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HOW IT ALL BEGAN

If you have been "baby sitting" with the 1968 Shell Table you would have been hit with all sorts of questions; about shells, the table, the best places to shell on the Islands; but most of all about the Annual Shell Fair itself. Written records are sketchy or non-existent and only a few "old timers" are left to talk to. Priscilla Murphy's attic produced a picture story carried in the Fort Myers News-Press in 1953 and several back copies of The Islander from the years 1935, '36, and '37, that featured The Shell Show. (Incidentally The Islander was priced at 10¢ per copy. Who says everything is higher today?)

The first Community Fair was held in 1928 on the porch of the old Island Inn and was a miniature County Fair with bake goods, "fancy work" and home made gifts offered for sale by the ladies of Sanibel to help the community. It was considered quite a success. As a matter of adding interest the ladies brought boxes of their "pretty Sanibel shells" to show the visitors. This had so much appeal that the next year when the Fair was held on the porch of the Casa Ybel Hotel more shell displays were added and people began to come over on the ferry from

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ACADEMY AWARD

The annual award made by The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia for the most outstanding exhibit at the shell show will be given to the person or group responsible for the exhibit of mollusks which has contributed most to the success of the show and which has been the most instructive or inspiring to visitors because of its attractiveness, educational value, and scientific accuracy. The purpose of the award is to stimulate the entry of exhibits which will further the public's interest in and appreciation of the hobby and scientific study of mollusks. The official judges of the shell show will determine the winner.

The Award is not made to any exhibit which has previously won it at this or any other shell show. An exhibitor may receive more than one Academy Award during the year at other shows on the basis of entirely different exhibits.

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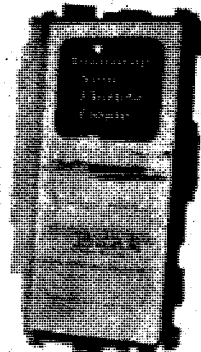
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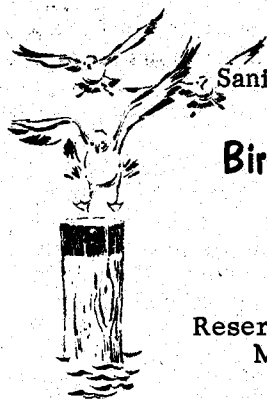
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In 1936, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT MORSE of New York City became fed up with city life and miserable winter weather. They decided to go to Florida. An article in The Herald Tribune by our own JAY N. "DING" DARLING caught their attention. It was about Mr. Darling's beloved Captiva and described 'Tween Waters Inn where he and Mrs. Darling then stayed. So, the Morses wrote to 'Tween Waters and arranged to stay at a house nearby called "Moon Over House." Just last week Mrs. Morse returned to Sanibel to make arrangements for another visit to the Island with her sister, and told the tale of Mr. Darling's influence to an "Islander" reporter.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

A team from the Nature Centers Division of National Audubon Society spent four days on the Island last week inspecting possible sites for a Nature Center on Sanibel. A number of locations were presented to them by the Site Committee of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, made up of James Jack, Charles Le Buff, Tom Mitchell and Roy Bazire. Based upon their studies, the Audubon team will make a feasibility report to the Foundation within the next six weeks. If it is decided that a Nature Center is feasible, and the local Foundation approves the project, the Audubon group will return in June to prepare a complete comprehensive plan. The team includes Dr. Joseph J. Shomon, Director of the Nature Centers Division, Mr. Byron Ashbaugh, and Mr. Robert Holmes. They stayed at the Jolly Roger Motel during their four day visit here.

After coming to Sanibel for 12 years, Mr. NELSON SPORER of Haddonfield, New Jersey, accomplished the sheller's goal --- a junonia. And it was a particularly superb specimen --- about 3 1/2 inches, fresh and excellent color. It was found on the gulf beach near Bailey Store Road. Mr. and Mrs. Sporer are at the Periwinkle Trailer Park for the season.

Mr. E.A. RICHMOND of McLean, Va., a guest of The Colony, had the good fortune to find a perfect four inch junonia last weekend right in front of The Colony.

Mr. and Mrs. WHITNEY EASTMAN of Minneapolis, Minn., returned to The Colony in January to spend a few months. Other guests making their annual visit to Sanibel and The Colony are: Mr. and Mrs. LEON BERKOWITZ of Phila., Pa., and their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. CHARLES LONG of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM SMITH of Upper Montclair, N.J., Mr. and Mrs. BRIGHT CARPER of McLean, Va., Mr. and Mrs. FRED SERGENAN of Barcliff Manor, N.Y., Dr. and Mrs. H.B. GERSTNER of Oak Ridge, Tenn.


Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT L. HAMAN, JR., are back on the Island for their 26th year, staying at the Perry Villa on Sanibel.

Mrs. WILLIAM GRATZ of the Island Inn got a big thrill after she had been to church by finding a perfect Junonia.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

The sale of a lot in Sanibel Estates is reported. The lot is from Glyn Faircloth of Leesburg, Florida, to Joachein H. Schwellen of Arlington, Va.

Priscilla Murphy Realtor reports two sales this week; two business zoned lots on Captiva by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lyon of Orlando to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Damon of Wakefield, Rhode Island, and a lot in The Rocks Subdivision by Mrs. Herbert Lewis to Mr. Otto Balogh of La Salle, Canada.

FASHION SHOW

February 23 is the date of the next Fashion Show at Holiday Inn in Fort Myers sponsored by Dottie of Sanibel. The 12 to 2 Luncheon Show is well worth while watching and reservations should be made well in advance by calling the Inn. Last Friday, there were 100 reservations made, and as there are only seats for 114, many were turned away. Dottie has promised a good Fashion Show and Islanders are urged to attend. The food is good too!

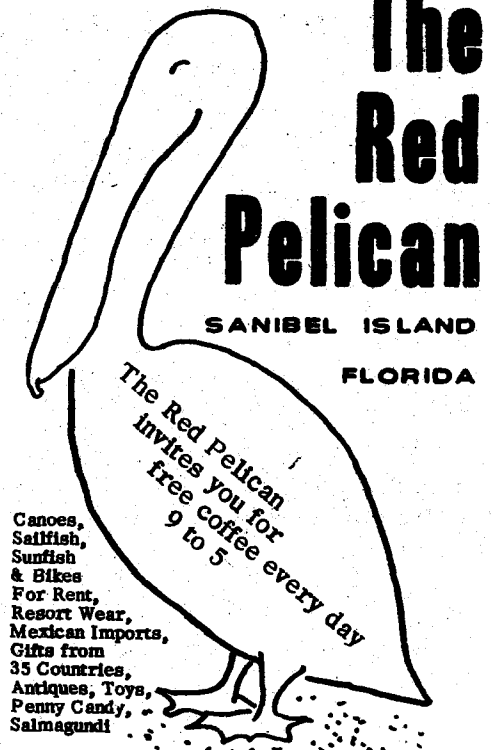
A DOZEN NEW BOOKS AT SANIBEL LIBRARY

A dozen new books ranging from biography and history to pseudo-scientific novels have arrived on the shelves of the Sanibel Public Library. Among the best sellers of recent months is the biography and historical book on Russia, "Nicholas and Alexandra" by Robert K. Massie. Also in biography is Cornelia Otis Skinner's "Madame Sarah" which deals with the life of the tempestuous Sarah Bernhardt.

"The Politics of Upheaval" by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., is the third volume of the author's Age of Roosevelt series, covering the years 1935 and 1936. Other non-fiction includes the controversial "Unsafe at Any Speed," by Ralph Nader which has touched off a wave of Congressional concern for automobile safety, and "The Frail Ocean," by Wesley Marc, which views with alarm the plunder and pollution of this great natural resource.

Another biographical volume is "Southern Frontiersman," by John Foster, which covers the life of General Sam Dale, known as the Daniel Boone of Alabama. "The World of Jimmy Breslin" is a collection of some of the more important pieces this reporter and columnist wrote for the New York Herald Tribune. "The Lawyers," by Martin Mayer is a look at the legal profession from grubby precincts of the criminal courts to the grandiose surroundings of the Supreme Court.

Four new novels include the imposing 1,150 page "A Horseman Riding By," of English country life in the 20th century; "Michel, Michel" a novel of the struggle for custody of an orphan boy; "The Weather-makers" by Ben Bova, and John O'Hara's novel "The Instrument," the story of a playwright and the theatre.



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LIBRARY SEEKS BOOKS ON ARTS AND CRAFTS

An appeal is being made by officials of the Sanibel Public Library for any books or materials that will help beginners in arts and crafts. The library now has a nucleus of a hobby section and would like to enlarge the instruction available. People having books or other helpful material on arts and crafts which can be spared should take them to the library on any open day: Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 to noon, and on Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4.

Instructional books presently available at the library cover embroidery, the making of costume jewelry, sewing, weaving, how to make things of wood, and how to make things of straw and raffia. This is in addition to an extensive reference section which covers almost everything from astronomy through gardening to shell collecting.

THE SHELL THAT GOT AWAY

A new sheller not accustomed to the ways of beachcombers was walking the beach after one of our recent blows. She was not equipped with the necessary pail to carry her finds so was gathering as many shells as she could hold in her hand and carefully laying them in a pile at the high tide line. She made many trips up and down the beach each time coming back to add to her nice little stock pile. She remembers picking up one rather unusually pretty shell but when she went to gather them all to take home that one particular shell was missing. At the time it troubled her a bit but she thought surely she would find another like it. The next day she stopped by the Shell Table to admire the beauties it contains and asked with great interest about "that bright spotted shell in the middle there." Yes, it was a junonia she had found only to have "lost" it again. Now she has learned the hard way that the first requisite of beach shelling is a stout pail or a good tight pocket. And if the shell is pretty --- even if you don't know what it is --- hang on to it --- it may happen to you just once in a lifetime.



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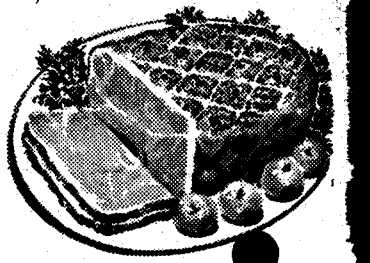
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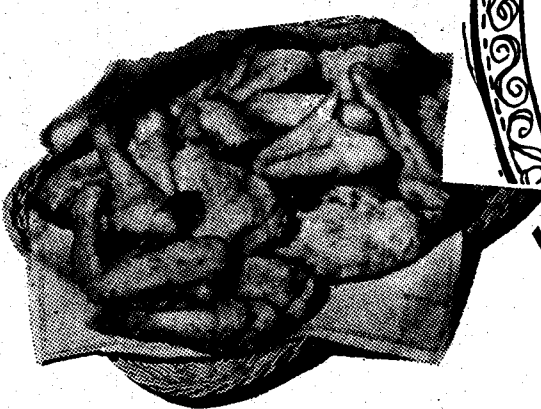
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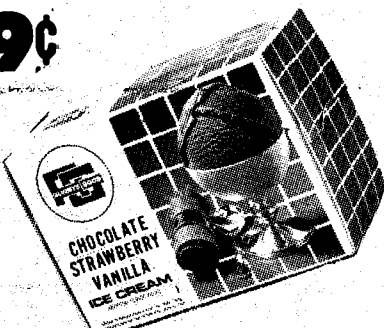
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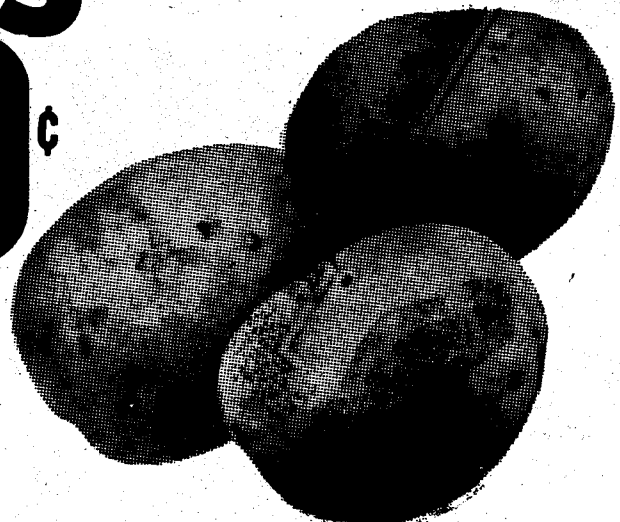
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Serving on Friday morning will be Mrs. James Pickens, Miss Scotia Bryant, Mrs. John Cook and Mrs. Paul Mast. On Friday afternoon Mrs. Golden McWhorter, Mrs. Bob Chapin, Mrs. Roy G. Chenour, Mrs. Ella Kaptiz and Mrs. Hal Irwin.

Again this year Saturday will find junior hostesses on duty including Susan Purdy, Mona Woodring, Zee Seigler, Bonnie Brown, Carolyn Nix, Linda Legel, Denise Stevens, Marla Stevens and Kenan Fishburne.

This year all who are serving in an official capacity at the Sanibel Shell Fair will have pins attached to their ribbons made of scallop shells, the handiwork of Kay Lawrence.

PIRATE PLAYHOUSE

"My Three Angels" comes back to the Pirate Playhouse Sunday, Feb. 18, and Saturday, Feb. 24, with the same fine cast which opened in December, Robert Dormer, Roy Bazire, Arthur Orloff, Jim Maguire, Philip Hunter, Kenan Fishburne, Timothy Gault, Ruth Hunter, Gail Maguire, and Gene Karr with Molly Orloff handling the stage technique.

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On Sunday, Feb. 18, from 2 to 5 p.m. the Showcase Gallery will begin a one man showing of paintings by Everett L. Waid. This exhibit will include recent works, non-objective and representational, executed in oil, acrylic, pencil and wood block.

Mr. Waid has received many honors for his paintings and was for many years a well established illustrator working in various parts of the country. He was for many years also affiliated with The Art Students League of New York City, and served from 1946 to 1953 as league president. The Art Students League, the world's largest independent art school, is self governed and self supporting, stressing individual attention toward the student, and offering only distinguished and competent artists as instructors.

Mr. Waid has studied in Paris, Munich and Rome, and in this country in Los Angeles and New York City. This exhibit will continue through March 2. The public is invited to attend free of charge.



NOTICE

Noah's Ark, (St. Michael's Thrift Shop) will be open this Thursday night from seven until nine as well as in the afternoons.

WILD-LIFE REFUGE PROGRAM

"Highly successful" was the reaction of Board members of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation to their "Island Conservation" conference Feb. 6. Participants agreed, and emphasized the uniqueness of local efforts to bring together various levels of government, Audubon organizations, educational institutions, foundations and conservation groups to coordinate action to preserve the natural values of our Islands.

Representatives of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service from Washington, Atlanta and Florida pledged full cooperation with representatives from National Audubon's Nature Centers Division and Florida Atlantic University. Support, advice and assistance were promised from State and County officials, from Florida Audubon, from Nature Conservancy. Top officials of the Fish & Wildlife Service assured the local Board of top priority being given to the J.N. "Ding" Darling Sanctuary in their wildlife refuge program. The Director of Audubon's Nature Centers Division expressed his conviction of the value of a nature center on Sanibel not only to Southwest Florida but to the entire State and Southern area of the country. Florida Atlantic University declared its desire to start work almost immediately on graduate study, faculty study and research in the area, and course presentation on Sanibel if demand exists. Cooperation

with Edison Junior College in some programs was anticipated.

Financing was explored generally, with many suggestions for obtaining Foundation grants, State and Federal money, as well as through fund raising which the local Foundation may sponsor.

The group also discussed possible additional land acquisitions to expand sanctuaries on the Islands, including some of Sanibel's unique inland fresh water system, a large tract on Cayo Costa Island, and small islands scattered throughout Pine Island Sound and adjacent inland waters.

Climax of the day was a dinner at the Coconut Grove Restaurant attended by about 90 invited guests to formally announce the formation of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Inc., and to hear reports on some of its possible future activities. Speakers were Mr. Noble Buell, Assistant Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Joseph J. Shomon, Director, Nature Centers Division, National Audubon Society, New York; and Dr. Manley Boss, Chairman, Department of Biological Sciences, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida. Mrs. Herbert Lewis, Chairman of the local Foundation Board, presided at the dinner session, and Roy E. Bazire, vice chairman and treasurer, introduced the speakers.

The working sessions dur-

ing the day in the Sunday School rooms of St. Michael's Church were moderated by Griffing Bancroft of the local Foundation. Participants included Mr. Noble Buell and from the Atlanta Regional office of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife, Mr. Lawrence S. Givens, Regional Supervisor, Mr. Spencer Smith, Mr. Phil Van Dyck, Mr. Rudy Rudolph; from Loxahatchee, Mr. Richard Thompson and Mr. Marvin Hurdly; from National Audubon Society, Dr. Shomon, Mr. Byron L. Ashbaugh, Mr. Robert F. Holmes; from Florida Atlantic University, Dr. Manley Boss; from Florida Audubon Society, Matland, Mr. W.M. Partington, Assistant Director; from the Lee County Mosquito Control, Mr. Fred Lesser; from the Florida State Dept. of Health, Dr. Maurice Provost and Mr. James Hagar; representing Nature Conservancy of Washington, D.C., Mr. Joel Kuperberg and Mr. Nelson Sanford from Naples; and the Board of Directors of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation including Hervey Roberts, Mrs. George Winterbotham, Mrs. Willis Combs, Joe Gault, Tom Mitchell, James Jack, Tom Wood, Charles Le Buff, Griffing Bancroft, Mrs. Herbert Lewis and Roy Bazire.

One immediate decision by the local Foundation was to repeat annual get-togethers of the groups attending this conference and to bring in other conservation organizations. It is possible these will be organized as 2 or 3 day seminars, since the initial venture proved so rewarding.



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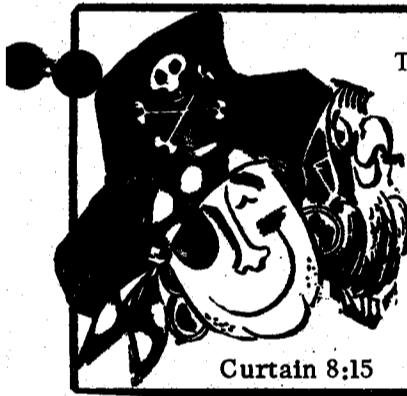
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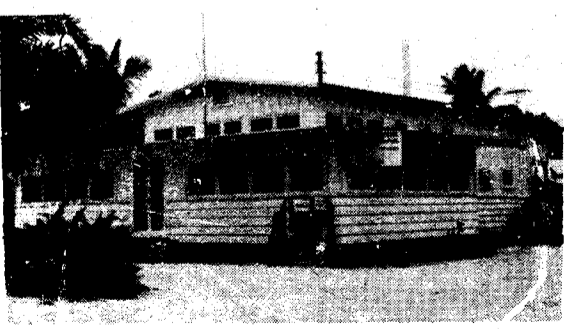
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PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW AT
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D.R. Williams of Captiva is having a show of some interesting hand-colored photographs of wild life at the Fort Myers Salon of Fine Arts International, 2201 Main Street, which will continue for the next ten days.

The show opened Sunday afternoon and Mr. Williams explained to the guests the various circumstances under which he took the pictures of the wild life in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Isle Royale and the Algoma district of Ontario, Canada.

Williams has spent his life taking photographs and films as well as gathering data about them for his many illustrated lectures given before conservation groups, as well as high schools, universities, and forestry departments of colleges teaching mining and technology. All of the photographs were taken by Williams of the animals in their natural habitat and many of them have appeared in national magazines such as "Field and Stream," "Outdoor Life" and many others, said Anita Jordan, who with her husband, Arthur, opened Fine Arts International in December, 1966.

Since their opening, the Jordans have around 200 paintings for sale by many artists on various subjects as well as different styles and techniques. The Jordans have a fascinating background, having lived many years in Europe, and the United States before succumbing to the charms of Southwest Florida. Mrs. Jordan was one time president of the Art Council of Southwest Florida and at one time Mr. Jordan was past president of the Chamber of Commerce in Long Beach, California.

So they have a widely varied experience and one has only to visit their gallery to become aware of another interesting cultural center in Lee County.

POSTMASTER EXAMINATION

Word received by the Sanibel-Captiva Democratic Club from Congressman Paul Rogers advises that the Civil Service Commission reports inquiry vouchers on the examination for a new postmaster were mailed December 15. Allowing for time for replies, and for rating and certification, it is expected that the eligible register will be established in about three months from that date, or by April 1.

HUMANE SOCIETY

The Sanibel-Captiva Humane Society Auxiliary Number Two will hold a meeting on Feb. 17 in the recreation room at the Sanibel Trailer Resort. Preparations will be made for a sale in March.

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WORLD PREMIERE OF A NEW PHOTO VERSE

The world premiere of a new photo verse, "Recapturing Captiva," will be given by Mario Hutton of Sanibel at the Captiva Community Center at 8 o'clock Friday evening, February 16. The program, a benefit for the Captiva Library Building Fund, will be open to the public.

Photo verse is a new technique developed by Hutton, well-known Sanibel photographer and president of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society. It combines color slides with accompanying narration written in the form of Italian sonnets. The form has proved popular for Audubon programs, and in the last year Hutton has presented other subjects all over Florida and in the Bahamas.

"Recapturing Captiva" consists of typical scenes from all over the Island, viewed through the eyes of an artistic photographer. Hutton spent several months making it.

Mario Hutton will complete his "Recapture" of Captiva on Tuesday, February 20, when he will hold a One Man Show at the Sanibel-Captiva Art League Stand, next to the Captiva Post Office. He will present many of his wildlife color enlargements, together with several pictures of Captiva scenic spots. On this occasion, he will also offer for the first time his new "Photo-verse Portfolios," which combine color reproductions of slides with the text of his descriptive poems.

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An "Anything Sale" for the benefit of the Captiva Library Building Fund will be held by the Civic Association at the Captiva Community Center Thursday, February 29. The sale will start at 10 o'clock, and continue until the articles are gone.

The sale will be under a committee headed by Mrs. William S. Dennis, who was chairman for a similar and highly successful sale last year that netted the library fund more than \$500. Last year's objects, all donated, included everything from bakery goods to a full-sized bathtub, and from 25-cent earrings to a set of Lennox china. There was even one item whose purpose no one was ever able to figure out.

The Community Center will be open from 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, February 28, for people to bring any articles they may wish to contribute to the sale.

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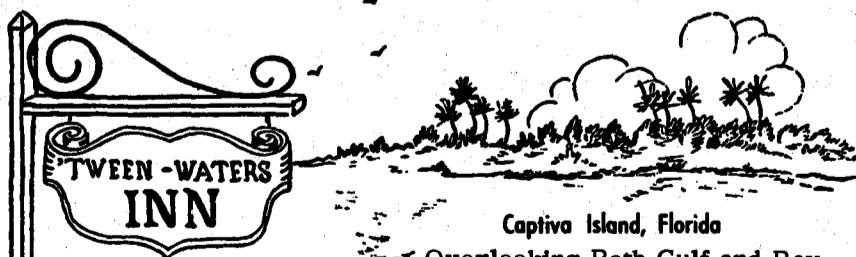
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Fort Myers to see. They also came to take home some of the toothsome fresh coconut pies and cakes that the Island ladies baked for the sale. Thomas Edison and Henry Ford were some of the distinguished visitors at this Fair. Pictures taken of them on the porch of Casa Ybel viewing the shells are still in existence.

By the next year the Fair had grown in size and popularity to such proportions that the men of the community got together and decided to build the existing Community House to take care of this, by now, annual event.

Francis Bailey remembers that at one of the early fairs they had produce and poultry shows because he recalls getting a ribbon for his Bantam chickens although he isn't sure whether it was a first or second

place. After the Community House was finished the Fair activities moved to its new location and the ladies added a new speciality; that of serving hot soup. They gathered several days before the big day at the Island Inn kitchen to cut vegetables and make this "never to be forgotten treat" that was served on the Fair grounds. Even at last year's Fair some people were still asking where they could get "the soup" or coconut pies and cakes. The main hall was always attractively decorated with shells and sea life just for people to show and see the wondrous collections of Sanibel shells. According to the rules of the original Charter competition was not permitted and the Fair was strictly a Sanibel project. At this time the road connection between the two Islands was non-existent and the only way to get from one Island to the other was by boat.

As near as anyone can remember it was around 1932 that someone thought it would be a good idea to give away a box of Sanibel shells at the Fair. No one knows for sure how this was handled but Clarence Rutland made the first shell box and people on the Island donated the shells to go in it. These early boxes were made of Sea Grape wood and were highly prized for their sturdy beauty. They were a genuine Island creation.

The March, 1936, issue of The Islander stated that "The Shell Exhibit will show a profit of \$150.00 or more and this profit is to be used in making necessary repairs in and about the Community House." This was the first time in its history that the Fair ran over a three day period and all the booths were sold out well in advance of the closing of the Fair. The ladies just weren't prepared for the publicity they received from newspapers all over Florida.

According to these early editions of The Islander the ladies who seemed to be the moving force behind this event were Dr. Louise Perry, Charlotta Matthews, Lillian Cockerill, Mrs. Bailey, Pearl Stokes and no doubt many more. The 1936 Islander speaks of an Associated Press article carrying the story of a sea horse giving birth to young at the Live Exhibit. In the 1937 Islander the Shell Show was again reported "to be most successful. An estimated 1,000 people saw the Show and we couldn't count all of them." (This past year's Shell Fair listed an estimated 5,000 people who saw the Fair and again we couldn't count them all.)

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There are 18 more openings and we surely would like to have some new people share in the fun. The salary? Well, it's that wonderful reward of feeling that you are doing something to help a community that has given so much to each of us in the past in peaceful serene pleasure and pure joy. How about calling Mim Schriener at GR 2-5111.



ISLAND ENSEMBLE AT THE PIRATE PLAYHOUSE

Pictured here are members of the Island Ensemble which played at the benefit for Meals for Millions to feed the hungry.

From left to right; Ed Legel at base, Margaret Walters, Ed Konrad and Ruth Ross (leader) with their violins and Jean Culpepper at the Hammond organ.

Spectators in the audience in this picture are; Helene Sparks, teenagers Jani Hines, Timmy Gault, Susan Amon, and Jim and Gail Maguire.

The Variety Show was played on a 3/4 arena stage. June and George Brinkworth were the reception committee, and Philip Hunter was Master of Ceremonies.

Ruth and Philip Hunter plan another benefit for this wonderful cause in the spring. Meantime anyone interested in helping Meals for Millions, help destitute people help themselves, may write the Foundation at 1800 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica Calif., or phone GR 3-3943, Pirate Playhouse.

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SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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At the business meeting following the dinner, Vice President Tom Nix presided in the absence of President Gerald Martin who has been seriously ill. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brunner were welcomed to membership. The membership was advised, re: a rumor that Blind Pass is to be opened. Our Commissioner P.A. Geraci had advised that at the present time an erosion control study is being made of the Sanibel-Captiva shoreline and when the study is completed and recommendations have been made by reliable engineers as to what steps should be taken, should the report show it is feasible to open Blind Pass without causing erosion to some other part of the Island, he will support it 100%.

Mr. Nix announced that the shelter to house the art exhibit on the grounds is nearing completion and Sanibel artist Wilb Snyder has accepted chairmanship for the art exhibit for the coming Fair.

Mrs. Howard Schriener presented an interesting account of the history of the Sanibel Shell Fair in relation to the shell table.

A general invitation was extended to all members to join the work party to be held Sunday afternoon, February 18, from 1 p.m. 'til.

The next dinner and regular meeting will be in April.



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