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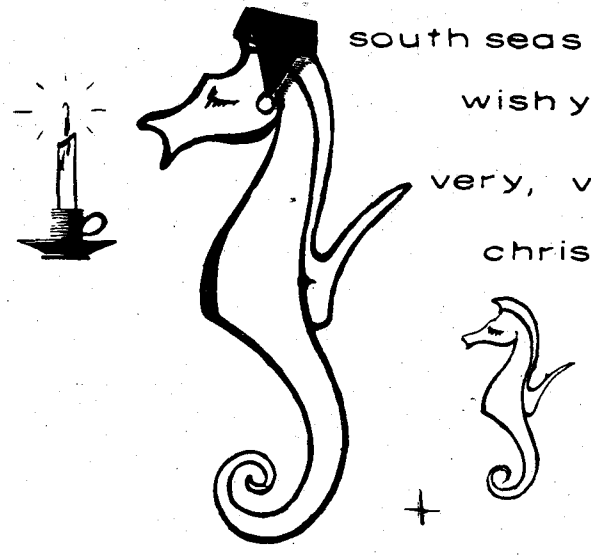
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CHRISTMAS SEASON
by ethel snyder

From my very first Christmas season on Sanibel Island there has been the feel-in the atmosphere ... Peace on earth, good will towards men that is felt rather than explained.

The Christmas spent at Island Inn was overflowing with love, good cheer, contentment and mellowness and an indefinable joy. Everyone seemed brimful of well-being. It reminded me of Christmas scenes

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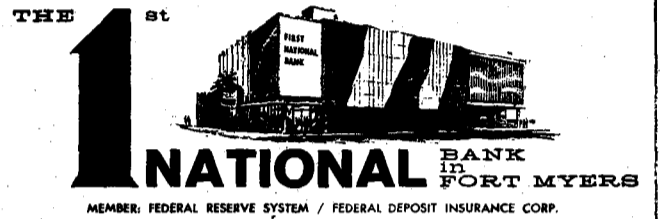
'TIS THE SEASON...

The Christmas season has brought the A. PERRY PHILIPS family of Columbia, Mo., back to Sanibel. Mr. & Mrs. Philips, who have been visitors to the Island for several years, are at The Reef. With them is PRELLA, the older daughter who attends Bradford Junior College in Massachusetts, and ANN, a high school senior in Columbia. Prella has as her guest Miss LISA JOHNSON of New York City, also a Bradford student. Mr. Philips will have to interrupt his holiday a few times during his stay here to check on the construction of the new Holiday Inn in Fort Myers. He's the builder.

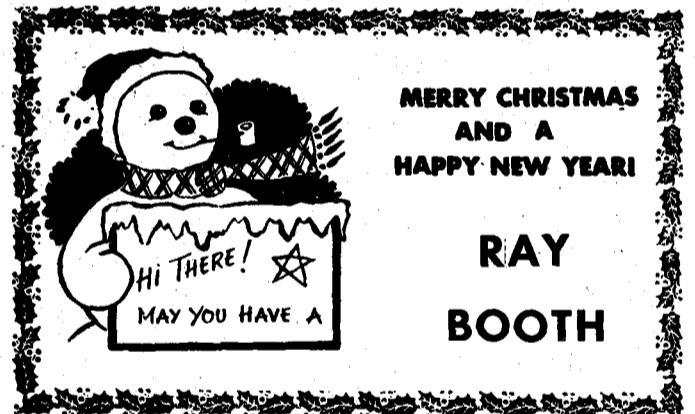
Merry Christmas to all says HENRY NIELSEN from his home in Irvington, N. J. "The ISLANDER has kept me up on the goings on at Sanibel and Captiva," he adds, "and helped keep alive the flame of love that ignited when I first set foot on your Islands. I'll be on my way there in a few days to ease the nostalgic pangs that have pained me for months. I'll see you all of a sudden."



TO ALL, A
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27	FRI	10:51A	9:52P	4:11A	4:08P
28	SAT	11:48A	10:38P	5:02A	4:59P
29	SUN	12:38P	11:24P	5:49A	5:45P
30	MON	1:23P	---	6:34A	6:28P
31	TUE	12:07A	2:04P	7:18A	7:09P
1	WED	12:47A	2:50P	8:01A	7:46P
2	THURS	1:33A	3:27P	8:43A	8:31P
3	FRI	2:21A	4:02P	9:24A	9:23P

MOON PHASES IN DECEMBER
Last Qtr. New Moon First Qtr. Full Moon

7th 16th 23rd 30th

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HAPPY
HOLIDAY
SEASON

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Merry Christmas

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS ON THE ISLANDS

THE ALLEN NAVE FAMILY



MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR and GOOD SHELLING

Ken Havourd
Sanibel Sea Shell Industries



photo by ed legel

The addition of a two story, four-unit building, and a face lifting to the existing front building in a colonial style, is the effect thought of by Mrs. David Holtzman. The photo taken during final stages of construction shows the results of the combined efforts of Architect Robert E. Crosland and Edward F. Legel of Sanibel.

Legel, designer and builder of Craftmaster Homes, tells us that the building is tastefully decorated with walnut formica furniture. Pure vynel coppertone floor tile and coppertone formica kitchen cabinets, accent the

sandelwood finish of the random cypress walls. White fiberglass ceilings and white drapes add the final touch of hominess to the units. The sandelwood bathroom fixtures with matching ceramic tile, are also in keeping with the decor.

A pleasant view of the Gulf can be seen from all four units. The Bay and bridge approach can also be seen from the second floor.

The Holtzmans and Ed Legel, who is a member of Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce and of the Lee County Contractors Association, has used all local labor wherever possible.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

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PARTY, PARTY

The Dale Ballingers were snuggled all cosy in bed early one evening not to long ago when a host of friends descended. 'Twas the Ballinger's 25th Wedding Anniversary, and just about everyone decided they should have a party. Dale woke up when the guests turned the TV on and, clad in a pair of trousers, said "But I'm just going to bed!"

Many hours and much fun later he did as the happy guests took their leave, knowing that they had gladdened the Ballingers' evening --- even if they robbed them of sleep!

PERSONAL

Mr. & Mrs. ADEN STONE-CYPHER and son LESTER left Sanibel Friday for San Jose, California. They will spend the Holidays with the families of RENA's daughters --- Mrs. RALPH (MICHELLE) MARTINEZ, Mrs. BILL (CHRISTINA) JACKSON and Miss PATRICIA STONECYPHER. Grandma Rena will see her granddaughter, Susan Jackson for the first time and will renew her acquaintance with her first grandson, Paul Martinez. They expect to be back on the Islands by Jan. 6. DENNIS (the menace) decided to forego the trip so that he wouldn't miss playing any basketball games for the Fort Myers Senior High -- which is good news for basketball fans and not-so-good news for opposing teams.

LEGION DINNER FULL OF FUN

The American Legion supper and games last Friday nite was not as well attended as expected (too many Christmas packages to wrap, most likely) it certainly was a decided success as far as the fun went.

After the delicious dinner came the big moment -- the drawing of the turkey tickets. Micky Powell won the first one, Mary Aleck (does she need a turkey?) won the second and the ticket numbered 24 won the third bird for our Sanibel postmaster. Seems that Captivites were just out of luck.

Murex followed --- and we now have the winning formula. Just get mad when you don't win and threaten to go home. Charlotta Carper did it (even won a special) and so did your Islander reporter.

Now that you have the fool-proof formula and know how its done, you can try your luck at Murex next Friday night.



Greetings and Best Wishes for a Joyful Holiday Season

EDIE MUGRIDGE

Glory Of The Sea

SCIENTISTS COME IN AS OLD YEAR GOES OUT


More than 100 world famous scientists will be on Sanibel next Saturday for the opening of the Winter Institute in Quantum Chemistry and Solid State of Physics. This will be their fourth successive season at Casa Ybel and the sessions will last through January 19.

Scientists from such far away places as Tokio, Bombay, Paris and Ypsala in Sweden will be among the lecturers.

AUDUBON PROGRAM FRIDAY NIGHT

The annual Audubon Christmas program will be held this Friday night at 8 at the Sanibel Community House. All Island residents and visitors are welcome and a special invitation is extended to shellers interested in land or tree shells.

The featured speaker will be Laymond Hardy, noted authority on Linguus, tree snails, tropical botany and Florida wildlife in general. Mr. Hardy is a well-known writer and photographer and currently has two articles in press for National Geographic. His talk here will be illustrated with rare color slides.



May a star lead you!
The gift of light ...
The gift of peace, hope, and joy!

Priscilla Murphy & Staff

SANIBEL ISLAND, FLORIDA GR 2-4911

CHILDREN'S CANTATA

CHRISTMAS PLANS FOR EVERYONE

AUTOGRAPHED COPIES

GROWING WINGS
Sarita Van Vleck

A SHADE OF DIFFERENCE
Allen Drury

SEVEN DAYS IN MAY
NO HIGH GROUND
Fletcher Knebel

I TAKE THIS LAND
THE PHILADELPHIAN
Richard Powell

Macintosh's Book Shop
AT THE SEAHORSE SHOPS

Good friend Nancy McCann reports that the Children's Cantata, held at the Sanibel Community House last Thursday, was simply beautiful.

Marla Stevens read the story of Christmas from the second chapter of St. Luke and then the group of children sang "Lo A Star." They were accompanied by Mrs. Charles Collier of North Fort Myers on the piano. She later said that the children performed so well that she felt the same way a symphony orchestra leader feels when he has conducted a group which performs as one -- perfectly. The audience evidently agreed with Mrs. Collier as the children got a number of repeat bows.

The audience joined the children in "Joy To The World" and then tried it alone. The young ones showed their good upbringing by applauding madly as if they really thought the adults were wonderful, too.

The children and the audience then sang four Christmas carols together -- including "12 Days of Christmas" during which the children illustrated the verses.

When the last carol had been sung, the children marched off the stage and from the room accompanied by loud applause from parents and guests.

And we hope you have a very merry one! There are lots of things to do and places to go. The CAROL SING at the Sanibel Community Church (with Francis Bailey reading the Christmas story and Pauline Bailey accompanying the carols on the organ) will start at 7:30 this evening, Christmas Eve.

The CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, to which all Island and visiting children are invited, will be held tonite in the Sanibel Community House, sponsored by the Sanibel Community Association. Mary Nix, party chairman, and her trusty committee have been wrapping presents and decorating and baking and everything for weeks to get ready for the fun tonite.

St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church will have a MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE starting at 11 p.m. Tomorrow, Christmas Day, SANTA will visit the children immediately following the 9 a.m. CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE. (That's why parents are asked to bring their children to the morning service rather than the Midnight Mass.)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS will be celebrated at 9 a.m. in the Sanibel Catholic Mission Church at the Shell Basket.

Saturday, the 28th, the annual CHRISTMAS DANCE for adults will be held at the Community House. Proceeds help to pay for the children's party --- and there's a yummy door prize as well as good fun and dancing to the music of the Socialites.

Have a wonderful time tonight, tomorrow, all week and all year -- The Islander's best wishes are with you.

PERSONAL

The B. G. Runnels of Swanton, Ohio, enclosed the following note with their subscription check.

Runnels and I have been coming to the Island for a number of years. We've become 'shelling addicts.'

"We are in the process of completing the purchase of a lot in the Palm Lake subdivision and hope to build and retire there after a few more years in school work. (Ed. note: Mr. Runnels is Executive Head of the Swanton Local Schools Board of Education in Swanton, Ohio.)

PERSONAL

The C.V. PATTERSONS of Captiva are spending the Holidays off-island with their children and grandchildren in Mich. They'll return after Christmas.

FOOD AND FUN

You can now enjoy fillin' sandwiches along with those games of pool and liquid refreshments at Reisingers Tavern and Game Room. They have plenty of stuff inside and are fresh, too!



HOPING IT'S A
Purr-fect Christmas for all!
peggy maloney

Weather

HIGH LOW

TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
MONDAY

The weather this past week has been california-type - rain and chill. to reassure those up north, there's no snow, tho.



PERSONAL

Mr. & Mrs. Noel D'Oyley have returned to spend another winter on Captiva Island.

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- . STUFF FOR KIDS SOCKS
- . WHISTLES - FRICTION TOYS - RUNABOUT TOYS
- . MATEY BATH SALTS
- . GAMES - PUZZLES - MODELS - BALLS - 'SLINKY' - GYROSCOPE
- . PLUSH BY KNICKERBOCKER
- . Pelicans - Gators - Squirrels - Etc.
- . FUN MONKEYS, DREAM PETS & BATH PLAYMATES

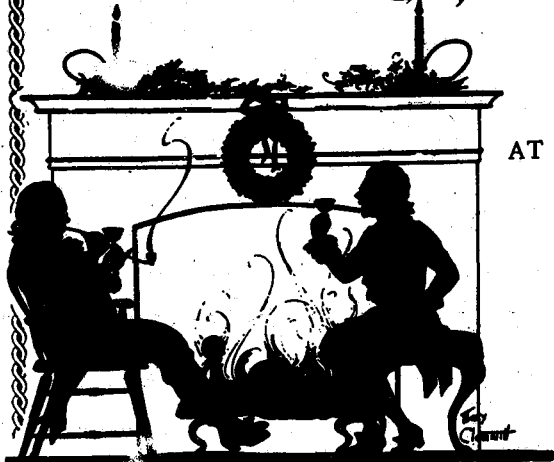
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Ethel Snyder



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PERSONALS

Mr. & Mrs. JAMES H. TOUGHILL and their two children are to become permanent residents of Sanibel Island. Mrs. Toughill was Sally Cist of the Cist family who lived here many years. She and the children are expected here in a few days. Mr. Toughill, who has spent several Winters on the Islands, has gone in business here as Editor and Publisher of the Sanibel-Captiva Record. Mr. Toughill, son of a newspaper sports editor, is a good newspaperman in his own right. He started his career in Philadelphia, Pa., and trained under HARRY NASON, now a permanent resident of Fort Myers Beach. Mr. Nason, incidentally, is the father of Virginia Brown, associate editor of The Islander.

The ED LEGELS will fly north Thursday so that they can spend the New Year Holidays with Ed's mother, Mrs. MARIE LEGEL, and his sister, Mrs. RUTH SCHRAM. Ed says he is looking forward to some good old sauerbrauten and weiner schnitzle -- and to the visits he will make to those delightful Schlitz and Miller brewerys where they offer buffets so that visitors can eat and drink 'til their hearts are content. Ed will be back on the job building a fine home for someone around January 3.

BRUTON WALTERS, who delivers our mail via truck and Causeway, is finding time to spare while waiting for the mail to be made up each day. Anyone who would like his assistance in painting or carpentry work may contact him at the Captiva Post Office.

Season's Greetings



From

ISLAND INN

PUTTY, TALE OF A CAT

by miss susie amon

I once had a cat
Putty by name
He was orange and white
No cat was the same

He was very brave
He even fought the coon
Who would raid the garbage
By the light of the moon

He once had a tick
And could hardly move
So mom pulled it out
And then he improved

After about two years
He ran away
And I haven't seen him since
That sorrowful day

tale end

WANTS TO VISIT

The Jimmy Jacks of Casa Turquesa received the following letter from a former guest. They passed in on to the Chamber of Commerce, which, in turn, gave it to the ISLANDER. We're printing it because someone might want to take them up on their offer -- but mainly because it proves that our Islands and people have friends with fond memories around the world.

"It is now several years ago, five, I should think, that my family came to Casa Turquesa and spent three blissful weeks in October. We have certainly not forgotten, and are still as determined as ever to make another visit. The time for our return simply has not yet come. The last time my wife found an angel's wing was on a beach in Brittany.

"My present purpose con-

cerns, not ourselves, but a young woman who worked for us for two years, and caught from my wife the passion for shell collecting. She is now working for a family in New Jersey (as below), but means to get married and return to Europe next summer. Meanwhile, her greatest wish is to visit Sanibel, about which she has heard so much.

"She is not able to afford to come as a straight guest. She would like to come, perhaps in February, for two or three weeks and do cooking and housework to defray her expenses of transportation and rent, and have a few hours a day on the beach.

"I wonder if you ever receive inquiries for such an arrangement. Doubtless good cooking and housework are as hard to come by there as everywhere else. And, if you should have such an inquiry, would you keep in mind

Miss Renate Jaeger
c/o Slone
153 Carlisle Terrace
Ridgewood, New Jersey ?

"I will say that Miss Jaeger is an excellent cook. She is personable, 23 years old and honest. She would certainly give to any such job more than her share of the bargain. Of course she is also experienced in mind-ing children.

"We expect great changes have been made in Sanibel, but hope that Casa Turquesa remains as beautiful -- especially at the wooden table under the trees. Doubtless the pelicans and terns continue to dive just offshore.

"With very best wishes,
yours sincerely,

/s/ Robert Vanderbilt,
Oldenblick, Gstaad, Switzerland.

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Roly and Pat

Frenette

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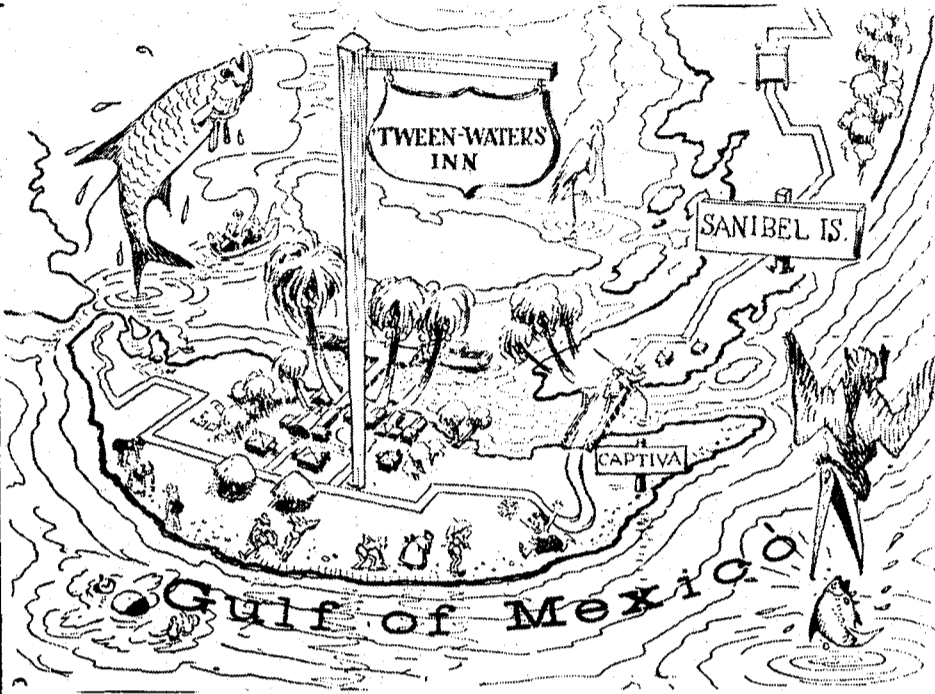
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CHRISTMAS DINNER

1 to 2

Reservations For Dinner And Sunday Night Buffet
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BEACHVIEW CHRISTMAS LIST

As you must know by this time, our Islands are brimful of Holiday guests. Beachview has a host of them -- the Scott Hamiltons of Louisville, Ky., here on their third visit; their friends, the Dunbars; the Jess Taylors who will soon be joined by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Floyd Brown; the Klaus Grabes & son Benjie, and Mrs. June Mintz & children, all of N.Y.; the Burl Purdys (he's the nephew of Robb Purdy of Sanibel

Isles); the Robert Goldsmiths of Ann Arbor, Mich.; the Paul Richards of Mason, Mich.; the Harold Kaisers and parents of Carmel, Indiana; the Robert Gelmans of Bethesda; the J. Hayes of West Lafayette, Ind.; the Samuel Saraks of Toronto, Canada; the F.H. Goulds of Dodge City, Kansas, and their parents and the C. Kukulski family of Chicago.

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Your Host & Hostess

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EVENINGS -
5 to 11

A HOMESICKNESS WITHOUT A CURE by peggy

These are thoughts that creep unbidden into the subconscious of an elderly Floridian who was transplanted years ago from a region in southern Illinois where snow and sleet and ice are an integral part of Christmas.

Home was in an area where evergreens do not thrive and the finding of the Christmas tree was a big part of the fun. Even if you wanted to, you couldn't buy a tree out there. They just weren't sold.

If one had a Papa like mine, you and your brother were allowed to go with him in the search and you helped (or that you helped) select the "one" that was just right in height and roundness and closely placed branches. Then trudging home thru the snow to find Mother at the door with her "Oh's" and "Ahh's" as she inspected the tree, making us feel that we were very extraordinary children indeed to have accomplished such a feat.

Inside we were allowed to hold the tree upright, with Papa saying "a little this way" and "a little more that way" and finally, "That's fine! Hold it steady!" He would nail the base on tight and fast and brother and I were sure we had done the entire job.

Then Mother would cut cotton batting in narrow strips and we were permitted to help wind the branches with the make-believe snow. No matter how bulky and awry your branches were, you were sure that they were the most beautiful... and you certainly were never told they were not.

Now came the rich, red cranberries and corn popped on the kitchen stove that the whole family strung with needle

and thread and hung on the tree in garlands. Next, and for this you had to be particularly careful, was the clamping of the little green, red and gold holders with the tiny wax candles.

Finally came the crowning glory -- the big star cut from cardboard and covered with tin foil. Papa always put the star in place at the very tip-top of the tree; he was a great big tall man who could always accomplish the impossible. Now the rest of the cotton "snow" was swathed around the base of the tree and all was in readiness for Santa's arrival. He was to find our stocking hanging from the mantelpiece or in back of the wood-burning stove, depending on where we lived.

A good-night kiss and we were off to bed, determined to stay awake to catch Santa when he came. But we never saw him and we always were astounded in the morning when Mother and Papa called us to "see what Santa Claus brought."

Oh, what joy to fly downstairs in our nighties and find the tree with candles lighted and the little (sometimes the most precious) gifts tied to the branches. The large gifts were stacked in the "snow" under the tree.

We found our stockings stuffed with goodies but before breakfast we were only allowed to eat the big orange from far-away Florida that was stuffed in the toe. Then, before we had our real big breakfast, Papa extinguished each little wax candle. These would be lighted again Christmas evening and for as many nights after that as we could make them last.

We wanted to hold in our memory as long as possible our joys of Christmas.

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we wish you health
 and happiness
 throughout the
 New Year too!



*Timmy Wiles
 and family*

Season's Greetings


TO ALL MY FRIENDS ON
 SANIBEL & CAPTIVA

Andy Mellody

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 SANIBEL ISLAND, FLORIDA

Season's GREETINGS



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MERRY CHRISTMAS
 TO ALL

Ethel & Dellmar Reynolds

Reynolds Craft Shop
 Main Road, near Casa Ybel Road

MAIL CALL

TO THE ISLANDER:

Hi - Hope you have a Merry Christmas. Say hello to all for us--We sure enjoy getting the Sanibel news and read every word while we dream of our next vacation.

/s/ Gert & Cliff Cederlund,
 Chicago

TO THE ISLANDER:

Outside of being on the Island we know of no better way to keep up on what is going on than reading your paper.

We have just returned to the Cold North after having completed our tenth visit on Sanibel. We already are counting the months until we can again return. Enclosed check is for a year's subscription to the Islander and we will be watching each mail for it to arrive.

Sincerely
 /s/ Elizabeth and
 Norman Miller,
 Merchantville, N. J.

TO THE ISLANDER:

Thank you, we enjoy the Islander very much. My only suggestion, and I realize this problem is one that is hard to overcome---Sometimes the news items are a bit trivial and involve the same personalities week after week. Would there be any way to encourage residents to send in items concerning their important trips, visiting guests, etc?

/s/ Dr. & Mrs. Bernard
 Schneider, Fort Myers
 and Sanibel

TO THE ISLANDER:

Hi! Please change my mailing address, as I hate to miss even one copy of the ISLANDER. We sure do enjoy reading about the activities on the Islands and eagerly look for news of our many friends we made while living there.

/s/ Mrs. C. W. Starkey
 St. Petersburg, Fla.

TO THE ISLANDER:

We are both grieved to hear of the passing of Jack Cole. Even the cloudy days on Sanibel were sunny when one could spend a moment with him. He will be remembered for a long time.

We may be a bit late getting back to the Hacienda as Joseph had an operation on his knee in October, being laid up most of the summer with it. When he can make the long trip safely, we will be flying low after the Canada geese.

Canadians seem stunned with the tragic death of President Kennedy. All public buildings were closed here yesterday (Monday) and everyone who could followed the funeral services which lasted from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. on TV. All other programs were cancelled. Many wept openly when they heard the news on Friday.

Perhaps Shakespeare gave us these words from *Carliolanus*, Act II, Sc. I, that we might understand the meaning of a great and noble man's life: 'All tongues speak of him and the bleared sights are spectacled to see him.' And from *Hamlet*, Act I, Sc. 4, 'Remember thee! Ay, while memory holds a seat in this distracted globe.'

Enid P. Donahue, R.R.2, Killworthy, Ontario, Canada.



Sanibel Service Station
 CLIFF & BOB



AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

KEN WALTER

Sanibel-Captiva Security
 Sanibel Island, Patrol Florida

DEAR SANIBEL FRIENDS:

Have often wondered how the bridge has affected your lovely shores. Somehow I just hated to think of hordes of people swarming over Sanibel for fear they would spoil its charm. But I guess that is selfish -- we enjoyed it so much there -- why shouldn't others have the same chance? Just hope those who might spoil it will not find it to their liking on the first visit and never return!

Feel we have a bond in a very small way with Sanibel. We sold our large home and yard in Fremont and bought a smaller place on Catawba Island near Port Clinton. When the ferries to your Islands went out of service, one was purchased by the local ferry and runs between Port Clinton and Put-In-Bay. We were on it twice this past summer...

/s/ Frances Pogen (Mrs. C. Pogen)
 Port Clinton, Ohio



MERRY
 CHRISTMAS
 TO ALL

Reisinger's
Tavern & Game Room
 POOL & BOWLING
 BUDWEISER ON DRAFT
 BEER OF ALL KINDS

Bill & Isabel Reisinger ---Hours---
 Sanibel Island 11 a.m. . . . Till ???
 GR 2-4322

PERSONALS

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, the GLEN RHODES will entertain Mr. & Mrs. J.W. TOOLE and their three children of Lakeland, Florida and EDWARD TOOLE of Hollywood, Florida.

The CHARLES RHODES will share their Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. EARL BARTLOW, JANE's mother and father from Sarasota; Mrs. BETTY GRAY and her four children of Bradenton, and DOC and EVELYN BRYANT of Sanibel.

Among the younger set home for Christmas and to gladden the hearts of their parents are MARY JO GAULT, CHAD WAY, JON BELHEIMER, GERALD JOHNSON, TONY FRENETTE and PAT CONRAD.

Just to reverse the trend, TOM WOODS, our Refuge manager and pilot, left today to join his family for a Christmas celebration in New Port Richie, Fla. He and his wife, LOUISE, will have Tom's mother, Mrs. W.D. WOOD, sharing their Holiday joy. Mrs. Wood, who is 92, is a native Floridian, having been born in Ozona, Pineallis County.

Among Christmas visitors at The Colony are Mr. & Mrs. JOHN CORY of Coopersburg, Pa., and their children, JANE, JOHN and AMY. The Corys, finding this a delightful vacation spot when they were here last year, arrived more than a week ago with their boat and bicycles for their three children. Amy's bike was a Christmas gift, delivered early so she could join her brother and sister in cycling 'round the Island and exploring out-of-the-way roads.

The Colony, as a matter of fact, is full of happy Holidayers. Mr. & Mrs. DON REIOUX and their daughters, KAREN and SUSAN, of St Paul, Minn are there for the Christmas season.

Mr. & Mrs. JOHN C. STEINMETZ and family of Atlanta, Georgia, are in thier cottage "Sea-S-Ta" and will remain over New Year's.

Mr. & Mrs. CLIFFORD LUNDGREN of Grosse Point, Michigan, also arrived at their cottage, "Coral Sea Ranch." The Lundgrens have Dr. & Mrs. LEWIS, Florida friends, as their guests.

Mr. & Mrs. HOWARD SCHRINER, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., who recently purchased property at Tradwinds, where they plan to build their future home, aren't waiting for the house to be built. They are back on the Island for the Holidays at The Colony.

Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES Le BUFF have JEAN's brother, Buddy Williams, as their guest over the Holidays. Buddy arrived from Great Lakes, Ill., on leave from the Navy and when he leaves the Islands he'll ship out from Norfolk, Va., on the transport U.S.S. Little.

The WILLIAM REISINGERS have BILL's brother, ROBERT, and Robert's family as guests until after New Year's. The Robert Reisingers of Saginaw, Michigan, have four children, MARK, ALLEN, BRUCE and JANIE. Aiding in the Christmas celebration is FRITZ TIEMANN, who is spending the Winter season with Bill and Isabel.



Season's Greetings

**The Woosters,
Beachview Cottages**




MERRY MERRY

to all --- from
Tom & Marie

CHRISTMAS

HINES
SERVICE
STATION



**Merry
Christmas**

The Reef

RESORT MOTEL
SANIBEL ISLAND, FLORIDA


"Merry Christmas",

**SIGNE'S
BAKE SHOP**

SANDWICHES
MADE WITH
HOME-MADE BREAD

IN TOWN SQUARE BUSINESS CENTER

sculpture pottery



studio

sanibel side of
blind pass bridge

sea life
replicas



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL

Mary Aleck

SANIBEL BEAUTY SALON



The Island Store
CAPTIVA

- GROCERIES
- FROZEN FOODS
- ODDMENTS

HELEN & LEE ROY FRIDAY
wish you all a . . .

Merry Christmas

And A
Happy New Year



**Merry
Christmas**

Blanche &
Floyd Pflough

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COTTAGE

INSURANCE

ANDREW R. MELLODY

SANIBEL - CAPTIVA REAL ESTATE
OFFICE

Office Phone: GR 2-4011
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PERSONALS

The Dr. HOLLINRAKES, FRAN and HOLLY of Toronto, Canada, are expected to arrive at Casa Ybel around the first of the year. Fran and Holly have been winter visitors for several years and have become true Islanders and made a host of friends. It's only fair to warn you that since they were here last year their daughter RUTH (Mrs. KARL MIELKE) has presented them with a new grandson (on August 5 to be exact) and you can expect the usual boasting that grandparents are prone to do.

PAT and STANLEY EDWARDS, guests at the Sanibel Trailer Resort, are recognized as good shellers -- but last week they really went overboard when they came in with a Golden Olive and a most beautiful and rare miniature vase shell.

Miss LOTTIE ASCHBAUM and ELIZABETH BAOMESTER of Captiva spent last week touring the Keys and stopping at Key West for two days.

Mrs. JAKE STOKES (Aunt PEARL) left Sanibel for a short trip to Sanford to spend two days with her daughter and family, Mr. & Mrs. ROGER HARRIS. Rena Stonecypher drove up with her, and, after spending one night with the Harrises, went on to Indian River City to spend a day and a night with her friends, DOTTIE and ED CRIBBINS, frequent visitors to the Islands.

She picked up Aunt Pearl on her way back --- but Pearl might just as well have stayed in Sanford. She had barely put her foot over the doorsill when Jake told her he could take some time off. So -- today, Christmas Eve, they left for Sanford to spend a happy Christmas with their daughter.

Local off-Islanders Mr. & Mrs. AL RANKIN were on the Islands last weekend when Billy Cass's music - making combo played at Reisingers. Mrs. Rankin and Isabel are fellow members of the American Legion Auxiliary and have often met at Legion parties. The Rankins were accompanied by NANCY, their teen-age daughter, who showed those present how to really do the twist. We've come to the conclusion that it takes limber bones as well as a sense of rhythm to twist. (Ed. Note: Ah, ha, but wait til you try the Limbo! Now THERE'S a really good way to take a hospital rest!)

A group of the very young set of our Islands helped DALE E. LEGEL to celebrate his fifth birthday last Friday. Games were played and all kinds of goodies were consumed along with his beautiful birthday cake. We can't quite help comparing the size of the little fellows in proportion to the amount of sweets they can tuck away in what must be cast iron tummys, as they never seem to come up with tummyaches.

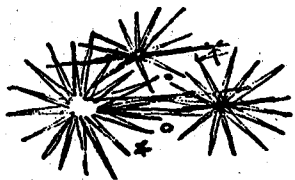
Miss NANCY McCANN left Sanibel yesterday (Monday) for St. Petersburg where she will spend the Christmas Holidays with her good friend, Mrs. LULU KELLY. Nancy hopes to bring Mrs. Kelly back to the Islands to celebrate New Year's here.

Mr. & Mrs. MIKE McQUADE of Sanibel have asked DOTTY BOOKER and her Holiday guest, DENNIS STONECYPHER, to share their Christmas joy.

The Christmas celebration of the ROLLY FRENETTES will be made more gleeful by the presence of their daughter, Miss PAT FRENETTE of Vancouver, B.C., and their son, TONY, home on leave.

Miss CLAIRE WEEKS, now the bartender at Reisingers, has many friends on the Islands who remember her when she was associated with South Seas Plantation about four years ago.

Mr. & Mrs. JIMMIE WALKER and their son, GARRY, of New Port Richie, Fla., are at White Caps for the Holidays, as has been their custom for several years now.



NOW REALLY!

The ISLANDER has told you many times and many tales of Junonias found on the beach in front of Gulf Breeze, but this one tops them all. Lou Funk noticed a wet spot in his lawn, which indicated a leak in the water line to Lou. While waiting for Bill Gottlieb to arrive to repair it, Lou started digging down to try and find the leak. So what pops out? Lo and behold -- a Junonia. Now honest -- this is the living end.



Enjoy Christmas Dinner With Us...

APPETIZER

JUICE
FRUIT CUP
SHRIMP COCKTAIL

CHICKEN RICE
FRENCH ONION
CLAM CHOWDER

CELERY & OLIVES

MIXED GREEN SALAD

ROAST TOM TURKEY - CHESTNUT DRESSING
BAKED VIRGINIA HAM - RAISIN SAUCE
PRIME RIBS OF BEEF - AU JUS
BROILED RED SNAPPER - PARSLEY BUTTER
FRIED ONE HALF SPRING CHICKEN - PAN GRAVY
BROILED CHOPPED SIRLOIN STEAK - FRIED ONIONS
FRIED JUMBO SHRIMP - TARTAR SAUCE
ROAST LEG OF SPRING LAMB - CAPER SAUCE

CHOICE OF POTATO AND VEGETABLE

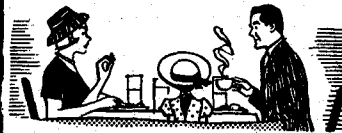
BAKED IDAHO
CANDIED YAMS
FRENCH FRIES
MASHED

CREAMED ONIONS
GREEN PEAS
BUTTERED CAULIFLOWER
STRING BEANS

HOMEMADE PIES -- ICE CREAM -- SHERBET

MINTS ----- FRUIT BOWL

COMPLETE DINNER \$3.00 ----- CHILDS DINNER \$2.50



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Captiva, Fla.

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FOR SALE:
Clean fireplace wood. Phone GR 2-2691. Thank you. Marie and Broward Keene.

FOR SALE:
Two fine A.K.C. registered French poodles, paper trained, love to travel. See Mary Cunningham on Captiva Island, Fla.

COTTAGE FOR RENT:
Housekeeping cottages on Palm Avenue on Captiva. Start at \$60 weekly for double. For additional information, call or write to T. Adams, Box 62, Captiva Island, Florida.

WANTED:
Household help on Captiva, mid-Jan. to mid-April from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4 or 5 days weekly, own transportation, gasoline pd. Contact Mrs. J.J. Grullemans, Captiva.

FOR RENT:
During season, a spacious two bedroom cottage in Sanibel Estates. Clean and well-equipped. Very reasonable rates to good renter. Call Dr. Schneider, WE 6-1724. Fort Myers.

JOY AT CHRISTMAS AND THRU THE NEW YEAR, TOO!



For all our Island
Friends and Guests
from
Hazel & Marshall
VILLA CAPRI MOTEL

MERRIEST CHRISTMAS WISHES and a WONDERFUL NEW YEAR



to all our friends on the Islands!
Gladys & Smitty Kauffman

Merry
Christmas
And A
Happy New Year

BETTY'S HAWAIIAN VILLAGE

Betty and Micky

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES
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in Dickens's stories but with a tropical setting. We had good cheer and smiles from everyone. Even Maria the cook, up to her ears in puddings and pies, could and did wish each of us a Merry Christmas!

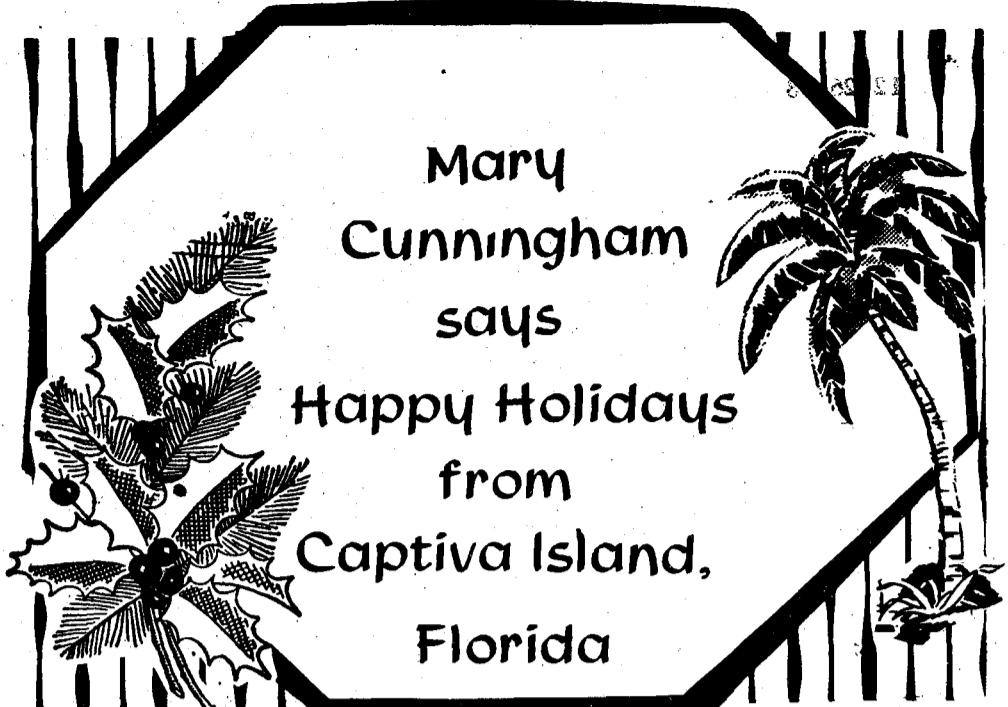
There was a large tree loaded with gay trimmings in the lounge at the Inn and gifts for all. The weather seemed extra gay with sunshine and a warm breeze rustled the palm fronds.

Certain things were traditionally done at the Christmas Holiday. The night before at the white school there was a large decorated Christmas tree with gifts for every child. There were songs and recitations. Even the smallest child participated. Doting parents and friends and relatives were

thrilled about how well Johnnie recited his piece. The plays were well done, no one forgot their lines and the audience thundered applause. The teacher beamed her approval on all.

At the colored school there was always a play or entertainment. They were fortunate to have Nick Carter (Nick wasn't really his name) who was a professional actor and who took pride and joy in coaching them. Some really fine productions resulted. The first one I attended was unforgettable -- The Holy Night. The oldest son of Edmund Gavin was King Herod who sat on a throne and wore a crown and a long flowing robe. The White Men brought their gifts. Tiny baby Eugene was the Christ Child, sound asleep in a cradle.

Fortunately he slept through all the rough handling and noise.



Mary
Cunningham
says
Happy Holidays
from
Captiva Island,
Florida

There were angels and singing! It may not have been intended, but the audience joined in Holy Night and Little Town of Bethlehem and other hymns, and that turned out to be a wonderful experience. The white friends sat on the left side of the church and the colored friends sat on the right. Later we learned that some professional singers from New York had come to see the show.

The kerosene lamps fluttered dangerously, I thought. But the curtain never got stuck, no one forgot his lines and all went very well. It was a remarkable occasion and enjoyed by all. Even the actors were bursting with enthusiasm.

Christmas dinner at the Inn was a delectable banquet. The turkey and all the fixin's were followed by plum pudding and assorted pies. Frank Bailey always had lemon pie with an amazing meringue as something special from Maria. You couldn't say he has a slice of

pie! Too large. It was just pie.

Beloved Granny Matthews was always the gracious hostess, dressed in a long black velvet gown with real lace at the neck and sleeves. She was regal. One Christmas she received three corsages from admiring friends. Two were gardenias and one was a bouquet of lavender orchids and she graciously wore all three at once. Granny was small and they practically covered the front of her velvet gown. She was quite elegant that Christmas.

Charlotta arranged every detail behind the scenes so perfectly that Christmas Day was a happy time for all.

P.S. Old Mitch, who lived alone in a log cabin in the jungle back of Island Inn, always had his Christmas dinner in the kitchen as Maria's special guest. I always was sure he ate white meat of turkey and ice cream on his desert.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM ALL AT

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Chris L. Henderson
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