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Bring a good appetite when you come to the American Legion Home on Labor Day to enjoy the annual Fish Fry and Shrimp Boil given by the Sanibel-Captiva Post with the assistance of the Ladies of the Auxiliary. They'll also have their famous hush-puppies and the ladies will make and serve baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw and sauce. Price: Adults \$1.50, Children under 12, 75¢. A variety of beverages will be available. Serving starts at 12 noon and will continue, as always, 'til they run out of either food or people to serve. The Auxiliary will also feature their "Umbrella Booth"-no umbrellas for sale, but all sorts of shell and driftwood articles, home-baked bread, cakes and pies, stuffed toys and many other items.

## OCTOPUS REPORT

Edward A. Schumann, M.D., recently wrote a very interesting letter to a medical journal reporting a painful encounter with an octopus. Dr. Schumann is known by many Islanders, has been a judge at the Shell Fair---and was able to report on being bitten by an octopus by the (unintentional) efforts of fair workers, who presented the good doctor with the many-legged critter. Since this was a Sanibel octopus (which gives a local tie-in to the story) we're reprinting the letter.

"A small common octopus (*Octopus joubini*) is occasionally washed ashore in considerable numbers on the Sanibel Island, Florida, beaches and shell collectors are wont to toss them back into the sea to save them from dying in the sun.

"Wishing to preserve a specimen of this octopus for later study, I placed one in a pail of sea water and later transferred it to a jar of preservative fluid. During the transfer, the creature bit me on the middle finger. The bite was sharp and there was a little bleeding, amounting to several drops of blood.

"Almost immediately there developed the most excruciating pain which rapidly became almost intolerable. In a few hours the finger was greatly swollen, indurated and hard and deep red in color. By next morning, the entire hand was swollen, red and very painful. After a few days there occurred some little discharge of a white, sticky fluid, not pus, from the site of the bite, which ceased after two days. The swelling and induration gradually subsided until now, two months later, there remains only a slight induration of the terminal phalanx and several enlarged lymph nodes in the elbow and axilla. There was never any evidence of bacterial invasion or infection, only an extreme degree of cellulitis.

"There were no systemic reactions except for a mild elevation of temperature for several days.

"Treatment consisted of immediate alcohol dressing to the wound, antihistamine and penicillin internally and frequent soaking in epsom salt solution.

"I was greatly alarmed by this occurrence, being aware of the lethal properties of the octopus's molluscan relatives, the venomous cones, and by the lack of information available at the time concerning the nature of octopus venom. Later learned that the octopus, upon biting its prey (usually small crabs or fishes), injects a venom secreted by its salivary glands to kill the victim and with this a digestive fluid to break up the tissues so that the softened material may be sucked into the octopus's small mouth.

"There is one report of a death from an octopus bite, that of a man who was bitten on the neck and died a few hours later apparently from the effects of neurotoxin. The above case is reported at the suggestion of Dr. R. Tucker Abbott, who felt that it should be recorded both by reason of its unusualness and as a warning that these apparently innocuous little creatures may not be handled with impunity."



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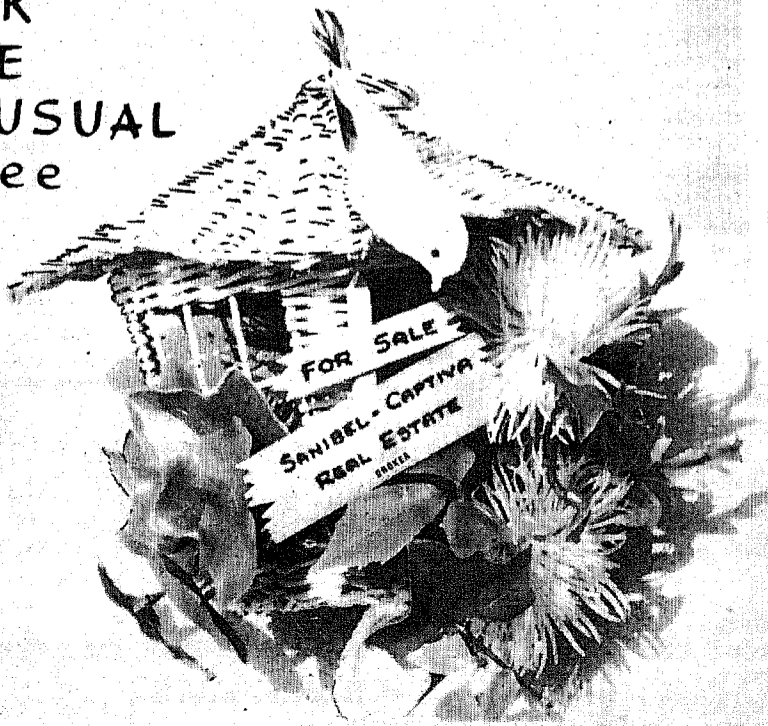
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5 Sun	7:53	10:53	2:19	3:43
6 Mon	9:22	11:25	3:46	4:38
7 Tues	10:22	11:53	4:39	5:20
8 Wed	11:02	...	5:19	5:54
9 Thurs	12:18	11:47a	5:52	6:22
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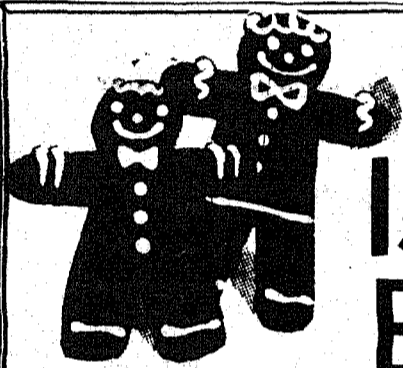
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MARY CUNNINGHAM received a letter from MARGARET UPSHAW, (manager of Oster's Cottages on Sanibel) this week from Santa Claus land. She is calling all boys and girls who are interested in sending a letter to Santa Claus to contact Mary Cunningham and Mary in turn will get the message to Margaret in Lapland. Margaret says she never imagined there could be so many raindeer. She is really having a wonderful and varied vacation trip.

Mr. and Mrs. PERRY BONE are back safe and sound from their trip to Alaska. Although they were awed by the beauty and immensity of the glaciers in that new state of our Union, the scenery that really appealed to them was on the north side of Lake Superior along the Kingsway in Canada. Turning southward at Sault Saint Marie, Michigan, Perry and Pauline stopped off for a few days in Brevort, Michigan, to visit friends. In Ohio they picked up Pauline's mother, Mrs. DAISY KROUSKOP, and drove up to see their neice LAURA LEE, now Mrs. JAMES NELSON BROWN, III.

A group of Captives had a real thrill the other day when PRISCILLAMURPHY took them for a ride in her latest purchase---an Amphicar---It was a bit wierd to see a group of friends start out on the causeway in this nifty little rig and then head directly into the Bay, then to return, thank goodness, safe and sound. By the big smile on Priscilla's face as she maneuvers this new toy, you can just bet she has other designs for it besides using it for business, yes?

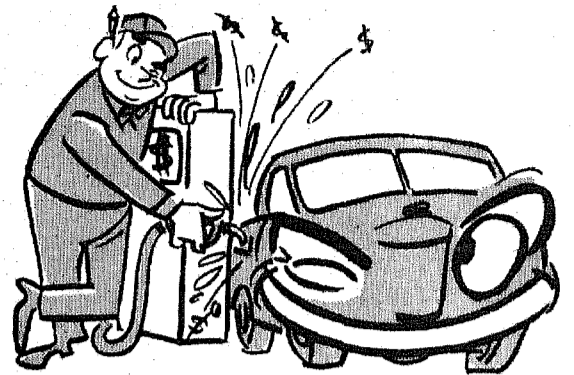
This is the last chance you get to be reminded of the Labor Day Fish Fry put on by the Sanibel-Captiva American Legion Post #123 on Monday. Serving will begin at noon at the Legion Home. All who have had the experience of being present at one of these deliciously prepared meals, so well handled by our Legion men, will not want to pass it by.

It is sad we will be to see the doors closed at our Little Island Store for the next few weeks, but happy to know that the reason is a well deserved vacation planned by its owner, PARKER MILLS, and his good wife, PIN. Their destination--the Cayman Islands in the Caribbean.

For those who might have missed the news---the hours have been changed to 2 to 3 p.m. on Monday and Thursday for the picking up of liquid spray for mosquitoes at the Fire Station on Sanibel. The spray, obtained by the Chamber of Commerce through the Lee County Mosquito Control, is 60¢ a gallon.

Mr. & Mrs. W.H. WILLIAMS and their children just concluded a wonderful week visiting at the Eagle's Nest with mother and grandmother, Mrs. W. HORACE WILLIAMS. While here they made their headquarters in the Sparks home on the Bay.

As of Saturday Mrs. ELIZABETH ADLER took off for New Orleans to spend a week with her daughter and son, RUTH and PAUL, and her little granddaughter, TIFFANY.



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The Rev. TAD ALLEN of the Sanibel Community Church dropped a very newsy note to Mrs. J.P. GLASS of Sanibel, which, as he said, puts the Allens' summer together as of a couple of weeks ago.

Starting at the beginning of the summer, he wrote, "We went at once to my sister's lovely home in the Pennsylvania hills. She was vacationing in Mexico, but left us the key. We had ten very quiet days there, feasting on corn from the garden, bibb lettuce and fresh peaches.

"Up to Cazenovia, and then BOBBIE had many exams, tests, X-rays, etc. 'No drastic surgery on the abdominal aorta. Instead, minor surgery to remove a nerve from her left foot to relieve the pain caused by faulty circulation.' That was wonderful lift!

"We spent the weekend of August 8 with W. and OPAL COMBS, staying in their cottage on Cayuga Lake. I preached in the country church where they go in summer. Opal had a real seige with her leg, but now her cast is off---leg good as new.

"Then back again to my sister's for a brief reunion with her and my Kansas City brother.

"Bobbie left Wednesday (August 18) for her Canadian visit and the annual family reunion. I'm holing up in Cazenovia. She goes to surgery September 10."

Mrs. MARIE J. STREET, who has spent some delightful Sanibel vacations with MARY and LEW FUNK at Gulf Breeze, sent the news to her hosts that she had won two blue first prize ribbons in a county fair held in her hometown, Mount Holly, New Jersey. Both ribbons are directly traceable to Sanibel, as she won one for her shell pictures and jewelry; the other for her three shell tables. She was elated with her success, but saddened by the fact that

she wouldn't be able to visit the Islands this season. She said she hoped to be able to get here the following year but in the meantime, asked the Funks to "kiss the sand of Sanibel for me; I love that little Island so very much." Mrs. Street also sent Mary and Lew a very attractive shell picture (which they have displayed in their living room) that is very much like her prize winning creation.

Mrs. RUBY NEWTON and her daughter MARY, of Jasper, Alabama, will arrive on the Islands tomorrow for a ten day visit as the guests of Mrs. JOHN P. GLASS of Gulf Drive.

Mrs. Glass, who says she has the most wonderful guests who don't mind their hostess not being there, is flying to Washington, D.C., today for the wedding of her grandson, McKEMIE GLASS of Mount Vernon, Illinois, to Miss SALLY OWNES of Bethesda, Md. The wedding will take place Saturday in Bethesda, and Mrs. Glass will return to the Islands next Wednesday, in time to spend a few days with her guests.

Accompanying an Islander renewal was a happy note from Mrs. HARRY COTTMAN. She says:

"The Islander is one of the weekly joys in our mail. We have had several vacation visits to the Island of Sanibel. We fell in love, on our first visit, with its beauty and own a plot of earth on which we soon hope to have a home.

Sincerely,  
 Dorothy D. Cottman  
 Baltimore, Maryland

VICTOR C. DESPARD

Word was received from Hugh M. Bone of the death of Victor C. Despard on Sunday, August 22, in New York. Burial took place in Syracuse. Mr. Despard was a frequent guest at Hurricane House and had many friends on Sanibel.

**WHO'S WHO ON SANIBEL**

Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT FORD of Sarasota, with son and daughter, have been weekendng in their new home on Blind Pass, furnishing it for the winter season. Bob is the son of the late H.H. FORD of Lakeland, well-known Island property owner.

Miss PAULINE WILSON returned home from Lee Memorial Hospital Monday, August 30, and all of us are glad to welcome her back.

Mr. and Mrs. E.W. HUNT, with son and daughter and Mrs. Hunt's mother, Mrs. W.E. IVER, all from Long Beach, California, made a brief visit to the Islands recently, having driven from the West Coast. Mrs. Hunt is a niece of the late TRULA ROUSE of Captiva, and many years ago members of her family operated a restaurant on Captiva near the former boys school.

Mr. & Mrs. PAUL B. LYONS of Orlando have returned to Sand Castles for their second visit this summer. They expect soon to be Islanders and as first step are in the process of purchasing property from PRISCILLA MURPHY, realtor.

Mr. E.W. NICK of Erie, Penn., writes that he is improving day by day after his long series of hospitalizations, but is still under doctor supervision. Best wishes from all Islanders.

Mr. and Mrs. PHILIP J. LANKFORD of Key Biscayne, Miami, Florida, have been vacationing at The Gallery on Sanibel with daughter JOYCE and son "P.J." Joyce, P.J., MISSY and MARK MUENCH, Mrs. Lankford & ROY BAZIRE were entertained at a hot dog picnic supper by PRISCILLA MURPHY, at her home.

That little blue convertible isn't awash in the sea--it floats! It's Priscilla Murphy's Amphicar, recently acquired from RUBE ALLYN, owner of Great Outdoors Publishing Company of St. Petersburg. Rube and Priscilla are cooperating on an exciting new promotion involving our chain of islands. More about this later as it develops. The car drives normally on land, but when it hits the water, two propellers are engaged, gears disengaged, and... voila--a very seaworthy

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Mr. and Mrs. PAUL ADAMS, owners of the Seven Seas Gift Shop, left this week for Illinois, their former home state, and first stop on a shopping trip that will take them to Canada and Mexico as well as much of Western U.S. They will return in October with new "goodies" for the shop.

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN RIDGE and son GORDON TRACEY have returned to Sanibel following a trip which included a visit with friends at Ft. Lauderdale preceding a flight to Bimini for skin-diving, fishing and shelling. Gordon had hoped to bag a bonefish and did hook one that got away. He did get snapper and barracuda so wasn't too disappointed.

They all found a wide variety of shells to add to their collections. Although they weren't lucky enough to find a hoped-for Strombus gallus (rooster tail) they admired two live ones brought in by a lady sheller who was also staying at Sunshine Inn. They fished and shelled with guide GEORGE DAVID (Bonefish George).

The American Legion was presented an exquisite seascape by BOB KLOTZ, outstanding Sanibel artist, to aid their building fund. This lovely painting will accompany some lucky person home, or if the winner is not present it will be shipped to them after 4 p.m. Labor Day. Thanks Bob, each of us is hoping we'll get to hang it permanently!

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. ED LEGEL of Sanibel is Ed's mother, Mrs. MARIE LEGEL of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. Legel flew from Milwaukee to Charlotte, N.C., where she was met by her son and his family. They then all went to spend several days with FRANCIS's family before returning to Sanibel leisurely visiting several points of interest along the way. After relaxing a few days on the Island, they're planning a trip to Miami and Key West. Mrs. Legel will return to Milwaukee the day after Labor Day.

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The Captiva Library, through its association with the Lee County Library, is building a collection of books on Florida. The latest titles added are: "Florida," American Guide Series; "Native Orchids of North America," by D.S. Correll; "Wild Plants for Survival in South Florida" by Julia Morton; "Valiant Pioneers" by Alice Strickland; "Mary McLeod Bethune" by Rackham Holt; "The Seminoles" by Edwin C. McReynolds; "The Travels of William Bartram" edited by Francis Harper; and "The Hurricane Hunters" by Ivan Ray Tannehill.

The library is open Friday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon at the Captiva Community House.

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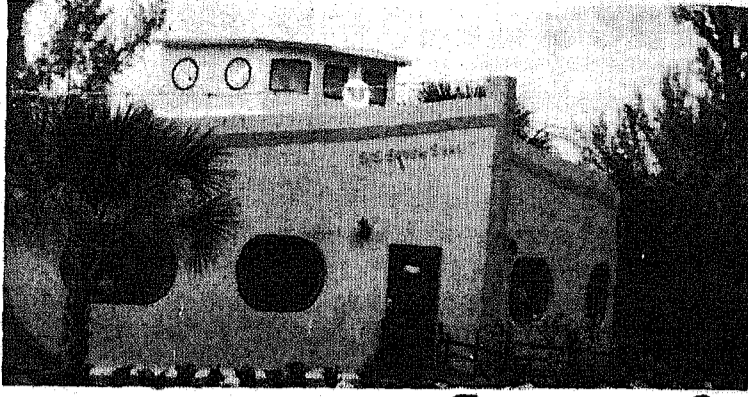
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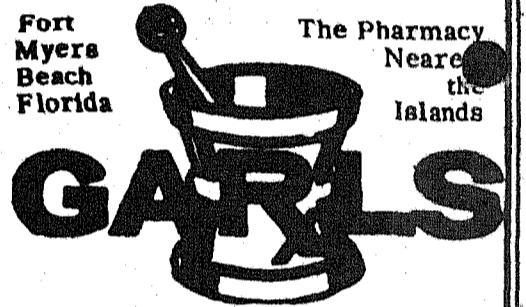
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