

Dr. Palmer to Speak

Dr. KATHERINE V.K. PALMER, Director of the Paleontological tesearch Institute of Ithica, New York, who is to be the Chief Judge it the coming Shell Fair, will be giving a talk on the eve of March 5 when the Sanibel - Captiva Shell Club meets at the Captiva Community enter.

Slides Will Be Shown

The next Shell Club meeting will be held at the Sanibel Community

[all Saturday, February 16.

Mrs. THEOPHIL KUCZYNSKI, who lives in St. Petersburg, will how slides of living shells photographed in their natural habitat by er late husband who was an outstanding photographer. Most of the hells are from the West Florida Coast area -- and the pictures are eally exquisite.



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Shell Fair Entries Asked

MAUDE NICKERSON, Chairman of the Shell Entries for the Sanibel Shell Fair, said that there are 28 positive entries to date. Various people will be contacted and asked to submit additional entries -- but PLEASE, don't wait to be called if you have an entry. Just get in touch with any member of the Shell Club Board: MARY ALECK, MAUDE NICKERSON, BERNICE MC CAUL, WILL MAE GLASS, EDNA KEARNS, SYLVIA STRONG, HELEN FRIDAY OF FRANCES SWANSON.

This year, the Shell Club is emphasizing Captiva and Sanibel shells -- and would greatly appreciate the cooperation of the oldtimers who have such marvelous native shell collections which have not been

exhibited in several years.

While prizes will be awarded, the prizes are not the prime purpose of the Fair. It's just that we'd like to show our many visitors some of the beautiful and interesting sea life that have made our Islands world famous.

Captiva Civic Association Elects

The Captiva Civic Association elected four new Governors at its annual meeting January 24. They are General JESSIE LINDSAY, PAUL STAHLIN, THATCHER ADAMS and MALCOLM ROBERTS. After the election, the ladies served refreshments.

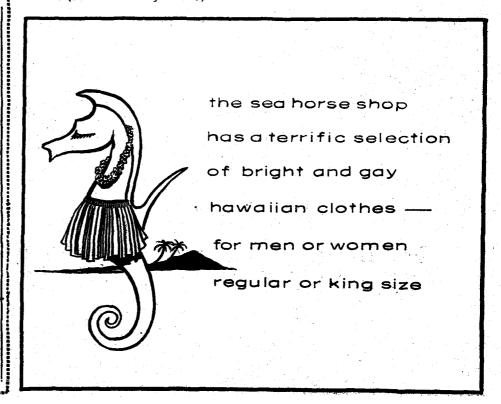
The Governors then held a special meeting to appoint the officers for the year. They are: President, GRIFFING BANCROFT; Vice-President, RAYMOND BOOTH; Secretary, JOSEPHINE REDDY; and Treasurer, MARY LEE WIGHTMAN.

The new Committee Chairmen appointed are: PAUL MC CULLOCH. re-appointed Chairman of Zoning, Planning and Improvements, MAL-COLM ROBERTS, Chairman of the Budget Committee and THATCHER ADAMS, Chairman of the Community Center Committee.

Slides at Shell Club Meeting

The highlight of last week's Sanibel - Captiva Shell Club meeting -- and undoubtedly why the attendance was so high (about 60) -- was MAUDE NICKERSON'S informal and witty talk combined with a showing of slides she took on her trip thru the South Pacific.

She used nary a note as she kept up a running commentary on the local of the slides, the reactions of the natives to strangers -- and to having their picture taken, -- how the pictured shells were found, and also the difficulties and the fun of the trip itself. All of it made for a most enjoyable evening, even for those who had never picked up a shell. (Are there any such?)



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WILLIAM MAC INTOSH of Mac Intosh's Book Shop at the Sea Horse Shop, told us that he received a note of acceptance from author RICHARD POWELL of an autographing party on Febuary 9 at the Bookshop.

Rum punch will be served in the Japanese garden and the time will be from 2 to 4 P M

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Powell's books, "The Philadelphian," "Pioneer, Go Home," and his latest, "I Take This Land," are all available at the shop.

FROM COLD TO WARM

Some people look for employment nearhome where their roots are -- and some seek far afield in search of change and adventure. There is a man on the Islands who really went all out on the change bit -- BILL BARBOUR, associated with Casa Ybel, came to Sanibel all the way from Anchorage, Alaska, BRRrrrrr.

CAPTIVA LIBRARY GROWING

ALICE BLINN AND MARGA-RET CUTHBURT recently gave a copy of "The Shell Book" by Ellen Rogers, to the Captiva Library. From the reports we've hear, Captiva-ites have responded so generously to the "Library Call" that they already have a Library to be proud of.

ART CLASS TO FORM

An art class beginners is being formed on Sanibel Island and will meet once a week. Anyone interested should call Mrs. RONALD FENTON at Casa Ybel.

"SPORTS AFIELD" EDITOR VISITS

Mr. WILLARD CRANDALL, "Sports Afield" Boat Editor, arrived on the Islands last week on a shooting expedition. Don't panic, he's not after our game reserves—he shoots with a camera and film.

Anyhow, it's his first visit to our Islands -- and his assignment is to take boating and scenic pictures thruout (and around) Sanibel and Captiva. He just finished two similar jobs in Three Lakes, Wisconsin and Bradenton Beach, Florida. He was accompanied by his assistant, TERRY BURTON of Dayton, Ohio.

MORE ABOUT THEOLIVE

More information has reached our office about the finding of the Lavender Olive. The information comes to us in the form of a note from MARY CUNNINGHAM of Captiva -- and it goes like this:

'The nicest thing about Mrs. BILL GREENE's Lavender Olive a deep lavender one with royal purple letters, is that it was found on Captiva Island in May of 1960, about 200 feet south of Red Fish Pass, about 6 P.M., and I was the first to see it

and I was the first to see it.
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PERSONAL

We're going to have a new permanent resident on Sanibel, Mrs. ELIZABETH SHARP, who is now living at the Hutchinson Cottage. She's buying a lot from Admiral EDWARD KONRAD and intends to start construction on her beach front home about the middle of May.

Mrs. Sharp's young son, SAM-MY, started attending the old school in October, and is now, of course, in the new building. Sammy says that he likes the new school "pretty good" because it's bigger and cleaner. He says he likes Sanibel pretty good, too.

WHO I WUZ

No one that we know guessed our little fellow of last week's "Who Am I?" It is JOHN KON-TINOS. Oh, now you can see the resemblance, Huh?

John was born in Keene, New Hampshire, went to school there (interrupted by two years in the Navy) and received his B.E. at Keene State Teachers' College. He taught Junior High School in Henniker, New Hampshire, for a number of years.

Sometime during this period he went to visit his brother, a Parish Priest, in Woburn, Mass., who introduced him to BELLA at a dance. Before too long, Bella became Mrs. John

Kontinos.

MARY ALECK, who was living on Sanibel, kept singing the praises of the place to John until he finally decided to look it over. He did--and we all know the rest of the story.

John came, went into business, sent for Bella and their 7 month old baby -- and there they were. There they still are, altho the Coconut Grove Resturant has grown considerably, as has their family, since they now have three lovely children.

CORRECTION - FROM YE ED.

We found out early this week that it was NOT the County hat did the cutting of trees along State Road 867, but the State. We want to apologize to the County, but STILL think that someone should have the "garbage" removed from along the

PERSONAL

C.D. ALLEN, former Mayor of Branford, Canada, will be arriving tomorrow (February 1) at Casa Ybel for a visit of a week or so.

ROGER MERWIN of Harrisburg, Pa., was the guest of VIVIAN and DICK KEARNS at Island Inn last weekend. Merwin is ther Chief of Food Service for the Air Force, which means that he and his officers have to worry about meals from Panama City to Greenland and from California to Pakistan. At present, he is on a construction project at Tyndall Air Force Base near Panama City, Florida, and is enroute to Patrick Air Force Base at Cape Canaveral.

Mr. & Mrs. JOHN F. NELSON of Umatilla, Florida, where he is General Manager of Golden Gem Groves, were the guests of the FLOYD PFLOUGHS at Sanibel Cottages recently. The Pfloughs and the Nelsons have been good friends since 1931. and the Pfloughs said that they enjoyed the visit, and the reminiscences, very much.



WHO AM I?

This young man arrived on the Islands a short time after this picture was taken. He was accompanied, of course, by his parents. He attended the old school house, did his turn in the Service, and in spite of all the many wonders that he saw. returned to Florida and the Islands. He found himself a treasure of a wife, started a business that has been a life saver to many Islanders, and, over the years, has raised a nice little family.

ZONING TALK HELD

We hear that the Zoning Board got together with the realtors and contractors on the Island to try and iron out some of the difficulties in the present Zoning Ordinance. Many are glad that some amicable and constructive actions have been taken and we sincerely hope that this meeting will result in greater understanding among all concerned.

GENERATION UPON GENER-**ATION**

JOHN & MARY HARTMAN first came to Sanibel 56 years ago on somebody else's honeymoon! At the time, they were living in Fort Myers where they had a home and an orange grove. Mr. & Mrs. B.F. HARTMAN (related, no doubt) were the honeymooners, and very much wanted to see Sanibel. They all came to the Islands and immediately fell in love with the

That was 'way back in 1907 -and the whole Hartman family has made Sanibel their winter home ever since. (Summers are spent in Canden, Delaware.)

The fifth generation of Hartmans is now on the Island, little ten monthold KIMBERLY BURT CORBMAN. She is the daughter of (now don't get confused) DODIE and ELDRIGE CORBMAN, and Dodie is the daughter of Mrs. SEWELL HUBBARD of Cambridge, Md., who is the daughter of BEN F. HARTMAN who is the son of the original John Hart-

Anyhow, they're all staying at Ben Hartman's home, "Ger-ethmar," which was named after his three daughters, GERT-RUDE, ETHEL and MARY, Also guests there are Ben's sister, Mrs. PAUL R. SMITH of Wilmington, Del., and his granddaughter, MARY BURT GREGG of Clinton, Iowa.

NOTICE

Planning and Zoning Administrator ANDREW MELLO-DY is in the Town Square Office each Weekday (Monday thru Friday) from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.



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PERSONAL

BARCLAY K. READ of Washington, D.C. is back at his Captiva home for the season as usual. He just recently retired from the Shell Oil Co.

Mr. & Mrs. J.V. KYLE and Mr. & Mrs. R.W. HEINZ, all of Atlanta, Georgia, are staying at South Seas Plantation "indefinitely." They've spent their winter holidays at the Plantation for several seasons. Both Kyle and Heinz are officials of the Vulcan Materials Co.

Also at the Plantation are Mr. & Mrs. R.B. BARTON of Chicago, who have spent their yearly vacation there for some time (This year they'll stay 'til about April.) and Mrs. &

Mrs. JAMES DOHERTY of St. Louis, Mo., who arrived last Saturday for the season.

BOBBY STOKES, who was given a 30-day compassionate leave from Germany so that he might be with his wife, JANE, seriously injured in an auto wreck, is now in his Texas home. He'll be going back overseas soon, but Jane plans to join him as soon as she is able to board a plane.

MAE and BILL SHANNON were hosts to some old school friends of Bill's last week --FRED LONG of West Virginia. and JAMES BLANKENSHIP of Coco Beach, Florida. The three men all went to Marshell College together in Huntington, W.V.



BEACHVIEW BULLETINS

Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM PATTY of Lambertville, N.J., recently arrived at Beachview to spend their third winter on the Island. Mr. Patty was pleased to discover that the northern cold spell had kept all the birds here, particulary the warblers which he enjoys watching from his bedroom window.

At the cottages for their third winter are Mr. & Mrs. FLEMING TOUCHSTONE, who report that they're enjoying the peace and solitude found on the Islands.

Mr. & Mrs. W.H. WEED, III, of Greenwich, Conn., are spending the month at the motel. Mr. Weed has visited the Islands before — about ten years ago he stayed at the Island Inn with Miss CHARLOTTAMATTHEWS nephew.

Mr. & Mrs. HENRY PETERS, who arrived in November, have entertained many visitors with their marvelous shell collection. Last Thursday, Mrs. Peters found her 2nd Golden Olive—the first one was found on the beach in front of her cottage.

Major General and Madam EDOUARD DEB. PANET, of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, have arrived for their second winter season.

PERSONAL

RUTH and PHILIP HUNTER just arrived on Sanibel from an unusual cruise aboard the "S.S. Evangeline." After leaving from Miami, they visited Port Antonio (made famous by Errol Flynn) Kingston, Jamaica, Haiti, and Nassau. In Nassau, the Hunters visited the ship "Nina," an exact replica of Christopher Columbus' good ship, which had just arrived from an adventurous trip from Spain.

The Hunters liked the "S.S. Evangeline" and the Captain, PAUL FRANCOUER, so much that they plan to sail on the ship each year.

The Hunters will be on Sanibel for a while and are looking for new shells to add to their collection at their "Towndock Theater" in Port Washington, N.Y. They'll open their eighth season there in June with "Charlie's Aunt," in which they'll both appear.

The JEREMIASSENS entertained their guests with a "beach party" Monday, January 21. The reason for the quotes is that what with the wind blowing and all, the party was held on the ground of the Captiva Beach Motel instead, but all the guests enjoyed the weenie roast very much. They were: Mr. & Mrs. LEON BARD and Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE M. NORTHROP of New Burgh, New York, Mr. & Mrs. T. M. HUTSELL, of Leawood, Kansas, Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT L. VANNOTE of Morristonw, N.J., Mr. & Mrs. T. FONDA of Novelty, Ohio, and Mr. & Mrs. F.A. BAUCHMAN of Newton Lower Falls, Mass.

LOVE THAT RAG - PICKIN' GAL!

"Everybody Loves Opal" cause she's a successful ragpicker and junk dealer -- but also because she's feminine and funny, too.

"Opal," played by SANDY GARY, is the pivot around which the Ft. Myers Winter Playhouse's presentation revolves this week, and the entire evening is filled with mirth and merriment -- for both the cast and the audience.

The play has a modern setting, but "Opal's" candid appeal has a turn of the century gusto which is most enjoyable.

The show will play each evening thru Sunday with a Sunday matinee, at the Little Theatre Playhouse, Patio De Leon, in Fort Myers. If you're off the Islands overnight, it might well be worth your time to stop in and see it.



COLONY NOTES

Mr. & Mrs. RICHARD KOSS have returned from Des Moines. Iowa, and are spending the season in their cottage, "The Frigate House," at the Colony.

Mr. & Mrs. A.S. KELLY, of Findlay, Ohio, arrived last week for a six-week stay. Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE C. ENGLAND, also of Findlay, will be arriving tomorrow (Friday) for a month's visit.

Dr. & Mrs. J.W. YOUNG of Carlisle, Iowa, are spending several weeks at the Colony. The FRED R. GREENS, of Des Moines, who have been staying in Naples, came up to the Islands last week to stay with the Youngs 'til the end of the month.

Mr. & Mrs. W.T. HACK and their five children, of Greenwich, Conn., recently arrived for a ten-day stay.

THRIFT SHOP SALE

The Ladies of St. Michael's Episcopal. Church are having a thrift shop sale at Town Square Saturday, February 2. You still have time to donate articles—clothing (which must be cleaned), white elephants, linens, china, jewelry and any useful house—hold artices. If you can't bring 'em to Town Square youself, get in touch with Mrs. RICHARD FULLER and they'll be picked up.

And don't forget to stop by Saturday and pick up some treasures (of one type or another) for yourself!

ART AT THE SEA GULL

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SHELL FAIR WORKERS

General Chairman DON SI-MONDS announced this week the names of those who will assist he and Co-Chairman JERRY MARTIN during the 1963 Shell Fair. Simonds also wanted to thank them all in ance for the work that will done.

Committees and Chairmen are: Shell Exhibits - Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club, Mrs. MAUDE NICKERSON, Chairman; Drift-wood Shop-MARGARET JONES, Chairman with HELEN DENNY and MARY CUNNINGHAM; Shell Box-Tickets, BILL NEWMAN, Donation, EDIE MUGRIDGE; Food-MARY ALECK & BELLA KONTINOS, Co-Chairmen; Registration-GLADYS KAUFFMAN; Parking - MIKE MC QUADE and WILLIS COMBS; Transportation-SMITTY KAUFFMAN; Concession Tent - JERRY MARTIN; Stage Decoration and Plant Sales ELISE FULLER & Everglades Gardens; Art Exhibit - LEON LEVY, Chairman with EMMY LU READ, LEROY FRIDAY and FLORENCE SIMONDS; Shell Brochure - Cover, JOE GAULT, Sponsor Solicitation, Sanibel -Captiva Chamber of Commerce; Live Shell Exhibit - Mrs. JOHN P. GLASS; Shell Fair Treasurer-WALTER STRONG.

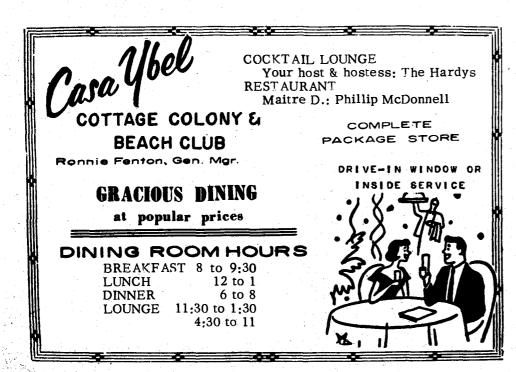
MURPHY'S BOYS SUCCEEDING

We glanced thru the Fifth Annual Report of the Lee County Mosquito Control District when it came in this week. Did you know that 'way back in 1950 that a SINGLE light trap caught 364,672 Aedes Taeniorchynchus? And that this is the largest collection ever caught in a light trap anywhere in the world?

That's a mosquito we're talking about, but fortunately the report goes on to say that things have changed. The Mosquito Control District widened and deepened "Sanibel Slough" (which isn't really a slough at all because it doesn't have any outlet) and now the little critters are more or less under control.

Fixing up the slough provided the Island with a permanent fish reservior, too. The idea came from Dr. MAURICE PROVOST, who is now Director of the Entomological Research Center for the State Board of Health. We're glad he thought of it, frankly.

And we're also glad that the Control District keeps going after the little devils with long range extermination plans as well as immediate and temporary relief given by the fogging by plane and truck.



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INSIDE SANIBEL

On looking over the list of Board members of various organizations on Sanibel, one is struck by the duplication of names on all of them. Our population is small, and the Is-landers are a busy lot, especially during the season. Perhaps there is a duplication of purposes within some of these associations, and, if that is true, those who have time to serve on civic enterprises could do more concentrated work under one overall group, rather than splitting their personalities as working board members of several. With this thought in mind, no doubt, the Sanibel Island Improvement Association has issued letters to its members stating that the annual meeting (February 11) will have as its main subject the discussion of an invitation from the Community Association to amalgamate and become an autonomous committee, made up of the present board members, with special powers for the continuing of their important function. Serious consideration should be given this idea. The S.I.I.A. was organized for the purpose of launching Sanibel's Planning and Zoning, and since

1963 Shell Fair, March 7,8,9. I think it was 1951 when I was chairman of the first art show committee for the Shell Fair - maybe 1952 - buy anyway, it was an exciting time, what with hanging the pictures on the outside of the Community House and keeping a weather eye on the weather, and working like beavers to unhand and store everynight, to un-store and hang each morning. We didn't have many pictures, but it was a heart - warming first attempt, and then, as now, we had Sunday painters and dedicated amateurs, as well as well known artists. ALICE BUELL was one (after her death, I saw her etchings at a Graphic Arts show in New York), LUCIA WILCOX and MAYBELLE STAMPER.

This year's show - bigger and more exciting by ten year's growth - will be under the chairmanship of LEON LEVY, recent home owner (retired architect and unretired painter, himself) at Tradewinds. He asks me to tell you that letters of invitation will be sent to all last

year's "show-ers" but the invitation includes ALL painters on the two Islands. The variety and interest of the Shell Fair Art Show is in direct proportion to those participating. Paint a picture!! Bring it framed for hanging and you'll have an audience of 1,000 people. What more can any artist ask?

We have it from a, quote reliable source unquote, that the recent distress and disturbance concerning zoning on Sanibel has brought forth some con-structive surprises. Letters have come in which no longer simply criticize the Ordinance, but carry the ideas of the writers as to how they would solve certain admittedly vexing prob-lems. "Have a meeting" is the gist of the suggestions -- subject of the meeting varying with individual interest, either the long view or the short one. Upshot is that the Authority HAS called a meeting for this week -one which is a new departure and should be a forward step in public relations and cooperation. Picking a group which is certainly more aware of

Sanibel geography, land values, and house construction needs than any other, the Authority issued an invitation for a round table discussion to all real estate agents and building contractors on Sanibel. Purpose of the meeting will be a careful analysis of trouble spots in the Zoning Ordinance. Altho a "summit conference" no longer excites the world with a certainty of peace, still the conference table is man's best hop of a meeting of minds; and the continous readapting of our Zoning Ordinance, which has been cautiously progressing thru the last year or so, may be eased and forwarded with an open discussion between all factions.



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Also at the Beachcomber are MI. & MIS. FRANK SMII MAN and their guests, Mr. & Mrs. JAMES T. SCHOLTX.Mr. Smitherman is the British Council in Miami. Other guests are Mr. & Mrs. LEE MC DONALD of Orlando, Mr. & Mrs. L.J. STROH of Buffalo, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. PETER BOMBA of Chicago, Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM JANSSEN of Mc Pherson, Kan., Mr. & Mrs. W.H. ADAMS of Jamesville, Ohio, Mr. & Mrs. JAMES BUNTING of Wallington, Conn., and Mr. & Mrs. SQUIRE THORNTON of Toronto, Canada. The Thorntons spent a day on a shelling trip with local guide RALPH WOODRING and returned completely delighted with their catch of beautiful shells.



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NO FISH STORY

BEN DEAN, "Resident Expert at Fishing" at the Sea Horse Cottages, went out Monday morning for a few minutes and brought back an excellent snook weighing on the good side of 11 pounds. He's "Resident Expert" 'cause he can (and does) help most anyone with fishing info.

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THE SERGEANT appeared for the first time before his company, a group consisting almost entirely of recent college graduates.

"You guys almost all got degrees. But don't forget," he said as he pointed to the six stripes on his sleeve, "I got my master's." PARTY LINE by ethel snyder

In the early days, there was only one telephone on the Island, the Coast Guard phone connected by cable from the lighthouse to the mainland, which was for Government use only.

Mr. FRANK BAILEY, with much expense and labor, kept a local phone going which had about six outlets. The store was one, of course, and the two hotels. No central, you rang your own number. Island Inn was two long and two short I recall. This line was a great convenience

So when the Inter-County Telephone and Telegraph Company of Fort Myers finally installed thirty private telephones on Sanibel, it was a happy day for Islanders. Of course, everyone was on a party line, but we were greatful to share the privilege of actually having contact with the outside world-grateful enuf as a matter of fact, not to mind the rather chummy arrangement of a party line for ten. My very first call - two short rings was from a friend in California, and she seemed right in the same room, the connection was so clear and strong.

Of course, we tried to be considerate and to realize that there were nine others on the line who might want to use the telephone. One morning MARGE SIMONDS and I were having a leisurely chat. Nothing especial, just one of those yackity yaks women enjoy. Have no idea now what we were talking about—sweet nothings, perhaps, as someone has aptly said.

Suddenly a man's voice burst into our conversation, excited and terrified.

"Ladies," he said, "can I have the line! It's a matter of life or death!"

We immediately hung up.
Then I thought to myself,
"If it is that serious, there
may be someting I can do."
So I picked up the receiver to
listen in.

The same man was arguing with the operator in Fort Myers. He wanted a service station on Sanibel. She was telling him there wasn't any, and then I broke in with "there is so a service station on Sanibel. I can get it for you."

Then I asked him, "Is there an accident -- and where?"

He replied, "Two women tourists on Rabbit Road..."
And the operator broke in

And the operator broke in with "There isn't any Rabbit Road!"

At that, I said heatedly, "There is so a Rabbit Road, It's near me!"

And then the man continued, as if there had been no interruption, "...who were feeding the alligators and their car went into the canal and they will drown!"

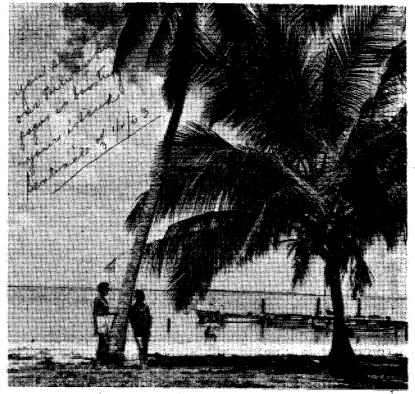
So I said to him, "Hang up and I will get help to them at once!"

"Thank you, Lady, God bless you," he said. "Thank you," was all I could say. He hung up.

In no time at all, BOB GAULT from the Standard Station had the wrecker on the way to the rescue.

Afterwards, I learned that the ladies in the car were properly (and promptly) extricated from the canal. The alligators had departed to parts unknown. The women couldn't possibly have drowned as the canal was so shallow—but it was quite messy and very unpleasant—and alligators aren't particularly friendly. The man, tho he was indeed a friend in need, was never identified.

That's what comes of listening in on the party line!



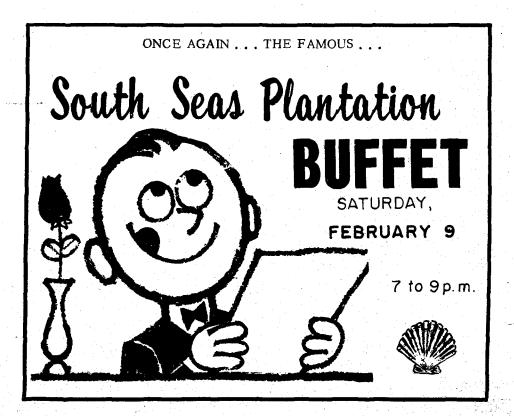
Subtropical Sanibel island, off Florida's west coast near Fort Myers, is a winter-proof sanctuary for cold weary visitors

from the north. Bouncing back from the Cuba crisis, Florida expects another bigtourist year.

They know us in Milwaukee, too.



Mrs. CLYDE SCHULTZ went out with her husband last Wednesday along with guide BOB SABATINO of Castaways Marina and brought back a nice catch, considering. It was their first experience with our type of fishing and neither of them had ever used a spinning outfit before. They apologized to Bob for not landing all the reds they hooked, but they did get two nice ones into the boat, one an 8 pounder and the other one went 6 pounds. The rest of the catch was nicely balanced between trout, mangrove snapper and sheepshead. They said that they had fun and action from the time they left the dock until they returned. The couple is from Elmhurst, Ill.



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PERSONALS

Mr. & Mrs. A.R. MC CLURE of Independance, Mo., arrived on Sanibel this week in a camper and will be staying at the Reddit Trailer Camp for a few days. The Mc Clures came down the west coast, ended up in Key West, scooted up to Flamingo, and then back up to our Islands. Three years ago, when their children were all grown up and independent, the Mc Clures started these treks - or honeymoons, as they call 'em - and are just having a wonderful time.

Mr. & Mrs. DONDAL PHELPS of Lake Forest, Ill., and Mr. & Mrs. F.Z. GIFFORD of Chicago, are guests at "Pelican Cottage" at South Seas for a week or two.

C. STOER and his family, of Leesburg, Florida, are staying at Villa Victoria and are the guests of Stoer's sister and brother, Mrs. A. GOGOLIN and JACK STOER. All the family look forward eagerly to these visits—of course they love to see their family—but they've learned to love our Islands, too.

PRISCILLA MURPHY left Sanibel on January 23 for Sarasota where she spent a delightful evening with Dr. & Mrs. W.C. BAKER, formerly of Sanibel. She then doubled back to Largo, where she was the house guest of MADGE HILL. They went on a shell expedition off the coast of Panama City, and both girls had to buy thermal underwear to protect them from the icy breezes from the northland. Even heavily burdened by these garments, both girls garnered many fine shells.

Both arrived back on Sanibel a couple of days ago, and Madge will be spending a few days with the Murphys. We haven't been able to corner Priscilla, she has been so busy, so we haven't seen the new shells yet -- but as soon as we do, we'll tell you about them.

The HENRY RHODES had their annual family dinner party Monday, January 21. The whole family was there, with the exception of GRACE ELLEN, who couldn't make it this year. However, the evening was enjoyed by everyone else--L.G. and his family, BILL and his family, IRVING, JUDY, and of course, HENRY and OLLIE.

This yearly event is in honor of Henry and Ollie's wedding anniversary (January 21 was their 30th.) and Henry's and Irving's birthday, which is the 22nd. Looks as if Ollie planned all this long ago, doesn't it?

Mr. & Mrs. CYRUS BIS-CARDI, Sr., of Malverne, New York, are visiting Sanibel for the first time and plan to spend some time at "Tiki Cottage" in the Tradewinds section of the Island with their son, CY, Jr. (It's his home.)

Mr. Biscardi, who is the retired Art Director of the American Can Company, has already done a number of oils and water colors of representative Sanibel Shells. Since he has come to the mecca of seashell hunters, he plans to capture on canvas many more of the gifts of the sea which are strewn along our beaches, as well as scenic views of both Islands.

Mrs. Biscardi, who has appeared on a number of New York T.V. shows, plans to follow one of her principal interests by studying the many tropical plants native to both Islands.

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cris gault

BUCK KIRKPATRICK, who spent his semester break on the Islands, returned last Sunday to Louisiana where he attends Tulane.

SEWELL HUBBERT left last Friday to return to Maryland. He had been visiting his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. BEN HART-MAN.

GERALD JOHNSON, son of Mr. & Mrs. ARVID JOHNSON of Captiva, returned to Junior College in St. Petersburg last Wednesday.

Wear

PETE MOOCK, who just took

Clothes?

the Peace Corps exam in Fort Myers, was home from college with some friends and cousins and stayed with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. RUSSEL MOOCK, who have a winter home on Cap-

> Last Sunday afternoon, VIKI WAY was the (surprised, one hopes) guest of honor at a birthday party given for her in front of JUDY MC QUADE's home. The party was thrown by LORA BALLINGER, MARY JO GAULT, JUDY MC QUADE and your reporter. The four hostesses brought an assortment of food including a large chocolate birthday cake which ended up in GERALD JOHNSON's face. (Ed. note: Why? How? Who threw it? PLEASE don't leave us hanging!) All of the Island teenagers were

> Another birthday last week was JUNIOR DE FOE's. He cele

brated on Saturday.

SARA STAHLIN has left for Michigan with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. PAUL STAHLIN, due to the death of Sara's grandmother. The Stahlins live in Fort Myers but have a house on Sanibel and are therefore considered Islanders.

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LIBBY THAYER, daughter of the Thayers of Captiva, is on the Islands for her semester break from college.

JENNIFER SPADE, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. RALPH SPADE who are spending the season on Sanibel, was just given her engagement ring. She spent the Christmas holidays on the Islands.

This last Monday was the Lee County School Kid's Day at the Southwest Florida Fair in Fort Myers, Many of the Sanibel and Captiva teenagers stayed in to enjoy the many rides and games there.



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