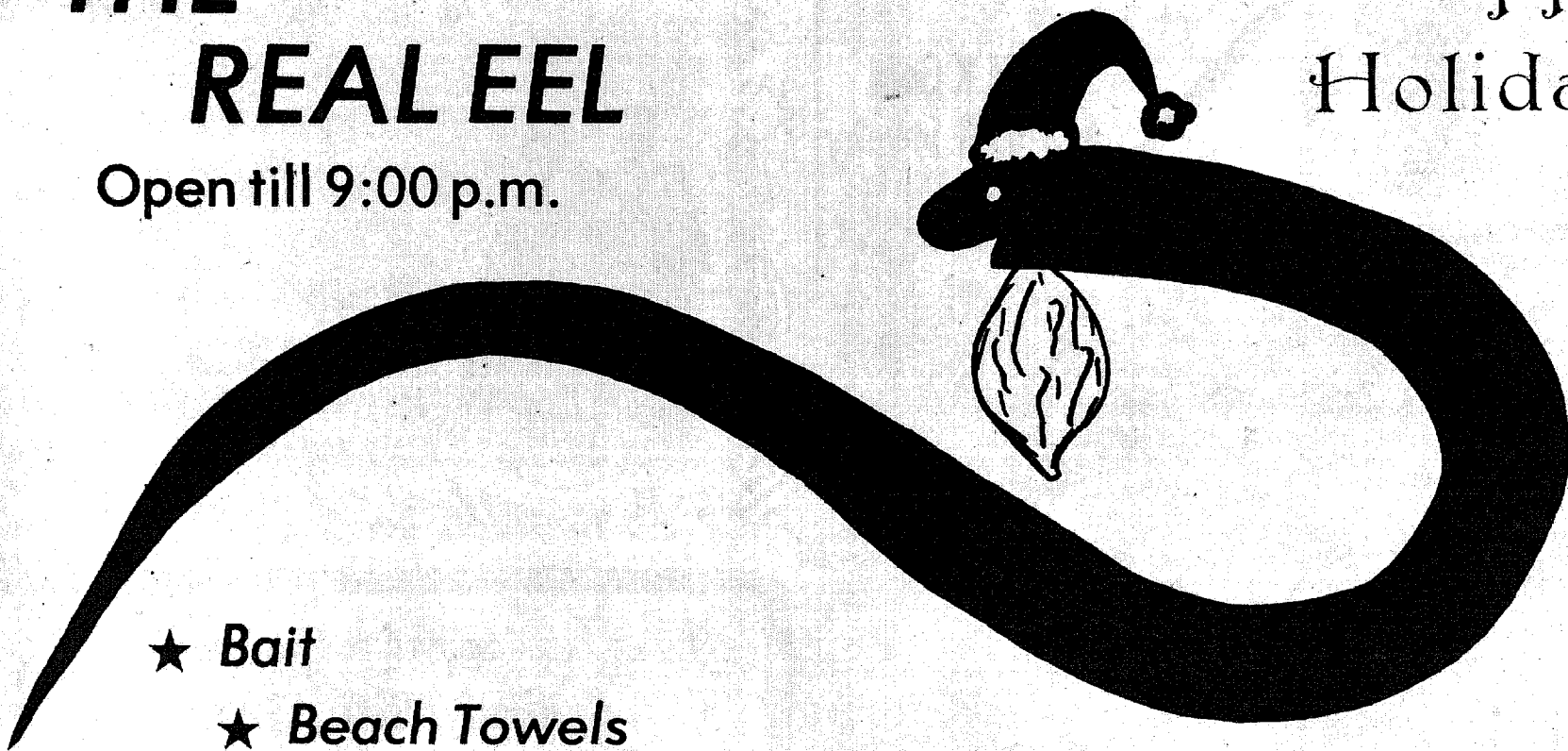


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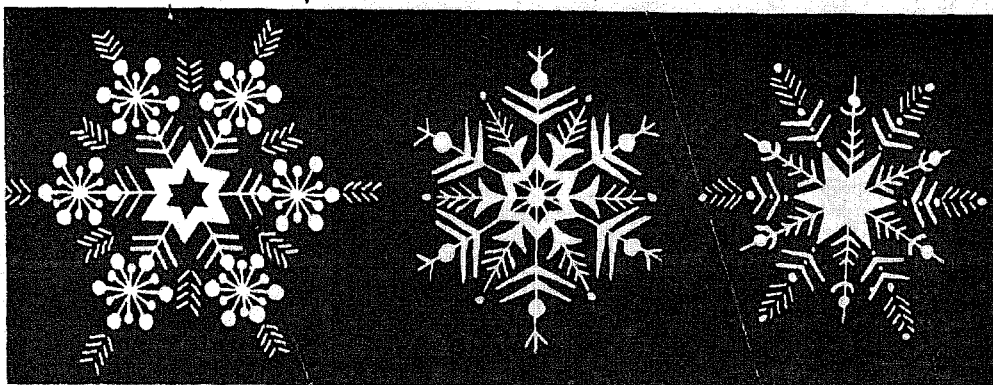
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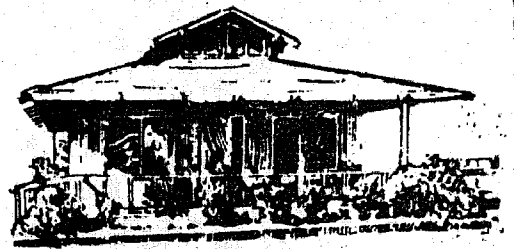
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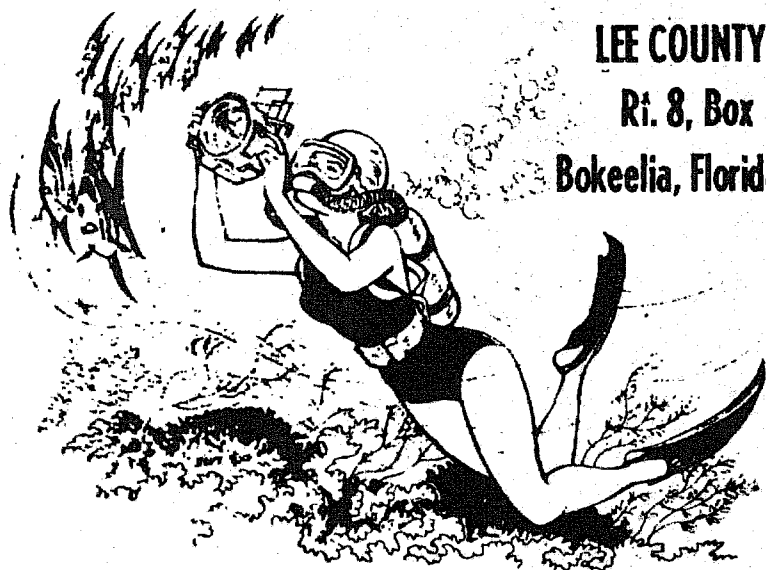


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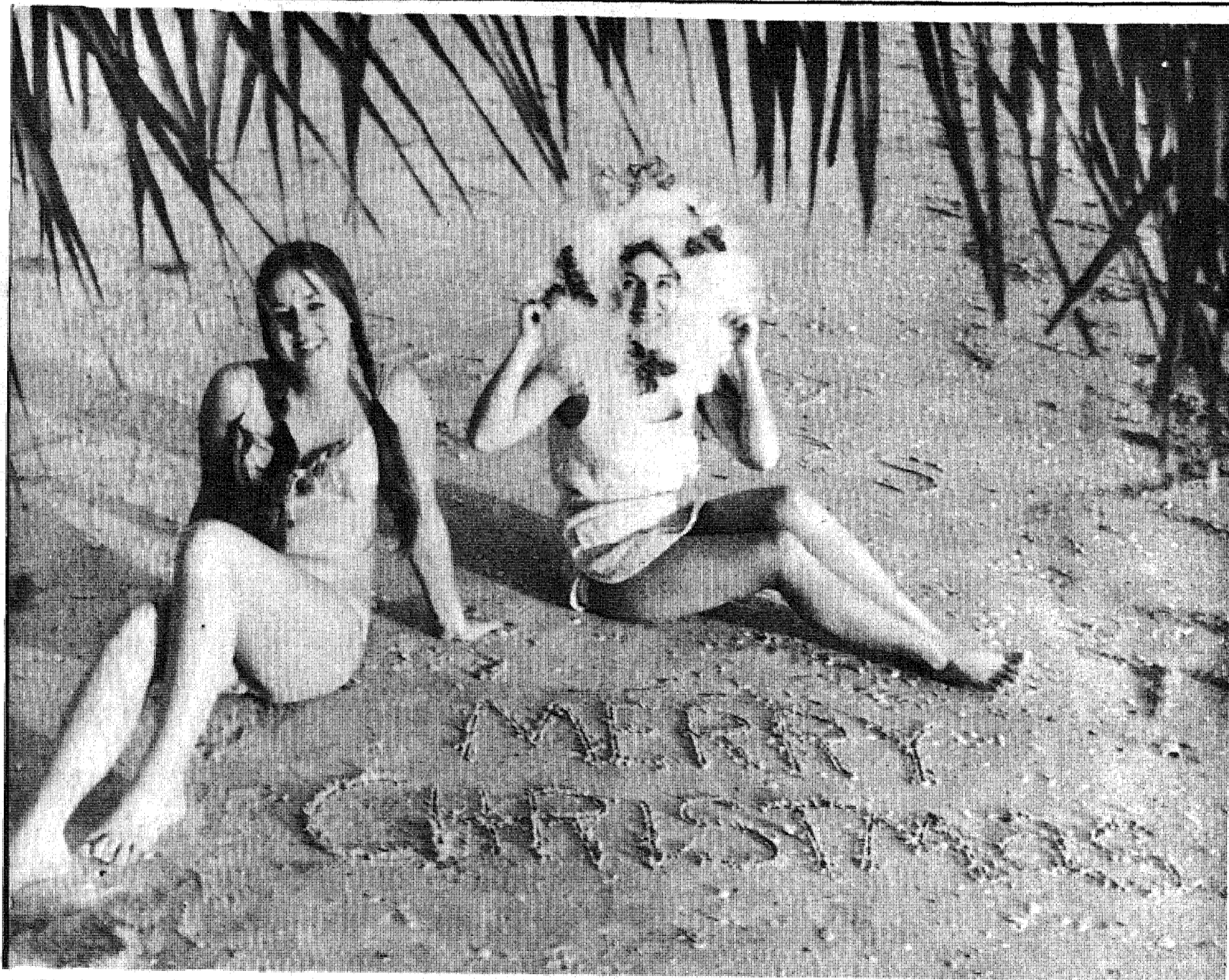
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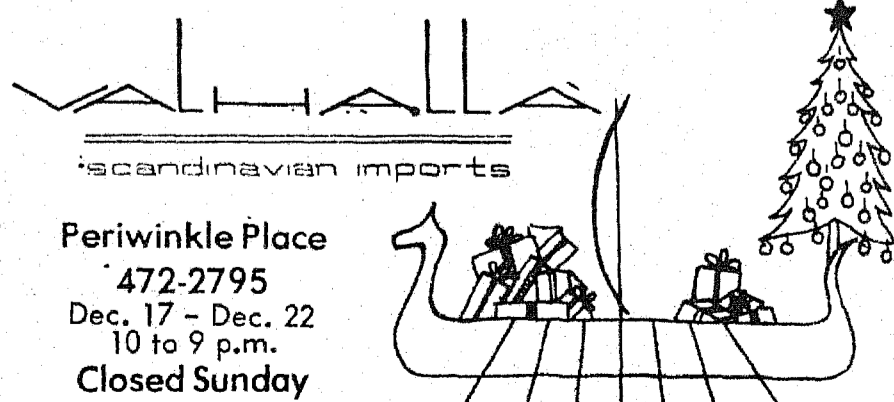
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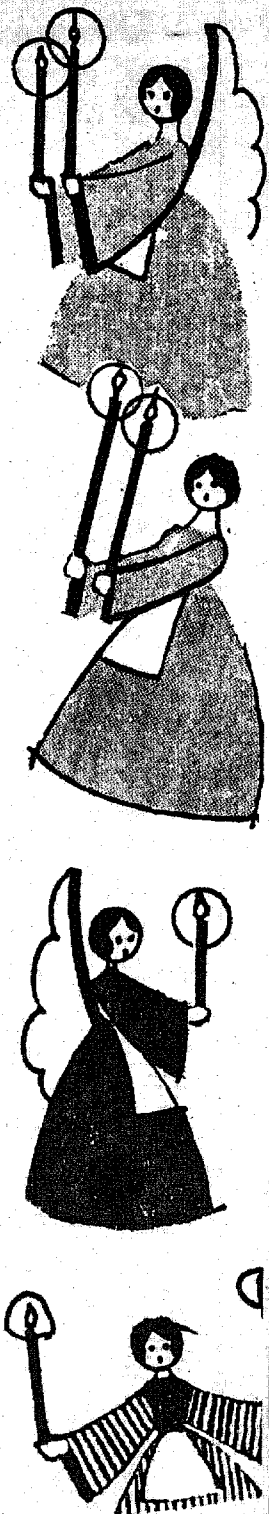


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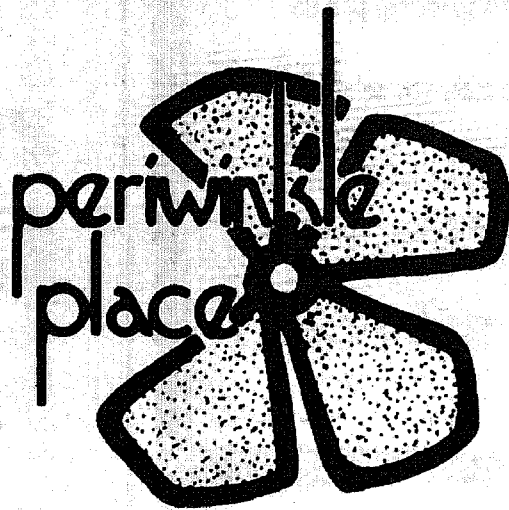
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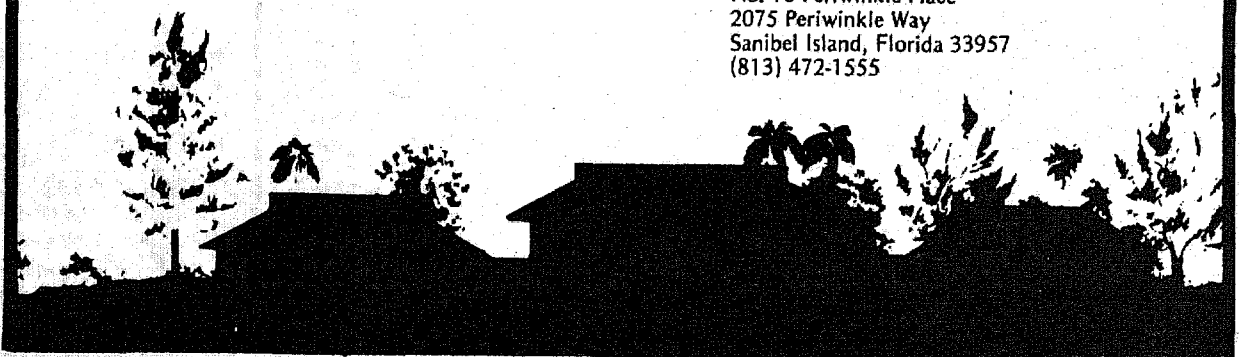
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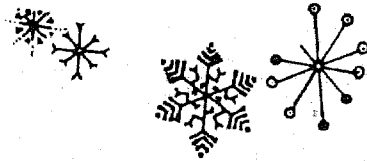
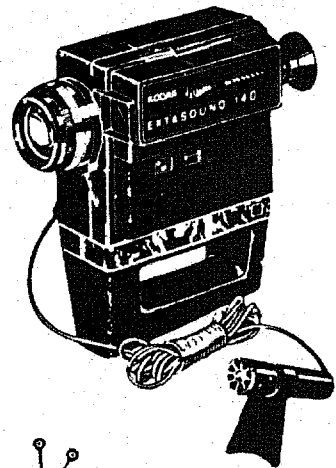



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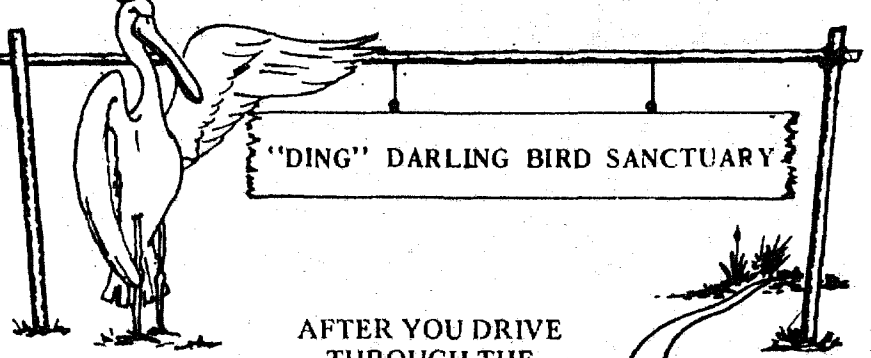
BROWSING AROUND
by Fran O'Callaghan

We hope you will journey up Captiva way to see all the Christmas pretties and have a nice time while picking out those last minute gifts. McCauls has some beautiful agatized corals in lovely scintillating crystalline au natural and also the whimsically curious 4,000 year old concretions. The Marshalls are so hospitable they will even give you a cup of coffee and then you can go on up to South Seas and look into the Ship's Store at the Marina to see what whimsies they have. At Christa's you will find glamor galore for milady. And you must go in and drool over the jewelry and gifts at the gift shop. There are some "oriental" figurines that not only look for all the world like jade, but even feel like it, although they are much less expensive carved Italian Alabaster. Then there are

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- 3 ✓ THE FIRST DEADLY SIN. Lawrence Sanders. | Putnam, \$8.95. Still selling at the rate of 6000 per week.
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- 9 ✓ WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN. Jimmy Breslin. | Viking, \$6.95
10. A THOUSAND SUMMERS. Garson Kanin. | Doubleday, \$6.95. New fiction best seller.

NONFICTION

- 1 ✓ THE JOY OF SEX. Alex Comfort. | Crown, \$7.95: \$12.50
2. ALISTAIR COOKE'S AMERICA. Alistair Cooke. | Knopf, \$15
- 3 ✓ HOW TO BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND. Mildred Newman et al. | Random, \$4.95
- 4 ✓ PENTIMENTO. Lillian Hellman. | Little, Brown, \$7.95. Leading nonfiction in Bay Area stores and in Doubleday stores in New York.
- 5 ✓ THE ONION FIELD. Joseph Wambaugh. | Delacorte, \$8.95
- 6 ✓ PORTRAIT OF A MARRIAGE. Nigel Nicolson. | Atheneum, \$8.95
- 7 ✓ UPSTAIRS AT THE WHITE HOUSE. J.B. West with Mary Lynn Kotz. | Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, \$8.95. Total imprint, 100,000.
- 8 ✓ IN ONE ERA AND OUT THE OTHER. Sam Levenson. | Simon and Schuster, \$6.95. Sales for the publisher total 141,000.
- 9 ✓ COSELL. Howard Cosell. | Playboy Press, \$8.95. Sold 9000 copies week of November 12.
- 10 ✓ THE BEST OF LIFE. Edited by David E. Scherman. | Time-Life Books (Little, Brown, dist.), \$19.95. New nonfiction best seller. Sold 10,744 week of November 19; total retail sales to date are 101,862 (this includes 5500 copies sold in Canadian retail outlets).

FICTION CANDIDATES

- ✓ THE LOO SANCTION. Trevanian. | Crown, \$6.95
- ✓ THE TURQUOISE LAMENT. John D. MacDonald. | Lippincott, \$5.95. This new fiction candidate, published October 30, is the 15th Travis McGee suspense story and the first to be published first in hardcover before paperback appearance. PW said it is one of the best McGee adventures.

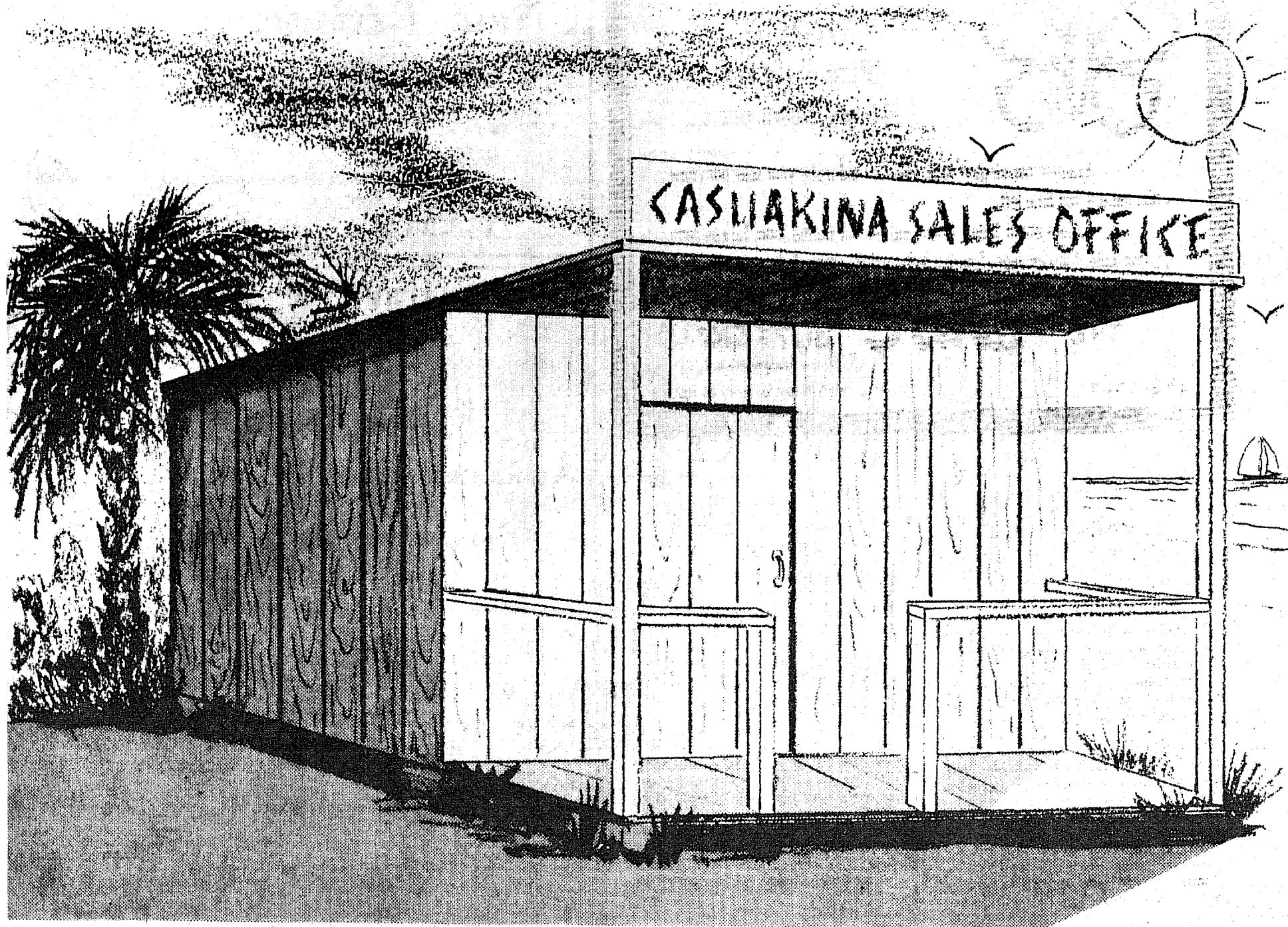
THE TOWER. Richard Martin. | McKay, \$7.95. New candidate published October 15. PW called this minute-by-minute account of a major disaster in New York City "as riveting as they come." **O.S.**

NONFICTION CANDIDATES

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The real estate man told us that now is the time to buy a house. This month only, but maybe next month too, it is possible to buy a \$25,000 house for just \$45,000. The man said that by December \$25,000 houses will be going for \$55,000, so we had better act quick, quick, quick. We didn't but we learned a little.

We learned that most real estate agents advertise in code. I have cracked this code by driving around the country side and looking into houses for sale -- an ingenious method devised by British cryptographers late in World War II.

I can now offer a handy corrective to the language in the classified ads by revealing how the secret real estate code works.

Victorian: drafty
Colonial: built prior to the second Eisenhower Administration

Gracious colonial: you can't afford it
Leisure home: habitable during July and August

Ranch: egg box wearing a cowboy hat

Raised ranch: ranch set on a slope
Chalet: ranch set on a steep slope
Older home: lists disconcertingly to the southwest

Comfortable: small
Cozy: teeny weeny
Cute: itsy-bitsy

Immaculate: kitchen walls are not as greasy as the pit floor at Ralph's Texaco

Patio: spot near back door where cement truck over-turned

Piazza: porch

Gleaming bathroom: bathroom
Vanity bathroom: bathroom with a table nailed to the wall

Carriage house: garage leaning against '48 Dodge

Convenient to shopping: bay window overlooks an A&P parking lot

\$300 to heat: \$780 to heat

Family room: basement with 100-watt light bulb

Needs some fixing up: leg of bathtub protruding through kitchen ceiling needs polishing

Brook crosses property: by way of the cellar

Raised-hearth fireplace: has a little chair that the fire can sit on

Desirable corner: corner
Entrance foyer: door

Many extras: recent owners left behind rags, coat hangers, mysterious wire running from back door to bathtub, half a bottle of cough syrup

Low taxes: fire department requires bribes

Nice neighborhood: and let's keep it

that way!

Heritage estate setting: (this description continues to baffle the world's cryptographers)

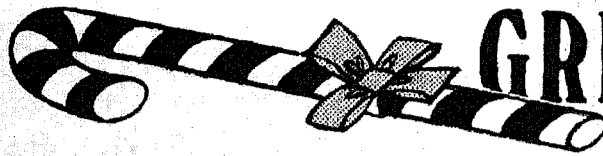
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Make an offer: say something amusing.

Richard Lipez

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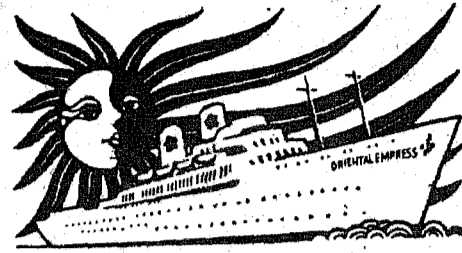


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WATER APPLICATIONS TO BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED

The Island Water Association advises that all new applications for water hook-ups to the system will be reviewed by the entire Board of Directors before approval. The Water Association wishes to assure all residents that there is a sufficient supply of water from the wells and treatment plant to supply everyone with ample water for the first time in years.

Problems have occurred with the new equipment but as they have occurred they have or are being resolved as provided under the guarantees. The treatment plant uses large amounts of electric power and shortages in this area could cause restrictions.

Building continues at a steady pace on the Islands and the County Commission is providing no guidance as to the future density, therefore it is the judgement of the Board of Directors of your Association to review all applications carefully.

PLANNING COMMISSION BUSY

The Lee County Planning Commission met Thursday and again made sweeping changes in the Sanibel land-use plans. Although most of the Gulf front, east of Rabbit Road, will be multi-family zoning, which is the way it is now, they ruled that north of that, west of Dixie Beach Road and south of Periwinkle will all be single family dwellings. Commissioner Bill Hammond, a very busy man who wears many hats, objected to the zoning plans saying, "If only 50 percent of what is zoned is filled to capacity, we will be well over the 50,000 mark."

Commissioner Pat Wasson was all for showing existing zoning maps for public hearings, but Chairman Don Fink was very adverse to allowing another public hearing, where heavy criticism of the board generally occurs. Harry Rodda and James Fortiner suggested they follow present zoning in areas already under development and encourage low density in as yet undeveloped land, and that they suggest only general trends, not real boundaries.

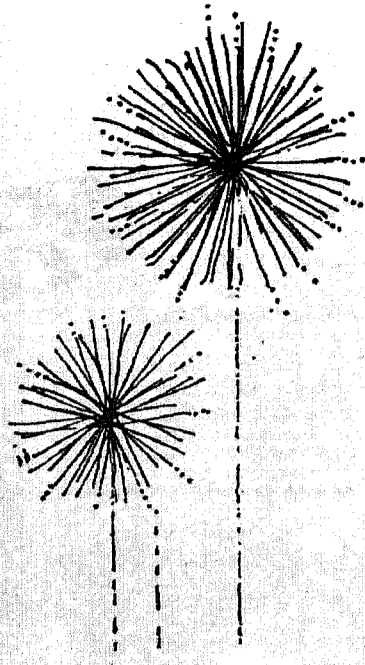
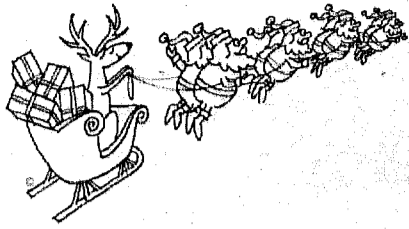
County Commissioner Dick Sayers asked for review of a five acre tract, but the County Commission has long objected to reviewing individual plans, so the rezoning application was refused. The Planning Commission ended on a note of frustration with Pat Wasson saying, "How can we review anything to see if it fits with our county plan when we don't have a county plan?"

A.L.A. ASKS YOU TO HELP THRU CHRISTMAS SEALS

James M. Wallace, Bradenton, Chairman of the Board of the American Lung Assn. of Southwest Fla. (formerly the Tuberculosis & Respiratory Disease Assn.) states that by now all homes and businesses in Lee county should have received their Christmas Seal letters and a total of 181,857 letters will have been mailed by the Association.

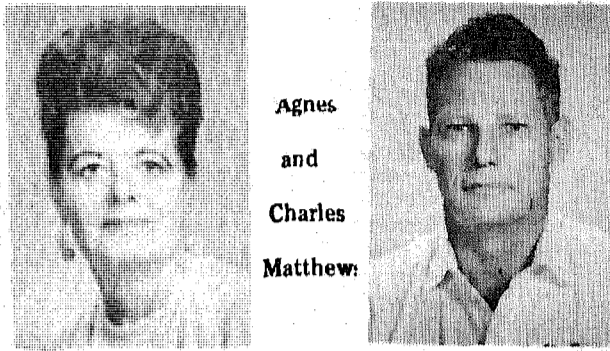
Heading up this 67th Christmas Seal Campaign as National Honorary Chairman, is Johnny Bench, all-star catcher for the Cincinnati Reds, who last year underwent lung surgery for removal of a lesion caused by a rare fungus disease, coccidioidomycosis, better known as "Valley Fever." "As you live and breathe, you never think it's going to be you who gets sick," says the popular athlete. "I'm grateful to the dedicated health workers who helped me wallop what could have been a crippling lung disease."

"The fungus disease that attacked Johnny Bench is a perfect illustration of the reason for the annual Christmas Seal Campaign," Wallace said. "Environmental hazards to life and breath are increasing each year. From cigarette smoke in crowded rooms to the tons of industrial dirt and exhaust added each day to our air, our lungs are constantly exposed to millions of harmful organisms and substances. From some of the resulting lung diseases, like emphysema, there is no cure. That means we must prevent lung disease with research and education. Johnny Bench is helping us spread the word. We hope others will help by giving more to Christmas Seals."



CHRISTMAS IN FLORIDA

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the South Not a palm front was stirring near my Florida house. The orange trees were dripping with round, tasty fruit 'Twould soon fill kids' stockings to tempt their sweet tooth. Way out on the beaches there arose such a clatter The pelicans sprang up to see what was the matter. Away to the palm trees they made a great dash Swooping and soaring! It seemed they might crash. I thought that my eyes were playing a trick A helicopter landed and out jumped Saint Nick. He was dressed in bermudas and a bright-colored shirt. He dragged out his bag and started to work. The gifts that he brought were for year-round fun So we could enjoy our life in the sun. Surf boards to ride far out in the sea, Golf clubs and a fly rod -- I noted with glee. That little old driver looked sun-tanned and gay He'd finished his work, but he wanted to stay. As he ran up the beach with some shells in his hand He was dancing a jig and the sun warmed the sand. And I heard him explain as he started to go, "It's Merry Christmas in Florida, Far away from the snow!"



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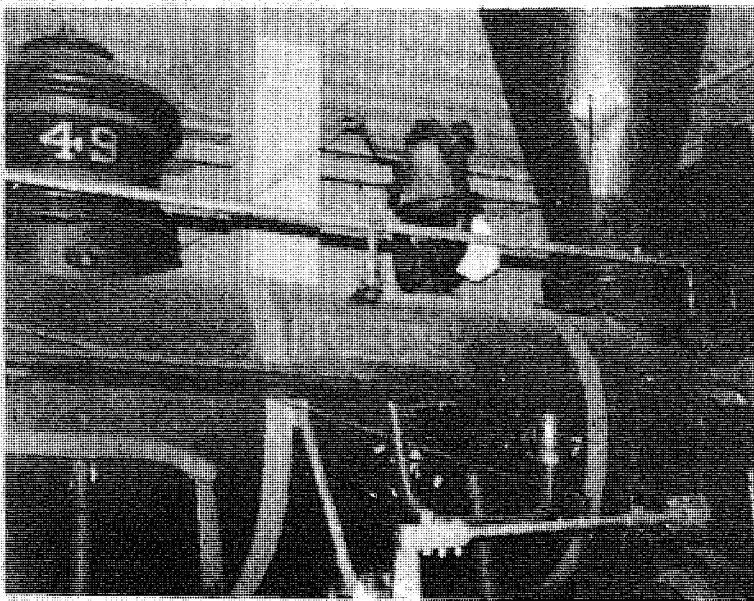
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climbing on a red Georgia bank



in the basement of Atlanta's Cyclorama, where mommy cried & Elizabeth disowned her. (No pix allowed of the Atlanta battle.)

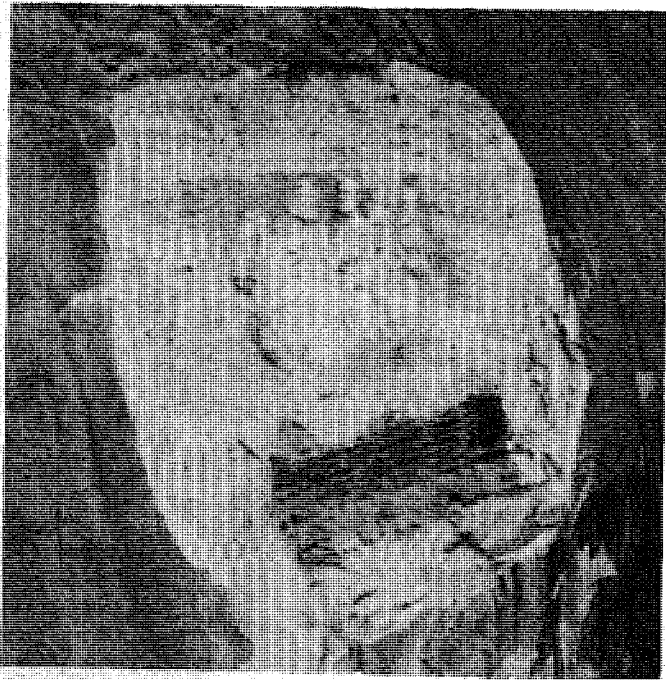
SEE THE U.S.A.

In mid-Autumn, the Browns --- Duff, Ginni and Elizabeth --- were able to take their first vacation together since Elizabeth was two months old --- and off we started on a 16 state tour of the U.S. of A. Now, one third of the family is pure Florida cracker, all 11 years and nine months of her; one third is a born and bred New Yorker, who's been slightly mellowed by the South in the past 13 years, but who only knew our country along the Eastern seaboard, and one third was born in Des Moines, Iowa, who traveled quite a bit around here, there and everywhere whilst a-growing. (He enjoyed showing us what our country was really like.)

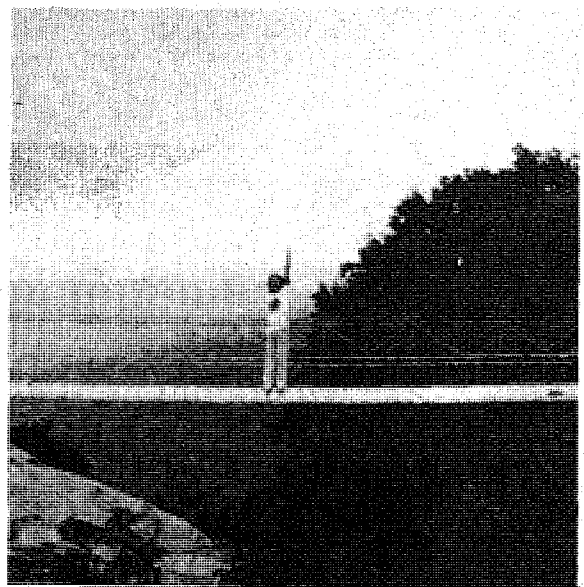
Despite your political views, and no matter why he said it, the late President Johnson was very profound when he said, "See America First." We cannot imagine any country in the world which has the variety of scenery found in America. Why, did you know we have a desert four times the size of the Sahara --- we just won't admit it is a desert, that's all. We thought we'd share portions of this trip with you pictorially. If you have one tenth the fun looking at them that we had taking them, we'll be happy.



on top of old smokey. . . .



but really Great Stone mountain, Ga. 22 people had lunch on J. Davis' sholder one day in the 1920's. He's the one in the middle.



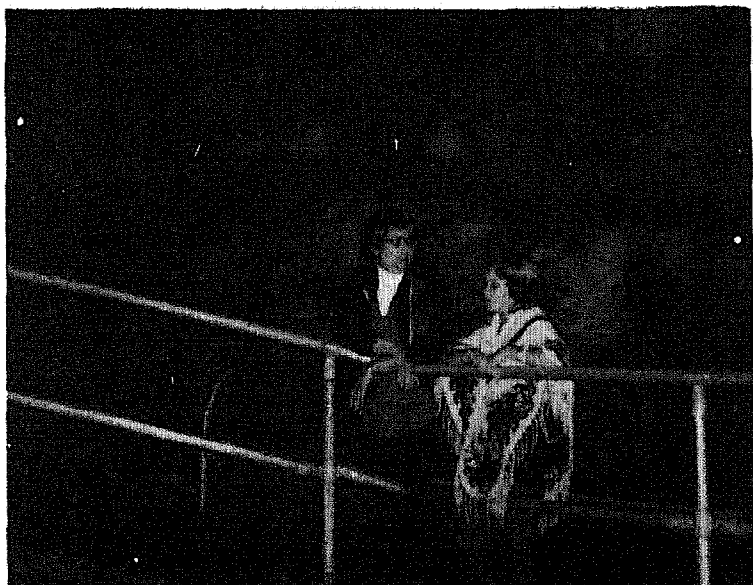
See Rock City...and we did!



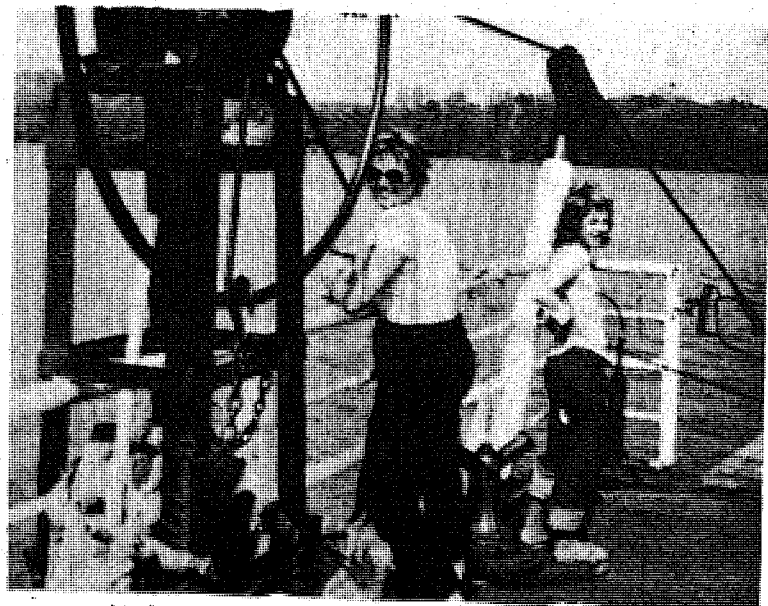
You're looking at 7 states from te the top of Lookout Mountain.



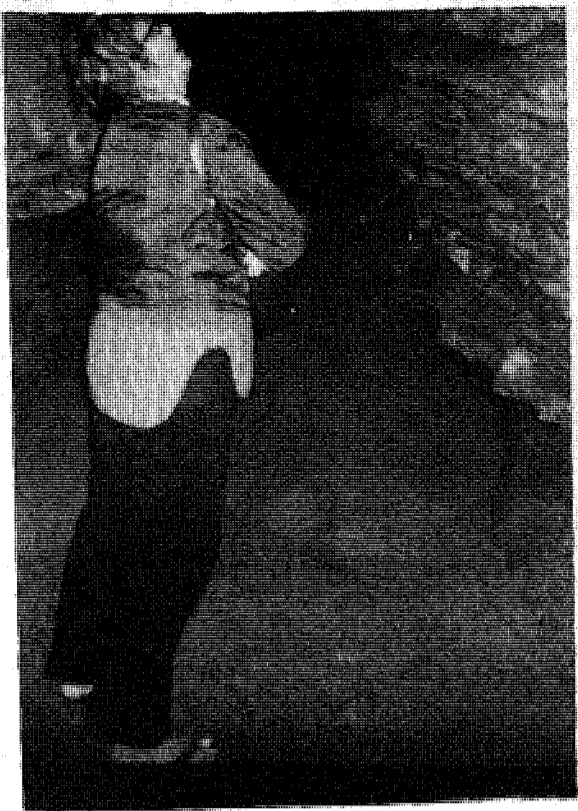
Loaded for action at Lookout battlefield.



Contemplating Duff in Mammoth Cave, Ky., who made the 4 1/2 hour trip barefooted.



And across the river into Missouri. . .



Tom & Becky who??? in Twain's cave



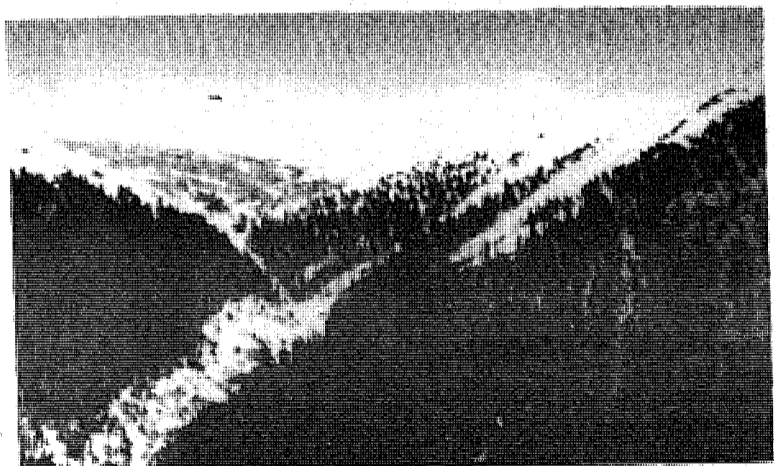
Throw a bottle in the river for luck. . .



and arrive in IOWA!



where even city gals can use a pump



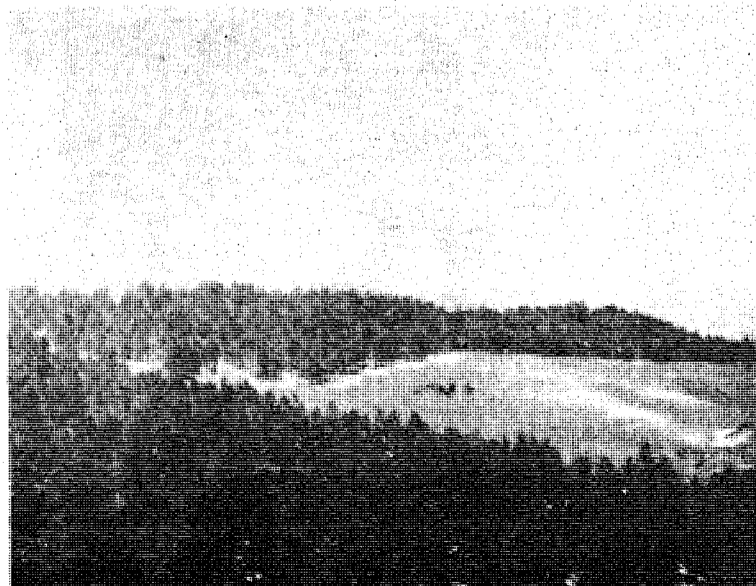
Our first sight of snow in years. . .



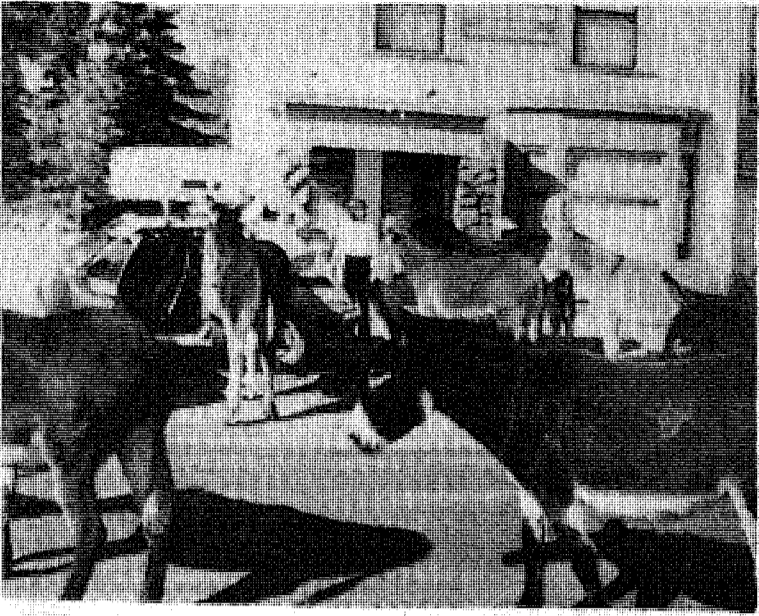
And that ain't smog, it's SNOWING!



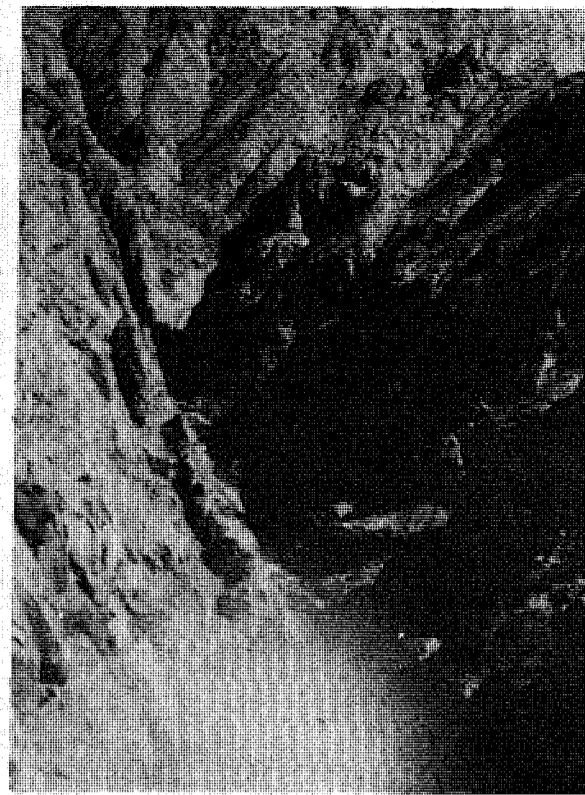
Elizabeth's first (and only) snowman



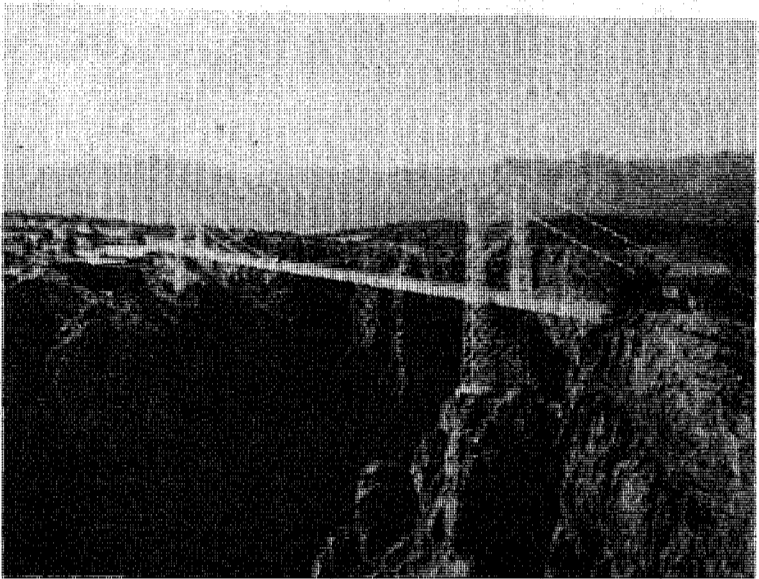
Those dots are buffalo, appropriately enough where Buffalo Bill is buried.



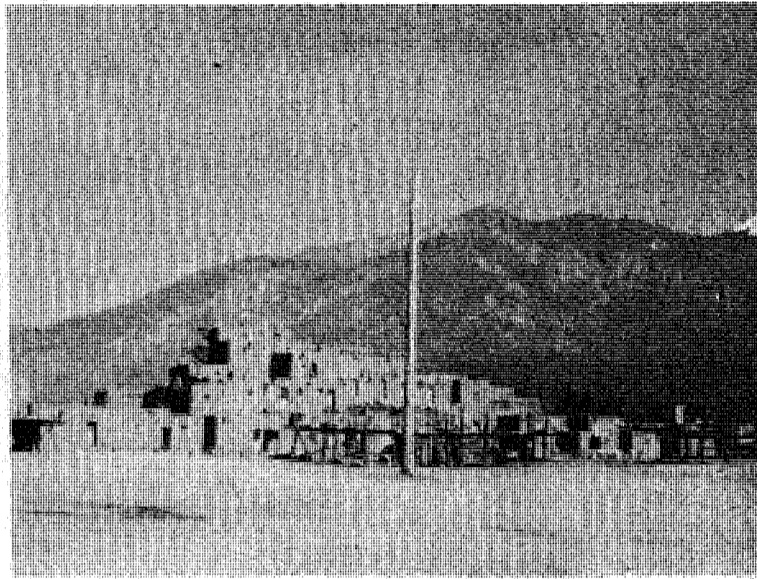
Nope, not D.C.— they have a lot of 'em in cripple creek, Colorado, too.



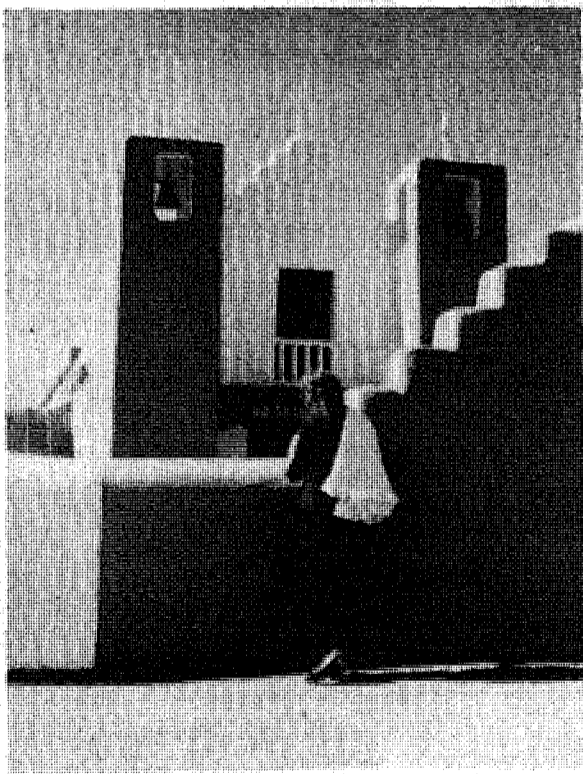
and our own personal UFO



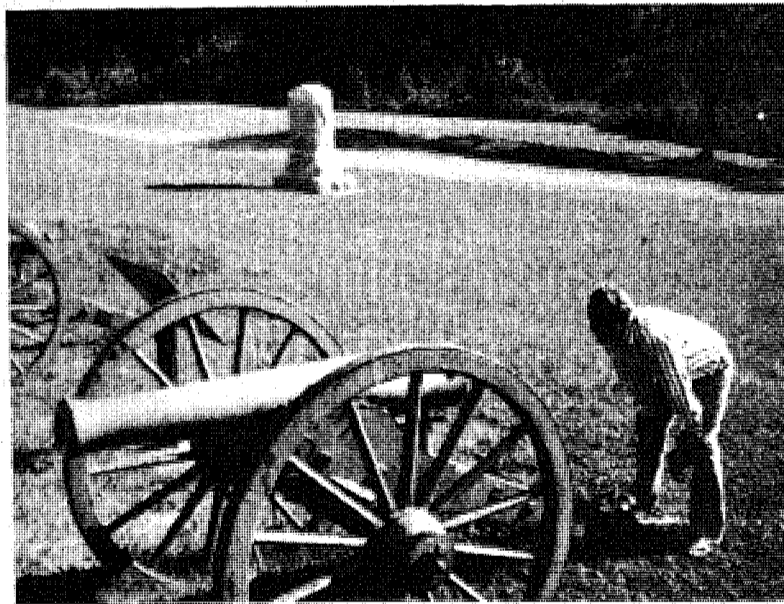
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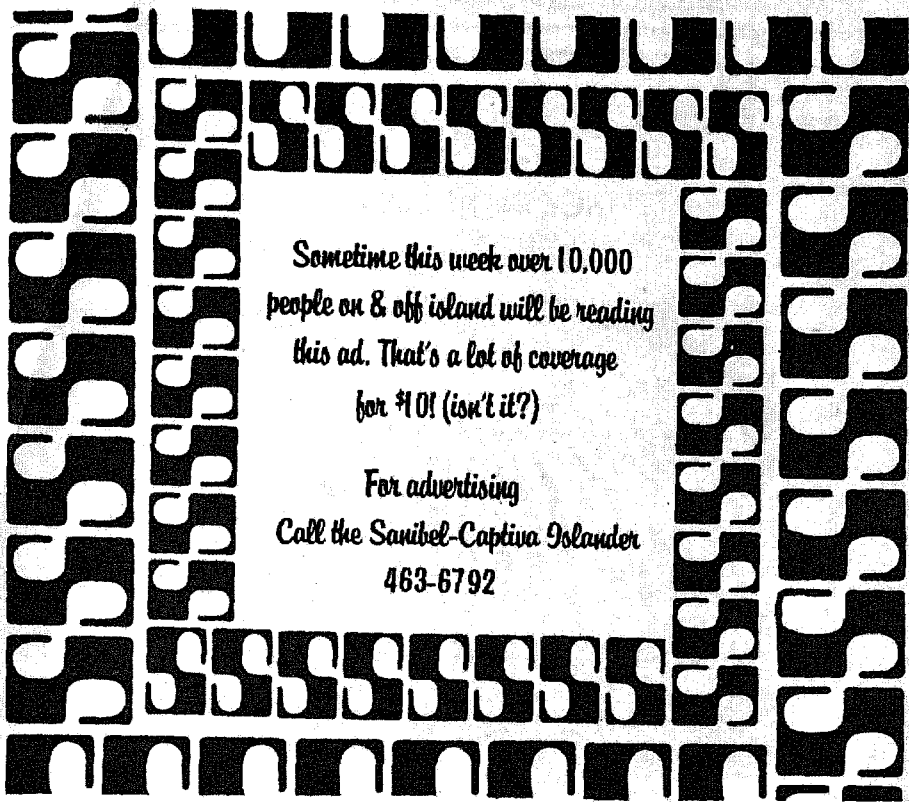
Duff zeroing in at Vicksburg. . .



and off away from the sunset, back home.



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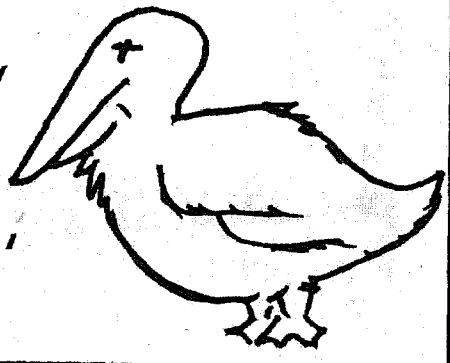
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I SAW THAT ACTOR IN
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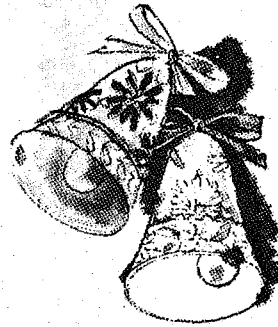
It is interesting to note how many people in the news lately are Pirate Playhouse actors. Take Pat Slater. She appeared in "Harvey" and "The Blue Goose" and will be seen this season in "The Curious Savage." Then there's Helma and John Reynolds. You saw them in "Isle of Umbrellas," "Aaron Slick from Punkin Crick" and "The Blue Goose." Porter Goss delighted Islanders in "Isle of Umbrellas" and "The Bishop Misbehaves" as did Don and Grace Whitehead in "The Great Sebastians," "The Bishop Misbehaves" and "Busybody."

Remember Duane White in "Aaron Slick from Punkin Crick," "The Great Sebastians," "January Thaw," "The Apple of His Eye," "The Blue Goose" and "Harvey" to name a few, as well as the villain in "Busybody." Fran McClintock will be in "The Matchmaker," Nancy Thompson appeared in "The Bishop Misbehaves," and the Kruegers, Margaret who works at the Sanibel Library, and her husband Bill will appear this season in "The Matchmaker" at the Pirate Playhouse. Audiences will long remember George Tenney who was so realistic in "The Apple of His Eye" and "Isle of Umbrellas." When you want anything done, ask an actor.

THE COLONY GUESTS



Out of state guests at the Colony this week are Ms. Marianne Levey and family of Shaker Heights, Ohio; Dr. & Mrs. M. W. Lister of Toronto, Ontario; Mr. & Mrs. Leon L. Berkowitz and Mr. & Mrs. Long and family of Philadelphia, Pa.; the Edmund J. Arey of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mrs. Gail Holan and family of Kew Gardens Hills, N.Y.; the Frank Corbins of Terrace Park, Ohio; Mr. Robert L. Frakes and party of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. Kenneth Kessler of New Era, Mich.; Mrs. J. O. Carson of North Vernon, Ind.; Mrs. L. Faigin and Mr. & Mrs. Bogomolny of Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. & Mrs. Ken Barley and family of Denver, Colorado; the Herbert Josephs of South Euclid, Ohio; Dr. & Mrs. Henry Chanan of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Harris of University Heights, Ohio; the Irving Matelskys, also of University Heights; the Gerry Mattern family of Ligonier, Pa.; Mr. H. E. Shelton of Little Silver, N.J.; Mr. Isadore Gross of Beachwood, Ohio; Dr. Kenneth Stegman and family from Palos Park, Ill.; the Alvin A. Weizman family of Beachwood, Ohio; Mrs. Martin Grasgreen and Dr. Selig Brooks of East Brunswick, N.J.; the Raphael Hillyer family of New York, N.Y.; the P. A. Gratton family of Dillard Des Ormeaux, Quebec; Dr. & Mrs. Martin Leimdorfer and family of Sweden; and Mr. Melton Sobol of Lynchburg, Ohio.

Other guests include Mrs. George Hetrich and daughter, relatives of Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Gotthold; the R. J. Smith family of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Rank of Allegan, Mich.; Mr. David Martell and family of Wales, Wisc.; the Jack V. Skillman family from Indianapolis, Ind.; Miss Anne C. Jourdan of Baldwin, N.Y.; Dr. & Mrs. Edward S. Prorok and family of River Forest, Ill.; and Mr. Ernest Maassen and family of Chambly, Quebec.




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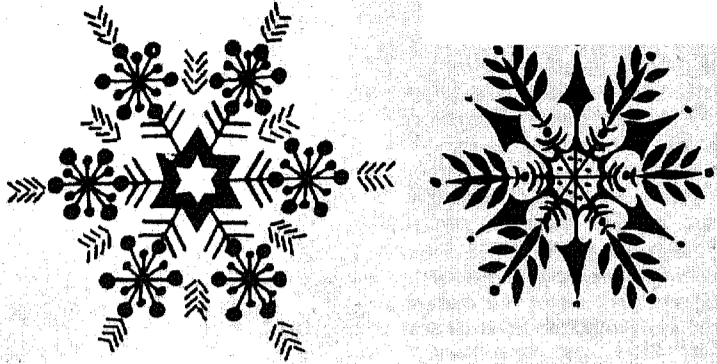
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 While Brian and Steph were trying to dine.
 Frankie and Pedro fell over their feet
 To impress the new boss, and Nell kept the peace.
 While out in the yard Ray Pavelka was straining
 (Pete Evans and Bud Ray were so entertaining)
 They sat on the roof with a bottle of wine
 And issued the orders to Ray down the line.
 He was trying to finish the Villa by morning
 'Cause Lynne had it rented, and sunrise was dawning.
 The maintenance Chief was in jail feeling sorry
 For abandoning Ray in his moment of glory.
 The two had been working for many a month
 'Til Len got arrested and thrown in the klunk
 Seems in his excitement to deliver a load
 He was nabbed for driving on the left of the road.
 The golf carts were idle, it was well after dark
 Sweet Barry was chasing Noreen through the park
 And Randy was using his masculine charm
 To try to woo Nancy (with a new broken arm)
 The bar was just closing its doors on the sines
 The bartenders resting, like tired Bobsey Twins
 Their tickets were screwed up, receipts were a mess
 So they emptied the Sherry and gave up the quest.
 Michelle was depleted, all slumped in a chair
 While Tom played his fiddle to strains of despair
 The holiday season was taking its toll
 The hours were dragging, the day growing old.
 The maids had gone back to the city to sleep
 While Buddy was cleaning a cottage so neat.
 Then just after midnight a new sound was heard
 Bob Dumouchel singing, as sweet as a bird
 The office staff gave him the gift of the year
 A new Pontiac, all filled with cold beer.
 Jim Barger was ringing room charges with verve
 While Alan sat training his mustache to curve.
 The evening was lovely, the moon had a glow
 Scott sat on the beach with his brand new Yo-Yo
 A crowd gathered 'round him and watched with delight
 And Chris served the grog the rest of the night
 Then all of a sudden the ground seemed to quake
 Big Mac shook it running, and Mona did shake
 "Where's Olsen and Wilson? Where's Barbara and Joel?
 Where's Jo Ann and Bonnie? Church, Hand me a pole!"
 "Is anything wrong?" Joel asked him in shock.
 "Quit chewing your lunch and get out on the dock!"
 They scurried and hurried and then all stood stunned
 For there, on the sandbar, was Mariner I
 "So what else is new?" from George Day came the shout
 The Gambles and Hoxie and Frances came out.
 When what, to their wondering eyes should appear
 But a figure in red with a bag of good cheer.
 He climbed overboard and waded ashore.
 While inside the lounge folks pressed to the door
 They peered through the glass, they all wanted a look.
 "It's a man dressed in long johns, it's Allen Ten Broek!"
 Said Earl by the bar in obvious delight,
 "I'm beginning to think it's a helluva night!"
 Then up on the beach good old Allen did drip
 And he let out a "Ho Ho," his hat gave a flip
 "Merry Christmas at South Seas," his voice reached a pitch,
 "Help me out of these things, they're beginning to itch!"



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SANIBEL PHOTOS

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Pickens of Sanibel Photos are no strangers to the photography world. Ben was 15 years old when his family came to Sanibel in 1952 with the Jim Pickens. He went to Fort Myers High School and then earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Photography at Sam Houston State University in San Antonio where he met his wife who also holds a BS degree in photography. Between here and there he joined the Armed Services. "Ralph Woodring was a classmate of mine and we both joined the Air Force at the same time," he states.

He was assigned to the Kennedy Space Center with Technicolor Corp., serving as a cameraman, then in the photo laboratory, and later as manager of the Still Photo Lab for the Kennedy Space Center and the Air Force Eastern Test Range, with 36 people working under him. Ben mentioned the peacetime uses of satellite photography, as in agriculture. "Often you can spot a disease by satellite photos before it has even happened, because days or weeks before the onset you can see its progress on film, enabling the farmer to treat the disease before it gets a death grip."

Susie, his cute and vivacious wife, has been a real asset to him. Not only has she been a busy housewife and mother to Robin, 8, and Karen, 5, but she helps operate the shop, and they perform a really bang-up job in fulfilling photography needs on the islands. They do custom black-and-white processing and offer fast photography service in Kodak and GAF film processing sent out by air courier. Sometimes the prints come back in 48 hours, and the work is quality plus. There isn't much the Pickens don't know about cameras and photography equipment.

In his spare time, Ben is much interested and involved with the Men's Slow Pitch Softball League in Fort Myers. The team plays twice a week in the Fort Myers Commercial League, and they are constantly on the lookout for new players and monetary support. So if you have a talent in pitching or hitting, see Ben.

MARINE RESEARCH LAB PROPOSED FOR THE ISLANDS

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation met on Captiva Wednesday, and Bill Hammond of the Lee County Environmental Education Center talked of the planned marine research laboratory the Foundation is hoping to set up on their 22 acre tract at Wulfert near their Sanibel River land. The proposed laboratory would cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000 and would provide a place for all serious students and marine biologists to study and gather data about marine life and ecology firsthand. Dormitories would be available and several colleges have already made inquiries about field research. After the buildings are up, a fee could be charged to make the operation self-supporting, and federal funding might even be available. Right now, however, private donations and foundation grants are the only resource, Hammond said. Posters featuring a pelican roosting on mangroves by noted nature photographer Dan Roth will soon be on sale by the Foundation.

Charles LeBuff gave a talk about the Caretta Research Program, recapping the work of the past year, which has been vigorous. He spoke of the many stations throughout Florida located on the main beaches where loggerheads are known to nest. Mr. LeBuff showed a series of slides showing how the turtles were tagged as they came ashore to nest. Now a year old, the tagging procedure has begun to pay off as turtles that were tagged on the east coast are showing up here on the west coast thus indicating their travel routes. Since the turtles are among the endangered marine animals the whole process has been of much interest to all islanders who have observed them firsthand.

The next scheduled meeting for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will be for Board members on January 8 at which time the Board will decide on the feasibility of the Marine Laboratory. They will meet at the Sanibel Library at 3 p.m.

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ISLAND PROJECTS STUDIED

At Wednesday's County Commission meeting Peter Goss, representing Bill Taylor, special committee chairman of projects for Sanibel and Captiva, presented a folder on proposed projects for the islands to be funded by Causeway tolls. The County Commission in accepting the folder referred the committee to Mrs. Lavon Wisher, County Administrator, inasmuch as some of the projects are already being implemented. In this category is the improvement and elevation of McGregor Blvd. from the toll plaza to College Parkway. This project, already budgeted at a cost of \$1.03 million dollars per year is incorporated in another county project for a loop road linking McGregor Blvd. to a road system roughly parallel and eventually joining a route to Ortiz Ave. in East Fort Myers, now under construction.

Commissioner Walter Shirey said the recent survey by Coverdale and Colpitts of New York was used in a support study, and that now it would be advisable to validate a bond, which would last for a year. Mrs. Wisher elaborated on this point and said that some of the projects requested by Islanders, costing approximately \$11 million, may not be permissible from toll revenues.

A date was set for the island committee to meet with Mrs. Wisher and review the entire program with a further hearing before the County Commissioner scheduled after a thorough study of the proposals. Some that may not be permissible from county funds but might be funded from other sources were: bike paths, the fresh water recreation area, beach nourishment, and others. There was reason to believe that some of these might be acceptable in review by the county legal officer.

The sparsely attended meeting marks another step forward in the struggle by the islands to obtain some local benefits from funds collected by bridge tolls and we shall be looking forward to further developments from this committee's reports.

County Commissioners who were present besides Shirey were James Sweeney, George Goldtrap, chairman, and Dick Sayers.

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The San Carlos Bay Power Squadron announces that the free boating class will begin the evening of January 7, 1974, at the Sanibel Community Association. The course will run for 13 consecutive Monday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This class is aimed primarily at the small boater (under yacht size) and will cover such subjects as Handling Under Normal Conditions and Adverse Conditions, Rules of the Road, Aids to Navigation, Charting, Boat Trailing, Inland Boating and Mariners compass. More information as to subject material and special lectures and demonstrations will follow in successive issues.

There is no advance registration necessary, however, Lt. Harley Brown, 472-1395 or Lt. Bob Vardal, 472-1267 would appreciate a phone call previous to the initial meeting so they will have some idea as to how much material to order.

The only prerequisite to take this course is an interest in boating and a desire to learn more about it. It is open to all.

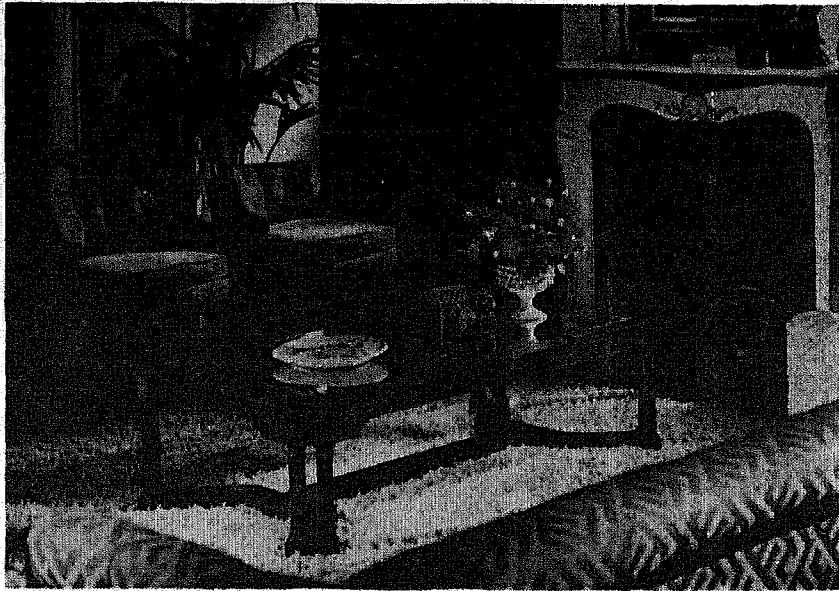
ISLAND INN GUESTS

Guests at the Island Inn include Mr. & Mrs. Carl Ganzenmueller of Tryon, N.C.; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stouten and son, and Mr. & Mrs. Allan Stouten of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. & Mrs. George Cooley of Rensselaerville, N.Y.; the D. C. Brocks of Wilmette, Ill.; the George Holleriths, Myrtle Beach, N.C.; Mrs. Mary M. Yost and mother from Columbus, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. F. T. Shannon, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. Robert Telfer, Bloomington, Ind.; the S. L. Arpads of New York, N.Y.; Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Steele of Kennebunk, Maine; and from Sparkill, N.Y., Dr. & Mrs. Karl Hoffman.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Kennedy Craig of Knoxville, Tenn., have returned to their apartment at Island Inn for the winter.

Mr. & Mrs. William Kimball have moved to the Island having bought the Malcolm Beatties' house on Palm Lake. Mr. Kimball is president of the Island Inn Company.

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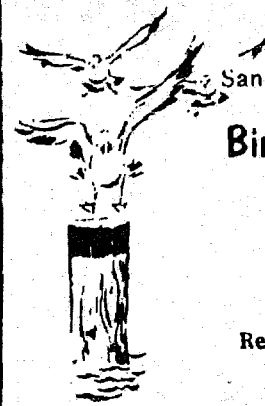
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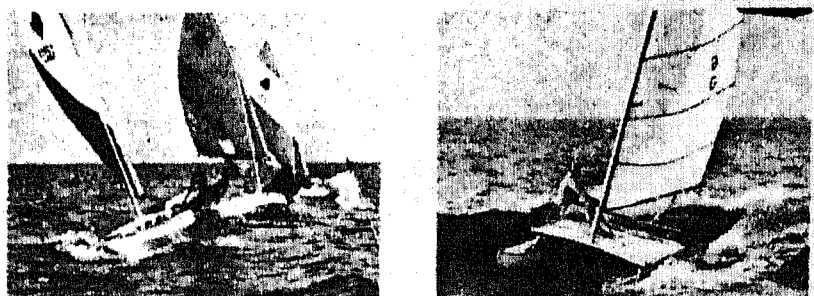
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LOCAL MAN'S UNUSUAL HOBBY APPEALS TO HORSE LOVERS

A New Hampshire advertising and public relations consultant, former daily newspaper publisher and state senator spends his summer and autumn evenings and weekends with a hobby that could stump the experts on "What's My Line."

Edward J. Bennett, 48, winter Captiva resident and consultant for The Islander, is proud owner of three teams of draft horses which are driven by Bennett and a partner, Arthur Durgin of Croydon, N.H., at country fairs all over New England.

The name of the game is "horse-pulling" and Bennett owns one of the top teams of pulling horses in the northeast. In fact, "Dan" and "Bill" won the Northeast Draft Horse Association's 1972 top trophies in both the 3,000 pound and 3,200 pound weight classes.

In the season this team won 26 blue ribbons and were "in the money" in every pulling contest entered at virtually every county fair in New England.

In 1970, these horses won a pulling contest on Marthas Vineyard, being transported by ferry to the island from Woods Hole, Mass.

Bennett says that the key to his success has been proper feed for his teams, tender loving care and very hard work, but "no actual pulling at the farm."

As weather permits, Bennett and Durgin work the teams at least three hours daily, seven days a week. This is done by driving the horses, hauling homemade scoots or drags, around a half mile up-and-down hill dirt track.

A combination of oats, whole corn and special horse feed is a regular diet for the horses, with limited hay of highest quality, usually Canadian, and no green grass.

Due to a woods injury while logging in 1971, Bennett had not driven any of his teams at pulling contests. Until this year, the driving has been left to Durgin who is recognized as one of New England's top teamsters.

This year, however, Bennett has driven a newly-added large team of Belgian geldings weighing nearly 5,000 pounds. These were pulled in the "free-for-all" division where there are no weight limitations. His other teams competed in the 2900, 3000, and 3400 pound classes and next year he hopes to purchase an additional light horse to qualify for the 2800, or lightweight class.

Bennett's prize teams in 1972 earned

him about \$5000 in premium money in addition to an abundance of ribbons and a shelf of trophies. But he says that expenses are high.

"There's grain and hay all winter, bills for the veterinary which no one can budget, harness repairs, and operating costs for a large van which can transport seven draft horses weighing a total of 12 tons," he explains.

Stripped of technicalities and complicated rules, the object of horse-pulling competition is to win by pulling the "mostest the furthest."

Horse pulling has attracted New Englanders since the country was founded. It's more professional now, but the idea is still the same.

Each contesting team has three tries or "hitches" to haul a load six feet in one continuous pull and thus qualify for the next heavier load. The horses must stay between log rails that form the pulling "pit."

Cement weights are loaded on a flat, wooden, "stoneboat," 3 1/2' x 8' long. The weight of the load is increased after each team makes its "draw."

The six foot pull is the most common in New Hampshire. Rarer is the distance pull, the 12-foot pull and the so-called "dynamometer pull," mostly found in New York State and the midwest.

Depending on conditions in the "pit" and the weather, as well as the conditioning or fatigue of the horseflesh, Bennett's 2900 pound class team has pulled as much as 12,500 pounds of stone "on the boat" six feet. If this is done on a final pull it is called "crossing the load." It is at this point that enthusiastic fair crowds cheer.

Bennett resides on a 65 acre farm in Goshen, located about a mile from Sunapee, N.H. State Park.

Bennett was publisher of the Claremont, N.H. Daily Eagle from 1961 to 1970 when the newspaper was sold. Prior to that he owned and edited two New Hampshire weekly newspapers.

He served two terms in that state's State Senate and has held numerous other public offices including that of chairman of the Board of Selectman of his town.



You won't see the horses or the snow on Captiva, but you may meet their owner and driver, Edward J. Bennett of New Hampshire, winter resident on Captiva and consultant for The Islander. One of Mr. Bennett's team of matched Belgain draft horses is pictured above during a logging operation on his farm. Note the scoot loaded with snow-covered logs which are drawn by the horses to a skidway where they are taken to the sawmill. During spring, summer and fall the horses are used for other farm work and are taken to county fairs to be shown. Other Bennett-owned horses are trained only for competitive pulling contests.

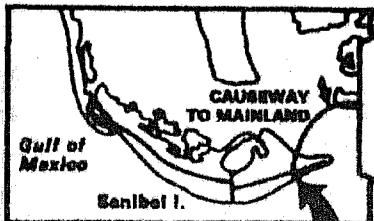
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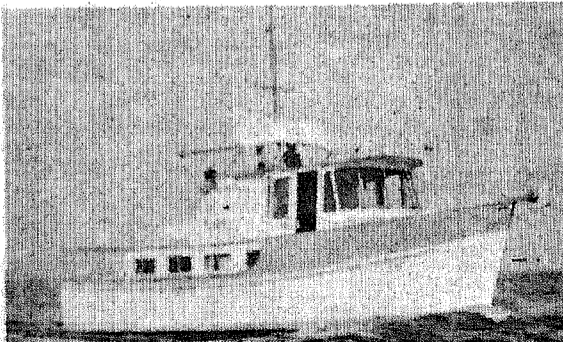
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Programs at Sanibel Community House,
Thursday 8 p.m., except as noted.

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. Mandinhal, 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.

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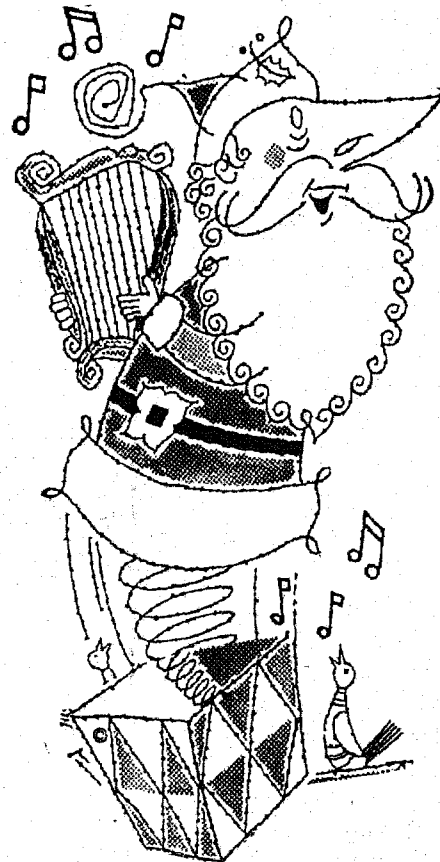
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Going through my desk the other day, shoveling it out might be nearer the truth, I found the back of an old calendar, 1956, on which are recorded some "interesting facts about the tides." They are indeed, and so full of goodies that I must share them with you, although I regret that I cannot give the original hard-working compiler credit. I'll bet you thought the tide was water coming up on the Beach and going back (more-or-less) didn't you? Well, there are tides in the earth and tides in the atmosphere as well as in the water. In fact the technical definition of tides doesn't even mention water. A tide is "the alternating relative motions of the matter of a planet, satellite or star, which are due to the gravitational actions of external bodies."

We know a little more today than King Canute who commanded the tides to stand still (and lost considerable face when they did not) but did you know these little tid-bits? The distance from the high point of a flood tide to the low point of the ebb tide is called the range. One of the least ranges is the northern shore of the Gulf of Mexico where it is less than one foot, but in the Bay of Fundy, in Nova Scotia, it averages 40 feet and has occasionally reached 70 feet. When the tide advances like a huge breaker up some broad rivers, it is called a bore. The Severn in England has had bores as high as 9 feet and one of 25 feet was reported on a river in China. To my knowledge, none of noticeable size has been seen in the Caloosahatchie.

Since both sun and moon exert a gravitational pull, the oceans tend to heap up in the areas on the earth directly facing or away from the moon. Areas between those points experience low tides. Since the earth revolves every 24 hours, one would assume that high tides would arrive every 12 hours, but because the moon revolves around the earth also, the calculations change to approximately 12 hours and 24 minutes. Thus the tide ebbs for 6 hours and 12 minutes and flows for 6 hours and 12 minutes. Since the moon is closer and exerts nearly 2 1/4

times as much force on the earth as the sun, other variations result. When sun and moon are in line with each other and the earth, the increased pull results in a higher than average tide, called the spring-tide. When the two bodies are at what seems to be right angles to each other, a lower than usual tide results, called a neap-tide. Thus the range of the tide varies from day to day, being high twice each lunar month at New and Full Moon; low twice each lunar month at First and Last Quarter. When the moon is nearest the earth an unusually high tide, called a perigee, results; when it is farthest away an unusually low tide, called an apogee, results. The path of the earth is not a circle but an ellipse and this too affects the tides.

And now that you know all these exciting factors, you can figure out for yourself when to go fishing or sailing and you won't have to get those great tide schedules from Garl's or out of the paper --- maybe. On the other hand, if you're as weak in calculations as I am, you'll just throw this article away and drop by the drug store. In any event, happy sailing!

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