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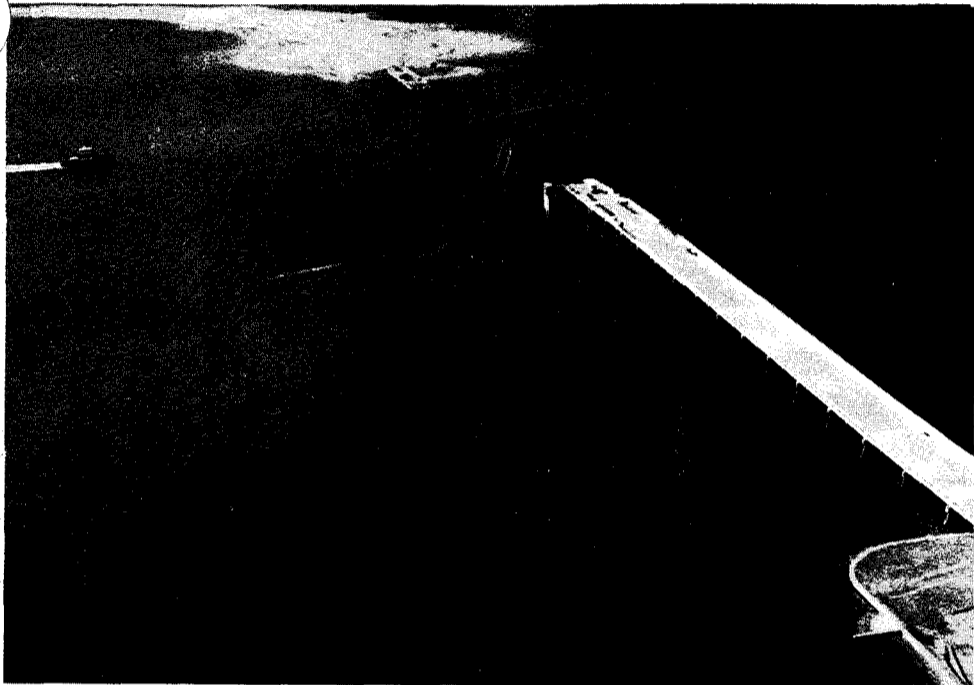


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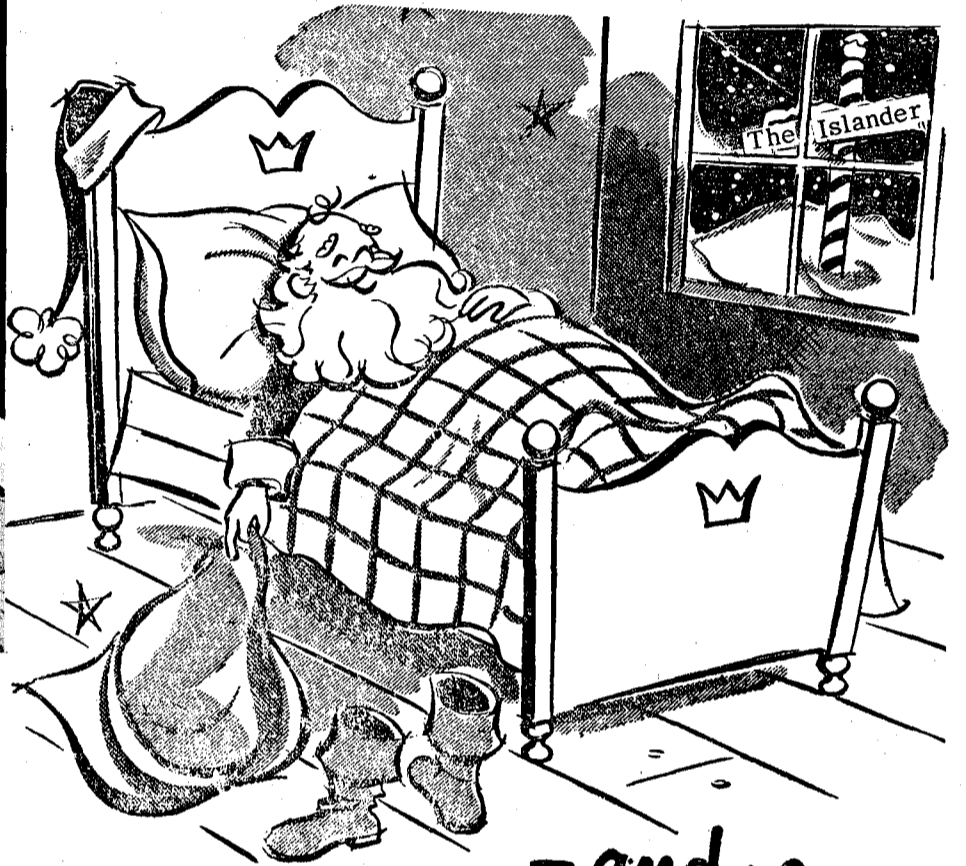
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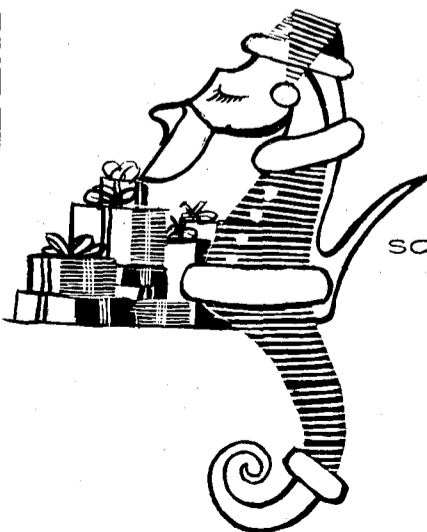
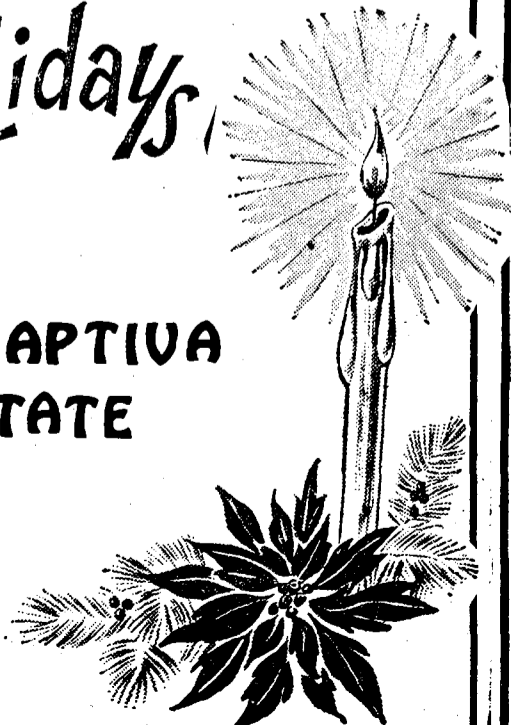
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As we near the second Christmas we have spent with you on the Islands, we look back on a wonderful year. We never knew that there were so many wonderful people on such small Islands. Small in area only, Sanibel and Captiva are large in all the things that count, and so we, the Staff of the Islander, wish you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and thank you for the past year.

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## PERSONALS

Due to the unfortunate falling apart of her so-called car, Islander reporter PEGGY MALONEY, who was scheduled to produce copy for the Sanibel Shell Fair Program, was unable to do so. Mrs. CECIL REED graciously agreed to take over the job on short notice, for which we are truly grateful.

Cap'n & Mrs. JAKE STOKES will be spending a pleasurable Christmas holiday with their daughter, VIRGINIA COFFMAN and her family, in Bradenton.

Mr. & Mrs. BROWARD KEENE of Sanibel are going to Largo for the Christmas holidays as guests of Mr. & Mrs. ERNEST STRINGER, Mrs. Keene's daughter and son-in-law.

Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE SCRIBNER of Boonton, New Jersey, are back on Sanibel to spend the winter at the Oster Cottages. The Scribners have spent the season at the Osters for the past 13 years -- welcome back.

Mr. & Mrs. PATRICK GRENAN (PAT & MABLE to all their friends) arrived on the last ferry December 11 from St. Petersburg. They had intended to stay at Andy's Cottages indefinitely as they are looking around for a business opportunity and if they find anything interesting they might become permanent residents. Unfortunately they had to return to St. Pete early, but will return in two or three weeks.

Mr. & Mrs. BILL REISINGER of Sanibel left for Miami December 13 to spend a pre-holiday visit with Bill's brother. They rushed back to the Islands on the 16th to prepare for the arrival of friends from Erie, Pa. Instead of friends, however, they got a telegram saying that no plane reservations were available. Must be lots of people retreatin' from all them Nawtha'n snows up there.

Mr. & Mrs. PAUL SIMONDS will be in Sarasota for the holidays. They're celebrating two ways -- one, that it's Christmas, and two, that their son TOM and his family is near enough to Sanibel to visit -- which is a very important thing for grand-parents.

Deputy Sheriff RALPH SMITH is in Lee Memorial Hospital with pneumonia, we're sorry to state. We haven't been able to get in to see him, but others have and reports are filtering back that he's doing splendidly. Everyone is hoping that Ralph will be able to come home in time to spend Christmas with his family.

Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES ROSSI of Captiva are the proud parents of a little 6 pound, 12 ounce daughter. She was born at 9:30 P.M., December 13, at Lee Memorial. Her parents were so sure that she'd be a boy that they had all "his" names picked out -- they're still searching for a name for her.

Miss LAURIE KEARNS went on a Fort Myers Shopping trip with her mother VIVIEN and her grandmother EDNA. While there, Miss Kearns visited Santa Clause and sat upon his knee. (Last year, she was frightened pink.) When Santa asked her what she wanted for Christmas, she promptly replied, "Oh, just bring me a train -- for daddy." (Ed. note: Dear Dick, we hope that you get it!)

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EDWARD ASHFORD, pastry chef at Island Inn, decided to go snook fishing in Michel's Bayou. As he passed over the Rabbit Road Bridge, he got the urge to wet a line right there. He cast with his spinning reel and 10 pound test line and the next thing he knew, he had a 24 inch (and very suprised) TARPON jumping on his line! He landed it and right now it's being mounted. In a short time, it may be viewed at the Island Inn. All of which goes to show that tarpon can be caught the year 'round on Sanibel.

**FUN FOR ALL**

Anyone for FUN? The Island Legionnaires have started their MUREX parties again this season. They'll be held every Friday at 8:30 P.M. at the Legion Hall. Come one, come all -- and bring the kids.

**CHRISTMAS DANCE**

Sanibel will hold its annual Christmas Dance at the Sanibel Community House on December 29, from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M. The Ted Fugmann Orchestra will supply the music. Contributions will be, adults - \$1.50 each, and School Children - \$1.00.

**MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!**

WILLIAM MCKENZIE and wife DOROTHY of Captiva, went to Fort Myers a few days ago, a friend reports, and had lunch at the Bradford. When the check was presented, Bill, better known among his friends as Jack Benny Mc Kinzie, said, I don't have any money. Do you, Dorothy?

She answered that she didn't either, but about that time dug into her wallet and dug out a \$20 bill along with assorted moths. Bill said, "Where did you get that?" To which she answered, "You gave me this last year -- remember?"

**PERSONAL**

Mr. GEORGE MAUSE of Rockville Center, N.Y., has returned to Captiva Beach Apartments for the tenth year. His son, BRIAN, a student at Belmont Abbey College, Charlotte, N.C., arrived on the 15th to join him. Mr. Mause, Mrs. Mause, and all the family have been frequent visitors to Captiva Beach, sometimes coming two or three times a year.



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BIRGIT returned from Miami in time for Christmas with some very charmingly simple brocade dresses. The Phelps materials are as beautiful and distinctive as ever. She'll take orders for the stunning Danish hand-knit sweaters, and for an outstanding Christmas gift item, have her show you the Swiss Musical bells playing "Silent Night." A special buy with a special price.

The B-Hive has a lovely selection of gifts. One of which particularly caught our eye was a set of the candlesticks with a gem-colored glass bowl holding a warming candle perched atop a pencil slim stand. They've also some lovely carvings, plus some adorably novelty stocking stuffers.

And, all REAL tree fans --- they're now in down at Bailey's. If you want one, you'd better rush!!

## CAPTIVA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Captiva Family Christmas Party will be held in the Captiva Community Center on Sunday, December 23, starting at 8 P.M. It will feature carol singing, exchange of gifts and refreshments.

The "admission" will be one gaily wrapped gift per person (value about \$1.00) clearly designated for man, woman, boy or girl. Presents should be delivered to the Community Center between noon and 2 P.M. on Friday, December 21.

## CHILDREN'S PARTY

The Sanibel Community Association's Annual Children's Party will begin at 8 P.M. Christmas Eve, at the Sanibel Community House. GOLDIE NAVE asks us to remind all motel owners to send in names of Children visiting the motel who will attend the party, giving age and sex.

## SANIBEL SNOW (?) SHOVELS

During the recent cool spell, Islanders were given quite a shock by the sign in front of the B-Hive which read "snow shovels for sale -- CHEAP." We trotted in to buy one, but BETTY (one of 'em) said they'd already sold all four gross of the converted sand shovels. She said that she had thought of putting out a sign advertising "ear muffs and mittens" -- but then she was afraid that people might really take that one seriously.!

## WHO I WUZI

Mrs. JOE (MARGO) REDINGER is the (now) grown-lady who was that beautiful little baby in our last edition. Margo first came to Sanibel three years ago to work at Bailey's Store. She liked it so much that she brought Joe over -- and he liked it so much that when PAT MURPHY resigned as Post Man, Joe applied for a transfer from his job as a rural carrier in Fort Myers to Sanibel. As you all know, he got the transfer and is now our Postman.

Margo was born in Havana but wants it clearly understood that it was long before Castro. She didn't even go to school with him, even tho they're the same age. When she was 12, her family moved to Puerto Rico where she went to school and later was employed by the Naval Air Station as an ambulance driver. That's where she met Joe. 'Bout two weeks after they met, she left for a job in the censorship department in Washington, D.C. and later worked in New York. When Joe finally got out of the Navy, they came to Florida and were married in Punta Gorda. After meeting with Father THOMAS MADDEN, Margo became an Episcopalian.

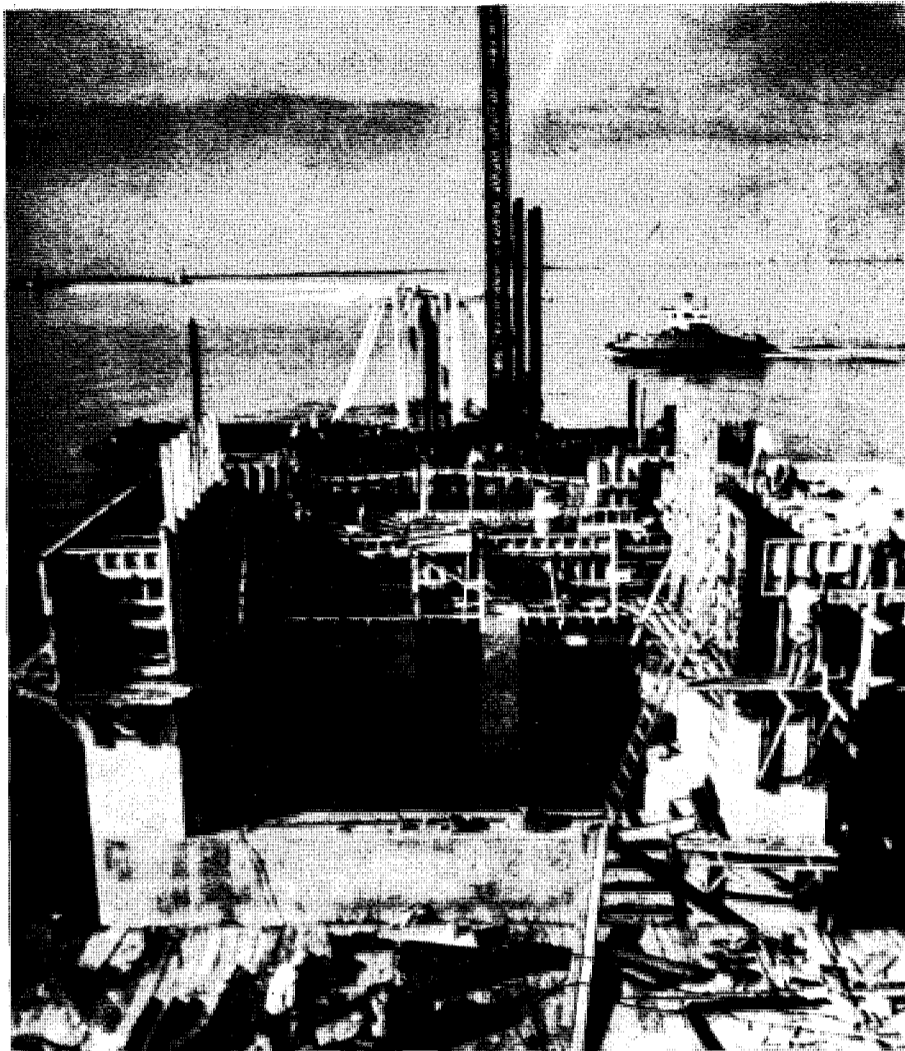
COCONUT GROVE OPEN HOUSE  
LOTS OF FUN

The Coconut Grove Restaurant open house, held December 9, was a decided success said owner JOHN KONTINOS. Friends and well-wishers of both Islands who turned out in number were pleased to see how much the new addition improved the already lovely restaurant. The new dining room has a capacity of 100 and can be completely closed for private parties. The most attractive decor features three recessed shadow boxes with nature scenes of "land," "sea" and "air," created by BERNICE MCCALL who also arranged the planters. The splendid shell collection -- all from the Gulf of Mexico -- is displayed by, and belongs to, MARY ALECK.

## ANNUAL CAROL SING

The Annual Sanibel Community Church Christmas Carol Sing will be held Christmas Eve from 7:15 to 7:45 P.M. FRANCIS BAILEY will read the Christmas Story from the Bible. By doing so, he is following in the footsteps of his father FRANK, who read it for many years.

Everyone is invited and urged to join this community sing.



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The whole Island is proud of our addition to the Fort Myers High School Basketball Team. His name is DENN STONECYPHER, a 6 foot, 7 inch giant who plays varsity basketball. Let's all make an effort to see all of the games.

The Teen Club has been very active lately -- there's a get-together every Saturday night from 9 to midnight and we welcome any and all teenage visitors to the Islands and the get-togethers at the Sanibel Community Hall.

The Teen Club is also sponsoring two showings of a feature

movie every Sunday night in the Community Hall at 6:45 and 9 P.M. This week's feature will be "The Great Imposter" in vivid black and white, starring Tony Curtis and Edmond O'Brien. Donations a 35¢ for under 12 and 65¢ for over 12.

Also, this Saturday night (the 22nd), a hayride (with real hay!) will start from the Community Hall at 9:30. All teenagers 14 or more are invited (including visitors, of course!). We'll be spreading Christmas cheer via carol singing.

Season's Greetings TO ALL OUR

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## PERSONAL

Mr. & Mrs. A.W. AKERS of Banibridge Island, Washington, traveled by trailer to Sanibel and are now at the Ridge Trailer Court. Mr. Akers is ANN KNORAD's brother. They like the Islands very much and tell us that they are having growing pains on their Island way up there in the Northwest, the same as we are having down here. The Akers plan on staying here for three months.

Mr. & Mrs. DON AMON are mighty proud parents these days. Their daughter DUSIE won the airplane ride with TOM WOOD by writing the best essay this past week at the Sanibel School.

GEORGE HEATH, of Gloucester, Virginia, arrived Friday, December 7, for his annual visit to the Islands -- and Casa Ybel, where he spends the season. His sister, Mrs. HUGH BREDIN of Key West, will be joining him this Sunday for the holidays. All their friends are glad to see them back for another visit.

Mr. & Mrs. JOHN R. DE WEESE were guests of TOM WOOD for the past couple of weeks at the Sanibel Lighthouse Cottage. De Weese is Superintendent of the Fort Caroline National Memorial in Jacksonville, which commemorates the French colony of 1564 - the first permanent white settlement on our shores.

The De Weeses have been annual Sanibel visitors since '47.

Mrs. PAT WATER left Captiva on December 14 to spend the Christmas holidays with her family in Missouri. She expects to return to the Islands early in January.

Captain JAKE STOKES went to Punta Rassa the night of December 13 to pick up BUCK KIRKPATRICK who had flown down to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents on Sanibel. Jake said it was a mite cool, as he made the trip after 11 p.m.

## THAYERS LEAVE

Mr. & Mrs. WYNN THAYER, formerly associated with Villa Victoria, left Sanibel Sunday, December 16, to be resident managers of the Vanderbilt Beach Motel in Naples. Both Wynn and Margie are sorry to leave the Islands and their many friends here, but opportunity knocked and they had to answer. Their friends also hate to see them go -- but they're happy that the Thayers have this opportunity, and wish 'em every success.

## "FOLLOW THIS ARROW"

DICK KEARNS of the Sanibel Chamber of Commerce, along with Dr. FRED SNIDER of the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce and DON BOTTORFF of the Lee County Chamber, met with City and County Officials to discuss the relocation of directional signs pointing to Sanibel, Captiva and Fort Myers Beach. The signs have to be changed because of the highway construction leading into the new bridge in Fort Myers. Temporary signs during construction will point out the most direct routes and additional direction signs will be supplied by the Lee County Chamber of Commerce as the State Road Department permits.

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## WILDLIFE NEWS

With the current cold snap playing havoc with our palms, fruits and ornamental foliage, I find it perhaps noteworthy to mention the adverse predicament such weather places upon our native and migratory wildlife. Most migrating birds have grown accustomed to the feeding areas the Islands offer, usually rich in seed and insects. If the far below normal temperatures persist much longer, these birds will be faced surely with starvation. It is recommended that those Islanders who have bird feeding stations utilize these to full capacity. The ordinary wild bird seed mixes may be supplemented with suet and "crunchy" peanut butter tidbits. Shore birds and the large water waders have food available in their habitats, but the tiny insectivorous birds will feel first the absence of natural foodstuff.

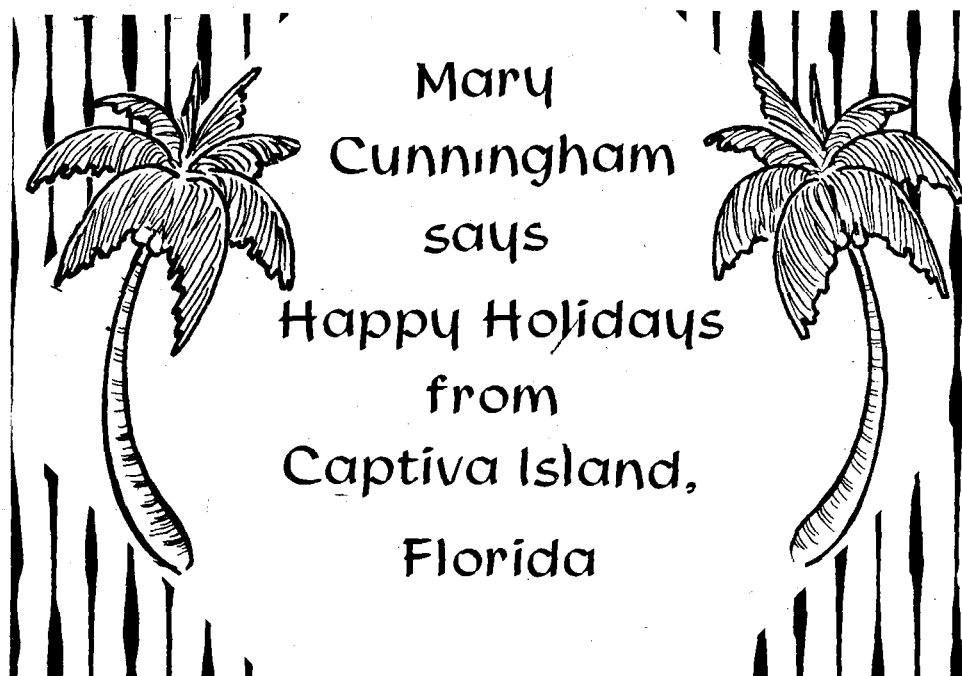
Of course as land temperatures lower, the water temperatures do also, and will have serious effects on marine life. Several years ago, during the cold 1957 and '58 winter, there was considerable loss in the areas Manatee population, and some mortality of porpoises. It is requested that anyone encountering dead or disabled marine mammals contact this writer at the Lighthouse, as soon as possible upon locating. Exposure to the extremely low temperatures over a two to three day interval usually results in pneumonia to these animals and often is the chief cause of bird mortality.

To those avid birders who are here to add other species to their list, birding will remain poor, as birds, especially transients, seek refuge in the grass and densely wooded areas of the Islands. With warmer temperatures predicted soon, it is safe to say that loss of wildlife will be slight, but losses will exist. Seldom does Florida wildlife face such problems that they have been experiencing in 1962 -- drought, fire and freezing temperatures. These are the three of living things worst and most hated enemies, enemies that unlike disease, will always be with us and wild creatures thru-out the world.

CHARLES R. LE BUFF, Jr.  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Here's a jolly gentleman this week that is well known around both Islands, especially in the summer time. His two jobs have kept both he and his wife quite busy but he often finds the time to fill the family larder during his "working hours." "Old St. Nick" is often blamed for the cool weather when it happens to stop here, and is sometimes even blamed for the hot weather. But, by looking at the twinkle in his eye, you can see that it doesn't bother him one bit, and that he'll go right ahead being himself.



#### TO THE ISLANDER:

What's Going To Happen To Sanibel?

I am sure that most everyone in attendance, at the November 23rd meeting on Sanibel must have left the Community Center with at least one question uppermost in their minds; "What's going to happen on Sanibel?"

The presence of Dr. Barkley, Professor of Political Science, from the University of Florida, was for the expressed purpose of answering any and all questions that might arise relative to Planning and Zoning on the Island.

It is not the intent of the writer to report on this meeting, instead, what I shall try to present is a few of my personal observations. It is because of my interest in Sanibel that I have, on a few occasions, attended the meetings of the local Board. My purpose was to better acquaint myself with their procedure and to learn as much as possible about Planning and Zoning on Sanibel. I had for a long time been aware of conflicting attitudes, towards the Authority, not all of which could be considered complimentary.

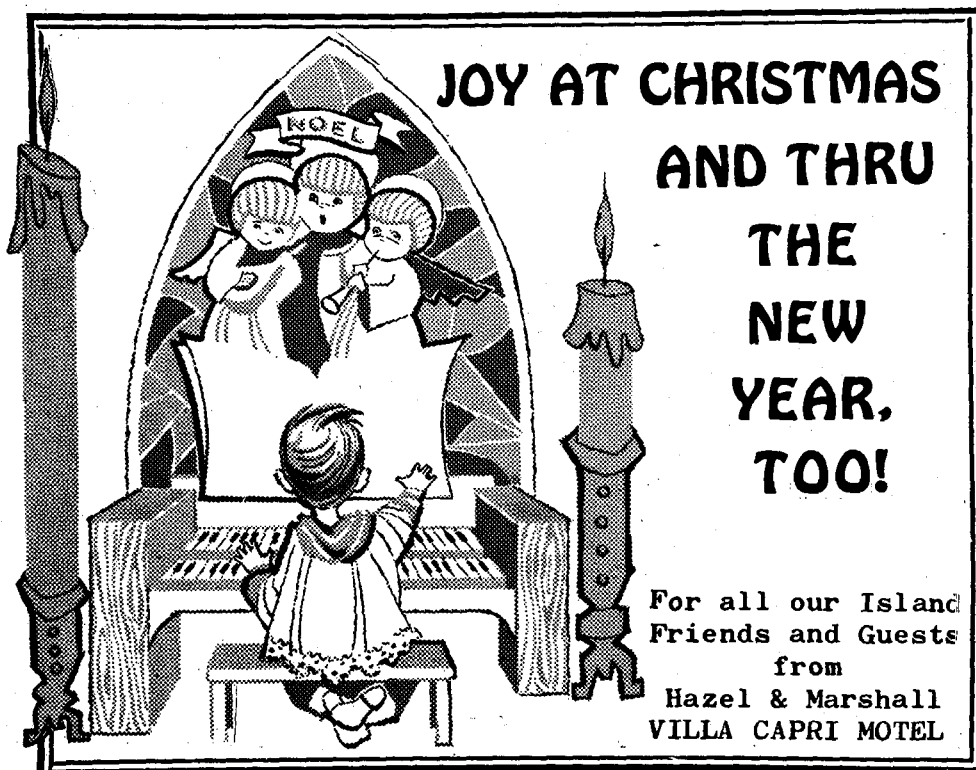
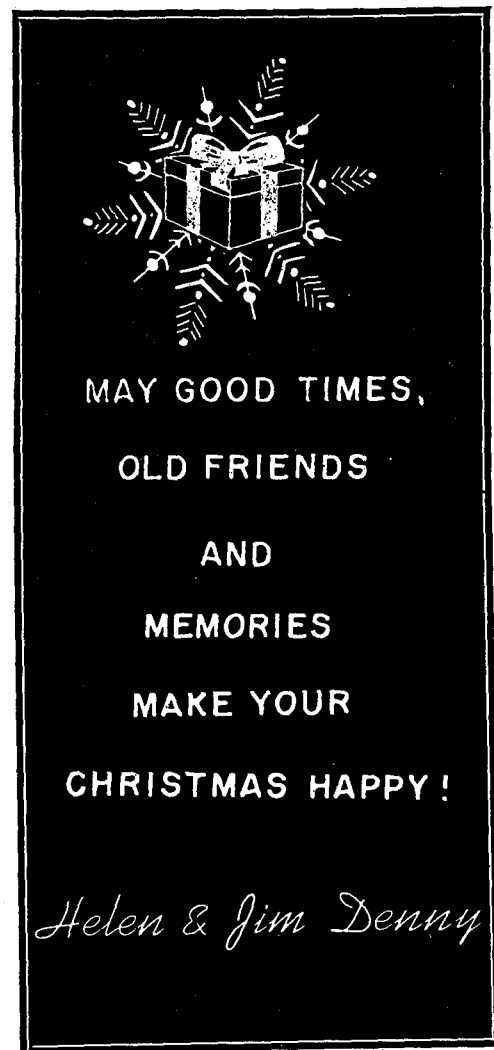
I can assure you, that this Board does not arrive at all their decisions in a harmonious manner. I have seen those members who opposed a line of thought, stand up and be counted on the issue, and abstain from voting when the vote was taken. I cannot rightfully say that I have been in agreement with all of their decisions, but neither can I truthfully say that these decisions were not arrived at in a most democratic way, for I believe that they were. There was one observation that I made at the meetings, and one which I think would be worth passing along for others to think about, and that was the small attendance of Islanders at these open meetings. It struck me that if there was a great deal of controversial feeling about how this Board functioned, why were there not more people present to let the Board understand that their procedure was being closely observed?

With a limited amount of knowledge about Planning and Zoning, I attended the November 23rd meeting with a mind as open as possible to listen and to learn. I remember thinking as I listened; Could it be possible that here on this small Island of Sanibel, where nearly everyone is a neighbor, that I detected in a few voices, a resentment that was so dangerously close to contempt, and there was an air of defiance that seemed to welcome any opportunity to be publicly aired.

It is a forgone conclusion that wherever Americans get together to express their viewpoints on matters of Civic interest, differences of opinions are certain to arise, and God forbid that they ever be discouraged. It is only when any one of these opinions becomes so influenced by personal prejudice, used to satisfy a ruptured ego, or short sighted quick monetary gain, that it becomes dangerous and harmful. When this practice is used, none suffer more acutely than the Community itself, even when a majority of 4 to 1 has voted for Sanibel's present zoning.

I doubt if there is a Community of Sanibel's size, either in the North or South, that has so many qualified leaders, or one that can boast of so much talent and experience in Civic matters, and I speak of Sanibel as a whole. With this in mind, it appears that the future of this Island should be in good hands. One thing is sure, we had better settle our differences and combine our efforts while there is still time, or we will be standing by the bridge, at this end, when the first cars start to arrive, with a confused look on our faces and it will be too late then, to ask the question, "What's going to happen on Sanibel?"

KENNETH M. WALTEP  
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Friday's Mini Press  
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 SANIBEL ISLAND, FLORIDA

WITH A PACK ON HIS BACK

It has been many years since we saw a bit of early Americana such as the itinerant peddler with his wares in the back of his wagon or on his back -- but on Friday we saw one on Sanibel. This particular (local) peddler had tried to dispose of his goods in Fort Myers (which is obviously populated by Scrooges) where he was offered an insultingly small \$10.00 for the whole wagonload. The poor peddler (discouraged and down-trodden) came back home with the idea of throwing it all into the bay rather than let the Scrooges have it. Then a miracle occurred (and during the right season, too) -- friends found the disconsolate peddler, heard his story, looked at his wares -- and started buying. He ended up with \$205.00 which will make this poor peddler's Christmas a much merrier one, indeed.

NOVELIST TO SIGN BOOKS

ALAN DRURY, author of best seller "Advise and Consent" and the new number one best seller "A Shade of Difference" (a sequel to "Advise," will be at the MacIntosh Bookshop at the Sea Horse Shops on Friday, December 28 from 4 to 6 P.M. to autograph copies of his books. Bring your own, or you may get them new at the Bookshop. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to come. Mr. MacIntosh has told us that if you are unable to attend the "party," write to him at the Bookshop and he will have a copy of either book signed and sent to you. Drury, who will be on the Islands from Christmas until New Years, is staying at Island Inn.

A STATEMENT OF POLICY  
 by the Editor and Publisher of the Sanibel - Captiva Islander

In the past few weeks, we have been asked, by persons on both sides of the zoning issue, what the stand of the Islander is. We have been told that our articles are biased for one side or the other, even to the point that one person said that a certain story showed we were in favor of local zoning and another person said that the same story showed we were in favor of County zoning.

The news is reported as we hear it, or as it is told to our reporters. We would welcome letters or verbal comment that we can quote, on both sides of any question.

We know that the decision between local and County zoning means a lot to many people on our Island. It is an important decision and one that will affect the orderly growth of the area, no matter what the final decision is.

We do not believe that any Island resident is against zoning. Only as to who is to administer it. If this could be settled, to the satisfaction of all, then there would be no problems. It is the settlement of "who," not "what"

The Islander is a "community newspaper." As such, we are in favor of what is "good for the community." We believe that zoning is good for ANY community, as we have seen other areas spoiled and ruined by lack of any zoning. We have also seen areas ruined by improper and lax zoning. The Islander believes in zoning - that is one statement of our policy.

What the Islander does not believe in is improper or lax zoning. We do not have any policy as to who should do the zoning. We believe that the community itself should make this decision and that the community itself is the ONLY one who has the right to do so.


The Islander is in the same place as the young lad walking a fence - he tries to stay upright and in the center, but in keeping there, he sometimes inadvertently sways slightly from side to side, but does not mean to. In reporting any story, it is very hard to remain unbiased. It is hard to remain "in balance" and still show both sides to a question.

To repeat: The Sanibel-Captiva Islander believes in proper and orderly planning and zoning but it believes that the decision of who is to do it must be left the the community as a whole, and that the Islander will support the community, not one side or the other.

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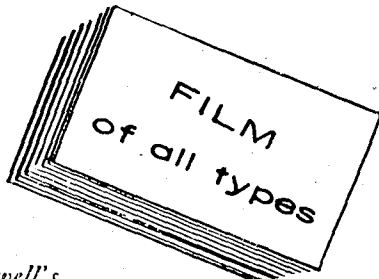
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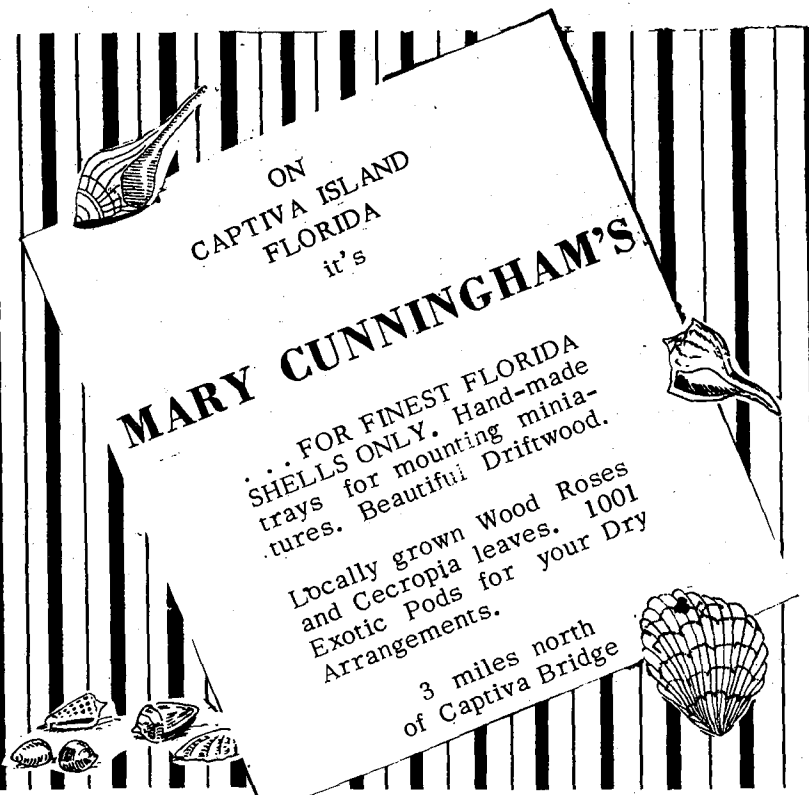
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