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## SHELL TABLE DONATED

Miss EDIE MUGRIDGE of the "Glory of the Sea" shell shop on Gulf Drive has donated to the Shell Fair one of the most beautiful shell tables ever to be raffled off. It contains shells from Sanibel waters and defies description of its sheer beauty. Each shell is a specimen shell and in perfect condition. Included are such rare shells as a Junonia, Golden Olive, Golden Cat's Eye and an Orange Fan. In the center of the table is a display box of miniatures.

The table was displayed at the Island Inn January 10-13. It can now be seen at the Sanibel Beauty Salon thru the 19th. The future schedule looks like this: January 20-25, Coconut Grove Restaurant; January 26-30, Casa Ybel; January 31-February 2, Bailey's General Store; February 3-6, Jack's Restaurant; February 7-10, Friday's House of Treasure; February 11-12, The Reef; February 13-15, Heir's; February 16-23, Island Inn, February 24 - March 2, Glory of the Sea.

Be sure to see it at one of these places, and get some tickets on it. It's certainly worth admiring.

## SHELL CLUB TO MEET

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club will hold a meeting on February 21 at the Captiva Civic Center at 8 P.M. Mrs. HENRY (MAUDE) NICKERSON will be the speaker of the evening and will show her wonderful slides which she took on her recent trip to the South Pacific. We know that anyone who has ever heard Maude speak will be sure to attend, and we'd like to urge all of those who have not had the pleasure of hearing one of her talks to be there. She is an entrancing speaker, and we're sure you'll enjoy her and her gorgeous slides.

## COMMUNITY HOUSE ROOF ON

Contractor ED LEGAL, low bidder on the Community House Roof Project, furnished us with the following statistics. The roof now consists of 10 rolls of tar felt, 5 gallons of plastic cement, 2,834 self seal shingles, 12,336 galvanized roofing nails (are you sure of that figure, Ed?), and 330 lineal feet of drip edge. Anyway, all this has been applied with tender and loving care by Ed and his crew.

When you combine this with the fine interior re-furbishing done earlier by President of the Community Association DON SIMONDS, with a group of volunteers, and the (at present being worked upon) well-groomed grounds, you realize that Sanibel will be able to present its Community House with pride to the public during the Shell Fair.

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## PERSONALS

Mr. & Mrs. H.A. VROOMAN of Captiva spent the holidays in Tampa with their daughter, Mrs. CHERRY ROMERO and children. The arrived back home on the 2nd, but will be returning on the 27th to celebrate Cherry's birthday.

ROY HAND of Indianapolis, Ind., was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. HARRY HARRISON of Sanibel for the last two weeks. Harry and Roy were school chums back in Plainfield, Ind., Harry wouldn't say just how many years ago!

Dr. PAUL MARGUSSON and Dr. JAMES STACK, of Washington, D.C., were recent guests at South Seas and made reservations to return the first week of February, when they'll get in some more good fishing.

Mr. & Mrs. L.B. WELLS of Riviera Beach, Florida, are also South Seas guests and will be staying for several weeks.

Mr. & Mrs. B. BRUSH of New Rockelle, New York, are back for two months at the Oster's Cottages, where they have been season guests for a number of years.

Dr. & Mrs. ALLEN HOLEN-RAKE of Ontario, Canada, arrived on January 12 for what all their many Island friends hope is a long, long stay. They were welcomed back with great glee and open arms. More fun!

Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES MERGENS, of St. Paul, Minn. are guests of MARGARET WALTERS at Pelican Cottage on Sanibel for two weeks. On their way here, they stopped at Bethesda, Md., to visit Mrs. Mergen's sister, ALICE KUHL, in spite of the zero weather that Bethesda was enjoying (?) at the time. Better love hath no sister, we would say.

The Mergens became very interested in shelling since they have been guests on Sanibel two years ago. They've also been fortunate shellers, in that they now have a lovely collection -- and hope to add to it this trip.

Mergens is retired from the First National Bank of St. Paul, and is now interested in Real Estate. They plan to spend each season on Sanibel. They flew into Fort Myers this year and took the mailboat to the Island and were absolutely entranced by the lovely trip and the gracious treatment they received from Cap't LADD. We're glad to know that the "Powers that Be" have given the Cap't the contract for another two years -- and hope they'll extend it many, many more, as the mail boat -- the last of it's kind in the U.S.A. -- is certainly a pleasure for our visitors.

Mrs. DASCOMBE FORBUSH of Cannan, Conn., and her sister, Miss MARY RAMSAY of Chicago, are now living in Dr. MALONE's home on Palm Ave. on Captiva.

Mr. & Mrs. HAMER and Zipper (their beachcombing boxer) of St. Paul, Minn., recently arrived at Island Inn to stay until April 15, as usual. The Hamers have been spending the season at the Inn for the past thirty years -- and Mr. Hamer said that this was the very worst trip they ever made. The fog was so thick that they had to keep their headlights on all four days. (1789 miles.)

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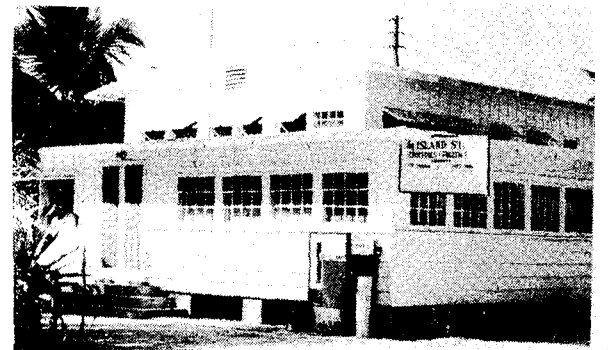


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SHELL HANDBOOK

The Shell Handbook, distributed by the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club last year, has some welcome sponsors this year. The booklet, dealing with conservation, collecting and cleaning, will be sponsored by the Lee County Chamber of Commerce, who will distribute 5,000 copies of the booklet thru their office and 10,000 copies thru the Shell Club, the Community Association with 5,000 copies and the Improvement Association with 5,000.

HOWELLS VISIT ON SANIBEL

Dr. & Mrs. B.F. HOWELL are guests of Mr. & Mrs. BILL NEWMAN at "Hanover House" on Sanibel where they expect to remain until the later part of March. Dr. Howell is a retired Professor of Paleontology at Princeton, New Jersey.

Dr. & Mrs. Howell have been guests of DOC and JOE PICKENS for the past five seasons. The reason for the change over is simple -- Mrs. Howell is Mrs. Newman's sister, and the Howells sang the praises of Sanibel to the Newmans for so long that they (the Newmans) decided to come and look the place over. A couple of years ago they finally came and immediately succumbed to the Island's charm. (Dr. Howell says, "After Bill caught a big snook, that was it!")

Anyhow, last year, Bill and his wife bought "Hanover House" -- which has a separate apartment for their grandchildren, and the Howells. Seems to us that perhaps the Howells had an ulterior motive in SELLING the Island so thoroughly to their relatives...hmmm?

We're sure that Shell Club members, and many others, will remember that Dr. Howell is the gentleman who so kindly identified PRISCILLA MURPHY's collection of fossils from La Belle.

Dr. Howell is one of the foremost authorities on very ancient fossils and has written a couple of hundred papers and books on the subject. For identifying fossils of this area, he suggests that we refer to Symposium #3, by Olsen and Harberson, as it treats mostly on fossils of the Caloosahatchee region.

While we were talking to Dr. Howell, he said that we were very fortunate to have Mrs. KATHERINE V.K. PALMER, the Director of the Paleontological Research Institution of Ithica, New York, as the judge of entries in the Sanibel Shell Fair this year.

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OLD HELP BACK

MARY ALECK tells us that ELNA ANDERSON, who has been associated with her for the past seven years, is back at the Sanibel Beauty Salon -- consequently making the service back to normal. Miss Anderson has her own "Kosy Beauty Salon" at Sias Consett, Nantucket Island, Mass., but she enjoys coming to our Islands each season. Before arriving, she always manages to spend a month in New York attending all the beauty shows to keep up with the latest styles. She also finds time to take in some of the newest Broadway shows -- lucky girl!

SURE, WE'RE BRAGGING

It does our hearts good to be able to brag about our Island children who have gone out into the world to hew their way. Hewing rather well these days is TONY FRENNETE, who, we hear, has been chosen as his school's "Shift Leader," which means he will be a "Yellow Rope" which is the highest honor given to students at the Administration School in Amarillo, Texas.

Tony, whose service training will conclude in seven weeks, will be in charge of three barracks and 400 troops. Ever since he entered the service, Tony has been an "above average" student (which is putting it mildly) and has given us all reason to admire him -- and to wish him "above average" success in the future.

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LOST:  
Some friend of ED LEGEL's borrowed his power generator last November and has forgotten to return it. If you're a friend of Ed's, please scratch around in your "catch-all," garage or storeroom and see if YOU were the one who tucked it away and forgot it. Ed needs it BADLY!

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UMMM, DELICIOUS!

We were included in a small dinner party at Tween-Waters Inn on Captiva last Saturday evening, which, as our host pointed out, is one of the two evenings during which you'll find their justly famous roast beef on the menu. (The other day is Tuesday.)

We were shown to our table by hostess MILDRED BUNTINE, and since it was our first visit of the season, we were quite impressed with the redecorated dining room. The decor is mostly off-white and the lighting casts a beautiful moon-glow which is most restful.

Needless to say we had roast beef. Others of the party selected the salmis of lamb en casserole, which they reported was also delicious. The salads and desserts were presented on a tray so that one could make a selection -- and see what one was getting. We didn't take three of each, even tho we wanted too. But each of us selected a different one and entered into a vigorous, if quiet, discussion as to which was better. The consensus was that executive chef DICK BUNTING is an artist.

The service was splendid, and all in all, it was a very delightful dinner. We had an extra that we can't say that you will have, but it's certainly worth mentioning. At a table close to us was a party of folk who had been Tween-Water guests for many seasons. They started singing several of the good old songs of yesteryear in perfect harmony and we wanted to applaud but were afraid to break the lovely spell they wove.

As we said, we can't guarantee that this fine singing group will add as much pleasure to your evening as it did to ours, but we will say that you'll have one of the nicest dinners in the nicest surroundings ever. 'Twas an evening to remember, with or without song.

#### CAPISTRANO, HECK!

Tree swallows have been encircling the Sanibel National Wildlife refuge in great numbers -- estimated between 500 and 750 thousand -- since the early part of December. (Other estimates, some far higher and some lower, have also been given.)

These migratory birds fly so closely together that they resemble swarming bees, and one has the impulse to cover one's head and hide when they fly over the roads. We've seen a number of swarms on Rabbit Road and near the new school where they were so thick as they swept across the highway that we had to slow down for fear of injuring them. Early last week, we saw a swarm flying westerly from the light house past Villa Victoria -- and the flock took at least 10 minutes to pass. It was then that we decided to find out what kind of bird this was -- and with the kind assistance of TOM WOOD, we found out.

The tree swallows drink water while flying and the Sanibel Sea Plane canal was so congested with watering birds that at times, Tom has had to wait his turn to take off or land. He said he saw a white bird in the middle of a flock which he believes was an albino tree swallow. He said that the other birds resented the white one and made frequent diving attacks on it -- not, apparently, with the intent to injure it, but rather to drive him away.

These birds come to visit us every year -- but no one seems to remember them in such great numbers. Records of peak numbers will be compared to those of other years.



A RETURN GUEST AT VILLA CAPRI

Villa Capri has a return guest who spent most of his time for a year and a half at the Motel being well fed, petted and pampered. He left for parts unknown sometime last year -- MARSHALL TABACCHI thinks he got girl crazy. (Well, if you gotta, you gotta.)

Now he's back -- right when winter rates are in effect -- without paying any attention to the enormous unpaid bill he scooted out of last time.

You're wondering about all this? Well, we're speaking of the Tabacchi's pet racoon, "MR. STINKY" who showed up last weekend as if he'd never deserted in the first place.

Marshall has been taking him around via car to renew old acquaintances. One of his very best friends was very glad to see Mr. Stinky, but oddly enuf, FRANCIS BAILEY wouldn't let him in the store.

#### BEACHCOMBER NOTES

Beachcomber guests Mr. & Mrs. DAVID E. CLARK recently found a very fine junonia on the beach right in front of the motel. On the same day, R.G. OSBORNE, of Knoxville, Tenn., also found a junonia close by. This makes four of the shells found on the Beachcomber beach this season -- and the season's just begun!

Mr. & Mrs. RALPH GROVES of Gastonia, N.C., have been at the Motel for the past two weeks. They say they've had a grand time, not only shelling on the beach, but also on a dredging trip they took with RALPH WOODRING. They also got in many hours of good fishing. The vacation is nearly over now, much to their regret, but they promise that they'll hurry back.

Mrs. EDWIN DUNCAN, Jr., of Sparta, N.C., a friend of Mrs. VIRGINIA ABSHER, also of N.C., is also staying at the Beachcomber for a couple of weeks. She also went dredging with RALPH and reported an excellent trip.

Mr. & Mrs. SAMUEL RHEA, of Madeira Beach, Florida, spent their honeymoon at the Motel last week, and made reservations for two weeks at Easter when they'll return with the five children of previous marriages.

#### RANDOM THOTS BY YE ED

While driving down the Sanibel-Captiva Road the other day I noticed the improvement of the looks of the bushes along the side of the highway. It seems as tho' the County brought over a few "workers" from the prison farm and had them trim off all the scraggly shrubs, trees and weeds that overhung the right-of-way. It was a good idea and SHOULD have improved the look along the way.

BUT, for some reason known

only to the County, they left the "garbage" along the side of the road and by now, it looks like the very devil!

If the County is so free with their low paid help, they could at least send one or two of them back with a truck to clean up the mess -- altho it is very seldom that politicians ever clean up the mess they make.

Oh well, they are probably waiting for the tourists to leave before they put the convicts back on the road -- of course the tourists will leave with a bad taste in their mouth, and a bad impression of our beautiful Islands.

#### HATS & JAZZ

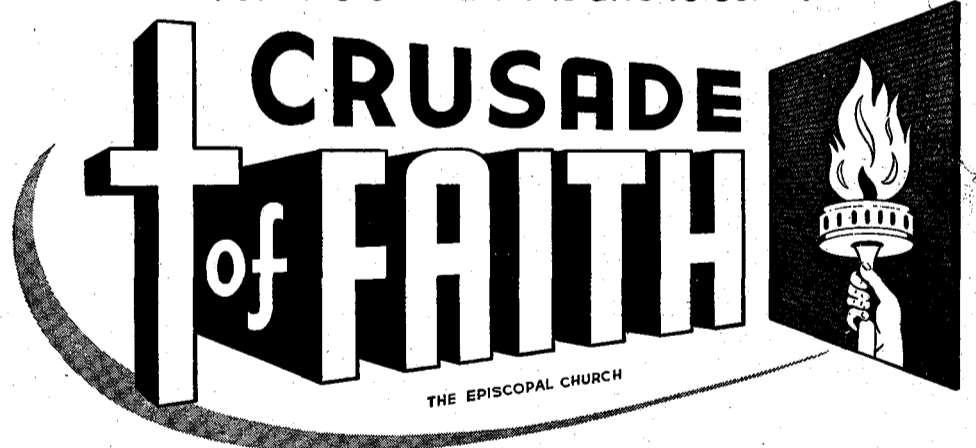
Sanibel's visiting Quantum Theory scientists threw a real shindig at Sasa Ybel last Saturday night. When we cornered Dr. B.T. ALLEN of the University of Oregon and asked what the plans were, he answered that he understood "that everyone would be required to appear in a funny hat."

Dr. Allen was right, much merriment and fun developed from that simple fact. Prizes were awarded with DOTTIE BOOKER taking home a bottle of fine sherry as her First prize. Honorable Mentions went to Dr. KELLER, Mrs. SUE STIDHAM and Mrs. JOANNE SMITH. The judges were Mrs. P. O. LOWDEN, DR. GILDA HARRIS and DR. LUDWIG HOFACHER.

At one point in the evening, we discovered BIRGIT in a huddle with Mrs. SOGA SKAFTE LINDBLOM, who is the Swedish Vice Consul in Jacksonville, and Professor and Mrs. EGIL HYLLERAS, in whose honor the symposium is being held. They were all discussing something at a mad pace in what we think was either Quantum or Swedish, we couldn't make out which.

It was a good party and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

For this Life and the Life to Come!

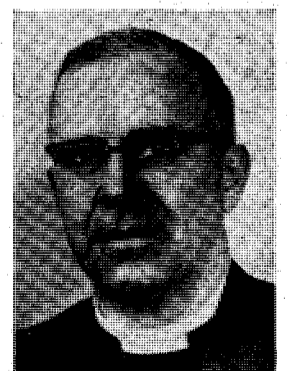


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The dance will be both round and square -- so square dancers will have a chance to show their style to the twisters. It's the time to have a lot of fun, as the boys have the records that call off the square dance as it should be danced!

Adults and teenagers alike are urged to come and have a ball. And remember, all proceeds go to Frank.

**MONEY, MONEY**

Mr. W.T. CORAM, Project Coordinator for the Florida Institute for Continuing University Studies, arrived back at Casa Ybel Friday, January 11, to pay out \$30,000 in stipends to Quantum Theory participants. This is Coram's second visit in two weeks -- on the first, he paid out about \$20,000 in the same direction. The money is expended by the scientists on various things -- special ferries, JAKE STOKES' after-ferry boat taxi, motel accommodations, restaurants, and recreational activities.

**PERSONAL**

Mr. & Mrs. MURRAY T. HOYT are staying at High Tides until February 24. We dropped by to interview Mr. Hoyt and spent a delightful two hours trying to get him to talk about himself. It was rather difficult, as he wanted to talk about everything else.

He has spent most of his life writing fiction for magazines -- Saturday Evening Post, Ladies' Home Journal, Good Housekeeping, Women's Day -- and most of the other top slick names. He is the author of "Does It Always Rain Here, Mr. HOYT?" published in 1950 by Rinehart. Later, he started writing articles -- also for the Post and other well known publications. He is also an editor of a Vermont magazine, The "Vermont Life," which is a thing of beauty.

While on Sanibel, Mr. Hoyt gets up around 7 A.M., spends a half hour on the beach and then works 'til 1 P.M. After lunch they swim, fish and walk the beach. Mrs. Hoyt says he's very nice to live with, which we can well believe.

Inadvertently, we found out that the Hoyts have an adult vacation camp on Lake Camplaine at Owl's Head Harbor. Anyone looking for a delightful spot for a summer vacation can get in touch with them at Owl's Head Harbor, Vergennes, Vt.

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### INSIDE SANIBEL

One doesn't have to wake too early these winter days, in order to greet the rosy-fingered dawn. It was about 6:30 this morning when I heard the scolding of a pair of cardinals outside the glass door at the foot of my bed, demanding their breakfast of grains and sunflower seeds. (I find that the palmetto rats have little chance at the bird feeder if I wait 'til first daylight to put out the morning feast.) After the cardinals come the fierce brown thrasher, the towhees, the soft little ground doves -- and then the mad whistling swirl of the redwing blackbirds. Often four and twenty of them, and the other feathered guests beat a hasty retreat 'til the crowd thins. By that time the sun is up and the black silhouette of palm and seagrape have taken on dimension and color under a blue sky.

Observing this particular manifestation of Sanibel wildlife, makes me think it is high time for a full report on the Jay N. (Ding) Darling Wildlife Sanctuary, which was officially dedicated on November 13, 1962, by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in Tallahassee. The Sanctuary is made up of some 1,700 acres, lying on Sanibel to the West of Tarpon Bay, continuing behind the new school, on up towards Wulfert Point... and though these hundreds of acres may look unchanged, as you fish around Duffy's Creek, or Mac Intyre, or in Hardworking Bayou, or even as you glance to your right as you drive up the Captiva road beyond the school, you should surely be able to imagine a shade of difference. For these lands, dedicated IN PERPETUITY, will never change from their beautiful natural state. No draglined developments here...no central business district. Under the terms of the formal dedication, the area will be "under the management of Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials, in cooperation with the Florida Board of Conservation and the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, and... (the I.I. Board)...granted the right of the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials to enter into agreement with Federal Agencies subsequent to the expiration of leases...." (which leases are presently held by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission, under the supervision of TOMMY WOOD.) It is the earnest hope of the Jay N. (Ding) Darling Memorial Committee that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission will be granted a long term lease on the Sanctuary by the State of Florida so that they can carry out their already well defined plans of development. These are being

presented momentarily by the regional office, in Atlanta, at a meeting with the State agencies in Tallahassee, and will include plans and estimated costs for a survey; for various boardwalks; for dikes and deep wells to create brackish water feeding grounds; and for a nature center building.

At a meeting of the Memorial Committee on Tuesday, January 8, it was decided to establish a fund to honor the memory of the late ALICE O'BRIEN of Captiva, who was a close friend of Mr. Darling from the early days of his residence on that Island; who gave generously to the Jay N. (Ding) Darling Foundation in Des Moines, Iowa; who aided and abetted the Memorial Committee in its work last spring; and who did not live to know of the final dedication of the lands. Thus it seems appropriate to the Committee that Miss O'Brien's memory should be honored by the erection of an observation tower, and the making of trails, within the Sanctuary, in the part of the world she dearly loved. Funds will go thru the Foundation in Des Moines, for tax exemption, but will be used and administered here. All work for the Sanctuary, and this memorial, is volunteered, so there is no overhead to absorb donations. Mr. HAROLD BIXBY will head this project, and friends of Miss O'Brien my send contributions to him, address: Captiva Island, Florida. Checks should be made out to "The Jay N. (Ding) Darling Foundation."

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### TO THE ISLANDER:

In your December 20 issue, you published a letter from a man who, altho he says he likes fair play and speech, thinks that when they don't seem to be on his side, calamity will take over the future of Sanibel.

Altho helping pay the bills with taxes, when it comes to making laws and rules for others to abide by, a few folks, most of them who arrived on Sanibel not possessed of an abundance of worldly goods, but were fortunate to better their condition seem to forget this, and think no one but them should supervise the way Sanibel should develop.

When we first came to the Islands in 1932, with its sand roads, get to the Post Office by boat or walking, we could walk the Gulf Beach and sometimes picnic there. This is quite different from now when there are only a few places where you can even get to the shore, and it

looks as if in a short time, except where the County has looked far enough ahead to purchase a beach front that a non-resident can enjoy, a stranger will not be welcome as more and more PRIVATE BEACH signs appear.

There are folks here who don't like to be told what they can do on their property, and for what purpose it can be used

Some also don't like the lime light at Town Meetings, so sit quietly -- and even if they talk to their neighbor, they are criticized for doing it.

Has the Planning and Zoning Authority done anything about a road to the new causeway? There doesn't seem to be any move in this direction that can be observed.

As the Sanibel - Captiva road is, I believe, now mainly residential, and as I believe a denial has been made to a business expansion, shouldn't they consider a place where new businesses could be started, or maybe they favor Fort Myers as it will be accessible 24 hours a day then.

Is there any thought to the Pine Island Bridge, or its end on Sanibel, as it looks as if the same people who put over the new causeway are looking for more easy money in a commission on another bond issue.

Is the Incorporation bug still buzzing? So more Arm Chair jobs will be created?

With the Donna remains still a fire hazard, and the canals, mosquito ditches and the Conservation Area to collect a floatsam backwash, and with just as many other favorable places to choose for homesites and vacation areas, at much less inflated values, maybe there is SOME thinking to be done at the present time.

Progress doesn't advance very fast in restricted areas, only where unlimited capital exists -- and who on Sanibel has that.

A ride along the roads, on which improvement was stopped for seasonal reasons, and with the frost damage to vegetation now showing, there should be plenty to keep the improvement folks busy -- how about it?

Signed: JAMES BREWSTER

### OLIVES OR LEMON PEEL FOR BAIT?

BILL HARDY, "mixologist par excellence" at Casa Ybel bar, caught a 6 pound snook on a 4 pound test line in the Sanibel Isle Road Canal. Bill came dashing into the Lounge with his snook in tow so that all might see and admire, telling everyone he could get to listen of his great feat. He says it's the biggest snook he has ever landed.

We wonder if manager RONNIE FENTON is going to be able to keep Bill at the mixology business while he has visions of future success and fish scales dancing before his eyes?

### COCKTAIL PARTY

Last Monday evening, the Casa Ybel Hotel Directors entertained Professor & Mrs. P.O. LOWDIN and the staff of lecturing professors and their wives at a cocktail party in the Bahama Lounge. About 50 people attended the party which was followed by a banquet, speeches and dancing. All agreed it was a gala evening.

### PERSONAL

Mr. & Mrs. B.G. DYE and daughter GAYLE of Miami, were guests of MAE & BILL SHANNON last weekend. The Shannons met the Dyes while hunting plume agate at the Woodward Ranch in Alpine, Texas, last year. That was when the Shannons were on their now famous cross-country expedition. Remember? That was when the State Police from here to Texas were trying to catch 'em -- to tell them about the fire at their house.

By the way, the next time you visit the Shannon's Sunshine Restaurant for some of their delicious food, be sure to take a look at the two splendid oil paintings on display. They're the work of artist JACK BREWER and are two coast scenes -- one in California and one in Maine.

The Brewers are now Captiva residents and have rented the home of Mrs. LUCY LEE.

We heard this New Year's story a little late in the season but it's too good to keep for ourselves. A number of guests at Island Inn gathered around the T.V. on New Year's Day watching the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena when Mrs. B.B. CLOVER, of Charlottesville, Va. let them in on her secret. She was in the Roses Parade 58 years ago. Isn't that a lovely memory to have every New Year's Day?

General LESLIE KINCAID and Mrs. KINCAID left their home on Captiva on January 8. Mrs. Kincaid flew to New York and the General, after seeing her off, stayed in Fort Myers for a few days and then returned home.

Miss RUBA WALKER is back at South Seas Plantation as hostess for the season -- and is ready to welcome her many friends who drop by to sample the Plantation's good food.

FRANK E. HAMER, associated with Reisinger's Restaurant, was taken to Lee County Memorial Hospital on Monday, January 7, with a heart attack. Doctor's orders will keep him there at least 10 days -- and his many, many Island friends wish him a speedy recovery. (See dance story elsewhere)

Miss CHARLOTTE HARRIS returned to her Captiva home on January 7 from Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she had been called when one of her beloved uncles passed away.

Mrs. WALTER FRANKLIN of Freehold, New York, is at Mid-Island Cottages for her usual stay of three months. Miss RUBY SHEARES is also a Mid-Island guest.

### IN HOSPITAL

Eleven year old MARK MCQUADE, son of DOTTIE and MIKE MCQUADE of Sanibel Siesta, underwent a bone graft operation at Lee Memorial Hospital January 10. He's been having a tough time of it ever since he broke his leg in two places last October. Mark's and the McQuade's many friends sincerely hope he'll be back home soon -- completely recovered.

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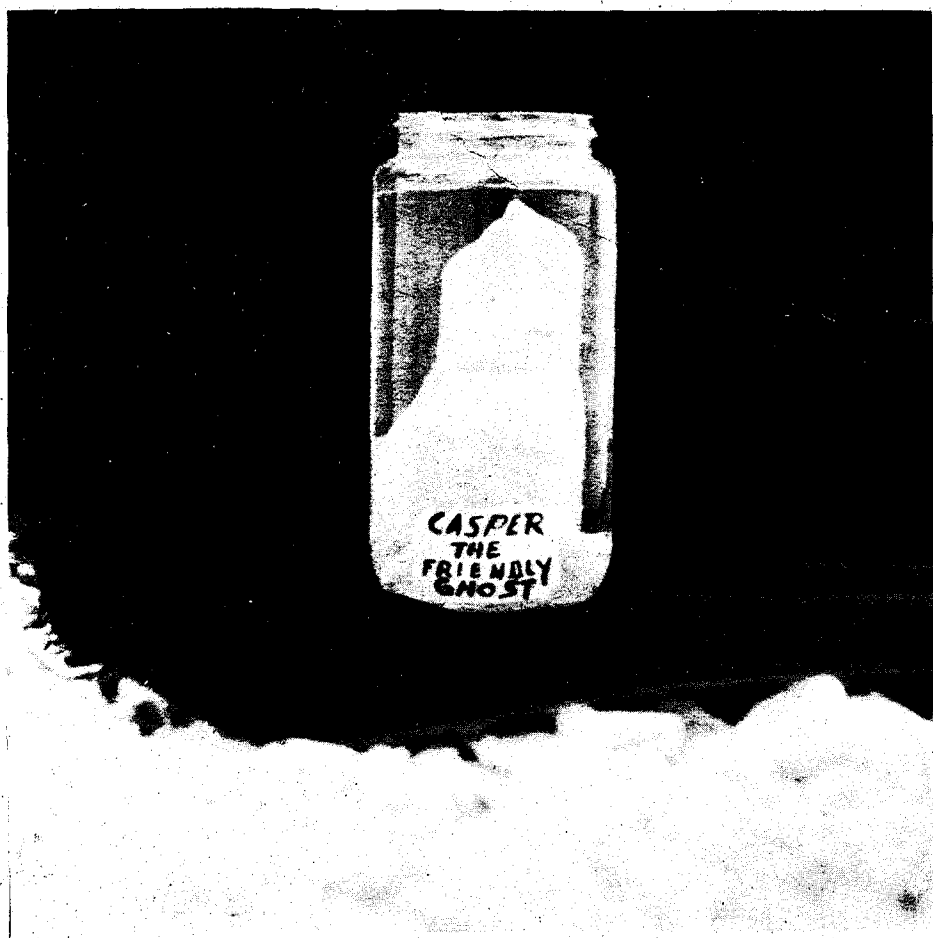
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During the recent holiday season, a little red wagon often came down the road, confusing the Island children. They all thought that it was Santa and his sleigh, but wondered where all the reindeer were. They also wondered if Santa had lost some weight. Actually all it was was CHARLES LEBUFF, Jr., and his "Le Buff Mobile." Here he points out one of the features of the "vehicle" to VINCE MAC VETTI, FORMER Island resident who was visiting at the time. After a short ride around Reisinger's, Vince, who is working on guided missiles, told us that, "I thought an Atlas blast-off was wild! Wow!"



In response to many of the younger set around the Islands who have not had the chance to stop in at Helen's Jewel Box and take a look at CASPER, THE FRIENDLY GHOST, here he is, in the flesh, or rather, in the bottle.



WHO AM I?

This pretty child and family came to the Islands about 12 years ago for the first time, and about four years later, the family moved here permanently. A little later, along with his wife, they started a small business which has grown into an establishment that now ranks among the Island's best. He and his family are highly respected and loved by all of us.

WHO I WUZ!

That adorable little curly headed young'un hasn't changed

a bit since she was a child. It was VIVIAN KEARNS, who, with her husband DICK, greets the happy guests at the Island Inn.

She was born in Augusta, Georgia, and later attended the University of Georgia. Deciding at some point to see the world, (including Florida) she visited Daytona Beach and attended a fraternity dance there. One of the guests present was Dick, who had been talked into attending by an old buddy of his. It was probably the best bit of "talking," for Vivian became his bride in 1950.

She still had never seen the Island which were to be her home, as the Senior Kearns were in Miami at the time. She first touched Island shores in February of 1952 when she and Dick took over management of Casa Ybel. From there they went to South Seas, and are now happily ensconced (for both themselves and their guests) at their third season at the Island Inn. They have a daughter, LAURIE (she of the train for "Daddy.")

Did you guess? Well, all we'd like to say is that she sets a beautiful table, is a lovely person, and we (as well as most other Islanders) are very pleased that her home is on our Islands.



Shown above is the Shell Table donated to the Shell Fair, by Miss EDIE MUGRIDGE of the "Glory of the Sea" shop, for their raffle.

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The Island teen-agers are now back in their normal routine, almost completely recovered from the holiday whirl. Every weekday we travel across the bay to school in Fort Myers. This week has been rushed and studious, what with everyone getting ready for next week's exams. This past weekend, most teen-agers waddled off the ferry with stacks and stacks of books, hoping that last minute cramming will aid in passing the first semester tests.

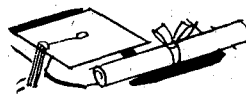
Left over from Christmas

vacation (besides exausted if satisfied emotions) are three albums which remind the majority of the kids of very good times. They are "Mashed Potatoes," "Joey Dee at Peppermint Lounge," and "Peter, Paul and Mary." All three disks were played at all the holiday parties. "Peter, Paul and Mary" is the favorite 'cause of all the good songs on it, including "Lemon Tree," "If I Had A Hammer," "500 Miles," and so forth.

Also left over from Christmas are an assortment of new words and phrases, which we present to you with proper translation, to wit: Gimped up -- mixed up; Snowed over ya -- he (she) likes you; Hacking around -- fooling around; Panic (as in "It's a --") -- fun; You're swift -- sarcastic expression meaning you're thinking.

The Junior High girls have

a new fad -- wearing ties to school. And the Island girls have one of their own -- wearing funny hats while hacking around during weekends. This gem was picked up from the northern boys during vacation. We're not the only ones to go along with this -- last Saturday evening a few of the teen-agers were invited to the hat party at Casa Ybel. The party was given by the Quantum Theory scientists, and EVERYBODY wore nutty hats, danced and had a good time.



We giggle every time we see that term "professional woman." Personally, we have never met an amateur.

### C.G.A. INSPECTION

On Sunday, January 13, 11 private boats were inspected by members of the Fort Myers Beach Coast Guard Auxiliary. About half of them passed.

A supply of form CG290 was left at Sanibel Marina for free distribution to the boating public. This booklet explains the boating laws and regulations. It was suggested by JAMES MIDGLEY, Commander of the Auxiliary, that all interested pick up a copy so that a higher percentage pass the examination when the Auxiliary returns to Sanibel in about 6 weeks.

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