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W.A.”Cap” Burton served as President. (Called “Cap “because he had been a Captain in the U.S. Coast Guard. He retired after 29 years of service.)

The Naples REALTOR debuts as the first Naples on-the Gulf Board newsletter.

As recalled by J. Ernie Carroll REALTOR and future executive office, “Apparently 'Cap' brought a little military discipline to the organization and was known for getting things moving. One of the real milestones in the history of the Board occurred at that time. It was while 'Cap' Burton was president that the second full time Board executive officer was confirmed in that posting.”

“The first Board executive was Rhys Beatty, who served on a part-time basis; following him came Haven Hammer, who became a full time Board Secretary. Then an ambitious young man, by the name of Norman Harris, was hired as an assistant to Haven but Haven was to retire that year and Norman Harris became a paid full-time executive officer”.

According to a Naples Daily News 12-6-99 the following was published:

- Marco Island opened for public inspection Jan.31, after \$4.5 million in preliminary construction work by the Mackle Brothers of Miami. The project included; Marco Island Country Club, a 50 unit beachfront hotel and 22 model homes.
- Collier County's school desegregation plan for the 1965-1966 academic year was approved by Education Commissioner Francis Kepl. It heralded the end of the county's racially segregated school system.
- The Collier County Conservancy (precursor to The Conservancy of Southwest Florida) made a \$30,000 down payment on 1,600 acres of Rookery Bay land.
- On June 3, 1965 Astronaut Edward White became the first American to walk in space, floating for twenty minutes outside his Gemini 4 spacecraft.
- Consumer activist Ralph Nader gained recognition as he condemned auto safety standards with his book “Unsafe at Any Speed”.
- In a blow to Naples developers the Florida Supreme Court threw out a tax break for swamp-land owners. The city ordinance provided them with a lower property- tax rate until the land was 60%developed. The court ruled the submerged land ordinance favors developers at public expense.