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managing our motel. In the short
six months that the motel has
been opened we discovered that
there are many other people who
feel as we do about Sanibel. This
is to be expected from its res-
idents, but what has amazed us
is the strong feeling of motel
guests, coming from all the
states.

Well to do couples from all
along Florida's east and west
coast, who have the where-with-
all to pay for gracious living
come to Sanibel to get away from
the high rise buildings, the city
atmosphere and the commercial-
ism of the other beaches. They
all say, "Don't let them take a-
way the charm of the island; don't
let them do here that which is
happening to all other places."
If the people who are in the up-
per bracket of nice living feel the
need for what Sanibel offers, what
about the families who spend their
time amidst the concrete walls of
a city? If they wish a vacation
such as Sanibel can give, very
soon the only places open to them
will be the State or National parks.

For the people who feel the
need of life in a high rise ap-
artment there are many places to
welcome them. To the south
of Sanibel there are undeveloped
islands; why not make high rise
apartments there the rule? The
people who are buying land for
homes on Sanibel have chosen the
island because of its difference,
why must high rise buildings be
imposed on Sanibel in the name
of progress?

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that we are despoiling and to a
great extent, have already des-
poiled our national heritage of
the great outdoors. Twenty years
ago would anyone had believed
that lakes like Erie and Michigan
would literally become cess
pools; that to keep our red wood
forests from becoming furniture
a President's wife had to be-
come interested; that birds as
common as a Blue Bird or a Red
Bird are seen no more; that there
must be a TV campaign to alert
people to the very real danger of
the air we breathe.

Let us be far seeing and wise
enough to keep some places with
the quiet charm and tranquility

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SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND
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The rehearsals for the ninth
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fly to Zurich then proceed by private motorcoach to Lucerne-Innsbruck-Ljubljana-Sarajevo-Dubrovnik-Split-Postojna-Venice-Lugano.

The trip lasting 22 days is being done in a leisurely and relaxing manner.

Mr. MacIntosh, who operates a bookshop on Sanibel, got back into tour organizing and conducting in 1967 with a successful tour to Portugal and Spain by motorcoach. In 1968 he led a group from here on a tour that included Athens-the Greek Isles-Rome and London.

Mr. MacIntosh says that almost half of the present tour members are repeaters.

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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, 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 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.

Sanibel Public Library - hours: Tuesday, 10 to noon; Thursday, 2 to 4 p.m.; Saturday 10 to noon; Wednesday night, 7:30 to 9

Public Health Nurse - Third Tuesday of every month, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Community House.

Any civic or social organization wishing to be included in the Activities Calendar may call or drop the Islander a card notifying us of your club's meeting time and place.

BUFFET DINNER

Charles and Helen Patterson and Priscilla Murphy served as hosts for the September Sanibel Community Association buffet dinner and had the able assistance of Anne Burrell. More than seventy members and their guests enjoyed the delicious dinner served from tables effectively decorated with croton branches.

Following dinner Marshall Holtz presented Ralph Lee Woodring, Jr. and engraved plaque which he had won at the 1969 Sanibel Shell Fair for the most outstanding self-collected shell in a child's exhibit. The award accompanies the Mary Cunningham Memorial trophy which remains permanently in the Community House. The trophy was donated by The Sanibel-Captiva Islander Association President Floyd Snook welcomed new members: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mackenzie, Mrs. Lillian Gibson and Mr. & Mrs. Luke Koering to the brief business meeting that followed. Don Marshall advised that the Association Improvement Committee in co-operation with the Lion's Club, American Legion and the Chamber of Commerce plans to have maps of the Islands printed and placed in easily accessible spots for visitors. On the back will be printed "Please, Do Not Litter Our Beaches."

The 1970 shell table was on display. Chairman, Mary Nix expressed the appreciation of the Community Association to all donors whose generous gifts have made it even more beautiful. A complete list of donors and shells, more than a hundred, will appear in a later issue.

Jean Culpepper, 1970 brochure chairman, is tying all the loose ends together in readiness to go to press this month, so if you have not already returned your sponsor card --- don't delay.

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To Mr. & Mrs. Harry J. Eisenman of Maysfield Village, Ohio, from Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kirkpatrick; a lot on San Carlos Bay.

To Mr. Eric Frost of Switzerland from the George Hook Estate; a Gulf front acreage tract.



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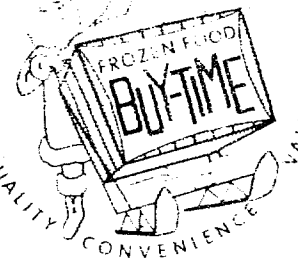
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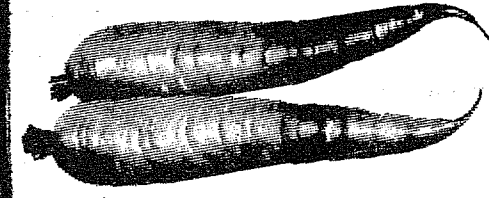


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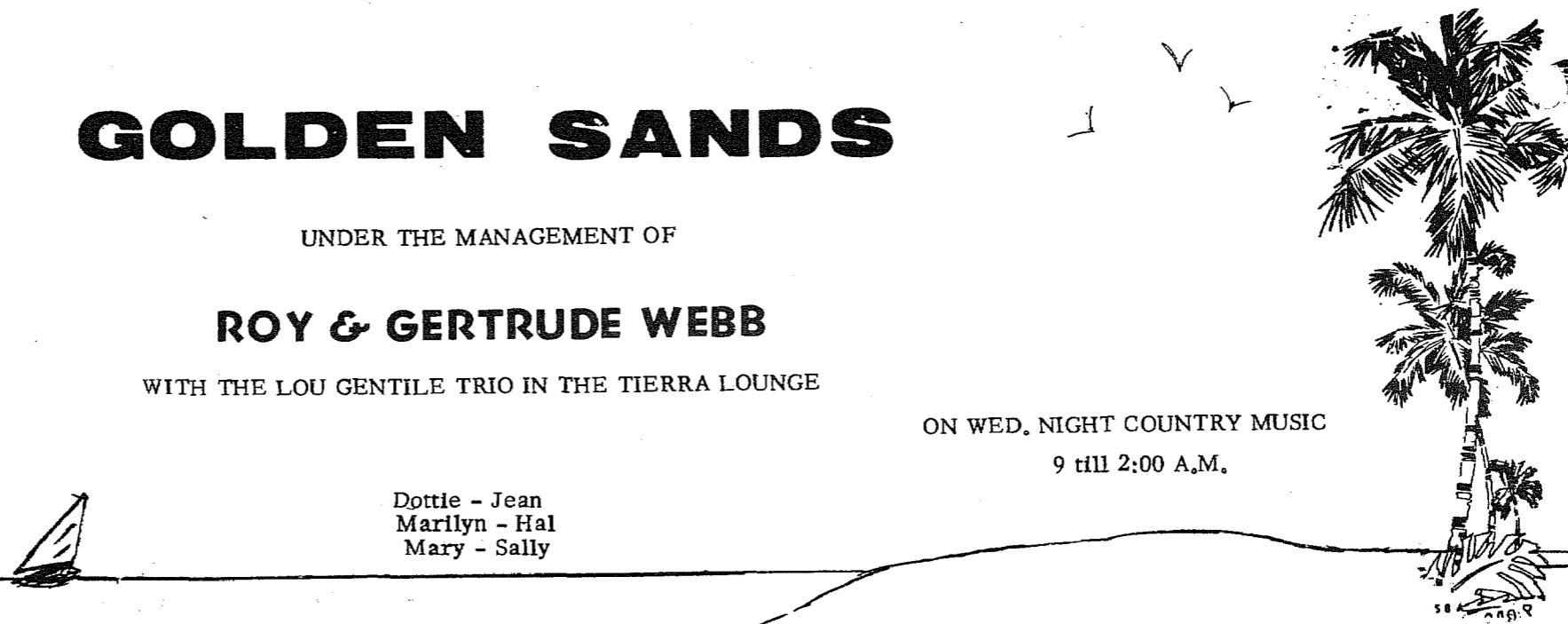
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Muir will be interested in their Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration in Toronto on August 23. Mrs. Muir was born Genevieve Cooper in the Sanibel Lighthouse during a hurricane in 1891. Her father had started construction of a home - the building now occupied by Dotti's - and moved the family to the lighthouse for safety when the storm approached.

Mrs. Muir attended the Island school and finished high school in Tampa. She passed a teacher's examination and while teaching in Fort Myers met William Muir, a young Canadian Veteran of World War I, who married her and returned to Canada with his

bride, settling in Paris, Ontario. After rearing her two children, Mrs. Muir began a career as a librarian, becoming well-known for her knowledge of library techniques and management of both American and Canadian literature.

The anniversary party was held in the home of her son, John Muir, an executive of one of Canada's largest publishing and advertising firms, in Toronto. Telegrams of congratulations were received from Prime Minister Trudeau of the Dominion of Canada and other prominent public figures. A special framed letter of congratulations carried from Prime Minister Roberts of the Province of Ontario.

In addition to their son, John Muir, his wife and their three

The Islanders must be suffering from beach fever. We did not receive one set of correct answers to last week's puzzle.

Here are the correct answers: (1) Because the big Indian was the little Indian's mother. (2) A father was speaking of his own son. (3) 38 days. (4) The letter "E".

Better luck next time. Do you all have any puzzles you'd like to try and stump us with? Send 'em in.

HATS OFF

Hats off to Robin and Eugene Karr who by their enthusiasm and good cheer on Sanibel Island and Captiva won many friends who wish them well in their new venture at Jacksonville.



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children, were her daughter, Betty and husband, Earl, a high official of the Pentagon in Washington, were present to greet the guests. Her niece Mrs. Laird and her husband of Tallahassee attended from Florida. Mr. Laird is the Editor of The Wakulla News.

In one of her visits on Sanibel Island while guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Martin, Gray Gables, Mrs. Muir helped catalog the books in the Sanibel Community Library.



Mr. and Mrs. William Vossler of Huntington, West Virginia, plan to visit Sanibel for an extended stay beginning September 22. Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Vossler will be Mr. Vossler's mother, Mrs. Viola Vossler, and Susan Wilcox, the Vossler's grand-daughter. It is interesting to note that three generations of this family will be visiting Sanibel. They will be guests at the Segunda and you have guessed it, Mr. Vossler will be catching fish for you know who.

Ruth and Philip Hunter have just returned to the Pirate Playhouse after a vacation mostly in the mountains. They were guests of the Thomas Wolfe Theater in Ashville, N.C., and the Flatrock Playhouse in Hendersonville, N.C.

Most of the visit was with Mrs. H. Lloyd Miller and early bird in American aviation who flew and built her own airplane when she was seventeen. The Hunters enjoyed the several nights of camping, particularly in the state of Florida at Fort

Clinch State Park and Florida State Caverns. But best of all, they agreed was a ride on a steam car and a meal on the nickel plate dining car, and meeting up with old friends.



Mr. John D. Robileotto of New York City, New York, displays his shells in this lovely coffee table. Most of the shells were self-collected on Sanibel and Captiva.

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of Sanibel, where people may live and come to enjoy vacations. And, who knows....those who want a quick dollar from a high rise apartment might make more money in the long run because of the scarcity of the commodity - a place with no high rise - which may soon be as hard to find as the dodo bird.

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**SANIBEL - CAPTIVA
CONSERVATION FOUNDATION**

Sanibel and Captiva Islands and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation received nation-wide publicity in a recent issue of "The Nature Conservancy News," a periodical published by The Nature Conservancy, Washington, D.C.

In an article by Terry Blunt, who had toured the West Coast of Florida inspecting conservation projects and future proposals for such projects, the Sanibel-Captiva conservation project was given a most favorable review by Mr. Blunt.

Following is an excerpt from the article: "Off the coast of Lee

County, at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee, lie Sanibel and Captiva Islands, famed for the wealth of seashells that once washed onto their beaches. Sanibel Island is fortunate in having a dedicated group of conservationists who, after helping to put together the 'Ding' Darling Sanctuary for the Fish and Wildlife Service a few years ago, have followed up eagerly with other projects. Calling themselves the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, the citizens group is closely allied with The Nature Conservancy.

"Funds are now being raised for two major purchases on Sanibel. Running nearly the length of

the Island is a unique fresh water slough known alternatively as Sanibel River or Sanibel Slough. A core 138-acre section of this slough, the most strategic tract, will, unless it soon finds protection inevitably will be drained and filled. The Foundation is immediately concerned with the purchase of this tract as a key to the entire slough.

"On Pine Island Sound, an area of approximately 22 acres with a thousand feet of frontage on the sound is also being purchased. This area, protecting the tidal areas, is intended as a supplement to the slough and will be the site of the Foundation's marine laboratory being planned in cooperation with Florida Atlantic University.

"The total plan for Sanibel-Captiva is extraordinarily well founded and when completed might serve as a model for other communities blessed with unspoiled natural areas.

"A recent gift to the Conservancy is the Akers Reservation, a 12 1/2-acre tract donated by Admiral and Mrs. E.G. Konrad. Although at some distance from the core area now being purchased, it is part of Sanibel Slough and will hopefully at some future time be linked with the other tracts to form one preserve.

"There is only one way to appreciate the Akers Reservation and that is to see it by canoe, through the criss-crossing channels. In order that the area may remain wild, visitors are now discouraged unless on scientific business.

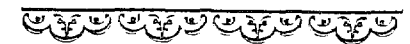
"The anhinga, an unlikely bird, roams beneath the surface, prying for food into any vegetation that looks promising. When he comes up for air, his long, slim neck and head seem completely reptilian. Others stand in the branches above, their wings

hung out to dry, for, though one would imagine that on a bird so aquatic in habit, water-proofing would be standard equipment, it is not.

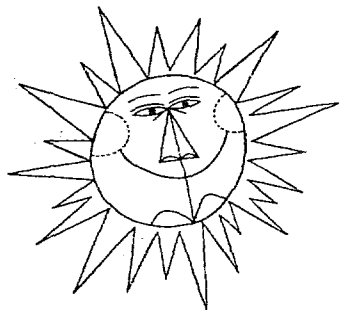
"As we come upon them around a corner, half a dozen puddle ducks rise and vanish before we can identify them. The herons that seem to be everywhere in Florida are here as well -- great blues, little blues, greens -- and, of course, the egrets, the kingfishers, and the kestrels.

"Of all the Florida birds, it is not a waterfowl but a bird of the sky that seems most ubiquitous, the beautiful little kestrel. At least this was so in January. Few creatures are a greater treat to the eye than this graceful, handsome, spirited little hawk. His strong wing beats, his hovering, his diving, his splendid maneuvers -- all mark him instantly and he seems to be everywhere. The wonder is that he survives in such numbers when so many of his fellows are vanishing. Possibly the mice and grasshoppers and sparrows that sustain him are less poisoned with DDT than is the larger prey of the peregrine or the merlin.

"There are alligators in the Konrads' tract, and we noted three young ones, less than two feet long, and one very large and very black adult swimming ahead of our canoe, very fast. She swung around a corner and vanished, though no doubt we remained under her surveillance."



The sheepshead, according to Homosassa Springs' Ray Randall, is probably one of the best known of the sport fish caught along coastal fishing grounds in Fla.



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