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AUDUBON ELECTION

On Monday morning, April 10, at 10 00, a number of members and guests of the Island Water Association, Inc. met at the Sanibel Community House. This was the Annual Meeting of the Association including the election of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Havourd, Mr. Funk and Mr. Racet were the Election Supervisors and they certified that a sufficient number of proxies and members were available to hold the meeting as required by the bylaws.

Two important amendments were voted on and passed. These had to do with the terms of the Members of the Board of Directors and were recommended to assure continuity.

All members of the Board of Directors were re-elected, Mr. Stahlin and Mr. Kontinos for a term of one year and Mr. Konrad, Mr. Green and Mr. Bailey for terms of two years. Members present at the meeting expressed their appreciation to the Members of the Board for the fine work done in the past and gave them a strong vote of confidence by the unanimous election of all incumbents.

Mr. Clemmie Williams, County Supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration of Lee County, and two representatives from the State FHA were in attendance as observers.

The Association's Engineer and Attorney, Mr. William Bishop and Mr. Emmet Anderson, were present to offer expert advice in their respective fields.

After the Annual Meeting the Board met for a regular meeting to discuss current business and elect officers for the year. Mr. Stahlin was elected president, Mr. Bailey, vice president, Mr. Konrad, secretary and treasurer and Mr. Green, assistant secretary and treasurer.

WATER ASSOCIATION MEETS


On April 13, at the closing meeting of the 1966-67 season, the membership of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon elected unanimously as officers for 1967: Mario F. Hutton, president, John Racet, vice-president, Irene Adams, secretary-treasurer.

The following were appointed directors for a three year term: Griffing Bancroft, Anne Bryant, Margaret Uphaw Bushman, Dr. E.D. Seavinghausa, George Winterbotham. The Board will also include as directors held over from 1966: Charles LeDuff, Earl Lillis and Marshall Tabacchi.

It was announced that, subject to the approval of the new Board, the following have accepted to serve as chairmen of four of the association's Standing Committees: Margaret Bushman, membership, Hervey Roberts, program, Griffing Bancroft, field trip, Park-president Willis Combs, conservation.


After the election, Mr. Hutton stated that in place of making an acceptance speech, he intended to show his appreciation for the trust placed in him by turning in 12 months of hard work for the advancement of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon. He also briefly outlined his program, and read communications received from Governor Kirk, Senator Holland and Congressman Rogers, pledging their support for the passage of H.R. 25, known as the Estuarine Areas Act, which the Audubon strongly favors.

The meeting's entertainment consisted of the showing of 265 color slides by Hutton, the general subject of them being "Sanibel Wildlife Highlights." Following throughout the program the "photo-verse" technique he has evolved. Mr. Hutton grouped his presentation into eight poetical essays, varying in style, meter and mood, that ranged from longer compositions such as "Old Pete" and "Caloosahatchee Canoe," to three sonnets titled "Sanibel," "Blizzard Over Ding Darling" and "We, Your Spoonbills." An overflow crowd showed its appreciation by applauding warmly each of the eight compositions. Judging from the comments overheard at the end of the program, the consensus appears to be that "photo-verse" is here to stay!




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AMERICAN LEGION
ELECTION RESULTS

The following persons were
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Legion at the meeting held on
April 11, Commander, Herbert
Parry, 1st vice commander,
Mark McClintock, 2nd vice com-
mander, Raymond Booth, adju-
tant, Gerd Remus, finance offi-
cer, J. Thomas Nix, chaplain,
Glen Rhodes, historian, Mar-
shall Tabacchi, service officer,
Joseph Wightman, sergeants at
arms, C. Allen Nave and Mar-
shall Holtz.
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shall be in June.

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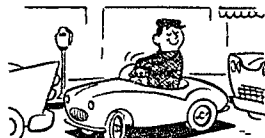
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tarpon, Carl and his wife, and
Mrs. Weiffenbach's parents,
Mr. and Mrs. E.M. DURSTINE,
also of Columbus, and friend,
NATHAN BECK of Gahanna,
Ohio, are all ardent Isaac ad-
vocate. Carl's been winning their
annual friendly competition as
during the last four day period he
caught 15 snook. Score for all
the others---zero. When not
fishing, the Weiffenbachs and
Durstines have been working on
plans for the Durstines' new gulf
front home, soon to be started
on the gulf front lot purchased
through Priscilla Murphy Real-
tor last spring.

J.N. "Ding" Darling Sanctu-
ary committee met Tuesday,
at the home of Chairman Mrs.
Herbert Lewis. Discussion cen-
tered on projects to be dis-
cussed by Mrs. Lewis and Vice
Chairman Roy Bazire with offi-
cials of the J.N. "Ding" Dar-
ling Foundation in Des Moines
early next month. Mr. and Mrs.
Lewis will fly down from their
home in Saint Paul, Minn., and
Roy will drive from Iowa City
where he will be spending a
few days with Dr. Howard R.
Bowen, President of the Univ.
of Iowa, and Mrs. Bowen. Con-
sideration was also given to the
problem of soft spots in the
dike-access to the Sanctuary.
Further details in next week's
issue.

The Lehigh Acres Audi-
torium will be the site of the
premiere showing of "Cotton
Pickin' Chicken Pickers" the
locally made movie that San-
ibelite PHILIP HUNTER is in.
Philip plays Judge Jubilation P.
Beale in the comedy. The show
is to play April 28 through 31.

TO THE ISLANDER:

The "Little Brown Church"
on Sanibel held its golden an-
niversary celebration with a
special church service last Sun-
day, April 4, and will also hold
a special covered dinner
tonight, Thursday, April 20,
at the Sanibel Community House
at 6:30. All members of the
church and any other island
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to Mid-Island Cottages, are an-
other example of folks who live
for others.

Mr. Fewkes, who retired
from his position as executive
of the Philadelphia Electric Co.,
continues his charitable work
he is on the Advisory Board
of the Philadelphia Girl Scouts
and Red Cross, and has had
two boys in "Big Brothers"
and is now working with blind.
Aside from these more impor-
tant things, Mr. Fewkes is just
as much at home scaling a
Seagrape tree and topping them,
or sitting down at the piano
to entertain after a dinner party.

Mrs. Fewkes, affectionately
called Dee, to have reared two
adoptive children from infancy
and to now enjoy their offspring,
and to aid her husband in all
his undertakings, is just what
you would expect her to be--
a fine, lovable and caring lady.

Mrs. TONI SKOCZEK sold
her first painting at the out-
side display at the Captiva Post
Office, and was very delighted
over the sale. Mrs. Skoczek
has been painting for about a
year now, but has donated or
given away most of her paint-
ings. She donated an oil paint-
ing to the Community Library.
The lucky recipients of the
painting were DOROTHY and
MILES MAUNEY of Oberlin,
Ohio. Mrs. Maune, a graduate
of Julliard in New York, is a
concert violinist. Mr. Maune
is a concert pianist and a pro-
fessor of piano at the Oberlin
Conservatory in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM
GARRETT of Pine Bluff, Ark.,
have just completed their new
home in Sanibel Isles, known
as "Ralls End." They expect to
be here for a few weeks
doing the finishing touches on
the home, constructed by James
Cochran.

A REMINDER

Don't forget the ANNUAL
MEETING of the Sanibel-Cap-
tiva Islands Chamber of Com-
merce, Inc., Chamber building,
8:00 p.m., Monday, April 24.

A highly successful and well
attended Annual Meeting of the
Sanibel-Captiva Democratic
Club was held at the Golden
Sands Restaurant Tuesday, Apr.
18. Details on directors and of-
ficers elected will be reported in
the next issue.

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By: August A. Alino, Your Interviewing Reporter

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MR. BASEL CLOPOTZ, Sanibel, Restaurant Worker: "Oregon, I like the scenery, water falls, timber, fishing and the beautiful country there."

MRS. MARY ANN EVANS, Greensburg, Kentucky, Housewife: "Hong Kong. It sounds real exciting. There are lots of places to shop and eat exotic foods and fascinating people. A week in Hong Kong, that's for me."

MR. JIM EVANS, Greensburg, Kentucky, School Administrator: "Switzerland—so see as a base to see a lot of Europe. A must would be a trip down the Rhine River in Germany and Switzerland drinking up the scenery and good German beer."

MRS. A. BERGEY, Birmingham, Michigan, Housewife: "Switzerland. It's so beautiful there and the climate is so good. I'd do some mountain climbing, sightseeing, eating good Swiss food and I'd have a wonderful time."

MRS. JOHN KIVORKIAN, Watertown, Mass., Housewife: "San Francisco. Because I've heard it's a great city and there is a great deal to do. I'd visit the shops and tour the city and go to the Top of the Mark restaurant and visit museums."

JUDGE JAMES P. BELL, London, Ohio: "Hawaii. Because my wife wants to go there and I'd like to try the fishing out there too."

MRS. A. WHITEMORE, Captiva, Housewife: "South Seas. I'd love to go to Easter Island, Tahiti, Fiji Island, and Rarotonga in one week of exciting travel."

MISS MARIE ROBINSON, Captiva, Housekeeper: "Hollywood, California, and see all the movie stars especially Lucille Ball because I love her. Also Burt Lancaster."

MRS. GEORGE MORRIS, Rochester, New York, Housewife and Restaurant Manager: "Hawaii. I've always heard it is so beautiful. I'd spend the week sightseeing and swimming and see Maui, the island of flowers."

MRS. LEE HIGLEY, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Housewife: "Acapulco. The people are friendly there, weather is always gorgeous and every-body swims."

MR. JACKIE RETTINGER, Sanibel, Plumber: "Hawaii. It's pretty there and there are lots of pretty girls there."

MR. BILL HOSTETTLER, Sanibel, Salesman: "Alaska, because I've always wanted to go there and try the fishing and the hunting."

MRS. W.C. ALBRECHT, Peoria, Illinois, Housewife: "Germany. I've never been there and I think it would be a beautiful place to visit. I'd like to go up in the mountains and look up my husband's relatives and besides that we have a foster daughter there through the Foster Parents Plan and we would like very much to see her."

MRS. JOSEPH MEINAN, Lake Worth, Florida, Housewife: "Rome. I visited twice, but still didn't see enough of this lovely city. Rome is so filled with our early history and culture that you could stay a year and not see it all. Rome for me."

MRS. MARGO RETTINGER, Sanibel, Saleslady: "I would find an island where there is a bunch of good looking men available for matrimony. Then I'd stay there."

MR. HERMAN O. CHARLESTON, Sanibel, Maintenance Man: "Pan-

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MR. J.M. COUGHLIN, Captiva, Air Line Pilot: "Athens, Greece,
residing in a Greek hotel—visit the Acropolis and other historical
sites in the area and then I'd take the seven day cruise in the Aegean
Sea."

MRS. PAULINE ALINO, Sanibel, Housewife: "I would choose Iran.
I would ride a camel, I'd go to the city of Gom where the people are
fanatically religious, put on a chadar and sneak into a mosque and
hope nobody found out I was not a Moslem. I'd visit the villages, the
schools, hospitals and the orphanages and I would visit the parents of
some of the Iranian students I have met in this country and bring them
news of and messages from their sons."



THE PIRATE PLAYHOUSE

"A Majority of One" which
opened the Pirate Playhouse
in December, 1966, played Fri-
day night for a final perform-
ance. To celebrate the tremen-
dous success of the season,
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DRAWBRIDGE AND MOAT

by ethel anyder

Webster defines drawbridge as "a bridge made to be drawn up, down, or aside to admit or hinder passage" and moat as "a deep wide trench around the rampart of a castle or other fortified place usually filled with water."

One thinks of these structures in connection with the Middle Ages or medieval castles. But a very modern, up-to-date, progressive man on Captiva Island made use of both these ideas in a very modern useful way! And it happened like this!

Ding Darling from Des Moines, Iowa, and his wife, Mrs. Ding spent their winters on Captiva Island at Tween Waters Inn. For many years they were part of the Tween Waters family, and both were beloved by all. Mr. Darling was quite active in many projects including writing and his cartooning. And it was his idea to use the drawbridge and moat idea on a tiny bit of land, really a dot in the bay side of Captiva Island off the narrow stretch of land where Tween Waters and its cottages were built. He had a comfortable place built for working and a moat and a drawbridge which pulled up on the island side after he had crossed over. So there was a place where he could work undisturbed and everyone respected his need and desire for quiet and privacy.

He no doubt had many interesting experiences and who but Ding would ever have thought of such a solution to the problem of not being disturbed!

Those two ideas modernized—most and drawbridge—have great possibilities. But you have to have a proper island to begin with!

TO THE ISLANDER:
Recently, at a very interesting meeting of the Audubon Society, it was suggested that the members vote on the desirability of the proposed country club. This surprised me a little because, although I am a non-member, I would have expected unqualified approval from any group concerned with conservation. I suppose opposition would come from non-golfers who, never having walked past the first hole, do not know what a beautiful garden and park a golf course is. A very poor player myself, I often go along with my husband simply to enjoy the scenery, wild flowers and bird life for few sports combine so harmoniously with the natural beauty of a place. True, the present acreage would be somewhat changed. Although most of it would be left in its natural state, some would be cleared to provide long, grassy fairways, lakes and streams. The ecology of the land would change proportionately, but it seems to me that this would be both exciting and desirable as it would provide a meadow environment for those birds and plants that require it. It's possible that the meadow larks would return and perhaps, even ground orchids.

Another aspect of this project is the alternative. If the land remains in private hands, it will also change and perhaps not in a very attractive way. We can't prevent the building up of such property in any way the owners desire and this should be. But a large tract dedicated to a project that demands it remain beautiful, such as a golf course, would not change for the worse.

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I further believe that all our civic organizations have an obligation to the people who live here. We are not an old people's community nor do we wish to be, yet we seem to ignore the needs of one of our most interesting and valuable native species—the American Teen-ager! How often we are more concerned with his plumage than his habitat! Golf and tennis would be wonderful for these young people—and with their earning capacity, they could well afford the moderate membership proposed for for them. I think we owe them more than boredom before the age of 18 and Viet Nam after.

So—think it over—talk it over—and vote, but lets have all the facts and lets remember that time flies by and opportunity does not keep on knocking.

/s/ Ellie Dormer.

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INCIDENT AT LIGHTHOUSE PIER

By August A. Alino

It was about 10 o'clock Saturday morning, April 1, on the Lighthouse fishing pier, Sanibel. The sun shone with April brilliance and the incoming tide ruffled higher and higher on the curving, beautiful shoreline. On the pier seven men, a teenage girl in blue jeans and a woman were fishing for sheepshead, all with little luck except a salesman from Fort Myers who had a string of large jeans and fat sea trout he'd caught on live minnows.

The pier conversation was the familiar admixture of complaints, explanation, theory about fishing and bait and recouping of the large catches of the immediate past on the pier. In San Carlos Bay, about two hundred feet from the pier, a small outboard skiff rolled lazily on the incoming tide with two fishermen aboard. Suddenly three men fishing on the pier corner noticed that one of the men in the boat had apparently caught something big. His pole was bent over almost double. Immediately interest quickened on the pier for surely that must be a good sized fish out there.

Minutes passed as the boat floated slowly and with great effort reeled his catch close. The on-lookers speculated "A big jack," "A sting ray," "A shark," "A big red." All eyes were focused on the boat, straining to see a form break the surface. The pier fishermen barely noticed their own lines so caught up in the drama that there were they. Then the boat swung around and the spectators shouted their disapproval for this put the contest on the other side of the pier.

As if in response, the boat turned again and the struggle was before them clearly now. Now the surface of the water broke and a huge form could be seen as it thrashed in the water several feet from the boat. The about came from the boat. The old fisherman with sharp eyes accustomed to the sea "It's a turtle—a loggerhead—a big one. And so it was, evident to all now as the boat fisherman and his companion labored to bring the turtle closer to the boat. Out there they seemed to consult about what to do next.

One of them, it appeared, tried to put a line around the giant creature thrashing the water but seemed to be having difficulty doing this. Then suddenly the old man on the pier shouted "let him go" and in a

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flash the cry was taken up by all the others on the pier until they were all shouting in unison, "let him go," "let him go," "let him go" time and again for five minutes. Out in the water the men on the boat stood silent and unmoving as they listened to the chant from the pier, as if uncertain what to do next.

From the pier you could see the giant flippers reaching up and splashing down as the creature sought his freedom from the menacing shadows above him. Then it happened so quickly that those on the pier were suddenly alerted and all was still. The man had cut the turtle loose and the boat drifted carelessly away from it. No sign of the loggerhead now, no sign of the flippers cutting the salt water, no head lifted high just above the water line—nothing. It was gone—free—and on the pier there was a strange yet silent jubilation at the thought of the giant loggerhead swimming deep in the green Gulf waters.

And then it came, started by the old fisherman again "Bravo, Bravo, Bravo" again and again for several minutes all those on the pier shouted to the two men in the skiff slowly drifting away and into the Gulf. Am I really certain? I thought, then I saw the one in the boat who had caught and then released the turtle bow slightly from the hips to those on the pier who were shouting "bravo." And then as suddenly as it all began it was over and the fishing group began once again to try to tempt the sheepshead under the pier with their shrimp bait.

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY!
By August A. Alino


WHAT DO YOU THINK WAS OR IS THE MOST INTERESTING OCCUPATION?

MRS. WILLIAM LEE, Burton, Ohio, (Trade Winds Motel), Housewife "Surgeon. The ability to cut open a human body and find and correct what is wrong is a fascinating kind of work, I think. For myself, I guess I'm too squeamish to ever be a surgeon but I would be proud to have a son a surgeon."

MR. WILLIAM LEE, Burton, Ohio, (Trade Winds Motel), Civil Engineer; "Oceanographic scientist. There is so much unknown about the ocean depths that I think mankind will be greatly benefited by the work oceanographers are doing. I believe vast riches of minerals, oils, food items and other secrets of the deep will be discovered by this

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MRS. OLIVE RICHARDS, Fort Myers, Auditor; "Auditor, I think it's a fascinating occupation and after eighteen years of doing it I still am very much interested in the work. The most interesting aspect of this work is to make one and one equal two always."

MRS. JOHN MARFIELD, Wayzata, Minn., and Sanibel Cottages, Housewife; "Writer. Because you're articulating, you're naming it, expressing yourself and that's very important and satisfying. Short story writing is the most perfect form of writing and I would very much like to master it."

MRS. HENRY HLEDY, Asheville, North Carolina, Housewife; "Archaeologist. To explore the origins of our cultures is an exciting prospect and if I were back in college I would surely study archeology."

MR. HENRY HLEDY, Asheville, North Carolina, Textiles; "Ichthyologist, working out of Woods Hole, Massachusetts, because I like fish and fishing and the ocean and would like to learn more about them."

MR. EDWARD H. BRUNNER, Hellertown, Pa. (Periwinkle Camp), Ret. Steel Inspector "Steel making because there are so many things made of steel and we depend so much on it that I believe it's an exhilarating work."

MR. DON KRAUSE, Chicago, College Student; "Teaching. I enjoy teaching and seeing other people learn and get a tremendous sense of accomplishment from this. I am going to be a physical education teacher and know I will enjoy it."

MR. JOHN NEBRENSKY, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, College Student; "Building contractor. I like to see things built the way I'd like to build them incorporating my own architectural ideas. To see a completed, beautiful, and functional structure I know will be a real thrill."

MR. JOHN ED PIERCE, Louisville, Kentucky, Newspaper Editorial Writer; "Anthropologist. This science is the most complete study of man and his environment and man is still the most fascinating study of man."

MR. HARRY McDUGALL, Toronto, Canada, Beauty Supplies, (Blue Dolphin); "Musician, because I've always wanted to be a musician, a violinist, but I am tone deaf."

MRS. LORRAINE STEPHENS, Pensacola, Florida, Housewife; "Medicine. Because I think it would be the most satisfying, interesting, promoting profession with the greatest fun." To be able to cure and to heal I know would bring me great happiness."

MRS. HOWARD BICKERSTAFF, JR., Chattanooga, Tenn., Housewife; "Surgeon. The wonderful strides since Civil War days and what they have learned about pain killers and anesthetics and healing intrigues me. I have often thought I'd like to have been a surgeon."

MR. HOWARD BICKERSTAFF, JR., Chattanooga, Tenn., "Psychiatrist. I think there is so much mental anguish and suffering due to lack of good mental health and lack of emotional control that I would like to make a real contribution in this field. I think that a great deal of crime could be avoided through proper diagnosis and treatment of such personalities. This field of illness is large and the care available has not grown with the needs."

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SANIBEL SPINDRIFT

By August A. Alino

A TALK WITH SAMUEL BARBER WOODRING OF SANIBEL.

It was Friday morning, April 14, 1967, and I was talking with Mr. Samuel Barber Woodring of Sanibel as we sat on an overturned boat in front of his house on San Carlos Bay. It was Sam's fifty-fourth birthday. He was born on Woodring Point in 1913. As the mullet jumped in the shallow shore waters Sam talked about some of his recollections of a half century of living on Sanibel.

When he was a boy there was a schoolhouse with eight grades attended by a total of nine children in the building part of which is the present Pirate Playhouse on Periwinkle Way. When he was about fifteen he ran off with a young friend to Georgia where they became shrewcroppers (raising cotton (30 acres), corn, melon and also picked peaches. After that experience he returned to Sanibel and went quietly to his home on the point where he was sure his father would "rump all over me."

Instead his dad greeted him with "You found out by God that you want to go! To get rich farming, you'd better get fishing." So to fishing he went and then a stint as an apprentice on Marine engine work on the Orange River and then back to commercial fishing on Sanibel. Trout were caught with twenty-foot cane poles and brought six cents a pound. Mullet brought one and one-half cents a pound.

At the time Sam was ten in 1923 most of Sanibel was under heavy cultivation for truck-farming. Peppers, egg plants, and mainly tomatoes, Grapefruit and oranges were also grown. Mules were used for hauling. Only two tractors were to be seen on the island.

There was no regular ferry service to the island until 1925. Most people owned their own boats to get to and from the mainland. For the others, small boat owners would wait at Punta Casa for hire and carry you for three dollars. There was no electricity on the island until 1941. There was before the present phone system a kind of island party phone powered by a battery system.

The bay was filled with fish when he was a boy, Sam said. His dad used to tell him the mullet were so plentiful he could rake them to shore with a long rake. Long ago there were bear, deer and many quail on the island. I asked Sam about mosquitoes in the old days and he answered "Mosquitoes were real bad. When we went to school we'd have to run 'cause the mosquitoes were clouding around us. When you looked through a screen on the porch you could see them real thick. Yes, we really had mosquitoes." Then he went on to tell how his sister was bitten by a rattler while picking sea grape and how his dad chopped the head off the rattler with a hoe. Sam said that in the old days the rattlers would swim over from Pine Island.

We got talking about social activities on the island when he was a boy and Sam told how the island families would often get together for parties and dancing. Also how the favorite dish was "chicken bogged down in rice."

Among the island beverages consumed in those long ago times were "white lightning" and rum gotten from the Cuban fishing boats which frequently

put into the island. The Cuban crews were glad to trade rum for salted mullet and American cigarettes. The Cubans were grupper fishermen fishing the Gulf waters.

The worst hurricane, thought Sam, was the 1960 Donna Hurricane on September 10. About three hundred and sixty persons were evacuated from Sanibel, many by helicopter from the Casa Ybel air strip. Sam said he stayed right on the island at his home.

When I asked him about the biggest fish he ever caught in the Bay he thought a moment and then told about a one hundred fifty pound shark he caught one day. "If you're interested in alligators in the old days," he added, "my daddy told me about an eighteen foot alligator he saw on Pine Island when I was a boy." In years gone by, he added, many large sharks were seen in the bay waters. And then it was getting late and the tide was turning right and Sam talked about getting to his mullet fishing which he does with a throw net so I asked him how he felt about Sanibel 1967.

"Don't like the way they tore it up, too many people. Progress is ruining it. The birds and the bees and nothin' else is going to have any place

to live pretty soon. Outboards and the bridge is ruining the fishing. If they'd left piling instead of putting in the causeway the fishing would have been saved. The currents were changed by the causeways they put in. I'd like to see it the way it was about 1920."

And on that note I thanked Sam and watched as he made his way on his fifty-fourth birthday to start another day on San Carlos Bay. Sam had said he'd like to see Sanibel be again as it was about the year 1920. And I couldn't help but think of the many, many people who were saying to me in 1967 that they hoped desperately that Sanibel would not change from the way it is now. . . In 1967, perhaps hope does really spring eternally.

CUTTING THE GRASS ON SANIBEL ISLAND

By Ethel Snyder

Cutting the grass on Sanibel Island is not like cutting the grass any place else! Generally the yard looks more like a hay field after a summer under a tropical sun.

A harvesting looking contraption with a cutting machine and the mower sitting high in the driver's seat does the job. The tall grass piles up behind the blades and here is when

the fun begins! A flock of large white egrets with very long legs has been circling about up above in the crystal blue sky. When the mower has made enough progress and enough grass is lying prone they flutter down over the cleared place like a snow storm descending and stalk choice bits to eat. Bugs, I fancy. What kind I wouldn't know, but they must be very choice and succulent, and not to be overlooked! The egrets alight swiftly rise like arrow storm in reverse when disturbed. For instance when I backed my car out of the garage into their midst near door, they all fluttered up but immediately, when I was out of the way, down they came unperturbed! What beautiful birds these egrets are and where else could one count on a visit from them while cutting the grass.

All week down the beach shore went the mower cutting the grass and the flock of egrets didn't miss a single cutting. These may not be the variety which grow the long feathers so fashionable and expensive for years, but their relatives grew them and how thankful I am they—the feathers—have gone out of style. That flock of egrets add much to the beauty and charm of Sanibel Island. I hope the driver of the mowing machine enjoyed their company. I know the cottagers who have been thrilled had they been here!

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