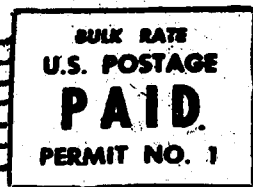
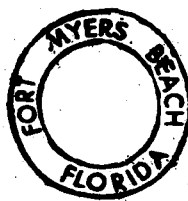


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At 10:30 A.M. on Sunday, May 26, 1963, two of ANDREW B. KINZIE'S well loved ferry boats, the Rebel and the Best, left the Sanibel docks on a trip to Punta Rassa and back. The boats were accompanied by many other small craft who came to pay tribute to two vessels that have traveled many and many a nautical mile. The two boats left the docks with the traditional blast of the whistle -- sounding rather mournful on

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TEEN CLUB CORNER By Chris

Since this is the end of the 1962-63 school year, many activities have been taking place . . . for example the Prom on May 10. The theme was "King Neptune's Palace." so the Exhibition Hall in Fort Myers was cleverly decorated with anchors, fish and other salty underwater kingdom inhabitants. Other end-of-the-year events are the Senior Graduation on May 31, and the Baccalaureate on May 26. Graduation is probably the most exciting and important affair of the year. Since Mary Jo is the only senior on the Islands she will be (naturally) the only local to participate. (Ed Note: That's logical.)

After the Graduation exercises there is a semi-formal dance for seniors only. After that, there's a movie for the seniors, followed by a breakfast in honor of the students. And after that, a day at the Beach is planned. It really sounds as if it would be an exciting schedule and we hope that Mary Jo enjoys it.

Another occasion . . . not so exciting . . . that marks the end of the year is the exams at Cypress Lake Junior High. They started Friday, the 24th. Fort Myers High School students enjoyed one more free day before they started their exams on the 27th. These exams cover the material the teenagers were supposed to have completed during the last nine months.

One more thing to remind us that this is the end of the school year is the departure of Ed Hendrikson and his parents, Mr. & Mrs. C. Hendrikson, for Chicago. Ed . . . a Sophomore at Fort Myers Senior High . . . was given a party Friday, May 24. 'twas a farewell . . . they all left today, the 29th.

The party was held at PAT KONRADS home. Guests included PAT, JON BILHIEMER, ED, DIANE and LORA BALLINGER, BOB WOOSTER, CHUCK NAVE, RAYMOND RHODES, JUDY Mc QUADE, DENNIS STONECYPHER, MARY JO GAULT, EUGENE RHODES and yours truly. And, of course, the guest of honor, ED HENDRICKSON. Many things happened at the gathering -- Mary Jo and Ed, clothes and all, were both thrown into the Gulf and Ed also had the privilege of having part of the going away cake (made by Lora Ballinger) pushed into his face. (This is getting to be a tradition.)

Two of our Island college students are home temporarily. They are JON BILHIEMER of Sanibel and CATHY BOOTH of Captiva. Jon will go to summer school in Colorado -- Cathy is still undecided about the summer as she has had job offers as a medical technician in New York, Miami, Naples and Fort Myers. She is a graduate of the Florida College of Medical Technicians.

Summer plans for other of the Island teenagers have a wide variety. SARASTAHLIN of Captiva and Fort Myers plans to be at South Seas Plantation working in the Sea Horse Shop there, LORA BALLINGER is going to Coco Beach right after school is out to be with her sister, PAULA SUE, who is expecting a baby soon, and the two Gaults are planning a "visiting trip" by bus to Kentucky, Washington, D.C., Connecticut and Vermont.

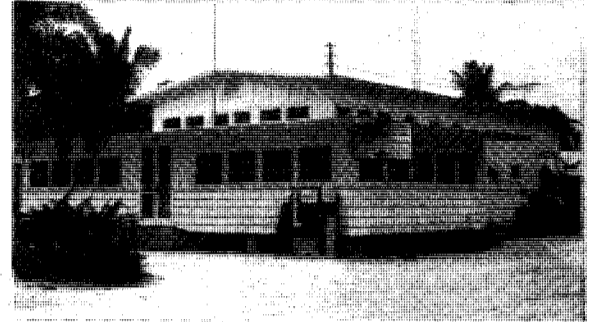
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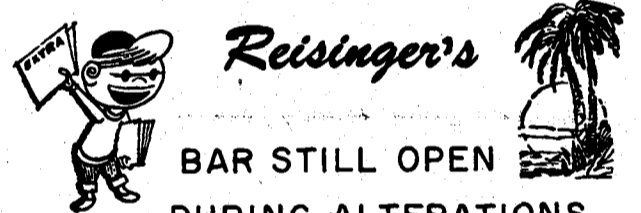
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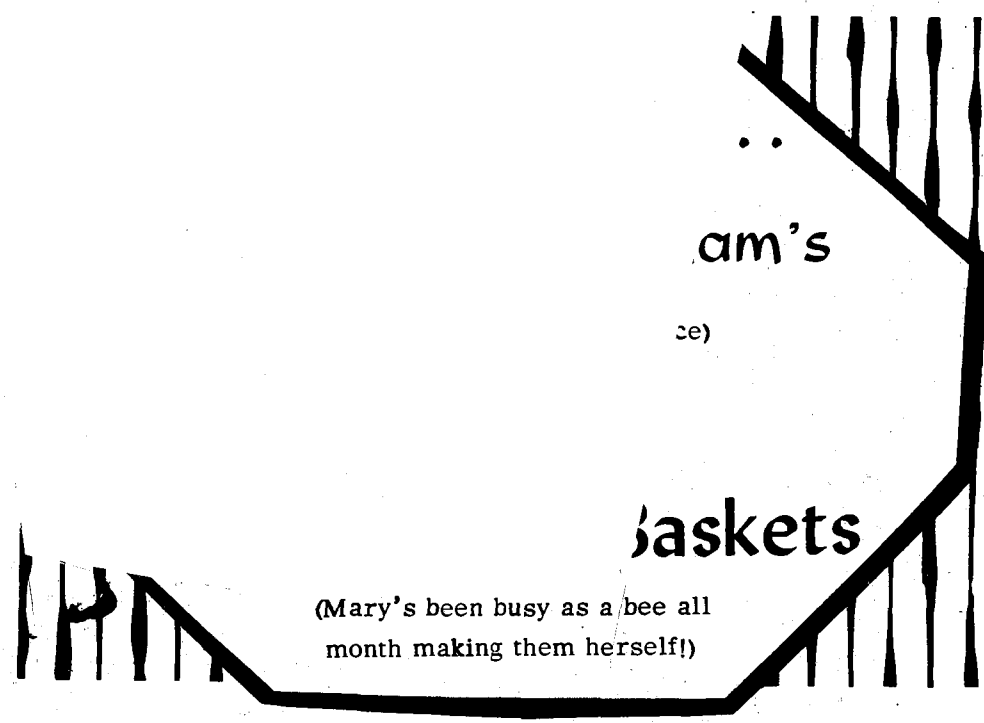
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Rena's memories of many good people, places and times on Sanibel explain why she chose to make this her permanent home--and we're all glad she did.

THANKS FOR MUCH SERVICE WELL DONE

Capt. JAKE STOKES made what will probably be his last mercy mission last Thursday night when he brought EUGENE RHODES to Punta Rassa for a trip to the hospital. Eugene got a cat-fish spine in his foot and was taken from Punta Rassa to Lee Memorial by his brother, BILLIE. Ye Ed. has missed the last ferry a few times but it was never an emergency enuf to call for Jake -- but we know that if we did, no matter what the hour, he would be ready.

Jake has been a consistant "ambulance" since he had anything larger than a row boat and many Island residents and their guests no doubt owe their very lives to his uncomplaining service. We believe we speak for all Islanders when we say, "Thanks, Jake."

(Ed. Note: His wife is a wonderful cook, too.)

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dergo an operation there, were in a most unfortunat accident just a few blocks from their northern home, when another auto hit their car. Esther was thrown from the car and was on the critical list in the hospital with 14 broken ribs, a broken collar bone, a crushed vertebra and assorted cuts and bruises.

However, in a few days she had improved enough to call DOTTY JEREMIASSEN, of Captiva on May 22. She told Dotty that she hoped to be out of the hospital in a week or two -- and all her friends hope that she is.

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Miss Edie Mugridge bought "Helen's Jewel Box" from Helen and Jim Denny. New name is "Glory of the Sea-Helen's Jewel Box" and, we're told, it's the original black and white shop on Sanibel. Helen will be in the shop with Edie for a while and urges her friends to come in to meet her. Helen's exclusive lines of merchandise, as well as Edie's, will be sold by the shop. The Dennys plan to make Sanibel their permanent home and will start building soon in Sanibel Estates.

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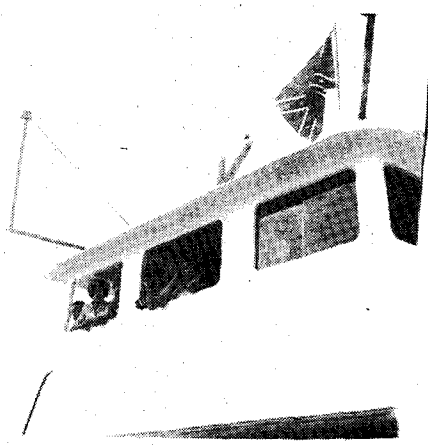
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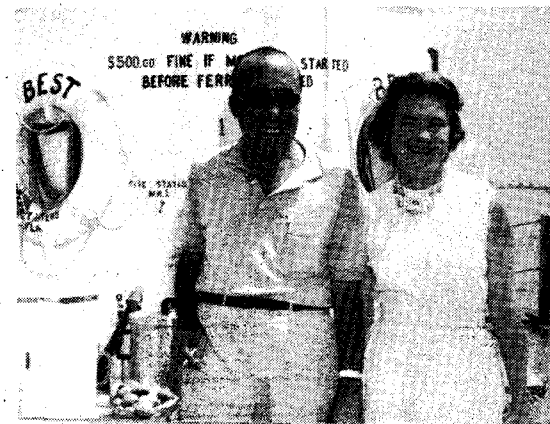
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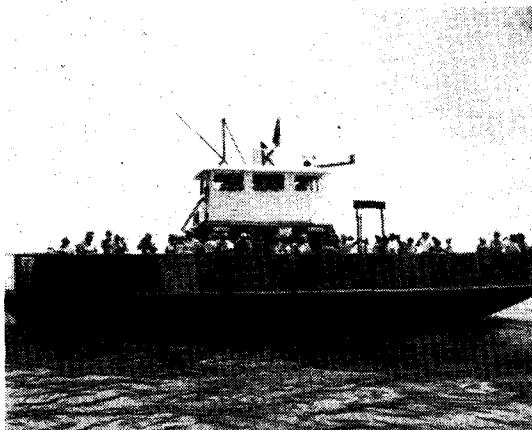
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A TRIP TO REMEMBER

Sunday, May 26, 1963, was a trip to remember for everyone from "young" YVONNE NAVE to "old" (some we won't mention).

The Kinzie Line donated two ferrys to DICK and VIVIAN KEARNS, who along with Dick's parents, Mr. & Mrs. PAUL KEARNS, hosted a "last trip" and late breakfast aboard the "Rebel" and the "Best." The guest list included many of the Island's old-timers and a few of the newer residents.

The two boats left the Sanibel dock at 10:30 A.M., followed by a host of small (and large) craft, made the trip to Punta Rassa where they docked and then back to the Islands. About 130 people made the trip.

Capt. LEON CRUMPLER, a skipper known to all -- and the person who had brought many of Sunday's passengers to the Islands -- made his last trip at the wheel of the "Best." He was accompanied by Asst. Capt. ANDREW CRUMPLER and Purser JACK LOWE. The Rebel was skippered by Capt. WILLIAM RHODES with DICK SCHAEFER

riding as purser. Superintendent DICK CHAPPELLE was also along.

The weather was sunny, hot and excellent. The only complaint was that there was no "porpoise riding the bow wave to keep us company," and, of course, the fact that this was the last ride for all aboard.

The ride ended with songs led by LEROY FRIDAY -- "For Old Lang Syne," and "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" for both the Kearns and especially for Capt. Leon. It was agreed by all who attended (and we want to use this opportunity to thank the Kearns for all who went along) that it was a fitting way to say "goodbye" to something we all loved.

During the trip, our reporter, PEGGY MALONEY, that women with the "hat," had a talk with many of the persons aboard. In the course of her questions she found how many of our residents first came to Sanibel and Captiva. The following is a short capsule of some of them.

CLARENCE RUTLAND was four when he arrived in 1885. About fifty years ago he brought his bride, RUTY, to Sanibel on the Steamboat "Gladys." They drove from the ferry landing to their home in a mule-powered wagon. ARTHUR GIBSON boarded a sailboat in Tampa on January 6, 1900. For the next 5 years, he farmed with his father and then went to work on a freight and passenger boat out of Fort Myers and then for the Kinzies. JAKE STOKES arrived on a dredge boat in 1927 which came to fill in under Bailey's Store which had been built on land after the Hurricane of '26 had knocked out the one at the end of the dock. Jake also helped to dredge the channel so that the steamboat "Gladys" could get into the dock.

ISABEL REISINGER arrived in 1922, as a mere slip of a girl, as she says, on the "Gladys" with her father, brother and her governess. They lived in what is now ETHEL SNYDER'S home. Mrs. R. FULLER boarded a train in 1910 to Fort Myers. She then walked to the pier, got on

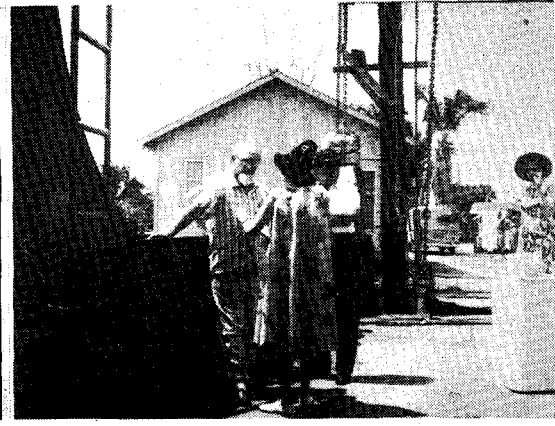
the "Gladys" with Capt. ANDREW KINZIE at the helm. She got off at Bailey's and was driven by that mule and wagon to her grandfather's home down Tulipa Way. FRANCIS BAILEY came to the Islands on April 25, 1921. That was the day he was born, and that's all there is to that story.

HOWARD DAYTON has been here for 20 years -- and he couldn't talk about anything that happened back then except those mosquitoes. MARTIN and SADIE HIRES came in 1939 and arrived too late to catch the ferry. Capt. LEON put them up for the night, and then the next morning they got on the "Best." They drove off on the Islands, went shelling and were hooked. They've been here ever since. BELTON JOHNSON came to Sanibel in 1901 with his parents aboard the Punta Gorda sternwheeler, the steamer "St. Lucie."

JACK COLE, who arrived on the "Best" in 1942, did construction work, managed Casa Ybel and then went into business for himself. He said that he believes the Kinzies did a splendid service to the Islands by always



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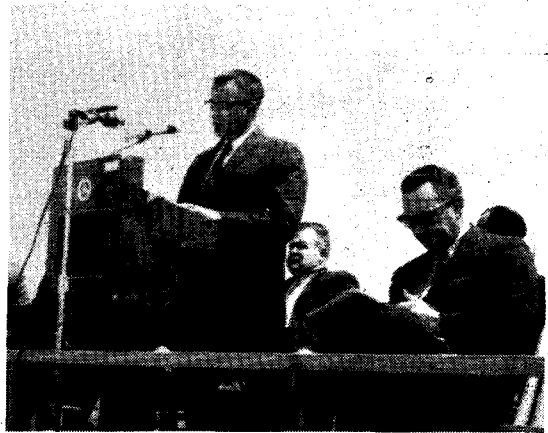
"BOOOARD!"



"SHANKS MARE" BROUGHT THEM



SANIBEL GUESTS OF HONOR



SPEECH TIME BY TOM ADAMS

and giving emergency calls and under adverse conditions. MAGGIE FITZHUGH came to Sanibel in 1927 on the very first trip of the "Best." ETHEL SNYDER arrived in 1937 -- on the "Best," of course. She remembers eating a picnic lunch on the deck with Capt Leon looking on.

Mrs. J. ROSS (DAISY) MAYER says she drove the first car off the first ferry that could carry cars...the "Islander" in 1935. She landed at Bailey's dock and headed for the Island Inn. ESPERANZA WOODRING came to the Islands with her husband in a fishing boat -- and has lived here ever since. DOC and JO PICKINS arrived in 1952 on the "Islander" with Capt. Leon at the wheel, when the ferries only ran once an hour.

LEROY and HELEN FRIDAY also arrived in '52 and bought property on their very first visit. They finally got settled permanently in 1959. PAUL and MARGE SIMMONDS were soon in business after their arrival in 1950. BILL and MAE SHANNON worked at South Seas for many years after their arrival in 1945.

THEWS (who represents Sanibel to all of us -- and to people who lived here long ago and had to move away) has lived longer on Sanibel than any other resident, arriving early in 1891. The Matthews family started Island Inn 3 years later in 1894. To many of us, Sanibel and Miss Charlotta will always be inseparable.

CHARLES and QUEENIE HEARST (who helped to prepare and serve that delicious continental breakfast aboard the ferries) arrived on the Islands in May of 1924. They worked for the Nutt family for a while and then went to Island Inn where they have been ever since. DICK and VIVIEN KEARNS got here about 15 years ago and have been doing a splendid job with Island Inn. Dick's parents, Mr. & Mrs. PAUL KEARNS were drawn to the Islands about 10 years ago, and, as you all know, have Hurricane House.



Miss CHARLOTTA MAT-

A NOTE OR TWO FROM YE ED.

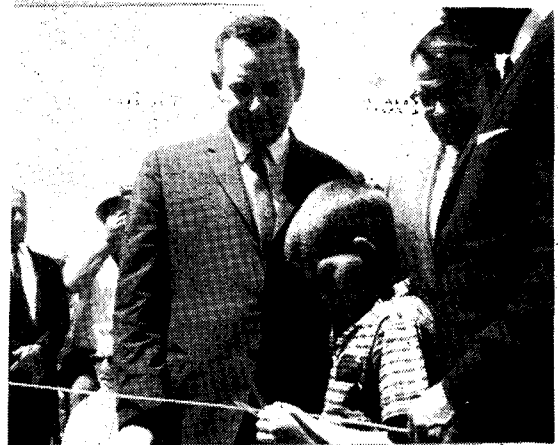
The staff of the Islander is beginning to understand how the "underprivileged peoples" of the world feel when the missionaries arrive.

Some residents wanted a new bridge, some didn't. Lee County thought it would be a good thing. So we got one.

And then they have a dedication service for the Sanibel Causeway. No Sanibel or Captiva residents were invited until the day BEFORE the ceremony. The invitation came too late for DICK KEARNS of Sanibel and GRIFING BANCROFT of Captiva to change previous plans, but at the last minute FLOYD SNOOK and GERALD MARTIN were able to attend. They were seated, by the way, in the bleachers, not on the officials stand.

Our own American Legion Post # 123 wanted to give a fish fry -- but was discouraged from doing so. The Commissioners then imported Legion Post #38 from Fort Myers to raise the flag.

The invocation was given by



HERE COME THE CARS!

the Rev. ARTHUR SMITH. It is granted that he is the President of the Fort Myers Ministerial Association, but wouldn't it have been possible to ask just one of our own clergymen from the Islands to assist?

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PERSONALS

Mrs. MARIE FLINT of Sanibel, who is associated with Coconut Grove, went on a week's vacation and visited in Daytona Beach, St. Augustine and Gainesville, where she stayed with a cousin she hadn't seen in 25 years.

Mrs. SHERMAN T. MEL- LINGER of Springfield, Ill., who is MARY K. CUNNINGHAM'S sister, arrived on Captiva May 16 and will stay for about a month -- unless Mary can keep the skeeters off longer. Delisle

test. (Still pretty good, we'd say.) Anyhow, Bob said, "I won't be going to Washington . . . but I had a heck of a lot of fun and missed a lot of regular duty."

A MOTTO TO PONDER

FLOYD PFLOUGH gave us a little saying the other day which we're passing on to you . . . no comment needed. It reads thusly: A deficit is what you have when you haven't as much as when you had nothing.

MRS. MAMIE B. KEENE

Mrs. Mamie B. Keene, who was a Sanibel Pioneer, died May 12, 1963. She was born on October 12, 1890 and first came to Sanibel with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Gibson, in January of 1900.

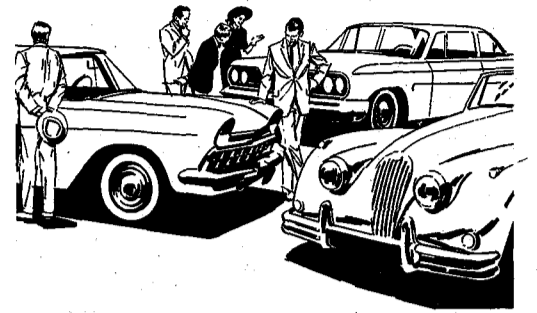
She grew up at Wulfert Point. Her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Stringer, was born on Wulfert. Besides Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. Keene is survived by a son, Jack Maloy of Fort Myers, a sister, Mrs. Jessee Carter of Fort Myers and a brother, Arthur Gibson of Sanibel . . . plus four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

FERRIES TO BE SOLD?

Mayor LUTHER BROOKS of Islandia, Florida (just south of Miami), reportedly came to the Islands Sunday to see about buying the Kinzie ferries. We understand that Islandia, which was recently granted incorporation by Dade County, is having some trouble gettin a causeway built from South Dade County to town, and they need some sort of transportation. We're sure that the spirit of the ferries will go with them, and if they are purchased, we hope that they do as much for Islandia residents as they did for us.

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BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY DEDICATED

The Sanibel Causeway was dedicated on the Punta Rassa side at 2 P.M. Sunday afternoon.

County Commissioner HERMAN J. HASTINGS welcomed everyone, after which the flag was raised by American Legion Post #38 of Fort Myers. The Rev. ARTHUR SMITH, President of the Fort Myers Ministerial Association, gave the Invocation.

WARREN CASSON, M.C., and a member of the State Road Department, introduced the guests, which included representatives from all over south Florida. Senior Commissioner CHARLES HALL of Dade County, congratulated Lee County on its splendid progress and presented keys of Dade County to Hastings and Secretary of State TOM ADAMS.

Mr. Adams gave the dedicatory address, and said, in part, that now everyone could enjoy the "peace and tranquility" of the Islands. He said that he had enjoyed the time he had spent here.

The red ribbon was cut by 8 year old WARREN M. CASSON, Jr., the son of the Master of Ceremonies.

After the dedication, the cars started pouring onto Sanibel. The second car over, driven by our own deputy, RALPH SMITH, carried Capt. LEON CRUMPLER, long time ferry boat skipper. Over 100 cars and motorcycles passed over in the first 10 minutes, and 1,120 passed over before the 4 P.M. free deadline. BRUCE SMART paid the first \$3 toll to collector HAROLD NEUKON.

HATS FOR SUN AND FUN

Our Islands have two mad hatters -- JOYCE WHITE and GRACE ROSCHE. They've been designing marvelously mad hats which your reporter found at the B-Hive. The styles are for both men and women and range from beachwear to garden party.

Both the young ladies who are responsible for the creations are from New York and they've been vacationing on Sanibel for the past five years. They moved here permanently in December and live on Woodring's Point. The hats are a fun -- and far -- change from Joyce's public relations work and Grace's investment and insurance business.

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to spend all afternoon looking over the natives, without paying any toll. Wouldn't it have been possible to arrange for US to get passes so that we might spend some time viewing the natives in the United States without having to get back before 4 P.M.?

And, when the dignitaries spoke, they did admit that we were lovely -- the "Tahiti of the Gulf," and "one of the finest shelling beaches in the world" and so forth, but all in all, the sum total of the speeches seemed to indicate that Lee County was rather proud of itself. This is fine -- Lee County should be -- but frankly, this observer sort of felt that we were a golden egg, laid by some far-off goose in the County Commissioner's Office, which was to be admired but which had no feelings of its own.

We also noticed that someone had to call on members of our Volunteer Fire Department to direct traffic on the Sanibel end of the Causeway -- and the law was thicker than fleas on a Sanibel cat on the other side.

And finally -- looking at it from THEIR point of view -- if this whole kit and caboodle was for the tourists (and don't get us wrong, we like tourists. They're often friendly people who we are proud to know) -- why in the world didn't the State or County Road Department do something about those pot holes in the road before inviting everyone over? Those aren't ghosts you hear occasionally in front of the school -- those are just poor unfortunate sports car drivers who have fallen into the holes and can't get out!

Please, we're not against the bridge. As Miss CHARLOTTA MATTHEWS said on Monday, "I fought it violently. We lost, but now that it's here, we'll make the best of it. It will be a real convenience, I'm sure."

We think it will be too -- but we also think the dedication ceremonies and the first day of a new epoch could have been handled in a way that would have included the Islanders as people rather than objects.



A FRIENDLY VISIT

CHARLES F. (CHUCK) HALL of Miami, where he is the senior Commissioner for Dade County, and his wife, JACKIE, came to Reisinger's after the bridge dedication to say "Hi," and to look for a place to stay on their vacation in July. THAT'S the kind of Commissioner we need more of.

The Halls haven't been on the Islands since before Donna (when that nasty lady hit, Hall, who was also Civil Defense Chief of Dade County then, sent a helicopter and all the help that they could) but were fishing in local waters a few weeks ago. The party brought in a 150 pound tarpon that day, which is a big one in any one's language.

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this day. It was a whistle that we had all heard many a time -- late at night on an emergency run, early in the morning bringing us our papers and visitors, in the evening returning from a football game or school function, thru the fog hunting for the landing slip, coming back on the first run after a storm. But most of all, a whistle that was heard often and regularly. A whistle that we never "heard" because we were so used to it -- but if we did not hear it, we knew something was wrong. That sound will be missed.

Also to be missed will be the call, "Board!" and the rumble of the planks as the cars moved across them. The face of the purser when he came for the fare, the jolt of the boat as it docked, the sight of a porpoise in the water, the "click" of the camera as the tourist first came to our side, the feel of the salt spray in choppy weather, the chatter of the school children on their way home, the companionship between strangers aboard -- these are the things that we will miss. We will miss OUR ferry boats.

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