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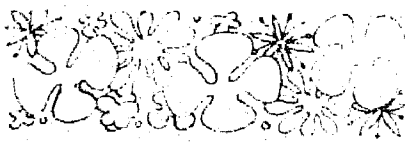
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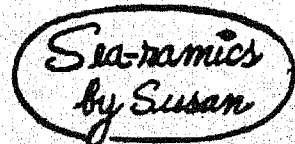
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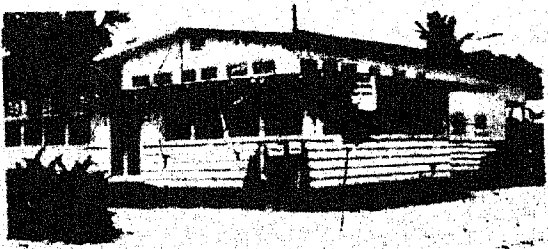


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Mr. and Mrs. BOWEN SUHR are entertaining their son JOHN SUHR and wife from Norwalk, Ohio, at their home on Tulipa Way.

RICHARD SUHR, their grandson, flew here from Ohio to spend Easter vacation with the family.

HOWARD MARVIN, who has been employed this past winter at Island Inn, tells us he has enjoyed a very good shelling season. He reported he has found over three dozen alphabet cones, a golden olive, three junonias and three Scotch bonnets, as well as a number of live angel wings, which is very rare as they live on the bay side and dig deeply under the sand. Most of them were damaged, so they must have been in some kind of an upheaval. He also found tulips, lace and apple murex, spotted clams and many beautiful live peccans. His most beautiful and rare find was a perfect and beautiful albino fighting conch.

Mr. Marvin will spend a few days shelling on the Florida Keys. His deep desire is to shell on the Great Barrier Reef in the South Pacific, and hopes he can join someone who has the same desire.

You never can tell---so here is hoping you do, Mr. Marvin!

General and Mrs. JESSE S. LINDSAY, who recently sold their home on Captiva, have purchased a Gulf front lot on Sanibel through Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate. The spot for their new home has been cleared and CARL WIGHTMAN, local building contractor, will complete construction in readiness for their return next fall.

Saturday morning early, just as the sun was coming up over the mangroves at the Ding Darling Sanctuary, Elise Fuller and some other early risers had a thrilling experience.

The shallow water areas were filled with Roseate Spoonbills, Great Blue Herons, Little Blue Herons, Louisiana Herons, large numbers of American Egrets and Snowy Egrets. There were Ibis, and Stilts (the birds which look like quite dapper little men in white tie and tails with long pink legs) and also many ducks, Sea Gulls, Terns and Pelicans --- all feeding.

Many were also sitting in the mangroves, motionless. It was a wonderful sight as the birds were fearless. Sanibel is increasingly grateful for its sanctuaries--- and to those who had the foresight to establish them.

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE H. WAGNER of Niagara Falls, New York, are spending their fifth visit to Sanibel at Shalimar--- and say that they think there is no place like Sanibel for their annual vacation.

Well, at least it was a good story, but we got the name wrong. Remember our little saga last week of the gentleman who caught seven fish and planned to use them for bait--- and then three Sanibel cats decided they'd make a better dinner? The gentleman in question was really named B.K. TREMAINE, NOT TREMAINE K. BRECKENRIDGE. (That was really a good job of transposing, wasn't it?) Anyhow, even though perhaps Mr. Tremaine might have wished the experience to have happened to someone else, we think it only fair to give credit where it is due. Better luck next time, sir!

Dr. and Mrs. HOLLINRAKE have returned north after three wonderful months at Casa Ybel. Their son, FRANK, while sail boating in front of Casa Ybel, lost his glasses in the briney deep. If anyone should happen to find them, please turn them in to Casa Ybel.

Mrs. S.A. NOE of Mishawaka, Indiana, and her two sisters, Mrs. HARRY GOOD and Mrs. HARRY BIRTWHISTLE, both of Warsaw, Indiana, are staying at Shalimar for the 5th season and having a very good holiday in a new cottage and enjoying Sanibel very much.

### SANIBEL LIBRARY

Mr. Arthur E. Swanson, a year round resident is serving as President of the Library, located in the Community House.

Many people have contributed to the Library. Some of them are: Mrs. Elise Fuller selects new books from the county. Mrs. Muir, who was born at the Sanibel Lighthouse, stays with the Martins when she is on Sanibel. She serves as Librarian in Paris, Canada, and spends some time at the Sanibel Library. Pauline Wilson has done much needed work to catalog books. Mary Purdy helped for while also. Mrs. Leon Levy is an able assistant and is doing cataloging, making shelf cards and detail work.

The greatest need at the present is for more shelving space, and for more room for the Library. If anyone has any ideas about making money for the Library, tell Mrs. Swanson about it. There is a way more space could be added right where the Library is--- if the money was forthcoming.

### VACATION TIME

For some people at least (lucky ones)! Bill Way said last week that Sanibel Marina and Villa Victoria will close on April 26. Reopening date is scheduled for June 1.

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### EASTER PARTY

Mrs. Anne Conrad and Mrs. Helen Denney gave a party for the Island children at the Conrad home on April 10 at three o'clock. Each child received an Easter Basket filled with goodies topped with an Easter toy. There was an egg hunt--- one hundred eggs were hidden and there was a prize for the one finding the most eggs. One golden egg got a very special prize---cash! Dottie Booker of Casa Ybel gave the cash prize for that golden egg. Cookies, punch and candies were served.

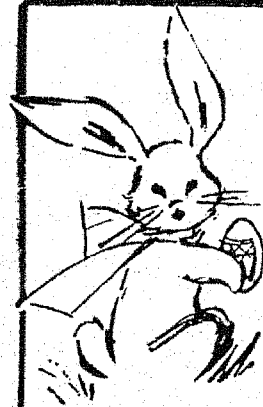
Last year it rained during the party and all had to adjourn into the house, where finally the hostesses ran out of games to play. In desperation they said to the children, "Now you will have to entertain us" which they did in a big way. They put on shows, there were songs, dances and recitations and one of the older Gavin boys, who had a lovely voice, sang many songs---it was all very outstanding and made the party a great success.

The guests were: Alfredia Sanders, Booker T. Lewis, James Lewis, Larry Lewis, Anderson Matson, Georgetta Carter, David West, Bobby Dormer, Tom Hines, Missy Muench, Marte Muench, Roger Carroll, Anne Carroll, Larry T. Gavin, Charles V. Gavin, Ronald K. Gavin, Isabelle D. Gavin, Stanley D. Gavin, Danna F. Gavin, Kelvin A. Gavin, Oscar E. Gavin, Lynn L. Gavin, Leah S. Gavin, Matthew Preston, Calvin Preston, Thelma Preston, Laura Preston, James Jordan, Jr., Harry Jordan, and Anthony Jordan.

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Sunday, April 18, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
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## WHO'S WHO ON CAPTIVA

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Ambassador PIERO VRUCI of Italy is spending his vacation in one of the Adam Cottages on Palm Avenue.

Other guests in Adam's "El Cajon" are Mr. and Mrs. HERBERT POLLER. They are here for ten days enjoying the beauty of Captiva and its beaches.

Mr. and Mrs. ERNSK McKay of Baldwin, Michigan, are spending a few weeks at Blank Cottages. Accompanying them is their niece, Miss ARLENE THUME of Flint, Michigan.

Mrs. BROOKS BARKER is a house guest of the Alvin Blanks. After Easter her husband the Rev. Brooks Barker, will join her here and remain for another week.

Mr. and Mrs. ANDREW J. EATON, director of libraries of Washington University, Saint Louis, with their two daughters, CAROLINE and SUSAN, and friend JUDY ULETT are having a happy holiday while staying at the Engle Cottages on Captiva. The family are close friends of Mr. and Mrs. HERVEY ROBERTS on Munson Street on Captiva.

### LINES OF A HEROINE: (Guess Who?)

I think that I shall never see,  
A more alarming sight than she  
Who quickly sank from out of sight  
(It really gave us quite a fright)  
Mis-judging depths can cause  
more troubles  
But blithely she arose with  
bubbles  
Her breath came bursting forth  
with giggles  
Shook back her dripping hair  
with wiggles,  
Towing the boat, she swam for  
shore  
This scene will long be Island  
lore  
A medal goes to this quick  
thinker  
Nothing I know can really  
sink'er.

Three charming Wellesley seniors have become devoted Captiva fans. Miss BETH WATERMAN of Davenport, Iowa, Miss JOSEPHINE BERGEN of New York City and Miss CYNTHIA VAN HAYINGA of New Hampshire all spent some happy days here and left praising our lovely Island and the unspeakably beautiful weather. Miss Waterman's parents and grandparents are old friends of Mary Bailey's.

Two very interesting visitors to the Island are HARRY AKERS and GENE CHEVALIER (Chevalier, if you please, like the movie star!) Harry is a proficient skin diver who dives for rare shells in the Gulf Stream. He is also a charter-boat captain in Boynton Beach, Florida, and spels many interesting tales about diving and sports fishing.

Gene, whose headquarters are in Jopitar, Florida, has the interesting hobby and vocation of being a marine treasure hunter in the Caribbean, seeking the lost galleons and their treasures of centuries ago. Also with his modern detection methods he locates lost or forgotten money caches, or valuable papers which may have been hidden in days gone by.

These two gentlemen came to the Islands with a station wagon filled with rare shells from the East Coast and a feast day, so to speak, was had by the shell-shop owners.

Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE PAQUI of Springfield, Illinois, and their son ROBERT are visiting her aunt, MARY CUNNINGHAM of Captiva Island, and are having a grand time what with shelling, fishing and so forth. They're even thinking of a retirement home here as young as they are!

A company of six stalwart women intent on seeing Florida arrived at Mid-Island on Captiva Friday night. United by

bonds of one sort or another, the group was sampling the offshore islands, having already given their attention to Key West and the Everglades National Park at Flamingo. The sunny idea first presented itself to Miss MARGARET HARRIS in chilly East Lansing, Michigan, probably harking back to her two years experience in teaching at University of Rykyus on Okinawa in the South Pacific. Miss Harris enlisted the interest of her sister in Iowa and then the news leaked to a friend and former co-worker Miss ROBERTA HER-SHEY, a retired nutritionist of Michigan State College who was formerly with American Red Cross.

Needing a guide, they wrote to Mrs. Lydia Ann Lynde of Washington, D.C., world traveler, formerly with the Federal Extension Service. In addition to working with land grant colleges in every state on a family life educational program, she has served on the President's advisory committee on children and youth and helped plan programs for the elderly. Since her retirement, Mrs. Lynde has been a delegate to the triennial meeting of the Country Women of the World in Australia. Last year she took a trip behind the iron curtain to study the status of home economics education and living conditions there. Mrs. Lynde readily agreed to meet the women with a car and plan the trip. When Mrs. Clara Ackerman of Port Richey, Florida, formerly writer for the United States Department of Agriculture and editor of the monthly magazine "Extension Service Review" for ten years, heard about the expedition, she and her house guest, Mrs. Robert W. Winfree of Cobb Island, Maryland, (a retiree from the U.S. Census Bureau) joined up.

The happy group was last seen headed North, but their merry chatter and contagious laughter lingers on.

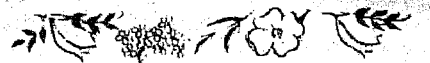
Well, Spring vacation finally came to us, too! All the students in Lee County were out from the 10th to the 19th. As it was so well put, "we're all tired (meaning teachers and students alike) and could stand a rest." Most of the visiting teenagers have all left but I'm sure everyone will put the nine days to good use.

PHIL HENRY came down for a week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.S. HENRY, who are winter residents. Phil brought a friend, JOHN DIBBIE. Both boys are from Grand Rapids, Iowa.

SAM CAULDWELL of An-korage, Kentucky, staying at the Bixby Cottage, had four friends come down to visit him for a day. Visiting him were, TOM McCAFFREY, AL LARSON, BRUCE JORGENSEN and STEVE ANDERSON. All the boys attend Yale.

ED HENRICSEN, held a party on the beach in front of his house a week ago Saturday of his house a week ago Saturday. Ed and PEG VOSE, who is visiting here, entertained the group by playing their guitars, after which everyone played a game called "Buzz," which, as you can tell by the title, was a very fascinating game.

LINDA WOOSTER and BARBARA COBB of Fort Myers went to Clearwater on the 9th for the weekend. While they were there they visited with old friends and acquired a nice case of bronchitis!



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## GUEST EDITORIAL

by maude n. meyers  
1st vice president,  
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club

A few thoughts generated by Mr. Brumbach's "Guest Editorial" in the ISLANDER of March 18.

We should all be thankful to Mr. Brumbach for bringing into the open a question which has bothered a lot of Shell Fair workers for several years. We DO need more exhibits of Sanibel and Captiva shells, BUT most of us came down here to retire from stresses and live a quiet and secluded life and pursue our hobbies. I'm one of them, but I did exhibit this year.

I have done a lot of thinking in the last few weeks as to how we could get more people interested in exhibiting local shells. We have come a long way from those early days when the Island people had two exhibits, one at Island Inn and the other at Casa Ybel and each vied with the other for the best showing. Sanibel led the way on shell shows---no one had ever heard of such a thing before. But, since that time, shell shows have become popular and, since that time, have grown and become more formal (just as the stamp shows etc. have). No question, we DO need more local shell exhibits.

Thinking it might be wise to know what I was writing about, I took the entry blanks for the 1965 show and made a simple analysis. We may be a few off because there are always some people who come in at the last minute (entry day) without a formal blank filled out. But here are the statistics which are not too far off:

In Class A, Collections, which is what we are concerned with, I come up with the following:

1. There were 71 exhibits in Class A with 117 boxes exhibited.
2. In the Sanibel-Captiva "self collected" sections there were 26 exhibits of 36 boxes. Not bad but it could be lots better.
3. In the Florida section there were 12 exhibits with 15 boxes. Florida and the Gulf are certainly in our area.
4. In the miniature, any source, there were two exhibits with three boxes. They were almost entirely material dredged in the Gulf of Mexico or found on the Keys, etc. and so essentially Florida shells. The fossils were all Florida.
5. The oddities were all Florida.
6. The best family, Genus

and Species, and educational with only one exception that I can remember, included at least one of our local shells, to show relationship with a world wide species of the family.

7. That leaves just two groups---the special exhibit of the Flynn Fords (which was beautiful and probably the most talked of exhibit in the show). And even that had a local shell in it - the Melongena corona or King's Crown, and seven exhibits of foreign shells using 22 cases.

8. Summing up, it would appear that, of 71 exhibits, 63 were either all "self collected" Sanibel-Captiva shells, Florida shells, or contained a local shell showing its relation to larger and world wide families.

9. This was a much better showing of local material than I saw in the two neighboring shows I was privileged to attend this year.

Another thought: as we continue to collect shells our interests broaden and we are interested in the relatives our local shells have in other parts of the world. And so we broaden our collections and enjoy comparing the various species. Also, a lot of our Islanders either live in other shelling regions or have been able to collect in foreign countries and are able to show us some really beautiful and unusual specimens. I know I got a kick out of exhibiting (and winning a first) for a group I had collected live on the Barrier Reef in Australia.

Unfortunately, as the years go by, some of us are not able to trudge the beaches before dawn, sink in the muck to dig angel wings and acquire the famous "Sanibel Bends" and we resort to collecting with a silver hook. And in case you don't know what that means, it is just plain buying. Many of our best collectors have rarely picked up a shell on a beach or anywhere outdoors. But don't be hard on them. Some really know their shells and are real authorities and incidentally they do leave quite a bit of that filthy lucre known as money on our Islands. To me, the fun of having shells is to collect my own. I do trade a bit, have had many wonderful gifts of shells and, on occasion have been known to part with a small amount of money for a shell I particularly wanted.

As to foreign shells---for the last fifteen years at least there have been foreign shells displayed, many by Mrs. Cockerill who was presented with a complete set of Cuban land shells by the Cuban Government in appreciation for her efforts

to prevent them from being completely eradicated. For three years the exhibit of shells at the Shell Fair has been under the supervision of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club. We are vitally interested in having more and better exhibits of local shells---we have hundreds of them on and around the Islands---many of which most people have never seen unless they took the trouble to study the magnificent collection of miniature exhibited by Mrs. Jerimassen, all of which she had collected herself on Captiva. We have many shells much rarer and more difficult to come by than the much talked about golden olives, Junonias, Scotch Bonnets, Lion's Paws, etc., and it is fun getting them. So, let's get busy, you and me and all the oldtimers and visitors, and show next year what we really can produce.

And let's include in our exhibits some educational ones---life cycles of common, local shells, more color variations, etc. They do not need to be elaborate---a case or maybe two will tell the story---IF you tell it right. It can be very rewarding plus lots of fun.

A final word - a committee will be working this summer on the classes for next year's show and will welcome constructive suggestions. Let's get our ideas in ahead of time and then the Club will not be faced with so many "you should have done's."

Still another last thought - our show has an unique atmosphere and, in our three days, we lure as many visitors as some of the larger shows which run five days, twelve hours a day. Let's keep our individuality. And here's to a better show still next year.



This is Nathan Beck with a nice 12 lb. Snook which he caught last Thursday while fishing with Charlie Rosse in the bay. Mr. Beck, E.M. Durstine and Carl Weiffenback, all of Columbus, Ohio, brought in 11 Snook, plus some Reds and Cobia that morning. The men are guests at Sanibel Cottages.

## ALL SHELLING ASIDE

by henry nielsen

(Editor's note: This is another fishing story, submitted by a reader. A few months ago, one of our readers suggested that we have one---and the ball was promptly thrown back at him when we told him 'twas a marvelous idea, and why didn't he start it by telling us of his favorite fishing experience. He did---and "All Shelling Aside" had started. If you have a fishing story you would like to share, please give it to either of our reporters, or mail it directly to our office at 140 Delmar Road, Fort Myers Beach, Florida, 33931.)

It all began the night before with Dessa expressing a wish for some good and fresh oysters, I gallantly offered my service to get them the next morning.

Low tide was at daybreak. After a hearty breakfast I staggered out of my cottage and found my way down to the marina and my small boat. Still groggy from sleep and handicapped with hipboots and heavy sweater, I nevertheless prompted the outboard motor to life. The devastating noise at this ungodly hour shook the whole island of Captiva. Getting the dew-soaked canvas top over the windshield and untying the springlines, I glided as quietly as the motor would allow out through the narrow lagoon to Andy's Pier where I picked up a large trash-can, oyster knife and a small pail for the prospective oysters.

It was a glorious morning; not a ripple on the glassy surface of the water. The Morning Star was hovering over the area where the sun soon would make its appearance. Slanted shafts of light in soft rosy hues descended from the empyrean clouds, intermingling with cerulean blue and touching the brown fingers of the exposed flats that showed through the thinly spread waters covering Pine Island Sound. Like a statue chisled in white marble, a lonely Ibis stands motionless silhouetted against the tenuous gray of the dawn.

Suddenly the sunlight explodes in its magnificent splendor, draping the east side of Buck Key in a golden gown. A Blue Heron stands exposed on a lower branch of a mangrove, while in the distance a lumbering Pelican folds his wings and dives into water in an array of white spray. With Pine Island as a backdrop, the glimmering rays of the rising sun dance right into the boat; The

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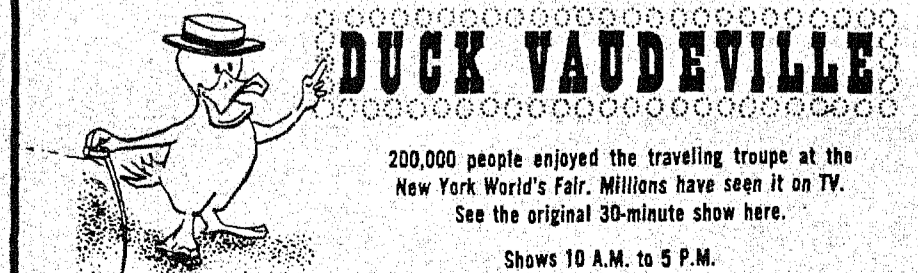
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ALL SHELLING ASIDE from p. 6 Master Painter has completed his picture of sunrise.

Following the old mailboat channel in an easterly direction, I soon found the oysterbed, I quickly cut the ignition, and lifted it out of the water so that the momentum would carry me as close to the shore as possible. The scraping noise on the bottom of the boat informed me that the rest of the way would have to be made by wading. With the anchor out, I began the long tedious walk toward shore.

The oysterbed was further away than I had anticipated. A large Horse-Cork detained me for awhile and a squirt from a small Scallop sent my heart pounding, believing I had found a new Scallop bed---But no.

A large lump of brownish "Something" half hidden in a cluster of marine growth attracted my attention. I moved a little closer to investigate, and kicked at it with my booted foot. It seemed to come alive and slowly move toward deeper water. My curiosity thoroughly aroused I reached down to pick it up. Immediately a long arm covered with numerous suction cups reciprocated the misunderstood gesture for a friendly greeting and took a firm hold of my hand. I had not intended it as a friendly greeting, but evidently the Octopus as it turned out to be, was in a caressing mood, for without any further ado it extended all of its eight arms around my arm and boot-covered legs in a tight embrace.

I tried hard to persuade him to let go of me, but to no avail, he just hung on. I don't know if an Octopus has any ears, but talking to him didn't seem to impress him in the least, perhaps he just liked me? A final attempt to free myself and be amiable did not suit his mood, so I had no alternative but to drag myself with him hanging on, back to the boat. Reaching inboard I got my sharp gaff which I plunged into his soft body several times before he realized that I was determined to end our newfound acquaintance.

Wrapping himself around the gaff tightly, enabled me to deposit him in the dark of my large ice chest. His odious eyes focused in and out like a telescope on me, making goose bumps on my back. How that boneless relative of a sweet tasting oyster could be so ugly and stubborn, was beyond me!

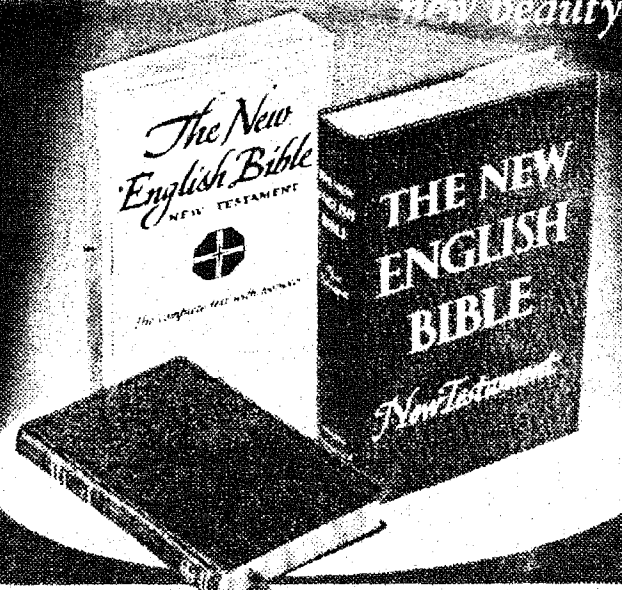
Half exhausted I once again made my way back to the oysterbed only to find that I had spent much too much time with this homely creature of the flats, and that the tide was now coming in very rapidly. If I didn't

want to swim back to the boat, I would have to give up oyster picking for today. After what seemed to me to be the longest walk, and with the water threatening to come over the top of my hip boots, I climbed back into the boat. To my surprise I was greeted by the Octopus that had opened the lid of the box in my absence and now pretended to be the Captain. I quickly relieved him of his silly notion by kicking him to the stern of the boat, where he promptly hid himself under the floorboards.

With the Mutineer safely out of the way, I made the journey back to Andy's Pier where the "Boys" tried in vain to dislodge "The Monster" from its hiding place, but his many suction cups proved too strong a match for any of them.

Late in the afternoon I sneaked up on him as he lay tired and hot from the sun and with a quick snatch of the gaff extracted him from the floorboards, Laying on the dock, with his long arms dangling between the planks, each tenacle measured a full three feet and the body was at least twentyfour inches long. The largest Octopus Andy had seen in a good many moons.

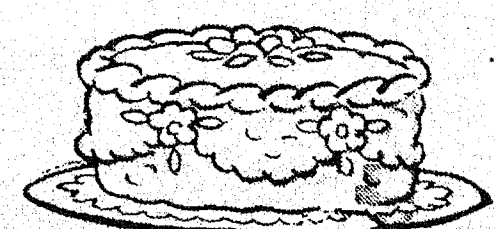
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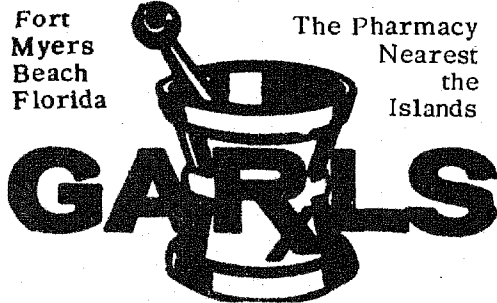
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ville. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held Sunday, with the Rev. Robert C. Asmuth officiating, and interment was in Fort Myers Cemetary.

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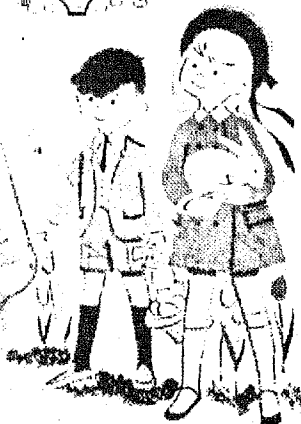
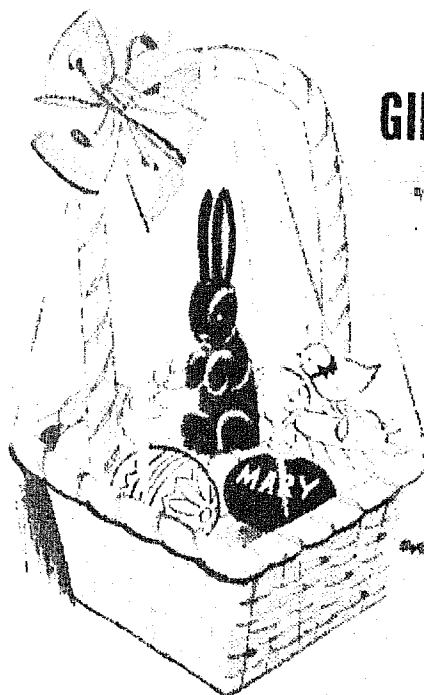
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