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(see other pictures inside)

Home Rule Vote March 27

At a rather long meeting of the Sanibel Home Rule Study Group, Inc., presided over by Ralph Zeiss, it was agreed that only registered voters would be allowed to vote at the critical March 27 election on Home Rule. This decision was reached after a lengthy discussion of who should be eligible. Eligible owners and taxpayers who are not present would vote by absentee ballot.

Vernon MacKenzie pointed out that "property ownership is not the qualifying principle for voting," and Jim Robson agreed with MacKenzie that "only registered voters are eligible," in the general discussion.

The finance committee chairman reported that more money will be needed to meet obligations and commitments. Ralph Zeiss asked for volunteer collectors. Zeiss reported that before the March 27 date, consultant Aileen Lotz will meet with the Board of the Home Rule Study Group and present her report and recommendations.

Other alternatives to Home Rule will be considered, such as creating a special tax district. Actually, such a district might be already in existence since one was set up in 1959 and may still be on the books. A special lobby to represent Sanibel with the County Commission will also be discussed before the vote on Home Rule is taken.

Secret Ballot Okayed

The by-laws were re-read and one change was made in Article 5, Section Two, Line 4, i.e., that directors be elected by secret ballot.

In a discussion of how to get a tax list, Paul Howe suggested that the committee accept a semi-official list from a realtor rather than wait for a much delayed official list involving much expense and time. The list is needed for a tax base to calculate service costs. It was moved and seconded that they accept such tax rolls as are commercially available.

Whether the Home Rule Study Group will continue as a "watch-dog" group or whether they should become defunct will be decided at the March 27 meeting, but at any rate, any funds left in the treasury will go to civic organizations.

A project contained in the county's 23 million dollar road package to four-lane Periwinkle Road rather than add a road parallel to it, was discussed.

A film showing the plight of Pinellas and Hillsboro Counties will be shown at the Board of Directors meeting prior to March 27.

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**WHAT TO DO WITH
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Taxpayers filing Form 1040, with adjusted gross income of \$20,000 or less, who take the standard deduction, can have the IRS compute their tax, Mr. A. J. O'Donnell, Jr., IRS District Director for Florida, said today. This applies to taxpayers whose income is solely from wages, salary and tips, dividends, interest, pensions and annuities, he said.

"Those persons choosing to file the short Form 1040A can have the IRS compute the tax regardless of the amount of adjusted gross income," Mr. O'Donnell added.

To take advantage of this service, taxpayers need only complete certain portions of the tax return, attach W-2 forms, sign the return, and mail it to the address indicated in the instruction booklet by April 15.

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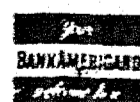
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Who's Who & Why

Young TOMMY SHERMAN found a Spanish piece of eight, dated 1736, on the beach near Periwinkle Park. The coin is equal to eight reals, the monetary system of the time. The Shermans took the coin to Legels who said two more had been shown them, and there is a rumor going around that someone is "seeding" the coins on the beaches. One reason they are suspected is because they are worn only on the edges and not on the face or bottom of the coins.

Tommy and his parents, BOB and ANNE SHERMAN are here for eight weeks, staying at the Lemon Tree Apts. and visiting GWEN and DONALD DONLEY, Tommy's grandparents, who hail from Cleveland, Ohio, and are staying at Periwinkle Park. It is an odd coincidence that Tommy found the coin as his father is a coin collector. One of the other coins was found near the Sun Dial and another near the old steamboat house. "There is no doubt that it is genuine," Tom's father said. If authenticated, they would be very valuable.

DAVID and GRACE WILLS of Warren, Mich., are visiting KEITH, PAT, MIKE and DAVID TROWBRIDGE, and they have been helping in clearing some land with machetes.

VICTOR and BRENT PRESTON of Aberdeen, Md., are enjoying their stay at Periwinkle, and Victor has been lucky fishing for snook, while Brent found half of a lion's paw.

MIRIAM RUSSELL found a strange shell on the beach she can't identify. She thinks it might be a rough scallop with the ridges worn down a bit. It is unusual for its green color which did not come out in bleach, indicating the color is not algae. Miriam is in Periwinkle Park with her trailer camper, and she welcomes anyone who can help her identify the shell.

JOSEPH and MARY M. KESSLER hail from near Butler, Ind., about 7 miles out on a farm where they have lived most of their lives and brought up their family of ten. They love the islands and hope to stay a month longer before returning home to their children and their 22 assorted grandchildren. Six daughters and four sons all live in the area except for LINDA SUE, their adventurous youngest who has moved to Phoenix, Ariz., to study nursing. They will be welcomed home by ISABELLA, MILLIE, JOSEPH D., LOUANN, THERESA, WILLIAM R., MARLENE, JIM and KEITH and all their small fry. They plan to come back next year, God willing.



Other guests at the West Wind included a group of friends from Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. AL KELLUM of Mason City who left Sunday for the north and Mr. and Mrs. FRANK JEFFREY, also of Mason City, who have bought an apartment at Loggerhead Cay and are waiting for it to be finished. Staying at The Snook Apartments were 4 other Iowans: Dr. and Mrs. PAUL MORGAN of Mason City, and Dr. and Mrs. LLOYD GOUGLE of Ottumwa.

According to Mrs. Kellum, they're not really having an Iowa convention; it's just that they're all Ding Darling buffs and love Sanibel. "We'll all be back next year for sure," she said.

On the recovery list this week is PHIL VERDUNG who is sporting a black eye "the first in my life," he states. It is the result of a cyst removal and not from getting in the wrong gas line with an odd number on an even day. Stitches should be removed by now.

We're having our share of celebrities on the Island this week: DURWARD KIRBY, announcer on the Gary Moore Show, and McLEAN STEVENSON, well-known for his TV role on M*A*S*H. Both are staying at the West Wind Inn on Gulf Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. FLOYD LAMB of Periwinkle Park have enjoyed guests this week from Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. DENVER ALSPACH. Dr. and Mrs. R.D. HOLLOWELL of Venice, Fla., were also visiting the Lambs.

GUESTS AT BLIND PASS COTTAGES

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Goodman and children, Dayton, Oh, Mrs. Stewart Lipp, Troy, Oh, Mr. Tony Clark, Pinehurst, N.C., Mrs. Madeleine Ricotta, N.Y., N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heckman, Troy, Oh, were guests at Blind Pass Cottages.

Visitors who have been here before were: Mrs. Dorothy Rolfe, Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Mary Holt, Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Gordon Creveling, Birmingham, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Botsford, Raymond, Maine, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Duncan, East Hampton, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. McKean Thompson, Cedarhurst, N.Y.

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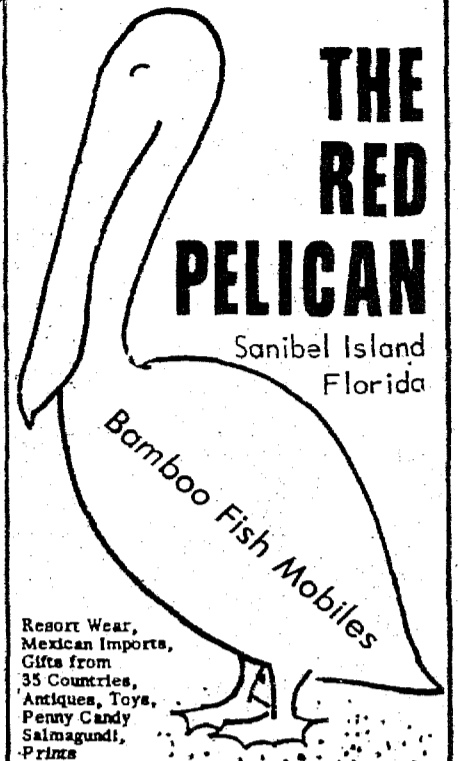
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Out of state guests at The Colony this week include Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Lippold of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. Sylvan Falck of Cincinnati; Mr. & Mrs. Truman Petrus of Ottawa, Ill.; Dr. & Mrs. Carl Welden and family from Minneapolis, Minn.; the John Aycocks of Chicago, Ill.; Dr. & Mrs. L. J. Hankamp of Ann Arbor, Mich.; the William A. Graffs of Wiloughby, Ohio; Mr. Richard A. Schumacher of Northbrook, Ill.; Mrs. J. Iian D. Stith of Harsville, S.C.; the Jonathan Kapsteins; Mr. Sam H. Rosenbaum of St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. William H. Muir of North Warren, Pa.; the Charles Houghs of Franklin, Pa.; and Mrs. Aaron J. Sluyter of Little Falls, N.J.

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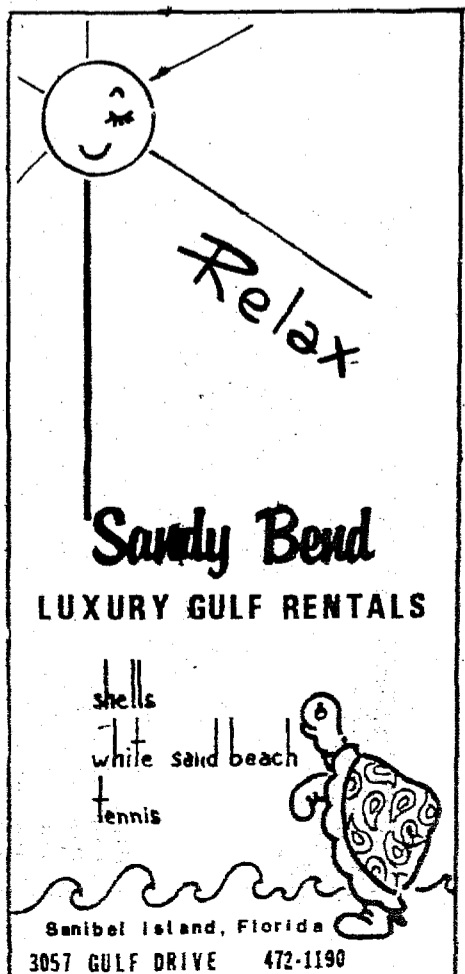
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Letters to the Editor



TO THE ISLANDER:

Sanibel is flooded with ballots for Directors of the Planning Board; scores of ballots are in the hands of non-members who are perplexed at being asked to vote and are wondering about the legality of such an election.

Where I come from such activity is viewed with suspicion as an attempt to elect an undesirable candidate. Therefore, I propose to vote for the incumbents plus Dick Workman of the Conservation Foundation and those I know personally to be NOT associated with developers.

We first came here 25 years ago, and I've yet to learn of a commercial interest who yearned to preserve the land in its natural state, protestations notwithstanding. I take it as the crassest effrontery that they should try for a seat on a planning body.

Anne C. Gibson
Sanibel

TO THE ISLANDER:

In reply to Mrs. Dalrymple's letter, Feb. 21. Your points are well taken, but before you voice an opinion, please be sure of ALL the facts. Many facts must be omitted in a letter, otherwise it would become a book!

First, under NO circumstances would I attempt to drive myself during the day, in traffic, endangering other's lives! These attacks have been occurring usually around 2:00 or 3:00 a.m. If there was a friend or neighbor available, would YOU appreciate being awakened at that hour? Even doctors resent it! And again, after release from the hospital, how would I get home?

As for the ambulance, the men do a fine job here, but the men were not allowed to in anyway administer medication and could only transport me to the hospital. The Sheriff's Department very kindly and expertly gave me escort, so I was not endangering anyone's life but perhaps my own, which is my privilege.

And for a full tank of gas, I also go to work AND a full tank would be used for that and any emergency (where can you get gas at those hours even without a gas crisis). Also, that tank of gas is used to go to town for doctor's office visits, which are quite necessary.

Plus! Had you read my letter diligently, you would have remembered that my gas gage does not work, the part being on order. What would you suggest, under the circumstances? I am not a tourist. I live and work here. It is my home.

So, unless you have a better method of my keeping an accurate record of gas in my tank, or if you care to volunteer driving me home from the hospital, please find out ALL the facts before voicing an opinion. The gas stations on the island are doing the best they can. And these are trying times. I realize this and I am not asking for special treatment at the stations. I wait in line like everyone else and accept whatever amount they are pumping. As for courtesy, you are right. It never is out of style. But it DOES work both ways! There was no scene or harsh words spoken. It was all discussed quietly. There certainly is no grudge on my part.

I do appreciate your views and anyone else's, but please, get the full facts first. As for any further discussion about the matter, as far as I'm concerned, none is needed, and it ends here!

Sincerely,
Helen V. Braun
(Mrs.) H. V. Braun
Sanibel

Editor's Note: We appreciate and enjoy the fluency with which our readers express themselves. Unfortunately, we don't have space to put letters longer than 300 words and must edit them down with great care not to change the meaning.

For our correspondents' convenience: A single average typewritten page, double spaced and with about 12 words to a line is roughly 300 words.

TO THE ISLANDER:

Public spirited citizens of Sanibel should salute the sapient prescience of two distinguished residents: Mordecai Haber and Professor Underdunger.

Now that the condominium boom has burst, leaving four to five thousand speculators holding the bag on the East Coast, the County Depreciation Plan of the Commissioners has been endangered. The gasoline shortage makes things worse. In this situation the plan to bring Amtrack to Sanibel, disclosed by Haber last December, could not be more timely or pertinent.

Professor Underdunger has suggested that the new international jetport, an important element in the Depreciation Plan, be surfaced with translucent plastic elevated on piles. This excellent suggestion comes at the very time Walter Woodhams' artesian well gave up. This well, extending to the aquifer below the five hundred foot level, delivered potable water for many years. After the new wells were drilled by the Water Association, Walter's well became salty and then ceased. This suggests that the free flowing wells in the Sanctuary, the wells drilled by the Water Association, and the wells drilled on the mainland, are exhausting the aquifer and obseleting the facilities of the Water Association.

In this situation the Professor's idea

can be put to good use. The plastic airport can be used to collect rainwater during the summer. Only the problem of storage remains to be solved. Moreover, the Professor's suggestion that the plastic be supported on piling can be revised. If construction of the airport can be deferred until three years after the island is incorporated, the high taxes attained by that time will support the airport without the use of piling. This will reduce the capital investment considerably.

These two men have showed the way to solve difficult problems and overcome formidable obstacles. Inspired community effort is all that is needed to implement their brilliant proposals. Will you do your part?

Wilson Wright
4273 Gulf Drive, Sanibel.

Editor's Note:

Possibly instead of using high taxes to support the airport roof, the pilings could be made hollow and the water stored in them. Hollow pilings are better than higher taxes.

TO THE ISLANDER:

Joe Underriter's letter reveals a complete misunderstanding of my view s regarding condominiums and condominium development. I have no desire to condemn all condominium projects since many are attractive and their occupants are most welcome to the Island. It is the sudden mushrooming of this type of building which causes great concern.

Close to 2000 condominium units have been built or are in construction on Sanibel. Most of these projects commenced in the past 2 years and the end is not in sight. During the same period, and in fact over the past four years, no new motels have been constructed and less than 100 new units added to existing motels. Furthermore several motels are

in the process of converting wholly or in part to condominiums.

When Island motels, some four years ago, voluntarily agreed to limit themselves to 22 units per acre and this limit was established in a county ordinance, they most effectively halted motel growth on Sanibel and Captiva.

Unfortunately condominium ordinance restrictions of 18 apartments per acre without regard to size and square footage (most motel units are less than one third the size of condominium apartments) actually encouraged construction of this type and consequently accelerated the condominium building boom. It is toward controlling this rapid growth that immediate attention must be given.

It is my opinion that an effective planning board should include representatives of all groups on the Islands -- residents, storekeepers, motel owners, and condominium developers. It is through constant give and take discussions that a plan may evolve which will be acceptable to all and yet which will control population density and maintain environmental quality. We need to work together and no one group should be empowered to dominate the planning process. With such harmony of purpose and with a more conciliatory approach to county administrators, perhaps we can attain the goal which up to the present has eluded us.

Dave Holtzman
Shell Harbor Inn, Best Western

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

Why are people who have looked at the other condos on Sanibel buying ours?

One reason is that most Sanibel people have visited here for quite some time. They know what they want. They know what is good for them. They are hard to please.

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environment while changing it . . . with our varied recreational facilities . . . and, with the honest, responsible way we do business.

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JOHN C. RICHTER

John C. Richter, Jr., E. Gulf Dr. Sanibel, Fl. died Monday at the home of a daughter, Carol Ann Mastran of Moorestown, N.J. Mr. Richter had lived at Sanibel since 1971.

He is retired ex-vice president of American Type Founders, Elizabeth, N.J., veteran of World War I, member of King Solomon Lodge, at Elkin, N.H.,

member of Sons of American Revolution. He graduated in 1917 from the Kent School, Kent, Conn. He was 75 years old.

General services were held Feb. 28, at Lewis Funeral Home in N.J. Memorial contributions can be sent to the American Cancer Society. Survivors include wife, Leona T., and three daughters, two brothers and seven grandchildren.

TELEPHONE POLE MAKES A GOOD OSPREY NEST SITE

Glen Bond, refuge manager, assisted United Telephone workers in constructing 4 nests for ospreys in the Ding Darling Wildlife Sanctuary, and the nests are already occupied.

Last year, a nest of ospreys on the microwave tower on the Sanibel-Captiva Road produced young, but they were the only ones on the islands known to have done so, according to Bond. This year the telephone men are building an artificial tower for the birds to occupy next year so they will not interfere with equipment and its operation.

Ospreys, known as "sea hawks," have built nests on the tops of telephone poles, water towers and the microwave tower, indicating a lack of nesting areas, and so poles have been erected especially for the birds.



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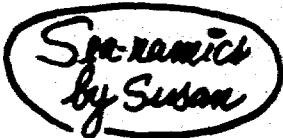
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School News

The following are more thoughts about bicycle paths for Sanibel by the 4th and 5th graders of Sanibel Elementary School.

There should be bike paths on Sanibel because too many people get hurt each year. Cars and trucks can't stop in time if a person on a bicycle rides out in the middle of the road. If people rode their bikes more to the side of the road and cars went farther around the people on bicycles there would be fewer accidents. But we still need bicycle paths. People on bikes should be more careful, and people in cars should be more careful of people on bikes. A car may come up behind somebody on a bicycle and the person on the bicycle might lose his balance and fall right in front of the car. That's why we should have bicycle paths on Sanibel.

by Susan Purdy

I think there should be bicycle paths because too many people are getting hit and kids should have a place to ride their bicycles. Another reason is grown ups get too mad at us kids who ride our bikes on the highway, they honk their horns at us.

Another man on the island said he thinks they're great because they conserve gasoline and energy. He thinks we should use mechanical energy instead of burning up gasoline.

Yesterday a lady got hit while riding her bicycle on the street. It could have been prevented with a bike path, because she was about one foot out on the road, and a path is about three feet wide. If we build bike paths on Sanibel people will think it is much safer, and will ride bikes more often, and will not take the chance of hitting someone.

by Greg Rhodes

One reason why we need bike paths is just think of all the people that get killed without them.

Yesterday Feb. 10, 1974 a 62 year old woman was hurt when she lost control of her bike, and a car ran into her. That could have been prevented with a bike path, because she was about one foot out on the road, and a path is about three feet wide.

If we build bike paths on Sanibel, people will think it is safer, and will ride bikes instead of using up gas riding in cars. It's up to our country to build bike paths and we need them very badly. It's good exercise for anyone to ride a bike.

by Shane Woodring




The reason I think we should have bicycle paths is because at night cars cannot always see bikes because it's dark. When the cars come around corners fast, they can't see the people on bicycles. A lot of people are getting hurt every day on bicycles, but with bicycle paths cars cannot go in the path so the people on bikes are safe. Bicycle riding is good exercise. Cars use up a lot of gas but bikes don't use any. If you can't buy gas maybe you should ride a bike instead. Gas cost money, so does a bike but once you buy a bike you don't have to buy gas for it. Bike riding is fun. A bike path is a narrow road of concrete, asphalt or just shell. Instead of riding a car to your friend's house, ride a bike, just think about how much gas would be saved if everyone rode bikes!

by Suzi Dumouchel

I think we should have bicycle paths because many people are being hit by cars and getting hurt. Another reason is it is not safe to ride a bike in the streets, you might fall down, or you might get your foot caught in the wheel. Bike paths are much safer than the road because there are no cars or if you fall down, you don't have to worry about getting hit by a car. Another reason why I think we should have bike paths is if you go out at night sometimes the driver doesn't always see you, but if you ride on bike paths you won't have a problem about being hit by a car. Riding bikes saves gas. Bicycles don't need gas. That is why I think we need bicycle paths.

by Penney Carter

I think we should have bicycle paths because too many people get into too many accidents. And because bicycle riding is fun. Lots of kids might like to ride but can't because too many cars are on the streets and they get hurt. Bike paths would give us protection from the streets and accidents. A bicycle path is a little narrow road made of a slab of cement. Riding bikes is a good exercise to you. And just think of all the gas you will be saving by riding your bike. When you ride your bike try not to wobble. And use your hand signals so drivers can know where your going. Here are the hand signals:

- Stop or slowdown 
- Left 
- Right 

by Barbie Bissell

SANIBEL RECEIVES HELP FOR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Sanibel Elementary School will receive some money toward building the outdoor classroom they have already begun. The Environmental Education Center, under the direction of William Hammond, will receive part of \$3,900 which Lee County received from a state grant of \$70,000 distributed to 37 counties for environmental education.

Sanibel will receive some help in the building of a chickee, laying out the nature trail, and establishing a frog and turtle pond. The cement floor of the outdoor classroom has already been poured.

Also given to the county and for the high schools was a \$1,000 grant for development of a "Problems of American Democracy" program. A \$900 grant from the Lee County Garden Council also will be distributed to county schools.

Nature Trails

Each of the county schools is being studied to assay what sort of environmental program can be developed. Harlem Heights School, which borders mangrove swamps, will have a nature study boardwalk extending out into the swamp, and children will help with the construction of the walk.

Other schools will have programs commensurate with their particular environments, such as nature trails, flower and vegetable gardens. What used to be off-limits to students will now become part of the school curriculum on the nature study trails and field trips.

Ten other schools have already begun nature projects all of which are a part of the environmental education program. Hammond says even before the energy crisis, the idea of bringing children into learning and contact with the outdoors was in the making. "Now since we can't make field trips, we can still work to bring some of the outdoors, nature and environment to the children," says Hammond.

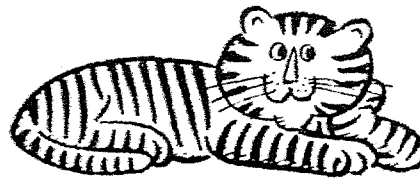
High school students are studying all kinds of community problems in their grant financed projects.

PTA NEWS

The Sanibel Elementary School PTA will have a Flea Market and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 6, in front of Bailey's between 9 and 3 o'clock. The children will offer for sale plants that they have grown themselves and there will be plenty of odds and ends to rummage through.

Donations, other than clothing, will be happily accepted, so please weed out your white elephants now and call 472-1359 to have them picked up or drop them by the School office.

The next regular PTA meeting will be March 19 at 8 p.m. June Muench and her tumbler will hold a demonstration. The second and third grades will talk about Indians. A \$5 prize will be awarded to the homeroom with the most parents in attendance.




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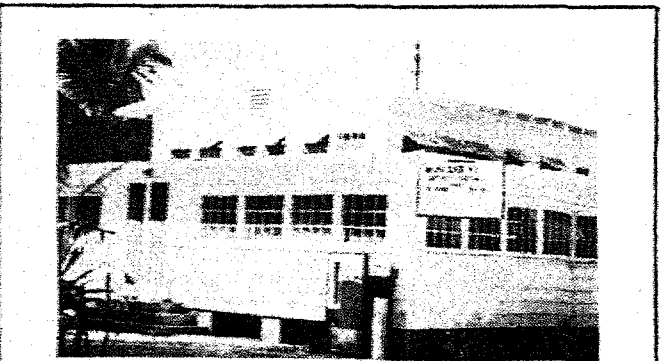
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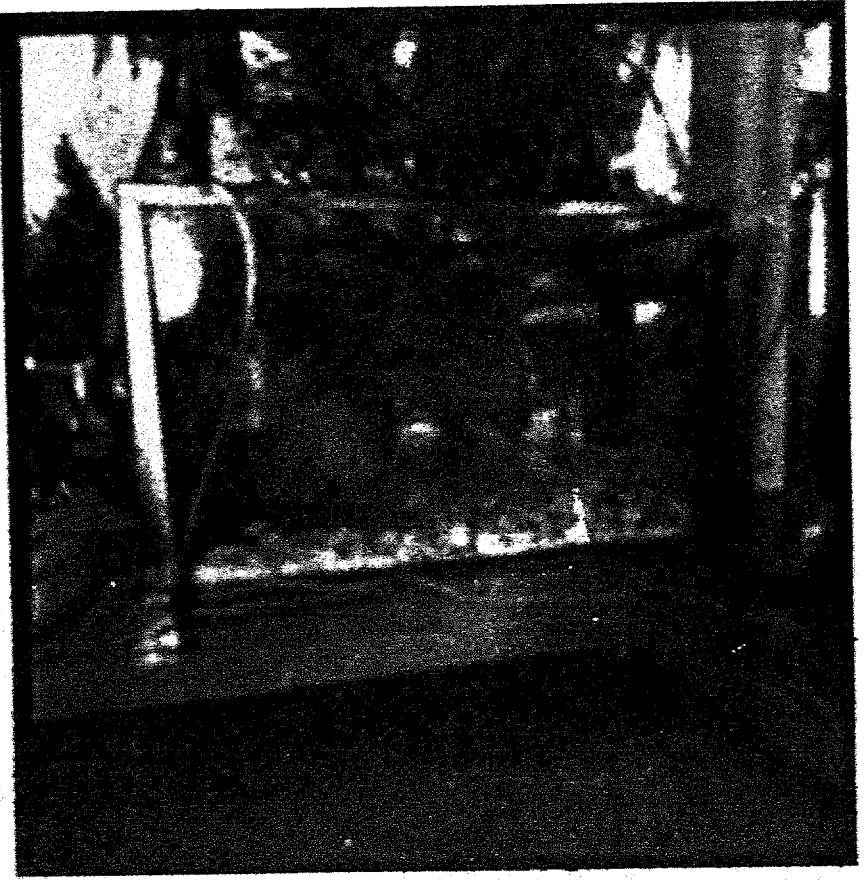
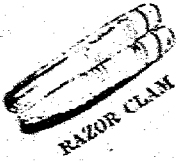
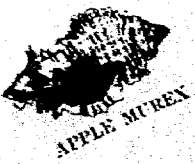
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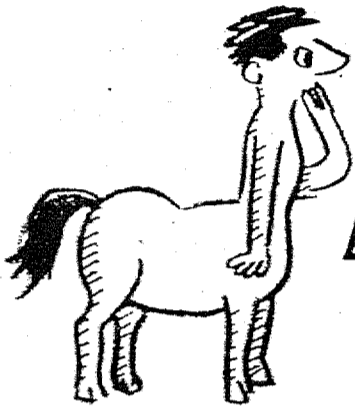
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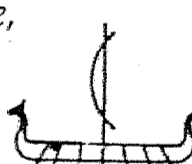


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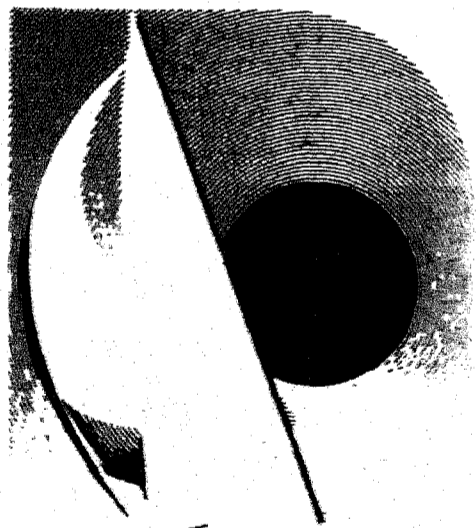


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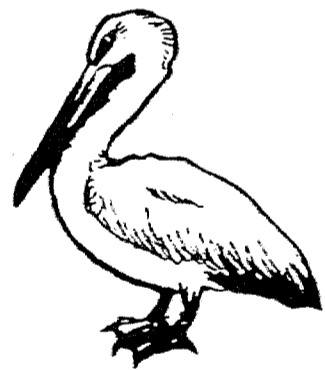
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OPEN LETTER TO MY FELLOW ISLANDERS
by Arlene Webster

This letter is to every "Islander" but specifically to the gentleman whose service station was the only one open about six p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30. You refused emphatically, balked, then at my persistence finally sold me four gallons of gas.

Thank you. That precious fluid assured me of getting back ... to Ft. Lauderdale. Statements you made that day, though, hit me hard. There was no time to tell you why I was on "your" island at the end of the month when I "should have known gas supplies were low everywhere."

I had left Ft. L. that morning with a full tank of gas, about enough for the round trip. But visions of possibly being stranded late at night in the dark of the Everglades made me uneasy. So, again, thank you.

You mentioned people coming in and ruining your island. Bulldozing. Building condominiums. Overpopulating.

Although by island standards, I would be considered an outsider, a "people", the thought of anyone in anyway taking from the natural beauty of Sanibel angers me too.

Why?

Simply because Sanibel is "my" island also. My only claim to title for years had been my love for the quiet peace I found there. Then last fall I purchased a plot of sand, seagrape and grass complete with legal title. However, a clear deed makes me feel no more an islander than before because I think I always was. Besides, no man can actually "own" the earth anymore than he can lay claim to the sea or sun. His real title, if any, lies in his love and respect for it and his willingness to live in harmony with it. Rest assured, no condominium will ever be set on my plot, maybe not even a house. Perhaps I'll let the seagrape flourish and the breezes continue to sway the grasses. Sanibel means as much to me as to you.

And there are special reasons why. From the first time I drove off the old ferry dock about 15 years ago. Sanibel has been a part of me and my life. I remember the pelicans as they always greeted us from their perch atop the pilings alongside. I remember the thump of planks on the landing as I drove over them, and the dirt road past the old Post Office which curved into the main road.

Who could ever forget Bailey's General Store opposite the ancient mail dock, or bayside? The dirt parking lot was filled with outsiders like me who had come to relax and renew ourselves. Inside the store as I'd walk down narrow aisles of this 'n that, the wooden floors creaked but everything was there on shelves. Fishing items for the anglers. Food, cool drinks for all. And reading matter for those like me. In those days one had the feeling that here was a place where locks on doors were not needed. Periwinkle Way had little traffic. Few restaurants were open, and the gift shops were uncrowded. On the Gulfside you could walk all but alone on long stretches of sand. I'd find a spot up in the edge pines and sit with my book or note pad and pen. Strange though how little one does read or write by seaside. There is too much to see and savor. The surf with its constant reassuring break on shore. The pelicans as they'd swoop down for their catch of fish.

Sandpipers, how I love their twittering and turning like tiny ballet dancers. Often I'd stand at waters edge and watch coquina by the hundreds dig back down into their protective sand. Their blues, greens, yellows, lavenders were moving seaside jewels. There were mounds of unbroken shells in those days. Turkey wings. Scallops. Conchs. Olive shells. The list goes on. I'd sit atop a mound and finger them like a billionaire with his treasure. For indeed to me they were. No manmade valuable can equal nature's natural worth. The sun warmed my day. The sky became magic toward evening. Only after dark was the time to sit with a book and a cup of coffee and listen still to the surf. Nights were soft heaven full of complete rest to prepare me for the next wonderful day.

"The bridge will change all this," the islander told me years ago. "I pray not," I answered. There was too much of what life is all about, right here, I had thought. So I continued to go back to "my island."

In 1965 (June), Sanibel was a haven for my daughter and me just weeks before her major surgery for severe spinal curvature. Nancy may not have made it through the following six months

in a spinal cast or the year after that if she hadn't stored up memories.

A treasured find on the beach that summer gave me the title for a book I am working on. To this day it renews our faith and reconfirms the knowledge that strength can be gained from union with nature. It reminds us of many long days spent in the sun, hunting shells. Numerous walks toward the setting sun. The sound of wind in the pines. The call of birds. Man's silence. Nature's com-

munication.

Such union my daughter and I found on Sanibel years ago. For very personal reasons we were trying to refind it on January 30.

So please don't think all outsiders are coming in to ruin "your" island. There are many like me who are sick at the thought of man's scraping and raping "our" island. For, such a place of serenity belongs to all, to be shared, to be held in reverence. Maybe if we all work together we can save some of what's left of our Sanibel. There must be a way.

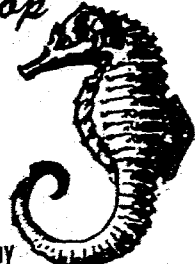
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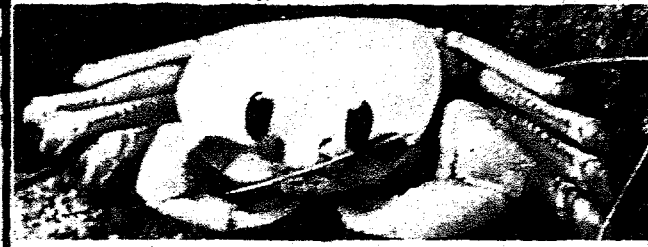


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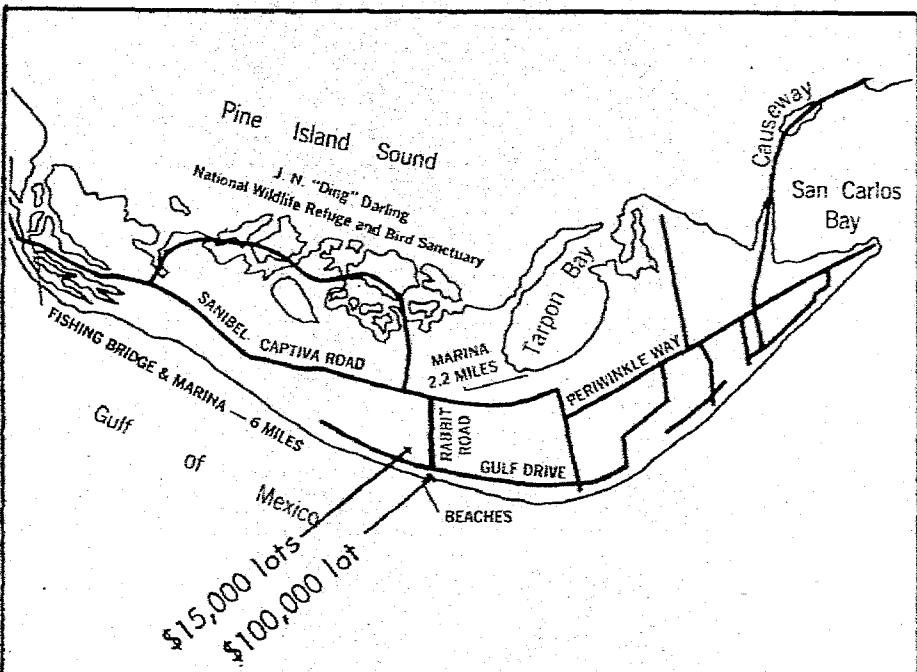
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Clearing House

This Craft Guild serves as a clearing house for information and instruction about our various crafts through demonstrations, lectures, and discussions, and shows their work to the public through annual exhibitions and demonstrations throughout the year. This is their first exhibition on Fort Myers Beach. At present, 27 people are planning to participate in this show.

The Southwest Florida Craft Guild's membership includes many professionals: art professors from Ohio State University, Syracuse University, others from schools ranging from Minnesota, Washington, D.C., to art instructors from local schools. Membership covers an area from Venice to Naples including Cape Coral, Punta

Gorda, Port Charlotte, Fort Myers, Bonita, and Fort Myers Beach. Many of the exhibitors are self-taught. One is an authority and author of several books on weaving. Another member is a ninety-year-old wood carver. His work will be shown by his daughter, since he is out of town. One of the weavers has trained weavers for the Shakerstown Restoration Project in Kentucky.

Admission Free

Come out to the Craft Show and see sand painting in bottles, wall hangings and sculptures in macramé, fiber sculpture from hand-dyed ropes, lapidary and enamel work, leather tooling, stitchery, knitting and crocheting.

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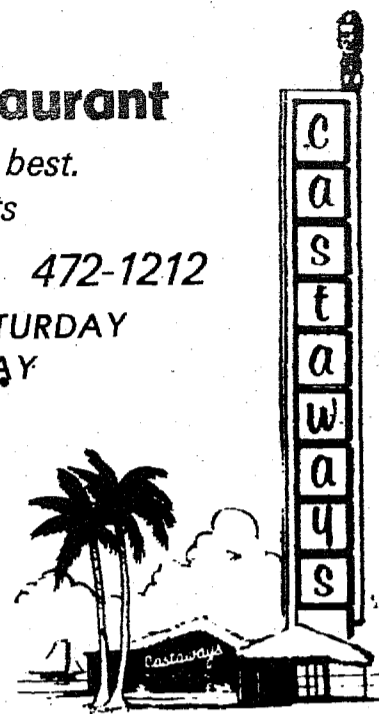
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LIBRARY TO HOLD ONE-MAN ART SHOW

The Sanibel Library will feature the paintings of island resident, Leon R. Levy, from March 11 through March 15.

Mr. Levy, a native of Savannah, Ga., is a retired architect, who practiced in New York City, and whose home, prior to his retirement, was in Norwalk, Conn.

A 1922 graduate of Georgia Tech, Mr. Levy did not start his present painting career until after he had established residence on Sanibel in 1961, when he became one of a group of aspiring artists who took lessons from Bob Wells of Fort Myers Beach. Six lessons found him thoroughly "hooked," and he progressed from the original oil techniques taught by Mr. Wells, to various other media.

His show will include acrylics, watercolors, pen-and-ink drawings, collages, and Japanese Ink abstracts.

He was one of the founders of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, and served as its president for several terms. He has entered many of the Florida Art Shows, and has received numerous awards. His work is represented in private collections in Florida, New York and Connecticut.

The show may be viewed during all library hours.

SECTIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT IS SET

The Eighth Annual Southwest Florida Bridge Tournament will be held March 8-10 at the Seven Lakes Auditorium, on U.S. 41 South.

The Florida unit sanctioned tournament will be sponsored by the organized duplicate bridge clubs of Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, Naples, Cape Coral, Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda.

The women's pairs and men's pairs will be held Friday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m. The master pairs (for those having 50 master points or more) and gulf pairs, a side game requiring no points for entry, will be held at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, March 9, an individual event will begin at 9 a.m. The open pairs is a two-session event that will be held at 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The Swiss Teams of four events will be held on Sunday, March 10 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. This event has increased in popularity because scoring is used that is much closer to rubber bridge scoring than to duplicate bridge match points. An initial loss by a team does not mean elimination because the team then competes with others having similar records.

For each event the entry fee is \$3 per session and awards and trophies will be given.

Free orange juice and coffee will be served throughout the tournament and a buffet will be available Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Free cocktail party, Saturday, 6 p.m. Free golf playing for all bridge players. See golf pro.

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Sport & Fishing Section

A Grain of Sea Salt

by betzi abram

The Shrimp Festival is a pretty heady time on Fort Myers Beach with Mutt Shows, Beauty Pageants, Grand Parades, a surfeit (almost) of shrimp dinners and pancake breakfasts, a grand holiday mood, blue skies and balmy breezes ... but for me (a bit biased, I will admit) the high point was joining all those hundreds of other boats bobbing around on the Gulf of Mexico just off shore partaking of the Blessing of the

Fleet.

Big and small they came, sail and motor ... kayak and canoe, and the stars of the show: the gaily decorated shrimp boats for whom the blessings were given. Knowing how hard those men work, the dangers of their lives, and the hazards to their boats, one could not help adding a blessing of one's own nor, on the other hand, knowing that blessings - like love - are limitless and that some of the beneficent vibes will touch you too.

After the blessings, the pennanted and bedecked boats lined up for inspection by a jury of notables on the King Tut and were awarded prizes for their aesthetic efforts. Happily, this year, there were seven boats and seven prizes. It should always be that way!

And looking over the assembled multitudes, bobbing on the waves in their vastly assorted craft, gave me a splendid idea. Dear marinas, boat brokerages and yacht salesmen - also Yacht and Sailing Clubs - why don't you all band together next year and give a few prizes for the best decorated pleasure boat? It wouldn't

have to be much, just enough to encourage everyone to get in the act. People do so love to dress up and show off. And it's fun for everyone.

Why, FMB might even be the first place in the world to have an official yearly Aquacade (if I may steal the word and change its meaning somewhat.) Imagine a parade by water, with boats like floats (no pun intended), and clowns on water skis. (All this, no doubt, enough to give the marine patrol fits. But surely, it could be managed.)

As it was, anyhow, the scene was grand to behold. The white sails taut in the light breeze, the gaily colored motor boats riding at anchor, or cruising about looking for friends, the bright bathing suits on the beach, happy faces lining the pier!


On our boat, a 54' Catamaran, 19 people sat, lounged or strolled about with room to spare. Curled up on the webbing, or leaning against the lee of the cabin, they luxuriated in the gentle sunshine while the cares of the world slowly melted into the sea. Our host, Al, and

hostess, Peri, worked with such smooth efficiency and joy that they seemed as serenely at rest as their guests ... and the youngest passenger, 15-month-old Cleat, was as happy as any old salt who has put to sea.

The conversation was pleasant, tinged with the love of sailing as a sport and as a way of life, interspersed with the sharing of enjoyment in good food and good company. As usual one came away full of new information ... to try tarragon and caraway seeds in one's cabbage salad next time; to buy fingerless leather gloves to protect one's hands in pulling on the halyards; where to find a specially effective non-skid deck paint, and most of all, an abiding and overwhelming respect for a Catamaran. Capt. John who's long been a firm monohull booster, came away with a slightly dazed look in his eye and a big grin on his face.

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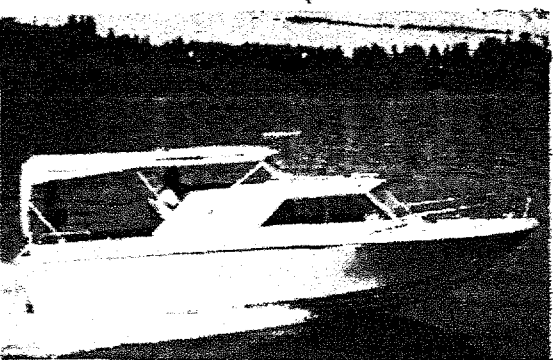
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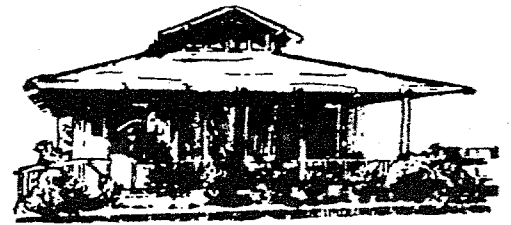
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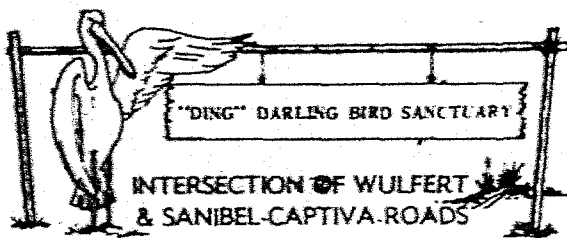
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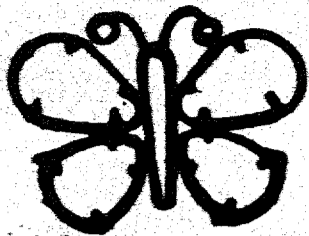
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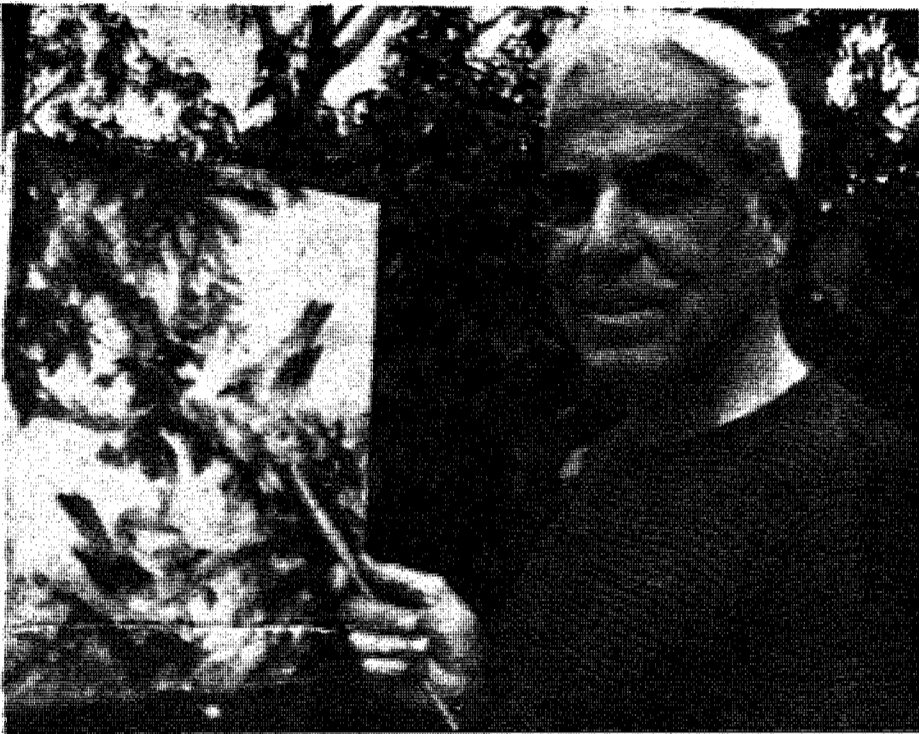
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artisan shop

Gulf Drive, Sanibel

DON LEMON TO SHOW NEW OILS



Don Lemon, noted artist, with one of the 37 oils he'll be showing at the Artisan Shop.

This Sunday, March 20, from 1 to 4 p.m., Don Lemon will be at the Artisan Shop to present 37 oil paintings. Imagine, 37 all at once! Don's baby birds, bird families and seascapes find homes

almost as fast as the paint dries, and he has been working a year in order to make this showing as varied and exciting as Islanders remember his last visit to have been.

Don Lemon is currently listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and received his art training at the Chicago Art Institute.

His love of the outdoors is Don's inspiration. When not painting, he is observing and his work has the timeless

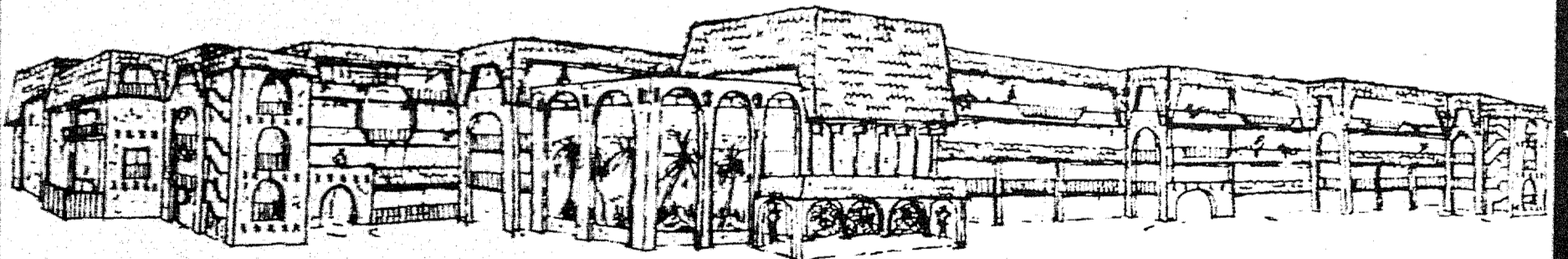
quality of nature caught in a moment of universal appeal.

Two Sanibel residents have graciously consented to let the Artisan Shop "borrow back" a seascape and a painting of a young mockingbird for display, so that you may see Lemon's style before this Sunday.



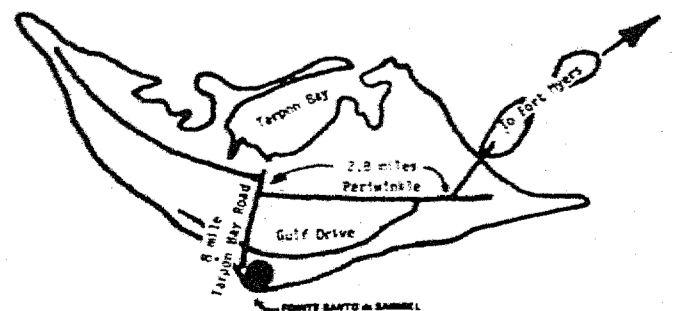
Crowd at Don Lemon's Show last year. His birds and seascapes are highly popular.

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It will be conducted by Dorothy A. Mendinhall, licensed cooperater of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who will present a bird-banding demonstration. Mrs. Mendinhall is indeed well qualified to offer the highlights of bird-banding, one of the most essential activities connected with better knowledge of bird identification and their habits, particularly in the field of their migratory wanderings.

It is unbelievable what she does with her nylon nets and banding pincers, as she demonstrates on live birds caught before your eyes. She has gained invaluable experience over a period of many years in an avocation she has practiced especially during summer and fall months on the "Damsite" sanctuary in Maryland. On some days she has banded more than 500 birds there. She has also banded in other states of the Union and in Central America. Both expert and novice birders attending the demonstration will, beyond doubt, acquire new valuable insight on the purpose of banding birds and its practical aspects.

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

PESKY SKEETERS HAD BETTER WATCH OUT!

The Lee County Mosquito Control District has a new jet turbine helicopter to spray the pesky mosquitoes, according to T. Wayne Miller, district executive director.

"Spray for the equipment has been short, but a fuel breakthrough has been made and the picture is much brighter," says Miller.

Training pilots and getting the plane into operation by the time the summer crop of pests comes in, is pretty well phased in. Sanibel used to have the country's record for mosquitoes, with 400,000 being caught in one hour in the summer, but has been improving with better control methods and now with this new jet helicopter, the situation should change even faster for the better.

In fact, in the last few years, the pellet control system aimed against salt water mosquitoes has worked well and the new jet should really slay the critters.

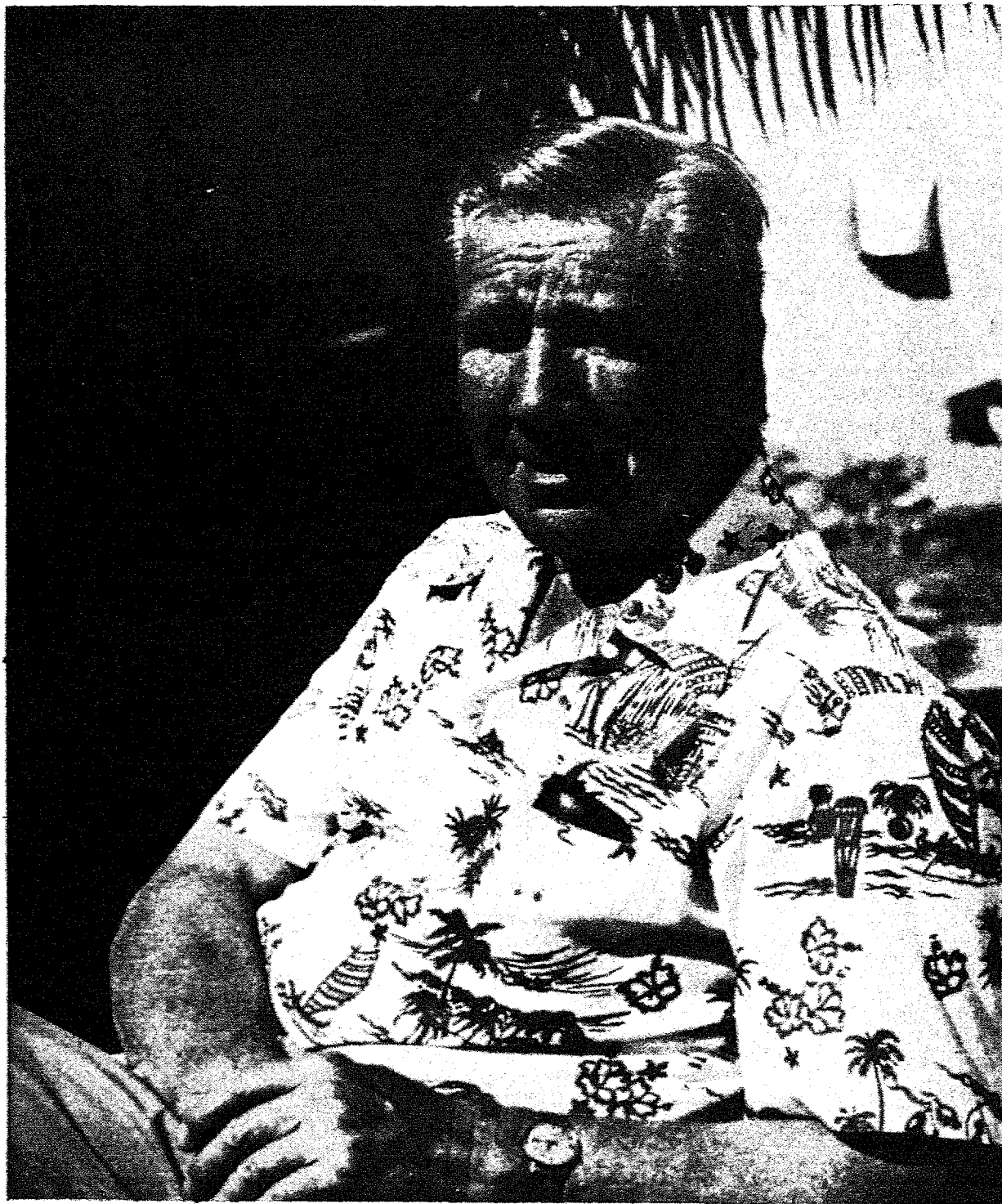


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Durward Kirby didn't do so well fishing this time while visiting on Sanibel. This is the fifth year he's been coming here and you can't win every time, but he says, "This is really a great place to relax and that is one of the things I do best, like lounging in an easy chair, just plain sitting, I call it."

"I like to do the things everybody else does, like swimming, fishing, boating and snelling. I'm not a fancier of the culinary art but I bring my own skillet with me because food doesn't stick to it. My wife and I will be back again; we like it here."

Best Seller List

Fiction

This Week	Last Week	Weeks On List	Title	Author	Price	Description
✓1		16	BURR	Gore Vidal	\$8.95	The old reprobate of American history reborn as a witty, skeptical observer of his contemporaries.
✓2		15	COME NINEVEH, COME TYRE	Allen Drury	\$8.95	More skulduggery in D.C. as an impeachable President confronts a pacifist cabal.
✓3		22	THE HONORARY CONSUL	Graham Greene	\$7.95	A jawbore diplomat is mistakenly kidnapped in this theological comedy set in South America.
✓4		19	THE FIRST DEADLY SIN	Lawrence Sanders	\$8.95	A realistic, well-thought-out murder mystery that bogs down at times in kinky sex.
✓5		17	THEOPHILUS NORTH	Thornton Wilder	\$7.95	The time is 1920's, the place is Newport, and the hero is an inquisitive do-gooder.
✓6		11	POSTERN OF FATE	Agatha Christie	\$6.95	Will Agatha ever quit? Perhaps she should after this boring, dispirited effort.
✓7		33	THE HOLLOW HILLS	Mary Stewart	\$7.95	Back to Camelot as the young King Arthur and his wise boffin Merlin battle various menaces.
✓8		7	NICKEL MOUNTAIN	John Gardner	\$6.95	An unabashed pastorate celebrating the goodness of man, the magic of change.
✓9		1	I HEARD THE OWL CALL MY NAME	Margaret Craven	\$4.95	A dying young Anglican priest living among Pacific coast Indians learns from their culture.
✓10		9	BELLAH LAND	Lonnie Coleman	\$8.95	Life on an antebellum plantation: sleepy time down South.

General

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✓1		6	PLAIN SPEAKING	Merle Miller	\$8.95	An "oral biography" of Harry S. Truman, mostly in his own pungent words.
✓2		32	HOW TO BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND	Mildred Newman, Bernard Berkowitz, Jean Owen	\$4.95	One of those nice little psychological self-help books.
✓3		63	THE JOY OF SEX	Alex Comfort	\$12.95 (Cloth), \$4.95 (Paper)	An uninhibited guide to improving one's sex life.
✓4		24	IN ONE ERA AND OUT THE OTHER	Sam Levenson	\$6.95	Lots of funny stories of the Lower East Side-boyhood genre, salted with folksy advice.
✓5		17	UPSTAIRS AT THE WHITE HOUSE	J. B. West with Mary Lynn Kotz	\$8.95	A former White House factotum reminisces about five former bosses.
✓6		18	PORTRAIT OF A MARRIAGE	Nigel Nicolson	\$10	The life and bisexual affairs of Harold Nicolson and his wife, Vita Sackville-West, told feelingly by their son.
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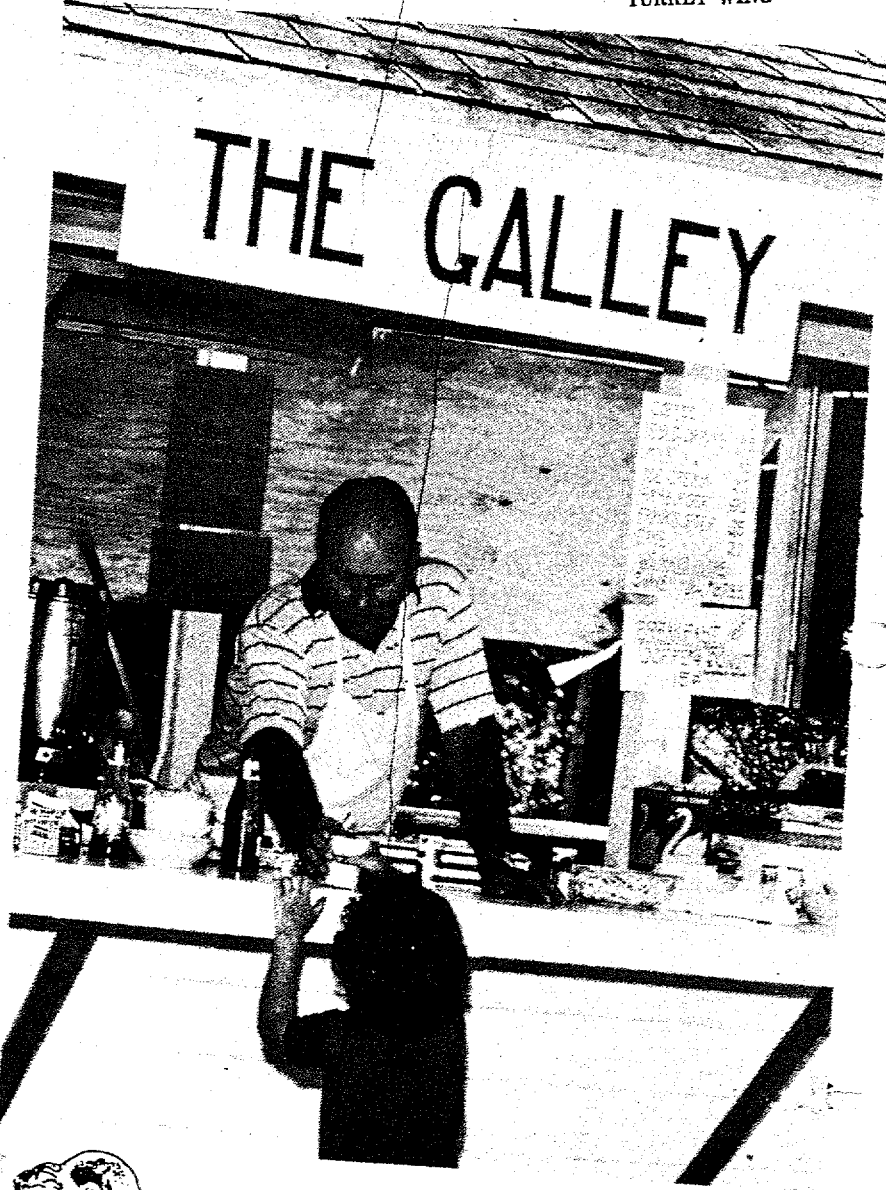
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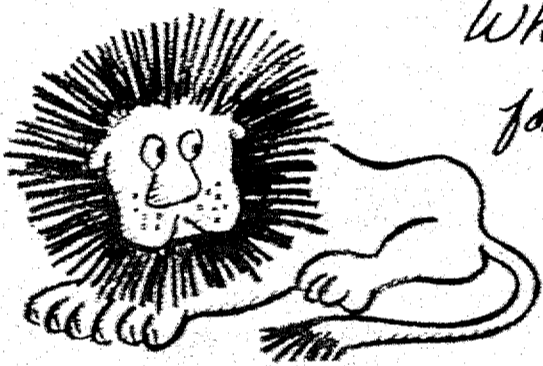
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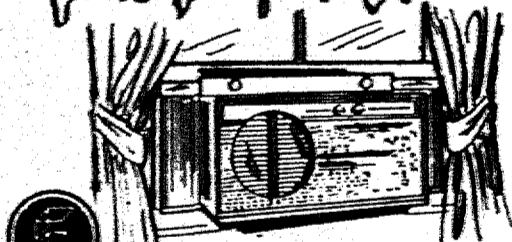
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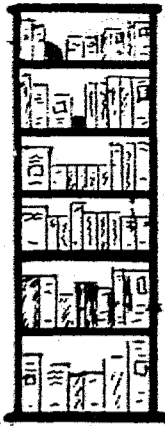
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This Week at the Sanibel Library

by Hal H. Harrison

It is a happy coincidence that the valuable shell library of Wesley Heilman, Coconut Drive, should be received by the Sanibel Public Library at the opening of the 37th Annual Shell Fair sponsored by the Sanibel Community Association. This voluminous library of books and publications, collected by the Heilmans over many years, has been appraised by Tucker Abbott and by Crawford and Jean Cate in a four-figure bracket.

Wesley Heilman's interest in shells began as a young boy when he summured with his family in New Jersey. His hobby grew into a very active avocation, and during the past 30 years he has travelled extensively in the Caribbean and in the Pacific collecting for the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia. Far away places like French Polynesia, Tahiti, St. Croix, Tabag, and Venezuela are familiar names to the Heilmans. As his interest in conology and malacology grew, so did his library. Today, the Sanibel Library is the custodian of these valuable publications.

Among the many books and periodicals donated are Vols. I through 16 of "The Veliger," a quarterly publication of the California Malacozoological Society. Jean Cate is secretary-treasurer of this society. "Hawaiian Shell News," publication of the Hawaiian Malacological Society is another series.

The Department of Mollusks of the Department of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia is responsible for various monographs issued as "Indo-Pacific Mollusca." A large collection of "The Nautilus," the Pilsbry Quarterly devoted to the interest of conologists is included.

In addition to official publications of various shell organizations, Mr. Heilman's donation to the library includes innumerable bulletins and paperbound books on many subjects related to shell collecting.

Mr. Heilman's library of shell books is too extensive to list in one column, but here are a few that may be of interest to avid shell collectors on Sanibel:

"Sea Shells of Tropical West America" by A. Myra Keen. This book covers marine mollusks from Lower California to Colombia.

"Shell Collecting, an Illustrated History" by S. Peter Dance.

"Sea Shells of the World with Values," by A. Gordon Melvin. This one is nicely illustrated with color plates.

"Florida Marine Shells" by C.N. and N.R. Vilas. This is a guide for collectors of shells of the southeastern Atlantic coast and the Gulf coast.

"West American Shells" by Josiah Keep. Included are shells west of the Rockies, including British Columbia and Alaska.

"Handbook for Shell Collectors" by Walter Freeman Webb. The book illustrates and describes 2,200 species of mollusca.

"A Catalogue of Recent Mollusca and Other Marine Invertebrates from All Parts of the World."

Two Japanese publications are superb, illustrated with thousands of color pictures of shells. The books are written in Japanese, but, fortunately, the names of the shells are given in English. They are: Vol. I, "The Northern Pacific;" and Vol. II, "The Tropical Pacific."

"Cowry Shells of World Seas" by Joyce Allain.

ADDENDA: The library just received a little publication of its own which I think is going to have a big circulation on the Island: "How to Clean Seashells" by Eugene Bergeron. Can you think of a more practical shell book for Sanibel?



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Mac Squires, outside the School House Gallery, greets friends and visitors at her showing.

Mac Squires, noted artist, greeted visitors to the Schoolhouse Gallery on Thursday and exhibited a number of her new pictures. Ms. Squires, who was born in Kansas City, reflects some of the wide openness in her pictures and in the greys, fairs and browns of the plains, even though they are of another time and place.

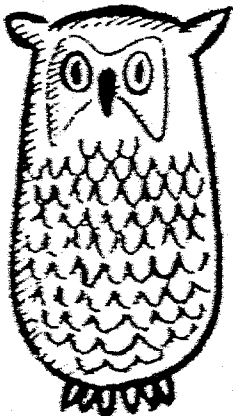
She worked as a fashion illustrator in New York City, kept busy with a growing family of three children, but still found time to paint. Eventually she and her husband, Andrew, and children moved to Wilton, Conn. Ms. Squires began painting in watercolors, casein and oils and making collages.

The past five years she has concentrated on acrylics on canvas and has exhibited widely in New England: Chatham, Mass., New Haven and Wilton, Conn., and at the Rive Gauche Gallery in Denver, Colo. She has won many honors in major juried shows.

Ms. Squires likes to paint scenes through open doors in soft blues, fairs and greys, which give a stark appearance.

Subjects are mud flats, sand dunes and the sea, with fishing docks and sharp angular buildings, but with an overall restful air.

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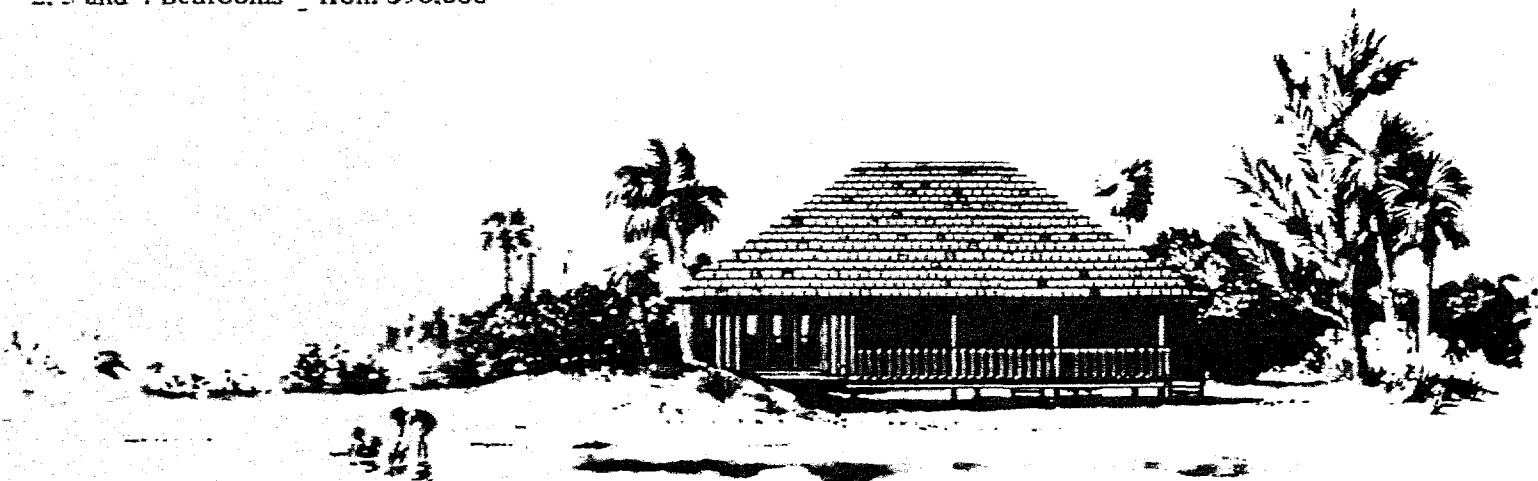
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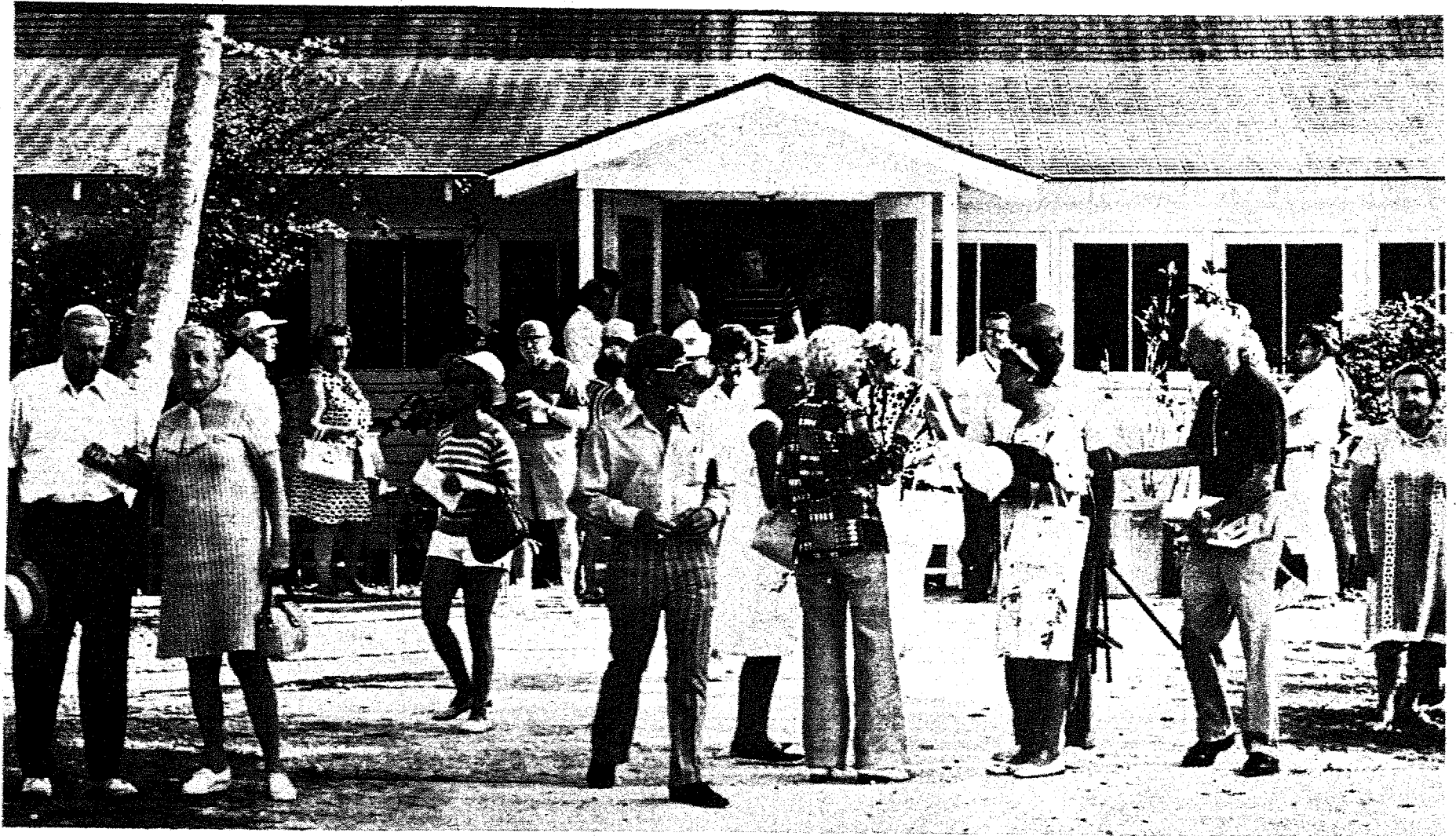
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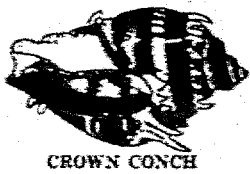
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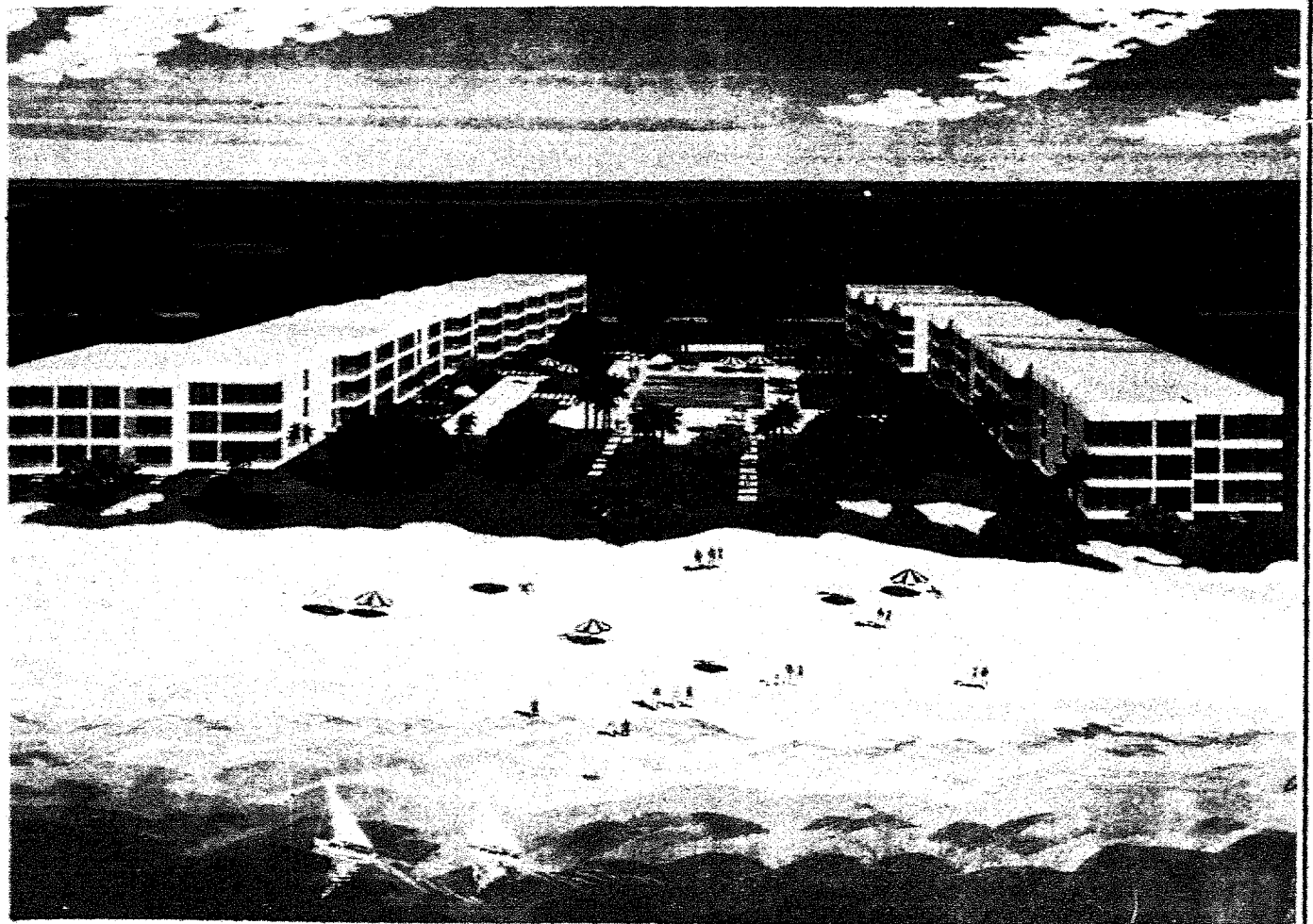
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The Sanibel-Captiva Islander continues to question nominees for the Planning Board of Directors, which will hold election on March 18. Interviews today are with Joseph McMurtry, June Muench, Stephen Reynolds and Norman Chambers.

Mr. McMurtry has been a Sanibel resident for four years. He is a retired director of advance planning for the Pennsylvania Dept. of Highways, a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board since 1972, and president of Sanibel Estates Property Owners Association. Mr. McMurtry believes that it is to the Islands' advantage to maintain a compromise between high and low density, and that 8 units per acre is about right, and even the developers should see its advantages.

Visual Space

He believes that the population of the islands should not go above 20 to 25 thousand, because "it becomes almost a philosophical question of how you want to live. Tourists come to the islands to escape crowds, and many residents have made their homes here for the same reason; to escape crowded urban living. When you permit greater population, you lose some of the quiet charm. More businesses come; too many condominiums usurp even the visual space. People come hunting a place in the sun, and you could have a Coney Island, if you did not limit it."

McMurtry thinks a moratorium would be desirable until the comprehensive land use plan and suggested changes have been reviewed. Mr. Sayers said we ought not to look at one part until we look at the whole in considering the comprehensive plan.

McMurtry does not believe that high rises are suitable for the islands. He would rather see as many trees as possible on the skyline.

Young Mother

Mrs. Jerrold (June) Muench has been a resident of Sanibel for five years, having come to the islands on her honeymoon. She is a former teacher at Cypress Lake Junior High School, a former PTA member, and taught swimming classes on the island and now teaches tumbling at the Sanibel Elementary School.

Mrs. Muench states that she represents the younger island resident, since she is the mother of young children. She is not anti-development but is not sure of her exact feelings about the density question.

"If less population per unit is permitted, then developers will build more units to take care of the amount of people they wish to house," she states.

At present, utilities are going to their limits and will have to expand all the time. With the gas situation as critical as it is, she believes there will be more residents and less tourists, and who is a "resident" is a difficult question to answer right now.

Young People Needed

Mrs. Muench does not know just how large a population the islands can support, but she does not believe that a building moratorium is needed until the services and utilities positively cannot catch up with building. "I suppose it has to stop somewhere, but there are many things the islands need and don't have such as doctors, a day nursery, dentists and so on. There are no adequate places for young families to live at realistic prices, and yet young people are needed to take care of the businesses of the islands that supply needed services. There should be some voice for the unrepresented segment, the young people," states Mrs. Muench.

Stephen Reynolds has been a resident of Sanibel for two years, coming to the islands as a former real estate executive in Del Ray, Fla. He is proprietor of the Clove Hitch Men's Shop on Sanibel, and first vice president of the Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Reynolds thinks that an 8 unit density is a fair figure, if the islands can support that many.

"Utilities and services must be adequate for how ever many units there are. The islands have to grow with the demands, and when they can no longer service the population, the growth figure should be halted until utilities and services can catch up. Right now a moratorium might be in order if utilities run behind development, plus roads."

No high rises should be permitted on the islands, as he favors a low profile.

"If you don't have water and sewers

for people then you ought not to have them here."

Innkeeper

Mr. Norman Chambers has been a Sanibel resident for eleven years. He's a former Chamber of Commerce head and is currently manager of the West Wind Motel. Mr. Chambers said that he did not wish to be quoted, and wishes to remain non-committal, because all questions would require a great deal of thought and study.

CORRECTION

Please correct some information about me that appeared in the Islander 2-28-74.

I am still an airline pilot for Delta Air Lines and only work part time in real estate. Also my stand on the proposed moratorium is to modify it so as to allow single family homes to be constructed on existing lots in existing subdivisions such as Shell Harbor. But not allow further development of new subdivisions or multi-family housing until we obtain a land use plan for the islands.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Rhea Nichols

Wildlife Notes

by Griffing Hancock

The roseate spoonbills are returning to the islands -- right on schedule. These glamorous, pinkish birds disappear almost entirely from this area between mid-October and the end of February. This is the time of their nesting in Florida and the West Indies and only a few, non-breeding, birds are seen away from their nesting colonies during this time.

The nesting colonies to us are in Florida Bay, on the islands between the mainland and the Keys. But recent evidence supports the view that the birds along the southwest coast of Florida go farther south, into the Caribbean, for their nesting.

The birds that nest in the Florida Bay colonies are believed to come up from the south and to go back there when their young are fledged.

In Louisiana and Texas the spoonbills nest in the spring and early summer, but in Florida and the West Indies, these birds nest in the fall and winter.

The young of the year apparently disperse southward after fledging. They are almost entirely white, for it takes about three years for the spoonbills to develop their deep reddish pink color, and virtually all the birds seen here are in this adult plumage.

In any event, whatever age or wherever they come from, it is a pleasure to have them back. As of this writing they usually may be seen, if all is well, in the early mornings or late evening in the Darling sanctuary.

These spoonbills have made a fine recovery in Florida from near extinction. But they were once slaughtered by the plume hunters. Their pink wings were prized for ladies' fans.

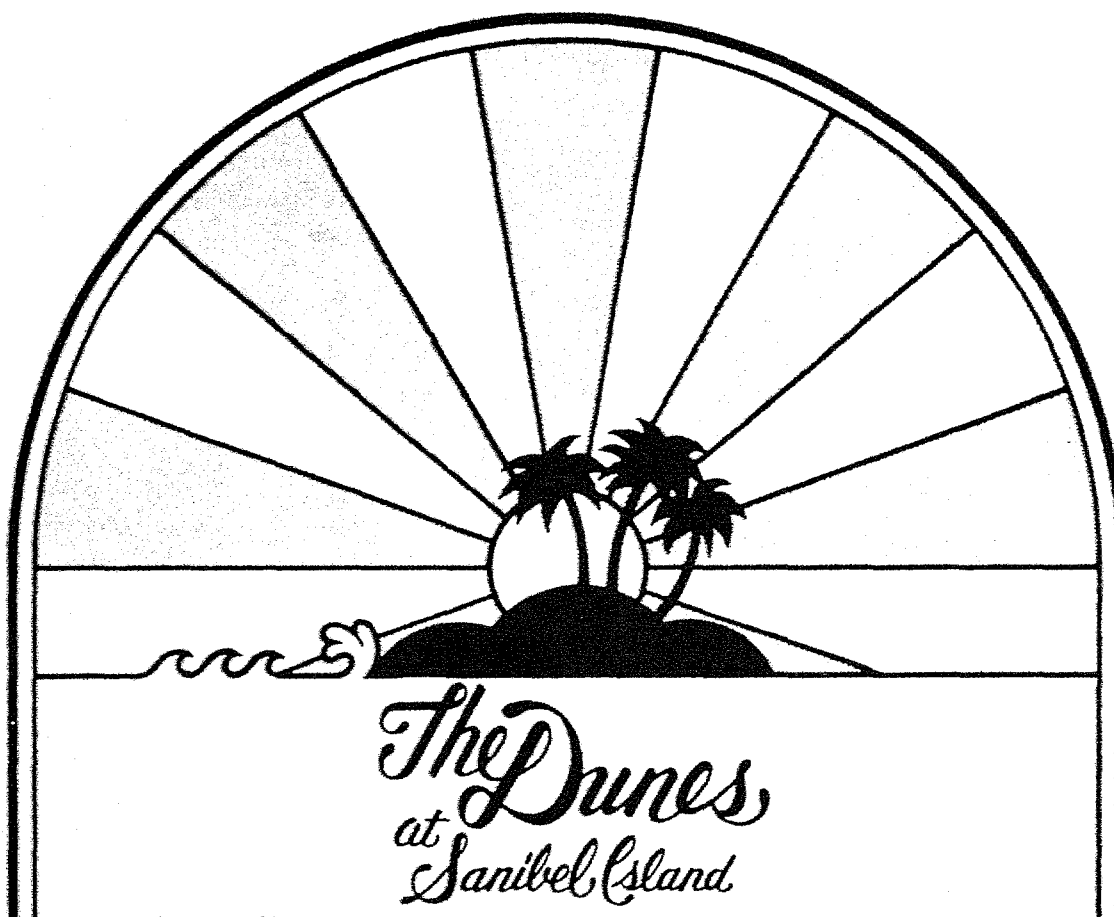
As late as 1939 it was estimated that only about thirty of these birds remained in all of Florida. By then the plume hunting had been stopped and they started to increase. Noticeable increases in the spoonbill populations continued into the middle 1950's. Then intensive development activities in the Florida Keys, their favored habitat in the state, began to eliminate nesting and feeding places.

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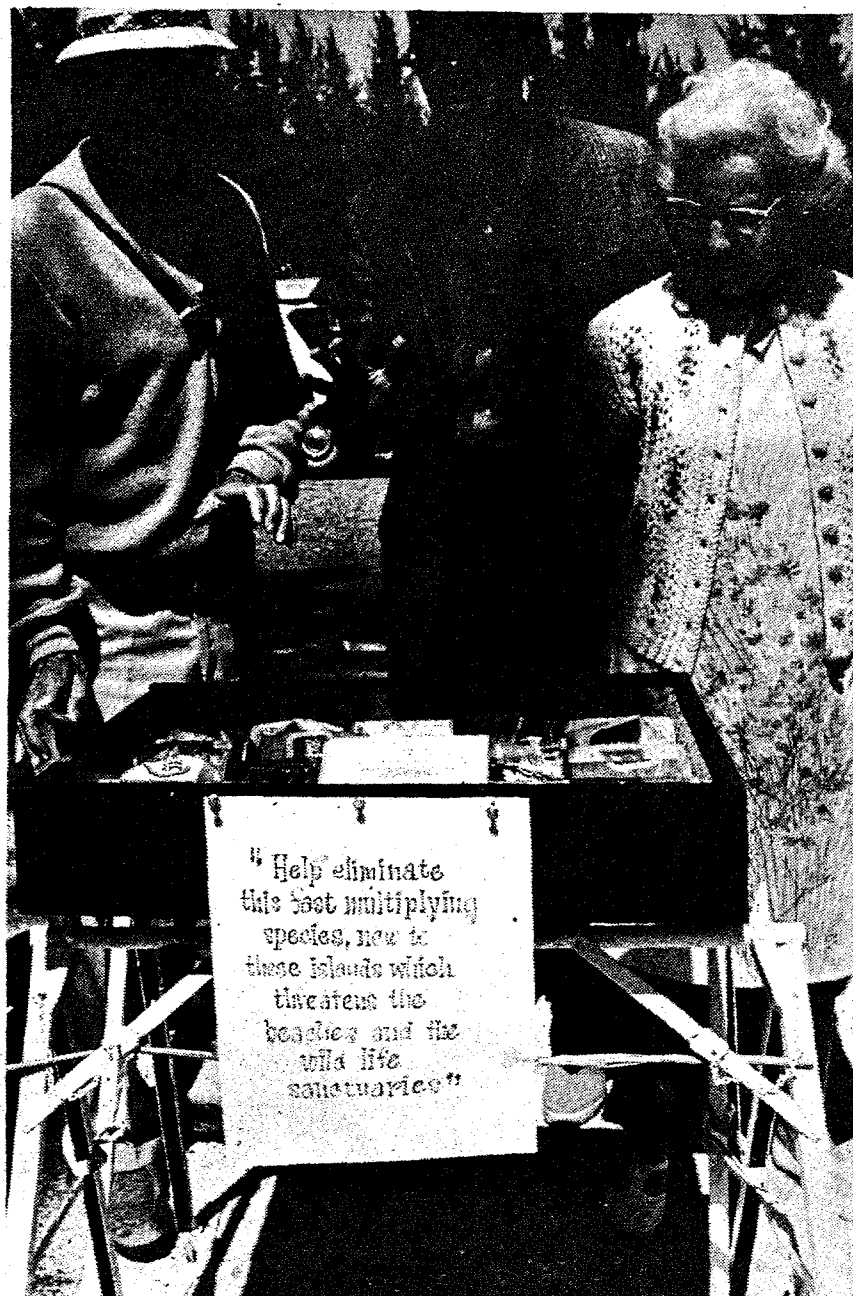
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The informative little booklet tells about the life patterns of wildlife and birds. For instance, a family of nesting osprey is in plain view but a sign warns visitors to pass on without getting out of the car or disturbing the beleaguered bird.

You can take your time going through, stopping frequently to see everything of interest. With this folder, you see more and with a better vision. The trip ends in an interesting hike on Gasparilla's hideaway trail. The book calls this short hike through a wet jungle, but it all depends on what you call short. We walked about a mile and never did see the end of the trail, before retracing our way.

Visiting Vandals

We found most visitors to the Refuge very thoughtful, but one couple in the Bailey Tract was busily pulling up cattails and generally tearing up the flora. Too bad some spoil it all for the rest of us, but common courtesy should tell them to leave things as they are for the next visitors to enjoy. It is our fervent hope they got into a poison ivy thicket in the area they were despoiling, but guess we will never know.

If they do have trouble with poison ivy, we are sure Mr. L. Kessler of the Island Apothecary will have just the right lotion, however, because the well-stocked pharmacy has just about everything, from canes and crutches to all sorts of medical needs and the accurate filling of prescriptions, a service long needed on the island.

Vitamins, sun tan lotions, along with beauty aids and watch batteries are at the Apothecary along with gift items galore, and a wonderful table of all sorts of things at half price. There is room in the store for browsers, and Mr. Kessler is very pleasant.

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The Rescue Squad is certainly in good hands these days. Beside our regular drivers, there are two emergency medical technicians on call too. They are Russ Warner and Guy Amason who are with the Lee County Ambulance Service in Fort Myers, and they go on emergency calls to take care of the ill and injured. They alternate on 24 hour duty, and eventually there will be three crews who will be on one at a time to accompany drivers on emergency calls. They are the ones who sit in the back and take care of the medical emergencies or maybe just hold your hand to reassure you. Another comforting service that our Rescue Squadron supplies!

ABC Sale OK

Busy, busy ladies of the Captiva Civic Association had things so well organized for the Attic, Basement and Cupboard Sale that by noon they were pretty well sold out and they were about \$2,000 richer! In spite of gas shortages the sale took in about \$200 more than last year. A pat on the back is due Mrs. Ralph Friedmann and her committee for their advance preparations and hard work.

Mr. J. Oland won the ten gallons of

gas donated by Gulf Oil Co. as door prize and Mrs. Leo Hofschneider won the new bicycle. Mrs. DeWitt Jones and Mrs. Don Seymour handled the miscellaneous items. Mrs. Sam Conant and Mrs. Frances Anderson were in charge of clothing.

Mrs. Marguerite Fisher and Mrs. William Chamberlain had charge of the home baked goodies; Mrs. Parker Mills, books and Mrs. E. A. Matthiessen had charge of the flower sale. Mrs. J. B. Allin and Mrs. Malcolm Beattie were general helpers to Mrs. Friedmann and cashiers. Thomas Pearsall was magnificent as auctioneer, and all in all it was the best ever ABC sale.

Excellent Program

This has been a busy week on Captiva. Mario Hutton gave his exquisite program "Serenading Sanibel" to an interested group on Friday evening at the Captiva Community Hall. The professional finesse of Mr. Hutton combined with beautiful slides and his absolutely stunning commentary in verse is a delight.

He has a whole new repertoire, some amusing enough to make one laugh out loud and others breathtakingly beautiful. The sad and sobering red tide scenes are counterbalanced, as in real life, by beauty and a resurgence of life. All his birds and animals are a delight.

What a magnificent command he has of the verse forms, and his words, as his pictures, are tributes to life itself. We introduced friends to his photo verse, and we are sure he will be again in much demand next season, for he is a past master of his art, making new friends with each performance.

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U. S. Rep. L. A. "Skip" Bafalis, R-Fla., announced today he is co-sponsoring a resolution to put Congress on record demanding a gasoline allocation system capable of protecting Florida's tourist industry.

"Any fuel allocation program which ignores the need to protect tourism or which considers vacations as non-essential would spell doom to Florida's economy," said Bafalis.

Noting that tourism provides jobs for some 800,000 Floridians, Bafalis said, "There would be a justifiable outcry against any allocation system which threatened 80 industrial plants, each with a 1,000 worker payroll.

"Yet, when you apply the same figures to tourism, there are some who apparently do not care," the 10th District Congressman said.

Tourism Big Biz

And, Bafalis added, Florida isn't the only state which would be affected by this anti-tourism thinking. "Tourism expenditures are the second ranking retail expenditure in the nation, creating jobs for some four million people across the nation.

"Therefore, it is a segment of our economy which must be protected just as we are trying to protect manufacturing, business and education."

However, Bafalis added, there is one other sound reason for protecting the tourist industry.

"In this age of mechanization and increased specialization, tourism and recreation are really essential if we are to maintain a strong, healthy and alert society.

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PUBLIC SEMINAR PRESENTED ON UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE

A consumer seminar will be presented for the citizens of Lee County on Friday evening, March 8, 1974, at the Sheraton Inn.

It is important that the public realize that in the area of consumer affairs, Florida has an effective and far-reaching act since the adoption on Feb. 1, 1974 of Rules and Regulations.

Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act became effective as of October 1, 1973, and will have a great impact toward protecting both the consumer and the businessman against deceptive and unfair trade practices. Extensive regulations implementing this new law became effective on Feb. 1, 1974. In order to advise both the consumer and the businessman of their respective rights under this new law, the First National Bank in Fort Myers is sponsoring this seminar.

The State Attorney, Joseph P. D'Alessandro, has invited as speakers outstanding individuals from both the Federal and State level. The panel members will inform the public of their rights in such areas as false advertising, automobile repairs, sale and repair of mobile homes, rights of the businessman to be protected against unfair trade practices and other areas dealing with

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day-to-day commercial transactions which have been of great concern to the citizens of this area. The consumer and businessman are invited to attend this important seminar and learn the procedure to follow when they have a civil complaint.

Guest speakers will be: The Honorable Paul Rand Dixon, Member of the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C.; the Honorable Robert L. Shevin, Attorney General, State of Florida; the Honorable Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, State of Florida; G. Fletcher Ward, Jr., Regional Attorney, Legislature and Government Affairs for Montgomery Ward & Co., and Louis S. St. Laurent, Chief Assistant State Attorney, Twentieth Judicial Circuit.

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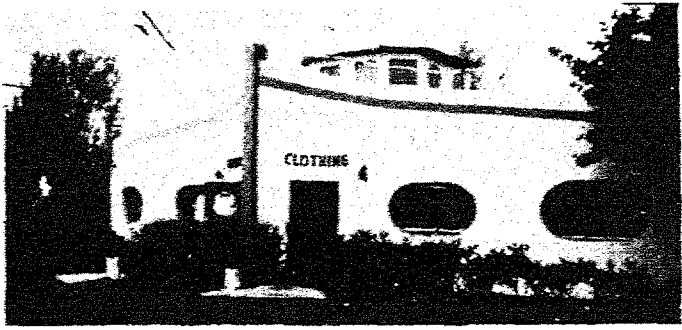
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