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#### HIGH RISE BAN EXTENDED

The Lee County Commissioners extended the temporary ban on high rise buildings on Sanibel and Captiva Islands for another six months. The controversial issue has been undecided since last year.

Most Islanders and many civic organizations have protested the move for high rise buildings since they feel that Sanibel and Captiva are completely unique in their beauty and tropical lushness and that the community must protect these increasingly rare places of beauty in the country.

Increased transportation difficulties, sewage disposal problems and the upset of the islands' ecology were among the reasons cited by those opposing the high rise move.

Those for the high rise building plan insist that "population density regulations" (which limits the number of people one can place on a certain area of land, rather than limiting the height of the building they are placed in) is what they want, and say that under present zoning regulations, they could already put in thousands of families in duplex homes. This, in the words of a representative of Adley Associates planning firm from Atlanta, Georgia, might result in the creation of "a rather vast jungle of urban sprawl."

Julian Hudson, chairman of the Commissioners, suggested that the Islanders and the principal developers get together during the extension of the high rise ban and see if a proposal can be worked out which would protect the islands legally without interfering with mainland plans.



### SHELL FAIR COMING

The Sanibel Shell Fair will span the days of March 5, 6 and 7 this year with beauteous displays of local and world-wide shows.

According to the 1970 Shell Fair brochure, the Sanibel Shell Fair has grown from an informal display on a hotel veranda to a gala threeday event requiring year-long preparation on the part of many islanders.

It all began in 1928 when a miniature County Fair was staged on the porch of the old Island Inn. To add interest, a few ladies brought boxes of "pretty Sanibel shells" to show to visitors. The next year more shell displays were added. And off-islanders began to arrive by boat to attend the Fair. (Existing photographs show what was probably the first of many "celebrity" visits to the Sanibel Fair -- Thomas A. Edison and Henry Ford on the porch at Casa Ybel, viewing shells at the 1929 Fair.)

In 1930, the men of Sanibel began building the present Community House to accommodate this annual event. Produce and livestock and homemade delectables still had their place, as with any County Fair. But gradually pullets were replaced by Pecten and the event became

dedicated primarily to shells.

It has been a full-fledged competition for only a little more than a decade. But in that short time it has become one of the major events in the world of conchology. The Sanibel Shell Fair encourages competition among amateur and professional collectors alike in order to gather together, annually, some of the finest and rarest shells from all over the world.

While the hundreds of competitive exhibits occupy most of the space inside the Community House, other attractions vie for attention on the Fairgrounds outside. At the Live Exhibit are exotic shells and sea creatures which were dredged up days in advance of the Fair. They have been carefully coddled and nursed along so that Fair-goers can have a firsthand look at their private lives.

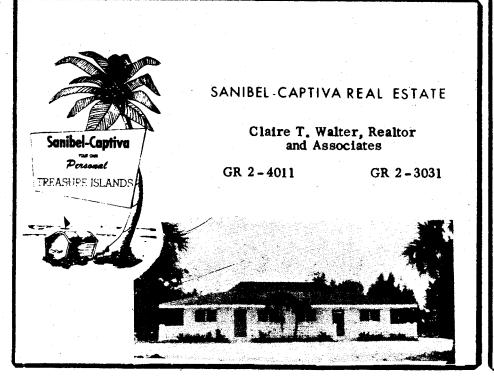
The Audubon Society booth will have several new features this year. As in previous years, it will present Mario Hutton's photographs of island birds and scenic highlights of the islands. But in addition this year, the display will also feature paintings and drawings by other Audubon members.

And there will be a special display, mounted specimens of about 150 flowers, fruits and leaves of native island plants, collected and presented by Hervey Roberts of Captiva. As always, well-informed Audubon representatives (and especially Mario Hutton, president of the Society) will be on hand to answer visitors' questions about Island bird life, and provide them with full information on activities of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation as well.

At the Conservation Foundation exhibit you'll learn what's being done to protect the natural environment of the islands, and how Sanibel's newly formed Caretta Research runs a "nursery" for baby loggerhead turtles, in an effort to preserve this endangered species from extinction.

Strolling around the Fair Grounds, you'll visit the Art Exhibit. Browse among the works of local artists and winter residents, many nationally renowned. Some of the paintings are for sale. Then on to the Driftwood Shop which features items hand-collected and handmade by island women. And to take care of the inner man, there's a refreshment stand with, among other items on the menu, 'the best dern hot dogs in the state of Florida." There's no admission charge to the Shell Fair, and

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# WHO'S WHO

The Rt. Rev. WILLIAM F. HARGRAVE, bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, officiated at the services of St. Michael and All Angel's Church on Sanibel Island Sunday.

Afterwards he conducted the Blessing of the Fleet on Fort Myers Beach.

Guests at the Surfrider are Mr. & Mrs. MAYNARDHOPKINS from Mansfield, Ohio, who will stay through the Shell Fair. Mr. & Mrs. J. B. HOY of Meadville, Pa. are enjoying the sunshine, shelling and peace and quiet. Mr. & Mrs. YANCY from Sardus, N.Y. are here for shelling, relaxation and to attend the Shell Fair. Attorney and Mrs. NOVOGROD from Asbury Park, N.J. have come for some R&R and also to attend the Shell Fair.

Long staying guests at Casa Ybel Resort are Mrs. LAUREN FORD, artist sheepfold, Bethlehem, Conn. and one her adopted daughters, Mrs. GEOFFREY STONE of Austria and herfriend, an old guest of Casa Ybel, Mrs.O. G. ANDERSON from Indianapolis, Ind.

Other guests include Mrs. DOROTHY BUSHNELL of Chathamport, Mass., JAMESH. COLLORD of Delaware, Ohio, Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES PLATT, Jr., of New Hope, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES W. EGAN of Hudson, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. H. BOGART SEAMAN, Brookville, N.Y., Mrs. M. PRISCILLA LAWRENCE, Brewster, Mass., now staying with a friend on Sanibel after a long stay at Csa Ybel, Mrs. G. D. EATON of Effingham, N.H. and Capt. & Mrs. JOHN MOORE Sr. of Greenwich, Conn.

Two Junonias were found right out front of Casa Ybel in the past two weeks by Mrs. E. G. BUCK-ENHAM of Old Lyme, Conn., and Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT EVERETT of Oreland, Pa.

#### THE COLONY GUESTS

Guests enjoying a vacation at The Colony include Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Fisher of St. Louis, Mo., Miss Marian Haaf & Miss Irene Nashman of Miami, Fla., Mr. & Mrs. C. Frey of Noewood, New Jersey, Mr. & Mrs. Albert F. Ford II of Marion, Mass., Dr. & Mrs. A. M. Lenobel of Port Jefferson, N.J., Dr. & Mrs. Lyman Wagers of Lexington, Ky., Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Maerlender of Olympia Fields, Ill., Mr. & Mrs. Howard W. Robinson of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald of Des Moines, Iowa, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Stewart of Mansfield, Ohio, and Mr. & Mrs. George Hopkins of Havertown,



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town Beachview in Tahiti Shores to Dr. Don Burman of Miami. Road front parcel from Simon DeMarco to Edna Russell in the

business center.

A lot in Palm Ridge S/D from Gerald & Florence Martin to Peter & George Pavel of Sanibel.

Priscilla Murphy, Realtor, reports the following sales;

World Management to Herbert
Shatham, a lot in Los Conchas
Del Mar

C. H. Kinsel of Friday Harbor, Washington, a lot in Chateaux Sur Mer to G. P. Hilger of Mountain Lakes, N.J.

Sanibel Properties, Inc. a lot in The Rocks to Victoria F. Bates of Mantoloking, N.J.

James R. Carver, lot on Captiva to 5310 N.W. 32nd Ave. Corp. of Miami.

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ANNOUNCEMENT SANIBEL-CAPTIVA LIBRARIES

The Sanibel Public Library and the Captiva Public Library reports that the February issue of American Heritage, containing the announcement of the selection of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation for a national award, has been received and that members and others are invited to peruse this important issue.

The local foundation has already received \$1,000 as one of 12 conservation organizations in the United States to be selected for outstanding achievement by the American Heritage Society. The Foundation is now eligible for one of several other awards including the top prize of \$25,000.

Since the winner will be selected by popular vote, the Sanibel Public Library and the Captiva Public Library are urging members to read the story and vote for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. This may be done by addressing a postcard to the American Heritage Awards, 10 Blaine Ave., Marion, Ohio 43302. On the card, the name of the Foundation should be mentioned and also No. 9, the position on the ballot.

The Sanibel and Captiva Libraries point out that the local organization is the only conservation group in all of southeastern United States to be honored by the American Heritage Society. Naturally, the Library is anxious that its patrons should vote for the Foundation and bring further acclaim to our Islands.

If it is not possible to visit the Library and read the announcement, patrons may send cards as designated above. Every vote will count in our favor. Many of the 11 other groups nominated by the

American Heritage Society are in populous areas, which means that a concerted effort must be made by Sanibel and Captiva residents to "get out the vote."

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TICKET SALES UNDER WAY FOR ART AUCTION AND WILDLIFE MOVIE

Tickets for the Sanibel-Captiva Art League Auction (donation \$3.00) can be purchased from the following people: On Sanibel, Mrs. Byrne Badenoch, Mrs. Malcolm Beattle, Mrs. Harry Borchers, Mrs. Harold Craig, Mrs. Walter Emmons, Dr. Mac Gregor Grant, Mrs. Leon Levy, Mrs. Paul Mst, Mrs. Thomas Mitchell, Mrs. Albert Muench, Mrs. E. D. Partee, Mrs. H. A. Romine, Mrs. Ruth Ross, Mrs. Francis Saxinger, Mrs. C. P. Siegenthaler, Mrs. L. E. Symroski, Mrs. A. E. Swanson, Mrs. Winthrop Trowbridge, Mrs. Herbert Lewis, and Mr. Robery Haynie. On Captiva, Mrs. Hugo Asbach, Mrs. Griffing Bancroft, Mrs. Ralph Bixby, Mrs. Martin L. Cannon, Jr., Mrs. Beach Clow, and Mr. Erard Matthlessen.

Your ticket entitles you to enjoy the wildlife adventure movie produced and narrated by Hal H. Harrison, to participate in the auction which follows, and to a chance to win a painting by Hugo Asbach or one of the door prizes donated by island merchants.

The door at Casa Ybel Auditorium will open at 7:00 on March 14, the date of the program. Purchasers are encouraged to come early to be sure of a good seat and to look over the paintings to be auctioned and the craft items donated by islanders which will be sold in a blind auction. The movie will begin at 8:00.

### Letter To The Editor

To The islander: Dear Friends:

In our World Day of Prayer at Chapel By The Sea on Friday, we will be praying for all the boys in Vietnam and I am wondering if we can add a special prayer for Jeffy Lockley of Fort Myers who lost the sight in both his eyes and the hearing in his right ear aboard an attack on a Navy patrol ship near Kien Bien in South Vietname last October 31. He has no feeling left in the fingers of his wounded left hand but has a 5% chance of partial sight. Let us storm heaven for this and thank you, Jerry Lockley, for your wonderful words of hope. /s/ Ruth Hunter

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To The Islander:
A copy of the following letter
was sent to the Islander for publication:

Lee County Board of Commissioners Lee County Court House Fort Myers, Florida

Gentlemen: Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 covering the purchase of nylon sand bags to be used in connection with the protection of the County road on Captiva Island south of the Captiva Post Office. The Captiva on Prevention D Commissioners are pleased to be able to assist you in this effort and appreciate the efforts you have made in the past to secure this road. I personally wish to thank you and express my appreciation for the cooperation I have received from your Board and the County Engineer's office.
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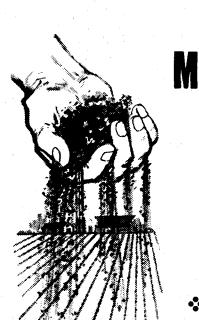
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Unaffiliated P.E.O.'s should make reservations directly at the Holiday Inn by March 11.
Tickets will be \$2.75 a plate.

Chapter members should make reservations through their own chapters.

#### WOODMERE PRESERVE TOUR AND PAINTING

Four landowners at the west end of Gulf Drive maintain a wildlife preserve of some 25 acres. Here native and introduced plants can be seen and studied on the Episcopal House and Gardentour on March 24.

But on March 14 at the benefit auction for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation an important confrontation leading to the establishment of the Private Preserve is the subject of one of the paintings to be sold by the Art League.

The artist (primitive) is Willis B. (Grandpa) Combs.

The painting can be seen now in the lobby of the Casa Ybel Re-

#### ISLAND INN GUESTS

Guests at the Island Inn are Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Barrett, Bristol, Conn.; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hart, Ambler, Pa., Mrs. Robert I. Rizer, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. & Mrs. L. W. Graas-kamp, Irvington, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Brian B. Kane, Chester-town, Md.; Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Shaw of Beverly, N.J. and Miss E. R. McCombs from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Other guests include Mrs. Paul Loudon and Mrs. Badouche from Minnetonka, Minn.; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Smith, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. & Mrs. E. Myndearse Woodruff, Auburn, N.Y.; Mrs. Victor R. Despard & daughters, Dolubmus, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Case, Wayzata, Minn.; Mrs. Charles Donnell, Bath, Maine; Mrs. E. D. White, Minnetonka, Minn.; Mr. & Mrs. Howard Buhse, New York, N.Y.; Miss Bernice Smith, Cortez, Fla.; Mrs. Wm. Schubart, N.Y.; Mr. & Mrs. Rich-ard J. Bell, Hinsdale, Ill.; Mrs. Charles S. B. Ward, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Judge & Mrs. Reid S. Moule, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Kimball, New Port Richey, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hornblower, New York, N.Y.; Mr. Austin Mc Elroy of Columbus, Ohio and from Largo, Florida, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Maguire.





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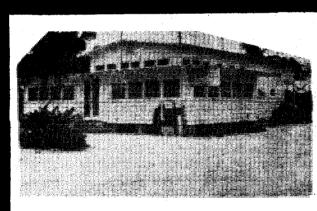
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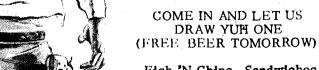
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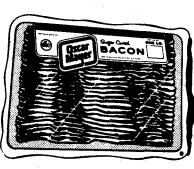
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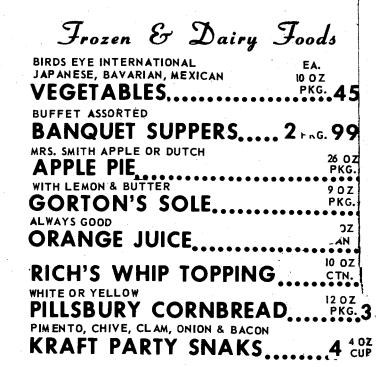














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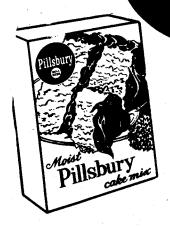
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#### SHELL FAIR (from p. 1)

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There is magic in a shell. A different kind of magic for each person. perhaps, but still magic. To a youngster, the myriad colorful chips are a beach full of toys put there just for him. To a malacologist, shells are an exacting scientific discipline, with exciting frontiers in the field still to be explored. To Anne Morrow Lindbergh, these Islands' seashells were the key to a new serenity — a precious "Gift From the Sea" that gave life a calm new purpose. To the avid amateur collector, every walk on the beach is an adventure. (Is that shell a junnoia? Is that pectin the perticular size and shape needed to fill out a greatly of the servers.) To arrows particular size and shape needed to fill out a growth series?) To anyone who ever stooped to pick up a shell on the beautiful beaches of Sanibel or Captiva, there's a little bit of each of those kinds of magic. Whether the shells are collected for fun, for education, or for relaxation, the fascination is contagious and the reward --- magic!

#### Caranarananananananan

Dotti Booker McQuade gave us the following clipping by Sidney Baldwin which appeared in the Boothbay Harbor, Maine newspaper in Feb.,

We think it contains some very interesting comments by Miss Sidney, who has been a regular Sanibel visitor for quite some time, and would like to share it with you.

THE SHELL SHOW by Sidney Baldwin

Sanibel season. Everybody who can delay departure for the north, and those who come down try to make it before Thursday. This makes for congestion on this little island, but the show has been going on for a great many years and the problems of a growing exhibition have been met as they came up.

There is a Community House, too small, and too badly planned, which friends were displayed gave us more pleasure. is the center of the show. They are making changes to meet the fire laws (now nobody may smoke in the room) and more room is needed for the library, which is manned twice a week by volunteers, and used for other organizations. Also the main room is too small for overflow audiences.

Fifty years ago the Shell Show was simpler, and much more fun. In that time, Casa Ybel had cottages of four rooms, built in a line around a semi-circle with the Gulf at the other end for a center. Each room of the four had a table on the unscreened porch outside, where the shellers could clean and arrange their shells. For most of the time this gave the porch the look of a workshop, but on one afternoon toward the end of the season, each hotel (there were only two) gave its Shell Show. People hid their best shells, and any arrangement which was a novel one, and on that afternoon proudly laid out the winter's accumulation for all the world to see.

All the world amounted to a very few people. The guests of Mathews, two miles up the beach, walked down to admire our collection, and drink orange juice on the hotel porch. In return we walked the same distance to see what they had found. There were no cars, and not too many horses

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to carry us to the boat landings; we walked where we went. Later, when cars began to arrive, we could drive the length of the beach shore.

The shell collections were the only rivalry there was. Everybody had an equal chance to get whatever shell lay on the beach; I have seen people walk over a rare shell, planted for their benefit again and again, and finally shown it. I am quite sure that any shell belongs to the person who picks it up. A change of tide will wash it out, perhaps gone forever.

In those days people prided themselves on their arrangements. Sometimes the box had a score of shells of the same sort, differing only in coloring, or size. Sometimes the doubles were laid in rows. Every year differed in the sort of shells that came in; we learned to keep the ones we didn't need for ourselves, knowing that next year the shell that was common now might be rare.

One of the prettiest arrangements that I remember -- I am not one of those who admires shells built up in pictures -- was a pair of frames. One held double butterfly clams in yellow and orange, graded from the lower left hand to the upper right, where a sunrise clam took the place of the sun. This one was called "Morning Flight." Its companion was named "Evening Return," and had a set of dark-tailed oysters mounted in opposite fashion and leaving a sunset clam in the upper left hand cor-

ner. I wonder where all those carefully made pictures are now.

One Junonia -- there would now be five or six, since the building of the causeway and the constant dredging for live shells has stirred up the beds -- would be the top piece. For many years there were none. Scotch bonnets were almost as rare. But every storm brought in pectins, and coconuts, and tulips and murex, which is my favorite shell, and anybody who wanted to take home a box of beauty had no trouble getting it together.

Very few people tried to pass off a shell that did not come from our shores. We knew our own, and we looked very stern when any substitution was offered. One of the hurricanes destroyed some of the houses near Mathews, and some collections of beautiful tropical shells were washed out. Even now some of these are found. The finder can't believe The first weekend in March is the Shell Show, the highlight of the story of how a tropical deep-sea shell got on our beach, and we don't try to tell them; but we know.

The Shell Show will be beautiful and worth attending, with its booths of trinkets, its island art show, its permanent booth of live animals, sea horses, giant conch, octipus, sea anemones, but our simple little afternoon when we hung over the tables where the collections of our

#### PTA MEETING TUESDAY

Next Tuesday, March 10, an important meeting of the Sanibel Elementary School PTA will be held at 8 p.m. at which the Deputy Supt. of Lee County Schools, Mr. Ray Pottorf will speak about the middle school program which will be coming to Lee County next

This will be a most informative meeting for all, not only parents but residents of the Island and Principal Jack Barnett urges all to attend the meeting.

#### TIME CHANGE

Commissioners' hearings the first Tuesday in each month in which they review actions of the county zoning board have been so lengthy lately that it has been decided to start them r. 9 a.m. instead of 9:30. The change will take effect in May.



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#### SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ART LEAGUE ACTION

Two nationally known entertainers will participate in the Sanibel-Captiva Art League Auction to be held Saturday, March 14, at 8 p.m. in Casa Ybel auditorium.

Brad Lacey, program manager of WBBH-TV and host of "The Lacey Show" will be auctioneer and master of ceremonies for the evening. Costarring with Lacey will be Hall. Harrison, author, lecturer and photographer, who will present his wildlife adventure film, "Beyond the Shining Mountains," a story of the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Lacey, a native Rhode Islander, has been a radio celebrity in Providence, Boston, Concord and Hanover, N.H., Nashville and Fort Myers. He is a member of the board of directors of the Fort Myers Little Theatre, Edison Players, Fort Myers Symphony Association and others. He is resident director of Lehigh Players; creator of "The Mind's Eye," a radio show; and co-producer of "The Book of Job," an internationally laimed play.

With his wife, Joan, and their four sons, Brad Lacey resides in Fort

Myers where he is active in many community organizations.

Hal H. Harrison, who is now under contract to Lippincott Publishers to write and illustrate a series of wildlife books in the "Living World" series, lives with his wife, Mada, on Sanibel Island. He is the producer of a national TV show, "Adventure Is My Job." For 13 years, he was Outdoor Editor of The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

The color film that Harrison will narrate at the Art Auction was recently purchased by Coronet Films, Chicago, for distribution internationally. The movie follows the Lewis and Clark Trail over the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific. It is historically documented and features big game animals encountered by the explorers on their expedition in 1804-1805.

Tickets to the event, which are on sale in all parts of the Islands, ill entitle guests to all entertainment as well as a chance on the oil painting donated by Hugo Asbach, famous painter who resides on Captiva. The auction of other artists' work will be conducted by Brad Lacey.

#### KRAZY SALT CREATOR VISITS ISLANDER

One of our very favorite cople dropped into our office recently --- Jane Semans, who is the creator of "Jane's Krazy Mixed-up salt."

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The first store in the area which we know of to carry her product was the Island Bake Shop on Sanibel, where Mrs. Semans is a frequent winter visitor. (As a matter of fact, she's there now, staying at the Reef Motel, but will be leaving for the cold north to-

morrow.)

The Krazy Salt was then offered for sale at the Woman's X-Change on Fort Myers Beach, and can now be purchased at the Lemon Tree.

Mrs. Semans is an enthusiastic cook, and always experiments with new ideas and recipes. If you would like a folder of some of her favorite ideas, just write her at J. P. Semans Company, 1015 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19107. Be sure to include your return address.

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#### DISPLAY BY DRAWING CLASS

The Sanibel-Captiva drawing class instructed by Ann Winter-botham will display a group of their drawings at the Art League Exhibition Board on Friday, March 6, from 9 to 3:30 p.m.

#### **GREAT THEATRE**

This weekend the Pirate Playhouse again offers theatre goers a choice of two productions; Saturday, March 7, Potpourri, an evening of delightful one-acters, and Sunday, March 8, another performance of the exciting "Great Sebastians."

Ruth and Philip Hunter report that audiences have been most enthusiastic in their reception of their Playhouse productions. A contribution factor to this enthusiasm, of course, is the theatre itself, with its unique charm and intimate character. Play goers say over and over again that when viewing a play at the Pirate Playhouse they are in reality taking part in the action, and that in no other theatre has this involvement been so pronounced.

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### GIFT TO SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Gift by Mrs. Furma DeWitt of Fort Myers of 8.4 acres of interior fresh water wetlands to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, through the Nature Conservancy, was recently announced by Roy Bazire, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the local group.

The land is particularly important since it adjoins a tract previously given by Admiral and Mrs. E. G. Konrad in Chateauxsur-Mer. This area is known as the Albert Warren Akers Sanctuary, with title in the Nature Conservancy.

Title to the new land gift also will be held by The Nature Conservancy, Washington, D.C., until the land purchase program being carried out by the local foundation is completed. Additional land acquisition of fresh wate wetlands is planned in a cooperative Federal-State-Private foundation effort to assure protection of the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The swamplands

are regarded as an essential ecological complement to the salt water mangrove areas of the Refuge

It is hoped that the pioneer action taken by Admiral and Mrs. Konrad, and now reinforced by Mrs. DeWitt's gift, will induce other owners of interior wetlands to provide by sale or gift additions to the Sanibel Fresh Water Wetlands project.

#### LEE COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION

A permit for a four-story structure on Captiva Island, refused by the building and zoning department Feb. 20, was turned down by the board last week as an appeal by the J. P. Carter Co., on motion of Commissioner Julian Hudson seconded by Commissioner P. A. Geraci. The action for Attorney Douglas Grace, filling in for Emmet Anderson, took less than two minutes. Grace thanked the board, noting that the attorneys are "exhausting our administrative remedies" on the way to court for an injunction against the county's moratorium

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Sanibel bridge fender system repairs are being held up by the insurance company for Foster Marine Contractors, the firm that did the damage Nov. 17, because the company feels the county should share the cost because of depreciation, said Cornwell, After discussion, the board decided to notify the bridge insurance company that the span is exposed to damage, and to notify Foster Marine Contractors that the firm will be held liable if another collision at the toll bridge does structural damage due to the open fender system. Some of the broken fender system reportedly is extending into the channel waters.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce has approached the Lee County Commissioners with the recommendation that road signs, other than on premise signs, be prohibited on Sanibel and Captiva.

In order that visitors may

easily find their way on the Islands, the Chamber of Commerce is proposing that "orientation panels" be set up at various locations.

These orientation panels would complement the four Island Directories that were put up last year and would be used in connection with the Chamber Commerce maps. They would be large enough, 3' by 4', to be easily seen by passing motorists and would show the contour of the islands with an arrow pointing to the location. There would be in the beginning 11 orientation pa els, 10 on Sanibel and 1 on Captiva. A sample is now being displayed at the Chamber of Commerce and you are urged to go and see it and write your comments on the book provided for this purpose.

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Mrs. Edward Mendenhall was narrator and master of ceremonies for the annual fashion show (this year spiced by an additional strawberry festival) which was given by the Ladies Guild of St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church of Sanibel on the church grounds February 20.



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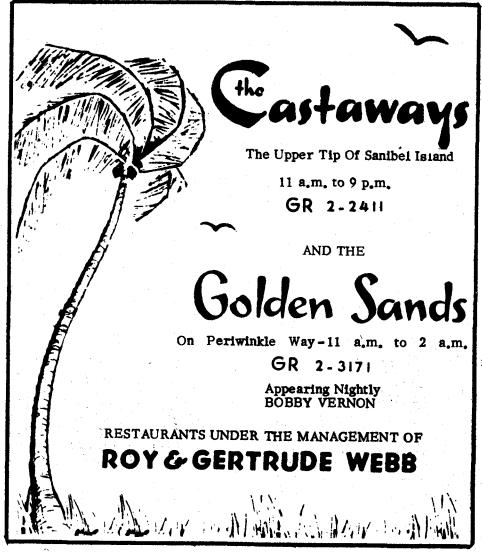
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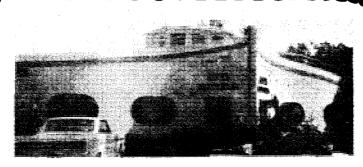
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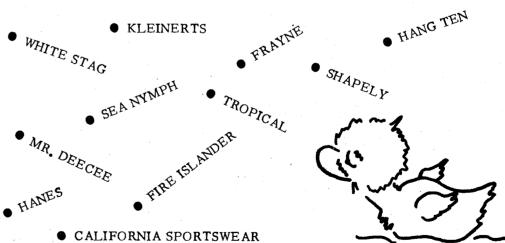
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