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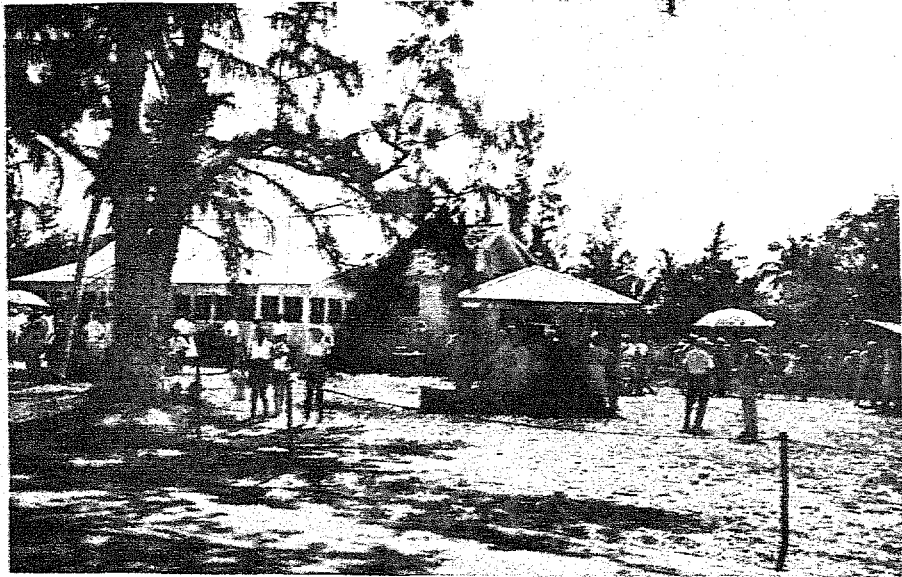
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SHELL FAIR COMING SOON

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MARY K. CUNNINGHAM of Captiva has donated one of her most beautiful shell pictures to be raffled off at the Sanibel Shell Fair. (All proceeds from the raffle go to the Fair's Driftwood Shop.)

This particular shell picture is undoubtedly one of the finest that Mary has created -- and furthermore, quoth we, the frame is made of Maine "Punkin Pine," which is 140 years old and has a beautiful patina. The wood was given to Mary by a friend who salvaged it from a piece of furniture that had been in his family for years.

You may go feast your eyes on this lovely art form at the Sanibel Community House Monday thru Friday each week -- and if you feel lucky, you may get your raffle tickets right there at 25¢ each, or five for a dollar. (Many other people about the two Islands have tickets for sale, also) You may be the one to go home with that beautiful picture on March 9, the last day of the Fair.


REFUGEES HELPED

The Cuban refugees who landed on Captiva a few weeks back, after escaping from behind Castro's Bannana Curtain, visited the Islands again last weekend -- this time to reclaim the very small boat in which they sailed all the way from Cuba. The U. S. Immigration Authorities had gotten in touch with PAUL STAHLIN via Deputy Sheriff RALPH SMITH, to find out what the charges would be on their boat. Paul, the Chairman of the South Seas Plantation Association, had had the boat taken from the beach and stored in the Plantation yacht basin when the four refugees were taken to Miami. When he learned that any charges would have to be paid by the Cubans, Paul said, "No charge, it's the Plantation's contribution to Cuban - American friendship."

Deputy Smith brought the four men back to the Islands where they got their boat, sailed happily across the bay to Punta Rassa and put it on a trailer to be pulled back to Miami. We understand that relatives there have gotten jobs for the four men, and that the boat in which they escaped will be instrumental in helping them to start a new life in a land of freedom.

NEW ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

According to JOHN KONTINOS, Chairman of the Sanibel Planning and Zoning Authority, Mr. ANDREW MELLODY has been selected to replace Mr. FRANK HITNER, who resigned, as Administrator of the Authority. Mellody, well known and liked on both Islands, has terminated his association with the Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate Office to devote his full time to the Authority. The full Board of the Authority interviewed all candidates for the position, and it is thought by most Islanders that they made an excellent choice to fill the vacancy.



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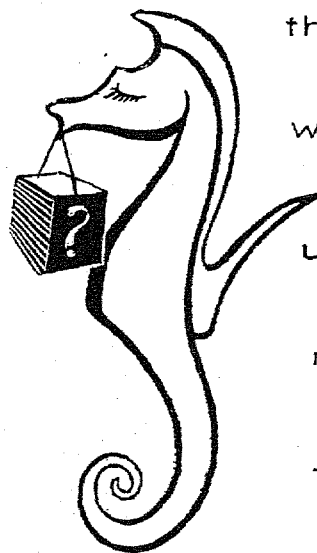
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PERSONAL

Mrs. LOUISA WANEMAKER of Cheraw, South Carolina, has returned to Sea Horse Cottages for the season and is back on the staff of the Sea Horse Shop. All her many friends are glad to see her back.

Mr. & Mrs. E.M. ALLEN of Hartford, Conn., are also back for their regular visit to Sanibel and are at the Sea Horse Cottages. They are inveterate Beachcombers, loving to walk along and discover nice shells, but considering the walk itself of far more importance.

Mrs. HELEN CAUSEY of Rhode Island, a Sanibel visitor for many seasons, is back again and is staying at the Melody Apartments. Unfortunately she told us that she could only stay two weeks this time and will miss the Shell Fair. The Shell Fair will miss her, too, as Helen has always been a splendid and willing worker. However, as this is her first trip here without her children, we can understand why she wants to return home shortly.

Miss EDIE MUGRIDGE of Glory of the Sea Shell Shop was visited last week by Mrs. GEORGE SHIPMAN.

Mr. & Mrs. T.M. HUTSELL, of Leawood, Kan., are spending their fourth season at Captiva Beach Motel and will be here their fourth season visit at Captiva Beach Motel and will be here for a couple of weeks. They've been visiting Captiva off and on ever since 1952. Last year, Mr. Hutsell found a fine Junonia and thought he was one up on Mrs. Hutsell, until she caught up with him and then some by finding a great big beautiful Jewel Box and a Golden Olive.

Also guests at Captiva Beach Motel are Mr. & Mrs. LEON BARD of Newburgh, N.Y., who have been staying there each season for 14 years. They went on a trip up in the Okeechobee area Monday, January 13, and returned with many fine fossils. Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE NORTHROP, also of Newburgh, are staying at the Motel and plan to remain until the middle of February.

Mrs MIRIAM BROUDY of Norwalk, Conn., will be the guest of Mr. & Mrs. LEON LEVY of Tradewinds. She is expected to arrive January 29 for a week's visit.

Mrs. Broudy is a well-known painter of marine scenes, and has travelled all over the world to secure subject matter. She is a member of the National Academy, and is one of the founders of the Silvermine Guild of Artists, of New Canaan, Conn. She is also Vice-President of the Guild.

She is currently being shown in Palm Beach, under the auspices of "Gallery 14," where her show will open on January 28, in the Royal Ponciana Plaza. While on the Islands, Mrs. Broudy, who is an ardent and skillful fisherman as well as a painter of note, will probably do some sketches of Sanibel to be later developed into finished works.

Mr. & Mrs. Levy will attend the opening of the Palm Beach show and will drive Mrs. Broudy back to Sanibel.

The owner of "Gallery 14," Mr. ALEXANDER KIRKLAND, will be remembered by many Sanibel residents as one of the New York Theater Guild's leading actors in the late Twenties and early Thirties.

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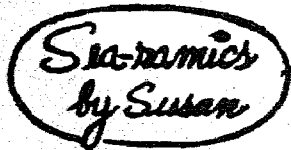
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The Crusade of Faith, being held in the Fort Myers Exhibition Hall January 27 - 31, is the first Episcopal Mission ever to be held in the Southern Florida Diocese. Islanders will be glad to know that, as a gift from the Church, a special ferry will be provided Sunday, January 27, to bring home all who have attended the Mission. The ferry will leave Punta Rassa at 10:15 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend the Mission whether or not they are Episcopalians.

Bishop STERLING of Montana, who will be the Missioner all five nights of the Mission, is a splendid, forthright speaker. A question box will be provided for all those who wish to ask the Bishop questions. The Mission Choirs, under the direction of the Vicar of Sanibel, Father T.H. MADDEN, will be drawn from four counties -- Desoto, Charlotte, Collier, and Lee. Bishop Sterling will be accompanied by Bishops DUNCAN and HARGRAVES, the latter from Australia.

The program for Sunday will be coffee at 6:30 on the Exhibition Hall Patio, Service from 7:30 to 9 P.M., and the ferry back home to Sanibel at 10:15. Father Madden urges all to come, and to bring a friend.

UNIQUE GIFT TO CHURCH

Dr. & Mrs. WILLIAM SUR of Lansing, Michigan, where Dr. Sur is Professor of Music at Michigan State University, visit Sanibel each year and expect to retire here eventually. Dr. & Mrs. Sur have a very unique way of obtaining their tithes for their Church (St. Michael's) which they attend while here. On vacation they collect our beautiful shells, take them home to Lansing and create beautiful shell pictures. These in turn are sold to a department store -- and everything is sent back to the Episcopal Church on Sanibel. Isn't that a nice idea?

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COMINGS AND GOINGS ON CAPTIVA

Mr. & Mrs. C.G. PATTERSON, Jr., returned to their home on Captiva last week, accompanied by Mrs. C.G. PATTERSON, Sr. They plan to stay two weeks this time.

Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE THAYER of Rumney, New Hampshire, are here for the season at their home "Close Quarters." NORM STEVENSON, of Hanover, N.H., is again a guest in their cottage this season.

Mrs. ELMER SERVINGHAUS of Montclair, N.J., is at her home on Captiva for the season. Mrs. OSBORNE, who drove down with her and visited for a few days, returned north last Sunday. Dr. SERVINGHAUS will join his wife early in February.

Mr. & Mrs. ERNEST STANTON are presently enjoying a Caribbean cruise but expect to be back home by the first week in February.

PAUL EVERETT of "La Captive" left last week for a New York vacation even tho he felt sure he'd freeze up there. We do hope that he is having a grand time with his friends -- and that he will return soon and thaw out in our glorious sunshine.

Mr. & Mrs. C.F. REPLOGLE of Circleville, Ohio, are at their home. They're being visited by Mr. Replogle's niece and her husband, MARY & KENNY HAN- NON.

Dr. & Mrs. IVAN M. ROBERTS, their daughter KATHY and DON MIKE, all of Tampa, were guests of Mrs. Robert's father, SHERMAN BYRUM, of South Seas Plantation last week.

Mr. & Mrs. J.J. GRULHEMEN of Haewichport, Mass., are at their home for the season.

Mrs. RAY BOOTH, Mrs. GRIFFING BANCROFT and Mrs. JACKSON WATERS, all of Captiva, attended the preview of the showing of MAYBELL STAMPER's art work on January 17 at the "R. & R. Robinson Gallery, Inc." in Naples. Maybelle showed nine water colors and 19 lithographs.

NOTICE

Christian Science Services are now being held each Sunday at 11 A.M. at Ethyl Snyder's Dress Shop on Gulf Drive.

PERSONAL

Mr. & Mrs. HAYS HUDSON and their 3 month old son, JOHN ROGERS, arrived on Sanibel the middle of last week and are guests in PRISCILLA and PAT MURPHY'S guest apartment on Tulipa Way. The Hudsons were still here as we went to press, and we all hope that they stay for some time. We've missed 'em, as have all their friends, since they went back to Knoxville, Tenn.

Churchill and Hays have been guests at so many parties that we just haven't been able to keep track of them all. To show you what we mean -- we were with them at a cocktail party given by GEORGE HEATH at Casa Ybel, BILL and MURIEL WAY invited them for cocktails and dinner, we had them over for an informal evening -- and so it goes. They'll probably leave the Islands dead tired but happy. We certainly hope so -- the happy part, that is.

FRANK'S DANCE

The American Legion Benefit Dance given for FRANK HAMER at the Legion Home last Saturday night turned out to be one big blast. So many attended that the home was crowded -- and what was to have been a round and square dance turned into a square dance session that was a real romp. The round dance records soon were used only as rest periods between square dancing sets.

DOC PICKENS called the sets while the music played -- until he ran out of calls. Then, he put on the records that included the calling and he joined the dances. We found out that night that Doc and Jo taught square dancing on the Islands quite a few years ago when they held square dances every Saturday night. Quite a few "former students" were on hand Saturday evening and after they got into the swing...really swung.

The older people would dance a set to show the young folks how, and then the younger generation would form their own set. There was much talk about forming a square dance club which would hold dances once a month, and encourage the youngsters to come and learn how their grandmothers and grandfathers kicked their heels in pre-twist (or pre-Charleston, for that matter) days.

One square dance, the "Grand Square," was one of the most beautifully arranged and performed square dances that we have ever seen. One wished that the oldtime swinging skirts of yore (yes, they had swingers in those days, too) had been worn to complete the picture.

By the way, the Legion wants to sincerely thank all those who came -- and all those who worked to make the dance the great success that it was.

HELP!!

The Islander is in need of HELP! To fill out our "Community Calendar," we need the time, date, and place that all of our Island organizations meet.

We would like to ask the Secretary of each organization to drop us a card, C/O the Islander, Sanibel, letting us know when and where you meet. In this way, we can keep other interested person informed. It is also requested that all Island Churches do the same so that we can again publish the "Church Calendar."

Original thinking is an occupation safe and suitable only for a hermit comfortably housed in an inaccessible mountain cave.

TWEEN - WATERS

Tween-Waters guests have been arriving rapidly of late. Some of the newest comers are Mrs. JOHN L. BLACK of Port Hope, Ontario, Canada; Mrs. JAMES G. KIRKPATRICK of Rochester, Vermont; and Mrs. MARY WOODS of Chicago. Mr. ARTHUR R. DUNHAM, who has been a guest on Captiva for many years, is now spending the season at Tween-Waters, which his many friends will be pleased to know.

FRANK'S HOME

FRANK HAMER, associated with Reisinger's Restaurant, and who has been in Lee Memorial Hospital for the past two weeks, has improved so rapidly that he was released early this week and is now back on the Islands.

All his many friends are so happy about Frank's recovery and hope that he will take it good and easy for a while so that he will again be completely well.

EAT AND/OR PLAY

The Sanibel Community Association is having a covered dish supper followed by a card part on January 29, at 6:30 P.M. at the Sanibel Community House.

Everyone on both Islands, residents and visitors alike, are invited to come for the entire evening or just for dinner or just for cards.

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MARGARET JONES (Mrs. OTTO JONES at Tradewinds) heads this important committee and she has asked me to list some suggestions for those who are willing to spend their time and energy to provide articles to sell in the shop. Here is a list of things to make. Don't limit yourself!...Let your imagination take over:

Shell decorated plastic boxes and bags, hand mirrors and wall mirrors; Mobiles made with shells, driftwood, sanddollars, etc.; Dried arrangements, permanently mounted; Small shell collections in plastic boxes; "Ming" trees; cigarette package holders, made of painted hand-aid boxes decorated with shells; Shell wreathes on circles cut from plywood or heavy cardboard.

Mrs. Jones has some materials available at her house and will announce a couple of

"work days" later in the month. In the meantime, happy working!

FLASH! According to Mr. WALTER GRESH, Regional Director of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Department in Atlanta, it looks as if the Agency will have a twenty-five year management lease from the State of Florida on the Ding Darling Wildlife Sanctuary. The document is being prepared in Tallahassee and will go to Atlanta with Gresh on his return trip. He showed the Memorial Committee the proposed plans for future development, during his trip to the Island last week, and may we say, they are beyond our wildest dreams!! (More of this later.)

Stopped in to congratulate ANDY MELLODY on his appointment as Administrative Official for the Sanibel Planning and Zoning Authority. I asked him if he had formulated his ideas on the theory behind, and definition of, his new office, since I think there are many of us who have only a hazy idea of his job. Andy, who is a quiet and thoughtful sort of a person, gave me this answer:

"The Administrator is the interpreter of our Zoning Ordinance. The basic interpretation originates from the five man Authority, and the Administrator conveys this interpretation to the people. If this is not clear and understandable to the Administrator with regard to a specific request or presentation, he refers the matter back to the Authority for clarification. The first duty of the Administrator is to comprehend, and be completely familiar with, the contents of the Ordinance. He must be prepared to enforce it, and to explain it to those persons who come before him. His responsibility is, first and foremost, to serve the people of Sanibel."

Andy went on to say that he felt there might be a conflict of interests between administering and the selling of real estate, and that he has, therefore, as of now terminated his association with Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate. He will, however, continue his insurance business when he isn't occupied with Zoning duties. I felt that Andy's six years of living on Sanibel have developed a real love for the Island and a concern for its future...and, as he says, he is "Glad to be where he is."

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COLONY NOTES

Mr. & Mrs. RILEY COBB, Sr., and Mr. & Mrs. RILEY COBB, Jr., and DEBBIE, of Louisville, Ky., are at the Colony for 12 days.

Mr. & Mrs. RALPH H. DUDLEY will leave this week for their home in Richmond, Va., but will return in March.

Mr. & Mrs. FRANK STEINMETZ of Stillwater, Minn., arrived this week and will occupy their cottage until April.

Dr. & Mrs. M.C. PITKIN, Martinsville, Ind., are at the Colony for three weeks, their 8th year in a row.

The FRANCIS FILIPPIS of Fennville, Mich., have returned for another vacation.



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We reported the finding of a Lavender Olive on Sanibel a couple of weeks ago -- and, as you probably remember, we blithely state that all the old-timers reported that one had never been seen before around here. Obviously we didn't inquire far enough...as we found out. Both Mrs. DESSA ROSSI and MARY K. CUNNINGHAM do recollect such a shell being found here -- as a matter of fact, two Lavender Olives were found about five years ago by Mrs. BILL GREENE, from the Keys. Mr. & Mrs. Greene, who owned a restaurant on the Keys, were frequent Island visitors around that time, staying at Mitchell's. They were good friends of both Mary K and Dessa, so perhaps we will hear from them, or even others who have found this rare shell.

BIRGIT IMPORTS

Saturday, we found Birgit deep in excelsior and wrapping paper uncovering beautiful silver and china from cartons and crates which had just arrived. There were exquisite china cups from Norway -- and some other matching pieces. Ask Birgit to show you the new enameled demi tasse spoons she has.

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UP IN THE WORLD

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BEACHING AT BAILEY'S

When getting your groceries at Bailey's Store, take time out to look around the Beach Room, where you'll find a lovely collection of new Italian strawhats with matching bags which are most attractive and very reasonable. Or perhaps you would prefer the bandanna-trimmed denim rubber-lined bags which can be used for bathing or shelling bags, or even diaper bags. The store has the diapers, too, both disposable and regular. Most anything in sportswear can be found in the Beach Room, including a good selection of Mac Shore shirts, new Frayne skirts of polyester and cotton (which means drip dry) and bathing suits, too, now that we're having that kind of weather. Oh, yes, MARGO can be found there also.

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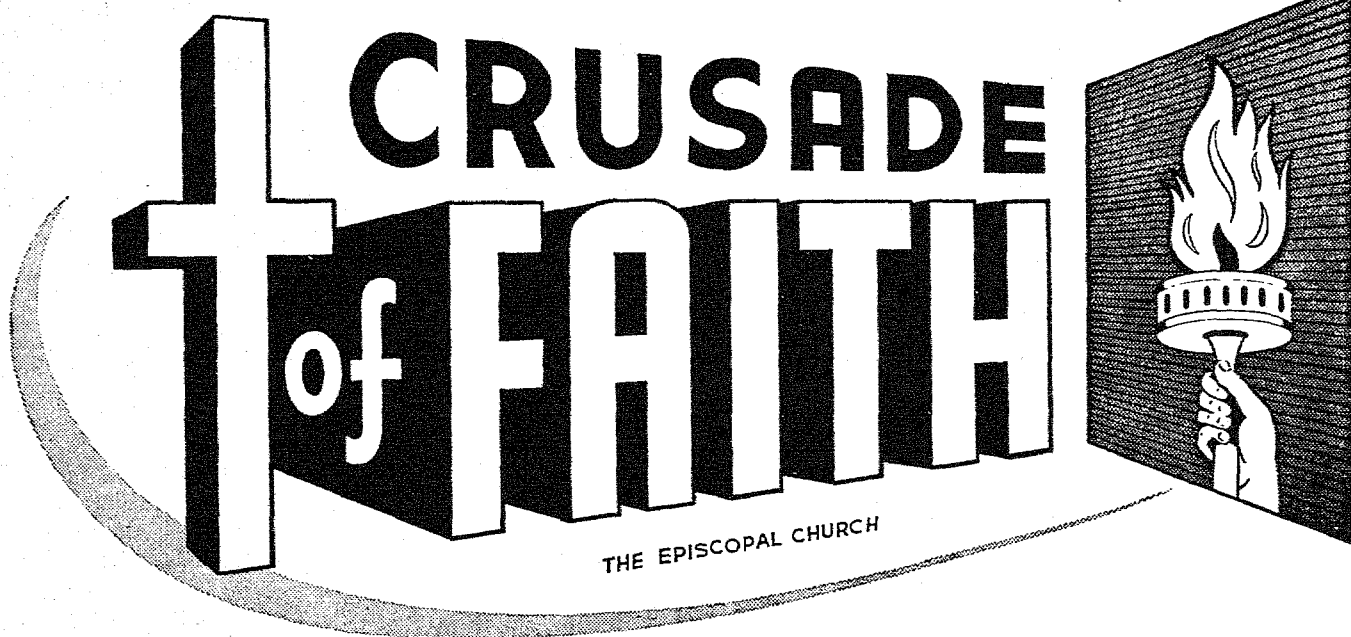
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Walking into the shop is like walking into a tropical garden. Bernice has the finest selection of permanent flowers and foliage that we have seen in many a day, and, as she has splendid taste in her color combinations and arrangements, the display is a joy to behold.

Bernice will design floral arrangements for you (or you can do your own), and, as companion pieces, she has lovely antique figurines which compliment the designs. She also has, of course, a goodly supply of select shells and some striking dried and driftwood pieces.

We just couldn't leave without bringing home a pot of yellow bulbous begonia. They look so natural that when we showed them to our friends before we got home, they all sniffed -- and to a man (or gal) swore that the aroma was delightful. Bernice, do you spray 'em with perfume, or are all our imaginations working overtime?

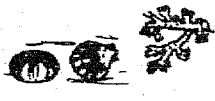
CHURCH TO EXPAND

We feel sure that Catholic visitors to both Islands this year greatly appreciate the fact that our good Island Catholics, with much help from many sources, have been able to establish a mission Church on Sanibel. No longer is it necessary to make the long trip off the Island and into town or to Fort Myers Beach to attend Mass. The good Father MIGUEL GONI does the traveling for them, (by auto and boat) Bless him. We understand that in about two weeks, an effort will be made to raise money for a permanent Catholic Church on the Islands. We wish them every success, as the mission has been so well attended that it proves the real need for a Church here.

About 30 Boy Scouts from St. Francis Xavier School in Fort Myers, came over to the Islands for the day last Sunday and attended Mass at the Church.

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a few teenage visitors escaping the north -- and their various schools and colleges during the semester break.

BUCK KIRKPATRICK, son of Mr. & Mrs. C. KIRKPATRICK, is down from New Orleans where he attends Tulane, T. SEWELL HUBBERT of Cambridge, Maryland, is down to visit his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. BEN HARTMAN, and CHAD WAY, who attends K.M.I. in Venice, Florida, came down Sunday with some friends.

KENNY DUDLEY and DWIGHT WAGNER, both of Fort Myers, boarded their boat to cross the bay and visit VIKI WAY on Saturday. Saturday evening, MARY JO GAULT, your reporter, SEWELL HUBBERT and Mr. & Mrs. E. CORBMAN visited the "Big City," (otherwise known as Fort Myers) via the Gault water-taxi service which picked up the group at Punta Rassa. All had a wonderful time.

This past weekend was an enjoyable one for the high school students on the Islands. The reason? Exams are OVER!! All the built-up tensions were released and all had an extra good time relaxing.

Last Monday, all the Lee County School Kids enjoyed a day off because of "Teacher Duty Day," -- and Tuesday, all received report cards. And it's nice to report that it was an enjoyable day for all!

This week, the Islands have

FISHING TIME

BEN DEAN, a guest at Sea Grape Cottages for the season, recently went fishing from BILL WAY'S Marina and caught himself a fine snook. MICKEY POWELL, of Betty's Hawaiian Village, took a photo of it and judged it to be about 15 pounds.

Dean, who spends three or four months a years at Sea Grape, is an avid light tackle fisherman, avid and good.



RACE TIME IS NEARING

The March 23 date for the 13th Annual 12 hour endurance race at Sebring, Florida (just 150 miles from the Islands) is drawing near, so those of you who are sports car fans had better start making plans now.

Ferrari, last years winner, will again be on hand with 3 experimental cars, A.S.A. will have a new "baby" Ferrari, and CAROL SHELBY from the U.S. will have a new Ford powered A.C. Cobra to try and hold off the Corvettes. See you there!

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Mrs. ELSIE HENDERSON of Sanibel spent last weekend at a family reunion in South Bay, Florida, with her two sons, SAM and ERWIN. Elsie tells us that they had a fish fry (with all the fixin's) and that everyone had a real jolly good time.

JOSEPH GREENE of Captiva returned home January 18 from a two week business trip to New York.

ELMER H. RENNER left Sanibel January 16 for Bonita Springs where he will be associated with the Bonita Springs Spa for the winter season. Word has gotten around that Elmer goes for the dogs (racing) in a big way. Watch out there, Elmer, those dogs -- and little sparky -- are tricky.

Mr. & Mrs. C.V. PATTERSON have moved into their lovely home on San Carlos Bay on Sanibel. The Pattersons came here from Kalamazoo, Mich., for a visit, but soon decided to build so that they might spend the summers in Kalamazoo and the winters here. We wish them much happiness in their new Sanibel home.

Miss RUTH PALMERTON, who is a high school history teacher in Chicago, was a guest for two weeks at Shalimar. Miss Palmerton visits the Islands twice each year, and very reluctantly left last Thursday for the cold north -- and just when we were having the warmest weather recorded anyplace in the U.S.A.!

Don't forget . . . you can see the beautiful shell table which will be raffled off the last day of the Shell Fair at Casa Ybel from January 26 to 20, and at Bailey's from January 31 to February 2. It was donated by Miss EDIE MUGRIDGE of Glory of the Sea Shell Shop.

WHO I WUZ!

No, it WASN'T PAUL STAHLIN, as so many of you thought, it was a "Paul" alright -- but it was PAUL SIMONDS.

Paul was born in Ripon, Wisconsin (during the last century, he claims) but his family soon found its way to Oshkosh, where Paul received his early schooling. He went to the University of Wisconsin and graduated from Wisconsin State Teachers' College.

After graduation, he became an engineer and was first employed by the Oliver Iron Mining Company in Hibbing, Minn., and decided to stay in engineering. At one time he was with the Kimberly Clark Corporation and later was manager of the Cleveland, Ohio, district for Vickers, Inc.

He met MARGE (in a Church Choir) while he was with Kimberly Clark and had talked her into marrying him by 1926. They have one son THOMAS -- whom they see frequently since he now lives in Sarasota -- as every Islander reader should know.

During Tom's high school years, the Simonds vacationed in Canada during the summer, but when he went to college, they decided to look Florida over as a possible winter vacation spot.

They found Sanibel after a rather extended tour of the state -- and decided that Sanibel was the very nicest part of Florida. They built their home and guest cottage and eventually went into the real estate business -- the success of which is obvious -- and besides, they both enjoy their work.

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GUESS WHO?

This chubby darling was born in New England where he also went to school. He studied there for his chosen profession which he followed for a number of years. Then, a member of the family introduced him to our Islands -- and it was a case of mutual love at first sight. He lost no time in establishing a business which he felt, at the time, was needed here. In a short time his family joined him, and now, although his present occupation is a far cry from the one he was trained for, he is a decided success.

RHODES SHOWER

Mrs. JACK COLE and Mrs. RALPH WOODRING arranged and gave a lovely surprise baby gift shower for Mrs. IRVING RHODES last Friday at Jack's Restaurant.

About 30 of Judy's friends were there and all enjoyed the lovely refreshments. Everyone guessed that Mrs. TIMMIE WILES baked the cakes because they were so delicious. (We later found out that she did.)

A table was stacked high with gifts for baby Rhodes, and when Judy opened them -- and when we had all oohed and aaahed properly -- it was the consensus that baby R. will be one of the best dressed infants ever to arrive on our Islands. All wish Judy luck and happiness in the forth coming event.

OKLAHOMA!!

The Fort Myers Winter Playhouse opened Monday night to a packed house. The play, Oklahoma! was a perfect one to start the season with, and the cast did a perfect job with the musical.

DON JACOB and JOSEPHINE FEAGLEY, cast as Curley and Laurey, did as fine a job as any we've seen, but it was ROBERT MC KNIGHT as the menacing Jud Fry and DIANE DECKARD playing Ado Annie, who really made the show. Also doing an excellent job was TOM INGHAM, playing Annie's boy friend, Will Parker.

The play took three curtain calls, from an audience that seemed to be having as much fun as the players.

It might be worth while for a group of Islanders to make up a theater party and charter a special ferry. The play will continue thru Sunday evening.

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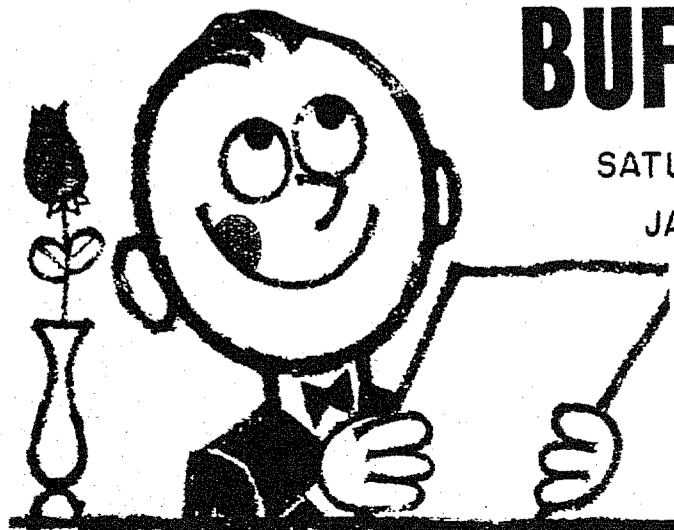
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