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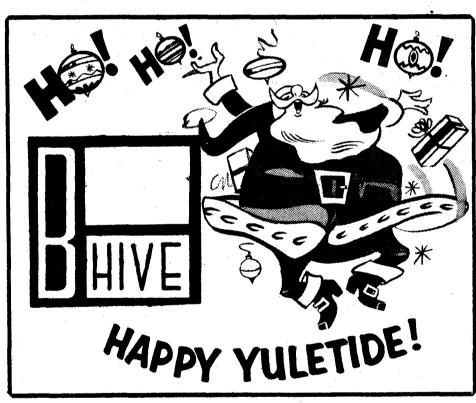
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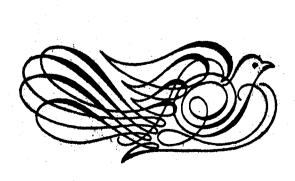


May the Star of Bethlehem guide men once again to the Prince of Peace.









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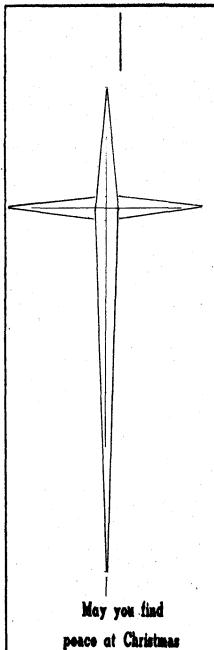
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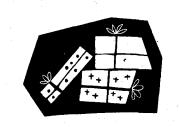






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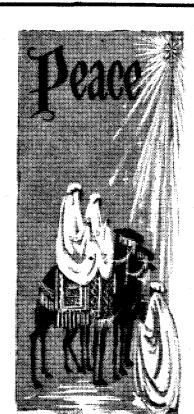






With a steadily growing list of accomplishments to their credit, the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club looks forward to 1972 with a great deal of quiet optimism. The Club was founded with the idea of being of service to their fellow man, at the same time having fun and fellowship in their meetings and activities.

The Lions are particularly proud of



May the Star of Bethlehem lead us to harmony.

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their continuous local activities which include a swimming class for Island young people with professional instruction, which completed its third year of operation; the fourth year that the Club has been contributing to and working on the Island Cleanup Campaign; a perpetuating Lions Blood Bank at the Lee Memorial Hospital andCampaign; a perpetuating Lions Blood Bank at the Lee Memorial Hospital that has already aided a number of Island residents. Anyone can donate to this Blood Bank; a sailing class for Island youths that is underway at this time which will become an annual activity; a membership in the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board.

Lions also have a number of fund raising projects during the year to raise money to support their varied activities. At the recent Plant Sale, all plants were purchased from the Lee County Association for Retarded Children and a check for over \$400 was sent to them. The Lions are also a contributing member of the Association.

A focal point for Sanibel-Captiva
Lions is the Florida Lions Foundation
for the Blind This extraordinary

organization is active in all phases of sight conservation and work training for the visually handicapped. In its files are many personal heartwarming stories that would make any Lion proud to be a small part of its success. This year the Sanibel-Captiva Lions will send nearly \$1,000 to this Foundation.

What is the Lions Club? Plant sales, donations, dollars contributed, memberships, meetings — NONE of these. It is people — people who like to help people. Forty three people make up our Lions Club (more than double the beginning membership) and these people give thanks, especially during the Christmas season, for the opportunity to serve.





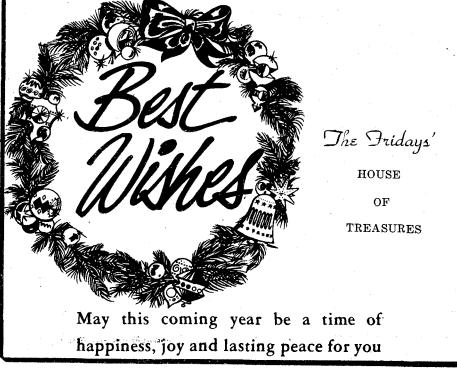
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#### CAPTIVA CIVIC ASSOCIATION



### GREETINGS

of the season from all the folks at

#### The Beachcomber

Shell Harbor, Sanibel Island

The Captiva Civic Association sends greetings to all readers of the Islander and best wishes for happy holidays. It will be a landmark New Year for the Association—its silver anniversary one (25 years). In 1947 Mrs. Spencer Ewing, a resident of the island devoted to the preservation of its quiet charm, instigated the founding of the Captiva Civic Association. It was chartered as a non-profit organization in April of 1959, the Community House was completed in 1960 and the addition of the library was built in 1968. The latter is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings for the use of island residents and visitors. It is staffed by volunteers. Mrs. M. J. Reddy is Librarian and volunteers include Mrs. Gladys Plume, Mrs. Bernice Suttle, Mrs. Ross Gambel, Mrs. W. J. Schultz, Mrs. Gerry B. Schnelle, Mrs. Arthur Dunham, Mrs. Henry Fisher, Mrs. Burt Ellis, Mrs. Robert Hemphill, Mrs. Max McCord, Mrs. Don Seymour, Mrs. Mary Pevear, Mrs. Alice Sparks.

The Association welcomes all Captiva residents and property owners as voting members and others as associate members. Dues are \$3.00 a year per person. The 1972 dues will be payable at the annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21 at the Community House or may be mailed to the treasurer, Mr. Byron Kirby, Box 183, Captiva Islandd, Fla., 33924 any time between now and the meeting date. Besides the treasurer, the present officers of the Association are M. J. Reddy, president; John Oster, Jr., vice president; and Mrs. R. E. Shaver, secretary.

Directors on the Board of Governors are Mesdames William S. Dennis, Don Seymour and Max Hayford and Messers Charles Jett, Jr., John Racek, Burt Ellis, Paul McCulloch and Harold Robinson.

The Associations facilities are available for use by persons or groups for community affairs. Anyone wishing to use them should contact the secretary for clearance of dates, then Mr. Robinson, chairman of building and grounds, who has been authorized by the Board of Governors to grant the permission.

The one fund raising project for the Association is its annual ABC (Attic, Basement and Closet) sale held in late February. Mrs. Dennis is chairman of this event and wishes to remind everyone on Captiva to save their "bric-a-brac" to donate to this sale and all other Islander readers to "come early and buy lots." The date and time of the sale will be announced in January.



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Sanibel Island, Florida

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Christmas Day
The Holy Eucharist 10:00 a. m.
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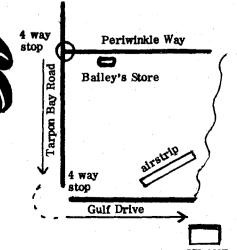
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SEA LIFE **REPLICAS** 





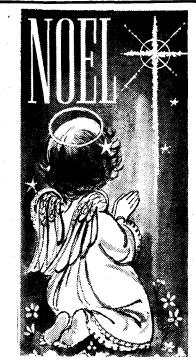
#### SONG OF CHRISTMAS

Hear the bells, hear them ringing Sound of yuletide, sound of joy; Hear the carolers and their singing Songs of Christmas, songs of joy.

Feel the warmth, the glow of giving Giving gifts, giving love; Presents wrapped in tinsel Christmas living, giving love.

There is hope in baby Jesus In the manger, in Bethlehem; Tell your neighbor and your brother Of the new life we have in him.

Sing out Christmas, sing it strong! Song of infinite wisdom Song of understanding Song of faith in brotherhood --Song, song of Christmas, The sound of peace -- Noel. Copyright (C) Donald Foscue Modrall



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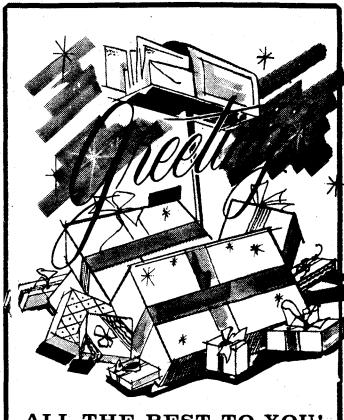
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TO ALL OUR NEW FRIENDS & GOOD NEIGHBORS and Best Wishes for the New Year





#### **LEGION POST 123 SHOWS GROWTH IN 1971**

1971 showed steady growth in the membership of Sanibel-Captiva American Legion Post 123. From a previous year membership of 51 Legionnaires this year saw the membership move upward to 80.

During the past year the Legion Post put on two highly successful Fish Frys at the Post Hall. Murex [bingo] held on each Wednesday evening held steady through a generally slow summer period.

Two commendable programs continued on a regular basis, the Glen Allen Rhodes Scholarship and Charitable Foundation which is helping to support two local young men in college and which contributes throughout the year to other charitable causes? and the Boys' State which this year sent the Post's nominee John Carter to Boys' State in Tallahassee. In this regard it might be noted that John Carter was elected to the important Boys' State Supreme Court which indicated the excellent calibre of Post 123's nominee.

For the first time Post 123 made a new award in its Outstanding Deputy/Officer Award to the most outstanding Deputy/Officer in the Lee County Sheriff's Department. This years selection and recipient of the \$100 award was Major Nick Kelly. This award will be an annual event.

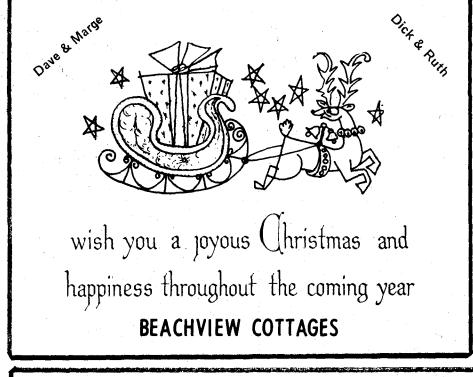
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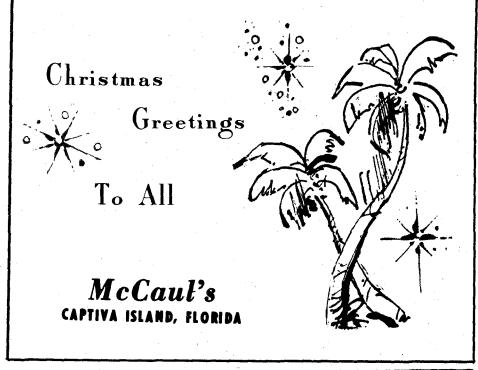
This year also brought Life Membership Awards to two Post 123
Legionnaires—Floyd Pflough and Joseph Wightman in recognition of their unstinting work and devotion over the years to Post 123 and its programs.

The Legion Hall was enhanced during the year by the installation of a new air conditioning system and the acquisition of a bar donated through the generosity of the Golden Sands restaurant.

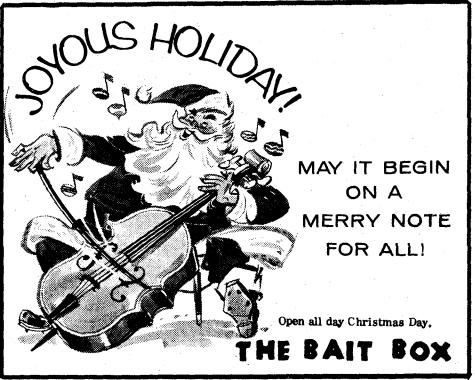
Looking to the future Commander Gerald Johnson expressed his hope that 1972 would bring new growth in both membership and activities to American Legion Post 123. A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM POST 123.













**OUR GOOD FRIENDS** 

It's always a pleasure to greet you and wish you the best of the season!

## lsie Malone

Specimen Shells - - - - Sanibel Island

#### **SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB**

The re-organized Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club enjoyed a most successful eason in 1970-71, in spite of the fact that meetings didn't get started until December. President Crawford Cate was able to secure the Sanibel Community House for alternate meetings so that this responsibility could be shared by Sanibel and Captiva.

Programs arranged by Jean Cate were interesting, informative, and very well attended. Outstanding among these was a lecture on the history of shell collecting by Peter Dance, Curator of Mollusks at the National Museum in Cardiff, Wales. Mr. Dance had come to Sanibel to be a judge at the Shell Fair and graciously devoted an evening to the Shell Club.

A special bit of business was the adoption of the Junonia as the official symbol of the Shell Club, and the decision to have available for the 1971-72 season items of Club jewelry saring this symbol.

Following the annual dinner for members and guests, the final meeting was held at the Sanibel Community House. At this time a Certificate of Honorary Membership was presented to Maud and Harvey Meyer in appreciation of their efforts in behalf of the Club; also at this time, officers were elected for the coming year.

By the time this resume goes to press, the first meeting of the 1971-72 season will have been held at the Captiva Community Center, and we are certain that an even more stimulating series of meetings will ensue.

#### SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CHAMBER **PROJECTS**

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce has worked on the following projects during the past year:

1. Worked to achieve toll free service to Fort Myers area, and promised by August 1972, but now told it will not be available for at least six months later.

2. Got the county to clear, clean and paint lines on road from five points to Sanibel, and also lines and signs on Sanibel and Captiva.

3. Got the county to clean parking areas and paint tables and benches.

4. Reparied and repainted outside of Chamber building.

5. Tried to get better law enforcement; signs denoting fines for littering; and possible lowering of the 45 mph speed limit.

6. Chamber has tried to obtain more of the \$100,000 excess bridge money spent on the Islands, and oppose the proposal of building a bridge from Pine Island to connect with Sanibel bridge by using Sanibel bridge funds, also using these funds for Fort Myers Beach bridges.

The following are projects which the Chamber will sponsor or work on next year.

1. The Chamber will continue to try to get the catwalk on the bridge.

2. Will work with the County Commissioner, Walter Shirey, to other park entrances to use Turner Beach.

3. The Chamber will try anyway possible to get the fishing dock rebuilt as soon as possible.

4. The Chamber will work with the County to get Gulf Drive connected all the way through, so Sanibel will have a second access road.

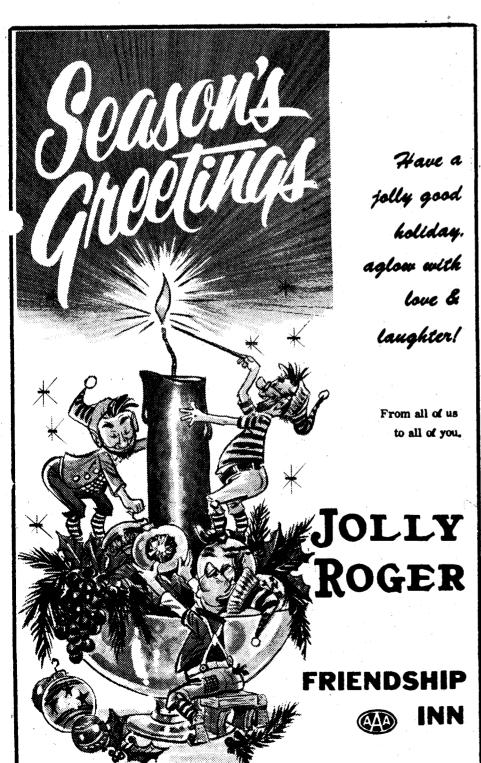
5. Chamber will work and attend County Commission meetings to assure the permanancy of the Flood Insurance.

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of obtaining federal funds and help to establish a Recreation and Youth Center for our young people, with the possibility of tennis courts, swimming pool, etc. being built.

7. Chamber plans on a membership drive in the near future in hopes of bringing all business into the Chamber, plus possibly honorary members, so that more funds will be available and more members will be able to contribute their time and effort towards more civic and beneficial projects for the Islands.



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SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

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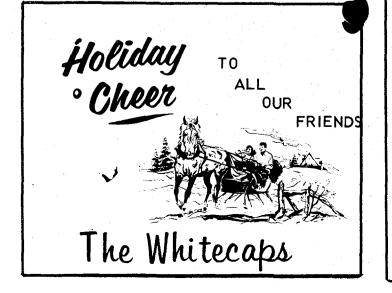


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#### **CHRISTMAS**

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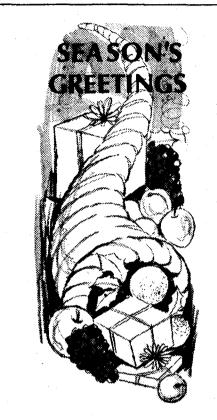
A twisted frame bends cold with age. A youth goes down in abject pain. The tall and mighty stand so far away.

These seeing eyes see them.

Come

the bells are ringing, the brightest light

is here. c-1971-by Eleanor Douglas Clapp



health, wealth, and happiness a-plenty!



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Merry Christmas To You

AND A NEW YEAR OF VERY HAPPY DAYS

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Sanibel Originals









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#### SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION END OF YEAR REPORT

In reviewing its work of the past year the Sanibel Community Association and its Board of Directors can point to a year of great movement, progress and

In all aspects of island life the association has grasped and dealth with many problems of the needs and welfare of all segments of our people. Always in tune with the changing times it has asserted itself in dealing with the problems of an ever growing and vibrant island.

The past year has brought unprecedented growth in new memberships and interest in the Association. Association committees have been most active and fruitful in their dealings with other island groups as well as in working with official county government in solving the many and perplexing problems of the islands. They have dealt with the problem of permanent Flood Insurance for the area, conservation, ecology, water and development problems, drug problems, youth recreation activities, programs for the young and old alike, and the problems of population density. The Association has cooperated with and fostered the work of many groups on the island—the Garden Club, the Power Squadron, the Conservation and Audubon programs, and many others. Requests for use of the Community House during the past year is unmatched in the history of the Association.

The annual spring Shell Fair is perhaps the single greatest attraction in all of southwest Florida. Sponsored and controlled solely by the Sanibel Community Association this singular event has grown through the years to national and international proportions. Brilliant in concept, unique in scope and design the Shell Fair is, and has been in the past, the work of many, many people and its great success and growth is a living testimony to their unselfish work.

The physical plant of the Community House has been greatly improved in the past year by the installation of a new air conditioning system and excellent public address system to assure comfort and efficiency to those utilizing the facility.

Aware of its unique role as the unofficial voice of island life your Sanibel Community Association looks eagerly forward to 1972 and the challenges the New Year is certain to bring and it assures all Islanders that it is ready and willing to meet those challenges. FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU - MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

#### **AUDUBON PROGRAMS FOR 1971-72 SEASON**

In the belief that many readers will be interested in the recently released schedule of Audubon indoor and outdoor activities for the coming season, we publish it in its entirety, suggesting that it be clipped and kept as a reminder of the dates on which all events will be held.

Except as noted, programs take place on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House, and are open to the public;

Dec. 23 - "PATTERN FOR BEAUTY-AND SURVIVAL" - Illustrated Program on Environmental Education by William Hammond.

Dec. 30 - "YEAREND SPECIAL" - Yuletide Photo-verse show by Mario F.

Jan. 7 - FRIDAY - "LIFE IN A CYPRESS SWAMP" - Narration and alides by Jim Butler. Jan. 13 - "THE PELICAN STORY" - Color slides and commentary by Ralph W.

Schreiber.

Jan. 14 - FRIDAY — AT CAPTIVA COMMUNITY CENTER — "ISLANDS INIMITABLE" - "Photo-verse Color Saga by Mario F. Hutton.

Jan. 20 - From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - OPEN HOUSE AT WOODMERE PRESERVE Dead end of Gulf Drive - Willis and Opal Combs, hosts. 2 p.m.: NATURE WALK --Meet at entrance of Ding Darling Sanctuary. Hervey Roberts, leader.

Jan. 27 & 28 · AT FORT MYERS — ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING CONFERENCE - sponsored by ENVIRONMENTAL CONFEDERATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA - nationally known speakers, including NATHANIEL REED, IAN McHARG and JOEL KUPERBERG'known speakers, including NATHANIEL REED, IAN McHARG and JOEL KUPERBERG. Consult press for place and schedule.

Feb. 3 - "A HOME WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAMS' slide program presented by Robert Barber.

Feb. 10 · "ISLAND IN THE SUN" - A slide interpretation of Sanibel's beauty, presented by Harrison D. Brailsford.

Feb. 17 - "MEETING NATURE HALFWAY" - Outdoor tour with practical advice and suggestions on wildlife photography, conducted by Mario F. Hutton. Meet at 2 p.m., at entrance of Ding Darling Sanctuary.

Feb. 24 · "BIRDING JAPANESE STYLE" - Slides and narration by Mrs.

Whitney Eastman.

Mar. 2, 3, 4 · Visit AUDUBON STAND at SANIBEL SHELL FAIR'

Mar. 9 - "SAFARI: EAST AFRICA" - Slide presentation by Rosemary K.

Mar. 16 - "BIRDS OF OUR ISLANDS" - Outdoor program conducted by Griffing Bancroft. Meet 3 p.m. at Bailey Tract Sanctuary, Tarpon Bay Road. Mar. 17 - FRIDAY - AT CAPTIVA COMMUNITY CENTER - "VINTAGE

1971" - Latest photo-verse productions by Mario F. Hutton.

Mar. 23 - "RECAPTURING CAPTIVA" - First Sanibel showing of Mario Hutton's rendition of the island's unique way of life.

Mar. 30 - ANNUAL MEETING followed by "A DAY AFIELD IN FLORIDA" -

Narration and slides by Harlan Herbert.

April 6 - FIRST ANNUAL FISHING OUTING, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. aboard BLUE HERON II. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Beach Welcome Center Marina, Fort Myers Beach . drinks available on board - for reservations write: Sanibel-Captiva Audubon, Box 174, Sanibel, Fla. 33957 - First come, first served.

[Outdoor events may be repeated following day, if required by number of participants.]

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# Holiday Greetings



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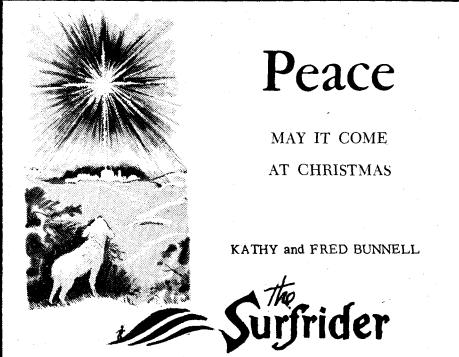
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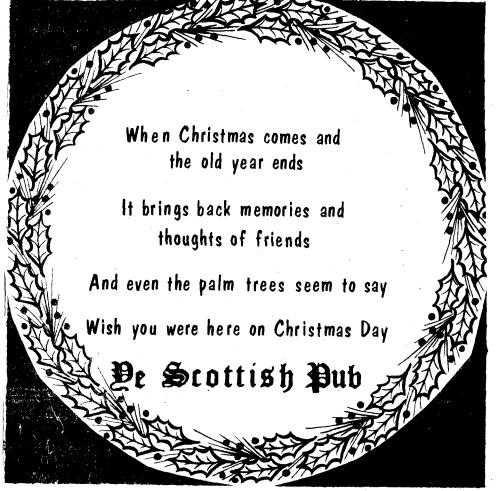












Here's hoping your Christmas really shines jeanne

SNACK SHACK

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY







#### SANIBEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In this changing world in which we live we find that our schools also become involved. There have been some changes or improvements at Sanibel School which we hope have made an already good school even better.

When it was officially decided by the Lee County School Board that the sixth grade children should henceforth attend Cypress Lake Middle School, permission was granted Sanibel to have a kindergarten. This gives us grades K through 5 now with Sanibel being a "pilot" school in the Public School Kindergarten Program. We feel it is a very beneficial program of readiness and preparation for the child to enter first grade.

Changes in staff brought Mrs. Judith Schaich to grades K-1; G. L. Dissette, principal; Mrs. G. L. Dissette, part time secretary. B. G. Runnels returned as teacher of 4th and 5th; Mrs. Hedwig Winans, grades 2 and 3; Mrs. Yvette Remus, teachers' aide.

With "the development of the individual child" ever in mind, the Sanibel faculty endeavor to "take the

child from where he already is, as far as we can, at his own rate or speed" every working toward the improvement and development of the total individual. To this end learning centers have been set up in the classrooms, thus encouraging self-motivation in the child. He is also given correlated experiences in physical education, library usage, music and art, short field trips, and many other experiences which will help him in learning to be a good "citizen of tomorrow."

Our tentative plans for main events

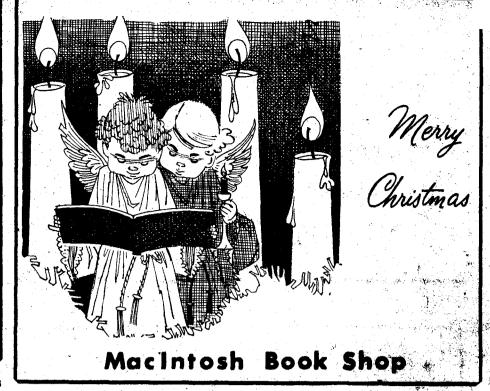
1. Fourth and fifth grades taking a field trip to Disney World in the spring (they are selling cookies and candy for the expenses of that trip at the present time).

2. A 1971-72 Yearbook.

3. School supervised attendance by bus (with individual parental approval only) on the afternoon of "Kids Day" at the Southwest Florida Fair.

4. Further involvement in the Environmental Project of Ecological Studies now in progress on Sanibel Island.

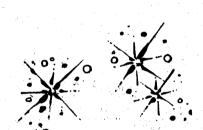
5. Fourth and fifth Industrial Arts



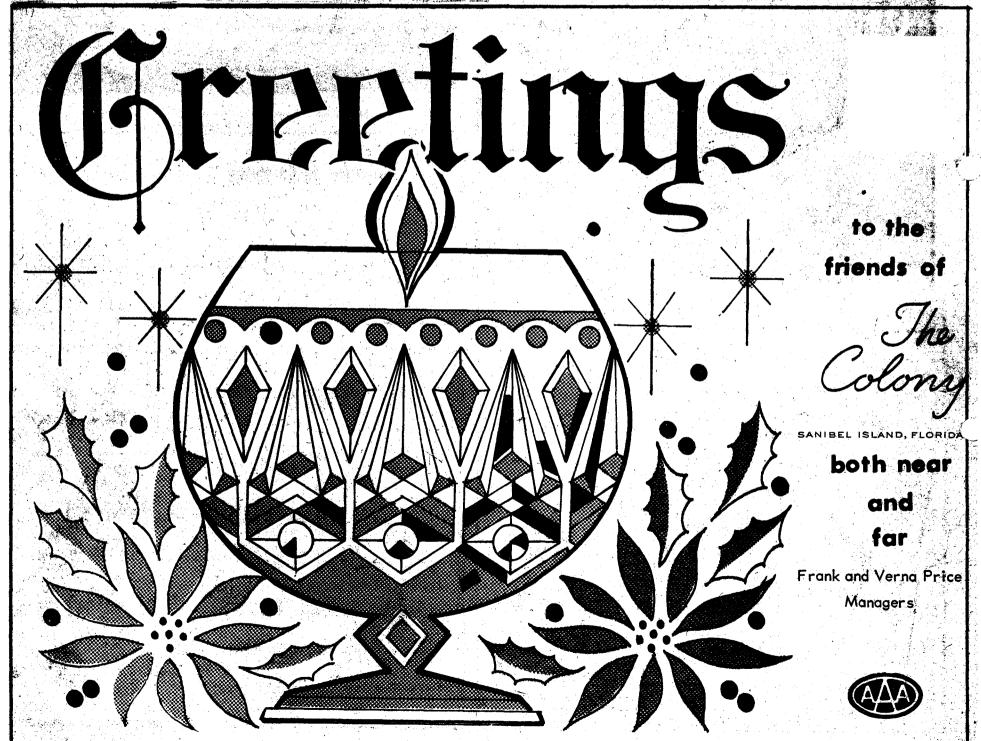
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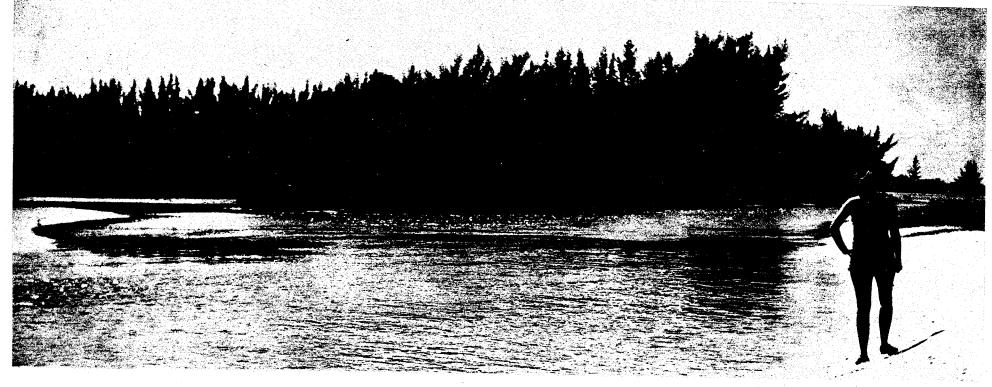
Thanks to the PTA and the Lee County School Board, ceiling fans have been installed in one room on an experimental basis. Should they prove satisfactory over a trial period, it is planned to install similar fans in the other classrooms.

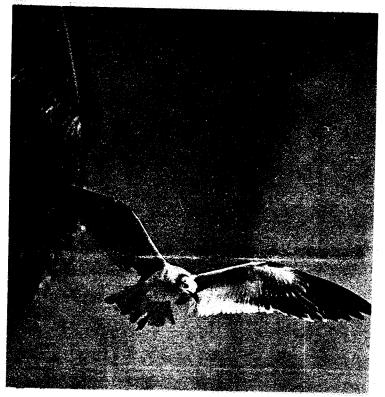
With the cooperative efforts of the children, parents, and teachers, we hope to make Sambel School one of Lee County's best.

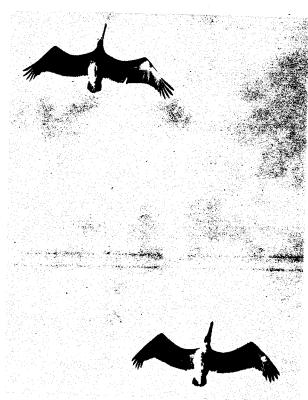




















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Sanibel Library hours: Monday & Thursday, 2-4 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, 10-12 noon.

Sanibel Community Association, Inc., Sanibel Community House, 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

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

Lions Club of Sanibel-Captiva meets at 6:30 p.m., first and third Wednesday of each month at Webb's Castaways Restaurant.

American Legion Post 123, American Legion Home, 2nd Tuesday 8 p.m.

Bingo Murex, American Legion Home, Wednesdays, 8 p.m. (no minors).

Captiva Memorial Library is open 9 a.m. till 12:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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ROGER and SONIA GOTTARDI, who are regular visitors on the Islands from Toronto, Canada, found a junonia and two golden olives. They have just returned from a Caribbean cruise and will be joined at the Beachview by their son and his wife and a daughter, and all will celebrate an old fashioned Sanibel Christmas, where "It really seems like home," they say.



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Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES C. FEIRICH of Carbondale, Ill., arrived last week on Sanibel to spend the winter. Mrs. Feirich is a watercolor artist who has exhibited and taught in Maine. Colorado, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois and Florida. Mr. Feirich is publisher of the Metropolis (III.) News and is a member of the Southern Illinois University faculty during the spring and fall quarters. They are living at Periwinkle Way Trailer Park.

#### ISLAND INN GUESTS

Mrs. Claude F. Dixon of Rochester, Minn., has issued invitations to grandson Jamie and Miss Naomi Picquet to join her for Christmas festivities at the Inn. Other Island Inn guests who will be enjoying the Christmas tree in the lobby this season are Mr. & Mrs. John Wood and children from New York City, the Robert Scherbaum family of Barrington, Ill., and Dr. & Mrs. Vic Torrine and family from Fort Lauderdale. Other family groups will be celebrating the holy season here too and they include Mrs. G. Mlodzik and daughters, Evelyn and Irene, Mr. & Mrs. Beebe of Pontiac, Mich., and their daughters and family, Mr. & Mrs. O'Connell and the Robert Lakes. The George Wymans of Albany, N. K. Will # 11 The RICHARD W. JONES of Rue have as their special guests their daughter and son-in-law and children from Merino, Calif.

Other guests seen around the tree Mr. & Mrs. Mike Cranbuhl of Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Ethel Brook of New York City, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gesner of Newton Center, Mass., Mrs. Charles Weichert of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. A. Christensen of Ambler, Pa., and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Baisden of Roseland, Fla. Mrs. George S. Bryan is entertaining Miss M. Perry from Madison, Wisc., at the Inn, and she will return to the U. of Wisconsin sporting a summer tan.

Other Island Inn guests are Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Frederick of Fairfield, Conn. Miss Paula Vogelsand of New York City, Miss Deborah Glover from Orlando, and Mr. & Mrs. John F. Dietzmann and children of Rochester, Minn.

Mrs. Harvey B. Hall and niece are from Tryon, N.C., and report some winter weather up that way, too. Mrs. Theordore J. Cachey is accompanied by her nice children from Flossmoor, Ill., and Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Q. Parr and family from Lexington, Ку., are enjoying the beach. The Grady R. Sullivans hail from Miami Shores; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Fero are from Waterford. N.Y., and Mr. Charles H. Gibson is from White Plains, N.Y., and the D. M. Stettlers are from Crystal Lake, Ill. Other holiday guests include the Frank X. Heiles from Fort Thomas, Ky., and Mr. & Mrs. James L. Cressman of O'Fallon, Missouri.

#### **BEACHVIEW COTTAGES**

Holiday guests at the Beachview who are receiving a warm welcome are Prof. & Mrs. Paul Hartman of Nashville, Tenn., Mr. & Mrs. William Erskine of Grand Rapids, Mich., who will have a gathering of the family clan this season at Beachview; Mr. & Mrs. Austin Parker of Rye, N.Y.; and Dr. & Mrs. Martin Gross of Westminster, Mich. Returning resorters are Mr. & Mrs. James Purcell who will be joined by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Greene of Euclid, Ohio.

#### WHO'S WHO AND WHY

CHARLES LATONA found a beautifully colored perfect junonia on the beach at Captiva. Seems almost unbelievable that this lovely weather can be with us when Christmas is upon us, and that such gorgeous shells can be picked up on the beach still.

RUTH JONES celebrated her over 21 birthday at Golden Sands on Wednesday and received the red carpet treatment by genial host GENE'

The R. L. HUDSON house will be a happy holiday home on Buttonwood Lane with daughter, JOY SULLIVAN of Tulsa, Okla., there for the Christmas vacation and Hudson's niece and husband, Mr. & Mrs. MARSHALL SEWELL from Oklahoma City, Okla.

The HAL M. IRWINS are expecting the greatest Christmas in years with brother ELLIOTT IRWIN and his wife, ELDA, coming from Highland, Mich., for a two month's sojourn on the islands. They will be joined by sister and brother-in-law, CARL and HELEN KILWINSKI from Clearwater.

The JAMES JACKS of Gulf Drive are enjoying a pre-Christmas visit with son, JAMES G. JACK, his wife and daughter TRACY, from Gainesville. Then the Jacks will spend Christmas with RICHARD McCONAHAYS in

The THOMAS D' JOHNSONS of Gulf Drive have gone north to ski instead of staving home for Christmas, but they have left the home here in the capable hands of old friends, Mr. & Mrs. JOSEPH WINTEROWD, who have come down for the winter from Wilmington, Del. They will go from here to their summer home in LaCrosse, Wis., but meanwhile will be entertaining friends throughout the season.

Belle Mer are expecting son, LAWRENCE G. JONES to fly down for Christmas from Chicago.

Mr. & Mrs. EBEN JOY, who just returned from a fantastic three week's safari through Patagonia, South America, are getting ready like mad for Christmas and the return of their old friend GUS SORENSON of Bristol, Va., who will spend the holdiays with them again. Then on Christmas, son JON JOY, and friend, Miss JORENE KUHLMANN of Middleburg, Vermont, will fly down for a happy holiday visit.

Mr. HAROLD R. CLARK is back on the Island and has recovered from his

TY SYMROSKI, son of Col. & Mrs. L. E. SYMROSKI, Sanibel Island, will arrive home from the University of Michigan on Dec. 23. On Dec. 28, he will fly to San Francisco to visit his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. DAVID A. WEIR, who are Michigan graduates. The three of them will attend the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena between Michigan and Stanford. He will be back at Sanibel on Jan. 5 before returning to Michigan on Jan. 11 to continue his sophomore year at the University.

Visiting the JOHN KENEDYS of Tulipa Way is Miss ROSEMARY KENEDY from Greenwich, Conn., who will winter on the island and visit with old friends and catch up on all the family news with brother JOHN'...

Mr. & Mrs. THOMAS TIMMER, Jr. are here on the islands for their first visit. Sons JEFF and SCOTT are really enjoying the beach and grandparents. the THOMAS TIMMERS of Pelican Point. The junior Timmers are staying at the ROBERT KESSLER'S, and took a cross country tour via Arizona getting here. They will have to return to Tip City, Ohio, around the first of the year so the boys can go back to school.



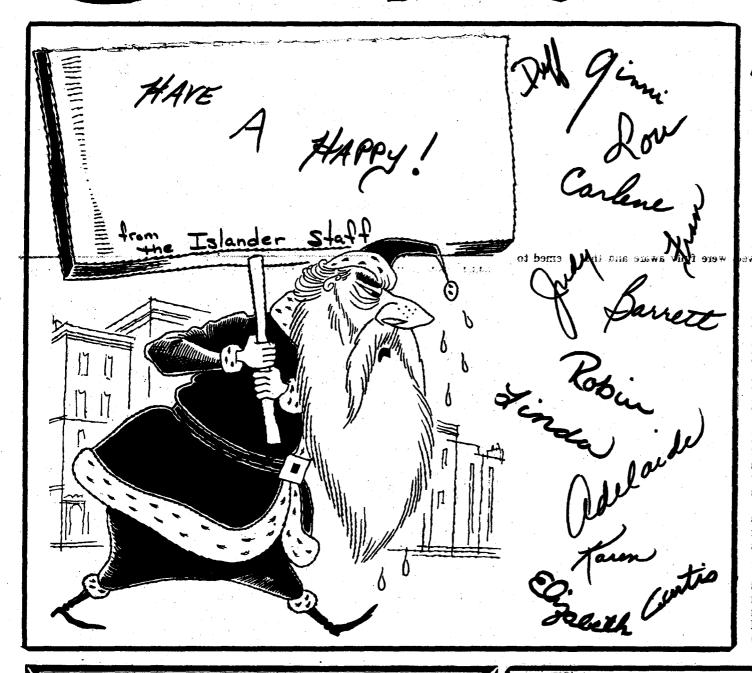


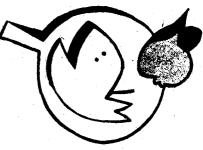


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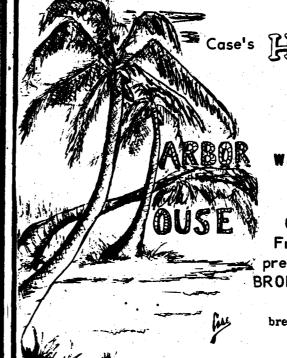
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#### SPANISH DIARY by Winifred lurka

On September 29, an enthusiastic group of thirty Island travelers returned to the USA after three weeks of travel in Spain under the able guidance of Bill MacIntosh of Sanibel.

We arrived in Madrid on September 9 and, after a brief rest, took a tour through the old part of this beautiful city as well as the new and very lush residential area. A visit to the Prado and the Royal Palace provided unforgettable memories.

A side trip to Toledo was most worthwhile — the Cathedral, the Alcazar, and the House Museum of El Greco were a few of the many wonderful sights in this historic old city. Then, back to Madrid and lunch at the Botin, famous for its roast suckling pig, roast kid and atmosphere.

Now should have come the Siesta, but most of us were unwilling to miss a moment. So while Spain slept, between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m., we explored.

Dinner was served anywhere from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. which gave us ample time to attend the entertainment of our choice; Russian ballet, a concert, or Flamenco dancing at 11:30 p.m.

After which, back to the hotel via horse and carriage. These carriages were available in most cities in Spain for a very few pesetas. The way both horse and driver maneuvered through the traffic and congested streets was unbelievable. Taxi service was also truly remarkable and plentiful and cost even fewer pesetas, plus an argument from the driver if you willingly or unwittingly gave him more than it cost. It was a hair raising experience of which the drivers were fully aware and they seemed to enjoy it all thoroughly.

It would be impossible to cover all of the things we did in that all too brief three

weeks. But here goes, for some of it.

Traveling south to Cordoba we saw its beautiful Mosque and the 14th century synagogue in the old Jewish quarter. Not to be forgotten also was the work of a Spanish painter, Romero De Torres, whose house is preserved as a memorial by his family. His paintings are striking in their beautiful simplicity.

Now to Seville for a short but memorable trip through the old quarter and the splendid Giralda Tower. East, to Granada which will never be forgotten for the Alhambra. It was in Granada, also, where we saw some of the most marvelous Flamenco gypsy dancing.

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which made us think that dancing, for that is what we were led to believe, was their main livelihood, must be fairly profitable.

Driving through the Sierra Nevada we passed through the entirely African town of Elche, where the palms for Spanish Palm Sunday are grown, blessed and distributed. Then east to Alicante, famous for its Castle of Santa Barbara. A long climb to the top provided a wonderful view of the city. We passed through the old and very picturesque Arab town of Gandia, and on through Benidon, a fashionable seaside resort which had a very strong resemblance to all other seaside resorts world

At last Valencia. As we arrived at our hotel, a band playing that popular melody by the same name welcomed us to the noisiest city in Spain. [This piece of information was confided to us by our Spanish Courier). Valencia—land of the Holy Grail, of oranges and lemons and paella valencia—with its beautiful cathedral and

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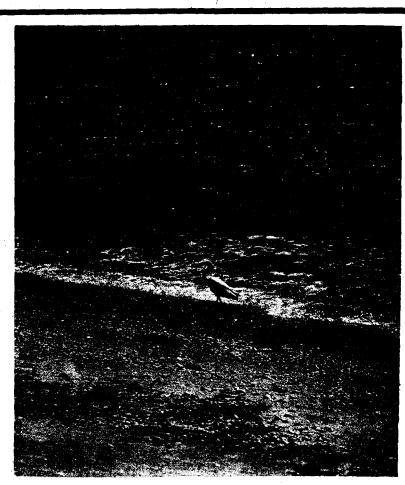
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From Pennsylvania are Mr. & Mrs. Charles Carey of Pittsburg; Mr. & Mrs. E. L. VanWright and family of Belleville; Miss Margaret Disert of Chambersburg; the Leon Berkowitz party from Philadelphia; and Mr. & Mrs. G. J. Helwig and family of Pittsburg.

From Michigan, Dr. & Mrs.

#### CHRISTMAS ON SANIBEL

The visitor sadly shook his head As he basked in the tropical sun "Call this Christmas?" to me, he said "Well not where I come from."

"Christmas needs snow and ice and cold, And the sound of sleigh bells ring And as for me, I can't be sold, On this weather that feels like spring.

Santa Claus in a bathing suit? No sir, it just ain't right Cranberry sauce and tropical fruit I think it's an awful fright.

"My poor misguided friend," I said
"Your lament does not ring true;
You're mixed up by the things you've read
From a myth you take your clue.

"For no snow fell on Bethlehem On the night the Star first shone, There was no blizzard or howling gale That swept with shreik and moan.

The breeze was soft, and what is more The night the Christ Child came, Hibiscus bloomed near the stable door As Mary murmured his name.

Bougainvillea of violet hue Arched in a graceful bower Poinsettias, wet with midnight dew Enhanced that sacred hour.

The heavenly host in the starry sky Proclaimed the birth of the King, And rustling palms echoed the cry As the whole earth seemed to sing.

So we find here on our sun-drenched island Untouched by ice and snow That the spirit of Christmas is near at hand And we feel that God willed it so.

I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Woody Anderson





Laurence Fennstra and family of Grand Rapids, also Dr. & Mrs. R. Sharp and family of Grand Rapids, and the George H. Roehm and family of Williamston.

From Minnesota, the R. W. Patch party of Long Lake; from Ohio, Mr. & Mrs. Burton Schildhouse and family of Columbus; Mr. & Mrs. William Gould family of Cleveland Heights; and from Indiana, the Jack Skillman and family of Indianapolis and Dr. & Mrs. Rolf Scharenberg and family of West Lafayette.

Also Mr. & Mrs. H. Malone of Westfield, Mass.; Dr. & Mrs. M. J. Katz and family of Syracuse, N.Y.; Dr. & Mrs. Armin A. F. Freitag and family of McLean, Va.; Dr. & Mrs. Richard Rhodes and family of Los Gatos, Calif., and Mrs. Rhodes' mother, Mrs. John C. Nevins of Winnetka, Ili. The William H. Warren family are here from Yellow Springs, Ohio; Dr. & Mrs. Lyman E. Wagers of Lexington, Ky.; Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Wilson of Rowayton, Conn., and the Joseph O. Carson party from North Vernon, Ind.

Other guests include the H. H. Hinderaker family of Oshkosh, Wis.; Mr. & Mrs. W. P. Hoffman, III and family of Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. & Mrs. Ferd Bopp of Kirkwood, Mo.; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur W. Widman of Haworth, N.J.; the King Carr party from Alexandria, Va.; Miss

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family of Palos Heights, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Supper of Barrington, and Mr. &

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Forest. Other guests at Shell Harbor

include the George Heilman family of

Heartland, Wis., Col. Carl D. Wells of Little Rock, Ark., Mr. D. Stein of New

York, the Harold Egers of Anderson,

Ind., and Mrs. Margaret Yurick and family from Suffern, N.Y. Other guests

at Shell Harbor Inn are Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Wallace of Knoxville, Tenn., and

the Walter White family from Knoxville

also, Mr. & Mrs. D. M. Yost of

Middletown, Ohio, Dr. Howard Trimpi of Allentown, Pa., Mr. & Mrs. Edwin J.

Chernuk of Barberton, Ohio, and the Ed

Theibold family of Louisville, Ky., and

Mr. & Mrs. E. Hoke of Murray, Ky. The

Stanley Slomes of Cincinnati, Ohio, will

be there this holdiay season, too, and

the Phil Smith family from Pittsburgh,

Pa. The Fred Davis family are here from

South Bend, Ind., and Mr. & Mrs. Edwin

Hahn from Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.

Many guests at Shell Harbor seem

Elizabeth Hall of New York City; Miss Jane Sehmann of Princeton, N.J.; Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Weaver and family from Winnetka, Ill.; and Mr. & Mrs. E. T. McSwain and Mrs. McSwain's three sisters of Greensboro, N.C.

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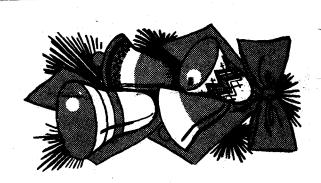
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Kathy Bunnel.

She and her husband operate the Surfrider Motel on East Gulf Drive and in their beautiful lobby is the tree that has already taken the breath of hundreds of admirers.

We understand that Kathy and her grandchildren collected the shells and Kathy started in June to make the decorations. She had much encouragement and some help from her daugthers, Susan McIntosh and Judith Moody; but that stick-to-itiveness and completion is hers alone. It is truly a thing to see!

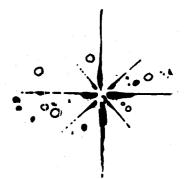












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#### WILDLIFE NOTES by Griffing Bancroft

Ornithologists everywhere are bemoaning the plight of the brown pelicans. This bird, so familiar to everyone who has ever been in Florida, may be doomed by man's tampering with his environment.

The brown pelican is officially listed as an endangered species because chemical pesticides, ingested from the fish he eats, have disrupted his rather complicated reproductive processes. Specifically, DDT or some of its relatives, inhibits the hormonal production which controls the deposit of calcium in the oviduct so the bird lays eggs with abnormally thin shells.

Then, when attemps are made at incubation, the eggs are crushed. In California, Lower California, the coasts of Louisiana and Texas, where thousands of pelican used to nest, reproduction has virtually ended.

Only in Flortda are the birds still raising sizeable numbers of young, and how long this will continue is doubtful, for here also each year the egg shells are getting thinner and thinner.

There is not much the average citizen can do about this, except deplore the world wide use of these chemical pesticides. But pelicans live a long time — there is a longevity record of 50 years — and there are some hints as to how we can help keep alive those that remain.

Many pelicans are killed by getting entangled in fishing lines. When a fisherman discovers a pelican at the end of his line he usually cuts the line to let the bird go

This is a mistake. Entangled in a line or with a lure or hook caught in his body the bird is almost sure to perish. One was found in this condition only recently on a Sanibel beach.

If you get a pelican on your line, do not cut him free. Reel him in gently, grab him by the beak - he cannot hurt you - and thus save the bird, and also your line

Many pelican eggs and young are lost when humans invade the mangrove islands where they nest. When they leave their nests in sudden fright they often break the eggs. Or fish crows or other predators will seize an a seize an egg or a baby.

Do not disturb nesting birds. If you have permits and a scientific purpose and must do so, approach the nests slowly so the birds do not leave in sudden fright. And leave slowly so a parent will not be too alarmed to return before a predator arrives. For information about bird tours call MacIntosh Book Store, 472-1447.

#### BROWSING AROUND by Fran O'Callaghan

Sparkly things are all the rage at this time of year, of course, and one of the most sparkly things we've seen lately is the Sanibel Shell Flower Christmas tree at the Shell Net. It really has to be seen to be appreciated.

Believe me, it's worth a trip around the Island just to see all the adorable Christmas trees displaying the specialty of each house. Surfrider is outstandingly beautiful with handmade shell ornaments. So is the tree at Coconut Grove Restaurant, with its intricately made hand decorated seashell ornaments. Others showing delightfully individual trees are McCauls, with its Ecuadorian dough ornaments, Open Gage with its lovelies and Red Pelican and Artisan Shop, not to mention Seven Seas, The Seahorse Shop and all the others including the Corner Shop. Beachcomber Motel, instead of a tree, has some gorgeous blooming orchids in the lobby, and all the motels are made lovely and festive with their special brand of Christmas cheer.

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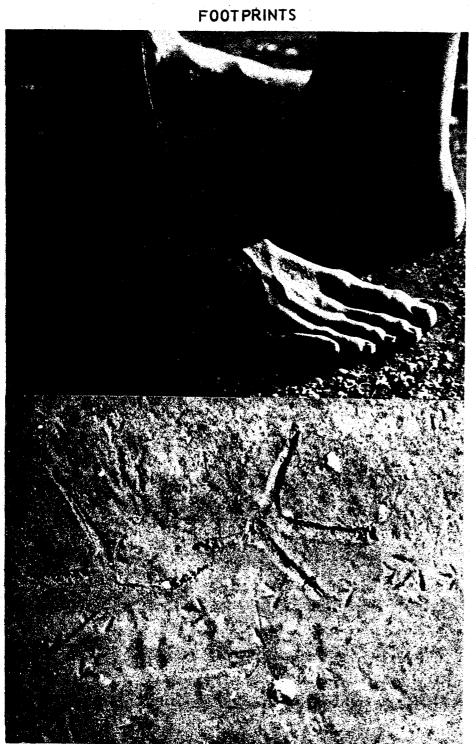
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#### MORE ON SANIBEL FISHING PIER

The Sanibel Fishing Pier again makes headlines until an impasse is cleared by the County Commissioners, or rather their newly appointed County Adminstrator, Mrs. Lavon Wisher. The U. S. Coast Guard, which owns the land on which the pier is situated, is disatisfied with the land they occupy at Fort Myers Beach, since they do not own it and it is not for sale. So wishing to claim their land on Sanibel to build a new rescue station, Rear Adm. O. R. Smeder, commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami, wrote to the County Commissioners telling them of their desire for a rescue station on Sanibel at the J. N. Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge.

Smeder wrote, "We were unable to resolve the issue of toll charges for the dependents of our personnel, and the issue with the Commissioners was temporarily

"I recently received a letter from C. Edward Carlson, regional director of the Federal Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, in which he requested permission to build a fishing pier at our Sanibel Island.

"We have had a long and so far unsuccessful history of trying to find a suitable permanent site for our rescue station. I would like to resolve the issue, obtain title to a suitable site, and then release the Sanibel tract. If this cannot be soon resolved, I shall have to take the less desirable alternative of recommending construction of the rescue station on our Sanibel Island tract."

The admiral sent a copy of a letter he wrote to Carlson at the Dept. of the Interior's Atlanta office to the commissioners too, which stated:

"I have considered very seriously the request of Mr. Carlson to build a fishing pier on our land at Sanibel Island. As you may know, we have long recognized the need for a rescue station in the area, including moorings for a small deep water vessel for offshore resuce as well as inshore boats. We are presently serving with a temporary houseboat facility on a leased site at the San Carlos Marina in Fort Myers Beach. This temporary facility is not suitable, and we therefore may soon have to build on the Sanibel Island site.

"This is not what I would prefer to do, I would much rather allow the Sanibel Island land to be used as a wildlife refuge, and to build our station at a location which is operationally more suitable and which our people can get to more readily than the Island. The Fort Myers Beach site we are now using is suitable except that we do not own the land and the houseboat is temporary. I am advised that the site is not available.

"It is my intention to consult with the Lee County Commission to see if they can find a suitable site for use, at no cost to the federal government. Should this be done, I could then release the Sanibel Island site as a wildlife refuge, except for the minimum land we need at the light.

"Until this is settled, it seems needlessly conductive to a feeling of ownership by the public to permit construction of the fishing pier. I note that signs and advertising for the J. N. Ding Darling Refuge make no mention whatsoever of the ownership of the land, implying a condition of public use which is not as yet a permanent reality."

#### SANIBEL PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORTS BUSY YEAR

According to Robert Haynie, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Sanibel Library posted substantial gains in all areas of library activity in the past year.

All committee reports to the Board of Trustees indicated the realization of all programs set for the year. Among the successful programs were: the continuation and up-grading of the Refresher Course for all circulation staff members; the expansion of the Children's Summer Reading Program; the installation of new book stacks: the consolidation of book sections; the installation of a new office telephone; the continuation on a contractual basis of the "best seller" book section; and the extension of the program to send additional books to the Wahpeton Indian School at Wahpeton, N.D.

In 1971 the Sanibel Library reached another milestone since its inception in 1962 as plans for a new library building continue to firm and materialize. Plans and designs are already on the drawing boards and through the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald T. Martin of Sanibel a building site has been acquired.

The Sanibel Library Building Fund for the new library is a reality and 1972 has been set as the year the Building Fund Drive will officially get underway on the island. An appropriate brochure about the building drive and plans and how all islanders, guests and friends of the Library can contribute and participate in the building drive is due off the presses momentarily. Beginning in February 1972, a series of "Building Fund" benefits will be held on Sanibel. The first Arts and Crafts benefit is set for February 5 [see additional story in this issue of your Islander.] Subsequent benefits in the nature of a Bake Sale and a fine Photo-Verse program by the inimitable Mario Hutton will be held on Sanibel. All proceeds will go into the Library Building Fund. [Watch your Islander for future announcements of time and dates of these library benefits. I

In concluding its yearly report the Sanibel Library anticipates great activity in 1972 and, as always, renews its pledge to serve the reading needs of all islanders and guests by complete devotion to those needs and its many library patrons and supporters. A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND BOUNTIFUL **NEW YEAR TO ALL!** 



#### SAVE OUR SHELLS

Roy Bazire, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation asks that collectors abstain from collecting live shells which inhabit the shallow bays and are of the crawling variety. "Because of last summer's Red Tide in the area, many of such shells which normally inhabit the shallow bays and the Sound waters disappeared,' he states. The Conservation Foundation asks that collectors abstain from collecting live specimens, or at least limit themselves to only one of a given variety until the mollusks have a chance to recover.

The Foundation has asked Randolph Hodges, director of the Dept. of Natural Resources in Florida for a survey to be made to see what could be done to protect the remaining shells and how they could be propogated again, since the Red Tide

killed many of the organisms on which the shells feed.

Bill Lyons, marine biolotgist of the Marine Laboratory in St. Petersburg went out into the shell flats with Grady Edmonson, who has not scheduled any shelling trips because of the scarcity of the shells and the danger to the reproduction of them. This study by the state may take some time as there are no funds allocated for the study, but it is hoped that some federal funds will be forthcoming. Bazire is busy trying to get such an appropriation.

Old shell collectors say that it will take several years to recover from the Red Tide disaster, which is thought to be caused by such things as the recent spilling of phosphate wastes into the Peace River.

Conditions right for another Red Tide can build up from the nutrients poured into Gulf waters by such a spill of phosphate slime, say some biologists who have studied the causes of the recent destructive tide.

Meanwhile, shell collectors are asked to limit themselves to collecting the beauties brought up on the beaches dead, until such time as new shelling beds have had a chance to recover. "The organisms on which the shells feed have made a remarkable recovery," said Lyons.

#### 5 ACRES ON SANIBEL BRING \$425,000

A five-acre parcel on Sanibel Island with about 400 feet of frontage on the Gulf of Mexico and zoned for development of condominium, apartment, or hotel and motel use, has been purchased by three local men from two Ohio couples for

The purchase was the largest single transaction recorded at the Lee County Courthouse during the last week, but combined with 502 other realty transactions boasted the county-wide sales total to \$3,776,400.

The five-acre Sanibel Island tract was purchased by George L. Archart, Ralph O. Clark and Earl A. Thompson, all local men, from Chris and Betty Kirk of Silver Lake. Ohio, and Kenneth and Ann Kieffer of Malvern, Ohio. The per acre price of the parcel breaks down to about \$85,000 per acre and an even further break down puts the price at about \$2.22 per foot.

More and more land is being sold here on the per foot basis rather than the formerly acceptable per acre rate. The Sanibel beachfront is among the most valuable land in Lee County. By comparison, a 15-acre tract on Fowler Street in Fort Myers if one were available — at current market prices would be worth about \$1.75 a foot.

The Sanibel parcel is located almost due west of the island end of the Sanibel Causeway. The property lies between Gulf Drive and the beach near Shell Harbor S/D. The parcel is directly north of the Sanibel Arms Condominium complex and near the Song of the Seas Motel.

The sales negotiations on the \$425,000 transaction were handled by James D. Newton & Associates of Fort Myers Beach.



#### AUDUBON SEASON OPENS TONIGHT

The 1971-72 season of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society opens tonight, Thursday, at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House. The program promises to be one of the most interesting to be presented, and is titled "Pattern for Beauty - and Survival." Illustrated with a number of color slides, it will consist of a fascinating photographic review of environmental problems and behaviours of man, wildlife and plant communities in Southern Florida.

Speaker will be William Hammond, noted biologist, teacher and science supervisor for the past 12 years. At the present time Mr. Hammond is Coordinator for the Lee County Environmental Education and Science Programs, and a member of the Governor's Committee for these subjects. As usual, the show is open to the public, and all are cordially invited to attend.



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Since I had some internal trouble and just recently discharged from Lee County Memorial Hospital, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends and neighbors, and especially Miss Miriam Stone and Miss Ruth Zoellner, who are staying at the Driftwood Apts., for their well wishes, cards and sympathy while I was sick and now nicely recuperating.

Mrs. Klum and I are now looking forward to greeting our son Cedric and family, Violet and granddaughter, Cindy, who will be spending their Christmas vacation with us. Above is a picture of Cindy while on their visit here last July. A typical "Sanibel Stoop," don't you think?

Best regards and holiday greetings to all.

/s/ Herbert F. Klum Driftwood Apts.

#### ST.ISABEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Christmas week schedule for Confession and Holy Mass at St. Isabel Catholic Church is:

Confessions: Thursday night, 7 p.m.; Friday night, 11 p.m. to 11:45 p.m.

Holy Mass: Friday, Christmas Eve, 12 midnight; Saturday, Christmas Day, 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

#### REAL ESTATE NEWS

Priscilla Murphy, Realtor, reports the following sales:

From Mr. Russell Rupert to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Mazur of Tennessee, two lots in Castaways Estates.

From Sanibel Fire Control to L. W. Vickers of North Carolina, a parcel of land in Section 19-46-23.

From Michigan Sales to Frances Scholenfield of Minnesota, a lot in Tahita Shores.

#### NOTICE FOR PLAYGOERS

The full schedule of plays at the Pirate Playhouse for the 1971-72 season, with all titles and performance dates, is published in full color in this issue of The Islander. Clip it out and save it for handy reference when your guests arrive this winter.

Each week the schedule of plays will be found in your copy of The Islander, but this week's, of course, in red and green is the prettiest.

#### LADIES GUILD OF SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

The guild has just completed a very successful year, highlighted by its recent Bazaar and White Elephant Sale. The Bazaar represents the Guild's main source of revenue, and much effort is expended to assure its success. Many members, skilled in crafts, work at projects the year around for sale at the November Bazaar.

One of the Guild's greatest projects this last year was the purchase of beautiful carpet for the church. Also new and better cushions were covered for both old and new pews, and other furnishings for the church were purchased. The Guild is also responsible for furnishings at the manse, whenever indicated.

The Guild flower chairman is responsible for flowers on the altar, but flowers from any friends of the church are always welcome.

The Guild honored the new members of the church at a dinner at the Community House last April. Another activity was the nursery school, as long as it was possible.

Guild funds go to the Salvation Army, and for memorials within the church. We also sponsor two individuals at Sunland Training Center, sending them clothes and presents throughout the year

the year.
On the spiritual side, we have been studying this past season, under leadership, the book, "Pursuit of

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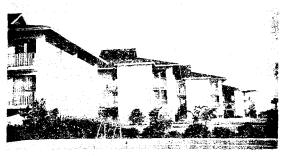


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#### RESCUE SQUAD TRAINS MORE MEN

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The courses, which have been given over a three month period, were taught by Mary Holtz, RN. Further training will be resumed after the beginning of the new year.

#### SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB

The first meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club for the winter season of 1971-72 was called to order at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15. The new officers were introduced: President, Crawford Cate; V-P, Jean Cate; Historian, Eddie Mugridge; Recording Secretary, Ada Dayton; Treasurer, Mildred Onstine; Corresponding Secretary, Sylvia Strong; Publicity Chairman, Harriet Howe; Representative to the Conservation Foundation, Maude Meyer.

Members paying dues this year receive a beautiful gold pin with the Club emblem, a Scaphella junonia Shaw on a background of blue sky and sand beach. For twenty-five cents extra one may have a keyring if preferred.

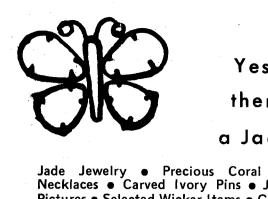
Maude Meyer gave a report on the conservation efforts taken at a recent local meeting at which Bill Lyons of the Marine Research Laboratory of St. Petersburg was also present. We were told that more would be heard later of the action taken at this time.

Jean Wright then gave a practical slide-lecture on ways to clean and preserve one's shells. The photography was excellent and lent weight to her words as proof of the pudding. To miss any of these meetings is to be a loser of not only A-1 helpful information but also worthwhile entertainment --- the kind that inspires one to grow physically, mentally and spiritually.

The main part of the program was edited and moderated by Dorothy and Norman Jensen of New York, another exceptionally well presented slide-lecture on the Pink Sands of Eleuthra. Again, photography was of the highest quality, with the added effects of sound such as airplane motors, labored chugging of the truck motor pulling hard on primitive sand roads, crashing waves, and calipso music for atmosphere. Who wouldn't like to head for the nearest travel bureau to make reservations for like vacation trips? Sand bars, shallow water, mirror smooth, rocky cliffs, reefs and wildly breaking spray produced mollusk jewels to be had for the hunting --- which is really very hard work at times. This is the time we wish we had followed advice and learned the Latin names of mollusks. But even so, familiar names stood out as we recognized Cyprea, Prunum, Marginella, Dentalium, Codakia, Pinctata, Hymanea, Tegula, Fasciolaria, etc., with beautiful pictures of each; sometimes in its seaweed camoflage, or in situ in rock or coral, and more often cleaned and regal in its individual beauty rough sculptured or glossy smooth; all colorful, all gracefully formed. What a legacy is ours --- to be garnered thoughtfully and appreciately wherever shells are to be found. Our thanks to Dorothy and Norman Jensen for sharing their two week's stay on Eleuthra with us.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 19 at the Sanibel Community Hall. Topic: Mud-Flat Medley by Jean Cate.





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#### ST' MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The year is closing on a high note at St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church. On Thursday, December 9, the whole mission family attended the annual meeting and dinner at the Community Center.

At this meeting the reports of 1971 were heard. Over the past year the new additions to the church buildings were completed and paid for, totaling an investment of some sixty thousand dollars, leaving the church with only an eight hundred dollar loan remaining.

There has been an increase of activity in all the church affairs, including the Church School on Sunday mornings, the "Noah's Ark" on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the work of the Church women during the winter months.

The women have recently undertaken a project in the Harlem Heights area and hope to make it an annual event.

The new vestrymen were elected at the annual meeting and these are Mrs. Herbert Lewis, one of the original founders of the mission, and Mr. Roy Davis and Dr. John Willard. The other members of the vestry are Mrs. B. K. Tremaine, Mr. David West, Mr. Charles Holland, Dr. Charles Fishburne, Mr. B. K. Tremaine and Mr. J. W. Snyder.

The annual dinner was a fine affair and it was a pleasure to have as guests, Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Kinsolving of the Chapel by the Sea on Captiva. Dr. Kinsolving was formerly rector of St. James Church, New York City.

The annual meeting sent greetings to Father Thomas Madden, and Father Victor Boyle. All at the meeting were encouraged by the progress that Fr. Madden has made following his recent surgery.

For the coming year, St. Michael's hopes to do moreon the island and off the islands, such as the work at Harlem Heights.

It is the wish of the members of St. Michael's that the New Year will bring peace to the world and understanding and goodwill among all here on the islands. Happy New Year!

#### TIDE CHARTS IN

The tide chart booklets for 1972 are in at Priscilla Murphy's office, and you're welcome to stop in and pick one up.

During one of her shelling expeditions, Priscilla came across "The International Sheller's Code," which is printed on the cover of the booklet. We are reproducing it below

"We realize that mollusks are part of our precious National Wildlife resources, therefore:

- 1. We will make every effort to protect and preserve them not only for our own future enjoyment, but for the benefit of generations to come.
  - 2. We will leave every shelling spot as undisturbed as possible.3. We will take only those specimens needed for our collection or for exchange.
- 4. We will leave behind damaged and juvenile specimens so that they will live to multiply.
- 5. We will not collect live egg cases unless they are to be used for scientific study.
  - 6. We will never "clean out" a colony of shells.
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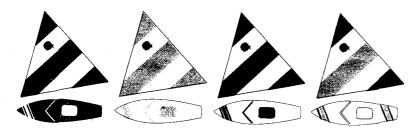
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a few steps further when I saw him — the man I want to tell you about — resting on the sand with a sack beside him so chock full that I assumed he'd been collecting since daybreak. He greeted me with a cheerful smile and I was delighted to sit down and visit with such an apparently charming man.

He, too, was from the north and this was his first real visit to Sanibel. "I am stopping enroute in my travels to enjoy the sun and the peacefulness of this beach, for I'll be flying all over the world to many foreign countries." Then he told me he owned and operated the largest toy and game manufacturing company in the world. "Our products are distributed here and over seas. I've been in the business for years and years - keeps me young, in fact, and there is no happier vocation than this." He certainly had a happy, pleasant face and, seemingly, a disposition to match so I knew he really loved his work. He continued by saying that he imagined his toy business created more good will among people in the world than any other kind of business and for that alone he was grateful.

Then he got up and I was sad that my newly found friend had to leave.

"It was good to talk to you," he said in parting. "Now I must be off and about my work. By the way, Merry Christmas," and he waved goodbyeas he made his way

"Goodbye, Santa," I whispered, "and good luck." His red suit and white whiskers hadn't fooled me for a minute.

#### **HOLIDAY GUESTS** AT SEGUNDA APARTMENTS

Happy holiday guests at the Segunda include many merry families down from the snowy northlands.

From Cape May, N.J., come Mr. & Mrs. W. R. McClyment, with friend, Mrs. Anna Nelson of Philadelphia, Other Pennsylvanians include the Richard Raymond family of Swarthmore and Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Bourke of Reading.

Representing Illinois are the William Richter family of Barrington, and the family of Mrs. Lovena Schmid of Hinsdale.

Returning Canadian guests are Judge and Mrs. Allison Walsh from Ottawa: Also returning are the W. E. Whites, of East Point, Ga., with Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Kubick of Lynsbrook, N.Y. And back for their umteenth visit (and

finally thinking of looking into property here) are the Bill Stoneburners of Fort

Lauderdale. First time guests here over the holidays include Mr. & Mrs. Walter Gorske of Oberlin, Ohio, the Leonard Raimi family, down from Franklin, Mich., Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Barnes of Avon, Conn., Mr. & Mrs. Dean Warren of Grundy Center, Iowa, Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Lawrence from Jacksonville, and the Lawrence Gorham faily of Fort Myers.

Also expected at the Segunda over the holidays, at least for a brief visit, is a certain Mr. S. Claus, who advises that he will be accompanied by friends, Comet, Cupid, Donder, Blitzen and several others.

#### SURFRIDER GUESTS

One of the brightest spots around is the Surfrider with people dropping in to see the lovely Christmas tree in the lobby, which was a family affair, with the younger members collecting the shells and the older ones making the ornaments from them, and visitors are being shown the new addition to the motel. And almost all the guests have children with them to enjoy a sunny Florida Christmas season, and there is much gaiety with all the young people coming and going.

Dr. & Mrs. Carmen Duchon and family are here from Cleveland Heights. Ohio; the Jack Rothmans with three busy children are here from Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. Davis Lasser and their three youngsters are from Plainfield, N'J', and Dr. & Mrs. Emmett Ackdoe and two cute daughters are here for some R&R from Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lesnick and sons, Adam and Joshua, are from Merion Station, Pa., and the Zieglers and their three children hail from Long Island, N.Y. Dr. & Mrs. George Beal were accompanied by their three grown children from Ames, Iowa, where they are attending college at the University of Iowa. Mr. & Mrs. Cal Zuchmay and two children are from Long Point, N.J., and another family of two children are the Jack Glass group from East Rockaway, N.Y., and Mr. & Mrs. Allen Morgan are from Greenwood, S.C. Return visitors are Mr. & Mrs. Lester Davidson and daughters, Caren, Debbie and Jan, from Parkhurst,



#### **CAMERA CLUB NEWS**

The Camera Club held its third meeting of the season Tuesday evening, Dec. 14 at the Sanibel Community

A group of more than 25 heard Mr. Wilber Tusler, a winter visitor from Minneapolis, staying at the Shalimar, put on an hour's demonstration on "How to Photograph Sanibel Flowers."

Some of the highlights of Mr. Tusler's talk had to do with a notebook in which he records all the details of each exposure for reference. Preferring to photograph his flowers indoors, Mr. Tusler showed his strepoids which he used for background, arranging the flowers, lights, cameras, etc. He showed how he arranges the lights, using crumbled aluminum foil to accent highlights and cheese cloth to soften the light. Mr. Tusler closed his talk by

showing a select group of pictures he has taken to be entered in contests this coming year. Those who saw his exhibits could understand why he has won one star in color and two in nature photography with the P.S.A.

Some 25 persons attended the meeting including residents of Sanibel and visitors to the Islands. Mrs. Lu Borchers served coffee and cookies at the conclusion of the meeting. Joan Shepherd presided and Arthur Clark introduced the speaker.

The next meeting of the Club will be held Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the Sanibel Community House. Everyone attending are asked to bring four or five of their best nature pictures and it is hoped the Club will have a speaker on "How to Photograph Shells."

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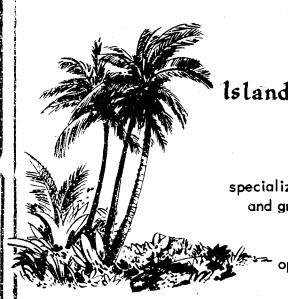
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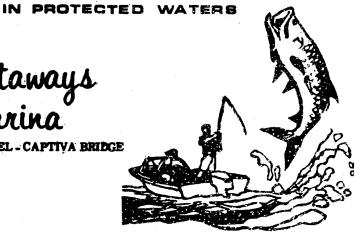
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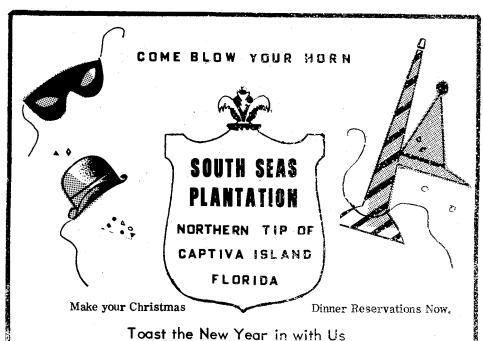
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After leaving Valencia, we paused briefly to see Peniscola, perhaps one of the strangest towns in Europe, built on a huge off-shore rock and connected to the land by a narrow strip of sand. On the very top stands the 13th century castle built by the Knights Templar.

September 23, we arrived in Barcelona, as far north as had been planned. We drove down the boulevard, the Paseo De Gracia, lined with its wonderful shops, on to the Plaza, the bull ring, and then to the Spanish village, where within a replica of the walls of Avila, characteristic streets and houses of the provinces of Spain have been built. There were the artisans of Barcelona; the glass blowers, lace makers, wood carvers and so forth who have set up shop.

Our visit to Monserrat was curtailed because of the heavy floods at the time which made the roads impassable, but a trip up to the top of the hill called Montjuich, with its wonderful gardens and view, somewhat lessened our

disappointment.

On September 25, after a short but very bumpy flight, we arrived at the airport of La Palma De Mallorca. A bus ride from the terminal to our hotel took us along a highway lined with air-polluting industries and a few weary looking palm trees. So the city of La Palma was a surprise, with its windmills, working ones, its beautiful immaculately clean wide streets, lovely shops abundant with leather goods, pearls, porcelains, and embroideries; a true shopper's heaven.

The next day, Sunday, we visited the beautiful cathedral and were fortunate to arrive in time for a Mass, altogether very impressive. Later that day we visited the famous Maritime Museum which housed a fantastic collection of artifacts; everything

from scrimshaw to ship models, to tiles all pertaining to the sea.

During Siesta time some of us made some enchanting discoveries. Up and down the narrow winding alleys were even more attractive shops. Small food shops with doorways decorated with fruits, nuts and small game, antique shops and simply myriads of shoe shops. We carefully laid our plans and at 5:00 p.m. promptly

descended upon them.

At La Palma, our group broke up somewhat. A few rented cars and braved the awful traffic; some attended bull fights; and one couple took an overnight flight to Ibiza, one of the Balearic Islands. Some went to an ancient castle, where there was a lovely old monastery which housed the first pharmacy in Mallorca. There, at the castle, we saw Mallorcan peasants dancing, very simple and very lovely.

Another group boarded a local bus for a wonderful cliff hanging trip through the mountains to Valldemose, a temporary hideaway for Chopin. A visit made to Manacor and the pearl factory proved interesting if, somewhat understandably, commercial.

The public market was also a delightful place to browse in the mornings. Stacks of fresh fruit and vegetables were tastefully displayed. Cheeses of all kinds, fish, shell fish and neatly plucked poultry were all being most carefully selected by the frugal Mallorcans.

An hour or two at the caves of Drach was very nice, indeed, with an inspiring water-borne concert on the wonderfully weird lake within the caves. A fitting climax to our trip was the delightful cocktail and dinner party given us all by the MacIntoshes the night before we returned to New York. We had a small taste of Spain with a lot more to be seen - hopefully at some future time.

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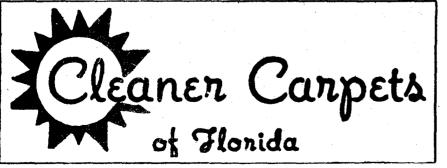
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