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FIRE AT ST. MICHAEL'S

A bottle of mineral spirits left sitting on the steps of St. Michael's and All Angels' Episcopal Church started a fire which caused between three and four thousand dollars worth of damage.

Fire Chief ALLEN NAVE said that the bottle was sitting at just the right angle to magnify the rays of the sun, which ignited the wood, which, in turn, created enough heat to explode the bottle.

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Fire Chief Nave asked us to warn our residents of the ever present danger of bottles which, when left where the sun can hit them, can easily start fires. It might have been your home. Be careful.



EGG HUNT TO BE ANNUAL AFFAIR

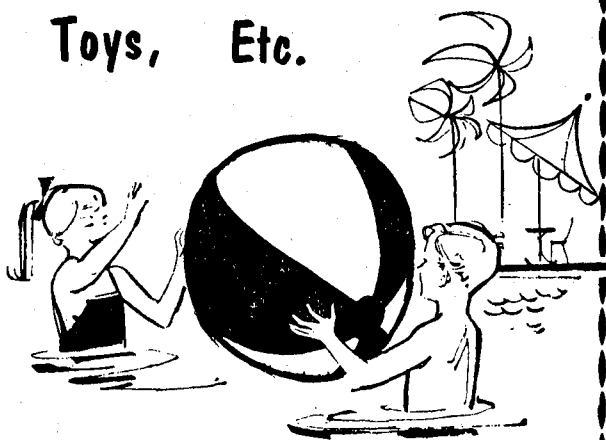
Admiral & Mrs. ED. KONRAD gave an Easter Egg Hunt for some of the Island children. They are shown above just prior to "heading out to find the eggs." OSCAR GAVIN won first prize in the bunny drawing contest and prizes were awarded to the winners of the egg rolling contest and to the finder of the golden egg. Mrs. KONRAD and HELEN DENNY were hostesses. The DAVID WESTS provided transportation for the children. The party was such a success that it was decided to make it an annual affair.

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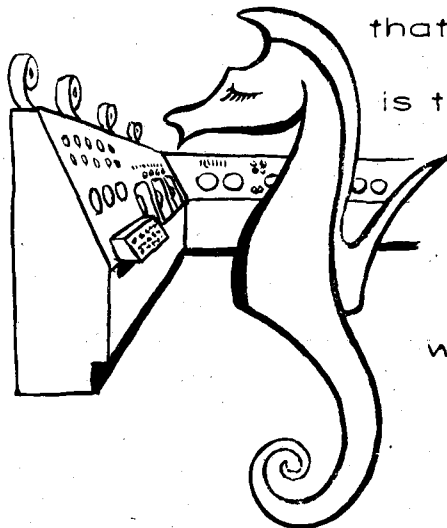
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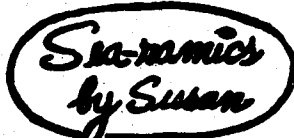
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Mr. & Mrs. FLETCHER KNEBLE arrived back at their home in Tradewinds for the Easter week.

The LORERY BURDICKS of Kalamazoo, Mich., have retained an architect to draw up the plans for their new home. Construction should start in the next month or so on Roosevelt Channel on Captiva.

The DONALD RHODES of Bradenton, along with their two children, DONNA & LINDA, were the guests of the GLEN RHODES last weekend.

The JACK W. TOOLES of Sarasota, along with their two children, JIMMIE and ELIZABETH, will spend Easter week with their parents, the GLEN RHODES of Sanibel.

We're glad to report that Mrs. JOE (MARGO) REDDINGER is back home and feeling fine after a week's session with doctors and hospitals.

The KENNETH D. WRIGHTS of Wanamassa, N.J., and their two sons, are spending the Easter season with their father, JOHN F. WRIGHT, at his home on Gulf Drive. RICHARD & RAYMOND are taking a few extra days from their studies at Asbury Park High School to explore the Gulf and bay for specimen shells.

The entire family is thrilled with the fishing -- and tho they expected (and are still expecting, for that matter) a few snook, they've just about settled for the abundance of king fish they have caught.

BILL HARDY of Casa Ybel went fishing on the "Dotty Z" with CHARLES ROSSIE last week and caught 21 kings. He told us about it -- simply beaming -- and said, "I never caught such a big fish before."

We bet Bill hasn't been so proud of himself since he caught his first fish when he was a boy. ('Twas probably a five inch perch on a cane pole.)

Hurricane House guests seem to be having excellent luck at shelling lately. Mrs. FRED BLAZER of Austin, Minn., found a pure yellow Giant Heart Cockle the other day. Not knowing how rare it is, she asked her shelling companion, PAUL KEARNS (he is the host at Hurricane House) if it "was any good." Paul told her the truth -- tho he admitted that he was sorely tempted to tell her "no". Then she would have thrown it away and he could have gone back later to pick it up. Three Cheers for you, sir!

H.O. HOFFMAN of Hudson, Ohio, found a beautiful half of a Lion's Paw and a perfect 6 inch Junonia.

Paul found a Golden Olive and five others were found by guests.

Other guests (evidently non-shelling, but having a good time, nonetheless) are the MCGREGOR SMITHS of Coral Gables. He's the Chairman of the Board of Florida Power and Light.

The RAY H. ANSELLS of Alliance, Ohio, have been guests at La Captiva on Captiva for a week. He's associated with the Federated Funeral Directors in Springfield, Ill. This is their first trip to the Islands. They came on the recommendation of friends -- the FRED ROBBINS of Cambridge, Ohio. The Ansell's said they were more than delighted with our Islands and intend to return as soon as they can.

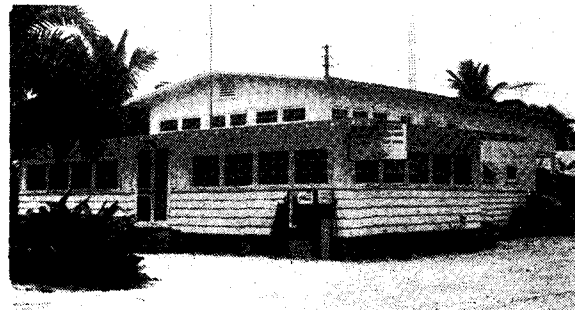
The F.E. HENRYS, also of Alliance, were the guests of the Ansell's for a few days. Last time we saw 'em, they were being proudly guided around the Ansell's newly-found Sangri La.

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*Ethel Sniders
gorgeous straw bags
are here. Come See!*

EMERY - HESKETH

Miss ELAYNE EMERY, who is associated with Jack's Restaurant, was mailed two oh-so important objects the other day. One she is now proudly wearing, an engagement ring with a central diamond flanked by six smaller ones in a platinum setting, the other is a matching wedding band with five diamonds. GERALD L. HESKETH hopes to slip the latter on the proper finger next August 10 in Brethern Church, Vandergrift, Pa. We say "hopes" because he is now a member of the U.S. Navy, stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The date is tentative until the Navy says, "Go, man!" or whatever it is that the Navy says in times like these. Gerald plans to become a doctor. The couple will live in Vandergrift -- and all of Elayne's many friends wish them all the happiness in the world.

BAKE SALE COMING

The Sanibel-Captiva American Legion Post #123 is holding a bake sale at the Legion Home on Saturday, April 13. That's the day before Easter -- so you can get all your Easter goodies home-made -- without even lighting an oven. Do come, the proceeds, as you all know, are for a good cause.

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Many, many Islanders miss BRADLEY B. (DAD) CARD -- who will be long remembered. Dad was one of our elder residents, coming to Sanibel as a shark fisherman in 1948 and remaining ever since.

He helped Jack and Gert-rude Cole build their first little restaurant -- helped Bill and Isabel Reisinger build the patio on their trailer on the bay behind Bailey's -- and he built the Reisingers a wooden cigarette dispenser that's still in good operating condition, and was recently passed on to Bill Way at Sanibel Marina.

Dad will be missed a great deal, not only by all the people he has helped in one way or another, but by all those who knew him. It will be a long time before some of us stop unconsciously expecting to see him around a corner taking his constitutional walks.

One of his last requests, made to Mrs. Velna Ridge (who sat with him on his last day) was "Tell Jack not to sell our bees. I want him to keep them and take good care of them." Dad had tended the bees and was justly proud of the fine honey they produced. This was Dad's way.

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LOST:
Lady's white gold wrist watch with diamonds. On Sanibel beach between Casa Ybel and Louise Perry Wildlife Preserve. Reward for return. Secure owner's name and address from manager, Casa Ybel.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS ELECTED

The Sanibel Community Association held its annual meeting in the Sanibel Community House April 2 and elected officers. They are President GERALD MARTIN, Vice-President FLOYD SNOOK, Treasurer Mrs. CLAIRE WALTERS, Secretary Miss DORIS PLOESSER. Directors are FRANCIS BAILEY, WILLIAM NEWMAN and LEON LEVY. Continuing Directors are FLOYD PHLOUGH, Mrs. EMMY LOU READ, BILL MACINTOSH and retiring president DON SIMONDS.

Reports were made by the various Shell Fair Committees with recommendations for future Committees. The covered dish supper before the meeting was well attended and all enjoyed the delicious food.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

The Women of St. Michael's and All Angels' met at the home of Mrs. HUGH BONE on April 4. Mrs. KENNETH KAPER and Mrs. JERRY WAY brought palm fronds from which the women made crosses to be distributed on Palm Sunday. A brief business meeting was held to elect officers for the coming year. Officers elected are Mrs. JACK RUSHWORTH, president, Mrs. CECIL READ, vice-president, Mrs. FRANCIS SAXINGER, secretary - treasurer. After the meeting, Mrs. Bone served a picnic luncheon.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. HELEN LACOTT left Casa Ybel April 5 to visit her mother in Bronxville, N.Y. She'll stay there 'til it's time to report for her summer season in the North.

Helen's friends and co-workers gave her a farewell party at the Casa Ybel Marina on the eve of her departure. We weren't able to attend, but from all reports, it was a gay party which everyone enjoyed. All wished her farewell and good luck.

Commander & Mrs. JACK G. KAYE, and their two sons, JACK & BILL, were the guests of BOB & ELLIE DORMER and Mrs. DAISY MAYOR at their Sanibel home for a couple of weeks. Commander Kaye is on his way to a new assignment with the Defense Department in Washington, having just completed a four year tour in Hawaii.

Vacationing at the Colony are Mr. & Mrs. RALPH S. MASON and children of Princeton, N.J., Miss JULIE M. O'BRIEN with Mrs. GLORIA GOTTSLEBEN and children of Ogunquit, Maine, Mr. & Mrs. GREGORY MCKEE and children of Ladue, Mo., Mr. & Mrs. HOWARD BICKERSTAFF of Chattanooga, Tenn., Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT A. DEAN, Jr., and children, of Anchorage, Ky., Mr. & Mrs. R.M. RONNINGEN and daughters of Vicksburg, Mich., Dr. & Mrs. Wm. RAEBECK, Jr., and daughter with Mr. & Mrs. JOHN HATHAWAY and children of Bronxville, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE F. SANDERS and children and Mr. Sanders' sister, of Grand Island, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. HAROLD CRABTREE and family of Wooster, Ohio, Mr. & Mrs. ARNOLD MATTHIES and children, and Mr. & Mrs. JOSEPH MURPHY and family, all of Summit, N.J., Dr. & Mrs. JOHN A. WOOD and children and Mrs. Wood's parents, Tenafly, N.J., Dr. & Mrs. RUSSEL A. ECKERT and children of Logansport, Ind., and Mr. & Mrs. ROGER W. PATCH and children of Wayzata, Minn.

Also arriving at the Colony was Mr. GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN of Glencoe, Ill., who joined Mrs. Christensen who has been at the Colony for some time.

THANKS

GEORGE DAVIS of Osters has asked us to let his many friends on both Islands know how very much he and ESTHER appreciate the many "get well" cards he has received, as well as the many other expressions of their regard and good wishes for him.

IMPORTANT MEETING TO BE HELD

The Annual meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Sanibel Community House at 8 P.M. on April 22.

ZONING MEETING HELD

Lee County Commissioners met with Islanders Wednesday, April 3, in Fort Myers. All Commissioners were present at the meeting, along with a large number of Island residents.

John Savage, representing the Sanibel Planning and Zoning Authority, asked that several speakers be heard. LeRoy Friday spoke first, giving a review of the work that had been put into the Planning and Zoning work. Gerald Martin presented a petition signed by 119 registered voters. Both requested a referendum for a new enabling act.

Francis Bailey said that the Authority had been set up by able planners, and that the Island's wish

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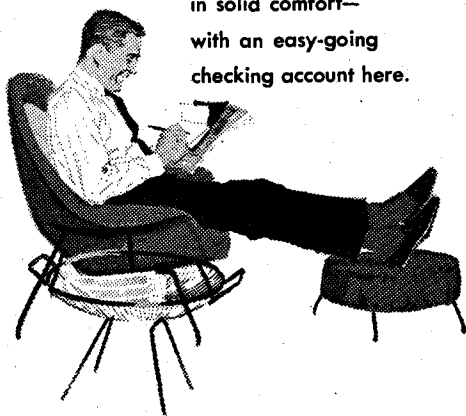
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PERSONALS

Caught up with the EUGENE TAITs of Grosse Point Park, Mich., a couple of days ago. They arrived at South Seas Plantation on April 4 for an indefinite stay, and have been Island visitors for many years.

Mr. Tait told us all about attending, and graduating, from the Snyder Outdoor School for Boys. This epitome of education was located on Captiva about where the BELTON JOHNSON home is now, and was run by Mrs. CECIL HUDSON's father.

Mr. Tait said that the school held it's classes during fall and spring in Ashville, N.C., and the winter months on Captiva.

He said that they practically did live out-of-doors and that they learned such manly arts as catching rattlesnakes (in Ashville) and wrestling rather large alligators (on Captiva).

As a matter of fact, their curricular (and some of their extra-curricular) activities led to a priceless remark made to him by his father, "You left home an angel, but came back a grown-up man who chews tobacco, swears, wrestles alligators, can catch rattlers and drink Cuban rum."

Most of these accomplishments, Mr. Tait hastened to say, he has given up, but such is the price of being an industrial consultant these days.

EDWARD SPRINGER, who left the Islands on April 8, will continue as manager of South Seas Plantation in absentia. PAUL STAHLIN will assume direct control in his absence.

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JOSEPH B. GAULT was the first baby to be baptized at the new Sanibel Catholic Mission. The four-month son of JOE & MARY GAULT was baptized by Father MIGUEL GONI on Sunday, March 31. God Parents were CRIS GAULT and MARSHALL TABACCHI. Among friends attending the ceremony was Fr. THOMAS MADDEN of the Sanibel Episcopal Church, who, when Joseph cried during the service, was heard to remark, "He cried the Devil right out of himself."

EASTER IN SHELLS

We dropped up to see MARY CUNNINGHAM on Captiva last week and were fortunate to see some of her beautiful new shell pictures. She dreamed them up in Easter shades -- lavenders, daffodil yellows and white. One was a sort of abstract, but you could see the bunny which had small angel wing ears and a fuzzy tail. Another one, using many shades of lavender, suggested an Easter bouquet. One -- which didn't represent anything in particular -- was the most beautiful of all. Mary created a picture on a pale yellow background using shells ranging from white thru the yellows into almost orange tints. The whole effect just sang of spring. All of the pictures, of course, were made of Captiva and Sanibel shells, and were all gobbled up before our next visit to Mary.

ZONING MEETING from P. 4

to keep its own zoning was not to stop growth, but to help it. Admiral Ed Conrad and G.A. Frenette were the first to speak against zoning. Both mentioned the "harsh and restrictive" manner of the Authority.

P.A. Geraci, Commissioner of our district, then said that in making his recommendation to the other Commissioners, that he "had a strong feeling that the County Zoning Board should handle it." He recommended the presentation of a new enabling act and that a referendum be held.

Mr. Taylor, of the Lee County Zoning Board, said that it was "very probable" that Sanibel might have a representative on the Board and that some of the now-in-effect Sanibel regulations "might be incorporated into the Lee County rules."

Geraci then asked for a vote by the Commissioners to decide if they would sponsor a bill recommending a Sanibel referendum. His motion received no "Ayes," only "Nays" (including his own). (Ed. note: Re-read two paragraphs above.)

On the whole, the meeting had no apparent affect on anything, except Mr. Kinzie's ferry receipts. The only thing left is the appeal which will decide that Sanibel may, or may not, have a local Authority. All will have to wait now for the courts.

SHELL CLUB DINNER

The next meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club will be April 20. Dinner at 7 P.M. at Coconut Grove will be \$3.50 each, husbands are invited. Reservations, with check payable to the Shell Club, should be sent to BELLA KONTINOS, Coconut Grove, by 10 A.M. Thursday, April 18.

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TEEN CLUB by cris gault

This week there are a few new visitors to the Islands even tho the majority of the Northerners have returned to schools and all that nice cold snow. Some of the teenagers here within the last week have been:

BRADI GARVAN, 16, of Chestnut Hill, Pa. Bradi, who goes to Booth, came down with his friends, Mr. & Mrs. RODERIC ESKEW.

Three other Island guests were BILL LANGE, 18, and DAVE (17) & KAREN (15) ERDINAN. They all came with

Dave and Karen's parents, Mr. & Mrs. GILBERT ERDINAN and stayed at the Reef.

CAROLL (16) and ROB (14) CLECKHEFER of Milwaukee, Wisc., stayed at the Island Inn during their visit. Another Milwaukeeite, HACK NOYES (15) stayed at Hires.

Besides the teenagers we have mentioned, there were many more names we could not get.

Saturday before last, there was another beach party in front of Island Inn--this one given by TERRIE TOWN of Long Island, N.Y., for her brother, JOE TOWN, & MIKEL LITTLEFORD. Both Mike, 16, and Joe, 17, stayed at Snook's.) Just about everyone we have mentioned, as well as many Island teenagers, attended.

Another party took place last Friday, starting at LORA

BALLINGER's on Captiva and ending up on Captiva's Gulf beach. Some kids went swimming--and still more enjoyed playing a new game called "Choo-Choo."

MARY JOE GAULT has a new possession--a darling new blue beat-up motor bike which was given to her by a boy who was an Island visitor. He drove up North, leaving the motorbike for Mary Jo. (Ed. note: Her mother says that if she gets a black leather jacket, she'll be disowned!)

WHAAAA?

Captain Burton of the Mail Boat was approached by a tourist interested in a trip to the Islands. He (the tourist) inquired, "What are the natives of these Islands like?"

"Well," Captain Burton replied, "They're just like people anywhere."

The tourist then said, "My father was a missionary to the South Pacific Islands and I know what natives can be like!" And he turned and walked away!

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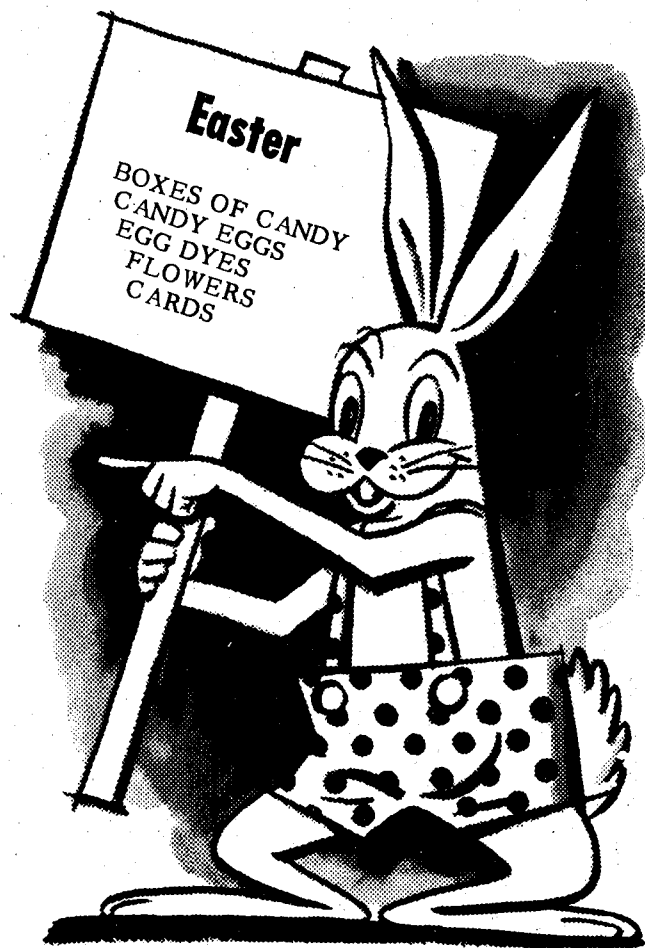
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