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ST. ISABEL'S TO BE DEDICATED SATURDAY

Father Miguel M. Goni announced that the new St. Isabel's Catholic Mission will be dedicated this Saturday afternoon at four. His Excellency Most Reverend Coleman F. Carroll, Bishop of Miami, will officiate at the dedication and the first Mass to be said in the new building following the dedication ceremonies. The Most Rev. Msgr. Joseph H. DeVaney will also participate. The Clergy of the area has also been invited to attend.

The Catholic Mission has been established on the Islands for about four years. At first, services were held in a house owned by Priscilla Murphy on Tulipaway, and when it became too small, Mrs. Olivia C. Hoile of Columbia, South Carolina, donated the use of a building near the Shell Basket.

Sanibel Island is thought to have been named for Queen Isabel of Spain. She, in turn, was named after St. Isabel, Queen of Portugal in the 14th Century. St. Isabel, whose Feast Day is on July 8, did many works of charity during her lifetime, but was especially noted for her peace-making attempts between various Heads of State. She is therefore known as a special Advocate for Peace.

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Her love of children and unselfish devotion to teaching them has been Nancy McCann's contribution toward making ours a little better world. So it wasn't surprising that the residents of our Islands gathered at the Sanibel Elementary School Monday a week ago to honor this little lady, mucky loved by us all, who is retiring.

No one else would HAVE the job but intrepid Nancy, just eleven years ago, came to Sanibel and its one room frame schoolhouse that even lacked adequate sanitary facilities and faced the problem of teaching the entire six grades of the Elementary School. Her former students attest to the good job she did.

An ardent baseball fan, she has taught all the children to understand and play our national game with enthusiasm.

At first she had a house on Tulipa Way but soon built her own little bungalow and became a really permanent resident.

Her energies have not all been confined to her school but she has found time to take an active part in Church and Civic affairs.

Summers she has spent traveling in Hawaii, Europe and around the United States and she shares her interesting experiences with her children and her many friends.

A steady stream of Islanders --- parents, students, former students and friends flowed through the Sanibel Elementary School the evening of June 7 to honor Miss McCann. She received a pin engraved "Sanibel 1954-1965" from the P.T.A., presented by Lee County Superintendent of Schools Ray Williams who attended with Mrs. Williams, Assistant Superintendent Ray Pottorf and Mrs. Pottorf also attended. Miss McCann also received gifts of silver from her many friends.

Following a series of dinner parties in her honor Miss McCann left on the 14th for a short visit with friends in Clearwater and will go on from there to Farmington, Illinois, to welcome a new grand-nephew who arrived last December. She will return to Sanibel later in the summer.

Welcome, Nancy, to the ranks of the retirees!

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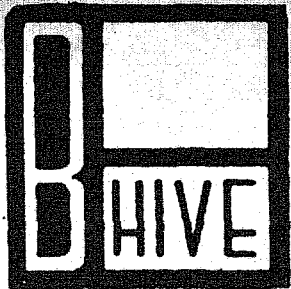
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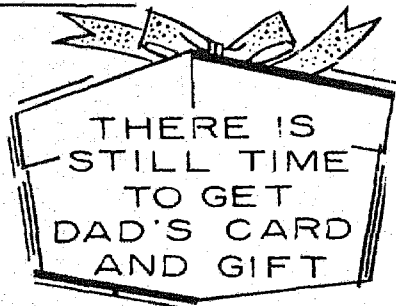
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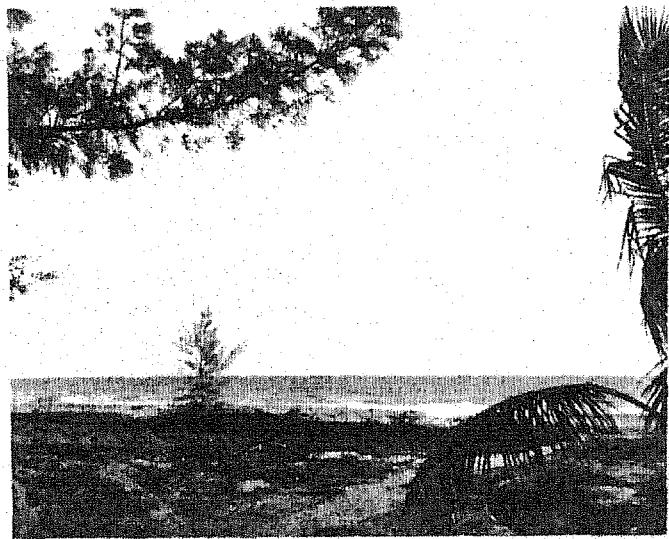
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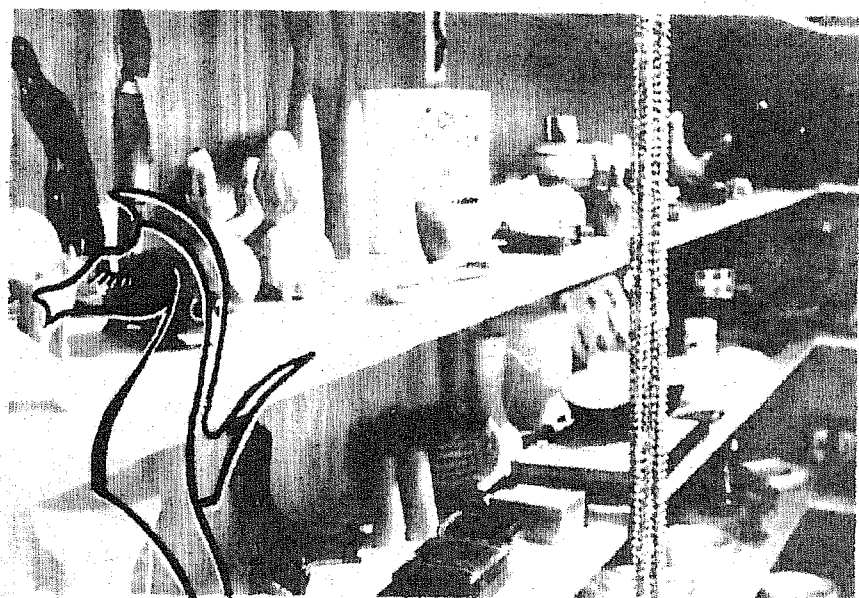
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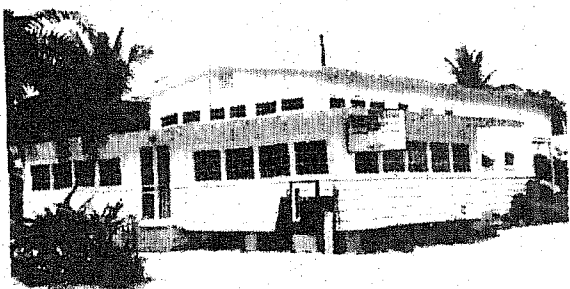
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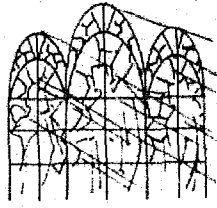


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LEGION NOTES

American Legion Post 123
and the ladies of the Auxiliary
met jointly at the American
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officers which will be preceded
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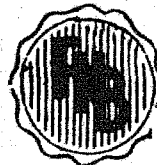
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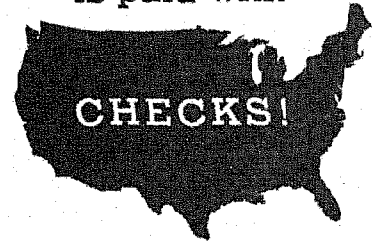
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WHO'S WHO ON SANIBEL

Miss HILDA B. RITTER of North Tarrytown, New York, who has purchased a bayfront lot on Sanibel through the Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate office, was on the Islands one day last week to arrange for the construction of her new home.

Sanibel has become popular with the Girl Scouts. Recently Troop 40 from Vero Beach was at Snook Apartments.

This past week-end Zic Zac was headquarters for Troop 42 of Jacksonville. In spite of the heavy rains, the girls managed to do a little shelling, swimming, hiking and sightseeing. Since the shelling was not all that could be hoped, CAROL NIX presented each of the visiting girls with a collection of shells to take home.

A highlight of their trip was a tour of the MARTINS' home, Gray Gables, the oldest habitable house on Sanibel. PAT and GINGER LINDSEY are members of Troop 42 and daughters of LOUIS and KITTY LINDSEY, longtime friends of TOM and MARY NIX.

The Manse of the Sanibel Community Church was the setting for the marriage on June 7, 1965 of BURTON R. HARTMAN and Miss GERRY BURTON at 10 a.m. performed by Rev. THADDEUS ELMORE ALLEN. The Hartmans are Captiva residents.

MARSHALL and HAZEL TABACCHI are back at their Villa Capri following a recent trip to enjoy a good rest and a spate of Italian gourmet food.

HAL and JOYCE IRWIN are back at their Fenton, Michigan, home but are already homesick for their beloved Sanibel and will be counting weeks 'til they return.

LEE WOOSTER (Mrs. Ward W.), to whom Sanibel was home for many years, is in Leicesters, N.Y., at present, and is out of the hospital and doing fine following a recent serious fall. She plans to return to her Lakeland, Florida, home in the not too distant future.

PRISCILLA MURPHY has a trip planned (around the 20th) to the Yucatan Peninsula in search of additional specimens to add to her collection of shells but while she is away ANNE JORDAN and ROY BAZIRE will be in the office for business as usual and will have Mrs. MATT CLAPP with them as girl Friday.

BOB, KATHERINE and VIRGINIA KLOTZ recently made a trip to Tarpon Springs and adjacent areas and came back to the Islands with many interesting additions. Have you seen their sponges? Intriguing as waste baskets---or to sit a pot plant in for an unusual container.

The home of PHIL and RUTH HUNTER was the scene of great activity one night recently when MARSHALL TABACCHI, NORM CHAMBERS, BOB DORMER and AL MUENCH gathered there to assemble the kneeling benches for the new Catholic Church.

ELSIE MALONE's return to Sanibel the 15th was the beginning of unpacking the loads of specimen shells which she and husband DAN'L had gathered from Atlantic City, N.J., to the Florida Keys. Combining pleasure with business, the whole clan gathered and they enjoyed every minute visiting with all their family and while in and around Baltimore, their former home, had the fun of seeing some old friends too.

While Daddy was loafing, sister was nursing sunburn and Mama was building houses across from the Sea Horse Shop, "SCOTTY" CLARK, ten years old, was on the Government Dock at the lighthouse fishing and really hit the jackpot with a ten and a half pound snook, a five pound redfish, trout, moonfish, sheep-head and ten catfish. Needless to say, sister COLEEN was agog and Mama and Daddy, Major and Mrs. HAROLD CLARK, were admirably proud.

Mrs. MARGARET CRESPO of Joliet, Ill., and daughter Miss MARJORIE CRESPO who shares an apartment in Orlando with the NEWMANS' daughter PEGGY, were on Sanibel recently and went fishing with BILL and KAY NEWMAN aboard JAKE STOKES' boat. Kay caught her first snook and Mrs. Crespo her first---a 14 pounder, 34 inches long. Mrs. Crespo also hooked four tarpon, one a huge fellow, but her line wasn't strong enough to hold him---a pity because she was hoping to bring one in which would out-do the family record now held by her husband who caught a forty inch muskie while fishing in Canada last year.

DANIEL BAZIRE returned to Sanibel this week. He'll be spending the summer in the Grassi cottage on Buttonwood Street in Sanibel Estates.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. CARLOS CARDEZA have returned to their home, The Mooring, on Sanibel and will remain for the summer. With them are their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS R. JAY of Houston.

This is a first Island visit for the Jays and they are looking forward to collecting specimens of marine life for St. John's School, a private school in Houston where Mr. Jay is Professor of Mathematics.

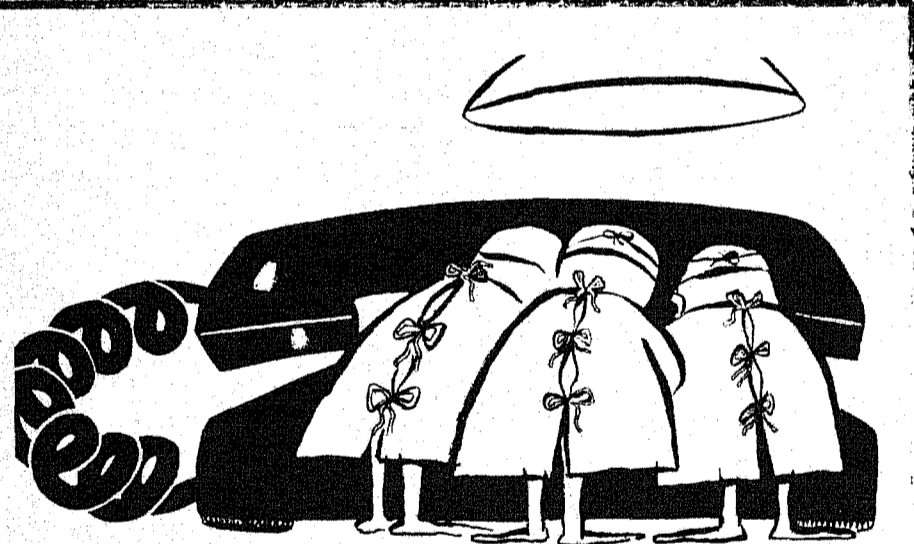
Mrs. Jay was graduated with honors from the University of Houston last week. For some years she has been personal secretary to Mrs. Cardeza who is known professionally as Dr. MARY ELIZABETH SCHLAYNER.

PRISCILLA MURPHY's office has been very active recently, reporting six sales. Mrs. A. CLAY MOLLMAN, formerly CATHRYN KIEWITT, sold her furnished duplex, "Tangelo," in The Colony to Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH MURPHY of Summit, New Jersey, who for many years have vacationed at The Colony. This was the third Colony home sold by Priscilla in the last year. Mr. and Mrs. CHESTER L. KENNEDY of Lockport, Illinois, purchased a bayfront lot in Sanibel Estates from LEONARD KELLER of Coral Gables; Mr. and Mrs. DRAPER DANIELS of Lake Bluff, Illinois, home owners on Sanibel, purchased two lots in Castaways Estates on Clam Bayou from DEAN MITCHELL; Mr. GERALD G. SCHAFFITZEL of Waukesha, Wisconsin, purchased a lot in the Rocks Subdivision from VIRGIL D. BRYANT; Mr. and Mrs. JAMES W. CAKE of Levittown, Penn., purchased a parcel on Gulf Drive in the old LACEY tract from Priscilla Murphy. Finally, Priscilla sold another lot in La Costa Isles Subdivision on La Costa Island, this one to Mr. and Mrs. BYRON L. RICHARDS of Chicago, Ill. May we welcome all the above new property owners to our islands.

GERRY and FLORENCE MARTIN have returned to their Sanibel home 'Gray Gables' after a short visit to Alabama. Grand-daughter ELLEN came with them which will be good news to the younger young ladies on the Islands who always look forward to Ellen's joining them in the fun things to do in the summer.

MORE GRADUATION NOTES

Added to our list of Island graduates are Pearl West and Mozella Jordan, both of whom took night school courses at Dunbar High School in Fort Myers and were awarded their high school diplomas last week.



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WARTIME ON SANIBEL

by ethel sny

Life on Sanibel Island during the war years was very different from the free unrestricted ways of living in peace years. There were not so many of us and there was a group of soldiers quartered in the large beach houses west of Casa Ybel. At night there was a patrol of two men who walked the beach from the light house to the bridge every two hours. Charlotta Matthews at Island Inn set aside a section in one of the large refrigerators in the Inn kitchen for the men on the patrol and it was filled with sandwiches, cookies, milk and cold drinks, and all sorts of goodies for hungry soldiers. The Inn was never locked and they gratefully came in at all hours and helped themselves. We all contributed but the Inn supplied the most.

We residents had to go to army headquarters in Fort Myers and be photographed, finger printed, and identified. Douglas Clapp and I went together for the ordeal. We both looked like we belonged to the Rouge's Gallery by the time we got photographed. Every beach cottage had to cover every window facing the Gulf with black so that not a glimmer of light showed up. There were kerosene lamps in those days so it was not so difficult to shut out the light.

We had some kind of a party for the boys one afternoon each week at the Community House. The younger girls danced, the

music was from the Victrola. We played cards, and all sorts of games. There were some serious conversations. Life on Sanibel was quite a change for those young men that were used to being at home or in a city. Of course the refreshments were always enthusiastically received and they were varied and ample.

Charlotta Matthews was the head of our war effort on the Island and she reported every incident to the lighthouse or Bailey's Store. Both of these places had direct contacts on the mainland. There were many interesting incidents but the most exciting of all happened to me.

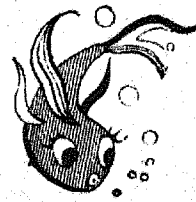
One evening when it was just getting dark I had driven home, had put the car in the garage and took the cocker, Dolly Varden, down to the beach to see the last rosy glow from the sun set. It was almost dark and I was looking west at the last faint light. Suddenly --- and without any sound, I saw an oil barge blow up. Tugs were constantly towing strings of oil barges in the waters off Sanibel. Several times we had seen periscopes of German submarines come to the surface off shore. Close in too. But nothing had ever happened. But this time it had happened in a big way! Almost stunned I could hardly think! But at once I realized that I should report to Charlotta and she would get in

touch with the Army post. So I got my car out and drove quickly to the Inn and told Charlotta that I had seen a

German submarine blow up an oil tanker on the horizon beyond. It was dark by that time and there was nothing apparent now in that direction. Since my car was there, at the Rocks, and the motor going, Charlotta asked me to go and report. Douglas Clapp went with me and I never got to the lighthouse as quickly as that trip. I shouted to the soldier who came rushing down the lighthouse stairs. He had a telescope and went back up and we drove home.

We found out when we got back that right after we had gone the whole barge burst into fire and floated past the Inn. It was still a terrific fire when it reached the lighthouse. We never heard anything about it, but of course to blow up and destroy the oil barges was at all times an objective of the Germans.

So living on an Island outpost during the war was exciting and there was never a dull moment!



RIP VAN WINKLE

by carol nix

Recently the members of the fifth and sixth grade class in the Sanibel Elementary School gave a play to the first, second, third and fourth grades.

It was a version of Rip Van Winkle after his slumber, written by Becky Miller. Janet Wooster starred as Rip Van Winkle and Carol Nix was his wife Sip Van Winkle. Jeanne Wooster was Bessy Van Winkle, Kitty Gesser was Susan Van Winkle and Roger Carlin starred as Junior Van Winkle. Bonnie Brown was the Queen and Donna Wiles the King. Jeanne Wooster was also Witch Hazel the 14th, Joan Miller was the witch's stolen daughter, Minx, Becky Miller played the role of Granny, the witch's mother and was also narrator. The Winkle family was quite a sight to behold with patches, rips, holes, and soot covering their clothes. Rip Van Winkle and Junior were supposed to be very stupid.

The play turned out to be quite a comedy and everybody enjoyed it thoroughly.

ON BUILDING BIGGER BIRD BATHS

Noted the new and larger bird bath in front of Priscilla Murphy's office and learned that it was not a terrific influx of additional feathered friends but the size of the regular visitors who may be observed about five o'clock every evening cavorting there. A mother hawk and her young one come regularly to bathe. We are sure it is a mother hawk because the young one sits and watches her and ever so often screams "Ma." The mother hawk was so violent with her ablutions that she knocked over the original bath and broke it so the new one is set four inches in the ground and is cemented together to withstand her onslaughts. Bird lovers might like to stop by and invade her privacy--- doesn't seem to perturb her in the least.

SHELL CLUB

The Board of Directors of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club met at the home of Mrs. Harvey Meyer, president, Thursday evening, May 27. After a tour of the Meyers' new shell house, where one corner has been set aside as a library for Shell Club books, the members looked over the history book which has been kept up to date by Bernice McCaul, historian. The board voted to make Charlotta Mathews an honorary member in recognition of her work through the years in furthering interest in shells and shelling. Mrs. Elizabeth Adler, program chairman, is hard at work getting together a complete schedule for the season which will open in November.

If you would like to join the Shell Club as a new member just contact Edie Mugridge and she will supply the necessary form. Your membership will be appreciated. Other members attending were Dorothy Jeremiasen, secretary; Mary Purdy, hostess chairman for Sanibel and Mary Nix, publicity chairman.

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FISHING FOR SHADOWS-PART II by henry nielson

Deceptively motionless he again sailed right over the bait after smelling it cautiously, only to make a great circle and come back to investigate the tidbit. This time he picked it up...another eternity before he attempted to swallow it. Gerald stood transfixed looking down at the moving shadow, his feet planted far apart, ready for the impact that was sure to follow. The line tightened slowly as the big fish started to move away from the ship, I suddenly noticed Gerald was trying to get a turn of the line around his arm. I knew what that would mean. I made a mad dash over to him hollering excitedly for him to let go of the line, but we were both too late, for by now the fish must have felt the sting of the sharp hook, and with his oversized tail slapped the water in an enormous splash that completely covered us both with a shower of spray. The line parted as if it were a 10 pound thread, Gerald tumbled backward taking me along in his fall, that landed us in the dishpan full of dirty dishes that he had neglected to wash after supper. The noise was devastating as the dishes flew in all directions and be-

fore the echo had died away, Bill came running upon deck, clad only in his shorts. "What in tarnation are you two dam fools up to?" He angrily asked. "I thought we had struck a mine or something."

After picking ourselves up from the deck amongst the broken dishes, we explained about the monster that had caused the accident. "Well just don't stand there and look stupid, get a heavier line and a chain, we will tie it to the winch and I will show you how to get the son-of-a-gun."

In a flash Gerald was back with another line and a fresh bait. The line at ready, we all watched intensely as the "Thing" moved in again. "Heave ho, let er go" hollered Bill at the top of his voice, as he swung the stout manila rope with the chain over his head, sending it over the shadow.

Excitement mounted again as we watched the dark shadow come gliding in to the bait. As before, it hesitated while inspecting the bait, then made another turn around the "Ranger." Once again he moved toward the lure...for a split second he stood over the four-five pound of Grouper...then he grabbed it...The issuing shower that followed his departure left the three of us standing open-mouthed and soaking wet. With a two foot of one inch manila dangling from the rigging, the mast of the "Ranger" shook like some giant hand had bent it to the water and then let go again.

Gerald and I wanted to try it again with still heavier rope, but Bill said "No use, it won't be back." He was right, although we looked for him for quite sometime, he never did reappear.

"Bill, what kind of a monster do you think it was?" I asked, "Oh that! That was a small Hammerhead. We used them for bait when we fished for BIG fish in Haiti," he said as he went back to his interrupted sleep.

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WHO'S WHO ON CAPTIVA

This is a far cry from a week ago--the chorus now sings, Rain, Rain go away--- we have had it! (Ed. note-Yes, but it's good for us!)

Miss ANN BAILEY and two girls from Arizona drove from Tucson to Clearwater, Florida, in three days. Ann came on to visit her grandmother on Captiva for a week, Mrs. BAILEY and her granddaughter will leave for Illinois and Michigan on Wednesday. Ann spent her spring vacation on the Island a year ago, and enjoyed herself so much that she drove 2100 miles for a few more swims in the Gulf.

Mr. EMMETT BUTTERFIELD and his granddaughter, JUDY, are back on Captiva for a week or so. Judy's mother will arrive tomorrow and they will motor back north together.

LARRY GAVIN is so elated over the American Legion Merit Award presented him at the close of the school year that the broken wrist he suffered later isn't nearly as hard to bear.

Mr. and Mrs. T.M. BOLGER of Miami Beach have chosen a very bad weather week to visit our beautiful Island for the first time. However, they are sticking it out for a complete week at Mid-Island Cottages and loving every minute of it.

Other guests this week are Mr. and Mrs. ALLEN SAUSKER with their two daughters, ALIN

ANN and SUSAN. Alin Ann has just completed her first year at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks and Susan will be a senior in Westhope, North Dakota, high school where her father has a hardware store.

Accompanying them are Mrs. SOFUS SAUSKER, mother of ALLEN and MARGUERITE FLORES, and Mrs. CLIFFORD JOHNSON, mother of Allen's wife ADELINE.

Mr. & Mrs. PARKER MILLS are adding to their home. Two bedrooms with a bath in-between are in the making.

Mr. & Mrs. ALVIN BLANK, Jr., with their five lovely daughters, have come to live on Captiva for a few weeks. We are so happy to have you all here to bulge the population on our charming little street, Palm Avenue.

Mrs. MARGIE SPANG arrived back on Captiva last night. She was brought in by BUDDY BOBST in the Sea Plane. Margie started working at the Nutmeg House last Saturday.

MIKE D. STEHANO and his fishing partner are back at the Shannon Cottages for another round of fishing. Weather is not too promising, but good luck.



COVERED DISH SUPPER

A pleasant time was enjoyed by all who attended the covered dish supper Tuesday night at the Sanibel Community House. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Snook and Mrs. Delmar Reynolds were hosts.

At the business meeting which followed, Mrs. Tom Nix, president, announced that the Board of Directors had elected Mrs. Russell Rupert to fill the secretarial vacancy and Mr. E.B. Bryant to fill the vacancy on the Board.

The following committee chairmen have accepted appointment by the Board. Mrs. Ken Walters is in charge of membership as well as the activity book. Mr. John Ridge will serve as chairman for the

live exhibit at the 1966 Shell Fair and Mrs. John Ridge will head the Driftwood Shop.

Mrs. Nix announced that a donation of \$50.00 had been voted toward the base for the Robert E. Lee Memorial.

A letter from Ted Randell, member of the House of Representatives, pertaining to the naming of the new bridge spanning the Caloosahatchee was read.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Keevil were welcomed. Although they joined the association last year, this was the first time they'd had an opportunity to attend.

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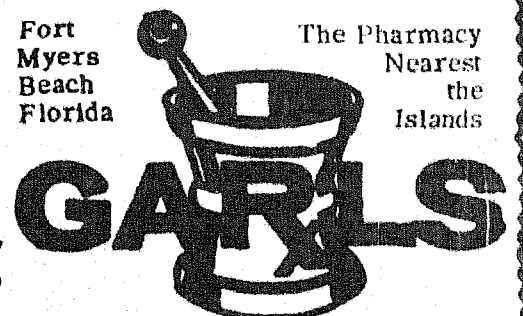
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and RON BELL. The boys came over by boat and then explored the Island by foot.

Last Wednesday night, PHIL DANN and Steve Younger came over with several others in a car loaded with watermelon and cokes for a beach party. The party turned out very well with the exception of SANDY watermelons!

Well, it seems as if we're losing most of our teenagers--- for a while, anyway. DEBBIE McQUADE, SUSIE AMON, JANIE HINES and PAM HOLTZMAN are off with Mrs. Holtzman to the mountains in South Carolina. The group plans to spend about ten days in the Fontana Resort, riding horses, swimming and probably going on an excursion up in the mountains.



Last week there were quite a few teenagers on Sanibel representing Fort Myers, TOM NOBEL, ANDY BOWERS, JAMES and MARVIN STRICKLAND and MARY ANN CRERLOR came over for a Sunday afternoon at Bowman's Beach of fishing and swimming.

Also over for a Sunday afternoon were JAMES HAYNERS

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