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MARTIN & SNOOK
HEAD SHELL FAIR IN '64

The Board of Directors of the Sanibel Community Association met last week and committee chairmen were appointed by President GERALD MARTIN. He and FLOYD SNOOK were chosen by the Directors to head up the 1964 Shell Fair, a choice thought by Islanders to be an excellent one. Mr. Martin is a hard worker, and if Floyd organizes shells like he hunts deer, next year's Fair will be one of the best we have ever had. Other Shell Fair committeemen (and women) are Mrs. A.E. SWANSON and Mrs. OTTO JONES, Driftwood Shop; Mrs. CECIL READ, Art Exhibit; Mrs. J.P. GLASS, Live Shell Exhibit; WILLIAM MAC INTOSH, Brochure, and Floyd Snook will handle the food - along with his other duties.

Other committee appointments made at the meeting were BILL NEWMAN, House Committee; WILLIAM MAC INTOSH, Membership Committee; LEON LEVY, FRANCIS BAILEY and FLOYD PFLOUGH, Building Committee; DON SIMONDS, Budget Committee; and Snook and Martin; Finance Committee.

FIVE INCH JUNONIA WINS PRIZE

L.W. ZABRISKIE's five inch Junonia won the first prize in HELEN DENNEY's year long contest, her fourth annual. The prize, a pair of orange Lion's Paws, went to the lucky winner from Aurora, Ill. JUDY SWENSON got a Spondylus Americanus (a jewel box) for her second place entry. The April 15 to April 15 contest drew 116 shellers to Helen's shop in hopes of taking home the prize. The group registered 196 Junonias as compared to 154 last year. 1961 was the year with the largest number of Junonias registered -- 248. A new contest was started this year, to run to April 15 of 1964.

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With the opening of the new Sanibel-Punta Rassa Causeway just over a month away, JOHN KANE'S article, "Drive to the Islands of Sanibel and Captiva," which appeared in the January issue of the "Ford Times," was brought to our attention recently. In the article, Kane said that he didn't think that the new bridge would destroy our Islands tranquility. We are sure that all Islanders hope he is right in his opinion, altho some are doubtful. The article was excellent -- and the illustrations, fine paintings of the ferry and ferry slip, Andy's Pier, the groins on Captiva and South Seas Plantation, are beautiful. By the way, the paintings were done by HUGH LAIDMAN, who is the son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES ALT of Captiva.

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WHO I WUZI

Seems as if everyone guessed that last week's "Who Am I" was GOLDIE NAVE. As many of you all know, she arrived on Sanibel as the Bride of ALLEN NAVE a while back.

Allen, who had first come to the Islands with his parents, SADIE and MARTIN HIRES, in his early teens, was spending part of his time on the Islands and part of his time in Bradenton. Goldie, of course, went back and forth with him.

Their business, at first, was shelling, which brought in a lot of money in those days. Then, as people found out that Allen had a positive talent for plumbing, they sort of "drafted" him. And so his present business was established.

After a while, Allen and Goldie found that he couldn't devote enough time to his plumbing unless they lived here all the time.

They had built a VERY small house themselves (with one door) and, as time went on, and children appeared, they kept adding and adding and adding. They now have a spacious home with TWO doors (front and back) plus scads and scads of windows--18 in the living room! They also have two fine sons, CHUCKIE and CURTIS, and a pixie young daughter, YVONNE.

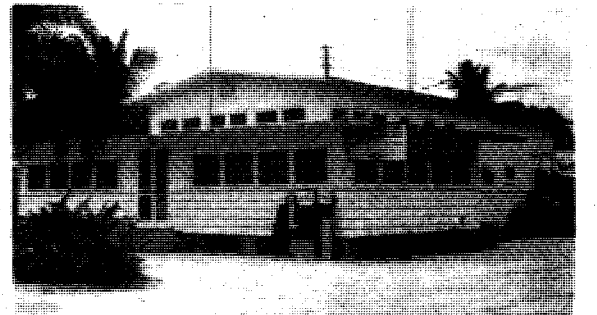
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PERSONAL

UNCLE ARTHUR GIBSON's birthday is next Sunday, April 28, and he'll be just a mere 75. He's been around the Islands longer than most everybody, as he arrived here on a sailing boat with his family in the 1890's. He's lived here off and on ever since, and is now associated with ALLEN NAVE. He is dearly beloved by a lot of friends who wish him a very great many HAPPY RETURNS.

LONG TIME NO SEE!

Your reporter wandered down to Bailey's t'other day and practically bumped into somebody. Backed off a bit and looked-- "Don't I know you?" she asked with great presence of mind. "Well, I think I know YOU!" the lady replied. But she didn't know who.

"Well," your reporter continued, "Did I meet you here, or possibly in New York?" "Peggy," she said. "Millicent!" I replied. It turned out that she was a very old and good friend of yours truly-- and we'd known one another back in our Greenwich Village days. (The Village is in, if not necessarily a part of, New York City). Anyhow, she and her husband, who now live in Brooklyn (same geographical location as the Village, by the way) are spending some time on our Islands. Their names are Mr. & Mrs. FRED RITTER-- and we're sure you'll like them too.



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Drs. PAUL & RUTH BENNETT of Portsmouth, Ohio, have been interesting Sanibel guests. They first met when both were medical students at the University of Cincinnati, and, aside from their studies, found out that the only thing they had in common were visits to Sanibel.

Sanibel being what it is (of course) this was enough. They started going together then (that was in 1940), later married... and now they have five children.

Paul spent a year on the Islands when he was 16 and now has a priceless collection of Sanibel shells. Even built them a sizable museum on the grounds of their home in Portsmouth. In it (the museum) he also keeps his collection of Indian relics, which he has picked up on Captiva, as well as such far away places as across North Africa, Old Mexico and Yucatan.

Miss EDIE MUGRIDGE entertained a group of friends on Easter Sunday with a delightful and delectable barbecued chicken dinner. Among the guests were Mr. & Mrs. Edson Eldredge of Shalimar, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hilbert, their daughter Lynne and their guest, all staying at Shalimar, Edward Trudell of St. Petersburg, Mrs. Betty O. Parke and Miss Betty Puff of the B-Hive, Mrs. Charlotte Harris (who'll be back at the B-Hive this summer), Mrs. Dotty Booker who'll spend the summer in New Hampshire, and your reporter (Gal by the name of Peggy Maloney.)

While the chicken was being done to a golden brown by Edie, Charlotte (who got in a bit of practice time at South Seas Plantation) dispensed cocktails with a lavish hand to the guests, who all voted her the best gal mixologist on the Islands.

Everyone had a lovely time and when leaving, dropped a few pointed hints to Edie about doing the same thing again, and soon!

Miss BETTY LOUHENDERSON and brothers JOHN LEE and PETER came to visit their grandmother, Mrs. ELSIE HENDERSON, over Easter vacation. You may have seen them as they vended their merry way 'round our Islands in their RED convertible, with JACKIE REDINGER showing 'em the sights. Elsie said the guests had a "wonderful time" and she enjoyed having them, and adding, "And I am recuperating."

Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES R. WILSON, and their son GORDON, of Morris Plains, N.J., were guests at Beachview Cottages last week. Mr. M. sells 7-Up and both he and his 7 year old son insist on it when they order a cooling drink. Young Gordon gave TED DAFOE quite a time one day when Ted was working at Beachview. Gordon kept asking questions about Ted's work and Ted finally had to admit that the boy was too much for him -- Ted just didn't know the answers. (Perhaps he should try 7-Up, too!)

Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT S. FRAZIER and Mr. & Mrs. JAMES F. BENDER of Port Arthur, Texas, spent last weekend at Villa Capri. They found the shelling marvelous -- Mr. F. found a Golden Olive and Mrs. B. went home with a lovely Junonia.

Miss NANCY McCANN visited the ROBERT KERRS at Bradenton a week ago and then spent the rest of the Easter vacation with the JOHN BOMANS at Safety Harbor. She said, when she got home, that she had a perfectly delightful visit with her friends.

SAMMY SHARP spent Easter weekend with his father on a boat trip to the Keys.



CAPTIVA

The Captiva Library is now open on Tuesday and Friday from 1 to 2 P.M. All Islanders are urged to take advantage of THEIR library -- both by using the books and by donating their unwanted ones.

SANIBEL

The Grand Opening of the new Sanibel Public Library will be held at the Sanibel Community House Saturday, April 27, from 3 to 5 P.M. Refreshments will be served by the members of the Library Committee, who will serve as hosts and hostesses for the opening. The Library will be open Saturdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 4 P.M. and will be staffed with volunteer workers. Books are still needed, especially non-fiction and classics, so why don't you bring a book with you when you attend the opening ceremonies.



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THIRD IN LINE (WITH LUCK) (see photo on p. 1)

According to the Lee County Commissioners, the roads on Sanibel and Captiva have third priority on rebuilding. It seems rather strange that the new causeway had such an important priority and that our roads such a low one. Here, on one hand we have a wonderful new, nice smooth road over the bridge, and one the other hand, we have roads with holes in them like the one shown on the front page photo. Both the State Road and the County Road are in VERY poor condition, and this is one of the FIRST things that a visitor will notice.

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Dr. LEE J. HOFSCHEIDER of Rochester, N.Y., who has been a regular visitor at Hiers Cottages since 1947, was joined by his 11-year old son JAN and 16-year-old daughter CHRIS on April 21. They, in turn, were joined by Mrs. H. on the 23rd when she arrived on the Casa Ybel airstrip.

Dr. Lee is quite a fisherman and spends a lot of time at Andy's Marina. It was there he met Dr. JOSEPH CARLISLE of Detroit, Mich., who is visiting Andy's with his wife and two daughters. This was the first time that they met since 1944 when they bade one another good-bye in the Netherlands East Indies. At that time, Dr. Carlisle was Dr. Hofschneider's Assistant Infantry Battalion Surgeon. (3rd Battalion, 126th Inf. Regiment, 32nd Division, the same Division that our own GEORGE DAVIS served in the First World War. Small World, isn't it?)

BIG ONE!!

Last Thursday, VIVIAN KEARNS went a-fishin' in BELTON JOHNSON'S boat with GEORGE & MARY WILLIAMS and GEORGE & JAN CHRISTENSEN. Our own Vivian had the catch of the day--a 48 1/2 pound silver king tarpon. Not bad at all. The tarpon are really running these days and we doubt that there is a fishing guide on either Island that couldn't get YOU one if you asked them to.

FIRST ACROSS (?)

JOHN F. MATHEWS, an engineer with the Powell Brothers (who are building the causeway), believes that he is the first person to have walked across the bridge from Punta Rassa to Sanibel. Of course, in many places, there are only cross beams over the water, and Mr. Mathews admitted that the crossing wasn't exactly a pleasure stroll--but he made it. Anyone who wants to claim a previous crossing is asked to let us know.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. JOHN P. GLASS, and her sister, Mrs. ALLEN WILLIAMSON of Ashville, N.C., have recently entertained four enthusiastic visitors to the Islands--Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM KEISTER and MIMI KEISTER of Short Hills, N.J., and PAUL CLARKE of Houston, Texas, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mr. Keister is director of Electronic Switching Engineering of the Bell Telephone Laboratories in Holmdel, N.J. and Mr. Clarke is investment consultant of the Tennessee Gas Transmission Company of Houston.

Mr. & Mrs. LARRY BARTLETT, Sr., Hermitcroft Farms, Mount Vernon, Ohio--guests as usual of the Donahues at La Hacienda--departed quite happy bearing a Golden Olive, the crowning achievement of 11 years of visiting Sanibel. Larry did manage to find 26 Junonias in the 28 days of one February a couple of years ago, but this is his first truly Golden Olive Sayana. Try to get it away from him!

By the way--for all who missed the Shell Fair--the Blue Ribbon winning cases of La Hacienda are on display (as they admit, perhaps a bit untidily) and all are invited to stop by and see the Devilfish (manta birostris) and fossils and so forth.

Mr. & Mrs. RONNIE FENTON will leave Casa Ybel, which he has managed for the past two seasons, on May 1. JACK RUSHWORTH will be summer manager in the Fentons' absence.

The Fentons will head for their TreeTop Lodge at Sugar Hill, New Hampshire. Mrs. Fenton manages it during the summer. Around the middle of June, Mr. Fenton will take off to manage the Menonaqua Beach Club in Harbor Springs, Mich. They'll both be back on the Islands December 1.

By the way, the Casa Ybel cocktail lounge and restaurant will close for the summer on May 1. The hotel and package store will remain open.

Thirty nine students from Illinois State Normal University were Casa Ybel guests last week for the third consecutive year. They were under the leadership of Professor & Mrs. WALTER BROWN and another couple.

Sheriff & Mrs. FRED C. BROWN, of Bradley Beach, N.J., spent their Easter Vacation at Villa Capri on Sanibel. They've been vacationing here for years and plan to come back next year.

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MARINE BEAUTY SALON
by ethel snyder

That fabulous little creature, genus Hippocampus, or Sea Horse, if you please, has come down from ancient Greek and Roman mythology. They were half fish and half horse, and they pulled the chariots of the sea gods and were ridden by mermaids. Their romantic appeal to the imagination persists to this day altho they don't do any pulling nor does anybody ride them now as they are too small. A five or six inch Sea Horse is a real find these days!

Another characteristic is entirely unique in the whole animal kingdom and it is too bad it isn't more universally practiced (Ed. Note: Who says?). The male has a pouch in the front of his body and the female lays her eggs in this pouch. She literally washes her hands of the whole affair once the eggs are laid. The male carries them about in the pouch and at the proper time gives birth to a brood of little ones. They follow papa about and he cares for them until they can be on their own and can fend for themselves. Aquarium owners are quite excited when a batch of tiny baby Sea Horses are hatched.

Sea Horses live mostly in warm tropical waters and, on Sanibel and Captiva, are on the bay side. They eat the seaweed which grows there. Now and then, however, one is found washed up on the Gulf beaches. At the annual Shell Fair, there is always a tank of live Sea Horses which is highly esteemed and a crowd is always about this exhibit.

In my dress and gift shop, there was always a steady demand for dried Sea Horses. I bought them from a wholesale shell place in Fort Myers. One shipment of one hundred of the little creatures came and they all had straight tails! Now a Sea Horse without its tail neatly curled is just no Sea Horse at all! I was shocked when I saw those straight tails. What to do? Will, I could experiment on a dozen or so. It was difficult to return things

from the Islands -- and get them back. So I filled several water glasses with warm water and placed a horse upright in them, letting the tails soak a half hour of so. One by one, I curled the tails and held them in place with bobby pins and placed them in the sun to dry. They were turned over often so to dry both sides evenly and they were doing nicely.

My next door neighbor, VERONA MOREY of St. Louis, was my pal and I loved to tease her. She never knew what was coming next. I went over and interrupted her reading. "Verona," I said quite casually, "You may be interested to know I am now operating a beauty salon and have some customers right now under the drier!" She gave me a long penetrating look which I met squarely. She put down her book and started over to my cottage. I followed close behind. She went up on the porch and there on the shelf in the morning sun were the dozen sea horses with neatly curled tails and the bobby pins holding them in place. I saw the glint in her eyes and felt it wise to leave -- which I did, with Verona in hot pursuit, and coming much faster than I had thought she could. My legs are long, hers are short -- so I made the corner of the cottage ahead of her. We both flopped into beach chairs to get our collective breath and to laugh. It had worked so beautifully on Verona that we decided to try the joke on our neighbor at Beach House, CRISTINE JENKINS. It worked, but she wouldn't run.

The joke itself was fun, but curling the tails of 100 Sea Horses was no joke. But each one had a proper tail and looked like a Sea Horse should look. But I never took a chance on buying any more.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. LOUIS PASTORE of Aspen, Colorado, just sent word to PEARL & JAKE STOKES to tell them of the passing of her husband on March 21. The Pastores had stayed at the Colony for many years, and all their friends will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Pastore. Mrs. Pastore said that she hopes to be able to come to the Islands soon for a visit.

Mrs. ROY REEKY of Chicago, Ill., who was the niece of Miss NANCY McCann, passed away this week.

SALT WATER CHASER

JOE & KITTY GREEN of Cincinnati, Ohio, where Joe is on the staff of the Cincinnati Inquirer, are at Betty's Hawaiian Village for their annual month visit.

Joe showed us one of the stories he wrote about their dredging trip last year with Dr. & Mrs. JOSEPH STEIN, also of Cincinnati. It seems that Mrs. Stein was quite an expert on getting goodies out of good and was showing Joe how -- a big bucket for the big ones and a little glass jar for the little treasures -- as well as telling him what he should or should not save.

As he wrote, "Minutes later (after showing him what to do) Mary grabbed me around the neck and started spitting out Sea Horses and various other kinds of sea life. She choked a bit, kept spitting, and finally said, 'I've drunk my fish!'"

"She had been so busy telling me about what to keep and what to throw back that she reached for what she thought was a soft drink and picked up her jar of smaller specimens -- then took a big gulp!"

(Ed. note: -- we're sure there is a moral there somewhere, but somehow we're afraid to probe too deeply.)

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TEEN CLUB by crisis gault

This past weekend was the last big weekend for northern visitors who were on their spring vacations. Now the native teenagers will return to their regular routine and dream about this past spring vacation (which was only Good Friday and Easter Monday for them) but which has seemed like a month of fun because of the many visitors.

CATHY BOOTH, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. RAY BOOTH of Captiva, visited her parents over the weekend of the 13th -- and brought seven college boys with

her. They all attend the University of Miami. They arrived on Saturday and left the following Monday. Cathy, who is a student at the Miami School of Medical Tech. arrived Thursday and left Monday.

Tim Slater, Vic Smith, Chris Smith, David Hosea, Jerry Zint and Rick Waldenmayer, all of Fort Thomas, Ky., who stayed at the Shell Basket, left the Islands on Saturday the 20th.

Tim, Vic and Jerry attended school one day with three Island girls . . . Mary Jo Gault, Judy McQuade and yours truly. They drove the girls into School (Fort Myers Senior High) attended study hall, left, came back for lunch, left and came back to drive the girls back to Sanibel. (Ed Note: Sounds like a REAL tough schedule!)

Some of the parties held recently were . . . Sunday, the

14th, Sara Stahlin of Captiva gave a party at the Seminole Chickee of South Seas Plantation. She provided a variety of food which was, when necessary, cooked over a fire set up near by.

Friday (19) a group of the Island girls along with a few visiting boys got together at Bowman's Beach. Everyone contributed to the food fund and we all ended up roasting hot dogs over a fire again.

Saturday (20th) Mary Jo Gault, your reporter & Mrs. Joe Gault (who is related by mothership) attended a bridal shower at the Bonita Springs Spa, owned by Dr. C. Gnau. The shower was given by Monico Gnau in honor of Miss Judy Kelly who will marry Tom Peck soon after graduation in May.

Lora Lee, Diane and Eddie Ballinger, with their parents,

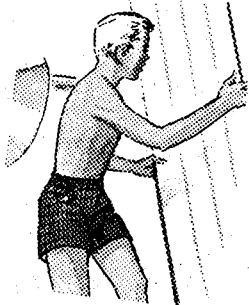
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Ballinger of Captiva, all left Friday for Coco, Fla., where they visited their sister Paula Sue who is married to a local boy.

LADIES GUILD ELECTS

Members of the Ladies Guild of the Sanibel Community Church met last Thursday night to elect new officers for the coming year

Officers elected, to be installed at a covered dish supper on May 16 at the Sanibel Community House, are Miss HELEN PLOESSER, president; Mrs. THADDEUS ALLEN, vice president; Mrs. HAL IRWIN, secretary; Mrs FLOYD SNOOK, treasurer and Mrs. E.B. BRYANT, flower chairman.

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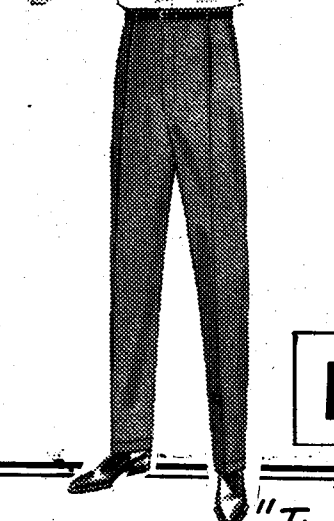
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