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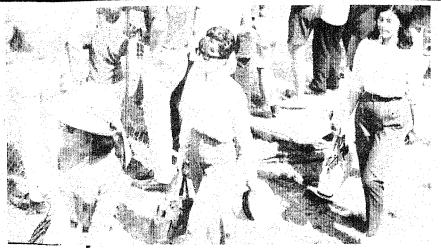
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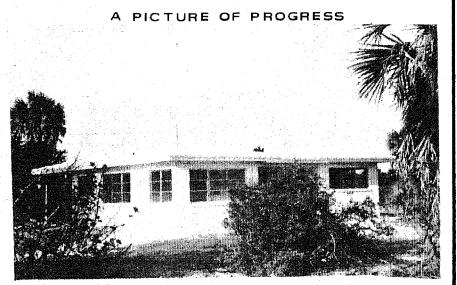


It's a big joke to Howay (Curtis Nave) and his mother (Ruth Hunter) when Mimi (Alice Aleck) gives a toy train to Dirty Joe (Philip Hunter) in Mrs. McThing at the Pirate Playhouse.

LAST PERFORMANCE OF SEASON

"Mrs. McThing" will play again March 26 at the Pirate Playhouse on Sanibel. This Saturday night performance closes the winter season at this delightful arena theater which has met with tremendous success in its two seasons here. Enthusiastic audience delight in singing the "Star Spangled Banner" before each 8:15 p.m. curtain and have enjoyed the various productions to the hilt.

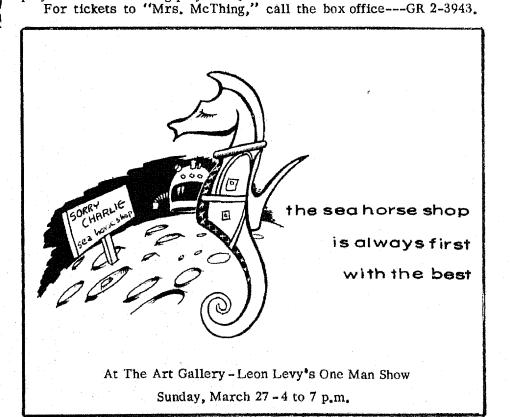
Philip and Ruth Hunter, the producers, are deep in plans for more plays at their charming playhouse.



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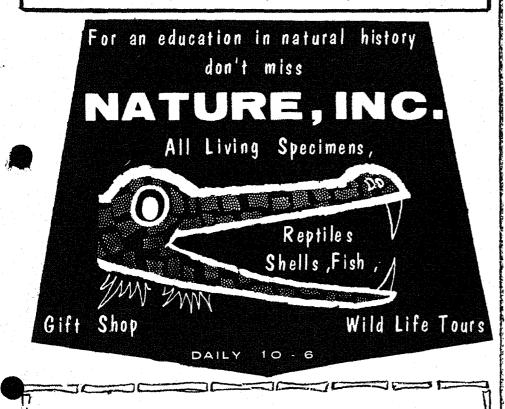
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MICHAEL and his wife, CAROL, both won their doctorates at the University of California at Berkley in 1964. Since that date Michael has been associated with the Research Faculty of Harvard University and Carol has been on the Faculties of both Brandies and Massachusets Universities, Michael is a bio-chemist and Carol a Zoologist. Carol also has the task of raising their two children, ROBIN, aged three and

HANS, aged two. In July they will move to Los Angeles where Michael has accepted a position as an assistant professor in Molecular Physics.

Pat is a Freshman at the University of Boston. He has recently been notified that he was selected to attend an eight week Anthropological trek in Wyoming this summer. This course is an all expense paid sojourn sponsored by the Peabody Foundation of Harvard University.

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It took him three years and considerable enterprise to get established in New York City, but he's on his feet financially at last, designing and turning out rings, bracelets and necklaces, usually in gold.

He does this work on a commission basis and has plansfor making special occasional jewelry for some of his customers--- a pendant, for example, that would be designed for wearing to a particular opera. Jean has

done figures in silver to decorate music boxes.

He has been here for a month, staying at Casa Ybel. He is collecting shells with a view to stylizing them in silver or gold for some of his pieces of jewelry and even more just to be surrounded by their beautiful forms when he returns to his New York apartment.

He has traveled much on the continent and in Canada. He says he "discovered America" five years ago and now is almost equally thrilled to discover Sanibel. He is cycling around the island to see it first-hand and not miss any sun.

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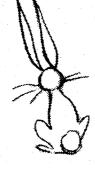


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ISLAND PROFILES by maude i, lawrence

There is a certain undisputable prestige in being counted as a long-time settler in any community, and a deep-rooted satisfaction which no "nouveau venu" can claim. One of Sanibel's beloved old-timers is Clarence Rutland, the Island's "Uncle Clarence," who, at the age of five came to the Island with his family in the days of pirates and slave-runners in 1895. Access to the Island was by sidewheel steamer which made daily trips from Punta Gorda to Fort Myers, stopping at Sanibel enroute.

Homesteading in the little farming community of some 300 inhabitants, the elder Mr. Rutland wrested a living for his little family - Clarence was one of five children - working long hours tilling the fertile soil. Aware of the ever-present threat of high waters, their home was built high off the ground with ample room to walk under the house.

Education in those early days was begun in the little school - house (which was bought by the Hunters and converted into the "Pirate Playhouse.") The boyhood days for Uncle Clarence were halcyon days to delight any youngster. Those were the days when sought-after Junonias and treasured shells were for the gathering instead of the searching, and Clarence modestly recalls finding "8 or 9 Junonias" one morning after a stiff no'-

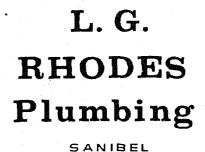
Hurricanes continued to take their toll and in 1910, when Clarence was fifteen years old, the most devastating "blow" which he can remember caused wide-spread damage across the Island. Although there was no loss of life, several boats were tossed up on the beach near the lighthouse, buildings were toppled and trees uprooted. Some 16 years later, in 1926, another severe hurricane washed away Bailey's store, a complete loss except for the safe and a chair which were pulled ashore.

Days still continue to be busy ones for Clarence. For some thirty-five years he has lived in his present house on Periwinkle Way, tending expertly a nursery business which offers for sale coconut palms and tropical fruit trees. His interests are varied, serving on committees, working for or exhibiting in the annual Shell Fair, active in the civic life of the Island and always mindful of its best interests.

He is one of those rare individuals who does not resist change when it means progress, and an expanding Sanibel poses no threat to him providing its expansion is kept within bounds. To talk with him about Sanibel "of yore" is an enlightening pleasure. The peace, the beauty, the quiet that IS Sanibel now, is only preserving the charm of the Island back in those days when tourists, as such, were a rarity, and the swaying palms and Australian pines were tropical sentinels of white sand beaches on this beautiful island.



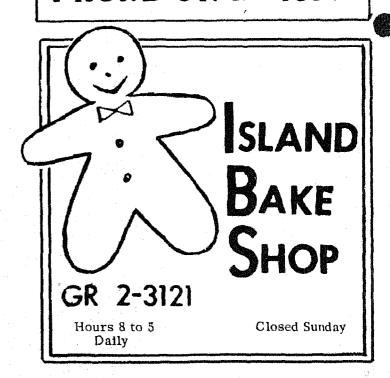






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until April 9.

Mr. Levy, a one-time architect who practiced for many years in New York City, turned painter upon his retirement in 1962, and has progressed through the initial architectural delineation which naturally first emerged from his background and training, into the impressionistic, abstract and sometimes surrealistic style that now characterizes his work. He is a serious painter, but much of his painting has humorous overtones.

He has exhibited in many Florida shows and is represented in two New York Galleries. His watercolor, "Ship-wreck," won the blue ribbon in the 1965 Sears Contemporary Art Festival and was later given an honorable mention in the Show of Winners from forty cities, at the Weatherspoon Museum in North Carolina.

A mixed-media painting, called "Florida Dry-Kye" won second in this year's Sears Competition, and another mixed-media, "Through a Glass, Darkly," placed third in the Lehigh Acres Art Fiesta. His work is in a number of

private collections and some of these paintings will be hung in the show. Many others, recently finished, have not been shown previously.

All Islanders and Island visitors who are interested in viewing the collection will be welcome at the Preview Opening and Reception as well as throughout the course of the show.



Interested in the political scene? New additions at the Sanibel Public Library are "Four Days" --- the historical record of the death of President Kennedy, White's "The Making of the President, 1964," Mooney's "The Lyndon Johnson Story," Douglas MacArthur's "Reminiscences" and "The Supreme Court," by Johnson.

We have such good friends! Mrs. Roy Gochenour has subscribed to the Audubon Magazine and "Florida Naturalist" as a gift for the Library. Thank you!

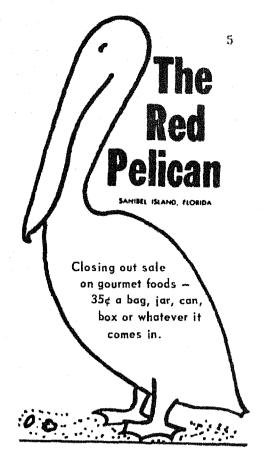
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Bird-watcher JEANNE HAYES was on hand at just the right time to spot 16 glossy ibises feeding at the dike in the Ding Darling Sanctuary. As far as she knows they haven't been seen on the island for several years.

CHARLOTTE DREWETT HARRIS, formerly of Captiva and now stationed in Chicago as a WAC Recruiter, wrote to the BETTYES this week asking that she be remembered to all her friends and also asking a favor!

She still owns her little house on Captiva and has plans to retire here when her service is over, but she would love to rent it to someone who would treat it with Tender Loving Care. If you know of anyone who would be interested, will you contact one of the Bettyes at the Black Pearl? Charlotte would certainly appreciate it.

Mr. and Mrs. GALE F. JOHN-STON, Jr., and their three children, GAIL, MIMI and HOUS-TON, of St. Louis, Mo., are leaving the Colony today to return home after a couple of delightful weeks on the islands. With them will go Mrs. Johnston's mother, Mrs. STRATTON SHARTEL, who has been dividing her time between the Colony and the home of her brother, WALTER L. HENSLEY, of Fort Myers.



Visiting the BETTYES are Betty Puff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.R. PUFF, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. H.H. PUFF, of Fort Walton Beach, on their way to Beliz in British Honduras. Mr. Ray Puff is owner of the K-9 Ranch and Pet Cemetery in Fort Wayne, (One of the few in the country he's owned it for 20 years.)



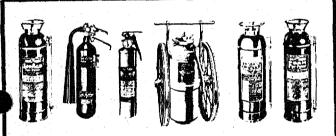


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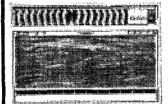
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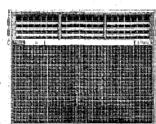
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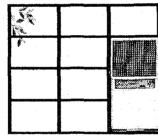
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In the process of this work, a four year old frequently gets a little damp, particularly when she sits down in the middle of a wave. Being a modern girl, she immediately shed her clothes---at which point the uptill-then-deserted beach popped up with people in all directions.

One gentleman meandered by, camera in hand, and took his own version of "September Morn." Since beautiful naked blonds (even four year olds) are not particularly a common find on Sanibel, we fell into conversation with the photographer, who was RICHARD P. HART of Ambler, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Hart have been spending their seventh Island Inn visit on Sanibel and originally found our Islands through friends at Penn Mutual in Philadelphia who knew JOYCE TURNER BLACK. They regretfully left the Islands last Saturday, but plan to be back again.

(So you see, boss, we weren't wasting time---that gull and gulf contemplation gave us an item to use. Just relax---it's more fun that way. Hey, wait---don't throw that shell at me!)

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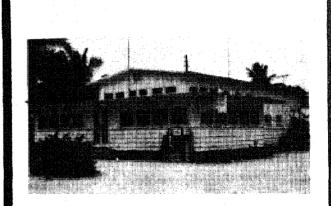
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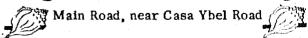
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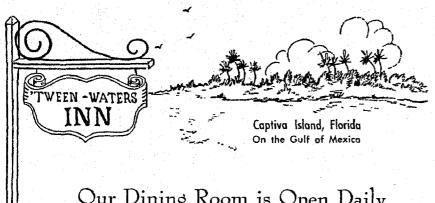
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Bob and Beth Brinker, with their daughter, Elizabeth, are here for their regular stay at Casa Ybel, Bob is admissions director and business manager of the Kiski School for boys (actually Kiskiminetas Springs School) about 30 miles from Pittsburgh. This is a preparatory school (grades 9-12) which ranks with Andover, Exeter and The Hill School; all graduates go on to college, Its versatile headmaster is John A. Pidgeon, Latin scholar, English teacher and coach for football, swimming and track.

Bob and Beth are two very genuine people and a joy to meet. Bob is an active naturalist (by avocation only, but he is a very popular shell-star-and general outdoor guide among the boys); modest and yet knowledgeable, relaxed and has a sort of innocence that makes you feel you've known him a long time.

He and Beth have come to Casa Ybel for 12 years because of the shells and birds, of course, but most of all because of the people---they have made deep friendships here and are a nucleus for an annual gathering of several C-Y fami-

Back home, they live on campus and their house happens to be one of the largest. They

give this as the reason it has become the social center for faculty and students; more likely, it's because they're "that kind of people," because "Smoked Mullet," their C-Y cottage, has also become a hive of activity.

You may have wondered about that new name over the door of the former Sea Urchin 6 Cottage ---it looks like a sign from a seafood shop, and in fact that's what it used to be. There's a story behind it --- as well as fun ---connected with a tour through the Ding Darling Sanctuary some years ago, in which Bob and Beth and their Casa Ybel friends, the Gordons, were involved. You can ask them the story, but in their group "It's only mullet" has ever since meant "Not important" or some times "All mixed up, but never mind"---so the sign had a natural destiny of appearing over their door.

Bob discovered a saw-whet owl (tiny, smaller than a screech owl with no eartufts) meditatively perching on sign posts at Casa Ybel between 9 and 10 p.m. last week. Soon most every one there was busy watching for a repeat sight of this rarity. He was reported seen on at least three evenings.

You will be missed, Bob and Beth, and all the good times you bring to "Smoked Mullet." until you are with us again next

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PUBLIC SERVICE

Member, Hendry County School Board, 6 years (two years as chairman).

Chairman, Hendry County Water Conservation Committee. 14 years.

Chairman, Hendry County Improvement Authority, 1955-57. Member, 5-County Advisory Committee for Edison Junior College, 2 years (one year as vice-chairman).

Member, House of Representatives, State Legislature, Since 1964.

Legislative Committees: Education - Public Schools; Agriculture; Public Roads and Highways; Water Resources Development and Conservation; and Livestock. Special Interim Legislature Committee: Educational Finance.

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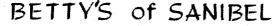
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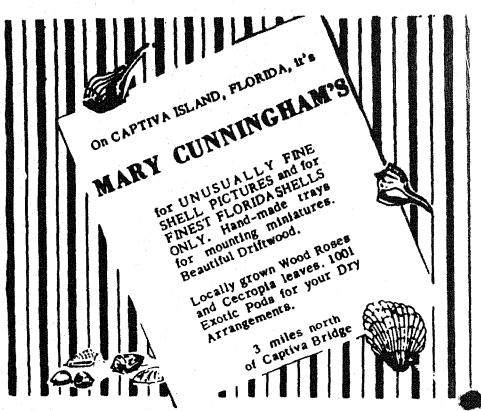


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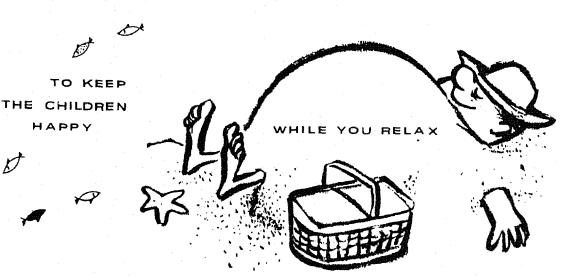






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