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## SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CONDUCTS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

During the month of January the Sanibel Community Association will conduct a membership drive. Present membership is about 500 and it is hoped that this number can be doubled. With the marked increase in population during the past few years in numbers of young people and of visitors, the Association feels a greater responsibility for furnishing facilities for increased community activities.

It is felt that as the only all-community organization, the Association should have members from all areas of the island and among persons involved in all the many island activities. Such a group would offer a clearing house for various ideas and discussion of plans for the improvement of living conditions on the island.

The membership drive was inaugurated by a planning meeting of the campaign committee, headed by Anna Hills and John Willard, at the Hills' home on Dec. 27. The committee is composed of citizens from various parts of the island and includes the Crawford Cates, the Robert Chaplins, the Thomas Dugans, the Holden Hills, the Albert Muenchs, the Richard Muenchs, the Clark Newcombes, and the James Robsons.

Other members are the William Ruschs, the John Sallemis, the James Scholefields, the George Schnellts, the John Shepherds, the B. K. Tremaines, the Robert Vardals, the John Willards, and the Duane Whites.

## SANIBEL - CAPTIVA ART LEAGUE PRESENTS 1974 SCHEDULE

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League is happy to present its program for the 1974 season.

Monthly meetings: Second Tuesday of each month, 10:30 a.m. at the Sanibel Community House.

Jan. 8: After a short business meeting, Robert York of the Edison Community College Department of Art will demonstrate his new techniques in acrylics.

Feb. 12: After the business meeting there will be a critique and an exercise in quick reaction - "Learning to Think Abstractly." We suggest that you bring two of your own pictures for the critique. Bring, also, large newsprint pad and drawing materials such as pencils, ink, charcoal, tempera, etc.

March 12: Business meeting followed by a demonstration by Helene Sparkes, showing her Tiffany-type lampshades and leaded stained glass ornaments.

April 9: Election of officers for 1975-76. Demonstration to be announced later.

Classes: WATERCOLOR with Jack Wilson, Wednesdays at Sanibel Community House, 9-12 a.m., Jan. 9 through March 13, \$5.00 per lesson.

DRAWING - Ann Winterbotham: Thursdays at Sanibel Community House, 10-12 a.m., beginning Jan. 10, \$2.00 per lesson.

Workshop: Mondays, beginning Jan. 14, 9 a.m. at Captiva Civic Center. Each session is to be led by a participating artist, selected each week. Media and subjects will be varied. This will be a flexible arrangement aiming to provide something for everyone. Chairman: Louise Chamberlain, 472-2370.

Exhibits: All-member shows at Captiva Post Office Exhibit Board, the first Monday of each month, January through April. Bring a few paintings to the Board at 8:30 a.m. where they will be received and hung. Pick-up will be at 4 p.m. The Exhibit Board is also available for one-man or joint shows. Contact board chairman, D. Robinson, 472-1055, to reserve date.

Tentative plans are being discussed for a Juried Show to be held somewhere on Sanibel in the Spring. Suggestions and help needed.

Other dates of interest: Shell Fair Show and Sale of Art, March 7, 8, and 9 at the Sanibel Community House. Chairman: Helene Sparkes, 472-1312.

## CAPTIVA ISLAND BEACH NOURISHMENT

Slow starvation of some beach areas along the Gulf Shore Islands has resulted over the years from interruption of normal water and sand flows. This is a matter of concern to Captiva. South Seas has undertaken sponsorship of this program to renourish its golf course area, to protect its own beaches, and to provide leadership in developing a solution for all of Captiva. Careful monitoring and intensive follow-up is planned to insure the successful completion of this first project and the continuing program which it should spawn.

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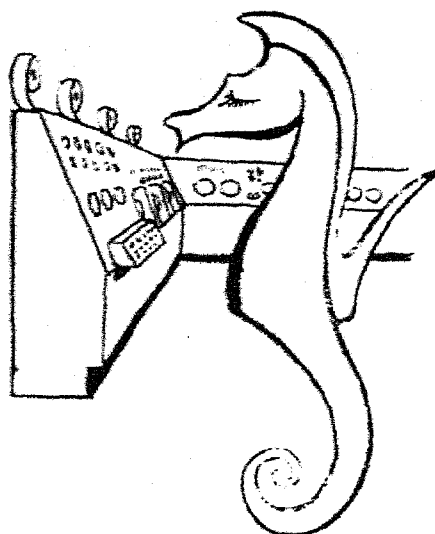
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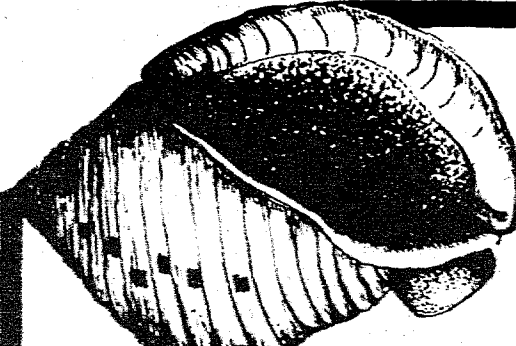
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**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** open meeting, St. Michael's & All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Friday nights 8 p.m. for information call 472-1513

**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, 8:30 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 1st Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House.

**SANIBEL CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION** Board of Directors, meets 2nd 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. Part members arranged.

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL** (Area meetings) Fort Myers, Tuesdays at 10:15 in the Springs Bldg. 10th 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 Wann, 465-7415.

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**WILLIAM** and **FRANCES BROWN** enjoyed a holiday visit from son, **JAMES**, and his wife, **PRISCILLA**, and their sons, **DOUGLAS**, **JEFFREY** and **STEVEN**. It was a nice change in this climate from the cold of Marblehead, Mass., and all have fallen completely in love with the islands.

Visiting **HERM** and **EVELYN DONALDSON** is Mrs. **EVELYNN GILHOOLEY** of Green Brook, N.Y., and children **JAIMIE**, **FRANCES**, and **DAVID**, who had a delightful time on the beach.

A gathering of the **FRED BUNNELL** clan took place at the North Fort Myers 'Tis a Wee Ranch on the Charlotte County border for the holidays. **JUDY** and **LOU BURFIEND** and family were hosts to **KATE** and **MEL CANTERBURY** and their three daughters, **KATHY**, **LISA** and **BECKY**, from Miami and another daughter of the Bunnells, **SADIE McKELVEY** of Hallandale, plus **SUSAN** and **ROBERT MacINTOSH** and their daughter **ANGEL** also from North Fort Myers. You can be sure Santa did not forget any of these darling children, and they all had more turkey than anyone wants to recall now.

Visiting the **JOHN KONTINOS** is the **REV. FATHER ARTHUR KONTINOS** and his beautiful daughter, **ATHENA**, from Arlington, Mass. The Reverend Father is pastor of the St. Athanasias Greek Orthodox Church.

**Mr. & Mrs. PARKER MILLS** just returned from a 110 days "round-the-world cruise aboard the American President Taylor. They declared the weather perfect, and went through the Panama Canal to Okinawa and Saigon, where they watched lady stevedores loading fertilizer aboard ship. They visited Singapore, Colombo, Ceylon, Bombay, and Karachi, Pakistan. On the return trip they touched Antiqua in the West Indies. Pin remarked, "We did not encounter any shortages at all, and in fact got back before our mail did." Parker said he thoroughly enjoyed the food and put on a few pounds that Pin insists will have to go. The popular couple are being welcomed by all their friends on Captiva and Sanibel alike.

**WHO'S WHO AND WHY**

We had an utterly charmed visit with **JACK VAN BELL**, one of the more colorful island residents. Jack, whose far-out house is about to be completed, treated us to some minutes of reverie and nostalgia for the good old days on the islands, when everybody as "a real character." Jack says of his house: "It's a glorified chicken coop, a cedar shake house on pilings and the most unconventional around but just what I want and need in the way of a house. The entrance will be into my workshop and from there you can proceed to the large living room, and even larger kitchen. I love to cook." He then introduced us to the largest chopping block ever seen which will be assembled on casters, so that it can be moved where needed. "I plan to make apple streudel whenever I get the notion," says Jack who is famous for the most delicious streudel this side of the Atlantic. What most people do not know is that Jack was a famous hotel chef, and that is just one of a whole culinary repertoire.

Years ago when Jack first came to the islands he worked as chef in a restaurant located on the perimeter of the Island Store. **PAUL EVERETT**, who had earned his Ph.D at Columbia after graduating from Phillips Exeter, worked with Jack and was cashier and dishwasher when not entertaining the dining clientele. "Whenever we had an accident in the kitchen, all the diners would rush to the kitchen to see what had happened. Anyhow, they were always in the midst of the kitchen, participating in preparations. We would just tell them to stand aside and go on with our cooking, but they were always a real part of the whole procedure, giving suggestions, tasting, etc. Sometimes they would lick the mixing bowls before they were put in the sink for the dishwasher. We had an artesian well, a gas refrigerator and oil lamps.

"And when **PAUL STAHLIN** and his wife, **FANETTA**, had completed a list of all island residents. Hurricane Donna came along **PAUL FANETTA** and **DICK** and **PAUL KERNS** got out the disaster list and realizing that Captiva was completely devastated, worked their way over fallen Australian pines and an almost impassable road to find us. When they did we were all **MAE** and **BILL SHANNON**, **PAUL EVERETT**, **BELTON JOHNSON** and I) enjoying the biggest piece of porterhouse steak ever cooked on Captiva and a bottle of liquid refreshment to take the place of the polluted well water. So we had to share it with the newcomers."

Jack is still deeply interested and concerned with weather phenomena. "We are about three years overdue for a real hurricane," he states. "And I believe that the 8th of January and the 11th of February are very critical dates to remember and mark on your calendar, because a combination of high tides and a full moon plus other weather indications forecast a flooding tide on those dates." We have duly noted them on our calendar and plan to get our flood insurance out right away.

Jack is employed at Knudsen Realty on Sanibel and he will probably have our head for quoting him, but we do it in love and affection.

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**DAILY AIRLINE FLIGHTS arriving Fort Myers**

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**ISLAND INN GUESTS**

Arrivals at Island Inn include Mr. & Mrs. Bentley Courtenay of Madison, Wisc.; the Hamilton Smiths of Sea Cliff, N.Y.; the Kent Mergler family of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; the Henry House family from Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. S. S. Marvin of Deland, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Higginson of Burlington, Ont., Canada; Mr. & Mrs. A. DeKenis of Baltimore, Md.; the David Kerrs from Tampa, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. Bass of Deland, Fla.; Prof. & Mrs. C. H. Amster from Louisville, Ky.; the Peter Stifel family of Kensington, Md.; the Ray Dielmans of Chicago, Ill.; and Mrs. John Marshall and granddaughter, Delia Turner, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Taylor from West Chester, Pa.

Other guests are the Honorable Justice Fraser and Mrs. Fraser of Toronto, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. K. W. Hueper and son of Bethesda, Md.; Mrs. Julie Peck of New London, N.H. and Marco Island; Mrs. Ann K. Warren and daughter of Grosse Pointe, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. C. F. Morris of Lexington, Ky.; and from Mankato, Minn., Mrs. Bradley Troost and Mr. & Mrs. James Call.

**PERIWINKLE PARK PARADE**

Periwinkle Park was pretty well filled up with cheery Christmas visitors and you can bet the little old man in the red suit and whiskers got there again this year with his bags of holiday cheer.

An Audubon group led by CHARLES and ELLEN NEWELL went out from Periwinkle on the annual bird count. They covered the area from Tarpon Road to the Lighthouse and San Carlos Bay to the Gulf of Mexico. It really was a day "for the birds" with a cold rain and wind, but despite adverse weather, the counted 87 species (out of 4,000). This was the 74th time the count has been made and others in the group were BILL and RACHEL MARTIN, EMMA and CLIFF GUTHRIE, DORIS BROWNLEE, OLIVE CAMPBELL and EVERETT WADMAN.

**SURFRIDER GUESTS**

Holiday visitors to the Surfrider were mostly all return guests who gathered around the Christmas tree to visit with old friends. Conrad and Peggy Lickel and Conrad, Jr. were busy as usual in all their favorite fishing haunts. They are from Harrisburg, Pa., where Mr. Lickel heads the Pennsylvania Forestry and Parks Division and they are longing to retire to Florida someday.

Dr. & Mrs. Stanley Fahn from Marion, Pa., held a little family reunion for the holidays. The doctor's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Fahn from Sacramento, Calif., joined them and so did Mrs. Fahn's parents, Mr. & Mrs. James O. Thomas, and family from Cincinnati, Ohio. The Dr. Fahns are seriously considering moving to Florida. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kulibert and daughter are holidaying here from Oshkosh, Wis. Mr. & Mrs. George Atkinson and two sons are here from Haddonfield, N.J. on their third visit this year.

Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Neubauer are on R&R from Great Neck, N.Y. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Mahoney and son Billy of Carbondale, Ill., were joined by both sets of parents, giving Billy a thrilling visit with both grandparents. Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mahoney of Carbondale are here, and Mrs. Mahoney's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Tolon of Murphysboro, Ill.

Other visitors are Mr. & Mrs. Rod Sieck and daughter from Evansville, Ind.; Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Mollen and son of Port Edwards, Wis., and the Gerald Miller family from White Stone, N.Y. Mr. Miller is a TV star.

**FREE PASSES VOTED DOWN**

Students from Sanibel and Captiva studying full time on the mainland will not be eligible for free passes to cross the toll bridge, for the County Commission decided last week by a 3-2 vote. Entering their decision was the "possibility" that pass holders could form car pools and sell their extra commuter tickets. The idea was originally proposed by Commissioner Dick Sayers, whose district includes Cape Coral.

**ANOTHER PHONE HEARING SET**

The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an additional public hearing at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 15, 1974 at the Lee County Courthouse in Fort Myers, concerning the quality and sufficiency of the service being rendered by United Telephone Company to the telephone-using public in this area.

The purpose of this hearing will be the cross-examination of the witnesses of United Telephone Company and for receiving any rebuttal testimony as may be offered by the Company. In the event additional testimony is to be offered by the Company, such testimony will be subject to cross-examination at the time it is given. All interested parties are invited to attend.

**DRIFTWOOD SHOP STARTS**

Monday, January 7, will be the first of the weekly work sessions to make sale articles for the Shell Fair. The workshops will be held at the Community Center each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All help will be appreciated.

All types of handwork, shellcraft, paintings, cookies, jellies, etc., are also needed for March 7, 8 and 9. All donations will be gratefully accepted. Call Cookie Dugger, 472-1181 or Martha McCullough, 472-1144.

**NOMORE OUTSIDE FIRES**

According to Chief Alan Nave of the Sanibel Fire Dept., in compliance with the rules of the Department of Pollution Control, no more individual burning permits will be issued on the Island after January 1, 1974. Special permits will be issued for land-clearing, frost prevention or recreational and ceremonial purposes such as barbecues, camp fires, etc.

An announcement will be forthcoming from the Sanibel Disposal Service concerning procedures for having debris and other burnable items picked up.

**NATURE FILMS TO BE SHOWN**

Exciting wildlife films are to be shown in the coming season by the Audubon Society. Five programs, two in January, two in February and one in March, will be held at the Edison Park School on Euclid Ave. in Fort Myers. Season tickets for a mere \$5.00 can be purchased at Gari's Drug Store. Single admissions are only \$1.50 but since space at the school is limited, season tickets will be given preferential seating.

The first of the programs, on Jan. 17, by Burdette White, is entitled "Gems of Nature." From his many years' experience of filming natural history subjects, Mr. White has selected some of the most beautiful and bizarre sights and sounds of the North American Wild. The sparkling colors of hummingbirds, the intriguing activities of rarely observed parasitic insects, and the exquisite song of the wood thrush are some of the "gems" you will see and hear in this strikingly beautiful film presentation.

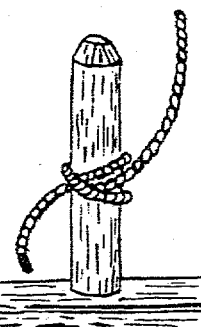
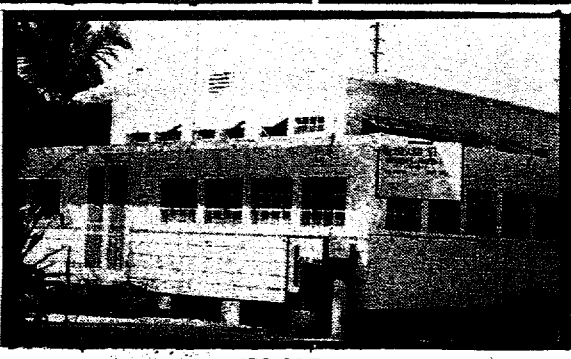
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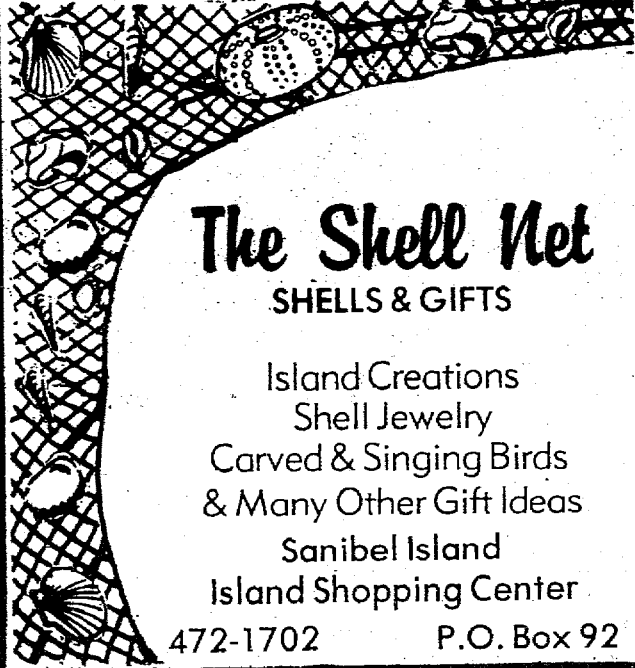


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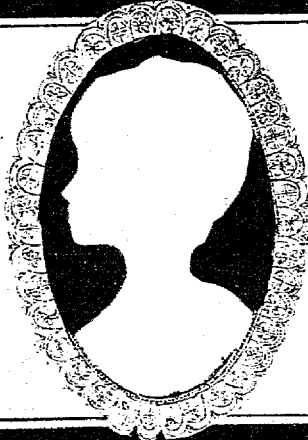



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Since none of us takes shorthand we're unable to accept copy over the phone, so hope you will all continue to send in your views and news.

Ye Olde Editors

**SOCIAL SECURITY ANNOUNCES SUPPLEMENTAL CHECKS TO BE DELIVERED EARLY IN MONTH**

The first supplemental security income checks will be delivered in the mail the first week of January, according to Tom Camps, social security district manager in Fort Myers.

Supplemental security income is the new State-Federal program establishing a national income floor for people with little or no income and limited resources who are 65 or over, or blind, or disabled.

"The amount of the checks people get will depend on other income they might have," Camps said. "Eligible people with no other income at all will get Federal payments of \$130 a month for one person and \$195 for a couple. People with other income may get smaller supplemental security income checks."

For people 65 or over, or blind, or disabled who have been getting public assistance payments, Florida will add to their payments when necessary so they'll get at least as much under the supplemental security income program as they received in December 1973.

Florida has arranged for the Social Security Administration to include the added State payment in the Federal checks. The consolidated payment means Florida will not have to pay administrative costs, according to Camps.

"People who expect to get a supplemental security income check but don't receive it during the first week in January should call social security to find out about their payment," Camps said.

The Fort Myers Social Security office is at 2124 Clifford Street. The phone number is 334-2147.

The supplemental security income program will be run by the Social Security Administration, an agency of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. "But supplemental security income payments will be funded by general revenues, not by social security contributions," Camps said.

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**CAPTIVA ISLAND BEACH NOURISHMENT**  
(contd. from front page)

beach. As they recede, new sand is taken off the beach. This process is repeated again and again as waves move along a coastal area.

If the volume of sand deposited and removed from the beach is roughly equal, the shoreline is known as a "live beach" and remain stable. If more sand is deposited than is taken away, the beach grows; this is known as accretion.

Conversely, if waves breaking on the shore do not contain as much suspended sand as is taken away, the beach recedes — this is known as erosion.

**SAND FLOW ALONG THE GULF ISLANDS**

Along the Gulf Islands of Southwest Florida the prevailing current flow and wave action normally causes a slow drift of sand from north to south.

At several places the normal southward migration of sand filled waves is interrupted by strong currents flowing through several passes as Pine Island Sound empties and fills with the tides. Where this occurs, water and sand that is migrating slowly southward is pushed rapidly out to sea or into the bay. As water is moved very rapidly it holds virtually all suspended sand. When it finally slows down, most of the suspended sand is dropped. This creates huge sand bars such as exist outside all the passes along the Gulf Islands.

After the water drops its suspended sand it resumes a southward migration. Since the waves contain no sand, the beaches directly to the south are subject to "starvation" — no sand is deposited by waves breaking on the shore, but sand is taken away as the waves recede.

Further southward along the shore a more typical pattern occurs with sand being washed to and from the shore with the direction and intensity of the wave action determining the stability of the shoreline.

**SAND FLOWS ALONG CAPTIVA**

Very large sand bars have built up at the north end of Captiva as a result of swift water flows through Redfish Pass interrupting the normal southward sand migration. As a result, the beaches on Captiva have been subject to starvation. This has been particularly significant in areas just south of the sand bars, like along the 5th hole at the South Seas Plantation golf course. In other areas an average shrinkage of 1 to 3 feet per year has resulted from the cumulative effect of "empty" waves hitting the north end of the island.

**CORRECTING THE IMBALANCE**

South Seas Plantation is sponsoring a beach nourishment program to correct this situation.

The program is based on a very simple concept — putting sand back on the starved portion of beach so that "empty" waves striking that area will have an extra supply of sand to carry down the beach. Periodic nourishment of the starved area will provide a continuing source for "refilling" the empty waves moving south from the sand bars. The objective is to create a stabilized condition along the entire Captiva shoreline.

This program is the result of careful study by the Florida Coastal Engineering Laboratory and the Captiva Erosion Control District. It involves pumping sand from the sand bars outside Redfish Pass to the beach at the north end of the island. The sand pumped from the bar areas is of the same weight and composition as that on the beach. Thus, it will blend with the beach sand and migrate naturally down the shoreline with normal wave action. This is important because sand of a dissimilar nature would be prone to simply washing away rather than migrating slowly.

This nourishment program can be carried out on a continuing basis with modest cost, because it relies on natural wave action to move the additional sand along the beach. At points of specific problems (such as along the road south of the Post Office) direct nourishment can be used to supplement the normal migration from the area of renourishment at the north end of the island.

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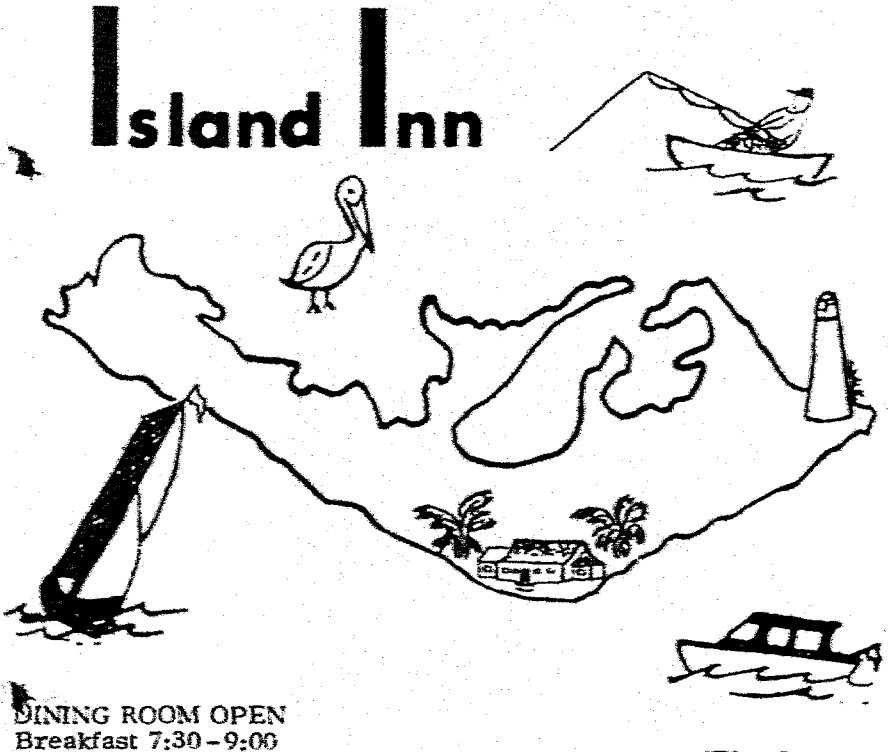
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This is a copy of a letter mailed to Dr. Robert Anderson, Chairman of the Lee County School Board which was sent to us for publication.

Dear Dr. Anderson:

We would like to protest the time change for the school hours as of January 7 being set ahead by one hour. We do not feel this is necessary even if the nation is going on Daylight Savings Time.

It will only be for an 8-10 week period and we feel for those parents who are concerned that their children will be in the dark (of which we are some) there are several alternative measures which could be used during this short time period. Such as, on a dark corner, get a street light installed; use your local PTA to form a rotating parent for each school day at the stop; where there is no PTA, use your older students, again using a rotating system. We are sure that if Student Councils or local school clubs (such as Key Club) were asked they would be willing to help; go to your local service clubs, Lions, Kiwanis, League of Women Voters, etc. We are sure they would be willing to help for this short time. If all else fails, then the parents of the children involved could get together and each take their turn being present at the stop.

We do not feel that this change will be all that "energy saving" and will disrupt far too many lives. Not only working mothers but what about the working students? These jobs mean a great deal to the students involved. Also, what about outside activities, such as sports, dancing lessons, piano lessons, YM & WCA classes, club meetings, band practice. And the people involved in giving these classes.

Furthermore, as we are all working mothers our time with our children is very limited --- with this time change we would be deprived of our short morning hours together, plus due to some of us having early working hours this would leave our children getting themselves off to school alone. AND, what about dinner, with some of our students getting home after 7 p.m. this cuts out family dinners, besides any evening activities and in some cases not much time for homework or extra studies.

We, again, cannot tell you how much we are against this time change. We would appreciate your re-considering your first decision. Thank you.

Marilena Van Duzer  
Fort Myers Beach

TO THE ISLANDER:

Old-time visitors to the islands will be saddened to learn that the well known artist, Lauren Ford, died last August. She had been a regular visitor to Casa Ybel, now Island Beach Club, for about 40 years, and while she had been growing noticeably frailer in the past few years, she never missed her morning walks along the beach. When we come back in March we will still see her shadow at the edge of the water, long-legged and thin as a great blue heron, so gentle that even the sandpipers were not disturbed. Her death occurred a few days before that of my mother, Mrs. Harry Scherman, another Casa Ybel old-timer. The Scherman's acquaintance with Sanibel goes back to the early 40's when they used to gather at Casa Ybel with Henry Seidel Canby (who introduced us all to the islands), Thomas B. Costain and other literary figures of an earlier, more innocent and eager generation. They came to enjoy, not only each other, but the quiet emptiness of the Gulf shore and the untouched palmetto scrub and mangrove swamp of the interior. It was a rare retreat for harassed city people then. Perhaps our dear old ones died at the right time, before they could see what has happened to Sanibel now.

Katharine Scherman Rosin  
New York, N.Y.

TO THE ISLANDER:

I lost a small red mesh bag Christmas Eve. I had two hankies and a lipstick in it. I loved it and I'd love to have it back. You see my Ma gave it to me.

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TO THE ISLANDER:

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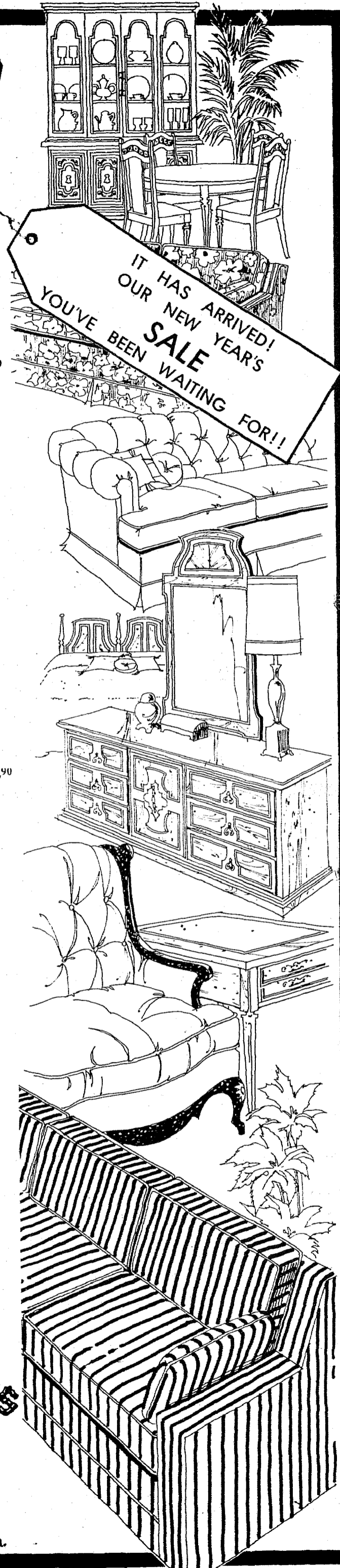
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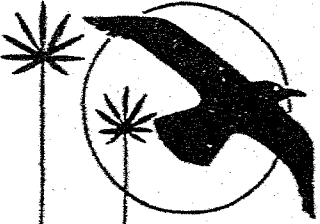
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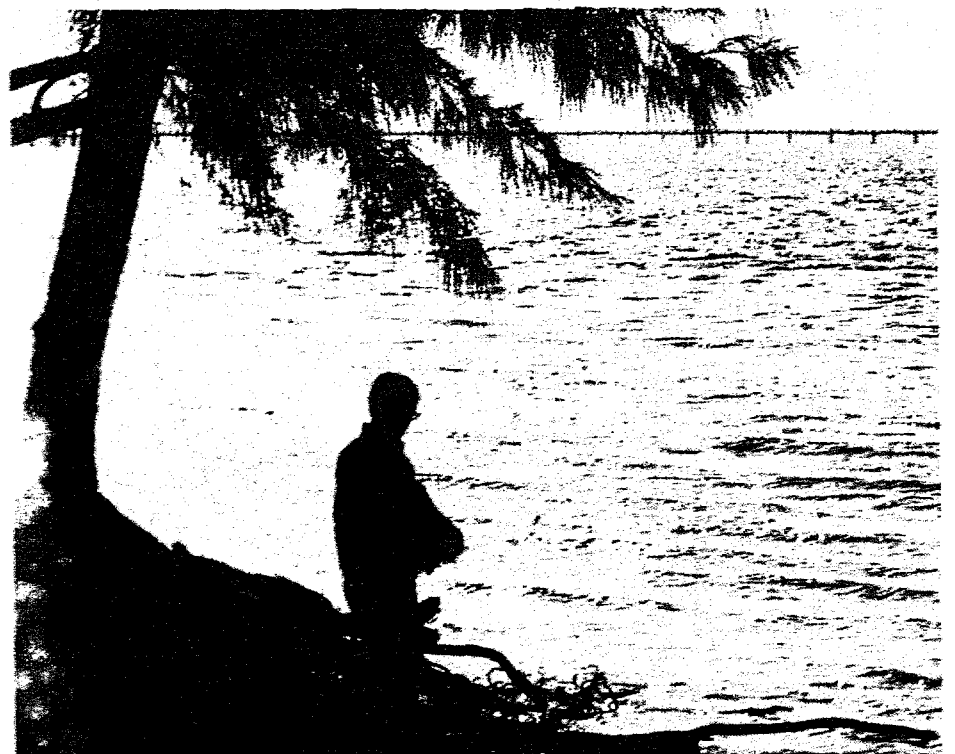


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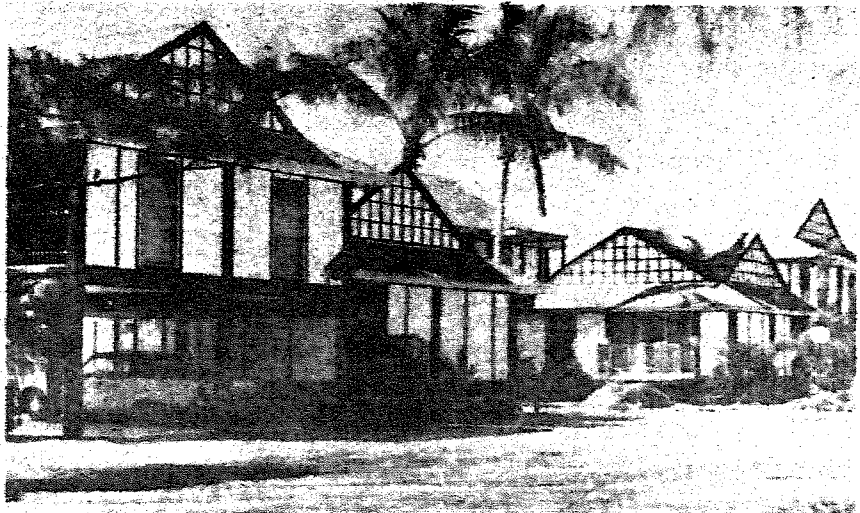


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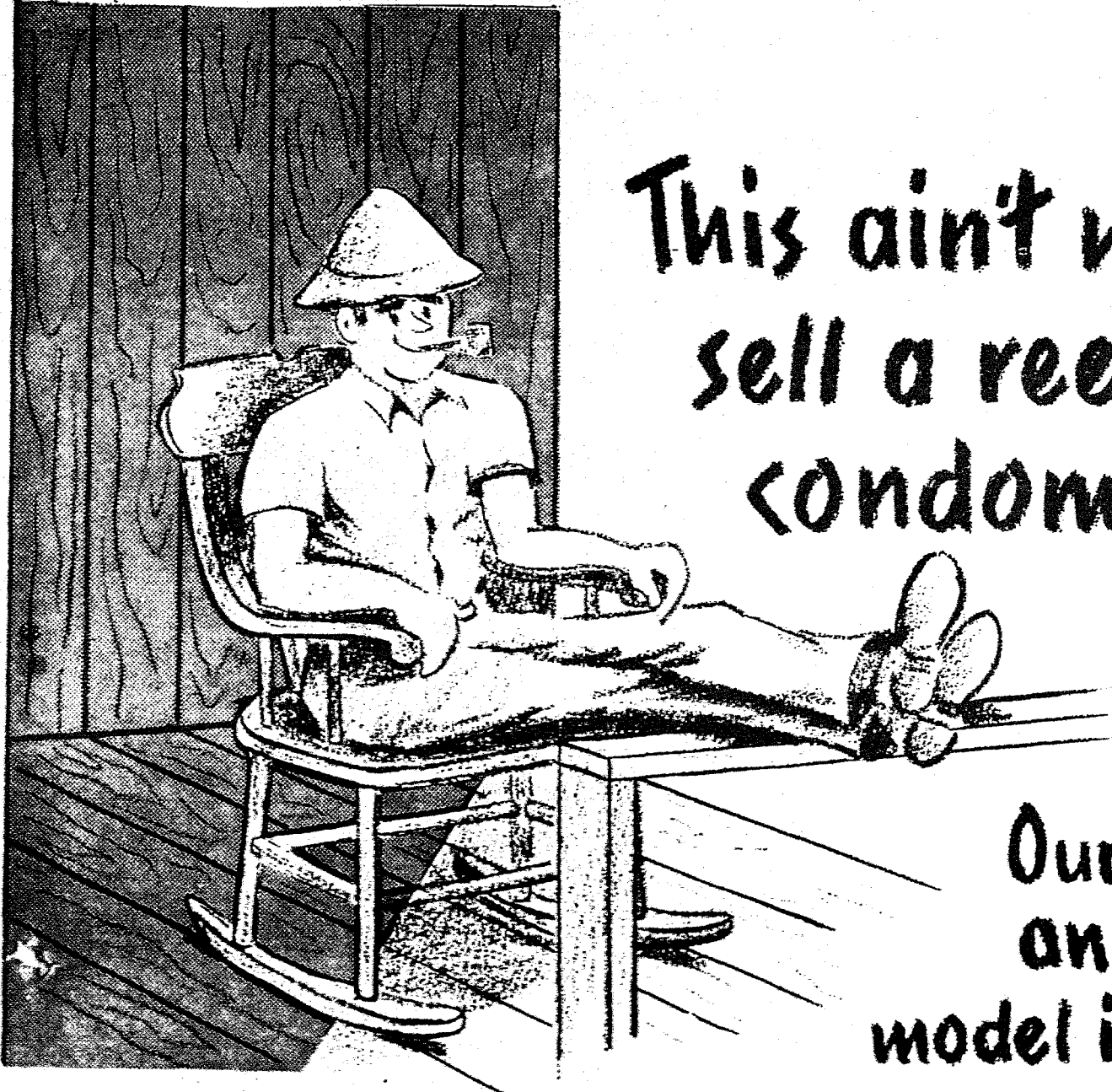
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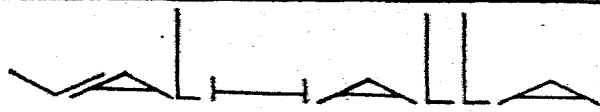
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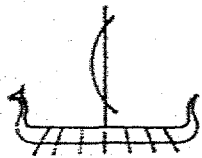
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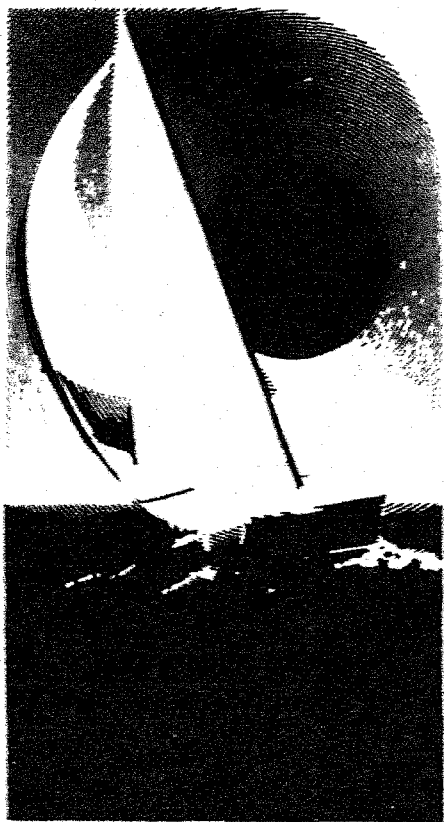
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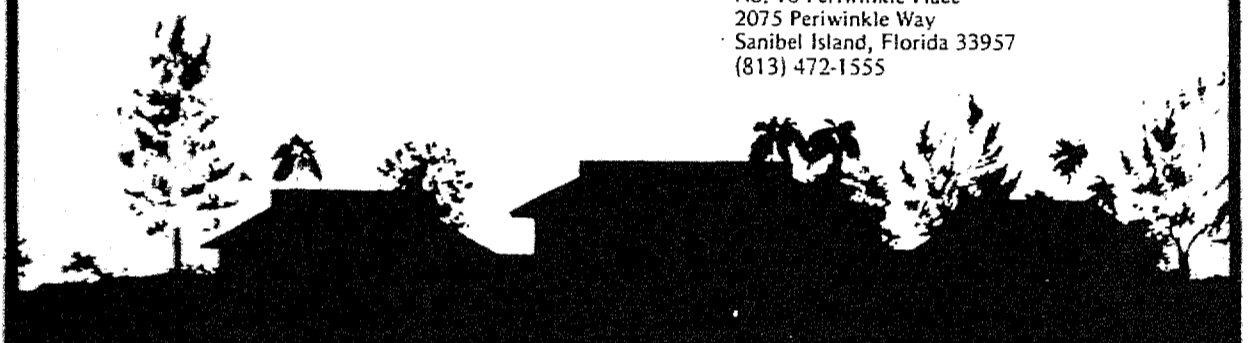
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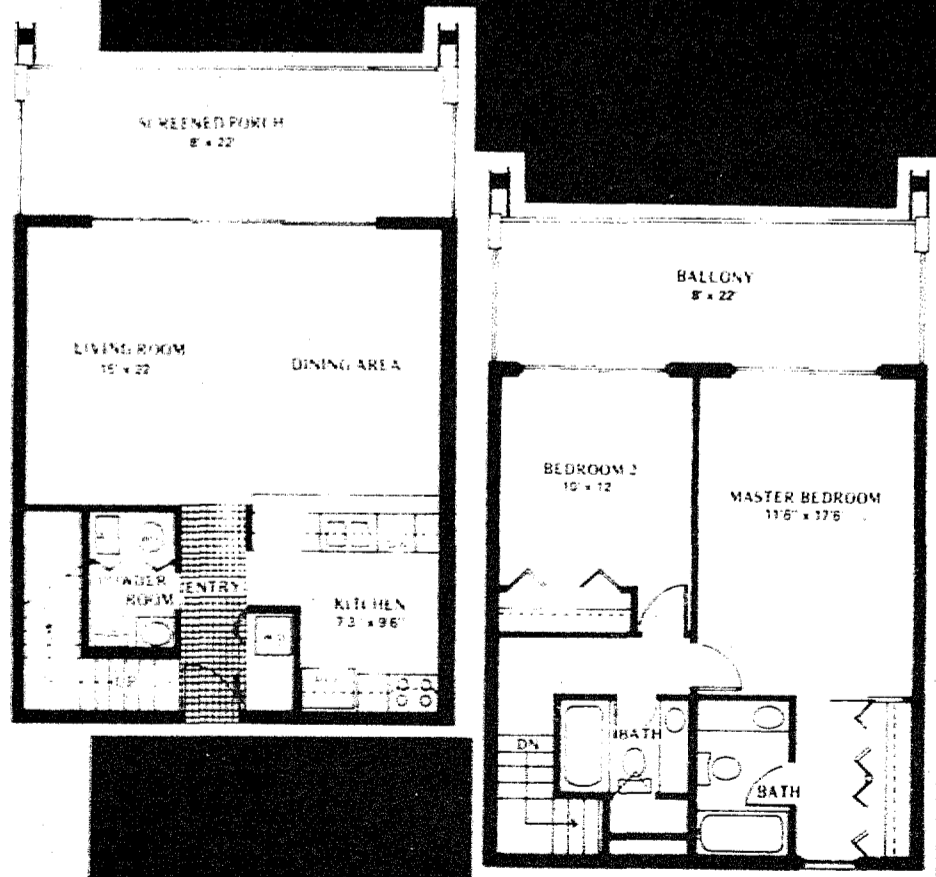
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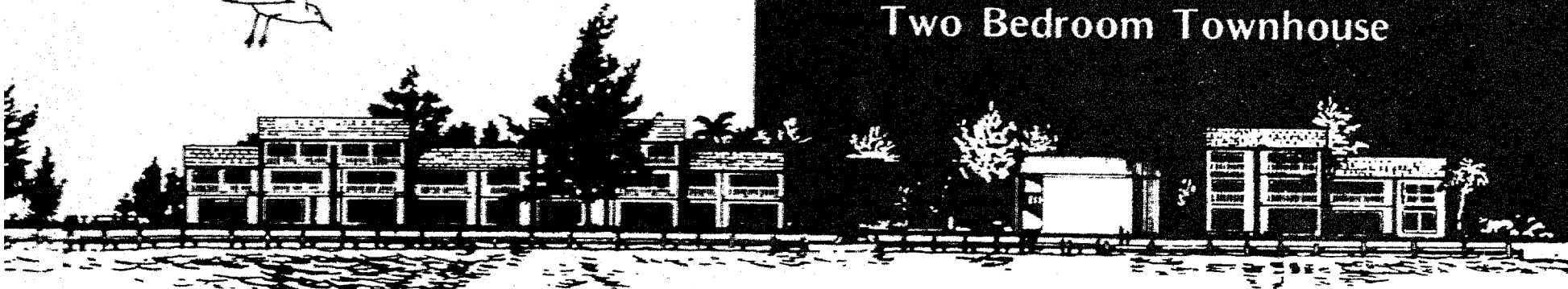


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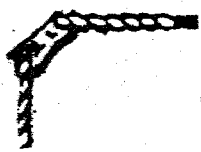
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## A Grain Of Sea Salt by betzi abram



What do you do if you've been a New York City cop for 20 years and you're a real sweet guy who's tired of looking fierce just to keep up your image? Why you take your willing family, retire to Fort Myers Beach and become a Yacht Dealer. Commodore-elect of the Calposahatchie Marching & Chowder Society, and bon vivant par excellence. You do, that is, if your name is Warren Casazza.

Whoever it is who said Italians are great lovers (and I forgot to ask his wife, Ginny, about that particular point, but she looks pretty contented!) has only got part of the story. They're great sailors (Remember Columbus?), explorers (Marco Polo), and most of them have adorable curly hair. Whenever Warren's beaming face (I suppose he can glower, but I've never seen him) appears in the middle of a wild yacht race, you can be pretty sure that, a) his infectious grin will lift your spirits, b) his good humored competition will inspire you to your utmost and, c) you've probably already lost the race.

As a kid, he was introduced to sailing in Gravesend Bay by his Grandpa who, although a New York Times reporter, had sailed in his youth on a Square Rigger and did not hesitate to take him aboard one of the beauties at an early age. The whole process of sailing baffled and enthralled him because he could not understand how the boat could sail in a different direction from the way the wind was blowing. But he didn't get deeply involved until after he was married, when he and Ginny chanced to win a 16' Bianci catamaran power boat through a ticket they bought for a Heart Fund raffle. After a series of power boats, they switched to sailing -- again through the hand of fate.

One year, they took off in the power boat for a 3-week vacation trip and discovered with a nasty shock that the boat used over 50 gallons of gas just to cruise from Fire Island to Montauk Pt. (about 60 miles.) Nevertheless, checking

his wallet, he proceeded on to Block Island, encountering much engine trouble on the way and, to his astonishment, not a single mechanic on the Island. A resourceful man, encouraged by a trusting wife and dire necessity, he fixed it himself whereupon they took off hopefully toward Newport where the American Cup races were being held. About 8 miles south of the harbor, the engine quit altogether, but the ever-resourceful Casazzas rigged up a sail from a 120-sq. ft. tarpaulin by tying it to the radio antenna and a spare bamboo pole, and soon found themselves sailing along in rather overwhelming company. (The didn't win the race, but then they weren't officially registered either!)

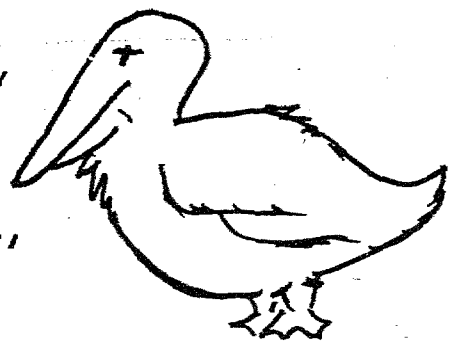
Eventually the Coast Guard towed them in and until the erring motor was fixed they snuggled up in the harbor among some very high class sailors, next to the English 12-metre boat "Sceptre." Somehow the atmosphere, the conviviality of the rag-men reached deep into the hearts of the susceptible Casazzas, and finally when all tired and disheveled one day they saw a couple in their 70's just glide their 35' sloop in against the wind, saw the dear little white haired lady just drop the anchor overboard and the sloop fall back nice and gently on the hook -- his words are not actually on record, but they must have been historic. And that was the end of powering for the Casazza who decided there had to be a better way.

Warren took some sailing lessons in Oyster Bay, Long Island; they bought a little sloop and did a lot of weekend sailing and a lot of thinking about what to do when he retired. Ginny doesn't sail as much any more, because now she "minds the store" while he's out winning the races and showing what his boats will do. They both seem happy with the arrangement, and their customers do too, but one word of warning. Of course, any boat you buy from Warren Yachts can win all kinds of trophies, but the trouble is that when you buy one of his boats, you don't get to keep the captain.

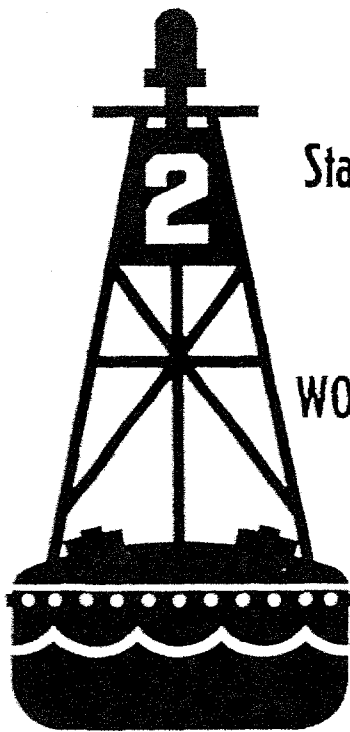
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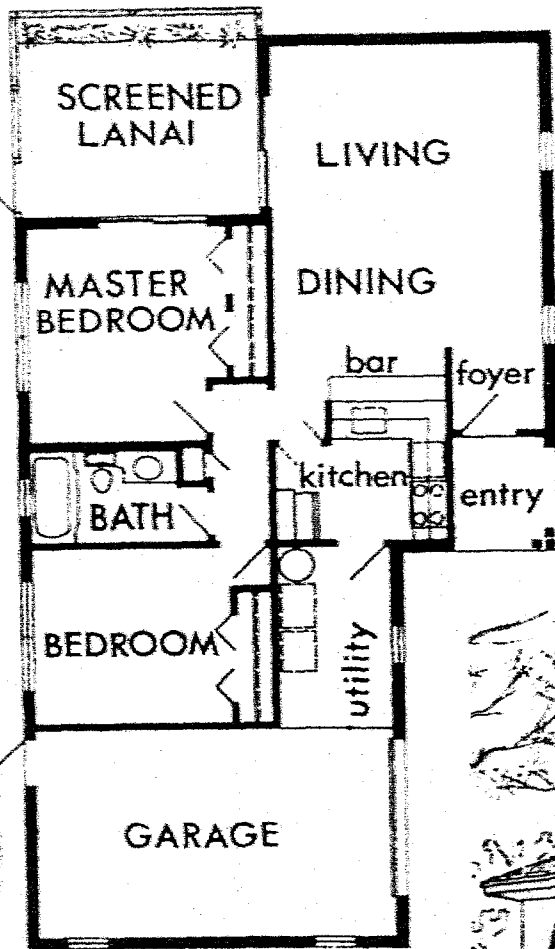
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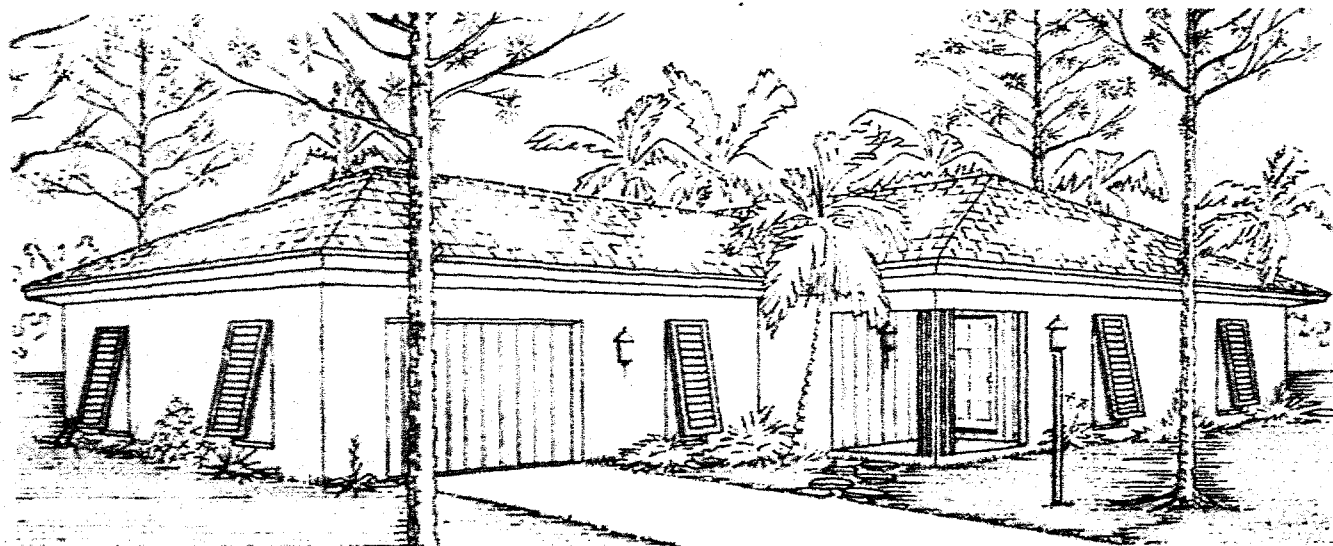


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harvested from state approved harvesting areas both in and out of Florida and processed in state approved processing plants are safe for human consumption, as long as they are purchased from reputable dealers and retail outlets or sold in inspected food service establishments such as restaurants. Yet, we strongly recommend that people do not eat oysters and clams from unapproved sources, for we have no way of assuring their safety."

"To make sure shellfish sold in

Florida by approved outlets are safe, they are constantly monitored by county health department sanitarians from the growing areas through the processing plants. Sanitarians also check retail outlets to make sure the shellfish offered for sale is fresh and safe," he said.

"Consumers can check shellfish in stores by looking for the Division of Health certification number. It is stamped on the cans or marked on packages. The number is preceded by the abbreviation "Fla."

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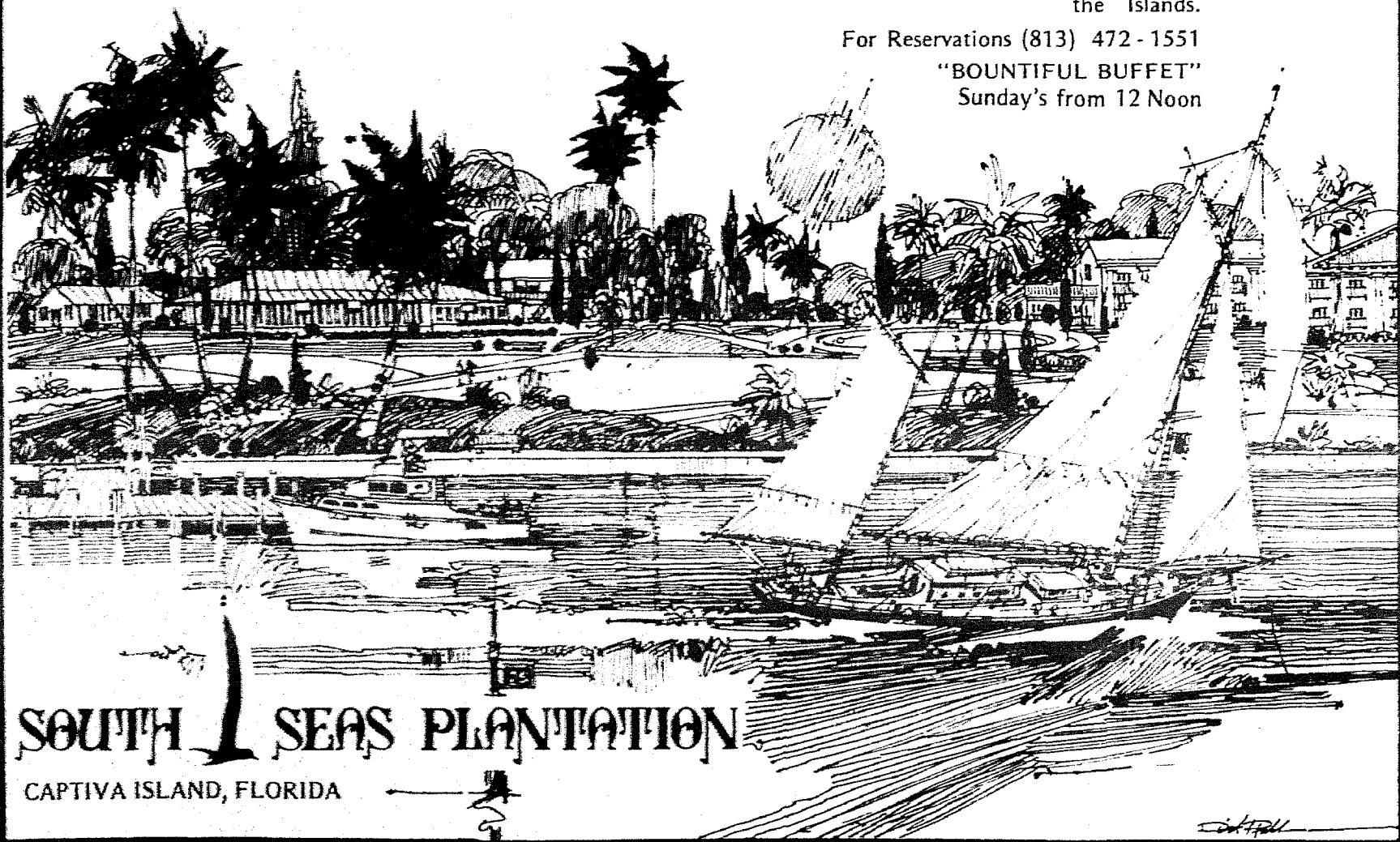
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**ACTING IS AN ART**  
by Ruth Hunter

Acting is an art; some people can act, some cannot. (They do other things better than somebody else.) But it is surprising how many find they have talent. One thing is certain, people who like to act are very creative and find relaxation in creating a character, in putting themselves in another's shoes for an evening. They enjoy being able to entertain their fellow man as it gives them a great feeling of accomplishment. Ruth and Philip Hunter are very proud to have such an energetic and lively group with which to work.

Miami Herald's Tropic Magazine featured the Pirate Playhouse on its cover last summer and called the Arena Theater the focal point for the twin islands' growing communities. I suppose this is correct in a way because when one runs down the list of activities and projects with which the actors are associated, one sees that they are very important islanders. For instance: Glenn Carowan is with Wildlife; Barbar Ritchie teaches at Canterbury School; Carol Nix is receptionist at Tender Touch; Paul Adams is our Postmaster; Fran McClintock is a student at Cypress Lake High; and Jay Bourne's parents run the delightful Cheese Nook. Ronald Wrenn is a real estate salesman for Priscilla Murphy; Charlotte White has Casa Blanca and Robert Dormer has his own San Carlos Realty. Susan Dean is a teller at our brand new First Federal Savings and Loan Association; Margaret and Bill Kruger work at the new library; Marion and Vincent Back design beautiful lamps, mirror frames and bric a brac, while Dale Legel of Cypress Lake High helps at his father's frame fair and the Island's Legel Art Gallery. Every now and then you will see Ted Fonda rowing his wife Dorothy around Turner Bridge. They say he is very good at maneuvering through the tricky currents. Pat Slafer is assistant manager with her husband, John, of Song of the Sea; Barbara Nave will soon be opening a sewing shop, the Nimble Thimble; Keith Trowbridge is director of his own company D&M Enterprises, and you will find Don Modrall at Mac Intosh's Book Shop. The Barrys, Marilyn and Robert have the Island Fair on Palm Ridge Road. All in all a very energetic and talented group in anyone's book.

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Earlier this year "The Haddens" were the featured performers at a state dinner given in the White House for President Bhutto of Pakistan. A year earlier they were the first American pianists to visit and tour China since before 1949.

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The second production of that charming play, "The Curious Savage" opens at the Pirate Playhouse on Sunday, January 6. Author John Patrick, who wrote "Teahouse of the August Moon" among other hits, tailored this one for Lillian Gish who played it on Broadway for a long run. "Curious Savage," Jan. 6, Pirate Playhouse. Curtain, 8:15, box office, 472-2121.



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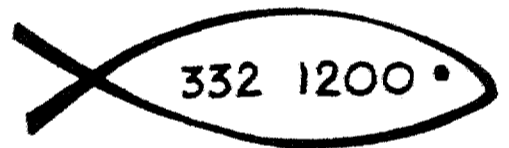
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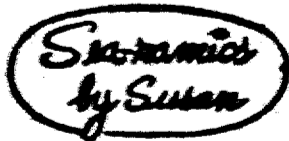
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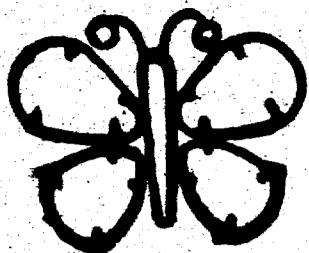
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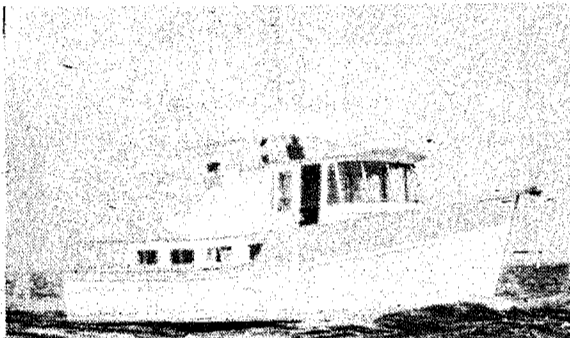
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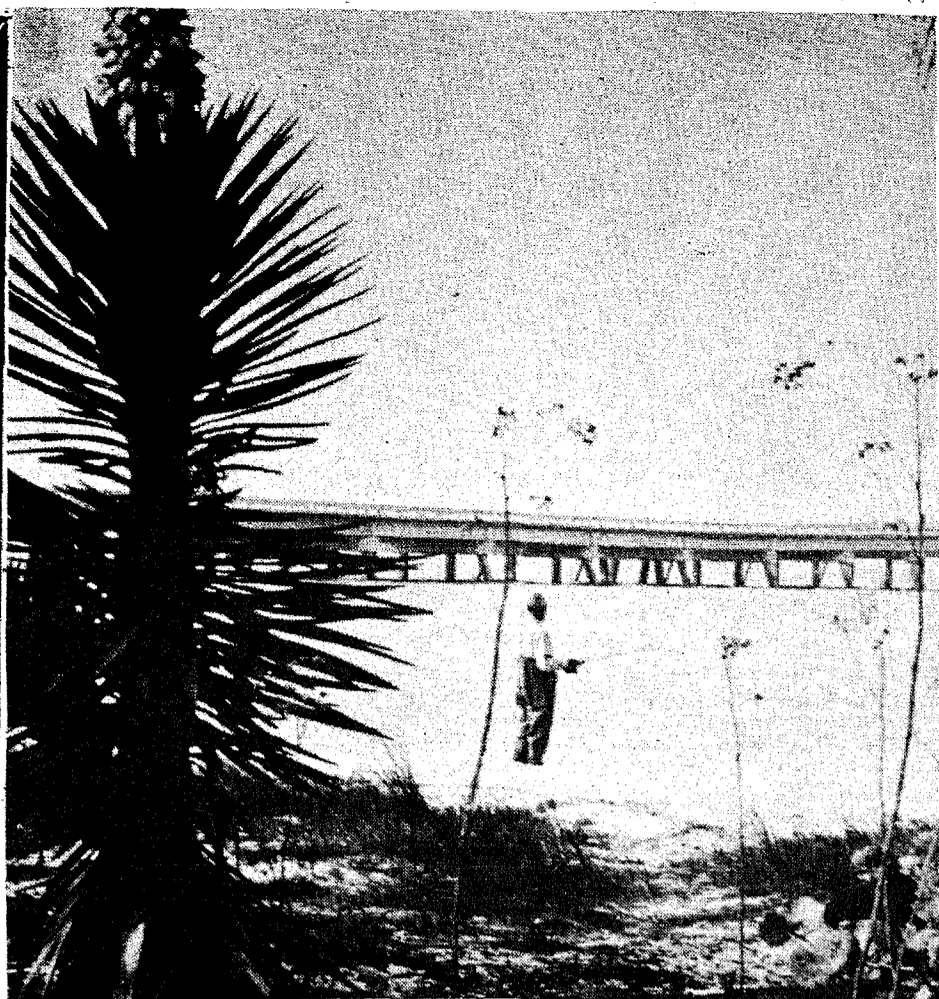
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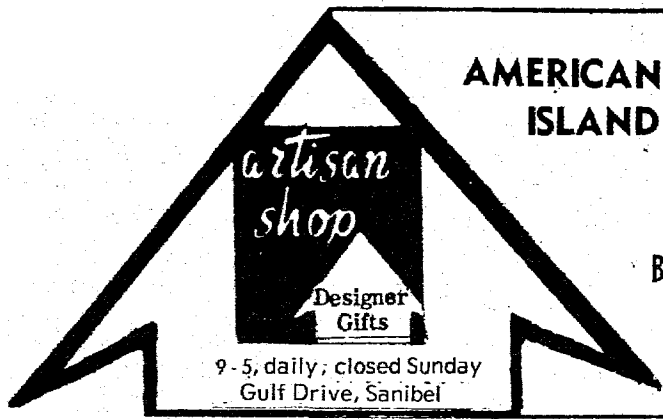
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The memorial service honoring Bill Schnell was held at the Harvey Funeral Home on Dec. 23. Many from the Park attended the service, and Nicely Hanner gave the eulogy. He recalled how he had met Bill, sailing enthusiast and organic gardener supreme, who will be remembered for his loving gentleness to all living and growing things.

Bill was retired head of the music department at Southampton, N.Y. public schools. He and Dory moved here three years ago, and his fame as the gardener with the greenest thumb is already established. Dory states, "He talked to his plants and all living things long before this was recognized scientifically as a growth factor for many plants. Once

he spoke harshly to a Passion flower vine that was not flourishing. His pep talk, plus moving the plant to a spot absolutely frowned upon, produced results; it grew and blossomed."

Though the Schnells lived most of their life in Harboredge in Southampton, they had made Sanibel their real home of late and have numerous friends here. Bill had been such a great sailor, he was instrumental in teaching Bobby and John Kennedy both how to sail when they were just boys. Many will miss Bill who had come to depend on him for his kindnesses and homely wisdom. "Bill would not want me to weep, and so I will continue to live each day to the fullest as he would wish," says Dory, and so will her friends and Bill's.

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**WILDLIFE PROGRAM IS TONIGHT**

Tonight, Thursday, January 3 1974, at 8 p.m., the local Audubon will present its third program of the season at the Sanibel Community House. It promises to be unusual and very interesting, and is entitled "Nature's Creatures, Wall to Wall."

Through colored slides and a live commentary by Rosemary K. Collett, it will show life at Casa de Felicidades, home of the Wildlife Federation of the same name at Venice, Florida. Shown will be rescues and releases of wildlife patients, cormorants and herons in the bathtub, hawks and owls on the dining table, pelicans cavorting in outdoor wading pools, and bottle-fed babies in all stages of growth.

Mrs. Collett is author of several books on animals and conservation and has been featured on national television. With her husband, George, she operates the bird infirmary that will be the subject of tonight's program.

As usual, the program is open to the public, and all are cordially invited.

**ISLAND GATORS ON INCREASE**

Alligators, are true reptiles, and because they look like something from prehistoric times, hold a real fascination for many. Because their skins were valuable for the making of shoes, handbags, belts and other wearing apparel, they have been added to the endangered list, but they are making a big comeback here on the islands. Indians found that the tail, legs and throat make very good eating, and so the Seminoles are now raising the amphibians commercially. They have found that, generally speaking, alligators in semi-captivity shun people rather than attack them. But if you offer an alligator a tidbit, he will take it and quite likely the human hand offering it too, for both look the same to him. Therefore, don't feed any alligator. And don't let your dog run near where they might live, as they are very fond of dogs. They drag the animal under water, drown it and haul it off to their lair for dinner for their offspring. And speaking of offspring, don't let them go near a gator for the same reason.

Alligators have twenty teeth in the upper jaw, and twenty in the lower: their feet are webbed to about the middle, they can travel as fast as 40 miles per hour on land in short spurts. Needless to say in water, their element, they can swim swiftly and stay under water many minutes. They are almost omnivorous but prefer meats. They lay eggs, about fifty rather leathery-looking ones in a hollow in the sand layered with leaves and grass in the Spring so that the sun can hatch them. Right now an estimated 100,000 live wild in the State of Florida, and they used to be found all the way up to the Dismal Swamp in North Carolina, but they are now extinct north of Georgia. They are protected by conservationists and the Audubon Society alike, but many islanders are finding that they are more fun to read about than to live with, as they have killed dogs, ducks and other animals. They have been known to bite humans, inflicting a gouge which needs a skin transplant to repair. So enjoy them from afar, with due caution and respect.

**KNOW YOUR ALLIGATORS SUBJECT OF TALK JAN. 8**

If you want to see close-up (a real live alligator is expected to be present), and learn first hand about real live alligators, come to the Sanibel Community Association Building at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8 when George Weymouth will talk on "Sanibel Alligators and the Danger They Present."

Weymouth, a former member of the staff of the Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge and an authority on Sanibel alligators, will give a 30 minute slide film lecture on the life, habits, and dangers of our overpopulous but most popular reptiles, and what should be done about them.

Weymouth, an independent operator, conducts regular scheduled tours through the Refuge for residents and island visitors. He has made a special study of alligators which have no predators other than man and are protected by law from being hunted or killed. While with the staff of the Wildlife Refuge, he assisted in tagging the critters, studying their habits and conducting an annual census.

At the meeting he will attempt to answer such questions as: "How dangerous are they really?" "Why they should NOT be fed?" "How long do they live?" "Of what use are they?" "How fast do they grow and how long do they live?" "Can they ever be tamed?" "How far do they travel and why?" "How many are on the island now, and how fast are they multiplying?" "Where do they seem to be endangering people as newly developed areas drive them from their natural habitats?" "What about their offspring?" "What part do they play in the wildlife cycle?"

These questions and many more will be answered on Tuesday after the regular meeting of the Association. While the dinner meeting at 6:30 is for members and their guests only, the general public is welcome to come and hear Mr. Weymouth's talk at 8 p.m. All members attending the dinner meeting are urged again to bring plenty of food, as this cold weather produces big appetites.

**WILDLIFE NOTES**  
by Griffing Bancroft

There is no doubt that at least one species of bird is on the increase on our islands - the starling. This will not be altogether welcome news to most people, since many bird lovers love all birds, except the starling. And many would also except the house sparrow and the pigeon.

These three species usually reverse the normal trend. When more people arrive in any given area it usually means fewer birds in the immediate vicinity of cities and densely settled places.

But it usually means more starlings, house sparrows and pigeons. And they in turn, especially the starling, combine with humans in driving other birds away.

There is a reasonable explanation for this. These three birds, which get along better with humans than others, were all imported into the United States from the Old World. Usually when a bird is artificially introduced into a new area he fails to get established because he is not as well equipped to cope with the problems in that area as are the native birds. They have been there longer and thus have more experience with local conditions.

But from an evolutionary point of view, human cities and towns are quite new in America. Thus native birds have had a relatively short time to try to adjust to the presence of human civilization.

But the starlings, house sparrows and pigeons have had many centuries of living with humans in the Old World. Thus when they were introduced into this country they immediately became concentrated around the cities, and with their longer experience in such areas, were able to compete with and even drive away the native birds. And they have stuck right to those places where they are best able to compete. I don't think I have ever seen a starling or a house sparrow, and rarely a common pigeon, very far from human habitation. The wild areas are still dominated by the native birds.

Just a few years ago, when these islands were sparsely populated, there were none of the introduced birds here. Now more people have arrived and with them starlings and house sparrows. Pigeons have not yet appeared in any numbers, but they probably will.

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- Jan. 8, Beach Walk, Lighthouse, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 9, Canoe Tour, Tarpon Bay Marina, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 11, Wildlands Hike, Bailey Tract, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 14, Wildlife Drive, Lighthouse, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 15, Beach Walk, Lighthouse, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 16, Canoe Tour, Tarpon Bay Marina, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 18, Wildlands Hike, Bailey Tract, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 21, Wildlife Drive, Lighthouse, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 22, Beach Walk, Lighthouse, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 23, Canoe Tour, Tarpon Bay Marina, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 25, Wildlands Hike, Bailey Tract, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 28, Wildlife Drive, Lighthouse, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 29, Beach Walk, Lighthouse, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 30, Canoe Tour, Tarpon Bay Marina, 1 p.m.

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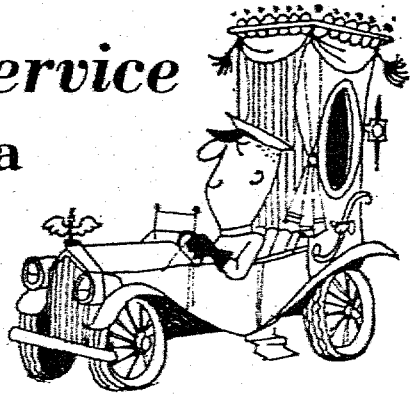
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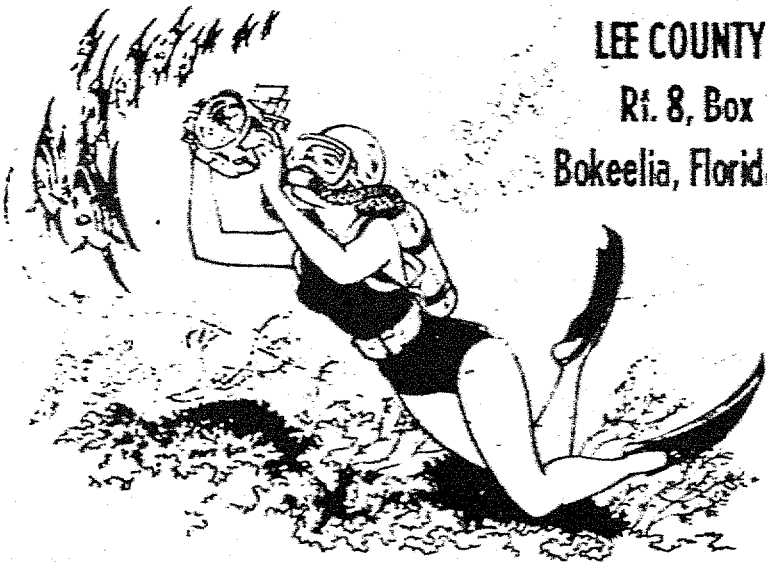
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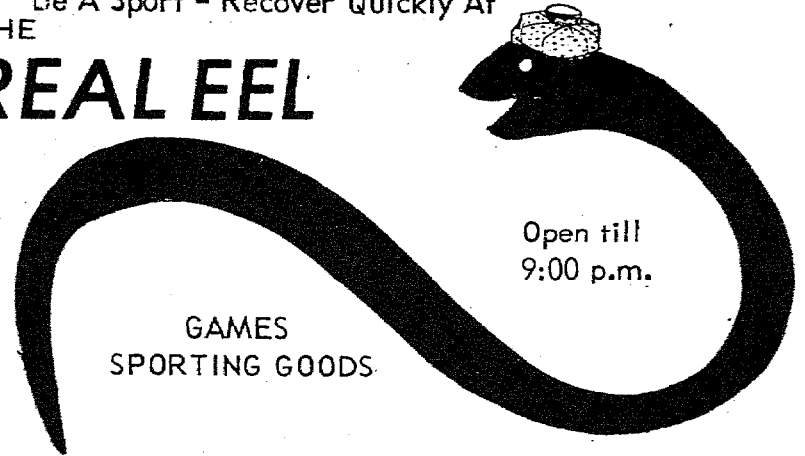
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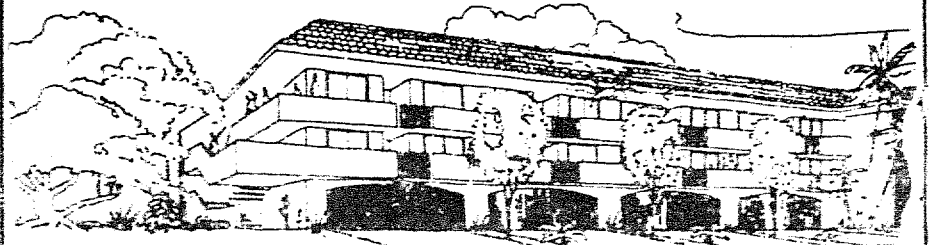


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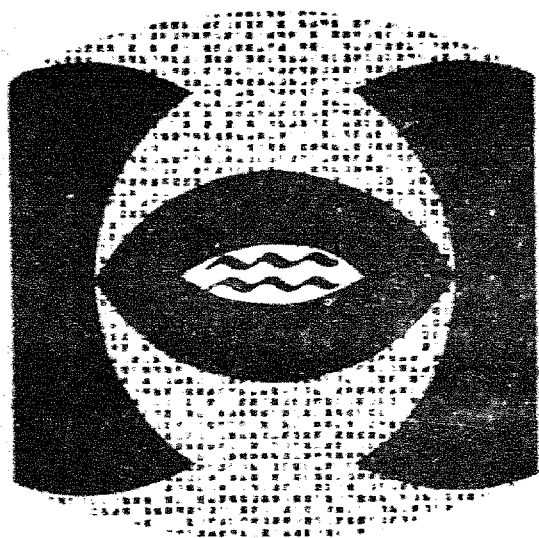
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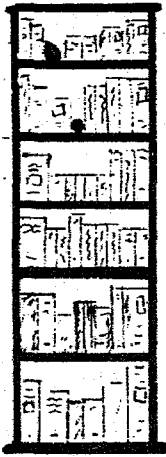
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**This Week at  
 the Sanibel Library**

by Hal H. Harrison

Nothing like getting the year off to a good start; and at the library, that means having shelves full of good books that YOU want to read NOW. We have them.

Let's start with Agatha Christie's new one, "Postern of Fate." Incidentally, that title was changed at the last minute from "Postern of Death." It is a new adventure that brings back the detective duo, Tommy and Tuppence Beresford (you will recall their adventures in "N or M?" and "By the Pricking of My Thumb").

If you liked Dan Jenkins' "Semi-Tough," you can't miss on "North Dallas Forty" by Peter Gent. It is cut from the same cloth --- pro-football. It is a story of eight harrowing days in the life of the author, a former offensive end for the Dallas Cowboys. This book reveals the devastating truth about professional football; a world of drugs, pain, sex and incredible savagery.

If you follow Jack Anderson's column in The News-Press daily, we have this Pulitzer Prize winning reporter's own story, "The Anderson Papers." Anderson reveals not only how he broke the recent stories which have been headlined, he tells this story in unprecedented detail. The book is a provocative and disturbing investigation of power in politics, a hard-hitting energetic narrative which goes behind the headlines.

Have I told you that Lillian Hellman's "Pentimento" is available? The title is an artist's term for an old image that reappears through later repainting done on a canvas. It is appropriate for the book is a self portrait of the author, a collection of her memoirs. The seven chapters deal with diverse periods in her tumultuous personal and professional life. You will recall that Lillian Hellman has enriched the American theatre with "The Little Foxes," "The Children's Hour," "Mataculay: The Making of a Historian." We do not have the latter but we have the other two.

In a poll of its editors taken for the Christmas issue of the New York Times Book Review, only three books emerged as "significant" among those published in 1973. One of those was "The Summer Before the Dark" by Doris Lessing, a book concerned with the situation of present day women. Specifically, it is the story of a 45 year old woman no longer needed as a wife and mother. It is a confrontation with the threat of annihilation, the terror of old age and death. The other two books on the N.Y. Times list: "Gravity's Rainbow" by Thomas Pynchon, and "Macaulay: The Making of a Historian."

Finally, to get you off to a good reading start in 1973, we have Wilma Dykeman's "Return the Innocent Earth." In this book Ms. Dykeman resumes her themes and the Southern Appalachian locale of "The Tall Woman" and "The Far Family" --- continuing the saga of the Clayburn family.

Addenda: In summing up the "best books" of 1973 for the New York Times Christmas issue, John Leonard finishes his list with a well deserved and well placed piece of sarcasm: He writes: "A copy of this list will be forwarded to Drake, North Dakota, so that the next time the school authorities there need something to burn in their furnace, they will know which books to look for in the lockers of their high school students."

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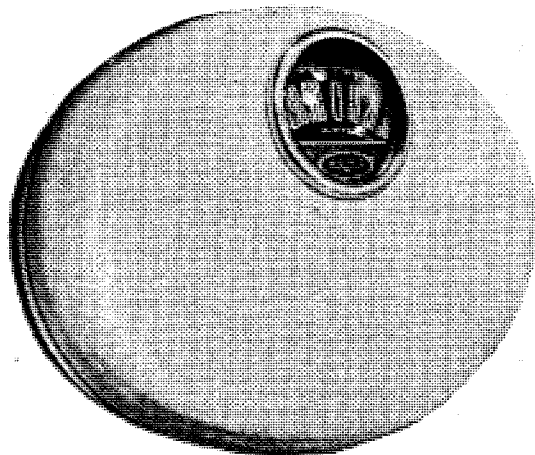
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