

South Seas Plantation end of Captiva. As you can see, sand is building up in the pass, but being swept away from the Gulf side. (This photo and all other aerials in this issue by larry c. huston. He now has a complete series of aerials of the coast lines of both Sanibel and Captiva for those who might need them.)

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Islands Recovering From Agnes

All low lying areas near the Gulf show a dead grass line where salt water intrusion killed the grass and weeds not salt tolerant. No permanent structures suffered any outward damage from Agnes, but of course, many thousands of dollars in damage was caused by the tornado that touched down on Sanibel during high winds from Agnes on Sunday, June 18.

What could be salvaged from Serendipity Antique Shop, The Snack Shack and the Island Travel Agency is stored in an empty office of the Laughrey and Holtz Center, which also suffered some wind damage, being in the path of the tornado also. A lone cut glass wine goblet from Serendipity sat in solitary splendor amid the ruins and defied the winds of Agnes.

The Ralph Woodrings suffered about \$1,000 in damage to a porch blown off by the tornado.

Blind Pass rampaged through a portion of Turner Beach causing a loss of several hundred yards of sandy beach and opening the pass to the Gulf. The whole of Turner Beach is battered and lessened in area. The curve on the road at Blind Pass on the Captiva side was piled high with sands which have been removed. Angry waves continue to batter the Captiva road, which has been restored with bulldozers working feverishly to keep the road open and passable, and the Gulf is a little nearer and the beach is eroded. A loss of about 12 feet of beach is the average along Captiva

beaches. The angry sea washed live shells on shore, and shellers were emerging to reap the harvest on Thursday.

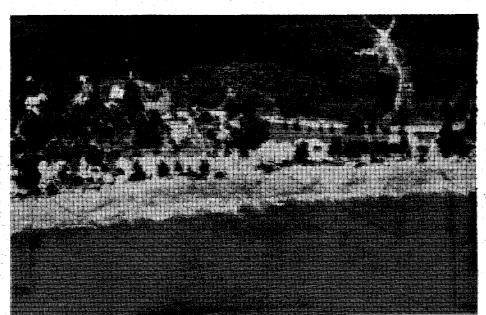
At the time of this writing, South Seas was still without telephones and electricity, and the road was completely impassible. Some of the guests who had to return home were taken out by tractor, and an infant guest had to have formula milk flown in by helicopter.

Several trees lining the beach along Palm Ave. on Captiva were washed away with several feet of the beach which also vanished. The Gulf, no respector of anything, seems to have held off on the quiet little cemetery at the Chapel by the Sea, as bulldozers continue to remove sand from paved portions of the road to eroded parts. And so the ages' old battle between land and sea is waged endlessly, as the waves roll on.

The Harvey G. Meyers were evacuated from their lovely beach home when water rose in the living room.

Telephone service all over the Islands and electricity is being restored as fast as possible, but water entering phone cables has delayed the restoration. But Sanibel is bustling with activity. All the shops are open. The mosquito control helicopter is busy buzzing the bugs, and business, as usual, is the motto, while Agnes roared on her crazy way northward leaving floods and destruction everywhere.





Captiva just south of South Seas, where trees, power lines, etc., are now gone.



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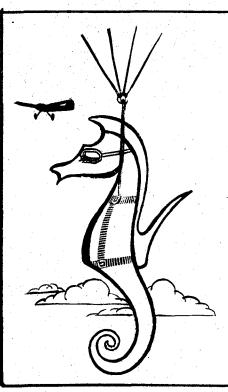
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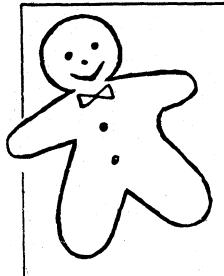


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got back from their vacation in time to

latch everything down really after the

storm. They took a cruise down in the

Keys in their boat, visiting friends at

Marathon and Big Pine Key and also in

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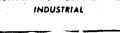
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LAWRENCE J. AMON, son of Mrs. ROY WEBB, graduated from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology. Larry will be spending two weeks on Sanibel, then plans on working in Boston for the coming year, after which he will go on to medical school. Mrs. Webb and daughters, SHELLY and Mrs. CHARLES FREDERICK drove to Ohio for the graduation and stayed to see Larry ride in a horse show.

BOB and MARIAN CHAPLIN are settled in their lovely new Palm Lakes home and enjoying every minute of it.

If you see BOB and BETTY GHASTER riding around in a sporty blue Mercedes, it's Bob's new car.

Recent visitors to the HERB PURDYS were daughter, SUE and RICHARD FRIDAY and little two-year old LORALEE from Tampa. Richard is ELMER FRIDAY'S son and seems destined to follow in his famous father's footsteps, as he is studying law at Southwest Florida University in Tampa. And PAM and SKIP PURDY and their 18 month old AVA have moved into their lovely new home in Sanibel Lakes and got to visit with sister Sue when all got together at the Herb Purdy home. Skip is that good looking red head employed at the B-Hive with the devil-may-care moustache, and Pam is the lovely daughter of the DAVID HOLTZMANS of Shell Harbor.

And among the unsung heroes that emerged during "Agnes" GENE WELKER of Golden Sands Restaurant ranks high on the list. He served hot coffee and delicious sandwiches to the volunteer workers who donated their time and efforts to helping with the hurricane damage clean up.

The RICHARD BRODEURS of Captiva honored Mrs. Brodeur's parents, Mr. & Mrs. ALAN KLINE of Lehigh with a delightful dinner in the Matador Room, when they celebrated their silver wedding anniversary this month, and several family members from out of town were there to help in the celebration.

Several newcomers to the islands stop each day to ask at the Chamber of Commerce about lodging, places to eat, and where the best fishing and shelling spots are, and among these on Thursday were Capt. & Mrs. PAUL WELKER of North Miami; Mrs. F. E. CLULEY of Stoney Creek, Ont., Canada, Mr. & Mrs. ROLAND WATSON, Dania; Mr. & Mrs. J. L. WEBB, Miami; Mr. & Mrs. L. PATTON, Boca Raton; Mr. & Mrs. W. L. THOMPSON and daughter, JILL, from Mount Prospect, Ill., Mr. & Mrs. RAY BOYSON of Lake Worth; Ruth Patterson, Miami; C. F. NICHOLSON, St. Petersburg; RITA MEYER with children, MICHAEL and LAURA LOUISE from Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. & Mrs. TOD MORGAN, Fort Lauderdale, Mr. & Mrs. T. G. KEANEY, Ormond; Mr. JOSEPH B. MULRENNAN, Valrico; Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES PRELE, Jr., Miramar, Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES N. MASER, Dayton, Ohio; Dr. & Mrs. THOMAS HARBOUGH, Greenbelt, Md.; and Dr. & Mrs. JAMES HALEY of Ft. Lauderdale.

LOUISE GRUMBAUGH of Tender Touch fame, is vacationing around the islands and fishing up a storm.

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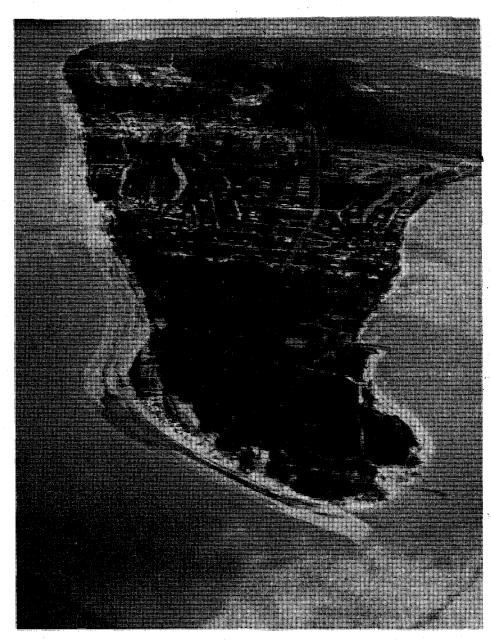


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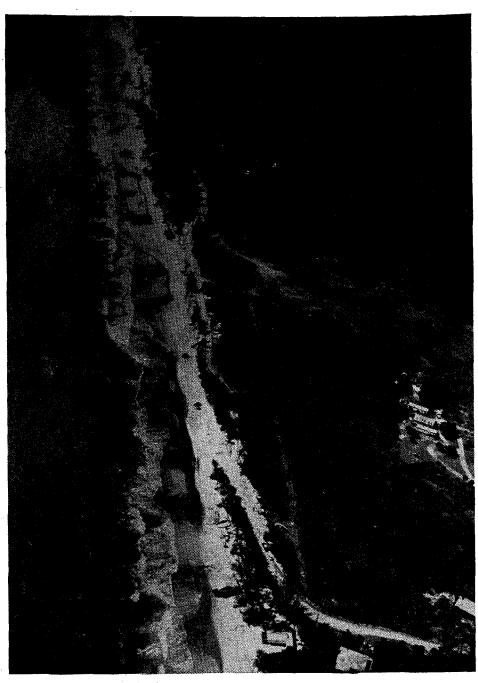
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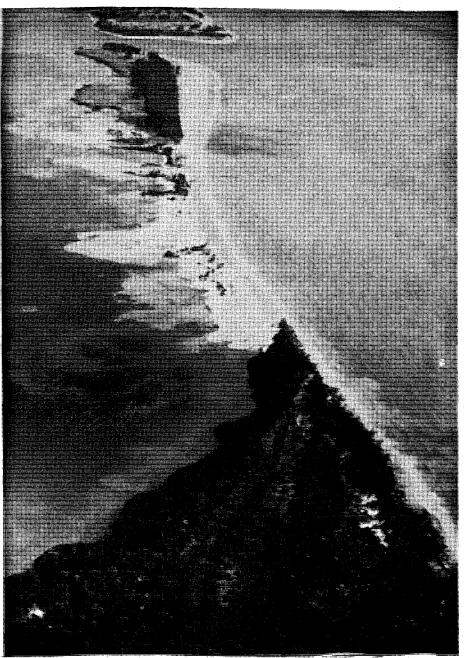
Sanibel from the lighthouse end. As you can see, there seems to be considerable build up on the point areas.



Central Captiva, old road GONE. A new road is meandering through the trees.



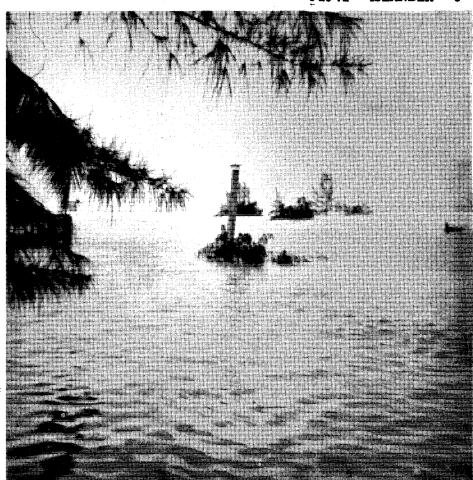
Turner Park --- or what's left of it -- on Captiva. Notice the new cut through Blind Pass; the erosion on the Gulf side, and the build-up in the pass itself.



This is Upper Captiva Island --- which looks as if it is to become two Islands shortly.



Captiva beaches show effects of erosion by Agnes.



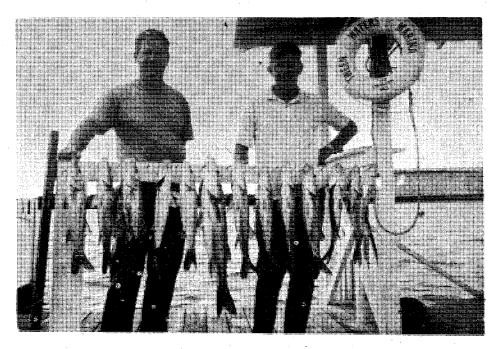
Blind Pass cut swath to the Gulf during Agnes last week taking many feet of Turner Beach with it.



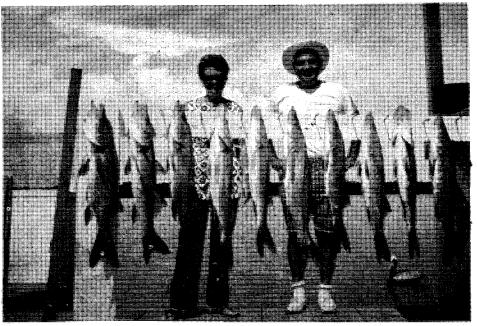
Exposed bench market above was buried in 2 feet of sand at mean high tide before Agnes.



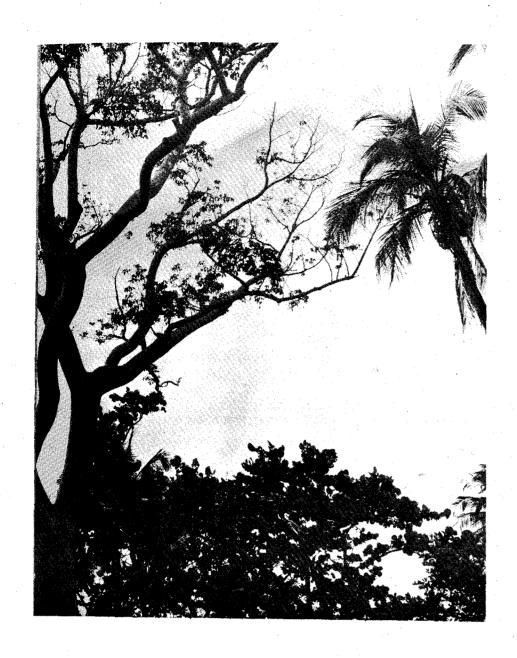
Vic Hagerstrom and Herb Purday engineered this swinging bridge across Sanibel Lake.

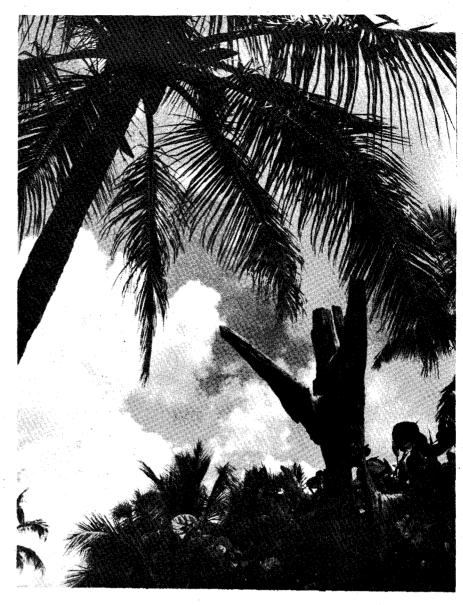


Nat Bliss of Morgenton, N.C., and Bob Bliss of Atlanta, Ga., boated the above fish under the guidance of Bob Sabatino.



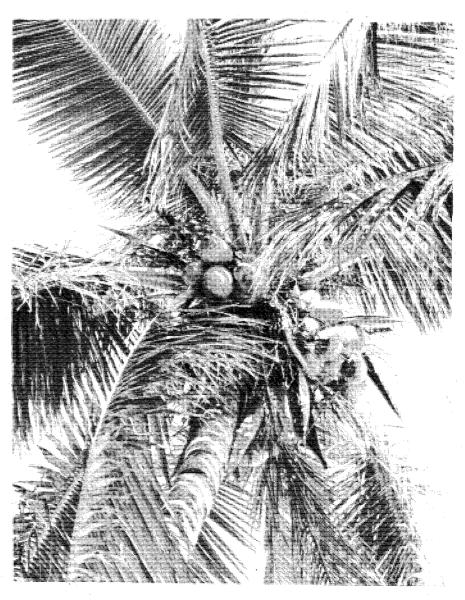
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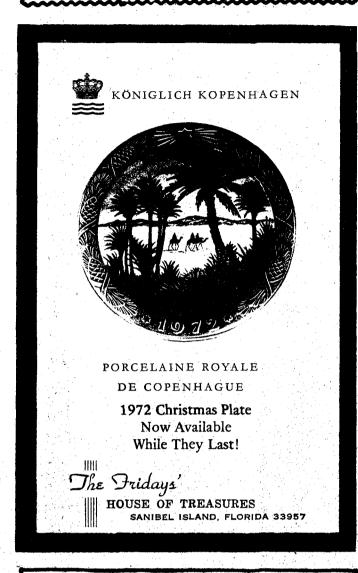
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From closer by in Milton, Fla., Mrs. R. D. Butts and her friend, Mrs. Charles Bryars from Creola, Ala., are renewing their love affair with the islands on their third visit to them.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond F. Stone and family from Kansas City, Mo., are here for their summer vacation and enjoying the sun, sand and water. Seen on the beaches and in the shops are the Daniel Bellesfield family of Allentown, Pa., and the E. Sums of Chicago, Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Hoehm are here from Orlando for a change in pace and two families from Houston, Texas, are finding our quiet beaches and shells a real change and treat. They are Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Waddill and Mrs. M. V. Mabry. Down from Wauwatosa, Wis., are Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Davis. Several Florida visitors include Mr. & Mrs. Fred Judge of Okeechobee: the Christopher Farrell family of Lake Park; the W. H. Floyds of Titusville; and two families travelling together, Mr. & Mrs. G. Vaughn of Gainesville, and Mr. & Mrs. B. Guggenheim and the John Kennedys of Eustis, and the Don Swishers of Clearwater.

Other guests at Shell Harbor Inn enjoying the summery weather are Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Garwood of Granville. Ohio, Mr. & Mrs. W. N. Ottenville of Nashville, Tenn., Mr. & Mrs. R. Vonnahme of Louisville, Ky., who will really be here long enough to become well acquainted. Mr. & Mrs. Alan Bono of Granite City, Ill.; the J. Falvey family of Indianpolis, Ind.; the R. W. Hills of Donnelly, Ga.; the Gary Brights of Mount Clemens, Mich.; and Mr. Francis Buck from Mantino, Ill., complete the list of guests at Shell Harbor Inn.

SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Despite the look of things at the Community Church, services will be held as usual on Sunday morning, with the Rev. Raymond Schember, director of the Sr. Citizens Service Center, conducting the services. Building materials have been assembled for the new addition to the church. The Sanctuary is being added on and Sunday School classrooms plus a nursery are being enlarged and added.

Special music will be featured Sunday, when Mrs. Jackie Roberts, well known and talented concert vocalist, will sing an original composition by Mrs. Marian Chaplin, who will accompany Mrs. Roberts at the piano. Mrs. Roberts studied under the famous Kentucky composer John Jacob Niles, and she and her family are visiting on the island for

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Mr. & Mrs. B. G. Runnels have left for Ohio to visit their son, who is a school principal.

Mr. & Mrs. L. G. Winans will be travelling to Vermont later on for their summer vacation in the mountains.

And the Dissettes will also be vacationing the latter part of July. They will revisit their original home in Hiawatha, Kansas. "We were Jay Hawks from Kansas before moving to Anderson, Ind. Some places men are men and women don't count, but in Kansas, men are men and women are glad of it." said Mr. Dissette. They will visit friends and old scenes and see some of their family too.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Priscilla Murphy Realty, Inc., reports the following sales:

From Dorothy Kirkpatrick of Coral Gables to Mr. & Mrs. Bennett L. Woolley of Texas, a lot in Sanibel

From Sanibel Properties of Sanibel, Fla., to Mr. & Mrs. Carter Leslie, 2 lots in the New Rocks.

SEGUNDA APARTMENTS

Happy groups of families and friends at the Segunda this week to celebrate our nation's Independence Day hail from all corners of Florida.

From Miami come Mr. & Mrs. Robert O'Brien and family, and the party of Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Traynor. Coming from Altamonte Springs, are Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Gonzalez, and from Ormond Beach, the party of Mr. & Mrs. William T. Owens. Returning from Melbourne, are Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Dunlap, and back from Stuart are Mr. & Mrs. Earl Cliver and son Mark.

Still other Floridians here over the Fourth are the George Fiedlers of Winter Garden and the party of Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Davis of Lutz. Also with us again are the Carl Monsons of Palatka.

We are happy to welcome a number of out-of-state guests; these include Mr. & Mrs. Carl D. Clark of Indianapolis; the James L. Lane party of Terre Haute, Ind.; and the Gerry Lensch family from Tipp City, Ohio.

The only recent visitor whom we were not pleased to have was a big blustery type named Agnes, but we do thank all of our guests who all stayed with us to weather the blow, and we do hope that the super shelling afterward was some compensation for the several days of foul weather. For the information of northern friends, we might note that the worst results in our immediate area were merely a couple downed bird feeders and a zillion fallen coconuts.

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SAL GERACI ANNOUNCES FOR OFFICE

Sal Geraci has announced his candidacy for the office of Clerk of the Court, following the retirement of D.T: Farabee, who has held the office for approximately

In his annoucement, Geraci said, in part, "His (Farabee's) gentlemanly qualities. together with his unquestioned integrity, in an office of great public trust, have been a comfort to the citizens of Lee County.

Mr. D.T. Farabee is now retiring, and I am a candidate for this office. I feel I can continue to give the people of Lee County the same assurance of integrity, the same courteous and thoughtful attention to their needs, together with a competence in the administration of the office."

Geraci, a native of Pittsburg, has lived in Lee County for the past 32 years. He married Kathryn Miller of Fort Myers in 1943; they have two children.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburg, he did graduate work at Carnegie Institute of Technology. During W.W.II, he taught drafting for the government. After the war, he went into farming gladioli and vegetables for 29 years.

He is a past member of the Society of American Florists, served on the Board of Farmers' Home Administration, and served as director, officer and president of the Florida Flower Association.

He is a past president of the Lee County Sheriff's posse, a post he held for two years, and he also helped organize its first two rodeos.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he served two terms on the Board of Trustees and as president.

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The next regular meeting of the Sanibel Community Association to be held Tuesday, July 4, will feature a special report by Dr. Vernon MacKenzie on the problems now facing our Islands. Dr. MacKenzie is president of the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board, who are concerned with the density, zoning, sewerage, water supply, traffic, etc., problems of the islands.

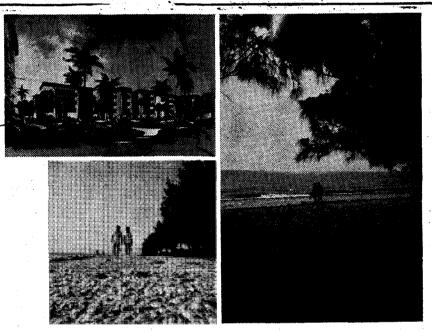
Dr. MacKenzie's talk will be followed by a 28 minute film on "Summer Hazard"

prepared and narrated by our own Dr. Simmons.

This film, according to Dr. Simmons has to do with those hazards which we are likely to run into during the summer months such as sunburn, poison ivy, burns from outdoor fires, snake bites, possible drowning, etc.

These presentations will start at 8 p.m., following the regular dinner and business meeting of the Association, and will be open to the public.

The August meeting, according to John Shepherd, program chairman, will be on "Hurricanes."



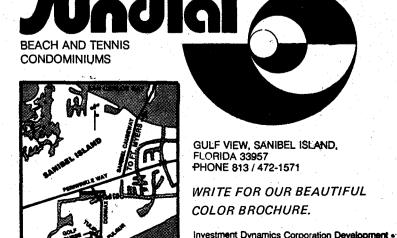
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The Kimball family are gathered at the Inn to celebrate Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Sr.'s golden wedding Kimball, anniversary. They arrived last Thursday and will be here for about a week and the festivites are, of course, being held at the Island Inn.

Here are Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Kimball, Sr., New Port Richey, Fla., celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary which took place on Saturday, June 24. Mr. & Mrs. H. F. Van Steenderen are here from Bird Key, Sarasota, Fla.; Mrs. Van Steenderen is Mr. Kimball's sister. Mr. & Mrs. U. M. Krippene of New Canaan, Conn., who have six children, David, Daniel, Katherine, Thomas, Nancy and Dorothy; Mrs. Krippene is Mr. & Mrs. Kimball's daughter. Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Barbaria, Fairfield, Conn. Mrs. Barbaria is Mr. & Mrs. Kimball's daughter; they have twin girls, Elizabeth and Julie. Also Mr. & Mrs. V. W. Kimball, Jr. of Woodstock, Ill., who have six children, Jennifer, Christopher, William IV, Peter, Addison and Elizabeth. Another son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Curtis P. Kimball of Prairie Village, Kansas. They have three children, Debra, Robin,

and Stuart.

Also Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Purdy, Hinsdale, Ill., who have three children, Meredith, Hui and Suki; Mr. Purdy is Mrs. Kimball Sr.'s brother. Mr. Steven Cochran, Hermosillo, Mexico; Steve is Mr. & Mrs. Kimball Sr.'s great-nephew and Miss Lois Poling of New Canaan, Conn., a friend of the Trippene family.

The group are indeed having a grand time and they are quite taken with the charm of Sanibel. The children are up quite early in the morning out looking for shells, swimming in the Gulf and exploring the wild parts of Sanibel.

It all started in 1632 when the Kimball family settled in the U.S. They helped develop the 13 colonies and since have settled in the mid-west and far west and are involved in every imaginable occupation from manufacturing, bank officers, judges, etc., etc. "The young have now started to spread out and take interest," said Mr. Kimball Sr. "They are using their modern ideas to spark newer ways of looking at an old subject. I can say one thing for certain, this is a real all American family who are using their energies to make America a better place



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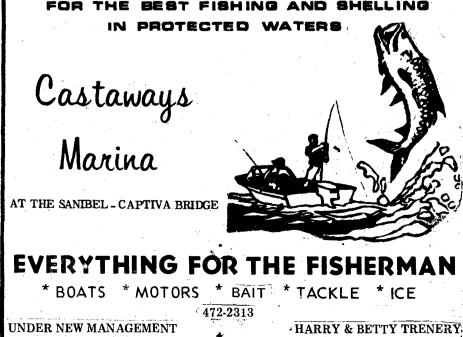


Dr. James Mason and sons, Chip and Chris, of St. Petersburg, Fla., staying at White Caps Motel, are real proud of their catch under the guidance of Bob Sabatino.



Shown with their limit of snook are Mr. & Mrs. E. Winderweedle and party from Winter Park. Capt. Charles Rosse of Captiva was guide.





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE ISLANDER:

As you are aware, Town Square, housing Serendipity Antiques, the Snack Shack and our Island Travel Agency, was completely devastated during the tornado which hit Sanibel Island on June 18 at approximately 2:30 p.m.

It was nothing short of a spiritual phenomenon to see our many friends who, during a torrential downpour, carried, lugged and dragged the remains of the office to safer quarters. How can we thank you enough; may the Lord bless you all.

All of our confidential client files are in good order, as well as all-of our other important business papers.

We did lose most of our travel library and, of course, much of our furniture, plus some irreplaceable gifts from our clients, some of which have traveled half way around the world.

Island Travel Agency will require a month or so to rebuild the library and reorganize. We will open our new offices on Periwinkle Way around September 15, 1972

Arrangements have been made, in the meantime, with National and Eastern Airlines to handle our clients' needs. We appreciate their help very much.

Again, our thanks to everyone for your help and understanding. The Lord was truly with us when the tornado struck. Between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. during a normal working day (such as a Saturday or Monday) we would have had as many as ten people in our office. In fact, we had three appointments between 2 and 4 on Monday.

We wish also to thanks those who telephoned during the past week offering to help further. We cannot tell you how much we needed your heartfelt support. Our telephone number is still the same, 472-1302.

We shall return! /s/ Island Travel Agency Helma Reynolds

TO THE ISLANDER:

We four guys who are 16 and 17 years old just finished a great visit to Sanibel and had to write and thank all the people that served as our "Chamber of Commerce" during our stay. First of all, we'd like to say a special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Norm Chambers of the West Winds Inn who made us feel that we were more than just motel guests. This couple went out of their way to make sure that our stay was comfortable and safe when the twisters hit. It's no wonder that their motel is nearly always full of satisfied pampered customers.

The "Kontinos Klan," which includes Mr. & Mrs. John Kontinos and family and Mrs. Mary Aleck and daughters made our stay the kind that you don't want to leave. The Aleck daughters, Mary Ann, Deana, and Alice and the Kontinos kids, Anne, Tommy and Ilena reassured us that Sanibel wasn't just for older people. We all had

a good time and enjoyed their company immensely and look forward to seeing them again next year.

How can we ever thank Bella Kontinos enough? She met us at the airport in Fort Myers and from then on it was like meeting a member of one of our families. Over the past two years Bruce and Bella have developed a kinship as strong as any family ties. She kind of served as our Mom while we were there. She never forgot us a day. While we sit in the mild mid-western sunshine we only wish there were more of Bella's kind. We can't find the words to adequately thank Bella and the rest of the "Kontinos Klan" but then it is always hard to thank friends for being such good friends. All we can say is that we plan to come again next summer and possibly stay and work in a place bursting with enthusiasm, hospitality, and some of the finest people anyone could hope to meet. As Bella would say, "Wish we could see you now."

/s/ Friends of Sanibel,
 Bruce Anderson
 Dave Brown
 Steve Scherer
 Doug Thies
 (All from Effingham, Ill.)

TO THE ISLANDER:

Although my husband and I are not permanent residents of the islands, we have visited here several times. We love the islands because of the wildlife, birdlife, and the concern the islanders show for ecology and conservation. Presently we are staying on Captiva Island for two months and have just experienced the effects of Hurricane Agnes, along with the rest of the islanders.

Since we were unable to get our car out of the yard today, due to a flooded road, we haven't seen the total damage Captiva and Sanibel sustained during the storm. But what we have seen has really saddened us. We walked via the beach from the jetty even with the P.O. road, up towards the South Seas Plantation. All the way up the beach the beautiful tall trees that used to line the beach area are either uprooted and turned over, or just hanging by the roots. For my husband and I, who love nature, it was like being at a funeral, as we walked by each overturned and dead tree. Years and years of growing and giving off oxygen, shade, protection, and beauty, gone in one weekend. And the beach erosion is unbelievable.

I don't know how or if, by long range planning and financing, the trees and beach could have been saved. But as we were alone on the beach today, with all the dead trees, and the waves still rumbling against them, we felt it was like most funerals. People generally appreciate the "loved one" more, after they're gone and feel guilty they didn't do more for them while they were alive. Those beautiful trees are dead now, and the beach is gone — could someone have done more for them and possibly have saved them?

d them? /s/ Bruce & Shari Johnson Captiva Island

TO THE ISLANDER:

The warm hospitality of Sanibel Island has enclosed four young boys in its embrace, and for this, there are eight parents way back in Effingham, Ill., who are very grateful.

Four boys, just 16 years of age went sent to your delightful island for a week's vacation (on their own) despite a little uneasiness on Mom's part at seeing them spend a week all alone and so far away. A special thank you to all who came into contact with Bruce Anderson, David Brown, Doug Thies, and Steve Shear, and befriended them. Especially I wish to thank Mrs. Bella Kontinos who so perfectly reflects the friendly hospitality of Sanibel.

Our family of six all fell in love with her on our first visit to Sanibel, and we also enjoyed meeting her husband, John, and Momma and Poppa, and the rest of the Kontinos family. We still talk of the great meals we enjoyed at the Coconut Grove. Although our family won't get to visit Sanibel this year, due to building our home, we will surely miss seeing the island and our friends there. We are a part of the island as my brother and I have bought 10 acres and a small house on Periwinkle Drive. Our best to you, until we return to Sanibel.

/s/ The Andersons of Effingham, Ill.

TO THE ISLANDER:

An aluminum can collecting bin has been erected in Bailey's parking lot. When enough cans have been collected they will be sold for 10 cents a pound. From this money the expenses of materials for the bin hopefully will be met. These expenses add up to \$5.40. Any surplus will be donated to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Also, please note that only 100% aluminum cans can be recycled at this time. A sample can is attached to the bin for the sake of easily identifying recycleable cans.

The success of such a project depends on the degree of cooperation of each individual in the community. For this purpose the present location was chosen with the hopes that many people patronizing the stores in that area would find it easy to simply drop off any cans that they had collected or used.

In conclusion I am certain that everybody will do their best to improve their community.

/s/ Ty Symroski



TO THE ISLANDER:

I'm quoting from this letter just received because it is so perfect a solution for all the JOLLY visitors who are crying their eyes out because Sanibel Island isn't like it used to be. Here goes:

"We just flew the Pacific via Tahiti for a few days. We won't be back to Sanibel Island --- for we have sold out in England and sail to New Zealand (please stop off to see us). We have fallen in love with New Zealand and the people of that country and have bought a new home. The house is situated on an acre of magnificent gardened grounds, on a hill overlooking the Hurahi Gulf and seeing several islands in the distance. Our sailboat will be moored at our feet down a wild native bush path cliff just by the house. The style of the home is simply beautiful with a self contained guest quarters for such people as the Hunters. All this is with a few miles of the city of Aukland where concerts, theater, and lectures and art museums are there for the asking.

/s/ Fondly, Emily & Hilary

Ruth Hunter would like to add to this. "New Zealand is a might big country with lots and lots of sheep and wild pigs and kangaroos and not too many people!

P.S. Yesterday I met a girl who was seeing Florida for the first time and she LOVES Sanibel.

Ruth Hunter

BURTON-BROWN WED

Miss Ruth Burton and Jack Brown of the Beach were wed Saturday, June 24, at the Chapel by the Sea with the Rev. Herbert Schroeder officiating. Attendants were Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Davis, also of the Beach.

Attending the wedding were Mr. & Mrs. Derrill Brown of Villa Park, Ill., Timmy and Jennifer Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Youngquist and friends.

A dinner for the wedding party was held at Smugglers Cove.

A MOCKING BIRD LIVED IN TOWN SQUARE

A tornado did blow
But we didn't have snow
What will that birdie do now
She'll hide in the church
(For she's left in the lerch)
And hide her head under her wing
Poor thing!

Ruth Hunter

AARON SLICK FROM PUNKIN CRICK

That funny rural comedy, Aaron Slick From Punkin Crick, which Life Magazine says is the most produced play in the history of the American theater will be performed at the Pirate Playhouse for a special holiday treat on July 2 and July 3.

In the cast of this old timer about the farmer and the city slicker will be Duane White, Barbara Nave, John Reynolds, Susan Holtz, Bob Dormer, Helma Reynolds and the Hunters, Ruth and Philip, who directs. Ruth Ross will be at the Hammond Organ to play several of her own songs as well as those composed by Philip Hunter.

A great big surprise will be the appearance of Scotty Gale in the last act of Aaron Slick From Punkin Crick. July 2 and July 3, curtain 8:15, box office, 472-1692.

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Pirate Playhouse will offer that great old rural comedy Aaron Slick From Punkin Crick, July 2 and July 3. Shown at a rehearsal are cast members, Helma Reynolds, Susan Holtz, John Reynolds and Barbara Nave, who join Ruth and Philip Hunter and Duane -- box office, 472-1692.

White as the unforgettable villain of the piece. Ruth Ross plays the Hammond organ, including an original composition of her own for both performances, Sunday, July 2 and Monday, July 3.

Curtain 8:15 -- tickets already on sale little widow; Ruth Hunter, and the



Making their own Pictures." Here's Duane White who plays the villian out to cheat the poor

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY by Russell Kay

A friend of mine invited me to go fishing with him and said, "We'll pack a lunch, get some beer and stop by my apartment to pick up the boat." I, of course, thought we would find his boat along with a trailer stashed away in some parking place in back of the building.

Imagine my surprise when we pulled up in front of the apartment building and he announced, "I'll be back in a jiffy with the boat. I keep it under the bed." He lived on the ninth floor.

As I sat waiting I began to question his sanity. Did I hear him say, "Under the bed?" As a sat there pondering he returned with a canvas bag over his shoulder which he tossed in the trunk of the car along with a small outboard motor.

I was about to have my first ride in an inflatable boat. Reaching our launching site we set to work assembling the boat. There were two air chambers, a wooden keel, and a rack for the outboard. It all weighed about 35 lbs. and provided ample room for three persons. It was assembled, inflated and ready to go in a matter of minutes.

I had visions of hitting an underwater snag or rock and could see myself struggling in the water like the poor guy up the creek without a paddle.

My friend assured me his boat was safer than most aluminum or fiberglass boats, however. Bouyancy makes an inflatable boat remarkably seaworthy, he explained. They will bounce off an obstruction with little or no damage and they won't sink even if the cockpit is half filled with water.

He assured me it was the only kind of a boat to own. Its light weight and low draft permits it to go just about anywhere. You can launch it from the beach, a seawall or dock. Upkeep is a breeze as you just wipe it down with detergent and water. Paddles and oar locks are provided for getting around even if the motor fails. Because their hides yield on impact, inflatables can run hard aground, even into another boat, with little or no damage to themselves, the navigator or whatever they hit.

Constructed of reinforced laminates and coated with such plastics as vinyl, neoprene, DuPont's Hypalong or a combination of several, they have a very tough hide and resist puncture, abrasion, sun, oil or gasoline damage. Most inflatables are hand crafted by skilled workers. The seams are joined by four part cement and all done by hand.

If you are interested and want to learn more about inflatables get a copy of the July issue of True Magazine and read the interesting and informative article by Don Olesen. There are color pictures of various types of inflatable craft now on the market that sell from 350 up to several thousand dollars.

Inflatables go back to World War II days when they were used for survival. eddie Rickenbacker can tell vou of his experience with one in the Pacific when he was rescured from an inflatable boat after drifting for several weeks.

BROWSING AROUND by fran o'callaghan

We dare not get too far off the beaten path with puddles of water in unexpected places which could lead to a car stuck in a hole. The bees were having a ball on the exotic tree in bloom at Red Pelican shop, which had some water but none in the shop itself, being on quieter waters on Tarpon Bay. Along with all the "in" things in the shop are some lovely new ladies straw hats from Ghana and truly worth trying

The B-Hive bon mot for the week: "We were going to run a special on Ratatouille, but we couldn't spell it. So we are running a special on Che cris instead." We just had to find out what che cris are. Never mind about ratatouille. Che cris are precious little cheese crackers imported from Holland, and though in great demand, very difficult to obtain. And if you get into the B-Hive be sure to look at all the goodies on their 1/2 price table. You wouldn't believe what bargains there are

And in the Last Straw there are some colorful soft handmade hats for milady from Greece, a new source of imports. The hats, though straw, are completely

And speaking of things packable, the Open Gate is featuring some Sacony dresses which can be balled up and put in your purse, and you can still emerge wearing one and looking your cool well-groomed self, all prissy and pressed looking.

And Marylou's has some hats too, and of all things, some real groovy sun glasses, a must these bright sunny days.

And again the old story of submarines sunk off Sanibel comes into focus. It seems, the story goes, that at least one, and maybe two submarines from the German Navy in World War II were sunk somewhere between Fort Myers Beach and Tampa Bay, and probably somewhere near Sanibel or Captiva's coast in deep water. Some say near Boca Grande, but anynow, the German government has not released the sunken ships, if there really are any, as bodies of crewmen are still aboard and they remain as "memorials." Also some may still contain fused demolitions for scuttling, and are potentially dangerous. Be that as it may, many hurricanes have passed this way since, including Donna, which would certainly move the wrecks and affect their location, and so the old story continues to appeal to divers and salvage seekers, but no more is known of them. Loran and Sonar have never discovered them either. Maybe they are buried under tons of sand.

As we end our day of browsing, we look regretfully at Town Square, where many a happy chat was enjoyed in the company of the Reynolds at the Island Travel Agency and also a delightful ice cream cone at the Snack Shack with Jeanne Hopwood and Lee Frady. They had the best around. And we surely hope that their businesses will be restored in the near future, for we also enjoyed browsing in the Serendipity Shop for charming antiques, but most of all we miss the nice people who operated these businesses.

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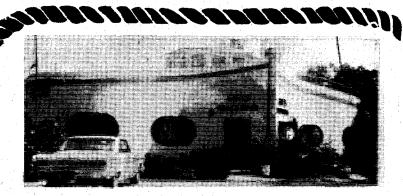
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