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CONSERVATION PUSHED BY AUTHOR

We had a talk last week with SARITA VAN VLECK the young (30) and very attractive author of "Growing Wings," an excellent book about birds. We say about birds, it is -- but in a new and nice sort of way. Sarita was working at the American Museum of Natural History as a "sort of a liason between the scientists and the artists" when she became quite interested in animal behavior. When she found that there was no book written about birds in the language that the layman could understand, she decided to write one. "Growing Wings," the best seller on the Islands, was the result of the Vassar graduate's efforts.

Her plans for another book are still indefinite, except that "there will be another one soon, about the relationship of man and nature, which means that it will have birds and animals in it." We were rather surprised when she told us that the atmosphere of the Islands was not conducive for work. "It's just too relaxing here to get anything done. I'm going to have to go back home to Montclaire, N.J., to get started.

We got off the subject of herself and her book in a very short time as the conversation got on the subject of conservation of natural resources, a rather natural thing in view of her book. Sarita is very much in favor of the keeping of whatever natural resources we have left. "After all, my book would not have been possible without birds, and they are a natural resource. Maybe I might want to write about fish, trees, shells, somethingelse next time, and they might be all gone. It's too bad that the people who can afford to save our natural resources, the people with money, are so short-sighted and the people who are far-sighted and WANT to help, can't afford to. I just wish there was some way they could

Miss Van Vleck's other comments on conservation covered the "foolishness of filling of Chadwick Bayou," access road to the beaches, the shooting of birds (and people) by irresponsible persons, and the hope that when she returns to Captiva, "there won't be a change in it for the worse." As we took our leave, we had to agree with almost everything this talented young lady had to say.

BOAT SINKS, ONLY LUNCH LOST

ROBERT THOMPSON of Tampa visited his brother in law, DAVID WILLIAMS of Fort Myers last week for a fishing trip. While at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee, the wind blew them onto an oyster bar, putting a large gash (unbeknownst to them) in the bottom of their boat. They then started to fish the bay waters in front of the REISINGER home, but the rising water (now knownst to them) capsized the craft, ISOBEL spotted the accident and called BILL (who had to look for his pants). She then went to the MARSHALLS, who along with PAT MURPHY, and Bill (who finally found his pants) went to the rescue. Bill was the first there and helped the two men to shore -- along with their boat, motor and one lone coke which they saved from a beautiful picnic lunch. So the Sunday saga was finished when the two young men were met at Punta Rassa by friends and taken home -- we hope for a warm lunch and some comiseration.



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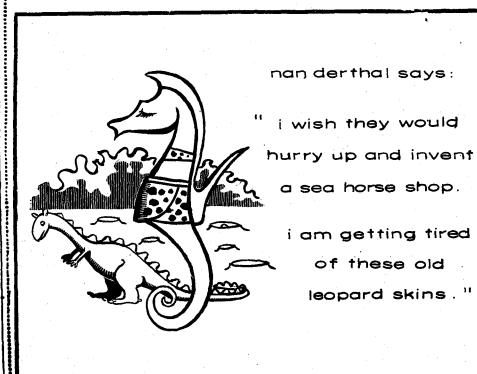
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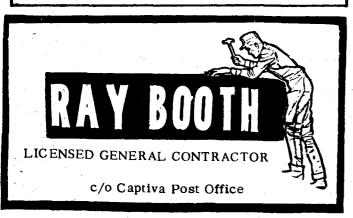
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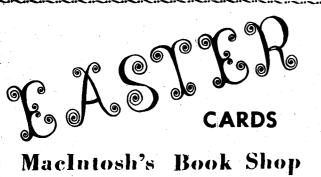
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MARY BALLINGER and her sister, PAULINE BONE, attended the induction ceremonies of the John Glenn, Jr. Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society at Cypress Lake Junior High School on March 28, when Mary and Dale's daughter, DI-ANA, was made a member. Diane's sister, LORA LEE, was awarded the same honor when she was in the 8th grade at Fort Myers Junior High, but at that time Mary was sick and couldn't attend the ceremony.

Both Mary and Dale are glowing with pride -- as so they should!

HAROLD C. WISWALL of Needham, Mass., who has been vacationing on Captiva, had a most profitable shelling trip last week. He came back with three Golden Olives, one black one, one albino, and believe it or not, a lavender one. MARY K. CUNNINGHAM, who went along with him, only found one Golden Olive. Wiswall must have a good eye when he can find more than Mary.

Mrs. ETHELYN HURD is back at Casa Ybel for another short visit. She just returned from St. John, Virgin Islands, where she shelled all the beaches with very good success.

Mrs. Hurd usually visits Sanibel twice a year. This is her first stop, and then she takes off for more southern points before coming back to the Islands where she stays until the North warms up.

The RAYMOND BOOTHS, Sr. of Lancaster, New York, have been visiting their son and daughter-in-law, RAY & DODIE BOOTH of Captiva. They left for the east coast last week where they will visit 'til April 1. Then they'll head back home.

The PETER R. CLAFLINS of Merritt Island spent last weekend with Mrs. Claflin's parents, MARY & DALE BALLINGER of Captiva.

BRADLEY B. CARD

BRADLEY B. (Dad) CARD passed away Saturday, March 30, in Lee Memorial Hospital at 78 years of age. He is survived by a daughter in New York, sons in Japan and Wyoming, and a host of friends all over.

WHOM I WUZ!

Yup, it was JIMMIE PICK-INS. Most everyone guessed correctly this time. The first person who picked up the paper last week said, "Oh, I know this one -- it's Jimmie and he hasn't changed a bit. An that's old 'shorty' he has in his arms. Bet they spent thousands of dollars keepin' ol' shorty a-live. Etc., etc."

Well, anyway, James is the son of DOC & JO PICKINS. He was born in Burbon, Ky., and lived in the west until his parents came to Sanibel to visit the FRANK PRESTONS, who had been neighbors back home. When the Pickins decided to make their home here, too, Jimmie decided to come along.

He arrived on the Islands on his 16th birthday and went to Fort Myers High School. He then spent four years in the Air Force as a camera technician and is now taking industrial photography at Sam Huston State College in Texas. We predict a grand future for him, for he's certainly working hard for one.



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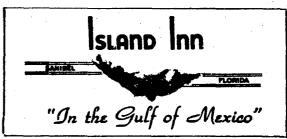
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MORE ON SHOOTING

In our wanderings about the Islands last week, we learned a few more facts about the shooting "accident" of a few weeks ago.

At that time, ALEX REED, a winter resident on Captiva, was shot while out in his boat, bird watching. That issue, we reported that it seemed as if the shot was a richochet. We have now learned that Alex saw the boys flush birds from the spoil bank islands near Captiva and then shoot at them. He yelled at them, and then found himself shot. With the birds flying in the air, and Alex sitting low in his boat, it seems that it would be impossible that it was a miss, and from the clean entrance and exit wounds that the bullet made, it was no richochet. The path of the bullet from the gun and thru Alexs' chest indicates that the shot was deliberately aimed at him.

The boat has been seen at least three times since the shooting -- with the three boys still shooting at birds. We are very interested that the law has so far done nothing to apprehend them. When does open season on boys-in-a-white-boat-who-shoot-at-birds-and-people start? Many Islanders think it had better be soon!



PERSONAL

The EDW ARD SPRINGERS will be leaving South Seas Plantation on April 8 for their home in Quakertown, Pa. He's managed South Seas for the past few months and they both have made many friends in their short time on Captiva. Everyone hopes that they have a pleasant summer and will return soon.



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HOLY WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church has announced the Holy Week Schedule.

Palm Sunday (April 7), the services will be held at 8:30 and 9:30 A.M. Tuesday, there will be Holy Communion at 9 A.M. Maundy Thursday there will be Communion and the Stripping of the Alter at 7:45 P.M. and on Good Friday, Services will be held at 7 and 10 A.M. Holy Saturday, the Blessing of the Paschal Candle and Exultet will be held at 7:45 P.M. Easter Sunday, there will be Choral Communion at 7 and 9:30 A.M.

PERSONAL

The ERICH BOLLERTS left Sanibel March 16 for Weisbaden, Germany, after having been the house guests for the past four months of their daughter and son-in-law, HELGA & DON HIRES. They asked us to thank everyone for the generous hospitality found on our Islands. They appreciated so much the lovely going away party that was given for them the day they left -- and we must say that it was one of the finest parties given on the Islands in some time.

When they arrive back home, they'll find friends to remind them of Sanibel, as Sgt. LA-MARR STOKES and his family are stationed in Weisbaden.

Helga and Don said that they are going to try to go to Germany to return the visit in a year or two--that's about as long as Grandma and Grandpa Bollert can go without seeing their beloved grandson, JOHN!

POWELL TO SPEAK

Author RICHARD POWELL will be the guest speaker at a special meeting of the Sanibel Community Association on April 9. His topic will be "Danger -- Author At Work."

All are welcome (free) at the meeting which will be held in the Community House at 8:30 P.M. Anyone who wishes to may make a donation to the Community House Building Fund.

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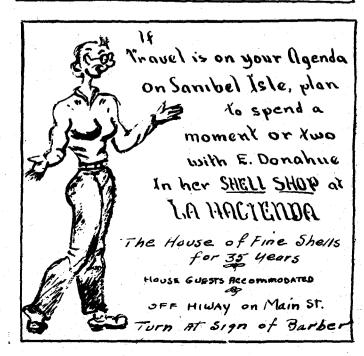
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The painting brought in \$200 which brought the total receipts for the Festival to \$673.

PERSONAL

Mrs. ETHEL MILLER of Sanibel, who has been confined to her home with DOC & JO PICKINS since September 20 in a wheel chair, is now ambulatory with only the aid of a cane. It won't be long 'til we see Ethel's smiling face around the Islands. All her many friends are very happy for her -- they're glad that the long ordeal is almost over.

PERSONALS

Mrs. BENJAMIN E. GREY of St. Paul, Minn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. E.L. READ of Sanibel. Before coming here, Mrs. Grey spent two weeks in New York attending the American Federation of Arts Show, "Communication Through Art." It is a collection of 60 American paintings which will be circulated by the United States Information Agency in Turkey, Iran and Pakistan.

When the Island Inn folks turned out en mass on March 21 for the Pirates - Twins game in Fort Myers, it was the largest exodus from the Islands since "Donna." Unlike the people who fled Donna, tho, the Island Inn group was gay and smiling. They had a lovely day -- and it was even announced at the game that they were there.

RICHARD M. DICKERSON and his daughter, SANDRA, of Bloomingdale, Michigan, were guests at Villa Caprilast weekend. They've been Island visitors since 1959 and in our opinion, would make fine permanent residents.

We're happy to report that DAVID WOOSTER, who has been in Lee Memorial Hospital since Sunday of last week, is coming along just fine. He will most likely be back home by the time we are printed.

JAKE STOKES & CLARENCE RUTLAND celebrated their birth days on the same day last week. Clarence admitted to being 73 years young -- but Jake would nt come up with the facts. As a matter of fact, there was quite an exchange of words on the subject, but all ended well when Clarence said he was "pretty sure that Jake was a little younger."

Also in the line of birth-days, the friends and fellow employees of Mrs. MARGARET BROSIUS gave her a lovely birthday party at Casa Ybel on the 27th. 'Twas reported that all attending had a wonderful time.

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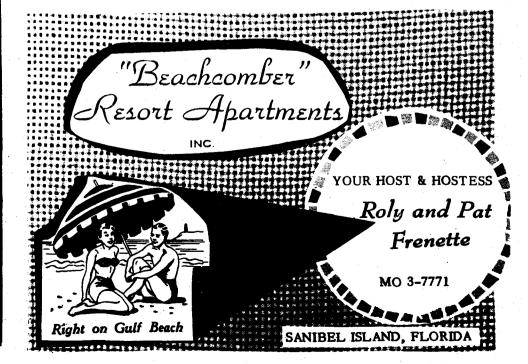


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Our Islands are full of visitors -- mainly prep school and college students enjoying spring holidays -- and there have been a number of gatherings, sponsored by both native and visiting teenagers.

Last week, on Monday night, a few teenagers visited Bowman's Beach, which has now become a favorite meeting place. The next night, Tuesday, SAN-DY and CONNIEMC GRAW, who stay at the Reef, gave a party. The food was served on the Beach in front of Island Inn. Someone

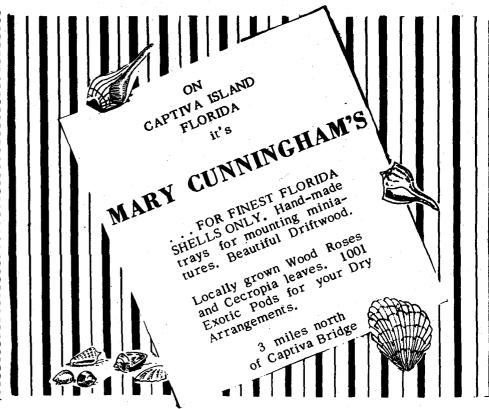
produced a guitar and everyone enjoyed sitting around the fire singing tunes made famous by Joan Baez, Peter, Paul and Mary, and the Kingston Trio.

Wednesday, what started out to be a small dinner for a few at the Gault's home, turned into a party for about 14. The talk, following the buffet supper, was based on everything from schools to parties.

Thursday evening, ELAYNE EMERY gave a party at Bowman's Beach. All enjoyed the corn on the cob that was tossed on the fire and later eaten.

Friday, Bowman's Beach (We told you it was a favorite spot) was the scene of another party. At this one, like the one on Thursday, a "uke" was produced and all had fun with the music.

Present at these parties were the majority of the Islanders plus the following visitors:



ELLIE and PETER CHRIST-ENSEN of Knoxville, Tenn., who stayed at J.K. CRAIG's house near Island Inn -- TONY FRANK and DOUG POWELSON, both of Philadelphia, Penn., and both students at Chestnut Hill Academy, who are staying with the BURROWS on Bailey's Store Road -- TERRY TOWN of Roslyn Estate, Long Island, N.Y., who is at SNOOKS on Sanibel -and SALLY EDWARDS of Reading, Penn., who stayed at the

BRUCE BURN of St. Joe, Mich., stayed at Sand Castle with his sister JANET, who brought along one of her friends, SARA STUELAND, MIFF HUGHS of Pittsburg, Pa., was at the Beach House, LARNEY OTIS of Libertyville, Ill., stayed at Snooks, SANDY, CHIPPY and CONNIE MC GRAW, also from Pittsburg, were at the Reef.

DEE DEE SYMINGTON of Leesburg, Va., was at Island Inn, MOLLY CARLILE of Columbus, Ohio, stayed at Hurricane House, PEGGY HOIER, also of Columbus, was at Island Inn, and PATTY BAKER from Lake Forest, Ill., stayed at Casa Turquesa.

CHAD WAY came home from K.M.I.in Venice this week. HUGH RINEHART & DAVE STEVES came with him -- Hugh for a day and Dave for two days. Chad is staying until the 3rd of April.

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