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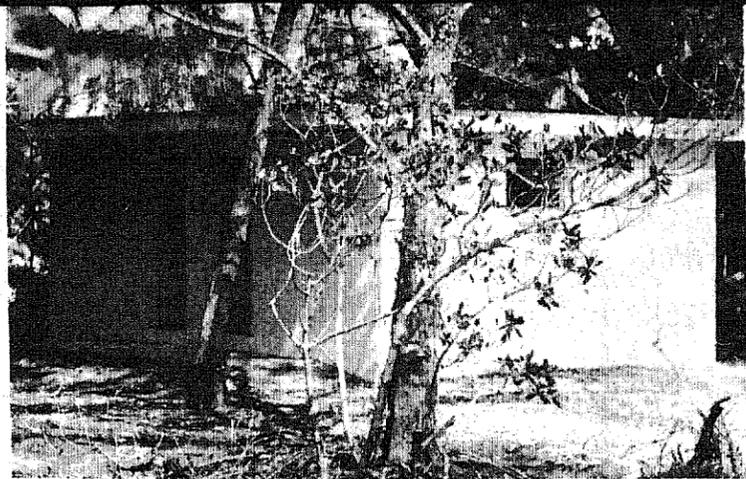
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a hole or two in the floor which lead nowhere.

"Why?" The Islander asked County Commissioner P.A. Geraci.

"Because there isn't any water," said Geraci.

"Why not use sea water?"

"Because it would ruin the pipes," said Mr. Geraci. "But, he added, "we have very very definite plans. We just don't know when."

"Plans for what?"

"To dig a well," said he.

So we started to do a little research. The building was built at a cost of approximately \$1,800 by the County Park Department employees. It has been standing for about two and a half months.

A well deep enough to reach useable water would cost \$5 a foot, which we have been told is the going rate. We have also been told that good water (the good is a comparative term) cannot be reached until you hit 400 feet. That adds up to \$2,000.

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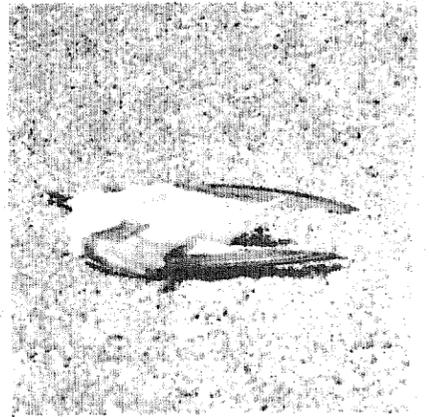
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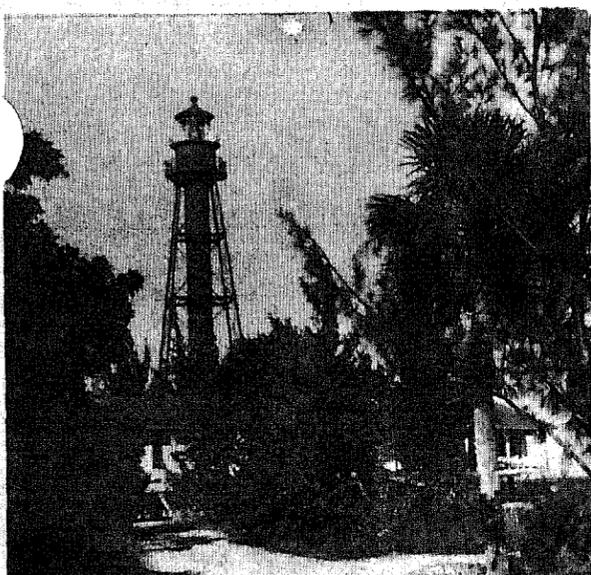
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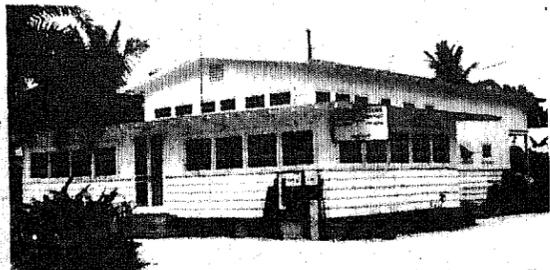
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WHO'S WHO ON SANIBEL

Mrs. EDNA KEARNS of Hurricane House is spending a short vacation in Milford, Michigan, where she is visiting her sister, PAUL, therefore, is rather busy these days, as they have a full complement of guests.

Mr. and Mrs. RAY DITZEL of Fanwood, New Jersey, and Mr. and Mrs. EARL S. PRIEST of Howell, Michigan, are guests there, as are Mr. and Mrs. M. DODDS of West Plains, Missouri. Mr. Dodds owns the Dodds Truckline of St. Louis. This is their first time over on the Island, and they are delighted with both our lives and our surroundings. They promise it won't be their last visit!

Mrs. S. C. (RUTH) McNAUGHT and her daughter ANNE just returned to their home in Bayport, Long Island, New York, after spending five and a half months at Hurricane House. They've been spending that much time here every year for the last ten years, and that's a record not equalled by any other guest!

The KAUFFMANS of Tradewinds received word late last week that Dr. LAWRENCE B. CHAPMAN of Princeton, Mass., has died. The Chapmans had been spending three months on Sanibel each year for the last ten years and were known to their many friends as LOUISE and LARRY. He will be greatly missed by all.

Dr. Chapman is survived by his wife and three children.

Mr. and Mrs. EDWIN A. WYLER of Sarasota are spending a few days at Tradewinds.

Did you know that the Chapel by the Sea on Captiva was a school house at the turn of the century?

MARY and JOE GAULT of the Sea Horse Shops are off on another buying trip--this time to Miami, where they hope to pick up some oriental imports.

There is just something about living on Sanibel Island-- You can leave, live in another town or part of the country, but the chances are you'll be back. As is MATTHEW CLAPP ---and welcome home.

Matthew Clapp is CHARLOTTA MATTHEWS' nephew, and he lived on the Islands for years with the Matthews family at Island Inn. He eventually left Sanibel and moved to Fort Myers, where he is employed by Terry Transportation.

The lure of Sanibel, though, pulled him back, and he and his wife, ELEANOR DOUGLAS CLAPP, have moved into Churchill and Hayes Hudson's Sea Shell Shop, which Mrs. Clapp is now operating. (She writes delightful poetry, too.) All success and happiness to them in their new home and new venture.

Dr. and Mrs. GRANVILLE W. LARIMORE and their son LARRY arrived on Sanibel recently to spend about a week in their new home on Gulf Drive. Dr. and Mrs. Larimore are returning home to Albany, New York, from New Orleans where they attended a convention. A little out of the way, they admit, but any excuse to visit the Islands they owe. Dr. Larimore is First Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health, State of New York.

BLANCHE PFLOUGH and PRISCILLA MURPHY were house guests of the DAN MALONES on Marathon last week. They had a wonderful time shelling on the ocean flats in spite of the really stiff wind which blew all thru the week. Mr. and Mrs. JOHN M. VAN ARSDELL, who live at the Rocks on Sanibel, also stopped by for an overnight visit and brought with them PEPPER the dog (who thinks he's people) and CHARCOAL the cat (who knows he's people.) Everyone had a good time.

Elsie and Dan will return to Sanibel for the weekend and the Shop will be open again June 15.

ONE WAY TO DO IT...



The Rev. Samuel H. Edsall, retired Rector of the Trinity Church, Geneva, New York, discovered a new way to catch a big one when he and Mrs. Edsall were staying at Hurricane House in March.

Seems he went fishing with Belton Johnson for bluefish with a small spoon when a very small amber got on the line. Before he had a chance to do anything, this 15 pound grouper grabbed the amber---and the hook. Happily he reeled it in.

Mr. and Mrs. I.T. BILL-Mr. & Mrs. I.T. BILLHEIMER of High Tides Motel, Sanibel, are off on a two weeks camping trip in Canada. Their two sons are with them. While they are away Mr. and Mrs. FRANK BYRNE of Fort Myers are managing High Tides and are having a lovely time doing it.

The motel has been filled every night, and many of the guests stay for a week or two, some longer. Right now there is a young lady from New York City here for a moth, Miss LINDA LINDQUIST. The BROERING family of Cincinnati, Ohio, are here for two weeks. Also here are Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS BROERING, and GREGG and STEVIE. This is their first time on the Island. They all like to fish.

Mr. and Mrs. ALEC SUTHERLAND from Miami are here for the first time and they

love the Island and High Tides. They will come again. Miss HELEN TURNER and Mr. LEWIS McDORMOTT, both of New York are also enjoying Sanibel at High Tides. Mr. and Mrs. RAYMOND RICHARDS and Mr. and Mrs. CARTER from

New Jersey are here for three weeks and enjoy the fishing. Mr. Richards is French and had had an exclusive French restaurant. They all enjoy Sanibel. We will expect them to return!

Mrs. NELLIE BREWSTER and Miss ANN CODY made a short visit to Mrs. Brewster's home on Woodring Point. A group of old friends gave them a surprise luncheon on Mother's Day at her home. Those who came were ROSA and SCOTIA BRYANT, NANNIE PICKENS, ETHEL PRESTON, Miss PAULINE WILSON and PRISCILLA MURPHY. As an additional surprise, several visitors dropped in. Among those surprise guests were ESPERANZA WOODRING, Miss CATHERINE LUCAS, and Mrs. MARY PURDY. Everyone had a happy time and the event was a great success.

DEAR GRANDMA...

Rebel Booker brought his wife home a while ago to meet his mother, Dotti Booker, and let her know that he and his wife were blessed with little ones. That, if one gets logical about the whole thing, makes our Dotti a grandma. She hasn't seen the children yet, so we can't tell you how many there are, their weight or practically anything else at this time, but we assume she's delighted at the prospect of a large family with little ones romping around under her feet, giving her puppyish kisses and what one might even call a dog-like devotion.

The reason Grandma Dotti hasn't seen her grandchildren yet is that they're living under her house and are too young to crawl out yet---and, as everyone knows, grandmas infrequently crawl under their houses for any reasons, even to see their grandchildren. One particularly nice thing about these grandchildren is that grandma won't have to worry about their clothes, as both Rebel and his wife have provided their young ones with a fully protective coat, which has the almost miraculous propensity of getting larger as the wearer gets larger.

These coats, we regret to say, are not available for other people's grandchildren, so don't get your hopes up. They are not completely unobtainable, though ---if you have a German Shepherd for a son and a charming Boxer-Terrier, etc., for a daughter-in-law.

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After the shark was hooked, they wrapped the line around a cleat and let the giant tow them for an hour. Then they got in close to shore and shot her.

When she was opened up on the South Seas dock, she contained the remains of a tasty shark-type meal--tarpon scales that were three inches across, a snook jawbone that was a little over two inches wide and a half-digested sting ray (which had been swallowed whole) that had a four and a half foot tail!

After the shark had been thoroughly investigated, she was towed out into deep water to rejoin her friends who welcomed her with open arms--or in this case, a reasonable facsimile thereto--their jaws.

And what were Mr. Hollins' plans for Sunday? He said he thought he'd go catch another one.

ALERT!

There are several out-of-county septic tank cleaners operating in Lee County now, four are know, licensed, and cleared with the Lee County Health Department and County of Lee Occupational License Department. BUT there is one phoney---unlicensed and residents are warned to check first rather than be "taken" for a high cost job and quoted a low cost. This particular operator has a partner and operates from a truck, soliciting door-to-door. They carry long poles to "test" the septic tank. The tank will require cleaning following the test, and the unwary resident contracts for the work; these two men are named Jim (Joe) and Lester. One has red hair.

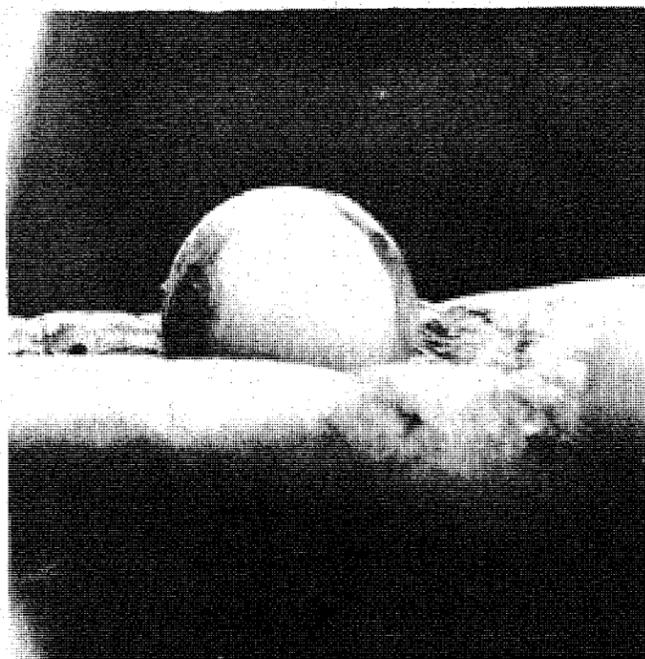
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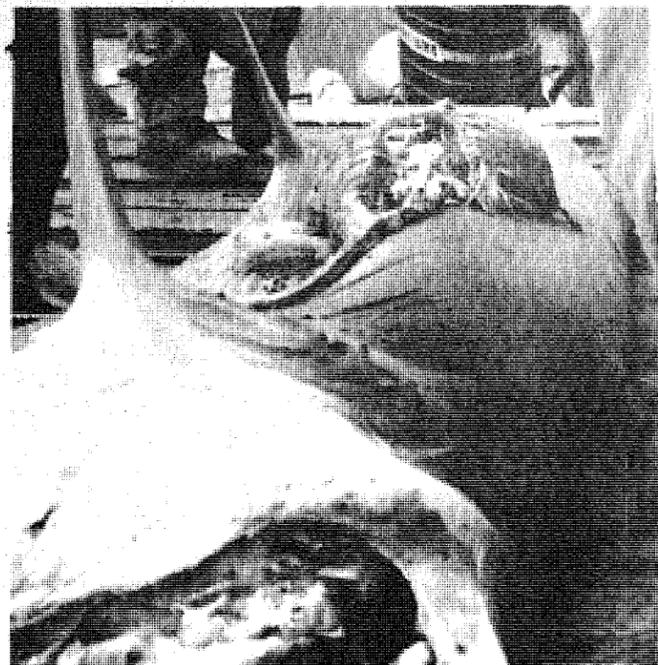
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Mr. and Mrs. SHANNON MERIWEATHER of Tryon, North Carolina, are enjoying a stay at the Fish House. Mrs. Van VLECK, who owns the Fish House, is a sister of Mrs. Meriweather. Accompanying the Meriweathers is their daughter Mrs. JANE CORBITT, who has just returned from Australia. Mrs. Corbitt is an employee of the State Department.

Dr. and Mrs. JOHN PATTERSON of Fort Worth, Texas, have been visiting Mrs. Patterson's mother, Mrs. MARY BAILY. Dr. Patterson returned to Fort Worth Friday and Mrs. Patterson will stay on to be joined by some of her women bridge playing friends, from Texas for a week's visit. The bluesmoke riffs from "Baillwick" means that hot bridge games are in progress. The Texans are greatly impressed by the magnificent Captiva weather and excellent swimming.

Mrs. KATHLEEN DAVIS picked up her friend Mrs. CECILIA STRADER and declared a two day change of scenery by driving to Boca Grande. While there, they visited FRANK and MARTIE SMITH, who now reside there but are well known on the Islands of Captiva and Sanibel having worked at both the Island Inn and the South Seas Plantation for many years. You can just bet that Kathleen got in as much shelling as possible.

MABELLE STAMPER has been digressing a bit from her many hours of painting by making the most beautifully trimmed match boxes you can possibly imagine. Old lace, interesting pieces of cloth and umpteen teeny-weenv shells are

her basic materials. The finished products are indeed works of art.

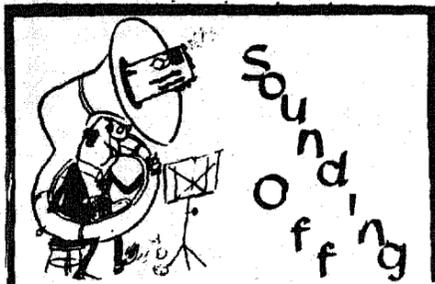
As of last March Mr. and Mrs. HARVEY MEYER came to the conclusion that now that all things had worked out so beautifully for them in their house it was time to build a home for their many beautiful shells. RAY BOOTH, contractor, took over the job and now a lovely little edifice 20 by 12 with red wood shutters graces the space just east of their home. It is designed especially for a shell house. It has all the many shelves, wide and small to accommodate their wide collection. It will also have stove and sink for cleaning and preparing shells for their places on the shelves. "What a joy," says MAUDE, "to have long last gotten all these treasures out of my closets and into their rightful setting."

While speaking of Maude and Harvey Meyer, they spent a very pleasant three days last week attending a South Eastern Section of the American Accounting Association at the University of Florida in Gainesville. There Harvey rubbed elbows with many of his old friends. Shortly upon their return to Captiva, Doctor and Mrs. JOHN FLOWERS, teacher in the Physics Department of the University, joined them here for the weekend and as of this writing Dr. and Mrs. EDWIN KIRKLAND of the English Department of the University are spending some pleasant hours with Maude and Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. TERRY BONE are sporting a brand new Oldsmobile. A little one, Pauline says, but it's right

nice.

New Officers of the Shell Club met at the HARVEY MEYER home this week. It was an Organization meeting approving the appointments of Historian--Mrs. J.C. McCaul; Conservation--Mrs. JOHN P. GLASS; American Museum Collection--Mrs. HAROLD BIXBY; Membership--Miss EDITH MUGRIDGE; Program--Mrs. ELIZABETH T. ADLER; 1966 Shell Show Exhibits--AURTHUR BURT; Chairman of Hostesses of Sanibel Meetings--Mrs. ROSSH. PURDY. Other appointments will be made in the fall.



To the Islander:

The Islander arrives at my other home on Long Island, and I read it, and I sit back, and I wonder about the articles concerning a bridge from Pine Island. Nowhere have I seen mentioned (unless I missed it) of WHO proposed this idiotic notion. Who wants it? I ask myself is it anybody who loves Sanibel, and all that it was and still is? No, it can't be. Is it Sanibel's Chamber of Commerce? No, it can't be. Or if it is, throw them out and get people who are truly interested in Sanibel's welfare. Could it be the people of Sanibel themselves? No, for if there are some, then they don't know why they are living there, have never discovered for themselves what Sanibel really means. Then, who could it be? There is one answer.

Whoever and wherever they are, you can be absolutely certain that they see for themselves gains in property and money. There are none so blind as those whose eyes are befogged with the cataracts of the dollar sign. They will not, indeed CANNOT see the rubbish and mess left behind by those who do not care. They do not see, nor would they care, that your privacy would be violated in countless ways. Do they see the Island as one of the last refuges of beauty, tranquility, isolation (yes, isolation)? Do they see Sanibel and Captiva existing in ideal communion with nature? What do YOU think? No, be assured, that what they do see is a carousel, a merry-go-round of roads carrying cars 'round and 'round in a steady stream with money flowing out the windows. What a delusion! What a fake. For, you can be sure that a great deal more will be taken away from our Islands than will be received. Guard against it. Let's be warned and forearmed. There may be voices raised in the name of "progress." More sins have been committed in THAT name than you could count. The destruction force of "progress" can be seen in countless ways from coast to coast, large city or small. To those people who have a soul, who have eyes that really see, mis-guided, myopic "progress" is no match for idealism. Ideals are indispensable to a proper sense of values. A single bird is infinitely more important and necessary than a hot-dog stand. But only you, and you, can preserve that bird, that palm tree, that wavelet on

the shore.

Those of us who came to Sanibel and stayed, and those who are drawn year after year to it for what it holds naturally, those who are reminded again and again--all day long--of what it truly means, should not become victims of those who wouldn't even understand what we're talking about. Let's not simply stand by and think "it can't happen here." Let's make absolutely sure it WON'T happen here.

/s/ Cy Biscardi
Sanibel homeowner

To the Islander:

Thanks so much for reminding me that my subscription had expired. I have been coming to Sanibel for vacations for seven years and enjoy the Islander. I read the paper from cover to back and then pass it on to my daughter as she always comes with me on my visits to the Islands...

/s/ Mrs. C.W. Pohlman
Richmond, Virginia

To the Islander:

In bad taste is the item captioned "Life Saving Squad" which appears on page 5 of your current issue.

For 36 years this has been my favorite vacation Island--- Many are the shells in boxes at home---Yes, I have taken the olive from one end of its little tunnel and seen the live shells on the beach after a storm.

Is that not why your Island is so famous? Have you an option on its beaches? You have thrown a bitter barb into the heart of many a tourist--- a visitor who has loved your Island in the sun.

Rather than begrudge your guests, who have nurtured your bank accounts, why do you not spend your spare time making some of the improvements which you have suggested would be appropriate. The shells, once on the beach, will not live when tossed back into the Gulf anyhow.

They say as one grows old that the "narrow waist changes place with the broad mind." Perhaps this article is an example thereof!

So, throw back the shells if it suits your fancy. Just remember that they are mine as well as yours. The tides will still bring a very tiny number of shells to Sanibel.

Yes, throw the shells back if you like, I will still come here to enjoy them.

/s/ Ruth Bennett, MD
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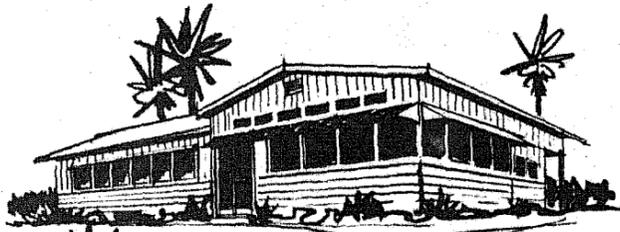
(Ed. Note: We are sorry that Dr. Bennett thought we were blasting tourists and many Island residents who find joy in collecting beautiful shells. Such was not our intention. We do believe, as do many shell collectors who are conservationists, that a good shell collection need not contain--- to pick a number out of the air --- fifty six 2 1/2 inch olives. One or two will normally suffice, which means the other fifty-four will be able to reproduce so that visitors in years to come will still be able to delight at finding a live shell themselves. According to Charles LeBuff, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge Manager, shallow water shells will survive when they are thrown back if they have not been out of the water for a long period of time.

As for Dr. Bennett's suggestion that perhaps the article was the result of our youthful

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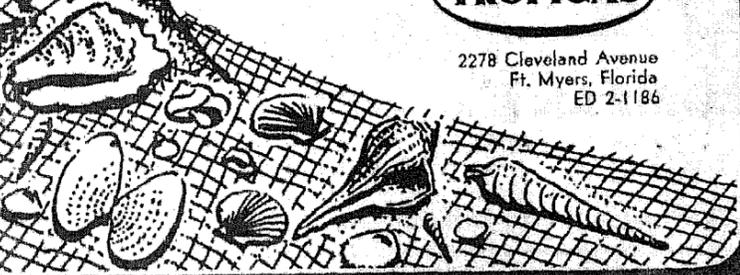
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The beaches and countryside also provided interest, especially the man-eating alligators, the deadly rattlers, the vicious barracudas and the VERY hungry sharks!

Of all points of beauty and interest that we found on the Island, all six of us give our votes for the best feature to our beautiful and gracious hostesses, SUE GESSER and VIKI WAY.

(Ed. note: From the vantage point of our antiquity, after reading this witty column, so filled with omniscience, (one wonders how these young men could see so much of the

Your reporter decided to take a break this week and let the guys write their own tales:

Six young Canadians arrived on Sanibel Island Saturday night after a perfectly satisfactory trip via Air Canada.

Two of our group, LARRY ADEY and MIKE FEAGAN, had been to Sanibel before, however, four of us--STEWART HALL, DON VOLTON, GRAND DAVIDSON and DAVE BARRETT, had never seen the Island before and so we began

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attraction of our Islands in the short time they were here) we have reached a firm conclusion. Those alligators missed six good meals.)

MORE SANIBEL WHO'S WHO

BARCLAY READ has returned to his home in Virginia after a brief stay at his cottage on the beach and Gulf Drive. Hurry back!

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narrowmindedness, we'd like to say that it is not our policy to ask a lady her age, but since Miss Snyder, who wrote the article, has been a Sanibel resident for 27 years, we would venture to say that she is at least of voting age, even though she does have a narrow waist.)



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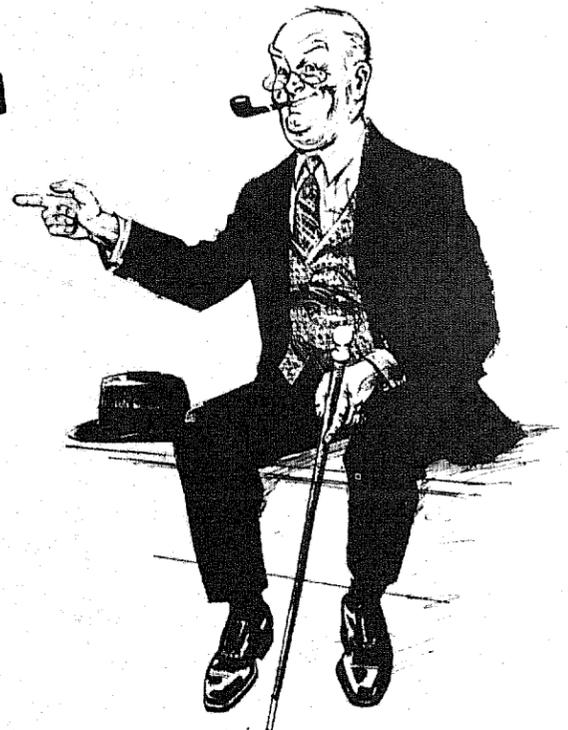
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