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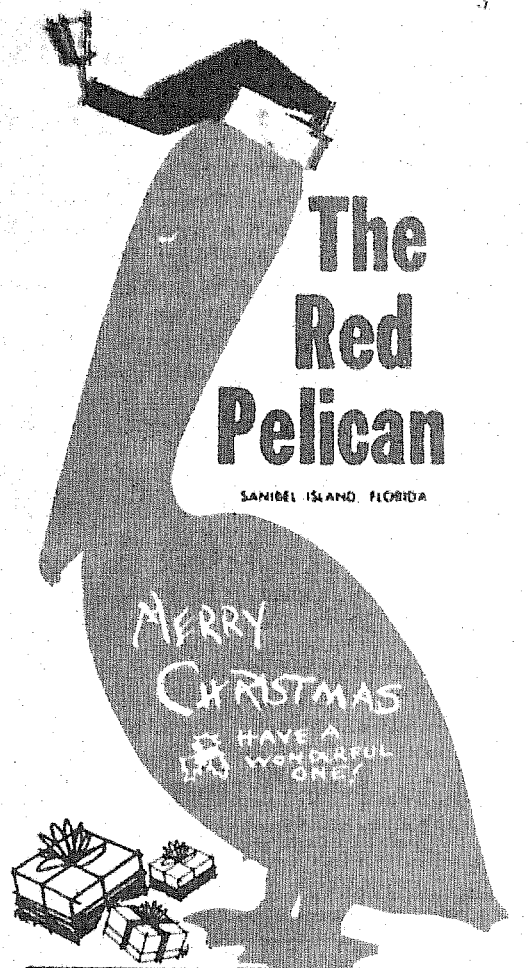
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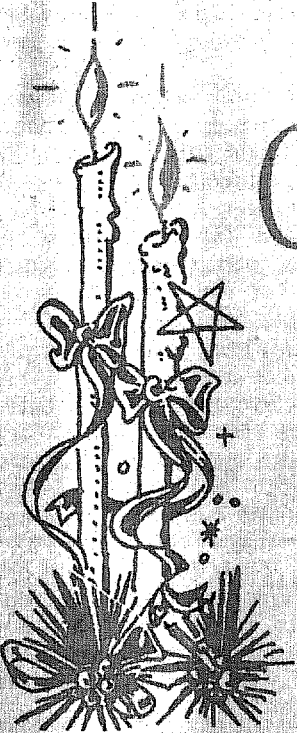
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ISLAND ARTIST TAKES "FIRST OF FIRST"

The Sears Roebuck Traveling Show of Leading Contemporary Southern Artists has awarded a first prize to Maybelle Stamper of Captiva for her lithograph called "Girl With Bird." The award carried additional honors in the form of a check for \$2,000 and the sale of the lithograph to the Wutherspoon Museum at the University of North Carolina.

Her picture, along with two other ones by area artists were placed on a tour of forty cities in the Southeastern states, where they were shown as part of the Traveling Show. At the end of the year, Sears collected the 120 winning paintings at the Museum for the Winner of Winners to be judged.

The judge, Mr. Allan Frumpkin, who has art galleries in New York and Chicago, awarded the Grand Prize to Miss Stamper. Sears has invited Maybelle to attend the presentation ceremonies at the University on January 4 as their guest. She has accepted the invitation and will be accompanied on her trip by Mrs. Ray Booth. Vincent Price, who is in charge of Sears Art Development Program, will also attend the presentation.

LOW-COST HOUSING DISCUSSED

The meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva group interested in the provision of low-cost housing for present and future needs of islanders, met on Friday evening at the Chamber of Commerce building to hear Mr. Robert E. Bates, executive director of the Fort Myers Housing Authority, outline the necessary procedures to follow in a request for a Federal subsidy to underwrite the acquisition of land and the construction of the buildings, as well as details of administration of the rental housing.

Mr. Bates spoke at some length to an eager and interested audience of over fifty people, most of whom were Island residents, the others being visitors who felt the project deserved outside support.

It was decided, after a question-and-answer period during which many searching questions were asked by a large number of the listeners, to request that the Chamber of Commerce assume the sponsorship of the project, and to this end, Adm. E. G. Konrad, who served as temporary chairman of the meeting, was appointed chairman of a steering committee, by Mr. Norman Chambers, president of the Chamber. This committee, consisting of Adm. Konrad, Dr. Guthrie Speers, Father Thomas Madden, Mr. Ralph Bixby, Mr. Herbert Lewis and Mr. Leon R. Levy, was instructed to call on County Commissioner Geraci to ask the cooperation of the Board of Commissioners in forming a County Housing Authority, to take the preliminary steps outlined.

Mr. Geraci was called and agreed to meet with the Committee, which will, when pertinent information has been obtained, formulate a report to be presented to the group at a future meeting. It is hoped that an even larger turnout of Captiva and Sanibel residents will be present at this meeting, notice of which will be given in the near future.

Mr. Bates said that, although in the absence of the approval of the Fort Myers Housing Authority's decision, he could make no commitments as to their willingness to participate in our efforts, he felt reasonably certain that they would regard the idea with favor. Those present applauded this possibility, as it would insure expert and experienced guidance.

Among the island residents who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Floyd R. Snook, Mr. John Kontinos, Mr. Walter Woodhams, Mr. Larry Burdick, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Holtz, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bixby, Dr. and Mrs. Guthrie Speers, Mrs. Robert Gallaher, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Levy, Mr. Edward G. Lowry, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mook, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Mills, Mrs. Jean Hayford, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Adler, Mrs. Viola Williams, Mrs. Elise Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pflough, Mrs. Bette Parke, Miss Betty Puff, Mrs. G. Frederick Kuder, Mr. Roly Frenette, Gen. Jess Lindsay, Mrs. Birgit Dickey, Adm. E. G. Konrad, Mr. Roy E. Bazire, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Beattie, Mr. Paul E. Adams, Mr. Dale Ballinger.



ACTORS IN THE NEW PLAY AT PIRATE PLAYHOUSE

Some shenanigans at the Pirate Playhouse in "Mrs. McTHING." Mr. LION is surrounded by ALICE ALECK, CURTIS NAVE, RUTH HUNTER, WILLIAM MACINTOSH and PHILIP HUNTER.

SHELL FINDS

While staying at Mitchell's Sand Castles, the JESSE SO-WELLS of Fort Lauderdale made a remarkable trio of discoveries last week. They picked up a fine Golden Olive, half a Lion's Paw and a rare Channeled Whelk.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate reports the sale of a parcel containing some 10 acres and having 130 feet of Gulf frontage from the Archway Development Corp. to Mr. & Mrs. George S. Winterbotham of Altair, Texas. Mr. & Mrs. Winterbotham, who have sold their Texas ranch, plan to build a home here in the near future.

Three sales are reported this week by Priscilla Murphy Realtor. On Sanibel, 200 feet of Gulf frontage in the old Sanibel Estates area was purchased by Mr. & Mrs. C.P. Siegenthaler of Mansfield, Ohio, from Mr. John L. Puls of Fort Myers. The second Sanibel sale was a lot in Sanibel Shores from the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary of Alexandria, Va., to Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Kersey of Lake Wales. The Reverend and Mrs. Jerome Rowell of Port Orange, Florida, purchased a home on Captiva from Mrs. Lucille Lea of Star Prairie, Wisconsin.

NEW BOOK OUT

That enticing fragrance on Periwinkle Way leads straight to the Island Bake Shop where Christmas wizardry is afoot. Gingerbread men bedeck the Christmas tree, old-world holiday fruit breads are baking and all kinds of fancy cookies are waiting to fill your cookie jar. As if they weren't busy enough, Jack and Doris have managed to publish a collection of their most popular recipes. The spiral binding makes this book easy to use and the clever sketches by the two Bettyes (of the Black Pearl next door) add an extra Island touch. There are directions for Ethel Snyder's banana bread, Jack's luscious mocha torte, the renowned lemon pecans and all your other wonderful favorites.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING

It has been a long time tradition for everyone to gather at the Sanibel Community Church on Christmas Eve.

This year, the Island-wide hymn sing will be held Friday night at 7:30. Francis Bailey will read the Christmas Story from the Scriptures and Lee Roy Friday will lead the singing of your favorite Christmas hymns and carols.

SCHOOL NEWS

Although there was no formal Christmas party planned at the Sanibel School this year, due to lack of space, the children wound up the last day before the holidays with one anyway.

Nick Kontinos, the principal, has announced that additional County funds will make the long-awaited basketball court a reality by spring. Also, Allen Nave's committee for beautifying the grounds will welcome contributions of money, plants or plantings.

A committee has been formed to promote interest in the PTA. Those who come regularly to the meetings (1st Thursday of each month at 8 p.m.) want to see the group grow and continue to become more active. The committee, made up of Charlotte Carper, Zelda Siegler and Kontinos, hope to make the non-attenders realize that they are needed to help the PTA enlarge its benefits to their own children and to the community.

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Guided in their journey by the wonderous eastern star,
And they found the Baby Jesus in a manger, fast asleep
Where the angels sang His glory and the shepherds watched their sheep.

Thus came the old traditions; the songs, the gifts, the praise
That we celebrate so fondly, these late December days.
"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men;" we quote the ancient phrase,
Amid the strifes and jealousies that dominate our days.

Let's be kinder all the year, and in our own small way
Reflect the spirit handed down that far-off Christmas day.
Give a welcome hand to strangers and a cheerful happy smile
To all of those who come to share our own peaceful Isle.

And from the people of our Isle to all the U. S. A.,
A Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year's Day.
May your heart be filled with gladness each day that you are here
and the Sunshine of our friendship stay with you thru the year.

Be you traveler or neighbor in the land of Sea and Sun,
From Alaska or Hawaii, may God bless you every one.

Don the Beachcomber

**THE STORM
THE GOLD WATCH
AND EVERYTHING**

ONE hot day last summer, we stopped in at South Seas Plantation on Captiva for a breathing spell away from it all, and struck up a conversation with Andy Rosse of Andy's Marina on Captiva. He told a fascinating story, and since he told it better than we ever could, the following words of Andy's were hastily transcribed for your pleasure.

"Did I ever tell you about the hurricane of '26?" he started off. "Well, I was just a kid then (thought I knew an awful lot, too) and was working around the Islands off a big fishing scow.

"One day, not paying attention to anything much, we got back and the Captain said 'Get those boats up the creek.' Well, I argued with him -- I couldn't figure why I had to put the boats up right that minute, rather than later. And I had to go get supplies anyhow, couldn't see why I had to put the boats up before I left. As I said, I was young.

"Well, the Captain being the Captain, I put the boats up and then took off for the Port to get supplies. Quite a way that was -- we didn't have the big motors on boats as we do today and it took awhile, 'bout six hours, or more, each way.

"Coming back, the wind started picking up, and here I had been up for about a day and a half straight, but I fought that boat in, hit the deck, stumbled to my bunk and fell, with all my clothes, face down. They later said I didn't even turn

over for hours.

"Pretty soon, or so it felt like, though they told me it was about 16 hours later, somebody shook my shoulder and said 'How'd you like the hurricane?' Well, I'm telling you, I was so tired I didn't even know there was a hurricane!

"And you have to admire that Captain, too. He didn't have the barometers, or instruments or anything to tell him it was coming, but he kept us, the scow and everything safe. He was a smart man.

"Well, anyhow, by the time I woke up, the storm was just about over. We only lost one boat -- we could see it, and I thought I could get it, but they wouldn't let me. After a couple of days we started needing some more supplies, so me and this other kid, he was only about 16, took off in an open boat to get some.

"We got them alright, and started back. About an hour off shore I realized we hadn't brought any water to drink on the boat, and you can get pretty thirsty in as long as it took to get back to where we were going, so I decided to pull in at a fishing camp I knew of to see if we could borrow some water.

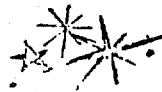
"We did, and that place was wrecked! I mean, there were clothes and furniture and pieces of houses and everything just scattered all over. Couldn't find any people, and this kid started nosing through a man's coat he found on the ground. He found a big gold watch, the kind on a heavy gold chain, and the kid, well, he said he was going to take it with him.

"I said he wasn't. 'Look,' I said, 'that poor guy's had

enough trouble without you stealing his watch. Leave it here.'

"This kid was all for taking it anyway. Finally I had to really argue with him. Told him he'd take it away over my dead body, or his. Well, he left it. And we never found any water, so we were pretty thirsty when we got back to the Captain.

"The funny thing about that watch is that it's in my family today. That's right -- it belongs to my wife's nephew, and when we found it, it belonged to her uncle, course I didn't know I was saving it for my family; hadn't even met Della yet, didn't meet her for about a year afterwards. But the owner, Della's uncle, came back to get it from the fishing camp, gave it to his son and his son gave it to my nephew. I sure didn't know when I stopped that kid from taking it that I was saving that gold watch for my own family."



PARTY SCHEDULED

The night will a a-go-go with the music of the "Dimensions" rocking the Sanibel Community House. The Chairman, Francis Bailey, has a real fun evening planned for December 28. The music starts at 9 p.m. and will last until midnight; there will be a small donation, please. Francis and his lively committee will see that you have a wonderful time so, we'll see you there.



**DOROTHY
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MARGARET
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Your Islander
Reporters**



Season's Greetings

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**ST. ISABEL'S
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

There will be a Midnight Mass Christmas Eve at St. Isabel's Catholic Mission on Sanibel Island. Mass on Christmas Day will be at 11:30 a.m. Confessions will be heard Thursday before and after the Evening Mass; Christmas Day at 10:30.

The JAMES MAGUIRES of New London, New Hampshire, have sent word to PRISCILLA MURPHY that they will be arriving some time during the Christmas holidays. Last fall they purchased a motel site from Priscilla and had hoped to start construction of a new motel last fall, but later decided to wait until 1966.

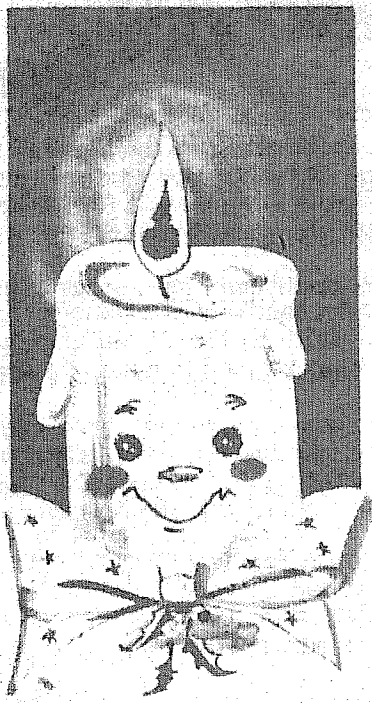
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GLORY of the SEA

Edith H. Mugridge

Sanibel Island, Florida

CHRISTMAS IS SHARING

One of the unexpected pleasures of this Christmas season has been, figuratively speaking, "eavesdropping" on the interesting people whose Christmas letters we have been privileged to print.

We have experienced the excitement of traveling to California to be with children and grandchildren for the holidays; enjoyed a trip to New Zealand and tingled with anticipation at plans to visit Hawaii, and South America, and the Caribbean. We have shared in the good fortunes of many people--most of them strangers--have peeped into their new homes, and were pleased with their plans for landscaping. We have approved their pride in "our beautiful tropical island," chuckled at the bright sayings of their grandchildren, rejoiced with them in the successes of sons and daughters.

We have had a share in many Christmases this year --- and loved them all.

Season's Greetings

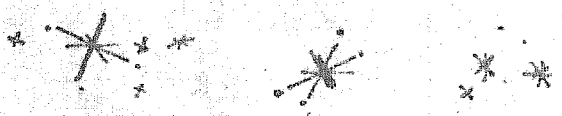
TO ALL MY FRIENDS ON
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WHO'S WHO ON SANIBEL

Arrivals on the Islands for the season include Mr. and Mrs. V.V. VEENSCHOTEN of Erie, Pa., at their home on Gulf Drive; Mr. and Mrs. G. FREDERIC KUDER of Durham, N.C., at the MOLLMAN home on Gulf Drive; Mr. and Mrs. HERBERT LEWIS of St. Paul, Minn., at their home on Gulf Drive; Mr. and Mrs. W.C. FEASTER of Chambersburg, Pa., who have rented the PICARD home on the Gulf on Captiva for the season through Priscilla Murphy, Realtor; Mr. and Mrs. LLOYD HUNTINGTON of Norris, Tenn., who are back in the Shell Basket for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD P. TINKHAM, who are renting the Hough Home in Anchors Away, were called back to Indiana suddenly by the death of Mrs. Tinkham's sister.

The JERRY BLACKS write that they will be delayed in arriving on Sanibel. Scheduled to return to Periwinkle Cottage on January 1, illness will keep them in Trumansburg, N.Y., until early February.

The JOHN CORYS also write from Pleasant Hollow Farm in Coopersburg, Pa., that their plans for spending Christmas at their home, "Sandpiper" in The Colony, have been changed, but they'll be down later.

Leaving Sanibel for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD WOMBWELL returned to their home on Barnegat Bay in New Jersey. They plan to start construction of their Sanibel home when they return in January.

RUSS MASON, executive director of the Florida Audubon Society, was taken on a boat trip to La Costa Island by ROY BAZIRE early this month to view the Bald Eagle's nest there. Russ and Roy had a splendid view of Pa and Ma eagle as well as the nest. Apparently there are eggs in the nest as Ma hung close and low, warn-

ing the intruders to keep their distance. Efforts will be made to make this the first private Bald Eagle sanctuary in the Nation. Russ also got a water-side view of the entire chain of islands, and hopefully, the drive for conservation in this area may one day cover all of our beautiful islands.

MARY K. CUNNINGHAM and PEGGY MALONEY, co-chairmen of the temporary membership drive committee for the new Sanibel-Captiva Democratic Club, report good progress. Membership has doubled since the drive began. They remind all democrats on the Islands, permanent residents or winter visitors, to join up; it's only \$1 per person per year. ROY BAZIRE, president of the club, also reports the beginning of plans for an activity program for the coming year, including the sponsorship of speakers, the presentation of democratic candidates during the spring primary campaign, and a general voter education project.

Possible speakers include HOWARD R. BOWEN, chairman of the National commission on long-range economic progress, who is due to report to President Johnson in January; a representative of the Florida Credit Union League, Inc., to explore the possibilities of organizing an island credit union; W. WILLARD WIRTZ, friend and business associate of ADLAI STEVENSON and cabinet member in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations; and GILBERT WHITE, a University of Chicago geographer and international expert on water resources, uses and development.

Mrs. RICHARD KEARNS and her daughter LAURI will be leaving Sanibel and Hurricane House shortly (if they haven't already departed by the time you read this) to spend the winter with her mother in Augusta, Georgia.

Mrs. HOWARD SCHRINER is busy making preparations to surprise her husband when he makes his final visit from Atlanta, Georgia, this week to their almost completed home on Sanibel. Since Christmas Day marks not only their thirtieth wedding anniversary but also the beginning of their Island living, Mrs. Schriener wants this celebration to follow as nearly as possible the traditions of the past thirty years.

Even though their furniture is not promised for delivery until the first of the year, there will be a decorated tree in the atrium of their new home and a sea shell wreath will hang at the front door. Two stockings will be hung at the hearth and bayberry candles will be ready for burning to insure good luck in the coming year. Their open house is the only tradition they will have to forego, but Miriam says, "Wait till next year!"

Other Christmas visitors include Mr. and Mrs. JAMES R. CARVER of Massapequa, New York, who arrived last week to spend the holidays at the home they purchased from General LINDSAY on Roosevelt Channel on Captiva.

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT WOOD and their four children are on the Islands for Christmas, and are visiting in the home of Mr. Wood's parents, the F.C. WOODS of Cos Cob, Conn.

Another son of the F. C. Woods, the Rev. Mr. FRED WOODS is also spending the holidays on the Islands, accompanied by his wife and their three daughters.

MARK HOLTZ'S parents, Mr. & Mrs. MARSHALL HOLTZ, Sr., are here from Arlington, Va., for a 3 week stay to relax and shell and enjoy their grandchildren SUSAN & TOM, who are on a holiday from Cypress Lake School. The Holtzes are the new owners of the Snack Shack.

Island Inn guests for the Holiday season include Mrs. VIOLA STEWART of Port Jefferson, N.Y., who is building a house in Tradewinds and plans to move in very shortly; THOMAS F. WILSON of Washington, D.C., who came to the Islands and the Inn on the recommendation of Mrs. PAULA VOGELSANG of New York; Mr. and Mrs. A.L. LUTTRELL of Washington, D.C., and their daughter, Mrs. MORRIS and her two children; Mr. and Mrs. HERMAN SHID of New York; Mr. and Mrs. LEROY DAVENPORT of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD M. SOLSTAD of Brooklyn, N.Y., and their four children; Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE VON PETERFFY of Boston, and their children, CHARLES and ALEXANDER; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. STROH and their children of Detroit, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. DONALD CAMPBELL and their two children of Evanston, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. TOM WARE of Largo, Florida; and Mrs. F.H. BROWN, Miss CAROLYN WOODBURY of Boston, who will be joined by friends shortly.

ROGER and LUCIA WILCOX, back from Long Island to their Sanibel home in Del Sega, are full of wonderful tales of a European trip.

THE SEA HORSE ART GALLERY

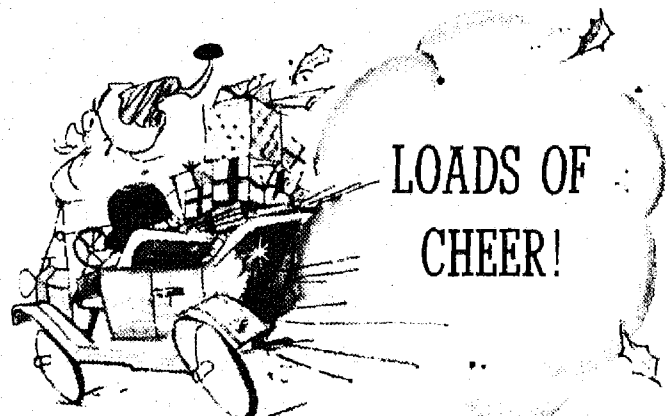
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Doc Bryant, our local "clip artist" has a new trophy to hang in shop, along with his famous Jakalope. It is a 8 pound, 14 ounce, 21 1/2 inch sheephead--complete with wool! Doc caught this monster on a piece of a bamboo pole, a carpenter's chalk line, a #4 hook and used an un-named brand of dog food for bait. He stated that before being boated, the strange fish emitted a bleating sound like a frightened sheep and when it was brought to the surface, its captor was amazed to see its head and chin adorned with a full growth of wool, which he at first thought was sea weed. Doc overcame his natural thought to give a hair cut and shave--and now the Sheephead is on the wall.

Wednesday a week ago, Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD DAYTON and Mr. and Mrs. ED WEBB of Casa Ybel were hosts to members of the Chamber of Commerce at an enjoyable and elaborate buffet dinner.

The reason for the celebration was the opening of the attractive and impressive new Casa Ybel dining room, which seats 200 people.

Mrs. Dayton was unable to attend personally, as she had to remain in her Daytona Beach home with the Daytons' school age children.

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Birthday greetings were in order on the 16th of the month for GEORGE TEASLEY, who was 79 years young. Mr. & Mrs. Teasley and daughter GRACE HORN spend their winters at Zic Zac on Sanibel. Mrs. Horn's husband, CLARENCE, will be flying down from Carrollton, Ill., in time for Christmas and will stay long enough to soak up a little sunshine and so some fishing and shelling.



Christmas

AT Coconut Grove

Restaurant

MENU

APPETIZER

Homemade Vegetable Soup . Fresh Fruit Cup . Juice
Garden Salad Bowl (choice of Blue Cheese, French,
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DESSERT

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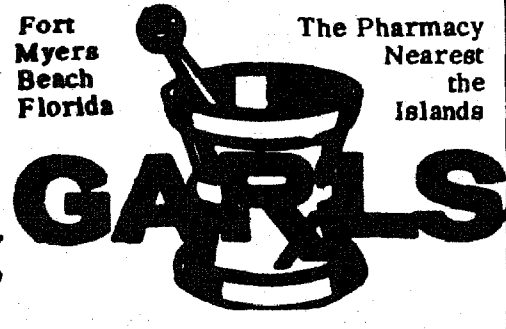
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Christmas Greetings

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU

From
Max Sellers, Bob Hudson, Joe Tucker and Francis Bailey

Sanibel Service Station



YULETIDE BLESSINGS

John and Bela Kontinos
AT
Coconut Grove
Restaurant

The motels are rapidly filling with Christmas guests—the season opened at the Colony with the arrival of the WARREN MURPHY family of Syracuse, N.Y., always among the first of the holiday visitors to arrive and usually the last to leave.

Large catches of rods and snook in nearby canals have delighted the EDGAR GORES of Lexington, Ky., who are staying at the Beachcomber for the third season.

Mrs. H.A. ROMINE expects a flying two day visit for the holidays from her young nephew, JAMES PETERSILLIE, on his first leave from the Biloxi, Miss. Air Force Base. Her daughter, LANORA MORGAN, will soon be coming to the Islands from Miami for an extended stay.

Visiting the ARTHUR ORLOFFS for Christmas are their son, KENNETH, a student at the University of Conn., and Mr. & Mrs. BEN WOLPER and their daughter, MERRIE, from Stamford, Conn.

Mr. PAUL MESKIL of Baldwin, N.Y., a travel editor for Coronet Magazine, is ranging out from his base at the Colony to gather material for a forthcoming article on Florida Islands.

Mrs. GEORGE CHRISTENSEN has returned to her home in Glencoe, Ill., after a week of relaxing and seeing her friends on the Islands. She and Mr. G. plan to return to the Colony in March for their usual long stay.

GIRL SCOUTS GET GIFT

The Gulf Coast Girl Scout Council Troop 104 has been presented a handsome tribute by one of their leaders, Mrs. ELIZABETH T. ADLER of Captiva. She has assembled a sheet of fifty new stamps of the recent issue commemorating fifty years of Girl Scouting in America. The stamps, along with a first day cover, have been mounted and framed as a gift to the Troop. The cover was post-marked at Button Bay, Vt., which is the location of one of the large Scout Camps, and addressed to MARY ALECK.

The girls saw their gift for the first time at their Christmas party in the Sanibel School.

The Sanibel-Captiva Troop 127 of the Brownies and the Junior Girl Scout Troop 104, joined other Lee County Scouts in making decorations and trimming the tree in front of the Court House in Fort Myers. Mary Aleck and Charlotta Carper took the troops for a round of hamburgers at MacDonalds after the decorating.

The two groups had their Christmas party Saturday afternoon at the Sanibel School.

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Owners of property in The Rocks have been invited to set up a property owners' association specifically to deal with any future efforts at re-zoning the single family dwelling area. Emmet Anderson, Fort Myers attorney, will represent the group, which has a local executive committee of William Bancroft of Cocoa Beach, Fla., Betty Sears, Robert Haynie, John M. Vanarsdell and Roy Bazire. Any owner who may not have received the letter explaining the association's organization plans may obtain a copy from Roy Bazire at Priscilla Murphy's office.




MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE JUST HEAVENLY!

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Greetings

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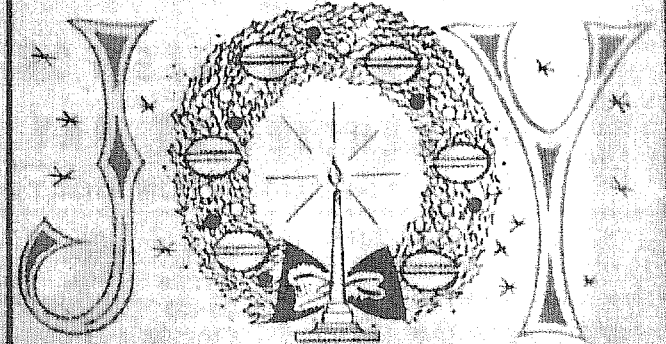
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Suzanne's by Susan

Sanibel side of Blind Pass bridge Closed Thur



Season's greetings to you and yours!

From
Billie and Francis Saxinger
at
THE COLONY

WHO'S WHO ON CAPTIVA

BERNICE & MAC McCAUL left yesterday for Fort Benning, Georgia, where they will spend Christmas with their son, Major RONALD McCAUL, and his family -- wife BARBARA, and children, PEGGY, BETHANY, RANDY and MARIE KATE. Major McCaul is scheduled to go to Viet Nam shortly after the Holidays, so this will be an especially memorable Christmas for the whole family. The McCauls plan to arrive back on the Islands Monday. Their shop on Captiva will be closed until then.

There will be a tea in honor of Dr. & Mrs. GUTHRIE SPEERS at the Captiva Community House Tuesday, December 28, at 4 p.m. The Committee extends a welcome to everyone.

This is the third year that we on Captiva have had the good fortune to have Dr. & Mrs. Speers with us. No one who attends the beautiful Sunday morning service at the Chapel By The Sea can go away without a heightened faith and a deep appreciation of his leadership.

Mr. & Mrs. JOHN SPARKS and his mother were expected early this week to spend the Holidays in their bay house.

Old friends of Mrs. ALEXANDER FLICK (Flicker) may like to know that she would enjoy hearing from them C/O Poskanzer Convalescent Home, 264 1/2 S. Main Ave., Albany, New York.

Mr. & Mrs. WINSLOW GRULLEMANS arrive from their new home in Mentor, Ohio, with young WINSLOW GRULLEMANS, Jr., on December 20 to visit Mrs. J.J. GRULLEMANS for the Holidays. Young Mr. Grullemans attends the Hawken School in Gates Mills, Ohio.

Miss GAIL GRULLEMANS is already on the Islands from the Judson School in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Mr. & Mrs. TED FONDA will spend Christmas with their son in Alexandria, Virginia.

With the opening on last Saturday night of the 'Tween Waters Inn, the WINTER SEASON gets under way. Seventy five Island families attended the excellent dinner which was served in a most pleasant and friendly atmosphere. It is nice to welcome the BUNTINS and the WAKEFIELDS back.

Friends of Mr. & Mrs. EDWARD H. HILLIARD who spent several years on Captiva will be sorry to learn the Mr. Hilliard died at their home in Louisville, Ky., a few weeks ago. The address is 1074 Cherokee Road, Louisville.

Dr. & Mrs. WEISS, who have been vacationing in the Van Vleck home on the bay, have returned to Montclair.

Season's Greetings

'Tween Waters Inn

Captiva Island, Florida

CHRISTMAS DINNER

SERVED FROM 1 - 2 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN KUTZIK of Alton, Illinois, and their small daughter, KATHRYN, are visiting Mrs. Kutzik's parents, Mr. and Mrs. ED WEBB of Casa Ybel for the holiday season. Mr. Kutzik teaches art at Southern Illinois University.

The Webbs' other daughter, Miss CORALEE WEBB of Fort Myers, crossed over the bridge to join her sister and parents for Christmas. Miss Webb is an instructor at the Arthur Murray Studios in Fort Myers.

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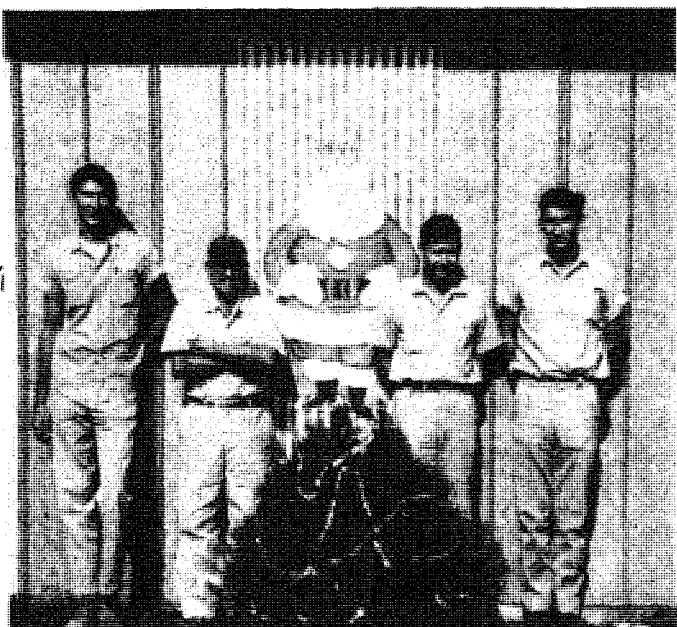
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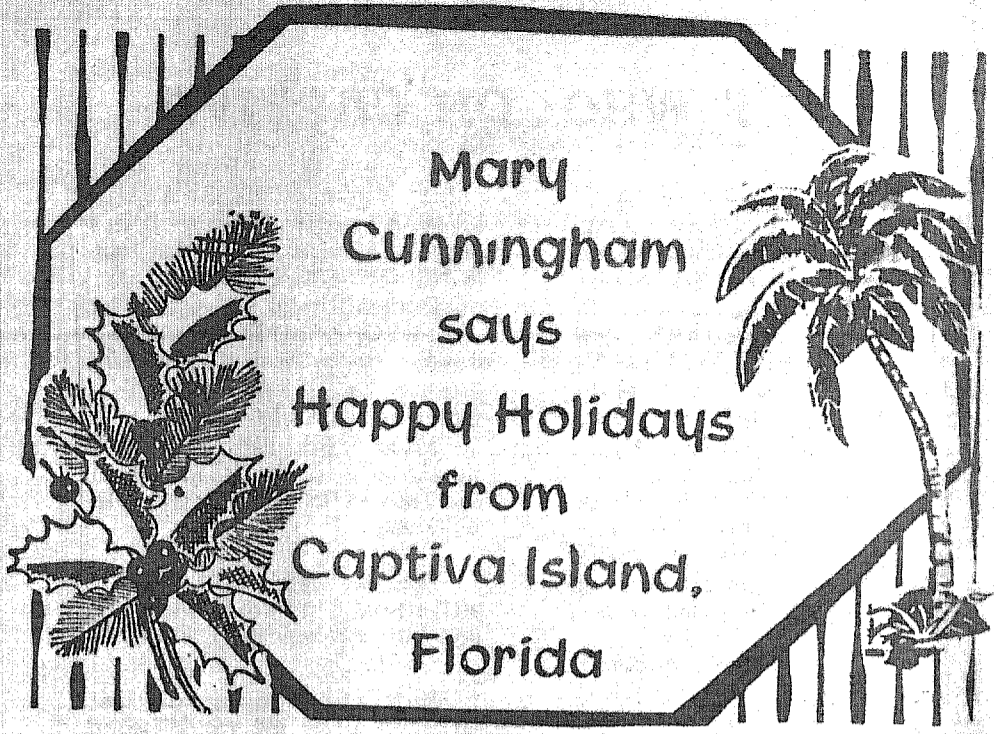
Sanibel Island, Florida

Hi there -

We would sincerely like to say "Merry Christmas" in person to each and every one of you - but as you know, that's impossible.

So with all our hearts, we want to wish you A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*Yours very sincerely
Paul & Irene*

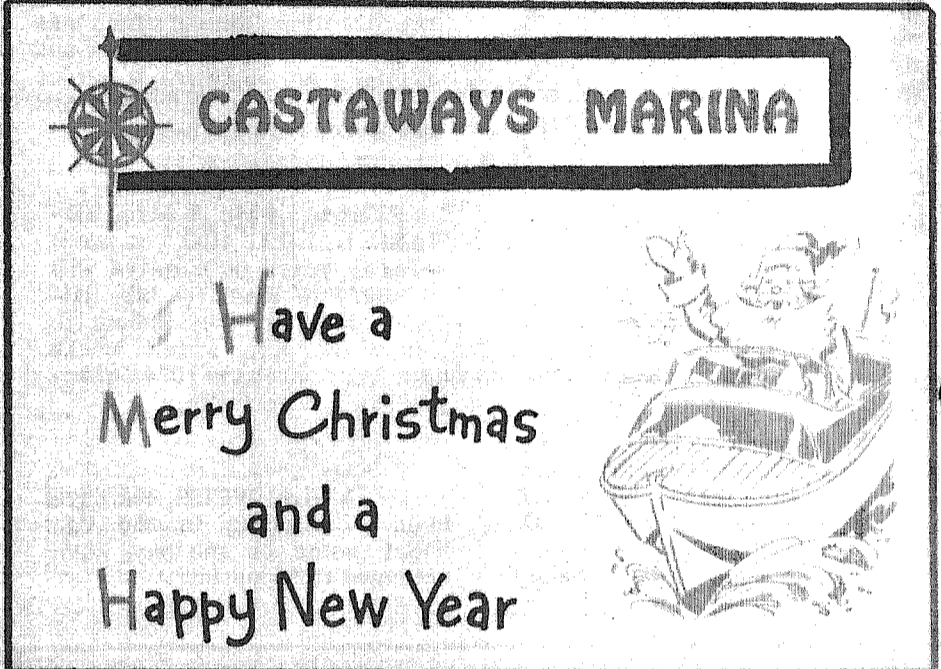


Mary
Cunningham
says
Happy Holidays
from
Captiva Island,
Florida

BOWLING NEWS

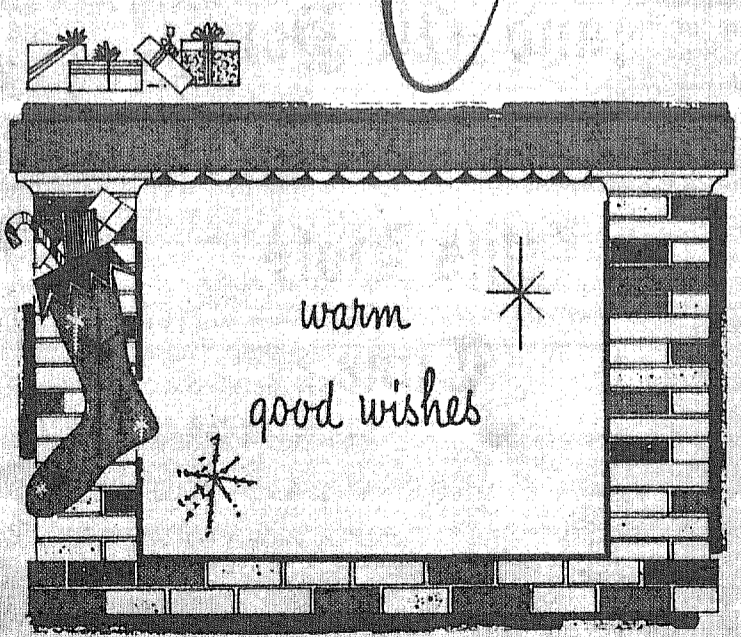
The standing of the Thursday night bowling team sponsored by the B-Hive is **THIRD** from the top in the Rusty Lee 3 Star Classic. This team can be seen in action at the Everglades Lanes in North Fort Myers. The B-Hive has two other teams bowling Monday nights at the Royal Palm Lanes and Wednesday night at the Gold Crown Lanes.

Speaking of the B-Hive, they have completed the expansion and have installed the very latest in refrigeration, including an unusual display cooler. A new barbecue has been added and chicken and ribs are now available to carry out. Also, the Tiki Hut has been completely remodeled.



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Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

Merry Christmas



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