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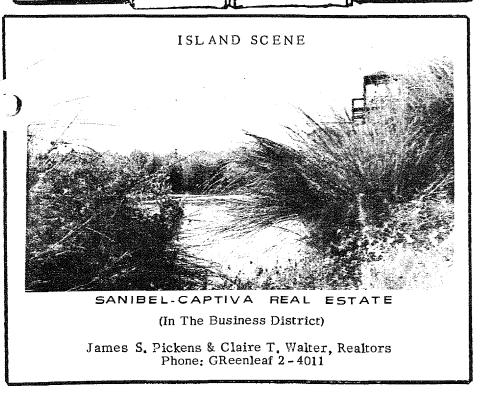
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PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT

Action will be taken to study proposals to reorganize Lee County's Government. This was stated at a meeting to hear Dr. Charles C. Fishburne of Sanibel, and Professor of Political Science at Edison Junior College, present his viewpoint on the subject. Dr. Fishburne has attracted county-wide attention with his proposals, recently outlined to civic groups at Cape Coral and Fort Myers Beach, A small

oup of Islanders attended the meeting at the Episcopal Church April 20, and heard Dr. Fishburne urge local areas such as Sanibel and Captiva Islands not to incorporate. He recommends strengthened county government as the constructive answer; a proliferation of local authorities as doomed to inefficiency and failure to meet the problems of a growing area such as Lee County. In the discussion period following the meeting, a member of the audience assured Dr. Fishburne that a responsible County organization will soon undertake to set up a group to study his recommendations. The public meeting was sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Democratic Club.





LIST OF ISLAND BIRDS RELEASED

An up-to-date list of birds to be seen on Sanibel and Captiva Islands has been released by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife Entitled "Birds of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge," the leaflet lists 227 species, plus 24 species considered rare or accidental. The leaflet may be obtained from Charles Le Buff, Fish & Wildlife representative; Mario Hutton, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society; Roy Bazire, vice chairman and treasurer of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Inc., (formerly J.N. "Ding" Darling Memorial Committee); or at the Chamber of Commerce building on the causeway approach.

NEW ORGANIZATION

A new organization has been formed on the Island by a group of women who will be known as The Friends of the Sanibel-Captiva Elementary School. The chairman is Mrs. George Winterbotham. They are trying to raise money for the school children for sports equipment and other school needs that are not being furnished by the county. There has been quite an increase in the amount of school children so therefore the funds the county allots the school are not enough to give them even the bare necessities. Teachers have been buying such essential materials as paper, crayons, pencils, etc., out of their own purses. The money is desperately needed for the education of the children. They have been lacking in sports equipment entirely for the county does not furnish any. And good sportsmanship and physical well being is important to a child's education as the book

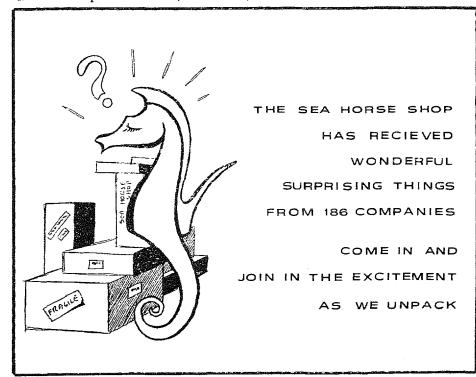
The Sanibel-Captiva American Legion Post 123 has given the new group a boost with a donation of \$50 and they hope that others will follow the example. Checks should be made out to The Friends of the Sanibel-Captiva Elementary School and mailed to the chairman, Mrs. George Wintherbotham, Gulf Drive, Sanibel. Your donation, big or little, will be appreciated.

AUDUBON CAMPAIGN

In order to increase the scope and effectiveness of its activities in the field of wildlife protection and conservation, the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society is conducting a vigorous drive, aimed at doubling its membership in the near future. Initial results have been excellent, with an increase of 37 members, who have applied during the first two weeks of the campaign. The names of all who have signed up to date, including those of most leading Island businesses, will be announced at the first meeting of the season, to be held at Sanibel Community House on December 7.

Those interested in applying for membership at the annual rate of \$10 for individuals and \$12.50 per family, should contact Mario F. Hutton, president (GR 2-4124), or Margaret Bushman, chairman,

Membership Committee (GR 2-4831).



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An open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held at St. Michael's and All Angels' Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. Friday nights, For information call GR 2-3121.

ISLAND ACTIVITIES

Sanibel Community Association, Inc., Sanibel Community House -- 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Sanibel-Captiva Teen Club, Sanibel Community House -- Saturday, 8 p.m.

Game Night, Sanibel Community House -- Fridays, 8 p.m.

American Legion Post 123, American Legion Home -- 2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary, Members Homes -- 2nd Mondays, 8 p.m.

Bingo Murex, American Legion Home -- Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. (No Minors)

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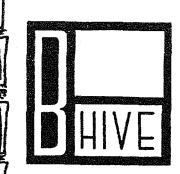
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Mr. and Mrs. LEONARD McQUEEN and daughters LORI JEAN and LEIGH ANNE, of Holt, Mich., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. CHUCK MULLER of Detroit, Mich., who are spending their 18th year on Sanibel.

They stay at Sanibel Cottages. Other guests at Sanibel Cottages for extended visits include and Mrs. RUSSELL LICHTY, York, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. PAUL LIGHTNER and cousin, Miss BETTY JANE KADEL; Mrs. ALBERTA AN-DERSON and Miss LOUISE DOWLING, DeLand, Fla.; Miss HELEN BRIDGEMAN and Mrs. HELEN MARTINI, Bronx, N.Y. Also, Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES WIGGEN of Monroe, Conn., are back for their usual winter stay at Sanibel Cottages. Incidentally, the Lightners and Mullers both found golden olives in the same area as Sanibel Cottages, to their great delight.



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GENE CARR JOINS CAST

Pirate Playhouse announces Gene Carr has joined the cast of "My Three Angels" as the Lieutenant.

"My Three Angels" opens on December 22 at the Islands' charming Arena Theater and two other performances have been scheduled for the holidays, December 27 and Jan. 6. Tickets on sale at the box office for all three performances of this delightful comedy. Phone GR 2-3943.

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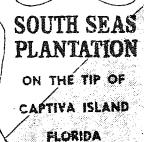
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⁴ SEA GRAPES FOR JELLY by ethel snyder

Towards the end of September the sea grapes growing on Sanibel Island in the Gulf of Mexico start to turn pink and ripen. So one fine morning at breakfast at Island Im Charlotta asked me if I would go with her to pick sea grapes for making jelly. I was delighted to accept and we started at once in the Inn station wagon. We each took a large water bucket which we confidently expected to fill with sea grapes.

Sea grapes grow on bushes or some bushes develop into trees and the trunks bend at odd angles like stove pipes. They are found only along tropical or semi-tropical beaches and the leaves are large, round, leather-like, and they shine and shine as if they were laquered. The veins are bright red and the leaves have no stems but drow directly on the branches. Each spring the sea grape sheds all its leaves and the new ones are bright red, round and shiny. The wood of the tree is red and very hard. The fruit grows in long slender bunches with a grape ripening here and there along the stem, not all at the same time like any grape I had ever seen before. The ripe ones fall off at the slightest touch. The raw fruit is not palatable to eat. Each grape has one large center seed and it does make delicious flavored cerise colored jelly. Lime or lemon juice has to be added to make it jell. This jelly is a favorite with the guests at the Inn and each year Charlotta has an entire shelf of jars in the stock room marked SEA GRAPE.

My cocker spaniel, Dolly Varden, was allowed to go along with us in the station wagon

but she was not allowed to get out. Maria, the cook, gave us a knowing look out of the corner of her eyes as we left, I wondered what that meant. It was wild country where we were going. There was prickly pear cactus to jab us. There were gopher holes to step into. Spanish bayonets with spike leaves sharp as swords were to be avoided and there were other growths not conducive to good walking! Snakes were not to be discounted. The road was a poorly defined trail but we knew it very well.

"Let's get out here. Looks pretty good," said Charlotta, I didn't see anything that looked good but I was a tenderfoot from the city, so agreed with her and we got out. The place was full of sea grape bushes, expecially towards the Gulf. We gingerly picked our way but the grapes were few and spindly and still green. "Maybe someone has already picked here," I suggested. "Sure looks like it. Let's go on farther," Charlotta replied. So back

we went to the station wagon and drove on.
"Here's a real good place," cried Charlotta.
And so it was. We each quickly filled the bottoms of our pails and were picking fast when a wild animal jumped out of the center of the thick bush. Instantly we each threw away our buckets and dashed back to the station wagon. The cocker was yipping and jumping about to help our speed. "What do you think it was?" I inquired breathlessly. "Well don't tell anyone, but I think it was a rab-bit," Charlotta answered. I had thought it was a panther or at the very least a wildcat. But a rabbit! We both felt very meek and went back to get our buckets which had managed to lose every grape we had picked.

The next stop seemed even better and the grapes plumped into our buckets. "Ouch," I suddenly yowled. "What's the matter?" shouted Charlotta from around the far side of the bush. "A cactus bit me," I yelled back. "It's awful here too. I can't move," Charlotta yowled back. We were both in the middle of an immense cluster of pear cactus. How did we get into it in the first place! But the problem now was how to get out. The apple fruit of the cactus was starting to turn red and they make delicious jelly too. But you have to spear each apple fruit with a fork, cut off with a knife and wear gloves in the process to save you hands. And here we were in the middle of a great patch of them. There was no easy way out but we finally managed to get back to the trail with as few jabs as possible. We were ruffled and perspiring and our ardour for picking

sea grapes entirely gone.

"Don't you think we might find some grapes nearer to the Inn?" I hopefully asked. "We

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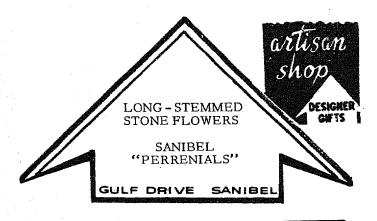
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The Interested Citizens Committee has been busy in opposition to the Trailer Court proposed on Sanibel. That proposal was rejected by the County Commissioners in October.

The Executive Committee decided to remain in existence, and to continue to take part in any developments which, in its opinion, would be beneficial to the Islands. To this end, its organization will be formalized by a set of By-Laws, and by rules for the handling of its funds.

The Committee voted to continue the employment of Mr. Michael Jackson of the firm of Stewart and Stewart on a retainer basis, Mr. Jackson represented the Committee in the Trailer Court case.

Mrs. Cardeza agreed to continue as Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Robert Haynie is vice chairman, Mrs. Cardeza expressed her thanks to all of the people who helped in supporting the work of the Committee, and who expressed their appreciation of the Committee's efforts.

> TALENT NIGHT AT THE PIRATE PLAYHOUSE

Talent night or T.N.T., which stands for Talent Night for Tourists, will take place at the Pirate Playhouse on several dates during January. Some acts have already volunteered their services and Pirate Playhouse welcomes one and all, residents and tourists alike, to perform for the hungry allover the world.

If you can sing, dance, read poetry, play an instrument or tell some jokes, please phone GR 2-3943. All proceeds from these T.N.T. nights will go to Meals for Millions Foundation, Santa Monica, Calif.

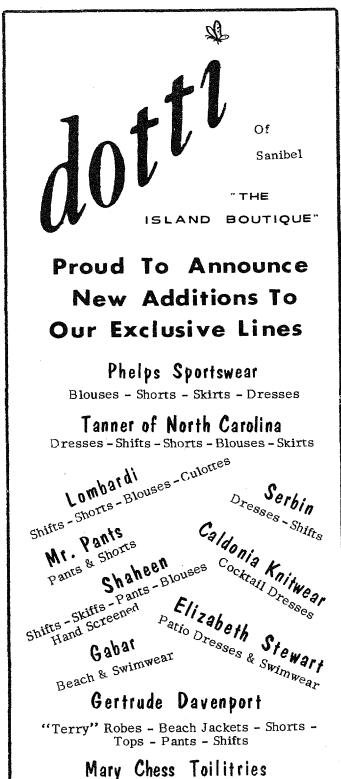
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might," Charlotta agreed and as soon as we found a place in which to turn we drove back towards the Inn, but there were no sea grapes along the way.

Soon afterwards we walked into the Inn kitchen and Maria, the cook and beloved friend of the Matthews family for more than twenty five years, greeted us. She noticed our empty pails but made no comment. Instead she said cheerily "Thar's a bit of coffee on the stove and rolls under the napie" and she picked up our buckets and departed in her own car for parts unknown.

The hot coffee and rolls bolstered our morale and we could finally laugh at ourselves. What dismal sea grape pickers we had turned out to be. We sat for a long time at the kitchen table waiting for Maria to get back. Finally we heard the sound of the motor of her car! We rushed to the door as Maria came into the kitchen carrying the two buckets brimming over with large ripe, "Why Maria," we both exclaimed in utter astonishment.
"Where did you find them?" She couldn't conceal herdelight and amusement as she loftily replied "Yo all jes ain't knowin" whare they is!"

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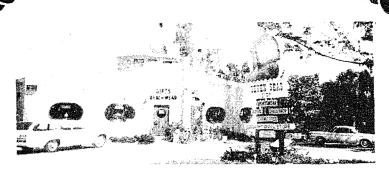
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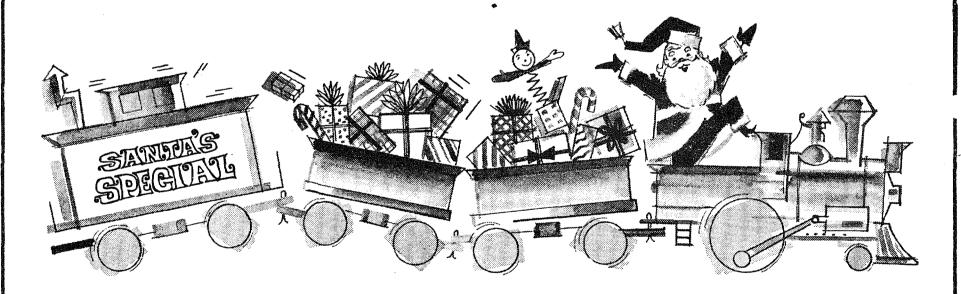
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