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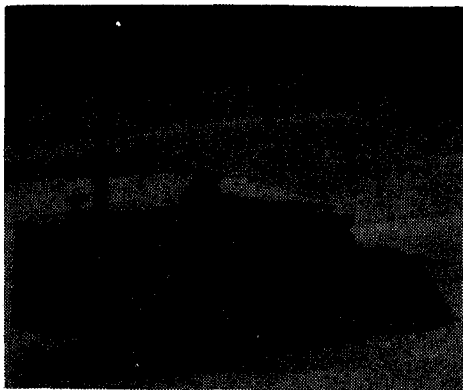
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## The Sands Of Sands



Well, the sands that have been moved back and forth by tide and man are being

moved once again. These shots are of the new sandbar-beach which presently inhabits Turner Park on the Sanibel side of the Captiva bridge.

There are many of you who remember when Turner Park was wholly on Captiva and existed of a long sand spit which closed the pass. What with Agnes and various and sundry other disturbances, it shifted, opening the pass, and coming over to the Sanibel side. Recent weather has made inroads on the shifted sand, so now man is getting into the act, moving sand around in an attempt to stop more shifting. What will happen now is anyone's guess.

## Fight Against Incorporation Lawsuit

The following letter and comments were sent to THE ISLANDER for publication.

Mr. Baya Harrison  
Attorney General's Office  
Tallahassee  
Re: Sanibel Incorporation Suite  
Dear Mr. Harrison:

I understand that Gary Van Ostrand forwarded to you the copy of the suit directed at the Lee County Commissioners and the Supervisor of Elections of Lee County to prevent the question of incorporation of Sanibel from being placed on the November ballot.

We have had many inquiries on this situation, and as I was the Chairman of the Lee County Legislative Delegation and presented the bill which became law as 74-606 (HB 4001), I am most interested in your consideration and opinion of the bill and this suit.

Time is of the essence in this matter if it is possible to prevent an injunction which would remove the question from the ballot. Therefore, I would most certainly appreciate your reply as soon as possible.

I thank you for your assistance, and if I can be of any help, please let me know.  
/s/Hugh Paul Nuckolls

State Representative Paul Nuckolls has contacted the Community Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and the Attorney General's Office in Tallahassee seeking support and aid to fight a law suit which might delay the special Sanibel Incorporation Referendum Question on the November ballot.

Nuckolls reports "We have contacted both offices in efforts to muster support for the local bill (HB 4001) which was presented by Rep. Ted Randell and myself during the last session of the

Legislature and has been challenged by Walter Condon in a suit filed recently in Circuit Court."

"I have asked for assistance ... defending the status of HB 4001 which provides for a referendum election November 5 on the proposed charter and incorporation of the island area," said the State Representative.

"To date, the Community Affairs Committee has expressed a desire to render any help possible in the defense of this statute", said Nuckolls. "However, the Attorney General's Office is still investigating their possible involvement in this matter." He said he had asked the Attorney General's Office to try and prevent an injunction on the referendum election which would remove it from the November ballot.

Nuckolls said, "Rather than delaying this matter until another date when a costly special election would have to be set, I am urging that the residents of Sanibel be given the opportunity now to determine whether or not they want to incorporate."

On September 6, Nuckolls said he was in contact by telephone with Gary von Ostrand, Staff Director of the Community Affairs Committee, and explained Condon's impending suit and possible injunction which could delay the incorporation vote.

The Representative added, "On September 12, I followed this conversation up with a letter to Ostrand with all the details of the suit and a copy of the actual suit. He assured me that he would see that a copy of the suit and my letter would be hand delivered to the Florida Attorney General's Office with my request that they aid in any way possible to uphold the bill."

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**VIV SAYS**

Last Saturday I stopped to pick up an ad at one of the Sanibel business offices, which advertise with the Islander.

"Congratulations," said the gentleman in charge.

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**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.

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**MR. AND MRS. FRANCES BAILEY** are back home again after a vacation in Cape Cod. Mrs. Bailey stayed a bit longer than her husband. Cape Cod is great, we've heard they said, but Sanibel is even greater!

**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT VARTDAL** and their three children spent five weeks in Minnesota this summer; now they're here again at their home on Lady's Ear Court.

Another family, **MR. AND MRS. PORTER GOSS** of Gulf Drive, have also returned from their northern vacation.

Last Saturday the **LEON LEVYS** of Jamaica Drive came home to Sanibel from Norwalk, Conn. Leon is one of Sanibel's famous artists.

## THE COLONY

Out of State guests this week at THE COLONY include: Mrs. L. G. Gardner of Northbrook, Ill.; Mr. Robert J. Borton and family from Colubus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. George Haegle from Shirley, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould from Clinton, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hubble and family from Aurora, Ontario; Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson and Family also from Aurora, Ontario; Mr. and Mrs. Mark MacCaughern, Jr. of Strafford-Wayne, Penn.; and Mr. and Mrs. Sprague of Huntington Station, N.Y.

Our Florida guests this week include: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Posgay of Plantation; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bowers and family of Hialeah.

## THE CASTAWAYS

Guests at THE CASTAWAYS this week are the Fred Godfreys and the William Shockeyes of Dade City who have been coming over the years on their vacations. Mrs. Godfrey is an ardent fisherman who occasionally out does her husband.

Also, "on board" are co-owners June Henry's sister Ruth and Aunt Maggie Maguire formerly of Pittsburg.

Carole Carter flew all the way from California this week to renew her 10 year ago acquaintance of shelling near Blind Pass.

Tom O'Neal, son of James O'Neal, Miami Springs, who spent his honeymoon on The Castaways houseboat (fishing!) introduced his father and friends to the unbelievable Sunset Bay fish "mix" over the weekend.

## REILLY-LIPPE WEDDING

Miss Leslie Anne Lippe became the bride of Frank R. Reilly Jr. on Saturday on the Gulf at South Seas Plantation. The Rev. James R. Mayfield officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peter Lippe of Fort Myers. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reilly of Deerfield Beach.

For her wedding, the bride wore a floor-length peasant dress of cotton eyelet and carried a nosegay of white daisies, stephanotis and baby's breath.

Linda Lippe was her sister's maid of honor.

The groom's brother, Craig, was best man.

The bride attended Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

The bridegroom also attended Florida Atlantic and is presently employed as engineering inspector for the city of Deerfield Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Reilly will live in Boca Raton.

## REV. MORRIS C. ROBINSON TO PREACH THIS SUNDAY AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

The congregation of the Sanibel Community Church have another treat coming this Sunday, October 6, when Rev. Robinson, L.H.D. (Doctor of Humane Letters) will preach a special sermon.

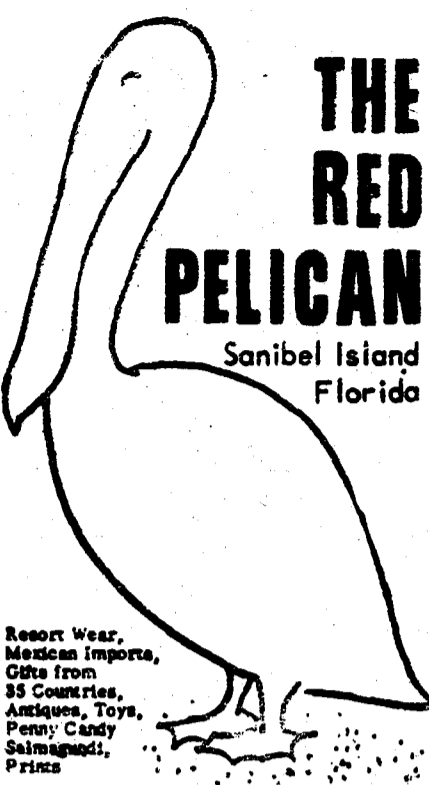
Rev. Robinson retired as minister of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis, Minn. in 1967 where he had served for the past 36 years. During that period Rev. Robinson took leave to be exchange minister to Scottish Presbyterian Church Scotland. Since retiring he has been Guest Minister of the Wananalua Congregational Church Island of Maui, Hawaii. He has acted as Protestant Chaplin on three world cruises visiting Leningrad, Moscow, Berlin and the Mediterranean. He has served as Interim Minister at St. Marks, Presbyterian Church Newport Beach, Calif., and Christ United Presbyterian Church Ormond Beach, Florida.

Rev. Robinson was educated at the University of Louisville, Ky. where he earned his B.A. Degree. McCormick Theological Seminary for his B.D. Degree and the University of Pennsylvania for his M.A. Degree and has received an Honorary Degree from Macalester College in Minneapolis. He and his wife now reside in Fair Way Village, Largo, Florida.

The subject of Rev. Robinson's sermon Sunday will be "Jesus Most Important Commandment". It is also World Wide Communion Sunday.

The Directors of the Church wish to announce there will be a special offering taken for the Hurricane Victims in Honduras.

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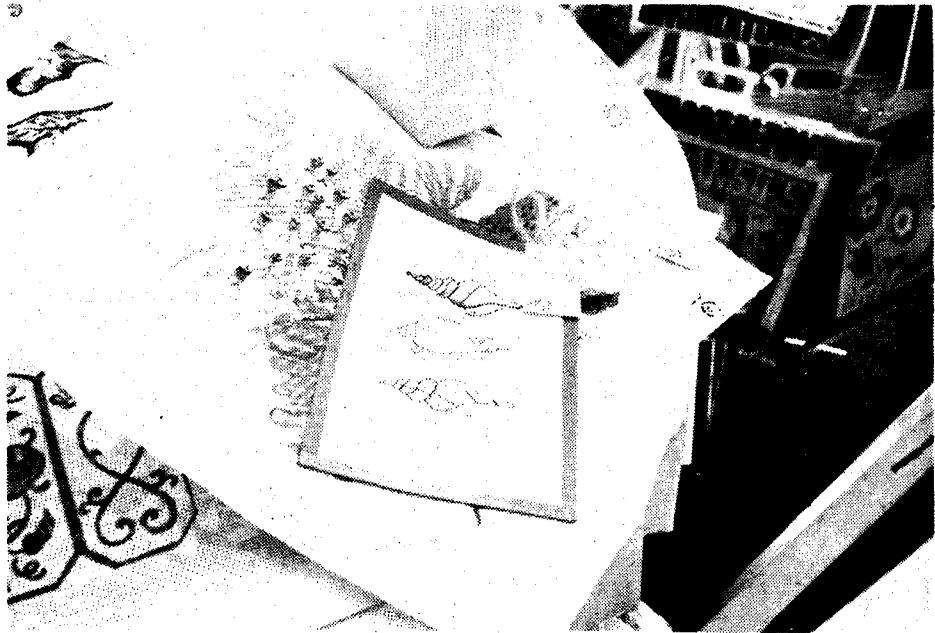
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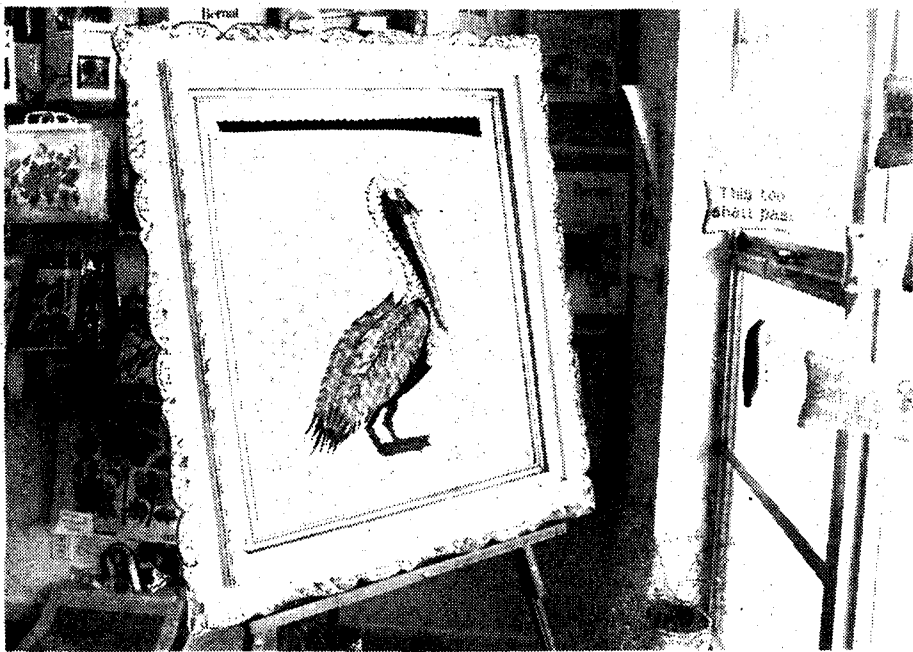




# Creative Merchants



Handpainted needlepoint canvases of shells, sea life, etc., are featured at the Needle's Eye.



This handsome pelican adorns Ann's front window. He's just waiting for someone to work him.



During a quiet moment, Ann calculates the amount of yarn needed for a hand-painted needlepoint canvas.



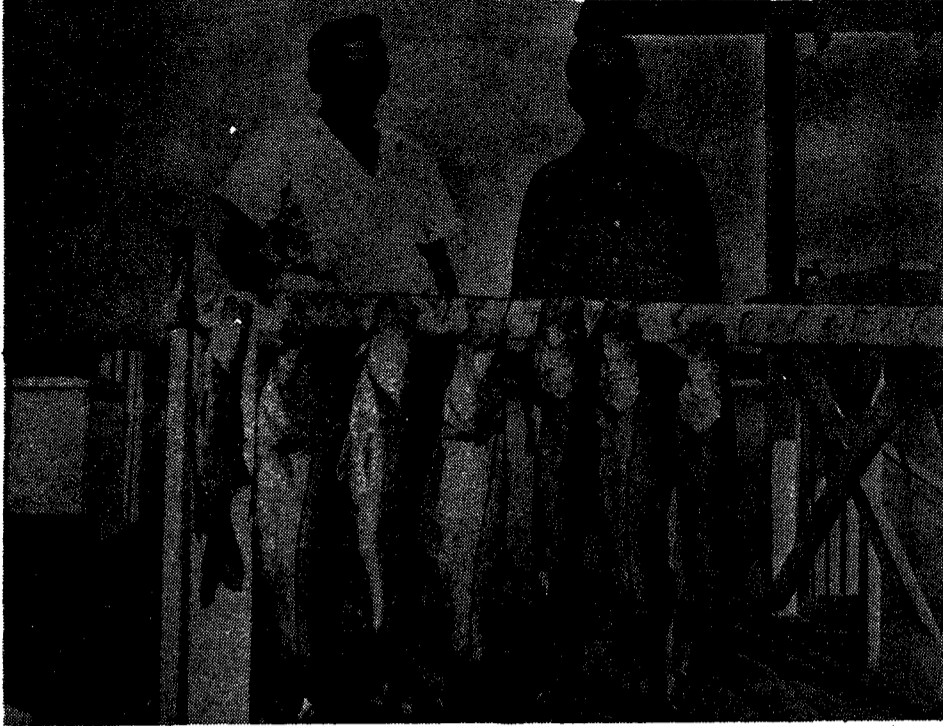
Look through the Needle's Eye, and you will find Ann Boland, owner and operator of Sanibel's very own needlepoint shop.



Customers pause for a friendly chat, after selecting their needlepoint needs from Ann's vast supply.



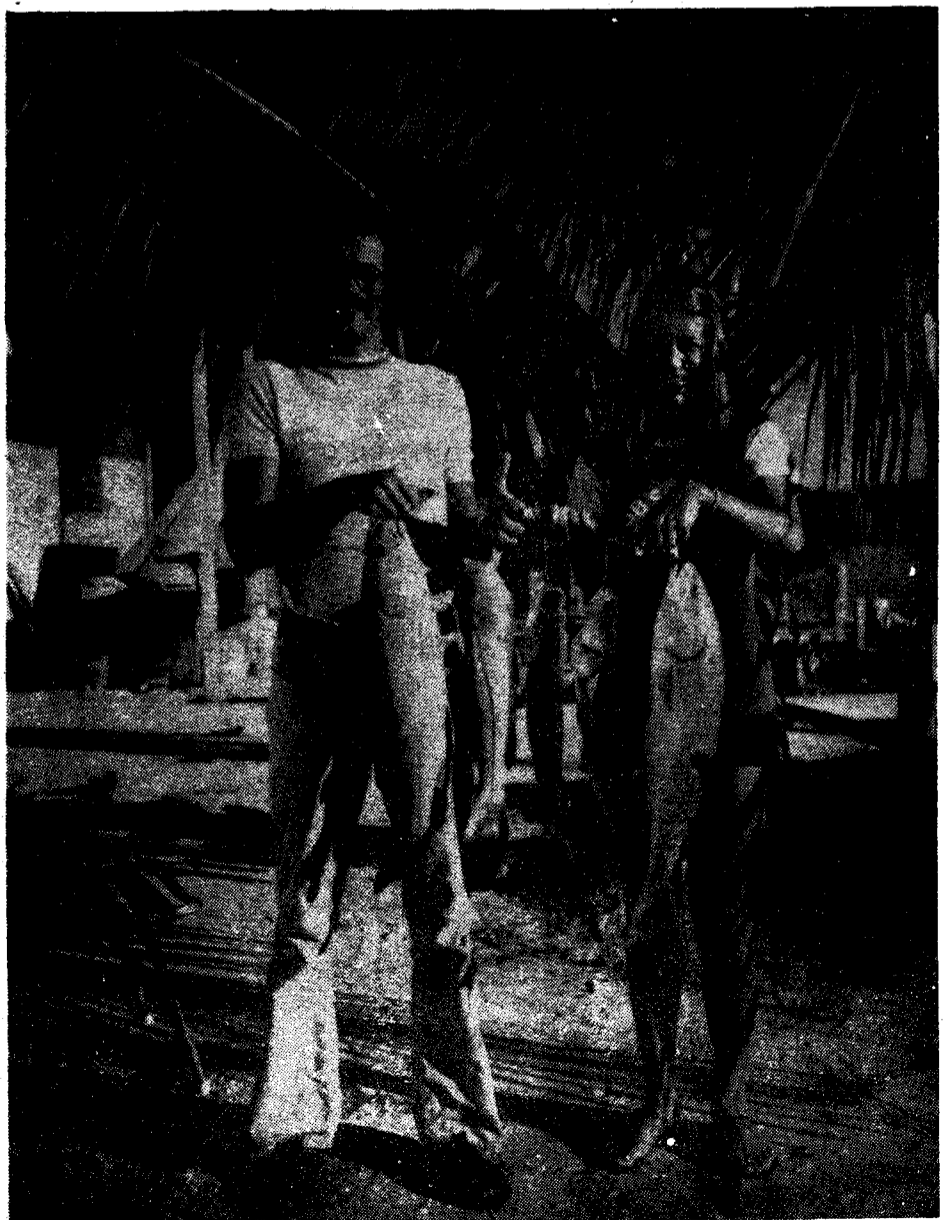
Ann points to the first of Ann Winterbottom's designs from the Mazaltow's World Wildlife Fund Collection.



Wally Liebe and John Allen, of Miami and Sanibel, are pictured with their catch of snook - Bob Sabatino, guide.



Mr. Fred E. Godfrey, who takes his vacation yearly at the Castaways, is catching reds and trout like mad off Turners Beach.



Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Mowry, of Jupiter, Florida, are shown with their nice catch of reds and snook caught from the Captiva Bridge. They are guests of Blind Pass Cottages.

### A DIFFERENT SORT OF JOURNEY

by Ruth Hunter

At 5 p.m. we set sail on the S.S. Universe Campus out of our own Port Everglades on May 29. Our ship was a floating college and if we chose to learn about Oceanography or Communications or Anthropology we were welcome to do so, or sit in a deck chair and watch the glorious sea. We were faithful students at the course in Movies to study "Citizen Kane" and "The Circus" with Charlie Chaplin and "Grapes of Wrath" and learned that a motion picture must have only 30 scenes and so on.

Our first Port, Jamaica didn't have the famous steel band which always greets a ship. However, what I liked best about Kingston was not the Victoria strawmarket, nor the Tower Isle Hotel with the toga topped musicians on the beach, or the river rafting at Port Antonio, it was the seven school children who visited our ship. One little girl, Ho Sang, quoted a verse from her class:

"Jamaica, the land of wood and water  
With mountains all around  
With fresh green grass, it surely is  
The best land to be found."

There is a beautiful lilt in the way the Jamaicans speak, sometimes like a song. Our Professor of Music, aboard ship told us that all those oil drums, the Jamaicans turn into musical instruments, were left on the beaches there after World War Two. So, United States litter is responsible for all those fine steel drum bands.

In our next Port of Call, Cartagena, Columbia, I had my picture taken with a sloth, the only time I can remember seeing one except for "S" in our alphabet book. Linda who once lived in Manhattan was our guide. She took us up to a high hill, La Popa with a famous old monastery. Did you know there was once such a lot of gold in Cartagena, a wall had to be built around the city to keep out the pirates. We walked through long tunnels which stretched out under the sea. Everyone was selling things, turtles, bags, hangings, postcards. I bought a picture card of a fat Indian girl and a skinny Indian girl to send home with the verse:

"Fat and Skinny had a race,  
All around the pillow case,  
Fat fell down and broke his face,  
Ha ha said skinny, I won the race!"

Our ship was pulling out of the harbor and the South Americans were tossing things up on to the deck for us to buy, shawls, souvenirs, and dolls. I threw back the paper money for a lovely dark blue jacket decorated with llamas. It hit the dock square in front of the seller. I would long remember how I got that piece of finery. I thought as the S.S. Universe Campus tooted slowly out of Cartagena, Columbia, South America.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

#### LAST WEEK

Busses came to Lee County - The story behind the headlines - In 1973 the State Department of Transportation called on Mayor Corbin to arrange a meeting for the purpose of discussing an experimental bus program for the county. The Mayor in turn asked the Chamber of Commerce to spearhead the effort. Frank Wallace, the Chamber's Chairman of Governmental Affairs arranged the meeting with Ken Daniels, then Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Chandler Burton, Mayor of Cape Coral and 3 members of DOT.

The chamber of Commerce called numerous planning meetings following this, which led to the County Transportation Study, the results of which enabled the county to qualify for this pilot project.

Mr. Wallace and his Chamber of Commerce committee were instrumental in getting this program started, helping to keep it on the track and bringing it to a final successful conclusion.

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In a letter last Thursday, Chamber President W. Thomas Howard urged President Gerald Ford to use his

influence to speed negotiations ending the National Airlines strike. Letters also went to L.B. Maytag, President of National Airlines, Wilbur A. Spurlock, President of IAM District 145, Senators Gurney and Chiles, Congressmen representing all the southwest Florida area as well as the Governor, state senators and representatives.

Mr. Howard cited the detrimental effect the strike is having on tourist reservations for fall and Christmas with the resulting adverse effect on the whole economy of southwest Florida. This is one more facet of the Chamber's continuing efforts to bring this strike to a speedy conclusion.

#### THIS WEEK

Another effort of the Chamber of Commerce came to fruition on Monday with the opening of the local Extension Center of the University of South Florida. This was brought about in good part by the diligent efforts of John Beckett and his Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. They appeared before the Board of Regents and helped guide the appropriation measure through the state legislature, making the Center a reality.

Not to be overlooked is the role of the Lee County District School Board which has been working for 4 years to bring the Extension Center here. At great sacrifice to its own operation, it has turned over the Gwynne Institute building to the University for its program.

The close cooperation of Chamber staff members, John Beckett and his Chamber committee and Ray Pottorff of the Lee County District School Board, working with the University of South Florida, has resulted in the successful culmination of this worthwhile addition to the cultural enrichment of Lee County.

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Also this week, bids will be opened on September 26 for I-75 bridges across the Caloosahatchee River. No other group in Lee County has put forth more consistent effort than the Chamber has to make the I-75 dream a reality. James McFadden's Roads and Bridges Committee deserves credit for spearheading the effort involved in pushing this program. We at the Chamber are never going to be satisfied until tourists can travel directly into Lee County on I-75.

#### NEXT WEEK

The week of September 30 has been proclaimed "Chamber of Commerce Week" by Mayor Oscar M. Corbin, Jr. There are three significant events scheduled for members and their guests.

Board of Directors meeting and Annual Presidents' breakfast were held earlier this week. Climaxing the gala week will be the Presidents' Reception at 6:45 and Annual Dinner Meeting at 8:00 pm at the Exhibition Hall on Thursday, October 3. Dr. James H. Boren, A Leader For Our Times, will give his side-splitting talk WHEN IN DOUBT\* MUMBLE. New York strip steak with all the delicious trimmings will be served to music for dinner-dancing. Tickets are \$12.00 each.

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No county money to answer tourist mail. The County Commissioners last year budgeted \$15,000 to the Fort Myers-Lee County Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of answering mail inquiries about Lee County. This year a hearing was not granted to the Chamber of Commerce and the \$15,000 has not been budgeted. In order for us to continue answering mail about all areas of the county, we will need to find a way to raise the money for this most vital and important function.

As a business person you need to know that the \$15,000 merely reimbursed the Chamber for the operation of the tourist mail department. An invoice showing the name, address and information mailed to every individual who wrote to us was submitted to the County Commissioners asking for this reimbursement. In other words, this was a truly business-like transaction.

With the National Airlines strike, the lay-offs in our construction industry, the slow down of real estate transactions, high interest rates and other obstacles, it is more important than ever before that this Chamber of Commerce encourage people to visit the area and to spend here. It is that important!



**TO THE ISLANDER:**

Dear Charlotte Shea & Glenn Carowan:  
 We are sure sorry to have you leave us. Sanibel Island has been the richer for your being here. Aside from your work with the U.S. Wildlife, your personal services are much appreciated, to name a few, Charlotte with your Girl Scout Activities and Glenn with your fine performances at the Pirate Playhouse.  
 You will both be long remembered. God bless you both. We can hope that you'll be back with us one day.  
 /s/Ruth and Philip Hunter

**TO THE ISLANDER**

As my senior science project, I am conducting experiments using salt water for irrigation of commercial products and research done in this area. If any of your readers could be of help to me, I would appreciate hearing from them.

I have spent many Christmas vacations on Sanibel at Periwinkle Park and last year the barnacles I collected remained alive until May, "blurped" for the judges at the State Science Fair, to earn me an Outstanding Award for the third consecutive year.

Thank you for any help that the readers might send me.

/s/Elaine Ann Powers  
 1118 East Wilson Avenue  
 Peoria, Ill. 61603

**QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY  
 REP. PAUL NUCKOLLS**

Dear Representative Nuckolls:

As a member of the League of Women Voters, I have been trying for some time to get a brief summary of each of the proposed seven amendments which will be on the November ballot. I have read the copies of the constitutional amendments and they are confusing in terminology and I haven't been able to find much in writing regarding them. Can you help?

P.P.  
 Port Charlotte

Dear P.P.:

Many have expressed confusion over the amendments on the ballot, so I did a little research on the matter and came up with the following summary, which I hope will briefly and accurately provide the information you seek.

HJR 637 provides for Senate confirmation of the members of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, and for legislative approval of the Commission's budget.

HJR 1907 changes the nomenclature relating to Tax Assessor to Property Appraiser.

HJR 1424 permits counties, municipalities, and special districts to construct and operate electrical energy generating facilities.

SJR 917 prohibits discrimination against physically handicapped persons.

HJR 3911 provides that the Judicial Qualifications Commission may investigate and recommend the removal of any justice or judge on the grounds of misconduct. Provides for the various guidelines.

HJR 3522 broadens the bond provisions of the Constitution to include transportation facilities other than roads.

HJR 2289 provides that revenue derived from the gross receipts tax shall be used for capital outlay projects in the state systems of public education.

It is necessary that the voters have a general idea of what provisions are in amendments for which they are asked to vote, and I hope that this summarization will give you enough of a base for an informed vote.

Rep. Paul Nuckolls

Representative Nuckolls will be glad to personally answer your questions pertaining to state matters. If your question is of wide concern, it may appear in this column. Address your inquiry to: Representative Paul Nuckolls, P.O. Box 6631, Fort Myers, FL. 33902.

**FORT MYERS JAYCEE AUXILLIARY**

The Fort Myers Jaycee Auxilliary is sponsoring the Junior Miss Pageant November 23, 1974. All senior girls attending any Fort Myers High School interested in running should contact their senior counselor for details not later than September 30, 1974.

**TO THE ISLANDER:**

I have just finished reading the letter in this week's Islander from Joe Smith, Long Island, N.Y. His complaints about bicycles and their riders, also his opinions on their having special paths remind me so much of the several letters to you and our other Island paper written by an Irwin Kretz, who was staying on the Island for a couple of months. Almost identical, by gosh! He is from Long Island also, as a further coincidence. His letters complained about bicycles on Periwinkle Way and the beach, plus a gaggle of other assorted complaints. He also had that cute little habit of steering to his side of the road so that the hapless bicyclist was forced to stop in front of him and listen to his tirade about being on the wrong side of the road.

Funny thing...I drive along these roads every day and I never seem to meet up with all these bike riders who taunt and tease motorists. Most of the ones I pass don't even look up. They're too busy pedaling! As for bike paths, I'm quite sure the bike rider would be very happy to give up annoying us motorists to be able to ride in safety.

Mr. Smith's concern in this matter amazes me...he's not worrying about a human life or possible injury to someone. No...just his driver's license! Well, as it is said, there are all kinds!

Judging from his letter, Mr. Smith must have stayed on Sanibel also. I would like to suggest, that in the future, if Mr. Smith is so fearful of killing a pesky bike rider, denting his precious car and losing his license, he go elsewhere than Sanibel for the winter.

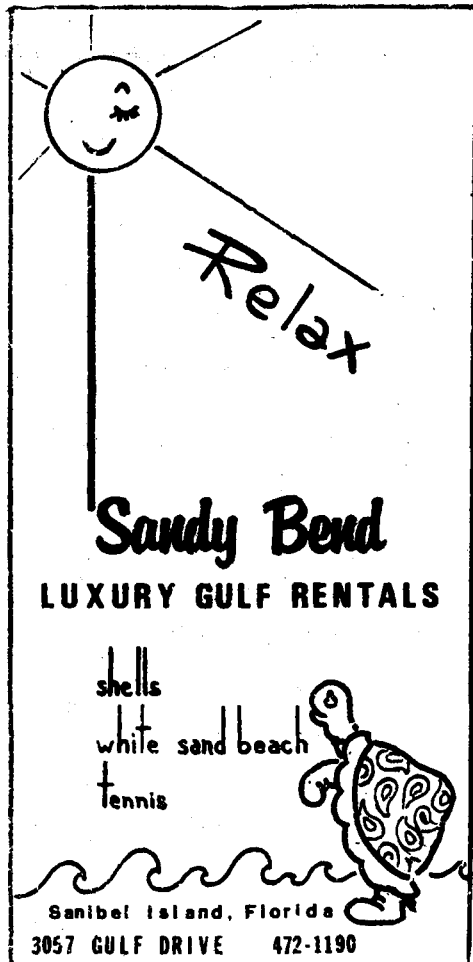
/s/John Jones  
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**PLEASE EXCUSE!**

John F. Budd, Jr. of Locust Valley, N.Y., and frequent visitor to the Islands wrote to us of our mistake in crediting a picture he took while on the Islands in June. Unfortunately, we gave photo credit to Huston Studios. Mr. Budd has sent in many fine wildlife and scenery photos of the Islands and we look forward not only to his return, but also to his cameras'.

**RED CROSS NEWS**

The American Red Cross is offering classes in Standard First Aid and Personal Safety to the public. The classes will be held at the Sanibel Elementary School on Sanibel Island. They will start Monday, October 7. For more information contact the American Red Cross at 334-3401.



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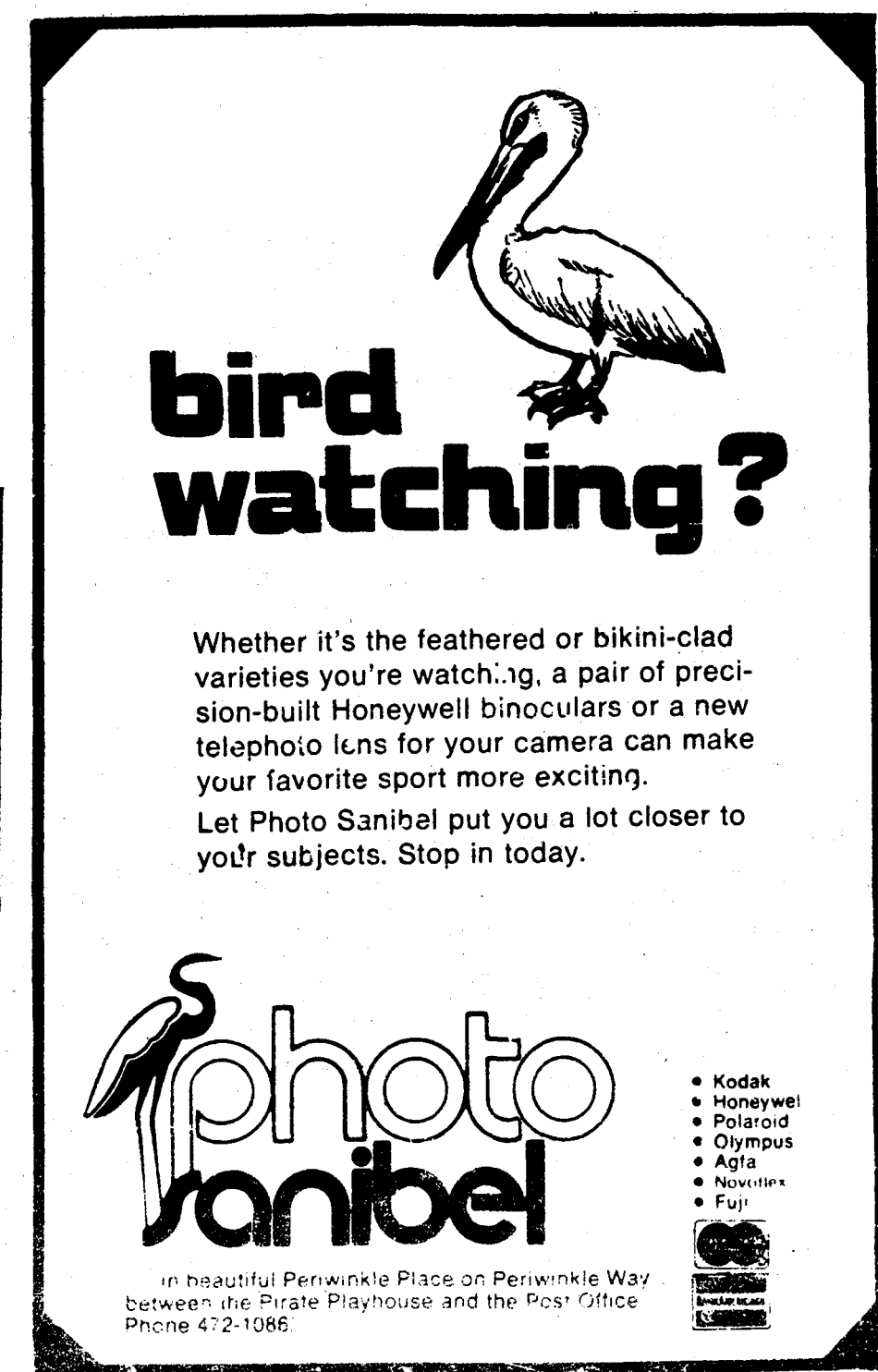
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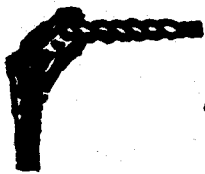
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# Sport & Fishing Section



## A Grain Of Sea Salt by betzi abram



Have you ever thought you'd like to make your own sailboat? Well, some friends of mine did, and although I wouldn't say there's nothing to it, they do seem to be still healthy, financially solvent and have been sailing their beautiful little boat for some years.

Back in the '60s, Dan Springer saw a picture of a Corsaire an 18' French designed cruising sloop with graceful lines good function and a surprisingly sizeable cabin.

He wrote to the designer, Jean-Jacques Herbulot, asking to buy a set of the plans but was told that the boat could not be built by an amateur. Dan a mechanical engineer with lots of wood-working experience and great pride in his workmanship naturally didn't take that lying down! He responded by taking the magazine illustration of the loft lines, having them enlarged and blue-printed, and building the family a boat. And it is a honey.

It was even more of a family project than he had originally planned, his quality workmanship somewhat threatened by the enthusiastic cooperation of two small, loving children. It's not very easy to saw along a chalk line which has been largely smudged by helpful little hands placed where they don't belong. He solved this problem by setting them to needed tasks such as soaping the screws and handing them to him one at a time.

Ellen not only helped build, but did all the running around to lumber yards and hardware stores, and kept a file on the whole project. The neighbors gathered for a hull-turning party in the backyard. It seems you build a hull upside down in the basement, take it outside to turn it over and take it back inside to put the deck on. Forty folks came to help with the party, and roughly eight helped turn the boat (the usual percentage.)

They also took a trip to St. Pete from Georgia where they lived, to consult with the American Corsaire dealer, and bought a factory-made mast from him. Everything else, Dan did himself even casting the 325-lb lead keel in the backyard.

They bought an old cast-iron sink, sat it up on legs, built a fire under it to melt the lead, which then flowed through the drain-hole into a mold that Dan had made and set underneath. His calculations covering such things as net weight, center of gravity, keel volume, density, conversions from iron to lead and other such factors cover 16 pages of 3-hole notebook paper and the formulas and symbols make my head spin!

He added a tabernacle to the mast for easy lowering and has roller reefing and furling with 3 reef points on the main. The sails - which cost approximately one-fourth as much as the rest of the materials put together - came from sailmakers in Connecticut and England. This little boat can be sailed by one person, competes well in M.O.R.C. ocean racing even in light air, has a shoal draft and slotted keel which makes it good for gunk-holing, is small enough to be trailerable but surprisingly roomy inside. Ellen says it sleeps 2 adults and 2 small children very comfortably.

The cabin is as wide as the boat, eliminating the usual deck overhang, but it is low enough that this is no problem in

moving around topsides. The self-bailing cockpit will hold four adults most comfortably. The Springers have kept their little boat in tip-top shape, its white paint clean and its varnished mahogany ashine, but they have finally decided to sell it. They feel they need a bigger boat. But Ellen looks back to the days they built it with fond nostalgia in her eyes, and both of them radiate pride when they tell of the fun times they've had sailing in their own handiwork.

As I leaf through their construction notebook, I am amused by Monsieur Herbulot's polite French, "...nous avons le regret de vous informer que le 'Corsaire' ne se fait pas en construction amateur." Little did he know that Dan is really no amateur-except in the sense of being a lover of good boats and fine workmanship.

Man, that was a lot of work though. If you're really set on building your own boat, you better go talk to Dan-and maybe you'll find it easier just to buy his!

### BOAT EXPLOSIONS ON THE INCREASE; BRING DESTRUCTION AND DEATH

Sr. Chief Petty Officer Thurman L. Smith addressing the San Carlos Bay Power Squadron members and guests at their September general meeting told the audience that careless starting of boat motors has resulted, since July of this year, in six boat explosions, causing one death and various degrees of burns to others. One woman, in a recent boat explosion, with third degree burns, had to be flown to a Houston, Texas hospital. Hospitals in our area are not equipped to take care of such severe burns.

While Chief Smith was addressing the group a seventh boat explosion occurred in the Caloosahatchee river. Fortunately, no one was injured, but the boat was a complete loss.

Careless boatmen in too much of a hurry, are the chief culprits, said Chief Smith, but he added that there are too many boats operating in our waters with improper ventilation equipment that sooner or later will cause trouble. Said Chief Smith, "people do not realize that the fumes of two teaspoons of gasoline in the bilge are equal in explosive power to 5 sticks of dynamite". He complimented the Squadron for conducting the boat courses open to the general public which emphasize boat safety. Said the Chief, "we must cut down on the increasing number of boat explosions in our area, and there is only one way. Have your boat inspected, make sure you have the right ventilation system, and then before

starting your motor, whether inboard or outboard, check for gas fumes and do not be in a hurry."

Discussing what to do, in case of a hurricane, Chief Smith said that the Coast Guard has a "hurricane safety harbor" back of Siesta Isles to take care of boats in the Fort Myers Beach Area. It will safely handle around 25 boats up to 65' in length. Boats must be brought to the safety harbor by water. They cannot be brought in by trailer.

Plans are also under way for expanding the present Coast Guard Stations facilities. However, while the plans have been made, the money necessary has not been appropriated. This writer suggests that everyone interested in safe boating write to his Senator and Congressman regarding the needs of our growing area for a larger Coast Guard Station with increased facilities. For example, boats with ship to shore VHF radio telephones on board, can reach the Coast Guard, in case of an emergency only within a 25 mile radius. If the present Coast Guard facilities are approved, a new Radio Tower will be built on the present Sanibel Lighthouse with will more than double the present 25 mile range, extremely important to anyone fishing offshore in the Gulf.

Squadron members felt that Chief Smith's talk was of such importance, that plans have been made to invite Chief Smith again to address the Squadron early in 1975 and to invite Beach area residents to listen to him. To Chief Smith and his hard working crew, boatmen in this area owe a great deal. However, as Chief Smith said do not be in a hurry to start your motor or motors. Stick the best

gas sniffer in the world, your nose, in the bilge and smell, smell for gas fumes; keep you hatch open, ventilate the bilge for at least 5 minutes and only then push the starter button. The life you save may be your own.

### ADVANCED SQUARES TO DANCE

Royal Palm Squares, a new advanced level square dance club will hold its first dance, which will be called by Danny Robinson, on Thursday, October 10, at the Hall of 50 States, Tourist Center, Edwards Drive opposite the municipal yacht basin, Fort Myers, Florida. The dancing level will be the same as that in the Advanced Room during the recent National Square Dance Convention at San Antonio, Texas. ROUNDS at 7:30 p.m. and between square dance tips. SQUARES from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Our members are eager to welcome Danny back to Fort Myers following his absence for the past several months. The club's second dance will be on October 24, at the same location with Chuck Kessler, of Tampa, calling.

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#### SALT TOLERANT TREES

Recently, one of the nurseries operated by the Division of Forestry, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, ran into serious woes. Almost 400,000 young eucalyptus seedlings--part of an important research project--began mysteriously to shrivel and die.

The cause of the disaster?

Not blight. Not virus or scale, or chemicals in the fertilizer.

Analysis showed seepages of salt water into the nursery's fresh well water used in irrigating. There was little to do but move the plants that could be salvaged--lock, stock and barrel--to another nursery site at Chiefland.

In south Florida, salt water intrusion is a threat from underground deposits millions of years old. As water is pumped more rapidly than fresh water aquifers can recharge, salt water seeps into deep well supplies.

The damage to the eucalyptus project points out serious problems that Florida may face in the future.

Long-range solutions are, of course, being considered. The quality of water is vital to every element of Floridians' lives--from drinking water to agriculture production.

Another problem faced more frequently by plant growers is salt drift from the sea itself and from occasional hurricanes and lashing storms.

Some of Florida's trees and shrubs are better equipped to withstand this kind of salt water bath than others. One good line of defense is to use these salt tolerant species for coastal plantings and elsewhere, too, where salt water intrusion may conceivably pose a threat.

Such trees are classified as "Zone II" shrubs and grasses can withstand salt drift, but not direct spray. (That means moist sea air, but not storms.) "Zone III" plants may be expected to hold up under light salt drift or mist, but cannot take as harsh treatment as other plants can.

The classifications were based on observations made after the flooding damage of Hurricane Betsy in the 1960's.

Several trees that seemed to do well under adverse wind and salt water wave conditions were the Australian pine, sea

grape, silver buttonwood, black and red mangrove, Jerusalem thorn, tropical almond, native mahogany and black olive. Fig species, gumbo limbo, cat's claw and tree hibiscus, as well as a seaside mahoe and beauty leaf also stood their own against mighty Betsy.

Conifers that "weather the elements" well are Norfolk Island pine, shore juniper and Monterrey Cypress.

Shrubs and small plants that might be considered for beach plantings include: Spanish bayonet, century plant, pencil tree, rubber plant, salt bush, wax myrtle, oleander and cocoa plum. Also pittosporum, sansevieria, bay cedar, hawthorn and lantana do well on beach sites.

Flowers such as day lilies, wedelia, morning glory, periwinkle, African daisy and portulaca should be planted to brighten beaches, for they are very salt hardy, plus they make the Florida beaches blossom with color!

Bahia, St. Augustine and Bermuda grass are good grasses for salt-exposed locations.

A complete listings of species for Zone I, II and III conditions can be found in the publication, "Salt Tolerant Trees and Shrubs for South Florida," Division of Forestry, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Collins Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32304.

#### SKIP BAFALIS REPORTS: TOUGH DECISIONS REQUIRED IN FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION

Unless Congress is willing to foresake short-term popularity for the long-term good of the nation, we will be unable to stem the vicious inflationary spiral now attacking each and every one of us.

Everyone knows that the cost of living is going up and up and up. But few are willing to look down the road to see what we'll be faced with five years from now.

The picture is bleak indeed. If the cost of living jumps over the next five years no more than it has in the past five, it will still mean a jump in the average American's weekly food bill from today's already frightening \$54 to a budget-busting \$80.

The house you can purchase today for

\$37,500 will cost you \$51,700 in 1979. And the man's suit, now available in stores for around \$86, will cost you \$102 in just five years.

And that's if inflation is no worse than it has been - something we can't count on since the current rate of inflation is a staggering 10 percent, nearly double the 1969-74 rate of 5.8 percent.

The only solution is for Congress to "bite the bullet," to stop trying to please everyone and make the tough choices required.

Unfortunately, there is yet no sign that this message has gotten through. A case in point is the mass transit assistance program which sailed through the House of Representatives just recently.

Much was made of the House's economy move in slashing the six-year authorization bill from \$20 billion to \$11 billion. But the bill still contains nearly \$2.5 billion which will be used to subsidize big city mass transit systems now operating at a loss.

Take New York City's subway system, for example. It costs New Yorkers just 35 cents to ride the subway. And it isn't enough. Despite the millions of riders paying 35 cents, the system is losing money, around \$100 million a year. Under this new bill, federal dollars could be used to make up about \$333,000 of the loss.

And that is unfair - terribly unfair to those Floridians and others who must use their cars, at an average cost of \$100 a month in gas, oil, maintenance, insurance, depreciation and initial cost, to get back and forth to work.

But, even worse is the dangerous precedent set by this subsidy program. The bill encourages cities to develop mass transit programs and rightly so for mass transit can be the key to conservation of fuel and reduction of pollution.

But the aim should be development of mass transit systems capable of paying their own way, not systems which must be subsidized.

Lip service to fiscal responsibility just isn't enough. More deficit spending means continued inflation. And that, in turn, means higher prices for goods and services we must have.

#### BOWEN G. AND LUCY A. SUHR

Mrs. Frederick W. Daub of Vermilion, Ohio, recently sent us word of the deaths of Lucy A. Suhr on June 10, 1974, at age 85, and Bowen G. Suhr, 82, on August 17, 1974. Services and internment were held on Thursday, June 20, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Norwalk, Ohio.

Mrs. Suhr's brother, John Barker, bought property on Sanibel in the early 1920's. Mr. and Mrs. Suhr spent several months each winter in their home on Donax Street (built next to Ursilla Murphy's former home). They loved the islands and were loyal boosters of Sanibel. The Sanibel property now belongs to Robert and John Suhr.

Mrs. Daub, in her note with all the above information, also informs us that she stays at Song of the Sea and hopes to return again this year for "about the 27th year."

#### WANTED! ALL-ALUMINUM CANS

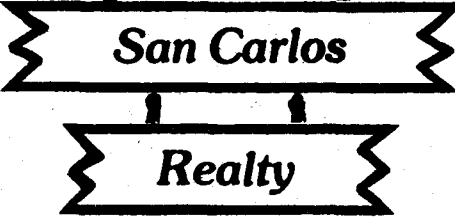
After collecting 15, 236 pounds of aluminum, or 350,428 all-aluminum cans last month in Ft. Myers, Reynolds Metals Co.'s mobile aluminum recycling unit has 9 stops planned for Edison Mall, US 41 S. during October.

The public will receive 15 cents per pound for the aluminum scrap every Tuesday and Saturday during October from 10 am till noon at Edison Mall.

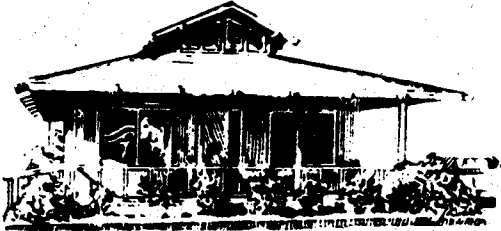
Aluminum may be called an "energy Bank" because only 5% of the energy used for original production of the cans and containers is used to recycle the product and return it to market, in the form of new cans. A ton of aluminum will produce about 32,680 all-aluminum cans.

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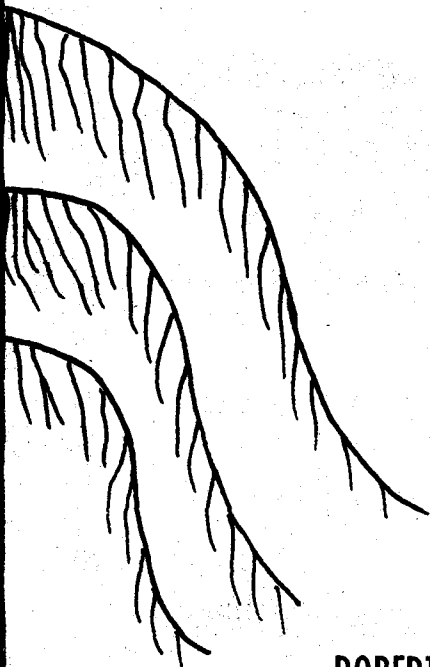
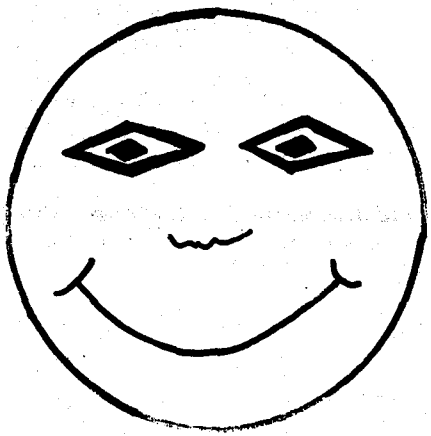
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Shelton Kemp, Executive Director, Bicentennial Commission of Florida, P.O. Box 10207, Tallahassee, FL 32302

### "ATLANTIC PILOT" REVIEW by Bert Collier

Now that we are in the hurricane season, a 200-year-old book just reissued by the University of Florida Press is of unusual interest. It contains, among many other curious things, the first scientific discussion of record of these monster storms and their effect upon seafarers along the Florida coast.

"The boisterous east, N.E. and north winds begin generally in September," says the author, "and continue during the season when the sun is in the south, viz., until March, at which time these winds generally end with a gale of hurricane, if the moon's full or change falls in with the season."

The author proceeds to give detailed advice to mariners caught in these storms and how many lives were saved by heeding his directions no one knows.

The book, "The Atlantic Pilot," now reappears to charm and inform modern readers. It is not only one of the first authoritative description of the lower Florida East Coast and the Keys but contains sailing instructions so accurate they still appear almost verbatim in today's charts and manuals.

"The Atlantic Pilot" is another in the series of facsimile reproductions of rare old books which salute the forthcoming 200th birthday of the nation. They are sponsored by the Florida Bicentennial Commission.

This particular book is almost exactly as old as the nation. It first appeared in 1772 when the author, William Gerard De Brahm was in London under suspension from his post as surveyor general of British East Florida.

It is debatable whether the slim volume that presents early Florida in such vivid light is more interesting than the author himself. De Brahm was an odd character indeed. A German engineer who served under the Emperor, he came first to Georgia in 1751 and then to St. Augustine when the British took over from the Spanish. He played a

conspicuous role in the colony.

De Brahm's cantankerous career is described in an introduction by Dr. Louis De Vorsey Jr., geography professor at the University of Georgia, a specialist on the period. Dr. De Vorsey not only recreates De Brahm, one of the most fascinating characters in Florida's British years, but analyzes the book and emphasizes its importance.

It is a milestone in man's conquest of the sea lanes and a pioneer look at the southern part of the state, which was then virtually terra incognita.

As the author himself said, "The Atlantic Pilot" was "calculated for the safe conduct of ships and their navigation from the Gulf of Mexico along Cuba and the Martieres, through the New Bahama Channel to the northern parts of His Majesty's Dominion on the Continent of America."

The book contains remarkably accurate observations of the Gulf Stream, including the first published map of that great ocean river. De Brahm's studies predated those of others who received much more credit than he. His pathfinding conclusion however, were only part of a lifetime of broad intellectual activity. De Brahm produced books on religion and philosophy, he dabbled in alchemy and made observations of the stars.

In fact he seemed to have knowledge of all fields of the humanities and sciences except how to make friends.

The eccentric German deserves a larger place in the history of Florida and the reappearance of this volume with its scholarly introduction may provide long-overdue recognition.

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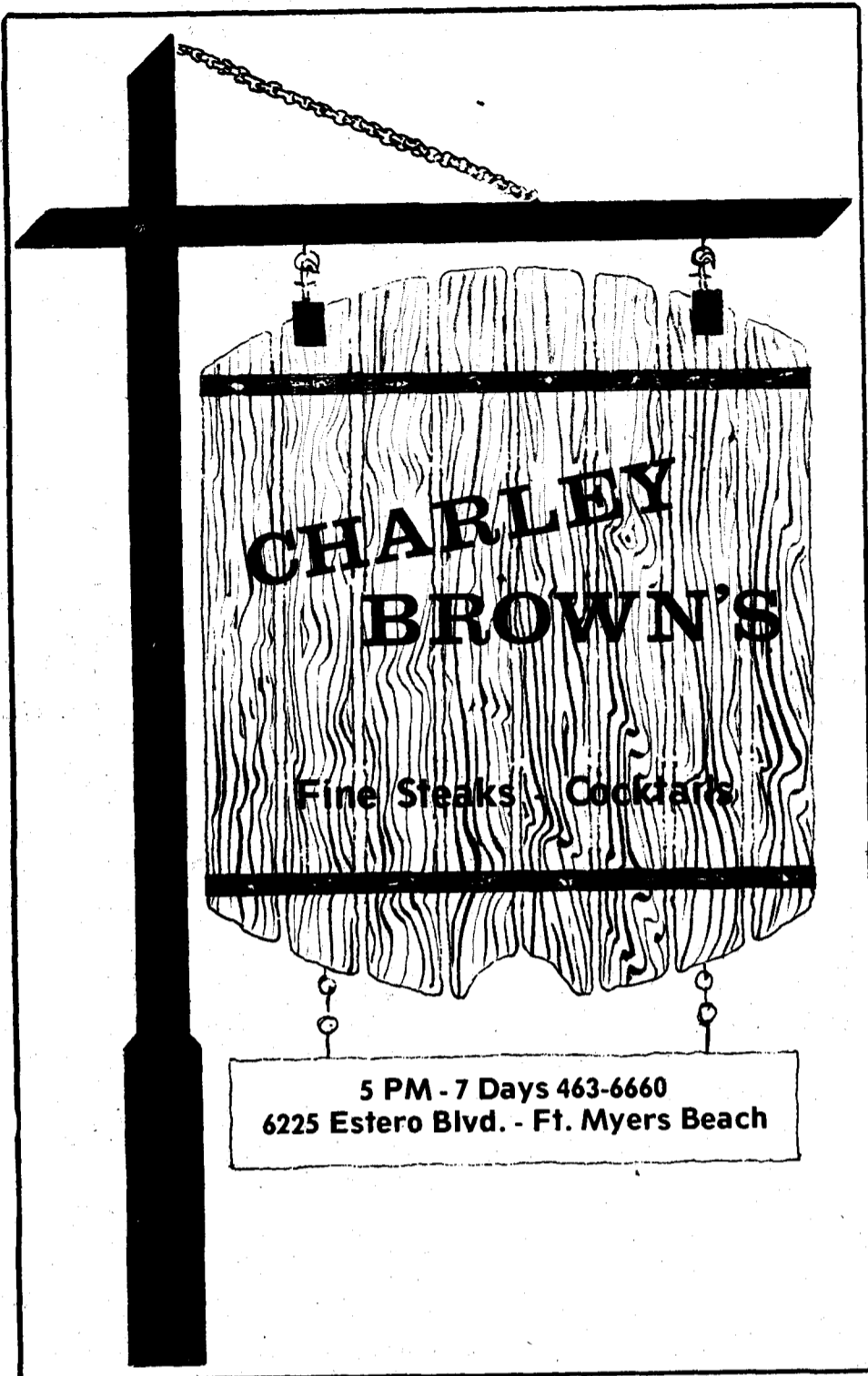
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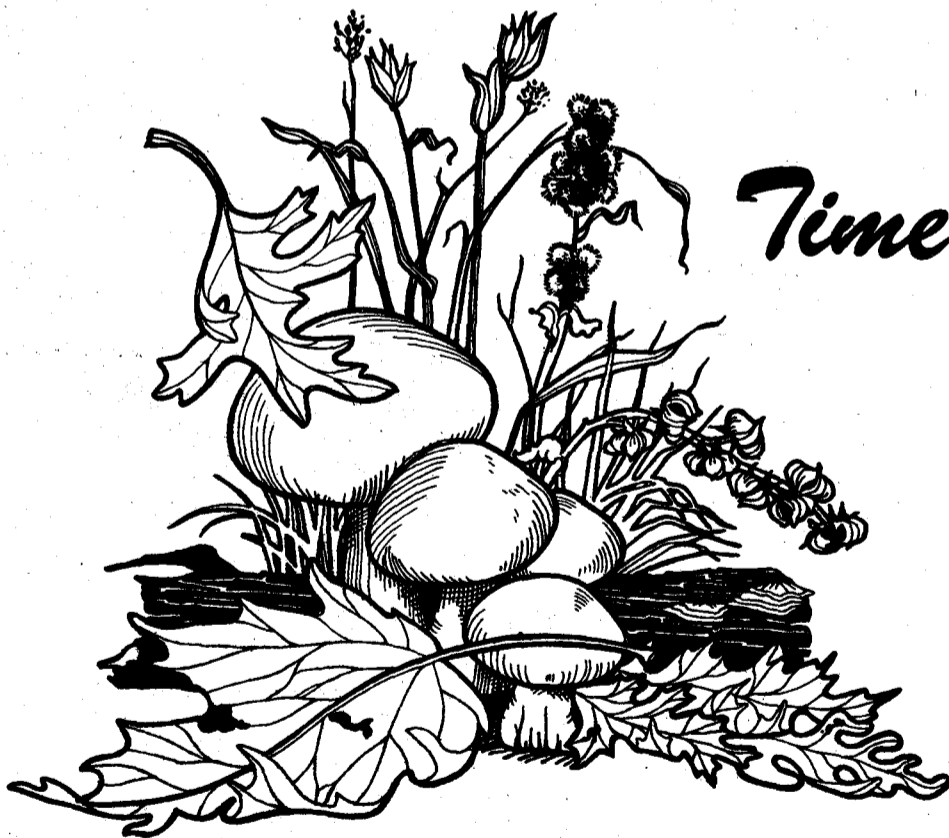
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