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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

With the holidays upon us, it is fitting that the Season's Greetings be extended to all friends of the Depot without whose support and interest there would be no "new" civic cultural center playing host to the many varied activities of the community. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Southwest Heritage, I would like to wish all a joyous holiday season and a very Happy New Year.

Our treasurer, Ed Oates, has been busy with some projected figures so that we might have an indication of how we will fare financially in the coming year. Although we have not been "in business" for a full year - we now know certain costs and can project our expected income. Ed's best estimate for 1980 puts expenses at \$51,100 and income at \$43,500 which leaves a deficit of \$7,600. It is our hope that with increased use of the facilities, increased business in our End of The Line Store and Annex, plus revenue from a Membership Drive, we will keep out of the red. Also as might be expected, there will be adjustments on the rental charges for the various room facilities.

Southwest Heritage, Inc. still owes one more payment of \$70,000 to the railroad. Although this is not due until 1981, were we able to pay it in 1980, we would realize a saving of some \$10,000 in interest.

We do not wish to burden our friends with these financial considerations, but many have expressed an interest and we want them to continue to feel involved with the project they have thus far so handsomely advanced.

Again, our best wishes for the season.

GARDEN CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS

On January 7th, the Naples Garden Club will hold its monthly membership meeting. The guest speaker will be "The Eagle Lady," Doris Mager, whose subject will be "Life and Future of the Southern Bald Eagle." The meeting will be held in Norris Hall and will start at 2 P.M.

The Annual House and Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year's theme is "On The Topiary Trail," and five homes will be visited: Mr. & Mrs. R. P. Brown, Jr., 25 - 16th Ave. South; Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Kirk, 3770 Rum Row; Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Massaglia, 2640 Half Moon Walk; Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Rolquin, 525 Admiralty Parade West; Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Seyfarth, 2375 Lantern Lane, all in Naples.

Visitors on the tour are advised that there will be no smoking and to please wear low heels. Mini buses will be available at the Trinity-By-The-Cove parking lot. Tickets will not be sold at the houses toured. Tickets will be sold at many places around town. Inquiries should be made by phone to 262-1272, days.

NAPLES INSTITUTE SEMINAR

The Naples Institute is pleased to present Sir Peter Medawar and Lady Jean Medawar in a tandem lecture to the public on January 26th at 10 a.m. in the Southwest Heritage Depot. The lecture will be followed by questions from the audience. There will be no charge for admission. The titles of the lectures will be: "Progress for Women" and "Women in Science."

Sir Peter Medawar shared the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1960 with Sir Thomas Macfarlane Burnet for research he conducted on the problems of tissue transplantation. His research led to the discovery of "immunological tolerance" -- the discovery that the problems of tissue transplantation could be solved by feasible procedures.

Lady Jean Medawar has translated two books on embryology from the Russian and from the French. She became Chairman of the British Family Planning Association in 1968 and is now Director of the Margaret Pyke Trust in London. She is co-author with her husband of The Life Science, and author of Lifeclass to be published in February by Hamish Hamilton.

The Medawars end The Life Science with the following thought:

"....The unity of nature is not a slogan but a principle to the truth of which all natural processes bear witness. The lesson has been learnt too late to save some living creatures, but there may just be time to save the rest of us."

On Monday, January 21, 1980, the University of South Florida on their campus at Edison Community College will award Sir Peter Medawar an honorary doctorate.

DEPOT DEDICATION MARKS FIRST TRAIN ANNIVERSARY

At 12 O'clock on Monday, January 7th, 1980, the completed Civic Cultural Center, affectionately known as the "Old Depot," will be dedicated.

It was 53 years ago on January 7th, 1927, that the first railroad train came to Naples, and on that same day in 1974, the formal contract with Seaboard Coast Line Railroad to purchase the Depot was signed.

The public is invited to this noon dedication and we expect the ceremony to be attended by many of our civic and cultural leaders. Among them will be representatives from the Department of State, of the State of Florida.

Mr. Randall Kelley, Deputy Secretary of State, is representing the Secretary of State George Firestone at this dedication. Mr. Kelley has been most helpful in his support of cultural affairs and has increased the interest of the Secretary of State's office in the fine arts and other cultural aspects, currently reflected in the uses of our Old Depot.

Dr. William N. Thurston, Chief Preservation Planner of the Division of Archives, History and Records Management of the Department of State, through his department, has assisted in the designation of historic site for the Depot and continued his efforts with support for the matching funds designation we have received through the office of the Secretary of State and the National Park Service's Grant-in-Aid matching funds program.

The Bradley Gallery exhibit shown through January 18th is one of the new traveling State of Florida exhibits. This is a photographic history of the old Capitol building in Tallahassee. An interesting show of work methods, styles, etc. that should provide something of interest for everyone.

NAPLES ART ASSOCIATION HIGH LIGHTS

On Tuesday, January 8th, Robert Hodgell, free lance printmaker, sculptor and painter, will demonstrate how, in about 45 minutes, he can start with a blank canvas, and bring a painting to near completion. Naples Art Association sponsors this.

And on Tuesday evenings, Jan. 15th, 22nd and 29th, a series of films will be shown. This film series was furnished by the American Federation of the Arts, and is entitled "The Originals - Women in Art." To help defray the expense, this series will be on a subscription basis. For details, call The Gallery at 262-6517.

Not to forget a gala social event! The Beaux Arts Ball on January 23rd will carry out the costume theme of "The Roaring Twenties". Call Gallery for details.

DEPOT'S DECEMBER SONG FOR 1979

Events ranged from a "fish fry" to a carol sing by costumed members of "Hello Dolly" cast of the Naples Dinner Theatre. Many clubs had Christmas parties. Optimist Club had their Christmas Tree sale and donated our tree, raised and decorated by the Southwest Council of Organizations. Art Association had an outdoor show, etc.

THE "END OF THE LINE" STORE AND THE "ANNEX"

The "End of the Line" Store is located in the baggage car on the east side of the Depot, and The Annex is just around the corner at 947 - 4th Avenue South.

Both play major roles in helping to defray operating expenses of the Depot Civic Cultural Center, and the volunteers in these resale stores unanimously wish to say "Thank you" to all who have been buyers and contributors.

Constantly needed are more household items, especially furniture, because the patronage of our mid-town stores indicate a need for thrifty sales outlets - contributions on a tax deductible basis are desireable. If donors wish to place good saleable items on a consignment basis, they are most welcome.

The stock in both stores constantly changes and the public is encouraged to "browse." Customers are special, and the sincere welcome to them creates a "glad I bought these" feeling. The stores are managed by Charles and Janet Lee. The phone number of the "End of The Line" Store and The Annex are 262-1167 and 263-3607, respectively.

The Board of Directors authorized an annual membership plan. You are invited to be a member of the old Naples Depot. Members receive copies of THE WHISTLESTOP, with notices of other activities and free admission to certain events charged to the general public.

Donation of \$15.00 or more per year
(Tax deductible).....\$ _____

NAME _____

Thank you.

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JANUARY ENJOYMENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 30	December 31	January 1	2 Coin Club	3 Orchid soc. AUCTION	4 NAA B/D	5 FGBMFI of Naples, eve'g
Unitarian- Universalist Aft. & Eve'g weddings, etc.	Occupied Eve'g					
6 Unitarian- Universalist	7 <u>DEDICATION</u> Garden Club EAGLE LADY	8 NAA -Robt. <u>Hodgell</u> Dale Carnegie	9 Nat'l Cncl Jewish Women aft., PGMA eve'g	10 Women's <u>Aglow A.M.</u> Barbershop Awards Eve'g Stamp Club	11	12
13 Unitarian- Universalist	14 Garden Club <u>Workshop</u> Barnett Bark evening	15 Dale Carnegie	16 <u>Coin Club</u> Historical Soc. 8p.m. Barnett Bank afternoon	17 D.A.R. 1-4 p.m.	18	19 NAPLES Quarterback Club eve'g
20 Unitarian- Universalist N. MUSIC CLUB 1-4 PM	21 Garden Club morning Dale Carnegie	22	23 NAA Beaux Arts Ball Roaring 20s	24 Stamp Club	25	26 NAPLES INSTITUTE SEMINAR
27 Unitarian- Universalist	28 Garden Club morning B/D Artcrafters evening	29 Dale Carnegie	30	31 Windisch Rm occupied eve'		

In January, we look forward to the Naples Orchid Society ANNUAL AUCTION on the 6th, the Barbershoppers Annual Award Banquet on the 10th, D.A.R. on the 17th in the afternoon with a program on our American Heritage, the Naples Quarterback Club with an evening in the Norris Hall on the 19th, Music Club on the 20th, the Beaux Arts Ball on the 23rd and the Naples Institute seminar.

On January 16th at 8 p.m., The Collier County Historical Society meeting will feature a talk on "Collier County Back to 2500 B.C." by John Beriault, a local archeologist of some note. Non-members admission is \$2.00. Public is welcome.

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