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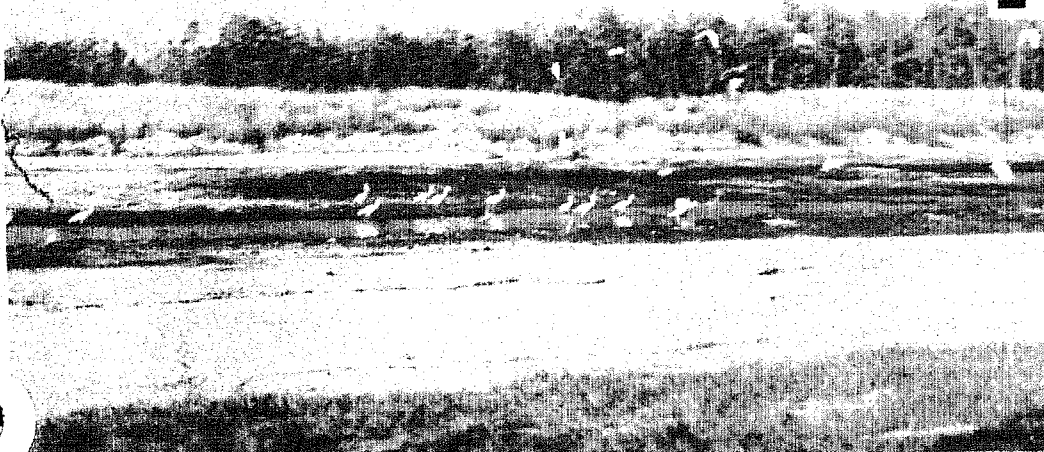


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LOW-COST HOUSING TO BE DISCUSSED

Robert E. Bates, executive director of the Fort Myers Housing Authority, has consented to speak on the subject of low-cost housing for Sanibel and Captiva Islands tomorrow evening (Friday) at 8 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Building. All Islanders who are interested in this subject are invited to attend.

Several groups have already met informally to discuss present and future necessity for such housing to accommodate lower income groups on a rental basis. Mr. Bates, who has had wide experience in all phases of housing operations from the initial planning stages, financing, construction and administration, will be able to clarify procedures and to suggest the proper channels of approach.

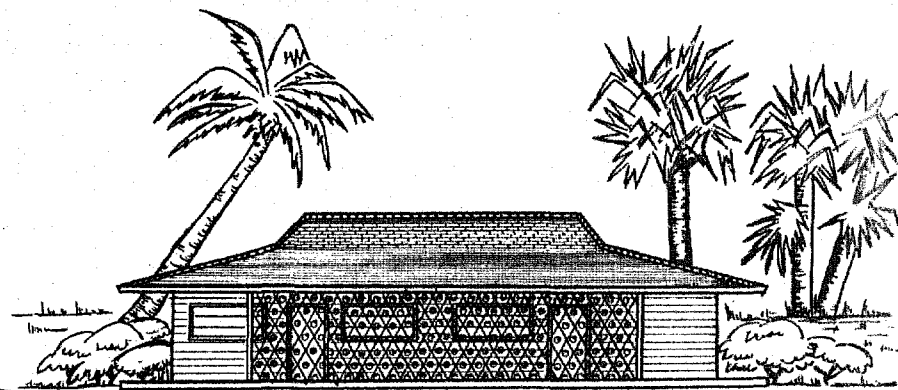
He will be prepared to answer questions on the qualification of tenants, extent of control, degree of local involvement, and suggested type of buildings. The low-cost housing which has been built under Mr. Bates's direction in Fort Myers, is a model of efficiency and could serve as a ready reference for Island procedures, if the idea for the

project is considered feasible.

Many residents feel that the future growth of the Islands, if it is to be on an orderly basis, can best be served by an anticipation of needs, and that the provision of decent and adequate housing occupies a top priority in any schedule of development.

It is expected that the meeting will be both interesting and informative, and it is hoped that it will be possible to organize a group effort to follow through on a thorough preliminary investigation.

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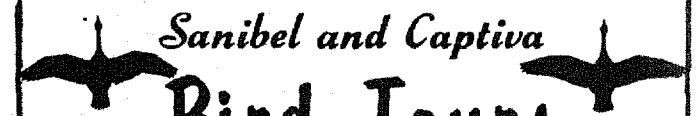
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SHELL CLUB PROGRAM MONDAY

Miss Gail Grullemans, who is a student at the Judson School at Scottsdale, Arizona, contributed the following poem to her school paper. Miss Grullemans is a niece of Mrs. J. J. Grullemans of Captiva.

FRUSTRATION

Tense-tight mind
Thoughts unwind
Lord
Stop the maelstrom
in my brain
Tears!
Come I beg you
Wash away frustration.

On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Roberts drove to Tampa to meet Mrs. Roberts' aunt, Miss Cora Brueggeman of St. Louis, who will spend the Christmas holidays with them at their home on Munson Street.

Other recent St. Louis visitors of the Roberts were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thursby, who reported that they found a very fine lion's paw on Bowman's Beach.

Miss Elizabeth Cole, consultant for the Florida State Library, visited the Captiva Library Wednesday morning. She discussed library problems with Mrs. Hervey Roberts, Mrs. Parker Mills and Mrs. Gladys Plume.

On the past week-end, about ten cruisers of the Bird Key Yacht Club of Sarasota, on overnight cruise, put in at the Marina at South Seas Plantation. Of varying power and types of equipment, they were a beautiful sight as they pulled out into the bay in sparkling sun on an early tide Sunday morning. Their names were as individual as their owners' whims--FLYING REBEL, MISS PEGGY, WATERBIRD IV, LA VIE, MA'S MINK II.

Bill Shannon is a good man to have around, whether he's running a restaurant, or selling real estate. Right now he's man Friday to Dodie Booth in the Post office, and learning about Uncle Sam's ways with the mail. It's a busy place these pre-Christmas days.

CAPTIVA LIBRARY

The Captiva Library will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31, and January 1. Beginning the first of the year, the Library will be open regularly on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 A.M. until noon in the Community Center. Because of insufficient patronage, the Saturday hours of opening will be discontinued.

CAPTIVA ZONING CHANGE

At a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Captiva Civic Association, on the evening of December sixth, it was reported that the County Commissioners had approved the up-zoning of all of the residential area south of Captiva Beach Motel. The area comprises some 210 acres and extends south to the business zone north of Turner Beach. The minimum lot size is increased from 7,500 sq. ft. to one-half acre (21,560 sq. ft.).

"A Little Fantasy" will be the first part of the program presented by John B. Proetz, followed by "Miscellaneous Collection of Florida, West Indies and Gulf of Mexico Species" by Mrs. Proetz at the December meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club at the Sanibel Community House Monday at 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Proetz are well known in the Fort Myers and Naples area although they reside at Boynton Beach, Florida. They have followed their shell hobby for many years and have a very fine private collection of shells and many impressive slides which add much to their presentations, which they make with the thought of furthering the shell collector's interest.

Following the program, there will be a social hour with a surprise shell game. You do not have to be a member to be welcomed to the meetings of the Shell Club, but your membership will be welcomed. Come for an interesting and informative evening.

AUDUBON GOES NATIONAL



The directors of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society voted unanimously at last Thursday's meeting to become a state chapter (the 25th) which makes them a branch of the National Audubon Society. President Willis Combs said that the directors felt this move will strengthen both the local chapter and the Florida organization. There are only two states, Florida and Massachusetts, which have their own chapters.

About fifteen members and visitors were present at the general meeting that followed when Ernst Christensen, chief naturalist of Everglades National Park, talked on conservation and its dollar value in view of the extensive industrialization of wilderness areas.

An up-to-date list of birds on Sanibel and Captiva is now available without charge from Charles LeBuff or at the Audubon meetings. This is the most complete list in 35 years and was prepared by Charles Weymouth, a noted ornithologist and Sanibel resident, who is now associated with Crandon Park zoos in Miami.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

President Mary Nixan announced that the Sanibel Community Association had sent a gift of \$100 to the Sunland Training Center, a state school for retarded children in Fort Myers, during the Association's meeting in early December. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rion, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Holtz and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dean were introduced and welcomed as new members.

Art Swanson, president of the Sanibel Library Association, gave a brief history of the Library's growth from its conception by the Rev. Tad Allen and Don Simonds, to its present stage of newly joining the county library system. Don Simonds, past president of the Association, introduced Miss Elizabeth Cole, state librarian, who has been a constant source of advice and encouragement. She spoke on aspects of library administration.

There was a large attendance at the covered dish supper which preceded the regular program. 'Twas very tasty, too.



LADIES' GUILD TONIGHT

The Ladies' Guild of the Sanibel Community Church will meet tonight at the home of Mrs. Hal Irwin at 8 p.m. Mrs. Lee Roy Friday will be co-hostess.

The November Bazaar was very successful and the ladies appreciate the help that everyone gave in making it so.

Play shoes and a Christmas tree have been furnished for all the children at the County orphanage and tonight toys will be exchanged by the ladies at their Christmas party following the business meeting. The toys will then be gathered and sent to the orphanage for the children's Christmas.



BOWLING 'EM OVER

The Island Bowling Team won two and lost two games Friday night, but gained on the leaders and are now only three games out of first place. Legel was just average, his high game being 180.

Gogolin, bowling for Dotti's Fashion Shop, was still going in good fashion over his average. Doc Bryant had a 204 high game then got splititis, as the bowlers say. One split after another.

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DAN MALONE will be coming from Marathon to visit his two ELSIES, wife and daughter, this weekend.

PRISCILLA MURPHY gave a cocktail party last Saturday in honor of CARL ZAMBUTO of Rochester, N.Y. Mr. Z. is one of the owners of Hires-by-the-Sea. The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. NORMAN CHAMBERS, ROY BAZIRE, ELSIE MALONE, Admiral and Mrs. ED CONRAD, Mr. and Mrs. SAX SAXINGER, Mr. and Mrs. AL MUENCH, and Mrs. GEORGE CHRISTENSON, who recently returned from a trip to Europe and is staying at the Colony, and Carl's mother, Mrs. ANGELO ZAMBUTO.

The Islands will be hopping again Christmas time with our younger set home for the Holidays--LINDA JACK and SARAH STAHLIN from Florida Southern, CHRIS GAULT from Antioch, JUDY McQUADE from Florida State and CHAD WAY from the University of Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. GOCHENOUR of Sandpiper Apartments left the Island suddenly for Baltimore, Maryland, because of a serious illness in the family.

ISABEL KIRKPATRICK'S brother, ROBERT MAYER of Erie, Pa., is coming to the Island for about a month. This will be his first trip here since 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR CRAWLEY of Flint, Michigan, are among the many guests at Hires-by-the-Sea enjoying Sanibel life. Mr. Crawley is the retired president of the Flint Power & Light Co. They'll be here till May.

Also at Hires are Professor and Mrs. F.M. WEIDA of Scientists' Cliffs, Maryland. Both are now retired--Mrs. Weida taught science in the Washington, D.C. public schools, and Dr. Weida was the professor of statistics at George Washington University. This is their third Island visit; they'll be here through January.

C.A. SMITH of the Minneapolis Public Health Department (he was formerly with the Health Department in Washington) will arrive at Beachview December 22, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. LESLIE CLARK.

LEON LEVY of the Sea Horse Art Gallery spoke on "What Sells in Art" at a meeting last Thursday of the Fort Myers Beach Art Association. Leon has not only assembled a varied and interesting collection of local art in his Gallery, but is himself a versatile artist.

The Levys are looking forward to the visit of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT L. LEVY of Norwalk, Conn., who will arrive Christmas Eve for a ten day visit.

Mr. & Mrs. E.H. CARNAHAN of Orchard Park, N.Y., were planning last week on their new home in Sanibel Isles purchased last year.



Miss MARGARET PITCHER, an artist who makes Island Inn her Winter home, and who has a water color on display at the Inn, is offering art lessons to Islanders.

Mr. and Mrs. FRANK McQUADE are arriving to spend the Christmas Holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, MIKE and DOTTI McQUADE at Sanibel Siesta.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM VON are expecting CINDY's mother, Mrs. INEZ REISINGER of Erie, Pa., for the Holidays. BILL is employed at Coconut Grove Restaurant and Cindy is assisting at the Sea Horse Shop.

Mr. ANGELO ZAMBUTO found a three inch junonia and a Scotch bonnet on the Beach near Hires-by-the-Sea.

Mr. and Mrs. FREDERIC R. GAISER of Stony Brook, New York, who are staying at Mitchell's Sand Castle, found TWO junonias on the beach in front of the motel to add to their already splendid collection of Florida shells. Both were found in the same spot only a few hours apart.

A Clench's Helment (cassis madaga scariensis spinella) which is not only unpronounceable but is also a real rarity on Sanibel, was found in the early morning in a tide pool just east of Hurricane House, where the shellers, Dr. and Mrs. D. MOORE of Fort Lauderdale, are staying. Usually found only in the Keys, the specimen is almost three inches long and is in excellent condition. Dr. Moore was formerly with the Agricultural Research Station in Beltsville, Maryland.

Islanders will be pleased to know they can again hear BILLIE SAXINGER of the Colony at the organ. Last night she began to play dinner music at Golden Sands, and will be playing nightly, except Sunday from 7 to 10 p.m.

ETHEL SNYDER, who delighted readers with her reporting and Sanibel memories, is, we regret to say, leaving the Islands shortly for at least a year in Arizona, California and possibly other parts of the West.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM UHE moved to Sanibel in November from the Keys and brought with them an impressive collection of orchids which are now installed in a small greenhouse adjoining their home. Their comfortable and attractive house on the Bay was designed by Mrs. Uhr herself and has just been completed by BOB STEVENS.

Mrs. H.A. ROMINE, chairman of the Ladies Guild of the Sanibel Community Church, and the ladies of the Guild have been working on cushions for the pews. Some of you will be sitting more comfortably before Christmas.

AUXILIARY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The American Legion Auxiliary held its meeting at the Legion home Monday night. Plans were made for a special welcome for new members, Mary Fitzhugh, Dorothy Park and Ella Kapitz. All the ladies join in saying 'thank you' for making their Claxton fruit cake sale a success, especially to Bill Newman who helped them in their sale.

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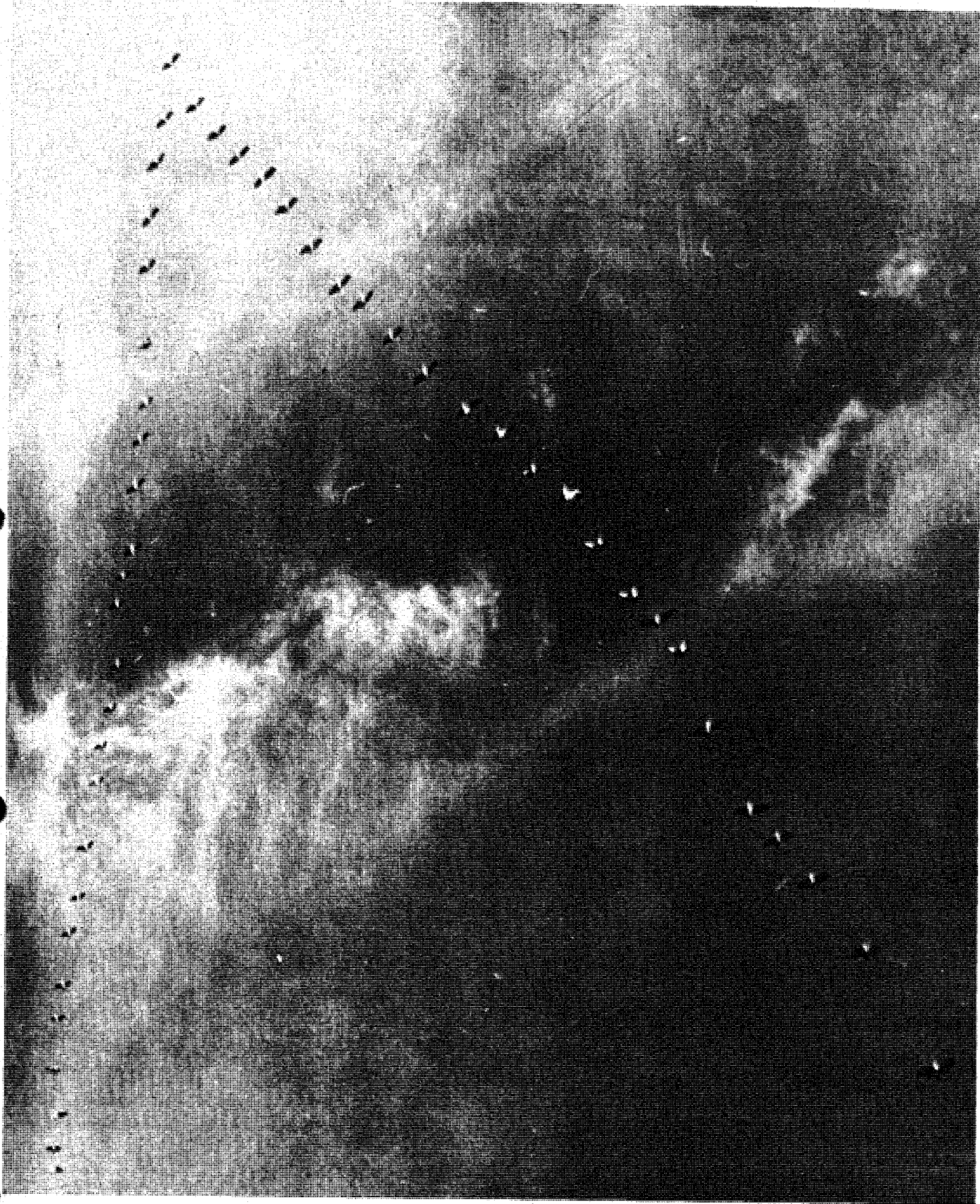
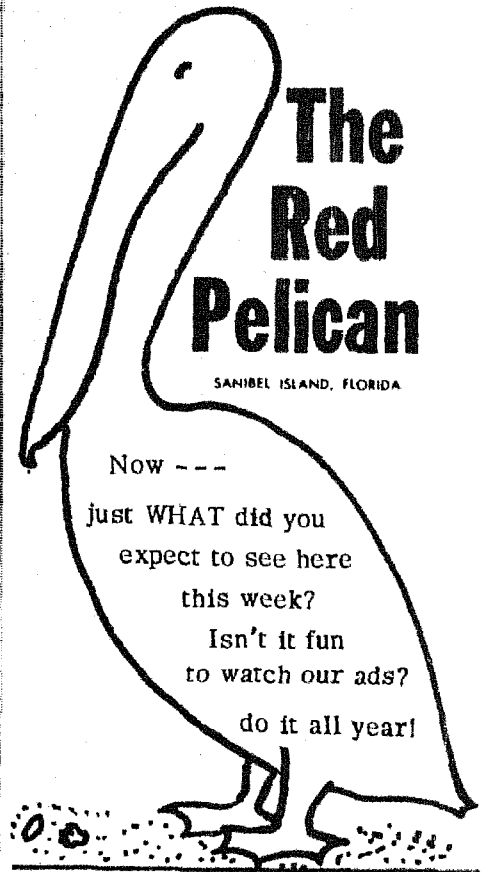


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White pelicans! white pelicans! white pelicans! People on the Islands are seeing things-- or else there are a lot of white pelicans around, BILL and KAY NEWMAN had the good luck to watch a sizable flock in the bird sanctuary early this month. About the same time, MARY K. CUNNINGHAM of Captiva, who was lunching with guests at South Seas Plantation, saw perhaps 75 of them (a thrilling sight) passing overhead in flight formation. A few minutes later,

the spectacle was repeated and then several times more. Apparently the same flock had flown in wide circles out over Redfish Pass---or else there were a record number of white pelicans over Captiva Island that day!



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who attended were equally pleased with the variety and quality of the showing.

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The Art Gallery displays a sophisticated selection of original oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, etchings and drawings in other media, by artists from the Islands, Naples, Fort Myers and the Beach, Palm Beach and other Florida localities.

Among the works represented are recent paintings by William Henry, Kiti Wenzel, Evalina Green, Pat Eng, Jan Solmes, Carl Hertzberg, Jr., Jane Bancroft, Dodie Booth, Leona Sherwood, Mira Sakrisson, Elizabeth Niven, Leon Levy, and others. All of the artists named are well-known in art circles and most of them have won top prizes in juried competitions all over the State of Florida.

Almost every idiom in painting, from abstract and impressionistic to the purely representational, is included in the current show and art viewers, of whatever persuasion and taste, will find things that please them. The Gallery will permit paintings to be taken out on approval, so that the prospective buyer can actually see the work in place in his own home before making a decision to purchase.

SEAHORSE HAS OPEN HOUSE

Over 300 persons, including most of the permanent island residents and a large number of visitors, attended the formal Fall opening of the Seahorse Shop and the Seahorse Art Gallery, on Monday, December 6th.

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BEACH ARTIST TO TEACH PAINTING

Leona Kelper Sherwood, Fort Myers Beach artist, who has been asked to start a painting class by the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, will be at the Sanibel Community House on Monday morning, December 20, at 10:00 to sign up those interested in studying. Mrs. Sherwood, who lived in New York City before coming to Florida four years ago, studied there with John Chetcuti and George Hausman, with Philip Hicken in Nantucket, and with Robert McFarland in Florida. She has had one-man shows in Nantucket, Boca Grand, and Fort Myers Beach, and was the first non-commercial woman artist to be given a show at Young and Rubicam in New York City. She has exhibited in juried group shows in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Florida, and New York City (most particularly the annual Oil and Watercolor Shows at the National Arts Club on Gramercy Park). In January of this year she had a joint show at the Longboat Key Art Center with Jack Amoroso of Miami.

The artist has received awards in various media--in 1965 these included a \$100 Purchase Prize for a Mixed Media at the Lehigh Acres All-Florida Show, Honorable Mention for a gouache at the Robinson Gallery's Opening Show in Naples, 2nd in Professional Class for an Acrylic at the Fort Myers Beach Annual Members' Show, and the \$50 First for Watercolor at the Southwest Florida Art Council Show in Cape Coral.

Mrs. Sherwood teaches all media, and has had classes in New Jersey, New York, and Fort Myers Beach. During 1965 she has given several lectures and painting demonstrations. She is a member of the art associations of Sarasota, Nantucket, Fort Myers Beach, and the Art Council of Southwest Florida. Her paintings are in private collections here and abroad and also in the permanent collections of Edison Junior College and the Collegiate School for Boys in New York City. At present, some of her work can be seen at the Seahorse Gallery.

If you are interested in joining her group, please come to the Community House on December 20 or call Mrs. Sherwood at her home-MO 4-9745 or Miss Josephine Reddy at GR 2-3071.

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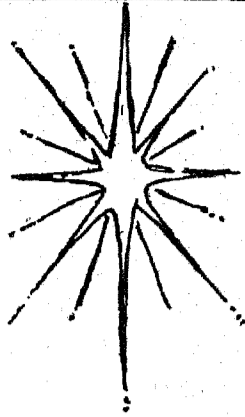
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stream for drinking water in a fountain. Folks bring the children and the dogs (the latter have to be tied up in the shade of a shed). It is an outing for all, and everyone fits into the picture. The admission to any of the mines is a dollar each for the day and a dollar for six buckets of dirt. The attendants are most obliging and willing to come look over your finds after you get rid of the mud and stones. They point out to you what you are looking for. Everyone should bring a small bottle with screw top lid for the finds, as small gems are so easily lost. There was one day at the Shuler mine when everyone was finding good rubies and star sapphires. There must have been fifty of us in a row along the trough in the bright sun, all of us finding treasures. Everyone shouted when they got a good one and neighbors close by rushing over to see. In my very first bucket I got an 8 1/2 karat ruby and a large star sapphire. Six buckets of dirt make a day's work for me but experienced gem hounds can do 12 to 18 buckets and even more.

There are large frames of wire sieve and you dump part of your bucket of dirt into the sieve, sit on a wooden box beside the trough. A mountain stream is bringing a swift flow of clear water and you wash the mud out of your sieve of dirt and the large stones are uncovered. When you have cleaned out the residue of small stuff, you carefully look it over. Here is where the experienced eye comes in handy. Rubies are the only gems which show up unmistakably, but we soon learned to distinguish sapphires.

It is noon before you know it and each party walks back to the road where they drove in and parked. Cold drinks are for sale, but no hot coffee. You have to bring your own. After refreshment and rest we go back to the digging.

We investigated the deep trenches where the farm men were digging buckets of dirt -- deep at the Shuler mine. Before

you know it, it is time to quit and drive home, tired, happy and dirty. We unanimously concluded that ruby mines are more fun than anything we have ever done, and wonder when we can come again.

I might add that each season at least two or three very good finds are uncovered. Last year a ruby worth several thousand dollars was found by a small boy and his father rented a strong box at the bank for safe keeping! You never know who will make the next find.



These questions and answers are compiled by Thomas S. Camps, District Manager of the Fort Myers, Florida Social Security Office. If you have questions, send them to him at PO Box 55. Please do not send them to this newspaper.

Q. Most folks think of social security only as retirement payments, but the 1965 changes affect many young people. Since this month marks the beginning (for most) of a new school year, what new social security benefits are available for students?

A. Now, an unmarried FULL-TIME student between the ages of 18-22 may get social security payments if his parent qualified for social security benefits.

Q. The Social Security Administration is now sending to more than 15 million social security beneficiaries, 65 or over, enrollment cards for the voluntary medical insurance program. Just what is involved in filling out the enrollment card?

A. The procedure is not at all difficult. The card is small and very easy to fill out. Just check the appropriate box on the card; YES, if you'd like to get medical insurance coverage, or NO, if you do not want this medical insurance. Then sign your name in the designated space and mail the card back in the postage-free envelope which came with it.

RUBY MINING by ethel snyder

A hundred years ago in the mountains of southwest North Carolina, ruby mines were discovered on various farms. J.P. Morgan of New York was quick to finance the new mining project and Tiffany of New York took over the mines for many years. They are located about ten miles beyond the town of Franklin.

Many years later, when Tiffany had taken the cream of the ruby mines and labor was getting higher, they gave up the mining and it was turned over to the public. And ever since that time ruby mining has grown in popularity until it is one of the important outdoor sports for tourists in that area. The tourists have discovered the ruby mines in a big way. Rubies are the most expensive of gems, emeralds come next and diamonds third. Burma has the famous ruby mines, and sometimes they are called oriental rubies.

There are other gems to be found, and sapphires, especially the star sapphire, are next in importance. Ruby mining isn't at all what it sounds like it might be. The strata of precious gems is scattered over certain farm areas around Franklin in southwest North

Carolina. The owners have worked out a system. Farm hands and the owners of the land dig and fill buckets of dirt from the gem strata. Sometimes it is close to the surface, sometimes ten or fifteen feet below. And on one farm this summer they were digging twenty and thirty feet below the surface. There are quantities of medium sized tin buckets which look as if they had been around a long time and had had a hard life. Battered and bent, and battle scarred. A shiny new tin bucket has no place in a ruby mine.

Our experience is entirely from an amateur's point of view for it was as tourists and amateurs we mined. We really didn't know what we were looking for and had to have what we wanted pointed out to us. We drove the twenty miles from Highlands to Franklin, prepared to spend the day in the mines. The mines are located from eight to ten miles beyond Franklin. We had three favorites. The Gibson Mine, Holbrook Ruby Mine No. 2, and the Shuler Mines. They were all excellent but we liked the Shuler mine best. You drive in off the highway, leave your car in the shade of large trees, near the farm house. You bring your lunch with you. The Shuler mine had a cool crystal clear mountain

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