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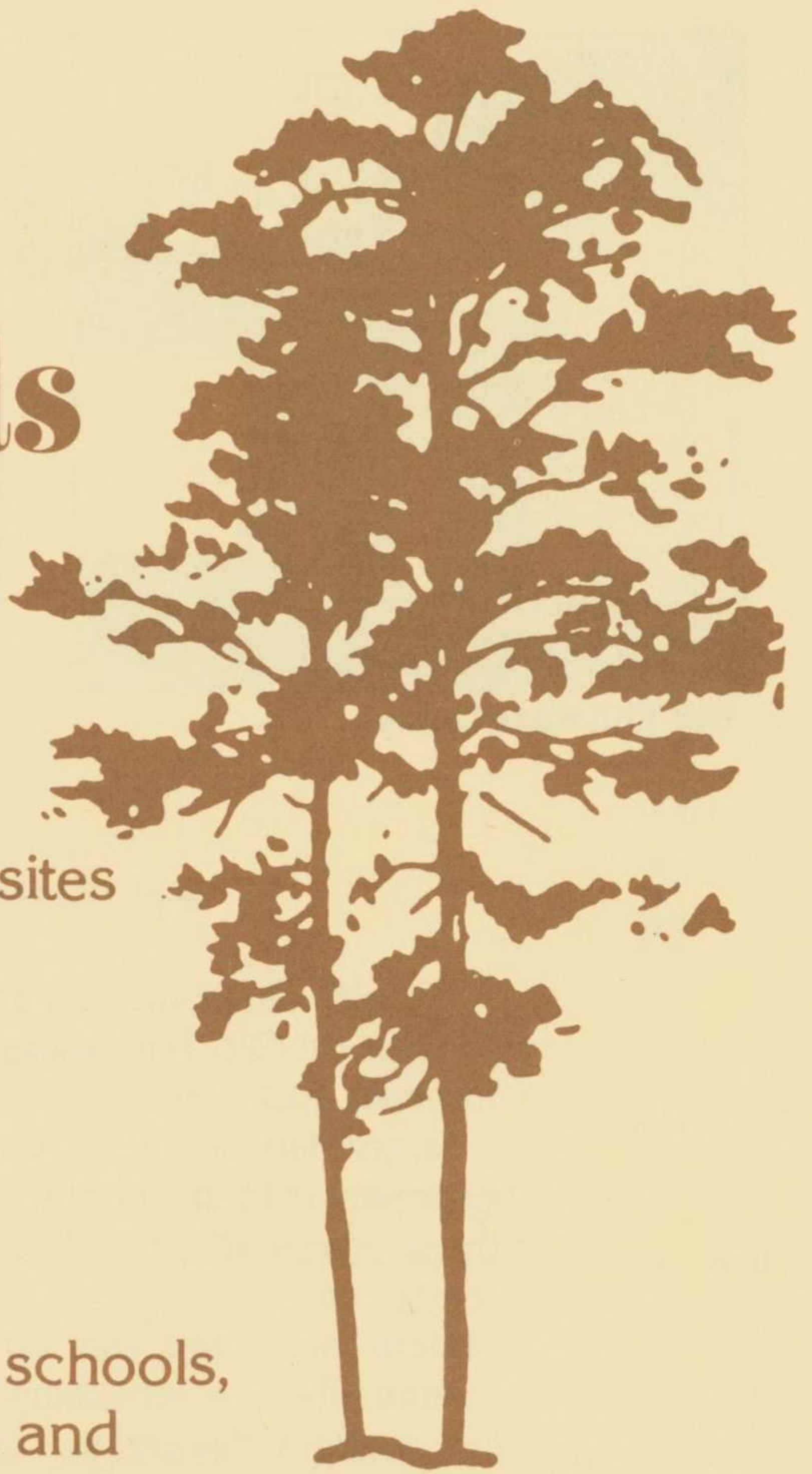
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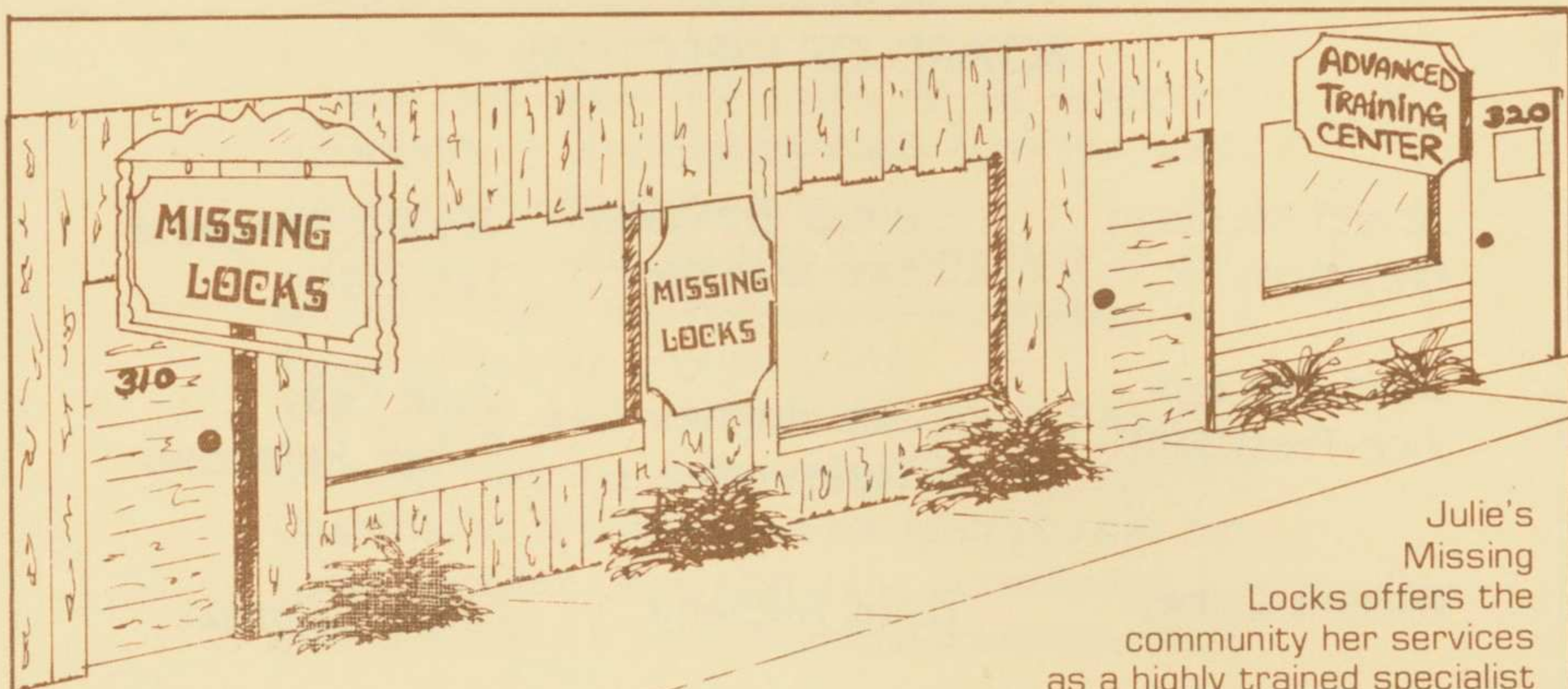
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Indian Mound Builders inhabited the Safety Harbor area as far back as 13,000 years ago but the Indian name for the area then was Tocobaga, home of the Timucua tribe. In 1539 Hernando DeSoto landed and established a base camp for his 800 Conquistadors and 400 horses near Tocobaga. He named Safety Harbor and the Bay-Espiritu Santo, meaning "Water of the Holy Spirit" for the five natural mineral springs he had found there.

On July 9, 1539 DeSoto sent back by returning ship the first letter penned from the New World. In the letter he tells of finding Juan Ortiz, a Spanish soldier captured by the Indians in 1528 from the Naervez expedition. His life had been spared by the Indians at the request of the Chief's daughter. Some say this is the origin of the Captain John Smith-Pocahontas story. Ortiz had almost forgotten his native language after 11 years of captivity but proved invaluable to DeSoto as he was the only person who spoke the Indians' language.

With thoughts of finding gold, silver, and precious gems, DeSoto and his troops marched northward encountering one hardship after another until he died near the Mississippi River.

In 1567 Governor Pero Menendez landed and established a mission chapel and garrison in order to convert the Indians to Christianity and impose Spanish rule. When Menendez departed he left stationed 30 soldiers and a priest; however, the Indians massacred all but two of the soldiers and burned the entire mission and garrison to the ground. This marked the end of Spanish dominance.★

During the ensuing years the

Timucua vanished and later were replaced by the Seminole Indians. From this point in time little is known about our history; however, this was a time of fighting between the Indians and the white man. This was also a time during the late 18th century that pirates roamed the coastline. One such pirate was Gomez who wrote of Espiritu Santo Bay as "God's Resting Place".

In 1823, two years after Florida was ceded to the United States from Spain, the first permanent pioneer to homestead in the area, Count Odette Phillippe sailed his sloop, the "Ney," into the waters of Espiritu Santo Bay. With him were his four daughters - Octavia, Teama, Charlotte, and Melanie; his servants, household goods, and lumber to build a cabin. He landed on the point which is located in Phillippe Park.

Count Odette Phillippe was born in Lyons, France around 1785. He was the nephew of King Louis XVI, the classmate of Napoleon Bonaparte, and later the Surgeon General of Napoleon's army. During the war, Phillippe was captured by the British at the Battle of Trafalgar and imprisoned in England. After months of captivity he had the opportunity to escape with a group of prisoners that were beggars and debtors who were sentenced to die. His escape successful, he landed in the South Seas Islands where he was befriended by the Indians who revered him for curing their ailments. As word of Dr. Phillippe's ability to cure the wounded and sick spread throughout the Islands, it is said the pirates came and spirited him away to their secret hideout where their Captain, Gomez, was wounded. In gratitude for saving his life, Gomez revealed the location he had written about - "God's Resting Place",



Mound once located across from springs. Destroyed to be used to pave Bayshore Drive.

Espiritu Santo where Phillippe could live in tranquility. The pirates returned Dr. Phillippe to Nassau where he eventually found his way to Charleston, S.C. Once here he was reunited with many of his old friends who had fled to America and with the girl to whom he had lost his heart - the beautiful Hortense, who was of Royal blood. There they married, built a tobacco plantation, and began their family of 4 daughters. It was during the childbirth of the youngest that Dr. Phillippe lost Hortense. He wished to escape from the haunts of man, to find recluse in the spot that the pirate Gomez had revealed to him. When Count Phillippe landed on the shores of Espiritu Santo in 1823 he built his home facing the great Indian Mound and established his plantation which he called St. Helena in honor of Napoleon. On his plantation he planted grapefruit,



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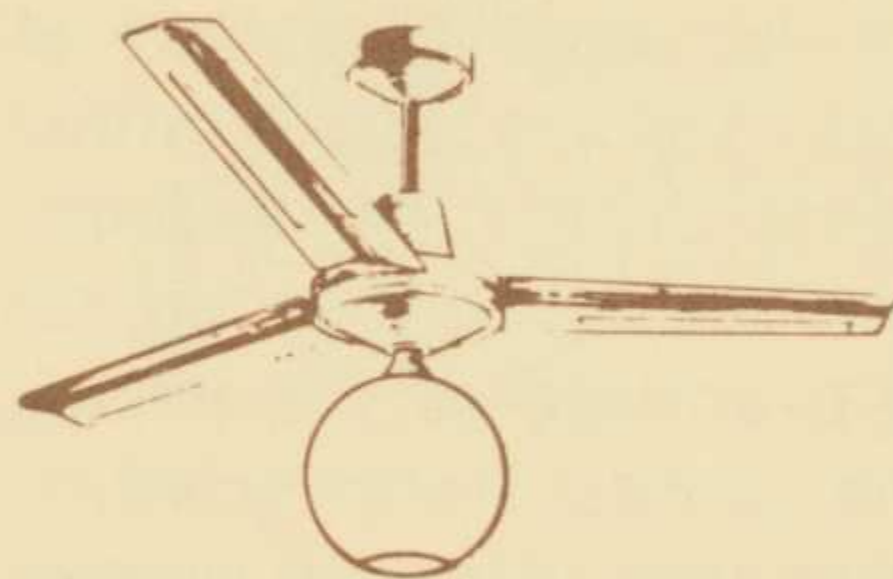
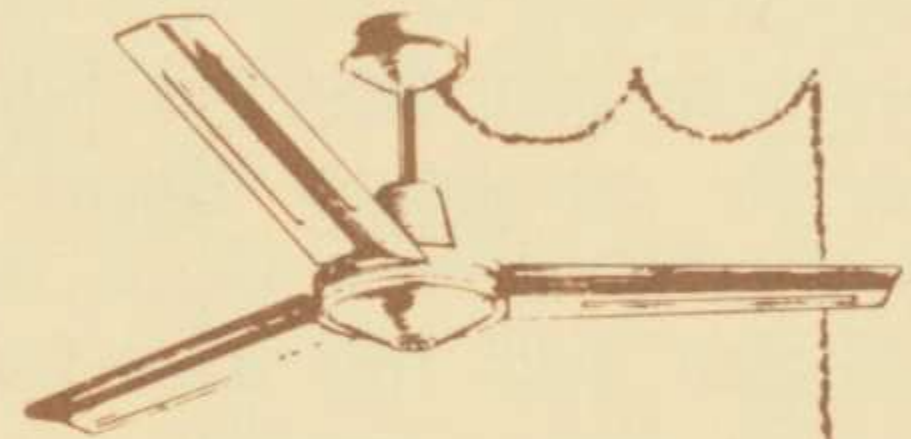
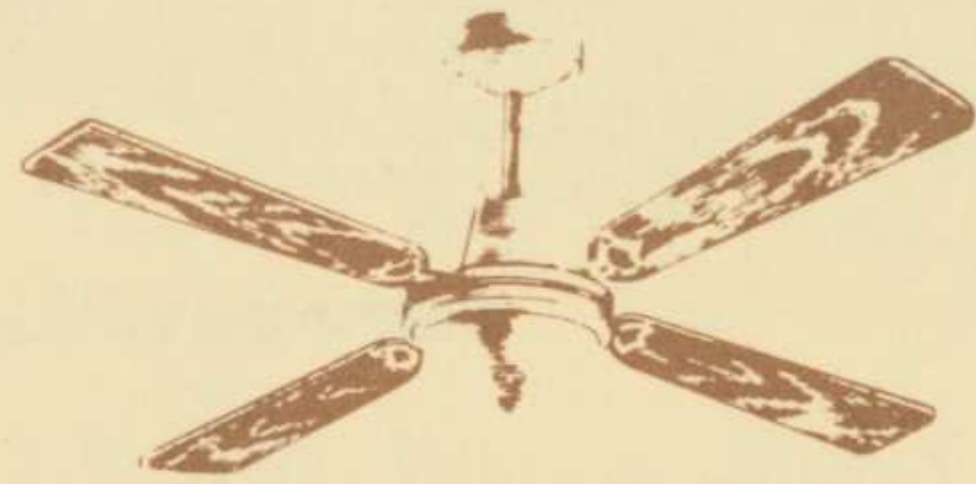
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oranges, limes, avocado pears, and bananas. He is renowned for developing the art of budding and grafting.

During the great hurricane of 1848, his home was destroyed by huge tidal waves that swept from the Bay to the Gulf. Bits and pieces of his fine French china can still be found along the Bay. He rebuilt his home which remained until 1915. Dr. Philippe died in 1869. Some say he lived to be 100 years of age.

Next in the limelight of the "Springs" is Mr. Green, who while living in Georgia was suffering from crippling rheumatism that doctors had declared incurable. He learned from the Indians of the healing powers of Espiritu Santo Springs. Determined to prove the physicians wrong, Green gathered his household belongings and trekked to the sight where the waters gushed from the springs. He ordered his slaves to

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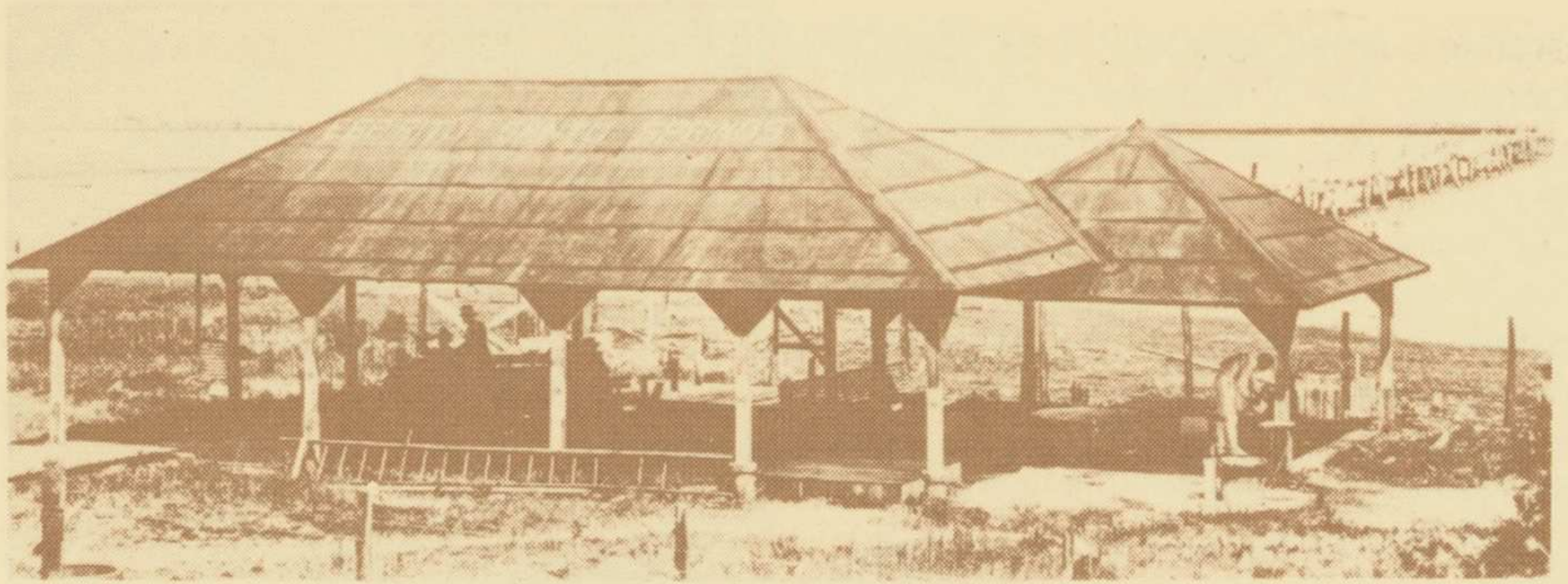
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Col. Bailey who was stationed at Fort Brooke in Tampa also learned of the springs from the Indians. Being an enterprising gentleman, he applied for purchase of the property from the United States government and became the sole owner of the Springs in 1855. Although the town was known as Green Springs the mineral springs were sometimes known as Bailey-by-the-Bay. People came from near and afar in hopes of curing their ailments. A few cottages were built for people to rent but the majority camped in tents or built palmetto thatch huts. There were 5 springs, each boasting to cure specific ailments:

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Spring #3, the Old Bath House Spring, was effective on skin diseases such as eczema.

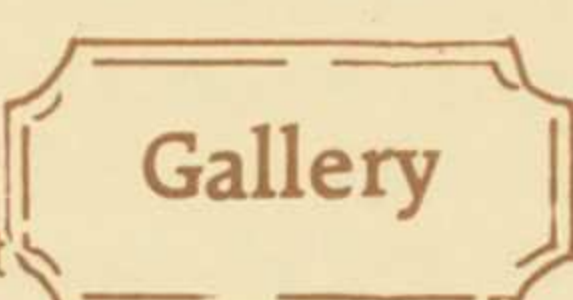
Spring #4, the Beauty Spring, promised marked improvement on skin color, tone, and elasticity.

Spring #5, the Pure Water Spring, was a light delectable water that was also used for batteries in the barges from Tampa.

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At the turn of the century "Boom Times" hit Green Springs. The premier elements of a city began to form, clustering on Main and 1st & 2nd Streets. One store after another was built - a drug store, general store, hardware store, open-air dance hall, hotels, real estate offices, a newspaper, and a post office. With the coming of a post office the name Green Springs had to be dropped as it was too similar to Green Cove Springs. The community adopted the name Safety Harbor as it had long been the safe harbor for mail boats and others. The future Safety Harbor was blossoming. The Spa was built as was the bank which houses the present Chamber of Commerce, a firehouse, dry goods store, and finally the railroad. The first electric

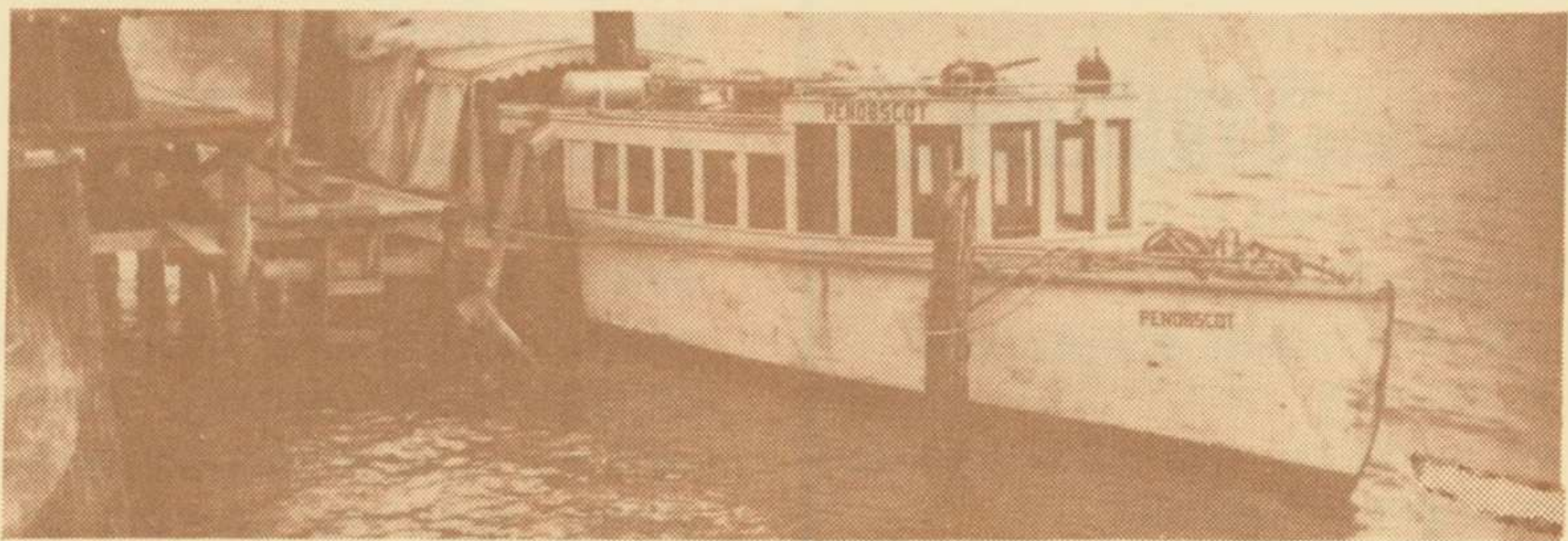


One of many fires that destroyed the Boom Time Landmarks.

plant was introduced at this time and provided lighting from 6 until 11 at night.

Destroyed by fire, the ravages of time, and progress; few landmarks

remain of old Safety Harbor but those that do are cherished and revered by those who value her heritage.



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Timucua Indian Ceremonial Mound: climb to the top of the ceremonial mound and view Old Tampa Bay. Only remaining mound. Others were used to pave streets during the turn of the century. Located in Phillippe Park.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit: Oldest church in Safety Harbor.

Built in 1919. 601 Phillippe Parkway.

Count Odette Phillippe Gravesite: Located in Phillippe Park. Overlooks Indian Mound and Bay. Is also the site where his plantation, St. Helena, was erected.

Library: Charming small town library started by the Womens Civic Club in 1938 with the aid of a W.P.A. project. The first circulation of books started in 1949. 176 5th Avenue North.

City Marina: Currently being restored. Was built during WW II as a W.P.A. project. Located at the east end of Main Street next to city pier.

John Wilson Park: Mini-park built around centuries-old oak tree. Site of concerts, Christmas Festival. Hub for community activities. Located at 4th and Main Streets.

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Safety Harbor is estimated at an uncrowded 7700 residents. Being a coastal, semi-rural community in a locale that is both tucked away yet offers easy access to major cities makes Safety Harbor a prime target for extensive future growth.

LOCATION

An unspoiled community dominated by a profusion of towering oaks, Safety Harbor rests east of Clearwater, south of Oldsmar, north of St. Petersburg, and east of Tampa on Old Tampa Bay. Nestled away from the hustle-bustle of major highways yet is 15 minutes

away from Tampa International Airport, minutes away from Gulf beaches.

GOVERNMENT

Safety Harbor is governed by a City Manager-Mayor-Council system.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Visitors can stay at modern motel units, the old renovated hotel, efficiencies, cottages, or the world famous Safety Harbor Spa.

EDUCATION

Part of the Pinellas County School System which has 87,561 students, is the 24th largest system in the U.S., 4th in the state, and was awarded School Board of the Year. Gus Sakkis, Superintendent of Schools, was named one of the top 100 administrators in North America. Safety Harbor children attend the Safety Harbor Elementary School, the Safety Harbor School for Exceptional Students, the Safety Harbor Middle School, and the Countryside High School.

CONSUMER SERVICES

Full service banking is available. A wide selection of retail stores for every need is in close proximity in a quiet uncrowded shopping district.

CHURCHES AND CLUBS

All major religious denominations, national civic, service, and fraternal organizations can be found here. See page for list.

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RECREATION

With its beauty and solitude, one can enjoy fishing at the city pier in Old Tampa Bay, or in Alligator Lake, sun bathing on the beach, jogging, biking, historical sites, parks, boating, tennis, shuffleboard, or golf at nearby facilities.

TEMPERATURE

Seasonally the average daily temp-

eratures are: winter-71° spring-81° summer-90° fall-83°. During Dec., Jan., and Feb. the coldest temperatures occur with an average daytime temperature of 63° and an evening temperature in the mild 30's.

RAINFALL

The total rainfall is 55 inches per year, the majority of which occurs June thru Sept. during brief afternoon thunderstorms followed by radiantly sunny days. This rainy season accounts for 57% of the total yearly rainfall. The average relative humidity is 85%.

PARKS

One can visit one of 5 parks: Elmo Park, a 4.5 acre park just north of Alligator Lake with tennis courts, ball field, lots of open space. John Wilson Park, at 4th and Main Streets downtown. This is a people place situated on .5 acres clustered around a towering oak tree. It is here that the annual Christmas Festival festivities occur. Phillippe Park, a 123 acre, county-owned, park, is the landmark of the Phillippe plantation and of the Timucua Indian Ceremonial Mound. Overlooks the Bay.



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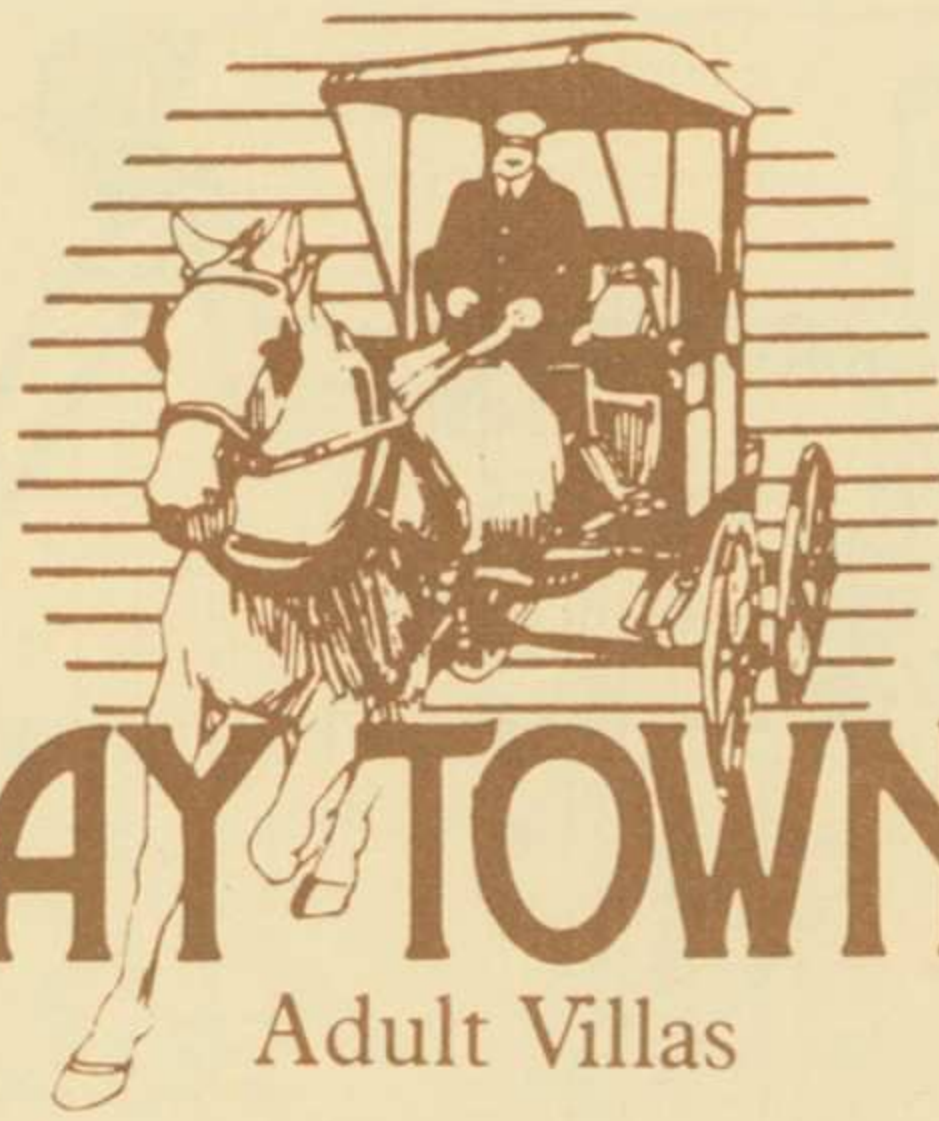
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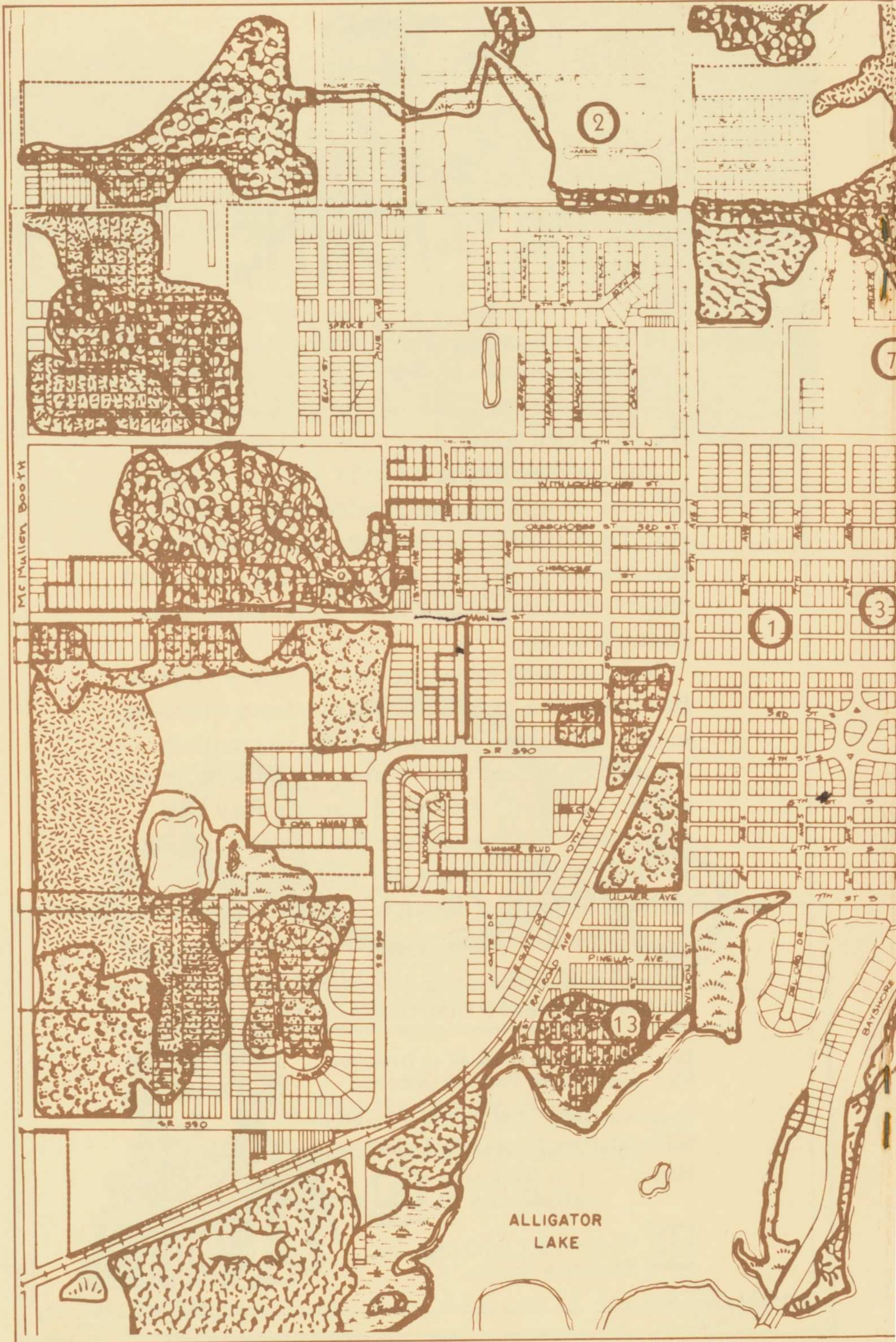
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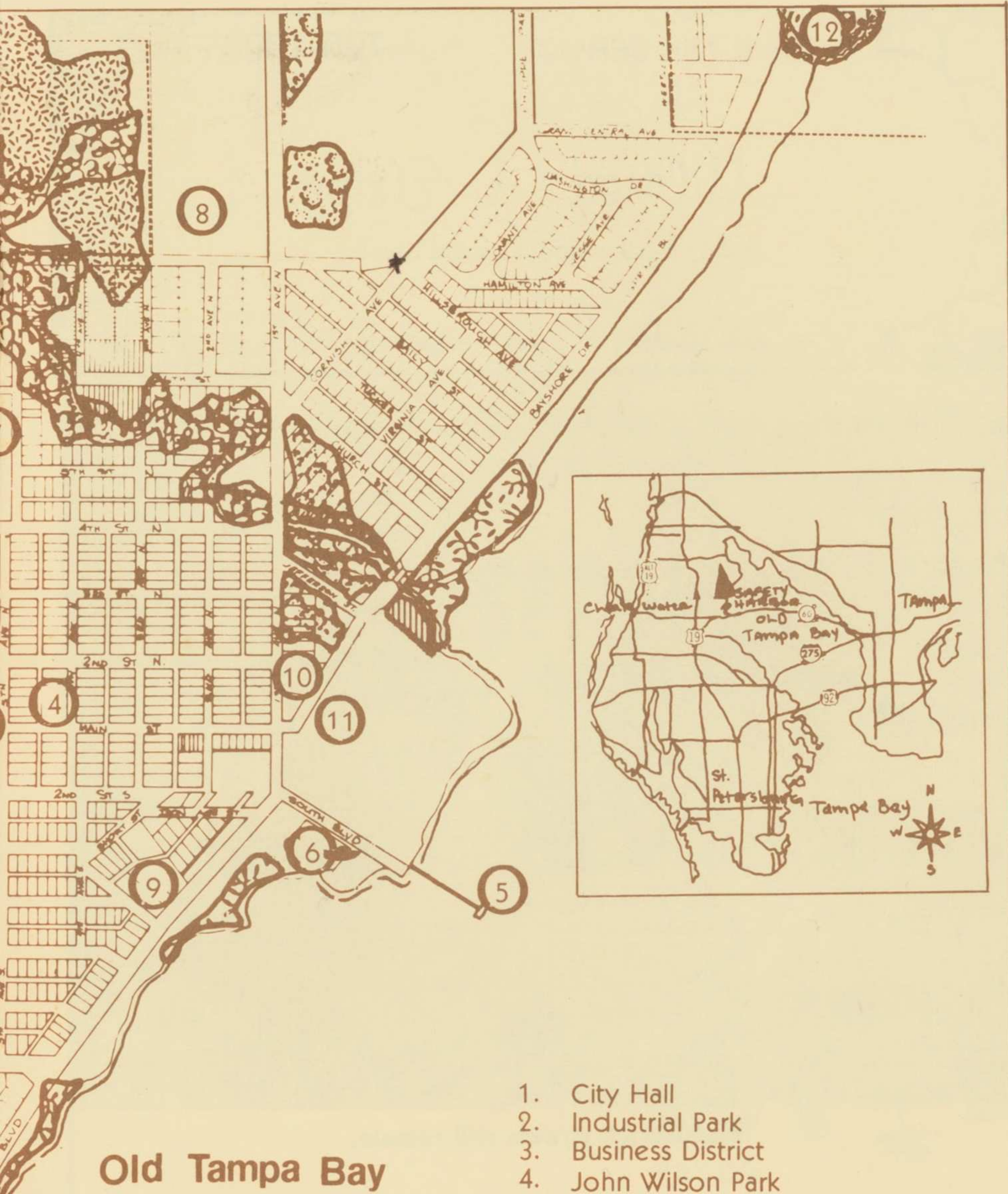
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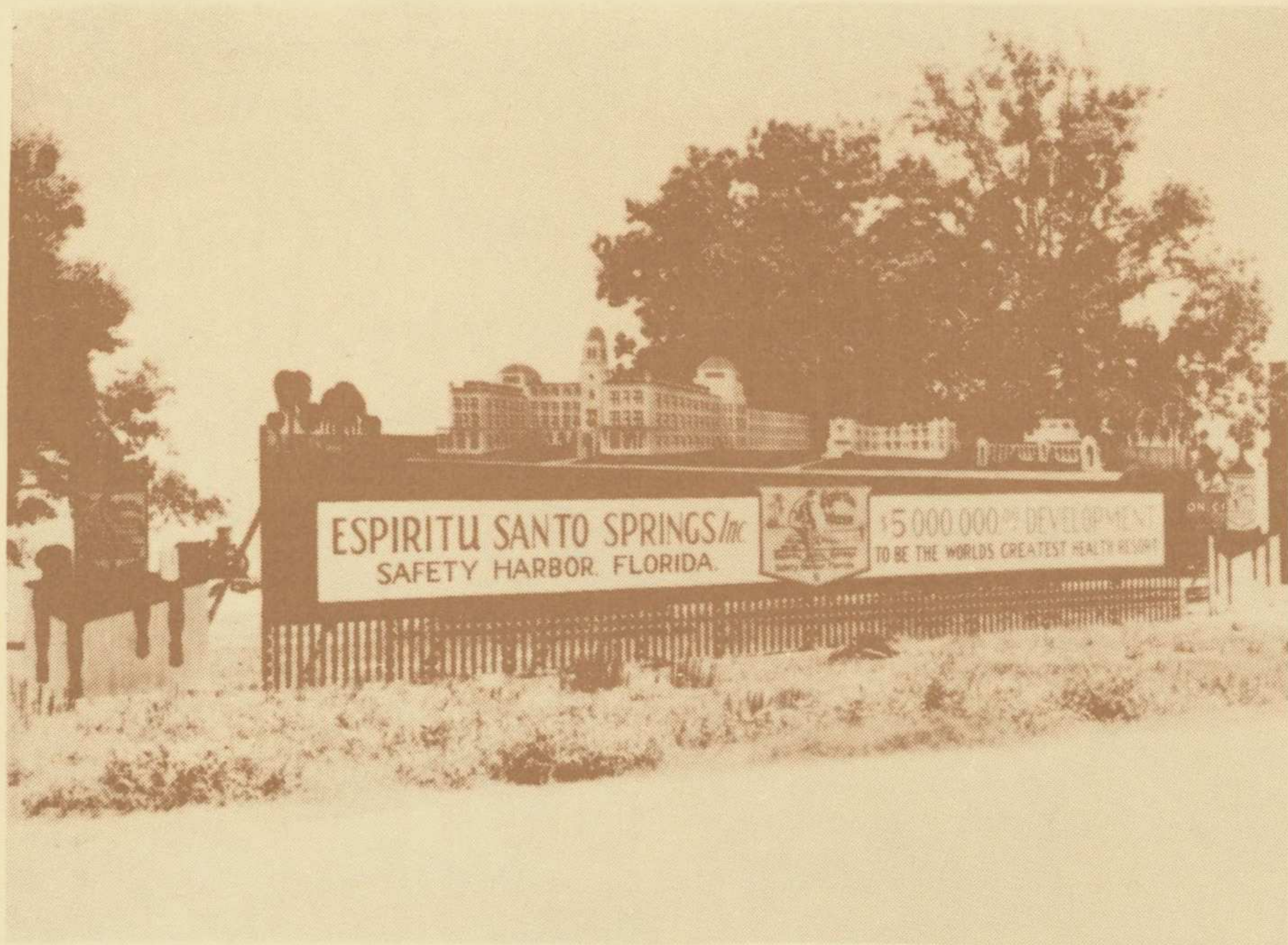


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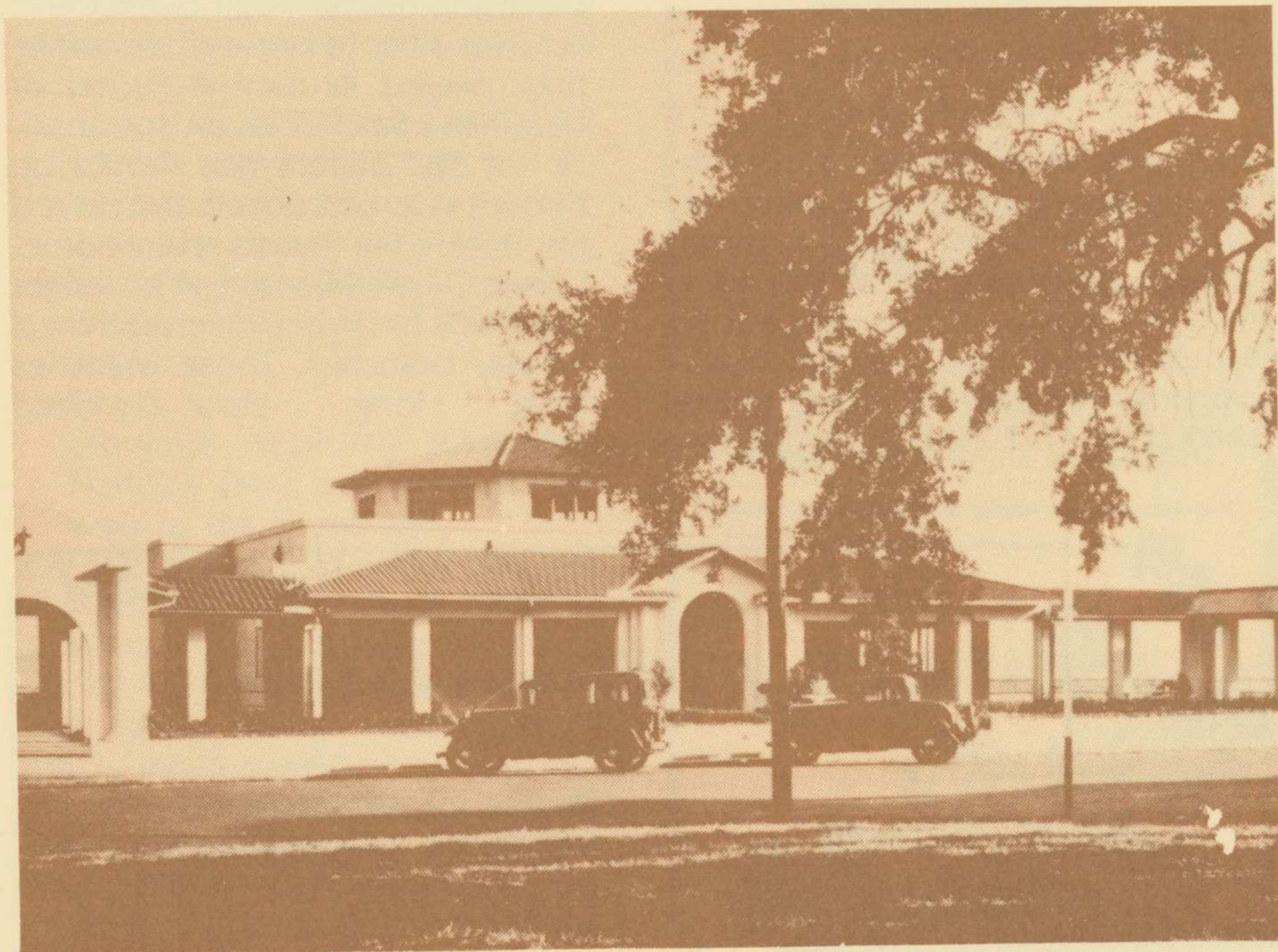
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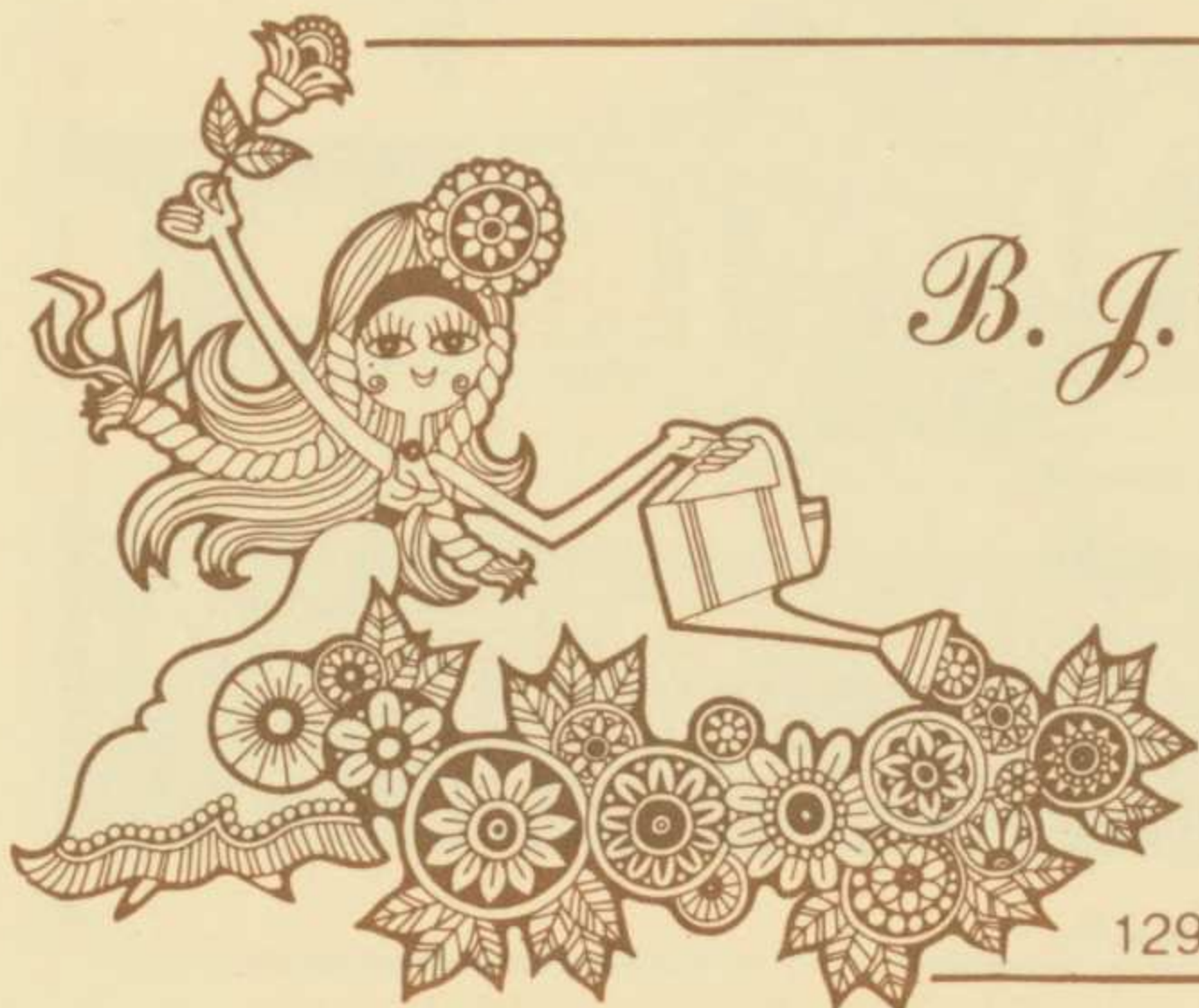
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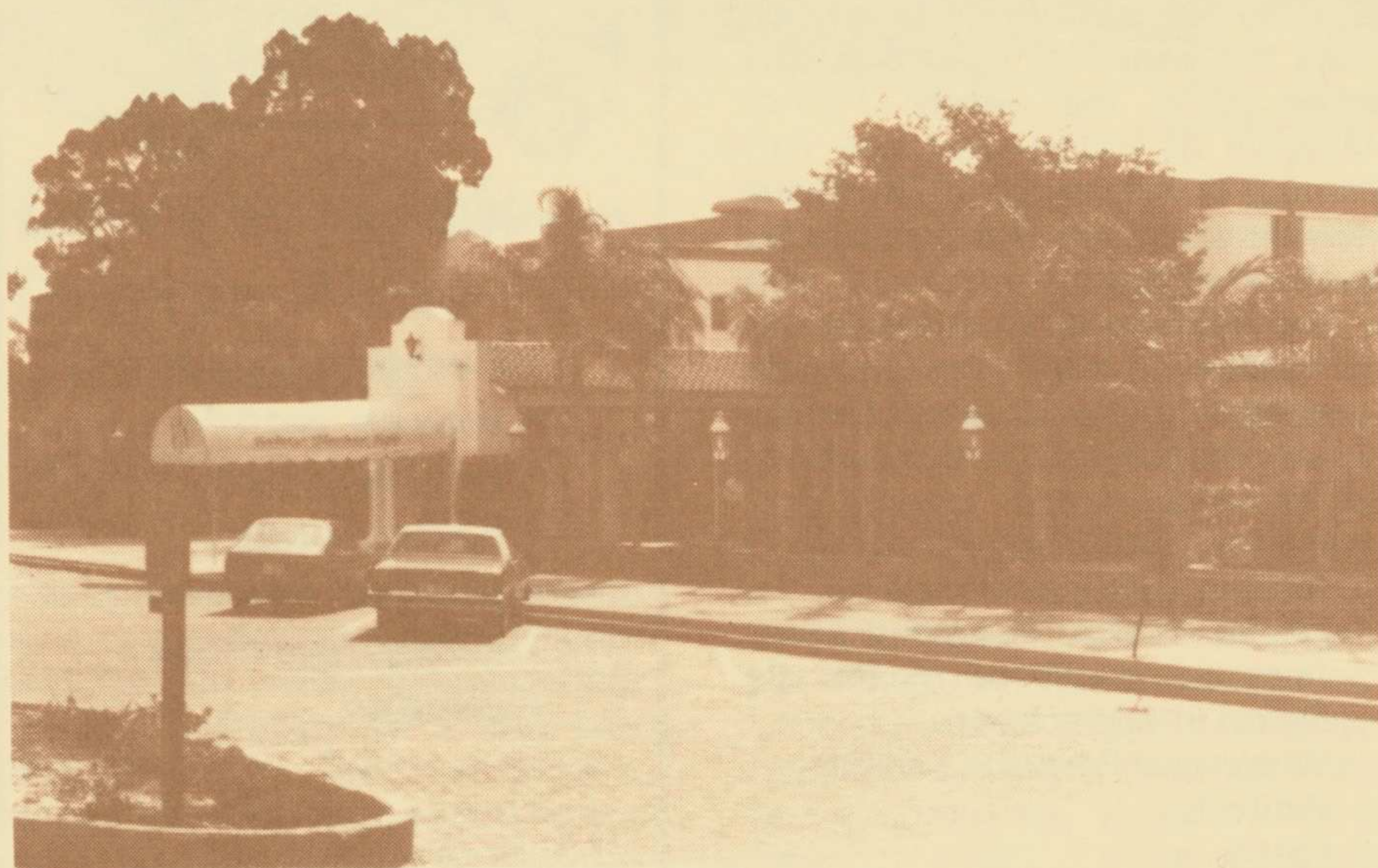
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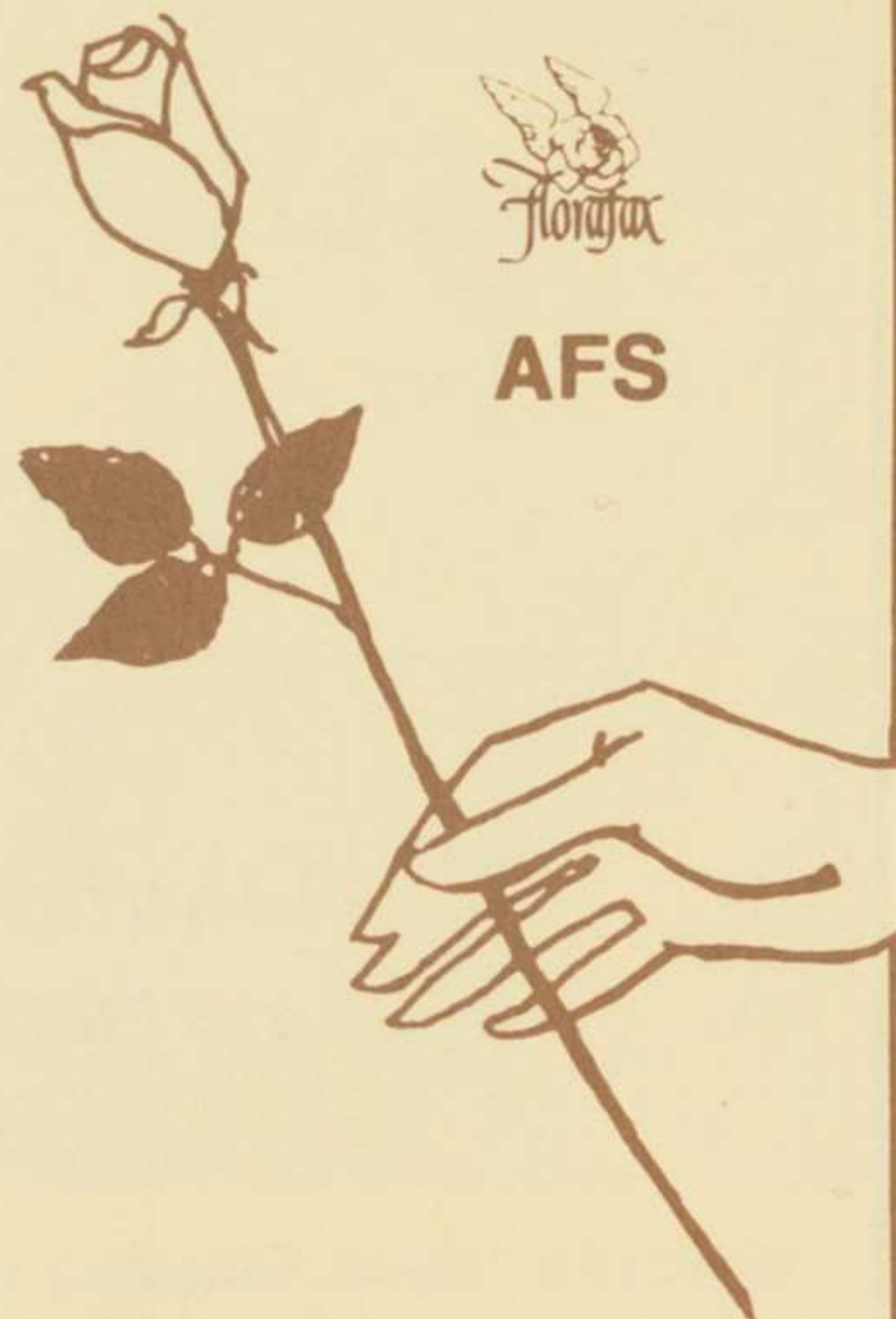


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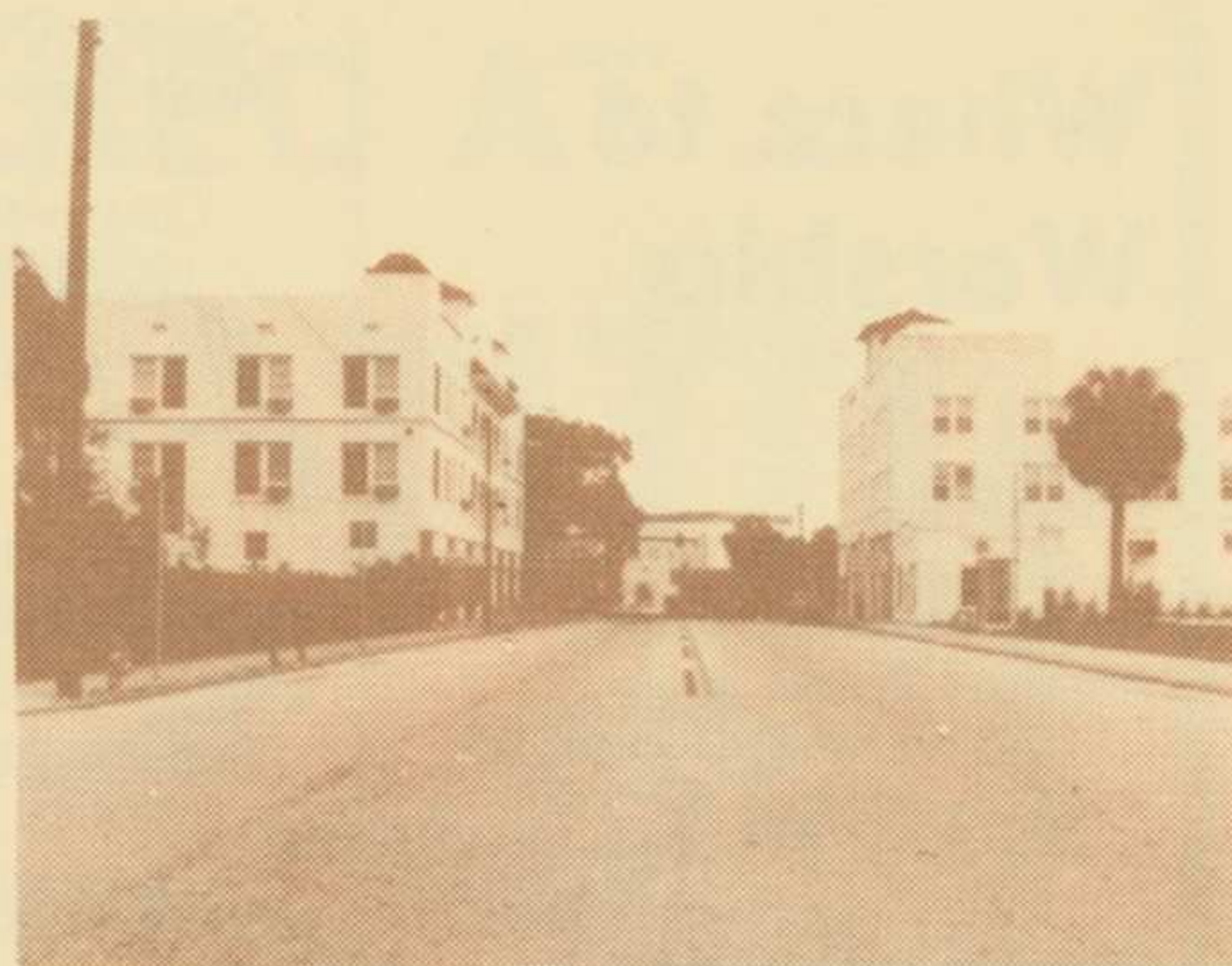
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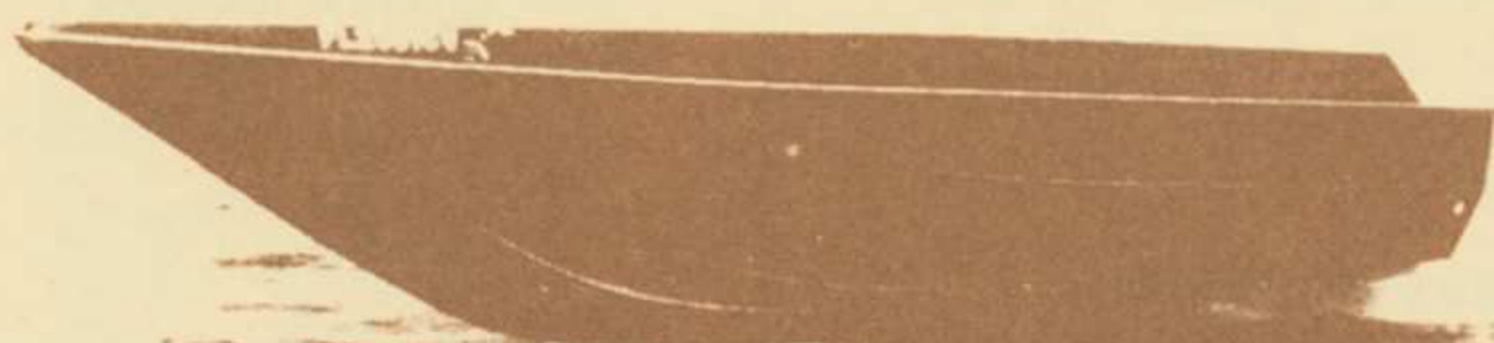
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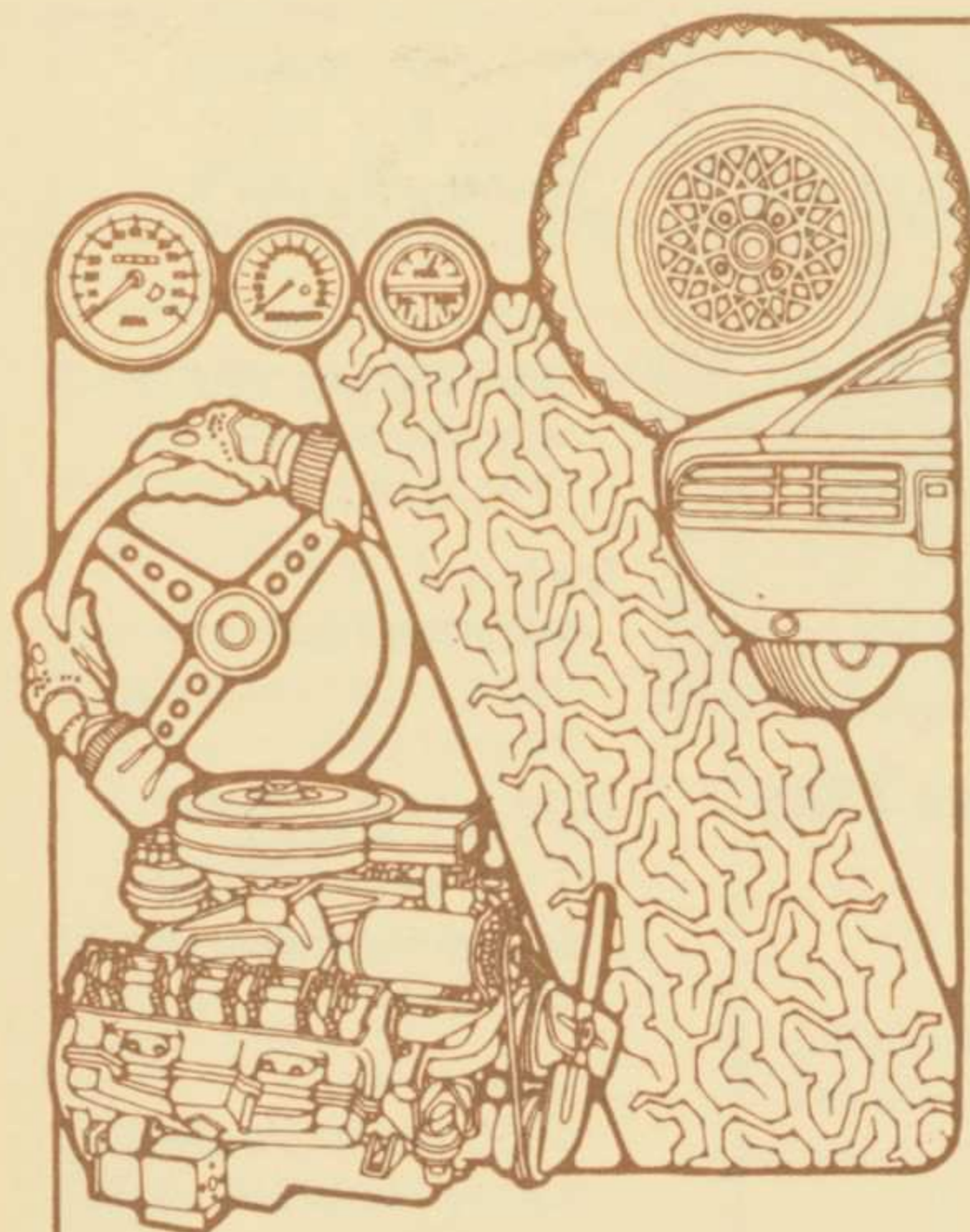
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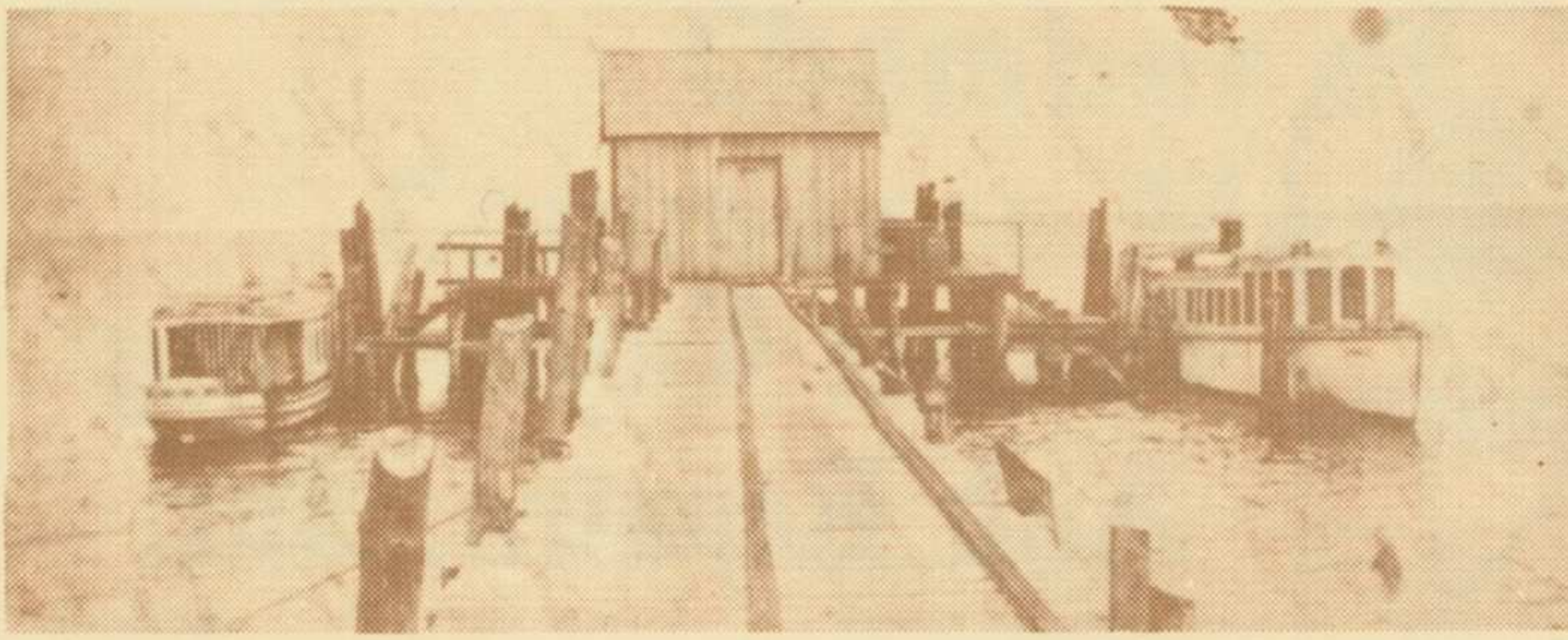
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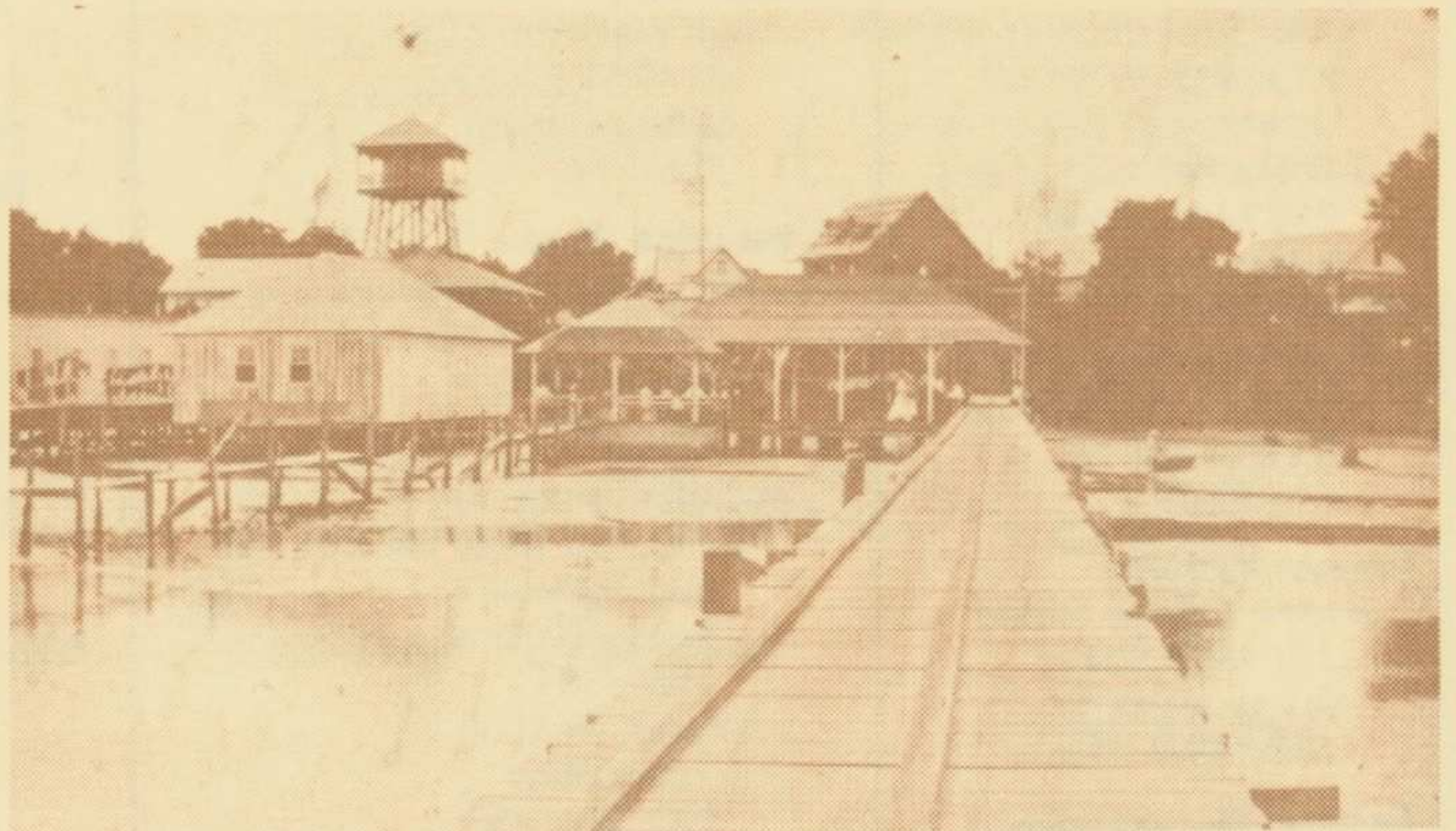
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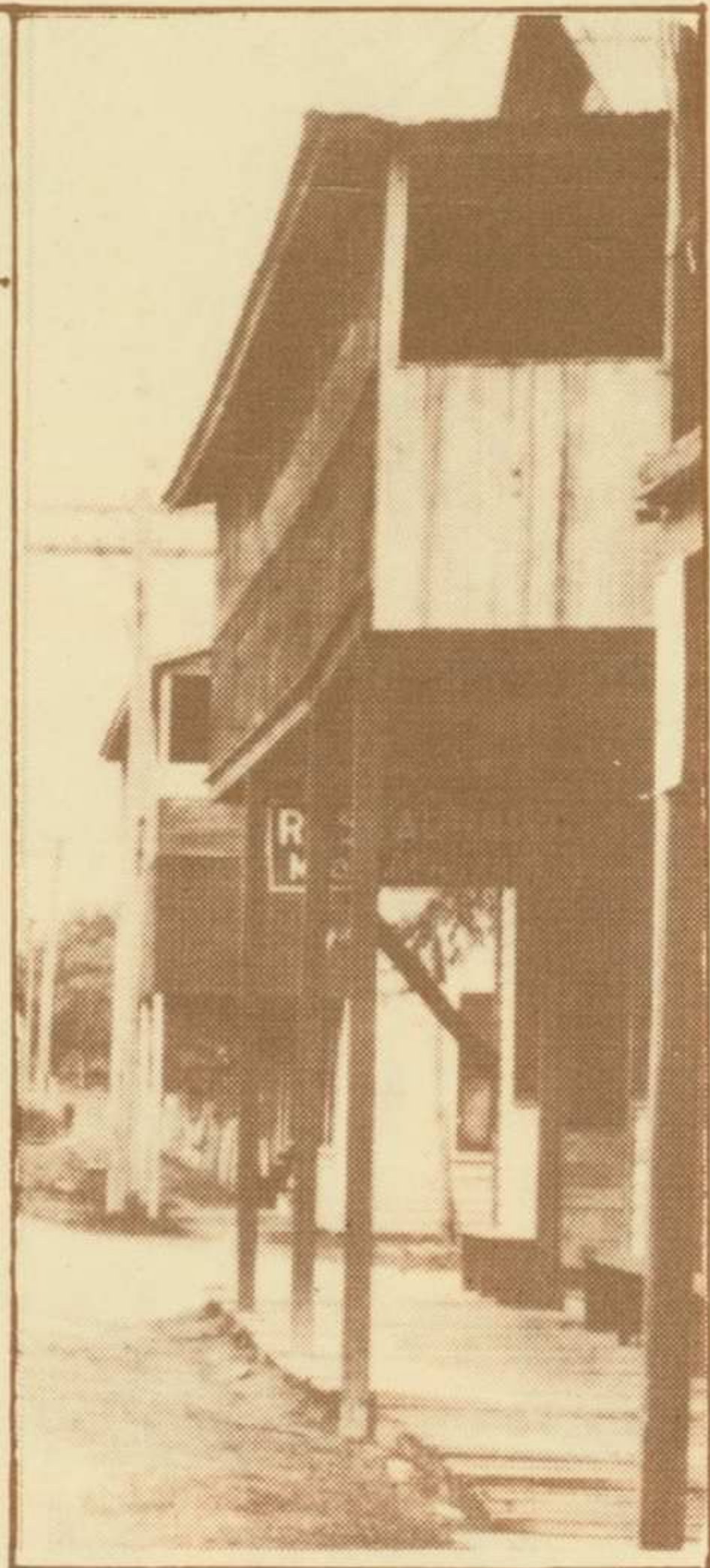
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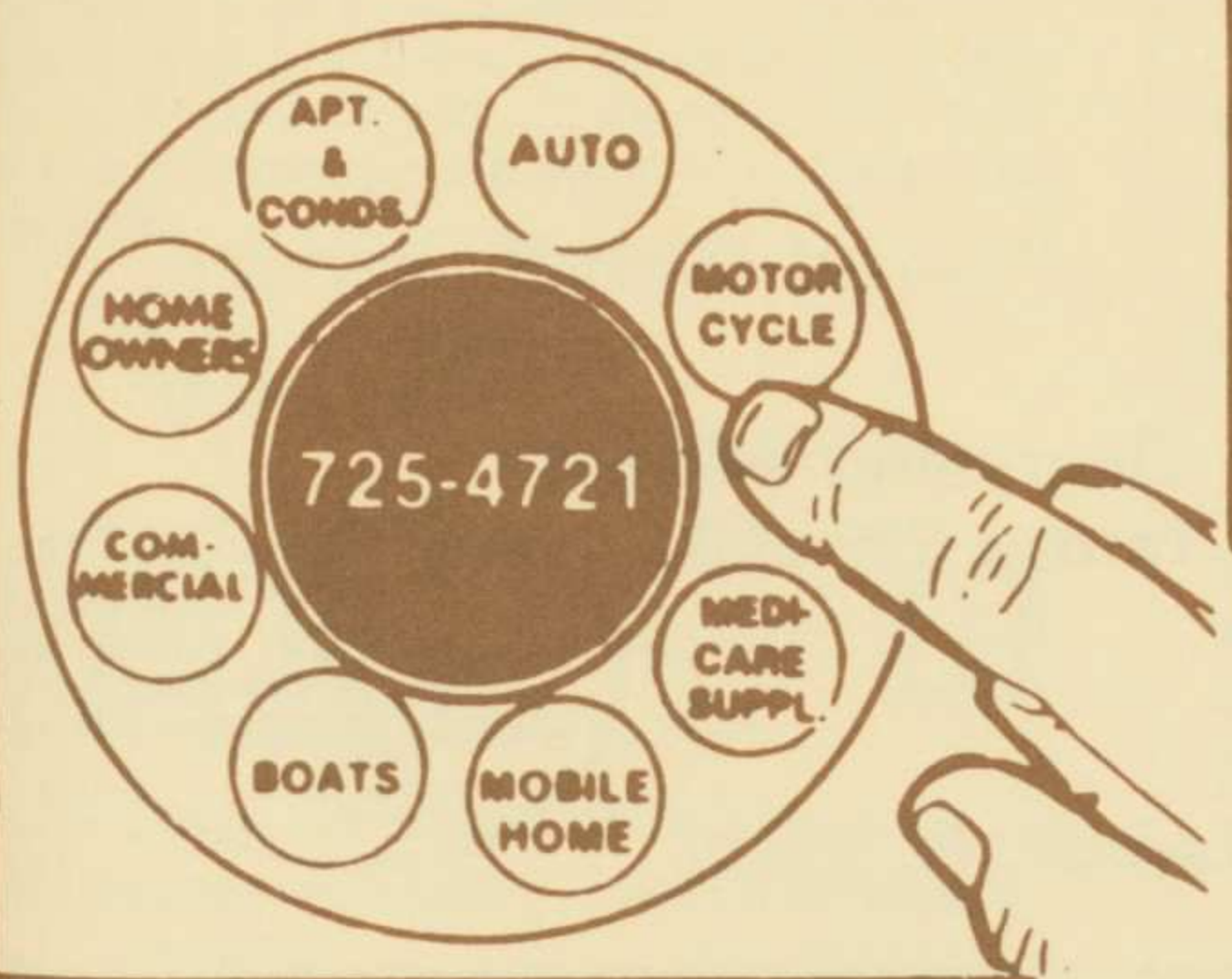
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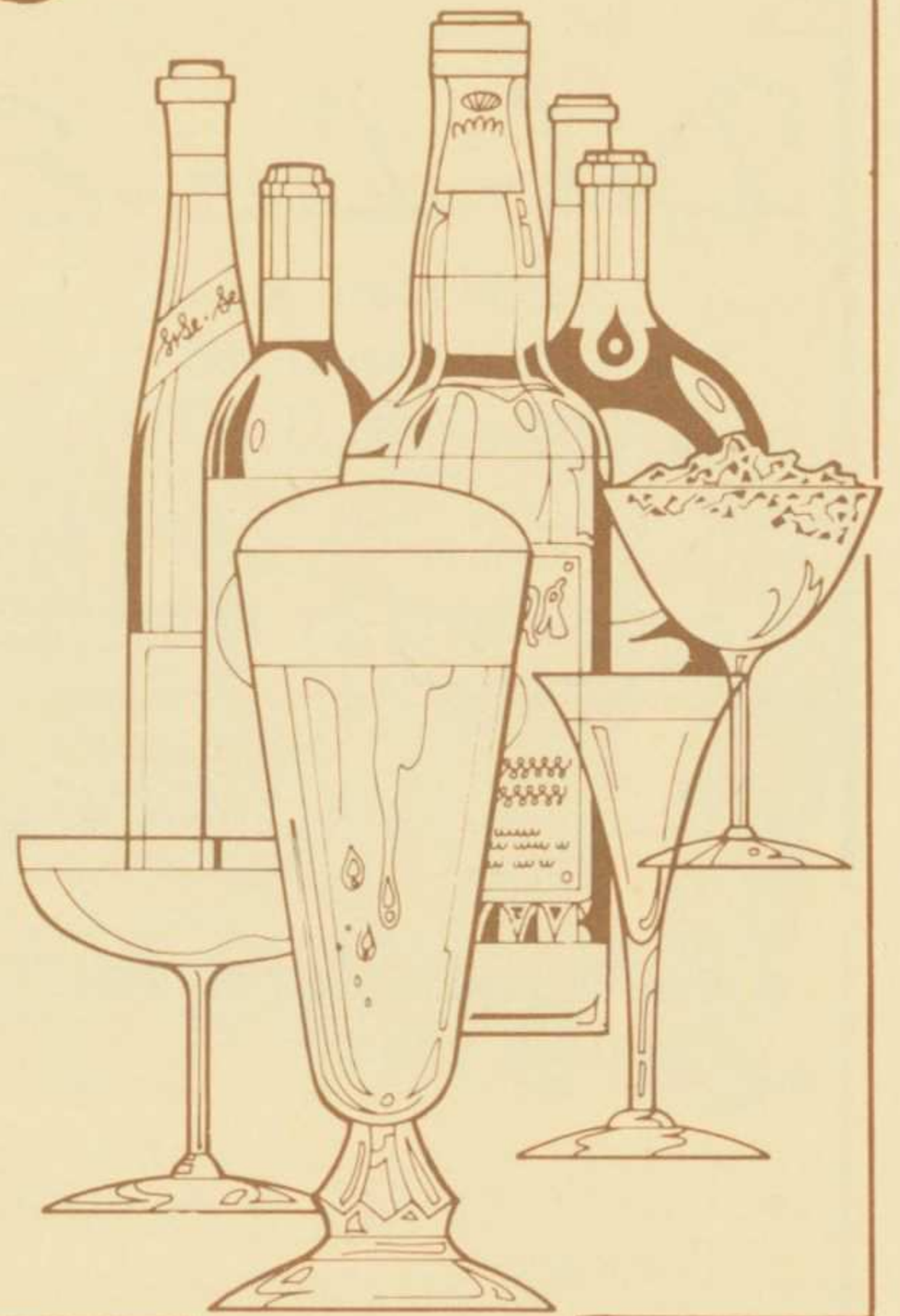
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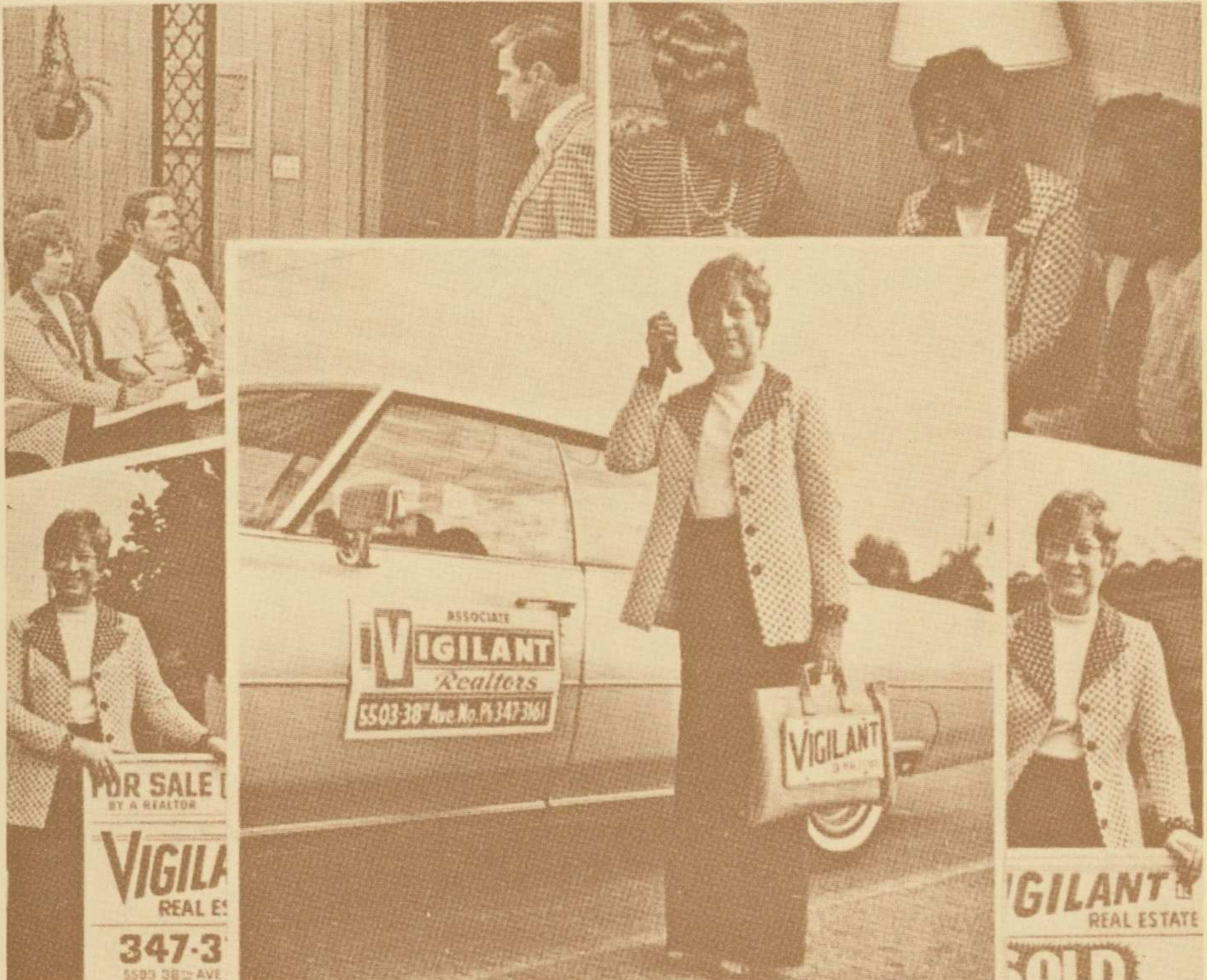
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