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#### 30,000 VISIT CHAMBER OVER

Over 30,000 people visited the Chamber office (31,062 to be exact) during the past fiscal year, it was reported at last Wednesday's Cham-ber of Commerce meeting, Hard-working Bill Newman also answered 4,013 letters of inquiry, handed out over 35,000 brochures, sent out another 19,220 brochures to Welcome Stations and the like, and is still able to smile politely at our many visitors. High month for visitors, if you happen to dig statistics, was March, with 8,798---low month was September, with 312.

The results of the election of officers were announced. Al Muench is the new president, Floyd Snook, vice president, Jim Jack, treasurer, Roy Bazire, recording secretary, and Mary Cunningham, Norm Chambers and John Kontinos, Board of Directors members.

M.W. Manns of Inter-County Telephone reported to the Chamber, and said while the Islands had shown a 127% growth in telephone sub-scribers since the microwave was installed in 1963, the growth was not fast enough to support the present exchange financially. He said the company's investment on the Islands was as great as its investment



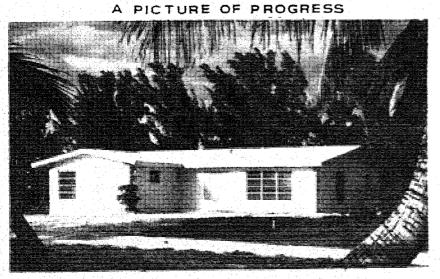
in Cape Coral, where there are 5,000 telephone subscribers as opposed to 450 on the Islands. He said a minimum of 1,200 to 1,500 subscribers would have to be on the Islands before a man could be assigned here.

Chamber members were reminded that the Board of Directors is bringing the white maps up to date; to assure the members's name and location on the new maps. the 66-67 dues should be in by May 14,



### OFFICE FOR NEW SANIBEL - CAPTIVA REAL ESTATE

James Pickens and Claire Walter, Realtors, break ground for the new Sanibel-Captiva Real Estate Building, to be erected between The Red Pelican and Glory Of The Sea. Studying the building plans are from left to right, Kenneth Walter, Robert Stevens, building contractor and Mrs. James Pickens. The new building will provide private office space for all personnel as well as a reception room and a large work room, Separate quarters are also being provided for the Sanibel Public Library.



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#### PINKEY KEEPS SHOP by ethel snyder

One of the handicaps in operating a retail shop is the amount of time you have to spend keeping the shop open for prospective customers! One wants to be on hand to welcome them when they walk up the path from the beach or park their car in the shade of a coconut paim out front. Sanibel Island is most informal and different and we islanders love our way of life! The changes have so gradually come upon us that we cannot notice them!

My friends all made themselves at home in my shop which was housed in my cottage. A snack in the kitchen was available at any time to one and sundry! You didn't ask, you just went out and nosed around in the kitchen. Others got the idea too, and often we ended up with quite a party on the screened side porch!

Two of my most precious friends were and are Pherbia and Pinkey Thornburg of upper New York state. Pherbia might be better known as Lowell Thomas' one and only younger sister, and Pinkey his esteemed brother-in-law. For years the Thornburgs have been my beloved friends and many of our happiest experiences have been the breakfasts eaten around the built in table in my beach cottage kitchen. Such fun! Such laughter! Really hardly time to eat. But the omlettes and pots of steaming coffee consumed would not be suitable for publication! Bacon didn't have a chance! The cocker got her share

Well, one morning, as we were properly immersed in breakfast, fun and laughter, Pherbia said suddenly, apropos of nothing, "Shelling ought to be good right now. We had sort of a blow and high tide last night." Quite mournfully I must

### ARTISTS

have replied, "Oh, how I wish I could go but I have to keep shop."

Out of a clear sky came this flash from Pinkey! "Go ahead and go. I'll keep shop."

and go, I'll keep shop." "YOU!" I replied, "What do you know about a ladies' shop.?" "You might be surprised"

"You might be surprised" was his surprise come-back. And to my own surprise I got up from the table and accepted his offer.

"Very well, we will go but there are a few things I ought to tell you."

So we took a quick look over the stock. Dresses hanging here. Shorts on these shelves, slaxs over there, boxes and tissue here, money in the drawer. Well anyway, in no time we were on our way to the light house beach. Pinkey on the back porch had jauntily waved the dish towel as a farewell. He was doing the breakfast dishes. The cocker went with us.

As we drove back Pherbia told me some fascinating stories about her childhood, Lowell's and hers. Their father had been a physician and they had lived in western mining camps, and many fascinating places abroad and over our broad United States. All too soon we turned into our drive. No Pinkey in sight.

We went inside to see him tying up a package for a lady who had made a purchase and was beaming at him. No wonder. He wasn't called Pinkey for nothing. Big, blonde, very pink complexion much pinker now from sunburn and the unusual excitement of selling a shirt!

He had sold a shirt and a few other odds and ends, but he had quite an exciting morning, so he said. But he looked his relief to see us and let us take over. The responsibility had been terrific. Nothing in New York like this! Some large ladies had tried on dresses, so he said. No sales, no remarks. Well maybe they didn't try them on. We never knew. We had our lunch at the kitchen table and we were all hungry. Then my afternoon was back to normal. Pinkey departed to parts unknown. But we never forgot the day Pinkey Kept Shop. We still talk about it. The large ladies who tried on dresses have grown larger over the years. Oh well, that is the way it is!





No, they're not dead --- but we were beginning to think so before we got them to fly for the picture on page one. They're a bunch of what can be described only as ham skimmers, who live in the Ding Darling Sanctuary and wallow all over the road --- notice the ones lying down! They're fun, though --- go see for yourself!

#### LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

Sixty-four books checked out in less than two hours! That must be a new high record for the Sanibel Public Library. It happened at the Library "garden party" for the school children of the islands.

With the cooperation of Mr. Nick Kontinos, Principal, Mrs. Marge Sloat and Mr. Tom Amberg, teachers, and Mrs. Charlotta Carper, bus driver, the children were transported to the library last Friday morning.

While the pupils sat in chairs arranged in a circle under a shady tree, Mrs. Harry Romine entertained the m with stories and poems. Miss Carol Lee, Lee

#### ARTHUR EDWARD SWANSON

Arthur Edward Swanson of Sanibel died Sunday at the age of 68. A resident of the Islands for the past ten years, Mr. Swanson W25 2 treasurer from the Mechanics Overall Laundry and Rental Company of Chicago. He was instrumental in starting the Sanibel Public Library here. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances H. Swanson, a son, Arthur E. Swanson, Jr., of Lancaster, Pa., a sister, Mrs. Florence Schumacher of San Francisco, and three brothers, Willie Swanson of San Francisco, George Swanson of Chicago and Albert Swanson, also of Chicago. The Rev. Floyd Hager of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers officiated at the funeral held Tuesday morning at the Harvey Funeral home, Anyone who wishes to make a contribution in his memory may give to the Sanibel Library.

County school librarian, spoke to the children about books they like to read. All the children said they were going to read this summer. They got off to a good start by each borrowing a book. Mrs. Neblett and Mrs. Levy helped the children select these 64 books.

Refreshments were served by the Library Committee. Other volunteers who assisted with the party were Miss Pauline Wilson, Mrs. Al Muench, Mrs. Richard Fuller, Mrs. Cecil Hudson, Mr. Art Swanson and Rev. Tad Allen.



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#### CANDIDATES MET

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"Meeting the Candidates" (in the May primaries) turned out to be a lively session at the Community House, April 25, at 8 p.m. About 40 island voters listened to, and questioned, nine candidates and the representative of a 10th.

The meeting started with only three candidates present ----Mrs. Vera Campbell, representing Governor Haydon Burns, Mr. Houston L. Pewett, running for county commissioner, District 2 and Mrs. Burnett Bloodworth, running for state committeewoman. Each spoke briefly and then answered questions

from the floor. While voters and candidates were mingling on the floor, before ending the meet-ing, five more candidates appeared. They had been attending another meeting on the mainland and rushed to Sanibel, arriving just in time. Included were L. H. "Bob" Whan, for county commissioner, District 2; two candidates for the school board, F. Edwin Rodgers and Dr. J. Darrell Hart; two candidates for state committeewoman, Mrs. AlHoard and Mrs. Larry Philipps.

The meeting then broke up, chairs were folded and most of the voters departed. As the last handful of people were about to leave, two candidates for the Group 2 seat in the State House arrived, As Will Rogers said (according to Grif Ban-croft), "I belong to no political organization; I am a member of the Democratic Party." Roy Bazire, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Democratic Club, which sponsored the meeting, presided.

#### PARTY, PARTY

The Scouts of Troop 104 enjoyed one of their best outings when they were hosts recently to all the school-age children from the Fort Myers Children's Home at a combination Easter and Splash Party. Mrs. Griffing Bancroft and Mrs. Dorothy Wakefield donated and cooked all the eggs and Mrs. Bancroft helped the Scouts decorate them (they were beautiful!)

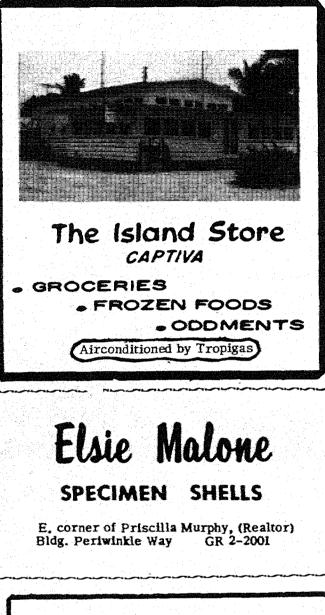
Fried chicken was donated by

the Coconut Grove, cold drinks by Dotti, pickles and potato chips by Elise Fuller, bathing suits by The Thrift Shop and Father Madden, and the swimming pool by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Murphy.

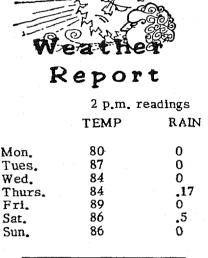
Assisting leader Mary Aleck were Mrs. Rex Seigler, Mrs. Edward Legel and Mrs. John Kontinos.

Last Saturday, Mary took the troop to Arcadia, where the Sanibel Scouts joined other qualifying Lee County troops at Camp Cheenyatah for a day of fun and swimming---their reward for exceeding their quota in the cookie sale. Well done, Scoutst











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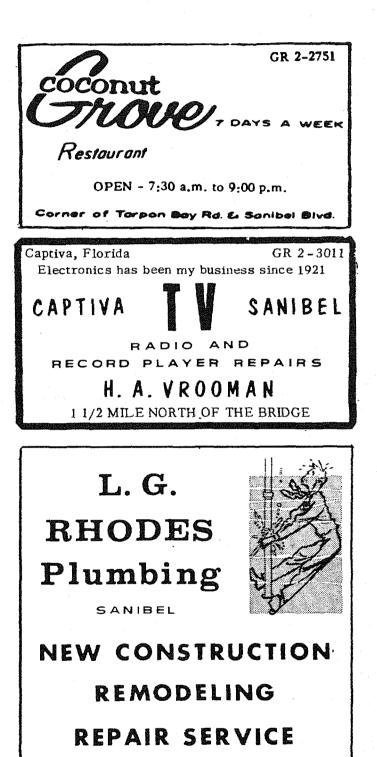
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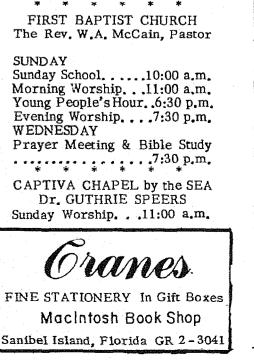
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#### SPECIAL TO THE ISLANDER:

#### ATTENTION, BIRDWATCHERS:

The recent list of bird-sightings on the islands are not completely comprehensive and do not include a number of species that have been observed by this dedicated birdwatcher.

In the interest of a complete documentation of the little feathered friends that are our welcome visitors, I append the names of a few varieties that seem to have escaped the perceptive eyes of many of our volunteer contributors to previous lists. These can be penciled into one's Roger Tory Peterson, or Elephant Folio of J.J. Audubon, or can be simply memorized, for future reference or discussion, I don't care which. The list follows:

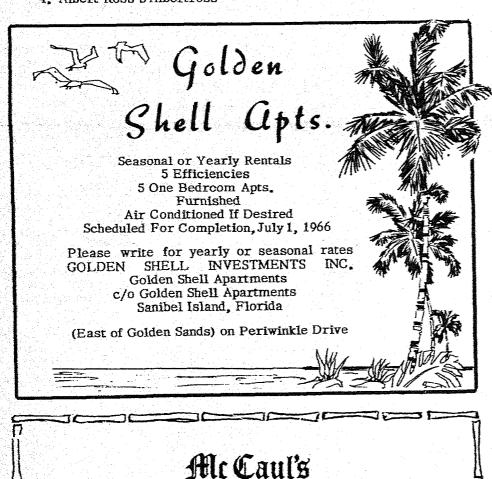
- 1. Pre-shrunk Shrike
- 2. Cordless Electric Razorbill
- 3. Yellow-bellied Bustard
- 4. Albert Ross's Albertross

- 5. Seven-keyed Baldpate (See George M. Cohan)
- Sincere Egrets (2) 6.
- Grebe-billed Pie
- 8. Interstate Harrier
- 9. Antique Junco
- 10. Boneless Limpkin
- 11. Grand Central BarOys
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- 12. Texaco's Petrol 13. Electrified Third Rail
- 14. Dowitcher (SeeOld Lady
- Vanderbilt)
- 15. Glassyeyed Video
- 16. Marinated Heron
- 17. Inebriated Wabler

The attention of other Birdfriends on the islands is invited to the possibility of other sightings, and we urge that advices of same be communicated at once to the Islander, to round out the presently-incomplete lists.

We wouldn't want competitive Birdgroups in places like Marco Island, LaBelle or Immokalee to get ahead of us, would we?

BIRDLOVER



### WHO'S WHO AND WHY

THE ISLANDER

IRENE and DAVID WILLIAMS (he's the magician who was here at Christmastime) are already back with us, staying until the first of June. They are at Villa Capri again, this time as temporary managers in place of HAZEL and MARSHALL TA-BACCHI, who are off on a carefree vacation---their first in many a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Magician have had hotel experience before so they're perfectly at home taking charge of the motel.

Their friends, LEONA CALD-WELL (the minister from Lakeland), and ELIZABETH BRAS-INGTON, also from Lakeland, were the first arrivals to check in under the "new management." Since Irene and David have their more permanent home in Duluth, their meetings with friend Leona on Sanibel are big events. They all love the island and all are seeing it in its summer glory for the first time. You know, Mr, Magician, that

there will have to be another show. We're waiting!

and MOLLY ARTHUR ORLOFF of the swingin' B-Hive just returned, relaxed and rosy, from a four day excursion to Bimini.

JERRY MUENCH will be home on leave from his Navy billet in Memphis, Tennessee, on May 14. Needless to say, his father is getting work lined up to keep Jerry busy all ten days,

WILLIAM BOYER, the son of Mrs. JANE BOYER is home on two weeks leave, Bill is a quartermaster striker (like an apprentice to a navigator) on the U.S.S. Bridgett, a naval destroyer escort.

WILLIAM COMPTON, the son of Mrs. ADELAIDE EDGAR HOLMES of the Red Pelican recently spent a week on the Islands. He's been living on St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, where he teaches sailing and maintains sailboats. Since he has a passion for boats, he expects to do the same kind of work when he leaves St. Thomas for California where he will be collecting live specimens of shells and animals for a marine center museum,

Adelaide's mother, Mrs. J.M. EDGAR of Harwich, Mass., was also here for a week's visit. She stayed at Beachview and enjoyed Sanibel's good weather and frequent visits to the Red Pelican. This was her third trip to Sanibel.



You may have heard of casting bread upon the waters (enjoyed by some people, fish and sea gulls) and you may have heard about poeple being castaways, but KATHY ANN MYERS cast away four bottles in the water near the causeway. She wasn't being a litterbug; each of these bottles, carefully launched at different times during the two years Kathy and her family have been on the Islands, contained a note saying "If you find this bottle, please write to me. I am eight years old, in the third grade. I will answer you."

About two weeks ago, Kathy got her first reply from CAROL VanHORN of Tampa Carol, who is ten, was given the bottle by her father, who found it while boating off Fort Myers Beach where the family was vacationing. The girls are now con-firmed pen pals.

RUDY, DAVE, PAM and GARY HOLTZMAN will soon be leaving for a summer in Europe. When the rest of the family return in September, Pam will remain in Vienna to enter Sancta Christiana, the school Rudi attended as a girl.

JIM and GAIL MAGUIRE, who expect to be opening their own motel on upper Gulf Drive by next Christmas, will be looking after things at The Gallery while the Holtzmans are away.

Mr. and Mrs. "VINNIE" DACZYNSKI have started construction on their new home in Anchors Away. Rutenberg is the builder. The Daczynskis are formerly of Bayside, New York; they came to Sanibel in December of 1965 and purchased the lot from PRISCILLA MURPHY, Realtor, in February of this vear.

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Some 80 guests are expected to greet Mrs. George P. Kelley and Mrs. Mettie Manley, houseguests from Houston, Texas, and to honor the members of Alpha Delphian Chapter of Cape Coral.

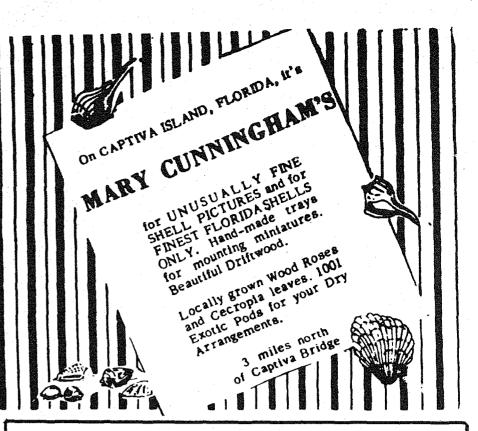
In the house party will be Mrs. Larry Bethune, Mrs. Thomas Musson, Mrs. Joe Gault, Mrs. James Denny, Lt. Col. Juanita Biddle, Mrs. Kenneth Walter, Mrs. Roy W. Easley, Mrs. Robert A. Kay, Mrs. Paul D. Peterson, Mrs. Albert J. Dea, Mrs. Morris Bishop, and Mrs. Andrew J. Neal, and Mrs. F.A. Vogelsberg.

Doctor Schlayer is the Re-

gional Director of The Delphian Society and an honorary member of Alpha Chapter, Cape Coral. Mrs. Kelley is a Past President of the Houston Assembly of Delphian Chapters.

#### COMMUNITY HOUSE OPEN

The Community Association has arranged to have the Community House open on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 1 to 5 p.m., so visitors can see the Helen Taylor Raines collection and use the Jeanne Schwengel collection of Sanibel-Captiva shells for identifying their own finds.



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