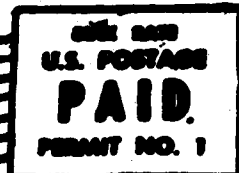
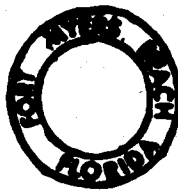


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## CLENCH SPEAKS TO SHELL CLUB

The Captiva Civic Center was filled Monday night, March 9, with members and guests who attended the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club meeting to hear guest speaker, Dr. William J. Clench, of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, who made his first field trip forty years ago to Sanibel. Since that time he has made an additional forty-one field trips to many parts of the world and gathered much scientific data on various mollusks. On some of the trips, he went to retrace the steps of men who had gathered specimens a century prior to his trip, and often had to employ a sleuth to follow the paths they had taken, to fill in the facts regarding location and habit, to complete the scientific knowledge regarding the specimens.

He brought out the fact that in the past thirty to thirty-five years, the number of specimens to be found in southern rivers here in the United States has dwindled to about thirty percent of the species formerly found because of silting and contamination of the streams.

Dr. Clench mentioned the fact that the ocean is now thirteen feet deeper than it was seven thousand years ago and at present is be-

coming seven inches deeper each century; however, he advised that this information should not deter anyone from purchasing waterfront property.

He said that the finds that have been made in the Indian Ocean in which fifty or sixty ships of many nations are participating, include one species which has not been found since 1840.

Following his lecture he showed slides of the Museum of Comparative Zoology and spoke of the ten million specimens that are housed there. He also introduced us via slides to many of the scientists who are carrying on this work.

Prior to Dr. Clench's lecture a brief business meeting was presided over by club president, Mary Aleck, during which the slate of nominees for the coming year was read by Mr. R.T. Fuller in the absence of Mrs. Don Simonds, chairman of the nominating committee. Proposed for the coming year were Mrs. Mary Aleck, president, Mrs. Henry Nickerson, 1st vice-president, Mrs. James Denny, treasurer, Miss Carol Lee, recording secretary, and Mrs. John P. Glass, corresponding secretary.

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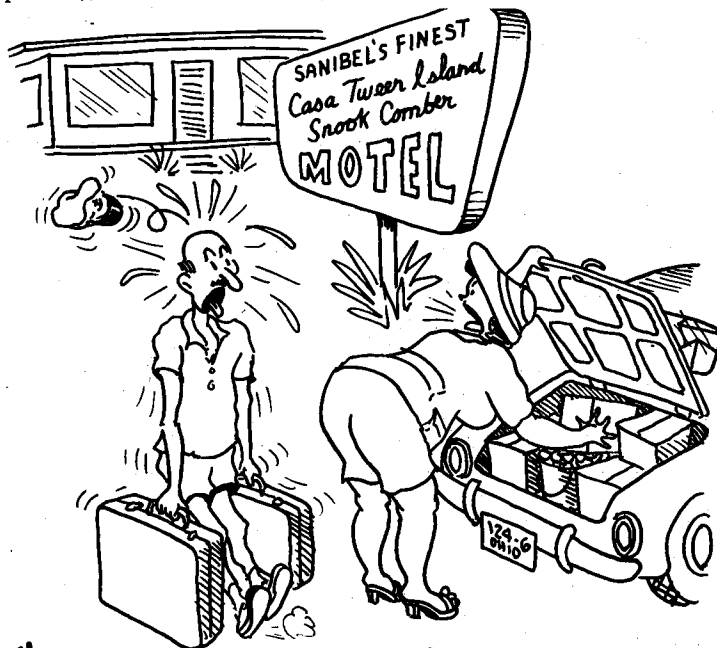
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 Thursday March 26 at 8:00  
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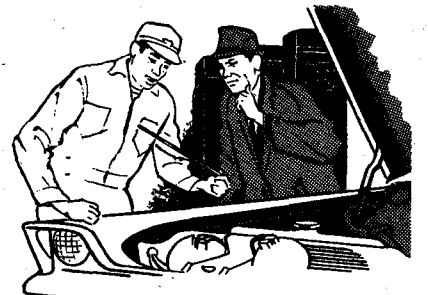
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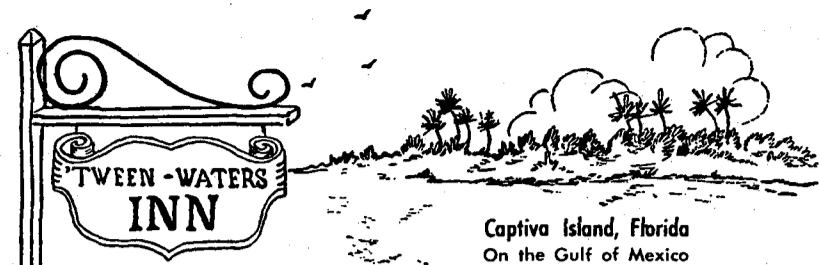
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Easter week is just around the corner once more. The dates to remember are:

- 1) Communion services at 8:00 P.M. Thursday, March 27.
- 2) Good Friday service at 10:30 A.M. Friday, March 27.
- 3) Easter Sunday Service at 11:00 A.M. March 29. Everyone is welcome.

There was an excellent turnout last Sunday evening for the hymn sing at the Chapel by the Sea. Dr. Morgan Noyes, our pastor, gave a most interesting account of the writers of each hymn. We were all amazed by Dr. Noyes' well of knowledge pertaining to each lyric writer inasmuch as each hymn was chosen as they were sung.

Mr. and Mrs. VLADIMIR PRUSA of New York City are guests at Adams Eden for two weeks. Mr. Prusa is a member of the Czechoslovakian Mission to the United Nations.

Also guests at Adams Eden are Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES M. NOYES of Butler, Pennsylvania. Mr. Noyes is the brother of Dr. Morgan Noyes.

Palm Avenue was aroused at 2:30 A.M. during the week by sirens blowing and excited chatter. It seems that two young men in a car had forgotten that Palm Avenue comes to an abrupt stop at the Gulf's edge, or maybe they were going too fast to come to an easy stop. Fortunately the only damage suffered was to the car fenders, as the car dropped over the cliff. Now there is a stop sign as well as a dead end sign.

**GOLDEN SANDS IN FULL SWING**

Golden Sands is now open, as many Islanders have already discovered with glee. The new owner is Jack Puls of Fort Myers, who left Illinois 14 years ago to live and work in this area. He formerly was a distributor for Perfection Water and a beer company.

The kitchen is specializing in steaks and seafood for lunches and dinners. Jack Price and Warren Snodgrass are at the bar, and Jack Killpatrick is in the kitchen.

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At this writing old home week is being celebrated on Palm Avenue by a group of charming personalities from Rensselaerville, New York and environs. Mr. and Mrs. BRUCE RIDGEWAY are occupying the Karl Wightman Cottage. Mr. Ridge way is manager of the boy's school and the private school at Cornwall, Connecticut. Mrs. RIDGEWAY's mother, Mrs. AVERY GORDON, from Darien, Connecticut who accompanied them, is staying at the Shannon Cottage with the two children of the Ridgeways, Avory and Gordon.

Mrs. LEWIS ELDRIDGE, whose husband is a retired physician of Rensselaerville, motored down with her mother, Mrs. FLORENCE WILLIAMSON, Mrs. Williamson is from Helderberg in the foot hills of the Catskills, Schoharie, New York. They have set up house-keeping at the Mid-Island Cottages.

Mrs. FRED TICKNER who accompanied the Eldridges is staying at Mrs. Alvin Blank's. Mr. Tickner is with the United Nations and teaches at the State University of New York at Albany.

Mr. ALFRED GOETZE, the driver responsible for their safe and happy arrival, is staying with the CARL EARLERS.

Professor HARVEY MEYER of Palm Avenue is declaring another holiday. He is leaving Sunday for New Smyrna Beach, Florida, where he will spend a few days with friends before returning at the end of the week.

RUTH BOYER spent a week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. ROY BOYER on Palm Avenue.

Mecom, Jr., will make a major bid for victory in the 14th running of the Sebring 12 HOUR ENDURANCE RACE on Saturday, March 21st, with three super-performance Corvettes.

To handle his powerful Detroit Iron, Mecom has named A. J. Foyt, Houston, Augie Pabst, Milwaukee, and John Cannon, Montreal, as his No. 1 drivers, with their partners yet to be chosen. These are three top Corvette handlers, and in Foyt, Mecom has a man many regard as one of the three or four best all-round drivers in the world.

The Corvettes, along with the Shelby Ford Cobras, constitute the major threat to the stranglehold the European cars have had at Sebring.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM INSKEEP of La Junta, Colorado returned for their fifth visit to the Blank Cottages. Mr. Inskeep runs a passenger train on the Santa Fe railroad. Mrs. Inskeep writes poetry as a pastime. The following poem she wrote while here on Captiva.

Captiva village on a tropical isle

Where one can stop and rest awhile

To talk to friends from many states

Each one a different story to relate.

To look for the beautiful unusual shell

And the story of the ocean wave weaving a spell.

The evening sunset on outer waves

Makes an inner glow each soul craves.

Intermingled with thoughts of God's creation

Each one cast to His divine relations

The palms with coconuts hung in cluster

Many tropical flowers with the sun's luster

Shells are found of many shapes and colored hue

An open sky above in deepest blue

A sunset at evening like a lantern gay

Makes one feel God is not far away.

Pat Inskeep, March 4, 1964

Occupying the Onans Cottage this week are the laughing four from Chicago and surrounding areas. Their laughter is so

spontaneous and contagious that all Palm Avenue chuckles right along with them even though the reason for the outbursts is not known. The happy four are EDWARD GRIEBE, who has proven his love for the Islands by buying land, NORBERT KOEBEL of Maywood, Illinois, Mr. BRUCE KINER of Hinsdale, Illinois, and JOHN RIENHART of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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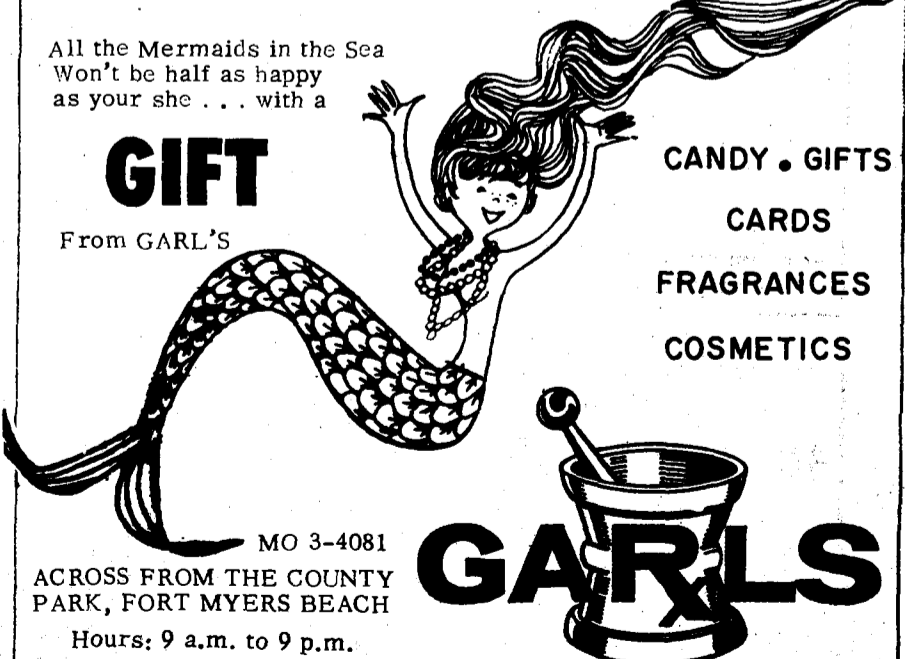
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**WHO'S WHO AND WHY**

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. WALKER, guests of the Sanibel Trailer Resort, experienced a fine example of the Sanibel fisherman's code. They were fishing from Bailey's dock and left an expensive rod and reel lying on the wharf. It was not missed for three days and then the search began at all the places they had been fishing from. They had given it up for lost when they remembered Bailey's dock and sure enough, there it was, carefully tucked away in a safe place waiting for the owners to turn up.

This reminds us that we have seen as many as six pairs of sun glasses tacked to the store's bulletin board and "found" notes concerning everything from car keys to cameras. So don't give up until you have checked Bailey's bulletin board or the Chamber of Commerce which also has quite a lot of lost and found articles.

Mr. and Mrs. FLOYD BENTSON, the Shell Fair table winners, trailered their way down from Fox Lake, Wisconsin, and had almost given up trying to find a place to stay on February 13, when given sanctuary at La Hacienda. They remained a week and bought the ticket on their last day, because, as they said, they had such a lovely time on our Islands and the people were so nice to them, that they wanted to show their appreciation.

In an interview with ELSIE MALONE in her new shell shop, we learned that she is Mrs. Daniel E. Malone and has turned into a business a hobby which began eight years ago. Living on the Florida Keys for eleven years, the first three were spent in collecting pretties, then she began skin diving and dredging and began to make a real collection. They traded shells of Florida for foreign species to widen their knowledge, and having live specimens to exchange, received equally fine ones in return. They joined the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club and the Jacksonville Shell Club.

Elsie's 365 species of Florida shells won her the trophy last year given by the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, and in July Elsie won a second place ribbon and an honorable mention at the Jacksonville Shell Exhibition.

Reaching the point where she either had to sell her surplus or toss it back in the ocean, at the urging of Priscilla Murphy, Elsie Malone decided to open her shop on Sanibel. She says she is very happy with this new endeavor, loves having a shop, meeting people, collecting and trading and all things pertaining to the constant delight of showing her beautiful shells.

Mrs. R.A. MORGAN of Concord, Massachusetts is the guest of Mrs. ELISE FULLER on her first trip to Florida.

On Sunday Priscilla Murphy gave a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. JOHN VAN ARSDELL and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. E. NELSON of Lake Vermillion, Minnesota. Mr. Nelson has just retired from the Post Office Department, and they are vacationing in Florida for an indefinite period. They are enjoying our Islands immensely. Other guests for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. DAN MALONE, Admiral and Mrs. ED KONRAD, SCOTTY CLARK, and ROY BAZIRE.

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## Bird News

A goodly crowd of 175 people or more turned out to hear John Taft of Ventura, California give his screen tour of the Shandon Hills at the March 12 meeting of the Sanibel Audubon Society.

The pictures were taken by John Taft and Eben McMillan using 250 and 400 mm. lens. The Shandon Hills are in a desolate part of California about 400 miles north of the Mexican border. The remains of mining shafts of gold seekers and dilapidated buildings scattered here and there in the hills make it appear even more forlorn. Only a few hardy souls remained after the mines were abandoned. Arid and bleak, the land first appears lifeless until the high power lens begins to tell a different story of the wonderful creatures who can take the heat and go without water for extraordinary periods of time.

Imitating an old time cowboy, Mr. Taft told the story of Shandon Hills as it was told to him. The golden eagle was seen in all its glory, a valuable species which has been stupidly preyed upon by man in the name of sport. After a single storm flowers rain-bowed through the valleys, miles of California poppies, huge daisies, snakes head sunflowers, and something children call baby blue eyes. Fireweed was seen with a lady butterfly which depends on the plant for life, correopsis, and the white prickly poppy. There were beautiful shots of the sphinx moth in purple sage, and many other gorgeous blooms that came with the rains.

The audience was introduced to the masked or snake-necked weasel, a most amusing creature, the keen eyed prairie falcon who never misses its prey, and the barn owl who inhabits the crags with the falcon, remaining invisible during daylight, and waiting for nightfall to seek its prey. We saw how the night hawk makes itself absolutely invisible in broad daylight in open places. John had to outline the wing and an eye before it could be distinguished. The tarantula which takes ten years to reach maturity was seen. When Mrs. Tarantula takes up housekeeping, she remains in one spot for the rest of her life, another ten years. Tarantulas are not deadly as commonly supposed, but, like the sting of the stingray, cause a painful wound. The sand lizard may grow to eighteen inches and can stand torrid heat. The road runner is funnier in real life than any cartoon and impossible to approach. Mourning doves survive there and it has been found that they can eat 9,800 weed seeds in a single day's feeding. Horned larks were everywhere.

John Taft, who is not yet thirty, is a fine speaker with the priceless art of knowing how to capture the subdued drama of existence against unbelievable odds, whether in man or wild creature. In this barren setting one truly appreciates the meaning of "survival of the fittest"--the fastidious care the golden eagle must take not to injure its own

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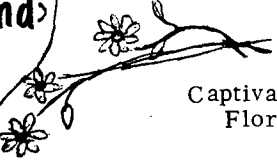


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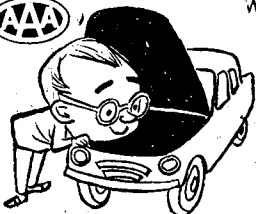
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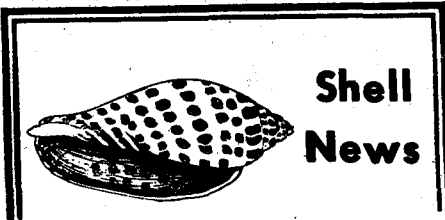
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GEORGE PENNELL of Kirkwood, Missouri, staying at the Sanibel Trailer Resort, during the low tide of Friday March 13 was lucky enough to find a precious mauve *Oliva sayana* as well as four that were creamy gold in color. Found alive, they all gleam like jewels.

HAL and MADA HARRISON OF Cheswick, Pennsylvania, guests of Mr. and Mrs. SMITTY IN April, will be happy to learn their named display of local shells won an award in the educational class at the Shell Fair. Mada also showed that unusual clock. Hal is a wild life lecturer and makes his own movies. He was all booked up and they had to miss the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. OLIVER J. HUBBARD of Walpole, New Hampshire are appending their third winter vacation at the Beachcomber. Mrs. Hubbard is the sheller, but it was Oliver who found the *Junonia* and he wasn't even looking for one.

What happened to the live exhibits? Mrs. S.G. JACOBS took her baby skate home and at last report it is still alive and thriving. DEAN HOLLISTER has the whelks for his study of the habits of these interesting creatures. GRACE N. BRANCH of the Museum of Science and Natural History of Tampa was given several live specimens for study and TOM NIX is still up to his ears watching for the birth of another baby skate (without a Caesarian section), and hoping the live *Xenophora* won't gobble it up on sight. The collector is engaged in pushing the skate purse around, but maybe just for exercise. It takes five gallons of fresh sea water every day to replenish the plankton in the aquariums. The clams, sunrays, calico, and others, seem to live entirely on plankton as also does the *Squilla*. This little curiosity, vaguely related to shrimp, has in a week's time doubled from 1 1/2 to 3 inches in size, but it still has not grown its famous squilla claws which look like carved ivory.

VERNON LUNDQUIST was over from Fort Myers WINK-TV to see the Annual Shell Fair. His host for the day was ROLY FRENETTE. Vernon was loaded with cameras, film, and what-nots taking black and white movies for TV news release for the Florida State Development Board and also two color films. One of these is for the Sanibel Chamber of Commerce who is taking various sequences later to be edited for showing in other parts of the U.S. and Canada.

Earlier in the day, SAM RICKMAN took many pictures of the most striking exhibits for Hearst Enterprises. SARA STAHLIN and LAURA LEE BALLINGER were chosen to display shell jewelry, and JUDY McQUADE helped add island beauty to the flowers made of shells display. The day before, Sam Rickman took some shots of the natural beach at the of the natural beach at the Rocks (coquina formations) using no artificially gathered shells as Nature had amply scattered her treasures. Close-ups of Sanibel shells were taken at the Sea Gull Studios assisted by Virginia and Mr. and Mrs. Klotz, all of whom are artists in more ways than one. Bob Klotz painted the fine backdrop for the Hall of Fame, "Shrimp Boats off Sanibel," with perching and flying sea gulls for a third dimension.

#### OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is invited to Open House on SATURDAY March 21 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at Priscilla Murphy's new real estate office. At the same time, Open House will be held at Bill MacIntosh's Book Shop (now located in the former real estate building), and at Elsie Malone's Shell Shop. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.

#### PARTY GIVEN

Mrs. Mary Aleck gave a cocktail party Sunday evening following the Fair in honor of Dr. William Clench. There were about thirty other guests, most of whom were Shell Fair officials and workers.

#### ART SHOW WELL ATTENDED

The second showing at the Sea Horse Art Studio on March 12 was well attended. This was the last chance to see some of the fine pictures shown previously which bore gold stars to show that they had been sold. There are many more to be hung and this is a wonderful opportunity for art lovers to see the

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#### AUDUBON from p. 5

young with those needle point talons, the necessity of the owl to prey in total or fall to its enemy, the eagle, the Easter bonneted California quail keeping itself immaculate with sand baths, and the hundreds of migratory birds who know the exact time to be in the right place when certain essential honeys and seeds are available.

Great credit must be given our local Audubon society for being able to bring to the Islands such excellent screen tours and lecturers.

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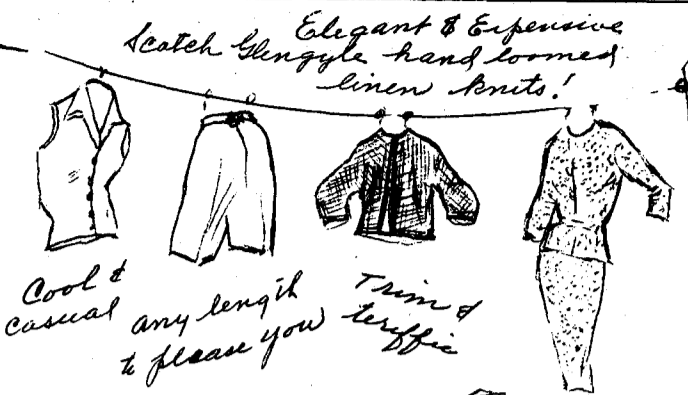
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### P.T.A. MEETING

At the P.T.A. meeting held at the Sanibel School last Thursday, Allen Nave, president, presided. Mrs. Mary Aleck gave the minutes and treasurer's report. The first thing on the agenda were plans for a Bake Sale to raise money for the P.T.A. It will be held Saturday, April 4 at the school, commencing at 10:00 A.M. until all the goodies are sold. Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated and should be delivered to the school before ten, or if you get up very early, to Mrs. Charlotta Carver who lives on Dixie Blvd. A special delight will be some of Mrs. Robert Iredall's callamandine marmalade.

Miss Carol Lee then introduced the speaker, William Moncrief of Fort Myers, who is director of school planning for

Lee County. He is an architect, graduate of University of Florida, Gainesville, and among his responsibilities are school buildings, grounds, maintenance, and custodial help.

Mr. Moncrief spoke of plans for expansion at the present site as the need arose, and said that the time will come when the school may have 24 school rooms, an administration suite, and a cafeteria. He discussed landscaping and experiments they had made with various grasses, not all of which were successful, but further experiments will be made. Suitable trees should be set out in accordance with future plans as many grow slowly and cannot be disturbed or relocated.

During the discussion which followed Mr. Moncrief's address, Willis Combes invited

the pupils of the upper grades to make a visit to his botanical garden in the near future. Opal and Willis Combes have spent many months identifying trees and shrubs, attaching names, and making a list of what grows naturally on Sanibel.

On March 24, it is hoped that George Weymouth of Everglades Wonder Garden and Charles LeBuff will be able to come to the school, bringing with them many of the harmless snakes so that the children may learn how to identify these lowly friends of ours.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ed Legel. St. Patrick's Day was honored in the cake which was decorated with Irish hats, harps, and shamrocks.

The fine displays of local sea shells given by the school children at the Shell Fair was commented on. Miss Lee said that a great portion of the credit should go to Mary and Tom Nix for their encouragement in placing suitable boxes at the command of those who wished to enter. Those children who won ribbons were entitled to keep the boxes or receive a new box if they had not required one for their displays. This unquestionably helped in making a better display.

THE PORPOISE AND  
THE COCKER  
by ethel snyder

Sanibel Island off the southwest coast of Florida in the blue Gulf of Mexico is more like a dream island than anything real! It resembles a south seas setting for a tropical adventure story and we who lived there felt the charm and lure of its white sand beaches, palm fringed shores and superb sunsets.

My beach cottage was one of several occupied by friendly folk and was not far east of Island Inn where the tourists stayed. A sandy path out front led to the wide beach and several times each day the red cocker, Dolly Varden, and I walked down for a stroll and to see what the tide had washed in. Sanibel has a world famous sea shell beach and some of the finest shelling was right out front. The cocker was never interested in shells but she was an authority on crabs, herons and sand pipers, sea gulls and odd bits of seaweed. She had special sniffings in the sea oats and thick undergrowth which bordered the sandy part of the beach. She had a way of completely disappearing and emerging far down the shore. But she knew her way around and had interests I knew nothing about. There was one point on which we did not agree. If I thought the shelling was better and walked east, and she pre-

ferred to go west, she just sat down, gazed west, at a far horizon over the water and waited for me to return from points east with my basket of shells. She always waited. I knew she would. But it curtailed my jaunt as after all we were out there for fun and to enjoy it together. Everyone knew Dolly Varden and loved her friendly ways. One day I had left her sitting there waiting for me and gazing west.

The tide that day was extremely high, and the Gulf was very calm. The waves rolled in smooth and even over the beach. Now all through our waters in the Gulf and in San Carlos Bay which separates us from the mainland, are porpoises. At almost any time you can see them rolling along in a row in the Gulf. Two or three sometimes more in a line, they swim slowly and their great black fins and shiny black backs emerge. Sometimes a flip of the tail makes a spray. It is quite a sight and tourists are properly thrilled the first time they see them rolling. The porpoise is a friendly creature. For years they have followed along with the mail boat which brought the mail and supplies from Fort Myers. And they swam along with the ferry in San Carlos Bay. They are often five or six feet long.

This particular day as Dolly Varden sat alone waiting for me to return a porpoise had come in very close to shore. In fact so close the dog went down to get a better look. The great fish evidently had seen her and he was curious about this odd creature. So with the tide being high he came in very close and rolled along coming out for another look. That was too much for the cocker. What was that great thing anyway! She started barking and prancing along with the dolphin, as it is also called. And so they went on down the beach. The great fish rolling out almost on the sand to see this odd bit of animated fur which made a noise, and the dog barking with all her might getting as close as she dared to the great black hulk of a something or other the like of which she had never seen before. The bathers and neighbors were thrilled and followed along careful not to spoil the show. They went down the beach quite a ways. The rolling porpoise and the barking dog. Finally the fish had had enough and disappeared. It might return. She refused to budge so Albert Willis carried her back and they met me coming towards them.

What fun to piece out from five or six animated conversations all at once telling me what had happened. If only someone had had a movie camera, what a rare shot. Where was the Press?

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**Teen Club  
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 by cris gault

The summer's sun is here again! We Islanders have long been proud of our munificent tans and have often been amused to see those tourists who come in the Island shops and store with cooked lobster red countenances. Now, with the hope that in one day last summer's golden tan might reappear, we, the natives, joined the ranks of the tourists. One should have seen the skin colors on the school bus the last two Mondays. Especially noticeable was Linda Wooster, who dared to stay out half of Saturday and most of the following Sunday. As a matter of fact, as this column is being written, two of us teenagers are risking the embarrassment of being mistaken for tourists.

Among the youths of the Islands there have been a number of illnesses. These include

Ed Henricksen, who, because of measles, missed a week of school, and Debbie and Mark McQuade, who also had a case of red spots. Debbie, heavily covered from her first sickness, then proceeded to contract tonsillitis.

The Juniors and Seniors of the Islands have been subjected to a number of National Standard Tests recently. Two Thursdays ago during the school day, the National math test was given to the students of Fort Myers Senior High School, including Lora Ballinger and your reporter. The following Saturday, the scholastic aptitude test (S.A.T.) were taken by Pat Broadbent and yours truly from Sanibel. The S.A.T. is equivalent to the college board exams. Last Saturday, Judi McQuade, Ed Henricksen and your reporter took the N.M.S.Q.T. (the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Tests) at the Senior High. Good luck, everyone.

The spring vacationers have begun to arrive on the Islands. Bill Holmes, whose parents, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Holmes, recently moved to Sanibel, came home for the spring holiday. Bill, who attends St. Peter's School in Peekskill, New York,

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Chapter CO, P.E.O., Fort Myers Beach, is giving a Reciprocity Luncheon for all unaffiliated PEO's in the area on Wednesday, March 25, when the Chapter celebrates its first birthday.

The luncheon will be held at the Pelican Hotel, Fort Myers Beach, at 1 p.m. and reservations should be made no later than Monday with Betsy Campbell, MO 3-5231. All visiting PEO's are invited to the luncheon. Tickets will be \$2.50.

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