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GOOD NEWS ALL OVER

If you've driven over the causeway any time since last Thursday, you will have noted that the roadway is now bordered with young coconut palms --- a lovely sight!

County Commissioner P.A. Geraci told the Islander Sunday afternoon that the work had been done by County crews, but the money came from the original causeway bonds, not from taxpayers.

"This planting was part of the original plan for the causeway," he said, "and funds were allocated for it at that time. We had to delay until now due to the Audubon Society's desire to protect the nests of birds along the causeway."

(The small terns and skimmers, which nested on the causeway for the first two years, have mostly deserted the area and moved to less traveled spots where they have a better chance of keeping their little ones alive.)

Another great addition to the Islands (although not anywhere as new as the palms) was the paving of the Captiva road from the Captiva bridge to within a short distance of the new erosion fill near the Post Office corner.

When asked when the rest of the road would be paved, Geraci said, "At the present, we're trying to keep the present road passable and keep the ruts out as nearly as possible. Since it's not a heavily traveled road, most people on Captiva realize the problem and will be satisfied with the condition as it is --- as long as they're not bumped out of their cars!"

"As to when we will put a new road in, I can only say we have to wait and consider whether the new fill is successful. This will take some time, as we have to see how it holds up under all weather conditions," Geraci concluded.

Primary Aim Is Unspoiled Sanctuary

The Jay N. (Ding) Darling Sanctuary Committee on Sanibel Island notes recent published reports regarding plans for the future of the Sanctuary.

The Committee has worked for six years to have the land set aside as a sanctuary; to get title vested in the U.S. Department of Interior; and to plan for future uses as a fitting memorial to the late Jay N. (Ding) Darling.

For some months the Committee has worked on the last mentioned aspect of the project, in close cooperation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Last winter, officials of the Service met with the Committee and discussed, off the record, what they hope to do in the Sanctuary. The Committee was invited to make its own recommendations before the development of actual plans. A written report incorporating the Committee's recommendations was sent to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in early May. No plans have been adopted yet. No Federal funds have yet been spent, earmarked or budgeted. They cannot be, as it is impossible for the Service to spend money on the Sanctuary until title is transferred to the Department of Interior. This is pending; actual transfer is expected in the near future.

Meanwhile, the Jay N. (Ding) Darling Sanctuary Committee on Sanibel has actually spent several thousand dollars to provide a watch tower and canoe trail. This money came from funds donated to the Jay N. (Ding) Darling Foundation, Des Moines, Iowa, and earmarked for use in the Sanibel project.

The Committee's primary aim --- and this is shared by Fish & Wildlife Service --- is to maintain the sanctuary area in its natural state, unspoiled. Any projects on which Federal or Foundation funds are spent will further this basic objective.



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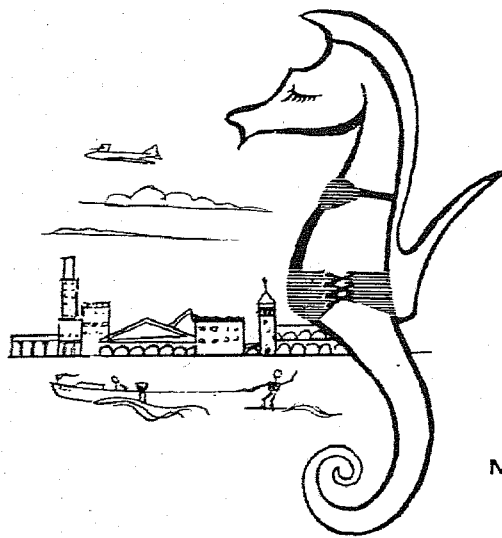
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE ISLANDER:

In the 6/30/66 issue of the Islander, there appeared an interesting account of several lucky shellers and their finds on the Gulf Beach near the Snook Cottages in March, 1966.

Of particular interest was the "hairy triton" collected live by Mr. and/or Mrs. Hillson. At the time, there was apparently some doubt as to its exact identification.

Supporting your theory that "a shell is a shell no matter when it was found", I should like to report, for what it may be worth, that in early May of 1965, I found a similar shell in the Gulf at Mitchell's Sand Castles (where my husband, Harvey, and I visit each year). Since the only "low tide" at that time was at night, my dear little "hairy triton" --- 1 1/2 inches in size --- was found with the aid of a flashlight. It was collected live, in a tide pool about 6 inches deep, with live Olives, Tulips and Murex pomum, which were all feeding on the mollusk of the Pen shell.

Dr. Abbott identified this specimen for me as a young *Cymatium poulsenii* (Poulsen's Triton).

This was one of my "firsts" and needless to say, I was very happy with my find.

The search must still go on for "my" Junonia and Lion's Paw pair. Perhaps next year will be the lucky one.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. Freda S. Knauer
Avalon, New Jersey

TO THE ISLANDER:

A recent incident which occurred on Sanibel Island prompts this communication. The suggestion contained herein, which grew out of the incident, merits consideration by all Island residents, in the interest of personal welfare.

My wife and I had invited two island ladies, both living alone, to play bridge in the evening. One arrived at the appointed time, the other did not.

When about twenty minutes passed without any sign of the missing lady, we telephoned but got no answer. We waited another twenty minutes and tried again. Still no answer, although the phone rang and rang.

At this point, although we assumed that she was out, and had possibly forgotten the date, but that some other explanation might be possible, it suddenly occurred to us that she might be sick and unable to answer the telephone. We got into the car and drove over to her house, a short distance away, and found her standing on her upstairs front porch, locked out of the house itself by a side-sliding plate glass door which had locked accidentally.

She had gone out on the

porch around 9:00 a.m., after talking to my wife, and had been there ever since (it was then 8:30 p.m.) without food or any means of communication. There was no way down from the porch, and she was unable to break the plate glass doors, although she tried. She said it was like what she assumed jail might be like, except that she had heard in jail someone came around periodically and gave you something to eat.

Her house is on a back road, at a dead-end, and there was not a car to be seen all day. There are no nearby neighbors.

How many others on the island could this happen to? And perhaps more seriously, with falls, cuts, burns, heart attacks, and countless serious mishaps that could become more serious through inattention for long periods. This is an island of older people, generally speaking and my suggestion is pointed in their direction, although not exclusively, as accidents also happen to the young.

Here is my suggestion: Swimmers have what they call the Buddy System. They pair off in twos and are responsible for each others welfare and safety. This system has prevented many serious swimming accidents.

Why not copy this and institute an informal Telephone Buddy System on the Island?

Pick out someone nearby (so that it won't be a chore to personally investigate a silence at the other end) and agree to exchange two calls a day, morning and evening, to check on current conditions. One call may be made by each party.

There is no organization required. Anyone who thinks that this is a good idea can make his own arrangements with a friend and neighbor. No one has to know that he is doing it, but it might conceivably turn out to be a life-saver, for you or someone else.

If you are going out fishing, tell your neighbor in the morning. If you haven't returned when he calls in the evening, he will keep checking until you have or will alert the proper authorities. There are many such applications, all of them useful not to speak of the probability that you and your neighbor may achieve closer relationship, based on mutual help and dependence.

This wouldn't be a bad thing on any island.

The automobile industry has a slogan: "Drive carefully --- the life you save may be your own." I propose substituting for the first part: "Telephone twice a day."

/s/ Island Resident



AND YOU THINK
YOU HAVE TROUBLES!

Following is a letter to the Chamber of Commerce from Mr. Homer T. Welch, Jr., General Manager of the Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc., explaining the company's service to the Islands, past, present and future.

July 8, 1966

Mr. Al Muench
Sanibel Chamber of Commerce
Sanibel, Florida

Dear Mr. Muench:

Our field engineer has requested that we write to you about the power lines serving Sanibel and Captiva Islands so that you could pass on to your members the Cooperative's plans for serving the islands.

The Cooperative has served Sanibel and Captiva for the past twenty-six years with a power line that starts at St. James City, on Pine Island, and goes over water and under water for almost two miles, coming ashore at Woodring's Point.

Over the twenty-six years, this line has been destroyed several times by hurricanes, lightning has blown up the submarine cables crossing the main channel, boats and airplanes have cut the wires down, fish ospreys have built nests on the lines and shorted them out, marine borers have destroyed poles and piling, woodpeckers have destroyed the poles, worst of all, salt water corrosion and salt contamination of clamps and insulators has caused many outages.

These two miles of line have caused the Cooperative more expense and headache than any other part of our system. In the worst part of the Everglades we build similar lines for \$5,000.00 per mile. This water crossing has cost the Cooperative over \$100,000.00 and its troubles never cease.

We were pleased when the new causeway was built because we felt we could now give our island people better service. The first thing that happened after the new causeway was built, a new channel was dug for the Inland Coastal Waterways and the new lights installed and markers placed that confused navigation as far

as our submarine channel at St. James was concerned. Boats started going through our lines instead of through the channel opening in our crossing. We have had this line cut down six times in the last year; each time causing long outages to the Islands and a great deal of expense to the Cooperative.

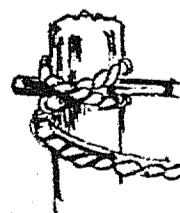
No one has been able to find out what boats cut this line down. The boat owners just cut the line and run. We have tried to locate the boats and so has the U.S. Coast Guard --- no luck. We wanted to see how high the boat masts were so we could try to raise the line high enough to clear the boats. We tried to get the channel markers and lights relocated so the boats using this waterway would be guided through the proper opening in our lines --- again no luck.

The Cooperative then started engineering work for building a new line across the causeway. We soon found that this could not be done because our source of power (the Florida Power & Light Company) could only service us at distribution voltages from Punta Rassa and the cost of this lower voltage power was too expensive for us to consider, so this idea had to be abandoned. Also, we could only get a limited amount of power at Punta Rassa.

The Cooperative asked the Rural Electrification Administration for money to completely rebuild the old water crossing in 1965. The Cooperative asked for \$4,600,000.00 to cover various programs planned by the Cooperative for 1966 and 1976. The REA could not advance this amount of money and the loan request was cut back to \$3,041,000.00. The Cooperative was ordered to repair the crossing and plan to rebuild this crossing later on. Of course when the loan was denied, all the Cooperative could do was to try to keep the old feeder repaired.

The load continues to grow in the islands and this past few weeks, the oil circuit breakers serving the islands became overloaded and would not carry the load. The needed breakers, again long delayed,

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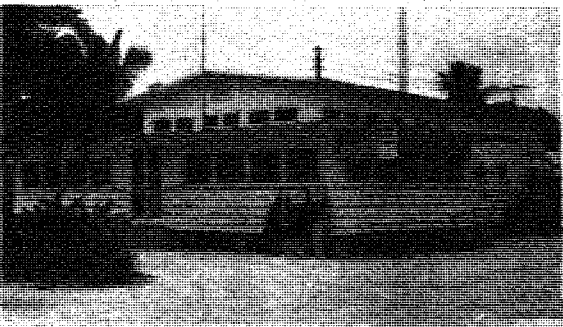


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are due for installation around July 21, 1966. In the meantime we switch load from feeder to feeder and hope to get along until the new equipment can be installed.

The island people have always had a problem with the old Australian pine trees. As long as these pine trees and also many palm trees, continue to overhang the power lines the Cooperative is going to suffer damage and outages that it cannot prevent. Every hurricane, large or small, sends these trees crashing through the lines and causes large outages. The people will not allow the Cooperative to cut these trees.

The Cooperative's Board of Trustees, at their June meeting, heard a full report from its Chief Engineer, Mr. Karl Allison, Sr., on the complaints of the island members and they decided at this time that even though the REA had not provided funds for the building of a new feeder to the islands, the Cooperative should try to do this out of its general funds. It is expected that this new line will cost approximately \$150,000.00.

The Board has ordered its management to start design on a new feeder and to start getting commitments on materials needed. This work is to be pushed as rapidly as possible. Work has been going on now for two weeks on this project. The Cooperative hopes to drive test concrete piling for this job in the near future.

Thanking you for your help in this matter and assuring you that we here at the Cooperative are doing everything possible to improve service to the islands, we are,

/s/ Homer T. Welch, Jr.
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The eighth, born to their youngest daughter and her husband, PATRICE MARIE and DENNIS REDFIELD, on June 17, was a baby boy, JEFFREY D., and the Redfields' first child.

The ninth, a girl, MARY ELIZABETH, was born July 1 and is the daughter of their only son and his wife, RONALD PAUL and MARY CATHERINE ADAMS. They have three girls and two boys.

Both families live in Illinois, where Ron is an executive of the Northwestern Steel and Wire Company, where Dennis is also employed.

The Adams' other daughter, MARY LOU, lives in Medford, Oregon, and has two girls and a boy. Her husband, HAROLD VAN DREW, is in the construction business there.



LIBRARY NEWS

The Smokey Bear Vacation Reading Club had its "Grand Finale" yesterday morning in a lovely party with Smokey Bear in attendance.

After spending all those delightful Wednesdays with Mrs. Romine, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Fuller, the children are aware of the fine talent at their disposal. Now it is time "their elders" know a few things about these ladies who have given so freely and graciously of their time and talents.

Mrs. Harry (Jo) Romine taught all grades during her 50 years in the teaching profession—but her real love is first grade. She took her Masters Degree in Supervision at the University of Oklahoma.

Her thesis, "Children's Choice in Prose," was an experimental thesis. For nine months, she told stories for an hour each day to 300 children. She studied the reactions of each

child to ascertain which story each age level preferred. She took graduate work at Chicago University, Columbia University and the University of South California.

Mrs. Romine was a Directing Teacher at both Oklahoma University and Miami University, directing interning teachers. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Romine owned and operated a summer camp for children near Oklahoma City. At this camp (as well as several other camps in other years) Mrs. Romine told stories to the children every evening around the campfire. She's a master at telling a story---and our Sanibel Library and our Island children are most fortunate that this energetic little lady is one of Sanibel's residents.

Next week---another sketch on one of these faithful library volunteers.



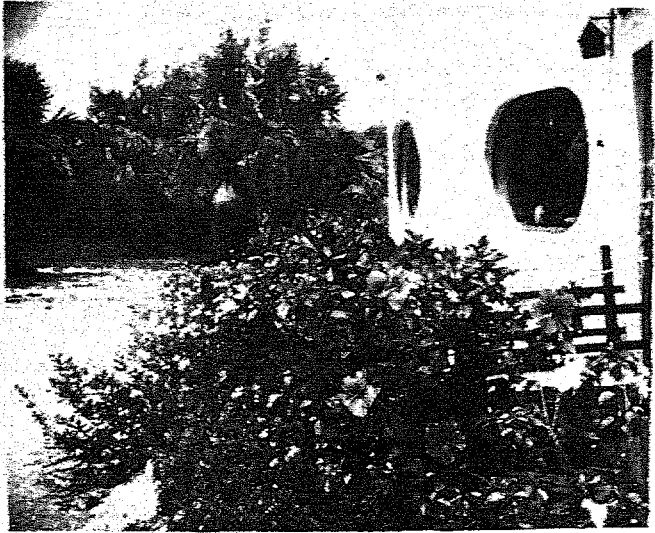
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CHAMBER MEETS MONDAY

Regular monthly meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce will be Monday, 8 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce Building. The Board of Directors has been meeting each week this month to discuss the current year's finances and it is expected that plans for obtaining more income will be adopted at the Monday meeting.



We don't know about fairies in the bottom of your garden, but Captain and First Mate Adams of the Seven Seas have blooming lilies on the top of their moat, plus (as you can see) a riot of multicolored hibiscus between their gang-planks. Paul and Irene, who just got back from the gift and decorative show in Atlanta, where they picked up some new and unusual items for their "ship," said that many visitors stop just to take a picture of the blooms.

Dr. and Mrs. REASON A. GOODWIN, North Tarrytown, New York, have been visiting their new home under construction on Gulf Drive near Rabbit Road. They are staying at Beachview Cottages and have started getting their "yard" in order. Dr. Goodwin is the judge of words on the TV show, "Password."

FRANCIS and BILLIE SAXINGER were honored at a wedding anniversary party (their 23rd) last Thursday in the Nutmeg House, when a number of friends gathered to toast them and enjoy a buffet supper prepared by BETTY SEARS and EVELYN PEARSON.

JOE and MARY GAULT took off for a few days on another in their series of buying trips --- this time, to the Atlanta Gift Show. They're already shopping for the season and have found several new and fascinating lines for the Sea Horse Shop.

They got back in time to leave the Islands again Sunday after mass, when they drove to Miami with TIM and JODIE to spend the night and to take Jodie to the Seaquarium --- because he had told them, very sorrowfully one day, that HE hadn't had ANY vacation yet!

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Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM O. BANCROFT and family of Cocoa Beach, Florida, visited Sanibel briefly last week. Mr. Bancroft reported that he soon will issue a letter to members of The Sanibel Rocks Property Owners Association bringing them up to date on the status of that organization.

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE CAUSEY and family of Fort Myers are vacationing at the Beach House on Gulf Drive for the summer.



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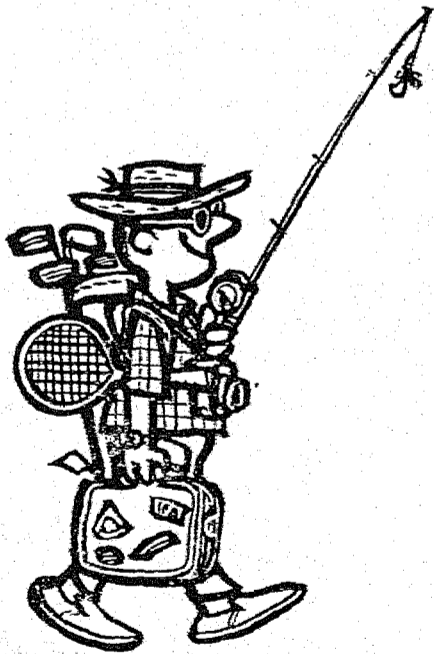


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