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HOW LONG WILL WE HAVE A BEACH?

The Gulf was calm and serene Thanksgiving Day but during the night a blow came up out of the South which shifted to N. N. W. and chewed up even more of our County Beach.

From Castaway's Restaurant Dining Room one has a good view of the waves beating away at the expensive spit of land called Turner Park. It was as fascinating as a floor show --- watching the sand bars, which had built up since the last blow --- disappearing into the hungry Gulf.

Many Islanders have deplored the purchase of Turner Park (some have even written the Commissioners requesting that the County turn it over to former owners) and certainly it seems foolish to spend thousands and thousands of tax dollars on a park that melts away every time we have a high wind. This last blow will undoubtedly bring on more talk --- and perhaps even some action!



. Sanibel Crested Souvenirs

- . "Candy Cupboard" chocolates & toffies
- "County Line" country cured cheese
- . Stainless Steel Bar Accessories
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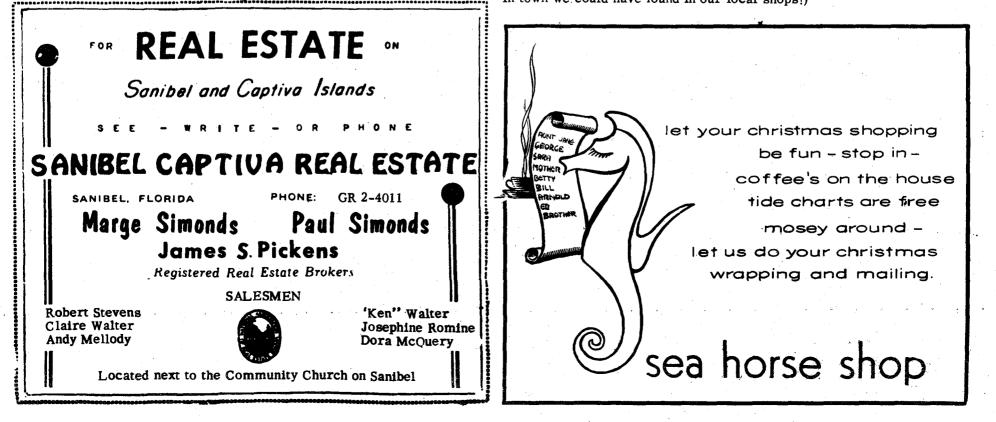
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TREASURES FOR ALL --- FOR FREEL

FASTER ?

Who said you could get on and off the Islands faster with the the Bridge? On November 27, something went wrong and the Bridge was stuck for more than an hour. Looked for a while as though we might have to ask Mr. Kinsie to reactivate the ferries.

First they couldn't get the draw up and then they couldn't get it down and finally, when they did get it down, it lacked about six inches of meshing. Cars were allowed to blump over the gap at this point, single file, and, three hours later when we returned from a shopping trip in Fort Myers, it was back to normal. What happened? We don't know. If we find out, we'll tell you. Suspect it was probably just plain old mechanical failure, though. (P.S. We didn't buy anything in town we could have found in our local shops!)





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NO MORE WAITING

Pool devotees have had to wait their turn at the table too often recently at Reisingers' Tavern and Game Room. This week, that problem was solved when Bill and Isabel bought another brand new pool table. They invited one and all to come along and have some fun.

FUN AND SONG

Betty and Carlisle Hughes, who have visited our Islands many times, bought the "Port-Hole" in Naples, and as your reporter had never visited that fair city, she accepted an invitation from Patty and Harry Harrison to run over for some fun, sport and amusement. The "Port-Hole" turned out to be one of the friendlest little places we've found on the mainland, and when host and hostess Betty and Carlisle popped in after a trip to Miami, the evening was an assured success. The "Spotlighters," Walt, Fran and Bill, furnished some delightful danceable as well as singable music--and we were fascinated by Bill's hands, which just flew over the keys and produced such lovely sounds. If you're ever scouting around the mainland and are anywhere near Naples, try the Port-Hole--you'll probably like it!





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SANIBEL CATHOLIC MISSION Father MIGUEL M. GONI

SUNDAY:	
Holy Mass.	. 11:30 AM
HOLY DAYS:	
Holy Mass	9:00 AM

Confession: Sundays before Mass

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SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. TAD ALLEN, Pastor

Sunday School. 10 A.M. Morning Worship. 11 A.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. DALE VESSEL

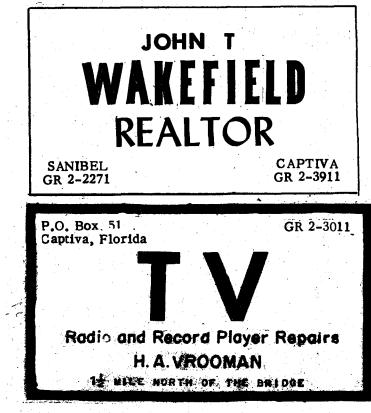
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Services	11:00 AM
	7:45PM
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PERSONALS

TONY CONZELMAN, soloist at Chapel By the Sea, left Captiva November 26 for an extended Mediterranean cruise. He is an amateur archeologist and will visit the ruins in Greece and Egypt.

MR. & MRS. CHUCK SAN-FORD from Okeechobee came back to Sanibel last week to visit with their good friends. Chuck started naming them all, but we stopped him -- we would not have space for them all in so small a paper! Needless to say, we all had a grand visit and look forward to their next





trip here.

Mr. & Mrs. RONALD FEN-TON arrived back on Sanibel November 27 where Ronnie, of course, will be managing Casa Ybel for the season. BETTY will hold the same position she did last year--shelling, painting, fishing and living the life of Riley--lucky girl!

The FENTONS were busy as little bees this summer in Michigan where they started building a grand new home on the grounds of the Menonaque Beach Club. One of the most unusual features of their new home is a trout stream they diverted so that they would have a well stocked trout pond right at their back door, and they plan to invite their friends to come and catch their own trout, which the Club chef will prepare. Sounds like fun--let's all plan to visit the FENTONS next summer.





PERSONALS

MISS EDITH MUGRIDGE of "GLORY OF THE SEA" has proved she could cook as well as sell shells. Last Wednesday evening, she had a jolly little party for a small group of friends. Vice Admiral, Ret., U. S. Navy A. G. Robinson, his gifted wife, Elizabeth Clem-ons, author of "Shells Are Where You Find Them" and many other fine books, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Peters of Buffalo. N. Y .. both great shell enthusiasts, (Mr. Peters is associated with Linde Co.), and Peggy Maloney. It was a fine get-together with talk, talk, talk, -- mostly of shells, we must admit, but great fun. And Oh, that frozen key lime pie! Eddie has promised us the recipe and we will pass it on to you. Islanders are looking forward to Elizabeth Clemon's new book, coming out next year, "Tide Pools and Beach-es," illustrated by Joe Gault of our Sea Horse Shops.

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The JOE GAULTS had a gathering of the clan and then some on Thanksgiving day. Mary Jo was home from college; their English friend, Peter Hiones from West Palm Beach, was here, as was Mary's aunt, Mrs. Margaret McKenna from North Fort Myers and Bangor, Maine. Her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna of Fort Myers were here, and they also had family friends from Coral Gables, Mr. and Mis. Charles I. Lauck and son George, who always spend Thanksgiving with them. That's not all! Jim Toughill, a regular Sanibel winter guest from Washington, D.C., added to the party, and, of course, Joe's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gault.

MR, & MRS. KENNETH M. WALTER, son Stephen and Mrs. Joyce, spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and granddaughter, Miss Shirley Walter, in Fort Myers. The occasion also was the 34th wedding anniversary of Ken and Claire.

Ken, reminissing about their wedding, told us that he was reputed to be a fairly wild young man (and who isn't?)--so during the ceremony, his mother, seated by his elder sister, said not a word until the minister read the line, "with all my worldly goods I do thee endow" then she whispered, "there goes his new bicycle and his baseball glove." Then after the ceremony she took Claire aside and told her how much she liked and admired her but added, "I sympathize with you very much. He is a hell-raiser and you won't be married to that character six months." Well -- that's what 34 years will do.

Good news! Good friend GEORGE HEATH, one of the Islands' most knowledgable and avid shellers who is now visiting in Mexico, plans to return to Sanibel and Casa Ybel (his usual Island abode) around December 15. All his friends, and they are legion, are looking forward to his arrival.

We will never forget our first shelling trip with GEORGE, when we learned more about finding the precious shells than we had learned in all the time we had been here. Most important were his lessons in conversation as often as possible.

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BILL BARBOUR is back on Sanibel from far-away, frozen With him he brings Alaska. his New Hampshire bride, Eleanore. They were married July 4 in Chester, N. H., and for their honeymoon went to stay awhile in Anchorage. While there Eleanore worked in the First National Bank, and, as Bill said, "handled all those checks, bringing a few home with her.' Bill did some carpentering for himself, helping our 49th state grow. He acquired not only a bride, but a pretty teenage daughter, Carol Manning, and a year-old feline, "Kitty Cat." (Yep, that's its name!) who has come about 9000 miles with the family to get to Sanibel. (Wonder what made Bill think we needed another cat on the Island!) Anyway, the entire Barbour family will be associated with Casa Ybel for the season--Kitty only as a boarder, of course.

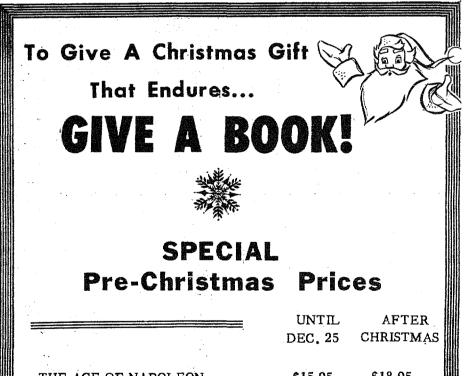
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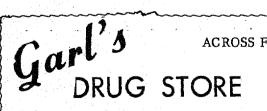
> Mrs. ETHEL ECKHOFF of Miami and her daughter, EMILY JEAN, paid their first visit to our Islands over the Thanksgiving weekend. They arrived on the Islands about 10 p.m. Wednesday night and drove all the way up to South Seas looking for a light that might indicate a motel.

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They finally backtracked to the only light they had seen---Reisinger's Tavern--where Isabell phoned Villa Capri, and they were in! In spite of this poor start, they explored the Islands as well as they could in their short stay and determined to return for a longer visit.

Mrs. M. HINES ROBERTS and Mrs. FRANCIS BRUCE of Atlanta, Georgia, arrived at Mrs. ROBERTS' Captiva home Thanksgiving day.





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The above Titles represent a few of the many books that are Pre-Christmased priced. You are welcome to browse through our list.

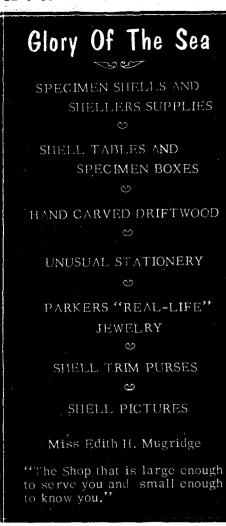
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IN THE DAYS OF THE FERRY

by ethel snyder

It is highly problematical if any other islander besides myself ever met the early ferry clad only in hight pajamas. Well, I did once---and it came about in this manner!

In those early days, my next door neighbors to the east were the Albert Willises from near Louisville, Kentucky. I loved them both dearly. We were congenial and all of us loved dogs-they had a chow and I had a cocker--and of course we loved the islands.

They owned an lived in Hurricane House and spent most of the year there. meir northern home was an old plantation in Kentucky. Albert had an antique Packard car to which he was utterly devoted. It needed understanding and affection as it had one very bad habit. It wouldn't start. Once it had been coaxed and wheedled and pampered into animation, it performed very well. That is, it did most of the time--sometimes it just quit going. But it brought Albert and Chang back and forth from Kentucky many times. Mary had no confidence in that car and traveled by rail.

At that early day there were no filling stations on the island. No mechanic, no help closer than Fort Myers, but since most of the men could and would change a tire or tinker with motors effectually, we got along. Due to Albert's recalcitrant starter (or non-starter) I became an expert pusher. In my dependable Chevrolet, I pushed that Packard to a good start off the beach, out of ruts along the main road, just anywhere that it happened to stop, and Albert always got word to me somehow when he needed a push and I always dropped at once whatever I was doing at the time and went to the rescue.

So it happened early one Christmas morning when I was sound asleep, a man stood under my window and kept calling, "Hey! Wake up!"

Along about the third "hey" I recognized Albert's voice. Without moving, I called back, "Albert, what do you want?" I knew what he wanted and dreaded to hear it!

In meek tones he replied, "Will you give me a push? please? it quit on me out front and I have to make the first ferry so I can meet Mary in Fort Myers."

Still half asleep I got up, stuck my feet in scuffs, forgot to put on a bathrobe, got my Chevy out of the garage (which started at the first touch on the starter) and then off we went to remonstrate with the obdurate Packard which was sitting complacently in the middle of the road in front of my cottage. Why it hadn't kept on going once it got that far, I wouldn't know. It just acted that way.

So Albert got into his car and yelled "Push!" I pushed. And pushed. And the Packard moved all right--but not a buzz out of the motor. By the time we reached Island Inn without any response Albert signalled me to stop. I did.

He said, "I've just got to make that ferry. Let's leave my car here under a tree and you rush me to the ferry. I'll thumb a ride to town. Please?"

That last word was so mournful and appealing I couldn't say anything except "Yes."

We started off on a gallop and broke the speed laws, (Ed. note: Not only was this before the bridge, it was before De-

puty Smith, too!) but no one else was on the road and we made the ferry.

It really wasn't until Albert waved goodbye to me from the deck of "The Best" and Cap't. Leon called "Merry Christmas!" that I realized that I wore only my pajamas.

Oh well, Albert had made the boat, and I had done my good deed for the day--so drove home and back to bed!

MIXED DOUBLES FORMING

Sealark Lanes is in the process of forming a Sunday Night Mixed Doubles League-if you're interested in joining, you can get more information at the desk from Don or Judy.



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PERSONALS .

Mr. & Mrs. LAWRENCE DOWLING of Naperville, Illinois, have been the house guests of Mr. DOWLING'S brother and sister-in-law, JIM and RUTH DOWLING of Castaways.

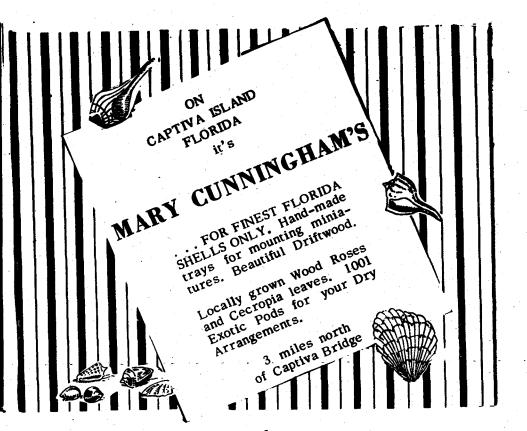
Mrs. GLADYS CONWAY and Miss AMY SYRA are back on Sanibel (at Hier's By the Sea, as usual) for the umpteenth time in the past ten years and will spend a few days before going to the Keys for three months. After that, they'll return to Sanibel for a longer stay.

In the spring, they'll head back to Concord, Vermont, where they make fine maple syrup from their own sugar bush (a grove of maple trees to us Southerners). The ladies also have an antique shop--so they keep busy through the spring and summer, but when fall comes they hie to Florida to rest, relax and have fun. Note: If you do not talk to Betty, Micky, or Bob, you are NOT at Betty's Hawaiian Village.

FRITZ TIEMANN has been visiting BILL and ISABEL RE-SINGER. He's from their home town, Erie, Pennsylvania, and has known ISABEL since she was a little girl. They dearly love to talk over the old days and come up with some very amusing stories. Everyone who has met FRITZ hopes that he will stay on Sanibel for a long, long time.

Mr. & Mrs. PAUL SIMONDS spent last weekend with their son, TOM, and his family in Sarasota. The four grandsons are beginning to give DEEP thought to Santa's arrival this month--and Grandma and Grandpa just gave a DEEP sigh!

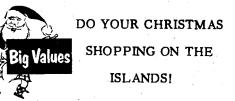
The December tide cards and colored maps of the Islands are now available at the Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate Office.



BEACHCOMBER BITS

MR. & MRS. C. E. HUTCHE-SON of Arlington, Virginia, and Canada, who were guests at the Beachcomber for the past two weeks, left Saturday for a three month's world cruise. Other guests at Beachcomber include Mrs. Viola Cannon of Indianapolis, Ind., who is here for a two weeks visit, (she and Mr. Cannon were here two weeks last year). Mrs. Cannon has done a water color of the Beachcomber which she presented to Pat and Rolly who plan to have it framed and hang it in the lobby. MR. & MRS. WILLIAM SMETH-HURST of Montclair, N. J. are enjoying especially, the fishing and shelling during their two weeks holiday. MR. & MRS. WILLIAM G. JANSSEN of Coalwood, Montana, who spent several weeks at the Beachcomber

last year, are here for an indefinite length of time this winter. MR. & MRS. T. MORGAN of Cuyahoga, Ohio, who are here for their third winter, will spend ten days or more.



CAPTIVA SUPPER POSTPONED

The Captiva Community Association's covered dish supper to introduce the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan P. Noyes has been postponed until Sunday, December 8, at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to meet the Rev. Mr. Noyes, who will be the new minister of Captiva Chapel By the Sea.



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