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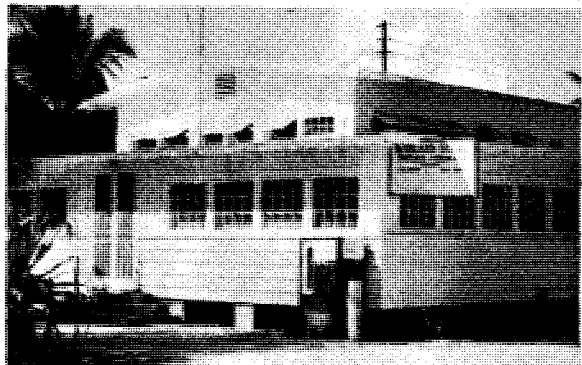
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Sunday, January 2, 1972, 8:30 and

10 a.m.

*Activities
Calendar*

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation,
board of directors, meets second Tuesday of
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Sanibel Community Association, Inc., Sanibel
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Lions Club of Sanibel-Captiva meets at 6:30
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Captiva Memorial Library is open 9 a.m. till
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FRANCES HOLLINRAKE of South Seas has son FRANK visiting her from St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada, where he is a Master of Ridley College (a boys boarding school), and he is enjoying beachcombing and the sun and fresh air.

DOTTI is back at her post, at least for a few hours a day, and is thanking everyone for their prayers, felicitations, kind thoughts, flowers, phone calls and gifts. "I know their prayers kept me alive," she says.

At the opening of the Jade Butterfly the Island Bakery presented owners CHESTER and ELLEN SMITH with a beautiful cake decorated with a jade butterfly, and it was cut and served to all callers.

The RAYMOND HOFFMANS have their daughter and son-in-law from Washington, D.C., as houseguests for a few more days. It is his first visit to the Islands, and he is thoroughly enjoying it.

BEACHVIEW COTTAGES

Happy Anniversary and many happy returns of the day were wished to return visitors, Mr. & Mrs. Seth Levine of Miami and the Robert Hubers of Ocala who celebrated their 30th anniversary with felicitations and many happy returns from friends. Santa came to the John Kehl family of Skokie, Ill., and the M. M. Martelli children from Lakewood, N.J. Other guests here for the happy season are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Krieger of Rockaway, N.J., Mr. & Mrs. William Lodermeier of St. Petersburg, and return visitor, Mr. Roger Wolcott of Pinellas Park.

CASTAWAYS

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Starke are staying at Castaways for several weeks, awaiting the completion of their new home in Sanibel Lakes Estates. They are charming retirees from New York State.

Visiting Mother Mitchell at Castaways for Christmas are Mr. & Mrs. Dean Mitchell and family from Fort Lauderdale. Mrs. Bender and brother Michel came down too, and daughter Marilyn also, making a happy family reunion.

SHELL HARBOR GUESTS

Dr. & Mrs. Mathias of Madison, Wis., Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Graser and family of Glen Ellyn, Ill., the Sanford Grossman family of New York City and Mr. & Mrs. D. Van Eseltine of Marion, Ind., are some of the Christmas visitors preferring the warmth of the islands to the northern blasts. Other northern resorters for the Noel season are: the Wittenberg family of Evansville, Ind., Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vince of Toronto, Canada, Mrs. Margaret Mills of New York City, and return guests, Mr. & Mrs. Urban Palmer, Evanston, Ill., and Mr. & Mrs. Dauphine of Willowdale, Ont.

Other winter guests are Mr. & Mrs. Dean Meece of West Dearborn, Mich., Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Isaac of Indianapolis, Ind., Mr. & Mrs. William Freeman, St. Louis, Mo., Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Corrado and Mrs. Anthony Corrado of the Bronx, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. Albert Gebhardt of New Springfield, Ohio, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Fox of Arlington, Mass., and the Neal Busker family of New Shrewsbury, N.J.

WHO'S WHO AND WHY

CAROL NIX entertained her friend ZEE ZIEGLER from Cincinnati, Ohio, and Zee's mother, Mrs. WILLIAM BUTLER, who has returned to her Sanibel home for a few weeks. Zee brought a friend, ROBIN, from Cincinnati and they all took turns riding Carol's horse and saw some new territory around the island.

Mrs. EMILY WOOD of Black Mountain, N.C., is back on the Islands for a return visit and is staying at the Nix's cottage.

Mr. J. FOSTER PATE of Yachtsman Lane had a busy holiday made happy by a visit over the holidays of daughter, PAULA JANE PATE from Carlton College in Northfield, Minn., where she is a freshman. Sons, GARY and JEFF both came to visit, also.

Mrs. MARY PEVEAR of Captiva has been reveling in a month-long visit of her daughter and husband, Col. & Mrs. FRED P. TODD of Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. Along with family reminiscences, they have been sight seeing before returning north.

Son DELL YARNELL has been visiting the WALTER J. PFEIFFERS of Gulf Drive. He teaches in Chicago High Schools, specializing in Leadership Training and has been much interested in preserving the ecology of the islands, with the hope in view of someday coming here to live.

The HERB PURDYS had a happy house full for Christmas dinner: SUE and RICHARD FRIDAY and their daughter from Tampa, PAM and SKIP PURDY and AVA, the DAVID HOLTZMANS, Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT HASS and Mr. & Mrs. ROY APLEY. Now the Herb Purdys are making preparations for a trip to the Keys with the H. YOSSLERS of Huntington, W. Va.

MICHAEL and CAROL JONES of Chapel Hill, N.C., spent Christmas vacation with Mike's mother, Mrs. VI JONES, Gulf Drive. Carol is teaching and Mike is back at the University of North Carolina after serving four years in the Army, two of which were spent in Vietnam and Japan. They both got in some excellent rest after finishing semester exams, plus some excellent fishing and canoeing.

Dr. & Mrs. DAVID GOLDRING, who have been vacationing at the A. CLAY MOLLMAN cottage on the Gulf, will be returning to their home in St. Louis, Mo., soon to make room for the Mollmans who will be on the island the last two weeks in January. Incidentally, the Mollmans will be accompanied by their two cute daughters and will be looking for a reliable baby sitter for them some evenings.

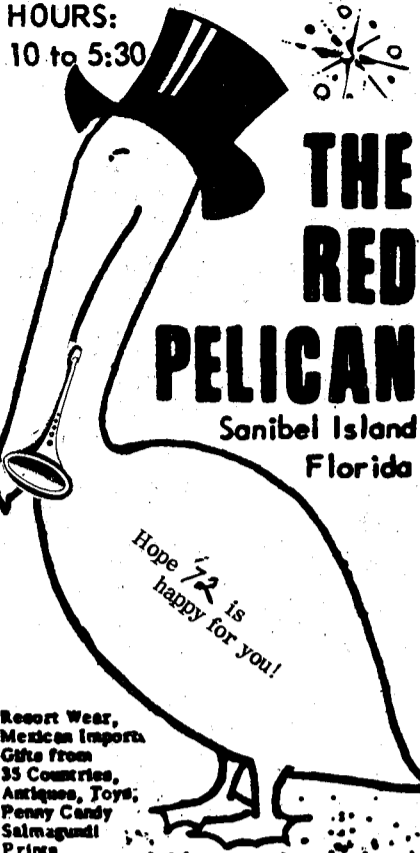
The JAMES S. MORGAN family will be returning to Wyncote, Pa., next week but will be back in March. Mr. Morgan has been commuting between here and Pennsylvania by air.

LARRY and DONNA ELLIS, regular winter visitors to the Islands from Madison, Wis., will be living at Sea Shell Cottage for the next few weeks.

FAE MULLER asks that you save your lovely Christmas cards (used, of course) for her to use in the classes at the Community House workshop, which will be resumed on Jan. 10 from 10 to 12 p.m. Bring your Shell Fair objects and any new ideas you have. A sample with simple instructions of how to make the article out of shells will be appreciated so that others may learn to make it for the Shell Fair. Fae is the capable teacher.

Mr. W. F. NEWMAN reports his wife is definitely on the mend and will be returning from Coral Gables Baptist Hospital to their Sanibel Estates home on Dec. 31. Mr. Newman thanks all of his friends and neighbors for their many kind deeds, their sympathy and helpfulness.

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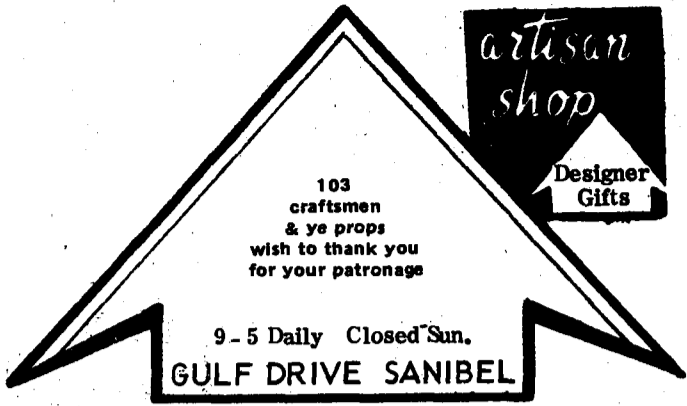
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A maiden pristine and demure
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Now seeks a sure hangover cure.
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TOAST TO 1972

Fill up your cups in praise of Him,
Thaw out the frozen hearts, and love.
Sing joyous songs from base to brim --
Give thanks to God who dwells above.

Ring in the year with happy face,
To hear its truth and make it last.
Join in the fight to win a race --
And think about the year just past.

NEW PUBLICATION

The publication of "The World of the Snake," a new book by Sanibel author Hal H. Harrison, has been announced by J. B. Lippincott, Philadelphia publishers. It is one in a series of popular "Living World Books," written and illustrated by nationally known writers and photographers.

In addition to writing the text, Harrison has illustrated his book with 76 photographs. His wife, Mada, is responsible for the 10 pen-and-ink drawings. The book describes the activities of snakes throughout the four seasons of the year, and presents many unusual and revealing facts about their anatomy, food, defensive behavior, travels, growth, reproduction, evolution, longevity and their secret way of life. Poisonous and non-poisonous snakes are discussed in separate chapters. Falsehoods and myths are exploded in another chapter. One section on "Snakes and Men" will be of particular interest to conservationists.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NAMED

Committee chairmen for the upcoming environmental planning conference in Fort Myers have been named by local representatives of the conference committee for ECOSWF (Environmental Confederation of South West Florida), sponsor of the event, January 27, 28 and 29, Edison Junior College campus.

Mrs. Roland W. Hyatt of Fort Myers is chairman of the committee for Accommodations and Services, to assist visiting guests. Mrs. Joseph Bohnak of Fort Myers is chairman of the Housekeeping Committee to oversee the facilities on the Edison Junior College campus; Mrs. Grace Newman of Fort Myers is Registration Chairman; Mrs. Gilbert H. Edwards of Fort Myers Beach, is Hostesses Chairman; Mr. T. N. Anderson, Editor, Florida Conservation Digest, Tallahassee, is in charge of media coverage, assisted by Mr. George Leposky of Gilbert Waters Associates, Inc., Sarasota. The latter firm is handling publicity and promotional activities for the meeting.

Local members of the conference planning committee include Mr. Bradford Patton, Fort Myers Beach; Mrs. William Hammond and Mr. Michael Stuart of the Lee County Environmental Education Project, Fort Myers; Mr. Wiley Parker, Fort Myers; Mr. Mario Hutton, Mr. Vernon MacKenzie and Mr. Roy Bazire of Sanibel. Local committee chairmen were selected with the cooperation of the Audubon Society of Southwest Florida.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION TO HOST MEET

The opening session of the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida's planning conference to be held at Edison Junior College on Jan. 27-29 will be hosted by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Nathaniel P. Reed, U. S. Dept. of Interior assistant secretary for fish, wildlife and parks, will address the opening session. Reed, who is former advisor to the State Air and Water Pollution Dept., will state his views on "The Direction and Environmental Needs of South Florida." His talk will spearhead the conference and will be given at 8 p.m. on Jan. 27.

Ian McHarg is also on the agenda to speak on the subject, "Environment and Development - The Conflict in South Florida." McHarg is chairman of the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Fine Arts, department of landscape architecture and regional planning.

Other talks on environment and development by leading authorities throughout the country are on the schedule, the theme of the conference and work session being to "promote the development of meaningful land resource plan for all of South Florida."



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I REMEMBER by P. S. Wescott

These photos were taken with a Brownie No. 2 box camera, in January 1911. The prints have been enlarged from the original negatives which are therefore over 60 years old.

The day the lighthouse picture was taken, I hiked south along the Gulf shore to the end of the island. One event which I recall was the enjoyment of watching the fiddler crabs racing away from me as I approached areas where they were out sunning. As they seemed to go sidewise the scurry for the nearest holes in the ground and with too many trying to occupy the same hole, the late arrival had quite a time trying to push in when there was no room left.

I waded around the east side to the ferry landing where someone, now unknown, provided me with a line and hook so I could fish with the fiddlers for bait.

In passing, I recall that the access to the island was by ferry from Fort Myers. The boat came down river every afternoon and took about two to three hours to make it, I think. There was no ferry operation on a Saturday and Sunday, I believe, and I am not sure but think there was no phone link to the island so that the place was well isolated over the weekend.

There were no motor vehicles and only a very few horse-drawn rigs. There was one very elemental road that went back to higher land from the dock, went north for a distance, and then west to small cluster of homes on the Gulf side.

I had my first and long remembered experience with the fact that in the tropics and semi-tropics, night comes without any twilight. I was only about two-thirds back to the boarding house by way of the dirt road when night came down without any warning. I went north to a dead end and a deserted log cabin with swamps on all three sides. By going along on hands and knees to find the ruts in the dark, I was able to backtrack about a quarter mile to where the road to the beach turned off at right angles to the west and then I was able to find the way to the beach. It was rather weird to see the house lights off across the swamps and not to be able to strike out straight for them.

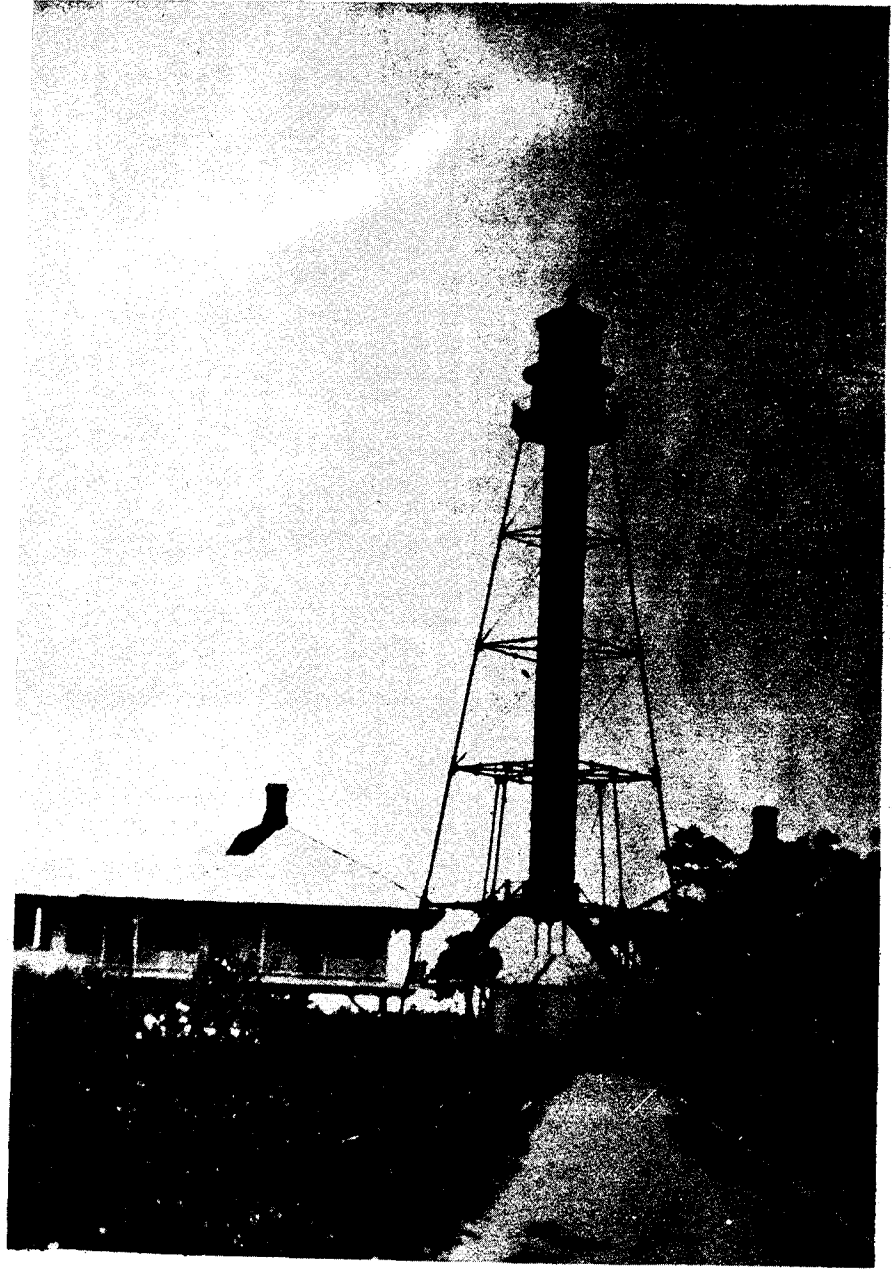
The boarding house as pictured in the second print, was operated by a Mrs. Nutt according to picture notes. As a comment to the changing times, I recall my mother

was disturbed by the high cost at \$2.50 per day!

The people that were there at that particular time, are picture in the group on the steps up to the porch. Other than my father and mother, I'm not sure of any of the others except to recall that the girl to the lower left was, I think, related to Mrs. Nutt and either one or the other behind her was Mrs. Nutt.

The picture of the old couple was recorded as Mrs. Mathews and "Uncle" Dick. The other picture was labeled as being of four island inhabitants. These are included solely for any background of any historical significance.

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SANIBEL WITHOUT SHELLS? IT COULD HAPPEN.

The fish kill of last summer was followed by a massive shell kill.

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THE REEF

As we predicated three weeks ago, our best fisherman, Harry Koch of Annandale, Va., has done it again. This time a 300 lb. sea bass; after the pleasure of catching it, he released it to live again.

Christmas as usual finds all our old friends and a few new ones back and really enjoying the fine weather. Mr. & Mrs. Jurkiewicz of Webster, N.Y. are busy with fishing and shelling and Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Sucher of Turnerville, N. J., have arrived to spend some time with parents, Hildy and Ted, and brother Ted. Mrs. Richard Embly and Miss Helen Suddath from Washington, D. C., are here for a month. Among the many families returning are: The Benny Albins, Danville, Ill.; Julian Wohl family from Toledo, Ohio; R. Post Eddy of

Huntington, N.Y.; the Arthur Gilsons and daughter, Nancy, from St. Louis, with daughter and family; and the Rev. & Mrs. Donald Winslow of Philadelphia.

Among our couples that have not missed a Christmas at the Reef in many a year are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rulison and Miss Heyer of Rahway, N.J.; the Clint Kellys and the Paul Sparks from Champaigne, Ill.; the Eugen Lukacs, Washington, D.C., and Mr. & Mrs. Jack Ganz and the Samuel Katz of McLean, Va.

Newcomers include the Harold Katz' and Mr. Walter P. Rutley who left 14 inches of snow in Greenville, S.C.

BUSYBODY

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For years, the Hunters, Ruth and Philip, were neighbors of Paul's brother, Harry Howe. Paul and Harry are descendants of General Howe, famous in our Revolutionary War. General Howe's house was around the corner when the Hunters lived at Eastchester Bay on Long Island Sound and boasted seventeen fireplaces.

The cast of Busybody, Charlotte

and Duane White, Judith Burner, Roy Bazire, Grace and Don Whitehead and Ruth and Philip Hunter, affectionately refer to Harriette Howe as "Mrs. Goddard," for it is she who holds the book backstage. Curtain for Busybody is 8:15, Dec. 30. Box office, 472-1692.

MEDICAL NOTE OF THE WEEK

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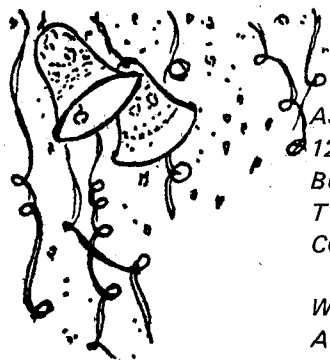
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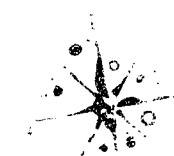
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Miriam Louise Williams, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Williams of Sanibel was wed to Robert Lenden Jones, son of Mrs. Stella N. Jones of Jacksonville at 4 p.m. on Christmas Day. The outdoor wedding ceremony took place under the palms and pines at Jim's Shell Shop and the home of the James Williams'. Her father gave the bride away, and she was clad in a pearl grey silk suit, with ankle length skirt. A light blue net veil threaded with seed pearls and tiny island shells was worn by the bride. Mrs. Clarice Armitage, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and wore a white polyester princess style dress with red, white and blue trim and accessories and a corsage of mums and glads.

Mr. Clarence O. Rutland acted as best man for the bridegroom.

The bride carried a bouquet of white mums and glads with white satin streamers decorated with pearls and tiny island shells. The Rev. Thomas A. Madden officiated at the ceremony.

Serving tables with punch and wedding cake were decorated with island shells. A huge clam shell served as punch bowl, and poinsettias and other flowers of the season were used for decoration.

Mrs. Jones was born on Sanibel, as was her mother, daughter of Leonard Santini, and Mr. Santini and many other relatives from the area came to celebrate the wedding, including Mr. & Mrs. Frank Williams of Jacksonville, the bride's uncle and aunt.

Mrs. James Williams, mother of the bride wore a white crepe dress trimmed with red and navy and a corsage with white mums and satin ribbons. The groom's mother also wore a floral corsage with net and satin trim, in celebrating the pioneer family gathering at the nuptials.

After the reception and a short visit on the island, the couple will live in Atlanta where Mr. Jones is a salesman for Furniture City.

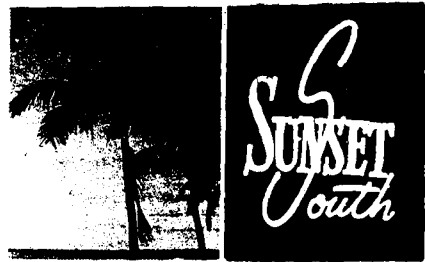
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SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

1971 was the beginning of great new advances for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's continuing battle to preserve the Island's environment. As the year closed, the Foundation was working closely with ECOSWF (Environmental Confederation of South West Florida) — organized on Sanibel in January of 1971 to promote an environmental land resource plan for all of South Florida. This is to be coupled with major new land acquisition commitments on the mainland and the islands of the west coast by state and federal governments. The conference, to be held in Fort Myers, Jan. 27-29, features Nathaniel P. Reed and Ian L. McHarg as principal speakers.

Achievements during the year included acquisition by The Nature Conservancy of a parcel in The Rocks area adjoining the 150 acre tract purchased by National Audubon, a year ago. Several other parcels are under contract; these to be included in the major state-federal-private land acquisition program to preserve the Sanibel fresh water wetlands.

An anonymous grant of \$50,000 to The Nature Conservancy swelled funds available for this precedent-setting project. But, it must be matched by an equal amount raised by the local foundation. As the year ended, it seemed probable the matching funds would be on hand in time to include another \$100,000 in a new application for Land and Water Conservation money. This would mean a total first phase program of more than \$750,000. The project, stalled early in the summer on a legal technicality, moved towards a final solution as the year ended with major assistance from Mr. Ney Landrum's Florida Division of Recreation and Parks and Assistant Secretary Reed's office for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in Washington. We cannot adequately express our thanks to these two friends for their unflagging efforts to help us. To provide private funds for expansion of the first phase of the program, and to initiate a second phase, the Foundation announced a fund raising goal of \$300,000 for its winter-spring campaign. An increase in membership from the present 1,000 to 1,500 will also be sought.

Protection of Sanibel's fresh waters from pollution gained support during 1971 as state and federal agencies moved vigorously to assist the local foundation. County cooperation continued in an extension of the hydrological study of Sanibel's fresh water resources by the U. S. Geological Survey. A grant of \$4,000 from the Foundation enabled an expansion of the study.

We salute retiring Board members, Mrs. Leon Levy and Mr. Thomas Mitchell for their magnificent services during the critical organizational years. We welcome Mr. Robert L. Barber, Miss Sarita Van Vleck and Admiral E. G. Konrad, who joined the Board in 1971.

WILDLIFE NOTES by Griffing Bancroft

There is one bird that is increasing prodigiously on the islands and, indeed, throughout Florida and the rest of the country. And it needs no scientific survey to establish this: it is apparent to the most casual bird watcher.

We refer to the cattle egret. Observers on bird tours who have seen them roosting in the Bailey sanctuary on Sanibel counted them by the score only last year. Now they are counted by the hundreds.

They roost, and for the last two years, have nested in this area along with many of their relatives, American and snowy egrets, Louisiana, little blue and black-crowned night herons, and the even more numerous white ibis.

While there were unconfirmed reports of cattle egret in Florida as early as 1941, the bird was not officially recognized as a North American species until 1952 when one was "collected," i.e., shot and skinned, in Massachusetts in 1952.

The cattle egret is really a world-wide phenomenon. A native of Africa they have now spread to every continent. They got here, as far as anyone knows, on their own, making their way to Central America and then spreading northward until they have now been reported in virtually every state and in Canada.

You have all seen them. They are the tamest of the herons, feeding in dry fields. On the mainland they follow cattle to get grasshoppers and other insects stirred up by hooves.

Sometimes newcomers from foreign lands seem to do better than the natives. Witness our unhappy experiences with English, or house sparrows and starlings.

But so far at least cattle egret do not seem to have driven off native species as those birds have. However, they are increasing so rapidly they have ornithologists worried.

It is true they do not seem to compete with other herons except for roosting and nesting places. They do not feed in the wet areas on aquatic life as the native herons do.

But give them time and sufficient numbers they may well learn to do so. The leading authority on American herons, Dr. Andrew J. Meyerrieks of the University of South Florida is apprehensive. He has predicted that the cattle egret may turn out to be, in his words, "the English sparrow of the heron family."

Only time will tell, and we can hope instead that some sort of co-existence may be achieved.

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RECYCLING ALUMINUM CANS

A beverage distributor serving the Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Punta Gorda, Port Charlotte and Immokalee area is one of 24 Florida distributors helping the ecology by buying all-aluminum cans which are then recycled by Reynolds Aluminum. In October the 24 distributors bought well over two million aluminum cans for recycling.

Tedder Distribution Company on U. S. 41 North pays 10 cents per pound, the same price paid by Reynolds at the recycling centers in Tampa, Jacksonville and Miami and by the aluminum firm's mobile units. There are about 23 aluminum cans to the pound and during October this firm bought more 211,000 aluminum cans for recycling.

Because of the participation of the beverage distributors, no point in Florida is more than 60 miles away from a place all-aluminum cans are

purchased for recycling.

Tedder Distribution Company is normally open for aluminum can buying Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. but because of the possibility of temporary schedule changes it's suggested that ecology boosters call before taking their cans.

Paul S. Hayden, regional manager of the recycling program for Reynolds Metals Company, said, "The distributors who are cooperating in this program do it as a public service and make no profit on the cans they buy. They're working with Reynolds which operates the three fixed recycling centers and three mobile units in Florida in recycling this valuable natural resource and at the same time saving on disposal costs and cutting down on litter."

The all-aluminum cans are shredded at the three fixed Reynolds recycling centers and shipped to smelters for melting down and casting into ingots for reuse.



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A second grant of \$1,500.00 from the Damroth Foundation, New York, N.Y. to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation has been announced by the latter group's Board of Directors. About a month ago, the Damroth Foundation made a grant of \$1,500 to the local organization, earmarked for use in the Caretta Research program directed by Charles R. LeBuff, Jr.

The new grant is "to seed an Environmental Conceptual Learning Program" under the direction of Mr. William Hammond, a director of the local Foundation and director of the Lee County Environmental Education Project in Fort Myers, a \$325,000, three-year federal Title III program.

The purpose of the grant, according to Mr. William G. Damroth, Trustee of the Damroth Foundation, is "to develop a series of learning units, each of which will include an 80-frame filmstrip and two tape cassettes of audio material, one for children and one for adults. There will also be a teacher's guide and activity booklets for the students." Six titles are proposed including mangroves, sea turtles, pelicans and birds of prey. The grant will finance the first subject and test the final product in classrooms at several locations within the Lee County school system.

From the first product and test results, it is anticipated that additional funding can be obtained to complete the series and make them available to many of the 83,000 teachers in Florida.

SAILING CLASSES

The sailing classes conducted by the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club have been completed for this seas with 12 students completing the assigned tasks.

It is the expectation of the Lions sailing instructors that instruction will recommence about next March. The finer points of sailing will be made available to the students through this medium.

THE COLONY GUESTS

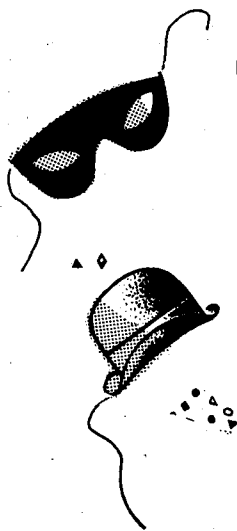
Holiday guests at The Colony are the Hubner family from Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Mrs. Hubner's mother, Mrs. Weissenborn from Stuttgart, Germany; Mr. & Mrs. Duane E. Johnson and family from Grosse Points Woods, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. Tor K. Hansen and family from White Bear Lake, Minn.; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Chuzum and family from Evanston, Ill.; Dr. & Mrs. Lyman Wagers from Lexington, Ky.; Mr. & Mrs. Leon L. Berkowitz and Dr. & Mrs.

Charles Long and family from Philadelphia; and Rev. & Mrs. G. E. Hazelringg and family of Peoria, Ill.

Other guests include Mr. & Mrs. Brian Paul Bowman from Gainesville, Fla.; the Gerry A. Mattern family, Ligonier, Pa.; the Franklin J. Iris family, Wayne, N.J.; Senator & Mrs. Gilbert E. Bursley from Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Gibbs, Hixson, Tenn.; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gregory from Bloomington, Ind.; and the Robert Savoye family from Hackensack, N.J.

Mr. & Mrs. Bennett Burgoon, Jr. are here from Ligonier, Pa.; the Gunnar Haerum and family from the Norwegian Embassy, Washington, D.C.; Mr. & Mrs. Lee J. Heiman from Warsaw, Ind.; Dr. & Mrs. M. W. Lister from Toronto, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. W. Heckrodt from Menasha, Wis.; the Warren G. Stichtenoth family of Cincinnati, Ohio and from Toledo, Ohio, Mr. & Mrs. O. K. Larson.

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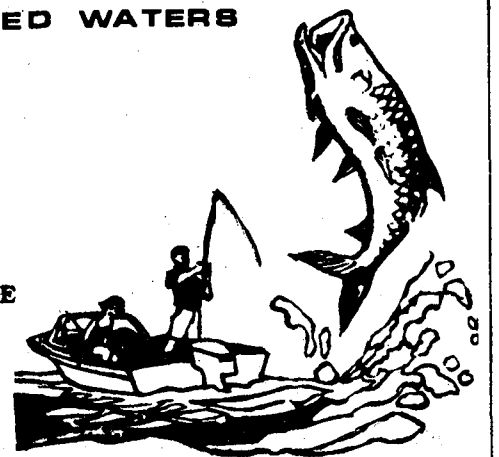
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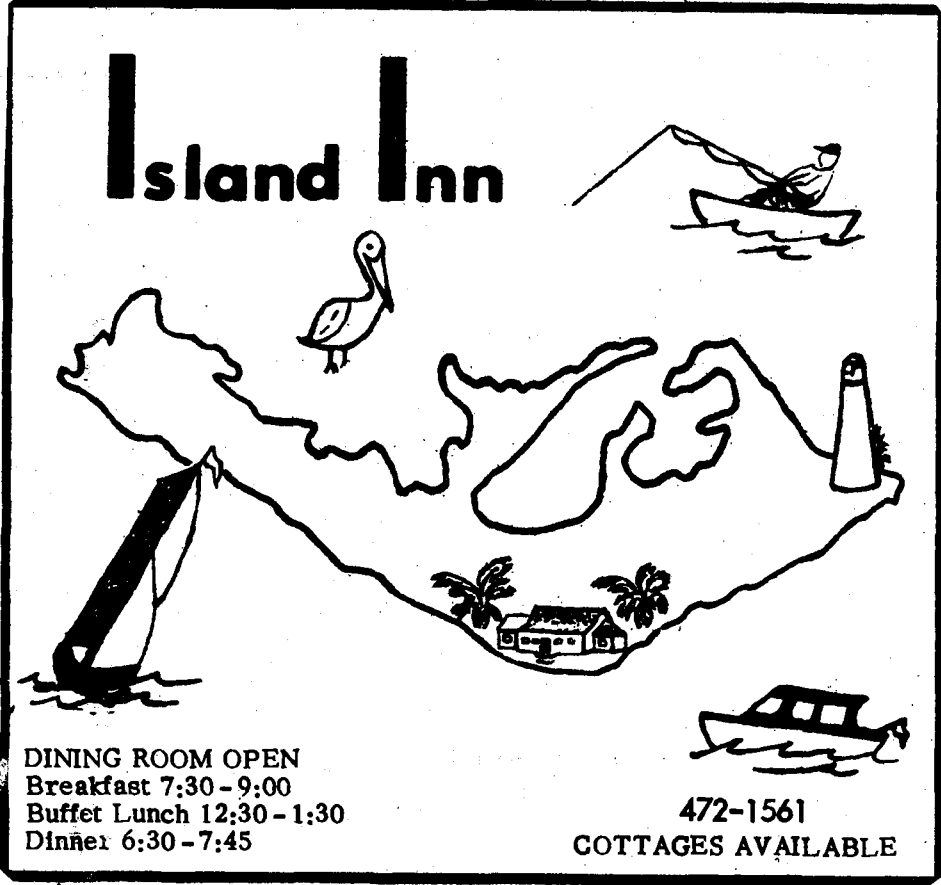


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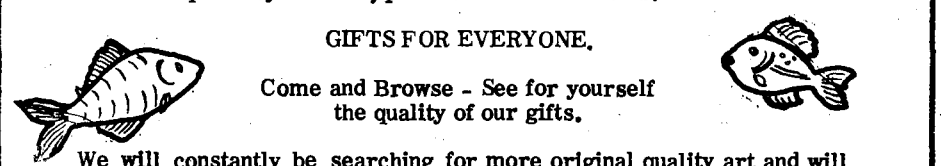
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Other guests at the Inn are Mr. & Mrs. G. R. Sullivan of Miami Shores; the Arthur Feros of Waterford, N.Y.; Mr. Charles H. Gibson, White Plains, N.Y.; Mr. & Mrs. Frank X. Heile, Fort Thomas, Ky.; the James Cressmans of O.Fallon, Mo.; the S. C. Hollisters of Ithaca, N.Y.; the Misses Marian and Anna Franks of Clearwater; Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Boyce of Fort Lauderdale and the Donald Cherrys of Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Other guests from near and far at the Inn this joyous season are Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Seirer and daughters from Atlanta, Ga., the K. W. Huepers of Bethesda, Md.; Mr. & Mrs. Alden Drury and Mr. Allen Drury of Maitland, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. Marcelle Toxzyner of New York, N.Y.; Col. & Mrs. Bentley Courtney of Madison, Wis.; Miss Margaret Margrave of New York, N.Y., and Miss Lucille Scheuer, Philadelphia, Pa. Also Mrs. J. Denham Terhune, Little Compton, R. I., Dr. & Mrs. Jackson G. Sparks, Wilmington, N.C., Mr. & Mrs. H. K. Duedale, Jr., Greenville, Del., Mr. & Mrs. Monroe A. Neal, Orchard Park, N.Y., and Mr. & Mrs. G. Keith Funston, Stamford, Conn.

SHELLS NEXT SUBJECT OF COMMUNITY ASSN MEETING

The next dinner meeting of the Sanibel Community Association will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4 and will feature presentations on Sanibel shells.

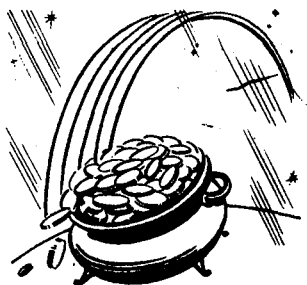
Mary Nix, a past president of the Association, and several times chairman and head of the Shell Fair, will tell the story and identify and describe the shells now on permanent exhibit in the Community House, including those from the Worlds Fair.

Following Mary's talk, there will be a slide film lecture in pictures and sound on three very popular shells by Jean Cate of the Shell Club; where found, how to clean them, their characteristics, etc.

There will also be representatives from the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club to answer any questions about their club's operations.

If you have shells you'd like identified bring them along

The covered dish dinner meeting for members of the Association only, will start at 6:30. The special entertainment part of the program, which follows the business meeting, will start at 8 p.m., at which time the general public is invited.



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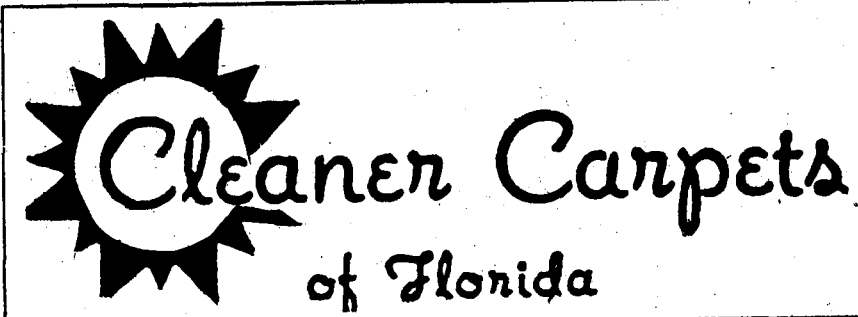
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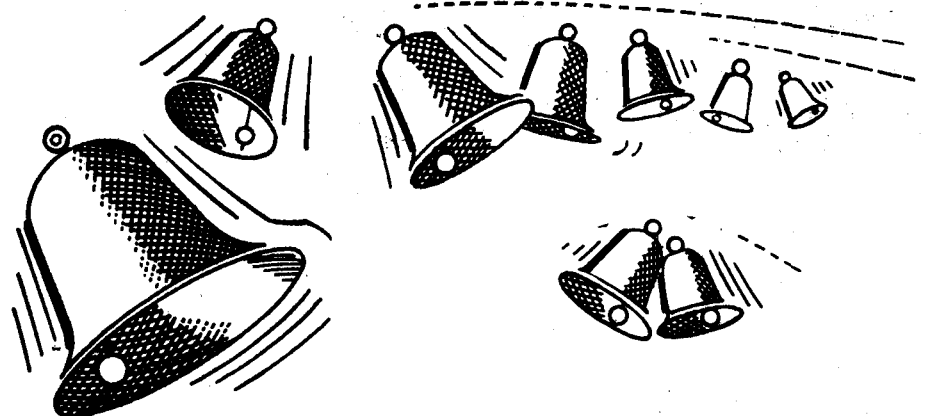


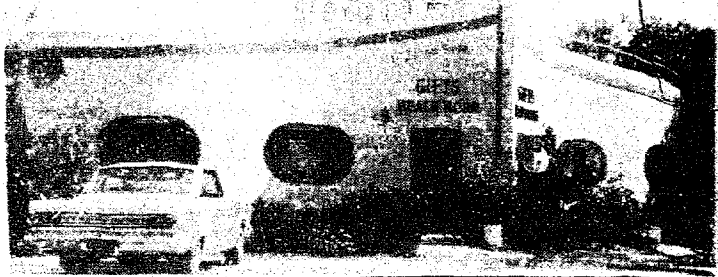
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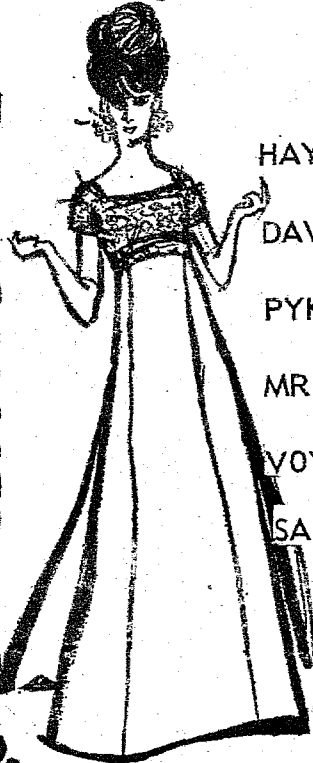




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