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## PICKENS PICKS 'EM

JAMES "DOC" PICKENS is a most skilful fisherman as the photo shows. But how lucky can any man get? All he had to do to snare this beauty was to pick up his rod and reel, walk a few yards to the canal in back of his home, and in a very short time, with as little effort as one can imagine, "dinner was ready for the cooking."

## SANIBEL - CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB

An amusing and most interesting talk by Miss ETHEL SNYDER was the highlight of the Christmas Gift Exchange Party of the Sanibel - Captiva Shell Club meeting on Monday evening, December 17.

Held at the Sanibel Community House, the brief business meeting was presided over by Mrs. HENRY NICKERSON.

Miss Snyder, author, lecturer, successful businesswoman and long time resident of Sanibel, reminisced to the delight of the audience, her varied and diverse experiences regarding shells and shelling. She said that when she was a child on a farm in Ohio, her parents used a large conch to call the field hands in to meals.

The thought of collecting shells did not manifest itself until, as a young woman, she visited Miami Beach and was introduced to the thrill of shell collecting. From that time on, shells have played an important part in her life. Not only the beauty of color and form, but the animal which inhabits the shell was of prime interest to her. She wanted to know all about the living conditions of the mollusk, where they live, how they navigate, from what do they get their sustenance, how they multiply. All these questions had to be answered -- and she haunted the sea shore until she had acquired this knowledge. Her book on shells was written, not in Florida where shell are a part of life, but in Tuscon, Arizona, by the way, using a kerosene lamp for light.

Miss Snyder has traveled extensively from the Atlantic to the Pacific and always and at all places was interested in seeking shells - Marine, land, and fossil forms. She has in her extensive collection self gathered fossil shells from the top of a 5,000 foot mountain in Texas.

She stated that her talks on shells have been of keen interest to people who have no contact at all with the seashore and cannot tell one shell from another. Even in the middle of Texas, she gave an impromptu talk and showed her cards of classified shells to an enthusiastic audience.

The speaker's description of the Sanibel ferry landing at sunset made her audience more fully aware of the beauty of the shore. The peace and tranquillity, the feel of the ocean breeze, the palms outlined against the sky, the birds and the lovely little rose petals and star fish moving about in the shallows of the bay make one feel a part of it all, Miss Snyder said.

The delightful talk was followed by the exchange of gayly wrapped shells passed by Mrs. PAUL KEARNS, Mrs. RICHARD FULLER and Mrs. WALTER STRONG presided at the lovely Christmas decorated table where punch and cookies were served.

All in all, it was a fitting end to a wonderful year for all members of the Shell Club.

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## PERSONALS

It is good to see old friends returning and to welcome those whom we hope will be "friends" in our little Islands.

At the colony for the season are Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Scott, in their cottage "Sea Grapes" December 21 to January 3, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Teitze of Coral Gables at their cottage Fiesta and Mr. & Mrs. F. Farrell of New York City, N.Y.

At Beachview Cottages for the season are returnees Dr. & Mrs. John Henderson of Princeton, N. J., Dr. Gerold S. Greene and family of West Hartford Conn., who has visited before, and Dr. & Mrs. Roy Axley of Ohio, (who have been here several times before).

At Sanibel Cottages are Mr. & Mrs. Frank W. McKee of Inverness, Florida and Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Wymer and family of Oak Ridge, Tenn., also Mrs. Ion Goodrich, her daughter and her brother and his family all of Charlotte, Mich., who are here for their fourth Christmas season. Mr. & Mrs. W. O. Stehlin and family and parents all of Jenkintown, Pa., Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Sharone of Williamsburg, Va., Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Wilson and children of State College, Miss., Mrs. Ruth Flanagan and daughter Gene of William son, West Va., here for their third year, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Ballinback of Miami, Mr. & Mrs. F. P. Willets Jr. of Westfield, N. J., Mr. & Mrs. R. Seidel of Fair Lawn, N. J., here for the season then will leave for a short time and return in the late part of January for another 2 or 3 weeks., Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Schalliol of Edwardsville, Mich., and three children, Lt. Col. & Mrs. Earl H. Christian of Athens, Vermont are here for the winter season and Col. Christian has had more fishing than he can handle, well nearly. Mrs. Christian says they will probably stay until April if the good fishing keeps up. If the marvelous fishing we have been having recently is any indication of things to come he may even stay after April.

At Island Inn for the Christmas season are Dean Charles K. Weighert, Dr. Muriel Roscoe, Mr. & Mrs. William Hanger, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kelly, Dr. & Mrs. Morley, Mrs. Elizabeth Breckinridge, Mrs. T. C. Matthews, Louise Keppie, Mr. & Mrs. Franf Shramek, Mr. & Mrs. Earle, Mrs. Winter Birge, Mrs. Koncz & Miss Koncz, Miss Waupek, Mr. & Mrs. Gambee, Mrs. Uppleger, Miss Helen Harris, Miss Joan Livingston, Miss Marie Hall, Miss White and Mr. & Mrs. Heggenhaugen.

Guests now at the Inn for the Christmas season and longer are Mrs. P. H. Blossom who will stay till the first of April, Mr. & Mrs. O.D. Collins Jr. who will not leave until the first of February., Mrs. W. A. Kelly who will be here until the early part of April, Miss Molly Pitcher who will be with us until about the middle of April, Mr. & Mrs. B.B. Clover, Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Perry and Mr. & Mrs. Tom W. Ware all of whom plan to leave in the laterpart of January and Mrs. Henrietta Jaquette who will be at the Inn until the middle of March.

Miss Cathy Lucas of "Gulf Haven" Sanibel is having as her guest for the holidays her sister Mary. Miss Mary Lucas is from New Canaan, Conn., where she is head of the middle classes at the New Canaan country school where she also teaches the fifth grade.

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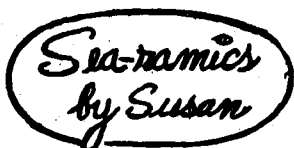
AT THE SEAHORSE SHOPS  
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Mrs. CLARENCE CONKLIN of Sanibel went fishing from Mickey's Marina with a spinning reel that had never worked until Micky repaired it--and a few minutes later -- WHAM, and in came the above snook. Nice going for both Micky and Mrs. Conklin.

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VILLAGE OF CAPTIVA

### THE BEARDED WONDERS

We have witnessed many attempts of mustache cultivation on the Islands recently. The Tyros struggled valiantly . . . some for quite a while . . . but eventually a smooth shaven face would proclaim defeat.

But at present, there are two flourishing growths in evidence which show great fortitude as well as tender loving care . . . aided and abetted by mustache was furnished by Doc. Bryant. The two stalwarts are Paul Simonds and Aden Stonecypher. Bets are now being placed as to which one will weaken and which one will survive as a distinguished mustachioed gentleman.

### CUBAN REFUGEES LAND HERE

Four Cuban refugees from Fidel Castro's religious oppression drifted ashore on Captiva Island yesterday, hungry and tired after a six-day voyage in a 24-foot sailboat.

While ransomed prisoners from the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion were flying back to the United States in style yesterday, the four who fled Havana Dec. 18 made it the hard way.

They were fishermen, and took no more than normal supplies for a two-day trip so as to arouse no suspicion of their true intent.

The refugees were Ricardo Crespo, 44, a member of a Cuban fishing cooperative; his son Jesus Crespo, 25; Juan Sanchez, 17, a son-in-law of Ricardo Crespo; and Ricard Latorre, 22, a friend of the elder Crespo.

#### Lost Bearings

They apparently lost their bearings after running out of fuel



for the boat's motor, for Captiva was the first land they sighted since leaving Cuba.

Captiva Deputy Ralph Smith reported the 24 foot Maria Margarita loaded with fishing gear and the four hungry refugees drifted onto the beach near Belton Johnson's house around 4:30 p.m.

For **AULD LANG SYNE**

*Helen & Jim Denny*

HELP!!!

With the change-over in our printing locale and subsequent change in our addressing system, some of our subscription plates and records have become, to say the least, beclouded.

If you know of anyone who is a subscriber, whose paper is not reaching them, will you please notify us so that we may contact them?

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## OPEN LETTER TO THE ISLANDERS :

Zoning Appeals. The individuals appointed were FRANCIS BAILEY, Jr., TOM BILLHEIMER, O.O. MURPHY, PAUL STAHLIN and PAUL SIMONDS and this was done in accordance with the requirements of the enabling act passed by the Florida State Legislature in June.

Following this, a Public Hearing was called for the purpose of presenting and discussing the proposed Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map and Schedule of District Zoning Regulations. This hearing was held on February 16, 1960 at the Sanibel Community House and was continued through two following meetings at the Community House. Nearly the entire adult population of the Island turned out at these meetings and great interest was expressed by many individuals. Mr. Bair was in attendance at these meetings and his explanations of the Comprehensive Plan were very enlightening. Many questions were asked and answered and suggestions received due consideration by the elected Authority. At the third and final meeting for the Hearing the Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map and Schedule of District Zoning Regulations were adopted by the elected Authority, and zoning became official on Sanibel Island.

The Authority employs Mr. FRANK HITNER as Administrative Official, rents office space in "Town Square" on Sanibel and holds regular monthly meetings at their office at which the public is invited to attend.

Since enactment of the Comprehensive Zoning Plan, some changes have been made in the Ordinance, the Zoning Map and in the Schedule of District Zoning Regulations to better serve the general welfare, and the Board of Zoning Appeals has granted special exceptions and variances in accordance with provisions in the Ordinance. People who have purchased Real Estate on Sanibel since zoning went into effect are most pleased with the zoning.

The Board of County Commissioners of Lee County was empowered by the 1953 Legislature to adopt regulations pertaining to zoning and to establish a comprehensive plan and design for carrying out the purpose of the said Lee County Zoning Act. Apparently no action was taken by the County Authorities.

The 1959 Legislature passed a special law setting up Sanibel zoning which provided that the district shall be deemed a Special Municipal Corporation. The 1959 Legislature also passed a local act Authority, County wide zoning which included all land with Corporate Limits of Municipality. The 1961 Legislature repealed the previous County wide zoning law and all laws in conflict therewith and passed another Enabling Act authorizing County wide zoning excluding incorporated areas.

The Lee County Zoning Board through notices of Public Hearing, published in the Fort Myers News-Press, gave notice of its plan to change the zoning of Sanibel Island.

On Monday, August 27, 1962, the Sanibel Planning and Zoning Authority with attorney JOHN SAVAGE, as their counsel, and the Lee County Zoning Board with County Attorney W.H. CARMINE met in the Chambers of Circuit Judge ARCHIE M. ODOM, the Sanibel Authority wishing to restrain the Lee County Zoning Board from taking action on the rezoning of Sanibel Island.

Judge Odom stated that it becomes a question of statutory construction and asked by agreement of both Boards to retain the status quo until the Court has time to study and determine which statute shall apply.

Judge Odom's decision was that the Special Act of the Legislature establishing zoning on Sanibel was invalid. This decision will be appealed to a higher Court.

We, the People of Sanibel Island, are much concerned over the fact that we have spent much time and money, besides the time of our State Lawmakers in preparation and the construction of our Planning and Zoning District, to find that it may be outlawed so easily.

With a working law in effect, why should the people of Sanibel Island have to go to the next Legislature (as stated by DOUG TAYLOR, County Building and Zoning Director) to regain something it already has?

SANIBEL ISLAND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Sanibel Island, well known to Floridians and to shell collectors from all over the world, has a small population in its 26 square miles. At present, ferry or plane provides the only access to the Island. The Islanders would have liked to keep it this way -- Fate and governmental powers have decreed otherwise - a toll bridge from the mainland is now under construction.

There is a fortunate unanimity of objectives among the Islanders. The part-time and full-time residents want to preserve desirable living conditions, - the trade and service people have no yen for a honky-tonk atmosphere, and the realtors and developers (most of whom are residents) are wise enough to see that in the long run there is more money in quality than in fast-buck sales and disorganized cheap development, which would wreck the character of the Island. So virtually all of the Islanders are for planned, coordinated development, with accent on quality rather than speed. There is only one Island, and the growth will come fast enough -- maybe too fast.

At a time when there was no county-wide zoning the people of the Island realized that something must be done. So it buckled down to the task of making provisions to preserve adequate right of way for major roads, to make sure there will be easements in the right places for major sewers, water and electrical lines and for surface drainage canals, to set aside properly located lands for schools and parks. The Islanders realized by doing this they would save money in the long run and get better returns on the money they spend. They will save money by coordinated planning. These things can be done, but it takes planning and work.

Fortunately, the Islanders saw the problems and advantage of attacking them before they grew any bigger. Equally fortunately, the Islanders work well together.

So to the list of active organizations already in existence -- The Sanibel Community Association, The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce, The Sanibel Volunteer Fire Department and the American Legion, The Ladies Guild of the Community Church, The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society -- they added one more -- The Sanibel Island Improvement Association. The Improvement Association was set up to get the planning and zoning job going, and it has done so. Taking their problems to Senator TRAVIS A. GRESHAM, Jr.; Fort Myers (24th Senatorial District), and Representative WALTER O. SHEPPARD of Lee County, the Association received whole hearted and generous assistance, guidance and support. Dr. ERNEST BARTLEY, Political Science Department, University of Florida, was retained to work with the Improvement Association and the legislators in preparing the bill, which became law on June 6, 1959.

Following passage of the enabling act by the Florida State Legislature in June 1959 and in accordance therewith, the Board of County Commissioners in Lee County, Florida, conducted a referendum on Sanibel Island to determine whether or not the qualified electors on the Island favor or oppose the establishment of the Planning and Zoning District on the Island. The referendum was held on September 15, 1959, and the vote was approximately 4 to 1 in favor of the project.

The next step was the appointment by Governor COLLINS of an interim Planning and Zoning Authority. The Governor appointed Messrs. JOE GAULT, JAMES S. PICKENS, JAMES JACK, O.O. MURPHY and PAUL SIMONDS, all duly qualified electors on the Island. Immediately thereafter, work was started on the preparation of a Comprehensive Zoning plan for the Island. Mr. FRED H. BAIR, Jr., of Auburndale, Florida, a nationally known Planning and Zoning consultant was employed and the Sanibel Island Improvement Association contributed funds to pay for his services. To enable Mr. Bair to get underway with his work, a map showing uses of land on Sanibel Island at that time was prepared and with this and after many trips to Sanibel to get basic information, Mr. Bair presented a proposed Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map and Schedule of District Zoning Regulations for consideration.

Meanwhile, on November 3, 1959, the voters on Sanibel elected five qualified electors to serve as the Sanibel Island Planning and Zoning Authority to replace the Interim Authority which was appointed by the Governor. The elected Authority consisted of RICHARD KEARNS, Jr., JOE GAULT, JAMES JACK, JOHN KONTINOS, and JAMES S. PICKENS. One of the first acts of the Authority was the appointment of five duly qualified electors to serve as the Board of

(This space sponsored and paid for by the Sanibel Island Improvement Association)



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## Season's Greetings

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Luncheon — 12:30 to 2:00      Breakfast — 7:30 to 9:30

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## PERSONAL

Major WILLIAM W. SPALDING flew down from Governor's Island, N.Y., last week, to spend a few days with his sister BETTY at Betty's Hawaii Village.

Mrs. MARTHA DALRYMPLE and guest arrived at Captiva Beach Motel on December 22 for the holidays.

Guests at the Beachcomber for the Christmas holidays are Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT DuBOIS of Hammond Ind.; Mr. & Mrs. CHESTER SMITH and 2 children of St. Albans, West Virginia; Mr. & Mrs. F.N. HAMLIN and three children of Athens, Ohio and their guests for the season, Mr. & Mrs. FAIRFIELD of Fairfield, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. DAN CLARK of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. KENNETH SNOW of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT DUNLAP (he's with the Florida Nuclear Commission) of Tallahassee; Mr. & Mrs. HOWARD CAVIL of Church Falls, Va.; Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE COLEMAN and their two children of Detroit, Mich. (Mr. Coleman is prof. Emeritus of Wayne University in Detroit) and Mr. & Mrs. CARL ALMAS and sons BOB and BILLIE, of Cleveland, Ohio.

We are glad to hear that Deputy Sheriff RALPH SMITH came home to Sanibel on December 17 and is back on the job of keeping law and order on the Islands. Wouldn't it be a nice Christmas for him if he didn't write any tickets?

Mrs. MARGIE SPANG is really having an old fashioned Christmas at her home on Coral Way on Captiva. She has the pleasure of having with her for the holidays her parents, Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES WINGARD and her sister, Mrs. HARRY WALKER and her husband.

Mr. & Mrs. ARVID FREDRIKSON of Tampa arrived on December 18 to spend the Christmas and New Year Holidays with their daughter DONNA on Captiva.

Mr. CLARENCE HORN is spending the holidays with his wife GRACE and her parents, Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE TEASLY at Zic Zac Cottages on Sanibel.

VINCENT MAC VETTIE arrived on the Islands on December 22 and his wife JEAN joined him on the 23rd for a pre-holiday visit with their many friends. Due to the fact of a planned Christmas with her parents, they could only stay for a short visit, but hope to return soon for a longer one. Vince is now with Minneapolis - Honeywell in St. Petersburg.

## NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENT TO BE GUEST SPEAKER

Win Ellis, president of the Lee County Chamber of Commerce has announced former Moscow correspondent for NEWSWEEK magazine, who was expelled from Russia in October, will address the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Lee County Chamber of Commerce in the Exhibition Hall on January 14, 1963, at 7:30 p.m.

Bassow, was accused by the Soviet deputy chief of press of writing "crudely slanderous dispatches about the Soviet Union." However, he received no real particulars for his ouster other than a reference in Tass to an "unauthorized visit to a Russian grade school."

Considered an expert in both Russian affairs and Russian press, Bassow, 41, graduated from City College, received his M. A. degree in political science from Columbia University, went to Paris in 1948 to study at the Sorbonne and won a Fulbright scholarship and in 1953 received a doctorate in history. While in Paris, he also worked as a Soviet press analyst.

His lecture subject, "My Five Years with Mr. Khrushchev," will be the first hand report of a man who observed changes and non-changes in Russia, rising living standards, the new life in Russia, and dreams of the people - observations that could only be made by an American correspondent covering the Kremlin. In his lecture Bassow will answer the question proposed by millions - the younger Russian generation and can Khrushchev count on it? Preparing a younger generation to run Russia is one of the Kremlin's most serious problems.

The annual affair will get under way with a steak dinner for members, wives and guests. Tickets may be purchased from the Chamber office at \$5 per person. All seats are reserved.

## SEAHORSE SOUTH

Casa Ybel Seahorse Shop is now open and is in charge of DOTTI BOOKER. When you stop in at Casa Ybel for dinner or a drink or for "kicks," do stop in and look over their stock. Sports outfits, jewelry, bags, and also don't forget that they cater to the male of the family, too. Hint: Surprise your MR. with a BONUS GIFT for whatever he has done for you lately.

## PERSONALS

Henry & Irvin Cuscaden report that many of their old and new friends are spending the Christmas Holidays at The Reef. Mrs. W. Horace Williams of New Orleans came back to The Island in November and is staying with them for an indefinite period. She has recently been joined by her friend Mrs. Harvey L. Marcoux of the same city. Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Johnson of Mc Henry, Illinois, former guests, are vacationing at The Reef for an indefinite period. Major Phyllis J. Morsman of The Pentagon is also bivouacked at her old quarters and is enjoying the shelling and Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Richards of Salisbury, Maryland are back to enjoy the Island. Among their other visitors are The Joseph Honaker family of Colorado Springs, the Ben Kantowitz' of Everett, Mass. the F. W. Finger, Jr. family of Louisville, the John Pelkington (he's the Zollner's basketball pro) family of Ft. Wayne, Mr. & Mrs. John H. Pile of Ontario, Canada and their children, the A. Perry Philips family of Columbia, Missouri, and the Frans Van Kuffeler party of Washington, d. c.,

Among other Christmas guests of The Reef are Mr. & Mrs. Howard D. Porter of Cincinnati back for a repeat visit and Rear Admiral Jean Guerin and his wife. Admiral Guerin is the Naval Attache at The French Embassy in Washington. And as Henry Cuscaden says, "What a group!"

The holiday brings many welcome times and friends . . . and many guests are returning to our Islands . . . or visiting us for the very first time.

Casa Ybel seems to be attracting New Yorkers (both City and State) . . . or at least that's the way their guest list reads. Visiting over the holidays for the first time are Mrs. Douglas Blitz of New York,

Mrs. Douglas Blitz of Rochester, New York, the Herbert Gold family and Mrs. Goedet and family, both of New York New York, and returning for the holidays are New Yorkers Mr. & Mrs. Carl Swenson and son, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Turner and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Emory, the last two families of Rochester. (The Emorys are down for the season.)

Of course, other states besides New York like Casa Ybel. Mr. & Mrs. C. Baldwin of Ormond Beach, Florida, have returned for the holidays, as have Mr. & Mrs. Robert Phillips of Toyson, North Carolina and Dr. & Mrs. Conrad Sommer of St. Louis, Mo. Returning for the season are Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Farnell of Andover, New Hampshire and Mr. George Heath of Virginia.

Professor and Mrs. J. C. McLendan arrived on Sanibel December 23, and are staying at the Shell Basket Cottage "Murex" with their three children, Sue, Robert and John and with McLendon's mother. This is their third year on the Island and their many friends welcome them back.

"Mac" (as McLendan is known to his friends) is on the staff of Northwestern University and has written text books in his field, which is, by the way, teaching teachers.

## S.I.I.A. CIRCULATES PETITION

At a special meeting of the Board of the Sanibel Island Improvement Association, called by President GERRY MARTIN, on Friday, December 21, members of the Planning and Zoning Authority were present for the discussion of the court appeal against the recent ruling by Judge ODOM, invalidating Sanibel's special Enabling Act. Under the new legislation to be presented to the State Legislature, the Authority stood strongly for a referendum of the people of Sanibel. In support of their stand, the S.I.I.A. backed a petition which has been circulated on the Island, reading as follows:

"We, the undersigned Sanibel voters, taxpayers and/or freeholders, firm in the belief that the best interests of all the residents of Sanibel Island can be better served if planning and zoning authority continues to rest in, and be administered by, the people of the Island, and not by all the people of Lee County, do respectfully request a new enabling act re-establishing the Sanibel Planning and Zoning Authority, with a definite understanding that the new Act will include a referendum clause."

Anyone who has not been contacted and wishes to sign, may find the petition sheet at the Planning and Zoning Office.

## HELEN FINDS (ANOTHER) SHELL

Helen, of Helen's Jewel Box, went on a Miami buying trip and visited a friend there. While admiring her friend's beautiful garden, Helen happened to notice some snails on a wall. She didn't recognize them, and so, with the friend's permission, she brought some home with her and immediately sent a couple off to Dr. Tucker Abbott.

Dr. Abbott's reply thanked Helen and identified the critters as Land Snails, Zachrytia Auriconia Ferussio, Subspecies Havanwnaia (Pilsbry.)

He also wrote that "this West Indian Snail was introduced to the Miami area by C. T. Simpson in 1918, and it is interesting to find that it is still surviving there."

Anyone interested in seeing these snails can, of course, pop into Helen's Jewel Box and find them on display.

## PERSONAL

Mrs. Robert Gallaher of Captiva is entertaining during the holidays Dr. and Mrs. Frank F. Lee and their three children Margaret, Burton and Susan from Garden City, Long Island, N.Y.

## TO THE ISLANDER:

I read The Islander each time I come to the Island. However, I think it is missing a very important item . . . The weekly TV schedule.

As a suggestion I am enclosing the Orlando Sentinel Sunday paper TV schedule.

Sincerely,  
Russell Rupert, Lt. Col. USAF Retd.

ED. NOTE: Thanks, Sir, for your note. However, we would like to point out that we have one television station . . . WINK-TV, Channel 11, Fort Myers. It carries most CBS programs, interspersed with ABC, NBC, syndicated and local talent shows. Printing the schedule is pretty useless because if one doesn't like what's on one station, you might as well get in a goodly supply of books.

SEAHORSE NORTH

The Sea Horse Shop at the South Seas Plantation opened on December 20 and what lovely, tempting wares they have. Novel Beach accessories, unusual bags, both for formal wear and for the beach, and the very latest things in jewelry. (Ed. note: And some "way out" wigs that Peggy wishes someone like her boss would buy for her). And if you are a book worm, you will be sure to find something of interest that you haven't read in their shelves full of the latest best sellers.

This branch of the Sea Horse Shops will be presided over by two charming ladies (alternately), Mrs. RENA STONECYPHER, a resident of Sanibel, and Mrs. GRACE HORN who is spending the winter season with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE TEASLY of Zic Zac Cottages on Gulf Drive.

NEW YEARS EVE AT SOUTH SEAS PLANTATION

The Plantation is planning a New Years Eve Party to start at 9:30 P.M. and continue 'til----- Breakfast will be served some time after midnight and rumor has it that there will be (possibly) a real live band. Reservations have been coming in at such a rate that it is suggested that you get yours in now, 'cause PAUL STAHLIN says that there is a limit on how far he can push the walls out.

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TEEN CORNER by cris gault

Well, the Islands are really hopping this Christmas holiday for the teenagers, as we have lots of visitors and lots of school vacations.

Visiting our tropical....now, at any rate... homeland are JON JOY, son of the EBEN JOYS of Vermont; BUCK KIRKPATRICK, of Kentucky, BILL HOLMES of N.Y.; MARY BURT, the granddaughter of the BEN HARTMANS, who is visiting with a friend, MIKE; and STEVE HONAKER of Colorado Springs, who is at the Reef.

We also have a passel of college returnees....CATHY BOOTH, who is home from medical school in Miami and who is the daughter of the RAY BOOTHs of Captiva; LINDA JACK, daughter of the JAMES JACKS who is home from Albion College in Michigan; GERALD JOHNSON, son of the ARVID JOHNSONS of Captiva who has been at St. Pete Junior College; JON BELLHEIMER (Florida

Southern); and BILL & MURIEL WAY's son CHAD who has been at Kentucky Military Institute.

Because of the large teenage population, there have been quite a few gatherings on the Islands. For instance, last week, a number of kids attended the school play which was enjoyed by all very much. Afterwards, all adjourned to Buck Kirkpatrick's to get to know each other a little better. Saturday there was a hay ride...combined with caroling...which had all the teenagers attending very merry.

The movie at the Community Hall this Sunday will be "Joe Butterfly" in glowing color, starring Audie Murphy. Remember, the price is right...very inexpensive...and the enjoyment is MUCH at these movies sponsored by the Teen Club so that we can have "that bus."

Elder sister MARY JO has had some good luck lately! Last week she successfully tried for her driver's license and now happily drives the new family car around. (Don't head for the ditches, she knows what she's doing, friends) She also learned that she was accepted at Florida State in Tallahassee. Brother TIM, by the way, is home from Mary Help of Christian School in Tampa.

We hope that you have all had a very merry Christmas... and that your New Year to come is just as happy.

WHO(M) I WUZ!

Did you guess Wynn Thayer in our last week's guess who? We felt sure you'd recognize that merry twinkle in his eye. Wynn hasn't been on the Islands for so very long, but he has made a host of friends... and that eye twinkle probably has something to do with it.

Wynn was born in Lancaster, New Hampshire, but his family moved and so he went to school in Littleton, N. H. 'Twas there that he met his wife Marge... and thereby hangs a tale.

He met her at a dance on a cool winter's night... and cold, in Littleton, can mean 40 degrees below. Undaunted by such a trifle, Wynn asked to escort Marge home. He got a 'yes'... but Marge lived a mile up a hill (and practically straight up) from the dance. Wynn finally had to carry her part of the way. Marge obviously turned on the charm, 'cause they dated all that winter, snow or no snow and hill or no hill. That is, 'til January, when the charm either took hold or Wynn got tired of that hill.

At that point, Wynn married his Marge and moved her to level ground. So began the synasty of Thayer which now numbers seven children and 22 grandchildren at the last count.

He tried various occupations up north, the last one being the sash and blind business... but when he arrived here, he took up his main forte so far... airconditioning.

Since our last publication, Wynn and Marge left for a position in Naples similar to the ones they held at Villa Victoria (his second job). When we last saw them, they were just leaving and if the farewell had of lasted any longer, all would have been shedding tears. Both promise to return, however, at least once a month.



TELEPHONE TIME?

Things are surely picking up on Captiva. The cables are now being laid (underground for storm protection) for the telephones that are soon to be installed there. It will be quite a comfort and pleasure to be able to reach Captiva when you are on Sanibel and ask some simple question such as, "How's the shelling up there today?" without having to drive all the way up there to find out.

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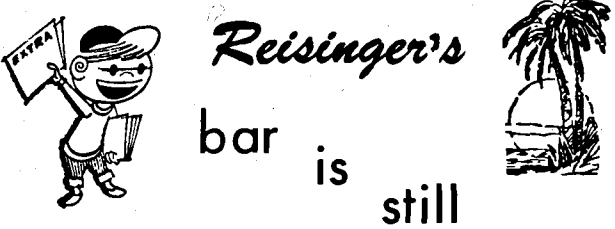


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HAPPY MEMORIES EVOKE POEM

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Calhoun of Michigan Center, Mich., spent a November holiday on Sanibel. After they got back, Mrs. Calhoun was filled with happy thoughts and memories, evidently, for she sent us the following poem. We hope you like it as much as we did.

SANIBEL ISLAND  
 By Mildred Calhoun

Between the Gulf of Mexico  
 and San Carlos Bay  
 Where pelicans swoop & dive  
 & the porpoise play,  
 Crescent shaped, palm-studded,  
 a tropic island lies,  
 Unchanged by time & tides,  
 unmarred by enterprise.

Jose Gasparillo, that bold buccaneer of ill repute,  
 Made this his headquarters and here he cached his loot.  
 He named it Santa Isabella, hoping for himself to gain  
 The favor and recognition of the Queen of Spain.

That was two hundred years ago - now it's called Sanibel.  
 On its gleaming beaches you'll find every kind of shell.  
 Every ebbtide leaves a new store of brilliant treasure -  
 No pirate's plunder this - just gifts all for your pleasure.

Many rare shore and water birds find sanctuary here -  
 Some are fugitives from the North; some stay all the year.  
 Ibis perching in the tree tops, look like big white flowers;  
 As for the tiny sandpipers, you can follow them for hours.

Over the water, the setting sun, rosy as a flamingo's wing,  
 Poses briefly, then the darkness comes and covers everything.  
 Just so, the fleeting moments of morning, night, and noon,  
 You try to clutch and hold them, but departure comes too soon.

WILDLIFE NEWS

Two annual functions of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will take place on Thursday and Friday of this week, December 27 and 28. The Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count, a project in which the participation of all interested persons is invited, will be held today (Thursday). All participants in this census will assemble at the Bird Observation Town adjacent to Tarpon Bay Road at 8:15. As usual, the count will be a day long affair, with a noontime break, and then meeting at the Tower for the afternoon portion of the count. All major habitats will be investigated, thoroughly, with the goal of recording more form than in previous years. The likelihood of surpassing the 1961 total of 86 species observed is quite possible, and most certain if visiting naturalists will lend their identification knowledge to the count group.

On Friday (tomorrow) evening, the Society will hold its annual childrens program at the Sanibel Community House. Beginning at 8 P.M., the scheduled program will be a feature length movie titled "The King of Beasts," a true-life adventure that has excited critics and viewers the world over. Produced by one of the nation's foremost cartoonists and nature film producers, the film, in its factual and informative story, will certainly delight all those who attend. Altho primarily intended for the younger children and students, the program is open to people of all ages, Islanders and visitors. An especial invitation is extended to the parents of Sanibel-Captiva school children, as the presence of their children at the program is most desirable.

CHARLES LE BUFF, Jr.  
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Here's another cute little Santa this week, a rather "reluctant one," we might add. This little tyke has only been on the Island for about a year (or a little more) but has been in this part of the country for many years - even to the point of graduating from High School in Fort Myers.

While he doesn't know much, everyone is usually interested in what he does know and so even if you don't know him, sometimes you know what he knows, if you know what we mean.

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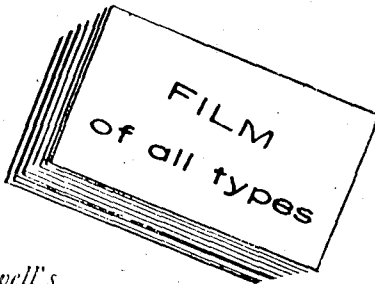
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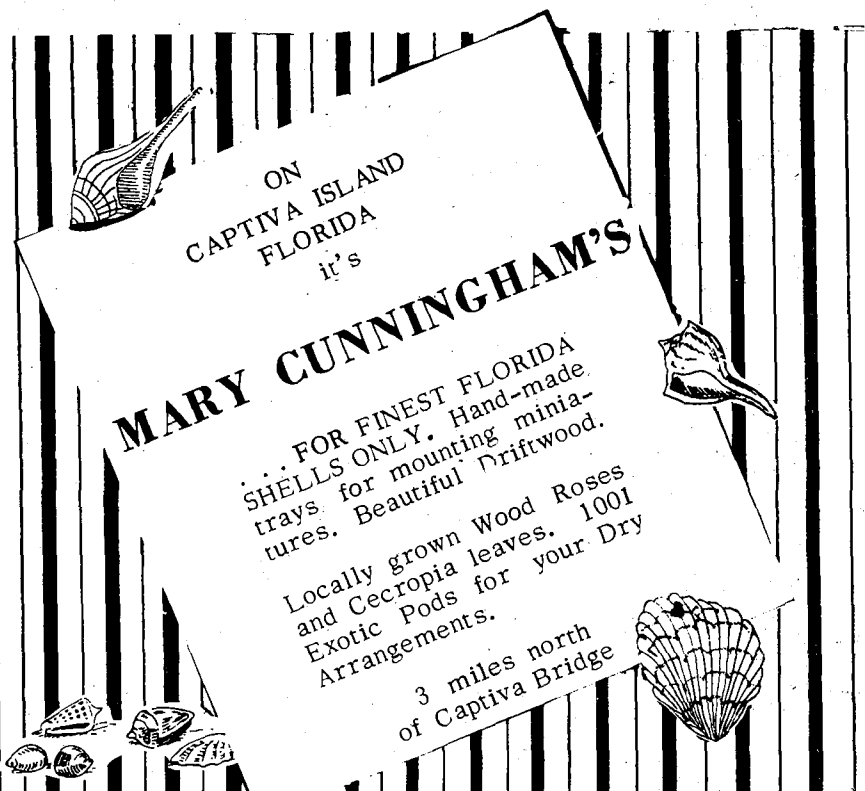
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will be said at 11:30 a.m., with  
confession before Mass. Sunday  
schedule remains the same, with  
mass being held also at 11:30  
a.m., preceded by confession.

**USE CAUTION WITH FIRES**

Pat Murphy of the Fire  
Control District states that due  
to the heavy frost of last week  
there now exists an extremely  
dangerous fire situation on both  
Captiva and Sanibel. Both per-  
manent residents and our visit-  
ing friends should exercise ex-  
treme caution in any burning  
of trash or rubbish, camp fires  
and to make certain all cig-  
arettes, cigars and matches are  
fully extinguished before dis-  
posal.

**CRONKITE UNFAIR**

Quite a number of Island-  
ers feel that Walter Cronkite,  
on his December 13, 6:45 CBS  
network broadcast, went a mite  
overboard when he remarked  
on the adverse effect our re-  
cent California weather was hav-  
ing on tourists coming to Flor-  
ida. Now that the weather is  
back to normal (sunny, warm  
and beachy) we think it would  
be nice if Cronkite would give  
equal time to that fact. Course,  
it's a rather hopeless case,  
we're afraid . . . for instance,  
CBS & Cronkite never did tell  
anybody that Fort Myers wasn't  
wiped off the map . . . as they  
broadcasted during a New York  
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lowing our historical (and hy-  
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