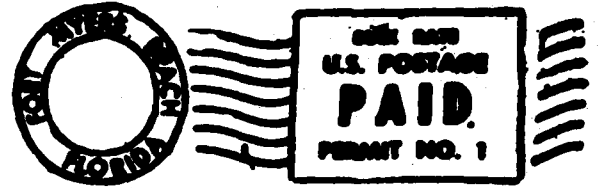


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HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Miss ELLEN JAMES, while staying at the Casa Ybel, added a bit of history about the Islands. Her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. THOMAS TOTTLE, came from Missouri to Sanibel about 1895. Their daughter, Mrs. GRAHAM (NELLIE) LACEY, brought her family down for many years to Thistle Lodge, better known now as the Cist House. It was the homestead of Dr. Barnes and there was a church and graveyard next to it.

Mrs. James recalled the time when the Lacey girls, her cousins, were having a young ladies' party on the wide front porch. Six young ladies and two big dogs. They were playing an innocent card game when they discovered men were carrying the unearthed coffins from the graveyard right across the front of the house to load them onto wagons. The girls had not noticed the digging operations and it did not improve the party. All the coffins and headstones were carefully transferred to a location further east, which is still part of the Casa Ybel property.

Miss James well remembers when the two great fireplaces at each end of the Casa Ybel lounge were kept burning any evening that permitted it. Miss Sidney Baldwin made the hand beaten, copper panels that hung over each fireplace, with mottos chosen for the occasion. The guests always met there in the evenings with the late Charlie Knapp as host.



THOMAS EDISON ON THE PORCH OF CASA YBEL, PHOTOGRAPHER: MISS ELLEN JAMES.

It was interesting, she said, just to sit quietly and listen to men like Edison, Henry Ford and John Jacob Astor-- men who had been places and done things and had something to talk about.

Then there were the experiments that Charlie Knapp made. Trying to out-wit hurricanes became a game to him. One cottage he had built, the Shell Box, was made to float. This it did until it gently snuggled against a palmetto-- without spilling the glasses or medicine bottles balanced over the sink. (Unfortunately this one floated out to sea in a later hurricane.)

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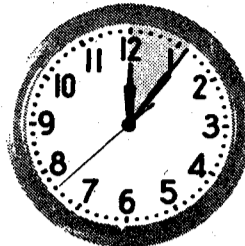
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Of these, we discovered that Jim Rathmann, of Melbourne, is one of the famous speed kings of the Indianapolis Motor speedway...twenty years at it and winning the 500 miler in 1960. He flew over for the sun and swimming to get ready for the next race on Memorial day. We wish him the best of luck.

Johnny Hall is a world champion water skier from Indianatlantic, Florida. Glenn Garrison, alias "The Submarine," is in charge of the Polaris missiles at Cape Kennedy -- which all the men still call Cape Canaveral.

Bob Lee wrote us a nice letter about the weekend and the Club:

"First, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you what we think of your Island. It's fabulous. Our weekend there was one of much conversation upon our return. Everyone is wanting to do this again and we hope to do so very soon. We have no complaints about everything and the food was the best. Mr. Fenton certainly did everything for our pleasure. Please relay our thanks to him and his entire staff.

We had planned to have more flyers in, but bad weather kept several of them away.

"Perhaps you'd be interested in who this club is made of. Anyone owning an airplane or having a friend owning one is welcomed into our group. Once a month, or sometimes more often than that, the Club flies to a designated spot for dinner. This trip to Sanibel was the first weekend affair. Now that word has been passed on of the great time experienced by all, this will not be the last trip.

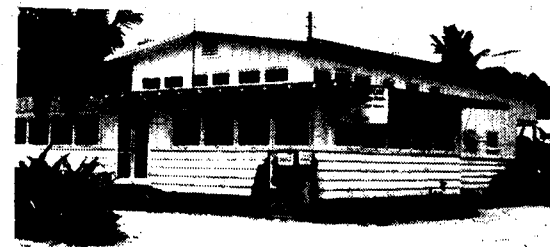
"Please send me a few copies of your paper. We'd like to pass them around at our next meeting. Sgd. ROBERT E. LEE

Not all the fliers belonged to the Flying Club. Four men from Fort Benning, Ga., came down in a huge black Army Caribou, probably the largest plane to land on this field -- which used to be called the "Folded Arms Flying Field." The Caribou can't fold its 60 foot wings -- but it was designed specifically for short fields and quick lift take-offs. It took off like a great albatross and with less noise than some of the smaller machines. While here, the airmen drove over to the Island Inn to look up BOB KEATING, the manager, who was once a roommate of one of the men. Since it was in a sense an army maneuver, no names were divulged.



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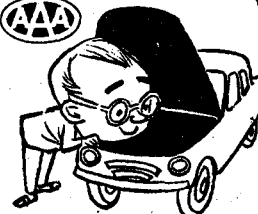
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Mr. & Mrs. Martin Heirs donated paint so that the Legion Hall exterior will have a new look. We saw the work in progress and we went to press.

POST OFFICE CHANGES

The limited adjustments in some postal service ordered by Postmaster General John Gronouski to save \$12.7 million will begin to take effect on Captiva May 4, Postmistress DODIE BOOTH said.

Saturday, window service will be from 8:30 A.M. until noon. Domestic money orders will not be issued on Saturday, the same for delivery of C.O.D. mail. All inquiries and claims, information, box rent collections, etc., shall be closed on Saturday.

Dodie emphasized that no essential major services are affected under the orders. There will be no change in special delivery, for example. Regular business mail deliveries, letters and other first class mail will be handled with the same priority as before.

The economy step is in line with President Johnson's programs under which the recent Federal income tax cut was provided.

A GENERAL ARRIVES ON SANIBEL

by ethel snyder

In the middle of the winter season in the early 1940's - a most distinguished guest arrived on Sanibel Island with no

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EDITORIAL

AN EXPLANATION:

We did not mean to imply in last week's "Zoning?" that we disapproved building a Chamber of Commerce welcome building on Mr. Lindgren's land by the causeway. We do not object to any attractive building or buildings along the entrance to the Islands.

However, we are personally familiar with what has happened to the entrance to neighboring Fort Myers Beach, which, while it does have some commercial buildings that are attractive and neat, greets its visitors with what can only be called a honky-tonk atmosphere.

Islands, as well as people, are often judged by first appearances, and we sincerely hope that no Islanders will allow their "first appearance image" to distract from the beauty and serenity which are Sanibel and Captiva's stock in trade.

We are not against commerce or making money (as a matter of fact, we approve heartily) but we believe one can be beautiful as well as successful---and only the watchfulness and vigilance of all Islanders, in cooperation with our County Commissioners and County zoning laws, can keep our Islands as attractive as they now are.

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Mrs. GEORGE T. EAGER has just returned from a most pleasurable outing. Her grandson, JOHN HENDERSON, the son of Dr. & Mrs. HENDERSON of Princeton, N.J., married MARCIA BRENNAN at the St. Joseph's Church in Princeton.

After the wedding, Mrs. Eager went on to New York to visit her sister, Mrs. ELIZABETH NAUFF, and had a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. DALE BALLINGER is back at her job at the Post Office after spending eight days in Ohio with her mother, Mrs. R.J. KROUSKOP, while Mrs. Krouskop underwent an operation. Mrs. PERRY BONE, Mary's sister, is now in Ohio aiding their mother while she recuperates.

Mrs. W.W. DENNIS, Jr., after a holiday away from the Island, has returned home. Two friends from Atlanta, Georgia, arrived here Tuesday as her guests.

Miss BETTE BEACH of Chicago has returned for her second visit to Captiva and has brought her parents, Mr. & Mrs. E.C. BEACH of Maywood, Ill., with her. Miss Beach is the secretary to the treasurer of Marshall Fields of Chicago.

Mrs. MAYBELLE CLERKE of Boston and Mrs. ELLEN DAVIS of Washington, D.C., a niece of Mrs. Clerke, are all guests at the Adam's Cottages. Mrs. Davis, who has visited here many times, is employed with the Department of the Interior in Washington.

The Legionnaires went all out this week to serve the most delicious hot dogs and potato salad to all who donated their services in wielding a paint brush so gallantly on the Legion Hall. For both the givers and the doners, it was fun!

Doctor & Mrs. R.M. BRANNON of Birmingham, Alabama, who have often vacationed on Captiva, stopped in this week after an absence of three years just to say hello and to look over their former camping grounds on Palm Avenue.

The Rev. & Mrs. B. BARKER of Chicago are enjoying their first visit to our paradise and are staying at the Blank's Cottages.

Captain & Mrs. JOHN W. WILLIAMS have had a short

vacation with his mother, Mrs. W. HORACE WILLIAMS, Capt. Williams is Director of Sanford Naval Academy at Sanford, Florida.

Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM HOUGH of Kokomo, Indiana, have been guests of Mrs. ELIZABETH P. ADLER for several days.

Mr. & Mrs. C.C. KOHLER of Marshall, Michigan, spend several days at Mid-Island Cottages while visiting with their friends, the GEORGE KELSERS, who are occupying the Stahlins' house on the Gulf on Palm Ave. Mrs. Kelsler is the cousin of Mrs. PAUL STAHLIN.

Mr. & Mrs. RALPH EBEL and their two children, RICKEY and SUSAN, of Fort Wayne, Ind., are enjoying their first visit to Captiva. They are friends of Mr. & Mrs. GLEN W. BORDNER of the same city, who many folks will remember as frequent Christmas visitors to Mid-Island Cottages. Mr. Ebel is a mechanical engineer at Magnavox Co., which has government contracts to supply many things -- mostly electronics for defense.



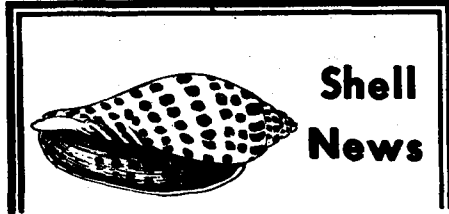
THE HAWAII OF THE GULF

Met a man the other day from the north who was vacationing nearby and who has made a couple of side-trips to the Islands during his stay here. He said that he and his wife had vacationed in the Pacific last year, and that the upper end of Captiva was as close to Hawaii in atmosphere, friendliness, and beauty as any place on this side of the world could be--which is high praise, as he was completely enchanted by the Pearl of the Pacific.



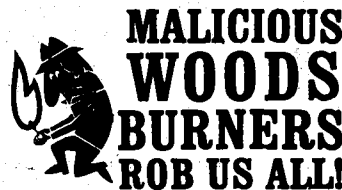
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For those who registered their Junonias at the Glory of The Sea, the drawing took place on Friday, April 17. Little four year old Jennifer Folker of Joseph Drive, Oxford, Ohio, did the honors. There were 67 Junonias registered and she drew the card of Bradford S. Ott, 6537 Revere Avenue, Wauwatosa 13, Wisconsin. He is a young man of seven years and found his Junonia at the site of the causeway dredging on April 11. As an award, he will receive a fine specimen of Lyropecten nodus, better known as a lion's paw, donated by Edie Mudgridge.

Although La Hacienda Shell Shop and Guest House is up for sale, it will remain open until Enid Donahue goes north to Canada for the summer. Enid has a colorful display of Spondylus americana brought in by Captain Harry Akers from 160 foot depths off Boyton, Florida. Anyone who wants to buy an entire collection of world shells ---this is a grand chance.



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BOB & JUDY KEATING, who have been managing the Island Inn this season, are leaving for New Hampshire where they will join forces with Bob's parents, Mr. & Mrs. JAMES KEATING, who manage the Jack O'Lantern, an exclusive hotel near Plymouth.

RENA STONECYPHER, who has been on the Inn's desk this winter, has been appointed summer manager. The dining room closed last week, but the motel-efficiencies in Matthews Lodge will remain open all year.

Mrs. GLADYS CRUMB of Lexington, Mass., is down visiting her sister, EDIE MUGRIDGE of Glory of the Sea.

CARL & BETTY HILBERT of Atlanta, Georgia, have come back again for a couple of weeks of fishing and are staying at Shallmar. They arrived on Saturday and had a trout dinner on Sunday. A good beginning.

At a birthday party a couple of weeks ago, there were two cakes--one for GEORGE PANNELL and the other for LAVERNE GIGSTAD of Prophetsville, Ill. Other guests were JULIA PANNELL, HARVEY & HERMAN GIGSTAD, DORTHY & JIM DONNELLY and BELLA, HANS & KERCHA FISCHER, JERRY & BEULAH SALTZMAN, ENID DONAHUE, VELNA and JOHN RIDGE, MAYBELLE DEVERICK, ANNA MANSBURGER and GORDON TRACEY. The party was held near Jim Donnelly's trailer in deference to his return from the hospital. It was good to see him about again!

Visiting with Miss ELLEN JAMES at Casa Ybel was an old friend and constant companion, Mrs. JOSEPH AFFON of Ridgefield, Conn.

MARGUERITE WHELDON of Neptune Beach, Florida, spent a few days with ELSIE & DAN MALONE. A member of the Jacksonville Shell Club, she found night shelling with the gang a new experience and lots of fun.

The Casa Ybel will continue with the dining room until later in the month, having several regular guests in residence. Rev. DAVID ATWATER is here from Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. HAROLD SMITH and Mrs. LAMBRIGHT from Orangeburg, S.C., Mr. & Mrs. R. SIMON were back briefly from Delmar, N.Y., and Mr. & Mrs. EARL BEE-MAN were down for the first time from St. Petersburg.

Dr. & Mrs. WILLIAM STETTLER and Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT BOTT of Grand Rapids, Mich., (who came for only one night) got into a table tennis tournament, ladies versus gentlemen. Between swimming in the pool in the daytime and battling it out in the evening with the ping-pong balls, they stayed TEN days. The ladies won.

RONNIE FENTON and his wife BETTIE are leaving Casa Ybel May 2 to go to Harbor Springs, Mich., to open the Menonaqua Beach Club. The Fentons are building a new home there. They will be taking with them the Casa Ybel chef, GENE GRIFFITH and his wife EDITH as executive secretary for the Menonaqua (Chippawa for "Many Waters."). All will be back about December 1. Mrs. Fenton will also operate the Tree Top Lodge in Sugarhill, N.H. for the 11th year.

Mr. & Mrs. HOWARD DAYTON brought some guests over from Daytona Beach: Mr. & Mrs. WOODBURY RANSON, Mr. & Mrs. JACK MATHER, Mr. & Mrs. KING BISHOP, Mr. FRED HAMBY, Mr. & Mrs. STANLEY JOHNSON and Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM CHENELL from Orlando. Miss DEBBIE DAYTON also brought along a girl friend, CARLA GIBSON of Daytona.

A pilot of National Airlines, WILLIAM McNEFF of Coral Gables, also arrived with his wife. Miss JULIA GEHM, a former guest of Casa Ybel, came down again (the third time this season) with a newcomer, Mrs. CARL FOX, Jr., from Jackson, Miss., to show her the Islands.

To top off the flying squadron (and really fill the aircraft parking area) Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM HOLENK and Mr. & Mrs. HAROLD HALL, owners of H. & H. Aviation Co. of West Columbia, S.C., came down on the recommendation of a regular Island visitor, Dr. ROLAND ZEIGLER. The Dr. bought his new Beachcraft Bonanza from H. & H. and nicknamed it "The Cadillac of the single engine airplane industry." It has a cruising speed of about 200 m.p.h. and in May, the blue and white plane will be nestling into Casa Ybel again.

JEANETTE FLICK and LOIS DREWETT of Fort Wayne, Ind. are visiting the BETTYES at the B-Hive for the next few days. It is their second trip to the Island.



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Sanibel Community Association called their business meeting to order with a covered dish supper on Tuesday, April 7. Between 80 and 90 persons were served, and all enjoyed the marvelous creations of our famous Island cooks. Hosts for the evening were Florence & Jerry Martin, the out-going president of the S.C.A.

The dining tables were removed swiftly and chairs rearranged in the auditorium in a highly organized manner bordering the work of geniuses. Because there were guests who might not be interested in the business meeting, A. W. Nick then presented slides taken during an 80 day world tour which he and Mrs. Nick took on the S.S. Rotterdam.

Mr. Nick's slides were of unusual interest, giving views seldom seen of famous sights such as Gibraltar and its reservoir system, Majorca where they cannot build hotels fast enough to meet the demand, Monte Carlo, with a side light on how to get in when not dressed in evening clothes. Bribes are not acceptable, but there is no harm in dropping a suitable recompense into an open drawer, providing the manager is not around. Beautiful Sorrento, the excavations of Pompeii and also at the site of Mount Etna, Athens, Alexandria and Cairo.

At this time, the automatic shift of the projector broke and the rest of the world tour was postponed to a later date. The pictures and commentary were

greatly appreciated and all worth seeing again when the rest of the slides are shown. For those who cannot make such trips, it brought the rest of the world a little closer.

The business session began with a reading of the minutes by Doris Ploesser. Mrs. Ken Walter gave the main figures of a very detailed treasurer's report which will go on file, outlining new purchases of permanent equipment and a rundown on the Shell Fair. Everyone will be gratified to know that with all bills paid, there was a net profit of over \$2,500.

Mrs. Mary E. Nix gave a report on the Shell Exhibits in comprehensive detail. There were 141 entries in Class A; 64 in Class B; and 17 in Class C Hall of Fame plus 2 entries not in competition. It was the judges decision not to give ribbons in the professional entries. The publicity pictures taken by Sam Rickman of Hearst Enterprises will be shown at the Lowe and Universal theaters, international chains.

Miss Cathy Lucas gave an interesting report on the live stock or live shell exhibit, which the Islander published last week, including the tale of the Angel Fish and Sergeant Major.

Asked to report on the Food and Refreshments, a more than thousand dollar necessity at the Shell Fair which was managed with a good profit, Floyd Snook reported that "for every other hamburger sold, half went into his side fund to send Mrs. Snook to the World's Fair," which drew a laugh from the audience.

A report was given on parking facilities which were ably handled by Cecil Hudson, and which kept the flow of traffic clear on the main artery. Miss Wilson kindly permitted the use of her lot for this purpose.

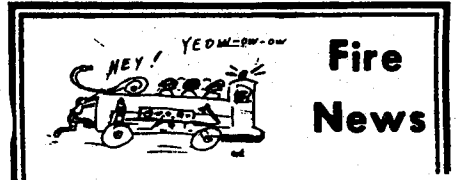
Leon Levy did not go into detail about the art exhibit, but it was obviously a financial as well as cultural success. The clothes-line idea worked very well, pictures for which were entirely donated by many of the participating artists, consider-

ably raising the total sum turned over to the Association. He handed on Mrs. Don Simonds' suggestion that next year the newly formed Sanibel Captiva Art League could take over the art exhibit at the Annual Fair, dividing the labor entailed among the many enthusiasts.

Election of officers resulted in the following: President, Admiral Ed Konrad; vice-president, Leon Levy; secretary, Mrs. John (Margaret) Walters; treasurer, Mrs. Ken (Claire) Walter; and on the Board of Directors: Jerry Martin, past president; Floyd Snook, past vice-president; Francis P. Bailey, Floyd Pflough, Bill Newman, Don Simonds and Mrs. Richard (Elise) Fuller.

Jerry Martin thanked all those who cooperated with him over the past year and turned over the gavel with a flourish to the newly elected Ed Konrad. The Admiral's first proposal was for a round of applause for the excellent work Jerry Martin put in on this arduous task of coordinating all the various committees appointed to run the affairs of the Island amicably and prosperously.

Upon this happy note the meeting was adjourned.



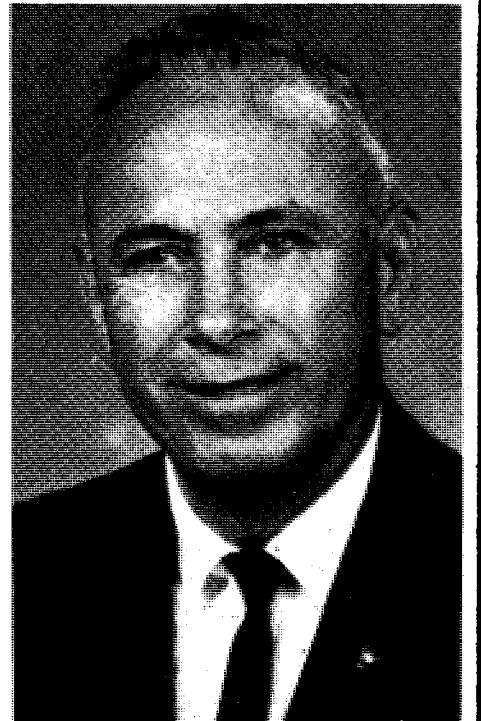
Captain Glenn Rhodes of the Sanibel Volunteer Fire Department warns everyone that the ground is very dry and marshes are low of water. Everyone should be exceedingly cautious with matches, cigarettes, oil rags, empty bottles and other combustibles. Absolutely no fires are allowed without a new permit from Chief Allen Nave and must be used with discretion at the time allowed. Last month's permit doesn't mean any old time.

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advance notice, no fanfare. No one knew he was coming hence no one knew when he arrived. There were no reservations at the Inn, no preparations. And this is the way it had come about!

In the dark war days of the early 40's, in the cold of a cold winter it was gloomy in Washington. General Albert Wedemeyer was about to take over an important command and General Marshall very rightly decided that a bit of rest in Florida's sunshine, some swimming in tropical waters and a loll on a sandy beach under a palm tree would be a very good preparation for the arduous tasks ahead. So General Marshall called Dr. Merrill Moore of Boston, a Major in South Pacific service who had done a wonderful job with convalescing soldiers out of hospitals in the South Pacific—he took them right out of army hospitals in Auckland and put them to collecting sea shells on tropical beaches and restored many to health and vigor. General Marshall knew what he had been doing and knew he was the proper man to take General Wedemeyer to some Florida beach for the sunshine and relaxation the General needed.

In 1940 Dr. Moore had come to Sanibel Island to get the information and experience he wanted for the recuperation of his own patients around Boston. He stayed at Casa Ybel Hotel. Mrs. Knapp turned him over to me and never did I spend such a strenuous week. He was insatiable! Indefatigable! He soaked up information like a sponge. He called me "teacher" and thought I knew all there was to know about shells. Of course I didn't, being a beachcomber. We shelled intensively and extensively on all the beaches from the Rocks to the light

house and on the bay side there were miles of fascinating flats at low tide. So, when General Marshall made his request for a proper beach, and Florida sunshine, Dr. Moore had the answer and with no more ado started off with the General and scant luggage for Sanibel in an old car.

It was a cold dark afternoon when Elizabeth Frye, a guest at Island Inn, stumbled upon my front porch and sank gasping into a chair. She had run all the way from the Inn and Elizabeth was too plump and had too many years for that sort of thing. I knew something unusual was in the offing.

"Guess who is coming to see you?" she gasped. "Who?" I asked. "General Wedemeyer and Dr. Moore," she panted out. "They aren't," I sternly replied. "They ARE," she managed to say. "Here they are!" A car had turned off the beach road and was coming up my drive. Elizabeth ducked off the porch and disappeared and two tall handsome men strode up the walk. It really was Dr. Merrill Moore whom I recognized and greeted, and with him was General Wedemeyer to whom I was introduced.

They had just arrived at Island Inn in the height of the season with no reservations and Charlotta Matthews, owner and manager of the Inn, had put them in "The Attic." We called the third floor of the Inn "The Attic" but it really was quite nice, with private baths, comfortable beds and a view, even though not much else. But what else do you want? After checking in, Dr. Moore had at once come to see "teacher" (me) to find out what I could do for them. That was long before telephones had arrived on the Islands so the only course was to drive to Tween Waters Inn on Captiva and inquire if they had any better accommodations. It

didn't sound like much to drive to Captiva, but it had started to rain not just a gentle patter but hard driving kind and that road to Captiva in the best of weather was a menace. It was a delusion and a snare and not to be negotiated lightly. But this was a very special emergency so I said I'd go. Both men beamed on me so radiantly I scarcely needed the fur coat which was my cocker's bed during the winter. I wore it during the day.

The General drove. There were two methods used on driving the Captiva road. One was to drive slowly dodging around ruts and holes and going off on the side of the road as much as possible. The other method was to go lickety split, bounce, slide, skid, and hope you would hit the road when you descended from an unusual bounce. The General chose the first method. I was grateful for that and there was a chance to talk at the slow pace. The rain continued.

"It always rains when I go any place," the General remarked. He chuckled as he continued. He told us that three times in China he had been asked to review Chinese troops and great preparations had been made. The country roundabout had been suffering from severe drought and just when he was ready for the review, there came a torrential downpour of rain. The review was called off. When this had happened for the third time the Chinese had made him a national rain god and a statue had been erected in his honor with pomp and ceremony in one place. So, the rain on Sanibel and Captiva was just an old custom with him.

While Dr. Moore went into the office at Tween Waters Inn to see about reservations, the General, Dolly Varden the cocker and I, went into a lodge where a log fire was cosily crackling and a guest of the Inn curled comfortably on a couch in front

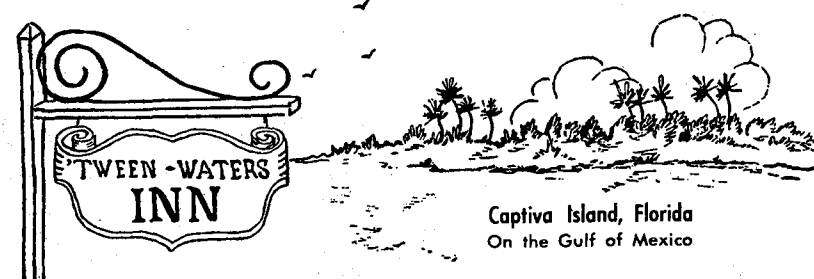
of it reading a new novel just published by a friend of the General's. She was a Mrs. Weed from New York. The pounding surf, the rain on the windows, the crackling fire and the utterly comfortable lounge all just unfolded us and we fitted right into the picture. Tall handsome General Wedemeyer leaned against the fireplace—and for a while no one spoke. Then he started telling us true incidents of his experience in the Orient. The amusing and interesting—he has a fine sense of humor—Some place along the way Dr. Moore had slipped unnoticed into the lodge and was listening and enjoying to the fullest extent.

Finally and reluctantly we just had to leave. There was no place for two distinguished guests at Tween Waters Inn, so we drove back to Island Inn and the "Attic" which was home for ten days to the two travelers and a real comfortable joyous home it was!

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS AND SUBSCRIBERS

The Islander printing schedule will be a little different this summer. Next week's issue, April 30, will be the last Islander until June 4. Starting June 4, the Islander will be printed WEEKLY in June, July, August and through Labor Day. Then, depending on the state of Island and world affairs (or perhaps we should say World's Fair, just in case we can make it,) we will possibly not publish on a weekly schedule until November.

We are pleased to be able to increase our service to you as the Islands grow. And please remember, dear off-island subscribers, when you don't get a paper in May, it isn't because we've forgotten to mail you one, it's because we haven't printed one!




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TEEN CORNER

Many parts of this have been written with a light sense of humor which will be appreciated by the teen group. If you feel revisions or censorship are in any way necessary, kindly do not enter the teen side in the Islander this week.

v. w. black, guest columnist

Things have really quieted down since Easter vacation. The parties and beer drinking college kids seem to have vanished and the high school kids are once again confined to dating on weekends. Some of our college crowd are home already, but most won't be home until late May or June.

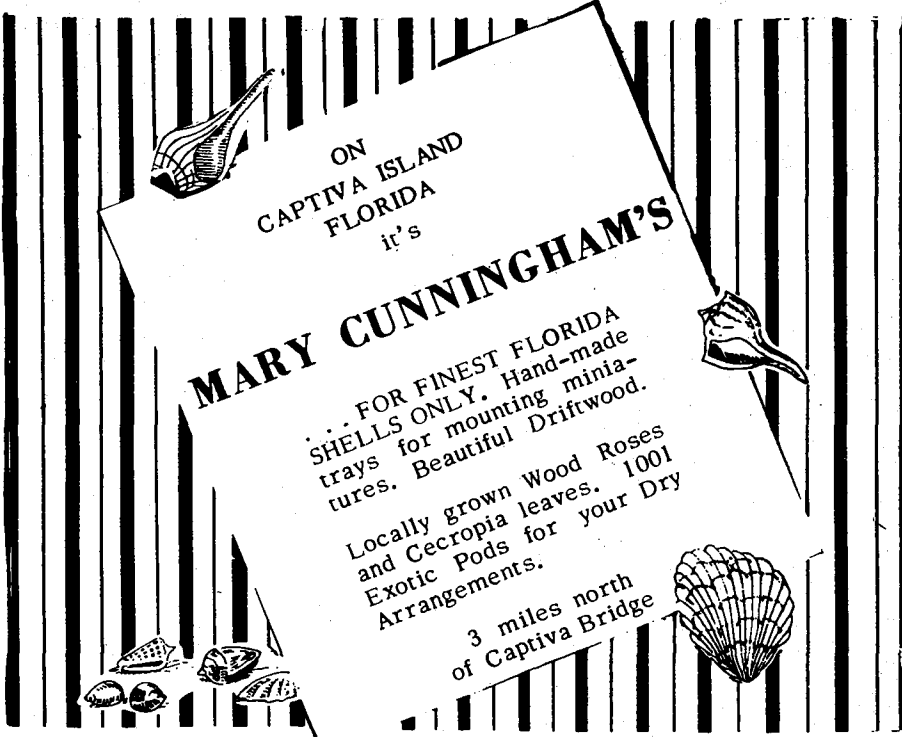
Mary Jo Gault has successfully completed her first year at Florida State University and says she is happy to be home with family and friends. Mary Jo's parents have just left for Europe and she has a big job ahead taking care of brothers and sister. Everyone agrees that Mary Jo is as pretty as ever and she will certainly add considerable decor to our already beautiful Islands! She says

she wants to get a good tan and that she hopes to spend the summer in Vermont with a friend she met in Middlebury last summer.

Billy Holmes's brother, Nic, is down for a few days and is staying at the Holmes Heron House. He lives in Manhattan and halls from Northwood School. He was last seen chasing Chris Gault up and down the beach!

An old friend, Peter Hlons, an English boy sponsored by the Gaults, came up from West Palm Beach last weekend. He tells us he is working for R.C.A. as an electronics draftsman and hopes to have his parents come over from England within the next year.

Also new on the Islands is Tom Morse of Middlebury, Vermont. Tom is working at South Seas and has been here for about three weeks. He says he flunked out of Middlebury College and is presently trying to figure out whether or not he is ever going to amount to anything! Actually, he intends to return to school within the next year, but thought he'd see some country while trying to settle



down. He says he and his beat-up car and minnow bucket will be going back to Vermont in June.

Editorial: How about a sign?

We teenagers are constantly harrassed about our horrible driving records so, as long as we're in the spotlight, we'd like to make the following pointed remarks and hope someone takes us seriously. Have you ever noticed how many hazardous un-marked curves there are on Sanibel and especially Captiva? Sure, the speed limit is 35, but many of these curves cannot be negotiated at 20 MPH. We don't mind that our vision is obstructed, because most of these obstructions contribute somewhat to the beauty of our Islands, but how about just a few warning signs to mark these curves? After all, it's your tax money and our lives!

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FOR SALE: Household furnishings in the two "Priep" cottages on Captiva Island at sacrifice prices. Cottages will be open for inspection and sale of furnishings beginning Friday afternoon, April 24th.

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