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City Taxes Predicted

Sanibel Tomorrow, a pro-incorporation group, held a meeting last night (Wednesday) in the Community House to discuss city taxes if voters approve the incorporation referendum in November.

The meeting was too late for the Islander's deadline, but it was scheduled to predict the operation expenses under incorporation. The figure was set at \$291,000 with a total revenue of \$335,000, based on a 3.15 mill tax. (A mill is \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable property.) Sanibel Tomorrow's proposed budget, which includes a \$78,000 five-man police force,

leaves about \$44,000 in reserve funds.

The report stated that the estimate of taxes was based on the theoretical assessment of a \$40,000 house, which would add up to \$98 and change on a 3.15 mill rate. Zee Butler, president of Sanibel Tomorrow, said earlier in the week that the group stresses, and will continue to emphasize, that "good land use planning" is the basis of seeking incorporation, so that orderly growth of the island could be planned.

Meanwhile, Naples developer Walter Condon, who is registered in Collier County, and who owns property

on Sanibel, filed an injunction on the November referendum in U.S. District Court in Tampa.

Condon's suit charges the Lee County Commissioners and the supervisor of elections with denying his right to vote, and asks that the referendum be stopped until the federal court can decide if all property owners should be allowed to cast ballots on the incorporation.

County officials were served federal notices last Friday and have 20 days to answer the complaint. This could bring about a hearing before the scheduled election on Nov. 5.

This is Condon's second federal suit. He attempted to stop the election by a suit filed Sept. 9 in Lee County challenging whether or not the legislation allowing the election is constitutional. In the county suit, he claims that municipalities are required to have a population of at least 5,000 and a density of 1.5 persons per acre. He claims Sanibel's population is "approximately 1,350" and that the density is about "one person per acre."

Good News

Well, prices continue to go up but there's one area in which they are going down. Sanibel toll bridge tickets will be reduced November 1. Twenty tickets will cost \$10 instead of the previous 10 for \$15, and they will be good for 2 months.

Contributions Received

Lee County Red Cross reports that thus far \$2,524 in contributions have been received from Lee Countians for Honduran Disaster Aid. All monies will be channeled to the Red Cross in Honduras as they know first hand the specific needs in the devastated areas and their local resources for supplies.

The National Red Cross reports that they have forwarded canned goods and other non-perishable foods, first-aid kits, antibiotics and other medications which have been contributed by various companies. At the request of Red Cross Disaster Specialist, Arthur Flynn, presently in Honduras, Red Cross is also sending face masks to be used by rescue workers removing bodies from the debris. 5,000 blankets, and a large shipment of children's underwear. ARC is also sending at the request of the League of Red Cross Societies, shortwave radio equipment, which will be manned by radio operators from the Panamanian Red Cross and other Red Cross societies.

The League of Red Cross Societies reports that 50 tons of powdered milk and 500 tons of wheat flour are being shipped to Honduras by freighter. Even before contributions from the public had been received for this specific disaster, a \$50,000 grant from American Red Cross to the Honduras Red Cross was made for disaster relief and was delivered in person by Mr. Flynn.

Sewer Plant Underway

After a number of delays, the construction of the Jamestown-Beachview Sewage Plant on Sanibel is starting again after a permit was received from the State Dept. of Pollution Control.

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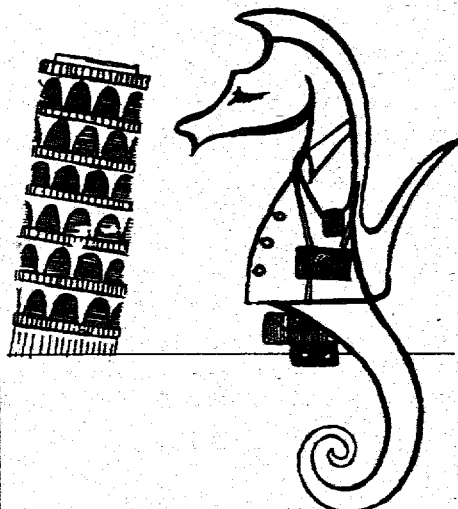
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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A memo from Grinnell College, one of the most conservation schools in Iowa, reports the following bit of world shaking information. At least it is enough to shake a "person" who graduated from there fifty years ago.

"As of September 1974 there are no Freshmen at Grinnell. Women's Lib apparently has been busy while the rest of us slept all summer. Freshmen are no longer found on the campus. First year students are now, and will be until they become Sophomores, freshpersons -- no space, no hyphen, all one word. The bulletin advised "All Freshpersons who are interested in the newly formed Arts class, please report to room . . ."



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

AL ANON - First and third Friday of each month, 8:00 p.m. at St. Michael's and All Angels Church.

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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.

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 8:00 a.m. in the Cape Coral Country Club. For information call Dick Vann, 463-9436.

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

AMERICAN LEGION POST #123 - American Legion Home, second Tuesday of the month, 8:00 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. the first & third Wednesday of each month at Island Beach Club.

FIRE DEPARTMENT meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30, Palm Ridge Road Firehouse.

SANIBEL LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Who's Who

BLANCHE E. JONES of Jamaica Drive, Sanibel, recently returned from her vacation in Columbia Lake, CN. Visiting with her is HELEN SEGAL, an old schoolmate from Connecticut. Mrs. Segal has been enjoying shelling on our beaches, and plans to stay for quite a while.

EDITH MUGRIDGE of Periwinkle Way is back on Sanibel after a pretty exciting fishing trip out of Marathon. She and Mr. & Mrs. RICHARD BRAND of Cape Coral were fishing in 180 feet of water in the ocean when EDE got hold of a huge saifish practically on the ocean bottom. Ede, by the way, is the owner-manager of Glory of the Sea.

Mr. & Mrs. CLYDE REECE of Tallahassee who have been coming down to the Islands for years came in last Wednesday. They'll be at the Sea Horse Cottages for a while.

A newcomer to Sanibel, TOM GRIFFIN of Atlanta, GA, is enjoying his stay at The Colony.

Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM K. RUSCH have come back to their home on Gulf Pines Drive after a pleasant holiday in Michigan and Illinois.

Four Islanders who have really been living it up on an exciting trip to Scotland and England are BETTY SEARS, EVELYN PEARSON, SCOTTY PARIS and MARGIE SPANG of Captiva. They were not together all the time but enjoyed the Edinburgh Festival with its many concerts.

"We also went up into the Scottish Highland," said Betty, "then on to London where we also saw the sights." Ms. Sears and Ms. Pearson are the former owners of Nutmeg House which they have just sold to a combine of which LLOYD WRIGHT and NINO MARINI are the trustees. The new manager of Nutmeg House will be DAVID SMITH, formerly of Rochester, NY.

Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT BATEY and father-in-law, Mr. R. E. BATEY are down from Nashville, TN, redecorating their home for the winter season.

JEAN DICKINSON of 3040 Gulf Drive found a golden olive on the beach near the Rocks Subdivision.

MARGARET W. CARNAHAN

Margaret W. Carnahan, a resident of Sanibel for the past 10 years, died in Victoria, B.C., Canada, September 26.

She is survived by her husband, E. H. Carnahan; two sons, Michael and Peter, and six grandchildren.

Funeral service and cremation were held in Canada.

CALL-CRANDALL WEDDING

Miss Gwen Elyn Crandall became the bride of Richard Ardivan Call on Saturday at John F. Kennedy Memorial Chapel in Fort Bragg, NC. Chaplain Spears officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Meade Crandall of Fort Myers. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Ralph A. Call of Sanibel.

For her wedding, the bride wore a floor-length satin and lace gown with seed pearl trimmed bodice, neckline and sleeves. Kristin Van Boeschoten was maid of honor. James N. Wilkison was best man.

The bride was graduated from Edison Community College. The bridegroom attended Cypress Lake Senior High School and is a private in the United States Army.

Mr. & Mrs. Call will live at 205-B Circle Court, Fayetteville, NC, after their wedding trip.

THE COLONY

Out of state guests this week At The Colony include Mr. & Mrs. Barnett Bowser of Johnstown, PA; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Pisculli of Holtzville, NY; Mr. & Mrs. Harold O. Hunnius of St. Louis, MO; Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth F. Stegman of Harvey, IL; and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Heatherwick of Ontario, Canada.

Florida guests this week include Mr. & Mrs. Charles Everdell of Tamarac; Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Bassato of Lake Worth; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sullivan of Sarasota; and the H. J. Conovers of Belle Isle.

MOST HONORABLE VISITORS

The Hunters, Ruth and Philip, are very proud to have had two new Sanibelites pay them a visit this last week. They were charmed with Master Jonathan Reynolds who arrived with his parents in a fancy basket. And Master Charles Nave, the third, whose mother accompanied him on her bicycle. The wee boys are delightful and Sanibel Island has a lot to look forward to when they grow up.

MACINTOSH TOUR RETURNS By Vivian Hinternhoff

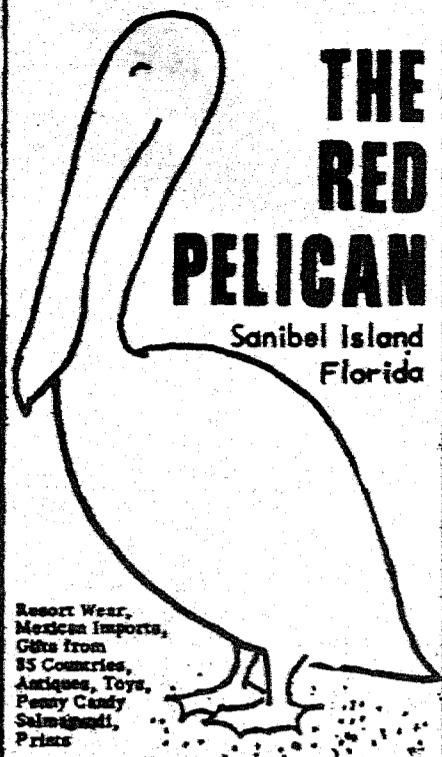
William MacIntosh, that world traveler and book expert, is back at home now after another of his interesting tours which included stops in Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Sweden. Almost 30 folks from the Islands were members of the party and they all said they had a wonderful time.

What most of us missed, however, were the open doors of MacIntosh Book Store which were closed during the proprietor's absence. You have no idea how many mystery stories we had to do without till he came home this week. But we made up for it, Saturday. We got two Perry Mason's in one volume.

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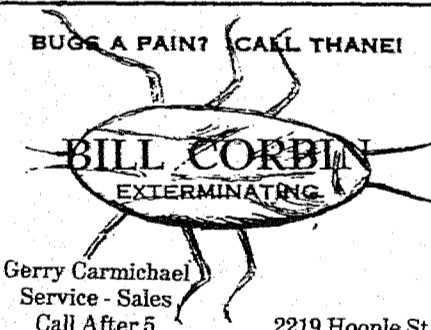
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Letters To The Editor



INCORPORATE SANIBEL? YES!

By Elinore Dormer

If Sanibel is to remain Sanibel and a good place to live, we must incorporate. Speculators looking for instant profits have been fighting this step with every trick in the book, knowing that their freewheeling, irresponsible days would be over. But why the doubts of good, well-meaning people? We respectfully suggest that they are asking questions without listening to the answers.

Let's get down to the nitty gritty. Tax experts tell us that eventually we could pay higher taxes if we stay with the county than if we leave it. That the fewer services we demand of the town, the lower the taxes; the more we desire, the higher the taxes; - it's our decision. Common sense tells us that to get good government we ask people in whom we have confidence to run for office, then vote for them. The chance of getting "the wrong people" in is much less here where we know each other than in any of the county, state or national elections in which we've voted for years, but which we may know little about. Anybody voted in can be voted out - and unlike Lee County, Sanibel will have recall and financial disclosure.

We believe that, even economically, it's a good move. Construction, of course, will continue at a more reasonable rate and with our priceless natural assets properly protected; our tourist trade will remain healthy. Even in bad times, towns hire people and services when private business cannot. Surely with our claim to fame, our natural beauty, controlled growth is better for all than boom and bust.

But what if we don't incorporate? The County Commission has always had the power to repeal or amend any county ordinance. Several of the Commissioners have repeatedly expressed dissatisfaction with our building height and sign restrictions. With incorporation no longer a live issue, we feel sure that both these hard fought for laws would soon get the ax. With the power to rule our lives firmly established in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, any comprehensive plan to come out of there would be heavily weighted in favor of "Downtown People." More than ever, building permits, zoning changes and variances would flow like water from the different county departments. Meanwhile, the degradation of our environment would continue resulting in a decreasing tourist trade and business troubles for those depending on it. Forget that nice shelling, beach, the good fishing spot, the secluded bike trails and walks, - all would fall to "progress." With everyone grabbing his share of the action, urban sprawl would be inevitable and with it come neon, night clubs and crime.

Some people will oppose incorporation for a very short-sighted, self-serving reasons and will try to confuse and scare off others. Some will remain determinedly ignorant of the facts, never reading reports, never attending public meetings. Those votes we write off. We appeal instead to the group called "undecided." The time for hand wringing is past. If we say "NO" to incorporation, we say "YES" to Miami Beach.

FORT MYERS JAYCEE AUXILIARY

The Fort Myers Jaycee Auxiliary is sponsoring the Junior Miss Pageant November 23, 1974, 8 p.m. at the Seven Lakes Auditorium. The public is invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased at the door or through local Jaycee members; admission is \$2.00 for adults, students and children, \$1.00.

TO THE ISLANDER:

On October 16 owners of bordering property will seek the vacation of old Bayshore Drive on Sanibel, the last of the wild, wooded seaside roads that once ringed the island. This picturesque and beautiful drive is actually more than 1000 ft. of San Carlos Bay beachfront, at some points awash at high tide. Known and used for 86 years, it is now a favorite fishing spot, walk and bicycle trail which crosses a picturesque bridge, winds through the grounds of an old homestead and then passes on to secluded small beaches, shaded by seagrape and buttonwood trees. Here is a public park, narrow though it be, that need not be bought for it is and has always been the property of the people of Lee County.

Historically, this area is priceless. Indians once frequented it and conquistadores, slavers and pirates sailed off its shores. In 1888, a Maine sea captain, William H. Reed, homesteaded the land, put in the road and brought his family there. The first post office was at the Reed place, a store, two residences and a quaint houseboat hotel. The 1910 hurricane demolished almost everything but the original homestead was repaired, the largest house rebuilt and a tiny post office constructed beside it. These buildings still remain. The property was sold in the 1950's but by then some of the family had become part of the fabric of the City of Fort Myers. Lucy Reed Richardson went to work for "Miss Flossie" Hill and Carrie married Mr. Davidson, a Lee County Commissioner.

Today, as America looks forward to its centennial, we must ask ourselves how much we value our heritage. Is still another landmark to be lost so that a developer can triple the value of his property? There is no older historic area in all of the U.S. than Southwest Florida. Yet, how many of our valuable sites have slipped through our fingers. Surely we have an obligation to save for all Americans this small piece of that colorful tapestry that is our nation's past. Some of our Commissioners, being new to this area, may not understand how important this is to us. Write them - or attend the October 16 meeting and request that Old Bayshore Drive remain in public hands.

/s/ Elinore Dormer
Sanibel

The following copy was sent
for publication:

DEAR MR. BAFALIS,

Several years ago a group of concerned citizens, members of the Fort Myers JCs, participated in a combined effort to collect used automobile tires for a dual purpose of ridding Southwest Florida of unsightly debris and to beautify our community and at the same time make useful use of these tires by bundling them and disposing of the tires by forming an artificial reef ten (10) miles off Sanibel Island and which will make a well established breeding ground for the various species of fish who inhabit our Gulf waters. This breeding ground then would provide abundance of good fishing for the residents and tourists who visits in our beautiful Southwest Florida community.

After devoting numerous hours to this project by many of our unselfish residents, we have accumulated several thousand tires and have already bundled them for transportation to the chosen site. However, because of lack of funds, they are being held at the Deep Lagoon Marina, just off McGregor Blvd., until funds are made available to transport them for the final disposal at the sight of the planned artificial reef.

We solicit, with great reluctance, your help to contact the various agencies of the Government in hopes that they will allocate sufficient funds to enable us to complete this worthwhile project.

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Should you require additional information to act on our request, we will make ourselves available at your convenience to discuss all matters of concern.

/s/ Alfred A. Lewrick
R.R. 3 Box "B"
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TO THE ISLANDER:

Sanibel-Captiva THANK YOU for your support in Tuesday's election. It's nice to know people have confidence in me.

I want to congratulate those who won in the runoff election, and those of us who lost for conducting themselves in a manner that would make anyone proud to seek office. May I also congratulate my opponent for conducting a clean campaign. I only hope to continue to serve Lee County in whatever capacity I am needed. Good luck to all in the general election.

/s/ Scott Douglas

TELEPHONE SERVICE By Vivian Hinternhoff

Words fail me when I start writing about the telephone service in our area. The truth is that words do not really fail me; it's just that I can't use all those naughty words which would describe the service I'm getting.

Have you ever dialed a number and then heard a pleasant masculine voice say, "I'm sorry we are unable to complete your call, etc., etc., etc. . ." and then you dial again and get it right away? Or you ring a number and the little clicks tell you it's busy. Of course it may be busy but on the other hand, it may be out of order. After trying to call a friend several times over a space of a couple of hours, I now find one solution is to call the operator and ask her to check on the number that's been providing the busy signal. In eight cases out of ten, the operator reports no one is talking on the line and it is probably out of order and for you to call repair service.

Hah, while typing this little essay, I thought of several permissible words I can use to describe our telephone service: Outrageous! Atrocious! Gruesome! Abominable! How do you readers feel about it? Anybody got a word of praise?

EDISON PLAYERS NEW SEASON

At the annual Edison Players banquet an exciting 1974-75 season was announced. The accent this year is on comedy with a bit of music thrown in and one drama that will make you beg for more.

October is the time the doors of the theater will once again be thrown open. The first of two hilarious modern comedies, "Mary, Mary," will begin the fun as Lori Van Wagner makes her directing debut.

Starting out the new year we take you back to an era long gone by but by no means forgotten as Elaine Hackett leads you into the Gay 90's with a melodrama "Lily, the Felon's Daughter."

The symphony of spring demands a tribute, so in April they offer the well-known Greek musical "Zorba" to be directed by Roger Crews. Then, to close the theatrical season, they bring you the directing team of Cinda and Gail Goeken and a compelling drama, "The Children's Hour."

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Bicentennial Book Reviews

THE PRESENT STATE OF THE EUROPEAN SETTLEMENTS ON THE MISSISSIPPI by Phillip Pittman
[University of Florida Press \$10]

A PRECIOUS & CURIOUS 'RELICK' FROM THE PAST
By Bert Collier
Gainesville Sun

Back in 1770 when this book was first published, a contemporary reviewer found it a remarkable volume.

"In a few centuries hence," he writes, "when those deserts through which the Mississippi now runs are to become fully cultivated and the seat of a mighty empire, this work now under our consideration will be accounted a precious and curious relic."

It took 200 years for his predication to become absolutely true. As the old volume is reissued exactly as it first appeared, it is indeed a precious and curious relic.

It brings back those days when England, France and Spain contended for control of the southern borders of the continent. At that moment England had the upper hand, but soon, all would be American.

The Author, a young British officer, was sent to survey his country's new possessions ceded by Spain. Particularly, he was interested in a route from West Florida to the upper Mississippi that would by-pass New Orleans, still in foreign hands.

British West Florida, which was Lt. Pittman's base, has been slighted by history. Much more has been recorded about the Atlantic settlements. Lt. Pittman was conscious of this lack and apologized for not writing more about the Florida governed from Pensacola which, as he said, "possessed the greatest

advantages." He explained, however, that "my ingenious friend Gov. Jonstone has told me he soon intends to publish a book on this subject by which the deficiency in mine will be amply made up."

Johnstone, more's the pity, never got around to writing his opus.

The extraordinary interest of Lt. Pittman's rare old book, now available to all with its original maps and drawings, is enhanced by the introduction. The work of Robert Right Rea, Alumni Professor of History at Auburn University, this puts Pittman's observations in pictorial perspective.

British West Florida, which then included a large part of Alabama and Mississippi, was full of strange characters. Its existence was a constant struggle between civil and military authorities. Pittman had his own eccentricities but Dr. Rea's background studies make it clear that he was a talented and observing engineer, well aware of his own abilities and inclined to look down on those who had less.

His character kept him in hot water with his superiors and he narrowly escaped involvement in a nasty court martial before transferring his activities to India.

Between Pittman's old account and Dr. Rea's modern and illuminating framework, a little-known phase of the Florida story is brought to light. This is one of six books in the facsimile series being issued by the University of Florida Press as part of the Bicentennial of the American Revolution. With its publication the project takes a long step forward.

When complete by July 4, 1976, some 25 old volumes will again be available for those who cherish the heritage of the oldest settled section of the country - our own state.

FLORIDA WILDLIFE

COMMENTS ON THE OUTDOORS

By
Dr. O. E. Frye, Jr.
Director



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TALLAHASSEE—The Seminoles call it Pa-hay-o-kee. French, Spanish and Portuguese explorers trekked through it during Florida's early history. And it is the only one of its kind in the world. Pa-hay-o-kee is, of course, the Everglades, that unique piece of nature's work encompassing the entire southern end of this peninsula.

The Everglades is not a thick swamp of trees covered with moss and climbing vines as commonly believed, but an endless expanse of shoulder-high grass through which millions of gallons of fresh water flow southward daily from Lake Okeechobee to the sea. Dotted throughout this clear, shallow marsh land are palm tree and cypress hammocks, high ground islands where early Indians planted their crops and where today many of America's vanishing species find home. It is a wilderness that can only be appreciated in the crucible of experience.

It is a place where a carefully appraising eye will spot the Everglades Mink rummaging near a 'gator hole' for a quick drink and perhaps a tasty morsel or two for dinner. It is a place where a somewhat sharp and incisive ear will hear the shrill call of the Everglades Kite bringing home a delicately plump snail for its hungry young. It is an untamed place where hunters, fishermen, campers, bird watchers and school kids on field trips can come and enjoy a bit of the outdoors.

Yet, for all its beauty, it is a place over which a prevailing sentiment of uneasy discontent looms. There are many sections of south Florida sore beset by the pressures of temptation to make a buck now and let someone else worry what happens later. That pressure lies squarely on the undeveloped areas west of metropolitan Miami—the Everglades. We cannot stand by and see wildlife sacrificed to that futile sort of treadmill. Nor can we permit Florida to be startled into perilous activity when it wakes up one morning to find its wilderness vanishing into the gray reflections of concrete.

For many years, this remote area of Florida was accessible only by the airboat or half-track or swamp buggy. It was a natural resource used only by the frogger and deer hunter and bass fisherman. But, as south Florida's growth mushroomed and the demand for space edged ever westward, the Everglades soon took on a more meaningful value as prime development land. However, sportsmen, legislators, and concerned citizens alike saw a different potential in this one-of-a-kind territory, as a multi-use recreational area, a much-needed ingredient in the melting pot of the Gold Coast with its million-plus residents.

This grass-roots movement soon developed into force and helped to create the Everglades Recreational Planning Board. Their responsibility is to plan, provide, and supervise the multi-use recreational activities within a 900-square mile area of the "River of Grass." Campsites, boat ramps, and nature trails are all part of the five-year plan to bring the people closer to the outdoors and provide new opportunities for them to see a part of Florida unlike anywhere else.

Creation of this Board emphasizes one important fact. Faced with a growing shortage of land for recreational use, the people of south Florida realized their problem and did something constructive about it.

The Everglades remain unique and unspoiled. It still abounds with wildlife. It still preserves the vital fresh water supply for south Florida. How we have acted, the manner in which our decisions are made are things such as the eye of history will see. Let us make this decision to keep the Everglades open our rich and copious human endowment to the next generation. For them, as for us, the Everglades will be a land where you can learn to appreciate nature, where the din of city streets is far removed, where you can be absorbed in the scent of the night and listen to the wind rustle through the sawgrass and murmur, Pa-hay-o-kee, Pa-hay-o-kee, Pa-hay-o-kee.

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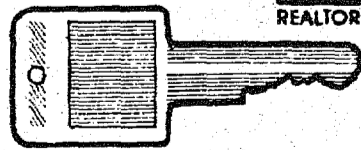
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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
by Paul Nuckolls

Dear Representative Nuckolls:
While talking with a cattleman friend the other day, he said that the existing rustling laws had been improved and since Southwest Florida is a cattle raising area, I wanted an update on the new laws. I am a small cattleman myself.
D.G.
N. Ft. Myers

Dear D. G.:
I am happy to report that the law dealing with rustling and horse stealing has indeed been strengthened, and that it was done during the past legislative session.
There had been problems with rustling and during the past session I joined with Rep. Wayne Mixon of Marianna to co-author a reworked and remodeled version. We got the bill through the criminal justice committee, and it passed into law.

A drastic increase in the amount of livestock stolen in Florida during the first quarter of this year led the 1974 legislature to enact Committee Substitute for House Bill 3903 (Chapter 74-229) which makes cattle rustling or horse stealing a third degree felony without regard to the value of the animal stolen. House Bill 2736 (Chapter 74-116) redefines the crime of maliciously killing, maiming or poisoning livestock or animals of another person to include the attempt to do so as being punishable as a third degree felony. The first degree misdemeanor of committing such acts without malice toward the owner is abolished. Rustling has got to be halted because the more that is lost, the higher beef prices are going to become.

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



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Questions & Answers

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
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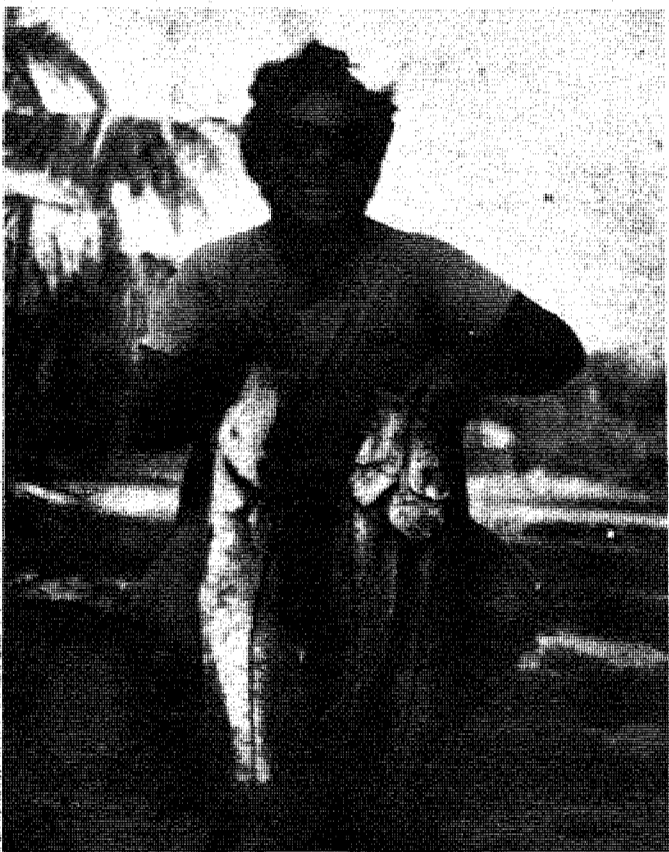
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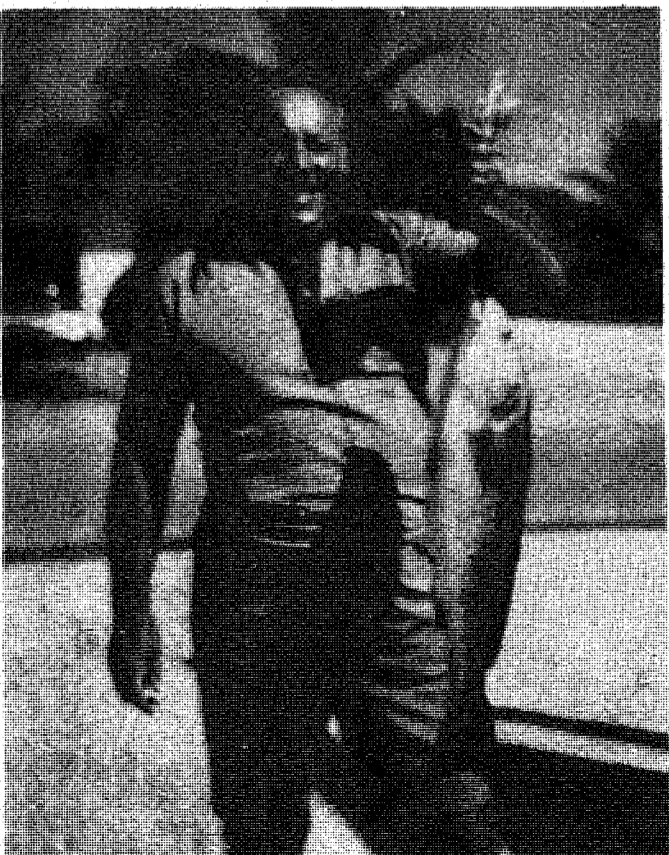
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A DIFFERENT SORT OF JOURNEY

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By Ruth Hunter

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To sail across a continent through the Panama Canal at night is really as interesting as the daytime trip. Many passengers stayed up for the ship is quietly lifted, gently lowered 54 feet between ocean and canal levels -- through Pedro Miquel Locks and Guillard Cut; an 8 mile passage through a rock mountain. The lights on shore with the electrical "donkeys" emphasize the marvel it is, the link between two oceans about which they say, "A land divided, a world united."

Our next port, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, is as beautiful as Elizabeth Taylor is always saying it is. And you can take a parachute ride here. It is strapped to your waist with a rope attached to a boat, and you fly along the shoreline. Many of our fellow passengers enjoyed this sport but Philip and I thought there would be two less players at the Pirate Playhouse this season if we did. Our Musicologist aboard (Professor of Music) taught us a great deal about the music of Mexico and South America. He had three large xylophones he had bought in New Guinea besides a lot of smaller musical instruments. We heard them all as well as many fine musical records made in the countries the ship visited. But now we were at Wilmington Pier in Los Angeles. The passengers who had flown from this port to Port Everglades to sail through the Panama Canal were mostly Californians. They were all so friendly. We hated to say goodbye, especially to Susan Marx, the pretty wife of Harpo and the Chapman College kids who had given us a fantastic revue. The California piers all have parks with gorgeous flowers and a fabulous village called Ports O' Call where you can sit and eat lobster and look out on a genuine brigantine. And, of course, there's the Queen Mary, permanently

docked at Long Beach. She's a hotel now where you can dine and spend the night.

Departing from Los Angeles on our sail to Honolulu was exciting for the fire boats saluted us with a lot of loud sirens and whistles. And we took on two hundred and fifty new passengers - students, teachers and vacationist. The teachers were from different colleges all over the country and some new courses were added to the curriculum. We particularly enjoyed the religion classes of a professor from Harvard and one from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Between dips in the swimming pool, we could also hear about ancient art. Our attendance at classes had now to be curtailed, however, for we were studying three new roles for our Pirate Playhouse 1975 season and a performance in the ship's theater. The night we acted was a rough one and backstage you could hear the waves against the side of the ship.

All the songs and writings and poems about Hawaii are not at all exaggerated. We loved the Hawaiians and the mountains and the coast and the flowers. Everyone was wearing lovely clothes. I remember visiting a cathedral with a notice:

"Dear Friends: This is a house of God. Please dress as you would in the United States when going to church." Or maybe that was in Puerto Vallarta.

Duke Kahanamoku is in wax at the museum which tells the story of Hawaii most dramatically and I liked standing up on Pauli Hill to look out at Diamond Head and the surrounding beauty where the wind blows fierce enough to take your wig off if you had one on. We had the privilege in Honolulu of hearing Bishop Scanlon at Our Lady of Peace Cathedral too. For a long time we sat on deck to pass Maui, Kauai, Oahu and a private island owned by one family, the Robinsons, Nehau. That's an idea for privacy, own an island! The third day out of Honolulu we had a rescue at sea - a remarkable operation this. An injured sailor from the S. S. Tonsontario was transferred by lifeboat in a wire basket and onto our ship equipped with a hospital, two doctors and three nurses. We were all solicitous with flowers, notes and cheer and he recovered.

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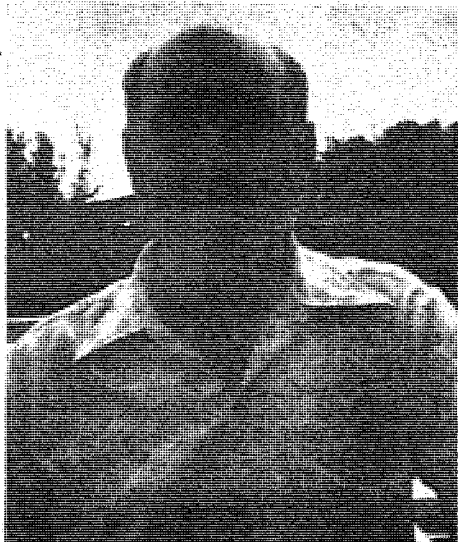
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"I'm for it as long as it doesn't bother anyone and as long as you have a private place. Why not?"



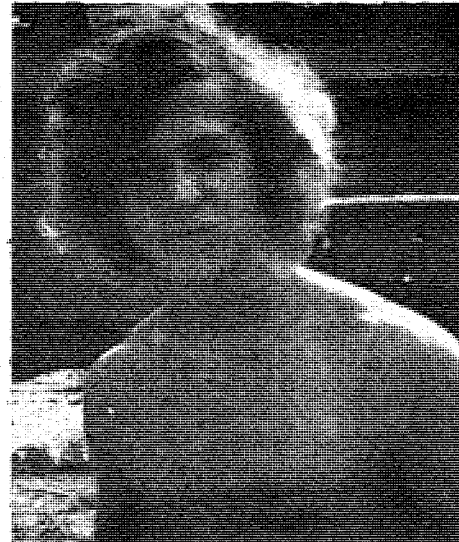
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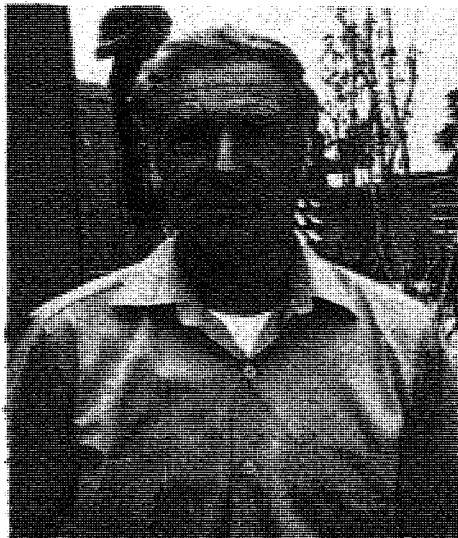
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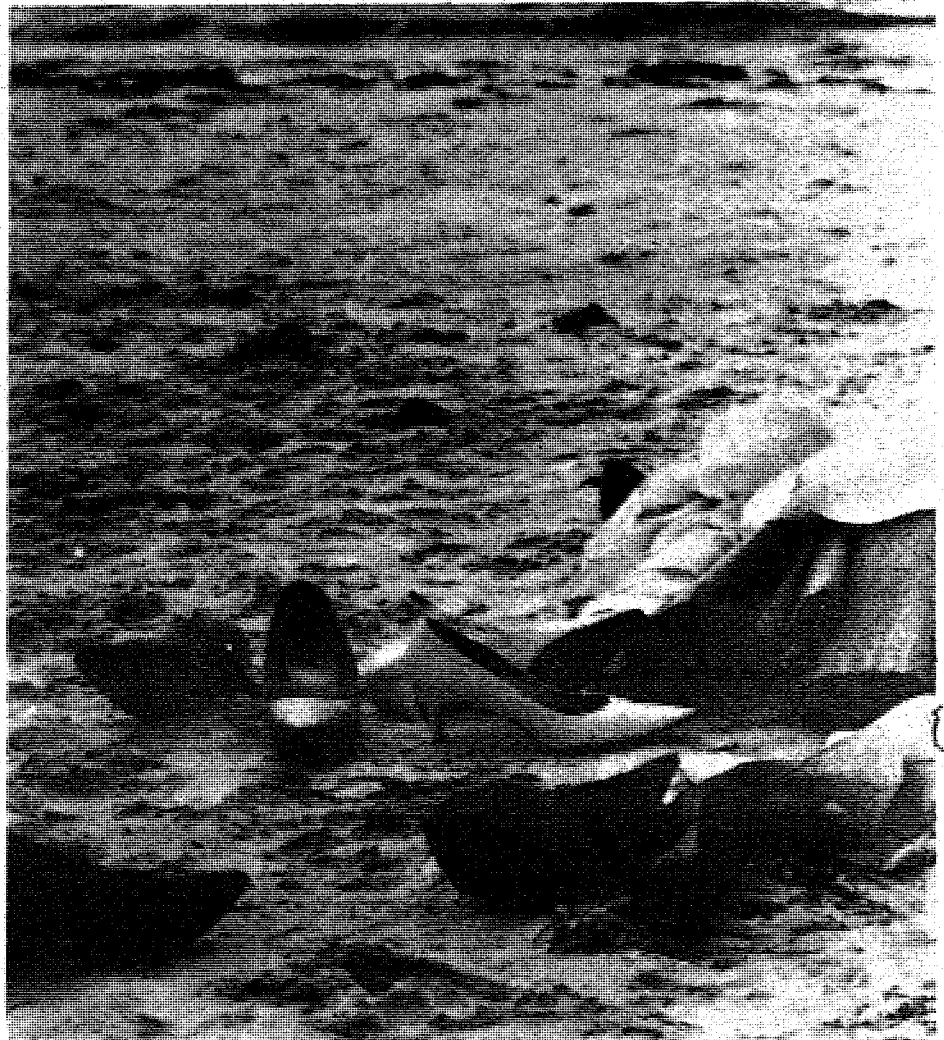
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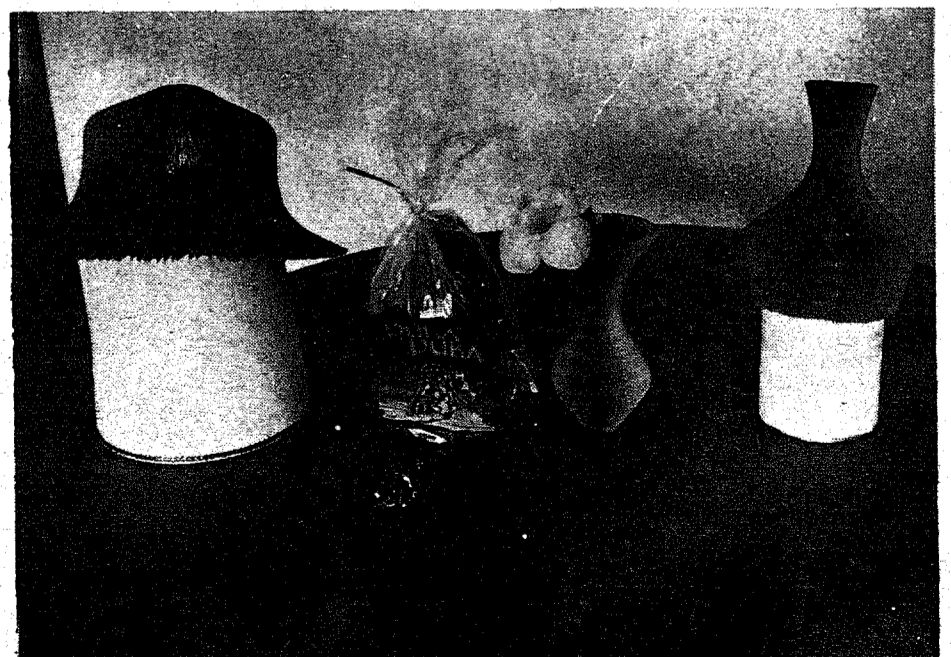
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