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SHELL FAIR NOTES

With the Shell Show opening in just two weeks, many Islanders and visitors are busy selecting their best shells, arranging them in boxes and checking names, all in preparation for Wednesday, March 3 at 10 o'clock, when a procession of carefully-carried exhibits wends its way to the Sanibel Community House. Remember that the hours for entries are from 10 to 3 o'clock on March 3, but that your entry blank should be in the hands of Joe Pickens not later than February 27. The shell table, which has been on Captiva for a week, will be at Island Inn tomorrow and Saturday, the 19th and 20th. On Sunday it will move to Casa Ybel, to stay thru Monday, Tuesday the 23rd at The Sea Horse Shops and Wednesday and Thursday back at Bailey's Store. Get your tickets from any of the women in charge or at the various shops.

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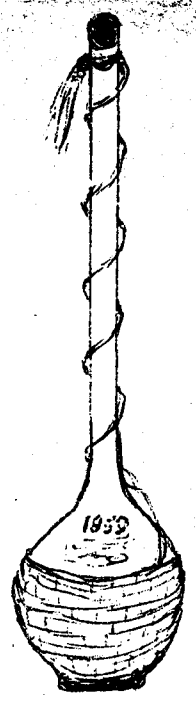
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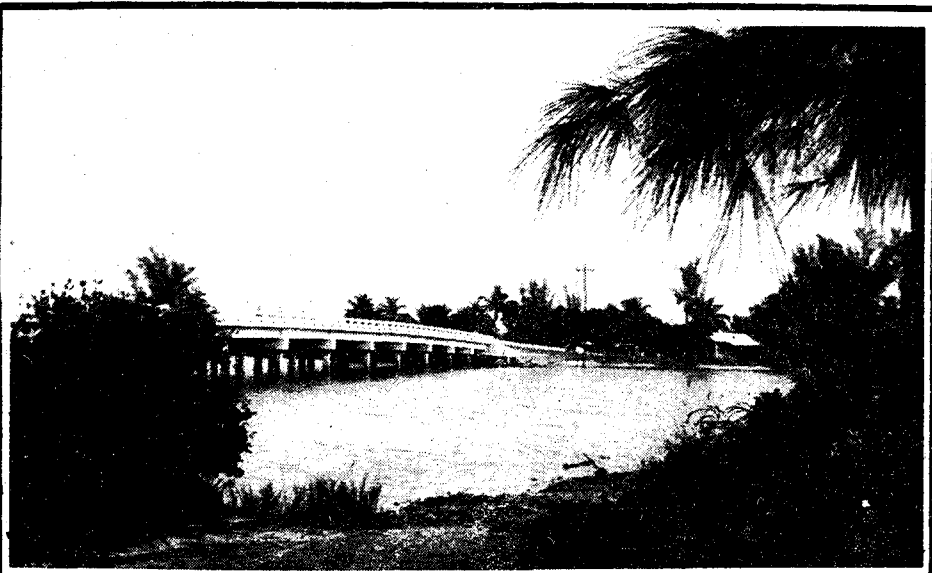
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7:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
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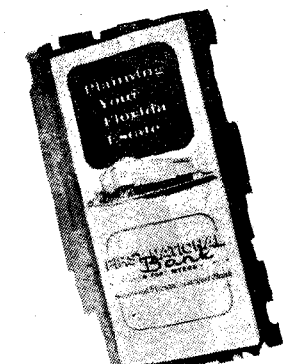
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Who's Who on Sanibel

Mrs. IVA MERCER of Hempstead N.Y., who is vacationing at Sea Grape Cottages, says she has never had such good shelling. She has found a perfect single valve lion's paw, two Scotch bonnets, sixteen fans, dozens of chest rock oysters, spotted clams, sunray clams buttercups egg cockles, and yellow tellinas.

With Iva are her sister and brother-in-law CLARENCE and LIL SKINNER of Rifton, N.Y. They have been bitten by the shell bug too. Clarence has found four Scotch bonnets, two of which are large and of good color.

MARIE and FRED KENKEL who make their permanent home at Sea Grape Cottages are cone happy. They have beautiful Alphabet, Florida and Jasper cones. Fred says they have found plenty of everything but the rare ones.

MATTYE & BERNICE RION of Murfreesboro, Tenn., are back for another two months at the Sea Grapes. Mattye is exulting over the huge Alphabet cone she found, but Bernice is more enthused about fishing. He has caught snook, blues, trout, and redfish since their arrival early in January.

GLAD and GLEN AMOS left before the winter closed in on the Michigan Upper Peninsula and arrived late in November to stay at Sea Grape until April. They have recently returned from a cruise to Nassau and are delighted with the good shelling. Glad found her first Scotch bonnet and Glen is proudly showing an orange semele which he found.

Last October their hometown newspaper in Menominee, Michigan, carried a picture of Glen with their extensive shell collection with the news that he was an honored guest at the 50th Anniversary of the Michigan Co-operative Extension service. He is one of the early pioneers of the Service.

Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT L. WARNER of McLean, Virginia, are guests at the Blue Dolphin. Mr. Warner is a former journalist and radio newscaster who is now an associate editor of U.S. News & World Report. They were joined over the weekend by Dr. and Mrs. LOUIS S. REED, also of McLean. Dr. Reed is Medical Economist for the HEW in Washington and Mrs. Reed is the artist, DOROTHY SWEETZER, who gives a course in Modern Art at Fairfax University.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM C. BRUMBACH of Reading Pa., and Sanibel, are back for the winter in their castaway cottage on Blind Pass. They are busy, between shelling expeditions, remodeling the interior of their already attractive house, and adding to the planting of their waterside garden.

Mr. Brumbach is a horticulturist of some note. He is a member of many professional societies including the Philadelphia Horticultural Society and the Philadelphia Shell Club, and lectures to Garden Clubs in many parts of the country. His latest book is "The Romance of Daffodils."

Dean F. CURTIS CANFIELD, head of Yale Drama School, is visiting Sanibel Island for the first time, staying at DOT and CY BISCARDI'S TIKI Cottage for a month or more. Although Mr. Canfield's health has forced him to give up the administrative burden, he will continue to do the more creative work of teaching and directing in the seven years he has left before retiring. One of the plays he plans to stage at Yale in the fall is "The Herakles God." The author of this short verse play is ARCHIBALD MACLEISH, whose "J. B." was first staged by Mr. Canfield at Yale in 1958. Mr. MacLeish, winner of three

Pulitzer Prizes, has been at work on the play, which runs almost an hour, for five years.

Mr. Canfield is president of the National Theater Conference and a trustee of the American Shakespeare Festival and Academy. The Canfields are looking forward to the peaceful, tropical atmosphere of beautiful Sanibel and hope to stay as long as possible.

JAKE and PEARL STOKES returned last Friday from Fort Meade, Florida, where they spent a week with Jake's brother, CARLYLE, who recently had a heart attack. They report that he is improving rapidly and should be at home within a week.

Mr. and Mrs. BUD C. COFFMAN and their three children, GLENDA, DARLENE and CHRIS ALLEN, stopped by the Islands to see her parents, the Stokes, for a few days on their way to Miami, Florida. The Coffmans had been living in Houston, Texas, but have now gladly decided to return to Florida for good.

WILLIAM WARD WOOSTER

William Ward Wooster, 73, Palm Lakes, Sanibel, died Sunday. He had been a resident here for the past five years, coming from Buffalo, N. Y., where he was an accountant before his retirement.

He was a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Post 123, American Legion, past adjutant of the Legion Post, member of the Highland Lodge F & AM, Buffalo, N. Y. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lena N. Wooster; son, David R. Wooster, Sanibel; and four grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at the Harvey Funeral Home, Fort Myers, with the Rev. Thadius Allen and the Rev. Robert Asmuth officiating. Interment will be at a later date.

The family has requested that contributions be made to the Heart Fund in lieu of flowers.

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Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR NICHOLLS and Mrs. Nicholls' brother WARNER COOK, all of Portland, Conn., are guests at the Blue Dolphin on Sanibel for the season. The men are carrying out an old tradition by being very fond of the fishing here.

Mrs. Nicholls gave us a bit of new Island lore. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE BUCK of Connecticut, began visiting Sanibel in 1906 and came yearly until 1920, staying in the boarding house on the bayside run by LUCY DANIELS, near Bailey's Store. He loved the fishing, and Mrs. Buck loved the shelling.

At that time, there was no religious service on the Island, and Mrs. Buck felt that every child should attend Sunday School---so the parents gathered all the children they could find and started a non-denominational Sunday School in the school house each Sunday morning. Mr. Buck was superintendent, and Mrs. Buck played the piano, led in the hymn-singing, and taught from the Bible. A traveling preacher came once a month, which was all the preaching they had.

Sometime later, a hurricane destroyed Mr. Buck's boat (from which he loved to fish) as well as Mrs. Daniel's boarding house (which caused her to move to Fort Myers) and this unlikely but true combination of events led up to the discontinuation of the Sunday School. Even this memory of one may be a surprise to many!

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Miss James first came to Sanibel and Casa Ybel in 1912 from St. Joseph, Missouri, to attend the wedding of her cousin, Mary Lacey, to George Porter. Her grandparents had been Island visitors since 1896.

At that time, she said, one arrived on the Island on the coal-burning "Gladys," which carried passengers, mail and freight. It left Fort Myers every morning at 8 on its rounds to Punta Rassa (at that time a big shipping port), Bailey's Dock, Wolfert Point, Captiva and St. James. Capt. Kinzie was skipper, and Capt. Leon (at least, he was later Capt. Leon of the Sanibel ferries) was at that time a small boy who helped on the boat.

People liked to take a ride to Captiva from Baileys, and would enjoy their home-packed lunches on board.

Moving up a few years - - - to 1920 - - - On all of Sanibel there was one working automobile, a seven-passenger Anderson, which could only be coaxed to move by Mr. Barnes, who owned Casa Ybel and the car, and one of his staff members. Ten years earlier, a Ford was delivered to Wolfert Dock, but no one claimed it, ever. It finally succumbed to the climate and no one really knows what happened to it - - - although it might have been the old car which was dumped into Duffy's Creek to discourage boats from fishing there. The Creek, which had homes built along the side, was very well populated with fish, and fishermen could always find fish. This evidently bothered the Creek's residents, so they united in dumping a car into the middle of the channel, and since the Creek was shallow, it worked.

After the Anderson, an old Chevrolet brought guests to the hotel - - - and it was a proud moment for the car and driver when the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edison, who frequently visited the Islands, usually having lunch at the hotel.

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PIONEERS from p. 4

Life in those days (in retrospect, at least) was simple and fun. After dinner, the guests would gather to sing spirituals and popular songs in the dining room. The food was mostly Island grown (did you recent arrivals know that Sanibel was once a well populated farming area which shipped fruit and produce to markets hereabouts as well as to Cuba?) --- vegetables, deliciously prepared fish, and, Miss James said, a special kind of yam pie that was really a dream to eat --- and to remember.

It was in 1920 that Miss Baldwin started coming to the Islands, and it was then that she and Miss James became the lifelong friends they now are. Her father founded the PEORIA JOURNAL STAR in Peoria, Ill., and Miss Baldwin still writes a column for it called "In

My Opinion." That, by the way, is a very clever heading, for who can argue with an opinion? She also writes for a paper in Booth Bay Harbor, Maine, and has authored a number of children's books, including "Young Prince Hubert," "Robin Rides Away" and "Ben of Old Monhagen."

Around that same time, the Islands had many Cuban visitors, too --- fishermen who would come in for fresh water and vegetables. They were very friendly, and even though their command of English was not exactly fluent, between flashing eyes and moving hands, some sort of communication was always established. The Islanders always enjoyed their visits.

Miss James and Miss Baldwin mentioned what might have been the germ of the idea from which our Shell Fair grew. The guests would display their shells in cases (glass-covered)

on the Casa Ybel porches. Everyone saw everyone else's collection, and since the shells available in those days were marvelous in many ways (they were plentiful, they were attractive, and practically every one was a new discovery for the guests,) the impromptu show was really enjoyed by everyone.

Casa Ybel also imported coconut palms, which grow slowly but surely, and the Island now has lovely palms. The housing, however, was also imported --- and didn't work. Many northerners arrived and tried to build their Sanibel home just like their northern home --- large two story frame houses. One by one, they disappeared, mostly by fire, as the summer sun was very hot and there was at that time no trusty Sanibel Fire Department. Even the foundations finally disappeared.

But, even with all the changes, the two ladies still love Sanibel and still love Casa Ybel. They used to live in a cottage there, and now live in the main building during the winter season --- as they said, they don't care where, just so long as they are on Sanibel and at Casa Ybel!

Mr. & Mrs. LEON BERKOWITZ of Oak Lane, Philadelphia, are at Hiers by the Sea Cottages for the month of February. Mrs Berkowitz was a former reporter on the old Philadelphia Evening Ledger, and we would at this time like to warn her that if she and Mr. Berkowitz ever decide to make Sanibel their permanent home, she should prepare to be kidnapped. There is nothing we like more than having a spare reporter within hollerin' distance, especially since we feel that the Islands will grow at a great rate during the next few years!

Mrs. FRANK GLICK (professionally known as VIRGINIA KIRKUS) was a guest for three weeks at the BILLHEIMERS' High Tide Cottages on Sanibel, and left the Islands for her New York home on Monday.

During her stay here, she continued a tradition of some years standing by giving a book review for the Island Inn guests last week, which was enjoyed by all the guests. Mrs. MARION CHAPLIN added an unexpected but also much enjoyed pleasure by singing for the group.

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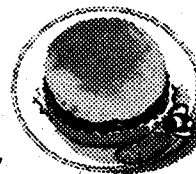
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Who's Who on Captiva

Doctor and Mrs. DOUGLAS BROWNING of Ironwood, Michigan, have been visiting with the EARL LILLIES this past week enroute to Port Everglades. Mr. and Mrs. Lillie accompanied them to Port Everglades where the Brownings boarded the Carnonia for an extended West Indies Cruise. Dr. Browning is the brother of Mrs. Lillie. The Lillies then spent a few days on the east coast before returning to their favorite haunt--Captiva Island.

MICHAEL SANGSTER, MIKE LILLIE, DAVID RIDGWAY and MIKE PIERSE, all students of Western State in Kalamazoo, Michigan, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lillie for a few days on their way down to the Keys for some scuba diving.

Mrs. D. FORBUSH's guests this week are Mr. and Mrs. H.E. McDONALD of Vero Beach, Florida, and her brother and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. BLISS FORBUSH of Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. Mrs. McDonald says, "The memories of each visit to the Islands remain with us always. We seem to re-live each golden hour and seem to regenerate in body, mind and spirit, and the time passes all too quickly."

Dr. and Mrs. J. LOUIS KOTOK are back at Mid-Island Cottages for a two month holiday. They are from Vineland, New Jersey. Other guests are Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM BRIGGS of Taunton, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM EAGAN of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Mrs. NEWTON LEVINE and her son MICHKIN, of Lakewood, New Jersey.

New guests at the Captiva Beach Motel-Apts are Mrs. I. ROBERG and her guest Mrs. VERNON SMITH of North Port, New York, and Mr. and Mrs. L.G. POEPELMEIRER of Bell Brook, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. HALE NYE and Mr. and Mrs. JOHN KLECHA from Georgia, Vermont,

are spending their seventh year on Captiva. Mr. and Mrs. FREDERICK HAMM from Williston, Vermont, are here for their fourth year. Why? Because they like the natural beauty, the quiet atmosphere, and some time to relax and to think. The fishing, swimming and shelling are wonderful and the little Community Church brings everyone together on Sunday in closer fellowship with one another.

HENRY NEILSEN, a true lover of nature and of Captiva-the-Beautiful, had this to say of an experience this past week.

"I had a marvelous time this morning before sunrise. The eastern sky was just beginning to glow as I walked out on Andy's pier. The water, as it seemed to touch the horizon afar off, appeared mysterious in its darkness with hardly a ripple on it at this early hour.

"A cool but light breeze greeted me. It was refreshing and invigorating. The only sign of life, in the prevailing stillness, was the barely perceptible movements of the tall palms as they seemingly whispered softly to each other some secret not meant for mundane ears.

"A deep, red hue now began to spread over the grey of the early morning sky, dissipating the darkness with the power of new life. The dancing, glittering, golden pieces of light skim over the now small wavelets as the sun peeks out from its seemingly watery bed, as if a magic wand had made the command 'Let there be Light.' The sun slipping up from the water gave the impression of a skirt being pulled up with it and then in a burst of ineffable glory freed itself from it.

"The stillness that prevailed in the darkness a moment ago now is disrupted by the shrills and happy tones of the birds as they emerge from sleep, happy to be granted the fight for survival for at least one more day.

"Slowly, I walked back from

the pier meditating on the beauty of the morning when a woodpecker came to rest on the hand rail, not two feet from me. He gave no heed, as I stopped to observe him, but busied himself with a tidbit caught in a crevice on the old piling at the water's edge. Another woodpecker appeared, hoping to share in the licky find, but instead became engaged in a lusty game of hide-go-seek, chasing each other round and around the piling. One coquetishly flew to another piling, hiding himself behind it, then gingerly climbing up until his small red head was visible---his playmate quickly spotted him and the chase was on again.

"Overhead, in a silent 'V' formation, a dozen pelicans reconnoiter the beach on their way to the gulf.

"A lonely hawk hovers motionless over the majestic Australian pines, ready to dive at any careless creature that he may spot from his high vantage point.

"A couple of seagulls sweep silently over the still water, their wing tips barely missing the surface of the water as they move in slow, gliding, rhythmic fashion searching for food.

"The little Sandpiper, who runs back and forth as the lazy surf laps softly against the beach of white sand, is also working at the game of survival.

"Just off shore in the deep trench between the flats, two porpoises work in slow steady motion, surfacing at two minute intervals, while overhead two noisy gulls dive in the wake of the porpoises to pick the leftovers from the deadly game of existence.

"The exquisite brilliance of the sun has now spread a thin layer of gold over everything. The small fiddler crab emerges carefully from his hole, ready at the slightest sound or vibration from a footstep to retreat to the sanctity of his damp home, until then he thrusts his one large claw high into the air, as in a salute to the splendid array of nature, of

which he is a part.

"I, Henry Neilsen, the Homo sapien, did I unknowingly witness the opening of the doors to the heavens this sunrise when horizons push back, my insight sharpened and my emotional values deepened by an exhilarating dash of ambergris from a higher impulse?"

Mrs. PATRICIA R. WATERS had the misfortune, while enjoying a savory stone crab, to get a good-sized piece of a A rush to Tampa hospital for its removal was necessary. Mrs. Waters is now recuperating from the ordeal, but still in the hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery, Pat.

FRANK BAUCKMAN, a guest at Captiva-Beach Motel-Apts., set a record which we're sure is world-wide, by hooking a Snook with a Sand Flea for bait.

MRS. EMMETT BUTTERFIELD

All who knew Mrs. Emmett Butterfield were stunned by her sudden death this past week. She played such an important part in spreading sunshine with her presence as well as her voice wherever she went. Grace had done solo work for over 50 years but certainly could not have been appreciated more than in Captiva's little Chapel by the Sea, where Sunday after Sunday she led in song. Her husband, Emmett Butterfield, and their two daughters have returned to Captiva from Arlington, Vermont, their winter home.

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VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

The Sanibel Library is badly in need of Volunteer help to take charge of the desk during Library hours and also aid in cataloging books and preparing them for distribution.

The very few faithful workers are doing a splendid job but they do need help very badly. They have served many hours and should have more help during the busy season.

If you can give a few hours to this worthy cause, please phone or contact the President of the Library Board, A.E. Swanson, Coconut Drive, Sanibel, or phone GR 2-3491.

The Library hours are every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon and every Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Your services would be much appreciated on either of the above days.

The Sanibel Library, only a few years old, has many splendid books and new ones are being received every week or so from the Lee County Library system.

Please call at once if you can give a few hours each week to help improve the services at the Sanibel Library. Any time you can give to this cause will be much appreciated.

LET'S TALK ABOUT WATER

WATER! A commodity of everyday usage, so common that we seldom give it a fleeting thought, that is, until it's no longer available.

The Island Water Association, Inc. has no quarrel with those of you who have and are satisfied with your present source of supply. However, they feel that the present supply is not inexhaustible. It can not improve. In all probability it will deteriorate with increasing rapidity as the expanding economy of the Islands place increasing demands on the existing supply.

They admit they are looking to the future; how far we do not know. It could be next year, or it could be ten years from now, but sometime the question of water is to become very vital to all of us.

You, as individuals, know best your own needs and problems regarding water. You have a source, either shallow wells, cisterns or deep wells. But you do not have any assurance that this source will continue to serve your needs.

The mechanics to insure you a supply of potable water have been activated: all the necessary preliminary negotiations have been made. Financing has

been approved, engineering, legal and accounting arrangements have been made. There remains one major obstacle to be overcome, and that is to convince YOU and YOU, the residents and property owners on these Islands that this project is to your advantage. Won't you give this some serious thought? May The Water Association have your signed Membership Agreement and your check?

FAIR ART SHOW IS ISLANDS' OWN

The Shell Fair's Art show will be Islands' own, the Art Committee announces. Sanibel and Captiva artists have made important contributions recently in mainland shows and have taken many honors there. On March 4, 5 and 6 the Shell Fair Show will present only Island artists (including winter visitors on the Islands) in any medium, pictures to be matted, framed, and ready for hanging. Anyone wishing to show should bring pictures (limit two per artist) to the Sanibel Community House on March 3, between 12 and 4 p.m.

Artists are urged to contribute at least one unframed picture to the popular "clothesline" hanging. These pictures

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Identification cards for pictures are available at the Seahorse Gallery. The Sanibel-Captiva Art League sponsors the show, and the co-chairmen are Mrs. Florence Simonds, GR 2-4361 and Mrs. Emmy Lu Lewis, GR 2-4451.

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DON'T SPEND THAT NICKLE!

It may be worth \$5,000! Really! Mrs. Herbert A. Brand of Western Springs, Ill., came across an odd-looking nickle in her change purse a while or so ago, and promptly got rid of it at the Island Bake Shop.

Jack Van Bell said that he remembers the incident distinctly, because she did tell him at the time that it was a nickle, in spite of its odd appearance and, Jack said, "Money being money, I accepted it."

A few days later, Mrs. Brand read an article in the News-Press about a very rare copper nickle which was found in Minn. that was worth four or five or six thousand dollars.

"Oh," she said, "that must have been a copper nickle!"

Back she went to the Bake Shop, where she and Jack diligently searched the cash box, but, alas and alack, the copper nickle was gone.

"I must have given it out in change," said Jack.

When we talked to Mrs. Brand this week, she said that she certainly hoped someone on the Islands finds it. "It will be quite a windfall to someone," she said, rather wistfully.

Mr. and Mrs. Brand, who are staying at Casa Turquesa, and have been regular winter visitors to the Islands ever since 1941. Mr. Brand is a retired church architect.

"I first found the Islands," Mrs. Brand said, "when I was visiting in Fort Myers in 1921, and was brought all the way here by boat from town. We had lunch at Island Inn, I remember."

So you can see why she hopes an Islander finds the nickle. She's been fond of us for years.

Then we talked to Jack. "Five thousand dollars!" said he. "It's a good thing this phone has a long cord. I'm on the floor. How could I ever let that much money just slip through my fingers?"

So---dear friends, residents and visitors---search your change purses carefully. You may have a multi-thousand dollar nickle nestled among the pennies and dimes.

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AN AWARD FOR BELLA



We are happy to present a most pleasant follow up story of an article that appeared in the ISLANDER a year ago this month.

The story referred to the life saving instincts and heroic actions of a three year old German Shepherd named Bella, owned by Dorothy and Jim Donnelly of Youngwood, Pa., frequent visitors of the Sanibel Island Trailer Resort.

The incident occurred last

Feb. 20 when Bella led Mrs. Reba Mast, now a permanent resident of Sanibel, to safety through strong tidal currents at Blind Pass.

To the surprise of Dorothy and Jim the news reached Pa. and Bella received another story of praise from Dave Mack, staff writer for the Greensburg, Pa. Tribune-Review.

As a result of this article, Bella has received recognition by being awarded a Ken-L-Ration Citation and a Dog Hero gold medal. Presentation was made by Mayor Robert Bell of Greensburg to owners Mr. and Mrs. James Donnelly.

PEARLS FOUND AT INN

A string of pearls was found at Island Inn Tuesday, Feb. 9. Owner need only identify them to get them back.

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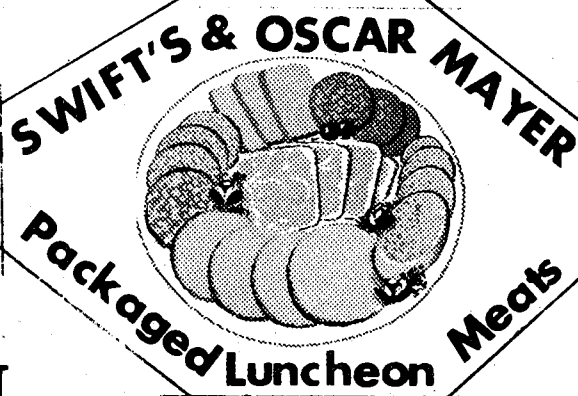
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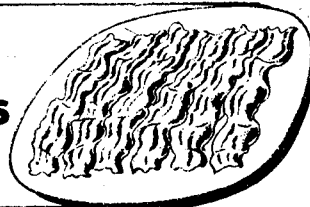


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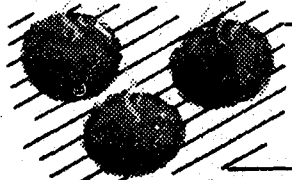
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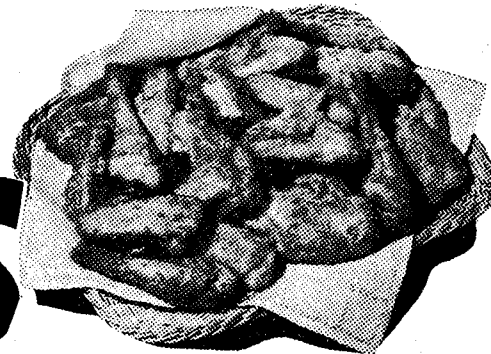
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