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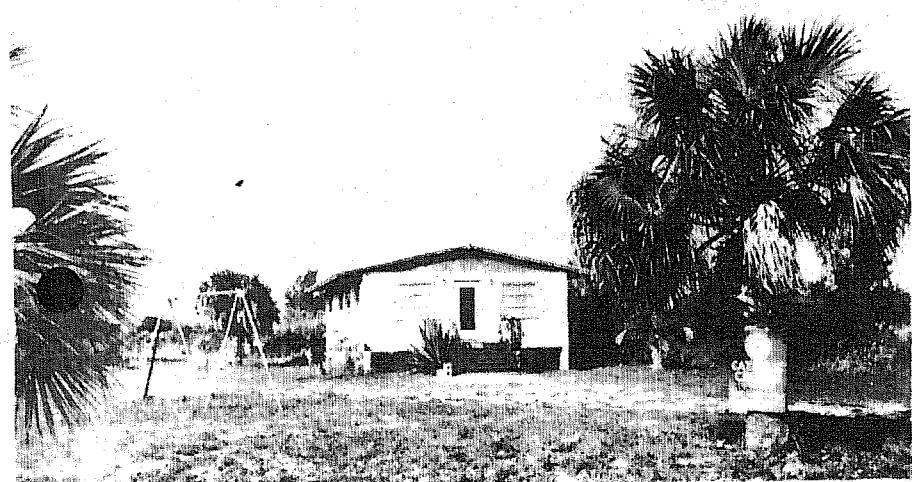
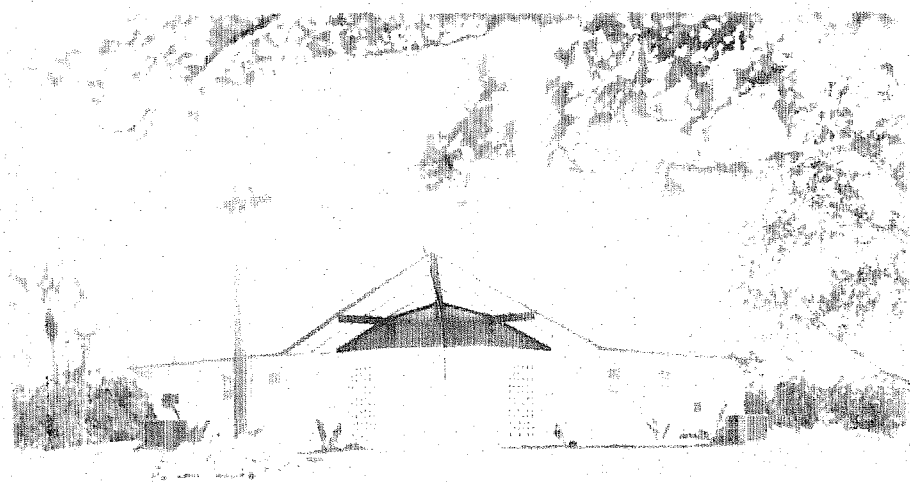


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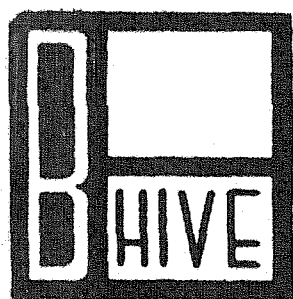
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Sincerely, /s/ Mary Nix."

FISH FRY A-COMING

This week-end will find members of the American Legion Post 123 busy with preparations for making everything ready for their annual 4th of July Fish Fry. Buttonwood which sends its smoke curling up and around to give the fish that special flavor must be gathered. All the cooking equipment must be prepared and John Ridge, Post Commander advises that all available Post members will be pitching in.

For this year's special innovation, a show of shells owned by Islanders, ladies who will be on duty as hostesses include Mary Cunningham, Pearl Stokes, Elsie Malone and Dody Booth.

Karen Booth and Carol Nix will serve as Poppy girls and will see that you have one of these colorful posies which help remind us of the red American blood that has flowed to make ours a free nation.

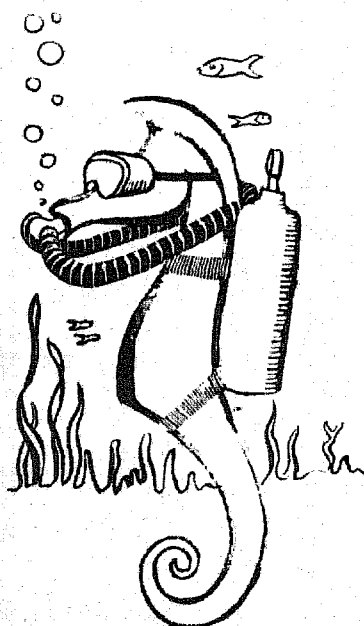
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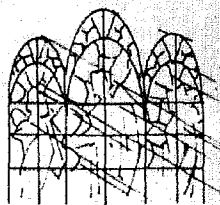
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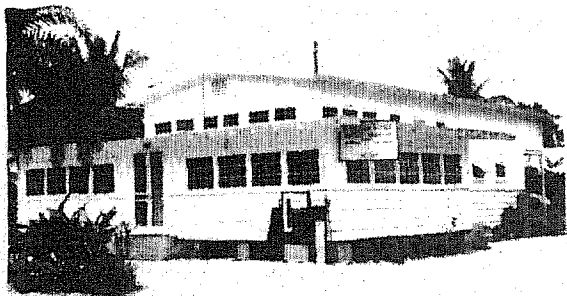
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(6:30 - 8:00)**WHO'S WHO ON SANIBEL**

HAZEL ROBERTS learned in a missive from WILLIS and OPAL COMBS that Opal had a fall on a sidewalk the 13th and fractured her knee cap. This has involved the wearing of a cast and hobbling about with crutches, which doesn't suit Opal at all because it interferes with her gardening.

On Sanibel for the week-end were CHARLES and JANE RHODES with their children, CARRIE, EARL and WAYNE, as guests of the ALLEN NAVE family. Their many friends enjoyed visiting with them even tho' they'd have liked for them to have had time for a longer stay, but all too soon time came for them to return to Bradenton where they are now making their home. We'll all hope you can make it down again soon.

The L.G. RHODES family, The BOB SABATINO family and The CHARLES LeBUFF family recently went to Fisheating Creek for a week's camping trip, planning to fish, swim and have a general good time. The fish weren't too cooperative but all went well until the rain started coming down in torrents, which ended the camping but was so welcome that nobody complained, and, as L.G. put it, "We did have a really good time the first four days, especially the children."

ALLEN and GOLDIE NAVE, with their children CHUCK, CURTIS and YVONNE, accompanied by ARTHUR GIBSON enjoyed a week-end spent at Weeki-Watchee Springs where they saw the under-water show.

LANORA MORGAN, Miami school teacher and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. ROMINE, will be with them on Sanibel for a few days before starting out on a 'round the world trip which will begin at San Francisco-on to Hawaii and eventually end in New York.

One of her stops will be in Beirut, where she plans to visit the JAMES EVANS family and where the Romines' other daughter CINDY (Mrs. SALAH HAMDOKH) of Amman Jordan will join her for a visit.

FRED and ANNETTE THOMPSON, with their small son RALPH, were guests of TOM and MARY NIX for a surprise visit the past week. Annette is Mary's sister and it was their first trip to the Island in six years. Their home is in Portland, Texas, but they own Sanibel property and plan to eventually have a home here. Their visit was brief but they promise not to wait another six years before coming back for a longer stay.

BILL and KAY NEWMAN enjoyed a week-end visit with their daughter, Mrs. PEGGY KELLY of Orlando, who brought her friend, Mrs. LILLIAN BUSH, down for a sample of Sanibel.

EDMOND G. "PAT" KONRAD graduated from Virginia Episcopal School, Lynchburg, Va., on June 4, 1965. Pat excelled in history with a high score of 93 for the year. He also participated in the arts while at school, winning the Drama Award during his junior year and had one of his paintings shown in The Lynchburg Art Center in 1965. His parents attended the graduation exercises and then motored to Nashville, Tenn., to look around the University of Vanderbilt campus, where Pat will enter this fall.

To the Islander:

Yes, please renew our subscription to the "Islander."

We read it avidly. We haven't been down since the bridge was finished and do so hope your lovely islands won't be overrun by the unappreciative.

Sincerely

/s/ Johanne C. Pride
Manhasset, New York

The Seven Seas Gift Shop set sail on May 17 with Captain PAUL and First Mate IRENE aboard. The "welcome aboard" sign is always out for friends and Island visitors, who find a lot of surprises when they walk up the gangplank over the moat and enter to admire the pegwood floors, the striking interior decor and the very unusual lamp fixtures.

The hundreds of people visiting the shop have welcomed the Captain and First Mate to the Islands and wish them every success. The ADAMSES said they feel they already belong to the Islands, even though they have been here only a short time.

A formal opening is being planned for fall.

LOIS VANARSDALL is back at home at The Rocks following her recent operation and although she's looking fine and feeling well on the mend, it will be a while before she'll be out trudging the mud flats again. Husband VAN has taken over the job of chief cook, housekeeper, nurse and keeper of the beasties, PEPPER, their spaniel, and their big black fluffy kitty cat, and is doing a very creditable job.

WEREN'T YOU FASCINATED

To read in the News Press that when County Commissioner Bruce Scott needed some money to remove dead pine trees from county right of way in Boca Grand, he was offered \$2,500 by County Commissioner P.A. Geraci from Geraci's "unused fund for improvements at Turner Beach" ... and that the offer was accepted by Mr. Scott who said "That's what I call a real bit of statesmanship."

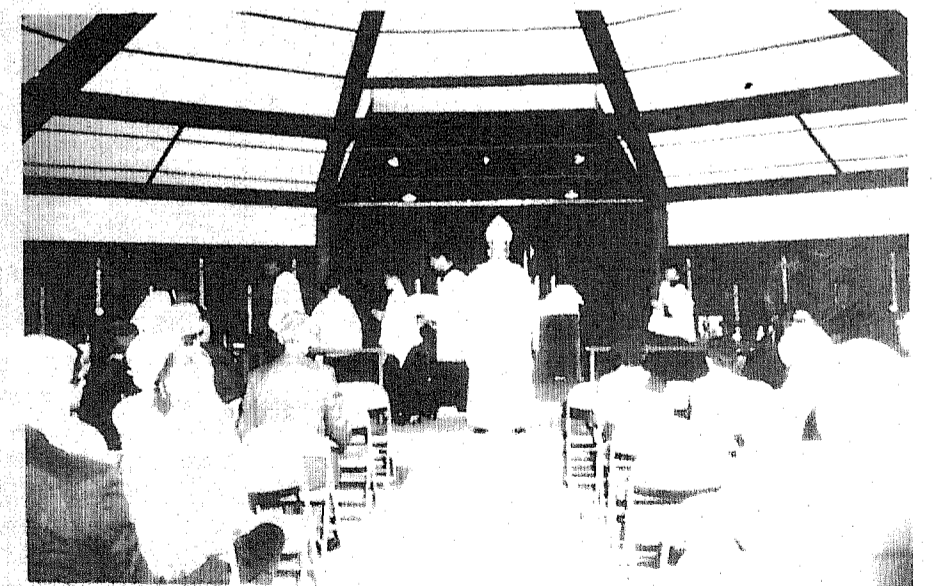
Now, evidently, all we have to learn is the definition of statesmanship. Mr. Webster must have been wrong when he defined it as "skill in managing public affairs."



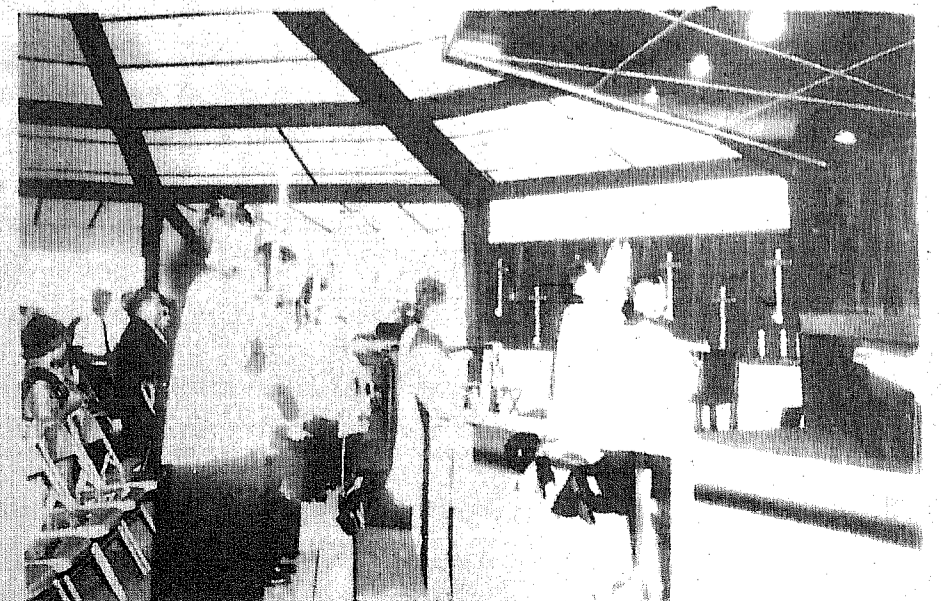
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County Commissioner P.A. Geraci, Mrs. Geraci and contractor Ed Legel at the church dedication.



His Excellency Coleman F. Carroll, Bishop of Miami, and part of the dedication ceremony.



Bishop Carroll addressing the assembly.



The First Mass.

**SHELLING
IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS!**
by ethel snyder

The beaches of Sanibel Island in the Gulf of Mexico off the southwest coast of Florida are considered among the world's finest for collecting shells. In fact it is listed as one of three best in the world. The Island curves from east to west like a crescent moon with the outside bulge towards the south. Tides and currents deposit sea shells along its fifteen miles of south beach in great profusion and variety. Conchologists for years have come to Sanibel to collect. And the Islanders themselves have assembled beautiful individual collections. Storms and cold snaps and more especially a northwest blow are what make for good shelling.

There are several methods of shelling. The most popular and easiest is to walk the beach on the Gulf side with a basket

or bag and select from what has washed in. Some prefer to explore the high tide line first, others like the water's edge. And there is generally a generous sprinkling of shells on the white sand inbetween.

Then there is dredging. A party of four or five at the most go out in a cabin cruiser to reefs about twelve miles off Sanibel. The cruiser is equipped with a dredge. This is an all day trip and is both strenuous and expensive. It is nearly always choppy about these reefs. A shovel full from the bottom of the Gulf is deposited on a table on deck and shellers take turns in going through this smelly conglomeration to uncover the shells brought in. Sometimes they do very well, sometimes not so well, but it is always exciting and fun. Many creatures are brought up, and a bucket of sea water is filled with hairy purple star fish, sometimes one of the amazing basket star fish,

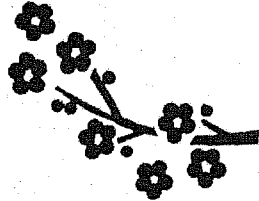
sea horses, and many unbelievable oddities of sea life living in the tropical waters. Many winter visitors enjoy these dredging parties.

There is another kind of collecting at Tarpon Bay or in the several inlets. One must wear old beach shoes and be prepared to wade. In Tarpon Bay at low tide when the mud flats are exposed many species can be collected. And often one can get a good mess of live scallops. These are smaller and more tender than northern scallops. And there are oyster beds. Clusters of coon oysters can be seen fastened to old pilings on a tumble down dock or to roots of mangrove trees. Tiny sea horses are seen among the eel grass. One can locate the large clams for clam chowder by wading

with bare feet.

Several years ago for three days and nights a severe north-wester had been churning the Gulf of Mexico into roaring high seas. The thermometer dropped to forty which is quite cold for Sanibel. Biting winds and heavy rains had made it highly uncomfortable for humans, but perfect conditions were shaping up for shelling. Everyone kept indoors hovering close to log fires or kerosene heaters or what have you. But the bolder ones at times ventured down to the beach to see what was washing in and to report on tides and seas. As the Gulf calmed down somewhat on the third day it seemed certain that after the high tide had receded the following morning there

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**LEGION AND AUXILIARY
OFFICERS INSTALLED**

Velna Ridge, with the assistance of Carol Nix, used native greenery twined with poppys to provide a beautiful background for the buffet dinner last Friday at the Legion home which preceded ceremonies at which the officers of both Post and Auxiliary were installed for the coming year.

Auxiliary officers installed by Mrs. J.P. Magee, District President, are: Mary Nix, President; Velna Ridge, Vice President; Mary Purdy, Secretary; Dorothy Jeremiassen, Treasurer; Eula Rhodes, Chaplain and Sgt. at Arms and Margaret Upshaw, Historian.

Post officers installed by Jack Wilkin, District Commander, are: John Ridge, Commander; Joe Wightman, 1st Vice Commander; Ray Booth, 2nd Vice Commander; Ken Bryant, Adjutant; Tom Nix, Finance Officer; Glen Rhodes, Chaplain; Allen Nave, Service Officer; Ken Carper, Sgt. at Arms and Hap Payne, Historian.

Many good friends from other Posts and Auxiliaries in the 8th District were welcomed for the occasion.

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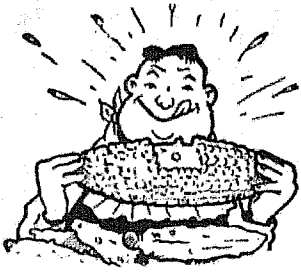
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by
viki way

Mr. and Mrs. GOGOLIN have two guests for the summer, their nephews, RICK and HERB STOER of Leesburg, Fla. Also visiting the Island, but just for a day, was their sister, WENDY STOER. Wendy had to get back home to attend the "Rocking Chair Dude Ranch Camp," but she hopes to return later in the summer. The boys will be working at the Island Inn and Casa Ybel for the last two months of the summer.

After a two week tour of Florida, LARRY and JUNIOR

HESTON and their parents decided to take a rest and just take it easy here, staying at the Gulf Breeze. Larry and Junior, who are from Gallatin, Tenn., occupied their time by fishing for the first few days until there was a slight mishap. Junior snagged a porpoise, which, needless to say, broke his pole and put an end to their fishing until the next trip.

BILL and JACK HIGHTOWER, who were staying at the Periwinkle Trailer Park, spent a week of scuba diving in the waters around Sanibel. The boys said they really enjoyed the warm waters, a little different from where they live in Newtown Square, Penn.

Staying at Casa Ybel were JOHN BRUNDAGE and TIM MITCHELL of Pompano Beach. Both boys are very frequent visitors. Also staying at Casa Ybel for a week was STEVE CUMBAA from Leesburg, Fla.



WHO'S WHO ON CAPTIVA

WILLIAM J. MacKENZIE

William J. MacKenzie of Captiva Island and Ridgefield, Conn., died June 12 in Ridgefield. Funeral services were held at Lake Forest, Illinois. Mr. MacKenzie was past president of the Board of the Chapel by the Sea and was also active in the Captiva Island Community Association. We will miss him and our sympathy is extended to Mrs. MacKenzie and family.

Word has it that HENRY NIELSON is building a dream home in Port Salerno near Stuart. Mrs. Nielson will arrive in Florida from New Jersey when the house is finished. Said she wouldn't live with him without a house--- Having two boats and only one motor is bad enough, but having two boats and one motor and one husband and no house is worse.

Secretary of State Tom Adams announced the commissioning of WILLIAM C. SHANNON, Captiva Island, Florida, as Member, Captiva Island Fire Control Board, Lee County.

Secretary of State Tom Adams announced the commissioning of PAUL F. EVERETT, Jr., Captiva, Florida, as Member, Board of Commissioners, Captiva Erosion Prevention District, Lee County.

There has been much excitement at the "Eagle's Nest" this week when Mrs. EUGENIE W. LIVAUDAIS, the daughter of Mrs. W. HORACE WILLIAMS, Mrs. LARRY HOIT, Mrs. Williams's granddaughter and KRISTEN HOIT, her great granddaughter, of Ridgefield, Conn., came down to beautiful Captiva Island for a four generation rendezvous. A special trip was made into Fort Myers for picture taking to record the very happy occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. HERVEY ROBERTS are enjoying a visit from Hazel's brother's daughters, Mrs. DAN VanROSS of Pensacola, Florida, and Miss MARY ANN SIEVERS of Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is their first visit and wouldn't you know it --- Hervey had to show off by finding a Junonia right in his own front yard. It wasn't alive, but almost perfect.

Mrs. GEORGE T. EAGER, who has been first in the hospital and then in the Hillhaven Home in Sarasota since early April, is now well enough to travel. Mrs. Eager will go to Chicago with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. DEKNATEL, and will be at 1310 Ritchie Court in that city for two or three weeks. Mrs. Eager would like to thank all her dear friends via the Islander for their cheery cards and letters, and to say that she hopes to return to our Island paradise next October. Thank you for this very good news, HELEN; we are thankful for your recovery.

Now that school is out, KAREN BOOTH is putting out her shingle as a baby sitter. All who know Karen would agree she would make an excellent one. Should you be interested call GR 2-3801.

EDDIE BALLINGER is sporting a brand new Honda 50. This was earned partly by bringing up his grades, but the balance he will earn as a cutter of lawns during the summer. Take care Ed --- remember what you have can be not only a convenience but sometimes a dangerous weapon. May all your memories of it be happy ones.

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT P. MELIN of Naples, Florida, spent their honeymoon at Mid-Island this week. It was their first visit to the Islands and, as so often happens, it was love at first sight. Mr. Melin is a highway patrol officer out of Naples.

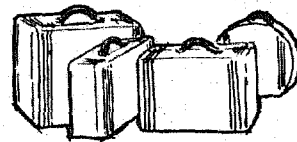
AUBERY SOUTHWARD has been doing a bang-up job on the fogger. After the good rains, the little biting beasts really took over. After months of absence during the dry season, the little pests seemed more hungry than ever. Now with nightly spraying and spraying both by fogger and airplane Saturday morning at five, our beautiful Island is serene once again.

MARY CUNNINGHAM came up with a good idea this week when she suggested we not become careless in referring to our Island as just Captiva. It is truly "Captiva Island" and we should continue to give it this atmospheric and informative name in all our correspondence and address returns.

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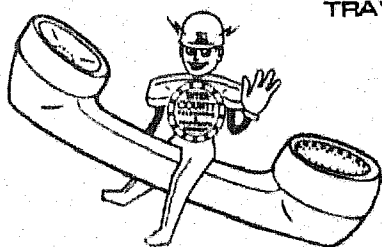
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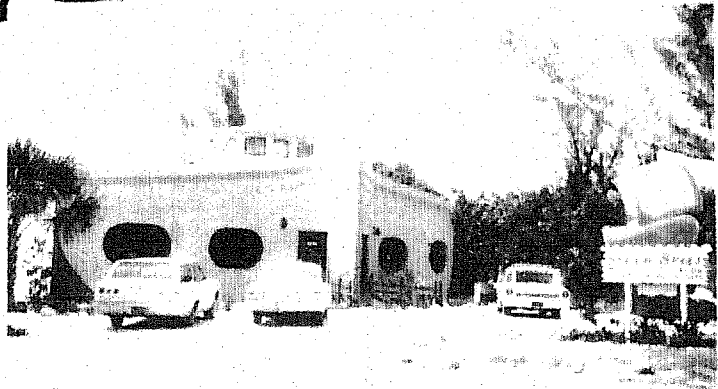
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ought to be heaps of shells. And of course everyone wanted to be out early before they were picked over.

So, Miss Emma Elliott (she was my paying guest from Lake George, New York,) and I decided to get up before day light and go without breakfast to our favorite beach called the Rocks. It is nearly two miles west of Island Inn where the land juts out in such a way there is unusually good collecting there. There is a wide stretch of sandy beach and at very low tide great slabs of coral rock are exposed hence its name, "The Rocks!"

It was still dark when I

got up the next morning. The cottage was icy cold. The kerosene heater did not make much impression on the atmosphere so I dressed quickly in my warmest clothes. The cocker spaniel, Dolly Varden, rolled sleepily out of her blanket and blinked at me to see what I could be doing at such an hour. And Miss Emma, who the night before had agreed we could go without breakfast called from her room, obviously still in bed, that it was foolish to go without eating on such a cold morning. One didn't do so well on an empty stomach! And as she was a guest at my cottage I prepared our usual breakfast.

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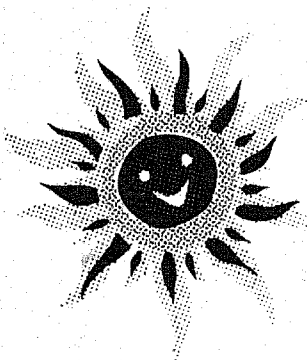
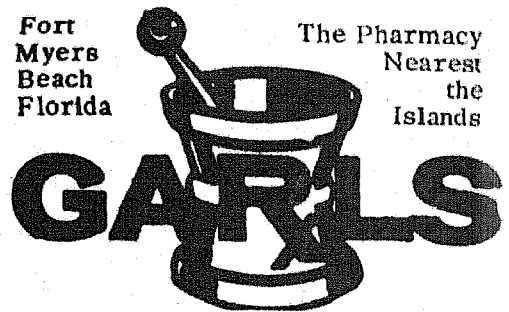
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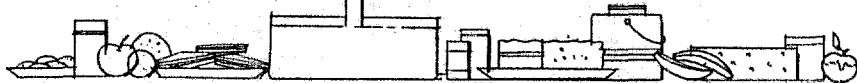
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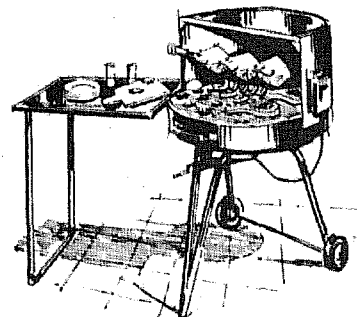
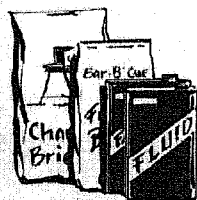


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