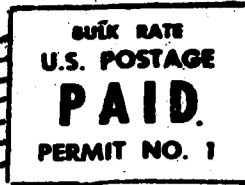
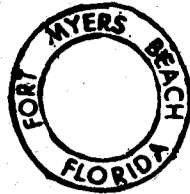


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Island to get Coast Guard Station

According to U.S. Coast Guard Rear Adm. I.J. STEPHENS, Sanibel and Captiva will get a C.G. Search and Rescue station in the "near future, construction to start in about a year--if we get the money in the budget." Stephens spoke at the commissioning of the new temporary C.G. station at Fort Myers Beach last week.

The temporary station, a \$50,000, 28 X 60 foot houseboat docked at San Carlos Marina, was opened with ceremonies attended by Lee County and Fort Myers Beach officials.

Adm. Stephens said that surveys have been made on Government owned land and test drillings have been made for water to supply the station. "It should be in operation in about two years, when we will move the houseboat to another location and put the men on duty

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Let's Get On The Ball

RALPH DAVIS, Southeastern Areas Red Cross Disaster Representative, started out his talk to the combined Civil Defense - Red Cross dinner meeting in the Fort Myers Exhibition Hall last week with an anecdote that went like this:

Seems a new golfer sent his first ball slightly off the fairway onto an ant hill. The golfer took a mighty swing and swept away the left side of the ant hill, scattering ants all over the place. He took another mighty swing, hitting the right side and scattered those ants practically to the green. At this point, two ants were left, and one turned to the other and said, "Ol' buddy, if we're going to be safe, we'd better get on the ball."

We're glad to note that this area is getting on the ball, even if it is a couple of months after the official opening of the hurricane season.

The main speaker of the evening was GORDON DUNN, Chief Meteorologist of the U.S. Weather Bureau in Miami. Dunn spoke at a similar meeting three years ago--two months before Donna. He said that if another storm came along in two months that he would NOT come back to Fort Myers again.

Dunn stated that last year was the quietest storm year in over 30 years, and, that while "no one in his right mind can make a long-range forecast, unless radical changes in weather conditions come about, we will have another quiet year." The only problem is that in "quiet years," a greater percentage of the storms that do occur will reach the Gulf coast, "so that you MUST NOT reduce your vigilance." Dunn said that "Community organization and preparedness is the best improvement that has been made in hurricane plans in the past six years. Evacuation of low lying areas is the best thing and evacuation is up to YOU!"

In line with Dunn's talk and the plans of Lee County was the meeting attended by a large Island audience at the Sanibel Community House on July 9.

GERALD MARTIN, President of the Sanibel Chamber of Commerce, introduced the speakers, R.H. SCHMIDT, Comptroller of Lee County, GEORGE WILLIAMS, Assistant Civil Defense Directors and Communications Officer, and P.A. GERACI, County Commissioner of our District.

The purpose of the meeting was to explain to residents the necessity of setting up a Civilian Defense Organization for a time of emergency. As most of you know, the C.D. and Red Cross have joined forces this year to handle any hurricane emergencies--at least, as far as such emergencies can be handled.

Schmidt pointed out that the new bridge was built to withstand winds

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WHO WE WERE

GLEN RHODES says he's had a heck of a two weeks trying to help friends guess who that little blonde in the goat cart was, without giving HIMSELF away. The darkhaired boy with him (who looks more like Glen than Glen himself) is his brother ERNEST, who lives in Jacksonville and makes frequent Island visits.

Glen came to Sanibel in 1952 with EULA and their children to work for ALAN NAVE. They lived in the Bailey house right next to the store and when FRANCIS BAILEY offered him a job, he took it.

He's now the meat department and went to the National School of Meat Cutting in 1958 to learn all about it. He runs a top notch meat department -- just try one of his luscious steaks. He does NOT have any hamburger there, either, it's all "ground beef."

(Ed. note: We finally found out the name of the goat: BILLY)



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PERSONAL

Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE EAST-AVER and their three children, TONY, FEATHERS & ANNETTE, came to the Colony from Homestead for a lazy weekend of shelling and loafing. This is their second visit and they absolutely love it. Mr. Eastaver is with the Bennett Appraisal Company of Miami.



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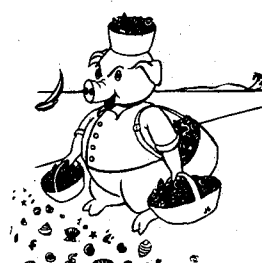
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When the Lee County Chamber of Commerce's Rolling Showcase takes off on its 7 week tour of midwestern states August 2, Sanibel and Captiva Islands will be represented. MARY CUNNINGHAM of Captiva prepared and donated two cases displaying 102 self collected Island shells. The cases will be hung in the truck along with other Lee County "treasurers."

Mary got a sneak preview of the truck last Friday when she delivered the cases to the Chamber. She said that they are trying to arrange for a tour of the Islands so that we can see the display before it take off for points west. We're sure that all of us would appreciate seeing the exhibit.

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PERSONALS

Mr. & Mrs. ROLF STEFFER of Lafayette, Ind., who have been coming to the Islands for 10 years, brought their children, ROY & CLAUDINE, with them this time. They're all at the Colony. The family recently bought a home site on the Islands and hope to be permanent residents someday.

Mr. & Mrs. ROY GORCHENOUR of Severna Park, Md., are spending a few weeks at Shalimar. They just bought the Martin House, next door to Shalimar, and plan to become permanent Islanders in the fall.

M.B. MacKELLER, the representative of Leco Water Company, paid his first visit to our Islands last week.

BETTY PARKS of the B-Hive buzzed off to Fort Wayne, Ind., on a business trip. She planned to return early this week.

ARVID JOHNSON bought VINCENT & ROSEMARY SPEARMAN'S home and rental units on Tradewinds. The Spearmans haven't decided where they'll live yet, as Rosemary loves it here, and Vince prefers Long Island, N.Y. Ah, come on Vince, compromise. Live Here!

Mr. & Mrs. WESLEY MacKEAGE of Leisure City, Florida, just finished a three week vacation at Mitchell's Castaways. This is their second visit to the Islands and to Castaways. They have 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild--which all adds up to a lot of future Island visitors.

Mr. & Mrs. FRANK MORGAN of Miami, their son FRANK, and daughter, Mrs. R.L. BRELAND of Dayton, Ohio, just left Castaways after a glorious vacation there--their 8th, by the way. Mrs. Breland, whose husband is a S.A.C. Captain, brought her daughter ROSEMARY with her. The whole family had great luck fishing this year. Mr. Morgan came in with two trout, Frank, Jr. caught 3 snook and 45 (1) trout and Mrs. Breland got 15 trout and two sword fish.



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This curly-haired youngster came to the Islands about four years ago, but even tho his tenure is short, he's well known to most of us. He brought his family with him, built himself a business and has prospered. He is very interested in civic matters and in the progress and future of the Islands. This photo of the roly-poly youngster was taken when he was 3 1/2, but he wouldn't tell us the year. (Ed note: We don't know what happened to those curls, but he sure doesn't have them now!)

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One of the many Island bowlers was caught before the camera with her high score proudly forward. Mrs. ALAN (GOLDIE) NAVE was over at Sealark Lanes last week and got a "very good" score. (Ed. Note: If, in my opinion, you knock down just one pin each time you throw, that's a good score). DON MICHIE of the Lanes reports that a goodly number of Islanders are coming over for evening games.

DOC BRYANT, our local clip artist (he's a barber) is in the process of looking for bowlers who are interested in forming a team or two to uphold the name of Sanibel-Captiva in the fall tournaments, if you're interested, please get in touch with him. There are two leagues, one for men and one for the ladies. You don't have to be a good bowler as they are handicap leagues and they do have a "ball."

A HECK! OF A WAY TO RUN A VACATION

Miss VIKI WAY of Sanibel had a pretty miserable time of it last week. She spent three days in the Fort Lauderdale Beach hospital for some serious emergency dental surgery. She's back home now, but says that this is not her idea of how to spend a summer vacation.

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Mr. & Mrs. HARRY SINGER of Springfield, Ill., were guests at Sanibel Cottages recently. He is with the Illinois Tubercular Association and she is a registered nurse. They're both ardent shellers (this is their 4th visit) and they said that they'll leave reluctantly and plan to come back soon.

PERSONALS

Mr. & Mrs. L.E. WOODHAMS of Casselberry, Florida, who have been Island guests for the past five years, spent this season's vacation at Sanibel Cottages. He is the Honorable Councilman of Casselberry and she just retired as treasurer of the Seminole County Republican Club. They both helped found the Young Republican Club of Seminole County.

DENTRY FITZHUGH is back on Captiva and plans to divide his time between his home and the tarpon. (They're back in the Bay and up the river these days, we hear.)

Mr. & Mrs. T.E. EASTON of Fort Myers brought their son, TOWNY and nephew, BILLY, over for the weekend. They enjoyed our Islands and Mr. Easton, who runs the Beacon T.V. Repair in town, said that the whole family wished that they could stay longer.

Mr. & Mrs. J.T. NIX were visited by Mr. Nix's brother and his family, Mr. & Mrs. DEAN GUNN and their daughter, VICKI MARSHALL of Jacksonville, last week. The Gunns are old Island visitors and would have loved to stay much longer.

Mrs. PAT FRENETTE made a rather unusual trade with a friend last week. She was given a golden Olive in return for a cold Coca Cola. All we can surmise is that her friend was either awfully thirsty or else has more Golden Olives than most of us.

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EUGENE BROADBENT of Sanibel was notified July 1 that he was promoted from Captain to Major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. (Congratulations!)

Mr. & Mrs. PAUL W. RICKEY of West Palm Beach were weekend guests at Casa Ybel. They're both retired -- Mrs. R. was a clerk at Southern Bell Telephone Company. Mr. Rickey is a nephew of baseball's Branch Rickey, and would only admit to two other claims to fame -- He's a devotee of Kentucky's corn product (that a tricky way of saying it, huh?) and he's a rebel and doesn't care who knows it, either. They've been Island visitors since 1913.

Mr. & Mrs. KARL WIGHTMAN and their daughter, SANDRA, left Captiva July 13 for a northern visit. They'll visit Karl's relatives in Iowa and Mary Lee's family in Minnesota. The family plans to return around August 1.

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Dear Dr. Sowder:

May I invite your attention to a disgusting nuisance and a potentially serious public health problem which has developed recently on the Island, Captiva, in Lee County, Florida?

Some months ago a portion of the southern tip of this Island was purchased by Lee County for public park purposes. The park area includes excellent beach and wooded area, is immediately available by public highway, and is not enclosed by any fence. The area is also adjoining private residences along the beach. Not only daytime visitors but overnight camping and use of auto trailers are now allowed. Yet there have been no toilet facilities installed, and no water supply has been provided.

With the recent opening of the causeway from Punta Rassa to Sanibel Island, easy access to these two Islands has led, as anticipated, to a marked increase in the number of transient visitors to what has been heretofore a quiet and treasured place for many people who own or rent residential properties on Sanibel and Captiva. The careless way in which a public park has been opened to use presents a serious threat to the Islands.

As one who has owned a home on Captiva near the new park for a number of years, and who hopes to enjoy its use more in the future than time has allowed in the past eight years, I urge that steps be taken at once to abate the nuisance and to make really adequate provision for water and sanitary facilities in the public park. E.L. SEVERINGHAUS, M.D. Associate Director, Columbia University Institute of Nutrition Sciences.

TO THE ISLANDER:

We were interested and distressed by the article in the June 27 edition of the Islander entitled "Ain't It A Mess?" The article confirmed our views that the Islands were not ready for the commercialization forced on them by the promoters of the Causeway, whose interest apparently lay in the direction of making a profit at the expense of one of the last of Nature's unspoiled beauty spots in Florida.

I hope the view of winter residents will not be resented if they dare to raise a voice above a whisper in regional affairs. Their interest is genuine altho they receive only a modest return in municipal services for their tax money. Even more

appalling is the County government's apparent unconcern--marked usually by a large yawn--for the rights and problems of property owners, while it fawns on the transient public with no more investment in the area than the tank of gasoline it takes to get there and back.

I would like to know three or four constructive things that the County authorities are doing for property owners -- although they go to extreme lengths to arrange for more parks and camp sites for the general public. Things have come to a pretty pass when private ownership, the very basis of our society, counts for nothing, is in fact, subservient to coddling the transient public. This is Socialism in a sport shirt. I do not go so far as to say "The public be damned," though mighty tempted to do so. The fish bone in my throat is that the winter resident property owner, particularly, is getting short shrift on every side. And so are many lodge and resort owners who must face the growing competition of free camp grounds and facilities being provided by a paternal County authority, provided, mind you, by tax money from the pockets of those who believe in free enterprise, who stand on their own feet and spurn hand-outs.

Because the Islands were not ready for the commercialization forced on them by the promoters, property owners who paid taxes which presumably included police protection, must now provide more cash so that Island Associations can arrange patrols to do the job. Why should not the causeway promoters, who are benefiting financially by the commercial destruction of the Islands, pay for the added facilities required -- and tidy up after the departure of thoughtless and inconsiderate transients?

The property owner, who has fairly bought and built at a cost of thousands of dollars a measure of privacy (and is this an evil thing?), may wake up some morning to find his privacy invaded by thoughtless picnickers, peace disturbed by raucous laughter, trees and shrubs damaged or destroyed, shore-line littered with garbage and the necessity to carefully lock a house that may have never known a key.

Are these things, then, the reward of social progress? Surservience to poor, down-trodden Joe Public, and the Devil take the property owner. What is forgotten is that the property owners are the public and their roots on Sanibel and Captiva run very deep and very strong. They love the natural beauty, the bird sanctuary, the Ding Darling preserves, the miles of unspoiled beaches, the beautiful shells and the friendliness of Island residents. They do not consider themselves outsiders or winter residents only, but are doubly interested in the protection and orderly development of the natural beauty of these Islands. For our part, we have looked forward to the time when we could spend more and more time in our Sanibel retreat.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

We've mentioned lately (along with almost everyone else) the situation at Turner Park on Captiva. Two letters received are printed on this page.

On July 17, the Lee County Commissioners courageously took action and passed a resolution which prohibited overnight camping in tents and/or trailers. And furthermore, they said, no camping of any kind shall be permitted or allowed in any form whatsoever on said Turner Beach.

Which is rather like killing the geese in the golden eggs as soon as they hatch. We now have a situation where taxpayers will be paying approximately \$600,000 for the next 20 years for what seems can not be used by said taxpayers. We also understand that the County is obligated to spend \$5,000 a year for improvements to keep its option on the land. We don't believe that the cutting of the trees and the clearing of the brush came to \$5,000.

We spoke to PARK PIGOTT'S office in Fort Myers (Lee County Park Board) on Monday afternoon. (Pigott was unable to come to the phone at the time.) We were told that the resolution had been passed. We asked if there were any plans about building ANY sort of sanitary facilities. The clerk told us that the Commissioners said that they were definitely needed (so what else is new), but that it "was out of the question at the present time."

"Why," we asked, "Is it the budget?"

"Well, no," she said, "It's more a question of time, tho it may be the budget. But it's the time involved, if you know what I mean."

We really don't know what she meant, and we sort of wonder if they do, or if anyone does, for that matter.

A controversial causeway and now an unuseable park -- someone is sure promoting OUR ISLANDS to the County Commissioners these days! Anyone for a Grand Jury investigation?

COAST GUARD STATION from Front Page

on land. Capt. CHESTER RICHMOND, O.I.C. of the C.G. air station in St. Petersburg said that the C.G. would "probably station two of our new jet turbine rescue helicopters at the new station when it is in operation."

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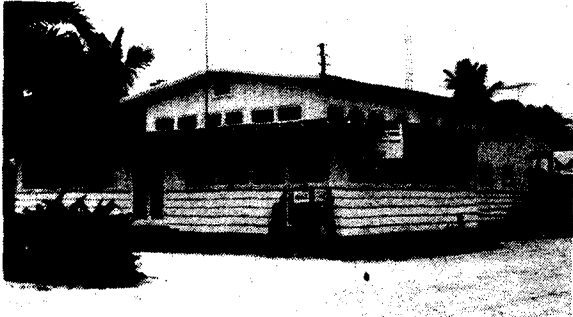
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CHIEF VISITOR

Civilization, with all its attendant ramifications, is creeping up on us, but fortunately, hasn't caught up enough so that we'd lose guests like MIKE OSCEOLA, of the Everglades Seminole Indians. Mike brought his wife and two children to Betty's Hawaiian Village for a week of fishing and relaxation. He said that when civilization crowds him too much back home, he packs the family in the car and takes off for the Islands.

Mike is a fishing guide in the Everglades, takes a busman's holiday when he is here and goes fishing every day, coming in with an average of two cooler chests of fish per day. MICKY POWELL told us that Mike brings 'em back when no one else is catching a thing-- Micky is convinced that Mike smell them a mile away.

OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD

TOM WOOD, JAKE STOKES and UNCLE CLARENCE RUTLAND took off by air on July 16 for Key West. They said they went on a business trip to see the U.S. Navy. Whatever the business was (and they ain't saying), they report that their request was denied. As a matter of fact, Tom says the Navy usually says "Please don't," but this time they just said "DON'T!" Frankly, we're willing to wager that the Navy knows as much about this peregrination as we do-- which is absolutely nothing. Rumor has it that they were trying to get Clarence into Cuba, and that he's real disappointed by the failure of the mission. He just loves sugar cane.

PERSONAL

Mrs. MARGARET UPSHAW of Carrollton, Georgia, arrived at South Seas Plantation early this week for a 10 day stay.

FLINT -- KEANE

Mrs. MARIE FLINT and Mr. BROWARD KEAN, both of Sanibel, announced their engagement on Saturday, July 20. They plan to be married around September 1.

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MAUDE NICKERSON presided during the short business meeting before the program, said program delighting the large audience of Shell Club members and their guests.

PRISCILLA MURPHY brought a box of beautiful specimen shells collected during her recent Virgin Island trip, and other Club members brought some striking local specimens.

Shell Clubbers were particularly lucky to have some Island visitors-- FRANK & MARY ALYS WILLIMORE of Mobile, Alabama, and BILL & JENNY GASTON, with their son DANNY, of Illeria, Ohio. They all stopped over for a short visit just in time for the meeting.

The Willmores, who just returned from shelling in the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf, brought some of the fine Cowries, Cones and Murex that they collected there, and Frank related some of their interesting experiences.

Jenny Gaston, assisted by Danny, showed beautiful slides of familiar Sanibel and Captiva places as well as slides of some of their fine specimen shells.

All in all, everyone who attended had a fine, and a fun, time.

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ARCHIE ILL

ARCHIE FUSSELL, who is associated with Casa Ybel, collapsed about 8 P.M. Wednesday a week ago. JACK RUSHWORTH and HENRY RHODES took him to Dr. BAKER, who sent them into Lee Memorial. Archie was examined and X-rayed and released last Thursday. His son, ARCHIE, Jr., of Alva, brought him back to the Islands where he is improving.

PERSONALS

Mrs. JANE NELSON, Jr., of Orlando, and her daughter, PAM, are visiting Mrs. Nelson's parents, Mrs. & Mrs. EDSON ELDRIDGE of Shalimar. Her husband, MARTIN, who is a staff member of the Marietta plant in Orlando, is now in the Panama Canal Zone on a special three month appointment.

JAMES L. LEWIS, Jr., of Canton, Conn., is staying at the Graham house on Captiva for a short time.

Miss ATHEA BROOK of Captiva left July 19 for her home in Leland, Mich., where she will spend the rest of the summer. PAUL EVERETT drove her home and will return to Captiva soon.

JOHN RANDOLPH GREY

JOHN RANDOLPH (RANDY) GRAY of Bradenton, a former Sanibel resident, was killed by lightning last week. He and a fellow worker ran under a tree for shelter during a thunderstorm. The tree was struck and Randy was killed instantly. His fellow worker is still in the hospital in serious condition.

Mrs. JANE RHODES, Mrs. Gray's sister, left with her family for Bradenton Tuesday of last week to be with Betty and her four children and to attend the funeral.

ROBERT HAUSER

ROBERT (WHITEY) HAUSER, 55, Died Wednesday a week ago, on Captiva after struggling to beach his boat during a Pine Island Sound squall. He had been employed at South Seas Plantation since October, and had never complained of any sickness before his death.

He was buried in the Fort Myers Cemetery Monday morning after chapel services in Englehardt's Funeral Home. His fiancée, MARGARET BROISIUS, formerly of Casa Ybel and now a resident of Long Port, N.J., took care of arrangements. They were to have been married this winter.

Whitey had no known relatives and so only left his many friends who will miss the sparkle and wit and friendliness that he gave to everyone he met.

TEEN CLUB CORNER by cris

Quite a few members of the teenage set have been visiting our Island paradise during the last few weeks. Among them are JANET & JOHN STAFFORD of Oak Park, Mich. The two, along with their parents, are staying at Casa Turquesa. The whole family is having a fine time visiting the JAMES JACKS, the JOE GAULTS and the PAUL STAHLINS. All of these Island families were originally from Michigan and were friends of the Staffords back north.

PATTY BORADBENT, who used to live on Captiva, is back on the Islands. She and her family (including two sisters and two brothers, as well as parents) spent four years in Pennsylvania, but they must have decided that the Islands are the place to live. They're all staying at Villa Victoria until their houseboat is completed. Patty, who will be a Senior, has one teenage sister, CATHY.

LORA BALLINGER returned Tuesday a week ago from Coco, Florida, where she had been visiting her sister and brother in law. Lora's sister just had another little girl, which makes Lora an aunt with two nieces to her credit.

Wednesday a week ago, MARY JO GAULT and yours truly gave a party for many Island and Fort Myers teenagers in the new addition to the Gault house. The decorations were of the Japanese style -- cushions on the floor, tingle-ing wind chimes and various lanterns. A band played at the party, MIKE MATHIS on the drums, ALAN VAUGHN at the electric piano, and MIKE TICE with his bass fiddle. After the party was over and the boys had departed, the girls had a "slumber party." At this section of the affair, only a very few caught a few winks -- the rest enjoying a full night of frolic.

Quite a few of the Island teenagers have been busy during the day. Many have summer jobs -- DENNIS STONECYPHER is working at Bailey's Store and, along with JACKY REDDINGER, is working on cars and fixing things up. The last time we talked to BOB WOOSTER, he was working on CURTIS SKATES'S construction job. RICHARD GRIMMARD is help-

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ing his father at the Standard Station, MARY JO GAULT is working part time at the Sea Horse Shop (Ed. note: Joe Gault has the best looking weeding crew we have ever seen), and LINDA JACK is also helping her father at Casa Turquesa.

Not working, but keeping very busy is LESTER STONECYPHER, who is playing ball with the Fort Myers Beach Travelers baseball team, and goes over about three times a week for practice and play.

EUGENE RHODES went over to Miami to visit JIM GUY (who used to live on the Islands) and is now back home.

CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE

The residents of Fitzhugh Street requested that their roadway be put in better condition. In what seemed like no time at all, Lee County Road Superintendent LESTER NORRIS called on homeowners and told them the amount of Culvert tile that was needed. After the residents bought the tile, work started about a week later -- and on July 17, they had a lovely 50 foot wide shell road. Thank you, sir!

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ON THE BALL (from front page)

of at least 50 miles per hour, but maritime law insists that a ship seeking safety in the Bay or up the river must be let thru. If the span were raised, it is possible that the wind could twist it out of shape and therefore Islanders would be trapped until it could be fixed. The tide would have to be slightly over seven feet higher than high tide to make the causeway unsafe for traffic, but no one can guarantee what might happen to the span. Schmidt advised Islanders to leave when the wind reaches 35 M.P.H. Someone asked if the Islanders would have to pay toll to come back. Schmidt said yes, but "some means of making the toll more reasonable for Island residents" was being worked on. (Ed note: Hear Hear!)

Williams, who urged that everyone including C.D. workers, evacuate, spoke of the 23 Red Cross shelter provided on the mainland and explained the communication set-up. Williams further urged setting up an Island C.D. organization to make evacuation easier and to handle damage reports for the Red Cross.

Geraci also stressed the need for early evacuation, "instead of

waiting until the last minute as in Donna."

The Islands did receive national publicity when the Coast Guard helicopters flew in, at great risk to themselves, to take off Island residents during Donna. However, we think that everyone would agree that this is the kind of publicity we could do without.

Remember--two people stayed out the storm on Bonita Beach--and two people were killed. It was the low tide that saved our Islands--we might not be so lucky again. To paraphrase an old safety slogan--"The life you save is not only your own, it's the life of your rescuer, too!" People seem to forget that being brave isn't a self-contained operation--someone is going to have to risk his life to rescue you.

Work on an Island C.D. organization is now underway. Mrs. CAROL GEHR, Sanibel school principal, has made arrangements for a Red Cross first aid class. The first one will be held today (July 25) in the Sanibel Community House, starting at 7:30 P.M. The five week course will be held on consecutive Thursday evenings. Even if you were not at the original meeting, you are more than welcome to join the classes.

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