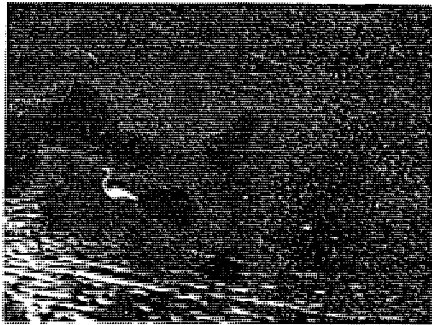


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## DING DARLING SANCTUARY

No more expenditures on improvements or maintenance of the dike-trail in the J.N. "Ding" Darling Sanctuary will be made by the J.N. "Ding" Darling Foundation, executives of that organization confirmed in a meeting with Emmy Lu Lewis and Roy Bazire, representing the local Sanctuary committee. The meeting was held in Des Moines, Iowa, May 3, and reported to the full Sanibel committee at its meeting May 23. The Foundation and the committee point out that programs of such organizations, and their expenditures, are subject to strict supervision, and normally only for planned programs. Considerable money has been spent by the Foundation through its local Sanibel committee without such a program. This was justified in the past as a means of promoting interest in the Sanctuary and a favorable public opinion to assure its final establishment under the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The local Sanctuary committee at its May 23 meeting also discussed a special project now being investigated by it and the Des Moines Foundation.

## TRAILER PARK PETITION TO GO TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JUNE 28

Charles Bigelow, Jr., said Monday night that the application for a zoning change permitting a trailer park on Sanibel Island will "definitely" be presented to the County Commissioners at their next meeting on June 28, after the Lee County Zoning Board denied the application Monday night.

J.W. Conner, Jr., president of Conner and Sons, the company which developed Vanderbilt Beach and at least two St. Petersburg mobile home parks, and Scott Linder of the Florida Revenue Commission are listed as trustees for the group of Tampa businessmen who are applying for the zoning change. The other members of the group are W.L. Cobb and J.L. Cone, both in the contracting business, said a Mr. Cowart.

At least 50 Islanders attended the zoning hearing Monday night and burst into applause when the board rejected the application on a motion by board member Andrew Melody. His reasons for asking the denial were three--1) the plans for the park were incomplete, 2) the overwhelming opposition, and 3) the fact that page 38, Section 13, paragraph 4, of the Lee County Zoning laws states that a trailer park not be permitted adjacent to a swamp or marsh.

Bigelow said later that he was not surprised by the reaction of the citizens, since mobile homes "have become a dirty word" in the county, but he was "a little surprised by the Board's reaction and that they saw fit to deny on the grounds they did."

Since the requirements of the resolution calling for plans are "exceedingly vague," he said, he did not know at this time if the petition would be made to the Commissioners in the same form as it was presented to the Board, or whether it would be amended.

"Since the denial was based on the 'adjacent to a swamp' technicality, I don't know how we'll approach that problem," he said. "It didn't come up until it was raised in motion, and I'm not sure what evil they are trying to avoid. Thinking off the top of my head, if it's based on drainage and pollution, both could be solved."

"There's a point when the public right to dictate to property owners ends . . . we can't keep everything in mangroves and wilderness. A point was raised tonight when it was suggested a 'permanent home' development instead of a mobile home would be desirable . . . people are worried about their nice homes. Well, that ignores the people who would like to have a nice trailer on Sanibel. There's only so much

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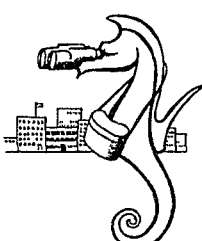
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### TRAILER PARK PETITION TO GO TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JUNE 28

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demand for residential lots, and a greater demand for trailer park space.

During the zoning hearing, Bigelow spoke first, and said he wasn't surprised at the "crowd since 'bulldozers and trailer rezoning' always draw them. The petition was made on the grounds that a trailer park 'primarily would fill a need on Sanibel Island,' and spoke of the 'over-crowding on the causeway' of trailers this past season "because of inadequate space."

Carl Johnson, a private land surveyor, then spoke and said that the land concerned was now "almost all mangrove at a one to three feet level about sea level. It will be necessary to fill," he said, "and it is proposed we do this by a canal system which will provide fill and create waterfront mobile home lots." The canal system, he said, would be connected two ways to tidal water which would prevent stagnation.

Bigelow then said that the gentleman who wished to do the developing would do anything which the zoning board or whatever agency in authority would require in a trailer park. "We want to create an asset for Lee County . . . tell us the things which are required and we will do them . . . The area will be surrounded by plants to screen it from those who find trailer parks visually distasteful." He then pointed out that the development would cost at least a half million dollars, and that nothing had been decided as to physical structures, since there was not much sense in investing a great deal of money in plans and extensive engineering projects until the permit was granted.

Harry A. Blair, Fort Myers attorney and former judge, who was representing Bradley Duhel of Sanibel, then said the petition should be denied on the basic point that it was "coming up to test the zoning board, it is not in the scope of the zoning board to plan a community." He also opposed the petition on the grounds that there was nothing final, excepting the outer boundaries, in the plans submitted. "No survey, no lots, no canals, no buildings, are definite . . . but we're opposed regardless."

Mr. Duhel's property, which adjoins the trailer area, is valued in excess of \$70,000, said Blair, and "Sanibel does not need trailer parks--it is a prime plush residential area . . . The petition, if granted, would cause people to lose confidence in Sanibel and move. The question is, not can it be, but SHOULD it be."

G.T. Martin, president of the Community Association, said that a quick survey of the 140 members of the association showed that about 75% of them opposed the proposed park. "We have two now," he said, "and that has been sufficient with one exception--which we don't believe will happen again . . . Sanibel is, and should be kept, a high class residential area."

Robert Dormer, who was representing Elizabeth Mayer Guyer and Grace Mayer Symroski, who also own adjoining property, said that the overflow on the causeway just happened once. "During the regular season," he said, "the two trailer parks on Sanibel never went over 65% capacity except over the Easter holiday . . . And even if all of Sanibel was a trailer park, we still would have been jammed then, all of Lee County was." Among other reasons for his objections, which included the fact that permanent homes pay more taxes, he stated "if it's (the proposed park) so good, why do they have to hide it behind shrubbery?" The audience applauded loudly.

Mark McClintic, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce, drawn a letter drawn up by the Chamber board, which stated it was not in the best interests of the islands to have a trailer park in a residential area. "And besides, I don't like trailer parks," he said, "I'd much rather see a big beautiful home rather than a trailer park."

Priscilla Murphy, a Sanibel realtor, told the Board that the reason for the overflow of trailers who were forced to park on the causeway during the Easter holidays was because "Mr. Muench, owner of the Periwinkle Trailer Park on Sanibel, had not completed his trailer park at the time. He's now developing the rest of it and I'm sure the situation will not occur again."

Mrs. Robert C. Haynie said that, after being all over the world, she and her family had built a home on the Gulf four years ago. "Sanibel is a little gold nugget it should be cherished," she said. "They're not many places like Sanibel in the world, let's not fill it with trailer



SANIBEL-CAPTIVA REAL ESTATE reports the sale of a nearly new 2-bedroom, Rutenberg home to Mrs. Catherine C. Lawrence of Palmouth, Massachusetts, from Mr. and Mrs. M.V. Daczynski, at Anchors Aweigh section of Sanibel Island.

Mrs. Lawrence, known to her many friends on the islands as Kay Lawrence, is an ardent sheller, having been coming to the islands for the past 15 years for her annual winter vacations. Her first visit, however was in the fall of 1940 after a severe "blow," when at that time, knowing nothing about shelling picked up a live "Lion's Paw" and a live "Junonia."

Over the years she has collected nearly every species of shell the islands offer, but more recently has been particularly interested in the Pectens, or Scallops as they are more commonly known, and through world wide correspondence has now gathered, by trading and purchasing, some 180 out of 300 species of Pectens for her personal collection.

With encouragement from Dr. William J. Clench, recently

retired from the Department of Mollusca at Harvard University, and Dr. R. Tucker Abbott, who holds the Pillsbury chair at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, Penna., she is now in the process of writing a book on World Pectens. Doing her own anatomical drawings and photographic work, along with a great deal of research, there is much to be accomplished before her work is done. As she has said often, "One doesn't sit down and write a scientific-type book like a novel is written. It takes years of study to do a good job."

Kay has exhibited frequently in the annual Sanibel Shell Fair and has won many ribbons over the years. Some of her personal collection was destroyed by shell the islands offer, but more recently has been particularly interested in the Pectens, or Scallops as they are more commonly known, and through world wide correspondence has now gathered, by trading and purchasing, some 180 out of 300 species of Pectens for her personal collection.

parks and other tawdry things. Let's keep it nice." The audience applauded again.

Bigelow then closed by stating that "progress must come . . . this is a high quality property development." He also said that he'd heard many of the same objections not too long ago about Marco and Fort Myers Beach and that the owners of the property certainly did not want to see it develop "like Fort Myers Beach. We hope to satisfy everyone." Discussion was then closed and Melloy made the motion for denial.

### P.S. TO WEATHERSTORY

Despite what it says on page 5 of the ISLANDER (or perhaps because of it) IT RAINED late Monday afternoon. The Federal Aviation Agency at Page Field in Fort Myers said that .22 inches of rainfall Monday as of 8 p.m.

The rain was accompanied by tornado warnings, but no actual tornadoes had been reported to the F.A.A. The rainfall, which was heavy but brief, still does not change the long-range prediction of little or no rainfall. As an added dreary note, we caught just the fringe of the rain storm which dumped over five inches of rain in Arcadia, about 35 miles from Fort Myers.

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When the awards for the sea-  
son were given out, the team  
had the third high game. Jo  
Pickens had the second high  
game (scrach) for the ladies  
and second high series (hand-  
icap), and Claire Walker had the  
third high series (handicap).

The Sanibel Sailors bowling  
team (7 Seas Shop-Sanibel-  
Captiva Real Estate) took four  
points from the Cuttershells.  
Ken Walker was high with 170-  
472, and Irene Adams was next  
with 168-424.

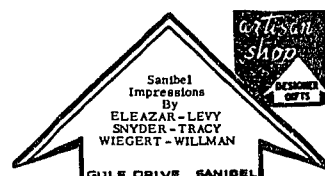
### HOT AND DRY

For the benefit of our off-  
island readers (those of us here  
know it only too well) the  
weather continues to be balmy  
and dry. While we have had a  
few sprinkles in the past week  
(one of almost an inch meas-  
ured in Fort Myers), the  
weather experts still do not  
predict a quick end of one of  
the worst droughts in Florida's  
history.

The Ding Darling Sanctuary  
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At long last, BOB PARCELLS has caught his first "Snook"---a nice 1 pounder. Before moving here last February, he had made many trips to the island in search of this "fighter"---at last he is convinced they are here, and can be caught---and what a thrill it was.

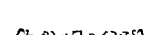
**MRS. DOROTHY McQUADE**

Graveside services for Mrs. Dorothy McQuade, 46, were held May 13 at Westmorland Cemetery, Baltimore, Md. She died in her home on Sanibel Island May 10, memorial services were held at St. Michael's and All Angels Church here May 11.

She is survived by her husband Morrison (Mike) McQuade, and three children, Judy, Debbi and Mark.

The McQuades moved to Sanibel from Baltimore about nine years ago and own and operate Sanibel Siesta cottages.

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