



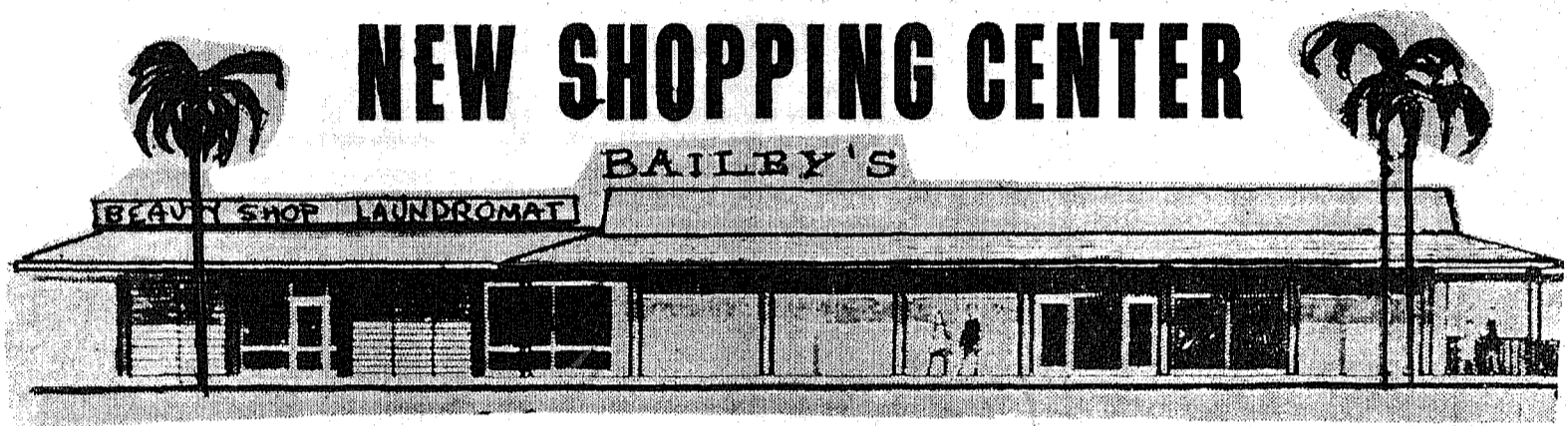
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Construction of the new \$80,000 shopping center on Sanibel should start in four to six weeks, said owner John Kontinos on Monday. The 9,000 sq. ft. center, which will house Bailey's Store, a laundromat and the beauty shop, will be located on the Gulf side of Periwinkle

Way behind Coconut Grove Restaurant. The present beauty shop will be removed.

The structure, designed by architect William Frizzell, will have a shingle roof and wood siding. The center is planned informally, so that other units and additional paving might be added on as needed. Kontinos said that it should be ready for occupancy by March or April of this season.

Francis P. Bailey said that the new store will provide two to three times the amount of storage and display space for the Sanibel Packing Company. The packing company is (with the exception of Island Inn) probably the oldest business on the Islands still in existence, and to our knowledge is the only one still being operated by the family which founded it. The original store was built out over the water at the end of the dock in 1899. The hurricane of 1926 washed that away---so completely, that just about the only usable thing to be recovered was the old safe. The present building was constructed shortly after the hurricane and opened for business in 1927.

While the new store will be airconditioned, convenient and have a better display area (and, of course, carry the same wonderful items it now offers) there will undoubtedly be a period of nostalgia for shoppers. Human nature being what it is, the conveniences will probably soon overcome the historical aspects.

The last boat to dock at Bailey's Dock was the Mailboat in December, 1963. Originally steam boats plyed their way daily to the dock from Punta Rassa until the railroad came through to Fort Myers. After that, boats went back and forth between the islands and town, carrying fresh Island grown produce in and bringing groceries, mail, and supplies back. Until the Kinsie brothers lost the mail contract, Bailey's had an express office where one could ship packages, produce or what have you to any place in the country. After they lost the contract, the steam boat stopped its daily run and since the mail boat launch was too small to carry the goods needed either way, the express

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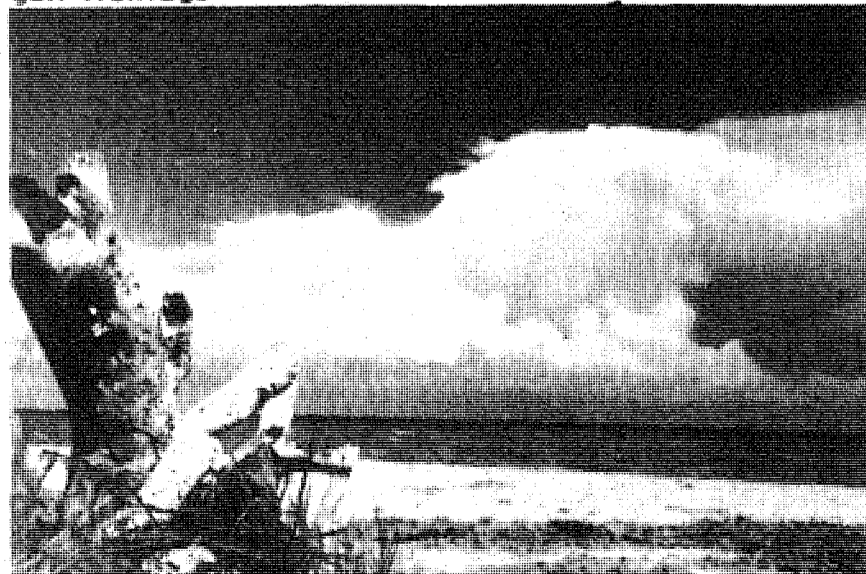
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WHO'S WHO  
ON SANIBEL

GLADYS & SMITH KAUFFMAN have sold "Tradewinds" to Mr. and Mrs. MARK McCLINTICK of Anderson, Indiana, Mark and his mother are already on the Islands settling in while Mrs. McClintick is waiting for the stork in Anderson. (The big bird is due to fly around October 11 or so.)

The Kauffmans built the eight units of Tradewinds (plus the living quarters for the owners) and opened in July of 1958. During their years on the Islands, they made many friends and contributed much of themselves to the community and its projects. Monday night, friends from both Islands gathered at the Sanibel Community House a banquet type buffet dinner to wish Gladys and Smitty well in their future life and to express their appreciation for all the Kauffmans have done for the Islands during their time here.

The Kauffmans left yesterday for Fort Myers where they plan to spend a month at the Sea Chest and do absolutely nothing. They haven't yet decided what they will do after their time of rest.

Mrs. RUTH ROSS was taken to Lee Memorial Hospital with a heart attack last week. The doctor reported that it was caught before any major damage was done, so that Mrs. Ross will be good as new when she is released from the hospital soon.

What could be more appropriate than the sign on the Fridays' House of Treasures door than "Gone Treasure Hunting!"?

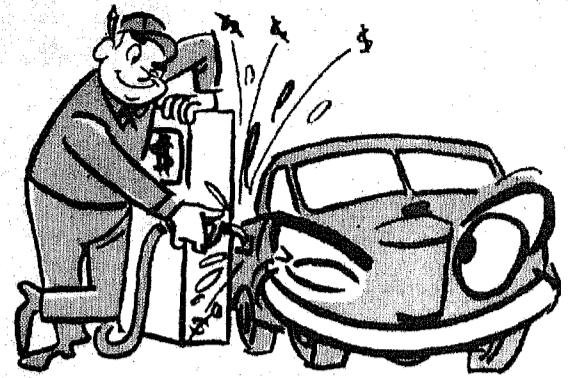
Travelers on Sanibel had to detour Saturday---a minor detour, to be sure, as it was only a couple of hundred feet. A tree, probably weakened by Betsy, fell across a hot line. Deputy DAVE WOOSTER flagged autos out of harm's way while electric crews repaired the damage.

The E.G. KONRADS are back on the Islands after spending two months on Lake Squawn in New Hampshire. On their way south, they enrolled their son PAT as a freshman in Boston University.

The Sanibel Community Church didn't object too strenuously to sharing their sanctuary with the birds until the woodpeckers tried to take over completely. The new look that the gable ends of the church are acquiring is intended to deter our little feathered friends! CLARENCE RUTLAND donated the shingles, RAY BOOTH loaned the scaffolding and Clarence, GERRY MARTIN, DOC PICKENS, FLOYD PFLOUGH and TOM NIX are donating the labor. Looks nice too!

AUXILIARY MEETING

The Sanibel Captiva American Legion Auxiliary met at the Legion Home on Sanibel for their regular September meeting. All members were urged to have their gifts for the Veteran's hospitals gift shops ready by the October meeting so that they may be packed for mailing. Members Mary Nix, Velna Ridge, Eula Rhodes, Mary Purdy, Goldie Nave and Charlotta Carper attended. Mary Nix served refreshments following the business meeting.



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28 Tues	1:44	2:57	8:22	8:25
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The channel that is being dredged at South Seas Plantation by Al Blank, is progressing nicely. This intercostal water way, 10 feet deep and 100 feet wide, will be a dream come true for the many South Sea guests who enjoy coming by boat instead of by car. The regular channel markers, which had to be OK'd by the powers that be, will be specified on the regular navigational chart.

Another wonderful bit of news from South Seas Plantation is a motel-like structure, with footings ready to be poured, to house the help. They will have their own swimming pool, dining hall, recreation room with private entrance on either side for male and female help. Congratulations to Paul for all this foresight which enhances our beautiful Island for every-

We were glad to get news from PIN & PARKER MILLS saying time is simply flying for them on Cayman Island. Sea View Lodge is a delightful informal place to stay and they are both putting on weight in spite of daily bicycling. They cycle daily to the air field, which is a social event like the meeting at our Post Office in the days of the Mail Boat.

Friday at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Paul Stahlin opened her home to a group of ladies to discuss the United Fund drive. Mrs. Stahlin had thought everyone would just like to sip and chat about many things over the coffee cup before getting into the work at hand, but not so---at once someone said, "Let's get going!" This they did and it was 2:00 p.m. before they realized it and no coffee had yet been missed. These good and interested workers are: Mrs. Francis Saxinger; Mrs. Carl Wightman; Mrs. James Pickens; Mrs. Al Muench; Mrs. Jack Kirkpatrick; Mrs. Norman Chambers; Mrs. Gladys Plume; Mrs. Tom Musson; Miss Josephine Reddy; Mrs. Kenneth Walters and co-chairman Mrs. Joseph Gault.

Do you know that the United Fund combines 10 agencies in one? Boy Scouts, Clothing Center, Girl Scouts, Retarded Children, Welfare Council, Mental Health Association, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, U.S.O. and a newly added one Catholic Welfare. If you have a pet charity all that is necessary is to specify it to the person who is giving of her time to collect for the United Fund.

The Catholic Welfare offers the first family counseling in Lee County. They have a trained personnel in an over-all non-denominational basis. This service is unexcelled and is for the benefit of all.

Mrs. Stahlin, who has been giving three days a week all summer to Clothing Center in Fort Myers and has since been going down the first Saturday in each month to give of her time, has given a very interest-

ing summary of what has been done in this branch of the United Fund Charities. 1100 children are completely clothed three times a year. Women who live in trailer courts have given much time to sewing new dresses for little girls. Other women come in to sort the clothing that has been sent in. All must be placed in bins as to size. If not clean when they arrive, they must be cleaned and stitched when necessary. It would be good for those who feel that time hangs heavy on their hands to join up with one of these worthy causes. Besides giving a lift to the needy it will also give helpers a new lease on life.

The drive is starting in full fling immediately and will continue through October. Those still on the Islands would help a great deal if they would make their contribution before leaving for their fall vacations. Those of our Island friends who have not returned to their homes on the Islands as yet, would be doing us a great favor if they would send their checks to Mrs. Paul Stahlin on Captiva or directly to the United Fund of Lee County, Inc. at 2281 Main St. Fort Myers, Florida.

Last week on Monday, DODIE BOOTH found a beautiful, live, pure lemon pectin right on the Gulf in front of her home, so they are here, folks---all it takes to find them is a little lookin' and a little luck. (And a little wind to blow 'em in!)

MARY CUNNINGHAM met with a narrow escape last week while attempting to get her much-traveled box of precious shells tucked away on the top of a high cupboard. Mary was about to give the last box a final shove when there was a rap on the door; she released her hold for a moment to peer around the corner to see who it was, when, boom slipped the box, the plate glass slipping off, striking Mary on the nose. As Mary raised her arm again to give the box a shove, blood was streaming down her arm, but true to form Mary's thoughts were on her shells, as she said to herself, "I'll finish this job first, then check to see if I still have a nose."---She did.

The beautiful night-blooming Cereus is so frequently found here on our enchanted Island that very little is ever said of it. Possible the best reason for this is that it doesn't burst into bloom until near midnight and by sunrise the bloom has wilted. A picture was taken in front of JOE WIGHTMAN's home recently. There were 29 blooms that night. (Unfortunately, the film ended up as a color slide, which we can't reproduce here.) This takes place night after night on many of these cacti of the western U.S. and tropical America and Palm Avenue and Munsen St. on Captiva is no exception.

## ROAD TALK

Betsy, the hurricane that didn't come to call, has caused almost as much fuss on Captiva (if not damage) as she might have with a direct hit.

The Captiva road, as was reported last week, was virtually washed out by the backlash surf of Betsy. The County Commission has made the road passable right up to South Seas, but announced last week that they had no intention of rebuilding the road on the present (almost non-existent) right of way, and would wait until a new right of way is donated by Captiva residents.

Some Captiva residents, in turn, wonder if more land is given for a right of way on the ever narrowing mid-Captiva strip will the Gulf keep eating away until the Island of Captiva is divided in two. Some residents have suggested a new road and causeway on the Bay side of the Island, running from Wulfort Point to Buck's Key and entering Captiva near the Post Office road. Whatever the final solution, it will be expensive. It has already been expensive for Captiva residents, who have paid \$200,000 in taxes and \$80,000 in contributions for the erosion prevention groins which stud the Captiva beach. These groins, by the way, were not paid for with County Taxes, Captiva taxpayers alone footed the bill.

Paul Stahlin will start construction around October 1 on two more groins which will extend out to the sand bar. These two groins, which have been designed to try and break the strong current which runs along the Captiva shoreline, will cost \$30,000. This figure includes the cost of pumping fill from the Bay into the groins, which can be built for \$8,000 each. He said the lowest bid the tax district had been given on the building of the groins was \$27,000, so he has volunteered his services to do the job.

He did have a ray of light to offer though (if your house is not teetering on the Gulf, that is) when he pointed out that even though the Gulf side of Captiva is eroding, the Bay side is building up. Measuring off at the South Seas dock, we found that the land had increased 30 feet to the high tide mark in the last 10 years or so.

While this may not be of comfort to Gulf front owners, it may well be a fact to consider seriously before any new road is built.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM SHANNON have just returned from Circleville, Ohio, where Mae was feted with a delightful birthday party in a private dining room of the Pickaway Arms Hotel in that city. Her hosts were: Dr. and Mrs. E.L. MONTGOMERY; Mr. and Mrs. C.F. REPLOGLE; Mr. and Mrs. KENNETH HANNAN; Miss ELLEN LIEST; Mrs. NED GRINER and Mr. and Mrs. ERVIN LEIST with daughter LINDA.

Mrs. Montgomery sent a big basket of her homegrown tomatoes back with Mae as a treat for friends on Palm Ave. ---and were they a treat!---thank you, Tommy. Mrs. Montgomery plants these tomatoes in her flower bed, putting a seed here and there---maybe we might try that here. They may not grow as large---six inches across---but we may have good tomatoes.

After this nice relaxing outing, Bill Shannon is now ready to buckle down in the study department. He has chosen to lock himself into one of his

air conditioned cottages while he sweats it out for his broker's test.

SYLVANUS ALEX REED

The body of Sylvanus Alex Reed, age 48, an architect and artist, who disappeared August 30 while paddling his kayak in Vineyard Sound, Mass., was found last week by Coast Guard searchers. A Coast Guard spokesman said Mr. Reed apparently drowned on the day he was reported missing. An extensive search had been under way since the disappearance.

Mr. Reed was a former instructor of design techniques at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A graduate of Harvard School of Architecture, he designed homes for a time but spent most of his time in recent years painting.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Mary Harding.

Mr. Reed, who spent many winters on Captiva Island, a noted bird watcher, was a close friend of R.M. Elliott and James Gray of Captiva Island.

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service soon was no more.

Sanibel was at one time a large farming area, but as it became harder and harder to get produce off the Island, agriculture declined until the 1944 hurricane dealt it its death blow. During World War II, said Francis, the people who were able to stay on the Islands continued to farm a bit for two reasons---there was nothing else to do and they had to have something to eat. The war gas rationing nearly strangled the Islands as the boats could not get enough gas to make the trips here.

The Kinsey Ferry Boats docked right near Bailey's Store for nearly 13 years during the 20s and 30s.

But all things change. The Islands now have a causeway, paved roads, electricity and other interesting conveniences of modern life. And still, if Islanders wish it, we can have our modern necessities and our sense of history with planned progress, exemplified by this new shopping center, which will not be a glittering cold expanse of plate glass and concrete, but an attractive tropically designed building to blend the Islands' past and future.

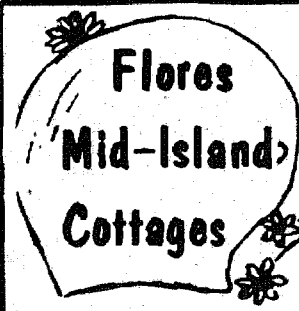
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Word has been received that Dr. and Mrs. GUTHRIE SPEARS of the Captiva Church attended funeral services for Mrs. ELIZABETH BEAL.

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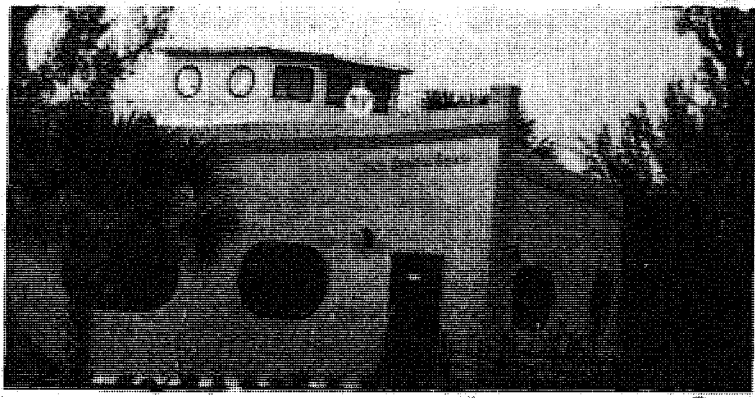
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**MORE SANIBEL NOTES**

A call from Mr. FRENETTE at the Beachcomber and your reporter went scurrying to that end of the Island. Left our car at the Ridges and down on the beach to watch conservation in action. Three Manatees (sea cows) had gotten stranded in the slough between the beach and sandbar as the tide receded and CHARLES LeBUFF, BOB SABATINO and their wives were keeping them herded into the deepest part of the slough until the tide came up again and they could safely swim away. In our hurry, we'd forgotten our camera but Mrs. J.P. GLASS came with hers, so hope that she got some good shots for future reference.

A note from ELSIE MALONE -- "Next time will stay in Sanibel until after Labor Day, the way it (Betsy) was coming we couldn't make up our minds where to go, so we stayed. It was a dilly, lasted so long. Trees and shrubs ruined, three

coconuts torn out of ground, also our large lime tree, one key palm twisted apart and one blown down, then the ocean started up road to pavement then it went down so no water. No damage to house and DAN's boat rode it out O.K." Elsie and Dan will be coming back to Sanibel next month from their home at Marathon Key and we're all glad that 'Betsy' didn't wreak greater havoc to our friends.

**SYMPHONY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Henry Teiltier, manager of the newly formed Miami Philharmonic Orchestra, inspired the local symphony enthusiasts at a Fort Myers Symphony membership kick-off breakfast at the Holiday Inn, Fort Myers, last Saturday.

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