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## "Little Fantasy" Well Received

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Adams served as hosts at the Sanibel Community House for John Proetz's "Little Fantasy" which was most entertaining and presented at the December meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Shell Club. The bodies of all the little figures which performed were made of shells.

Mrs. Proetz's part of the program was on the serious side --- with exceptionally good slides of shells accompanied by the scientific data pertaining to each, some rare, some common. There was in particular a very well-made slide of Edie Mugridge's Glory of the Sea shell.

The program followed a brief business meeting conducted by Shell Club President Mrs. Harvey Meyer. After the program presentation, Miss Elizabeth Adler, assisted by Mrs. Bernice McCaul conducted a surprise shell guessing game in which all the approximately 100 members and guests participated.

Presiding at the refreshment table, which was decorated with a Christmas cross, poinsettias and holly, were Mrs. Grace Horn, Mrs. Mary Purdy, Mrs. Elise Fuller and Mrs. J.P. Glass.



GOOD LUCK!  
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Your reporter encountered a rare oddity on Christmas Eve right on Periwinkle Way: A FAMILY OF TURTLES RIDING IN A BUS. One turtle was driving and his name is Howard.

Mr. HOWARD R. TURTLE of Kenosha, Wisconsin, is a mechanical engineer working for American Motors. Last summer he converted an old inter-city bus into a complete home on wheels. He plans to take his wife, two high school children and their Westhighland White Scotties touring the country whenever they can get away, and they have chosen Sanibel for their first stop.

Not only Turtles ride around in converted busses --- another converted transit bus carried a family of nine from Winnetka, Ill., to the Island and Snook Apartments for a holiday visit. They are Mr. and Mrs. KENNETH BRO, his mother, Mrs. M.H. BRO, and six children.

Dr. and Mrs. JAMES R. WIER and their six children have come from Mourell, Wisconsin, to participate in the bird count and are also staying at Snook's.

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Morning Worship  
2nd & 4th Sundays. . . . .9:00 a.m.  
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Holy Communion. . . . .9:00 a.m.  
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Father MIGUEL M. GONI

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Holy Mass. . . . .11:30 a.m.  
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Holy Mass. . . . .9:00 a.m.  
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The Rev. TAD ALLEN, Pastor

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Sunday School. . . . .10:00 a.m.  
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The Rev. W.A. McCain, Pastor

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Sunday School. . . . .10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship. . . . .11:00 a.m.  
Young People's Hour. . . . .6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship. . . . .7:30 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
. . . . .7:30 p.m.  
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CAPTIVA CHAPEL by the SEA  
Dr. GUTHRIE SPEERS

Sunday Worship. . . . .11:00 a.m.  
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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE  
Sunday. . . . .11 a.m.  
at Ethel Snyder's home, Gulf  
Drive, Sanibel Island, Florida.  
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ELIZABETH S. POWELL

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Powell, the wife of Mr. H. Ellis (Mickey) Powell, died in her sleep in the early morning hours of Christmas day. She had lived on Sanibel for the past eight years, where she was better known as Betty of Betty's of Sanibel (formerly Betty's Hawaiian Village.)

She devoted much of her time to young people's activities. She was historian for the Sanibel Girl Scout Troop, sewed costumes for Playhouse productions and frequently chaperoned groups of teen-agers on trips to the mainland. Unostentatiously she won the hearts of the young people she loved, and the devotion of all those who knew her well.

She is survived by her husband and her teen-age daughter, Nancy Lee Clements of Sanibel, a daughter in California, Mrs. Marvin Tolley, her mother, Mrs. Frances Spalding of New York, her brother, Major William Spaulding, who is stationed in Viet Nam with the Air Force, and four grandchildren.

Father Madden conducted the service on Monday afternoon at the Engelhardt Funeral Home; interment was in Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers were Francis Bailey, John Kontinos, Ray Booth, Joe Green, Paul Stahlin and Earl Lillie. George May was an honorary pallbearer.

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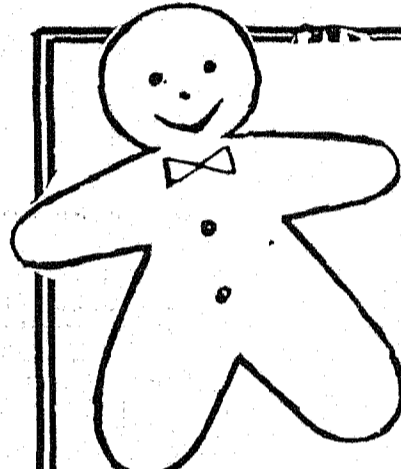
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If you are interested in photography-shells-geology-music-sleight of hand-cryogenics-selling the wonders of science to grade and high school students, then you ought to meet DAVID and IRENE WILLIAMS. They are staying at Villa Capri until New Year's Eve. By the time this gets into print, David will have held a magic show at St. Michael's Church, which should have delighted the young and the grownup children who attended. (We're sorry we didn't know about this in time to mention it last week.) David does this for fun and has given magic shows since he was a boy of 13. He is really a missionary for science, even though his motivation is mainly to arouse an interest in science among young people, no matter what they are going to be.

David has another hobby that grows out of his background as a scientist. He is a physicist with a consuming interest in cryogenics, and though the hobby is to give lecture-demonstrations on The Wonders of Liquid Air. He is booked for hundreds of lectures yearly in schools all over the country. The air is permitted to leak out of a cylinder of compressed air, expands as it leaves the cylinder, and this expansion cools everything nearby, including the compressed air that still remains in the cylinder. The continued cooling finally turns the compressed air into a liquid. In his demonstrations David nonchalantly pours liquid air from one glass tumbler into another, back and forth; molds a hammer head out of frozen mercury, around the end of a

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stick, and then uses it to drive a frozen rubber nail through a board.

David and Irene, always on the move, have the rare capacity of making any place really home, not only to themselves but to their many invited visitors. Everyone is buzzing in and out at their present home at Villa Capri.

Among their busy friends, also at Villa Capri, is a poetess who is a licensed Methodist minister as well. She is Mrs. LEONA WILL CALDWELL, formerly of The First Methodist Church in Lisbon, Ohio, now living in Lakeland. One of her very appealing poems took first prize recently in a contest sponsored by The National League of American Pen Women.

If you happen to meet FRANK and BERTHA KIESSLING, down here from Waterbury, Connecticut, you are sure to learn something about fish. Frank catches his daily trout offshore of the Tradewinds with almost the regularity of the sun, and may bring in a whopping red snapper for good measure. Lucky is the friend who happens to be around when he comes in with a big catch. Tradewinds will be their home for the next two months.

Among the several friends visiting Mrs. JOHN GLASS are Dr. and Mrs. WILLIAM SUR. He is professor of music at Michigan State and together they are the editors of some excellent textbooks on music for elementary schools. They own a lot on Sanibel and intend to build a home here soon.

THE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION REPORT

Early this year concerted efforts were begun to provide good and potable water to the Island residents at reasonable prices. The Sanibel Captiva Chamber of Commerce kicked off the project by appointing Mr. John Kontinos as chairman, with instructions to select a board and study the water problem.

The board members selected were Paul Stahlin, C. Smith Kauffman, Francis Bailey and E.G. Konrad. The Chamber also provided \$100 initial expense money, followed quickly by the Sanibel Community Association's indorsement and a \$200 check, and the Captiva Civic Association approval and an \$100 check.

The board went to work immediately and, based upon the Pine Island's Water Association recommendation, employed the engineering firm of Sarasota, Bennet, Bishop and Passalacqua to develop the feasibility study.

As soon as a favorable report was received the board approached the Farmer's Home Administration for the necessary loan, and obtained assurance of the cooperation of the Pine Island Water Association.

These efforts culminated in success, for on Nov. 17, 1965, the formal bids for the construction were opened at a public meeting held in the Sanibel Community Association building. On Nov. 18, the FHA approved the loan of \$795,000 and directed us to proceed. On the same day four parcels of land on Sanibel and Captiva were purchased.

On Nov. 22, contracts were awarded to the successful bidders -- the Rusty Plumbing Company of Sarasota and the Foster Marine Contractors of Fort Lauderdale. Ground was broken on Dec. 20.

The contract calls for a completion date of July 1, 1966.

During the year, C. Smith Kauffman left the Islands and resigned from the Board; he was replaced by Paul Everett, who also soon had to resign due to a change in his work schedule. Joseph Green was appointed to fill the vacancy and is now working diligently to help the board develop an efficient administrative unit to operate the water system.

The Water Association office, under the able supervision of Pat Murphy, is ready to receive applications from all Island property owners who missed the first opportunity and now wish to join the association for good water. The board will process these applications with utmost haste so that all will be able to enjoy the excellent water on the first day, July 1, 1966.



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## WHO'S WHO ON SANIBEL

MARK McCLINTICK, the new owner of Tradewinds, is no mean fisherman himself, but is just having to get better acquainted with our local fish. He was almost bouncing with enthusiasm the other day when he brought in a four pound snook.

Colonel ANSEL JORGENSEN, Military Attache in the Danish Embassy, is taking a break from the pressures of diplomatic responsibility and social life in Washington. He and his family find the contrast here very refreshing. They have been away from Denmark only a few months and we are glad that Sanibel is early among their experiences in this country. They are staying at The Gallery.

Found on Bowman's Beach by Mr. SAM ANDRESS of Akron, Ohio, who was an Island Inn guest --- a brown cockle with halves of unequal size. Edith Mugridge of Glory of the Sea examined it and pronounced it a rare find.

Another rarity --- the feathered kind --- was sighted in the Sanctuary by bird guide Jeanne Hayes when she spotted a bufflehead duck.

FLOYD SNOOK, being a native Floridian, knew that the only tree suitable for Christmas --- in Florida at least --- is a short-needle pine. Since they are not available around here, he traveled all the way to the Ocala National Forest with his power saw and was given permission to bring a fine specimen back to the Islands, where it is now reposing in decorated splendor in the Islands's Chamber of Commerce building on the Causeway approach. Thanks to Floyd.

Installation of the new air-conditioner in the Chamber building left an unsightly scar on the wall --- but ED LEGEL is fixing it up.

Another performance of "Mrs. McThing" will be presented at The Pirate Playhouse January 2.

It is not surprising that among the assortment of visiting celebrities at the present time one of them is a malacologist. Dr. ARTHUR SOPER started his career at the ripe old age of eight when his grandmother took him exploring the fascinating world of shells in the tidal pools of Santa Barbara. With a big gap in between, he came eventually to Harvard, where he was a pupil of our famed Dr. Clench. In the gap, he developed a parallel interest and career as a naturalist, following this pursuit in Yellowstone and even branching out a bit into archeology, surrounded as he was by evidences of ancient man. He has some interesting artifacts to his credit from this period in his dual career. Arthur still follows his naturalist bent in summertime, teaching wood lore and survival. He has been staying at Sea Horse Cottages, and expects to be around shelling for several weeks.

The FLOYD SNOOKS enjoyed their Christmas with their family, who all assembled here for the first time in the Snooks's six years on Sanibel.

Mrs. PIERCE HAMMOND of Barnesville, Ga., is with them for the winter; their daughters, EVELYN and Mrs. MELVIN KASPER (who brought her husband and children) joined them for holiday time.

Hiers's By the Sea Cottages had some happy holiday guests including the RALPH CURRYS of Flint, Michigan. He is the editor of the Flint Journal.

The ALBERT NERACKERS, Jr., were personal guests of NORMAN and ROSE CHAMBERS, who own and operate the cottages.

The Rev. JOHN ENSIGN and his family of Camp Hanover, Richmond, Va., (where he is director of the camp) spent the holidays here, as did DOMINIC NAPALITANO, who is athletic director of intramural sports at Notre Dame, and Mr. and Mrs. H. PERSIFOR SMITH. Mr. Smith is retired from his position as vice president of Armstrong-Cork.



photo by Konold  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gault, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Christmas Day. They were the guests of honor at a surprise dinner party Christmas Eve in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Mary Gault of the Sea Horse Shop.

The Gaults moved to Sanibel shortly after Joe and Mary did, and built the Sea Horse Cottages, which they still operate. Joe is their only son; they have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Felicitations.

JIM and SUSIE PICKENS and their daughter ROBINLYN, who arrived to spend the holiday with his parents, DOC and JO PICKENS Christmas Eve, returned to Eau Gallie, Florida, Monday after a happy long weekend.

The HERBERT KASTLES are spending a week at Tradewinds, and although their stay is short, Sanibel is so contagious they feel they already have become fans for life. Herbert writes novels, while LAURA finds RHONA, age 12, and MATTHEW, who is seven, career enough for one mother.

Herbert's next novel will have Hollywood for a setting. Just for fun he did a horror film for Paramount while gathering material for the novel.

ROLY FRENETTE, owner of the Beachcomber, has found a new outlet for his sports interests. He drives to Cape Coral every Sunday morning for a round of golf on their championship course. He leaves at 8 --- aren't you tempted to go along?

The HAL HARRISONS are on the island again. He comes to Sanibel regularly to add to his knowledge of birds and their nesting habits and is writing a book on the subject --- a field guide to nests and eggs of birds of the Eastern U.S. He has already taken photographs of more than 200 species of eggs in the nest. But since it is not nesting season he is concentrating right now on the text.

While Hal is writing his book (this is his 6th), MADA is working on her shell collages, now almost as well known on the island as Hal's photographs since winning a blue ribbon in last year's shell fair. Several new ones that she brought with her this time can also be seen at The Sea Horse Gallery.

Hal has produced nine color films on birds and other wildlife that he shows in schools. He says that the bald eagle on Captiva is incubating a clutch of eggs. Her white head and tail, which were once black, indicate that she is at least four years old. The red-shouldered hawk and the great blue heron can be seen nesting too, if you are lucky enough to find them. Most birds on the island wait until March or even later.

The Harrissons are staying at Tradewinds and will be here until early February. Of course they will participate in the bird count on the 31st.

As announced in our December 16 issue, painting classes will start at the Sanibel Community Center on Monday, January 10, 1966, and continue each Monday thereafter from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. The Fort Myers Beach artist, Leona Keiper Sherwood, will teach oil, watercolor and other media. If you have not already registered, please phone Mrs. Sherwood at her home -- MO 4-9745 or phone Miss Josephine Reddy at GR 2-3071, or come on January 10th prepared to paint. Please bring any materials you regularly use, plus dropcloths and easel if possible. Mrs. Sherwood, whose work is well-known in this area, formerly painted in New York, Nantucket and Europe. She has had several one-man shows and taken awards in juried group shows.

KAY and BILL NEWMAN are eagerly readying their guest cottage for the arrival this week of Dr. and Mrs. BENJAMIN HOWELL, Sr. Mrs. Howell is Kay's sister, and Dr. Howell is a retired professor of geology at Princeton. He served there for 40 years. This will be the Howells's seventh winter on the Island.

Mr. and Mrs. ED RICKARD and their three children of Belleville, Ontario, Canada, are spending a week at the Beachcomber, and are getting in quite a bit of sailing and fishing. Ed is in the TV equipment business with Northern Electric.

Other Beachcomber guests are Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM R. ROSS and their four children who are enjoying two weeks of somewhat warmer weather than their less fortunate friends are having back home in Troy, N.Y.

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**CORRECTION**

The Islander incorrectly reported last week that a parcel of land sold to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Winterbotham by Sanibel Captiva Real Estate was 10 acres with 130 feet of Gulf front. It should have read 1 and a half acres with 130 feet of Gulf frontage.

**WHO'S WHO ON CAPTIVA**

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN SPARKES and sons, JOHNNIE and BILLY, and daughter CINDY are at their house on the bay. Cindy has a friend staying with her, Miss SUSAN DeSHAZO. Both girls are students at Boonton High School in New Jersey. Mrs. Sparkes, Senior, is staying in the guest house on the CHARLES ALT property.

Dr. JOSEPH HINDMAN and three children, LESLIE, WARD and BALLARD, are visiting the HOMER HINDMANS for the holidays.

FRANCES SANDVIK, who formerly ran the Windjammer Marina and Restaurant on North Captiva Island, now is in charge of the Marina at the South Seas Plantation. She was planning a Christmas party for the help there last wee-end.

Mrs. SIDNEY O'DONOGHUE of Captiva happily reports the receipt of a suckling pig, a Christmas gift from her son Derek and family, of Borderline Farms, Norfolk, Connecticut. With an apple in his mouth, and a garland of flowers around his neck, Monsieur Pig was a handsome holiday attraction.

Mrs. KATE LARKIN, who unfortunately spent Christmas in Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers, is progressing, and has the best wishes of her friends for the New Year.

Captiva Beach Motel Apartments have two Christmas guests from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR FINK and their daughter, SUSAN, and two granddaughters, are there, as well as Dr. and Mrs. JOHN H. FERGUSON. Dr. Ferguson is Professor of Physiology of the School of Medicine.

Also at Captiva Beach are Mr. and Mrs. C. BEILEN of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD FREUND of Eustis, Florida, as well as three teachers from Charden, Ohio -- Miss ELLEN SPENCER, Mrs. MABEL HESSLER, and Mrs. M. FIELDS.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM STICE are occupying the HENRIKSEN house with their four children. Mrs. Stice is Mrs. Henriksen's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. LEON BARD, of Newburgh, New York, arrived at the Captiva Beach Motel Apartments yesterday. This is the fourteenth season the Bards have spent here, which speaks well for the attraction of the area.

Miss JAN CALDWELL, from Coconut Grove, Florida, is the Holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. DAINTRY FITZHUGH. Miss Caldwell is Mrs. Fitzhugh's daughter.

Crabs along Roosevelt Channel had better be alert these days, as they are being relentlessly pursued (with one trap each) by HERVEY ROBERTS, CHARLEY PASCAL and JOE GREEN. So far, the traps have snared an excellent selection of toadfish, angler fish, sea bats, cow fish, sea slugs, a live tulip shell, and four sea horses. There has even been an occasional crab. A usually unreliable source denies indignantly that the group is considering forming an organization called "The Constant Crabbers."

This stirring tale of life on Captiva was generously contributed to your reporter by the King Crabber himself, Mr. Hervey Roberts. After all, good fishermen have to have SOME fun besides hauling 'em in.

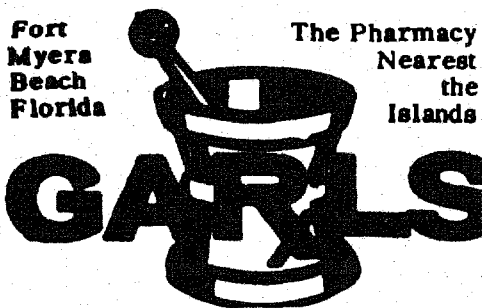
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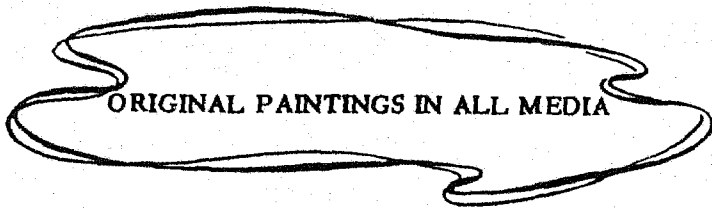


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