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One Captiva Christmas by Edward J. Bennett

CAPTIVA - (Dateline Christmas-1962). For youngsters, holiday time on Captiva with parents, or perhaps grandparents, can be an unforgettable experience. One family has never forgotten theirs.

Even with today's causeway, leaving mainland for the Islands has a certain lure, a certain feeling of escape. But then the trip was made by boat; sure proof that Sanibel and Captiva must really be islands.

More than a decade ago one father and mother visited the Islands for the first time with four young children. Capt. Leon Crumpler then presided over the operation of the auto ferries from Punta Rassa. The tiny craft worked their way

back and forth from Punta Rassa to Sanibel every half hour daily from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Schedule subject to change without notice!)

A mail boat, also carrying passengers, but no cars, came directly to the Islands from Fort Myers; first to Sanibel, then to St. James City on Pine Island; thence on to Captiva. An era ended on the day the last mail boat made its final run. Also, in those days, books for Captiva were provided by a "library boat" from Punta Gorda.

This family's arrival at Captiva, only two days before Christmas Day, introduced an unanticipated problem for the parents; a problem, properly, if unexpectedly, introduced by the

children: "How about a Christmas tree?"

Yankee children may be content with sand and sun as a substitute for snow and cold, but a Christmas tree without lights, or no tree at all, seemed like a Christmas without a Santa.

Trees were unknown, unavailable, or too expensive then for young marrieds on the Islands. Besides, it was too late for a trip to the mainland. The last ferry piloted by Capt. Crumpler himself had made its last trip from Sanibel to Punta Rassa.

At that time, of course, there was no Sanibel Shopping Center. The old Bailey's General Store (still standing) was one of the first buildings one could see from the ferry boat after leaving Punta Rassa. And a welcome sight it was for the return visitor to the Islands. But Bailey's trees -- if they had any at all -- were gone. An eleventh hour decision had to be made. After all, father and mother had to have some holiday peace, as well as cheer, and there would be little of either without a Christmas tree.

To further heighten the problem, the youngsters pointed out that the beach house had no chimney. "Leave all the windows and doors unlocked," (who ever then locked a door on Captiva?) the youngest said, "so Santa can get in."

"Where am I supposed to find a spruce or fir tree, ornaments and lights December 23 on Captiva Island?" wondered the father.

Then Dad's mind wandered back into his past. He recalled an old Nova Scotia fishing guide telling him once over the campfire, "Son, take into the woods only the tools to get what you want; never try to carry in everything you will need."

"Son," the boy's father said, "we will all just have to pitch in and make our own tree, stand, ornaments and lights."

"But how," the children cried out. Father swung into action. The first thing was to find a tree. God was with

him. Nearby he found a freshly-broken top of a Casuarina. What luck.

Then a stand was fashioned from driftwood, even using old rusty nails, for there were no new ones.

Mother went to work with the oldest daughter stringing freshly made popcorn.

Three other youngsters were sent to the beach, under their papa's direction, to collect shells, driftwood, sand-worn glass, bird feathers, about anything, to decorate a Christmas tree on Captiva.

The youngest brought in starfish, crabshells and even a dead fish. Washed-up beer cans were opened and tops punctured and hung as ornaments.

Then, on Christmas Eve, two flashlights were rigged to shine from the floor up into the tree. The dead fish and starfish, out of deference to the rest of the family, were added just before present-opening time Christmas morning. Everyone then was happy.

Many Christmases have come and gone since the one in Captiva more than a decade ago. But none is more memorable. None more meaningful.

Perhaps one reason why this Captiva Christmas will never be forgotten is that a family worked together for a common goal. Their Christmas tree.

Another could well be that the Christmas spirit was enhanced, not lowered, by "making do." And by "making do," more pleasure was received by all; for all were giving.

Buying, the family learned, may be receiving, but it is not happiness.

As the Nova Scotian wisely said, take with you only what you need. This family took with it to Captiva initiative, intuition and the desire for a Christmas tree - a tree wholly and totally Captiva.

All around them the family found things on the island to manufacture a Christmas tree.

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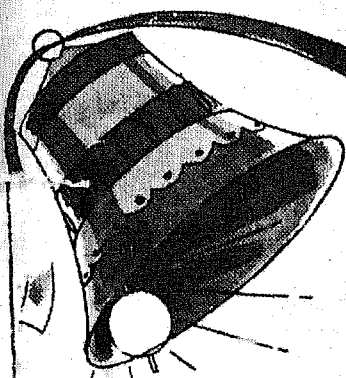
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. open meeting. St. Michael's & All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Friday nights, 8 p.m. for information call 472-2150.

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

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

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.

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

SANIBEL LIBRARY HOURS: Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon.

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

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

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

AUDUBON CONSERVATION CLUB AND SHELL CLUB only meet November thru May.

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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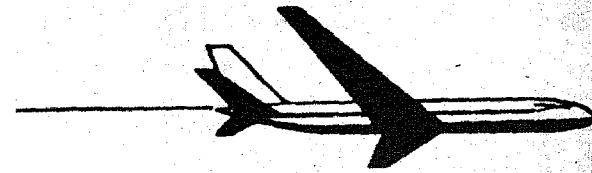
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DICK and KATHY MURPHY from Pittsburgh, Pa., are here for a long stay. Dick is working on the Sun Dial Condominiums and they may prolong their love affair with the islands and stay permanently. We hope so.

LEE WESTFIELD and her mother are here for the winter, and brought a companion, CLARA ROACH, with them down from Owenboro, Ky. They are enjoying the sun and warm air.

THE COLONY GUESTS

Out of state guests at The Colony this week include Dr. & Mrs. J. M. Katz and family of Syracuse, N.Y.; Mr. Jacob Radin of Baltimore, Md.; Mr. & Mrs. Greg Neff and family of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.; Rev. & Mrs. Gerald Hazelrigg and family of Omaha, Neb.; Dr. Lawrence R. James of Omaha, Neb.; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Carbone and family of Birmingham, Mich.; the D. S. Geiser family of Indianapolis, Ind.; and Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Collins of Columbus, Ohio.

Florida guests this week are Dr. & Mrs. Arie den Breeijen and family of Lakeland.

ISLAND INN GUESTS

Guests at Island Inn include Mrs. Alice Kinser and Miss Kinser of Carlinville, Ill.; Mr. Ralph Williams, Springfield, Ill.; the John Wood family from Summit, N.J.; Miss Mattiegrace Sharpe and sister of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. Eric Stroh and family, Detroit, Mich.; Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Parr and family of Lexington, Ky.; the Hans Gerhards, Bethesda, Md.; the Edward Tinsleys and son, Bruce, of Anchorage, Ky.; the W. J. Hoffmanns, Sr., Anchorage, Ky.; Mr. & Mrs. M. Kranbuhl of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Dr. & Mrs. Richard Wallin and family from Wilmette, Ill.

Other guests are Dr. & Mrs. Harry Leavitt of Seattle, Wash.; the Chester Johnstons, Waco, Texas; Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Lesser and son, Bronx, N.Y.; the Grady R. Sullivans, Miami Shores, Fla.; Prof. & Mrs. C. H. Amster of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. & Mrs. Fernand Moulter and son, Washington, D.C.; the John Reeds of Amesgran, Mass.; the Karl Sorgs of Arlington, Va.; Mr. & Mrs. John Chipman, Winchester, Mass.; Dr. & Mrs. C. D. Busch, Lafayette, Ala.; Mr. & Mrs. Gardner Pass, Tampa, Fla.; Mr. Antoine du Bourg of Summit, N.J.; the John Fields of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Fuhr of Silver Spring, Md.; Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Krivanek and family of Tampa, Fla.; the Eugene Eisners of New York, N.Y.; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Osgood of East Lansing, Mich.; Mrs. Lewis Russell and daughters of London, England; Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Osgood; Brand and Peter Osgood and Steve Osgood of Washington State.

**WHO'S WHO
AND WHY**

SALLY and HARLEY LEE are back from their Bahama tour, and they have some really hair-raising tales to tell about their air adventures en route. They visited, or rather revisited, the dear little native beach house they purchased from a London seller on Abaco, near Marsh Harbor on their Bali Hai island. They are really way out and far from everything, and the blue Bahama waters are clear enough to see the bottom in fathoms of water.

TOM and MARY NIX are back from their established summer home near Athens, Ga. with niece, PATRICIA NIX, and daughter, CAROL. Pictures of this lovely summer home show it to be on an unbelievable lake with a waterfall fed by clear ground springs.

GRACE HORNE'S dad, Mr. GEORGE TEASLEY, celebrated his 87-years-young birthday on Sunday with some of the family around to help, and friends joined in too.

HOWARD and GLADYS DURNAL of Glen Ellyn, Ill., are back at Sanibel for the winter season, and Gladys has been shelling like mad to resume her shell work, and Howard has taken up his ceramics again and is producing some lovely pieces. Many were for Christmas presents.

Here for the holidays with the HERB PURDYS are SUE and RICHARD FRIDAY from Tampa, and PAMMY and the SKIP PURDYS (of Reel Eel fame). With daughter BARBARA there will be a table full to feast on the turkey and all. Herb will take time off from his boat charter biz but bet they will all go out on his "Coral Sea" for a busman's holiday, just as we bet the MYTON IRELANDS will be out on their boat. JACKIE PURDY is looking forward to seeing Kohoutek. Long a lover of science fiction, she is now reveling in some of the real things occurring in outer space. "I have a tremendous respect for the sea and water but my real love is outer space. If they would only have lady astronauts," she sighs.

LOUISE CHASE from Iron, Mich., is here at Sanibel for her first winter, and actually came to stay and see the Shell Fair. Plucky little Louise, who is a widow, travelled 84,000 miles alone in her Winnebago seeing the USA in a great big way, which must be some sort of record for a lone woman.

Mr. & Mrs. STANLEY McKNIGHT from Madison, Ill., are here for their fourth winter on the island. They will stay until April when some spring weather is due up in Illinois.

HOURS 10 - 5

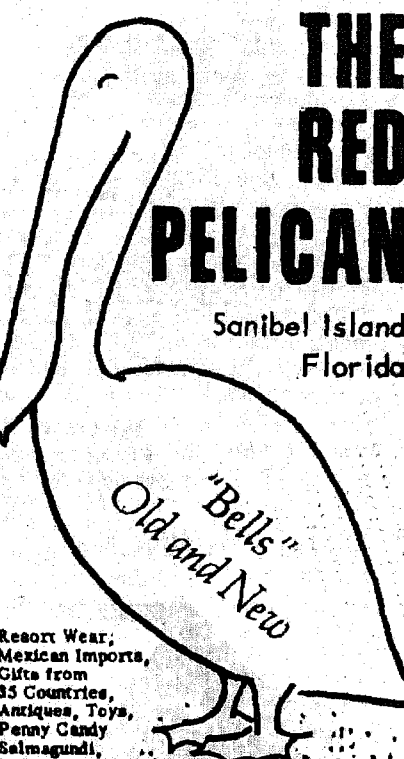
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School News

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
 Wednesday night, Dec. 12, Sanibel Elementary had a Christmas program. The kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, and fifth grades sang songs and played instruments. Afterwards the children and adults were served refreshments. After that while the parents were talking to the teachers, the children saw a movie called "The Prince and the Pauper." We were very happy to hear that the Superintendent of Lee County schools, Mr. Ray Williams was there. Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Cave, Mr. Ivill, and interested parents discussed the outdoor classroom and nature trail projects and studied the drawing for a storage building for Phy. Educ. and other equipment.

Marlene Francis
 Barbie Bissell
 June Ireland

CHRISTMAS VACATION
 On December 19th Wednesday each homeroom will have a gift exchange. Each boy will get a present for a boy, and each girl will get a present for a girl. The price of the gifts is to be 50 and 75 cents. December 19th school will be out until January 2. As the teachers' gift to the children, the teachers have rented two movies to show the children. The films are "The Dog of Flanders" and "George."

Suzi Dumouchel
 Shelley Webb



THREE BY TWO

The cast of "Three by Two" are Philip Hunter, Susan Dean, Ruth Hunter and Pat Slater which plays at the Pirate Playhouse December 26 and December 28. They are assisted in the production of the three plays, "Table for Two," "Reluctant Debutante" and "Please Call me Sol" by Robert Dormer as stage manager and Barbara Purdy as charming hostess as she was opening night of the famous arena theater on December 23.

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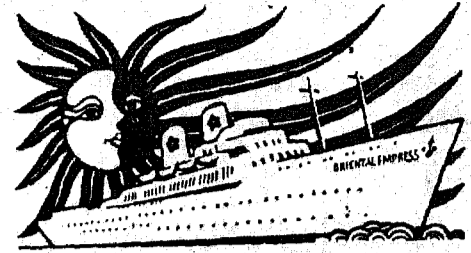
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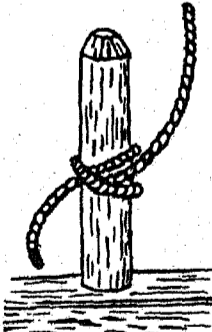


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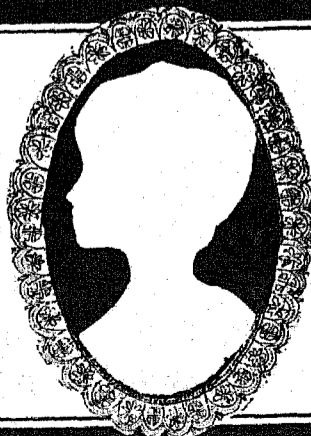
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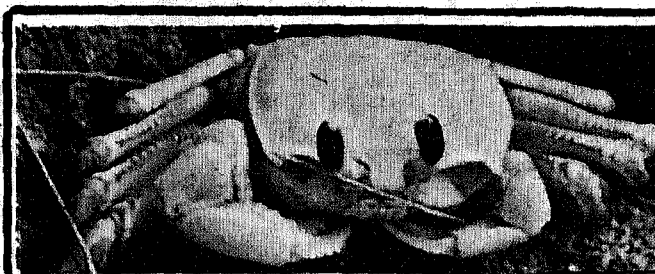
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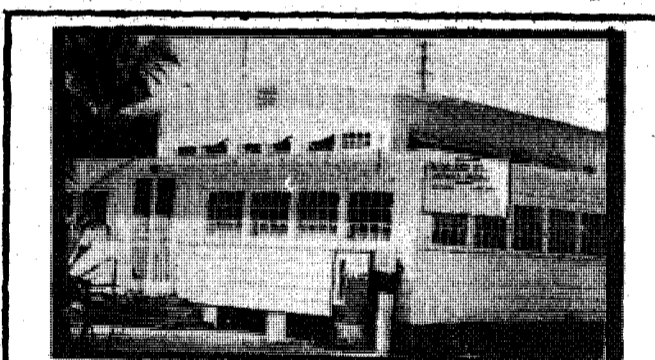
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TO THE ISLANDER:

The following letter was sent to the Islander for publication.
Mrs. Robert Herman
President, Sanibel School P.T.A.
Ibis Lane
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Dear Mrs. Herman:

Mrs. Williams and myself enjoyed your musical Christmas program and party very much. The children were adorable doing their thing and the parents showed great enthusiastic interest in their school. Your hospitality was warm and receptive. Thank you so much for a most enjoyable evening.

Ray L. Williams
Superintendent

TO THE ISLANDER:

A concatenation of malign incidents has emerged from the very source which aborted the prospect of an international airport on Sanibel and Captiva Islands, the long-contrived but ignored Energy Crisis: the Department of Transportation has announced that rights-of-ways are being bought for I-75; large tracts of land have suddenly risen in price along Gladiolus Drive and Harlem Heights; "refinancing" and refurbishing of Sanibel Causeway is being pushed; an ecology official has endorsed a development for 20,000 urbanites in Punta Rasa; there is a forecast of uncontrolled population growth for Sanibel and Captiva; advertising of the islands has intensified in magazines for the affluent; there is pressure for a road parallel to Periwinkle Way dubbed an "escape route"; there are back page remarks about repealing the 35-foot height ordinance on the islands; the Island Water Association is readying its 7 million gallon tank.

Are these seemingly unconnected events merely coincidental or do they portend a pattern of concealed maneuvers to an ominous end?

From the Janus-faced federal bureaucracy to the level of local polypartisan politicians who do not disclaim omniscience, we learn that "Plans are being formulated for the rapidly-growing Southwest Florida area - which may be finalized in the near future." From an impeachable source, leaking with forked tongue but refusing to be quoted for fear of plumbing further, it has been suggested that Amtrak, pressed by the need for mass transportation in Lee County, is considering the extension of its lines parallel to I-75 with a feeder line directly to Sanibel.

Does this not serve to further enlarge our incredibility gage?

Mordecai Haber
Sanibel Island, Fla.

TO THE ISLANDER:

In your Islander of Dec. 6, 1973, I read where Alice Kylo hopes the ugly monstrosities on the beach will be destroyed by the first hurricane. Since I own a unit in one of these I can only say this --- that I hope her house or apartment goes with mine.

Joe Underiter
Aifton, Mo.

TO THE ISLANDER:

A thought-provoking little bomb shell appears in the current magazine Family Health telling us that such things as wheat, soybeans, rice, cotton and corn and their by-products are no longer available to Americans in anything like the amounts we are accustomed to. It goes on to say that we Americans eat far too much protean; when we eat a steak dinner we "are starving seven or eight children somewhere," and that for our own sakes, we should cut down on our protein intake to control heart disease, the number one killer in the U.S. Dr. Jean Mayer, professor at Harvard is the source of this information. We must develop substitutes for meat based on soybeans and cereals so that we can go on feeding the people in the poorer countries around the world, and that we must also try to urge birth control on them. (We did receive some success in Bangladesh when women raped by Pakistani soldiers received legal "field" abortions.) "We must convert our swords into plowshare," the article states. Well, this is a really idealistic thought, and I am sure there is not a God-fearing American alive who would not agree to it if we could just get Russia to believe it. For while Russia is busy building up armaments to "bury" us we are expending our resources and funds in feeding and caring for the world.

But it does end on a happy note by saying we must stop wasting energy, especially the imported kind, stop air conditioning, develop mass transportation and redesign our houses to conserve energy. Just like that.

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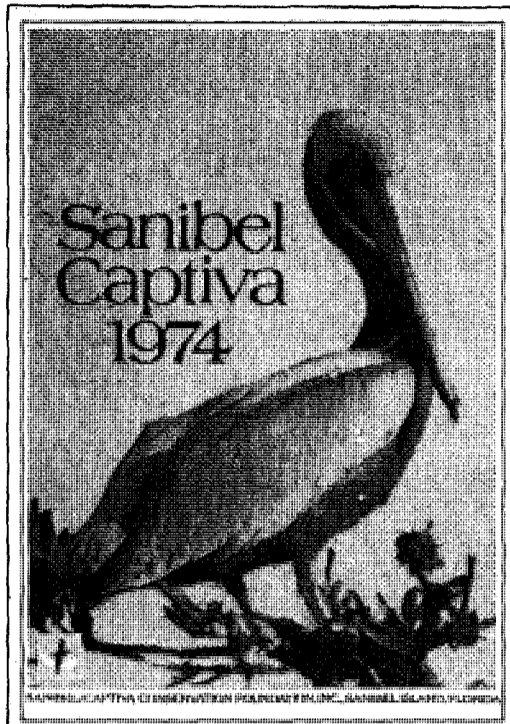
BROWSING AROUND
by Fran O'Callaghan

How we wish we could visit all the places having delightful and delicious foods but we must count a few calories here and there much to our regret. There are some places where calories just can't matter - like the Cheese Nook. They have a full selection of all kinds of imported teas, even Jasmine, and their exotic canned foods include Catfish stew, crab, clam, and shrimp plus others that only real experts would recognize. There are imported candies, canned guavas, breads, Spanish pilaf, dried bean curd, tiger lily bulbs, mushrooms, dried anise,

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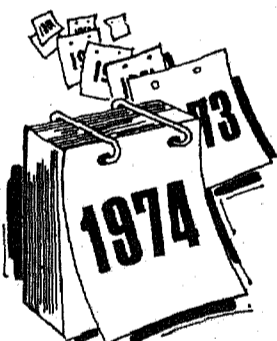


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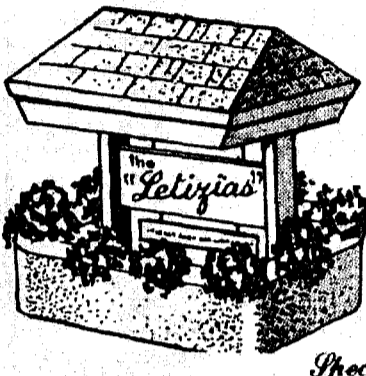
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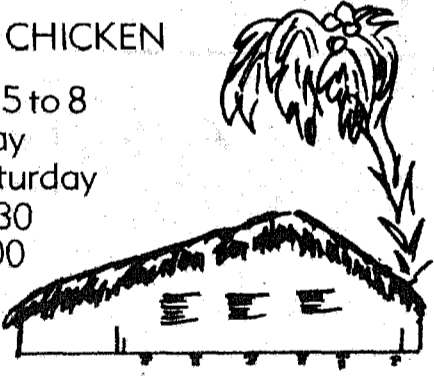
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George Huggins, an eminent biologist and professor at Edison Community College, appeared before the County Commissioners on Wednesday to ask that the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve be made into a state park. He observed that it would benefit the greatest number of people. This aquatic preserve is the first one to be so designated by the state and is a major wildlife and fish breeding area in a watery world of mangrove islands. Huggins said the park could include nature and canoe trails, observation platforms, exhibits, a museum on Mound Key where the prehistoric Caloosa Indians lived, and the whole thing would be an educational wonderland for students from all over the USA, but the County Commissioners scoffed at his proposals. Huggins added, "If the land stays under the IIF it can be sold, but if it becomes a state park it can't."

Kenneth Daniels said, "I don't believe I'll be alive long enough to see the state sell this land, and I doubt if anyone else in this room will either. I'm not in favor of opening it up and making it a park. That's not the purpose of an aquatic preserve." Commission Dick Sayers said, "I want to see what advantages there would be to going to a state park."

Governor Reubin Askew has already approved making this beautiful back bay area a state park. Pray tell, what could be better than having something the public can enjoy, or would you rather have it sold down the river to developers like Robert Troutman, who has already won approval for a huge condominium city on the north shore? Apparently the County Commissioners would rather do it that way, but if a fair sampling of public opinion were taken, we feel perfectly sure the public would choose the park. And as for whether we need a park in the area, has any commissioner braved Estero Blvd. on a Sunday to see? Just one trip would do it.

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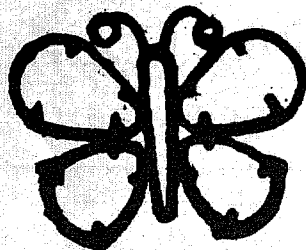
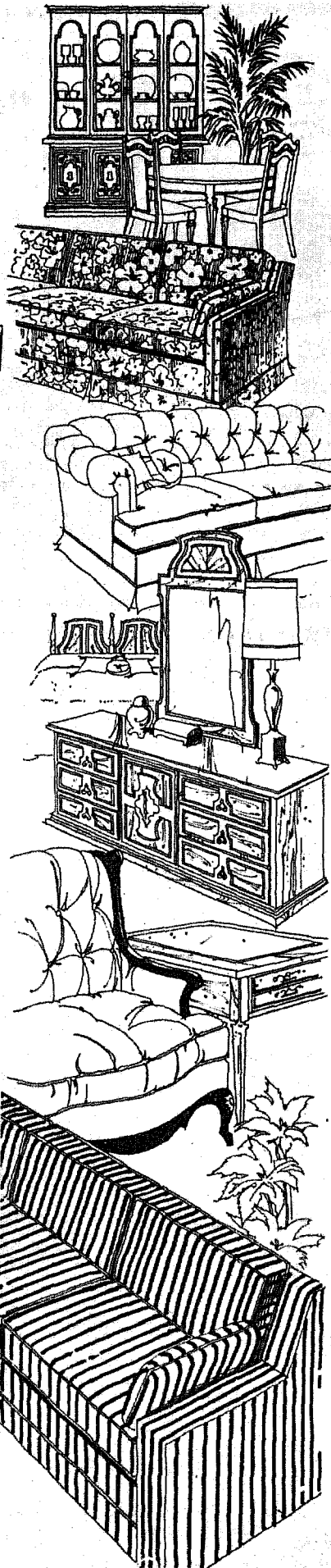
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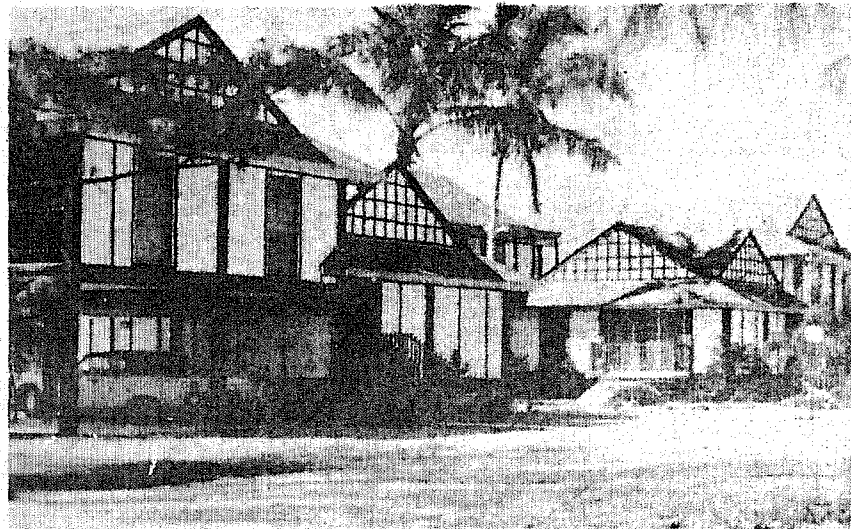
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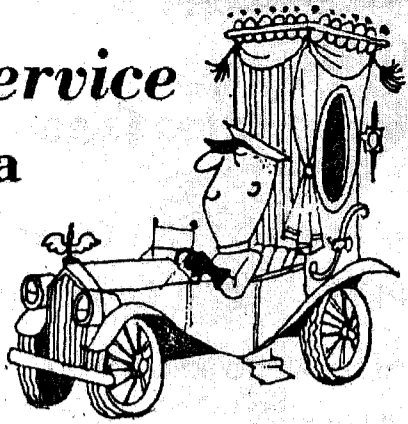
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Current members of the Fort Myers Beach Art Association are eligible to enter. Prizes will include a \$50.00 objective award and a \$50.00 non objective award offered by the Beach First National Bank and a Fort Myers Beach Art Association judge's choice award of \$50.00 along with four \$25.00 merit awards.

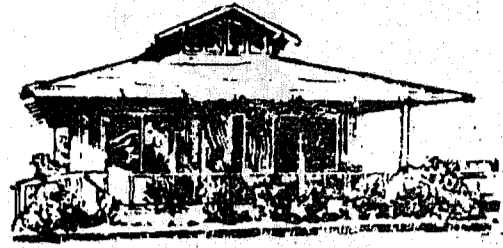
Original work completed within the last two years will be eligible providing that paintings are suitably framed and ready for hanging. No award-winning paintings from other area shows will be accepted. Entries are limited to 3 per artist at \$1.50 each.

Martha Hyams of Sarasota and her husband, Ralph, will judge the show. Both teach at the Ringling Art Museum and have their works in permanent collections at several museums. As principal teachers in the federally sponsored "Art Caravan," they travel throughout Florida offering a special art presentation to school children at all grade levels. Mrs. Hyams has written a book on her experiences in teaching art to children.

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A most unusual visual experience, called "True - or False" will oppose colorful close-ups of real birds in their habitat, contrasted with artistic reproductions of the same species. A surprise is in store for the audience under the intriguing title "Days in the Life of a French Model." Also to be shown are a travelogue about a cruise on the Caloosahatchee river, a story about the Sanibel Lighthouse, and a poetic interpretation of Bowman's Beach's secluded charm. The show will close with four brief sketches depicting the year's changing beauty on our islands, called "Leaves from the Seasons' Calendar."

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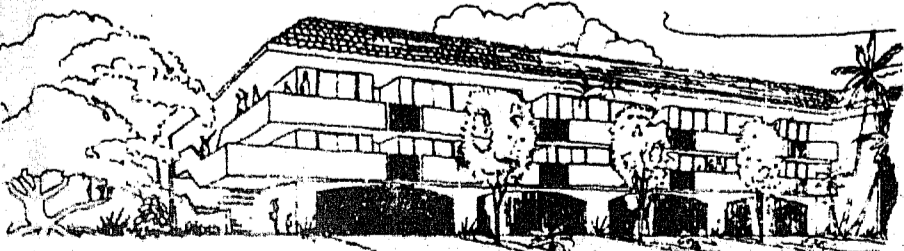
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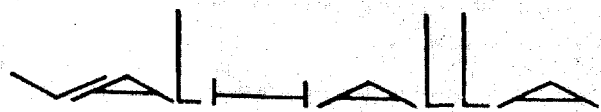
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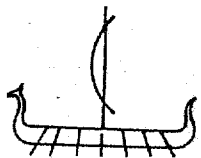
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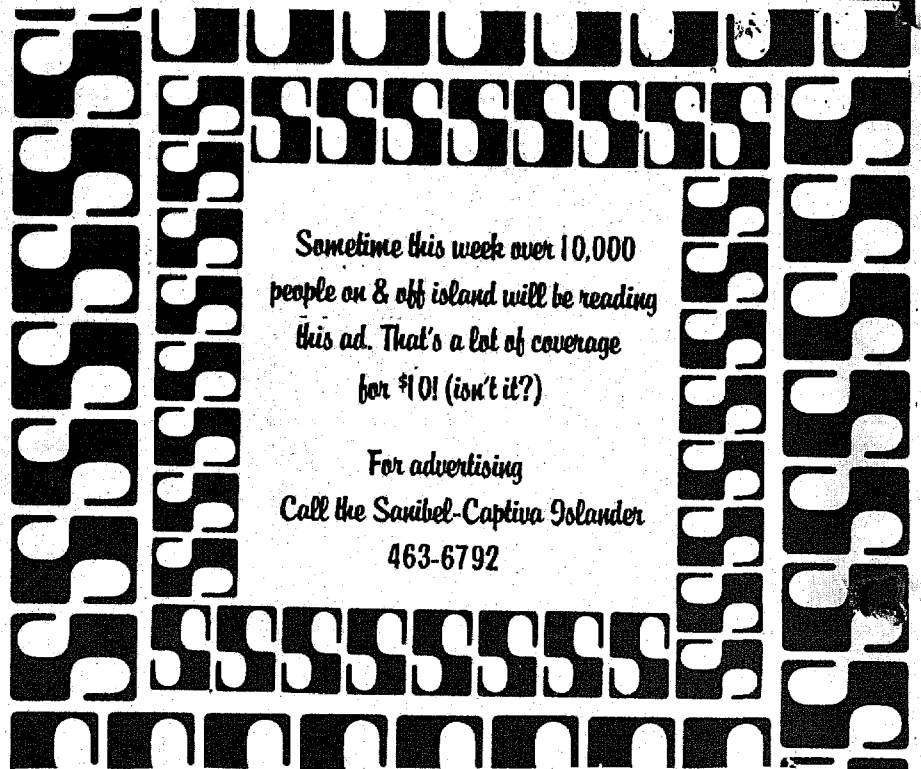
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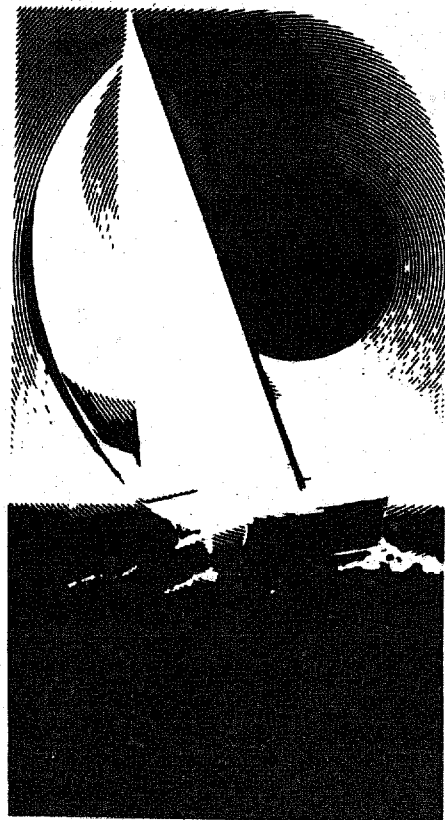
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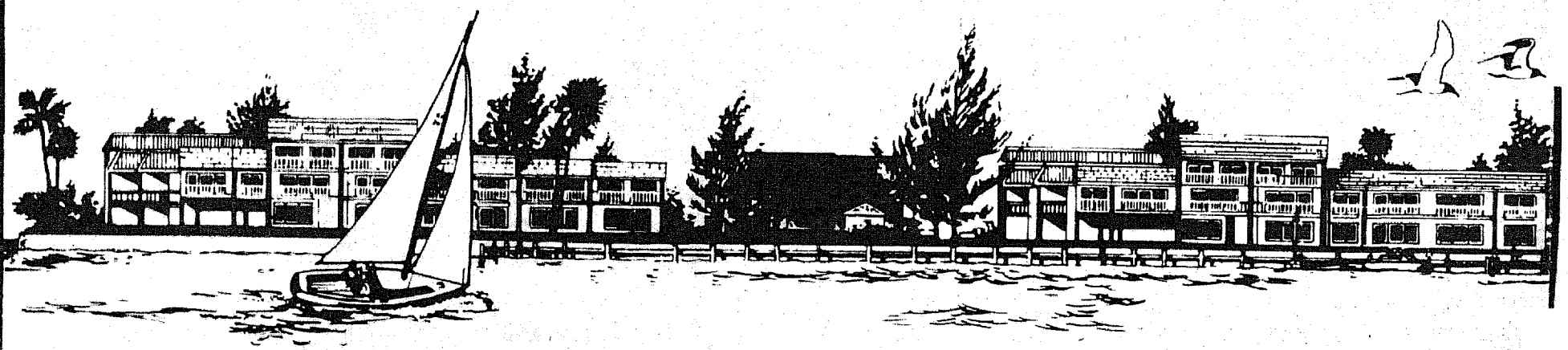


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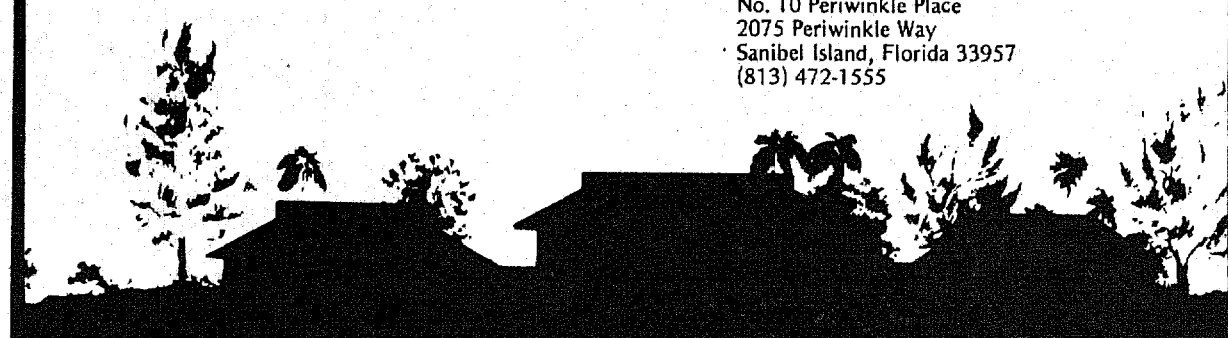
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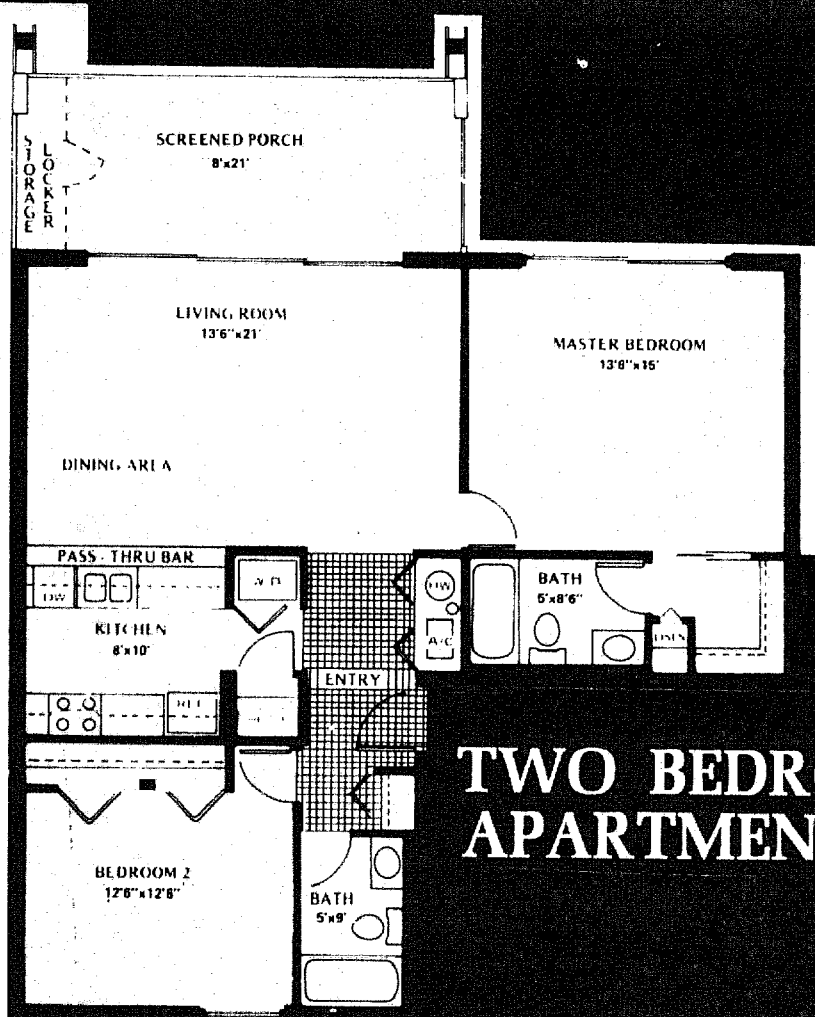


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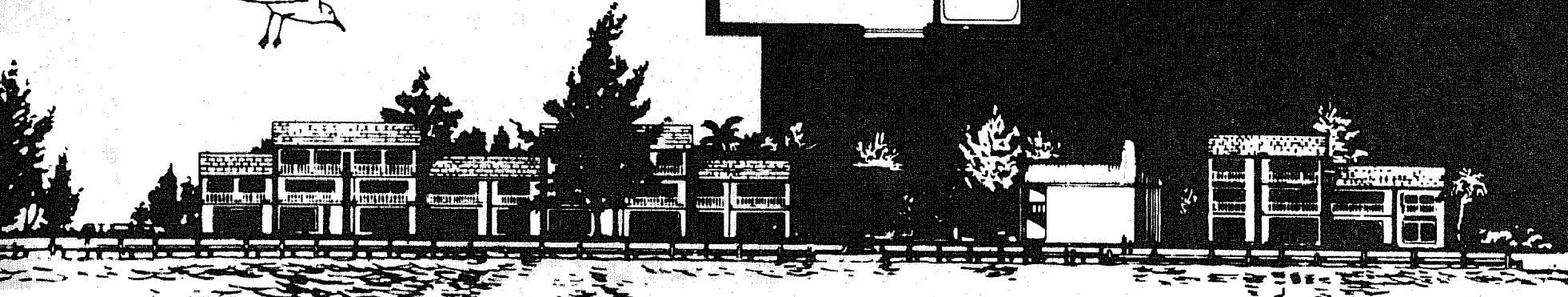


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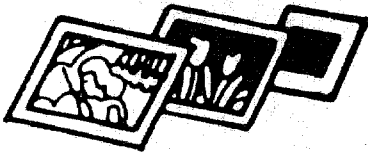
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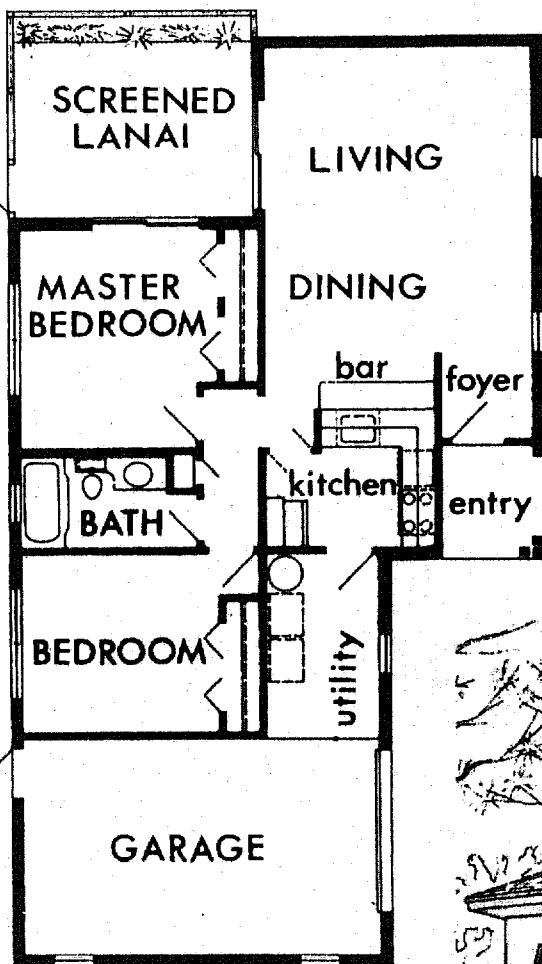
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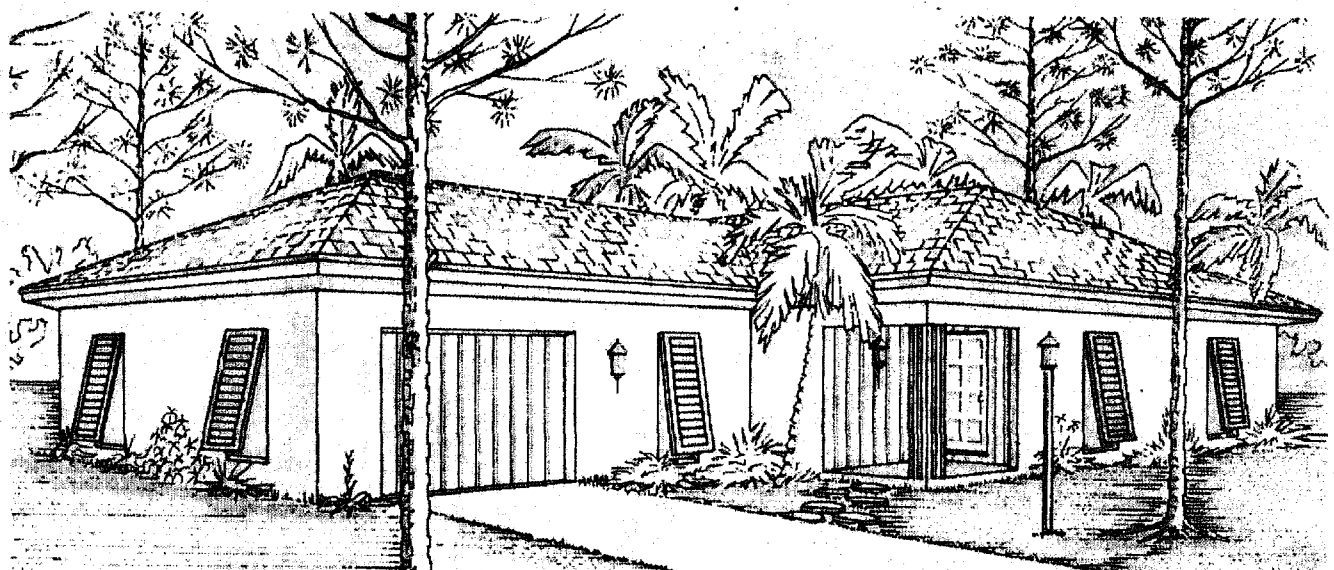


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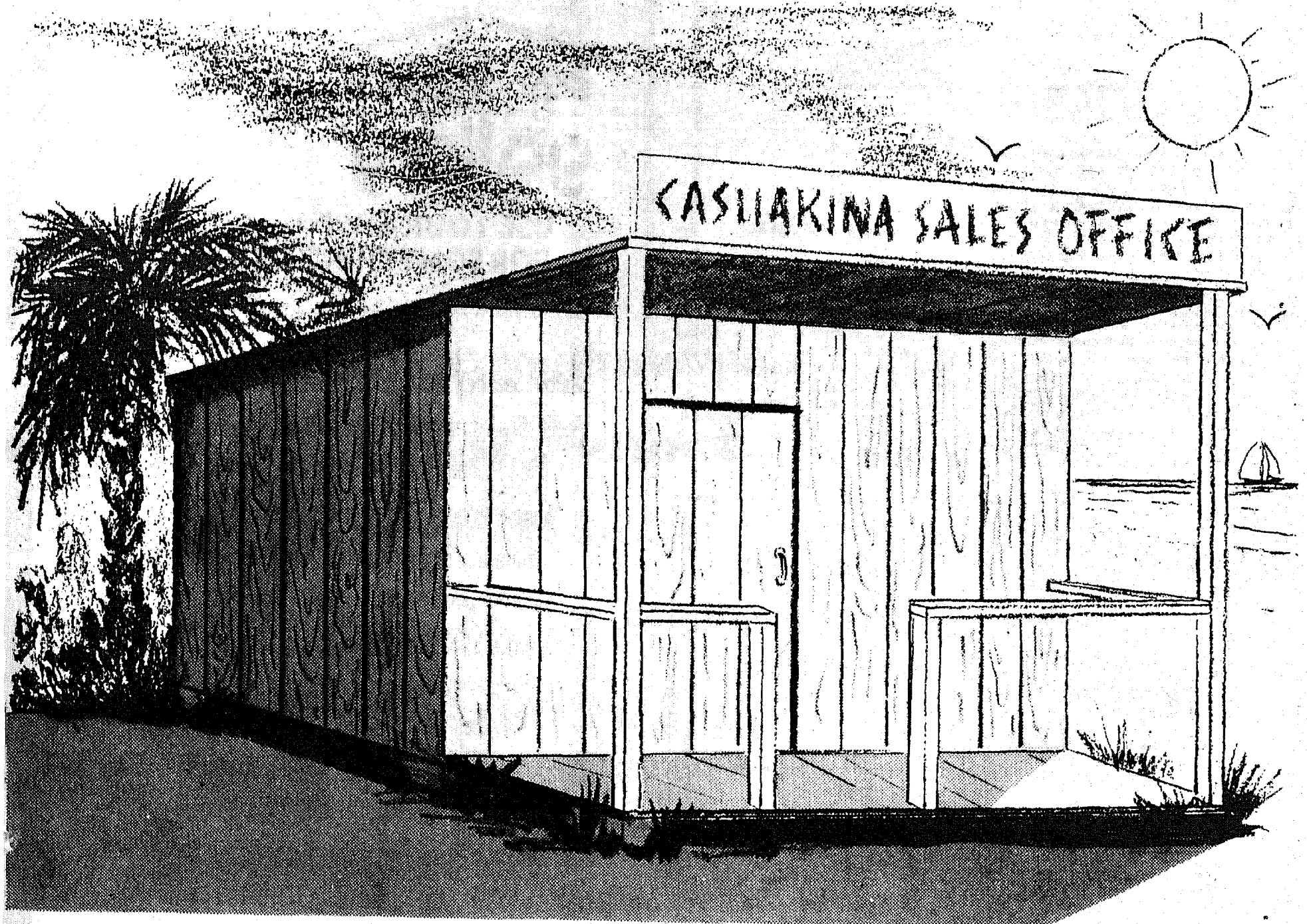
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"I want to commend the employees of the Sanibel Post Office (D. Burrell, J. Curran, B. England, V. Frederick, L. Kylo, G. Rose and C. Woodbury) for an extraordinary job of processing and delivering the avalanche of Christmas mail with dispatch and efficiency," Mr. Adams said.

He said the general public also helped to provide an efficient Christmas mail operation by mailing early in accordance with recommended mailing dates which were announced earlier.

This public cooperation enabled our postal employees to be off on Christmas Day to enjoy the holiday with their families. Postmaster Adams and staff wish all Sanibel postal customers a Happy Holiday.

SCHOOL'S OUT DRIVE EASY

School is out for the Christmas vacation. Children will be around here and there, on the beaches, on the roads. Do take care and look out for the little darlings. School will resume on Jan. 2, 1974.

WILLIAM A. SCHNELL

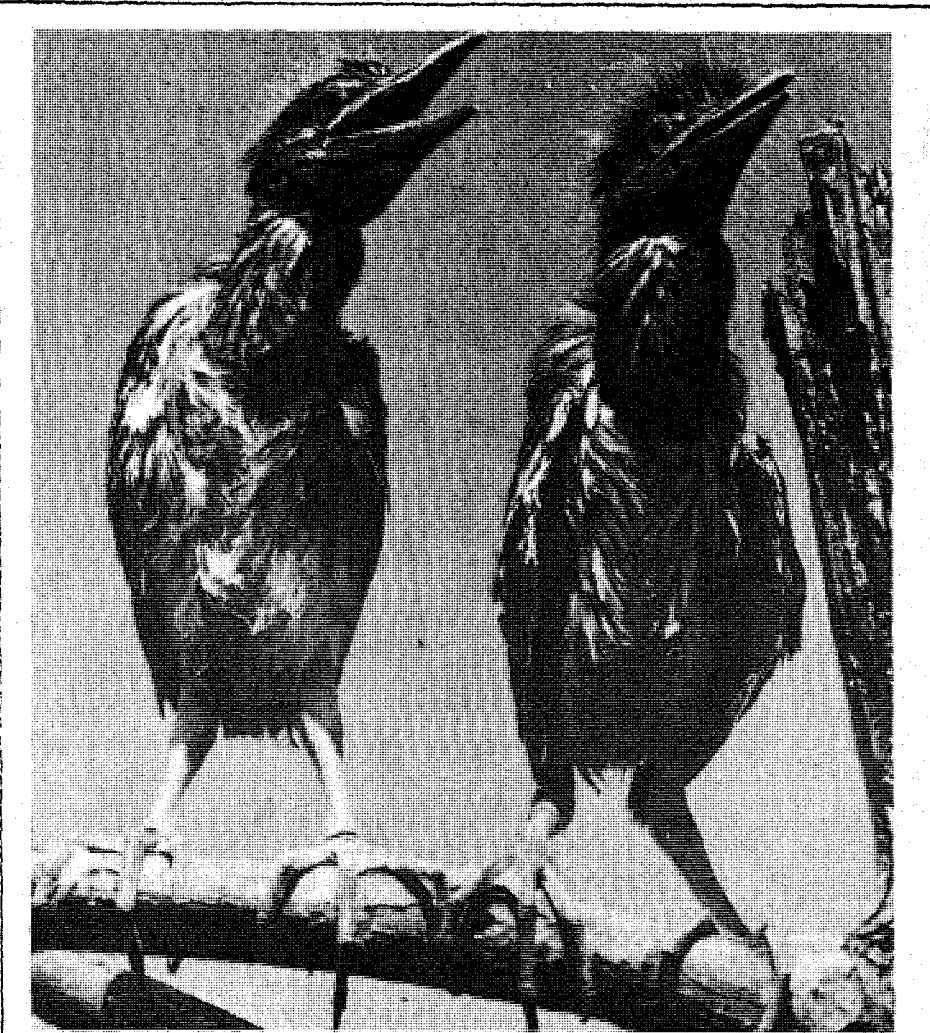
William A. Schnell, 61, of Periwinkle Trailer Park, died recently. A winter visitor for the past seven years, he was head of the music department for public schools in Southampton, N.Y. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Schnell; a son, William C. Schnell of Centerport, N.Y., a brother; and a grandson.

A memorial service was held at the Chapel of the Harvey Funeral Home with the Rev. Donnie Webster, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, officiating.



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**PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS
FORM NEW LOCAL CHAPTER**

Al Andrews, president, has announced the formation of a new chapter, No. 5, of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc. The Chapter was organized to include all Pearl Harbor survivors in the Southwest Florida area. The 15 charter members from Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Port Charlotte and Lehigh Acres met at the Cape Coral VFW Hall to install their officers and receive

their charter from Florida State Chairman, Harold Cook. Also present was Henry Shane, National past president for the Association.

Honorably discharged service men and women of the Armed Forces who were on the Island of Oahu and within a 3-mile radius during the actual time of the attack, 0755 to 0945, December 7, 1941, are eligible to become members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

Applications may be obtained by calling Al Andrews at 481-1273.

PHOTO COURSE SET

A 10-week photography course will be offered at Edison Community College on Monday nights from 7 to 10 p.m.

Instruction will be given in camera operation, lighting techniques, filters, portraits, composition and the evaluation of picture possibilities. More information is available at the college's continuing education office. The course will start in January.

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A Grain Of Sea Salt by betzi abram



Sometimes the best thing about sailing is that you're not. And when you're not sailing, what could be better than watching someone else? Last Sunday was a perfect watching day --- so raw and cold that Floridians could be identified by their astonished and aggrieved expressions. The Gulf was pewter gray with white caps flecking the waves almost as far as you could see. And what waves - real Atlantic City specials. A good 12 ft. from trough to crest (as a fisherman might measure). Cold beads of fog or rain trickled down the windows through which came the insistent pounding of the surf. Our living room over-hangs the beach and what a cozy dry feeling to look out at that leaden sky, at that raging water, to hear nor-wester whistling around the eaves, and to feel the warm radiations of a merry little electric heater on one's toes curling in one's furry slippers.

Happily ensconced with funny papers on my knee I happened to take one of these I'm-so-glad-I'm-inside looks out the window and see this little mite of a sailboat, about a 24-footer I'd think, scudding along like a mad skimmer. Two dark spots precariously perched on the gunnel appeared to be alive and pretty active. Cap'n John looked at his watch. "Guess they're getting lined up for the race," said he. "Race!" I squeaked. "In this weather?" But sure enough there appeared 18 brave boats (of the 35 originally signed up) jockeying for position off the public pier.

Out came our binoculars and what an exciting race it was. The wind howled at nearly a steady 35 mph and some of the boats heeled over so far it seemed impossible that their cockpits were not awash to the point of sinking. The white sails bellied out like giant white caps, the bright orange and red rain-gear of the crews and the close calls of boats apparently on collision course, or so it seemed at that distance, made for an exciting spectacle. We caught our breaths several times when a cluster of determined sailors rounded the committee boat at the same time, and not all going in the same direction. We thought for sure one nerry captain was going to be cut in two as he flew across the bow of a boat with the inside track - if one may

use that expression on the water. Competing for attention were the heavy black clouds bearing down and bringing a driving rainstorm which eventually blanked the racers from view and must have added nothing to their comfort. Only 13 of the boats managed to weather the rough seas and fantastic winds by reefing their sails and calling on their best seamanship. It seems by far the roughest conditions under which CMCS members have raced in the years I have known them. It almost didn't seem to matter who won. Just the fact that a person had the guts to stick out such an ordeal and to enjoy it (there are, of course, all kinds of enjoyments) overwhelms me with admiration. I love sailing --- it's really my cup of tea --- but you know there really are times when I'd much rather be watching you do it than vice versa.

NEW THEATER GROUP AIMS TO ENCOURAGE LIVE SHOWS

A new theater group, the Southwest Florida Theatre Association, has opened in Lee County with headquarters in Fort Myers. The immediate aim of the organization, according to Al Rosati, is to provide the area with live theater without politics or jealousy. Their ranks are open to anyone who loves the theater and is willing to work toward achieving a level of entertainment which can be presented with pride. Their second, long-range, goal is to build a theater which will be available for the use of all local theater groups, with adequate facilities for rehearsals and schedule performances so that the public will not be forced to miss one group's performance in order to attend that of another.

As a first step in this direction, the Association has purchased a 400-seat tent theater in which to perform Theater in the Round. Although eventually, the group expects to be completely self-supporting, they do need financial assistance to get started. Mr. Rosati says that anyone wishing to make a donation to support these shared ambitions may send it to the Southwest Florida Theatre Association, 2243 Peck Street, Fort Myers, Fla. 33901, addressed to his attention.

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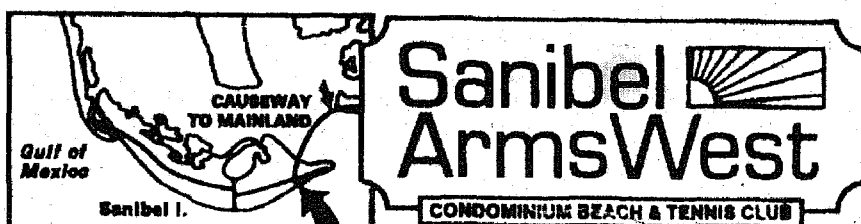
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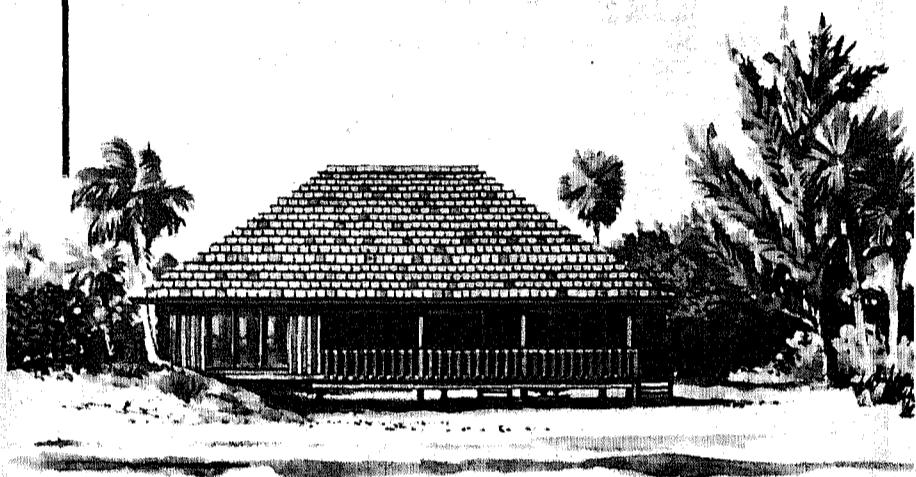
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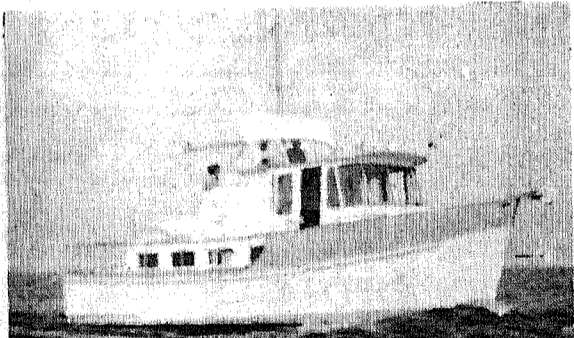
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AUDUBON COUNTS BIRDS IN SPITE OF WEATHER

Though the weather was not cooperative, and it usually isn't anywhere this time of year, the National Audubon set its national day for the annual bird count on December 20 this year, and it was completed in the compilation of their count and will be reported next week. Last year 115 different species of birds were counted on Sanibel and Captiva Islands with a total of 31,000 counted including North Captiva.

This year, winds and waves were a bit higher, and as Hal Harrison, famed nature photographer says, "Birds do not like wind and waves." We presume some of the bird counters did not like it either, but over 20 turned out to do their best for as accurate a count as possible. They met at Hal Harrison's home in the evening to turn in their reports.

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EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF AUDUBON MAGAZINES ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY

The Sanibel Public Library now has what is undoubtedly one of the most extensive collections of Audubon magazines on display in any library anywhere.

Hal and Mada Harrison recently gave the library their 38-year set of Audubon magazines; also National Wildlife magazine starting with 1966 and International Wildlife for the past two years.

Hal is an author and photographer mainly on wildlife subjects, he is vice president of the library and he writes a weekly column for the Islander. Mada, an artist and author of the recently published book, "Native Trees and Shrubs for Sanibel-Captiva Landscaping," is currently supervising the landscaping of the new library building.

"Bird-Lore" was the original name of the magazine now known as "Audubon." When the Harrison collection started in January, 1936, it was published by the National Association of Audubon Societies. It became "Audubon Magazine" in January, 1941, about the same time the organization changed its own name to National Audubon Society.

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WILDLIFE NOTES
by Griffing Bancroft

We have all many times seen anhingas and cormorants perched in the mangroves holding their wings outstretched to dry. And we have felt sorry for these poor birds. They must swim under the water for their food, yet they lack the oil glands of the diving ducks and most other birds that feed under the surface. So, they get soggy, uncomfortably wet and have to spend a good part of their time drying out. This is all true, but now you can stop feeling sorry for them.

It had long been assumed that evolution had just passed these birds by in failing to equip them with the means to keep their feathers dry, and that having to spend so much time holding out their wings was a great disadvantage.

But now some scientists, who have recently published rather detailed studies of these birds, say this is not so. Far from being a handicap, these observers have concluded that the soggy feathers are a decided advantage. For they reduce the buoyancy of the birds and they can, therefore, dive down much more quickly and much deeper than other diving birds.

Birds which catch their prey by swimming in pursuit of it under water have to catch it pretty quickly. For they cannot stay under water very long without coming up for air.


About a minute and a half is as long as any bird has been observed staying under water, although sometimes they can just stick a bill up unseen for air and so people sometimes think they have stayed under longer. They cannot go without surface air for anything like the time of some aquatic mammals, like whales or dolphins which can stay under for twenty minutes or more.

So a bird has to catch his fish quickly or come up and then go down and try again. Thus the lack of buoyancy is an advantage, letting him get down more quickly and swim under water faster. And this has been developed to a remarkable degree in cormorants and anhingas, especially in the latter.

The anhinga's wet body is so heavy that when you do see him in the water only his bill and part of his neck is above the surface. Everything else sinks.

Studies have shown that far from repelling water, the anhinga's feathers are especially adapted to absorb it. In addition these birds have been observed drinking water copiously before diving to decrease their buoyancy further. So perhaps evolution has not been so unkind to these birds after all.

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New evidence also shows that malignant skin tumors in animals appear more rapidly and in larger numbers when the skin is painted with cigar tars rather than cigarette tars.

In addition to the plight of the smoker, concern is mounting about the effects of open indoor burning on involuntary smokers. Most non-smokers consider smoke from cigars and pipe even more noxious than cigarette smoke; and research on indoor pollution is just

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This Week at the Sanibel Library

by Hal H. Harrison

What a way to start the New Year!

A shipment of best sellers arrived at the library this week. On the top of the pile was the top of the nation's best selling fiction ... Gore Vidal's "Burr." I guess it is fiction for it is in the form of a memoir, told partly by Burr at the end of his long life and partly by a young journalist in whom Burr confides. The memoir and the young journalist are fictional, but the facts are accurate. To refresh your memory of American history, Aaron Burr, a hero of the American Revolution, served as vice president under Thomas Jefferson, took the life of Alexander Hamilton in a duel, and was tried for treason when Jefferson accused him of plotting to make an empire of his own in the western territories.

Another best-seller in the shipment was "Theophilus North" by Thornton Wilder. Like all Wilder novels, this one is entertaining as well as thought provoking. Briefly, the story tells of nine different career dreams of a growing boy who later got mixed up in nine facets of the city of Newport, R.I., when the youngster, now 29, is engaged as a tutor there.

Then we have the late R. F. Delderfield's final volume in the saga of Adam Swann which began with "God Was an Englishman," continued with "Theirs Was the Kingdom," and ended with the new one, "Give Us This Day." It was written just before his death in 1972. In this final saga, Swann, a professional soldier, parlays a necklace captured on the field of battle in India into a vast commercial empire, a fortune and a dynasty.

It seems like just yesterday that Jean Plaidy's "The Thistle and the Rose" arrived at the library, but in this week's shipment came a later book by this popular author, "Evergreen Gallant." Henry of Navarre is the protagonist in this latest of Miss Plaidy's historical novels. Henry was affectionately known as the Evergreen Gallant because all through his life he was in love with some woman; he brought prosperity back to a war scarred country, declared Paris to be worthy of Mass, and was declared by many to be the greatest king France ever had. He was also reported to have had more mistresses than any other French monarch.

Although I have never had a chance to tell you about Jean Plaidy's "Thistle and the Rose," please remember that we have it. Against a background of lusty period in English history, this novel tells the story of Margaret, Queen of Scotland, an indomitable woman who battled the courts of Scotland, England and France for her children and the men she loved. We also have Miss Plaidy's "Murder Most Royal" and "Here Lies Our Sovereign Lord."

I was so hoping it would arrive BEFORE Christmas but we received it in this new shipment "The Christmas Mouse" by Miss Read. This author of 13 novels has been promising her fans a new Christmas story since 1966 when she published "Village Christmas." So, here it is, a story for every age, a tale of a mouse that intruded on Christmas Eve and a bedraggled run away boy who arrived at the same time in a cottage in a remote village. How the mouse and the boy were dealt with is the theme of this delightful story. Oh, you still have the Christmas spirit? Read it now.

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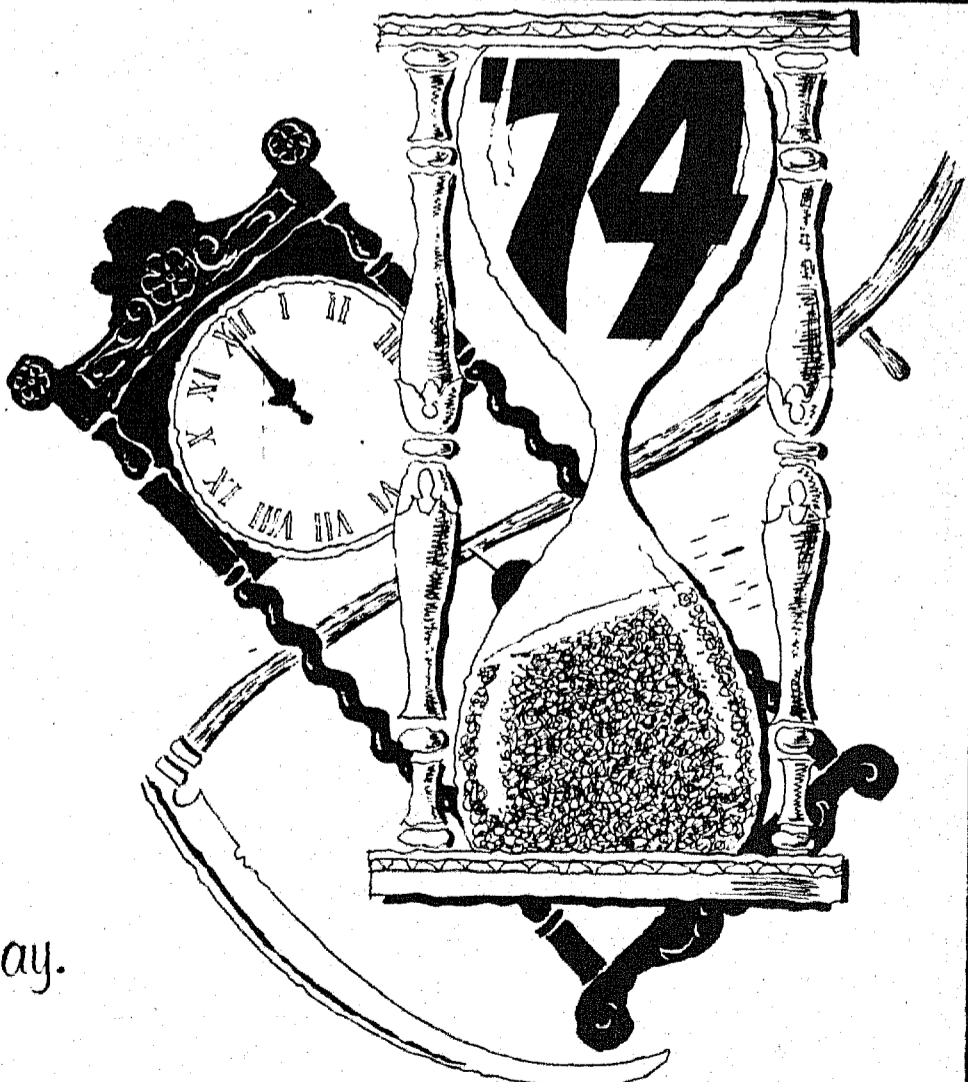
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