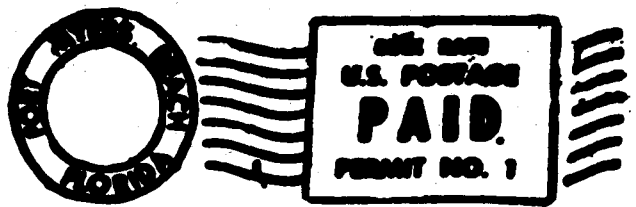


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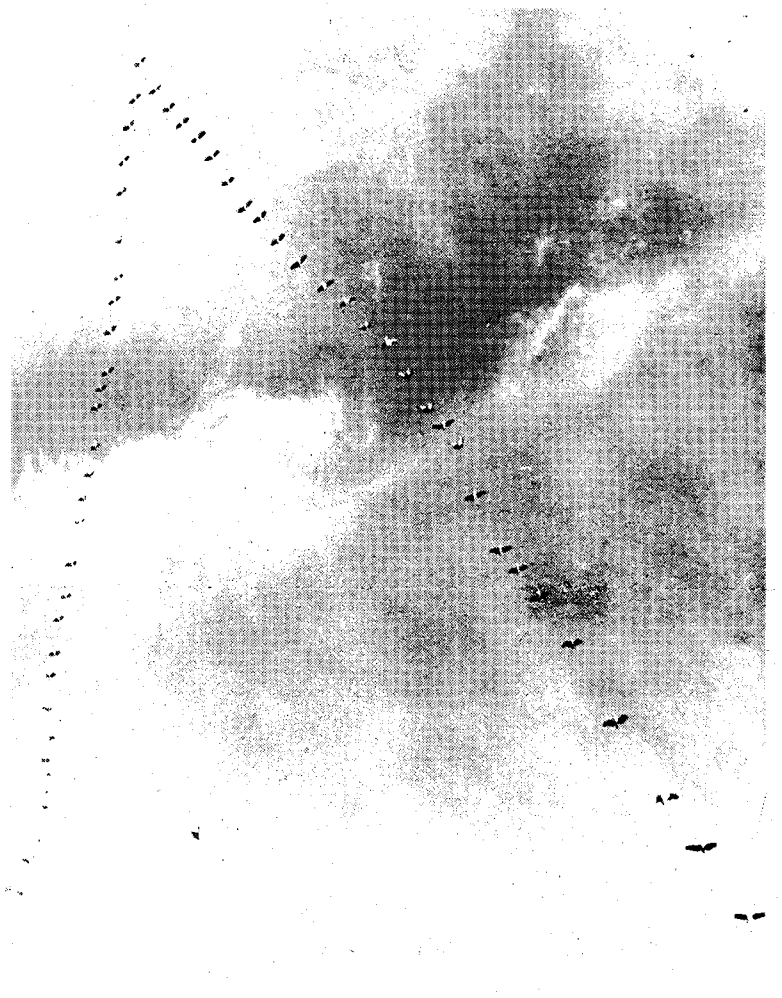
THE MEYERS TO SPEAK AT SHELL CLUB

The November meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club will be held at the Captiva Civic Center Monday, the 16th, at 8 P.M. MARY NIX, Program Chairman, advises that Professor & Mrs. HARVEY MEYER, who attended the meeting of the Malacological Union in New Orleans, will present an interesting report on the meeting, accompanied by slides which they made while there. Visitors to the Islands are extended a cordial invitation to attend.

AUDUBON MEETING TONIGHT

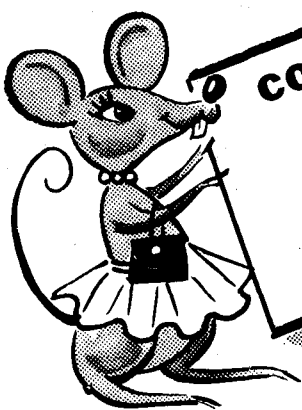
According to CHARLES LeBUFF, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, there will be an Audubon Club meeting (the first of the season) tonight, Thursday, at the Sanibel Community House. The 8:30 meeting will have a film on wildlife and a report (according to LeBuf) on Island birdlife by "Wildlife Weymouth."

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It's THAT time of year again - the time when our northern friends begin to flock south to enjoy the sunny beaches and soothing surf of the Islands. YOU KNOW it's

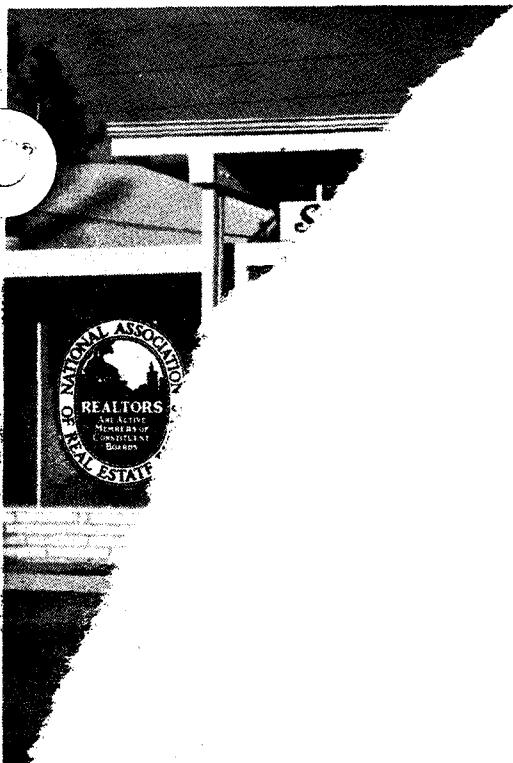
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 Holy Communion. . . . 7:30 a.m.
 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 9:30A.M.
Morning Worsnip
 2nd, 4th Sundays 9:30A.M.

WEDNESDAY
 Holy Communion. . . . 9:00 a.m.

SANIBEL CATHOLIC MISSION
 Father MIGUEL M. GONI

SUNDAY
 Holy Mass.11:30 a.m.
HOLY DAYS
 Holy Mass. 9:00 a.m.
CONFESSION
 Sundays before Mass

SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
 The Rev. TAD ALLEN, Pastor

Morning Worship. . . 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School. . . . 10:00 a.m.

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 Worship Services . . . 11:00 a.m.
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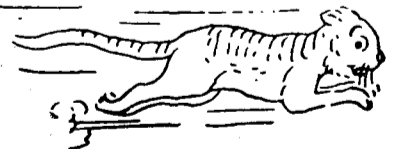
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14 Sat	8:16	9:24	2:48	2:48
15 Sun	9:28	9:55	3:37	3:38
16 Mon	10:26	10:23	4:17	4:21
17 Tue	11:17	10:52	4:56	5:00
18 Wed	12:03p	11:22	5:33	5:35
19 Thurs	12:49p	11:53	6:11	6:09
20 Fri	-	1:34	6:52	6:43

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Full Moon
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SEAHORSE SHOPS TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE



The Sea Horse Shop will mark the opening of its eleventh season with an open house on Wednesday, November 18, from 5 to 9 P.M. The traditional punch and cookies will be served.

The pre-season party has become an annual affair which provides a preview of new merchandise and visitors can browse at leisure through all the little shops and the Japanese gardens.

JOE GAULT, owner, says "There will be no business transacted during the open house, and everyone on the Islands is invited to stop in for a visit and join in the festivities." The Sea Horse Shop personnel will be on hand to welcome all and have the opportunity to greet visitors.

The Sea Horse Gallery, under the direction of Mr. & Mrs. LEON LEVY, which occupies space in the rear of the Sea Horse Shops, will open concurrently with the Shop itself. It is now starting its second

season, having opened during the 1963-64 period.

The Gallery is unique, in that it shows the work of relatively unknown artists. These artists, all professionals, are both local and from "outside," and their work includes a wide variety of extremely imaginative creation - ranging from the abstract to impressionistic and representational. Many of the artists have been represented in important exhibits and in other galleries.

The fact that, in many cases, these artists have not been "discovered" offers collectors the opportunity of buying original art at sensible prices. Oils, watercolors, ceramics, and mixed media will be presented by approximately fourteen artists in the first fall show.

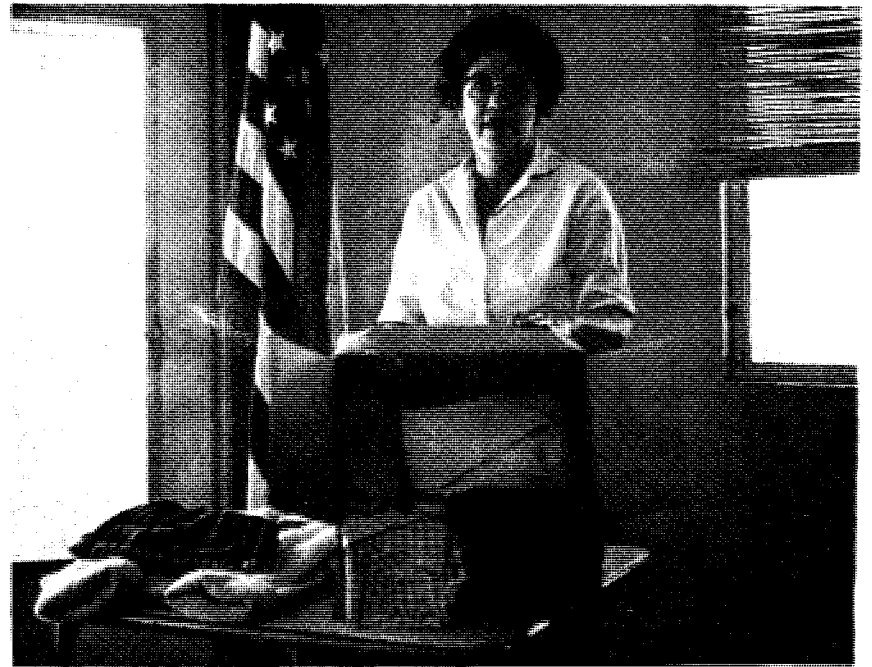
This show will be followed by others at regular intervals featuring the work of top-flight painters. Several of these shows will be one-man shows.

Saturday, November 28th is the date set for the 10th annual bazaar of the Ladies' Guild of the Sanibel Community Church. Mrs Dellmar Reynolds, bazaar chairman is shown with Mrs. H. A. Romine, Mrs Margaret Upshaw and Mrs. Edward Legel admiring some of the beautiful and useful articles that will be available along with a big variety of baked things at the bazaar.

Other ladies serving at the booths will be: Mrs. Dellmar Reynolds, ways & means chairman, Mrs. Walter Strong & Mrs C. Hudson, white elephant table, Mrs. Willis Combs, Mrs E. B. Bryant and Mrs Leon Levy, food table, Mrs. Jake Stokes, Mrs. Tad Allen and Mrs. Ed. Legal, needlework table, Mrs. John Glass and Mrs. Darling, coffee and donuts, Mrs. Ford Parks, Mrs Fred Kinkle, Mrs, Harry Romine, Mrs. William Newman and Mrs. Margaret Upshaw, Christmas table.

LEGION AUXILIARY

The Sanibel - Captiva Unit #123 of the American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, November 17 at the Legion Home at 8 P.M. All ladies eligible for membership are invited to attend and make this YOUR Auxiliary. If you are visiting the Islands, you will be most welcome as a guest from your home Auxiliary.



Mrs. Tom Nix, president of American Legion Auxiliary Sanibel-Captiva Unit 123 packs a box of children's clothing to be sent to a needy family.



Gifts contributed by members of the Sanibel Captiva American Legion Auxiliary are readied for mailing to veteran's hospitals in the state by Joy Shop Chairman, Margaret Upshaw. These are made available, free, to veterans hospitalized at Bay Pines, Coral Gables and Lake City Veteran's Hospitals to make Christmas a little brighter.

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Who's Who on Sanibel

Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM KIMBALL of New Port Richey, Fla., is at Island Inn for about a week. Mr. Kimball is the President of the Island Inn Corporation.

Another member of the I.I. Corporation at the Inn is Mrs. WILLIAM A. JAQUETTE of Little Deer Island, Maine. She is a long time visitor to the Inn and will be there until sometime in April.

Arriving today, Thur, are Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM LAMBIE of Portsmouth, R.I., who will stay for about a month.

Mr. & Mrs. H.A. BUTLER of Montgomery, Ala., will be in Monday at the Inn for "a month or more."

Making a real "flying" visit to Island Inn are Mr. & Mrs. FORT of Knoxville, Tenn. They will fly in with their son early in the week.

KEN & CLAIR WALTERS report that their new home in The Rocks is coming along nicely and that they hope to be able to move in by the first of December.

Ken & Clair are well known on the Islands as Ken runs the Security Patrol and Clair is one of the active brokers at Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate.

H. A. PERALTA Jr., of Richmond, Virginia, and DAVID M. SNIPES of Atlanta, both attending Florida Presbyterian College in St. Petersburg as seniors, were the house guests of MARY & JOE GAULT last week.

Mr. Peralta, a talented young writer, had a story published in the last issue of a St. Petersburg magazine.

The Ladies Guild of the Sanibel Community Church will meet at the home of Mrs. WILLIS COMBS on Gulf Drive November 19 at 8 P.M. Mrs. FRED KENKEL will serve as co-hostess.

JAMES EVENS, husband of HELEN EVENS and father of JANE, JIMMIE and ALBERT EVENS flew in to Tampa Sat. October 31st to take his family back with him to Luxenburg, Europe. With the help of Mrs. DELLMAR REYNOLDS (ETHEL) and JEAN HAYS they were packed and almost ready to go when a problem came up. How to get all the stuff to Tampa to the plane. They were taking almost everything that could be packed, but could not find a truck rental open in Fort Myers. Helen and children were in tears until thru PEARL STOKES, the service of SHACK ROBINSON and truck, the luggage and boxes of personal things were loaded and on their way by 5:30 Sunday Eve. Then they got ready and were on the way too, by 7 p.m. The Island is the loser by their leaving. They will be back sometime, we hope



CHURCH INCORPORATES

Three Island men, ROBERT STEVENS, WALTON A. REDDITT and DONALD HIRES, have filed papers with the Secretary of State officially incorporating The First Baptist Church of Sanibel. The papers were filed November 3.



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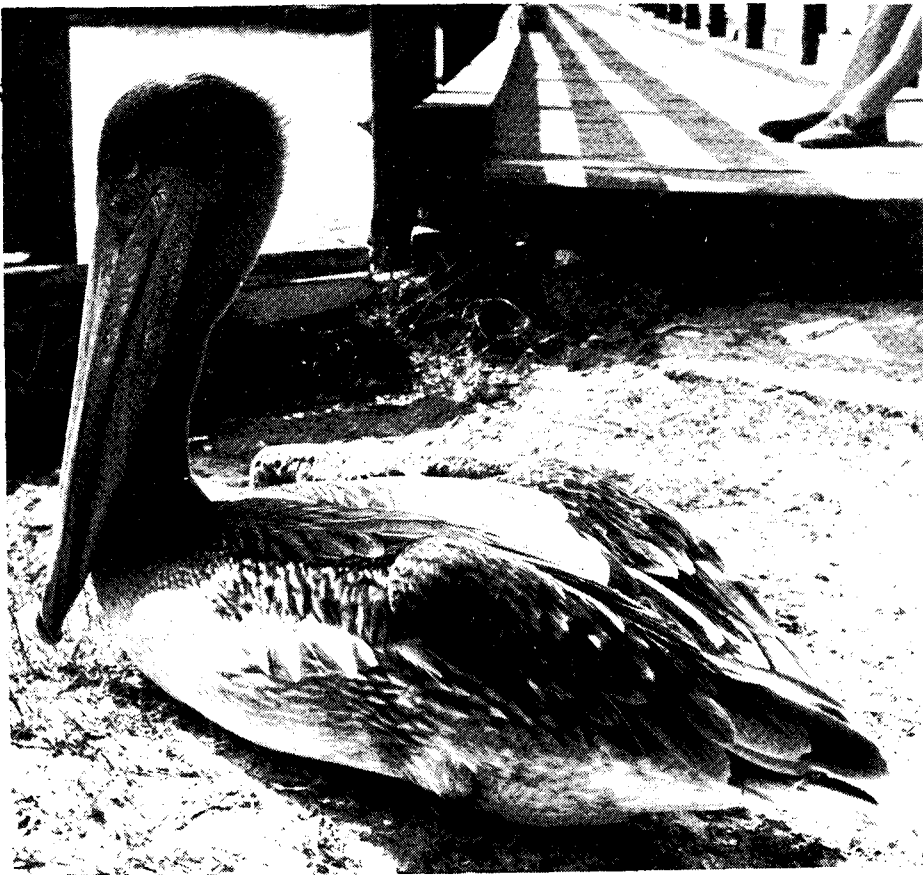


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For some odd reason, we seem obsessed with pelicans this week - pelicans and cats, that is. This peaceful fellow is just resting his bones in the sun - and waiting for a handout from one of his two legged fishing friends, genus human.

Who's Who on Captiva

Each week the population of Captiva is growing as familiar faces return to their winter homes. Among them are Mr. & Mrs. LEWIS FISHER, who have been vacationing in the Adirondack Mountains during the summer; Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT GALLAHER of St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. & Mrs. E. R. GILLET of Norfolk, Conn., and Mr. & Mrs. EARL LILLIE, from Royal Oak, Mich.

The Islander stands corrected - It was BELTON JOHNSON who made the long boat trek that we reported last week, not ARVID JOHNSON.

Dr. & Mrs. SAMUEL TRUFANT and their children, SAM, Jr., CADE, RIDGE & MICHELE, whose company was enjoyed so much here on the Islands last Christmas, are now in far-off India. Ann, the daughter of our Mr. & Mrs. BARKER, writes about the manner in which they have set up housekeeping there in Ferazepore, Punjab. Dr. Trufant chose this remote area for his Sabbatical leave where he is giving his time, free of charge, to the Presbyterian Mission Hospital.

The family started out their trip visiting France, Rome, Switzerland, Greece and Egypt before setting their teeth into the new and big task ahead. Ann tells how there are absolutely no conveniences what ever. They pump their own water, letting it stand in the sun to heat, they hunt their own meat, as there is none sold in the market, and what they catch is not at all like our own meat. The children dress in Punjabi uniforms so as not to be conspicuous and ride to school and back in a rickshaw. In May they will return to the States via Hong Kong, Tokyo and Hawaii -- all wiser and richer for this wonderful experience.

COURTESY DINNER

Mark your calendars for the covered dish dinner to be given in honor of our pastor, The Rev. G. SPEARS and his wife, on November 22 at 5 P.M. Mrs. GEORGE EAGER is Chairman of the committee and Mrs. MARY PEAVER is the Co-Chairman, so we know it will be a very happy evening for all. Please bring your own plates and eating "things."

Mrs. PAT MURPHY has come upon something most unusual while beachcombing - a spine, 29 inches long, with 18 vertebra. The larger of the vertebra is 8 inches across. The whole structure is completely covered with barnacles.

Guests of Mrs. WILLIAM S. DENNIS of Atlanta, who has just returned to her Island home, are Mrs. F. HOMER BELL and Miss DOROTHY JEAN BECKER, both of Atlanta. Mrs. Bell, who was privileged to travel a great deal throughout the Spanish speaking countries with her late husband, has become a fluent speaker of the language. Mrs. Bell's daughter, who received her degree in Spanish from Duke University, later returned to Spain with her mother where they both received degrees from the University of Madrid.

Another guest of Mrs. Dennis this week will be Mrs. L.A. McDOWELL of Tampa.

MIKE STEFANO is back at the Shannon Cottages with two more of his fisherman friends.

Mr. & Mrs. JOHN RACEK of Evanston, Ill., have just returned to their home on Coral Way. How good it is to know that their cheery faces are among us again.

We have just learned that Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE THAYER have just become proud grandparents -- their first and it's a boy! Congratulations!

TRICK OR TREAT

The Children for UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund) again met at Mrs. BELTON JOHNSON'S this year for the annual Halloweentrek and party. There were 19 children and 11 adults present, MIRIAM JOHNSON & GRACE SHIRLEY, in one car, and LINDA WAY in another, took the larger children around to various homes for trick & treat, while CHARLOTTE CARPER, MARY LEE WIGHTMAN and JANETTE & JUDY KIDD drove for the younger ones. In all they collected \$41.53 for UNICEF. On their return to Belton's, they feasted, played, and divided their spoil in the candy line -- having collected at least a year's supply.

COL. RUSSELL C. KARR

Col. RUSSELL C. KARR, a 20 year resident of the Islands, served his country for the last time on election day, November 3, as inspector of the Election Board on Captiva. It was on November 5 that Col. Karr, while sitting in his favorite chair, closed his eyes in that last sleep.

Military honors were conducted by the Sanibel-Captiva American Legion Post #123. The Rev. Sydney J. Brown of St. Hilary's Episcopal Church officiated at services in the Harvey Funeral Home.

Surviving are his wife, Susan B; a daughter, Mrs. Carol Sell of Orlando; a step-son, Col. E. Griffin, Walton, Ind.; a grandson, Roger Sell, U.S.N.; four brothers and three sisters.

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V.I.P.
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The only water to be had in my sea side cottage on Sanibel Island was from a cistern. The rain off the shingle roof emptied into gutters which, connected with pipes, emptied into a clean white cistern partly under the back porch and partly under the kitchen. The water had to be pumped out by hand on the back porch. It was heated on the reluctant kerosene stove in the nearby kitchen. But I learned to manage. The cocker seldom got a hot bath. She took one au naturel every day in the Gulf of Mexico out front and loved it.

One morning on the beach, Dolly Varden had found a choice bit of old fish which had lain out there too long, and rolled in it. It didn't smell like Shalimar and in self defense I had to give her a hot bath. And that was quite an undertaking. While she adored a swim and bath in the Gulf, the broad Atlantic or the fresh water of Lake George in New York, she resisted and resented bitterly and strenuously hot water in a tub. One reason may be that

no ocean has any soap suds. Anyway, before I got her wash tub, soap, scrub brush and a pile of towels she had to be tied up or she would have disappeared for the duration. So the tub was put on the back porch and all the pans filled with water to be heated. All went well! She was held firmly and covered with a thick lather from her own dog soap. I sang some gay ditties to get her mind off the situation but she was ready to leap into freedom and oblivion at the slightest opportunity. There was a knock at the front door at that moment. There was nothing to do but tuck her firmly under my arm and carry her along with me, dripping suds all the way, to answer the knock.

There stood a fine looking tall young man in a beat-up old suit, and a beat up straw hat—and a worse looking beat up jalopy out front parked under a coconut palm. He beamed warmly on me, and said he had come to see my sea shells. Nothing pleased me more than to have someone really enjoy looking at my shells. Cordially he was in-

vited inside. I apologized but told him I just had to finish giving the dog her bath. That was obvious. Under the mounds of soap suds he could see there was a dog struggling to get loose.

"But of course! Fine! Let me help you. I am good with dogs," he replied as he strode inside. He took her out of my arms, suds and all, and we went out to the tub on the back porch where he really took over. Dolly Varden stopped struggling; she knew there was not a chance to escape those strong arms. He pumped. He rinsed with buckets of water. He wrapped her in a large bath towel and gave her the rubbing of her life. When she was fluffy dry, the pans and all put in order, we went into the living room, spread some newspapers on the floor and I carefully emptied two gallons of shells just received from Capt. George Kreidt of Miami, owner and skipper of Pilot No. 1, which plied between Miami and Cat Cay in the Bahamas. Natives there gathered shells for Mrs. Kreidt and she selected the choice ones to sell me and mailed them over from Miami by the gallon. It was quite exciting when a shipment came and here were two gallons to explore.

Never had I seen anyone have such a good time as that young man. We sat there on the floor more than two hours oh-ing and ah-ing, comparing and exclaiming. There was no lull in conversation. He told me about the Lord Baltimore collection in New York brought over from England years ago by a member of the Baltimore family. The family for generations had been travelers and had collected shells from all over the world, especially from the South Seas. He told me tales of sea captains and the South Pacific. It was a wonderful two hours. He invited me to come see him if ever I came to New York and said he would take me to see the Baltimore collection. He said he would write his name and address in my book so I could find him. He did. His name was David Atwood and his address was Brooklyn, New York.

Some weeks later I learned from a close friend of the Atwood family that young David Atwood was the young pastor of the Grace Episcopal Church in Brooklyn. One could readily understand why this minister of the gospel was so much loved and esteemed by members of that church. Even Dolly Var-

den the cocker knew instinctively that he was someone special!

SITTING PRETTIER

The Sanibel Captiva Legion Auxiliary Unit #123's drive for one hundred chairs is practically at the half way mark. It's still not too late for you to donate a chair, if you wish. The cost is \$5.75, and each chair will be permanently inscribed with the donor's name. Make checks payable to "American Legion Auxiliary Unit #123" and mail them to Mary Nix, Goldie Nave, Mary Purdy or Blanche Pflough, all of Sanibel Island.



SANIBEL LIBRARY OPEN FOR SEASON

The Sanibel Library held its first meeting of the season Tuesday, November 3, at the Sanibel Community Center. A number of interesting new books have been added to the shelves, including "Native Trees of Florida" and "Mystery Stories About Shells and Shelling."

The Library will be open every Tuesday from 10a.m. till noon and every Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4. All islanders are welcomed at their library. If you wish to become a "Friend of the Library," you may send your dollar donation to Miss Pauline Wilson of Sanibel Island.

Your financial aid will help out, perhaps more importantly, your visits to the Library with donations of books, or for just browsing, will help make the Library one that the Island can really be proud of.

Those attending the Tuesday meeting (and all, by the way, are official friends of the Library) were Art Swanson, Mrs. Richard Fuller, Mrs. Ford Park, Mrs. Ross Purdy, Mrs. Hames Pickens, Jerry Martin, Miss Pauline Wilson and Mrs. Leon Levy.



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TO THE ISLANDER:

We wish to express thru your paper our sincere thanks and appreciation to Sheriff & Mrs. RALPH SMITH and Mr. Smith's mother for the many kindnesses shown us at the time of our recent automobile accident on Sanibel. These folks came to our aid, took us into their home, gave us the use of their car, and showed us many other kindnesses for which we will be eternally grateful. They sincerely showed the Christian concern for others taught in the Bible and we pray God's blessings upon them always.

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY
by russell kay

I have always had a weakness for cats. This statement will probably bring a shudder to those unfortunate humans who happen to be allergic to them or because of some quirk of nature, can't tolerate the nasty beasts.

I have found that you either like cats or you don't. I like them, whether they are of the domestic variety or denizens of the jungle. I have had a cat or two around for as long as I can remember and have found them delightful companions. However, I never owned a cat. Nobody ever did.

A cat is the most independent creature on earth. You can lead them to milk, provided they want to be led, but you can't make them drink unless they damn well have made up their mind that they want to drink, and I have seen cats so cockeyed hungry their ribs ached but they had to show their independence by standing off long enough to let you know they didn't have to if they didn't want to.

Every cat I have encountered had a distinct personality. All of them maintain the Madison Avenue or movie producer attitude of "Don't call me, I'll call you."

Time after time I have picked up a cat with the thought of caressing it in my lap, only to have it wiggle and squirm until it attained its freedom then in its own good time jump in my lap and submit to my attention as it purred contentedly.

Among famous cats of my experience was Peleg Boggs. He was a forlorn stray that my daughter and I encountered on an evening walk. Crouched beside the road, he was a picture of despair. His hair was matted, there were sandspurs in his ears, he had the mange and he looked more like a ghost than a cat.

My daughter, like most children, became intensely interested. She wanted to know all about the kitty. "What is his name?" she asked. For no reason at all I replied, "Peleg Boggs!" "He is a descendant of an old colonial family but undoubtedly a blacksheep."

You guessed it, we took him home and fed him, loved him and turned him into a more or less respectable cat. He rewarded us by eating our pet canary, but the joy and happiness he gave my daughter offset his evilness.

Then there was Alouisus, the office cat. He marched into our office one morning with the help, a big yellow tom, and climbing into the lower drawer of

my secretary's desk took possession of the establishment. When I reached the office my secretary said, "Look what I got," and pointed to the sleeping feline in her desk drawer.

Alouisus became a fixture. The office help fed him, made a fuss over him and he ran the office like a tyrant. One of the girls hated cats. He seemed to know it so he would park himself on a table nearby and glare at her, hissing if she made a move toward him. One evening, just before closing time a visitor came by with a bottle of Vodka, and insisted I have a slug. Then he put a half jigger in the cat's milk. Alouisus sampled it, then backed off, but he was hungry so he returned and drank it all. Emitting a sigh of contentment, he made his way out the back door and fell, blotto, in the grass. After that he had to have a few drops of Vodka in his milk or he wouldn't drink it.

Yes, cats are wonderful critters when you really get to know them in spite of their fangs and claws and fleas.



GOODWILL SUCCESS STORY

"Florida is too slow-moving. There are too many old folks. You'd never be a success there".

That's what they told Dr. Robert C. Adair when he resigned as executive director of the St. Louis Goodwill Industries to go to Florida's West Coast to organize a Goodwill.

Today, on its tenth birthday (October 29), the West Coast Goodwill not only succeeded but achieved in a decade what it had taken other Goodwills, in the North and West, 25 years to accomplish.

From an initial employment of 30 handicapped people in October 1954, the Florida West Coast Goodwill today has more than 350 handicapped persons on its weekly payroll. It has a large, modern, debt-free production plant - administration building that is a model for Goodwills throughout the country.

Not only did Adair, an ordained minister who had spent 33 years with Goodwill before accepting the Florida challenge, and the people of Florida prove the skeptics wrong, but in the process gave employment to more than 2,900 handicapped men and women, many of whom were rehabilitated and passed on to private industries.

If there is any "secret" to this success story it must be in the sign on Adair's desk. It reads: "When you are a partner with God, plan big".

In its first ten years the West Coast Goodwill has given jobs to handicapped people from all over Florida. Many were sent to Goodwill by the Veterans Administration and the Florida Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The handicapped run the gamut of human misfortune and misery - cripples, mutes, the blind, the deaf, cardiacs, emotionally disturbed, arrested tuberculars, amputees, midgets and those "just old and broke".

An innovation started by Dr. Adair is given a lot of credit for bringing in the thousands of bags of donations needed each week to keep more than 350 people employed.

These are the Goodwill collection boxes, some 400 of them

all over this section of the state, from Tallahassee to Naples and eastward to Palm Beach County.

A large credit for the success goes also to young people who twice yearly stage clothing drives for Goodwill--school children in October and Boy Scouts in March, in most of the counties served by the hire-the - handicapped organization. The two drives annually bring in more than 200,000 bags of materials for the handicapped to repair and process for resale.

Clothing and other articles given to Goodwill are processed by the handicapped for resale in Goodwill stores. Store sales provide the wages, Goodwill being about 95 percent self-supporting.

What next in this success story? Goodwill now is planning branch sheltered workshops in West Palm Beach, Tallahassee and in Fort Myers, hiring handicapped folks in these areas.

"Goodwill will never be satisfied", Dr. Adair said, "until it is able to give a job to every handicapped person who is capable of working. We're dedicated to giving the handicapped the fullest opportunity to live happy, abundant lives".



CHURCH HOURS CHANGE

The Sunday Services at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church have changed from 9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. The Sunday and Wednesday Holy Communion times remain the same.

RALPH SMITH
says...

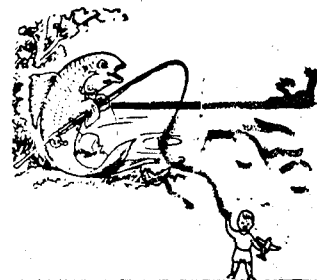


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THE CATTLE EGRET

Perhaps as you traveled back and forth over the Islands, you've noticed some white crane like birds standing out in the grass. They are particularly common in the fields behind Coconut Grove Restaurant, across the main road from Sanibel Marina, and just east of the new school. You've seen the same bird in National Geographic standing around, or on water buffalo in India. Actually until 1952, they had never been seen in North America. These are the Cattle Egret.

Apparently around 1930, the Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), through some eternal desire, decided to fly across the Atlantic. They suddenly appeared in British Guiana in South America. They spread out rapidly to Venezuela, Surinam and Colombia, and as might be expected, appeared in our Country in 1952. Two ornithologists, checking the spring migrants in Sudbury Valley in Massachusetts, officially added the species to the North American list.

Since then and 1964, this medium sized white bird (about a foot tall) with its yellow bill is probably the most common heron type bird in our country.

It is the only member of the heron family that you would likely find away from water. They feed mostly on grasshoppers and other insects often stirred up by, and attracted to, the cattle it normally accompanies.

About five years ago they began to appear on the Islands, and now there about approximately 400 of them in the area, a lot of them nesting in the mangrove bed by the bird tower.

On the 18th of June of this year, some tourist found a sick Cattle Egret on the beach that had been banded. They took it to the Hurricane House where they were staying, and the owners, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kerns, called Charles LeBuff, the Wildlife Aide at the Sanibel Refuge Headquarters. Charles brought the bird to me and we removed the band and sent it to the bird banding research center in Laurel, Maryland. About a month later we received a card from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stating that it had been banded July 4, 1963, at Drum Island, near Charleston, South Carolina. Since the bander, Mr. T.A. Beckett, III, stated it was a young bird when he band-

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ed it; it can be assumed it had hatched that spring, so we can believe that it lived just about a year (having died after we obtained it.).

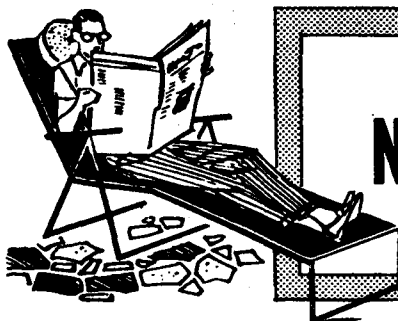
And, speaking of banding, last week, I found a immature Herring Gull lying on the Sanibel Causeway -- hit by a car. (Ed. Note: Some people won't pay attention to the "Bird Crossing" sign). I stopped to

investigate and found the bird to be banded. Now I'm waiting to see just where this young gull was banded. I've got an idea that it was in Canada. We'll see!

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