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## MONSTER ???

Captiva now possesses a genuine monster---or maybe monsters. Last Friday morning a mysterious set of tracks was found in the sand running from the Chapel by the Sea through the Mills, Bailey and Henrickson yards, and across the road into a vacant lot. There seemed to be two sets, one ranging from four to five inches in width, and the other from six to eight inches. But, they meandered and criss-crossed so much that they might be just one.

With the tourist season about to start one might whiff a slight odor of the Loch Ness Monster (which usually appears just before the Loch Ness 'tourist' season), except for three things: the tracks were on private property nowhere near a resort; they were traced and measured and they're unquestionably genuine; and anybody laying out a trail would go around, not through, a large patch of cactus. (That last indicates that the Captiva Monster, like most monsters, isn't very bright.) Anyway, the tracks gave the Islanders a chance to be sightseers themselves for a change, and they took advantage of it.

## MORTGAGE BURNED

Sanibel Community Church Building was started in 1917 with land, building material and labor donated by the members of the community and was designated a Methodist Church, which made it a property of the District Methodist Church. Since until a few short years ago it was the only church on Sanibel, Members of all the different affiliations on the Island attended worship there, even when it was not possible to have a minister in attendance. Sunday School was held for the children of all faiths. This is a little church with no affiliation with any other and it is possible for members to retain their membership in other churches while also being a member of the Sanibel Community Church, if they so desire.

In 1960 the people who attended decided to buy the church and designate it non-denominational. The church was purchased from the Sarasota District Methodist Church and today, thanks to its dedicated members and friends, its mortgage is paid off.

Sunday evening, November 7, at 6:30 at the Sanibel Community House those members and friends will gather for a victory dinner in celebration and to burn the mortgage. The men of the church will broil chickens over buttonwood and the ladies will bring a variety of good dishes to go with the chicken. Any member or friend of the church is invited to attend. The Rev. Tad Allen is the present pastor, Tom Nix is the Chairman of the Board of Directors; Floyd Pflough is Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mary Nix is the President of the Ladies Guild.

## CAPTIVA LIBRARY

Starting this week the Captiva Library will be open from 1 to 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoons, in addition to the regular Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10 o'clock to noon. Librarian Hazel Roberts points out that the Saturday afternoon opening will permit the library to be used by school children and people who are unable to get away from work on week-day mornings. The additional hours are on more or less of a trial basis, and their continuance will depend upon how much use is made of the library on Saturdays.

In addition to Hazel, the staff this winter will consist of Kathleen Davies, Gladys Plume and Peg Dunham.

In the last week the library has received 22 more new books through arrangements with the Lee County Library system. These include mysteries, novels, biographies and histories. Since the last winter season about 150 new books have been added.

Incidentally, the Captiva Library is probably one of the few in the country that's run according to tide tables. Some of the staff members are ardent shellers, so a schedule has been worked out to permit them to be off duty during particularly low tides. Life on the Islands is wonderful!

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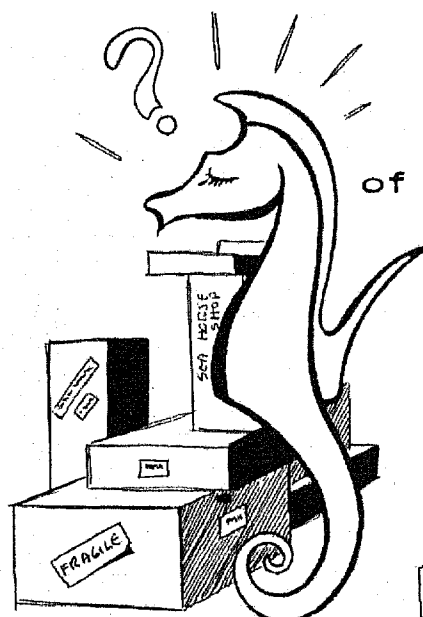


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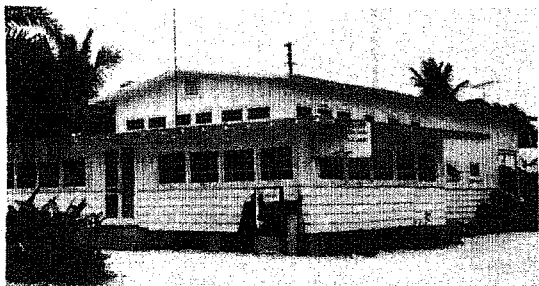
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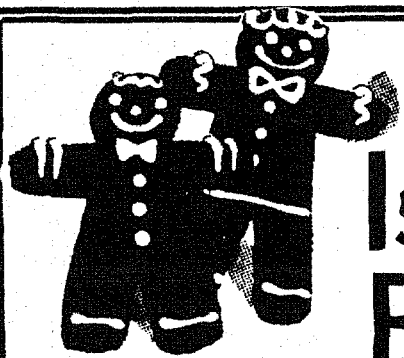
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To The Islander:

Could I ask you to include in your news stories the fact of the death of my mother, Ruth Sawyer Bancroft on October 8, 1965, in her home in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Mother first came to Sanibel about 1900 with her father Ernest Sawyer, staying to build their family home which is now called The Beach House. She helped build and served as a hostess at the original Island Inn where she met and married my father, Willis Bancroft in 1910. They spent most of their winters on Sanibel through the years and have been property owners continually for these many years being the owners of what is now Sanibel Rocks Sub-division.

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On October 22, 1965, Mrs. J. Lutz, 3710 Cardinal Blvd., Daytona Beach, Florida, lost a new ladies Mevada; white gold, gray band, Swiss, 2 diamonds, on the beach front of The Reef Motel, Sanibel Island.

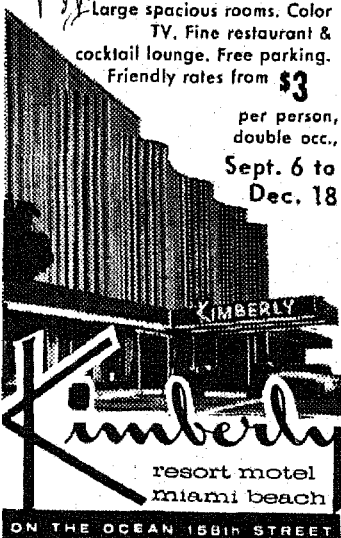
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Mrs. G.T. EAGER is back on the Island after a summer divided between Sarasota, N.Y., Chicago and California. Other winter residents who have returned are Mrs. JOE ROBERT from Centermorisch, Long Island, and Mrs. ROBERT GALAHER from Excelsior, Minn.

Mrs. JAMES BUTLER, president of the Lee Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and Mrs. WALTER D. MOODY, chairman of the Auxiliary's Hospital Bazaar, were guests Friday of JOSEPHINE REDDY who represents the Auxiliary on Captiva. They discussed plans for the bazaar, which will be held in the Fort Myers Exhibition Hall November 11, and visited a number of women on the Island who are helping with the project.

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Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM F. KRUEGER of Huntington Woods, Michigan, vacationed on the Island recently, staying at The Reef. Mr. Krueger, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Long Manufacturing Division of Borg-Warner Corporation, Detroit, will retire in about a year and he and Mrs. Krueger have decided Sanibel is the place for them, and are in the process of purchasing property.

Mr. and Mrs. R. WOMBWELL, who own a home on Barnegat Bay in New Jersey, decided they were tired of northern winters and came down to look over the Sunshine State. After touring the East Coast they hit Sanibel--and fell in love. Took off for a few days to visit relatives in Tampa, then returned to a cottage rented from PRISCILLA MURPHY.

Dr. and Mrs. REASON A. GOODWIN of North Tarrytown, New York, had a "fortunate break, giving us a week off," so headed for Sanibel where they purchased a Gulf front home site last winter. They hope to return in January for a longer stay. Dr. Goodwin is the judge of words used on the TV show "Password." Other Gulf front home site owners here for a visit last week were Mr. and Mrs. JAMESCOPE of New York City, on Sanibel for only a few days and are hoping to return later.

Mr. W.C. FEASTER flew down to Sanibel from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, last week to look for a house to rent. PRISCILLA MURPHY's office showed him one on Captiva they thought he'd like--he did. Rented it for five months, starting just before Christmas, and flew home. Mr. Feaster has stayed on the East Coast and last year at Fort Myers Beach, but finds both areas "too crowded."

St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church is going under the winter schedule starting this Sunday, Communion is at 7:30 and 9:30, Wednesday Service at 9.

The shell case donated by MARY CUNNINGHAM to the Post Office already has an excellent collection of Captiva shells, thanks to the generous response of Captives. In addition to those mentioned last week the following have made contributions:

Dr. HOMER HINDMAN, lined tellin, double pecten; JOE GREEN, king's crown; VIOLA WILLIAMS and ELIZABETH ADLER, oyster, alphabet cone, whelk, sand dollar, calico clam, tiger eye, nutmeg, top, pear whelk, lined tellin; BERNICE SUTTLE, alphabet cone; M. MOOCK, red pecten; GRIFFING BANCROFT, fig, jingle, jack knife clam, tagetes, paper mussel, glossy mussel, rose petal, painted cantharus, Florida cone, Stearn's cone, jewel box, golden olive, tusk; BERNICE McCAUL, bay scallop, rose petal; CLARA STRAN, albino cockle, double fan, Florida cone; LOUISE BLANK, alphabet cone, Scotch bonnet, catspaw, eggshell, olive, worm, coquinas, spiny oyster and gorgonia.



MRS. REVA HUNT

Friends on the Islands were saddened by the death of Mrs. Reva H. Hunt, 67, of Captiva October 24. Mrs. Hunt, who came here from Bridgeport, Conn., had lived on Captiva 16 years. Her husband, William H. Hunt, was one of the owners of South Seas Plantation before it was sold to its present operators.

Mrs. Hunt is survived by her husband; a brother, Harry Hawkins; five sisters, Mrs. B. S. Via, Mrs. Mary Burgess, Mrs. Chauncey Gilbert, Mrs. Harry Bush and Mrs. Joyce Goodman; and a grandson, Jay H. Nichols.

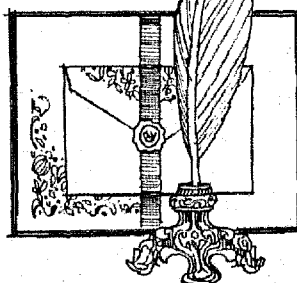
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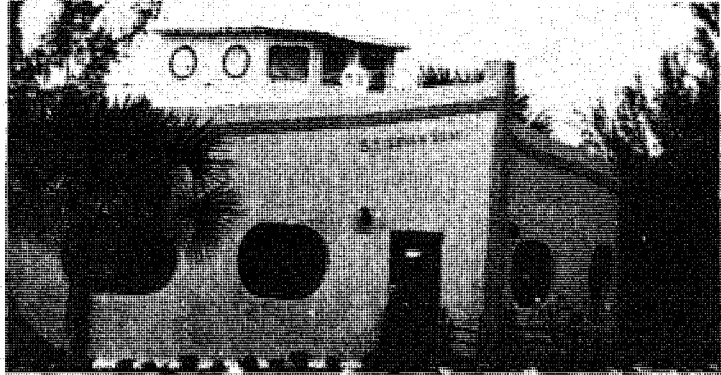
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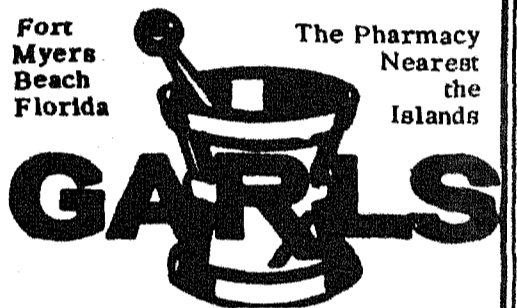
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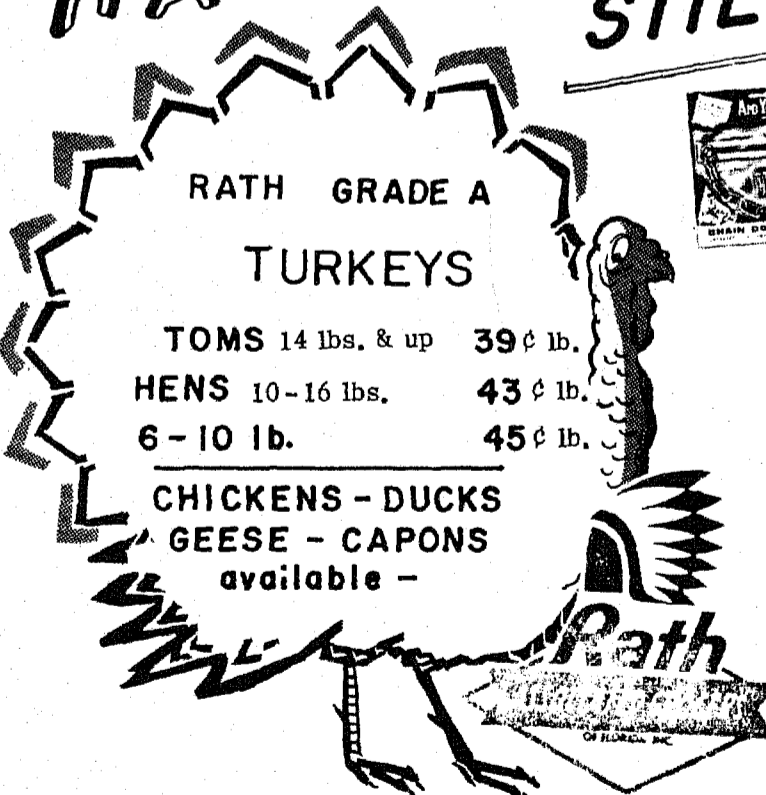


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