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Hearing before the Lee County Zoning Board for the request for a zone change from AU to permit for trailer park on land adjacent to Sanibel Isles Subdivision will be Monday, July 24, 7:30 p.m. in the Lee County Court House. This is a re-hearing on the request previously turned down by the Zoning Board as the result of widespread objection from islanders.

It is essential that an overflow crowd of islanders be present again at the Court House.

Anyone needing transportation, please phone Josephine Reddy, Greenleaf 3-3071.

Also, plan another trip to the Court House August 23 at 10 a.m. when the County Commissioners will act on whatever the Zoning Board recommends July 24. A big crowd is even more important for this one.

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(see story page 3)



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ibel after making several trips
around the state. While in the
Kew, they were the guests of
the DAN MALONE. The weath-
er and tides were perfect and
they were all out every day,
shellings!

Tom and daughter Carol
skn-dived with Dan, Elsie and
Elsie Jr. and all found several
rare specimens to add to their
collections as well as enjoying
the breathtaking beauty of the
world undersea.

Her to Winter Haven for a
visit with Mary's brother WES
GUNN and family. Wes is CD
Director for Polk County and
took them on a tour of the
sink holes in the area and
showed them pictures of the
sink holes as they start with a
big crack in the earth swallow-
ing fences and shrubs and gradu-
ally engulfing houses.

One huge sink hole that oc-
curred in an orange grove had
big orange trees scattered in
the bottom with a depth about
seventy or eighty feet with a
tree hanging upside down held
dangling in the air with one
root still in soil that had not
shifted.

Niece JENNY GUNN accom-
panied them on their Jack-
sonville home where they visited
with family and friends.

NICODEMUS VAN LEVERBELL
PETED AT SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise party last week
marked the sixty-third birth-
day of one of Sanibel's most
popular residents, Mr. Nico-
demus Van Leverbell.

Hostesses for the festive
occasion were the Misses Doris
and Helen Ploesser, "aunts"
of the guest of honor.

Following a delicious buffet
supper, the guests enjoyed play-
ing games, but all agreed that
the highlight of the evening's
entertainment was watching Mr.
"Nicky" unwrap each present,
inspect (or eat) the contents,
and then eagerly attack the
wrappings of the next gift.

Guests included Mr. & Mrs.
Parker Mills, Mr. & Mrs. Frank
M. Culpepper, Mr. Jack Van
Bell (with whom the guest of
honor boards) and the co-host-
esses.

(Ed note: Some say it was
only Mr. Van Leverbell's ninth
birthday, not his sixty-third.
There exists a bit of disagree-
ment on the correct method of
calculating a dog's age.)

JON BILLHEIMER is home
on leave from the Navy before
being assigned to the Viet Nam
area. His grandmother, Mrs.
HARRIET SEARS of Birming-
ham, Michigan (she's also BET-
TY SEARS' mother) is visiting
him and her daughter and son-
in-law, the Billheimers, at their
cottage court, High Tides on
Sanibel.

Rev. ROBERT HANNUM,
who served as visiting Pastor
at the Sanibel Community
Church during June, has re-
turned with Mrs. Hannum to
their home in Lakeland.

During their stay on Sanibel,
their son-in-law, ROBERT
GIESY, flew the family plane
down from Ohio with sons JOHN,
MARSHALL and DAVID for a
visit. While here they went with
JERRY WAY after snook and
were all lucky --- brought in
twelve beauties!

Mr. Giesy spent his youth
at Sarasota and frequented Long
Boat Key when there were only
twenty residents and its natural
beauty was similar to our own
island. He had told the boys
of the fishing, the innumerable
wild birds that made it home
was the stimulus of his interest
moving along the shoreline in a
vast red were --- the boys
hadn't believed, but after tour-
ing Sanibel they no longer think
their Dad is a teller of tall
tales.

Mr. Giesy says he hopes that
our Islanders can somehow keep
our Sanibel from becoming just
another real estate development
and that there'll always be this
wonderful bit of natural earth
to which people may come for
a little while and go away re-
freshed.

GAROLYN HASCALL of Bir-
mingham, Michigan, is visiting
her cousin, BETTY SEARS of
the Nutmeg House, and will be
staying for the summer before
returning home in the fall to
enter Eastern Michigan Col-
lege. She arrived with her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. FORBES
S. HASCALL, who have now
returned home after an enjoy-
able island stay.



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Miss Scotia Bryant, retired Post Master on Sanibel, after 24 years,
was indeed honored at dinner given for her July 9 at the Coconut
Grove.

Not only Sanibel friends attended, but those from Captiva, Fort
Myers and Fort Myers Beach as well, and many messages from those
across the country on vacation were received and presented to Scotia
by Lee Roy Friday, master of ceremonies.

Mr. Friday opened the festivities by presenting Scotia with a white
orchid corsage, which was pinned on her by Peggy Maloney. The corsage
was made by the island's own "orchid lady," Mrs. William Uhe.
Then he presented a beautiful hand-done parchment scroll, created
by Miss Bette Puff and Mrs. Ann Winterbottom.

Next was a gift certificate, which was contributed to by all those at
the dinner, as well as those friends unable to attend. Then Mr. Friday
really surprised everyone by reading the following telegrams.

"I am happy to send this message to Miss Scotia Bryant, who is
being honored tonight at the dinner. Her long years of service with
the post office department and to her community will be long re-
membered by her many friends in the department as well as those on
Sanibel. We wish her many years of happiness in retirement."
"J. Lawrence P. O'Brien, Postmaster General, U.S.A."

And then this one:
"Regret am unable to attend dinner in your honor, but want to
join with your many friends in expressing our thanks for your excellent
service as post master of the Sanibel Post Office. Best wishes for the
future."

"J. Congressman Paul Rogers."
Scotia made a wonderful little speech in thanks --- giggling and
so very happy as she said, "Well, all I can say is thanks, because
I could have looked all over the world and not found nicer people to
serve."

Mr. Friday, while making the presentations, told a lot about the
guest of honor which we'll paraphrase here for you.
When Scotia first became postmaster in March of 1943, the post
office was a small building on the bay side property of Mr. Will Reed,
which is now the Buell property. Each day Scotia walked the two miles
from her home to the post office, going down the beach and through the
woods until about May or June, when the mosquitoes got the best of her.

Then, Capt. Andrew Kinzie took pity on her and built a small
building next door to the Casa Maria, the tea room her mother
(Aunt Rosa) ran. The present post office was built in 1954 and a short
time later, Scotia looked out of the window and saw Edmond Gavin
driving his truck down the road with the little old post office perched
on the back of it.

Seems Gavin had gotten it from Capt. Andy to add onto his house.
But before he got it home, he met John Forster. John made Edmond an
offer for the building, and the little old post office is now John's tool
shed.

During those early years Scotia says there were only about 75
people on the islands during the summer, but as so many necessities
had to be ordered off island, the parcel post business was heavy and
help was hard to get, so Scotia often had to do all the office work and
then deliver it.

So as the volume grew greater and greater she finally imported
Pat Murphy and never again did she have to deliver the mail. Scotia
says it was never what you would call an easy job, but that she had
enjoyed every minute of it.

When we last saw Scotia Monday morning, she was still reading
her fan letters wishing her a happy retirement --- from old friends
all over the country.

SIGN UP FOR SIGNS!

Chamber of Commerce members who wish to renew their directional
signs on the causeway have until Saturday to do so in their orders.
The signs will be put up once a year ONLY. The Board of Directors
have announced, so notify the Chamber promptly. Cost is one-third
of annual dues plus \$12.50 for making the sign, renewals on the basis
of one-third on annual dues only.

These signs have been located at the junction of the causeway
approach and the main road, but must be removed from the present
location where a road is being constructed to the Gulf. Rather than
replace them a considerable distance to the right and the left of the
intersection, the Board of Directors of the Chamber decided to locate
them on the Chamber's property where most incoming visitors stop
for information at the Chamber office.

With the signs, a container will be installed providing visitors
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Starting the Sanibel-Captiva Islands Golf & Country Club project this fall is virtually assured. A revision in financing arrangements by FIA has made this possible, and was welcomed by the members of the sales committee at their meeting last Thursday.

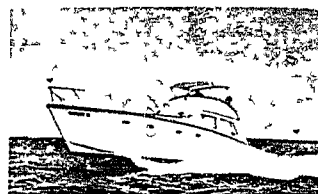
The group agreed that with 100 members now signed up, pledges from about 25 others, and 30 to 40 prospects who have expressed interest to the 23 members of the committee, reaching the new goal of 160 members can be accomplished this summer.

FHA has expressed its willingness to lend \$200,000 for the course construction on a membership list of 160. To make this possible, clubhouse costs would be pared down to provide minimum essentials. Repayment and maintenance costs could then be handled, officials of FHA and local representatives are convinced, with 160 members.

Obtaining this number of subscribers will permit a go ahead for the entire project by early fall. This would leave fall and winter months during which the sales committee feels additional support can be obtained to restore the cut in clubhouse costs, and to add recreational facilities, such as swimming pool, tennis courts, handball courts, etc. But to get the project actually under way in time, it was decided that the bare minimum project can be assured and should be the immediate goal. Additional memberships will be sought during the 1967-68 season to provide expansion into desirable recreational facilities which in themselves, it is expected, will attract more members.

Interested persons who may not yet have been contacted by any committee member, or who have intended to sign up but not yet done so, please get in touch with one of the following for information and subscription blanks.

Bob and Ellie Dormer, George and Ann Winterbottom, Ken and Claire Walter, Norman Chambers, Larry and Jim Maguire, John Wakefield, Doc Pickens, Al Muench, Bob Aycock, Rex Siegler, Floyd Snook, Lee Roy Friday, Phoebe Haynie, Jack Rushworth, Priscilla Murphy, Herb Purdy, Roly Frenette, John Kontinos or Roy Bazine.



QUEEN "B"

This handsome 52' boat designed and built by Tweed Hunter is found in this month's issue of Sports fisherman. The Queen cruises to the Bahamas and Bimini each week out of Key Biscayne. Her Captain Jim O'Neil was a recent guest with his family at Sanibel Island's Blue Dolphin. Tweed Hunter is the son of Ruth and Philip Hunter of The Pirate Playhouse.

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A GRASS FIRE ON SANIBEL

By Sidney Baldwin
of Casa Ybel

The 450-acre fire that started near the Casa Ybel dump brought back the memory of another grass fire in the spring of 1921.

In those days south of Casa Ybel, on the beach, there was a fisherman's cottage that had a small bridge crossing the stretch of water between the island proper and the beach. The man whose name was, as I remember, Turner was a friend of the Cuban fishermen who used to anchor offshore and come in for water and supplies.

Sometimes there were five or six boats lying there together. We used to borrow a boat, and row out. They were very friendly, those fishermen, they would give the women trinkets and shells and offer the men little brown cigars and drinks of rum or tequila.

This fire was in the days of William Barnes who had inherited the property of Casa Ybel from his father. There was the main building, a kitchen, dining room and small living room made from the porch, and less than a dozen white-washed cabins in a semi-circle from the main house. South of the cottages was a small pond where the island birds came to drink.

One morning word came up the beach that a small grass fire had started just above the Turner house. There was nothing between there and the hotel property but sawgrass and shrubbery, mostly of wild olive.

A grass fire is very hot

but it burned itself out quickly. We turned it from the moment the first stocks flamed until the spot was left in ashes and it was just two minutes, but the hotel guests were warned to pack their trunks and take them down to the beach where the fire would not reach. The hotel buildings were of turpentine boards and would burn easily. The only way to fight a fire in those days was to set a back fire or to beat out little advancing flames with brooms and even palm branches.

From the beach we watched the men set the back fire which flared at once. The approach of the original fire was slow. We had plenty of time to study it and when the two fires met about a hundred yards down the beach, nothing would have persuaded me that they would not combine forces and wreak devastation. But they flared slightly in one last roar and the hotel and its cottages were safe.

It was just such grass fires that did away with the well-built two-story white homes of the Sanibel truck farmers who were driven away by the Government verdict that the island ground would not be useable for crops after the salt-water soaking the 1921 hurricane gave it. The verdict was wrong, as it happened, but the families had gone and when a sawgrass fire got out of hand there was no one to save the abandoned buildings.

It's a far cry from beating a grass fire out with a palm branch to the modern equipment of a firefighting force.

Now We don't believe that ~~anyone~~ ~~anyone~~ reads the Islander.

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LEGION FISH FRY

It was a hot but happy crowd that filled the tables both inside and in the Tiki at the Sanibel-Captiva American Legion fish fry on the 4th at the Legion home on Sanibel. Post 123 members want to say "thank you" to the more than three hundred islanders and guests they served and "regrets" to the late comers to whom they had to say "sorry, we're all sold out." As always the food was delicious and no one who got there early enough went away hungry thanks to the efforts of Commander Herb Purdy, Joe Wightman, Jake Stokes, Clarence Rutland, Gerald Martin, Floyd Pflough, Allen Nave, Tom Nix, Hap Payne, Dr. Leo and Peggy Hofschneider, Gerd Remus, Glenn Rhodes, Mark McClintock, Ray Booth and John Ridge. Ladies who baked and served included Mesdames Tom Musson, Allen Nave, Glen Rhodes, Floyd Pflough, Gerd Remus, Herb Purdy, Marshall Holtz and Tom Nix. The 4th is also "Poppy Day" on the islands and this year Curtis Nave and Roger Carlin handled distribution of the Poppies.

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At the Atkins Day School at Cleveston, Florida, where they participate in a summer recreation program they have 7 counselors, three of whom

took charge on Friday. The rule was "leave the beach better than when you found it." And after a fine lunch of hot dogs, potato chips and the "works," they did.

Miss Tigertail, Mr. Jumper and Miss Cypress and their companions didn't know a thing about our bird sanctuary and our lighthouse, nor the beautiful shell collection we have at the Communityhouse. They said "Oh we'll have to come again" when I told them about our wonderful Sanibel.

So when they do, I am hoping the Smokey Bear Club might show them around.

Oh yes, their doggie's name

was Carl (Runninghorse?) and he did a fine job of cleaning the plates!

/s/ Ruth Hunter

SMOKEY SEZ

On Wednesday, July 19, at 9:30 we will meet at the Episcopal Sunday School rooms. There will be folk dancing, singing of Smokey's song and a fascinating exhibit and talk about tree snails by Mr. Howard Schriner.

Mrs. Rosa, Mrs. Schriner, Missy Meunch and Alice Alcock will help with the folk dancing. You all come!

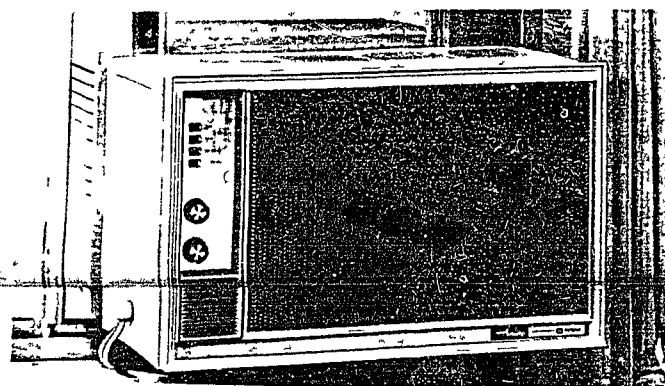
REAL ESTATE NEWS

SANIBEL CAPTIVA REAL ESTATE reports the sale of a Gulf front parcel from HUGO LINDGREN to Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT LAUGHRY, Terre Haute, Indiana.

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After a rash of costly tornadoes, wind and hail storms that hit many parts of the country this spring, insurance men, as well as meteorologists, are casting a weather eye toward the approaching hurricane season.

Hurricane season starts in the early summer, although August, September, and October are the months in which hurricanes are most likely to occur. Last year, Hurricane Alma hit Florida on June 8.

A hurricane is a tropical storm which picks up steam in the Caribbean and sweeps northward with sustaining winds of 75 miles an hour or greater. In 1966, only one major hurricane reached the continental United States—that was Hurricane Alma, which brushed the state of Florida and caused damage to property totaling two million dollars.

Two years ago, only one hurricane reached the continental U.S., that was Betsy, which caused insured fixed property losses of \$500 million in Louisiana, Mississippi and Southern Florida. Total insured losses caused by Hurricane Betsy, including automobile, boats, and marine installations, aggregated \$715 million.

In 1964, three hurricanes pounded Florida—Cleo, Dora, and Jebel—resulting in insured fixed property losses in excess of \$81 million.

Now is a good time, says the American Insurance Association, to remember that all hurricanes are dangerous, but that you can take certain precautions to help protect property and prevent injuries and loss of lives.

Here are a few pointers before a hurricane.

Keep your radio or TV set tuned for the latest hurricane news if the United Weather Bureau reports one is under surveillance. A watch for hurricanes already has been started by the bureau in Miami and as soon as a dangerous storm forms, news on its size and forward movement will be carried in news broadcasts on both radio and TV.

As a rule, hurricanes do not travel fast, and plenty of time is provided to take essential precautionary steps. Keep watch in your newspaper, too, for information on the course of a hurricane.

Check your transistor radio or other battery-powered radio sets to be sure they are equipped with fresh batteries for use in emergencies, such as when electrical transmission lines may be put out of commission by the storm.

If you are near the seashore and you hear news of an approaching hurricane you should make plans immediately to go inland if the Weather Bureau indicates the storm may sweep over your locality.

To ride out the hurricane choose a place which is on high ground that will not be inundated by flood tides.

Be sure and go inland in plenty of time, particularly if you must cross a low causeway to get to higher ground.

When you leave the shore, pack your car with food which does not require cooking, and with water in thermos bottles or jugs.

If your house is well-built and away from the water, that is probably the best place for you to stay. But be sure you have enough food for several meals in case the hurricane pins you down. Pitchers,

kenos, and pans should be filled with water for drinking to supplement what you may store in thermos bottles.

Keep in mind that the normal water supply in a community can become contaminated during a hurricane, and in such a case water should not be used for drinking until local health authorities approve it as safe. Many people who live in coastal areas and have ridden out hurricanes before also fill bathtubs with water as an added reserve.

It is a good plan to obtain a supply of food that can be kept without refrigeration, in case there is a power failure.

Place inside the house all garbage items such as porch furniture, lawn furniture, barbecue grills, and garbage pails, which might be picked up by the storm and blown through your neighbor's window, perhaps causing injury to those inside.

Movable awnings should be secured, and limbs of trees near or overhanging the house should be pruned.

If your home is equipped with storm shutters, put them over the windows well in advance of the time the storm is expected to arrive. In some coastal areas residents have TV servicemen take down TV sets and put them up again after the storm has passed and securely fastened.

During a hurricane, stay inside your home when the hurricane hits. Keep your radio tuned for storm bulletins; it will tell you the direction in which the hurricane is moving.

During the hurricane, one or more windows in your home on the side opposite the direction from which the wind is blowing should be kept partly open to prevent pressure from building up in the house when the wind is at its height. Having these open will allow the pressure to escape and minimize the interior forces tending to lift the roof or push out the walls, should wind or a flying object make an opening in the opposite side of the building.

And, be careful with fire. If you must use oil lamps or candles, make sure they are placed so that they cannot tip over.

Except in extreme emergency, do not leave the house until you hear over your local radio that roads and streets are free of debris and fallen electric wires.

AFTER A HURRICANE

When you use your automobile after a hurricane, drive carefully and keep watch for fallen wires and tree branches.

Keep an eye open too, for washouts and undermined pavements.

If you learn from the radio that your local water supply is contaminated, boil all drinking water until you have been told it is again safe to drink.

If your telephone service is disrupted, you might find it difficult to summon the fire department, so be particularly careful with fires. And, even if you succeed in contacting the department, fire apparatus could be delayed in reaching your home if streets are filled with fallen tree limbs and other rubble.

If you follow these recommendations, you'll be playing it safe.



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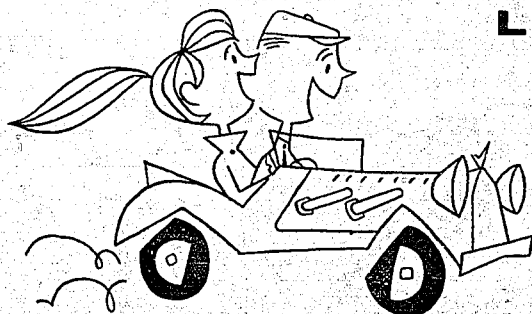
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