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... DETAILS OF LAST NIGHT'S IMPORTANT ELECTIONS ON INCORPORATION WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ISLANDER AS THE DEMANDS OF DEADLINES AND MAILING SCHEDULES DECREE THAT THIS WEEK'S ISSUE WILL BE COMPLETED AND IN THE P.O. BY ELECTION TIME.

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## Flood Insurance Act Will Discourage Development

The Flood Disaster protection Act of 1973 is actually designed to discourage development in flood-prone areas. The act requires communities in the flood-prone area to join the federal flood insurance program by July 1, 1975, or be denied any federal building assistance, including disaster assistance loans and mortgages.

Communities qualify for the program by requiring all new construction in the flood-prone areas to be built above the 100-year flood plain levels (13½ feet above sea level). The act applies to all new construction including single and multi-family dwellings, commercial buildings, mobile homes and substantial additions to existing structures. Questions about utilities coming under the regulations have been raised, but water and sewer lines should be flood proofed.

The act does not apply to travel trailers, campers and existing structures, unless an addition costing more than 50 percent of the total cost of the original structure has been built.

The new act will increase coverage allowed under the 1968 Flood Insurance Programs listed below:

	Subsidized Coverage/Thousand		Total Coverage/Thousand	
	Old Limit	New Limit	Old Limit	New Limit
Single Family Residence	\$17.5	\$35	\$35	\$70
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Contents (non-residential)	5	100	10	200

## Darling Refuge Proposed As Official Wilderness

A public hearing on the Wilderness Act for the J. N. Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge was held Thursday with Donald M. Stone from the office of the Secretary of the Interior asking for public opinion about the proposal. He said the wilderness area would be within and supplemental to the wildlife system, and if endorsed by the people, the Secretary of the Interior will recommend that it be accepted, and the President will present the bill to Congress.

Persons wishing to voice an opinion should write to the Regional Director in Atlanta before April 22, 1974. The endorsements received at this meeting will be incorporated in the official record, he said. There were no objections.

Ray Vaughn, acting regional director from Atlanta, read a description of the wilderness area as without imprint of man's work, with no human habitation, unimpaired and untrammelled. He said the Ding Darling Refuge would be one of eleven located in Florida and noted that the boundaries included 4,755 acres adjacent to Pine Island Sound with a 150-foot buffer zone along the Tarpon Bay dike.

### Half Million Visitors

Vaughn read letters from Governor Reubin Askew and Congressman "Skip" Bafalis recommending that the sanc-

tuary be made a wilderness area. B. E. McCarron, representing Bafalis, noted that over 500,000 persons visited Ding Darling Refuge last year.

Jonathan K. Lee, professor of mathematics from the University of Florida, representing the Sierra Club, endorsed the Wilderness Act for Ding Darling but pointed out that they wished the 150-foot buffer zone reduced to 60 feet so that the area would be more accessible.

Others who endorsed the wilderness area act with the same reduction of the buffer zone were: James William Beaver III representing the Wilderness Society; Richard Workman, speaking for the 1,100 Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation members; George R. Campbell representing the Fund for Animals and the Zoological Action Program; Mario F. Hutton representing over 450 members of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, as well as the Environmental Corporation of Southwest Florida. An endorsement from the St. Petersburg Audubon Society was also read into the record.

### Pressures Removed

Vernon MacKenzie, chairman of the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board of 400 members, endorsed the wilderness area saying it would remove the pressures and decrease the exploitation of mineral deposits.

James R. Butler representing the Audubon Society of Southwest Florida endorsed the area as wilderness but said the buffer zone may have been too extensive and also recommended that other areas, such as Lake Woodruff, be included.

Paul A. Howe, speaking as an individual, and DeWitt Jones, representing the Sierra Club, endorsed the program. C. D. White, representing 1,000 members of the Sanibel Community Association also supported the proposal. About 40 people attended the hearing.

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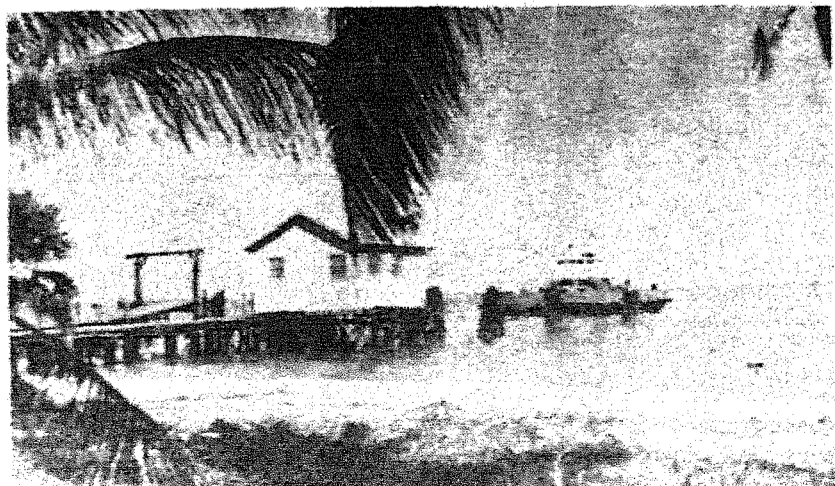
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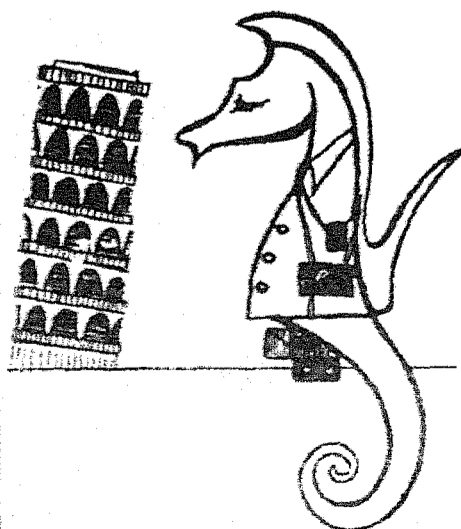
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**LADIES GUILD** of the Sanibel Community Church meets at 1:30 every third Thursday of the month. For details, phone 472-2425.

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

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

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

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

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

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 88** meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the school.

**LIONS CLUB** of Sanibel-Captiva meets at 6:30 p.m. first and third Wednesday of each month at Island Beach Club.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanibel community House. Partnerships arranged.

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL** (Area meetings): Fort Myers, Tuesdays at 12:15 in the Shrine Bldg. (Off Cleveland Ave.); Fort Myers South, Mondays at 12:15 in the Sheraton Inn on Rt. 41; Fort Myers Beach, Thursdays at 12:15 in the Holiday Inn on Estero Blvd.; Cape Coral, Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in the Cape Coral Country Club. For information call Dick Vann, 363 9436.



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# Who's Who & Why

VIOLET and FRED BENNETT of Port Credit, Ontario, will be vacationing at Periwinkle until April 1. They find Sanibel fascinating and saw two large alligators in the Ding Darling Sanctuary. Fred enjoys fishing and crabbing, using the crabs for bait.

MAX C. and ALICE KRUMPHOLZ, of Pompano Beach, have a mobile home on Sanibel. For a delightful change of pace they come over when they can. "We enjoy our hideaway on Sanibel," they say.

SPURGEON and DOROTHY PETERSON of Baytown, Texas, are here for their sixth winter. Camping and fishing are their hobbies.

BOB and FRAN O'CALLAGHAN returned from a visit with their daughter AN and a day on the beach at Fort Lauderdale. "We didn't see any streakers; as a matter of fact, we saw more older people than young ones," said Fran. She also pointed out that though the water was a pretty light green color, it is just as pretty here on the islands and our sand is much nicer. "It goes without saying the shelling is not nearly as good either. All we got was a burn from the sun and sand. So I guess we'll stick to swimming on the islands," says Fran.

"And the traffic -- well, we're trying to forget that," added Bob. "There were few gas stations open; no trouble about getting as much as you needed, but regular gas was about 55 cents a gallon. Even down in the Keys, there was no gas problem, but there were fewer crowds than usual this time of year."

If you go to the Huxters, be sure to say "hello" to LEE AUBEL their genial checker-outer. Lee and her husband, RON, moved here last year and live in a nice new mobile home in Periwinkle. He's employed at The Dunes, and you won't meet nicer folks than the Aubels.

Have you seen DORY SCHNELL lately? This talented gal, who designed and built a home in Southampton, MA, on the Atlantic, says she has lost a ton of weight, and truly she is a real glamour gal. We haven't found out her secret reducing formula, but will keep trying. She's talented in many lines: knows how to fashion jewelry from both gold and silver.

Visiting the PHIL VERDUNS is son PHILLIP, his wife and four children from St. Charles, IL; FLIP, 16, CHRISSEY, 14, BETH ANN, 12, and LEE LYNN, 10, are enjoying a spring vacation from school and are so glad they could get down again to see their grandparents. They report no trouble getting gas.

Phil, Sr., says, "The need for bike paths is acute on the islands. I wonder, if we charged a \$3 or even \$5 local licensing fee, couldn't we build some bike paths of our own? It would pay in the long run if it saved just one life. I don't know who would like the job but I know I would gladly pay the licensing fee."

A truly community-minded individual is CLARENCE R. CONKLIN, who goes about things in his quiet way. Mr. Conklin is a retired attorney from Hinsdale, IL, who built his home on Sanibel eleven years ago. For five years he has served on the board of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and is much interested in preserving the islands. "So he enrolled in a real estate class at Edison Community College," says Clarence. "I want to find out how we can save this island and still find places for people to live."

PRISCILLA MURPHY has had a slew of visitors since moving into her new home. THERESA McCLOY, an old friend from Birmingham, MI, will be leaving in April, and MARGARET MICKLE, old-time Fort Myers resident has been visiting too. Priscilla gave a dinner party at South Seas Plantation for Mr. & Mrs. KEITH TROWBRIDGE, Mr. & Mrs. STANLEY JOHNSON, and Ms. McCloy on Saturday evening.

Priscilla's Persian cat, GEORGE, has been lonely since she moved, and so Pris got a stray from the vet, a long legged kitten, badly scarred by some sort of accident. She named him MORRIS and he has really moved in, keeping everyone amused with his antics.

"But my pet Indigo snake has just disappeared. I hope some hysterical snake hater hasn't destroyed this valuable and beautiful endangered snake," says Priscilla. If you see a stray Indigo snake about 6 or 8 feet long, Priscilla has a home waiting for him outside under some sabal palms.

Truly, the snake is harmless and very beautiful to snake lovers. He is reputed to keep poisonous snakes away, and lunches on rats and other rodents.

MOSELLA JORDAN took a little trip to Miami, last week to hear DUKE ELLINGTON. Got to dance to his music and enjoyed it.

## THE COLONY

Out of state guests this week at THE COLONY include: Donald Smith, Jr., of Hartford, CT; Dr. and Mrs. Bostrom and family of Yakima, WA; James V. Calabresa, and family of Thiensville, WI; Mr. and Mrs. David Upham of Mansfield, OH; Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Modisett and family of Winnetka, IL; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gerhardy of Milwaukee, IL; Mr. and Mrs. David Marder and daughter of Glencoe, IL.

Also Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Zesch of Cincinnati, OH; Dr. and Mrs. E.E. Burzynski of Watertown, WI; Mrs. Henry Wilson of Peoria, IL; Mrs. Hans Hoffer and daughter of McLean, VA; Mrs. John H. Borges of Milwaukee, WI; Mr. and Mrs. Larry L. Mattox and family of Edwardsburg, MI; Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson of Old Greenwich, CT; Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Eul, Jr., and family of Northbrook, IL; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bylin of Cleveland Heights, OH; Mr. and Mrs. L. Boxberger of Ft. Wayne, IN; Mr. and Mrs. E. Leiby of Willow Grove, PA; Robert Clasen of Chagrin Falls, OH; Larry Gianneschi, Charles Kurlalt and Charles Quincan, all of New York, NY.

## ISLAND INN GUESTS

Arrivals at island Inn include Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Johnson of St. Louis, MO; the John Kuniholm family from Wilmington, DE; the Charles Otto family, Indianapolis, IN; Mr. & Mrs. O. Jack Schneidau, New Orleans, LA; Mrs. John Cutler, Barrington, IL; Mr. & Mrs. William Roberts and daughter from Lake Forest, IL; Mr. & Mrs. Norman Bagwell and daughter from Oklahoma City, OK; and the Robert Fishers from Old Lyme, CT.

Also Mr. & Mrs. Roger Block and family from Washington, DC; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Doremus of Morristown, NJ; the Clifton McNeills, Winchester, MA; Mr. & Mrs. William Rhodes, Midland, MI; the David Fowlers of Bryn Mawr, PA; Mrs. George Carter of Thiensville, WI; and from East Orleans, MA, Mr. & Mrs. David Williams.



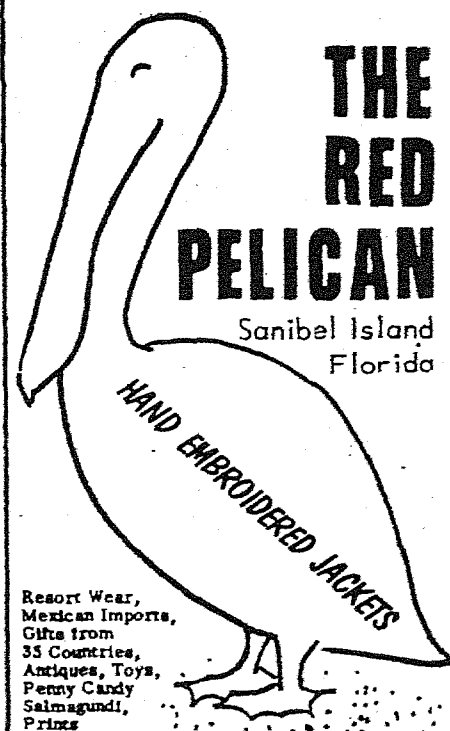
## FOUR ELECTED TO CAPTIVA CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD

The Captiva Civic Association held a meeting on Tuesday, March 19, at which reports were made by the treasurer, Byron Kirby, Dorothy Seymour, member of the Captiva Library Executive Committee and by Paul Stahlin, head of the Captiva Erosion Committee.

The new board members elected for a 3-year term were Marjorie Elting, Mrs. Ralph Friedmann, Frances Shaver and Paul Everett. Eleanor Stevens was appointed to fill the unexpired board term of Mary Stolz.

At a call meeting following the general meeting, the board elected the following officers for 1-year terms: Byron Kirby, president; Mrs. Ralph Friedmann, vice president; Paul Everett, treasurer, and Eleanor Stevens, secretary.

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## Browsing Around by Fran O'Callaghan

The Looking Glass, the bath boutique, is a little difficult to find, as it is hidden away behind Snack Shack II in Punta Ybel Plaza on Buttonwood Lane but it is well worth looking for if you have an old bath that needs to be rejuvenated or a new one to be decorated from scratch.

Becky Cowan, pretty proprietress, chose a great business to be in for she has received commissions to decorate the baths and boudoirs of a number of new condominiums: King's Crown, Point Sante de Sanibel and Sanibel Siesta.

The boutique has just about any and everything for the bath, from soap dishes, towels, toilet seats, shower curtains and coordinated ensembles of these articles to the actual fixtures. The shop carries accessories in vinyl, lucite and wicker, hand-painted wooden baskets, a complete line of shampoos, bath oils, soaps from the Carolina Soap Co. and elsewhere. Betty also has candles and pictures for both boudoir and bath, waste baskets, fancy toilet paper, some in the checked design so popular now.

R and B Liquors is a new beverage store located next to The Huxter's market; John Williams, the young and personable fellow who runs R and B, is the son-in-law of Robert Potts, owner of The Huxter.

"Between the two stores, we can satisfy all your beverage needs, for the Huxter sells soda and beer, and I sell the stronger potables," says ex-schoolteacher Williams. The shop offers a complete stock of liquors, a dozen or more brands of scotch, 30 or more brands of bourbon, including Ezra Brooks in a cute gift bottle, plus dozens of regular whiskeys. There is a great selection of both imported and domestic wines including such notables as Lancers, Harvey's, Almaden, Beaujolais, Noilly Prat and Mumm and Co. offerings.

Tequila and 18 kinds of vodka appear on the shelves including Lime, Cherry, and Smirnoff Silver in a cocktail shaker. There are 16 brands of gin offered including Tanqueray in a gift bottle, and ten kinds of rum including Barbadoes, Rumdinger, Hawaiian, Ron Coco Liqueur, and light and dark cordials and liqueurs.

Williams says that he has the largest inventory and selection of liquors on the island, and we believe it. His prices are good; look for his weekly specials to save even more money.

The Needle's Eye in Punta Ybel Plaza is a new shop specializing in needlepoint, crewel and other stitchery. Anne Boland of Captain's Walk runs this crafty little shop, and she is a lovely warm person, a delight to meet and know. Her materials are all of the newest design and the colors on the mesh are hand-painted, so that you not only know what the finished product will look like, but you can follow the colors as you sew.

She has a wide assortment of colors and types of yarns: 260 shades of yarn and custom designs such as hand-painted shell patterns and other specialties. You name your design and Anne can probably come up with just what you have in mind.

Some of her wools are from Australia and soft as down. Paternayan wool is imported from England. She has pillow kits and silk screen rugs ready to be finished with needlepoint.

Anne has the popular mono canvas (one strand) and the older, ever-popular double strand Penelope, as well as hand-painted meshes in size 10, 12, 14 and 18, which is 18 stitches to an inch and is like petit point. She also has some nice wooden trays all ready for the needlepoint insert.

Crewel work is high on the popularity list right now, and Anne offers needles, hoops and crewel kits for all ages. Besides coasters, golf club heads, tennis racket covers, quick point in the heavier canvas and yarns in kits made in Holland, she has many more nice things to be made by you.

She will help you with your stitchery, for Anne says, "I have always been crafty, working on needlepoint in my spare time as secretary in a busy real estate office in Hinsdale, IL. Several years ago, I designed and furnished a doll house for my granddaughter, all made of needlepoint."

Perhaps you have a big project in mind like needlepoint seat covers for your chairs or just a purse to finish. Big

or small you will find something to keep your fingers busy at Needle's Eye. I fell in love with a large purse-like grab bag for one's needlework that can double for a weekend bag. It is a must just to go in and look around.

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Correction: Mrs. Robert Haynie is chairman of Noah's Ark and has been for several years. Many persons were also quick to point out what a wonderful job she is doing. Our apologies for missing our cue in last week's story.

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### CORRECTION

Dr. Curtis, who is consulting physician for the new pre-school program organized by Judy Workman, is Dr. Charles P. Curtis, not Clayton Curtis as was stated in last week's Islander.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

Thousands of ducks died in the recent red tide that hit the St. Petersburg area. Joe Quick, marine pathologist at the St. Petersburg laboratory said studies are being made to determine exactly what caused the duck kill, since it produced no apparent blood changes in the birds as it does in fish.

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Storks have emerged from their shells and parents are busy feeding the noisy babies in the Corkscrew Swamp area now. Visitors can get quite close to view the birds who are on the endangered list.

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Blasts on the island which rattled windows Wednesday night were attributed to persons who may have been dynamiting tree trunks. Phil Verdung of the Fire Dept. warns that such action is illegal without a special permit

### ST. PETERSBURG TO LIMIT PEOPLE

The City Council of St. Petersburg has come up with a real humdinger of a people limit. A hearing will be held on April 4 on an ordinance that calls for the registration of people who moved to St. Pete after Jan. 1, 1973. Officials would decide who had moved in after a population maximum of 235,000 had been reached.

Latecomers would be given six months to leave and for each day they stay after the expiration of the six month period they would be given a separate violation. By July last year the population level of 235,000 had already been exceeded according to a study by the University of Florida.

So, potential residents will have to wait for someone to die or move out before they can move to the city. Sounds like St. Petersburg, Russia's, plan for the population explosion.




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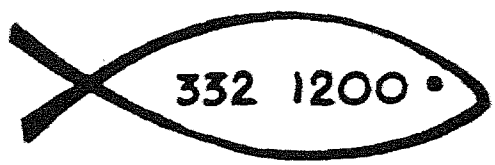
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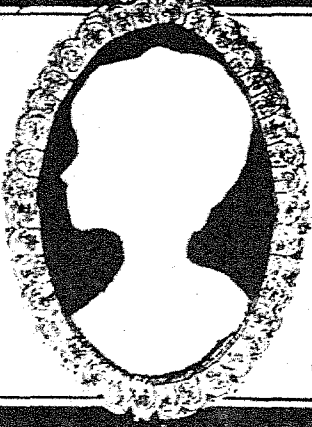
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**GAS ADVISORY SERVICE TO TAKE UNCERTAINTY OUT OF TRAVELING**

The Holiday Inn System launched a nationwide computerized Gasoline Advisory Service (GAS) on March 10, in a major effort to take the uncertainty out of traveling.

Lauded by Federal Energy Director William E. Simon as "a major service to the nation as well as to Holiday Inn customers," the advisory service will provide travelers with information on fuel availability within five miles of each of the more than 1,470 Holiday Inns in the continental United States.

"Our pilot GAS program tested in February along I-75 and I-95 in the southeastern United States has proved to be highly successful," said William B. Walton, H.I., Inc., vice chairman. "Thousands of motorists have called Holiday Inns to learn about the availability of gasoline along these two major north-south routes to Florida."

The advisory service answers four questions for the callers: Is gas available? Are stations limiting the quantity? Is gas available after 6 p.m.? Is gas available on Sunday?

Inn front-desk personnel will be able to give their guests more information about specific stations in the area with gasoline available. Frequent daily checks with nearby service stations will be made to assure up-to-date information.

As they occur, changes in gasoline availability will be reported via computer terminals in the inns to the central Holidex computer in Holiday Inn's Memphis headquarters where the information is compiled and stored.

"While we want to encourage fuel conservation, we know that the continuation of travel is important to our national economy," said Mr. Walton.

"Providing the public with up-to-date, factual information is the way we feel we can best help to alleviate the current gasoline dilemma," he said.

**COMMISSIONERS "DISCOVER" VIOLENT GROWTH ON SANIBEL**

Dick Sayers, County Commissioner, finally suggested Wednesday that the Commission schedules a public hearing to air and possibly tighten zoning requirements on Sanibel, but no time was set for the hearing to slow "a wild building spree" on the island.

Five months ago the commission was asked to halt construction on the island by imposing a moratorium, but the commission turned down that request, and so did Sayers. Now that the commission knows that Sanibel residents may seek to incorporate, Sayers is trying to revise a zoning ordinance lowering maximum density for condominiums from 18 units per acre to 12 and from 22 units for hotels and motels, to 20 units.

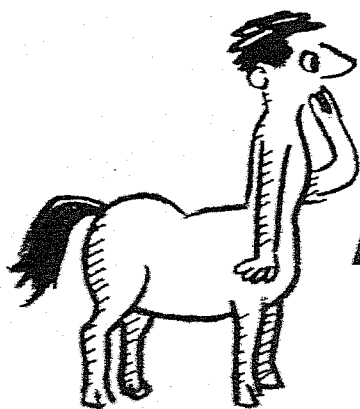
"There is violent growth out there," said Sayers, pushing for the new density levels until a master land use plan goes into effect for Lee County.

Ralph Zeiss, chairman of the Home Rule Committee, called the action too little and too late. Because Islanders mistrust board actions (or inaction) on land use and zoning, this fardy move by Sayers and the commission is unlikely to generate much excitement on Sanibel, and Zeiss doubted that the commission's vote would sway the incorporation movement.

Commissioner Walter Shirey brought up the fact that Casuarina Condominiums had obtained a county building permit in February 1973 without a review by County engineers. The permit was issued by the building department which did not receive approval from the engineering department for drainage plans.

The county has permitted construction to continue while neighbors complain that water from the condominiums is flooding their property. County engineer Gordon Meier and building official Mark Quigg were questioned in an effort to determine how the permit could have been issued without proper approval.

Meier said the developer had agreed to correct the drainage problem.



**Ding Darling Wildlife Sanctuary - Sanibel**

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The canoe trip is the only tour which has a limit on the number of people which can participate, and reservations are required. To make your reservation call the J. N. Ding Darling Refuge office at 472-1100.

**COIN BONANZA TURNS OUT TO BE COUNTERFEIT**

Mr. & Mrs. R. Winston Vore of West Milton, OH, found several coins on the beach while visiting Sanibel in February of '73. They were identified by the Smithsonian, Washington, DC as follows: "8 reales silver 1745 Mexico City mint in the name of Philip V of Spain. 1 reales silver coin struck between 1474 and 1504 in the name of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain."

The Smithsonian's traditional policy is to give you a description, but they do not authenticate or place a commercial value on objects of any kind; therefore, the Vores contacted various coin collecting firms.

They were told that the coins were counterfeit (electro-plated), possibly the type of coins used in the Edison Light Parade or at Fairs.

This February 9, 1974, Mrs. Vore and her sister found some coins dated 1736 and a few days later, her husband found some 1736 pieces of eight.

Before they left the Island March 8, they had also found some real Portugese man-o-wars. The Vores have been walking Florida beaches every winter since 1956-57. Says Mrs. Vore, "If someone on Sanibel is running a promotion I wish they'd list the name of their establishment and prizes. We like to try to qualify."

**Letters to the Editor**

**TO THE ISLANDER:**

Returning to Sanibel for our third year recently we had the occasion to call upon the services of pharmacist Leonard Kessler at the Island Apothecary. Sanibel has gained a fine asset in Mr. Kessler. He went out of his way to help us when our daughter developed a minor problem and the personal, after-hours assistance we received was typical of the hospitality and warmth that we have come to expect on your beautiful island. Mr. Kessler is a Virginian of whom our Commonwealth and your island can be justly proud.

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Ruth Hunter

Since the Hunters have joined Mr. Schmelt's art classes at Sanibel Elementary School, Ruth has added a drawing to her jingle this week.



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**FOUR BILLS CONSIDERED TO EASE MOBILE HOME PROBLEMS**

A package of four bills aimed at alleviating some of the most prevalent mobile home problems has been prefiled by the Florida Senate's Committee on Consumer Affairs, according to the committee chairman, Senator Alan Trask (D. Fort Meade).

One bill would require a manufacturer to provide a one year warranty on every mobile home sold in Florida. The bill further provides that service under the warranty be performed by the dealer, who would in turn be reimbursed by the manufacturer.

"Many mobile home owners don't know who to turn to for repairs on their unit," said Trask. "Manufacturers and dealers too often dispute who is responsible for servicing units, and the owners find themselves being vollied from dealer to manufacturer and back again, only to discover that when it rains, their roofs still leak and the repairmen are nowhere in sight. This bill would help solve that problem by designating repair responsibility in clear and simple terms."

A second bill provides for authorization of third-party mobile home inspection agencies, such as Underwriter's Laboratories. These third party agencies would be hired by the manufacturer to inspect every unit at some point during its construction. Presently, according to Trask, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, charged with inspecting mobile homes, is overburdened.

"There are simply too many manufacturers for the inspectors to visit, and adequately staffing the department would be far too costly," said Trask. "A third party system, however, would not be a public expense, since the manufacturers themselves pay the agencies."

Third party agencies have been authorized in at least 14 states. According to Trask, North Carolina, which was the first state to approve third party inspection, has had marked improvement in the quality and construction of units since the agencies have been authorized.

Also included in the bill is a provision requiring local building officials to certify that a mobile home meets the state on-sight set-up standards before the electricity can be turned on. In counties not having building departments, a licensed plumber and electrician shall be authorized by the county to perform the inspections.

"Implementation of third party and on-sight inspection would help insure that mobile home owners get their money's worth," Trask stated. "This bill is based on the premise that rigorous inspection of the units will encourage the construction of a safer and more durable product."

Surety bonds required of mobile home dealers are raised from \$5,000 to \$50,000 in a third bill sponsored by the committee. Surety bonds are obtained by a dealer from a surety company and deposited with the department to insure that owners have recourse for loss incurred as a result of dealer negligence. According to Trask, \$50,000 is a realistic figure, considering that the amount of the claims filed against dealers by mobile home owners is increasing as the units become larger and more expensive.

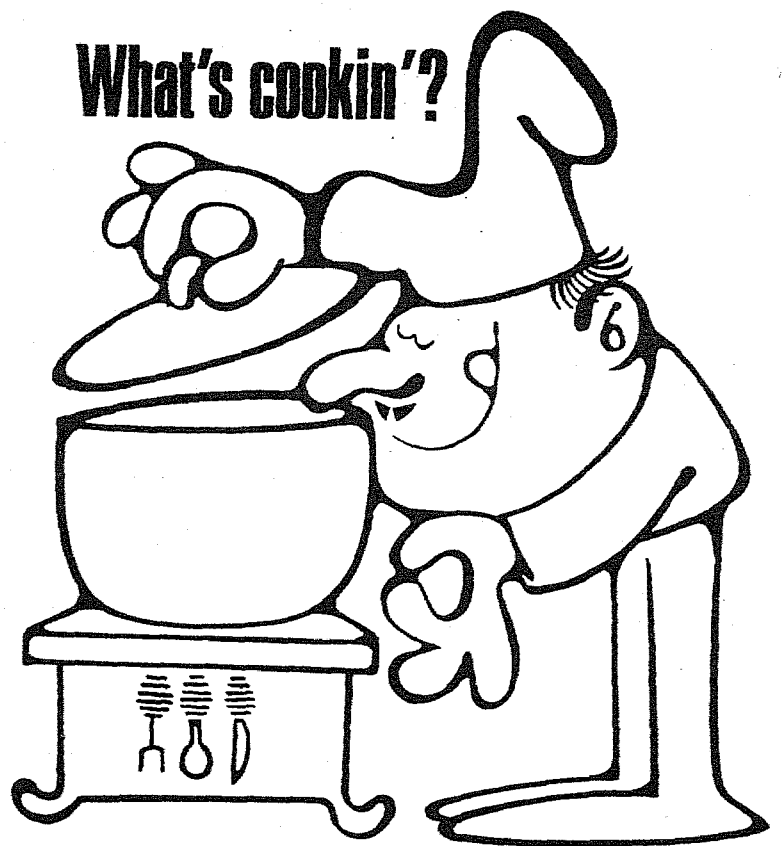
The fourth committee bill is a housekeeping bill providing penalties for existing statutes that relate to mobile home dealers and manufacturers.

"Mobile homes are filling a void in the housing market. They are providing low cost housing for those people who can't afford a conventional home. This is evidenced by the fact that almost one fourth of Florida's population is living in mobile homes. Mobile homes must be recognized as a necessary form of housing and their owners must be assured that they have purchased a safe, well constructed shelter," said Trask.

**YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING**

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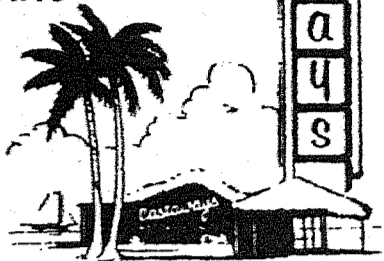
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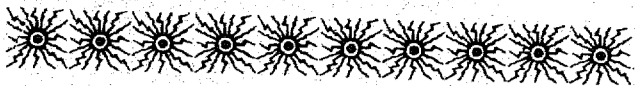
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### Sanibel Community Association to hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Sanibel Community Association will be held on April 2 with the usual monthly dinner at 6:30 and the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. A revised charter and new by-laws will be voted on.

A slate for the board of directors will be presented by the nominating committee: Cookie Dugger, Jean Culpepper, Priscilla Murphy, Bob Vartdal and John Willard, chairman. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Candidates include Porter Goss and Duane White for re-election plus eleven new nominees. The new candidates are:

Don Nusbaum, engineer - a Pennsylvania from Bethesda, MD, now living on Sanibel. His hobbies are golf and photography. His wife, Nancy, and he have one child.

Barbara Rusch, housewife - moved to Sanibel from St. Joseph, MI, where she has an extensive background of volunteer work. Her hobbies are sewing, bridge, reading and shelling. Her husband, William, and she have two sons.

Jean Cate, editor and lecturer - came to Sanibel from Los Angeles where she is still affiliated as a research associate with the Museum of Natural History. She is also the editor and business manager of The Veliger, a scientific journal devoted to mollusks, and the producer of SHELLECTURES on slides and tapes. Her hobbies are photography and swimming; her husband is Crawford Cates.

Frank Herndon, public accountant - a Texan by birth, he has been in the wholesale music business and is a past-president of National Office Managers in Nashville, TN. His hobbies are conservation and sailing. His wife, Zelma, is a retired physician and they have three adopted children.

Cookie Dugger, dancer and teacher - moved to Sanibel in 1971 from St. Louis, MO, and currently works in and teaches ceramics and china painting. Her hobbies are shelling and hibiscus growing. She and her husband, Bob, have no children.

H. Stanley Johnson, Jr., businessman - from the family furniture business in St. Paul, MN, he went into book-binding and printing. Now chairman of the board for Learning Laboratories, Inc., maker of visual aids for education purposes and scientific studies. His hobbies are fishing and photography. He and his wife, Nancy, have 3 children.

Bill Disher, Marine Corps, Lt. Col. (Ret.) - born in St. Louis, MO, came to Sanibel from Strathmere, NJ. His hobbies are beachcombing and gardening. He and his wife, Elizabeth have no children.

Judy Workman, teacher - came from Indianapolis, IN, via Wanesville, OH. Has taught French and Latin. Her hobbies are sewing, reading and bird watching. She and her husband, Richard, have one boy and one girl.

Myton Ireland, businessman - hails from Amityville, L.I., NY, and has owned the Snook Motel on Sanibel for six years. He formerly had his own industrial construction company. Served in the submarine service for four years. He and his wife, Daphne, have five children.

Bob Potts, businessman - active in real estate and insurance. Comes from Bethlehem, PA, where he was manager of A.A.A., past-president of the Lehigh Valley Council of the U. S. Navy League and a former zone chairman of the Bethlehem Lions. His hobby is boating and he and his wife, Doris, have 3 children.

Sharon Vartdal, housewife - a former airline stewardess from Minneapolis, MN, where she studied at the University of Minnesota and was a hospital volunteer for years. Her hobbies are art, shelling and bicycling. She and her husband, Robert, have 3 children.

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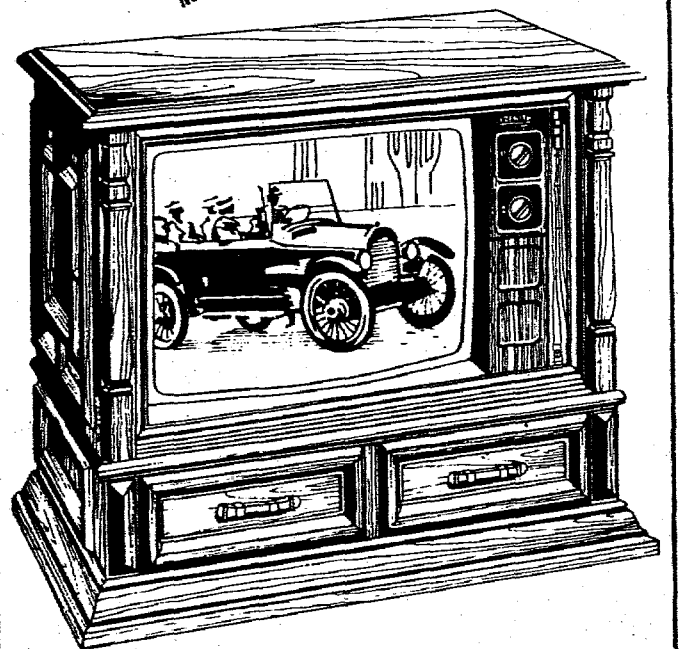
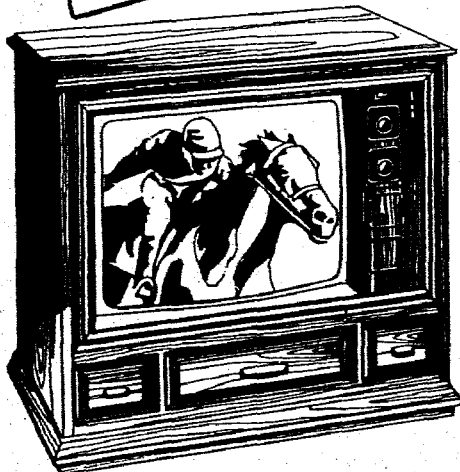
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The Island Water Association will hold its annual membership meeting at the Sanibel Community Building, 10 a.m., Monday, April 8.

Members will elect two directors for a term of two years and one for a term of one year. Walter F. Emmons, president of the board, has resigned from the board and has been appointed general manager of the company. The term of office of G. Byron Kirby and Warren R. Tucker expire at this meeting. Therefore, a slate of three has been submitted.

The nominating committee (John B. Sallemi, C. Don Seymour and Leigh J. Bair) has submitted the names of Mr. Kirby and Mr. Tucker for re-election to two-year terms, and Jack H. Ronk for one year. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Mr. Tucker, a member of the board of directors and president of the Island Water Association, Inc., is a retired business executive and mechanical engineer. With the Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Company, Mr. Tucker progressed from a junior mechanical engineer to the position of vice-president for engineering.

As an executive with several other major companies, Mr. Tucker broadened his experience by directing manufacturing, personnel management and other top management functions. Mr. Tucker is a permanent resident, available to act as a board member throughout the year.

Mr. Kirby, at present a member of the board of directors and secretary-treasurer of I.W.A., is a retired partner of the certified public accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company. During his career, Mr. Kirby was active in many accounting organizations and was president of the Kentucky State Board of Accountancy, the Kentucky Society of C.P.A.'s, and the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives.

Since retirement, Mr. Kirby has served on the staff of Kentucky's Governor Louie Nunn as director of two economic agencies of that State. Mr. Kirby is a permanent resident, available to act as a board member throughout the year.

Mr. Ronk is business manager of Lighthouse Way. He received his B.A. degree in accounting from Case-Western Reserve University followed by employment in the I.B.M. Corporation as a salesman, branch manager, manager of control programs, and manager of customer education in Cleveland, OH, Columbus, OH, and New York City.

Mr. Ronk later established a management consulting practice in Stamford, CT. Mr. Ronk is a permanent resident, available to act as a board member throughout the year.

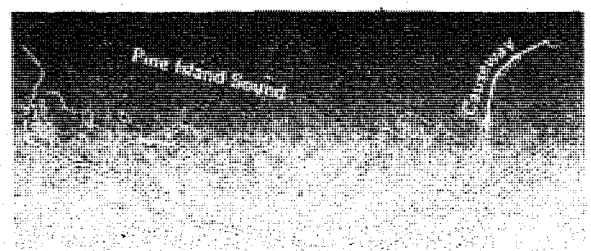
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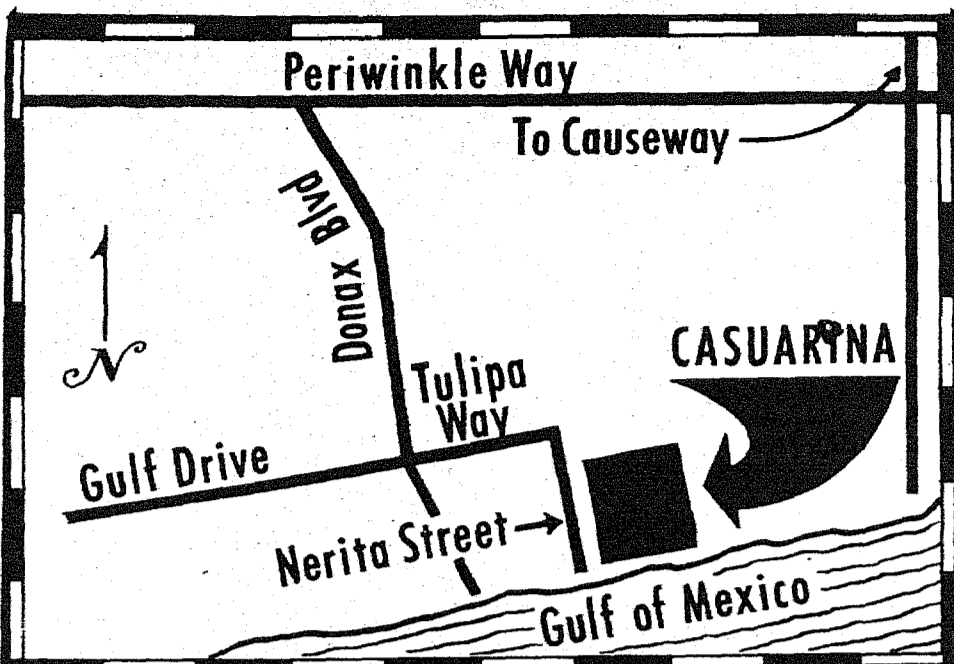


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The range, clarity and strength of her voice carried her with ease through the most difficult works. At the completion of her program the audience again accorded her a standing ovation with shouts of 'bravo' tossed like roses to the stage.

Ms. Glenn, in our estimation, opened a new era in recital performances. Before each number she gave her

audience a brief description of the work she was about to perform. This served to put her audience in the mood of the music and to understand its purpose. The new innovation also served as a transitional element to move from one work to another. It brought the performer and audience together and both thoroughly enjoyed it.

The program included works by Handel, Scarlatti, Wolf, Obradors, de Falla and Puccini. Arias from Turnador and La Rondine best illustrated the power and majesty of Ms. Glenn's voice. She performed TuChe Di Gel Sei Cinta from Turnador and La Canzone Di Doretta from La Rondine. One can only say that Bonita Glenn will mark the world of music with her gifted voice so thoroughly that she will no longer be hailed as a second Leontyne Price but rather as Bonita Glenn in her own right -- incomparable!

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Brian Webb, General Manager of South Seas Plantation, Captiva Island, receives national award for outstanding selection of table linens from Robert Judge of Prather's, Inc., the linen supplier to South Seas.

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Brian Webb, General Manager of South Seas Plantation, Captiva Island, has received the Artex Silver Tray Award of 1973 for outstanding selection of table linens. The award was presented today by Robert Judge of Prather's, Inc., the linen rental firm supplying table linens to the South Seas Plantation.

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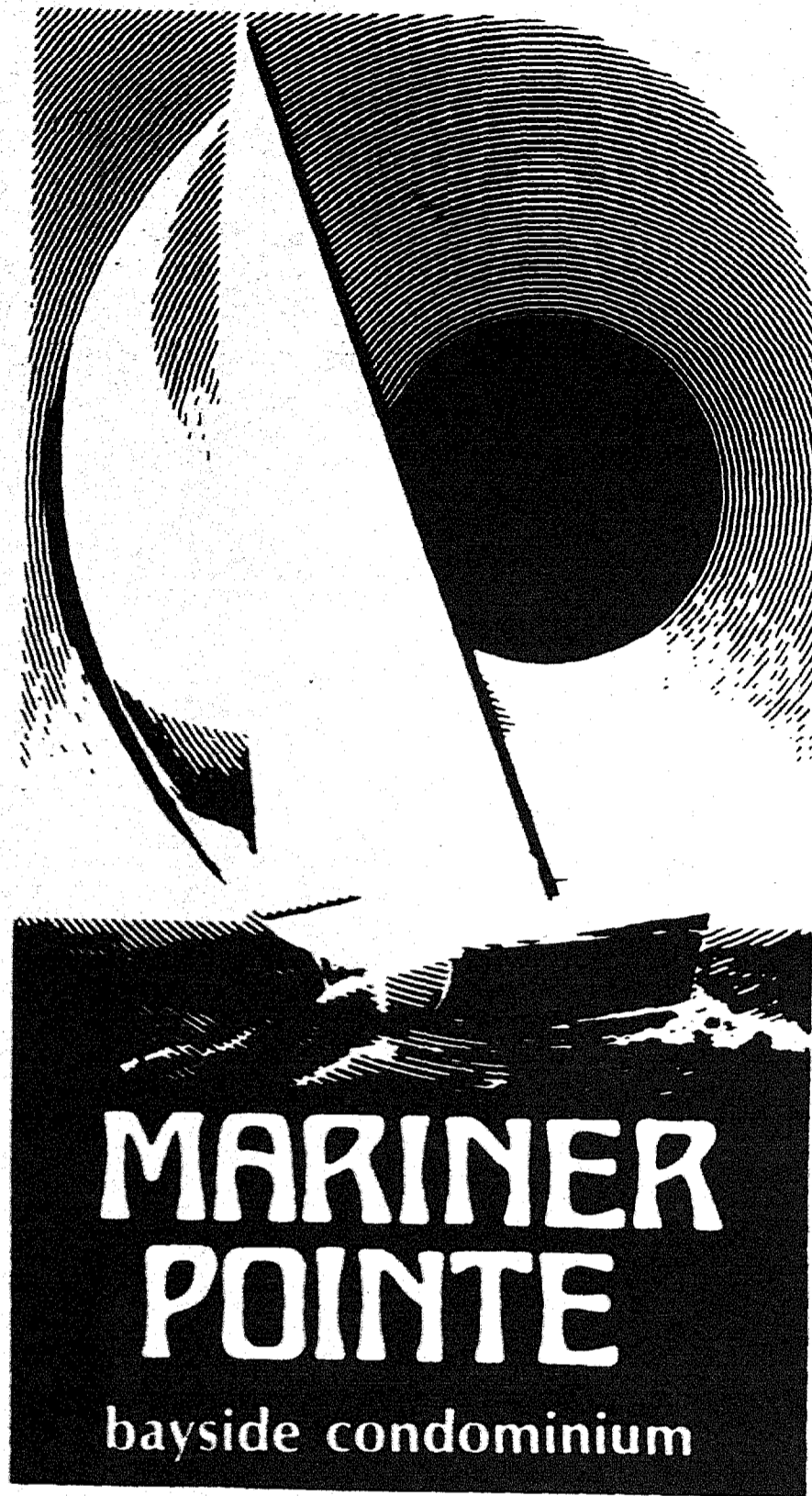
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**LIGHTHOUSE TRACT SOLD FOR COOL \$2.5 MILLION**

The 25-acre tract of land surrounding the lagoon near Sanibel Lighthouse has been purchased by a development firm for \$2.5 million, according to documents filed this week at Lee County Courthouse.

The company, Castlewood Associates, presently is constructing 99 luxury condominium villas on the property, purchased from a trust managed by Walter Condon.

To be known as "Lighthouse Point -- A Villa Colony on Sanibel Island," the development will be of an exclusive, terraced design aimed at the luxury vacation-home market, according to Stanley Okeon, spokesman for Castlewood.

"We are very much aware of Sanibel's unique island character and that it is one of the most scenic and historic sites in Florida," Okeon said. "Because of the superb location we are building a premium product, one that we believe will blend into the island's charm."

Price of the three-bedroom, two-bath villas will start around \$75,000, Okeon said. Each unit will have three private patios or terraces and the third bedroom is convertible to a den or study.

Sales will begin within a few weeks, Okeon said, with the first villas ready for occupancy next winter.



He struggled back, lying still on the bed for a moment's rest between dry coughing spasms. His face was cut up, the right eye swelling as it blackened, stitches in his ankle and another cut on his leg, his side badly bruised though the doctor assured us there were no broken ribs. He turned his head slowly, painfully, "Doc, I've been eating codeine for the last month; I have a tolerance, you have to give me something stronger."

Where's it at with drugs in Lee County? Does anybody really know? And who would you ask to find out?

A friend of mine was in a motorcycle accident when a car pulled out in front of him. He wasn't hurt seriously but it was painful. And he HAD been taking codeine prescribed for him by his doctor as the result of a back injury a few months ago. The doctor prescribed only mild pain killers, saying he wouldn't issue any morphine or narcotics because my longhaired, bearded friend himself had said he was used to a lot of drugs.

The doctor was not wrong in refusing to administer stronger drugs. I think my friend actually was using the back injury as an excuse to keep taking the codeine. But the doctor's brusque manner was not very understanding and certainly not

helpful. Perhaps he had been exposed to too many real drug cases. And then again, perhaps it's not his job to be anything more than a mere 'mechanic' for the human machine.

But if it's not his job, who's is it? While I was at the hospital I noticed another guy they had just brought in who was freaking out from a bad trip, it seemed from a hallucinogenic. They had him strapped down hand and foot. And I'm sure, if you were tripping, even if you were having a most rewarding experience, and someone strapped you down it would freak the hell out of you.

No matter how many books the doctors may have read, chances are if they haven't taken the drugs themselves they are probably reacting to the problems from a store of misconceptions. But whether they were afraid of what they didn't know or whether they had been computerized by years of cramming, they weren't working on a human level. Vibes are a very real thing. If you treat someone like an animal don't be surprised if they bite back. When they loosed this person's hands he punched the doctor.

Drugs play a strong role in our society. Aspirins eat holes in your stomach lining but we keep on taking them. Ups and downs, any way you want to feel, it's just a matter of taking a pill. Perhaps it is in reaction to the coldness of a programmed, pill-popping, punchcard society that the counter-culture found strength in new kinds of drugs, ones that expanded the mind and temporarily altered the world. Some of us have grown to understand it's all only temporary, including today's unreal world. Most of us just accept it. But wouldn't it be nice, albeit rather utopian, if we were so together that there was no need for drugs.

In the meantime, our society accepts the fact that life known as a rat race demands a certain amount of drugs, just as the cars at Daytona all use STP. Generally practiced, often abused, is the habit of taking a few downs to quiet ourselves amid the turmoil. Alcohol. One of the most dangerous drugs. And it's a confused state of thinking that allows the taking of alcohol and outlaws the much preferable and mild drug marijuana.

I heard on the news that a man was killed by alcohol poisoning when he bet his friend he could drink more and proceeded to down a fifth and a half. His friend was hospitalized, he only drank a fifth. I've known people to smoke a half pound of marijuana in a night and they just get rather high. And cigarettes kill brain cells, so where's it at? If you argue the point, I dare say you haven't tried any.

But the point is not who should take what drugs. If it's accepted that a controlled amount of drug taking is needed, what we should examine is why some feel the need to indulge in an uncontrolled amount of drug taking. The answer may be that they need help, and the way we've molded the world there's no one to give anything but drugs.

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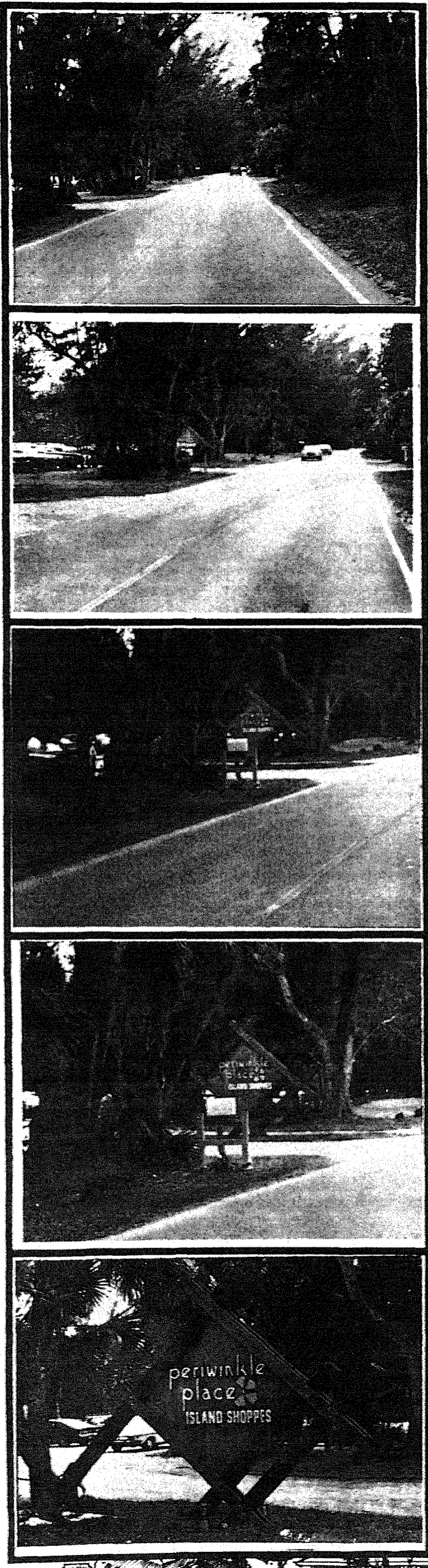


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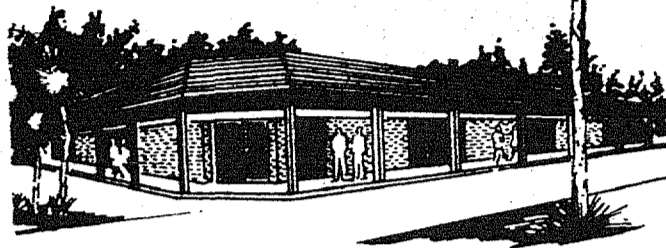
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**TWO BILLS PRE-FILED  
FOR MILLAGE ROLL-BACK  
by Connie Loucke**

If we give government the right to tax us for needed goods and services -- doesn't Government have a responsibility to limit windfall spending made possible by changing laws and runaway inflation?

If you think the Oil Companies are making excessive profits -- Stand back! Hold tight! And dig deep! for extra dollars as the State required re-assessment at 100 per cent of market value takes effect !!!!!

You are going to be affected if your property fits one of these categories: Residential (Single family, Mobile homes, Multi-family, Condominium, Co-operatives, Retirement Homes). Commercial and Industrial -- Agricultural -- Non-Agricultural acreage, Centrally assessed -- Leasehold interests -- Other. (See Section 195.072, Florida Statutes).

Now that we have your attention, let's talk PROPERTY TAXES! Also known as AD VALOREM -- "on the value" -- or -- "Whatever the market will bear!"

That's an old Roman term -- and you know what happened to Rome because of "TAX & SPEND" don't you?

The "value" during a "re-evaluation" by your county assessor rises to approximately 100 per cent of the present market value. Example -- if a house in your neighborhood, similar to yours, sold in the last couple of years at \$40,000. Instead of the \$20,000. you paid in 1969 -- YOUR new assessment will be in the \$40,000. range.

AND

If your County assessor doesn't do a good job of hiking those assessments, the state department of revenue, state auditor, a committee appointed by the Governor or a Court action can make him do it again -- Like, Right On Brother, and the only way is up.

The second thing that affects the property tax you pay local public bodies is millage (that comes from the Romans, too).

Millage means that you pay \$1.00 for every \$1,000. of non-exempt value (the value after homestead deductions for example) on your REAL PROPERTY, i.e., the roof over your head or the land on which you're trying to make a living!

What happens when ASSESSMENTS goup and millage stays the same? YOU get caught in a CRUNCH!

Take that \$20,000. house that is now about \$40,000. market value. If the taxes were about \$400. last year and the millage (or rate) local officials charged stays the same, this year's tax bill will DOUBLE! That "windfall" can hit you like a tornado in the bank book.

So now you know the problem, what's the SOLUTION?

It's called a MILLAGE ROLLBACK LAW. Florida had one until it was quietly repealed in the closing hours of the 1969 Session.

What does this law do?

It guarantees that, in a year of general re-evaluation, the millage must be reduced by enough to produce NO MORE THAN A 10 PER CENT INCREASE in the dollar amount of your taxes.

If a public body can show an emergency need, it can get an additional 5 percent. With the Federal Government

figure of 8.8 per cent annual inflation -- Don't you wish someone would guarantee you 10 per cent more income?

NEW property going on the tax roll for the first time is not affected by the rollback, which also guarantees additional income to meet additional needs. Still interested? Want to know how to get the economy package?

Support House Bill 2254 filed by Representative Arthur H. Rude, Fort Lauderdale and its companion bill in the Senate, S.B. 127.

Remember, ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES, these are the only bills that guarantee a balance between assessment and millage. This law did exist in Florida until 1969 and is often confused with the 10-mill cap provision of the State Constitution. However, they are not the same thing. Both provisions are fair, equitable and necessary, in our view, but each meets a different and specific need.

If you got the point, Please, shout, stamp, whistle and scream (if you have that kind of talent) but let the following men hear from you NOW: Representative Ralph Turlington, Chairman -- Finance and Taxation (House), and Bob Saunders, Chairman -- Ways and Means (Senate). Address: The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida, 32304, if you can afford the extra postage let ALL Senators and Representatives know how you feel. If you need more information, please write: Taxpayers League of Broward County, Inc., 200 Southwest 2nd Street, Pompano Beach, Fla. 33060

**LOCK SURVEY BEGUN**

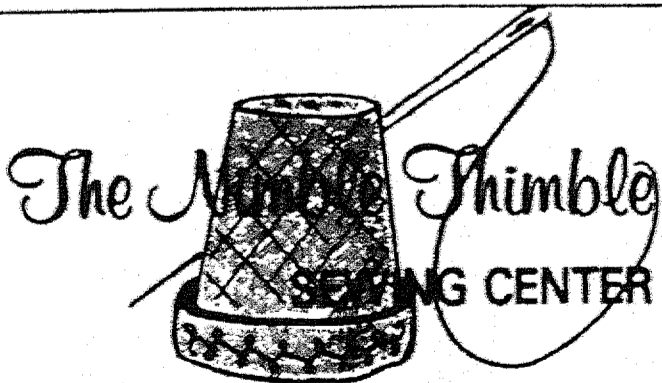
Survey work has begun on a new set of locks for the Okeechobee Waterway, according to C. W. Pritchett, Area Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The new locks, which will take three years to build, will be constructed at Port Mayaca, the west end of the St. Lucie Canal. The canal at present maintains the same water surface level as Lake Okeechobee.

Desired lake levels vary during the year in Lake Okeechobee, allowing for higher water levels during the hurricane season, up to 15.5 feet above sea level before being discharged. The 15.5 foot level is not the maximum level but the optimum level.

When the new locks are completed, a higher water level in the lake will be maintained, which will mean an increase in the lake's capacity for the 750 square mile basin. The lock construction will be an overall link in the plan to increase the water storage capacity of the lake.

Water is fed out three ways from Lake Okeechobee: South through the Everglades and to recharge water supplies in the East coast, and west into the Caloosahatchee, whence Lee County and Fort Myers get their water supplies.

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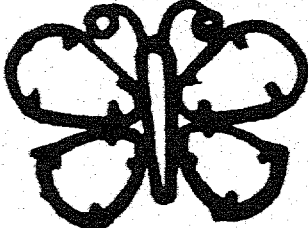
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You are standing on the threshold of time in as sacred a place as any in the world. It's where the life of the water and the life of the land converge in biological blur. These are the wetlands -- the swamps and the mudflats that sometimes smell like rotten eggs. These are the marshes, clogged with weeds, swarming with bugs, teeming with beautiful life. This is where the moon moves the water in shallow ebbs and floods; where the sun pierces down to the ooze and the nutrients flow in a strange and marvelous way. Nowhere else except here in these sopping grounds is there so much life in so much concentration. But the life is dwindling. And as these lands start to go -- you do, too.

These squishy, mushy lands are where most of our fish are born, the fish that feed the fish that feed the fish that fill the sea. These narrow strips of estuarine land are where the birds come to rest and nest and feed; and they are tied inexorably to the life

support for the raccoons and the bears and the deer a hundred miles away. And to you.

In California, most of the wetlands are already gone. In Florida, they're going fast. Once there were 127 million acres of interior and coastal wetlands. Now forty per cent are gone, the precious specks of life in these treasured lands exchanged for yacht clubs and marinas and industrial growth. As we dredge the bays and fill the marshes and cover the mud with asphalt; as we spray our poisons and scatter our waste and spew oil upon the waters -- we destroy forever the great forces of life that began millennia ago.

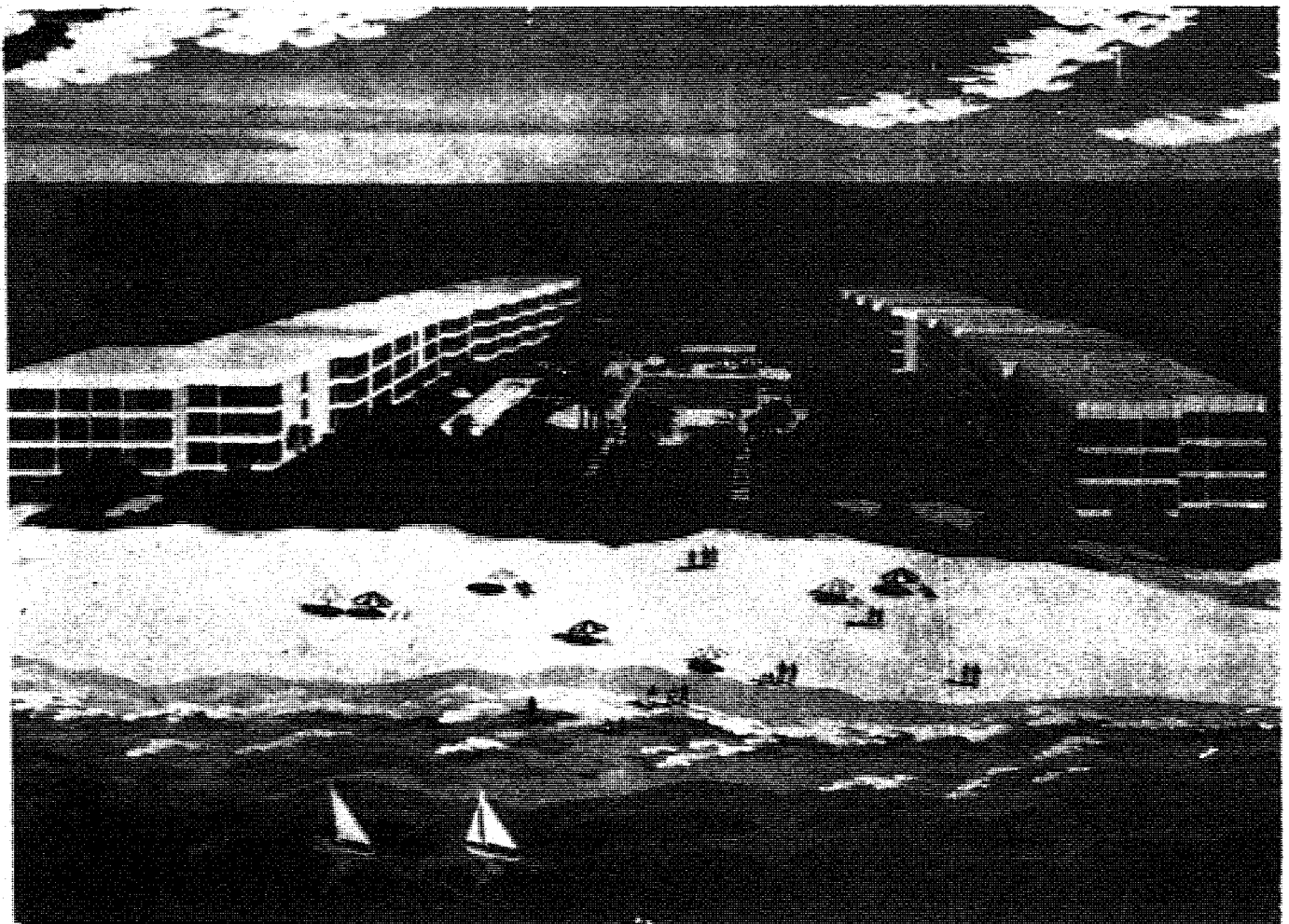
But now we have gone too far. Because this planet belongs not only to us but to them as well. To the umpteen zillion other things that fly in the sky and roam on the land and swim in the sea and burrow beneath our feet.

Now, especially now, if we will only stop to think -- perhaps we will think to stop. (We share the Dierra Club's reverence for life and we are indebted to them for this editorial.)

(\* Googol: The largest number of things that has a name. Webster defines as the number one followed by a hundred zeroes).

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# School News

## HISTORY OF SANIBEL SCHOOL

Before the new Sanibel School building was opened school was held in the old schoolhouse on Periwinkle Way. This is now the Pirate Playhouse. The old schoolhouse on Sanibel dates back to about 1895. It's rather difficult to tell the whole history of Sanibel School but the first teacher as far as we could find out was Miss Loft who was not only one of the first homesteaders on the island, but also became the first teacher when she taught pupils in her own home and was paid by the Lee County Board of Education. The new elementary school on Sanibel was built in 1963. The first classes were held there at the end of Christmas vacation in January 1964. That year it became the first public school in Lee County to be totally integrated. This integration took place at the request of the organization of parents which was the forerunner of today's PTA. In 1970 the population of Sanibel School was about 50-60 youngsters, and now in 1974 there are 104 pupils. By 1975 we expect 120-125. More about the history of the Sanibel School can be found in Eleanor Dormer's book on the History of Sanibel and Captiva which will be published this June or July.

by Roxane Costanzo  
Suzi Dumouchel

## C.R.O.W. PROGRAM

This week is National Wildlife Week for endangered species. Shirely Walter came to our school to tell us about some of the endangered species and ill or hurt animals at C.R.O.W. - Care & Rehabilitation of Wildlife. One of the animals she showed us was a brown pelican named Austin. She gave us some facts about Austin and other pelicans.

1) All that pelicans eat is fish. 2) If the pelicans lose a wing they can't grow it back. 3) They usually have 3 eggs and hatch 2 or 3 of the eggs if the conditions are right. If the conditions are not right they will hatch only 1 or no egg. 4) Austin is blind in the right eye. They don't let her go because pelicans need their eyesight to catch fish to eat. 5) On the California and Louisiana coast all their brown pelicans have vanished. 6) The biggest pelican C.R.O.W. has weighs 10 pounds. Austin weighs only 8 1/2 lbs. Pelicans are light because they are mostly feathers and full of air so they can float. 7) Pelicans can live up to 50 years, but usually live only 20 or 25 years. 8) Pelicans are completely mute after 3 or 4 weeks after they are born. 9) Austin's wing span is 7 feet.

Another animal Miss Walter showed us was Roger the raccoon. Some of the facts Miss Walter gave us about raccoons are: 1) Mother raccoons keep baby raccoons for 8 or 9 months or until they have some more babies. 2) Raccoons are very destructive. 3) Raccoons do not make good pets.

The last animal Miss Walter showed us was a screech owl which is a resident of Sanibel Island. Some of the facts she gave us about screech owls are: 1) Screech owls eat bugs, mice and lean beef. 2) The screech owl is very friendly. 3) The screech owl needs vitamin A. 4) "Sweetie Pie," the owl she brought to show us is 7 inches long from his head to the tip of his tail. 5) Screech owls are 3 to 4 months old before they get all their feathers. 6) The male owl is smaller than the female owl. 7) Sweetie Pie weighs a 1/2 of a pound. 8) Sweetie Pie's wings are 10 inches long each. 9) Screech owls are very little.

That is all the animals she brought in. If anybody finds an ill or injured animal please call 472-1103 on weekdays and 472-2247 at nights. We thank Miss Walter for showing us the animals and telling us about them.

by Susan Purdy

## OUR AQUARIUMS

We have two aquariums. One is a ten gallon and the other is a twenty gallon one. The ten gallon tank has two Mud-eels, two Bulldozer shrimp, one starfish, and three scallops. The twenty gallon tank has one cowfish, one sea robin, two shrimp, one flounder, and four scallops. Shane Woodring brought most of the sea life. Our school was one of seven elementary schools in Lee Co. to have 100

percent participation of its teachers in an ecology project. The reward was a 20 gallon salt water aquarium with all the necessary equipment. The aquarium was assigned by the Sanibel teachers to the 4th and 5th grade room. The starfish was very peculiar. Its skin seemed to be disintegrating. And the mud-eels dig into the mud and sand tail first. The Bulldozer shrimp pushes the sand like a bulldozer. The cowfish is a species of porpoises and dolphins. When the flounder is first born its eyes are normal. When about three days old the eyes shift to one side of its head. The shrimp's shell serves as its skeleton because it has no back bone. The other aquarium was from last year. It was broken but Mr. Runnels, our teacher, fixed it.

by Lonnie Bragg

## Z.A.P.

George Campbell and Karen Gilotte came to our school from the Zoological Action Program to tell us about endangered species. One week out of every year is National Wildlife Week, and this is the week. They showed us an alligator called Spiro. He is eight years old, and 3 1/2 feet long. He was the only alligator hatched in Detroit. Alligators are not good pets at all. They let us all feel the alligator and it felt soft and bumpy. They also showed us two South American river turtles. One of them is good to eat. The other turtle was not. The Indians used to eat the turtles along the Amazon River. They showed us a snapping turtle. Another animal they showed us were cotton top monkeys. The monkeys come from South America, they must have sunshine. That's why they brought them down here. The monkeys are mature adults. They are about one foot long from head to tail. The monkeys look like natives with white hair on the top of their heads, that's why they're called cotton-top monkeys. They also showed us a boa constrictor snake. It is about 6 ft. long. The boa is a pet of Tommy Watterson who is a 5th grade student at Sanibel and assisted in the showings. Mrs. Gilotte read us a story and some poems about the unnecessary killing of animals. Mrs. Gilotte is the mother of Lonnie Bragg, one of our 4th grade students.

by Mariene Francis  
June Ireland  
Suzi Dumouchel

## SLIDES SHOWN

Mr. Harry Trumbore has been showing the 4th and 5th grade slides from trips he has taken around the world. He has been coming in every Thursday. He said his favorite trip was to the South Pacific. He showed us slides of the United States, Canada, Hawaii, Germany, Holland, So. America, Italy, and other countries. He took trips with his wife through a travel agency and by himself. His last day at the school was March 21. We appreciate his showing us the slides.

by Lonnie Bragg

## ATTENTION PARENTS! DATA IS NEEDED FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Lee County is now projecting next year's enrollments of the schools in order to determine the number of teachers needed. It is necessary that Sanibel Elementary School knows the number of children who might be attending its kindergarten next year. If you have a child who might be attending, please fill out the form below and return to Sanibel School.

To enter kindergarten the law requires that a child be five on or before January 1, 1975.

We are also interested in knowing the names of any other children who might be attending Sanibel next year for the first time in grades 1-5. Please use the form below and return to Sanibel School.

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The administration and staff of Sanibel Elementary School thank you for your cooperation concerning this matter.

## A PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM PLANNED FOR CHILDREN NEXT SEPTEMBER

Judy Workman has been busy organizing a pre-school program for Island children with an opening planned for early September. A lot of thought and planning has gone into the program by Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Star Thomas, secretary, and Mrs. Bari Fischer, treasurer. Mrs. Elizabeth Frothingham is consultant, Richard Brodheur, attorney, and Dr. Clayton Curtis, is consulting physician.

The school is planned for children from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 offering a curriculum of tumbling, dance, nature study, painting, crafts, during 1/2 day sessions in fall, winter and spring. Volunteer help will be used where possible.

Committees for fund raising, locating a site, and organizing the educational aspects have been appointed.

The first fund raising even planned offers entertainment for the parents and their friends at a dinner dance at the Island Beach Club on Wednesday evening, April 10 from 7:30 on. Tickets will be \$10.00 per couple or \$5.00 for the dance only.

If you can help in the formation of the island pre-school in any way, your services are needed. You need not be a parent of a pre-schooler to volunteer and a form is supplied below for your convenience. There are many areas in which help is needed.

Mail to Mrs. Judy Workman, 408 Old Trail Dr., Sanibel, Fla. 33957

I would like to help with the formation of the island pre-school in the following way:

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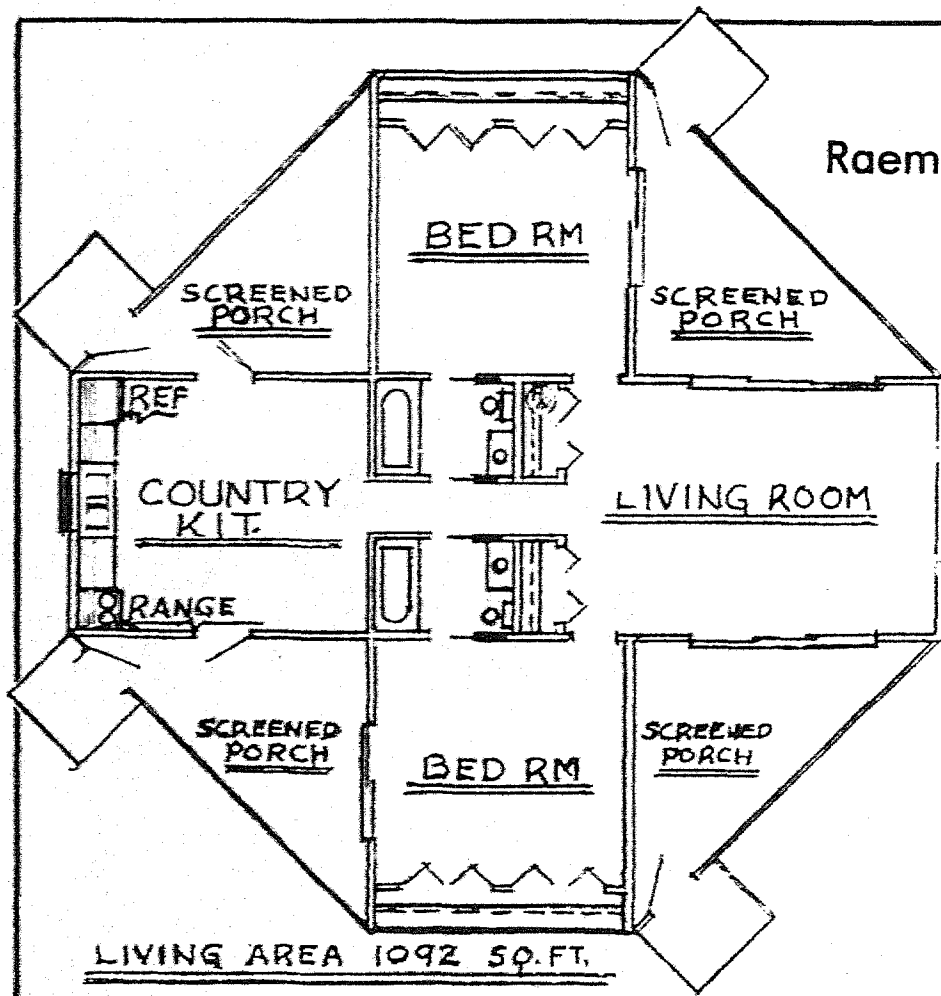
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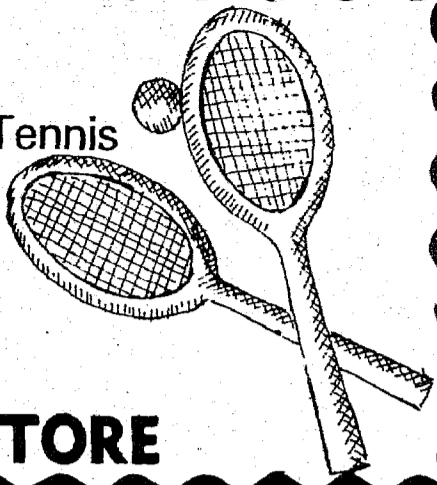
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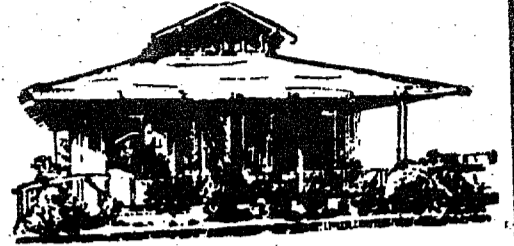
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**MILOW. KOUTNY**

Milo W. Koutny, 63, of 647 Nerita St., Sanibel, died Sunday. Retired from the Wilson Co. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he had resided here for the past year. Surviving besides his wife, Mrs. Marie Koutny, are one daughter, Mrs. Raymond Vecerka of Cedar Rapids; one son, Donald Koutny of Cedar Rapids; one brother, four sisters, and seven grandchildren.

The body will be sent to the John B. Turner & Sons Funeral Home, Cedar Rapids, for service.

## Audubon Supports Big Cypress Purchase

The National Audubon Society told the United States Congress that there is widespread public support for the federal acquisition of Big Cypress Swamp in Florida. The society said that federal protection of the area is crucial for all of South Florida, since nearby Everglades National Park is dependent on the swamp for its fresh water supply and so are the marine resources of the south-

west Gulf Coast.

Charles Lee, field representative of the Florida Audubon Society testified for the state and national societies before a Senate subcommittee which finished two days of hearings on 3-22-74 for the purchase from private owners of Big Cypress at \$116 million by the Department of the Interior. The swamp comprises 570,000 acres.

### TONIGHT'S AUDUBON PROGRAM STARS CARMICHAEL'S SLIDES

Featured speaker at tonight's Sanibel-Captiva Audubon program will be James H. Carmichael, Jr., one of America's leading nature photographers, who for several years has contributed a great number of pictures to National Geographic, Audubon, National and International Wildlife, Natural History, Time-Life Books, and many other publications.

Under the title "Nature's Beauty That Escapes Us," he will present a fascinating collection of color slides depicting insects, flowers and other subjects, in a series of unusual close-ups accompanied by a very informative commentary.

This is the fourteenth program of the current season and will be presented at 8 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House. It is open to the public, and all are cordially invited.

"Fragile Wonders," Mario Hutton's last offering this season, played to a packed house last Thursday. About 275 people crammed into the Community House, many standing, to view his beautiful, flawless performance, and we noted many island notables there, including Shirley Walter of C.R.O.W.

Hutton combines beauty with factual knowledge in an entertaining and utterly charming fashion. His slides are complemented by his verses and provide an artistic triumph of ever-growing popularity. This SRO performance confirmed his viewers high expectations.

### CAPTIVA MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hahn, Emily, THE COOKING OF CHINA: A Time-Life book on authentic Chinese cookery and a bit of the history of the art.

Richardson, Mozelle, A CANDLE IN THE WIND: A Gothic novel of suspense, set in a castle among the bogs and moors of the northeast Irish Countryside.

For our young readers, HOW TO MAKE A HOME NATURE MUSEUM by Vinson Brown. This book shows you how to have the most fun with your collections.

### STOLZ WATERCOLORS TO BE ON DISPLAY AT SANIBEL LIBRARY

On Monday, April 1 through April 13, the Sanibel Public Library will have an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Mary Margaret Stolz (Mrs. Frank Stolz), of Captiva Island.

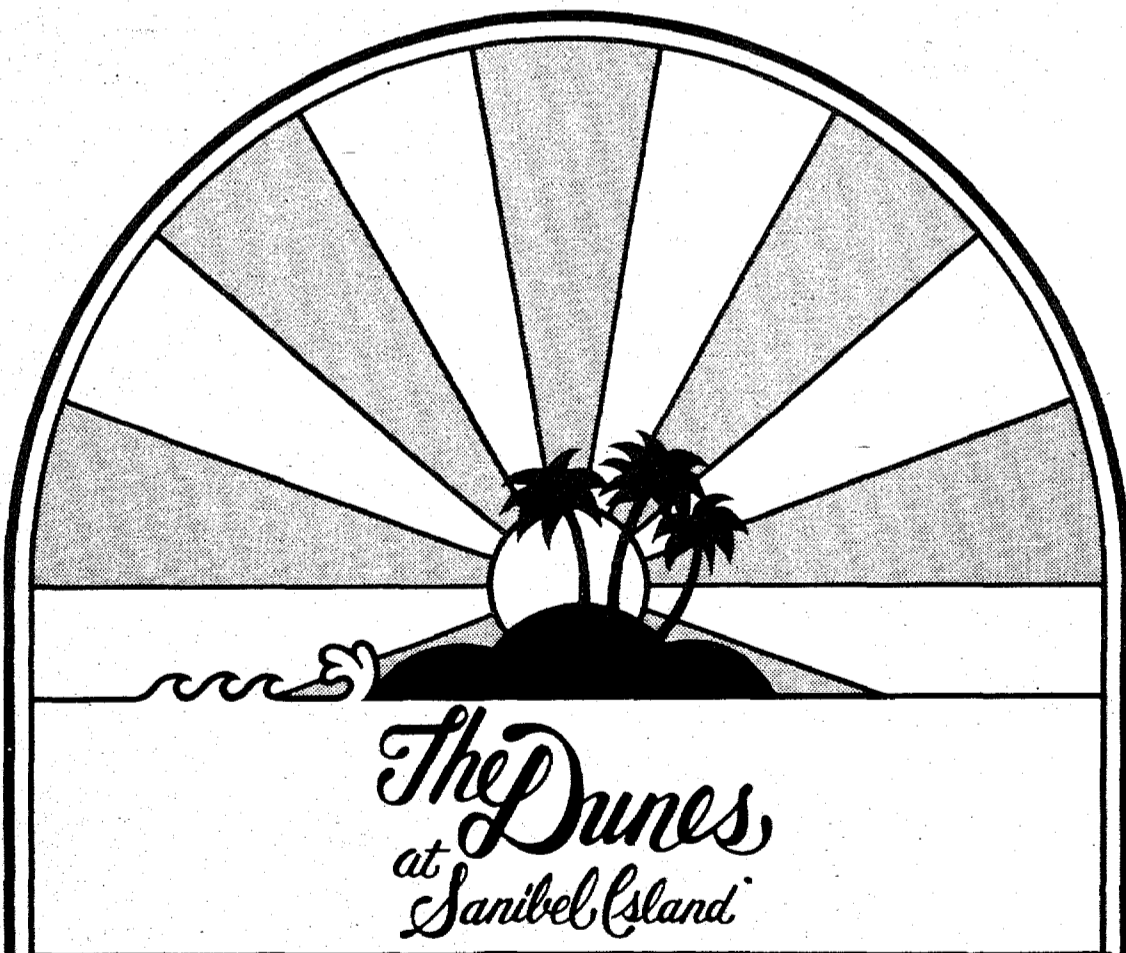
They may be seen in the library's art gallery during library hours. The paintings will be for sale and a percentage of each sale will go to the library.

Mrs. Stolz was born in New York City, studied art at local schools, then attended New York School of Fine and Applied Arts (Parsons Institute) on an art scholarship. An active member of the Scarsdale Art Association for 14 years, she has exhibited at various shows in the New York area.

She is a member of the Florida Watercolor Society, Fort Myers Beach Art Association and the Sanibel-Captiva Art League. Her work is represented in several island art galleries and is being loaned to the Sanibel-Captiva Art League for display in the library's art gallery on the island this year.



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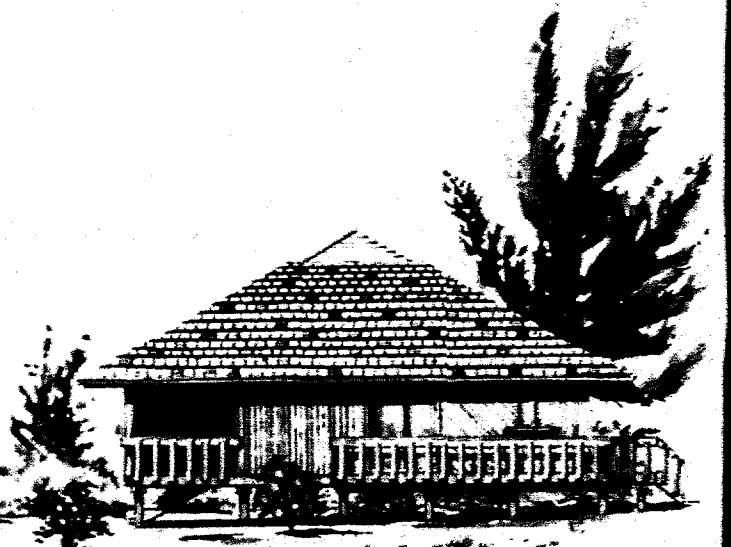
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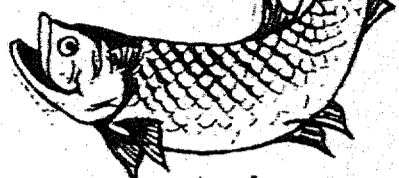
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Now it can be told. The fearsome Capt'n One-Foot, whose piratical invitation I shared with you a few weeks ago, is none other than the eminent vice-commodore of CMCS, Lou Tilley. Lou is a great sailor and planner of races and cruises to titillate the most lugubrious of rag-men and although his exciting jaunt to St. Petersburg is next on the sailing calendar, that is not the end of his magnificent proposals.

He has just returned from a two-week sail around the Bahamas with his friends Win Palmer and Floyd Wrich and 'lows that he will return there come the end of May as guide and mentor to any sailor who wishes to sign up for the cruise. In his 32' Islander, Mai Tai, he went across the inland water route to Port St. Lucie and then sailed from West End to Grand Bahama and thence to Walker, Grand, and Carter Cays, down to Marsh Harbor and Hopetown and Man O'

War Cay, through the Abacos, to the Berry Islands and Stirrup Cay, back to Freeport and home by way of Palm Beach.

For the May trip, however, he plans to sail down the west coast to the Keys, around to Miami and on over to Bimini. Then 2 or 3 weeks of leisurely cruising and exploring, stopping in little coves and cays, and occasionally a 'store-boughten' meal at an excellent marina. If the little armada leaves right after the CMCS night race to Punta Gorda on May 24 — say about the 26th — they should have a long lazy trip until about the 20th of June and return in time for the next CMCS race ... or to pick up the plow where they dropped it.

Naturally, one would sleep aboard and take great quantities of supplies, especially since most everything is hard to find on the islands or extremely expensive if you can find it. Water can

sometimes be had for \$1.00 a gallon if they have any when you need it. Gas is 91 cents a gallon ... but it is possible, with the proper foresight and planning to stock up on most everything and take it with you.

There's plenty of beautiful clear sea water for swimming or sailing over ... plenty of opportunity to use your sailing skills, to sharpen your sense of glorious adventure and indulge your fondest back-to-nature fantasies.

You need not, however, be an expert sailor with years of experience. Just so your boat is well waterproofed. Properly equipped, and you don't sail off by yourself away from the group, you should have a pleasant relaxed trip from which you can learn enough to go back by yourself some day. Lou is going to have a few pre-cruise meetings as soon as he hears from those who wish to cruise along to lay plans, advise on preparations, and share knowledge.

All those who'd like to join the Bahama Armada with their boat, just drop a line to Lou Tilley, c-o CMCS, P. O. Box 262, Cape Coral, FL 33904, and further information will be coming your way. You can bet we're going to be there. Would anyone like to work for a newspaper for a few weeks this May and June? Aah, let's all go. Then we won't even need a newspaper.




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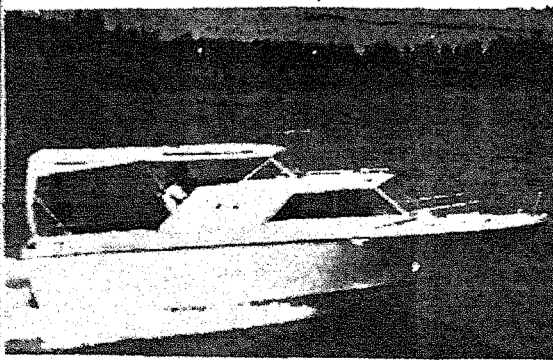
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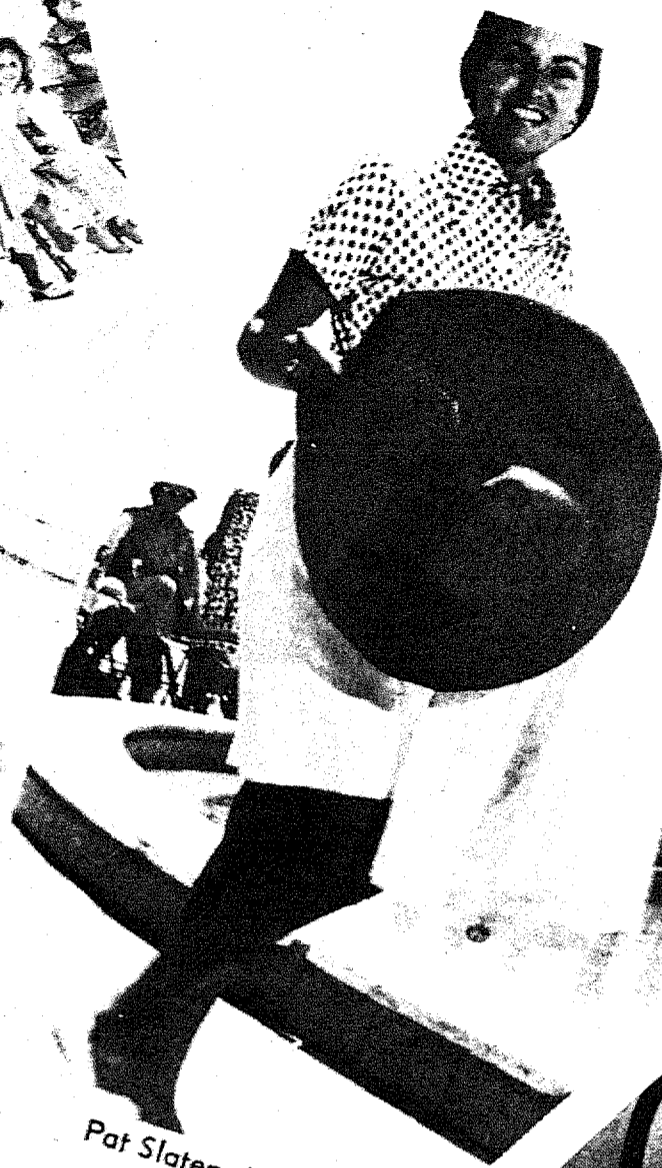
# St. Michael's and All Angels

Over 200 attended the St. Michael's and All Angels lovely fashion show on Friday at the Island Beach Club. Mrs. Rod Eskew acted as narrator for the group of lovely models from the Island boutiques and clothing stores.

Those represented at the show were: Sir of Sanibel, The Beach House, Marylou's, The Clove Hitch, the Open Gate, Seven Seas, The Seahorse Shop, Thetan Crafts, Dotti of Sanibel, the Red



Kora Lee Prima, Seven Seas



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# 7th Annual Fashion Show

Pelican, Bailey's and Christa of Captiva. Father Hubbs and Women's Club chairman, Mrs. George Tenney, distributed 50 door prizes donated by Island stores. Three charming page girls, Wendy Bissell, Beth Holland and Jennifer Rushworth, handed out the prizes. During the intermission refreshments were served and the afternoon proved to be one of the highlights of the Easter season.



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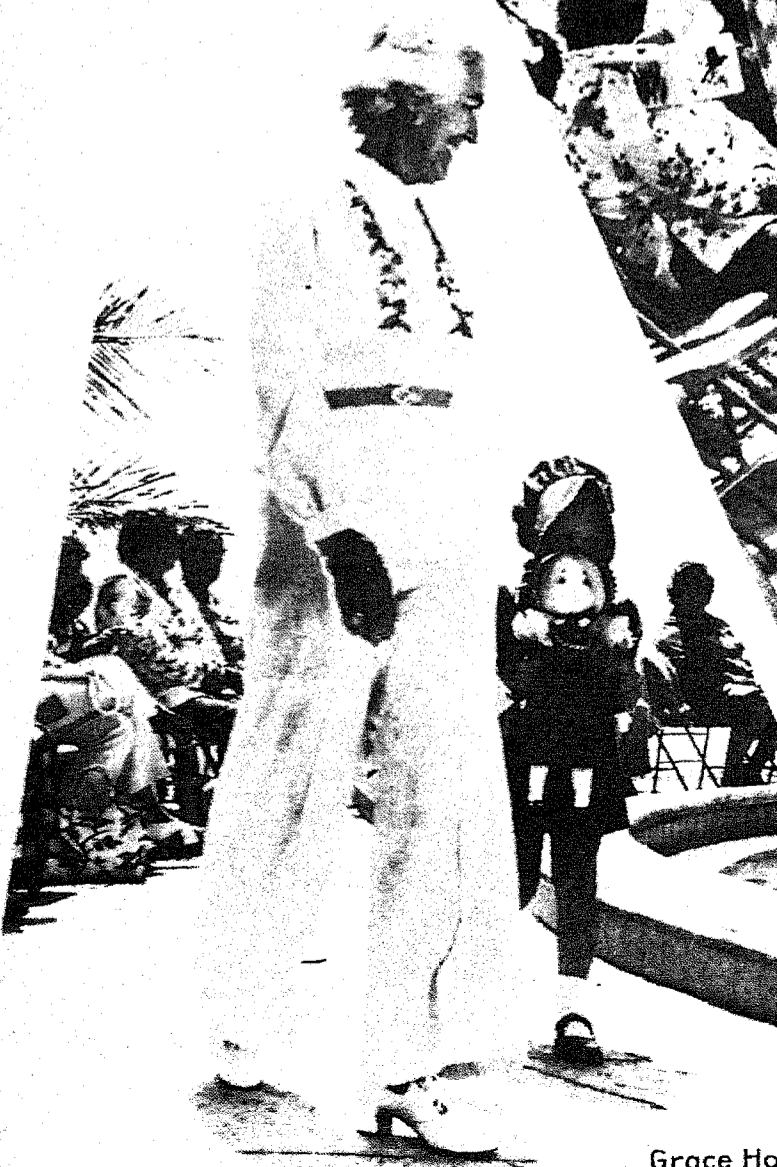
Isabel McWhorter, Dotti's



Helene Sparks, Christa of Captiva



Helma Reynolds, Mary Lou's



Grace Horn & Anna Kutzik, Sea Horse Shop



**CAPTIVA LIBRARY PRESENTS  
PEN AND INKS BY ART RICE**

The Captiva Memorial Library is presenting an art show of pen and ink drawings by Art Rice which opened March 26.

Mr. Rice was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, but has spent most of his life in the northeast before coming to Captiva. Educated at Williams College and Yale University, he has studied with Elliot O'Hara in Goose Rocks, ME, William Landon Kihn of Haylyme, CT, and Charles Woodbury, Ogunquit, ME.

The library will be open to the public Tuesday mornings 9:30-noon, Friday afternoons 1:30-4:00 and Saturday mornings. The show will run for a month.

**PIRATE PLAYHOUSE COSTUMES  
HAVE INTERESTING HISTORY**

The Hunters are often asked "Where do you get those fantastic costumes?" Here's part of the story:

Thornton Wilder's farce, *The Matchmaker*, now in repertoire at the Pirate Playhouse has thirteen actors, four sets, and many interesting costumes. Ted Fonda, as Malachi Stack, is wearing a handwoven 1850 vest, an heirloom from artist Emily Wood's family.

Charlotte White created the beautiful pink bodice she wears as Flora Van Huysen to compliment the handsome black silk pink-flowered skirt of the nineties. She stitched and boned the bodice by hand. The black lace trimming is from a dress Ruth Hunter bought from Burt Lancaster's sister (a neighbor in Port Washington, NY), who told Ruth there was a time when Burt's father urged him to give up show business.

"Give me six more months," said Burt, and sure enough in that time he soared to movie stardom.

Paul Adams as Cornelius is wearing a red striped jacket from Bermuda's famous English store, Trimmings. Mrs. Molloy's (Barba Ritchie) blouse is an exact copy of a striped gay nineties one with true leg-o-mutton sleeves while her assistant, Minnie Fay (Carol Nix) wears an original, hand-embroidered and tucked high necked batiste shirt-waist, one of the six given to the Hunter's Towndock Theater by a Long Island gentleman in memory of his wife.

Bill Krueger has a genuine frock coat of black broadcloth from the estate of Milton Hopkins, a professor at Princeton. Glenn Carowan (Barnaby Tucker) has a true storekeeper's apron ordered from an old Sears and Roebuck catalog and Margaret Krueger as Flora Van Huysen's cook made her dear little white cap herself.

Ambrose Kemper (Jay Bourne) fits nicely into Alice McKenzie's father's wedding suit with a double breasted vest. Ermengarde's (Francey McClintock) costume is a French girl's graduation dress and her short black cape is authentic 1890, the time of the play.

Mrs. Levi's (Ruth Hunter) black plumed hat was a gift from Helen Dickinson of Port Washington, and came fitted with two ornamental hat pins which have their own plush lined leather case.

About five or more years ago, Lilli Gochenour presented Pirate Playhouse with the gorgeous red hat that Dolly Levi wears in Mrs. Malloy's hat store. Ruth then set out to match it with material and found it in, of all places, "RUTH" of North Carolina. Carol Nix designed the red dress with help from Marion Back and Ruth. The embroidered belt and shirred sleeves were made by Yvette Carment and the Hunter's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Tweed Hunter.

Even before rehearsals start, the Hunters plan the costumes for the plays to be performed at the Pirate Playhouse each season, and in their travels, are always on the lookout for interesting items. These and the many fine gifts add up to an extensive wardrobe department at the Island's unique arena theater.

Two very valuable props in *The Matchmaker* are Vandergelder's shaving brush loaned by Francis Bailey and used by his father. The razor used by the barber (Bill Krueger) once shaved the whiskers of Captain E. Kinsey who owned and operated Sanibel's famous Island ferry boats. This is on loan from his daughter, Mrs. Duane White, that actress, well known to theater audiences for her beautifully modulated voice.

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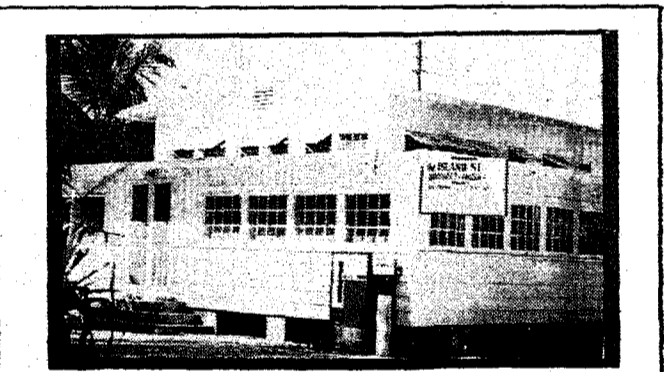
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## Wildlife Notes

by *griffing bancroft*

One of the most spectacular birds to be found in this area has now arrived from its wintering grounds in Central and northern South America.

This is the black-necked stilt who comes into Florida at this time of year and will soon start nesting activities here. The stilt is a shore bird, in the same order of birds as the sandpipers and plovers. But he is like no other bird you can think of.

Long and slim, with gaudy black and white coloring and reddish legs, longer in proportion to his size than the legs of any other bird, he looks more like some fanciful oriental painting than a living thing.

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And should you wander near his nest, he will flop on the ground, crying and feigning a broken wing, in the hope you will pursue him so he can lead you away from his eggs or young. He can really ham it up, making you half-believe he is truly injured.

On the islands, the stilt is usually found along inland ponds or canals, either fresh or salt water. He is a rather abundant bird throughout the year on the Pacific coast, but here he seldom goes farther north than Florida.

And he ventures this far north here only for breeding. Once his nesting is over, in late summer, he will leave us for the southerly areas he prefers.

The stilts lay their eggs on the ground on a scraped out hollow lined with stick and twigs. Here they lay usually four eggs, very large as are the eggs of all shore birds since the young, almost at the moment of hatching, are well developed and able to run about and fend for themselves.

The nests are almost always close to water, and this can get the stilts in trouble. But they are resourceful birds.

The ornithologist Frederick Kent Truslow tells of observing one stilt nest near the water. As he sat in his photographic blind the water, whipped by wind, started to rise higher than usual.

The eggs were threatened with being covered. The frantic birds immediately started gathering sticks and leaves and mud. One of them rolled the eggs to one side. Both started building up the nest and when the eggs were rolled back in they were several inches higher. Now they were above the high water and incubation continued.

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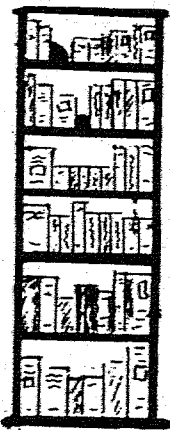
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## This Week at the Sanibel Library

by Hal H. Harrison

In his years as a Washington newspaperman, Griffing Bancroft, of Captiva, came to know President Harry Truman just about as well as any of the Capitol's working press; well enough, in fact, to acquire a sincere affection for Truman as a man and as a likeable human being. I stopped at Griff's home one evening recently to find him chuckling over a new book, "Plain Speaking, an oral biography of Harry S. Truman" by Merle Miller. Griff's reaction: "There's a good book. It portrays Harry Truman as he really was." You may check Bancroft's judgment by borrowing the book at the Sanibel library.

Few authors ever hit it so big with a first novel as Robert Benchley, the youngest member of an American literary family which includes his grandfather, Robert, and his father, Nathaniel. Many months before "Jaws" was released, Peter had already earned over a million dollars in subsidiary sales, including movie rights, a paperback contract for \$300,000, plus book club sales, foreign rights, etc. "Jaws" is the story of a killer shark that prowls the waters off a Long Island resort town. Besides being an exciting novel, it is also a tale of moral dilemma. The town fathers try to hush up the shark's presence to save the summer tourist business. Peter Benchley, at 33, is well on his way to top the family's enviable reputation . . . literarily and financially.

Nine years ago, Margaret Craven, a white-haired American, now 72, travelled deep into northern Canada in search of adventure and material for her writings. Her trip ended at the top of Kingcome Inlet in a Kwakiuti Indian village. She stayed for weeks, recording what she saw, heard, and felt. The result was "I Heard the Owl Call My Name," a blend of fact and fiction. American publishers rejected it but it sold 48,000 hardback copies for a Toronto house. Not bad at all, but the good part was still ahead. General Electric Theatre bought the book for a pre-Christmas play, starring Actor Tom Courtney. New York publishers became interested and the book achieved "instant success" (after nine years of waiting). It is beautifully written, but it is off beat, a bit old-fashioned, and somewhat sentimental. We have it and you may like it.

Marya Mannes has taken a courageous and uncompromising look at the taboo issue of euthanasia in "Last Rights." She faces the realities of death. She talks with the dying, the stricken and the aged. She talks with their families, doctors and lawyers. Then she challenges the positions of the religious and moral leaders of our times, and tallies the cost in human suffering and in money if bans against euthanasia continue to persist. You may or may not agree with Ms. Mannes. But the book offers a tremendous basis for some soul-searching.

As Doubleday's advertisement puts it: "You've come a long way, doctor." How true. And Frank G. Slaughter tells us all about it in his new novel, "Women in White." Slaughter's medical novels are not new to Sanibel readers. "Doctors' Wives" was one of his best sellers. This time around, we see the major medical responsibilities that women doctors face in a big hospital. We see them daily test their skills and abilities against those of men. And we have a revealing look behind hospital scenes of love, hope, and fear that are often, literally matters of life and death.

Addendum: Among her many talents, Marion Cannon, Captiva winter resident, is a poet. Her work has been published from time to time but never in book form. Now we learn that her first book of poems will be published by the Red Clay Press this summer. We will have a copy for you just as soon as it is available.

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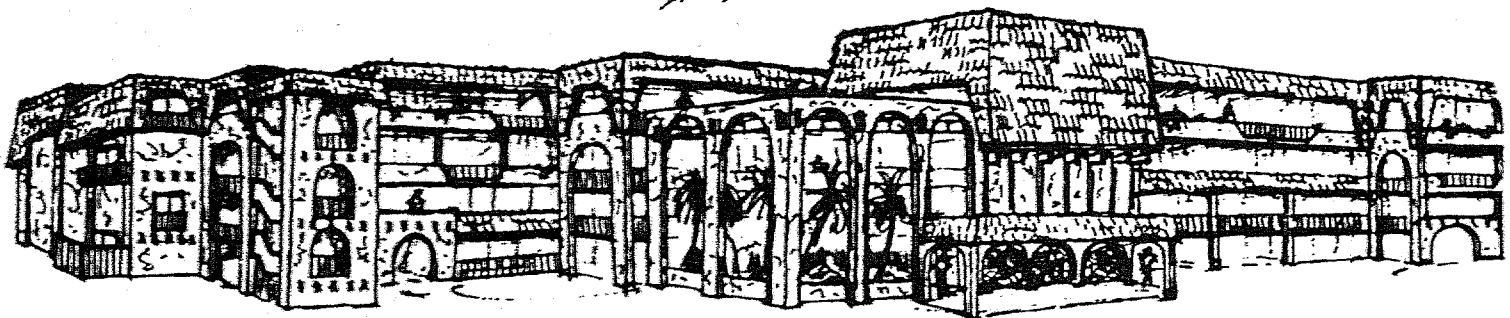
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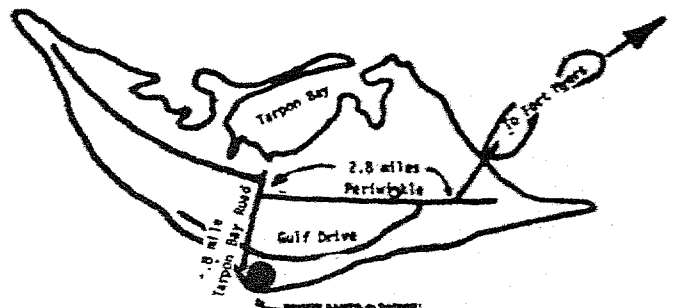
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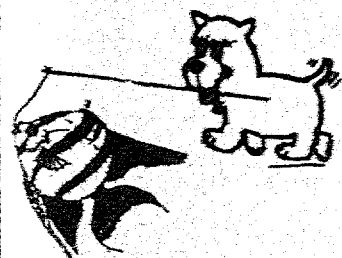
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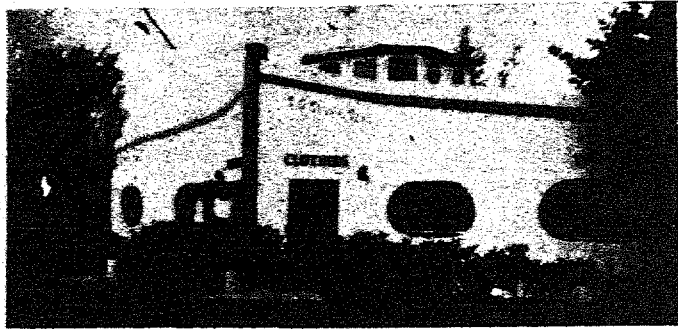
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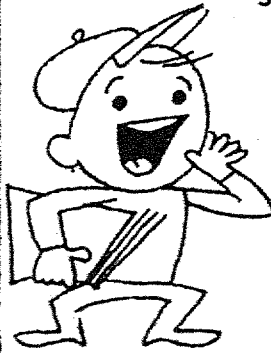
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