

Having a dry old time

This year's spring drought brought with it the usual increasing demand for water on the islands. We've been looking at some very high consumption figures.

While the start of summer rains makes it unlikely that the islands will be faced with rationing or other measures, it is still a good idea to practice water conservation during this period.

With reasonable conservation we can keep the lovel of water in our wells higher so it takes less energy to pump it. That saves us money.

And by using your water wisely, you can get through the season without expessive water use and that saves you money.

So, turn it off when you can. It's like putting money in the bank.

Directors elected at annual meeting

At the IWA annual meeting held on April 14, Cloyce Brooks and James Hermes were elected to two-year terms on the IWA Board of Directors.

Mr. Brooks has been on the IWA Board of Directors for three years and served as its Vice President. After his retirement from the U.S. Army in 1960 as a Lieutenant Colonel, he was Chief of Foreign Training for the Department of the Army at the Pentagon. He and his wife, Jackie, moved to Sanibel in 1979.

Mr. Hermes was appointed to the IWA Board of Directors in 1985 to fill the director's seat vacated by John Cook. He and his wife, Juanita, moved to Sanibel in 1972. Jim was President of Bank of the Islands from 1970 until his extinuation 1985. He is the current president of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce and a past president of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions.

In other business the Board of Directors elected the following officers: William Angst, President; Everett Kilmer, Vice President; William Lees, Secretary; James Hermes, Treasurer.

In his report to the membership, President Angst highlighted the continuing cooperation of IWA with the City of Sanibel which has resulted in savings to taxpayers and IWA members alike.

Mr. Angst also spoke of the continuing expansion of the fire flow system on the islands.

Getting ready for "you know what"

Hurricane season is almost upon us and as usual, the question: can our hick hold out?

We sincerely hope so but we are working to insure that our plans are properly phased with those of the City.

The main concern of IWA is to preserve its sixteen million gallons of stored fresh water from loss through broken mains. In the event of a storm, the storage tanks must be shut down so that a minimum amount of water will be lost if there is a rupture in the system.

After damaged sections of the distribution system are repaired or isolated the stored water will be used to provide fire and health protection through our five propane-driven pumps while electric power is being restored. Then and only then can newly treated well water be used to replenish the storage tanks.

That's our part, but don't forget yours. Get prepared now with storm supplies and make your plans for a possible evacuation.

And please don't forget to turn off the



Come see our new digs

The remodaling of our front office is finally completed and everyone — staff and members — seems to think it's a hig success.

The next time you're out our way, stop by and take a look. Right now there's a display of paintings by artist Merla Bierman to look at, and in upcoming months other works will be shown.

IWA prepared for future expansion

New wetlands regulations prevent future expansion of land use at the Reverse Osmocis facility. To accommodate plans reaching the 21st century IWA is negotiating the purchase of 25 acres of property adjacent to the R.O. facility. The price is expected to be approximately \$45,000.

The OZZIE and EMMA letters

While the world goes ga-ga over the love letters of the Duke and Duchees of Windsor, something even hotter is going on right under our noses.

Ozzie has finally received an answer to his personal ad in our last newsletter. The note from Emma O. arrived on the stationery of island post laureate Joe Searing, and reads as follows:

> With each an ad, from such an other We girls think thoughts we hadn't oughts, Whenever Ouzie wants to play I will bring the beenjoksis! I've fallen for him, I confess, I long to be hig attarent.

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To which Ozzie has offered the following:

Dearest Emma I refuse to be amitten By mash notes however endearing Especially when they've bean glass-written By that versepath Joe Searing.

If I'm is take you he better or worse It's your own voice I should be hearing. Did you really think I'd fall for the worse Of the infomous Joe Searing!

Either we speak to each other other to other Without your friend interfering Or 1 just might have to shot off the water Of that rhythm-happy human Joe Searing.

NEXT ISSUE: THE ROMANCE CONTINUES

Meetings with fire district and City policy makers

IWA board members and staff have met recently with the two island Fire Control District Boards and with the Sanibel City Council to review IWA's efforts to increase fire flows on the islands. This is the second year of the City/IWA meetings. The object of these parleys is to keep channels of communication open and to try to understand each other's goals and problems better.

New on the job

TWA has recently hired four new employees . . . Kirk Charles and Martha Foren as plant operators, Steve Bender in our maintenance department and Jill Deas as receptionist-secretary. Welcome to each of you!

All aboard for "D" Train

The new fourth reverse osmosis unit at the R.O. Plant is now in operation. The unit, called Train D. utilizes a newly developed. low pressure membrane which allows it to produce more water with a significant saving in electrical energy consumption.

Train D is expected to increase the total output of IWA by about 20% providing sufficient back-up to keep the islands supplied even in the most severe drought conditions.

Financial: These figures represent the unaudited accounts as of March 31, 1986.

| RECEIPTS Water Sales Interest Other Receipte Connection Fees | 1986 Budget \$736,250 19,500 9,000 100,000 | <u>THREE MONTH</u> S OF <u>Actual Receipts</u> \$ 757,310 12,709 3,036 93,245 |
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| TOTAL RECEIPTS Carryover | \$864.750 | \$ 866,302 837,517 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | \$1,703,819 |
| | | THREE MONTHS OF |
| DISBURSEMENTS | <u>1986 Budget</u> | Actual Disbursements |
| Wages and Benefits | \$ 255,923 | \$ 214,737 |
| Professional Fees | 17,650 | 26,202 |
| Electricity | 157,500 | 166,895 |
| Telephone | 3,925 | 4,028 |
| O & M Service & Supply | 113,778 | 100,242 |
| Motor Fuels | 3,750 | 851 |
| Water Purchases | 2,500 | 0 |
| Insurance | 20,975 | 20,976 |
| Postal Charges | 3,125 | 5,806 |
| Travel, Training, Conferences | 6,275 | 2,499 |
| Debt Repayments (Farmers Home Admin.) | 75,117 | 75,117 |
| Capital Expenditures | 332,639 | 530,665 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$993,154 | \$1,147,908 |
| EXCESS OF FUNDS OVER DISBURSEMENTS | | \$ 555,911 |
| LESS RESERVE REQUIREMENTS & CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS | | \$ 786,195 |
| NET AVAILABLE FUNDS | | \$ (230,284) |

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