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## WINTER INSTITUTE

Ninety members of the sixth Winter Institute of Quantum and Solid State Physics started a hard ten day study course Monday at Casa Ybel. The director of the Institute is Professor Per-Olov Lowdin of the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and the University of Florida. The members, who are now attending approximately eight lectures a day, finished part one of the Institute at the University of Gainesville on December 10.

More than twenty nations are represented by the members and their families, who are staying at Casa Ybel and a number of other motels on the islands.

The three speakers for this week will be Professor Lowdin, Dr. Rubena Pauntz and Professor John C. Slater. The Institute is supported by the National Science Foundation and also by contributions from several private companies.

Welcome --- we hope you will enjoy island life in your spare time.



## MAGIC SHOW

"Once upon a time" --- These are the four greatest words in the English language," declared Magician David Williams. With this the spell was cast. Only one of his audience of at least 80, filling the Guild Hall, escaped immediate entrancement. Father Madden's little black Angus was so consumed with curiosity (Would that multiplying rice trick work on dog food?) that he had to be subdued with threats of vanishment. Needless to say, the magic show was a success.

The children were enthralled and each came away clutching a balloon animal as a bonus. Refreshments were served by Elise Fuller, Pearl West and Marjorie Edsall. Thank you, Father Madden, Marshall Tabacci, Larry Amon, Bob Dormer, Jr., David and Irene Williams for this holiday treat!

## UNIQUE PLAYHOUSE

Florida can now boast not only of the oldest schoolhouse in the country (in St. Augustine) but also of the only one which has been made into a unique arena theater, The Pirate Playhouse on Sanibel Island.

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Ruth and Philip Hunter, who bought the old Sanibel school and converted it into a theater two years ago, will be guest speakers at the Fort Myers Beach Woman's Club next Monday. Besides discussing the theatrical entertainment world, the Hunters will also tell the audience about Mrs. Hunter's new book, "Barefoot Girl On Broadway."

## BIRD COUNT

Birds of a feather don't always flock together -- 101 species of birds were identified at the annual bird count on Sanibel last Friday, and the estimated bird population of the islands is now figured at 29,400.

The official start was at 8 a.m. but Charles LeBuff and George Weymouth began owling at 5. The other twenty-two participants were Jane and Griffing Bancroft, Opal and Willis Combs, Mike and Tillie Elliott, Esther Espenshade of Wilmette, Illinois, John and Myrtle Groet of Sarasota, Hal and Mada Harrison, Gladys Kauffman, Earl Lillie, Martha Mook, Hazel and Herbery Roberts, Joanne Shot, Don Simonds, Dorothy Stafford, Eunice (Mrs. David) Van Vleck, Joseph Van Vleck and Jim Weir.

There was a welcome break for lunch at the Snack Shack and a follow-up of coffee and doughnuts at the home of Opal and Willis Combs.

It was an ideal day for the bird count -- the weather was delightful and perhaps contributed to there being a record turn-out of bird watchers and a record number of species recorded.



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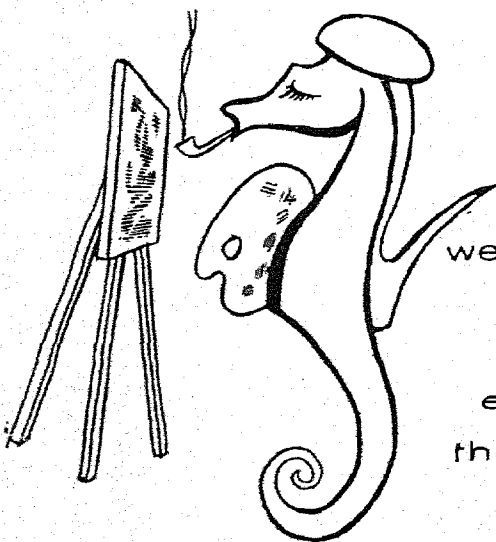
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Evening Worship. . . . .7:30 p.m.  
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\* \* \* \* \*7:30 p.m.

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Dr. GUTHRIE SPEERS

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### GIFT SCOUT NOTES

Mary Aleck's Girl Scouts  
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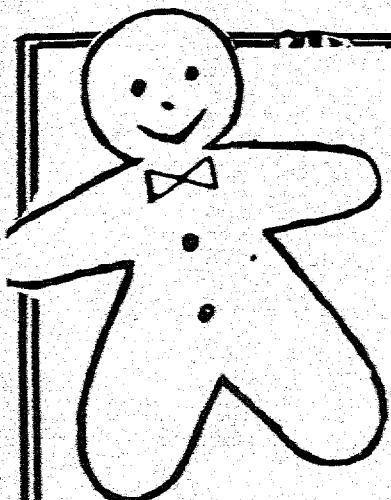


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Mr. BENNETT BURGOON, Jr. and Mr. BENNETT BURGOON, III and their wives, new owners of The Colony, entertained guests of The Colony at a jolly get-together around the swimming pool the day before Christmas. Acts of magic performed by Mr. CLIFFORD LUNDGREN added to the fun. Mr. and Mrs. Lundgren of Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich., are vacationing at their cottage Coral Sea Ranch, in The Colony.

Mr. and Mrs. WHITNEY EASTMAN, Edina, Minn., have

arrived at The Colony to stay until May 1. Their friends are looking forward to seeing some of the wonderful pictures taken on their two-month birding tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Dr. and Mrs. EDWIN A. BURTT, Ithaca, N.Y., have also returned to The Colony and will be here for six weeks. Dr. Burtt is associated with Cornell University, Sage School of Philosophy.

Dr. and Mrs. ROBERT W. MUENZER, Toledo, Ohio, and Mrs. ELNORAHOLLIMAN, Silver Spring, Md., annual visitors, are again with us.

Mrs. ELSIE B. JOYCE, Director of the Bridge Travel Bureau of the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Commission of New Jersey, is a guest at The Colony this week. Mrs. Joyce is accompanied by Mr. Joyce and Miss HELEN MOHR.

JOACHIM SCHWELIEN and his family are staying on Sanibel at the Sea Horse Cottages. Mr. Schwellien is the Washington correspondent for the German daily, Stuttgarter Zeitung, and the largest political weekly in Germany, Die Zeit Hamburg. He is also a part-time correspondent for Northwest Radio and TV, which has stations in Hamburg and Cologne.

He said that in general he has thought American towns to be somewhat monotonous, lacking the texture and individuality of these in Europe. For this reason, he said, Sanibel has been a delightful surprise.

He did say that he hopes Sanibel will not be sacrificed to the current tendency to turn everything to gold so that we are left starving for what we have lost, and recommended that

we work to preserve the wild and spacious beauty of these islands.

We agree -- not only does modern man need some breathing areas, but the world's great-grandchildren will be sorely pressed for wilderness and recreation areas unless steps are taken today to assure their preservation.

There are some familiar faces at the Sea Horse Cottages, the two WEISIGER families, junior and senior, GENE and HELEN and their children, BILL, JIM and MARY, have already returned to Urbana, Ill. Grandparents GEORGE and HAZEL are staying for three months. He is a retired professor of law at the University of Illinois.

#### THRIFT SHOP OPEN

Elise Fuller has announced that the Thrift Shop will be open every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. Besides clothing for men, women and children, the shop also has small appliances.

#### FLORIDA STATE AUDUBONS WILL BE HERE SATURDAY

In conjunction with the Florida State Audubon Society meeting being held at Lehigh Acres auditorium this week, a field trip to Sanibel is scheduled for Saturday. The Friday field trip will include Fort Myers Beach and the new causeway to Bonita Beach as well as the Corkscrew Swamp.

#### MOVIE STAR'S GRANDSON AT VILLA VICTORIA

RANDOLPH VON THEISZ and his family, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN DAVID THEISZ of Washington, D.C., are staying at Villa Victoria. Randolph is the grandson of RIN TIN TIN V, and has made many friends on the beaches. All say he displays a remarkably affectionate disposition to the public in spite of his family's eminence -- and in spite of the fact he's a German shepherd trained to attack on command.

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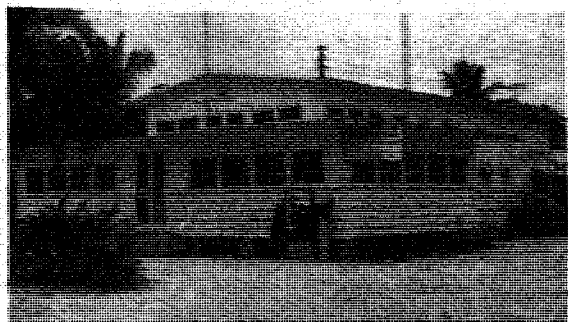
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## WHO'S WHO ON SANIBEL

Well, this is to laugh! CORT and DAN DANIELS had fished for a solid week on Clam Bayou and never caught a thing. Last Wednesday they were feeling particularly defeated as dinner-time approached, when suddenly an obliging mullet jumped into their boat. Sanibel is obviously a wonderful place --- there wasn't even a magician aboard.

Mrs. WALTER STRONG and Mrs. CECIL HUDSON were hostesses to 25 members of the Ladies Guild of the Sanibel Community Church on Thursday, Dec. 30, for a coffee hour.

Mr. and Mrs. CARL M. LARSEN from Woodstock, Ill., are wintering at Periwinkle Apts. for their third season.

The Combs's daughter, MARY PARKER, and grand-daughter BARBARA have been visiting them for three weeks from Iowa City. Mrs. Parker is with the state Geological Survey at the Univ. of Iowa, working with sub-surface stratigraphy and mapping.

Mrs. A. JOSEPH DONAHUE (Enid P. of Sanibel Bend) says she has been working frantically since she flew in with the Canada Geese Nov. 20, to lay out her collection of shells for public display again. It won't be as fancy as the Lilius F. Cockerill collection but was acquired over the years in order to name her mother's shells before she sold that fabulous thirty year collection to Capt. Ernest Kinzie.

In the meantime, people who cannot stay for the Sanibel Fair in March will have this opportunity to see a wealth of the beautiful world of underseas. Enid has about 60 feet of cases laid out although many shells are not in their rightful groups as yet. She says it is no museum but a place to muse... See'um.

Sir KEITH UNWIN and Lady Unwin are enjoying a breath of fresh air and a week's respite from diplomatic life in New York City at the Blue Dolphin. Sir Keith is a member of The United Kingdom's permanent mission to the United Nations.

Mr. and Mrs. CECIL HUDSON of Gulf Drive have returned to Sanibel from a flying trip to Detroit to spend Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law and four grandchildren, the HOWARD PEDERSENS of Pleasant Ridge, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. HALDON P. GREGORY of Decatur, Illinois, have returned once again to Sanibel for the next three months and are at Dugger's Tropical Village.

Have you heard "Bill Costello with the news?" Well, BILL and his wife, HELEN, are on Sanibel. They are staying at Periwinkle Apts. and will be here for several weeks. Bill is convalescing from some advanced open-heart surgery. Being a White House correspondent, he makes his home most of the time in Washington, D.C. Helen is an artist and has had exhibitions of her oils at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington and earlier in Tokyo, when Bill was a CBS foreign correspondent and covered the occupation under MacArthur. He later served as a war correspondent in Korea and tells with some humor how he chose an ammunition truck to dive under in a strafing attack.

But back to the heart surgery: Bill is almost a missionary for this operation and its life-saving potential. He suggested we watch the Reader's Digest for an article by his own surgeon, Don Effler, of the Cleveland Clinic.

Bill blames his friend GRIFFING BANCROFT of Captiva, for bringing him under the spell of Sanibel.

The Rev. and Mrs. SAMUEL H. EDSALL have rented the Eskew cottage on Gulf Drive. Until his recent retirement, Rev. Edsall was rector of Trinity Church in Geneva, N.Y. Sanibel is only one of their island homes --- they own an island near Ontario, which they have named Parson's Folly.

Col. E.E. GRIFFIN, of Logansport, Indiana, is spending the holidays with his mother, SUSAN KARR, of Susan's Searamics.

MARY and EDSON ELDREDGE drove to Orlando to spend Christmas weekend with their daughter and son-in-law, BARBARA and JIM NELSON, and grandchildren, TOM and PAMELA.

MARY and GOGO GOGOLIN, with Mary's brother JACK STOER, visited their father, CHARLES H. STOER, Sr. for Christmas. Mr. Stoer has been ill for the past year at his home in Leesburg. Jack reports having had an exceptionally fine Christmas and a rewarding family reunion.

DELLMAR REYNOLDS, Jr., LILLIAN, and their children PAUL, DEBBIE, and GLADYS, are visiting his parents for holidays. Dellmar has been transferred from Jacksonville to the Fort Myers Beach Coast Guard Station, where he took charge on Jan. 3 with rank of chief (B.M.) He anticipates a busy life -- 134 shrimpers are registered in this area and 76 rescue calls have been answered since July 1.

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the Legion home, Monday, Jan. 10, at 8 p.m. Reports from the ladies attending the area luncheon at Port Charlotte honoring the Department and District presidents will be given. Details for the making and sending of the yearly quota of comfort articles to the three veteran's hospitals in Fla. will be gone over. All members are urged to attend.

ROBERT CHAPLIN and his talented wife, MARIAN, are on the island again as guests of Bob's sister, Mrs. McWHORTER. If you were at the Christmas Eve service, you heard her conduct the children in responsive singing of her delightful little original, the "Christmas Bell Polka." Marian does a lot of musical writing for the Children's Theater back home in Lexington, Ky., but her musical interests are much wider.

She composes everything from rock 'n roll to religious anthems. Since her last visit, her hymn, "I Have Come from the Darkness," was sung in the Orange Bowl at the Baptist World Alliance assembly. You will remember our popular tenor, Lee Roy Friday, sang it in church last spring.

You may also have heard two of her lighter favorites, one for children, "Leo the Eskimo," and one written to her sister-in-law hostess right here on the island, "Isabel from Sanibel." Marian has already gone far as a composer and musical artist and much is ahead of her.

Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH K. MARTYN have arrived from Warwick, Rhode Island, for a two-month vacation at the CARR house in Clam Bayou.

Mr. and Mrs. DRAPER DANIELS, JR., (CORT and DAN), Mrs. Daniels, Sr., their son, TUCK, and his college friend, PETER WELLER, have spent the holidays at the Daniels's home on Clam Bayou, where Col. and Mrs. RUPERT were entertained for Christmas dinner.

The Daniels family enjoyed New Year's dinner with the Ruperts before returning to their home in Lake Bluff, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT BRUST and their children, BETSY and BILL, of Columbus, Ohio, are visiting Mrs. Brust's mother, Mrs. J.M. SHIPLEY of Periwinkle Drive.

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Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT MacALLISTER, of Wayland, Mass., are the purchasers of the cottage formerly owned by Mrs. KAY ROUSE, and are in the process of moving into it. Mr. DANIEL BURNER of Upperville, Virginia, has bought the larger white house on the property adjoining.

Dr. and Mrs. HEYWOOD POST were expected to arrive Tuesday and will occupy the same cottage they had last year on which the owner has built a fine new porch.

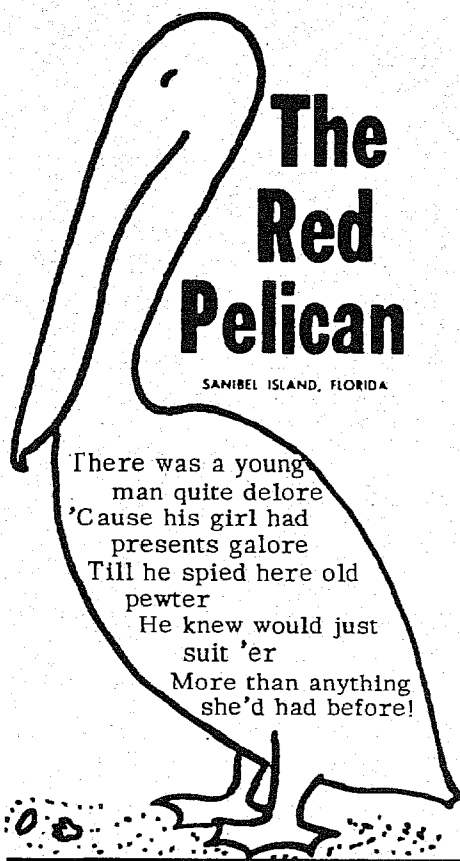
Mrs. JOSEPH VANVLECK has come to spend about three months at her house on the bay, and expects the SHANNON MERRYWEATHERS on January seventh.

Mr. and Mrs. KENNEDY McDONALD from Garlinburg, Tennessee, who occupied one of the Braemer cottages, have reluctantly returned home. Christmas vacations do come to an end, and children do have to go back to schools, good fishing or not, they said.

Audubon members please note that the Annual Meeting and election of officers will take place on Friday, January fourteenth, at 8:30.

On Tuesday, December 28, a tea in honor of Dr. and Mrs. GUTHRIE SPEERS was given in the Community House on Captiva. The committee, headed by Mrs. JEAN HAYFORD, assisted by Mrs. JESSE LINDSAY and Mrs. ROBERT GALLAHER, served punch and sandwiches and small cakes at a beautifully decorated table.

Staying in the cottage belonging to Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE THAYER are two distinguished writers on horticultural subjects, Mr. and Mrs. F.F. ROCKWELL. Mrs. Rockwell writes under the name of ESTHER C. GRAYSON. Both have spent their lives working with and living among flowers.



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man quite delore  
'Cause his girl had  
presents galore  
Till he spied here old  
pewter  
He knew would just  
suit 'er  
More than anything  
she'd had before!

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Mr. Rockwell has been Garden Editor for the New York Sunday Times, Living for Young Homemakers, and the Farm Journal, and is at present senior editor of Flower Grower. He has also written "Around the Year in the Garden," "The Treasury of American Gardens," and "The Book of Bulbs."

In collaboration, the Rockwells have published "The New Complete Book of Flower Arrangement," "Flower Arrangement in Color," and "Gardening Indoors," as well as complete books on bulbs, annuals, lawns, and roses.

First time visitors to Captiva and guests at Mid-Island Cottages are Mr. and Mrs. EURLEIGH BOYD of Maine and Dr. and Mrs. L.E. REIF of Grove City, Ohio. Dr. Reif is professor emeritus of the University of Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD TANTUM of Largo, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. RAYMOND KNIGHT of Altamonte Springs, Florida, were also first time guests.

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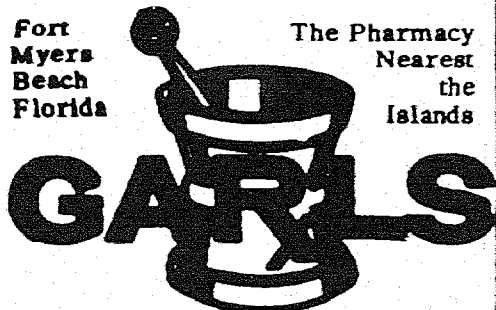
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