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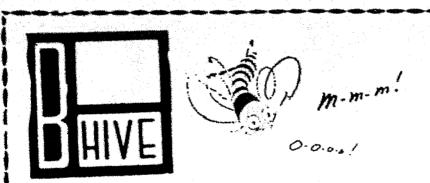
FAVORABLE PUBLICITY

NUMBER 13

Sambel and Captiva Islands have been getting some very favorable

and authentic publicity this year!
The Courier Journal of Louisville, Kentucky, in their Sunday edition of February 14, 1965, had an excellent story of the Islands. There were three photographs and the large on silhouetted shellers on a long stretch of beach. One of the smaller photographs had the exciting caption: "In the early 20's Henry Ford and two friends (ladies) were attracted to Sanibel for a shell hunt!" One could easily recognize tall Henry Ford in a business suit and hat on

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- 2. Registration-Chairman, Mrs. Gladys Kauffman
- Receipts. \$1,247.40 3. Driftwood-Co-Chairman, Mrs. Priscilla Murphy, Betsy Muench Net, \$ 613.00
- 4 Food-Chairman, Mr. Gerald Martin.

- Net, \$ 288.48 5. Art-Co-Chairman, Mrs. Emmy Lu Lewis, Florence Simmonds. Net. \$ 183,20
- 6. Brochures Chairman, Leon Levy

- 7. Live Shell Exhibit Co-Chairman, Tom Nix and Mrs. William Glass. 44.11 .001.33
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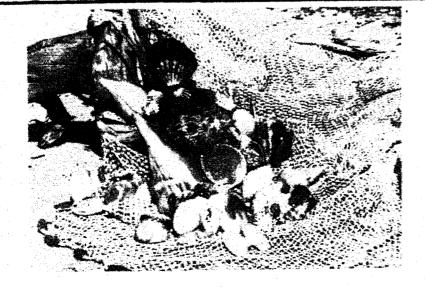
The Community House was repaired, cleaned and painted by The R & R Construction Co. of Sanibel (low bid) plus construction of two "Tiki Huts" & alited sundry work within the main building for \$1,706.54. 2. Mrs. Kauffman announced that guests had registered from all the states except Alaska, Later it was disclosed that house-guests of Mrs. Leon Crumpler had visited the Fair and that they were from Alaska. In addition, guests were registered from France, Canada, Mexico, and

3. All spare tables, horses, decorations, etc., vital to the Fair are stored in the new "Tiki Huts," eliminating an annual storage bill

Inventory of all equipment is included in the President's report, To all the volunteer helpers - Again thanks.

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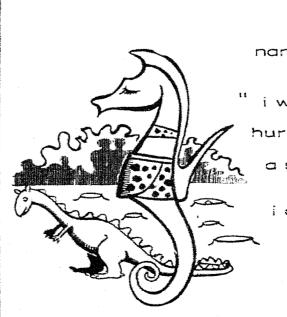
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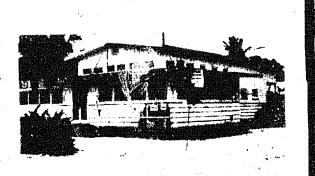
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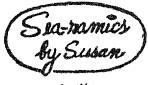
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Dr. Howard R. Bowen, president of the University of Iowa. arrived on Sanibel last Thursday to join Mrs. Bowen, who is staying at Sanibel Siesta for two weeks. Dr. Bowen had been forced to remain behind in zero temperatures and deep snow until budget hearings with the Board of Regents were completed. Formerly President of Grinnell College, and Vice President and economist of the Irving Trust Company, New York City, Dr. Bowen is presently chairman of President Johnson's National Commission on Technology, Automation and Economic Progress, engaged in study of the long range development of the U.S. economy, particularly as it may be affected by technological changes. The Bowens came to Sanibel through Roy Bazire, who has known Dr. Bowen for 30 years, having started at the University of Iowa the year Dr. Bowen began work there on his Ph. D. Roy, Florida member of the National Alumni Council, is helping to raise funds to complete lowa's art campus, begun in the 1930's as the first integrated fine art campus and creative study program in the nation. He says he'll be glad to talk to any Islanders or visitors interested in contributing to the proposed million dollar art gallery which will be located in Iowa City, Iowa. He'll take donations, also, from friends of John F. Kennedy for a memorial in the University's School of Journalism to the late President.

Mr. and Mrs. NATHAN S. BECK of Gahanna, Ohio, who are spending a month at Sanibel Cottages, had some exceptional shelling luck recently when they found ---practically at their doorstep---an albino Chinese alphabet cone and an albino yellow cockle. A good authority said she hadn't heard of ANYONE finding either on our Islands ever!

HANNAH ANN BRECKEN-RIDGE and KAY TREMAINE of Westown, Penna, have arrived for a stay at their home on Palmway Drive,

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Mrs. ETHEL PRESTON has her two daughters, Mrs. MARY BECKER and Miss DOROTHY PRESTON of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as guests. They are staying at the Villa Capri.

TEEN CLUB CORNER

by viki way

A week ago Wednesday CHRIS GAULT had a beach party in front of her house for all the visiting and Island teenagers. After exterminating the mosquitoes, hot dogs were roasted and all began to get acquainted with each other.

On the following Friday, several of the visiting islanders held a party at "Shebia's Crumbs" on Captiva. The party was given by WILL BARRETT, who is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. BIXBY, and his friends BILL HANEY, of Plymouth, Mass., JOE FELTON of Fairbanks, Alaska, KENT

STAITH, Jr., (better known as SMOKEY) from Kent, Conn., JEFF GREINER also from Kent, CHARLIE ESTES of St. Louis, Missouri, PHIL CLARK from Washington, D.C., BEN BROWN of Istanbul, Turkey, and TED VAN DYKE of Washington.

During the last month there have been many young people on the Islands enjoying their spring vacations. I TRIED to get all the names and I'm sorry if some may have been missed.

Staying at the Blanks' Cottages are JOHN and DADY TOWNSEND from Balto, Md., on vacation from the University of Penn. SALLY DANDRIDGE of Acapulco, Mexico; BRUCE APPLETON, who attends Yale, from Burnside Farms, Arizona, and DAVID MARTIN of Watertown, Conn. are also staying at the Blanks.

Staying at the Sea Horse Cottages were, FLETCHER MATTOX and DICK MACKEY of Culver, Indiana.

BOB WHITE of Chicago and SUZI and NANCY BEMAN also of Chicago stayed at the Periwinkle Trailer Park.

STEPHEN SCHMIDT and RON CHAMBERLAIN of Anoka, Minn., came down on their vacation from the University of Minn. and are staying at the Villa Victoria. While the boys were here they went on a fishing trip, receiving as the result a 20 lb. grouper and \$20 for catching the biggest fish (not bad, huh?)

From Carbondale, Illinois, were BILL & CHRIS SIMEONE, staying at the Sand Castle.

At the Sanibel Siesta were JAMES STONE and MARY SILLIMAN of Indianapolis, Ind.

STEVE MUENCH returned home to visit his family with a friend HAL BARRY. Steve and Hal both attend Le Moyne College and Hal lives in Syracuse, New York. The boys enjoyed themselves, spending many hours in the Muenchs' boat, and for something a little out of the ordinary, going with CHARLES LeBUFF on an alligator tagging trip.

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Staying at the Spalding House were TINA DUFAULT of Mamaroneck, New York, and BOB LEITH of Rye, New York.

Returning after a vacation here last spring was MAC FRENKLIN, BUZZ JoHANSON, and DAVID FIELD, All the boys attend Princeton.

WARD HINDMAN who goes to Dartmoth visited his parents Dr. and Mrs. Hindman on Captiva for a week.

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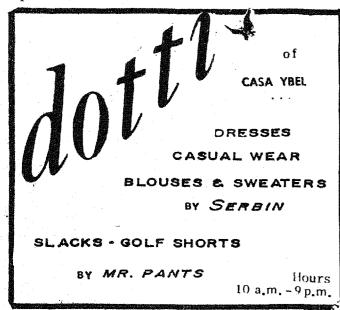
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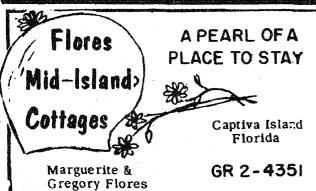
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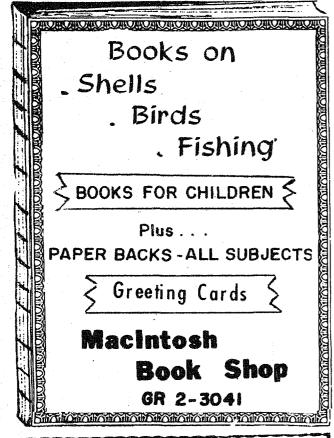
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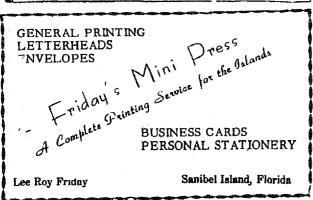
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Mr. and Mrs. GORDON THOMPSON with their four children, TIMOTHY, MARION, KNOX, and ARTHUR have been having a wonderful holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES GRAY, Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of Mrs. Gray.

Sgt. M/USA J.JOHN L. and PEARL NEFF of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. SHANNON of Captiva Island. Sergeant Major Neff i with the U.S. Army and assig 1 at the Ordinance Center at A. . . G.

Dr. and Mrs. CARLETON HEIST of Westfield, New York, have highlighted their vacation by finding a gold colored sea horse right on the Tween Waters beach. Mrs. WILSON BOOK, also from Westfield, New York, is visiting her mother Mrs. JULIA BLACK, who resides at 'Tween Waters.

Mrs. MARIAN W. CANNON of Charlotte, North Carolina, just purchased a lot on Captiva from G.W. HALL through the Priscilla Murphy Real Estate Office, Mrs. Cannon, who has been coming to the Islands for some years, plans to build an Island home sometime in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. BRUCE RIDGEWAY of West Cornwall, Conn., with their two delightiul children AVERY, nine on April 24, and GORDON, seven in June, are enjoying their stay at Mid Island, Mr. Ridgeway for the past two years has been affiliated with the Marvelwood School in Cornwall, Mrs. Ridgeway is active in the Brownie Troop #63.

Accompanying the Ridgeways is Mrs. Ridgeway's mother, Mrs. AVERY GORDON of Darien, Conn. Mrs. Gordon's interest in early American decorating and antiques is of long standing.

Mrs. LEEDS MITCHELL of Nantucket, Mass., has returned to Mid-Island for a second look and feel of this beautiful island.

Miss MINNIE BELA from Chicago, Illinois, arrived last Saturday and will leave on the 29th. This is Minnie's first visit to the Island and she, too, has fallen in love with its charm.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

by marguerite flores

The Annual Conference of The Chapel by the Sea was held to acquaint all interested with the current status of the Chapel and its financial condition and other administrative matters.

President General Lindsay, before beginning the report, expressed in behalf of us all, grateful appreciation to Dr. Guthrie Speers for his thoughtful and inspiring sermons so consistently outstanding Sunday after Sunday. What a privilege to have been one of the congregation, to sense his Christian dedication, his sincerity and sustaining efforts. For this we are deeply grateful. That Dr. Speers has accepted the Church board's invitation to return for another year of service here at our Chapel by the Sea gives his congregation warmest gratification.

Treasurer Joe Robert reports that the Chapel is in excellent condition financially. Throughout the operations this year, including the construction and furnishing of the church parsonage, the church board has stayed on a "pay as we go" basis. This has been realized in part by generous donations given by individual members: so essential in sustaining our church.

General Lindsay announced with regret that two outstanding members, Mrs. Phoebe Peabody and Mrs. Allen Raymond, will not be on the board next year. Grateful appreciation was expressed for their years of competent and outstanding service to our Chapel by the Sea, They will be greatly missed.

The newly elected board members, Mrs. Horace Williams, Mrs. Jean Hayford, Dr. W.E. Stevenson, Mrs. Fred Anderson, and Mr. Larry Burdick who will serve for three years were warmly welcomed.

An interesting decision made by the board in relation to its future membership was the amending of its by-laws to elect Mrs. Lynn Beals as an honorary associate member. It was an unusual step, but was taken by the board so as to retain Mrs. Beals'dedicated interest and service to the Chapel. We are particularily grateful to her for her many devoted years of service;

Mrs. Audenried Whittemore. chairmen of the committee responsible for furnishing the parsonage, was praised for her untiring effort in the beautiful job that she has done.

To those who might have been concerned that the parsonage was being built on land that was not actually ours: The church board was well informed of just what it was doing. For the record, 430 feet frontage by 210 depth was purchased by the Chapel by the Sea for the sum of \$3,000 as of July 3, 1953. The tract was originally conveyed to and purchased from the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Church on that date. In the deed of conveyance is a reversion clause that, if we abandon this property for a period of two years, having no assemblies in the Chapel for that period, thereby publically demonstrating no interest in this property, it will be reverted back to the Methodist Church,

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like Mrs. Lynn Beals, Mrs. Susan Carr, Mrs. Harold Bixby and many others, we have come a long way.

TO THE ISLANDER:

In looking over the February 25 copy of the "Sanibel-Captiva Islander," I noticed an article concerning an octopus captured on the Island and offered to the Shell Count on the recommendation of some people who watched the struggle.

To clarify the records the octopus was spotted by my grandfather, Mr. Fred R. Pfaff, of Chicago and run down with the aid of my parents and grandparents while I netted it. The beast was, in fact, somewhat closer to five feet rather than the six feet mentioned in the

A picture was taken of the octopus and myself while at the Shell Count and I would be most happy to send you a print should you so desire. Unfortunately he died before

we could return him to the water; however, many are the people who have thrilled to the story of the glorious fight to bring it back alive.

Sincerely yours, /s/ Steven J. Britz Cherry Hill, New Jersey

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Sanibel beach. The other was a close up of an excellent collection of Sanibel shells. A point brought out in the article is "One of the major concerns of the old timers is shell conservation. The Sanibel-Captive area is world famous for the wide variety of beautiful and interesting specimens so easily obtained from the Gulf beaches and bay

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In its issue of December 20, 1964. The New York Times has a splendid write up and a fine picture of the Sanibel lighthouse entitled "Island Outpost, Lighthouse on tip of Florida's San-ibel Island." The caption is "Sanibel Island Unchanged by Road to Florida." This reference is to the causeway. To quote "The Islands are under the supervision of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Sanibel Wildlife Refuge. No hunting is allowed. The government has erected an observation tower for bird watchers at a point just off Tarpon Bay Road. It is a memorial to Jay N. (Ding) Darling the cartoonist and dedicated conservationist who was a winter resident for many years on Captiva,

"The biggest event of the year on Sanibel is the Sanibel Shell Fair held in the Community House.

The All Florida edition of March 18, 1965, which is a Sunday section in 16 Florida newspapers has a front cover en-SANIBEL --- CAPTIVA titled Where Time Stands Still, Inside is an excellent write-up with wonderful photographs --- one, a wide expanse of sand beach, two small children in the background with a number of sea gulls and some herons calmly walking on sand. The other photograph is a close-up of the wildlife refuge sign with a friendly racoon sitting undisturbed on top of it. The caption reads, "A playful racoon beckons visitors to Sanibel and the national wildlife refuge. Egrets, roseate spoonbills and ibis thrive in the mangrove and water labyrinths. White pelicans rest along the shore.' And one statement made by the writer, Frederick Babcock, is

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terrific. He writes, "In ten years as the editor of a major American newspaper, the writer of these lines toured through fifty countries, scattered over five continents. If there is a perfect climate or a perfect place in which to live, I failed to find it. But Sanibel and Captiva are as near to that ideal as I ever encountered." He continues, "The Islanders are for the most part rugged individualists who have forsaken responsible positions up north so that they can revel in the matchless sunsets, relax, and live in peace beside the sea... There nobody feels called upon to impress you with their wealth, importance or social eminence."

We regret, however, that locally we've been getting some unfavorable publicity in the mail-

bag. One gentleman claimed to be "taken" when the causeway toll attendent asked him to add \$1.00 to the \$2.00 he had offered for the toll because "if we paid an additional dollar we would not need to pay on our return trip." As everyone knows who has ever used the causeway more than once, the toll for a passenger car is always \$3.00. We checked with the toll booth attendant, who said the only thing he could figure out was that the tourist in question must have been kidded by the attendent. "You'd be surprised," he said sadly, "how many cars pull up to the rate sign, sit there for minutes, and then drive up and hand us \$2.00." (\$2 is at the top of the rate sign, but is clearly marked for motorcycles. The "passenger car, \$3.00" is just as clear.)

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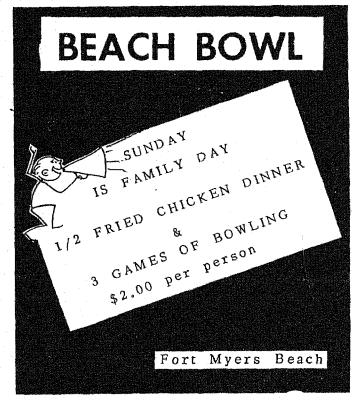
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With the death of Edith Kiewitt last week, Sanibel Island lost one of its most constructive supporters, and an earnest worker for the longterm good of the Islands. Her enthusiasm for the beauty and peace we all find here was expressed by dedicated and thoughtful action when need arose. One of her outstanding contributions started in 1959. when she realized that the rapidly growing Island might well become a hodge-podge settlement of shops and residences unless thoughtful community planning was introduced and implemented by the Islanders themselves. To meet this need she organized the Sanibel Island Improvement Association of which she was elected president, and that year she left her St. Louis home to spend the winter here so that she could give full attention to the details of getting thru the Florida legislature the Enabling Act which made Sanibel 1 special district for the purpose of planning and zoning. She and her committees were successful in their efforts, and it might well be said that at this time Sanibel came of age as an aware and proud community.

Someone else will have to carry the torch from now on. But it will be long before Sanibel finds a more dedicated, a more able, and more selfless champion the Edith Kiewitt.

She has one daughter, Mrs. A. Clay Mollman, who lives in St. Louis.

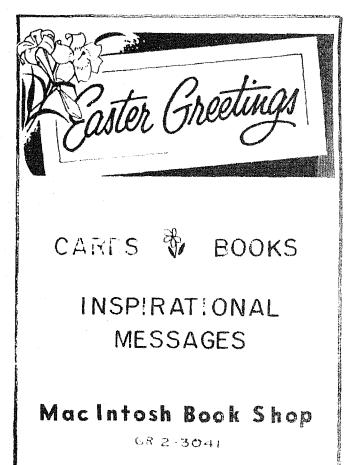
FISHERMEN FREE BIRD

Mr. George M. Kuechler of Sanibel and Mr. Wallace Brauss of Fort Lauderdale were fishing on Tuesday in the swamps and sloughs of the Ding Darling Wildlife Sanctuary when they noticed a diving bird struggling and making a great splashing. Investigating, they discovered that a fishing lure was caught in his breast and that the bird was trying to get free. Of course there was no way of knowing how long the bird had been hooked but the men were able to catch it and free it without too much injury to the bird. Immediately after gaining

Immediately after gaining its freedom the bird dove under and stayed--so it must have been all right.

Mr. Kuechler said the diving bird had a long slender neck, slender bill and black feathers. He expressed the hope that all fishermen be careful to protect the wildlife, reminding them that Sanibel is a wildlife santuary.







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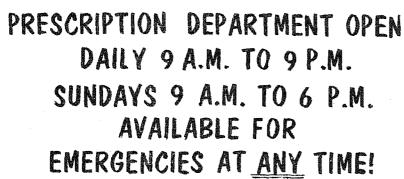
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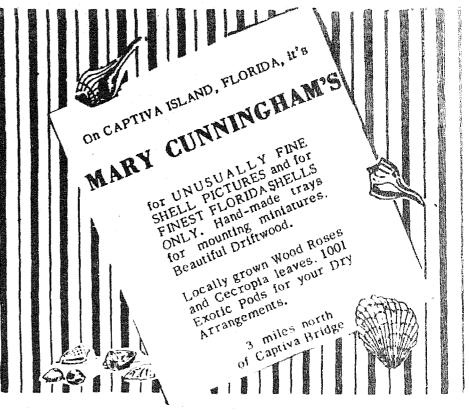
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"DON'T MISS IT!"

Tickets are available for "The Reluctant Debutante" for the two performances in April to be held at the Pirates Play House. The first is to be held April 10.

People who attended earlier performances say, "Don't miss this play!"

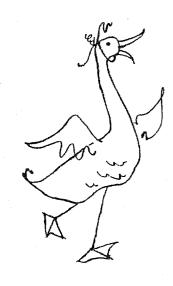


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