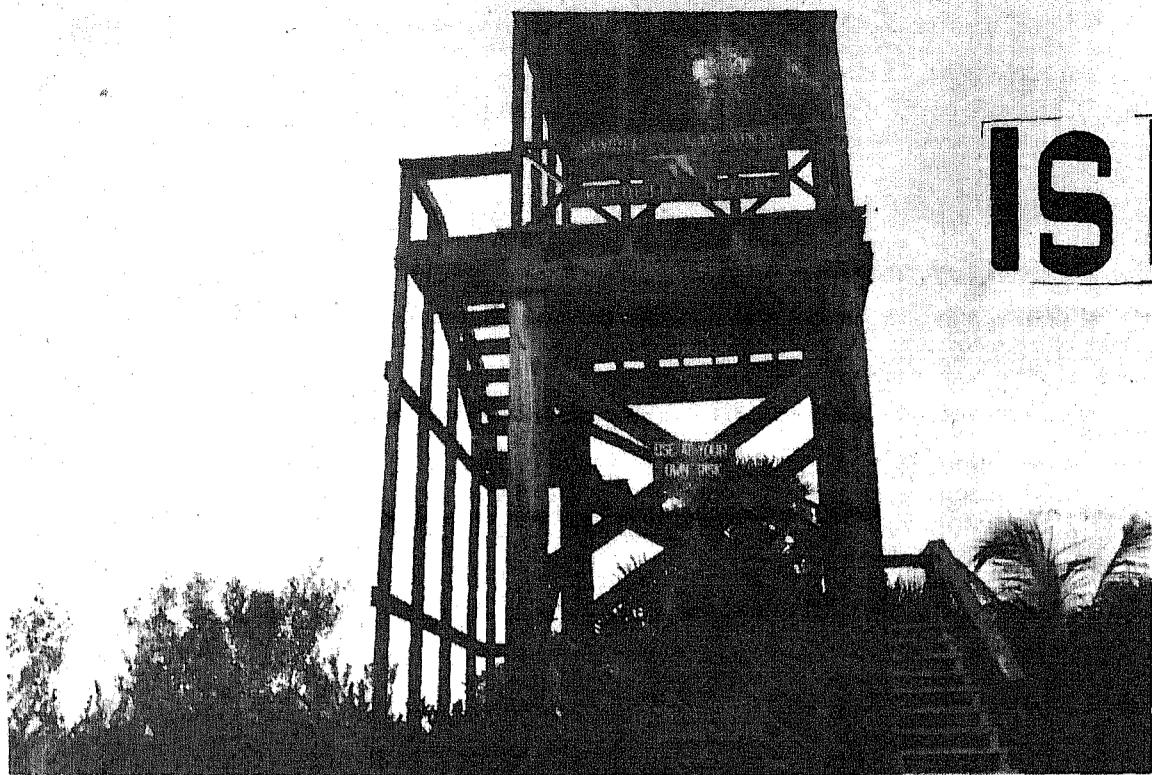


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NEW ROAD

Mrs. Daisy Mayer of Sanibel has had an almost two mile long road built on her property behind the homes along the Bay starting at Bailey's Road on Sanibel.

She requested a survey by the County so that the road would be in the right location, and her son, Ross Mayer, has engineered the entire project. He planned every detail, got all the help, supervised, and the work has been progressing harmoniously, and is expected to be completed shortly.

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Mrs. Mayer's daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Guyer of Erie, Pennsylvania, the Mayer family's original home, will drive down for this dinner and afterwards take her mother back to Erie for the summer.

Congratulations to Daisy and Ross for a lovely and useful contribution to the Islands.

EDITORIAL

What is progress --- and do we want it? If progress is Miami Beach, the answer is no. If progress is "improvement, advance toward perfection or to a higher state," as defined by Mr. Webster, we do.

Some will say "but progress (meaning luxurious sky-scraping hotels and throngs of people) means good business."

But does it really... on Sanibel and Captiva? Why is it, do you think, that our Islands have received the national publicity that they have in the Reader's Digest, Better Homes and Gardens, New Yorker, and countless newspapers from the New York Times to the All Florida Sunday Supplement? Why do we have people who return to our Islands year after year after year?

It can't be the neon-lighted sixty floor hotels --- we don't have any. It can't be just the fishing --- lots of people can't stand them to eat, catch or even look at. It can't be just the birds --- we know people who have been coming here for years who can't tell the difference between a tern and a roseate spoonbill. And it can't be just the shelling, because, believe it or not, there are some people who believe shells are good for driveways and that's about all.

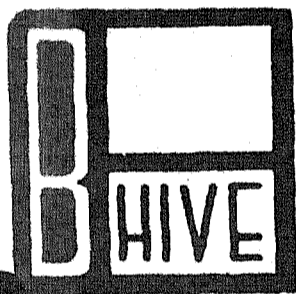
It is true that many of our first time visitors are drawn here by our miles of shell littered beaches, but it is rare if they return merely for the shelling.

The one thing our Islands have which is irresistible to our return guests, be they ambassadors or clerks, publishers or copy boys, account executives or secretaries, is our beautiful tranquillity.

We're willing to bet that the majority of people who come to Lee County for the first time (and who aren't visiting relatives) are here because they've heard of and want to see Sanibel and Captiva. Since we are the major tourist attraction in the County, wouldn't it be wise to keep the very quality which makes us so?

We want our Islands to grow --- but to grow naturally, keeping the beauty and quiet which are our major assets. They are, after all, rare things in this world today. If we allow them to slip from our grasp, we will find ourselves no different from the neon clustered communities on the East Coast --- or from the ones on the West Coast who advertise that they're only so many miles from the fabulous Islands of Sanibel and Captiva.

And if we lose them because individuals, in or out of public office, want to capitalize on the fast dollar and therefore open up our Islands so quickly that we cannot adjust to the sudden change, they will find they are indeed geese who, instead of laying a golden egg, find one and cover it with baser metal.



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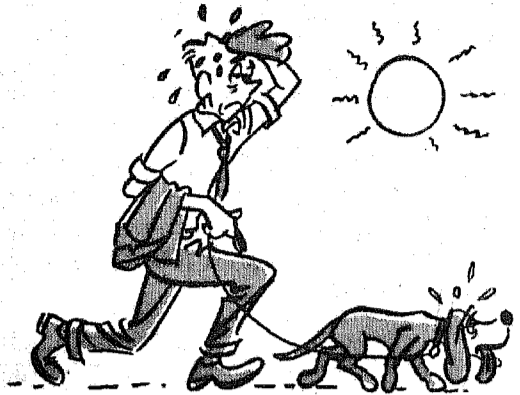
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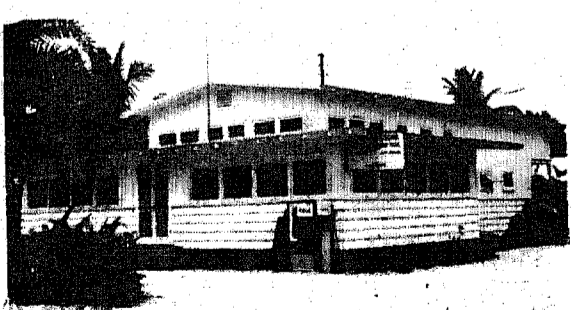
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WHO'S WHO ON SANIBEL

Eight year old PHILLIP SOUTHWARD, who lives at Woodring Point, was playing in a tree recently. Unfortunately, he fell out and broke his arms. We're told he's coming along fine, but it will be a while before he climbs another. Sympathy from all his friends!

Mrs. ENID P. DONAHUE, Miss CATHY LUCAS and BONNIE left Tuesday for New Cannan, Conn., to visit Cathy's sister, MARY. Then Enid will push on to the Donahues' summer cottage in Muskoka, Ontario, Canada, where she hopes to join JOE in time for their 25th wedding anniversary on June 9. Congratulations.

Miss ETHEL SNYDER of Gulf Drive left the Islands on Tuesday for her summer cottage in Highlands, North Carolina, and will return again in October. While she won't be able to report Sanibel news from North Carolina, she has promised to send us articles and tidbits throughout the summer.

While she's gone, Mrs. MARY BOWERS of the Sea Horse Shops will be occupying her cottage (and enjoying all those watermelon, no doubt!)

Miss PAT MOREAS of Kent, England, flew into New York on her first trip to the States and immediately boarded a plane for Sanibel, where she visited with the JACK RUSHWORTHS of Island Inn.

Miss Moreas is now free to travel, as she recently sold a hotel and country club in Kent, which Jack managed for her about nine years ago. Since MILBREY, Jack's wife, was with him at the time, it was a happy reunion all around.

Miss Moreas saw both Islands and was delighted by them, and after an all two short stay, returned to New York for a few weeks before going back to England.

Mr. and Mrs. DAVID BIGELOW of Miami Beach spent the Memorial Day holidays at the Blue Dolphin. This was their first visit to Sanibel. They were charmed and plan to return as soon as possible. They are friends of long standing of an Islander, ETHEL SNYDER, and took her to the Nutmeg House for dinner on Sunday.

PRISCILLA MURPHY's office sold two more lots in La Costa Isles, La Costa, last week. These were purchased by Dr. JOHN J. PROCKNOW of the University of Chicago Hospitals, Chicago, Illinois, and bring to 21 the number of lots sold by Priscilla on La Costa. She hints that more are to come.

Mr. and Mrs. DANMALONE are visiting their families in Owings Mills, Maryland. The two families had a big reunion and DAN's and ELSIE's son, his wife and two children surprised them with a visit, also. The Malones started back to Florida this Monday and Elsie will re-open her Specimen Shell Shop on Sanibel Saturday.

JACK REDINGER, son of the Islands' well-known MARGO REDINGER, celebrated his 18th birthday last week. Congratulations, and may you have many more.

Mrs. FRED BREWSTER and her friend, Mrs. ANNE CODY, returned to their homes in Stanfordville, New York, last week after a short vacation in Mrs. Brewster's home on Woodring Point.

Mr. MORRIS SANFORD of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday. The Islander wishes to join his many Island friends who sent him greetings and best wishes for many more on this most auspicious occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford and their family

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and friends have vacationed on Sanibel for many years, and have been spending the winter months in the Gulf front home owned by Mr. and Mrs. RAY WIEGERT of Rockford, Illinois. Mr. Sanford continues to operate his own business in Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. DOUGLAS CLAPP, Miss CHARLOTTA MATTHEWS and Mrs. ELEANOR CLAPP came over to the Islands from Fort Myers to enjoy Sunday dinner at the Nutmeg House. Their friends enjoyed the opportunity to see them once again.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES PICKENS of Houston, Texas, are visiting his parents, JO and DOC PICKENS of Sanibel. The senior Pickenses just returned from a five week trip into Mexico.

They first headed for Nogales, and then drove to Alamos and Sonora. They report that the coastal water was beautiful and their trip was both interesting and delightful.

MOSES

The Sanibel-Captiva Post #123 regrets to announce the death of its mascot.

Two years ago a small kitten was found among the saw grass on the lower banks of the canal by the Legion Home.

Wild, untamed and torn between starvation and survival, he found a home. Out of the bullrushes, he was named Moses.

For almost a year no one could even touch him but thanks to a few Legionnaires he was well supplied with food, milk and fish. He became a true mascot, member and part of the Post.

Ten days ago he came home, after a short absence, carrying his neck in a crooked manner. No one knows of his travels and no one will ever know what he had endured.

Moses died May 28 as a result of severe head and mouth injuries. He held on long enough to say goodby to some of his

friends.

Moses was a friend to few but harmful to none. Love and affection was his fondest hope and greatest pleasure.

His friends mourn his passing, which ironically occurred just a few feet from where he was found. A permanent marker will be erected on this spot and his name placed in the gold star ranks. Moses was a good and faithful Legionnaire mascot.

FISHING FOR SHADOWS

by Henry Nielsen

I had been invited to spend a holiday with my friend Capt. William Pitchford of Jensen Beach, Florida, and his lovely wife Marge, on their large Banana Plantation in the Bahamas.

Bill's sixtyfive foot auxiliary schooner "Ranger II" was to be our means of transportation to his luxurious home on Spanish Wells near the island of Eleuthera. With a favorable breeze filling the white dacron sails we had left Palm Beach 10 days ago and had had a wonderful time visiting a number of the small out-islands rarely seen by the tourist. The native Bahamiens had left us with an indelible and lasting feeling of friendship and it was with a great deal of reluctance that we left the tranquility of picturesque Hopetown at dawn.

Cherokee Sound can get pretty rough. Dark ominous clouds were gathering in the distance. A storm was brewing, but Bill thought we had a good chance to beat it to the "Hole in the Wall" on the southeast point of Great Abaco Island before it struck. There we would at least have shelter for the night.

By late evening the anchor grabbed a firm hold in five fathoms of water, just off the Thousand Fathom Ridge. The sky was clear again with myriad bright stars reflecting on the smooth waters.

Bill and Marge had retired early and being kind of "pooped" myself from the day's

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excitement I also lay down for a nap. The partition separating my stateroom from Bill's quarters was not exactly sound proof and sleeping was quite impossible for me. Not that I am a snooper by nature, but circumstances forced me at times to listen, even against my will to the goings on next door. The whispering in a tone below my hearing range drove me to near insanity. An hour of this and I could not stand it any longer...I walked up on deck in the dark. Gerald Lindquist, the Mate, was standing with a fishline in his hand, whistling softly to himself. My eyes not yet adjusted to the darkness, I sat down on the Poop-Deck next to him.

The little wavelets slapping against the planking of the "Ranger" with a "Gluch-Gluch" sound, was pleasing to the ear in the otherwise soundless night.

The moon's silver beams

colored the waters from the near horizon, each stroke widening until it touched the schooner in an exquisite brilliance of silver.

Oh, what an inspiring night...theHeavens seem higher, the stars brighter and the night air fresher...Ah, man, this was living...No automobile horns, gas fumes, fire engines, loud noises and best of all no telephones to call you back to reality. I was getting in the mood of things and regaining my secret wish for tomorrow never to come.

Enthralled as I was by the little jumping moon-beams, I was suddenly brought back to consciousness by the movement of an immense shadow that I had mistaken for a patch of grass on the bottom below. It began to swerve in a great circle around the "Ranger." "Gerald!" I fairly shouted, "Look, over there! What in Heavens name is that? It is moving...It is some kind of fish...Get the heavy line and

a sh-rk-hook...Hurry! Get a good size fish from the freezer too, but hurry...I will keep an eye on this, whatever it is."

Gerald nearly flew past the stern of the "Ranger" in his enthusiasm to get to the freezer and the baitfish. He was back in a flash with the hook, line and a good fresh Grouper that we quickly impaled on the sharp pointed shark hook. After securing the line to the rigging we watched for the shadow to move in a little closer.

"Now, Gerald, let him have it" I said in a half whisper. He heaved the line out as far as he could toward the slowly moving shadow. Nothing happened for a while. Tension mounted as the anxiety was building up. Would he take the bait? An eternity passed...my heart pounded wildly with the anticipation of a strike...what was the matter? Why didn't he take it? I couldn't stand the suspense much longer. Then with silent slowness he moved in a little closer until he was

right over the tantalizing Grouper. He hesitated for a minute, no further away from the "Ranger" than ten feet. We could clearly see the whole outline of this monstrosity. What it was, neither of us knew but of one thing I was certain, never, no, never have I seen the like in size: we were standing amidship and the head was about even with us, while his tail extended back toward the stern as far as the darkness allowed us to see. That "He" was twenty feet or better in length, I had no doubt. He appeared like a small submarine to us. What a fish! Wouldn't that be something to tell the "Boys" about if we could get him tamed?

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We pick up copy early Saturday afternoon for the following Thursday's paper, so if you could get your news to her by 10 a.m. Saturday morning, it would be a help. (However, if you happen to find six junonias, three golden olives and a nine toed cat Sunday morning, you can call the Islander office (MO 3-3914) Sunday afternoon.) Mary says if she's not there, just put your copy in her mailbox. We would appreciate it if motel owners and managers would give her a ring when they have an interesting guest or two or ten in residence.

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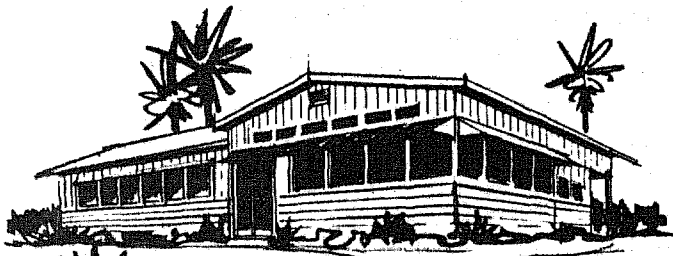
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WOMEN WHO ON CAPTIVA

Two most interesting women who work in Washington D.C. had this story to tell on their visit to Mid-Island Cottages: A new milestone was reached in the status of women in the United States when President Kennedy appointed the President's Commission on the "Status of Women" in 1961. The Commission was made up of leaders from all over the country, men and women, representing a wide scope of interests and professional fields. Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT was appointed Chairman and Dr. RICHARD LESTER of Princeton University and Mrs. ESTHER PETERSON, assistant Secretary of Labor, were vice-chairmen.

In appointing the Commission, the President said, "If the U.S. was to maintain and expand its leadership at home and abroad, the total contribution of all its citizens would be necessary, and an important segment of that citizenry was the Nation's women." His mandate to the Commission was to take a hard look at women at home, at work, in the community and in the Nation, and to make recommendations for measures that might make their contribution to the Nation's welfare more effective.

The commission worked through subcommittees dealing with the various aspects of women's roles as directed by the President and developed a report with constructive recommendations for action on a national, state, and community level. It pointed out that the major field of action would be state and local rather than national, and urged that the interested groups in the states mobilize to take steps necessary in the area. The commission report, "American Women," was presented to President Kennedy in the White House on November 11, 1963, the birth date of Mrs. Roosevelt.

At that time the President suggested that the states set up state commissions similar to the national one. Action by the states has been most gratifying. By January, 36 states had set up state commissions to consider the recommendation of the President's Commission in the light of the individual state's problems and needs.

The Status of Women in the U.S. has been given a new dimension as the result of the work on the Commission. Women in other nations are asking for advice and help in developing similar activities in their countries. The report has been translated into the languages of other countries and the influence of the President's Commission and its report spreads around the world.

The report "American Women" may be obtained from the Women's Bureau U.S. department of Labor Washington D.C. (Single copies free.)

Mr. & Mrs. DALE BALLINGER are entertaining their fisherman friends GERALD McMAHON of Mt. Victory, Ohio, HOWARD ROCKHOLD of York Center, Ohio, and MARY's two cousins, JOHNNY and HARLAND JOLLISS, of Byhalla, Ohio. Needless to say, they are all having one grand holiday.

Mr. & Mrs. DAN BURNER of Middleburgh are having a very productive week, Snook wise, while spending a week at the Shannon Cottages.

Miss ELLEN LEIST and Mrs. NED GRINER, friends of Dr. and Mrs. E.L. MONTGOMERY of Circleville, Ohio, are taking advantage of the most beautiful weather on Captiva Island while they make the Montgomery house their home.

Mr. JOHN HARWOOD of Nashville, Tenn., with a good friend from Atlanta, GEORGE, along with JOHN Jr. and a school friend of his, are enjoying snorkling while the papas fish.

Mrs. VIRGIL KRAFT stayed over in her Coral Way home to receive another daughter, RITA, with her husband ROBERT MITCHELL and two grandsons, two and three. The Mitchells are from Evergreen Park in Chicago.

F.D.C. REPRESENTATIVES VISIT ISLANDS

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wilhelm of the Florida Development Commission recently visited the Islands and stayed at South Seas Plantation for a few days while they gathered material on the Islands to be used for State and National publicity.

Governor Burns of Florida has allocated funds to the Commission for this project. The state bought a completely equipped trailer workshop, with camera and darkroom facilities as well as typewriters, and then sent writers and photographers on expense-paid trips to various parts of the State. The Wilhelms came to the Islands from the Everglades and Marco, where they left three members of the expedition.

The Commission wishes to emphasize the wealth of fishing, hunting, scenery and sports in Florida, and the team was favorably impressed by the Islands. Bob Waterman, formerly a writer on the St. Petersburg Times, accompanied the Wilhelms on their jaunt.

INVITED TO JOIN

The Lee Memorial Hospital Auxiliary has asked Sanibel and Captiva to join them in participating in the Hospital Bazaar next November in the Fort Myers Exhibition Hall.

All ladies and gentlemen are asked to put their talents to work--if you can sew, knit, make Christmas decorations, paint or draw, dabble in ceramics, shells, shell creations, or bake, make jam and jellies or produce work craft, such as doll cribs and so forth, you are more than welcome. Also, any white elephants will be an added delight.

There will be a meeting of Bazaar workers and contributors at the Fort Myers Teen Club on June 14 (Monday) at 10 a.m. and anyone interested is invited to attend. Whether you can attend the meeting or not, call Miss Josephine Reddy, GR 2-3071, if you are able to help.

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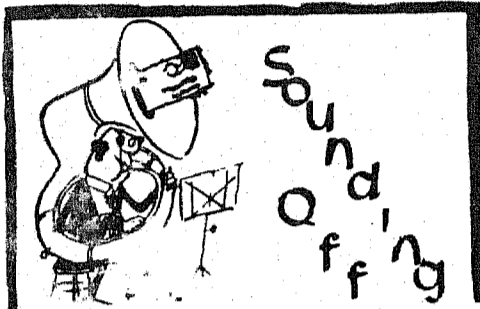
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THE ISLANDER:

I am writing this as a reply to the editorial letter which appeared recently in the ISLANDER by Enid P. Donahue. In the first place, I do not believe there are more than a handful of people in the Islands who wish to have an unlimited influx of tourists threaten our quiet way of life. At least so far I have not found them.

We all know that our Islands are known far and wide as excellent shell collecting grounds. However, this is only part of the story. They are one of the

few areas in the United States where nature (until now) has been allowed to go on its unhindered way without too much interference. Once this is changed to a marked degree, and building is allowed in many of the wilder areas, then will a great wealth of natural wilderness be gone forever.

The mangroves and palmetto prairies which range so widely are the REAL heritage of the Islands. They make possible the retention of fresh water during dry spells such as we had the past winter. They provide an irreplaceable buttress for the land against erosion and against major hurricanes such as strike at irregular intervals.

Finally, can anyone resist the rugged beauty of our mangroves, without which the birds would have no adequate rookeries to retire to for breeding?

Our Islands are indeed a showcase of natural history and as such are worth fighting the great fight to preserve. They

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will NEVER be preserved by the continual building of access bridges and by thoughtless allocation of jungle areas for building. I advise all residents to think it over before allowing this to come to pass.

/s/ William C. Brumbach

boys, at their leaving, weren't quite sure of their destination on the islands or how long they'll be there--but as soon as a little news is received from them we'll let you know. DANNIE HURD of Bonita Springs seems to have found spot of interest on Sanibel, resulting in his spending a Saturday afternoon over here last weekend and the weekend before. Curious?

Caps and gowns will be the attire Friday night for JUDI McQUADE and CHRIS GAULT--the graduates of Sanibel from Fort Myers High School--Congratulations.



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