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Report has it that the damage caused by that "li'l storm" last week has been completely cleaned up, although some people are moving trees, shrubs, etc., which were burned by wind and salt spray.

One of our Captiva sources reports that shelling is still bad--- and that Alma swept the islands as clear of people as the beaches are of shells. Oh, well, they'll be back.

Sanibel, on the contrary, is beginning to report good shelling in isolated spots, although many normally good shelling beaches are still shell-less in spite of the abnormally low tides.

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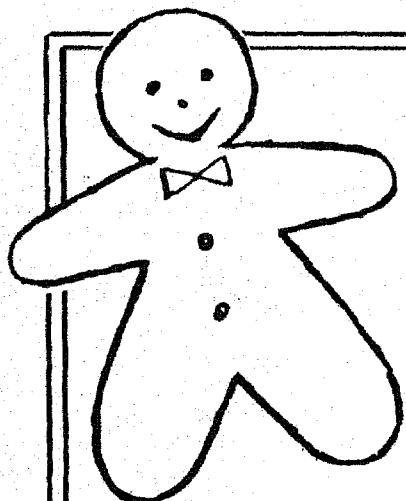
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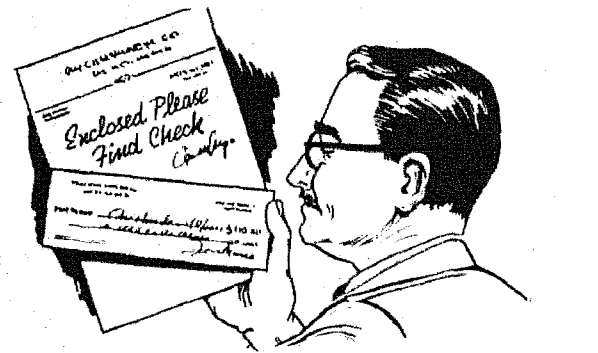
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WHO'S WHO AND WHY

Mrs. RAY BOOTH of Captiva Island left Saturday for points north with her daughter, KAREN, and DONNA WILES. They'll be stopping and sight-seeing in North Carolina, Washington, New York, upper New York State and New Hampshire, and are due back on the islands in about two weeks.

MARY, TOM and CAROLE NIX returned Friday from a two week vacation in Texas.

"We were terribly disappointed," Mary said. "We were looking forward to shelling on Padre Island (which is 100 miles long and almost directly across the Gulf from here off the Texas coast) and drove 25 miles down it---the only thing we saw was a beach covered with knee-deep seaweed! We figured the other 75 miles wouldn't be any better, so we just turned around. We did see a fine collection of local shells there, but it was in somebody's home, not on the beach!"

The Nixes spent their Texas vacation with Mary's sister, Mrs. W. FRED THOMPSON of Portland, Texas, and had left the Islands the weekend before Hurricane Alma.

"It was funny," Mary said. "We pulled into a service station about 50 miles from my sister's home, and when the service station attendant looked at our tag, he said 'Oh, I see you're getting away from the hurricane.' Tom then said, 'We never have hurricanes in June,' and I chimed right in with 'It's much too early.'"

"It may be too early," said he, "but you've got one---right off some place called Naples."

"We hadn't looked at a paper or listened to a radio for three days, and the news took us by surprise. As soon as we got to my sister's house, we tried to call Sanibel, but the lines weren't open. Then I called my brother in Winter Haven, who had been staying in our cottages while we were gone, and found out they left early Wednesday and would go back Thursday to see the damage, if any, and call us."

"We were very relieved to hear the damage was slight, except to one cottage which lost some shingles in the front. We

will have to replace the whole front, because they were all torn off from the middle, but it could have been much worse.

"And we're awfully glad to be home."

The Members of the Board of Education of Lee County have been invited to attend a performance of "THE PLEASURE OF HIS COMPANY" at the Pirate Playhouse.

Priscilla Murphy, in her invitation to the School Board said, "We think you will enjoy seeing how the old schoolhouse on Sanibel Island has been transformed into a charming, new, air-conditioned arena theater. Thanks to actor-producers Ruth and Philip Hunter, who purchased it from the Board of Public Instruction, it is now one of the cultural attractions on Sanibel."

Evidently some of those who reported there was no good shelling after ALMA passed our way just weren't looking in the right places.

JUNE BEADLE and son, MATT, of Merritt Island, Fla., and property owners on Sanibel, spent most of their shelling time at the Lighthouse Point. Among many other things, June found a large, perfect brown cowry and a live golden olive. Matt's prizes were HUGE horse conches.

COSETTE MIDDLETON of Bettendorf, Iowa, also shelled mainly at the Lighthouse point. She reported finding a live albino left-handed whelk and said there were hundreds of spiny jewel boxes, also live spotted clams, pectins, cockles, lace and apple murexes, fighting conches---in fact, most of the common shells were there in abundance. On the beach near Sea Grape Lane Cosette found many yellow tellins.

JO PICKENS, with her house guests, TRUDY and DON BEHLER of St. Louis, Mo., found a fine collection for the Behlers to take home with them---including a Scotch Bonnet and an albino apple murex.

Mr. RIES TUTTLE, Outdoor Editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. TUTTLE spent several days at The Colony on Sanibel last weekend when Mr. Tuttle gathered material for a story on the J.N. (Ding) Darling Memorial Sanctuary.

Mr. Tuttle, who is a trustee of the Ding Darling Foundation in Des Moines, was a personal friend of the late Ding Darling.

Tom Wood took the Tutties and Roy Bazire, vice chairman of the committee which represents the Foundation locally, on a personally conducted tour of

the Sanctuary by car; then flew them over the entire island chain with closer looks at the Sanctuary itself.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle agreed that all that Ding Darling had told them about the islands was true, and they plan to return and stay longer. While at the Colony, they stayed in Frigate House, the home of DICK and MARY KOSS. Mr. Tuttle took photos of the Sanctuary and of the camp ground at the Periwinkle Way Trailer Park.

PRISCILLA MURPHY reports a large number of sales this week. A gulf front residential lot was sold to Mr. and Mrs. G. FREDERIC KUDER of North Carolina (who last year purchased the larger part of this parcel) by Mr. FINLAY MATHESON of Key Biscayne, Fla.

Another gulf front residential lot was sold to Miss SUZANNE MACPHERSON of Noank, Conn., by ED and ANNE KONRAD, in Chateaux-sur-Mer. A third gulf front residential lot, this one on Captiva, was sold to Mr. and Mrs. CARLETON DAVIS of Old Lyme, Conn., by Dr. and Mrs. LEONARD LONG of Captiva and Atlanta.

A residential building lot in The Rocks Subdivision, Sanibel, was sold to Mrs. R.L. PANCOAST of Kettering, Ohio, by Mr. and Mrs. WALTER J. PFEIFFER of Chicago. Another residential lot, this one in South Winds Subdivision, was sold to Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH J. BRENNER, Cleveland, Ohio, by Mr. and Mrs. JOHN ED PEARCE, Louisville, Kentucky.

A house on Captiva was sold to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. McDANIEL, Calhoun, Georgia, by Mr. and Mrs. PERRY K. BONE of Captiva. Finally, there was the sale of motel zoned gulf front by Mr. EDWARD R. KMETZ of Orlando, Fla., to Priscilla---this is the site of the former home of the late Dr. W.C. BAKER.

PRETTY GARDEN

The Sea Horse Garden is beautiful just now---the Bird of Paradise is blooming, the finches are happy, the grass is pretty and wild birds are attracted to the pool.

LOVE LETTER DEPARTMENT

There's a lot of discussion these days about the new generation. In the romance department, one can ask: are the love letters of today as thrilling, as exciting, as arousing as the love letters of yesteryear?

Well, judge for yourself! Here's a love letter of the depressed thirties:

"My Darling: I wonder if you are as happy as I am---not just because of any recent business developments, but just because I have you, I love you, I adore you, I kiss the tips of your ears!

"Today being the boss's fifty-first birthday I sent a telegram (at his expense) offering my best wishes. I love you, I adore you---I kiss your little feet all over.

"Charlie telephoned today to say that I will take over the department Sept. 1 but what do I care? I love you, I adore you, I kiss the nape of your neck.

"I just got a bill for \$100 from the school. Will pay. Also hope to hop a train for your city Sat. night. Please call me as soon as you get this letter to arrange about picking me up at the station. Then I will really kiss you. Goodnight Sweetheart mine. . . . signed: BEVIS."

So, get 'em up, Friends and Readers! Send us copies of your old (or new) love letters and we will let the readers judge whether TV and Radio have added or subtracted anything from the age-old pastime of writing to the beloved. . . .

Please send copies, not the originals, as we cannot be responsible for returning them. You may omit the name if you wish. . . .

Does this sound like fun?

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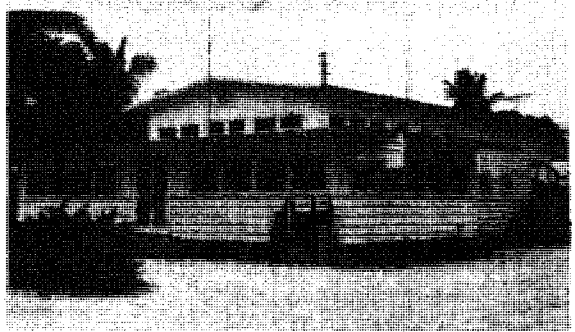
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This talented actress delighted audiences when she appeared in "The Reluctant Debutante" last season. Her father, both off and on stage, Philip Hunter, has directed a fine cast for this charming comedy, including Fred Raetsch of the Circle Theater in Grand Rapids, Arthur Orloff, Scotti Gale, Ruth Hunter and Robert Dormer.

On the technical crew are Molly Orloff and Priscilla Murphy.

"The Pleasure Of His Company," a timely play about an international playboy who returns for his daughter's wedding, was written by Cornelia Otis Skinner and Sam Taylor and was a smash hit in both the play and moving picture versions.

Curtain time is at 8:15 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday nights, July 2 and 3. Box office ---Greenleaf 2-3943.

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"One moment of patience may ward off great disaster---one moment of impatience may ruin a whole life"... Chinese Wisdom.

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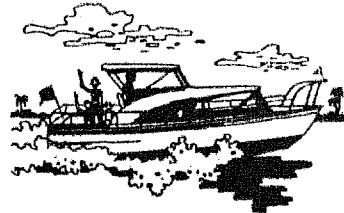
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Sincerely,
Louise Zotti.

P.S. If you should want any more, let me know---there won't be much about Sanibel and Captiva---but other places and other things. Note: We'd be delighted to have more---interesting people and places are nice to share. We are a bit island conscious, and would prefer Sanibel and Captiva happenings and people---but, with thanks to Lewis Carroll---The time has come, ye ed has said, to write of many things---of shells and ships and sea life finds---and islanders and kings. And if the kings and islanders live on different islands, they still might be fun to read about.

Space, of course, is the major consideration---if we have room, we'll use them with pleasure.

P.S. We still need an on-island Captiva reporter!

A VIEW OF THE ISLANDS

by louise zotti

Our first trip to Sanibel and Captiva was in the washboard road era, some 22 years ago. At that time we spent our Christmas holidays at Clearwater Beach, limited to three weeks because of childrens' vacations. We had heard of the fabulous shelling at Sanibel and Captiva, so we took a day to drive down and back to Clearwater. Not being shellers, the memory of that is rather dim, but the memory of the beautiful beach remained. The next year we spent two days, staying at the delightful 'Tween Waters Inn. Our cottage was on the road, directly across from the Gulf. Everything about our stay was perfect, weather cool so we had a log fire in the fireplace at night; excellent meals, delightful hostess and other guests, and a never to be forgotten sunset. In our travels all around Florida in the years since, we have found the sunset on these islands to be the most perfect. There have been disappointing years since, when the weather was not as perfect---far from it---cold and dull, sunsets absent. Some years passed before our return, as we bought a winter home on the east coast, in Fort Lauderdale. My husband is a Naval Academy graduate with a real love of the bounding deep, and a died-in-the-wool deep sea fisherman. Only sailfish and marlin interest him at all, and the higher the waves crest the better he likes it. I am a landlubber. . . as is my younger daughter, who lives at home. She is the sheller, and the instigator of our trips to your islands.

For the past eight years we have spent the Shell Fair week on either Sanibel or Captiva, and look forward to it---not my husband, Heaven defend! He is happy to have us go, because we come home with enthusiastic comments, along with live shells which he decrees we must throw in our canal, so we hide them whenever and as long as possible.

Years have changed since our first trip, as you know better than I. No more washboard roads, many places to stay, the road on Captiva almost washed away, and last but far from least---no ferry! We miss it---but agree that Progress must be accepted. Some of us wish this didn't have to be. The bridge is fine, a delightful ride---and we do like the road from Fort Myers.

I remember when we---my daughters and I---spent a week on Captiva. In order to telephone my lonesome husband in Fort Lauderdale we had to drive 17 miles to the end of Sanibel to make the call, wait and wait and wait, and if we were fortunate, talk to him, then drive 17 miles back.

Another time, and this only about eight years ago, my younger daughter Sandra, and I, had planned to drive to the islands after spending Christmas with our older daughter, Vylma, and her family, in Washington, D.C. After Christmas dinner, everyone satiated with food, contented, the talk veered toward our trip. My husband, who was flying back to work in the morning, said "Vyl, why don't you go along?" Vyl, who had two children at the time, but who is an inveterate traveler, said "I'd love it. What do you think, Mickey?"

Mickey, our dear son-in-law, a busy Colonel in the Army, said "Sounds like a good idea. The baby-sitter can come in during the day and I'll be here at night---go ahead." This was all Vyl needed---she came along. The one thing she did insist on was that she be back for New Year's Eve with her husband.

Undaunted, we started out---after all, New Year's Eve was almost a week away. Weather perfect, cottage comfortable, at South Seas Plantation. Two days before New Year's Eve we began thinking of Vyl's return to Washington. Being the driver, the idea of spending an entire day driving to Fort Myers, via ferry, and return, didn't appeal to me. We talked to the desk attendant, who said that a plane would come over from Fort Myers, on call, and pick Vyl up and take her to the airport.

Now comes the part I can't believe. There was no telephone except that on a mobile unit! It was a small truck, pulled out on the beach, on the Bay side; but in a very short time all arrangements were made. On the appointed day, at the appointed hour, we stood, suitcase in hand, and a tiny amphibian bi-plane arrived. It set right down on the beach, Vyl got in, and as she was leaving, she said "Mother, if anything happens, don't blame yourself!" This not more than eight years ago!

She arrived at the airport, was home in time for New Year's Eve, and later said it was a most wonderful trip. She had seen Pine Island,

HIGH BARBECUE DRAWS CROWDS

Over 2,000 persons joined the Robert King High barbecue which was held at the Peace River Ranch of Senator Ben Hill Griffin last Saturday, climaxing a three day gathering of the High-Kelly-Burns clans from Key West to the farthest west and northern parts of the State.

Scott Kelly and Robert King High in their pledges for better government for the state were greeted by standing applause as was the barbecue which was served on long tables under a huge shed.

Attending from the Beach were Ellen Parker, Louise Philipps, Vivian Hinternhoff and Fran O'Callaghan; from Sanibel came Roy Bazire and Peggy Maloney. In spite of the brief sudden rain which soon passed over, all agreed it was a charming and democratic affair.

Note: there were no visiting politicians from other states, either!



photo by konold ... ain't life grand?

Mary Cunningham of Captiva so charmed a young lady (whom Mary thought was a honeymooner) that she was the only Islander mentioned in a lengthy travel article published in the Sunday magazine of the Atlanta Journal and Constitution. The young lady, Gissell Sieburth, traveled with her husband through the south-east U.S. Much impressed with the islands . . . "it was like suddenly being back on one of Hawaii's outer islands. Wind-ing along Sanibel's crushed shell roads where cats roll in warm grooves of sand, past houses hidden by tropical foliage and bending palms, one wishes it may always remain the beautiful retreat it is..."

Mrs. Sieburth went into much detail on "the tiny shop filled with sea shells on Captiva Island" and Mary, whom she described as "a jolly chubby cherub of a woman with white tress-

ses and sea-blue eyes" who not only talks charmingly, but "knows the sandbars and tide pools like the palm of her hand. . ."

Gasparilla, and other islands from the air and couldn't wait to do it again. Unfortunately she hasn't done this as yet, as the Colonel's next tour shortly after, took them to Germany and France, and while in Germany they had another addition to the family, little Laury. They are now back in Washington, have been for two years, and extremely happy to be back Stateside.

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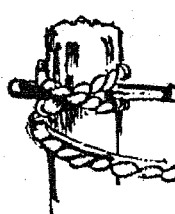
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