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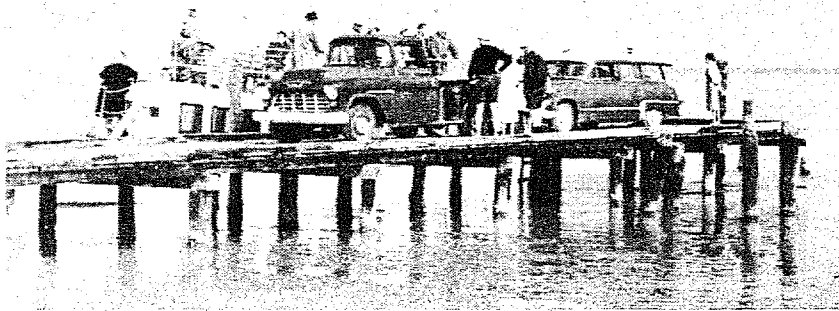
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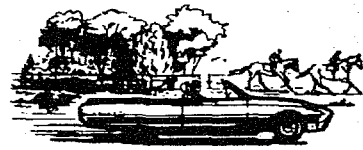
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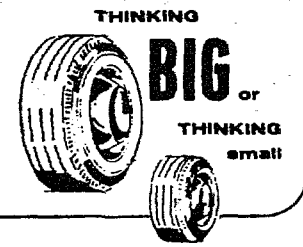
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WHO'S WHO AND WHY

Miss NORAH COOPER of Toronto, Canada, who is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. PAUL MAST, Tulipa Way, found a cloth of gold cone while shelling on the Gulf beach recently. Miss Cooper is Assistant Manager of Briars Inn and Country Club at Jackson's Point, Ontario.

Mr. LOUIS G. BUISCH of Hornell, New York, is on the Island to check on construction of his new home in the Sanibel Estates area near The Colony. Mr. Buisch is Editor of The Evening Tribune in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT J. PARCELLS, son and daughter-in-law of BOB and PEG PARCELLS, were guests of their parents over the Thanksgiving day weekend returning to their home in Atlanta, Ga., Sunday.

Also visiting the Parcells was their daughter Mrs. JOAN JENKS from Biloxi, Miss. Joan also spent a lot of her time helping with ideas, and some painting, on their duplex on Tulipa Way. Major Jenks joined the family for the Thanksgiving festivities and then was put to work on the duplex until their departure for home last Wed.

Recent guests of the DELLMAR REYNOLDS were her brother and sister-in-law whom she had not seen for several years. They came for a rest and to see what we liked so much about the Island. They

liked what they saw and said they would surely come back when they could. They are from a little town just south of the home town, Middletown, Ohio. LUNETTE and LEWIS FUNK missed seeing them as they were on a vacation trip. Later, the GEORGE KEOPPELS and daughter, DEBBIE, from Middletown, stopped over on the way home from the Bahamas to see her, staying at the Funks' Gulf Breeze Cottages. While here, BARBBIE found a Lions Paw. Then came the niece of Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Funk, JANE and her husband and two daughters. On the way down, BARNEY, Jane's husband, said not to gather any shells to take home. The first trip out to the beach the next morning, what did he find but an odd-spotted shell. And, guess who picked the most shells to take home? Janie picked up certain shells she wanted to take to her children as she calls them, for she works in a mental hospital for delinquent children. She left the Island in tears for she did not want to leave. She says she is coming back to live some day, just as soon as she can. VIRGINIA and LEE MATTHEWS, now staying at the Funks' Gulf Breeze, have a Junonia which Virginia found in front of Gulf Breeze. Thursday night, the Funks and guests took the Reynolds out for Thanksgiving dinner to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. How about that?

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FORT MYERS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO PLAY

Original orchestration of Seven Anthems of the Church will highlight the performance of the Annual Symphony Christmas Season Concert of the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. The concert entitled "The Church Year of Music" will present 13 anthems arranged to follow the general church year in music. It will be joined together by narrative appropriate to the anthem with Mr. Brad Lacey the Narrator.

Since very few church anthems have been orchestrated, it was necessary to call upon the combined talents of Mr. Bill Hayley, Mr. Ed Syms and the conductor of the Symphony, Mr. Arlo Deibler.

Mr. Hayley plays the tuba in the Symphony and sings tenor

in the Symphony Chorus. Of special interest is that Mr. Syms has written and orchestrated his own anthem, "The Twenty-third Psalm," which will be presented. Mr. Syms is a professor at Edison Junior College and a bass player with the Symphony.

The concert, to be presented Saturday, December 9, 8:00 p.m. at the Fort Myers Senior High School Auditorium, will feature 3 soloists; Philinda Young, Louise DeCaran, and Mr. C.L. Jarvis.

The presentation of a series of anthems this year represents a departure from the usual Christmas program by the Symphony and Chorus. In the past various great oratorios have been presented. Planned for next season is Handel's Messiah. The Chorus, 75 members strong, is made up of individuals from the general

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CAPTIVA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Captiva Civic Association will again show movies at the Captiva Community Center every Friday evening this winter, according to Hervey Roberts, program chairman. The shows, beginning at 8 o'clock, will start December 22 with the Walt Disney cartoon "Three Caballeros" and a Disney Cartoon Parade.

This will be the third year the association has shown films. This year, however, in addition to the movies the program will include the world premiere of a special Mario Hutton slide poem, "Captiva Rediscovered." Hutton, of Sanibel, has developed a new technique that has resulted in his being booked for programs as far away as Nassau. The complete schedule is as follows:

Dec. 22. Three Caballeros-Disney Cartoon. Cartoon Parade-Disney Cartoons.

Dec. 29. Flipper's New Adventure-Adventure; Flipper the Porpoise.

Jan. 5. Up in Arms-Comedy; Danny Kaye.

Jan. 12. Midsummer Night's Dream-Musical; Dick Powell, Olivia DeHavilland, Jimmy Cagney, Joe E. Brown, Mickey Rooney.

Jan. 19. Return of Mr. Moto-Mystery; Henry Silva, Suzanna Lloyd.

Jan. 26. All at Sea-Comedy; Alex Guinness.

Feb. 2. Silk Stockings-Musical; Fred Astaire, Cyd Charisse, Peter Lorre, Janis Page.

Feb. 9. At the Circus-Comedy; Marx Brothers.

Feb. 16. Captiva Rediscovered-Slide Poem; Mario Hutton, WORLD PREMIERE.

Feb. 23. Fancy Pants-Comedy; Bob Hope.

March 1. Billy Rose's Jumbo-Musical Spectacular; Jimmy Durante, Doris Day, Martha Raye, Stephen Boyd.

March 8. Raffles-Mystery; David Niven, Olivia DeHavilland, Dame May Whitty.

March 15. When Comedy Was King-Old Comedies; Chaplin, Turpin, Keaton, Arbuckle, Beery, Normand, etc.

March 22. Fiesta-Spectacular; Esther Williams, Ricardo Montalban.

March 29. The Geisha Boy-Comedy; Jerry Lewis.

VALANCE OF MRS. J. P. MORGAN

The Hunters have decorated their new Olio in Pirate Alley with the valance from a bay window of Mrs. J. P. Morgan which hung in her bedroom in the J. P. Morgan mansion at Morgan Island, Glen Cove, the former home of the Hunters. They decided to use the valance because it closely follows the art work on theater curtains throughout the country, a reminder of their days in vaudeville.

Ruth and Philip Hunter are delighted with the advertising posters for the Olio already sent in to the Pirate Playhouse.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION AT BEACHVIEW

If you've passed the Wooster's Beachview Cottages on Gulf Drive lately, you may have been wondering what Dave and Marge are up to again, with concrete blocks piled up high next to their office and earth moving equipment digging into the sand.

Ever since Dave and Marge Wooster, living in a mobile home at that time, built their first two guest cottages along the beach they have made improvements year after year, creating what one of their guests described as "tropical homes away from home"---17 units all told so far, all finished inside in natural pine and furnished in bright modern style that befits the sunny, informal beach atmosphere. Most of the units have modern electric kitchenettes.

In addition, Dave has built up television dealership on Sanibel, employing four service men, as well as a sales and service outlet for air conditioners. And, of course, he is one of the sheriffs on the Islands.

You may think that this is enough to keep a couple busy, and Dave and Marge agree. Says Marge:

"This will be our last expansion. If you get any larger, you can't take care of your guests as well as you should. After completion of this job, we are going to take things easier."

And to enable them to take things easier, the Wooster's now have the help of a manager and his wife, Dick and Ruth Jones, who came to the Island from Nashville, Tennessee, last summer.

The final fling of construction at the Wooster's will add four more units---for a total of 21---two efficiency apartments and two one-bedroom apartments. A swimming pool will be built opposite the office, from where the youngsters can be better supervised.

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FOR CHRISTMAS
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TO THE ISLANDER:

As both a visitor to your beautiful island and a scientist (Ichthyology), I was quite interested in the account, in the November 11 issue of your paper, of Mrs. Holden Hill's encounter with quote: "a snake-like creature, fifteen inches long, with a thick body and a flat head, covered with brown spots," which Mrs. Hill, while on a shelling expedition, discovered lying dormant on the sand near Tarpon Bay.

The creature terrified Mrs. Hill by jumping four feet in the air in her direction when, according to the account, she jingled a bag of shells at it to see if it were indeed alive, following which it chased her for some distance down the beach, apparently with some type of salt-water mayhem in mind.

Upon returning home, fortunately unharmed, thanks to her fleetness of foot, Mrs. Hill referred to her Fisherman's Encyclopedia and found that the beast was a Moray Eel. (Note: This species is also called an "Electric Eel" due to its ability to store up, and to release at will, a lethal voltage of electricity.)

The Encyclopedia stated that the Moray was "vicious and dangerous to tamper with," as Mrs. Hill had already found out for herself.

I have done considerable research into the habits and characteristics of this Eel and am in a position to comment on Mrs. Hill's experiences.

First, I will venture a guess that the confrontation took place during the early-morning hours. At this time of day, the Morays may be found sleeping on beaches after having left

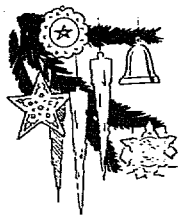
their normal watery habitat to climb mangroves and other waterside trees in search of Flying Fish's nests from which, in the absence of the parents, they remove and eat the eggs. Gorged on these delicacies they then fall into a somnolent state approaching catalepsy, from which they can only be roused by someone jingling shells at them.

Naturally this annoys them, but even so, the "four foot high" jump is a bit puzzling to me. My sole conjecture as to its cause is the possibility that the eel was sleeping with its tail in its mouth; and then, when it was startled and its electric current came on automatically, a short-circuit occurred. Under such circumstances, assuming my analysis will hold water, I would suggest that a four-foot jump might be minimal.

Finally, as to the brown spots on the eel's body---these are certainly not normal in a healthy Moray, and it is entirely probable that this particular eel was suffering from some type of liver complaint, which may have added an increment to his usual vile disposition.

/s/ R. Ungerdunger.

P.S. Did you know that Moray Eels produce a delicate fibrous substance highly prized in China, where it is taken by weavers and made into Moray Silk? I didn't know this either until just recently.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Adoption of an annual budget for the coming 1968-69 fiscal year was approved by the Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, November 27. The budget which is now being prepared by the Board, will be presented to the membership for their consideration at the semi-annual meeting of the Chamber on Monday, December 18.

The possibility of a voluntary sign control program by businesses on the Islands, tied into the proposed new directional sign project under consideration, was also discussed. A special committee on signs, recently appointed by the Board's President Mark McClintick, and headed by Paul Stahlin, was asked to investigate and make recommendations for a voluntary sign control program.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Priscilla Murphy, Realtor, reports the sale of a parcel of more than 200 feet on Cayo Costa Island by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rice of Sarasota to Mrs. Muriel Lesser of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Vera Cantor of Stamford, Conn.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

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Across the Gulf Drive, Dave is installing two shuffle board courses and chipping and putting greens for golf fans. For both decorative and practical purposes, Dave is also planting an orchard, including oranges, grapefruit, tangerines and pineapples.

All of this is slated to be finished by February 1, 1968---the start of the main season---when the Wooster's are fully rented, including the four new units still to be built.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Fort Myers area, Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres, Bonita Springs, Fort Myers Beach and Immokalee and will present the entire program again at the Art Hall of the Koreshan State Park in Estero on December 17. The

Chorus pianist, Mrs. Linnie Mae Werne, comes from Punta Gorda.

The complete program is as follows:

The "Creation" from God's Trombones by James Waldan Johnson, narrator---Chorus and String Orchestra. "My Lord, What a Morning"---Arranged by H.T. Burleigh.

"Gloria in Excelsis," Chorus and Orchestra, Louise DeCaron, soloist. Words by Martin Luther, music by Florence Jolley, arranged by Lars Haggard.

Christmas Suite For Strings, String Orchestra---Alex Romley.

"Consider the Lilies of the Field"---Chorus and String Orchestra---Clifford McCormick.

"Man Shall Not Live by Bread Alone"---Chorus and Full Orchestra---Louise DeCaron and O.L. Jarvis, soloists---Don Gardner.

"The Lord's Prayer"---Chorus and String Orchestra---Leroy Robertson.

"The Twenty-third Psalm"---Chorus and Full Orchestra---Edward A. Syms.

"In the Night, Christ Came Walking"---Chorus and Full Orchestra---Noble Cain.

INTERMISSION---
"Hear My Prayer"---Chorus and Full Orchestra, Philinda Young, soloist---Felix Mendelssohn.

"Were You There?"---Chorus only---arranged by H.T. Burleigh.

"Go to Dark Gethesmane"---Chorus and String Orchestra---T. Tertius Noble.

"Greater Love Hath No Man"---Chorus and Full Orchestra---Louise DeCaron and C.L. Jarvis, soloists---John Ireland.

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"---Chorus, Full Orchestra and Audience. (As recorded by the Morman Tabernacle Choir and the Philadelphia Orchestra). Words by Julia Ward Howe, music by William Steffe, arranged by Peter J. Wilhousky.

This is the second of the Season's Subscription Concerts presented by the Symphony. Tickets are available at the door and are \$1.75 adults-.75 students.



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SANIBEL-CAPTIVA AUDUBON SOCIETY

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will resume its winter programs for the 1967-68 season December 7 with the showing of two Walt Disney films, "Water Birds" and "Mysteries of the Deep." The regular meetings will be held at the Sanibel Community Center, in most cases on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock.

In addition to the regular meetings the society will conduct a series of field nature trips both on and off the Islands. Among these will be all-day motor trips to Fakahatchee Swamp and Fish-eating Creek, a canoe trip on the Sanibel River, two nature walks, and a "roughing it" walk "back into the boondocks." The annual Audubon bird count will be held December 30. All events will be open to the public.

Among the programs will be an Audubon Screen Tour, "Everglades, Sea of Grass," by Robert Hermes of Miami; a film talk, "My Greatest Wildlife Adventures," by Hal H. Harrison of Cheswick, Penn., and Sanibel; and three slide talks: "Birding Safari in New Zealand," by Karen Eastman of Minneapolis and Sanibel, "Guest Ornithologist in Taiwan," by Leslie Severinghaus of Coconut Grove, and "Native Island Trees and Shrubs," by Hervey Roberts of Captiva.

Mario Hutton of Sanibel, society president, will give two of his unique slide poems. One, "Birds of Many a Feather," will be combined with a Bill Baird puppets film, "The Spirit of Christmas," for the Christmas program December 21. The other, "Southwest Florida Color Saga," will be an entire program. Hutton gave one of his slide poems before the Florida Audubon Society annual meeting at Nassau recently, and as a result has been booked before eight Audubon Societies as far away as Orlando.

Other programs will be the Disney film "Yellowstone Cubs," and, jointly, the films "Painted Reefs of Honduras" and "Twilight Reef." The two latter contain excellent underwater color photography.

HUMANE SOCIETY OFFICERS

The officers of the Sanibel-Captiva Islands Humane Society Auxiliary #2 want to extend their thanks to the many Islanders who have joined the Society as well as those who have contributed so generously to our working funds. For example: The personnel of The Island Bake Shop, just a few days ago, put a cute little ceramic "Kitty" on their cash register for the donations of animal lovers, and yesterday we received a call from Jack Van Bell to come and pick up the proceeds, as the "Kitty's" stomach had already gotten too full for comfort. We responded promptly and now "Kitty" feels much better and is busily lapping up more contributions from Jack's compassionate customers.

The Lee County Humane Society has extended to all Islander Humane Society Members an invitation to an Open House at the animal shelter, at Anderson Avenue off Arcadia Street, in Fort Myers, on Sunday, Dec. 10, 1967, from 2 to 4 p.m. Do attend, you might even find a little "All Alone" puppy or kitty that you could find a place for in your home and especially in your heart.

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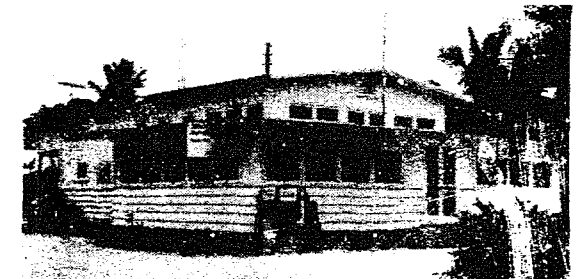
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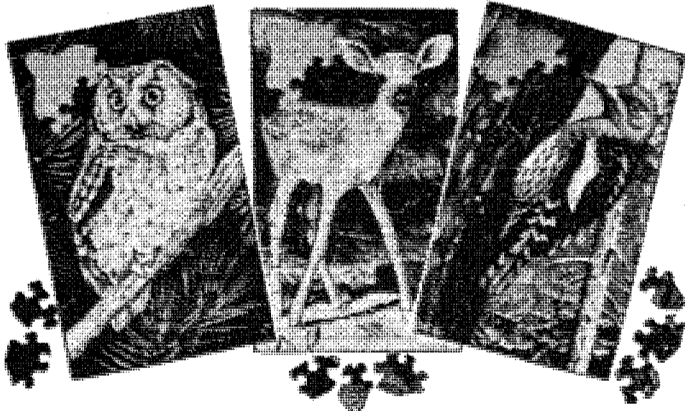
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A potluck supper and get-together will be held by the Captiva Civic Association at the Captiva Community Center Sunday, December 17, at 6 o'clock. While plans have just started, Jo Reddy, who is getting a committee together to put on the supper, says, "Make a note of the date to keep it open." Details will be announced later.

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We would also like to remind you to please mail early for Christmas, and to mail early in the day. To insure delivery by Christmas, Parcel Post to distant states should be mailed this week for surface mail and by Dec. 10-15 for Air Mail. Local and nearby parcels should be mailed by Dec. 13. Letters and cards to distant states should be mailed by Dec. 10 for surface mail and by Dec. 10-15 for Air Mail. Local and nearby letters and cards should be mailed by Dec. 15.

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We would like at this time, to thank you for your co-operation and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a most Joyous New Year.



Back to their favorite Islands are FRANK and LILLIAN ELEAZER, who just escaped the heavy snow that blanketed Washington, D.C., last week. Frank is with United Press International and is chairman of the Standing Committee of Correspondents, Congressional Press Galleries.



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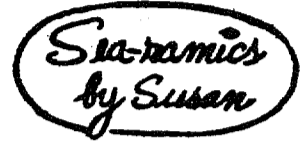
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ROBERTS GIVES TALK

An illustrated talk on the native trees and shrubs of Sanibel and Captiva was given by Hervey Roberts of Captiva to the Edison Garden Club of Fort Myers November 15. The talk, at the home of Mrs. Salvatore Geraci on McGregor Boulevard, was illustrated with color slides taken on the Islands.

Roberts pointed out that many of our native plants have flowers or fruit every bit as attractive as cultivated varieties. The geiger tree and marlberry, for example, have flowers that rival anything obtainable from a nursery. The cocoplum and wild guava have edible, attractive fruit. And these are only examples of a long list.

In addition, native plants have one great advantage over most exotics. They are adapted to this area's difficult growing conditions, and will thrive under the drouth, sand, and salt that make many cultivated plants hard to handle. Because they have had trouble getting exotic plants to grow, most Islanders leave good vegetation on their lots. And there's a growing tendency to plant seeds of attractive varieties not present.

As a warning, however, about fifty of Florida's best plants are protected. It's against the law to just go out in the woods and dig them, or take orchids and wild pineapples off trees. But it's legal if a person has written permission from the owner or manager of the land where they are growing. It's also legal to gather a reasonable number of seeds for private planting, and most native plants grow readily and rapidly from seed.



Recent guests at Gulf Breeze Cottages have been Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY SALLEE and two daughters of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. RAY POLAND of Rantoul, Ill., are back for their sixth visit. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. BAER and granddaughter of Decatur, Ill., are here for their third visit. Mr. and Mrs. LEE MATTHEWS of Indianapolis, Ind., are here for their eighth visit, and Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD MALLORY of Lancaster, Ohio, are here for their third visit. Mrs. ALICE WOOD who was here with her husband for the month of March, is back again for a month while her husband has been duck hunting in Ohio. She expects him to fly down next week, and after a short vacation for him, to drive back north together. She has helped in many projects while here, such as at the Chamber of Commerce, Priscilla's office, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. JIM HOFFMAN are here for six months. They had bought a new chrysler to come down in, and was rammed in Alabama and it was completely destroyed. Mr. Hoffman's 85 year old mother was hurt and is still in the hospital there. LEW FUNK had to go and get them and all their trunks in his car.

Mr. BARNEY SALLEE found a perfect junonia right out in front of the Cottages, and a week later VIRGINIA MATTHEWS found another junonia in almost the same spot. This is Virginia's first junonia, although last year she and Lee found several golden olives. They got a lot of other good shells, including one 20" horse conch, although several others were very large. They also caught a lot of fish while here.

Mrs. Howard Mallory also found a junonia, although it was not quite as perfect as the other two.

Mr. and Mrs. HARRY BEDFORD of Middletown, Ohio, guests at The Colony, found a golden olive on the Gulf beach in front of The Colony.



Fishing is excellent in our local waters as the above photo shows. Clyde Smith of Herculaneum, Mo., and Harold Alford of Leesburg, Fla., got these 28 Redfish and 2 Trout while out with Guide Bob Sabatino of Captiva.

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Members of the Sanibel-Captiva Democratic Club who attended the 11-County fundraising dinner Friday night, December 1, in Fort Myers, were privileged to have a private conference prior to the dinner with the guests of honor, Congressmen Paul G. Rogers and James A. Haley. Several matters of local interest were brought to the attention of the two Congressmen, who expressed interest in accepting the local Democratic Club's invitation for them to visit our Islands at some time in the future.

Following the talks with Congressmen Rogers and Haley at the Holiday Inn, the Island group went on to the Exhibition Hall to attend the highly successful dinner, a kick-off for the 1968 elections. Sponsored by the Lee County Democratic Executive Committee, the dinner brought together more than

500 Democratic officials and workers from 11 counties in South and West Florida to honor Congressman Rogers in whose Ninth District Lee County is now included, and Congressman Haley, whose Seventh District will include Lee County in 1969 under court-ordered reapportionment.

Those who attended included Mr. and Mrs. George Winterbotham (Ann is president of the Sanibel-Captiva Democratic Club), Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bryant, Mrs. Max Hayford, Mrs. Peggy Maloney, Norman Chambers, Wilb Snyder, William MacIntosh and Roy Bazire.

The local Democratic Club invites the support of all Island Democrats---just ask any of the members of the Board of Directors about joining. They are: Ann Winterbotham, Mozella Jordan, Elsie Henderson, Peggy Maloney, Jean Hayford, Norman Chambers, Joe Gault, Bill MacIntosh, Grif Bancroft, Leon Levy and Roy Bazire.



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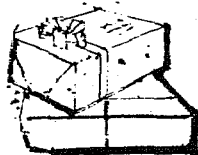
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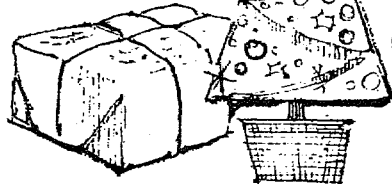
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