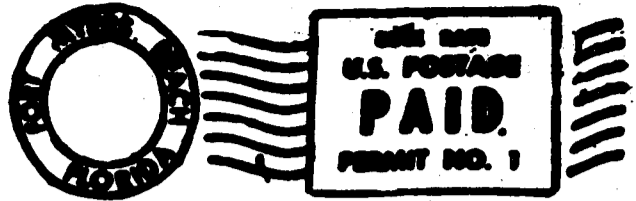


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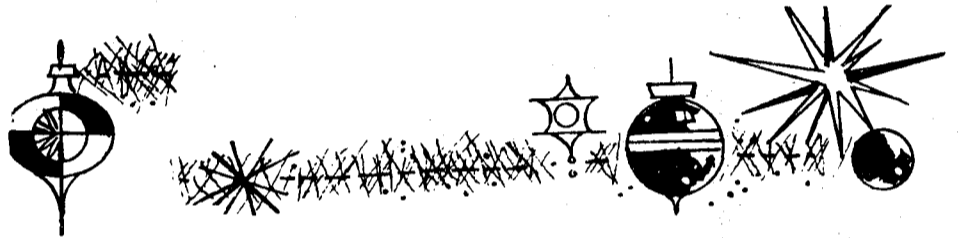
The Island Water Association, Inc. has opened offices in the Sanibel Community House and is now accepting membership subscriptions. PATRICK O. MURPHY is in charge of the office and will have it open for business five days a week, from 8:30 until 4:30. A phone is being installed and the number is GR 2-4981.

During the opening drive for membership - or until March 15, 1965 - subscriptions to the Association will be \$108. This amount is to be paid in full when the application is signed, or with a initial payment of \$18 and the balance spread over three years of payments of \$18 every six months. Prices will probably be higher later on.

The minimum number of subscribers has been set at 600, and this number must be reached before March 15. It is therefore important that all Islanders sign up without delay. The sooner that the minimum number of subscribers is reached, the sooner we will have good water.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

All children of the Island are invited to attend the annual Sanibel Christmas party to be held Christmas Eve at 8:15 p.m. Please register your child's or children's names at the Community House so that Santa will have enough gifts to go around. All children, both resident and visitor, are welcome, and the arrangements for the party will be similar to last year's.



CAPTIVA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Residents of Captiva Island have decided to get together and have a community Christmas party. It will be held Wednesday evening, December 23, at the Captiva Community House. There will be games and refreshments and all residents and visitors are invited to attend --- the only requirement being that each family and motel owner sign the bulletin board at the Post Office stating how many children and adults will be present.

Please bring the same number of gift-wrapped presents (not to exceed \$1 each) as there are members in your party. For instance, if you will be attending with three other adults and four children, bring four adult presents, tagged man or woman, and four children's presents, tagged with age and girl or boy.

GIVE AWAY

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

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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.
7:45 p.m.

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/s/ Mary Cunningham
Captiva Island, Florida

Ed. note: Thank you, ma'm. We accept with pleasure, and shall mark you in our books as #1 Island subscriber, #2 to go on the books is Mrs. Ross Purdy of Sanibel, and #3, Mrs. Robert Iredell of Captiva Island. We had thought, hopefully, to get our subscriptions in order by the first of the year, but, what with Christmas Editions and presents and family company and just general good cheer, we've decided it will be easier on everyone to start all Island subscriptions on Feb. 1, as we don't want to cut any one off from reading the ISLANDER just because they haven't had time to write a check during the Christmas rush.

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| 21 Mon | 12:59 | 3:05 | 8:15 | 7:57 |
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| 23 Wed | 2:39 | 4:35 | 9:49 | 9:48 |
| 24 Thurs | 3:40 | 5:24 | 10:39 | 11:03 |
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Mrs. DOROTHY CRAIG STAFFORD of Washington D.C. bought CHARLES RHODES' house here on Sanibel. She has returned to Washington and will return soon to become a permanent resident. She will be asst. to EDITH H. MUGRIDGE owner of Glory of the Sea.

ROBERT STOKES, Specialist 4th Class, 7th Calvary, U.S. Army, came back to the Islands last weekend for the first time in three years. He had been stationed in Germany for two and a half years and arrived back in the States about two months ago, stationed in Fort Benning, Georgia.

His mother, Mrs. JAKE STOKES, said that the dog started raising a big fuss--howling and barking--in the middle of last Friday night. She tried to shush him, til she realized that the dog wouldn't be making all that noise unless someone else was in the house. Rather fearfully, Pearl said that she peeped (slowly) around the door to see who was there ---and (as you've probably guessed by now) --- 'twas her son standing in the living room.

"It was really a surprise," she said, hastening to add, "but I couldn't think of a nicer surprise to have."

Bobbie was here for three days, seeing old friends, and hopes to return to the Islands for the Christmas holidays.

Writer LAWRENCE HOLMES, who, with his wife, ADELAIDE, built a home on Sanibel's Gulf Drive five years ago, left for New York this week for a few weeks' conference with his publisher on his new book. Mrs. Holmes, who has the Red Pelican, is planning to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. EDWARD DAVIS, in Clearwater.

Mr. & Mrs. ED. CRIBBINS of Indian River City, Florida, who are staying on Sanibel at Shalimar, found a beautiful live golden olive during their three week stay. The glittering shell was quite the envy of all those who saw it.

Kay Webb, Maria Singletary, Isabel McWhorter and Marian Chaplin have joined the throng of helpers at the Sea Horse Shops to make your Christmas shopping easier.

The busy United Fund workers have collected \$185 more from generous Islanders, and plan to continue working until the Islands' United Fund goal is reached. If you have not yet been contacted, you may mail a check to Mrs. Mary Gault, Sanibel Island.

Who's Who on Sanibel

We're glad to be able to tell you that Jack Rushworth, manager of Island Inn, is back on the job hale and hearty at Island Inn. The gentleman had been struck by an auto while walking across U.S. 41 in North Fort Myers, and after a few weeks of recuperation, is now feeling fine once again.

LINN and FRITZ KUDER of Durham, North Carolina, will be in the Kewitt House on Sanibel for several months. They will be arriving soon after a European trip.

The GLENN LURCHES of Hibbing, Minnesota, are back in their Sanibel Beach home for several weeks.

MR. & Mrs. FLOYD BELL and Mr. & Mrs. H.H. SEAY, all of Columbus, Ohio, left the Islands yesterday after spending two weeks at Casa Ybel. Mr. Bell is president of the Bell Electronic Corporation and Mr. Seay is the executive director of Thoro Motors and Drills.

Master JOHNNY RUSHWORTH celebrated his fourth birthday Sunday afternoon with a party at Island Inn. EDDY, the cook, baked him a most splendid cake, which was served with ice cream & candy. The guests, who included MARY NEAD BAILEY, LAURI KEARNS and Johnny's sister, MERRELL RUSHWORTH, wore fireman's caps and had whistles as favors. All reports said they had a wonderful time.

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A host of Islanders attended the first presentation of the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra and Chorus last Saturday evening in Fort Myers. The program was "The Creation" by Joseph Haydn, and Lee Roy Friday was in the Choral Choir.

Sanibelites who attended included Mrs. Friday, Helen and Doris Ploesser, Mr. & Mrs. William MacIntosh, Mrs. Robert C. Haynie, Mrs. Margaret Walters and Mrs. Paul Simonds.

Captive-ites who swelled the throng included Mr. & Mrs. Ray Boothe and their daughter Karen, Hap Payne, Miss Patten and Parker Mills.

WILLIAM B. COCKLEY of Cleveland, Ohio, is spending two weeks at Island Inn. Several of his Ohio State pals are there, which prompted this particular visit. Mr. Cockley is retired from one of Cleveland's leading law firms and now spends his time traveling.

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The American Legion and Auxiliary Unit of Sanibel and Captiva held a joint post and unit buffet dinner and Christmas party Saturday night at the Legion Home. The room was decorated with native greenery--- Australian pine boughs and Florida holly, with a golden Christmas tree as a table centerpiece, made of Sanibel shells. Christmas music played, giving a soft seasonable background which was enjoyed by all the guests, who were Ross & Mary Purdy, Jerry & Dottie Jeremissen, John and Velna Ridge, Tom and Mary Nix and their daughter, Carolyn, Joe Wightman, Carol Lee, Glen and Eula Rhodes and Margaret Upshaw.

LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ladies Guild of the Sanibel Community Church will meet tonight (Thursday) in the home of Mrs. Smith Kauffman at Tradewinds on Sanibel at 8 p.m. Mrs. Leon Levy will be co-hostess.

The annual Christmas party will follow the regular business session.

NEW CONTRACTING BUSINESS CHARTERED BY STATE

Florida Secretary of State Tom Adams announced this week the chartering of the R.C Industries, Inc., on Sanibel Island, Florida with 100 shares of common stock at \$100 per share. The incorporators were Robert C. Stevens, Ruth E. Stevens and Joe L. Pendleton, all of Sanibel.

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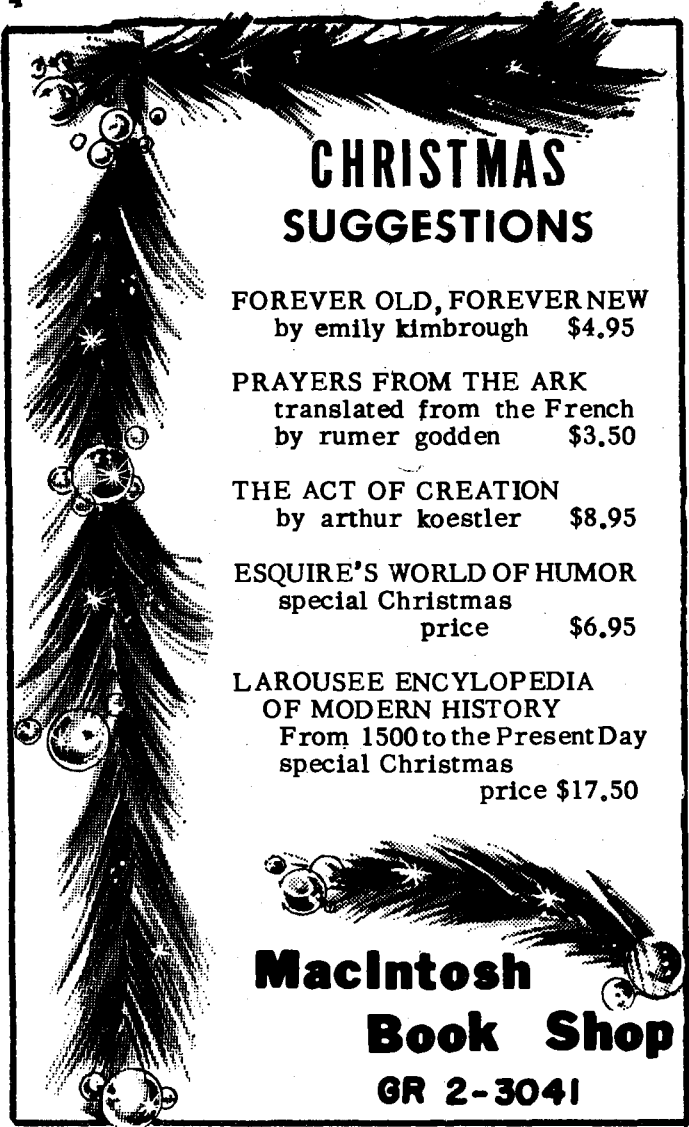
One of the ISLANDER's former reporters, Enid Donahue, sent us a clipping from the MUSKOKA NEWS in Gravenhurst, Canada. 'Tis written by PHILIP LAFORCE, who has a column about the Iroquois Gibson Reserve there. These particular quotes concern Christmas and colds, and his treatment of them (the latter, especially) fascinated us. We thought you'd enjoy them, too.

"The Eskimos have already climbed on the ice mountains got ready to blow snow cold towards in east it shows already to get ready for our warmth. It is no fun to cut wood when the eskimos will blow 10 and 20 below zero.

"Santa Claus is repairing his harness for deers to draw him with jingle bells for the people hear him coming. On Wednesday Nov. 25 is just four weeks to Christmas and Santa Claus's team of deers are dancing in a hurry to take trip around the country.

"For cold, sore throat, cough, a good cure is to use balsam gum most people see balsam trees that there is a little lumps on trees. Bust each one of them with pen knife and take them a few drops of these gums and swallow them. No money needed, it growed there for person to use it. A tamarack gum, another good cure of cold and coughs. There is round balls on these trees, one ball is enough. Put in a bottle, half pint, take bark of the gum. Then put in bottle and fill it with whiskey, stir good it gets like milk. Then take a teaspoon full three times a day. Some takes every four hours, and is enough, no more.

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Who's Who on Captiva

When something particularly nice happens to any of our Island family, we want to "shout it out." This concerns James Gray, who with his wife, Mrs. Gray, just returned to their Island home last week. He recently was given a citation which reads: The Regents of the University of Minnesota as a token of high esteem and in recognition of noted professional attainment by James Gray, distinguished graduate of the University of Minnesota, devoted scholar and teacher, perspicuous literary editor and drama critic, alert observer and skillful chronicler of human experience, sincere writer about the landscape he knows, deem him to be worthy of special commendation for outstanding achievement conferred on Oct. twenty-second nineteen hundred and sixty - four. Congratulations, Mr. Gray!

Mr. Gray has a chapter in the new and most interesting book "A Vanishing American." This book has an introduction and is edited by Thomas C. Wheelre. It gives an account of life and times in 12 small towns representing different regions of our country and varying aspects of American experiences. Mr. Gray writes of Marine of St. Croix, Minnesota. Eleven other men each have a chapter on their town. The Mac Intosh Book Shop on Sanibel carries the book.

Mrs. Ina Watson has been honored on her (?) birthday by having two of her sisters from far away places by her side. Mrs. Fiy (Sophia) Claes, known the world over as the "flower girl" from Stuttgart, Germany, arrived December 1 via the "Kinderdyk" in Miami Harbor. Sophia endeared herself to many of the Islanders on a visit 10 years ago.

Accompanying Mrs. Claes is Miss Marie Eiermann, called "Mother" by all our overseas boys. She is at the Headquarters of United States Army Europe. Miss Eiermann has received letters from mothers all over the States expressing gratitude for the motherliness she has shown their sons.

Mrs. Marie Claes, another of Ina's sisters from up Chicago way, is part of this lively household. Marie is expecting her son, Harry, who is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., to join the happy throng for Christmas. If the delicious cakes served with coffee or tea now is only a forerunner of Christmas goodies --- oh me, oh my!

Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM E. STEVENSON returned to their Captiva home, "Little Bamboo," for the winter after Mr. Stevenson completed three years as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Spending Christmas holidays with the STEVENSONS will be their daughter HELEN and her husband, ROBERT MEYNER former Governor of New Jersey, and their daughter PRISCILLA and her husband, RICHARD HUNT of Cambridge, Mass., and the Hunts' three children, the twins, SUSAN and HELEN, who are seven, and young BILLY, who is two and a half.

Mr. & Mrs. ERNEST STANTON, of Captiva and Grosse Ile, Michigan, are going to visit their son and his wife in England. The Stantons also plan other forays abroad --- in Switzerland and Scotland, to name just two. The four of them will spend the Christmas holidays in Majorca.

Mr. & Mrs. HARRY EBREMER of Milwaukee are enjoying a ten day stay in their new home on Captiva.

Mr. & Mrs. L. KELSH of Minoqua, Wisc., have returned from the cold north to light once again in their Crow's Nest on Palm Ave.

We are sorry that all news can not be good news. This past week Miss Althea Brooks, while stepping out from the chair she had been occupying, caught her shoe in a rug and plunged forward, landed on her right side. The results, a broken hip and a dislocated shoulder. A half hour passed before Miss Brook's calls penetrated her walls to the ears of her neighbor, Mrs. J.S. Brook and son, Foster, who in turn called Mrs. A.M. Peabody who lost no time in getting the hospital emergency in Fort Myers. She then made a quick call to the Sanibel ambulance, which brought an encouraging reply "we'll be right there," from Glen Rhodes, Glen, we know, is the wonderful meat man at Bailey's, but we have also witnessed that he is efficiency personified in the art of transferring patients from the bed to the stretcher, in this case, with Edward Legel's assistance. Mrs. S.E.O'Donaghue also came on the double when called and

her quick wit kept Miss Brooks' mind off her miseries until the ambulance arrived at which time Mrs. O'Donaghue and Mrs. Peabody accompanied Miss Brooks to the hospital in Fort Myers.

Most Islanders are aware that Mrs. ALEXANDER FLICK, known to all as "FLICKER," who has been enjoying life on Captiva for the past 17 years, was not able to return this season for the celebration of her 91st birthday. A good friend has suggested that a mountain of cards from friends here would make her special day (December 24) a memorable one. Her present address is C/O W. M. WILLIAMS GOTHA, Berne, New York.

Mr. D.R. WILLIAMS of Sault Ste. Marie has just reported in. His comment: "How wonderful to be back on the Islands after driving three days through snow, sleet and rain!" He is occupying one of Andy's cottages this season.

Mr. & Mrs. A.F. HOCKSTEADER of New Canaan, Conn., are here to enjoy this bountiful sunshine. Mrs. Hockstader is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. WHITTEMORE of our Island.

All set for the grand opening of Tween Waters Inn are twins Mrs. GARNET JENSEN and Mrs. RUBY SHEAN, who, along with our own MARGIE SPANG, will delight diners with the gracious service that is a part of the Inn's tradition. Both Garnet and Ruby will share Margie's house on Coral Way. MILDRED & DICK BUNTING will again be hostess and cook respectively. The cottages at the Inn are now open and the first guests have already arrived.

Mrs. MARION CHAPMAN of Knoxville, Tenn., good friends of Mr. & Mrs. HARVEY MEYER, with her friend, Mrs. MARION CANNON, is back for a preview of the Chapmans' new house abuilding up South Seas Plantation way.

Mr. & Mrs. CARL ERLER of West Bend, Wisc., were happy to leave the dreary cold of the north to settle again in their Palm Ave. home for the winter.

Mrs. SPENCER EWING, who spends her summers in New Haven, Conn., returned to Captiva in time to celebrate her 91st birthday. Mrs. Ewing is the aunt of Mrs. WILLIAM SPENCER.

When SUSAN KARR of "Searamics by Susan" placed her ad in the ISLANDER this week, we saw many of her new and lovely things --- among them the sea grape luncheon plates added to the popular size. They are really admirable.

Mrs. & Mrs. J.S. ROBERT are enjoying a visit from their son, FOSTER ROBERT, of Long Island, New York. The younger Roberts have presented the J.S. Roberts with three grandchildren --- two in college and one in high school.

Dr. HENRY WINTERS of Pinkneyville, Ill., and Mr. DENNIS BYERLEY of Duquoin, Ill., both brothers-in-law of Dr. HOMER HINDMAN, have been enjoying a rest period at the Blanks' Cottages.

Mrs. ARTHUR DUNHAM was a librarian in the New York Public Library System prior to her marriage to a long time Captiva visitor. Now she has walked right into the hearts of all Captiva people by becoming our librarian.



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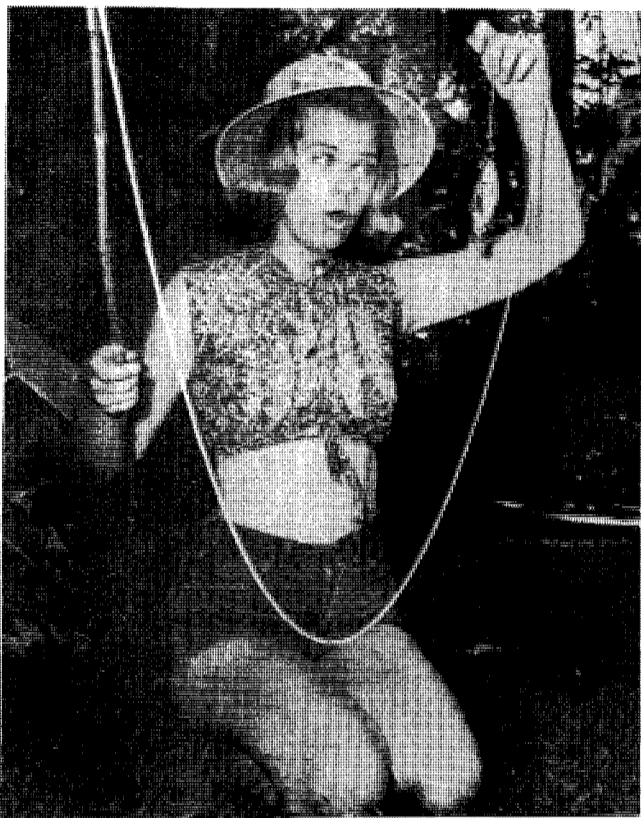
AUDUBON TO SHOW "WHITE WILDERNESS"

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society is showing Walt Disney's wildlife film, "White Wilderness," at the annual Christmas program, held this year on Tuesday, December 22, at 8:30 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House. All birders, nature conservationists, lovers of the great outdoors and interested persons are invited to attend. There will be a Christmas party after the showing of the film.

COUNTY COMMISSION STUDYING PROPOSED CAUSEWAY TOLL RATE REDUCTION

After the Sanibel Community Association submitted a recent complaint stating that the \$3 round trip fare caused a hardship on Islanders, the Lee County Commissioners decided to get an estimate on the cost of a survey which could eventually lead to a commuter reduction.

Herbert J. Sims of New York, fiscal agent for the building of the causeway, wrote the Commission that "We have no way of advising the County Commission that a commuter rate can be established at this time." The letter said that any reduction would have to meet conditions established in the bond resolution which financed the almost \$4 million dollar project, and that if the tolls were really causing a hardship on Islanders, the County should have a survey made by Goodbody & Co. to represent the county. After presenting the results to both residents and bondholders, Sims wrote, "We may have the bond resolution amended to permit installation of commuter rates if warranted."



Most of our Islands' visitors, if they are not out collecting shells, enjoy our superb fishing. This lovely but unlucky lass, Miss CAROLYN STAR, vacationing here from her job in Florida's Sunken Gardens, did not do as well as she obviously suspected. Better luck next time!

SHELL CLUB MEETING

The Sanibel Shell Club will have Ethel Snyder as guest speaker at their regular meeting next Monday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House. Miss Snyder will give one of her always delightful talks---this one on what shells have meant to the world, in addition to producing impressive Latin names for professors and Malacologists to refer to in times of one-up-manship.

The annual Christmas Party will follow, and all are asked to bring a gift wrapped shell (not to exceed \$1 in value) for the Christmas shell exchange. If you're a visitor to the Islands and at all interested in shells (and after all, if you're here, you practically must be) you are warmly invited to attend and to enjoy both the meeting and the party.

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Office, has ordered another printing. Containing 784 pages, with 69 chapters by 103 authors, the book is generously illustrated with photographs, sketches, and maps. It discusses fully the opportunities and obstacles for perpetuating migratory waterfowl. Copies may be ordered directly from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., at \$4 each.

COZAD

by ethel snyder

Cozad is the name of a very beautiful Pussy Cat who visited Sanibel in November with her two owners. The owners, my beloved friends from Phoenix, Arizona have loved Sanibel for a number of years and drive over for a brief stay whenever they can make it. Their favorite stopping place is the cottage at Beach House close by my place. They travel in the newest model station wagon from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada through the southlands, so Miss Cozad does get around!

This is how it was! In recent months my friends were driving through Nebraska and stayed just over night in a small town on a southern route. It turned cold during the night, and early the next morning when they were ready to start on their way it had turned very cold. Before they had started the motor, they heard a small noise under the hood. Being alert, they investigated and there huddled a tiny white kitten (with a few spots) looking very forlorn, hungry and cold. Being cat lovers they both capitulated. There was nothing to do but take it along as it was obviously a stray and looked it. They would find it a home and a good one. But it was so cuddly, so responsive, and

had a purr like a motor going that--well it HAD found a home. They bought it a jewelled leather harness. They bought it a soft bed with covers. They stocked up with all sorts of cat food. And by the time they came to Sanibel the kitten had grown to

be a cat! It wore a be-jeweled red leather harness with a long leash so it could go places, and had a large bed with covers, plus a box of toys and a comfortable place where it could look out the back of the car and watch the roadside. This it loved to do by the hour. Its name COZAD? Well, that was the name of the town in Nebraska where it had climbed under the hood! A wise decision!

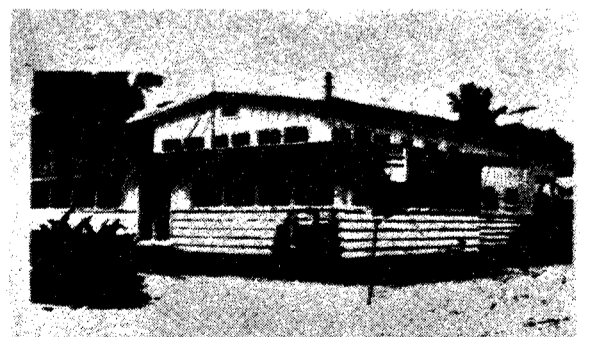
On Sanibel it was taken down to the Beach by one of the owners when my cocker, Wendy, went down for her daily beaching. We drive to the water. Prickers make walking difficult for those who have fur on their feet. So Cozad drove with us. She was never off her leash as she was unpredictable near so much water. She didn't like it. That was obvious from the first. But we hoped she might get use to it since she saw the cocker trot off on her own. For three days Cozad got coaxed and encouraged and cajoled and dragged but the fourth day she rebelled and I looked back just in time to see my friend being dragged at a terrific pace back to where the car was. Cozad never again was taken to the beach. She felt at ease being driven in the New York traffic jams, over dizzy mountain heights, but all this water? NO. Even a small bath tub was too wet!

But on the whole Cozad had a fine visit and she loved to sit on the window sill of her cottage and watch the Island cats eat her food off a stump and hope that next time she could climb up a coconut palm higher than her leash permitted. Adios! Hurry back to Sanibel!

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SHOP - HOPPING

If you're not absolutely alone in the world, we assume you are now wondering just what you're going to get Aunt Tilly for Christmas. Fortunately, our Islands' shops often make it easy, as they spread such a glittering array of beauties to admire and buy.

We found out from Friday at the House of Treasures that he has absolutely the very last of those terra-cotta figurines that will be shipped to this country. We thought they were wonderful last year when he got the first ones in, and the complexity of detail still amazes us. For those who like to show off their Christmas present in public, what could be better than a sparkling box bag by Enid Collins? They're decorated with enormous glitters and attractive painted cats and horses and such.

A new shop, The Red Pelican, is due to open on Sanibel today. It's on the main road right between the B-Hive and Glory of the Sea. If you're fascinated by the unusual, you'll be as fascinated as we are by the Red Pelican. It's the only shop we've ever been in (including during our young village days) that has as wide a range of delights --- penny candy to Moroccan rugs, patchwork parkas to antique screens, Scotch oatmeal to wooden toy trucks, shoes to tea boxes. If what you're looking for is hard to find, you'll very likely find it there!

The Sea Horse Shops, of course, are old and favorite shopping grounds for many Islanders and visitors. It's possible to go in with a long list, and come out with the whole thing checked off. The Gaults must spend months and months looking for just the right thing, because you so often find it there. For instance, tiny pistols

smaller than your finger, bobbing toys for the young ones, fabulous beach tote bags for teenagers, and all sorts of oriental oddments to grace your shelves.

The Reynolds Craft Shop is full of ceramic delights, including all sorts of Christmas ornaments for your home and gifting. They also have just about anything you can think of made out of shells --- frames, plaques, boxes and tables, as well as rare local specimen shells.

MacIntosh Book shop on Sanibel is a real adventure! Don't think you can just go in and look around. You can go in and look around, but you stay! Book shops are fascinating anyway and especially when the buyer has good taste and his shelves of volumes you just must read. I am especially fond of the prints one finds in well set up book shops and discovered some beautiful old Chinese prints first thing. They were irresistible and three will be framed and hung on my cottage wall where a large book shelf of sports clothes had been when I had a shop --- which is no more! Extinct as the DODO

And books! If Bill doesn't have it he will get it. What fun it was to browse around, what lovely bindings, it was fortunate a friend had brought me. There is no sense of time in a book shop. It was crowded too and friends whom you hadn't seen yet this season were absorbed over the feast of books --- well, that's how it is in Bill's Book Shop.

What a treat it is to go into a Sanibel Shop and just browse. It has been years since I have had the leisure to do just this and from the start I have made think that Sanibel can be very proud and grateful for its shops and their owners. On the main road just before the turn for Captiva there is shop full of pleasure awaiting all you folks.

Glory of the Sea is its name and the owner is Edith H. Mugridge. It is just full of lovely articles from sea shells to jewelry, made of sea treasures, but the most fascinating display was hand carved cypress knees, carved by Carl Hosbach. All the carvings were made of native Florida wood; sea grape, black buttonwood, and aromatic cedar. The carved heads are lovely, artistic and very pleasing.

Another new arrangement in the shop was a large variety of hand blocked prints made into stationery. The paper has deckled edges and there is a variety of colors and designs. They are utterly charming, lovely native birds, beach scenes, tropical palms and birds and butterflies. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$2.00. These are original block prints made by Given Frostic-Press Craft Papers.



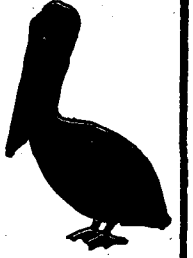
PISTOL TOTIN' GRANDMA

ethel snyder

All the exciting adventures and exciting persons are not on the TV! Every now and then we meet up with one of each but we do not always realize it at the time.

A few years ago a young man from Alabama bought Dr. Zimmerman's Beach cottage near the Island Inn and brought his mother down to make it her home. We all made them welcome! They were charming and had that delectable southern accent we Yankees adore. One morning they walked over to see my dress shop and to get acquainted. I loved them right off because they radiated friendliness, good will and good humor, and they would fit right in our neighborhood. So when they left the cocker and I walked home a ways with them on

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the beach. The son mentioned, just off hand, with a merry twinkle in his eyes, that his mother's title on the plantation in Alabama was "Pistol Totin' Grandma." My surprise was complete! I stopped short! "Pistol Totin' Grandma," I replied. "Do tell me about it." Mrs. Glass had not said anything but her black eyes twinkled and she smiled her approval.

"Well," the son said "our plantation was rather isolated and after the family left, one by one, mother was left alone with the servants. She never did react like other folks, so she went to the sheriff and told him she wanted a pistol and wanted to learn to use it! He was surprised and told her it was not legal for anyone to carry a pistol except the sheriff and his deputies. She immediately replied "then make me a deputy!" And that is exactly what he did. The sheriff and some of his men took turns giving lessons in shooting and training. She developed a fine sense for using the revolver. She broke numerous glass jars in a row on the fence. Then smaller targets were mastered and her fame as a crack-shot and being quick on the trigger spread for and wide. Then is when she got the title "Pistol Totin' Grandma!"

She never exercised her authority in any criminal contact but one thing she did do and loved doing it. She would stop any car where trash or papers had been thrown out on the highway, flash her deputy badge, make them go back and pick up what had been thrown out. The men were very angry and the wives were thrilled over the encounter. The word got around and the highways were kept clean!

We adore our "Pistol Tottin' Grandma" on Sanibel and would gladly go along with her to jail or shelling --- just so she went along! But she says her badge gives her no authority in Florida. Mebbe so! Too bad!

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