

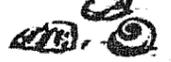


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## PIONEER CITIZEN HELD "NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACT OF GOD"

"Senior Citizens" grow old--"Pioneer Citizens" do not; they grow into the community and enrich it with their presence and memories.

Uncle Arthur Gibson celebrated his 77th birthday yesterday and we wish him many more. He got to talking about the old days and about the first Florida hurricane he ever went through--The one in 1910.

At that time, he was running the mail boat between Sanibel and Fort Myers. One fateful day, when the weather seemed a little odd, he picked up 13 bags of mail from the Island and started out for Fort Myers.

He never made it. The blow began and the boat overturned and sank. Uncle Arthur made his way to shore and rode out the worst of the storm at Wulfort Point. When the winds began to die, he somehow righted the 30 foot boat, and bag by bag, he recovered the 13 bags of mail from the bottom of the Bay and the mangroves. Then he hung the bags, which were filled with soggy pulp by this time, from surrounding bushes and trees until the major part of the water had gurgled out.

Finally, he was ready to go, soggy mail and soggy mail man, and got the mail to Fort Myers only 27 hours late. Of course, when all this mail was delivered, complaints from recipients started pouring in. Poor Uncle Arthur was swamped with them, and finally wrote a letter to the Post Office Department in Washington explaining the

circumstances.

They sent him back a letter exonerating him of all blame, which treasures to this day, as it very officially said "The Post Office Department does not hold any individual responsible for any damage done in a hurricane as such are considered an act of God."

## CHAMBER MEETING

Tonight, Wednesday, April 28, The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual meeting at 8 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House. There will be the Annual Election of Directors.

## THE BRIDGE QUESTION

The proposed bridge from Pine Island to our Islands has generated a goodly amount of discussion on the Islands. As we said last week most of the comment is adverse. A number of people, for business reasons, declined comment for publication, although they all deplored bringing more people to Sanibel when facilities are not available for those already here, and said the only apparent benefit would be to Pine Island real estate developers.

We welcome all comment--yes or no, and your reason why. Here is what some of your neighbors think about the proposed bridge.

Paul and Edna Kearns--No. There are no public accommodations. Where will the money come from to pick up the trash they will scatter? We don't want to become a public beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hamilton of Toronto, who have been Island visitors for six years--No. One of the charms of Sanibel is its freedom from crowds of tourists and its seclusion.

Ethel Snyder--No! One bridge is enough of a concession to make!

The Colony staff and guests--No, very decidedly no! There is nothing to be gained and much to be lost by hooking up with Pine Island. It is suggested they improve their own Island and make it attractive to tourists instead of trying to utilize some other place.

Bill Newman, who made it very clear he was not talking as a representative or officer of the Chamber of Commerce, but as "private citizen Newman"---The only reason for the bridge between Pine Island and our Islands is so that the developers of Pine Island can say they had access to our Islands' beautiful swimming and shelling beaches. In addition, we do not have the facilities for the existing guests---We are certainly not prepared for an additional influx of visitors.

We ourselves wonder about the economics of it all. The present causeway, which has brought more guests to our Islands than we can handle, has not collected the revenue that was originally estimated. Where then, are the thousands of toll-paying travelers to come from to pay for another multi-thousand dollar access route? And, horrifying thought, if enough do come over the bridge to pay for it, where will we put them all?

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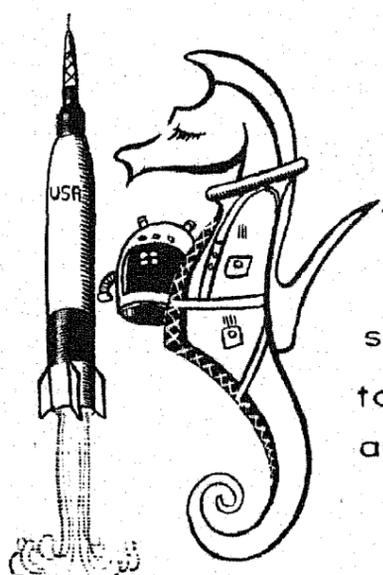
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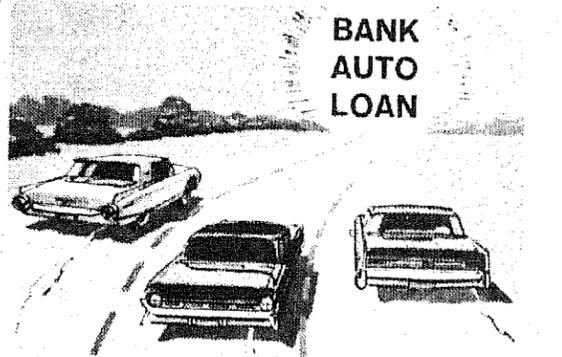
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The Board of Counselors of the Sanibel Community Church announces that Sunday Worship services from May through August will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday School will remain at 10 a.m. The Church will be closed in September and reopen with a Communion Service Sunday, October 3, at 9 a.m.



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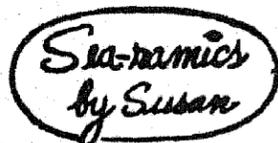
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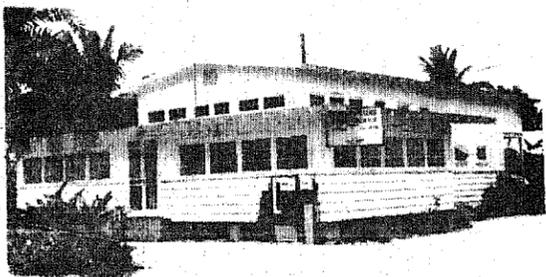
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Dr. and Mrs. WILLIAM A. BALOGH and their children, of Watchung, New Jersey, are spending two weeks at their cottage at the Colony.

Mr. & Mrs. A.C. SAILSTAD of Houston, Texas, are spending a month in their cottage, "Ball-Hi."

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE CHRISTENSEN of Glencoe, Illinois, have returned to their home after spending a month at the Colony. They have been coming for the past seventeen years---which is the surest proof that they love the Islands. Many more happy returns!

Mr. and Mrs. CHAPMAN CALDWELL of Peoria, Illinois, are here for three weeks. This is their seventh year on the Island.

Mr. and Mrs. OKAMOTO and their children of Park Ridge, Illinois, are enjoying a week at Shalimar.

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE H. WAGNER of Upper Mountain, Sanborn, N.Y., have returned north after a pleasant visit on the Islands at Shalimar. They come every year.

LYN SMITH and MIKE ROBERTSON are also spending two weeks at Shalimar. The two of them are owners and operators of "Sunshine Real Estate, Inc.," in Coconut Grove, a section of Miami, and are the only two women to own and manage their own real estate outfit there.

The business had been established in 1910, and instead of modernizing the building which housed "Sunshine," they restored its gleaming turn-of-the-century freshness and charm.

Secretary of Labor W. WILLARD WIRTZ, who was in Florida on an inspection trip, flew to Sanibel in a private plane for several days of quiet vacationing and sunning---sans telephones, memos and such like. We hope he repeats the call.

CHARLES LE BUFF of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Sanibel has left the Islands for a short vacation in New Orleans. His father, CHARLES LE BUFF, Sr., and his brother, LABAN, accompanied him.

## WHO'S WHO ON SANIBEL

Mrs. WILLIAM SCHMID and her sister, Miss KATHLEEN MAGEE of Washington, D.C., arrived at Hurricane House a week ago Tuesday. They have been visiting the Islands for a long time, but since this is their first visit since the Causeway opened, they are busy inspecting "Our Islands," as they refer to Sanibel and Captiva.

PAUL KEARNS's brother, H.A. KEARNS and his daughter, VIRGINIA of West Hollywood, Florida, were Easter guests at Hurricane House, and enjoyed a sumptuous dinner. Other guests for Easter dinner were Mrs. S.D. McNAUGHT and her daughter ANNE of Sanibel.

Mr. & Mrs. H.O. HOFFMAN have returned to their home in Hudson, Ohio, after spending the season since January with the Kearns. We're told they're already anticipating their return next winter.

Other guests at Hurricane House are Mr. & Mrs. RICHARD LUCE of Booth Bay, Maine, Mr. & Mrs. JOSEPH SONTOG of Toronto, Canada, Dr. & Mrs. R.L. MacMILLAN and their four children of Toronto, Canada, Dr. & Mrs. JOSEPH MORAN of Toledo, Ohio, and their three children, and Dr. and Mrs. JOHN KEVORKIAN of Watertown, Mass., who are here for their seventh Island vacation. The Kevorkians' son, CHUCK, a student at Tampa University, visited his parents during spring vacation.

The Fort Myers Audubon Society brought a picnic lunch and visited the Islands last Saturday. They arrived at the light house at 9:30 in the morning, made a trek to the Bird Sanctuary, went shelling on the beaches, and just generally had a wonderful time. The group was joined by two Island visitors who had heard of the expedition.

Mr. & Mrs. HOWARD PEDERSEN and family have just returned to their home in Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, after spending the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. CECIL S. HUDSON on Gulf Drive, Sanibel. CRAIG, who is 10 1/2, found a beautiful golden olive which made him very happy. LISA, TOMMY and ROBBIE were very proud of their brother even though they didn't have as good luck with shelling.

Miss DOROTHY R. HERBISON of the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, purchased two lots in La Costa Isles, La Costa Island, this week through the office of PRISCILLA MURPHY, Realtor.

Miss Herbison is a friend of BETTY SEARS and EVELYN PEARSON, well-known owners and operators of The Nutmeg House on Sanibel. She visited Sanibel recently and expects to return in November to look at her lots, which she has not yet seen.

Her purchase brings to 19 the number of lots in this subdivision sold through Priscilla's office--all in one area, which might well be called Sanibel-on-La-Costa. The lots have been purchased by a number of Islanders, who have found the tropical beauty so impressive even compared to their home islands, that they have convinced a number of friends from afar to join their La Costa colony.

La Costa Isles is a subdivision owned by TRAVIS A. GRESHAM, Jr., Fort Myers attorney, which extends from the Gulf to Pine Island Sound on the upper part of La Costa Island.

GERTRUDE AMON'S niece and two of her friends were guests on the Islands during their spring vacation from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. JANET STANCHECK, Gert's niece, is from Youngstown, Ohio, MARILYN BRAUER from Gerard, Ohio, and WILMA SCHANZENBACH is from New Washington, Ohio. Janet and Wilma are seniors; Marilyn is a junior. This was the girls' first visit to the Islands and Florida and they were simply delighted.

### WORK, WORK, WORK

Materials have been delivered and hammering and nailing will soon be the order of the day at the Sanibel Community House when members of the Association start weather-proofing the new driftwood hut and cook shack. G.T. Martin volunteered to serve as chairman and Bill Newman, Floyd Pflough and Tom Nix have volunteered to assist.

### SERMON BOOKLET

Hundreds of Islanders have heard the Rev. Thaddeus Allen's sermons on Sunday mornings at the Sanibel Community Church and always with the feeling that they have attended Worship, not just gone to church. They often ask their beloved Rev. Tad to repeat favorite sermons and many of them have said "We'd like to preserve some of these---" but one of the guild members didn't just stop there---while everyone else was just listening, she made shorthand notes.

When the Ladies' Guild learned that she had done this and would make her notes available, they decided to have the sermons printed in booklet form.

A charter church member and long time friend of Rev. Tad wrote the forward and Lee Roy Friday contributed the time and skill in assembling the booklet for the printer.

The booklet contains ten favorite sermons and advice on how to pray effectively, as well as a brief history of the Sanibel Community Church, the oldest church on the Islands. Also the Church's services, activities and organization are included. The booklet is available through the committee of Guild members, Mrs. Willis Combs, Mrs. Walter Strong and Mrs. Floyd Snook.

### LADIES' GUILD

The Sanibel Community House provided the setting for the annual buffet dinner and installation of officers of the Ladies' Guild of the Sanibel Community Church Friday evening, April 23. The Rev. Tad Allen asked the blessing.

Following the dinner, Mrs. William Newman, program chairman, had charge of installation of officers for the coming year. Pres. Mrs. Thomas Nix, Vice Pres. Mrs. H.A. Romine, Secretary Mrs. Cecil Hudson, Treasurer Mrs. Floyd Snook. Mrs. Delmar Reynolds has been appointed as program chairman for the coming year and Mrs. Hal Irwin had accepted appointment as Cheer chairman. The booklet, "Sanibel Sermons" by the Rev. Thaddeus Allen, was shown. The painting presented the Guild by Leon Levy was won by Mrs. Robert Haynie.

### AUXILIARY NOTES

The American Legion Auxiliary, Sanibel-Captiva Unit is a small but busy group of ladies. At the April meeting it was noted that all obligations had been fulfilled and yearly reports sent in on the work done by the Unit. Officers for the coming year will be elected at the next regular meeting in May.

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Griffing Bancroft, Priscilla Murphy, Al Muench, Richard Wiebe, Norman Chambers, Ed Legel and Roy Bazire were chosen as the Board of Directors of the now-formally organized Sanibel-Captiva Democratic Club. The election of the Board and adoption of by-laws took place at a dinner meeting last week with the official approval of Warren M. Goodrich, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Florida, R.M. Lee, state committeeman (who also attended the meeting,) Mrs. Janet Bain Thomas, state committeewoman and Robert Cody Brown, county chairman.

Immediately after the meeting, the Board elected officers---President, Roy W. Bazire, Vice President, Griffing Bancroft, Secretary, Richard Wiebe and Treasurer, Al Muench. The Board also appointed a membership committee consisting of the Board of Directors and those present at the organizational meeting.

The immediate efforts of the new club will be directed towards expansion of membership. Annual dues were set at \$1 per person, and all members joining the club between now and the annual meeting at April, 1966, will be designated as Charter Members.

Those attending the meeting included, Mr. and Mrs. Griffing Bancroft, Mrs. Birgit Dickey, Clarence Rutland, Mrs. Anne Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wiebe, Kenneth Bryant, Mrs. Peggy Maloney, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Legel, Francis Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Muench, R.M. Lee, Mrs. Priscilla Murphy and Roy E. Bazire.

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Post Office notes: Sir LAN-CELOT GALAHAD FISH, who has adorned the walls of the Captiva P.O. for three years, finally has a mate. Her name is Lady GUINEVERE FISH, an 80 pound Tarpon. The agile fisherman was JOHN O. ARCHIBALD Jr. of East Aurora, New York, and brother-in-law of RAY BOOTH. He proudly passed out the cigars to commemorate the event. Said John, "What a baby"--said wife, JEAN, "Where oh where will I hang it in my living room filled with antiques?" Send us a picture, OK?

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES WILSEY of DelRay Beach and son GEORGE HOKE of Minneapolis, Minnesota, have been guests of Mrs. ALEXANDER PEABODY. Mrs. Wilsey was a long time winter resident of Captiva at which times she made one of JEAN HAYFORD's Cottages her home.

Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT ONAN arrived last Thursday for a few days of rest: in their home on Palm Avenue. The Onans are from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Good news just arrived on the Island---Mr. and Mrs. ADAMS Jr. have presented Mr. and Mrs. THATCHER ADAMS with a grandson. The Sr. Adams are now in their home at Barboursville, Virginia.

Guests at the Adams Cottages are Dr. & Mrs. YOSHIMARU TODA and their friends Dr. and Mrs. HORI of Lakeland, Florida. Both doctors are at Cooke Memorial Cancer Laboratory of Florida Southern College.

Mrs. GEORGE T. EAGER hadn't been feeling too well when her daughter, Mrs. JOHN HENDERSON, drove her to Sarasota to see her oculist. Her oculist recommended a very fine doctor who immediately told Mrs. Eager to go to the hospital there. A coronary artery difficulty was diagnosed. Mrs. Henderson assured us on Saturday that her mother was coming along nicely and after another week in the hospital will remain in a convalescent home in Sarasota for a few weeks. Her many friends have been thinking, talking and praying for a speedy recovery for Mrs. Eager.

For the winter residents who have gone home---they may be interested to know "It has been trying to rain!" We have had four overcast days as of last Saturday. A good hard shower on Wednesday, but much too short to be helpful. However, all our plants and shrubs must have found water of which we know not of as their blooms are profuse.

### TEEN CORNER by viki way



A party was held Saturday a week ago on the beach in front of the Sanibel Siesta. The illustration of the party drawn by STEVE TROY of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, explains why we finally had to move the party into the Troy's cabin. In an attempt to rid ourselves of the gnats and mosquitoes, many of the more spirited partyers went for a swim in the Gulf (clothes and all), which proved refreshing, but still left us with out pesky little friends, so we gave in and moved up to the cabin.

SUE GESSER, KEN ORLOFF and Yours Truly went into town a while ago to see the movie Girl Happy, afterwards going to the Biff-Burger for something to eat. Ken was down for his Spring vacation visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. ORLOFF, who own the Bee Hive. Ken is from Stanford, Conn., and attends the University of Conn. Staying at the Harwood House on Captiva were CAROL and ELLEN HAMILTON of Delvan, Wisconsin.

Also on Captiva from Wisconsin was BRIDGET BANNO. Bridget stayed with her parents at the Bremer's Cottage for a week.

Staying at the Island Inn were PEG and ANN TURLEY of Wheaton, Ill. Although the

girls were here only a day they enjoyed it very much and hope to return soon. Also at the Island Inn was GARY MUELLER of Orlando, Florida. Gary is on leave from the Navy where he is stationed on the U.S.S. FRISKE in Long Island.

From Stillwater, Minnesota, were ANNETTE, KAREN, JIM and MARIAN JENSON at "By The Sea."

At the Sand Castle were BRUCE MacLAIN, of Park Ridge, Illinois, CINDY and MARGIE MILLEVILLE also of Park Ridge and JON GEREN from Olympia Field, Ill.

WALTER WELLS was staying at Casa Ybel for a couple of days. He is from Jacksonville, Florida.

From Miami were LESLIE COOK and friend KATHY DIAMOND staying at the Gallery.

BILLY MacIVER and AL BUSH, who attend Edison Jr. College in Fort Myers came over a week ago Sunday with LINDA GIBERSON, of Peoria, Michigan. While here they visited old friends and spent the afternoon skiing.

Also over for a Sunday afternoon was TERRY McINTYRE and LARRY AHRENHOLTZ, both of Fort Myers. They sailed over and said that it was kind of rough getting over, but it was worth the trip.



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Residential	Yearly	\$96.00
Residential	6 mos. & over	9.00 per mo.
Residential	3 to 6 mos.	10.00 per mo.
Residential	Under 3 mos.	12.00 per mo.
Commercial	Yearly	15.00 per mo.

VACATION RATES FOR YEAR ROUND RESIDENTS

Residential	Monthly in advance	\$14.00
Commercial	Monthly in advance	\$20.00

## SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SECURITY PATROL

Sanibel

Phone: GR 2-3031 or GR 2-4011

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CRUISE WITH US TO THE . . . . .

### RARE SHELL BEDS

For Collector Items and Specimen Shells

OR TO OUR . . . . .

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FOR THE B-I-G ONES!

Always calm waters  
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serving breakfast, lunch & dinner



*Specializing in Seafoods*

COMPLETE BREAKFAST SERVED  
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7 Days a Week GR 2-2411 Sanibel Island, Fla.



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SHELL PICTURES and for  
FINEST FLORIDA SHELLS  
ONLY. Hand-made trays  
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Locally grown Wood Roses  
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Exotic Pods for your Dry  
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DAILY 9 A.M. TO 9 P.M.



AVAILABLE FOR  
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THROUGH YOUR DOCTOR

We have many items  
for our Vacationers  
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**WE ARE PRIMARILY A  
DRUG STORE**

**YOUR PRESCRIPTION  
IS ALWAYS FILLED  
ACCURATELY - COMPETENTLY  
- EXACTLY AS PRESCRIBED  
BY YOUR DOCTOR**

Fort  
Myers  
Beach  
Florida

The Pharmacy  
Nearest  
the  
Islands



GIFTS from the

## Seven Seas

Sanibel Island, Fla.

Hi there -

We'll be opening soon - exact date unknown  
as yet. It won't be too long until the stock  
is complete. Maybe we'll have better news  
for you next week.

Sincerely  
Capt. Paul  
Frank Mate - Mine

REMEMBER

# Mother's Day

WE HAVE MANY GIFTS  
TO PLEASE HER

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She'll proudly wear  
... a beautiful blouse,  
Clever beach wear,  
Sun hats -- even  
Sun glasses.

Mother's Day  
Cards, of Course -

We suggest.....  
Name Brand Cosmetics

Colognes - Toilet Water  
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Lip Sticks - Creams  
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a Hair Dryer!

Toast her in Champagne  
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WINE & COLD BEER

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