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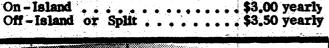
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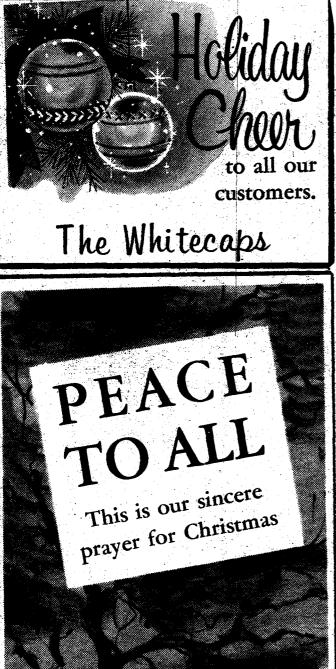
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ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH The Rev. T.A. Madden, Vicar SUNDAY: ..... 9:30 a.m. School WEDNESDAY: Holy Communion . . . 9:00 a.m. THURSDAY: Holy.Communion ... 7:30 p.m. ST. ISABEL'S MISSION CATHOLIC CHURCH-SANIBEL The Rev. Conrad LeBel, Assistant Pastor Sundays.....7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Thursdays..... 7:30 p.m. Holy Days...... 5:30 p.m. CONFESSION: Sundays before Mass. SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH **50th Anniversary Year** Dr. H.E. Sheely Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH The Rev. Arthur Sims, Pastor SUNDAY: Sunday School . . . . 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Training Union .... 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship ... 7:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study FRIDAY: Youth Ranch ..... 7:30 p.m. **CAPTIVA EPISCOPAL** Holy Communion will be held each Sunday morning at 7:30 in the Manor House, Captiva Island.

CAPTIVA CHAPFL-BY-THE-SEA

Sunday Worship.....11 a.m.

# 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 7:30

American Legion Post 123,





# and Associates

Periwinkle Way

Sanibel Island, Florida

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

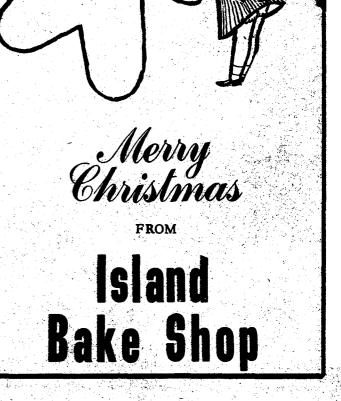
American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 123, 1st Mondays, 8 p.m., Legion Hall.

Bingo Murex, American Legion Home -- Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m. (No Minors)

A.A. open meeting - Fridays 8 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, GR 2-3121.

Lions Club, dinner meeting at South Seas Plantation, 6:30 p.m., first and third Wednesdays of each month.

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club meets the third Monday of each month during the winter season, and holds their meeting alternately at the Sanibel Community Center and the Captiva Community Center.



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# and Restaurant

The Lighthouse End Of Sanibel

# ISLANDER

# Ah! The Mistletoe

In Europe it is quite common for men to kiss each other on the cheek as a sign of salute, or as part of a special ceremony.

Back in the days of the Roman legionnaires it was the custom, also. Sometimes it was linked with the plant mistletoe, which had always been regarded with great respect by the ancients.



A soldier in the Roman legion gave mistletoe some reverence. If he met an enemy under a tree upon which mistletoe was growing, both men would drop their weapons, kiss each other and call a truce. Mistletoe was honored as a symbol of hope and peace.

By the time this kissing custom worked its way down through the ages, habits changed. For in early English history it was noted that young lovers must pick a berry each time a kiss was stolen from a maid. When the berries were gone, so were the kisses.



The ancient druids regarded the mistletoe as a plant of mystery and gave it sacred respect. It was believed to have the powers of fertility, but also of national disaster if it was ever to touch the earth. So the mistletoe was always hung high. Many tied boughs of it above the doors of their barns and houses to ward off evil spirits.

At our modern houses at Christmastime we find this custom still with us, more from habit than from any apprehension, probably.







# **Ceremonies Thru'out World Celebrate Twelfth Night**

Twelfth Night, or Epiphany, is marked with many customs, ceremonies and legends throughout the world. French and Swiss children, for example, look forward to the pastry they receive on that day, in which a bean, coin or china figure is hidden. Whoever gets the prize, is crowned king of the family.

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Epiphany means "appearance" and commemo-rates the visit of the Three Wise Men to the Infant Jesus. Their arrival was proof to believers that Christ the Saviour was born.

During the Middle Ages, Epiphany or Twelfth Night, was commemorated with plays presented in churches. Solemn observances largely disappeared in Elizabethan England, and this became a time for revelry.

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" reflects this mood. Historians say it was prob-



mand performance at Whitehall Palace on January 6, 1601.

# **Realism Reflected at Christ's Birthplace**

In the Middle East, where Christ lived, Christmas has a touch of realism. The patriarch comes from Jerusalem with a troop of cavalry in gorge-ous array. The service lasts from 10 p.m. until long after midnight.

After the reading of the gospel the clergy and congregation leave the church and journey to the Grotto of the Nativity.





Wishing you a merry Christmas!

# **CAPTIVA** SERVICES, INC.

DALE & MARY and the entire staff





wishing you the Season's joy



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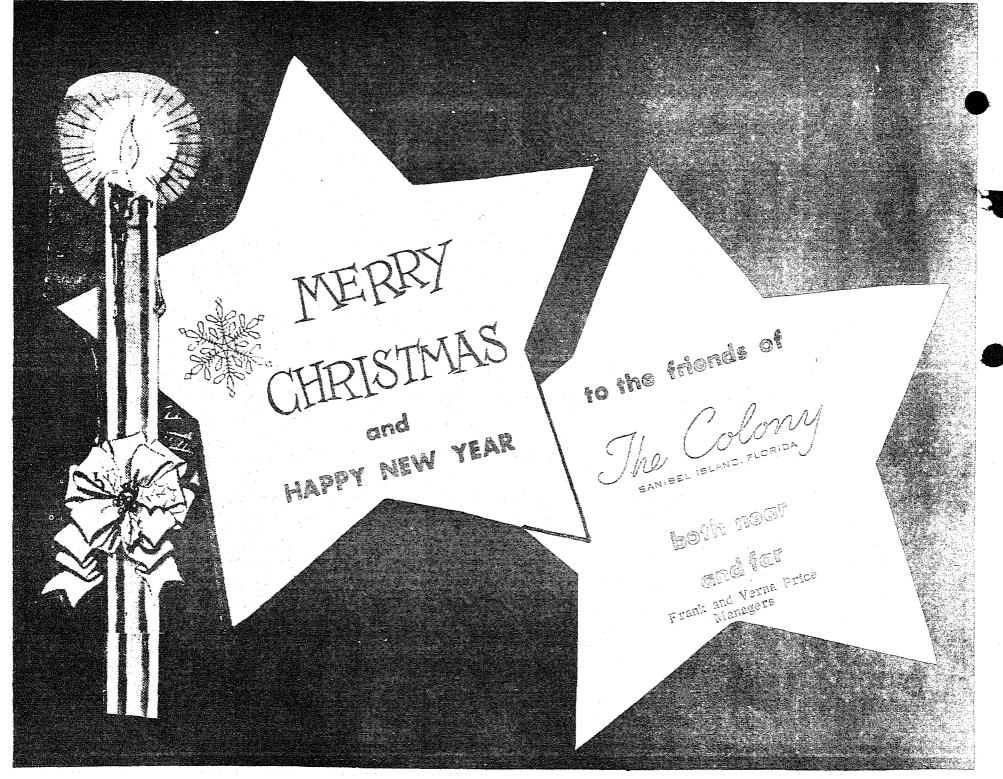
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# Christmas Creche Has Age-Old Tradition

We do not know when the first creche was set up as a tableau to illustrate the nativity, but church records indicate that St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the Pope to reconstruct the scene in the Bethlehem stable.

Today the crib, surrounded by figurines of the Holy Family, the Three Wise Men, shepherds, angels and farm animals, is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the brightly decorated Christmas tree is to America





# **EVER-BLOOMING' STORY** OF THE XMAS ROSE

When Christ was born in Bethlehem kings from far-away lands came bearing gifts of great rarity and value. Everyone within sight and sound of the Évent came and brought gifts of one kind or another . . . the shepherds brought little new - born lambs as their humble offering.

Off to a corner, unnoticed, huddled a little shepherdess, named Madelon, who wept because she had no gift for the Baby.



As her tears fell to the stable ground a miracle came to pass: small, lovely blooms sprang up among the tears; Madelon quickly gathered them and ran to show the Child the beautiful flowers.

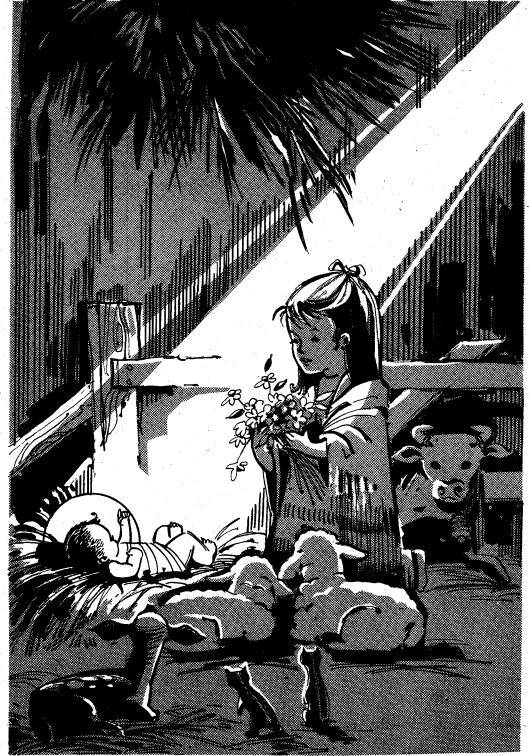
Little Jesus touched the blooms with his tiny fingers and behold! the petals flushed rosy pink! This was the Christmas rose.



'Tis said that to this day, every year, when Christmas comes (and not until that day) the Christmas Rose blooms abundantly, in celebration of the Holy Birthday.

The Christmas Rose in itself is a great gift for the World, as it was on that hallowed day. many, many years ago... as was the Holy Child, to all mankind, for all time.

> l heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old familiar carols play; And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow





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# SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ISLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

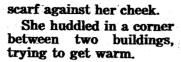
Che Little Match Gir

One December, day, a poor little girl trudged along a busy city street through cold, deep snow. She wore no shoes but on one foot she wore one man's large slipper which she had found in a trashcan. Her feet were red and raw in the bitter cold.

In her apron she carried many boxes of matches which she tried to sell to passersby.

The little girl was not having any luck, but she was afraid to go home, for her father had said he would beat her if she came home without money.

Now it was getting colder, the snow was coming down harder, a wind was whipping her threadbare



She took a match from her apron and lighted it, to warm her numb fingers. How brightly it sputtered! In its light she seemed to see a big warm stove with pots bubbling happily.

But when the match burned out the beautiful scene disappeared.

She struck another match ... and another, and each time another lovely scene took shape before her eyes...tall taper candles which seemed to grow longer, rising higher.

The candles rose higher, until they became stars in the sky; then one of them



# fell.

"Oh!" she said to herself, "that falling star means someone is dying."

She struggled to light another match, then another . . . and suddenly, right in the midst of the bright glow was her dear mother who had died when the little girl was just a 3year-old.

"Mother!" the little girl cried. "Mother! Please take me with you!"

Her mother gathered her into her arms, and together they rose high up to the sky, so high, there were angels hovering near, and the little girl sighed with joy.

In the morning, when busy shoppers hurried by they saw the little match girl huddled on the hard sidewalk, burned matches about her. She seemed to be sleeping, and a smile was on her lips.

 $\Rightarrow$  Bayberry candles, which are said to foretell good luck for the coming year if they burn bright at

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Playhouse

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Christmas, were first made by early settlers in America. They dipped bayberry branches in wax and burned them during the holidays.

\* The story is told that over a hundred years ago, a parish priest in Salsburg, Austria, returning late one night from administering last rites to a dying woman, was awed by the particular majesty of the still, sparkled-withstars night; he went home, wrote the lovely, haunting words of "Silent Night, Holy Night." With his organist, Franz Gruber, playing the great music on his guitar, the Father, Joseph Mohr, first introduced the strains of this popular hymn to a small congregation in Austria.

 $\Rightarrow$  The number of mince pies you taste at Christmas indicates the number of happy months you'll have during the coming year, according to an old English belief.



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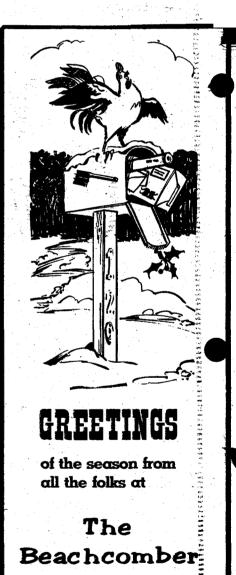
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Shell Harbor, Sanibel Island





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# an Old Custom

Among the more popular aspects of a secular celebration is the Kissing

Many years ago every home featured at least one of these beautiful decorations, hung from an arch-

sometimes a pomander, sometimes a blown egg, sometimes a ball of cotton. Plastic foam is the favor-

The ball is brightly painted or gilded, wrapped with ribbon and braid, and set with mock jewels, sparkling beads and se-

A ribbon suspends two or three in place and a sprig of mistletoe is se-

beneath may expect a kiss from some daring swain

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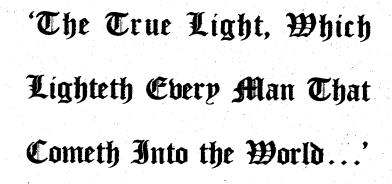
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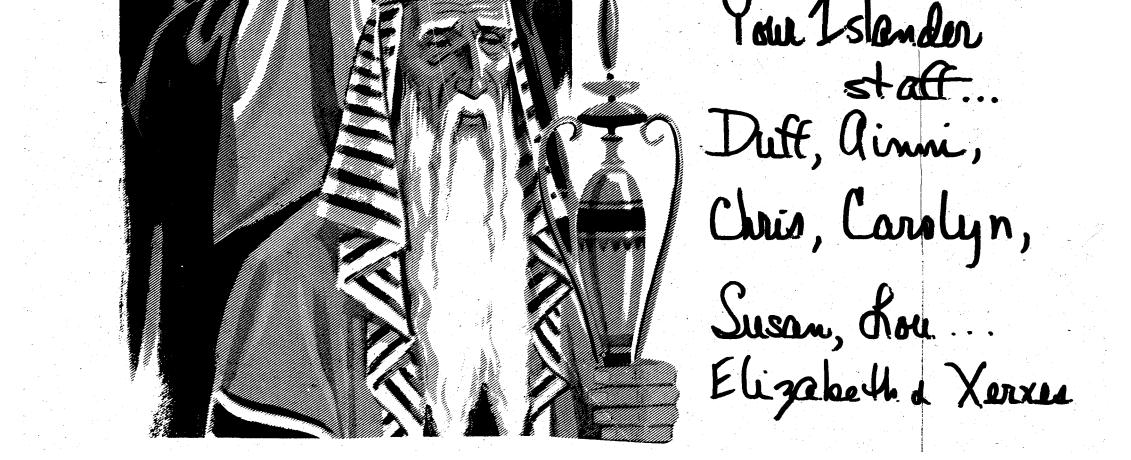


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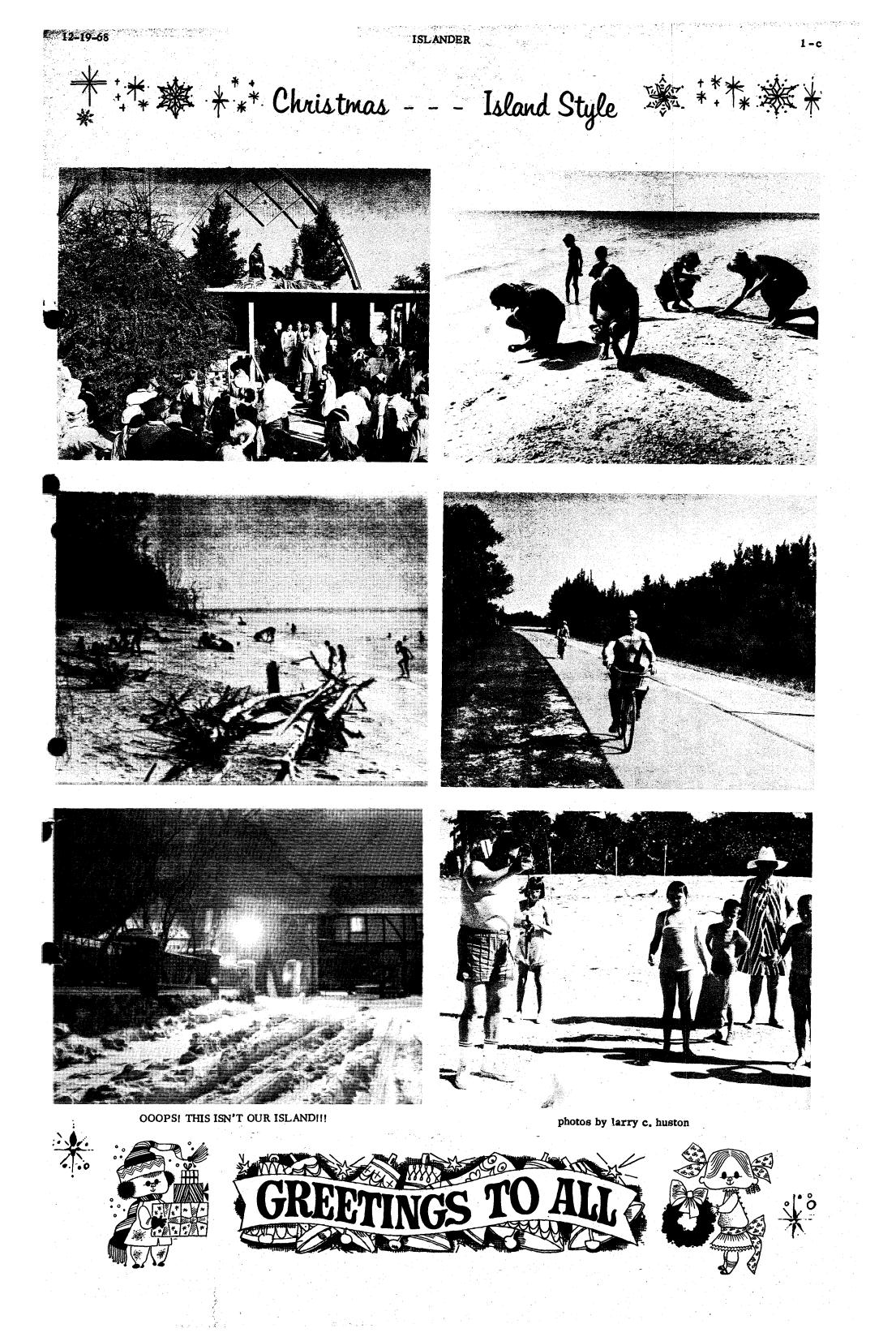
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Three Kings once followed a star to find that Light which St. John calls "the true Light". Today, men look to that same star for enlightenment. We pray that you, our friends, may find your hearts filled with His Light during this holy Christmas season.



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Dr. HAROLD CRAIG and EADIE enjoyed a visit from Dr. James Lytel and family of Cincinnati, While here Mrs. Lytel took the two girls, ANN, 7 and HOLLY, 4 Christmas shopping at the Open Gate.

The girls became interested in the lovely Christmas tree on display and the several triptych which were under the tree. Holly asked, pointing to one with Joseph and Mary, "Who is that?" Ann replied, "That is Mary." Holly pointing to another with only Mary asked, "Well, who is that?" Ann said, "Oh, that is her when she was a teenager." Aren't kids wonderful?

The Gallery Motel on Gulf Drive is happy to welcome back some old friends: Miss KAREN PAULSEN, and her mother and sister from New York City; Mr. & Mrs. MINSTER from Barrington, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT C. SMITH from Oak Park, Ill. will spend the next couple of weeks; Mr. & Mrs. L. Z. WALTON from Brecksville, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS BURKE from Cicero, Ill.

HOMER & NANCY THACKER have taken over the Snack Shack. Mr. Thacker hails from Pikeville, Ky., and Nancy from Reading, Pa. Homer served in the U.S. Navy and Air Force and retired from the Navy as a Chief Pharmacist Mate after twenty years of service. Homer was also manager of the used car department at Sam Galloway Ford in Fort Myers. Nancy is a graduate of the Waitress School at Indiana University. Good luck in your new enterprise!

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# WHO'S WHO AND WHY

JEANNE FOSTER, Society Editor of the Bluefield Daily Telegraph sent "The Girls" at the Seahorse Shop a clipping from the paper which read:

In the exotic Seahorse Shop, you can find items from anywhere in the world, and the latest styles in clothing and sportswear -many made from the handprinted fabrics from Key West.

The Colony is pleased to welcome back Mr. and Mrs. W. H. HART, Jr. of Roanoke, Va. after an interval of eight years. They were amazed at the many changes including the causeway, but Mrs. Hart remarked "Sanibel still looks just beautiful!"

Also enjoying a week's stay at The Colony are Mr. & Mrs. ROB-ERT E. SAGERS of Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. & Mrs. FRANKLIN WAR-NER, daughter-in-law and grandson spent a two weeks vacation at the Beachview. While here Mrs. Warner found her first junonia right in front of the Beachview. Also back to spend their Christmas vacation are Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE SEELY of Chaddsford, Pa., and here for a three week visit is Miss FRANCIS POTTER and her friend Miss CLARA HOWELL and Miss Potter's mother and her friend, Mrs. ESTHER LAWRENCE from Nashville, Tenn. Professor and Mrs. WILSON are expecting their daughter and grandchildren for over the holidays. The Wilsons are spending three months on Sanibel at the Beachview. The professor recently found a lovely albino cone.



Mr. & Mrs. STANLEY STEW-ART, parents of JOYCE IRWIN, are coming to spend two weeks over the Christmas holidays with the IRWINS. They are from New Smyrna Beach, Florida and this will be their first visit to the west coast.

### ISLAND INN GUESTS

Here to enjoy the holidays are: Mr. & Mrs. Eric Cooper, Montreal, Canada, Mr. Ralph Manning of Montreal, Dr. & Mrs. Karl Hoffmann, New York City, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Behrens, New York, N.Y., Mrs. G. Blossom, Hudson, Ohio, Mrs. William Kelly, Akron, Ohio, Mrs. William T. Walker, Akron, Ohio, Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Creighton, Charlotte, N.C., Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stouten, Grand Rapids, Mich., Miss Muriel Roscoe, Nova Scotla, Canada, Mr. & Mrs. Len Corwin, New York City, Mr. & Mrs. Alan M. Scripture, Wilmington, Del., Mr. & Mrs. James O. Moore, Jr., Buffalo, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ware, Largo, Fla., Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Wadsworth, Ft. Thomas, Ky., Mr. & Mrs. William Todd, Ft. Thomas, Ky., Mrs. R. Cooper, Ontario, Mr. & Mrs. Mervyn H. Sterne, Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. George S. Bryan, Miss Perry and Mr. & Mrs. Smith, all of Madison, Wisc., Mr. & Mrs. Heinze, Ft. Thomas, Ky., Mr. C. Hope, New York, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Gutknecht, Richmond, Va., Mr. & Mrs. Eric Stroh, of Detroit, Mich., Miss W. Allene Grier, Charlotte, N.C., Mrs. George H. Isley, Jr., Charlotte, N.C., Miss Paula Vogelsang, New York City, Dr. & Mrs. J. B. Mathewson, Ithaca, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. Frank Baisden, Roseland, Fla., Mr. & Mrs. I. Edwin Wilks, Atlanta, Ga., Mr. & Mrs. Jack Zeigler, Charlotte, N.C., Mr. & Mrs. Miller Pitts, Miss Gene Pitts and Mrs. Mary Hairstor all of Sherman, Texas, Mr. & Mrs. Stearns Williamson, Media, Pa., Mrs. J. Denham Terhune, Little Comton, R.I., Mr. Allen Drury and Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Drury of Maitland, Fla., Mr. & Mrs. Berg, New Jersey, Mr. & Mrs. John Reynolds, Columbus, Ohio, Mr. & Mrs. Selmon Franklin, Chattanooga, Tenn., Mr. & Mrs. Warren F. Busse, Wilmington, Del., Mr. &-Mrs. Harold F. Yoder, Akron, Ohio, Dr. & Mrs. Warner Hall, Charlotte, Va., Mr. & Mrs. Herman Seid, New York, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. John DeWolf, Amityville, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Bornschever, Amityville, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. Charles P. Clifford, Wayzata, Minn., Mr. & Mrs. William E. Griess, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr.

Two weeks ago, Mrs. HAL IRWIN found a lemon pectin in front of the Blue Dolphin Motel on Guif Drive.

## FROM THE SEAHORSE SHOP

Ethyl Langhray (Mrs. Al) has a new home on the Island. Her husband is associated with Sanibel Captiva Real Estare. This is her first year with us; she used to run the office in her husband's business in Terre Haute, Ind.

We are delighted to announce that Willa V. Sellers is back again in our dress department after a 16 month rest. Previously she had been with us 3 years and was much missed. Her husband Max, manages the Standard Station.

In November, Margaret Wah ters had spent 11 years at the Sea Horse Shop. We, Mary and Joe, will always be indebted to Jo Pickens who originally suggested that Margaret might find employment with us. She is, and has been, our right hand.

Zola Teasley (Mrs. Parket) from Godfrey, Illinois (a sister in law to Grace Horn) is experienced in both sales and secretarial work. She owns property on Sanibel and winters here. This is her 2nd year with us.

Grace Horn (Mrs. Clarence) has been with us for 7 years. She, is from Carrellton, Illinois where she spends the summers. Gracie and her husband own their own home here too.

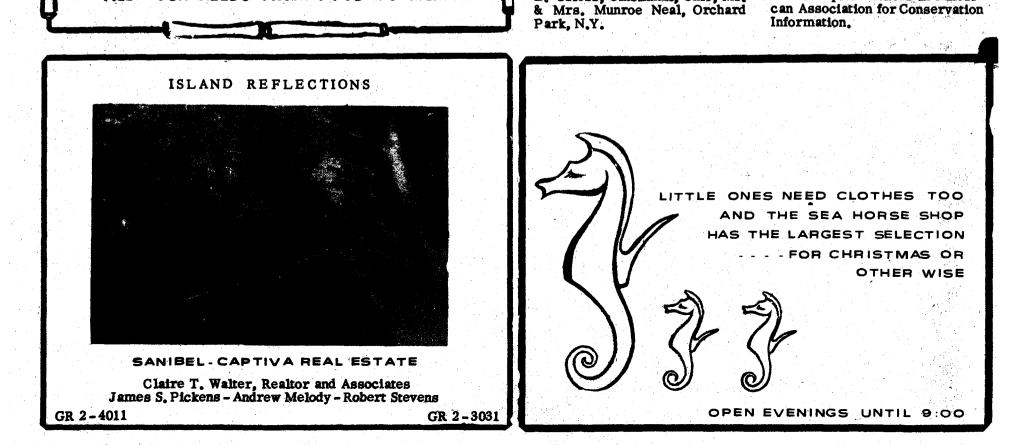
This Fall, from Waverly, Iowa, came Gertrude Swanson and her husband, Hugh, who had owned and operated a hardware and houseware store. He's down at Bailey's and she's lending her expert help to all departments at the Sea Horse Shop.

## AUDUBON

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The second program of the Audubon season is being held on Thursday, Dec. 19 at the Sanibel Community Association at 8:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the general public.

Three (3) films will be shown, two of which are produced by the Encyclopedia Britannica. The first film is called "Rhythmic Motions of Growing Plants." This shows the motions of growing plants. The second film "The Strands Grow," shows that all forms of life are bound together in the web of nature's balance. The third film, "Kentucky's Feathered Rainbow" has been highly acclaimed nationally. It has first place honors in American Association for Conservation





## SANIBEL-CAPTIVA AMERICAN LEGION POST #123

The Sanibel-Captiva American Legion Post #123 wishes to publicly thank the following persons whose generosity has helped increase the Glen Allen Rhodes Memorial and Scholarship Fund to now total 134 contributors. These names are, as in the past, listed in the order of which the contributions were received.

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The Trustees of the Fund will be very pleased to receive any additional contributions which are, of course, tax deductible,

## **REAL ESTATE NEWS**

Priscilla Murphy, Realtor reports the following sales:

A track of land to Mr. Del Yarnell of Chicago, Illinois, from Cayo Costa Land Company.

A lot in Sanibel Estates to The Colony Associates, Inc., Sanibel, Fla., from Mr. & Mrs. Frank E. Starnes of Fort Myers, Fla.

The sale of two lots in Sanibel Shores Dubdivision #1 to Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Malinski, of Mukwonago, Wisc., from Miss Cynthia

# SANIBEL-CAPTIVA **TEEN CLUB**

The Sanibel-Captiva Teen Club is an organization which tries to promote fun and activity for the teenagers on both islands. The club consists of 35 members. Every November, the members elect officers. The present officers are the following: Ty Symroski, president; Becky Miller, vice president; Laura Preston, treasurer; Lucia Fishburne, secretary; and Oscar Gavin, sergeant at arms. The Teen Club meets every Saturday night at the Sanibel Community Association from 8:00 to 11:30. All the activities are properly chaperoned by one or two adults. At the Teen Club, they may play pingpong or pool, dance, or just get together. Almost every Saturday morning, the members are out making money for their club. On Saturday, Dec. 7, they held car washes at the Texaco and Standard gas stations on the Island. This brought in \$33.00. The week before, a bake sale was held in front of Bailey's General Store. They made \$19.95. These earnings will be used to hire an offisland band for their Christmas dance. The Club hopes to have picnics, hayrides, square dances, and record hops. At Christmas time, they plan on going carolling.

# COMMUNITY SINGOUT

On Christmas Eve, at 8 p.m., at the Sanibel Community Church a carol sing will be held to which all people who are interested are invited. The sing out will be under the direction of Lee Roy Friday with Ruth Ross assisting at the organ and Marion Chatlin at the piano, Mrs. Chatlin will also conduct the program for the children, The Christmas story presented by the Sunday School of the Community Church will be under the direction of Sylvia Strong. Another feature of the event will be the old Christmas carols which will be sung by all. Crowds thronged the church last Christmas which was filled to capacity so all who desire to come to this popular annual affair are urged

# A CHRISTMAS TREE WITH ORNAMENTS

I like to think that life is like a tree--each year another branch to stretch out and touch the world. And at Christmas when imaginations are in high gear, I see good people and happenings as trimmings and ornaments for a Christmas tree. Wherever I am on Christ's birthday, I place the tree in that spot, and now at this time, that spot is these beautiful islands with Sanibel and Captiva ornaments--the attractive blonde (with the most work) who takes a big grocery order to a woman and her kids in trouble, the "Martha" though bringing her own new baby into the world, takes time to tidy and decorate a church--the man with only six hours sleep because he has so much to do, drops his work to drive an ambulance with a heart attack victim to the hospital (and pays the toll himself), the lovely-with-a-compassionate heart who didn't mind taking care of a lonely drunk, a perfect stranger, the lady who helps with everything under the sun, and still finds time to gather presents for veterans and clothes for a Vietnam orphanage, a most attractive matron who brings some not so fortunate children to her house to bake a birthday cake for "Mamma" who is poor, and speaking of children a specialtip of the hat to the ornament friend who saved a big cardboard box for three little boys to play with. Ah yes, my tree is bending with "ornaments," my precious three, the most outstanding daughter, son, and till-death-usdo-part, every to be given by the good Lord. A Christmas tree--if you think of the "ornament friends" yours must have, it could be as large as the giant Sequoia, the first to bid the sky good morning, the last to kiss the sun goodnight! Merry Christmas. Ruth Hunter.

## CHRISTMAS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Sunday, December 22: 7:30 a.m. The Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Carols 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion at Manor House, Captiva Christmas Eve: 11 p.m. Carols and Solemn Eucharist Christmas Day: 9:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Blessing of the Children. 3:00 p.m. Evensong 7:30 a.m. The Holy Communion Manor House, Captiva Santa will make his annual visit to St. Michael's following the 9:30 service on Christmas Day. He will meet the children

at the door after service and will distribute the gifts and goodies.



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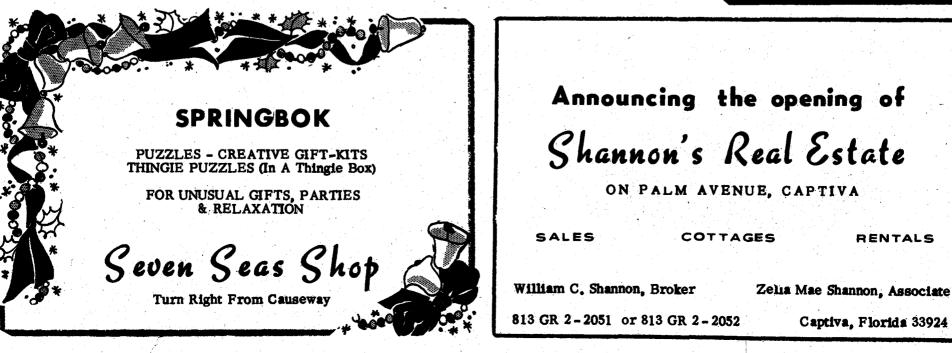


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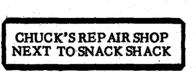
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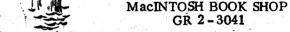




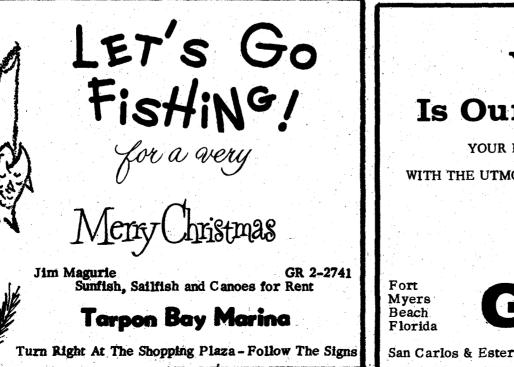
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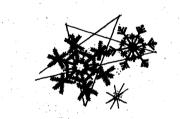
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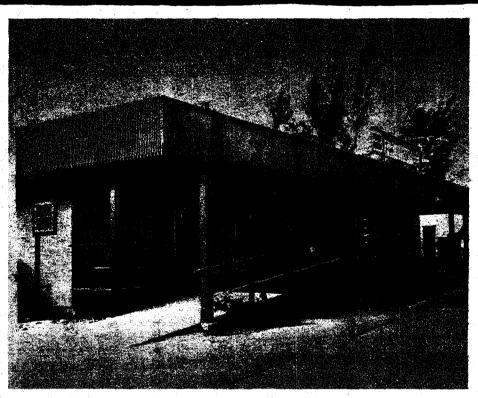
This ad and four dollars will entitle you to a free copy of "Barefoot Girl On Broadway." We will send the \$4.00 to feed the hungry to MEALS FOR MILLIONS, Santa Monica, Cal. Pirate Playhouse, SanibelIsland.

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That Yule Tree **Began in Egypt** 

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1605. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.

# Danish Postal Clerk Originated Xmas Seal; U.S. Newspaper Launched Crusade

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The Seal originated in Denmark in 1904. A kindly postal clerk, Einar Holboell, brooded over the suffering of sick children and tried to think of a way to help them.

As he sorted the heavy Christmas mail he was struck by the idea of a stamp which people would buy. use at Christmas, and which would benefit sick and needy youngsters. The postmaster liked the idea, so did the King of Denmark, and so did the warmhearted Danish people. Soon enough money came in to build a children's tuberculosis hospital.



cob Riis, received one on a letter. Knowing the tragedy of the disease firsthand (6 of his brothers had died) he wrote an article, pleading for someone to take up the cause in the United States.

A doctor serving at a shack set up as a TB hospital in Delaware, desperately trying to save the little hospice, asked help from his cousin, Emily Bissell, who raised funds for good causes.

\$300 was urgently needed, at once.

Miss Bissell, having heard of Denmark's success with the stamps, resolved to bring it to life in this country.



After many setbacks, she doubled her efforts, even drew the design for the first Seal herself. Two friends lent money. A printer supplied 50,000 of carrying a courageous, catchy message.

The stamps went on sale in the Wilmington postoffice. At the end of a few days only a few dollars had been realized . . . many dollars away from three hundred!

Miss Bissell traveled to Philadelphia to seek assistance from the city's leading newspaper. But all she talked to discouraged her. What tie-up could there be between Christmas greetings and the dread disease of tuberculosis?

On an impulse she stopped in to see a writer whose work she admired. His name was Leigh Mitchell Hodges. When he saw the sheet of bright red seals his vision and sense of humanity were ignited; he saw the seals as a flaming banner to lead a fight against suffering and death.

His editor "caught fire" too. He instructed Hodges to give the story full play. He even asked Miss Bissell to send the newspaper 50,000 of the Seals.

Incredulous, but thrilled,

# Christmas in Brazil, French Canada, and the **Philippine Islands**

In Brazil, the Christmas season is in the nasolemnly heralded by an open-air Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve.

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December 24 here is very tropical, with midsummer weather, which gives the Holiday distinction unknown in northern climes.

A colorful altar is set up in the Cathedral churchyard where the worshippers pray and chant religious hymns which reflect the Indian and native origins as well. Colorful banners and richly ornate religious trappings hail the Event of Christ's Birth.

After devotions the families have Christmas Eve supper in their homes.

French Canada celebrates Christmas with characteristic lightness of spirit yet intense religious feeling.

Christmas Day begins with a midnight Mass of great splendor, followed by Reveillon, an elaborate after-church dinner in the home.

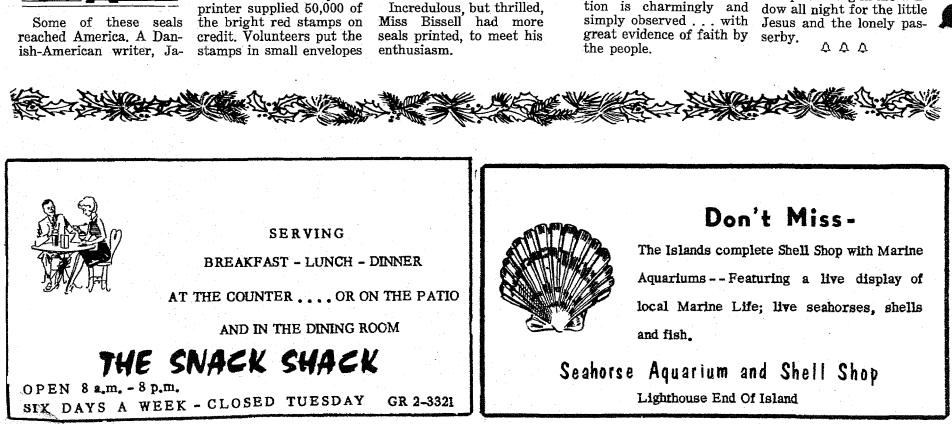
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On January 6 the Season ends with the feast of ture of a fiesta. Yet it is the Kings of Epiphany, celebrated with merriment and festivity. At this feast the traditional cake, Le Gateau des Rois (The Cake of the Kings) is cut. It has a pea and bean in it. The man and woman receiving them are elected the King and Queen, respectively, of the Twelfth Night.

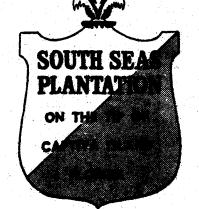
> In the Philippine Islands colorful wreaths and chains of brilliant tropical flowers are worn by the children as they partake of the festive after-Mass parade. A band leads the parade, accompanying the children's singing.

A family dinner follows the after - Mass parade. Dancing and musical entertainment provide the celebrations for afternoon and evening.

The children do not have a Christmas tree but they deck their homes bountifully. Flags, bunting, palms and colorful flowers adorn their homes, and a candle is kept burning in the win-







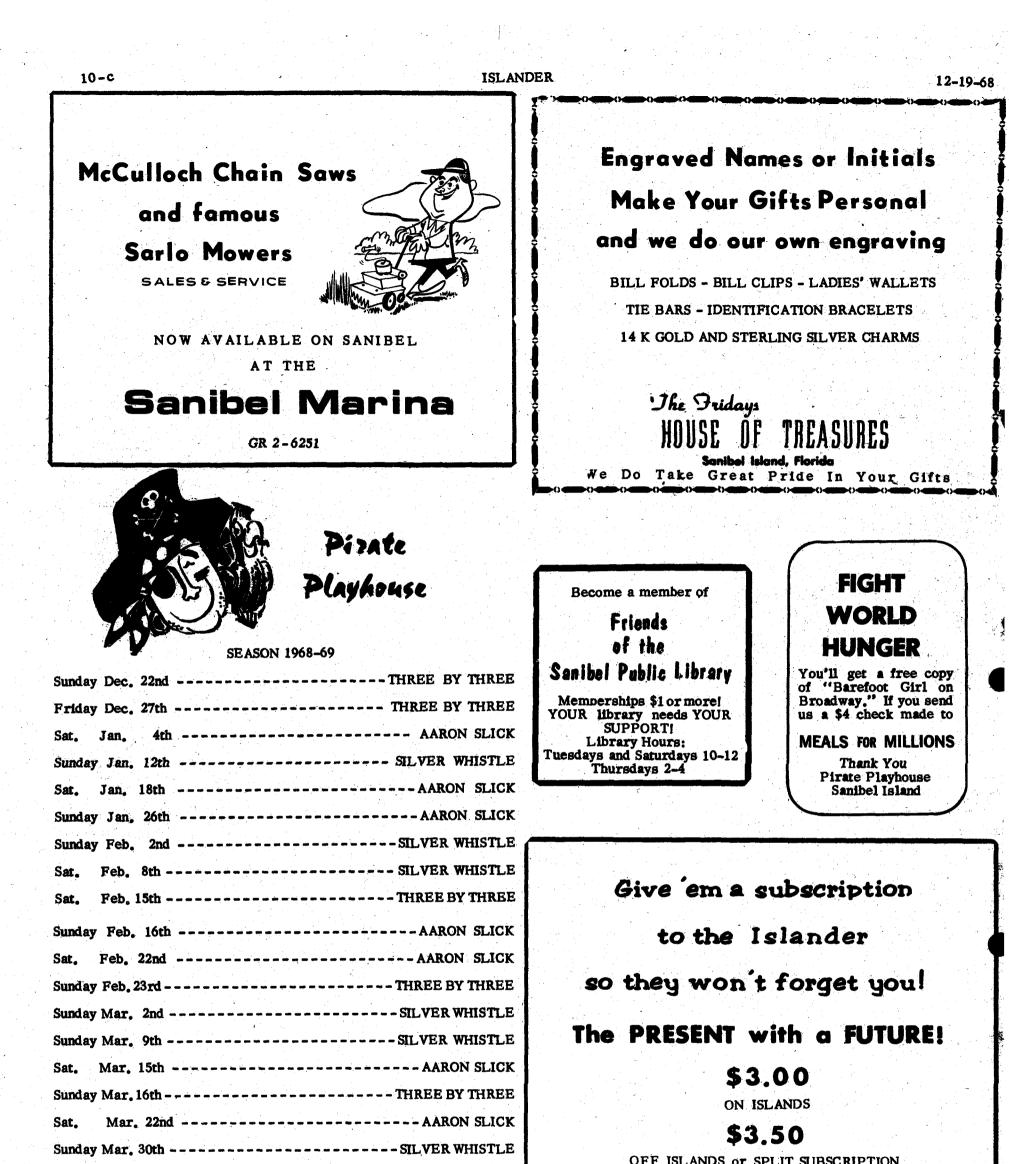
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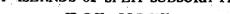
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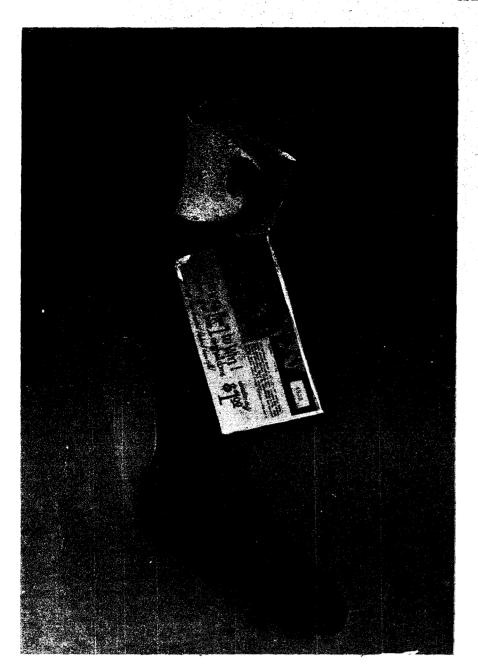
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It's never too early to buy the "winner" for one of the lovely prizes so why not stop by one of these two locations to see the shell table and shell domes. The tickets are attractive enough in themselves to make wonderful "stocking stuffers" and the idea is bound to make any Sanibelite or Off Islander very happy. Since these are things of which dreams are made of we wish you all a very Merry Christmas dream.





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