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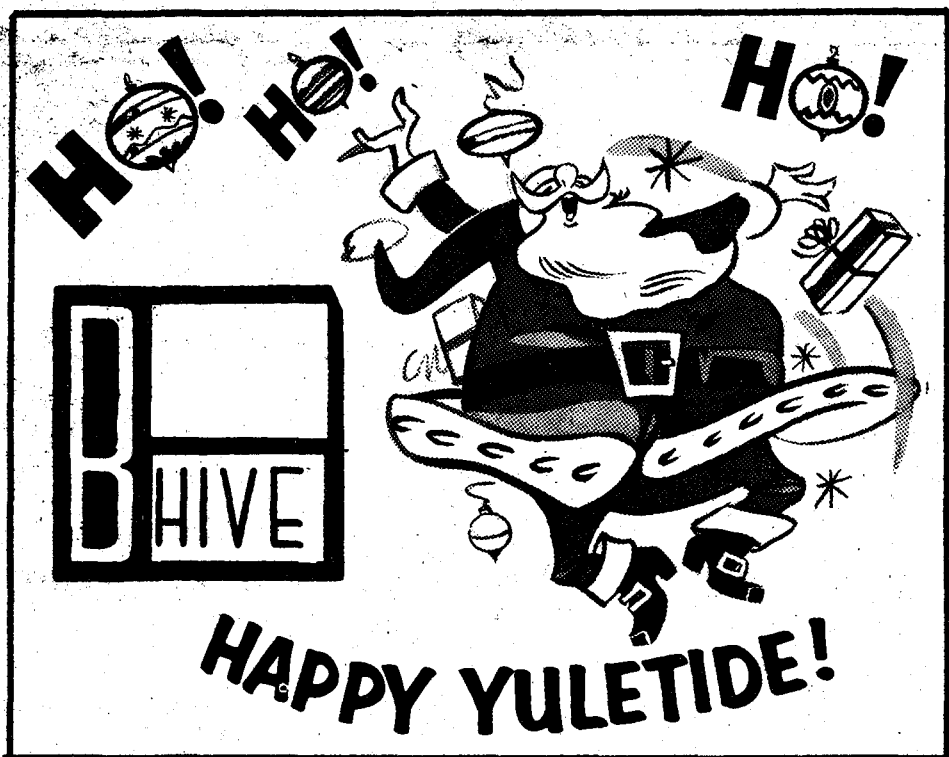
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Peace on earth, to men of good will

From The Islander Staff



Christmas Blessings on You & Yours



Christmas Peace

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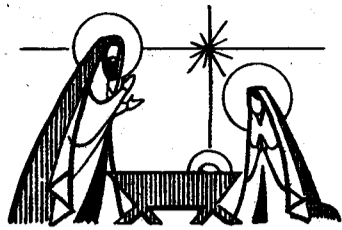


THE
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WISHES YOU
A VERY
VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS



May this Holy Season bring you an abundance of happiness!

Priscilla Murphy
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WEDNESDAY:
Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

ST. ISABEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Eugene McCarthy
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Sunday Mass 10 a.m.
Friday Mass in the homes.
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Sundays before Mass.


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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Carol Sing 8 p.m.

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The Rev. Gilbert Speak, Minister
SUNDAY SERVICES:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

CAPTIVA CHAPEL BY THE SEA
Dr. Aruthur Lee Kinsolving
Sunday Service 11 a.m.



A Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



from Dotti & Mike

dotti Of Sanibel



Merry Christmas

From

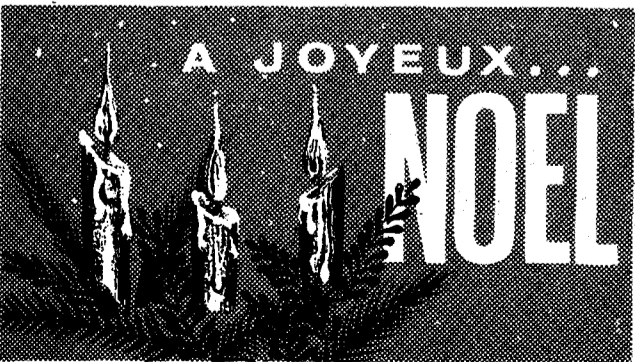
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Season's Greetings

from Bob and Jean, Joyce
Lois, Ruth and Willie

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FUR, FEATHERS & SCALES INC.



Peace

MAY IT COME
AT CHRISTMAS

KATHY and FRED BUNNELL

The
Surfrider

**Activities
Calendar**

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, Board of Directors, meets second Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA A.A., St. Michael's and All Angels Church on Periwinkle Way, Friday nights, 8 p.m.

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 House.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA AUDUBON: Programs open to public at Sanibel Community House, Thursday at 8 p.m., also monthly outdoor events.

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.

BOY SCOUTS meet 7:30 p.m., Saturday nights at the School.

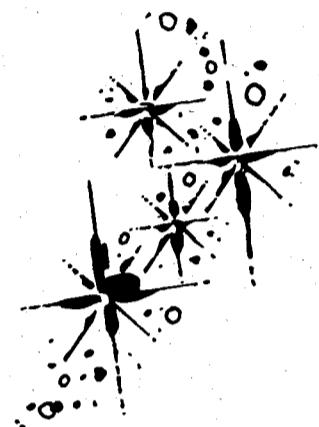
LIONS CLUB of Sanibel-Captiva meets at 6:30 p.m., first and third Wednesday of each month at Island Beach Club.

Fire Dept. meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 8 p.m., Palm Ridge Road Firehouse.

SANIBEL LIBRARY hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Friday, & Saturday, 10-12 noon.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m., alternating between the Sanibel Community Bldg. and the Captiva Community Bldg.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE, every Friday, 7:30 p.m. Sanibel Community House. Partnerships arranged.



Season's
Greetings

... to you, our customers.

**GLORY of
the SEA**

Edith Mugridge
Sanibel Island, Florida



The **Pirate
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Fri., Tue., Thur. - Dec. 22, 26, 28
Saturday - January 6
Sunday - January 14
Saturday - January 20
Sunday - January 28
Saturday - February 3
Sunday - February 11
Saturday - February 17
Sunday - February 18
Saturday - February 24
Sunday - February 25
Saturday - March 3
Sunday - March 4
Saturday - March 10
Sunday - March 11
Saturday - March 18
Sunday - March 24
Saturday - March 25
Sunday - March 31
Saturday - April 1
Sunday - April 7
Wednesday - April 11

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Sanibel Island
Florida



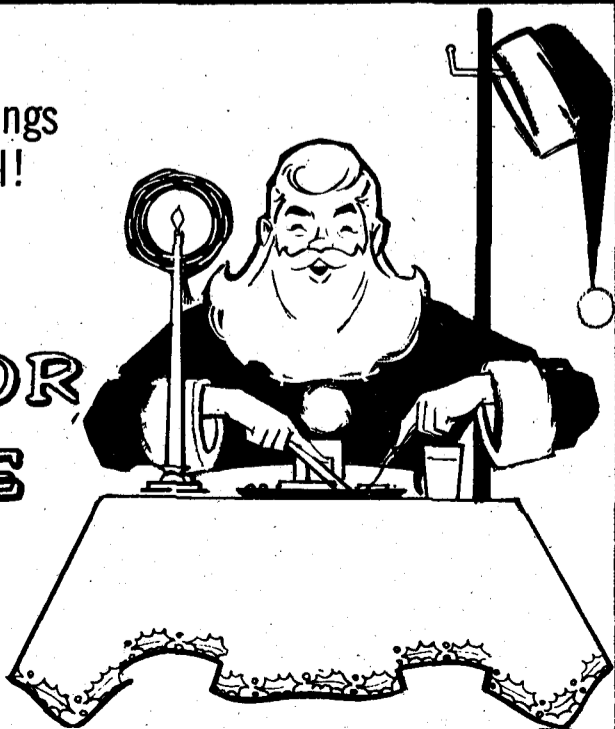
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to One and All!
from the
Case family
and crew

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HOUSE**



NOEL



All blessings
to you
and yours!

**Island
Inn**



O Holy Night

COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

The Open Gate

BOUTIQUE



SEASON'S GREETINGS

from
Sandy Bend Apartments

Owners: Jack and Betsy O'Neill, Dick and Barbara Vockel, Tim and Press Norpell, Dick and Dottie Mann, Dr. Gilman and Lucille Kirk, Dick and Jayne Johnston, Joel and Fran Smith, Dave and Dottie Klauer and Woody and Ruth Anderson, Mgrs.



Season's Greetings

May the joys of Christmas follow you throughout the coming year ...

Paul & Irene

Seven Seas Shop

Sanibel Island, Florida

*be aware of
the angels
abiding
around you*

Not all the angels are celestial beings, though we honor the heavenly host, especially at Christmas-time.

Angels are for all times, and for all places. Most of us have a feeling that we have a "personal angel" guarding us, a mediator with the Creator in time of stress.



But there are other angels. For example, when someone speaks rudely to you, and you do not respond with rudeness, an angel has visited you, illuminating your mind and heart with understanding. You realize that this person is troubled, is perhaps fearful, that there is a break of communications that would only be widened if you respond in kind. An angel helps to "build bridges" among humankind.

When you feel or see beauty, you are host to angels. And when you create beauty in the midst of darkness or evil, you belong with the seraphic group itself.




When you overcome the fears and doubts that assail all of us so-called "civilized" beings, if you rise to heights of achievement in spite of forces of lethargy and other self-protecting devices, you are in the company of angels.

This Christmas try to move thoughts away from self. It is so human to think of "Number One" first. We are all subject to this temptation. But this Holy Season we can make an effort to be more loving, more patient, more understanding, more spiritually intelligent; we can become doers, and not just spectators, or well-wishers. We can become involved in situations that demand the purposeful activity of all sensitive and thoughtful persons.



FILL 'ER UP WITH BEST WISHES!

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Joyous Christmas

BLESSINGS OF TRUE HAPPINESS.

Leas' House of Treasures

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Clifton and Harold Altis
send

SEASON'S GREETINGS

from the
Gallery Motel

Georg & Irene Weber, hosts



From the pirates den
 and the salty seas
 the pirates send
 Good Wishes to Thee!



*From all of us
 to all of you.*

**JOLLY
 ROGER**

FRIENDSHIP



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Greetings of the Season and best wishes for the New Year



from



SHELL HARBOR INN



ON THE GULF - GULF DRIVE, SANIBEL ISLAND, FLORIDA 472-2202

Holiday Moon

A waxing moon is more favorable at Christmas than a waning one, according to an old Scottish folk belief.

Ghosts

There is an Old World belief that ghosts are free to roam about on earth from St. Thomas' Eve, Dec. 20, until Christmas Eve.

Superstitions

Christmas decorations remind us of old beliefs. In England people kept a sprig of holly in the house after the holidays to protect the house against lightning. Mistletoe was likewise kept in the house as a guard against witches. People in rural areas were known to wear a bit of mistletoe tied in a tiny bag about the neck as a witch repellent.

CAPTIVA CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND LIBRARY

The Captiva Civic Association will hold its annual meeting on Jan. 22 to elect officers for the coming year. Mr. John Oster has served as president this past year, and Mrs. William S. Dennis, vice president. The group met prior to making plans for this meeting where they will hear annual progress reports on the keeping of the Library building and Civic Association building in repair.

The next scheduled meeting of the Association is March 19, 1973.

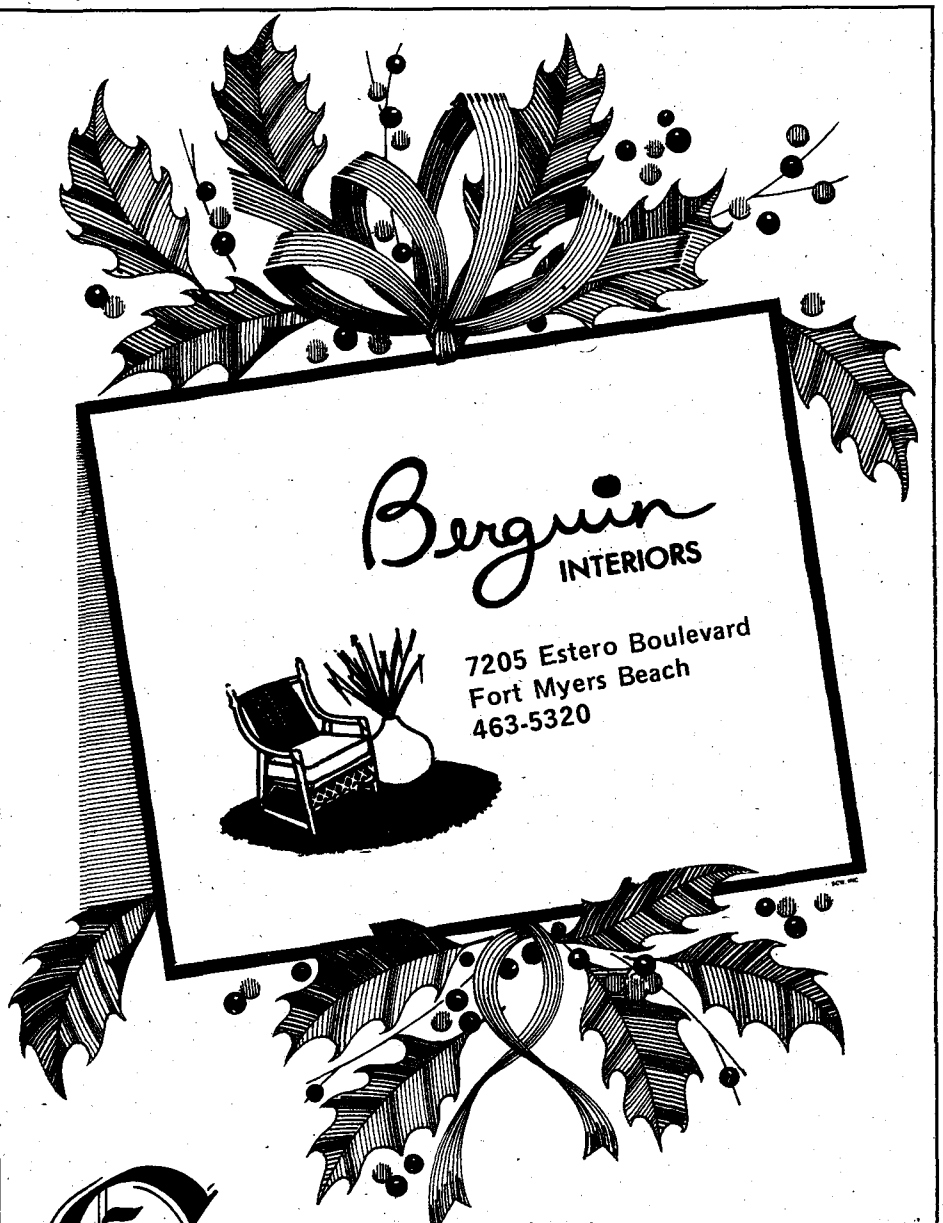
A new directory of the elected officers and members of the Captiva Civic Association has just come off the press for distribution at the January meeting, and they have actively participated in community projects, including a conspicuous representation at the Conservation meeting on Sanibel at their Community Hall on Saturday, Dec. 9, 1972.



Wishing you
a merry Christmas!

**CAPTIVA
SERVICES, INC.**

DALE & MARY
and the entire staff




Greetings

We wish to extend our holiday greetings
to you and your family as you gather in celebration.

Thank you for your loyal support.

Greetings in
the spirit of
the season
to all



Tarpon Bay Marina

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a very
HAPPY
NEW YEAR.



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Let us rejoice in
the age-old story!

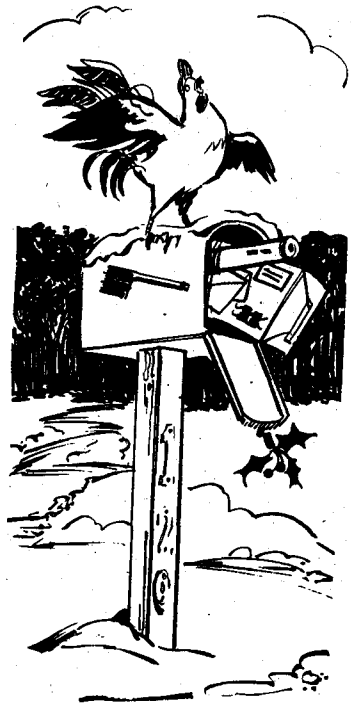
JOHN & HELMA

SANIBEL/CAPTIVA
ISLAND TRAVEL AGENCY
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SANIBEL ISLAND 472-1302



**HAVE A
JOLLY GOOD
CHRISTMAS**

SANIBEL SIESTA



GREETINGS
of the season from
all the folks at

**The
Beachcomber**
Sanibel Island



John, Bella &
Staff wish you
a Merry Christmas

A FEAST OF GOOD WISHES
TO ALL OUR LOYAL PATRONS
AND THEIR FAMILIES.

AT
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A BLESSED CHRISTMAS
And A Happy New Year

Phalimar




Peace

May the Star of
Bethlehem lead
us to harmony.

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Peace on Earth

*Sea-ramics
by Susan*

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Christmas
We wish to
our many friends
and customers a
joyous holiday

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A very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

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Wishing you and yours a most joyous Christmas season!

CAPTIVA ISLAND STORE



WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

from the **DUGGERS**



I wonder how many give even a thought
To all of life's blessings that Jesus has brought,
Of the meaning of Christmas - The Babe that was born,
The Angels, the Wisemen; that first Christmas morn?
We easily dream the dreams of today,
But few of us ponder, too few of us pray.
Do we really have faith; Have we lost tho we gain?
With wealth and prosperity, also comes pain.
Grant us, oh Lord, a reunion with thee,
Help us preserve our "Land of the Free."
May peace and good will be your thought for today
And thru-out the year. And now may I say,
"A merry, gay Christmas; my wish for you all
And a happy return from your New Year's Eve ball.



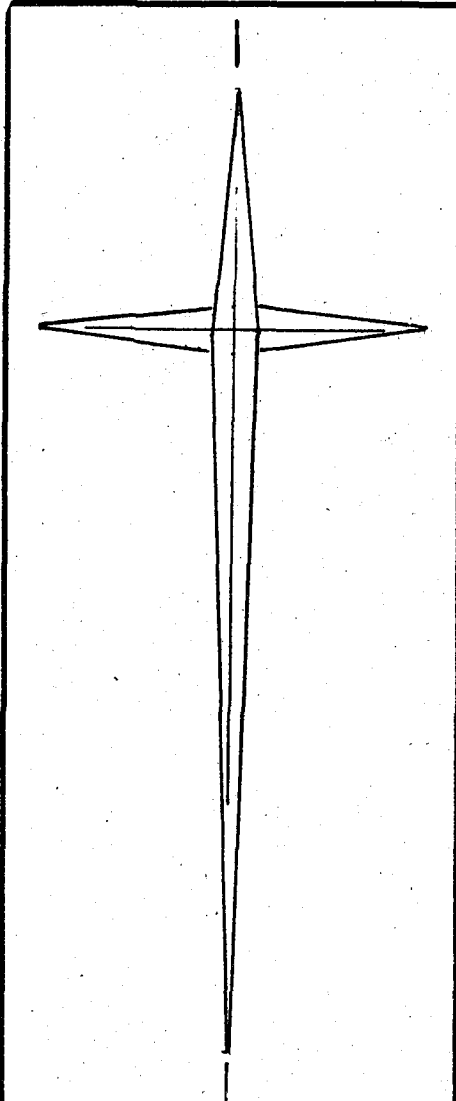
Don the Beachcomber

A MERRY CHRISTMAS



Gasparilla Restaurant

NEXT TO SANIBEL COMMUNITY HOUSE




May you find peace at Christmas

Tom, Mary, and Carol Nix

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Holiday Cheer


TO ALL OUR FRIENDS



The Whitecaps

Season's Greetings

The Best of the Holiday
from your Islander reporter,
fran o'callaghan

May Joy Abide With You

All blessings to you and yours!

WOOSTER TELEVISION
PALM RIDGE ROAD, SANIBEL, FLORIDA

Season's Greetings

AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

ROB & JEANNIE ALBERTS

SEGUNDA APARTMENTS



AUDUBON PROGRAMS FOR 1972-73 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 evenings at 8 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House, and are open to the public:

Dec. 28 - "Yearend Special" - Yuletide "Photo-verse" show by Mario F. Hutton.

Jan. 4 - "Nature Photography Unlimited" - A kaleidoscope of nature subjects presented by Jane and Bill Rosancrans.

Jan. 11 - "The World Around Us" - Slides and commentary by Rosemary K. Collett.

Jan. 18 - From 9 a.m. to 12 noon: Open House at Woodmere Preserve, dead end of Gulf Drive, Willis and Opal Combs, hosts. At 2 p.m. Nature Walk - Meet at entrance of Ding Darling Sanctuary. Hervey Roberts, leader.

Jan. 25 - "Great White Heron: Tyrant of the Grass Flats" - Slide program by Dr. Andrew J. Meyerriecks.

Feb. 1 - "The J. N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge" - Illustrated program by Robert Barber, Manager of the Refuge.

Feb. 8 - "An Icelandic Birding Saga" - Slides and narration by Mrs. Whitney Eastman.

Feb. 15 - "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. 22 - "Wisdom of the Wild" - Film commented in person by Henry W. Briggs.

March 1, 2 & 3 - Visit AUDUBON STAND at Sanibel Shell Fair.

March 8 - "Spider World Closeup" - Slides and narration by Pete Carmichael.

March 9 - Friday - At Captiva Community Center - "Crop of the Cream" - Latest "photo-verse" production by Mario F. Hutton.

March 15 - Bird Banding Demonstration by Dorothy A. Mendinhal, licensed cooperater Fish and Wildlife Service. Meet 9 a.m. at Sanibel Lighthouse.

March 22 - "Beyond Beauty" - Original "photo-verse" presentation by Mario F. Hutton.

March 29 - "Underwater Wonderland" - Slide program on the Florida Keys presented by Michael Stuart.

April 5 - "Birds of Our Islands" - Outdoor program conducted by Griffing Bancroft. Meet 3 p.m. at Bailey Tract Sanctuary, Tarpon Bay Road.

April 12 - Second Annual Fishing Outing, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. aboard Blue Heron II. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Beach Marina, Fort Myers Beach, \$10.50 per person including tackle, bait and tax. Food and drinks available on board. For reservations write: Sanibel-Captiva Audubon, Sanibel, Fla. 33957. First come, first served.

April 19 - Annual meeting followed by "Wild Shore," color film, and "Mud Flat Medley," shelleecture by Jean M. Cate.

At the meetings of December 21 and 28 full details will be given on a Basic Bird Identification Course to be conducted by Charles and Ella Newell on dates and at places to be announced.

Greetings



To the islanders, sincere best wishes
for the holiday season. May your Christmas
be bright with good cheer, warm with the affection
of those you love, and merry with the sound of laughter.

ISLAND INTERIORS BY BONNIE

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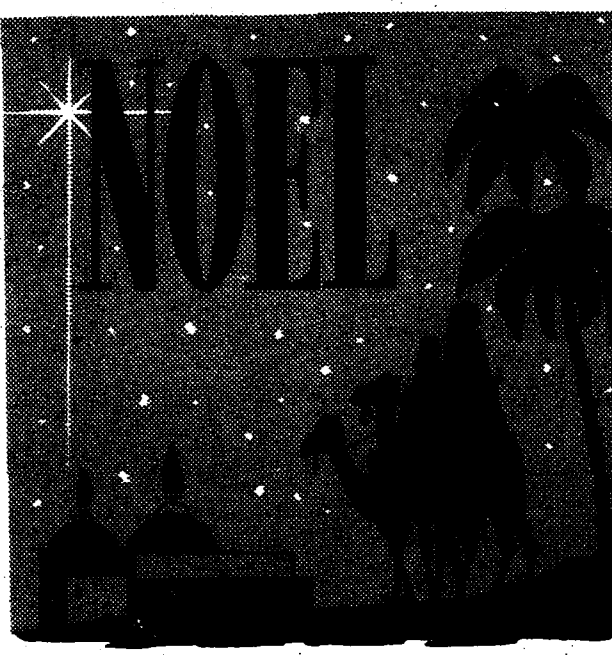
Dave & Marge



Dick & Ruth

wish you a joyous Christmas and
happiness throughout the coming year


BEACHVIEW COTTAGES



**THE
LAST
STRAW**

Rejoice in the holiday spirit!

The Marshall's
of
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Captiva



Wish you Happy Holidays!!

Wishing You A Real
Old Fashion



*Merry
Christmas*



And A Joyous New Year

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Your Hosts Margie & Louis Letizia - For Reservations 472-2177

Dinner 5:00 - 9:00 p. m.

the Letizias
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Overlooking The Gulf of Mexico

Gulf Drive - Between Beachview and Jolly Roger Motels

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Wishing you
A Beautiful
Christmas

**Mary Aleck
SANIBEL
BEAUTY SALON**

**Season's
Greetings**



Bob Sabatino - Guide

Peace on Earth



**GOLDEN
SANDS
RESTAURANT**

**Mr. & Mrs. Bissel
& Staff**

Wish You The
Best Christmas Ever



**Dairy
Queen**

**Dairy Queen
of Sanibel**

HOLY NIGHT

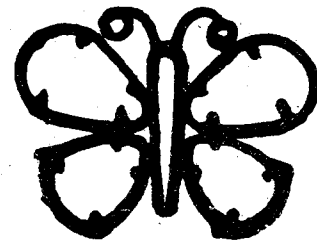
may it live

in men's hearts!



ISLAND PIZZA

1630 Periwinkle Way
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Christmas Greetings

MAY OLD FASHIONED JOYS BE YOURS

THE **LADE** BUTTERFLY
INCORPORATED

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SANIBEL CENTER BUILDING next to dotti's



TO THE ISLANDER:

We want to thank the Islander for publishing the many news items which alerted people on Sanibel and Captiva to our highly successful Conservation Celebration Dec. 9.

And we wish to express our appreciation to all those who worked so hard to make this a memorable affair:

To the Sanibel Community Assn. and the Captiva Civic Assn. for the use of their buildings.

To Marshall Tobacci who so ably directed traffic, and to Scotty for his singing and banjo playing. And to the school children whose original paintings highlighted the Celebration.

To Vernon MacKenzie, James Scholefield, Mrs. Charles Paschall, Don Marshall, Mario Hutton, Charles Newell, Mr. & Mrs. Hal Harrison, Joseph L. Carter, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Barber, Charlotte Shea, Jane Orleans, Charles LeBuff, Paul Zajicek, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Emmons, Kenneth Tremaine, Roy Bazire, Clarence Conklin, Mrs. Robert Haynie, Leigh Bair, Mr. & Mrs. Griffing Bancroft, Mrs. George Winterbotham, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Levy, Mrs. J. Levert Andrews, Shirley Walters, Jessie Dugger, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Bailey, Dr. & Mrs. H. Craig, William Alquist, Mr. & Mrs. Willis Combs, Serita Van Vleck, Mrs. Ingalls Simmons, Dr. & Mrs. John Willard, Mrs. Mordecai Haber, Mrs. Benton Blair, Mrs. Edmund Carnahan, Mrs. Floyd Wakefield, Mrs. Arthur Lee, Mrs. Tom Dugan, Mrs. Clarence Horn, Mrs. Mary Jo Morse, Mrs. Robert Chaplin, Mrs. Harley Woods, Mrs. L. George Gray, Mrs. Bernard Graves, Mrs. Paul Mamet, Mrs. Al E. Sanders, Mrs. Harvey Meyer, Dr. & Mrs. Gerry B. Schnelle, Paul Howe, John Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kessler, Miss Mildred Onstine, Duane White, Mrs. George Tenney, William Compton, Mr. & Mrs. Porter Goss, Mrs. Robert V. Ardtal, Mrs. Donald Whitehead, Alan Nave, Charles Nave, Phil Verdung, Preston Woodring, Grace Rosche, Mrs. Victor Hackler.

To the Captiva members who arranged the annual meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the social hour so beautifully: Mr. & Mrs. Parker Mills, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Kirby, Mrs. Samuel Anderson, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hemphill, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Seymour, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Stolz, Mr. & Mrs. Erard Matthiessen, Mrs. William S. Dennis, Mr. & Mrs. Willard Schultz, Mrs. Mary Pavell, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Robinson, Col. & Mrs. Max McCord.

And so to ALL who participated we say Thank You and Merry Christmas.

/s/ Emmy Lu Lewis, Chairman
Jean Bair, Co-Chairman



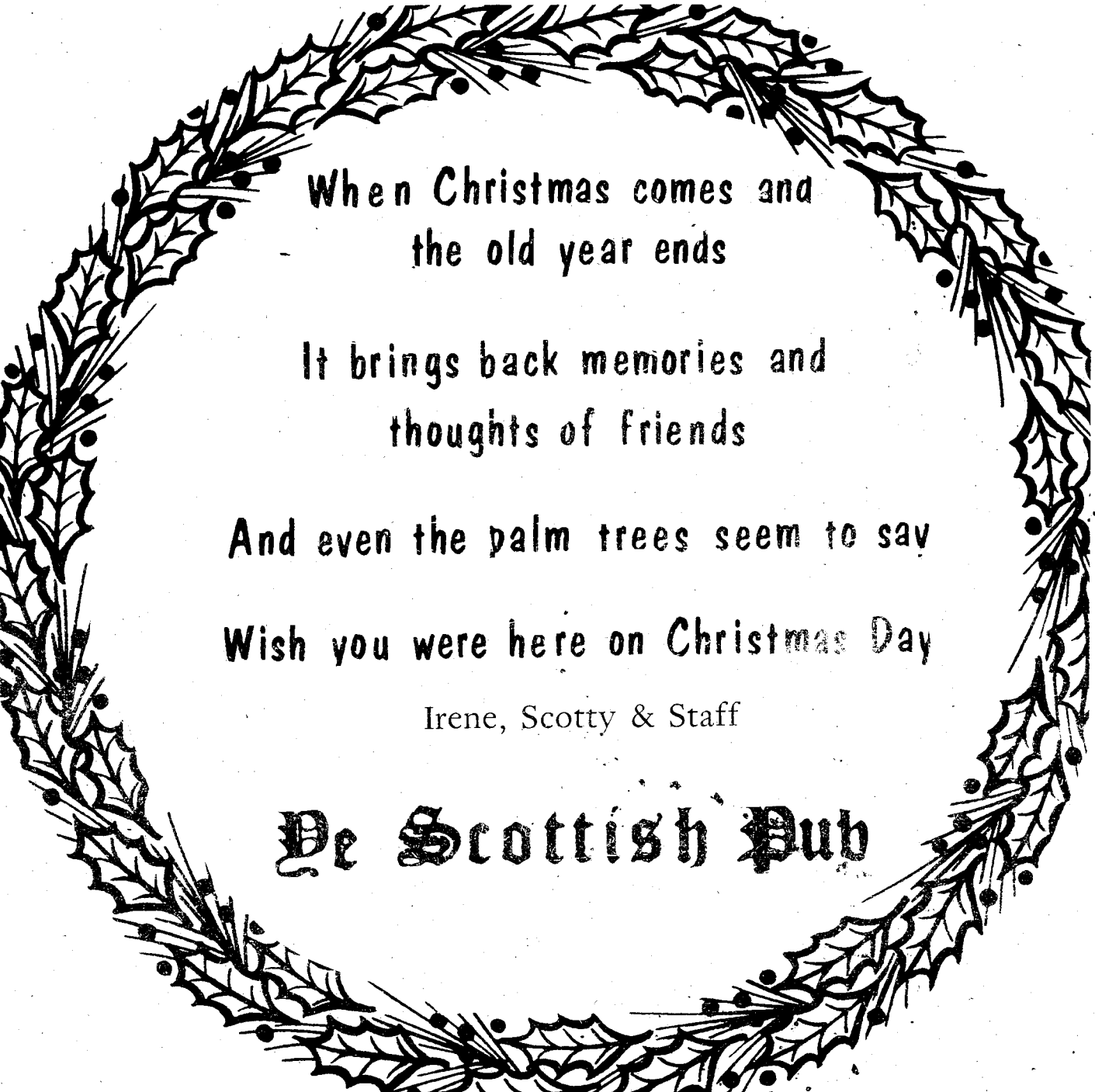
Merry Christmas

TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS

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

Elsie Malone

Specimen Shells - - - - Sanibel Island



When Christmas comes and
the old year ends

It brings back memories and
thoughts of friends

And even the palm trees seem to say

Wish you were here on Christmas Day

Irene, Scotty & Staff

De Scottish Pub

A Merry Christmas

TO ALL FROM
Rebecca, Loraine
and Mark McClintick

AT
TradeWinds

472 - 1131 Sanibel Island



MOTEL - APARTMENTS



MacIntosh Book Shop

*Merry
Christmas*

the musical tradition of Christmas

The musical tradition of Christmas is believed to have begun in 129, when Telesphorus, Bishop of Rome, decreed that "in the holy night of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, (all) do celebrate public church services and in them solemnly sing the Angel's Hymn..."

Since then, literally thousands of carols have been written by such as Sir Walter Raleigh, Martin Lu

ther, Johannes Brahms, Francis Scott Key, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Pope Pius IX.

But Christmas songs weren't called carols until well into the 13th Century, because, during most of the Middle Ages, priests and monks did all the singing inside the churches.



The first American Christmas carol was written by a French Jesuit missionary named John de Brebeuf. He composed a song called "Jesus Is Born" for the Huron Indians with whom he worked in the early 1640s.



The people were only allowed to sing and dance outside, making up words and tunes about the birth of Christ. The French word "carole" and the Italian "carola" both mean a ring dance accompanied by singing, and from this comes our word carol.

Greetings



to the
friends of

*The
Colony*

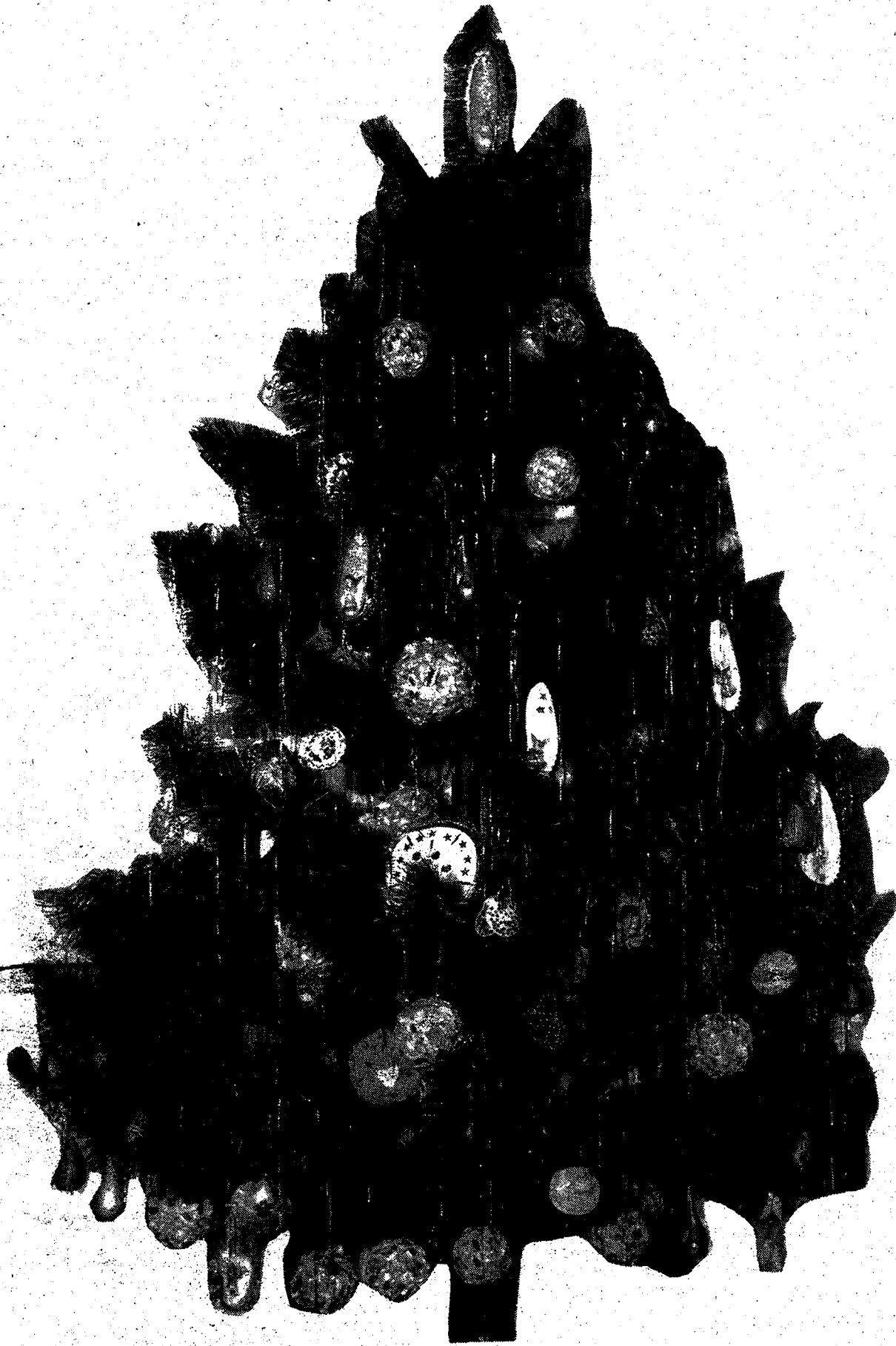
SANIBEL ISLAND, FLORIDA

**both near
and
far**

Frank and Verna Price
Managers



Christmas - - - Island Style



by larry c. houston



MAKING TRACKS with Sandy

I saw him again this year --- the man in the red suit, black boots and long, white beard. He was resting under the same palm tree near the beach.

"Ho, Ho!" he called as I approached.

I said, "What about the third 'Ho'?" and he replied, "I save that till the last when I fly away on my sleigh."

"Santa Claus," I said as I dropped down on the sand beside him, "Welcome to Sanibel."

He had crinkly laugh marks around his eyes and it made me feel good all over to see this jolly little man. Beside him was a huge sack with mysterious looking lumps and bumps but I saw water skis, snorkel gear and beach balls stuffed into the top so I knew he would be unloading in Florida first.

"I have my list all ready," I continued, reaching in my pocket, "but it's more for everybody than it is for you; besides, if all lists to you were like this one you'd never have any work to do --- and as far as the children are concerned that would be disappointing."

Santa said, "I have only a few minutes more so let's have it." He settled back against the tree while the sun beams danced across his nose and a sea gull pecked at a shell near his feet.

I cleared my throat and began:

"The things I want this Christmas day
Are never found in Santa's sleigh;
They can't be bought at a crowded store
That boasts of gifts you've been searching for.
They can't be seen in windows gay
Where Yuletide presents are on display.
They're priceless things the spirit brings,
Like -- Peace on Earth and gladness too,
The warmth of friends, the love of you."

Santa was looking at me curiously and the crinkles around his eyes had sort of straightened out. I continued:

"The things that matter most to me
Are never found 'neath the Christmas tree,
They can't be sought, or sold, or bought,
Like -- a loving heart, a kindly deed,
A strength'ning hand, -- that's all I need!"

He was staring now at a pelican flying low over the water and then he said, "If I could bring all of those things ALONG with the toys we'd have it made!"

He gathered up his belongings and headed for the road waving a friendly goodbye. "Merry Christmas and Ho, Ho, Ho," I heard him call. "And an extra Ho," I shouted as the sound of galloping hooves faded in the distance.

THIS WEEK AT THE SANIBEL LIBRARY
by Hal H. Harrison

Most of us, regardless of our age, can remember a few books about Christmas. Is there anyone who does not recall "The Night Before Christmas" and Charles Dicken's classic "A Christmas Carol" with Tiny Tim and Scrooge and Bob Cratchett? After that, memory begins to fail many of us, but no matter, the Sanibel Public Library is well equipped to lend us many books about Christmas --- easy readers, juveniles, adults, in both fiction and non-fiction.

One book that can be read by or to children (while we enjoy it ourselves) is "Christmas Stories Round the World" edited by Lois Johnson. Here are stories from 14 different countries that entertain and at the same time give us an idea of how the holiday is observed in other lands. Lois Lenski's "Christmas Stories" are chosen from nine of her books and offer the best in Yuletide fiction.

For those who remember Dickens at this season only for his "Christmas Carol" may be surprised to learn that he also wrote a book of Christmas stories titled "The Holly Tree." The three parts of the book are labeled "The Seven Poor Travelers," "The Poor Relation Story," and "The Haunted House."

Forty four stories, some of them well known, are included in "The Fireside Book of Christmas Stories" edited by Edward Wagenknecht. Entertaining pictures in color by Ilonka Karasz make a distinguished book of a favorite old folk song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

In the non-fiction department, the Sanibel Library has a wealth of material about all facets of Christmas. Outstanding, of course, is the three-volume set "The Life Book of Christmas" published by Life Magazine. The volumes are titled "The Glory of Christmas," "The Pageantry of Christmas," and "The Merriment of Christmas." In this same vein is a definitive book on the subject by Alfred Carl Hottes: "1001 Christmas Facts and Fancies." This is a real encyclopedia of Christmas.

For those who like to "do things" about Christmas there is "Holiday Handicraft" by Nine R. Jordan, a book that includes other holidays too. "A Treasury of Christmas Decorations" by Beth Hemingway will help adults discover new ways to decorate. Photos of Christmas creations are included.

If you like poetry, borrow "Welcome Christmas," a garland of over 50 poems chosen by Anne Thaxter Eaton. Published just last is "Holly, Reindeer, and Colored Lights," a story of Christmas symbols told by Edna Barth. The library has it marked "juvenile," but I enjoyed it very much and I have not been marked "juvenile" for a long time.

CAPTIVA MEMORIAL LIBRARY TO EXPAND HOURS

Starting Jan. 2, Captiva Memorial Library will expand its hours for the convenience of its readers, particularly the children, for whom we have a very good collection of books. New hours of the library will be Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. until noon, Friday, 2 to 4 p.m.

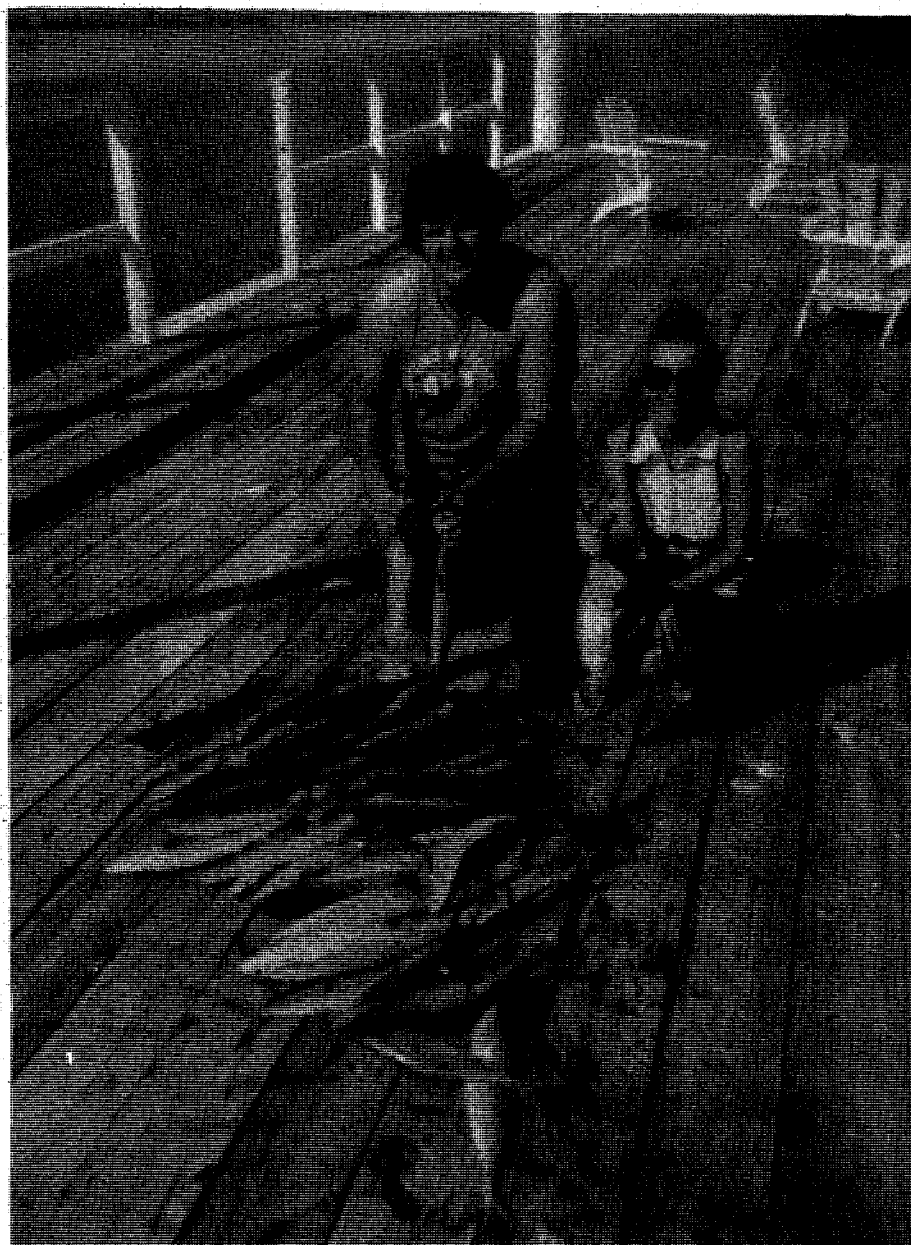
Of special interest in our library this week is TOPSIDE RICKSHA by the late Harold M. Bixby of Captiva. Arthur Kinsolving, minister of the Chapel by the Sea enjoyed the book and reviewed it briefly for us.

The book takes its title from the Shanghai pidgin English for airplane: "Topside Ricksha, coolie no have got." Meaning a conveyance traveling overhead with no visible means of propulsion.

Mr. Bixby relates his fascinating experiences in the early thirties, as a pioneer Pan-Am executive, flying a single-engine plane into the remote areas of China where planes had never before been seen. Coming into the ancient capital of Chengtu without assurance that the local warlord would allow a landing, he had to circle the parade grounds many times before detecting an area for a runway that was not crowded with frantic humanity. He had many harrowing experiences with the quaint corruptions of the ruling warlords in a time when coolies could be seen tied together, under the last of the drill master, dragging the ships upstream.

Mr. Bixby gained a great admiration for the common people of China, who seemed to have survived unbelievably primitive conditions because of their own unique good nature.

He gives a humorous and anecdotal picture of China in transition, trying to unify itself under Chiang Kai Shek. When the original air routes were finally established, people had an option on the journey from Chungking to Kwiyang, twelve days by sedan chair through bandit-ridden country or one hour and 45 minutes by plane.




Fifty-five Spanish mackerel are the proud catch of Mr. & Mrs. Mac Steart of Winter Haven, Fla. They went fishing for a half-day with Jack Thomas on the charter boat Jenny T out of South Seas Plantation Marina.



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SURFRIDER MOTEL

Joe and Lucille Caralon of Bricktown, N.Y., have a lovely tan and are much rested after a month here just relaxing, fishing and catching up on some of their reading. Lucille has kept her knitting needles warm making Christmas gifts; they refuse to think of the weather in N.J.

Here from Beaconsfield, Canada, are Mr. & Mrs. L. Kalnins and his mother who are enjoying the beauty of the Island. Mrs. H. B. Friedman and Mrs. Walter Tassler of Atlanta, Ga., are here to rest, shell and fish while Mr. & Mrs. George Robinson and children of Chicago, Ill., are enjoying the pool, shelling and touring the islands. From Bethesda, Md., come the Paul Greens and Charles and Judith Dzuban and son Chris from Winter Park, Fla., are here for another visit. Mr. & Mrs. Harlod of Garden City, N.J., heard so much about Sanibel and Captiva from their daughter and son-in-law that they just had to come and see for themselves. Here to rest before the holidays are Mr. & Mrs. Dallis R. Sinclair and family from Carmel, Ind.

Mr. & Mrs. Conrad R. Lickel and son from Harrisburg, Pa., are returning to Sanibel again this year for their Christmas holidays. Paul and Shirley Beneville and daughters, Barbra, Dari and Renee all of Dunwoody, Ga., are here for their annual Christmas stay as are Mr. & Mrs. Harry Schwartz and grandchildren and Robert Singer from Miami; it's a first for the grandchildren.

SEGUNDA GUESTS

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

Returning from Avon, Conn., are Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Barnes and back from Oberlin, Ohio, the Walter Gorskes. Also from Ohio, is Mrs. Dorothy Norpell, who hails from Newark. From Shawnee Mission, Kans., we also welcome back Mr. & Mrs. James Jewell.

Other returning friends are Mr. & Mrs. Mathew J. Kubick of Lynsbrook, N.Y., here for their annual Christmas reunion with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Weyman E. White of East Point, Ga. First time visitors include the John Emlen family of Madison, Wis., the Wellington McConnells of Harwich Port, Mass., and Dr. & Mrs. H. W. Stinson of Warrenton, Va.

Returning from nearer points are Floridians Mr. & Mrs. William Stoneburner, with son Billy, of Fort Lauderdale; Capt. & Mrs. A. S. Boyce of Hollywood; and Dr. & Mrs. David Lindberg of Gainesville.

A briefer visit is also expected from a certain Mr. S. Claus, who says that it's really cold up where he comes from, and that he's anxious to get down to Sanibel's balmy weather again for his annual visit!

WHO'S WHO AND WHY

Mr. & Mrs. HENRY GROH of Greenwich, Conn., are returning to Sanibel the end of December to stay in their brand new home in Tahiti Shores. They would be happy to have all their friends stop in to see them.

And now for a few catty remarks for some of our cuttiest friends. The BALLENGERS of Captiva have a white cat who is a real personality kid. Being a super friendly cat, he is just as likely to come up to you and instead of rubbing against your legs, he ambles up and collapses on your legs so you have to notice this cat, who is all white except for two black dice by each ear and a black tail which looks like a bad after thought, and you will find this friendly type at McCaul's where he is in residence supreme except at feeding time.

And then our next endearing feline is the all black kitten who sojourns the Jade Butterfly. This long-furred beauty with the pistachio eyes will not only steal your heart, but has been noted by owners the CHET SMITHS making off with a valuable jewel as a play toy, but is equally fond of a scrap of cellophane which she guards with her life. Seems most of the pets on our islands are as individualistic as their owners.

Mr. WALTER J. WOODHAMS of Gulf Drive is recovering from an accident which occurred on Saturday evening on MacGregor Blvd. near the Cape Coral Road intersection. A car driven by Stephen Ciolkosz, 18, of Cape Coral, ran head-on into Mr. Woodham's with such force both cars were demolished. Deputy Carl Levy said it was a miracle both drivers escaped with only minor injuries.

Here on a rather sad mission is Capt. S. H. ADAMS, brother of the late ELIZABETH MacDONALD, who just arrived from the Far East to settle the estate. We hope he will find some solace and cheer on the islands this gay season.

Visiting Dr. & Mrs. HERBERT MALONE for the holidays is daughter, Mrs. H. ELLSWORTH of Los Angeles, and they are assuring her that our weather is not always so chilly. In fact most Christmas days one can go for a swim.

The C. A. KALMAN home will be a happy place all season. Daughter KRISTINA just returned from an European jaunt and son ERIC is here for the holidays from the University of South Florida in Tampa.

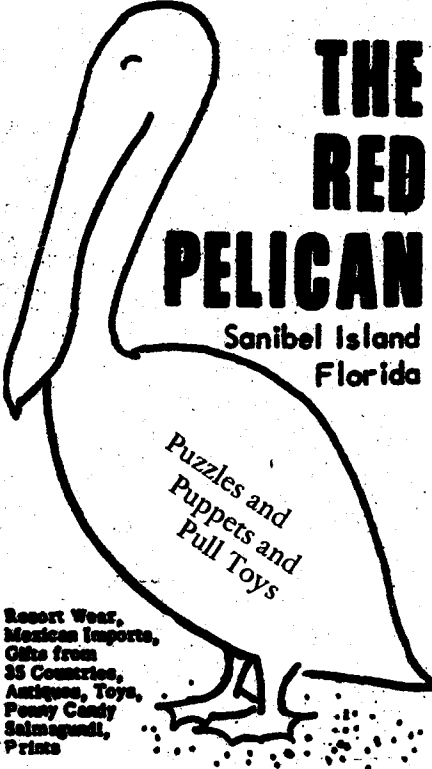
Mr. & Mrs. JACK SPARKES of Captiva announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss CINDY SPARKES to Prof. TERRY HUGHES of Florida Southern University in Lakeland. They were wed on the beach with Dr. KINSOLVING officiating on Wednesday.

VI JONES has gone to visit her parents for the holidays, Mr. & Mrs. ERNEST OWEN, who live in Tobaccoville, N.C., and it looks like it might be a white Christmas, as they have already had a sprinkling of snow up that way.

Proud parents, GEORGE and PEGGY FOWLKES, have been having a ball entertaining both sons, DAVID and RICHARD and his family. David is down for the holidays from Athens, Ga., and Richard and his wife and two children are here on leave from his newspaper job, and they are hoping to return with a little tan and some shells and lots of Christmas gifts.

DOTTI and MIKE McQUADE have gone to Baltimore, Md., to visit with the McQuades up there for a real old fashioned Christmas with some snow too, we bet. It will be Dotti's first visit up that way in 16 years for Christmas, and so she has been looking forward to it.

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BEACHVIEW COTTAGES

Beachview guests that arrived this week are Mr. & Mrs. George Seely of Chadds Ford, Pa., and are enjoying their annual three week visit to Sanibel. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Martelli of Lakewood, N.J., are here for their fourth year. They will be having two of their seven children visit them over the holidays.

Also here are Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Parsons of Yardley, Pa., and Mr. & Mrs. Carl Blaker of Vienna, Va. Mrs. Abby J. Parkerson of New Orleans, La., has come for a much needed rest and where else but Sanibel for this. Also on a fourth return visit are Mr. & Mrs. James Aldersea and Mrs. Aldersea's mother, Mrs. Duffey of Ottawa, Ill. Mr. & Mrs. Donald Navis, who are enthralled with our Islands, spent two weeks at Beachview and said next year it will be three for sure. From Hallandale, Fla., come Mr. & Mrs. Orville Costick. And last, but certainly not least, are two honeymoon couples, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Brown of Miami, and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Short of Lafayette, Ind. Congratulations to them both.

ISLAND INN GUESTS

Guests at Island Inn include Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stouten and their two boys from Grand Rapids, Mich.; the John Morrisons of Middletown, N.Y.; Mrs. M. E. Stephens, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. & Mrs. Warren Lindau and family of Miami; the William J. Gratz, St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. & Mrs. B. B. Harris, White Bear Lake, Minn.; and the Richard Seid family of Guadalajara, Mexico.

Other guests are Miss Mary Yort and Mrs. John Yort of Columbus, Ohio; the M. Paynters of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Ringler, Elm Grove, Wisc.; the Chester Johnstons, Waco, Texas; the James Copes, Centerville, Md.; Mrs. Alice Kinser of Carlinville, Ill.; and from Wilmette, Ill., Mr. & Mrs. Harry Berger and family.

BLIND PASS COTTAGES

At Blind Pass Cottages are Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Meyer of Venice; Mrs. M. C. Maloney, Upper Saddle, N.J.; Russell Hogg, Barbersville, W. Va.; Mr. & Mrs. N. H. Sherwood of Avon Lake, Ohio; the R. Bangs family from Naples; Mr. & Mrs. Steve Thompson from Seminole; Mr. & Mrs. Burnell H. Selleck, Hazlett, Mich.; and from Daytona Beach, Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Atkins, Jr.

ADULT EDUCATION TO CONTINUE THROUGH HOLIDAYS

Mrs. Carol Lee Kelley, instructor of Adult Education on the islands announces that the classes will continue on through the holidays on regular schedule at the Sanibel School from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Social Studies classes are still open for enrollment at this time and also Americanism versus Communism plus the regular general education classes in reading, mathematics, and general subjects toward 8th grade certificates. If you are interested in any of these classes and are not already enrolled, call Mrs. Kelley at 472-1675.

LIONS CLUB

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. The Lions want all of the island residents and visitors to know their support and interest is appreciated. Substantial contributions were made by Lions to the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind and the South Florida Eye Bank. Donations were also made to the Lee County Health Dept. for the purchase of medications for those in need.

On Dec. 6, Dee Amon, James Smith and Glenn Sikes were initiated into the Lions Club. They bring the total membership to 54. This is the largest membership in the history of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club.



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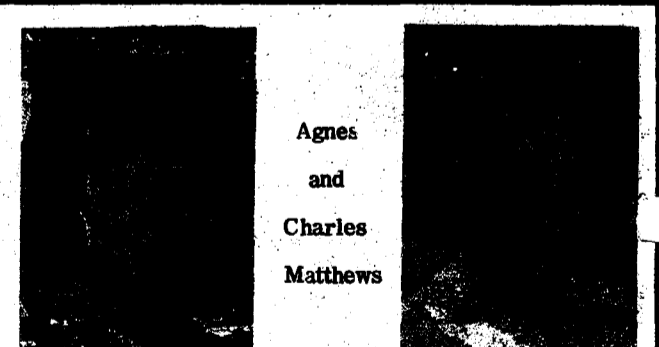
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As most islanders know, Sanibel and Captiva have seen occupation by Indians and then visitation by the Spanish before Florida came under the jurisdiction of the United States. From these peoples and from pirate bands the two islands received their names; Sanibel from the Spanish, Captiva from the days of the pirates.

Like many other national wildlife refuges, the Darling lands encompass sites which recall glories of past civilizations and the pride of ages gone by. Several Indian shell mounds may be found within refuge boundaries, two of which are evident within the lowlands of the Darling tract. The Ladyfinger Lakes region, bordering

Dixie Beach Blvd. and Tarpon Bay, and the west end of the Wildlife drive each boast of these historic Caloosa mounds, still built upon and bedecked with bleached and brittle shells carried by the tall, proud Caloosa tribes and shaped into hills for rituals and rites.

Recently the refuge staff has labored to re-open the trail locally known as Gasparilla's Hideaway -- a path leading through lands once farmed and harvested to one of these fascinating shell mounds. This trail begins immediately after the Wildlife auto route again becomes a two-way road. On the left, space has been opened for two cars to park, and the hiking path leads off left of this parking area.

The Gasparilla's Hideaway Trail, extending approximately one-fourth of a mile back into the island's upland vegetation, is a virtual world to itself, rarely seen by island visitors. Air plants and orchids grow in profusion from buttonwood and poison wood trees. Papaya, lime, bamboo, myrtle, and gumbo limbo line the eastwardly-winding walk. A magnificent wall of nightblooming cereus hangs languidly between 2 cabbage palms, and prickly pears from a spiny, tangled undergrowth at points beside the way.

A sudden rise finds the hiker looking down to his right into part of the Caloosa shell mound, scattered with whelks, king's crowns, conches, and other shells before the trail continues on, meandering around and over the mound and again out into the more-open upland area. Visitors are cautioned that the mound and its contents are protected under the Antiquities Act and must not be disturbed.

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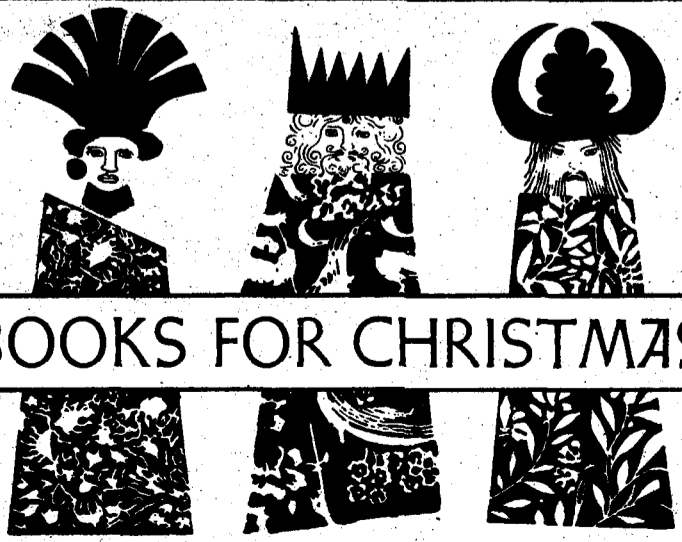
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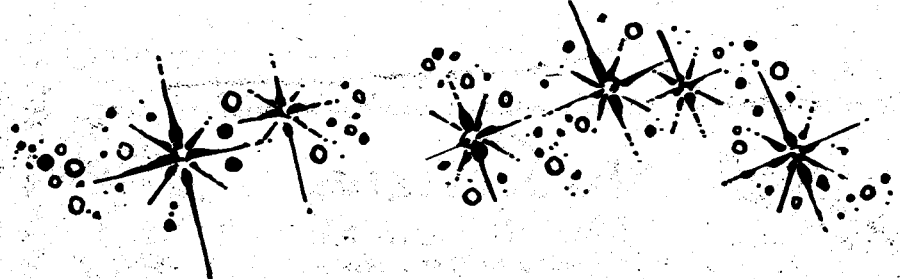
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 Sunday, Dec. 24, Confession, 11 to 11:45 p.m.
 Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas music by the children, 11:50 p.m.
 Sunday, Dec. 24, Midnight Mass.
 Monday, Christmas Day, Mass, 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

REMINDER

Chief Alan Nave would like to remind all residents that all burning permits expire at 12 p.m., Dec. 31. New burning permits may be obtained at the new Firehouse on Palm Ridge Road starting Dec. 26, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. It is a must that everyone has a permit to burn anything. Chief Nave and all the members of the Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Rescue Squad would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.



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Following the custom established by his father, Francis Bailey will read the Christmas story from the Holy Bible and a Christmas message will be read by Philip Hunter.

The program, coordinated by Duane White will also feature special music by organist Jean Culpepper, pianist Marian Chaplin and the church choir.

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The race committee for the first Annual Sanibel Christmas Bicycle Race hard at work at the Conservation Celebration. (photo by courtesy of S. Pickens)

CHRISTMAS BICYCLE RACE

The number of entrants continues to mount for the first annual Sanibel Christmas bicycle race on Saturday, Dec. 23. The contestants will push off in the pedal-for-pay 10-Speed Stakes at 3:30 p.m. from the Gulf side public parking area at the Lighthouse. For those aficionados of less exotic pedal power, a second race for three-speed and other conventional bicycles will begin from Scotty's parking lot about 3:45 p.m. Both races will finish at the Post Office. First prize in each race will be \$50.00 with numerous also-ran prizes to be presented.

Details about the races and the bicycle rodeo that will precede them in the movie theater parking lot are available at Bailey's store entrance or can be obtained by calling the race committee at 472-2234.

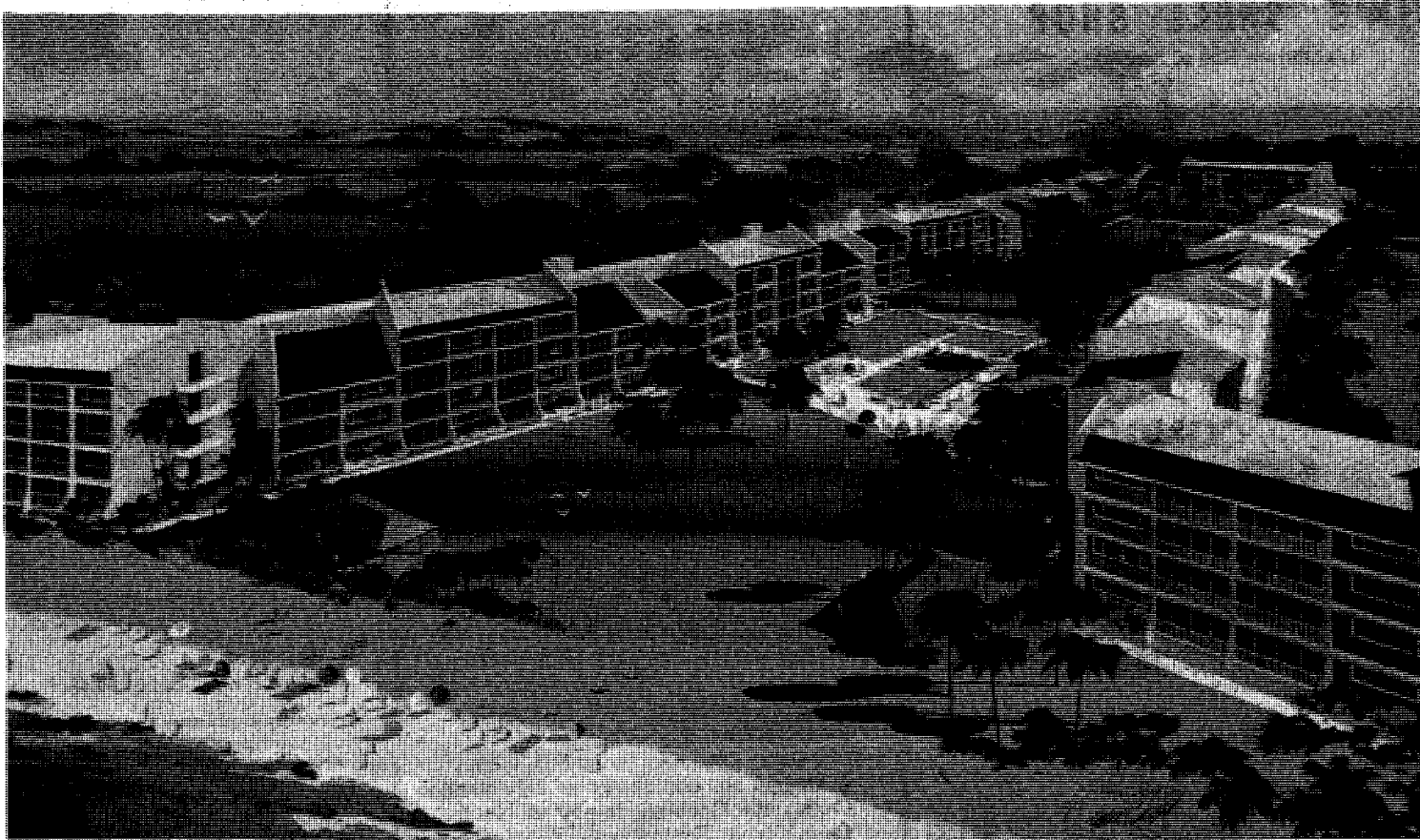
A spokesman for the group of islanders arranging the bicycle events noted that the aim was to demonstrate to State and County Officials the need for and interest in bicycle paths on Sanibel. It is also hoped that some money can be raised to start

building a "Hike and Bike Trail" fund to back up potential State and County donations.

Each rider will be required to pay a \$5.00 entry fee, though several island businesses have offered to sponsor selected island contestants. A great many local businesses are helping out the race committee by volunteering prizes and giving free publicity for the events.

Deputy Sheriffs Secari and Wooster will be managing traffic control to ensure safety during the races. Numerous volunteer road guards will also be stationed along Periwinkle.

Those wishing to compete should assemble at the starting areas 15 minutes or more ahead of starting time. Bicycles for rent are available for those caught on the island without their bicycle. All visitors are welcome. Those wishing to ride, but not race, to show support for the Sanibel "Hike and Bike" program may pedal-parade en masse from the B-Hive to the Post Office after the 10-speed and conventional races have passed by. Unicycles, tandems and adult trikes are all invited.



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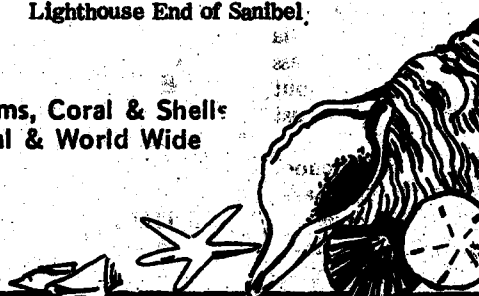
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From New Jersey come Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Garrelts of Tenafly; the Robert Savoyes of Hackensack; the Arthur Widmans of Haworth; the Elwood Wurster family of Moorestown; the Frederick Priff party of Ship Bottom; and Dr. & Mrs. William Balogh and family of Watchung, are in their cottage, Sunset House.

Other guests are Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Goggin Sr. and family of Newtown, Conn.; the Goehring family of Noank, Conn.; from Pennsylvania, the Gilbert Helwig party of Pittsburgh; and the Leon Berkowitz family of Philadelphia. From Toronto, Canada, Dr. & Mrs. M. W. Lister, Mr. & Mrs. I. G. McHaffie and family and Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Fowier and family. From Michigan, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Kessler, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Rank and family of New Era, and Mr. & Mrs. Andrew McClary and daughters of East Lansing.

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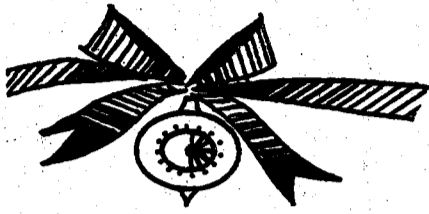
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The opening program of the 1972-73 season of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will be held tonight, Thursday, at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House. As always, the show is open to the public, and all are cordially invited to attend this interesting and very timely show. It will be presented by William Hammond, director of the Lee County Environmental Education Program. In this capacity he is heading for the second year the environmental pilot project to which the federal government is contributing \$325,000, and that has already won national acclaim.

Mr. Hammond's show, entitled "Our Living Estuaries" will consist of an unusual slide presentation on the unique role played in nature's scheme by the teeming bays, bayous, mangrove forests and creeks in Lee County. Special attention will be devoted to those plans and activities of man that threaten these biological factories, including the menaced loss of Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve to development.



The Sanibel Baptist Women's held its first meeting to organize an executive board with directors. Mrs. Grace Speake opened the meeting with a brief talk on motherly love and sharing. Virginia Whittman lead the group in prayer. Bess Crain had a beautiful poem about Christmas and her narration was just perfect.

Mariam Johnson, Sunday School Superintendent, asked for the floor and skillfully presented the Class needs for the coming year. Temporary chairman, Grace Speake, appointed a nominating committee to select officers for the coming year; they are Bess Crain, Eula Rhodes and Kathy Bunnell. Others attending the meeting were Tillie Montgomery, Charlotte Shea, Iris Weymouth, Marge Anne Haas and Martha McDill.

A social hour was enjoyed by the group with treats of ambrosia, nuts, cake and coffee. Next meeting will be in the home of Martha McDill on Tahiti Shores, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE ISLANDER:

A copy of the following letter was sent to the Islander for publication:
Col. B. E. McCharen, Jr. (Ret.)
4009 S.E. 10th Ave.
Cape Coral, Fla.

Dear Colonel McCharen:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Southwest Florida Field Representative to our newly-elected Congressman L. A. (Skip) Bafalis.

The news article reported that you moved to this area in March. I hope that you have since had the chance to visit nearby Sanibel and Captiva Islands and gained an appreciation of their "unique and scenic" character. If you had the added opportunity to chat with some of "us Islanders" you probably also noted our aspirations to maintain that character.

In line with those aspirations, possibly your Numero Uno task should be to get an answer from the Army Chief of Engineers to my enclosed inquiry of Nov. 16. It concerned a seawall on the shelling beach near the causeway that Florida Attorney General Shevin is also investigating as a "possible violation of Chapter 253, Florida Statutes." A sanibel property owner from Cleveland has also raised the question as to whether my permit granted was based upon a detailed statement on the environmental impact filed with the Council on Environmental Quality as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

In the event that you missed it, also enclosed is an article reporting the recent appointment of and proceedings of a Collier County Legislative Advisory Committee to State Representative James Lorenzo Walker. Many of their suggestions on natural resources and the problems of the coastal zone seem to be matters with which the Congress should be concerned. I am hopeful that Lee County's Representative Paul Nucholls will form a similar Advisory Committee, and that you will work closely with both.

Many of my neighbors on the Islands are looking forward to the answer from the Army Engineers and appropriate action on any breach in public policy.

/s/ Paul A. Howe
Sanibel, Fla.

TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS:

We wish to thank you all for the kindness and consideration afforded us during our time of sorrow. Your kind deeds were a sincere comfort to us.

We especially wish to thank the Sanibel Rescue Squad for their quick response and help.

With deep gratitude,

/s/ The family of
Athanasia Kontinos

TO THE ISLANDER:

As Mrs. Remus's letter states, Mr. Patrick Dormer, age 13, does have a bridge pass. Since he is severely retarded, our son cannot ride the school bus, talk, bathe and dress himself or do most of the things normal children do every day. However, he can learn a little, enjoy the companionship of other children and lavish love on everyone who is kind to him.

The children of this country are entitled by law to a public school education and transportation to that school. Our County Commissioners, with understanding and humanity, refuse to except those so severely handicapped that they cannot go anywhere or do anything without special help.

I suppose it's unsporting to end such interesting speculation but the truth is that we do not have an "in" with the Board of County Commissioners. I certainly wish we did.

/s/ Elinore Dormer
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At 10 p.m. we sailed for the island of Delos where we arrived the next morning at 8 a.m. Delos, small, rocky and almost uninhabited except for a few shepherds, guards of the archaeological treasures and staff of the museum. We had a few treasured, uninterrupted hours to explore the ruins. One of the most outstanding features was, of course, the Terrace of Lions. Originally fourteen lions, or lionesses in number, but the years have taken their toll and now only six remain, one of which has been removed to guard the arsenal at Venice.

In the afternoon we sailed for Myconos. A tender took us from the ship to this unique little island. From the dock to the center of the village one could take a bus or hire a horse and carriage.

Those of us who engaged the latter had a most thrilling ride down the narrow and treacherous coast road. Myconos, the Capri of the Aegean, full of interesting sights and shops. The wind blew a chill breeze from the sea and it was the first time we needed sweaters or shawls. Three gay girls in our group donned Greek head scarves, cunningly arranged by an amused and enterprising shopkeeper. The result was evidently startling, for when they returned to another shop to pick up a parcel, the young owner exclaimed "You look now Greek, My God!" Another gentleman of our party got quite hysterical and made the ladies post for pictures. Back on the Jupiter that night a fancy dress and fashion pageant was held. A lovely lady in our group modeled a gorgeous pant suit, and a gentleman, with his long, freshly shampooed locks and flowing beard aspired to Socrates, with the help of two borrowed sheets, a silver goblet full of hemlock from the dining room and a somewhat wilted wreath of asparagus fern. He won a prize!

On Sept. 21, we arrived in Rhodes at 8 a.m. We then boarded our motor coach which had been labeled "Sunny Bell" for identification purposes. Sunny Bell had an added distinction for at every opportune moment the driver blew his horn to the tune of "Never on Sunday." Our courier on this trip was a charmer. Besides being able to tell a slightly risqué joke or two, he sang Greek songs to us most beautifully. It was quite a rewarding day.

We had a chance to see a large ceramic factory in operation where child labor was employed. It was sad but interesting to see these youngsters very cleverly painting pottery free-style.

A further excursion was made to Lindos and its Acropolis at the top of 300 steps. Only the brave and still



A happy trio of members of the Sanibel tour of Greece: Cornelia Hollowell, Ezra Gaverke and Ann Warren aboard ship in Istanbul Harbor.

strong attempted this climb. Others of us poked around the little winding streets and shops spending more of our money. (TO BE CONTINUED)

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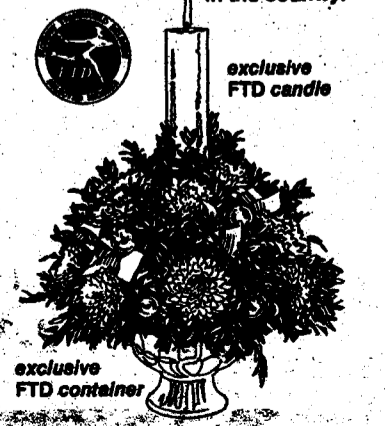
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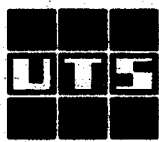
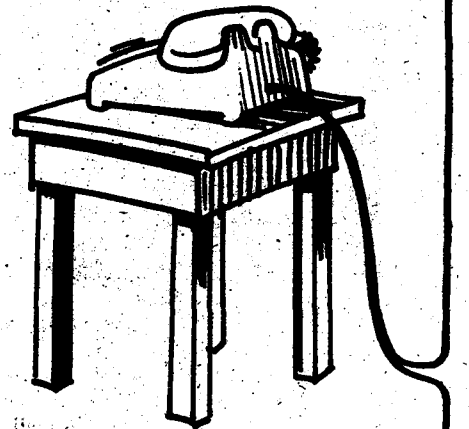


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In Sanibel's fall class this year we have 80 registrants. Even though we expected a drop in attendance we still have approximately 65 attending regularly every Monday night. On Nov. 27 Mr. Walter Thomas gave an excellent lecture of the technical aspects of the fire extinguishers and then gave a practical demonstration in putting out fires that truly amazed everyone who attended the class that evening. The following Monday class was a discussion on the Rules of the Road. On Jan. 15, Mr. Don Ellingsen of the Florida Marine Patrol will lecture on "What's New in Boating Regulations." We urge all to attend.

The plans for next fall's classes have not been formulated as yet, however, if possible, we might have a course in seamanship which is a prerequisite for subsequent advanced courses.

With so many boaters on our two islands we feel that our ultimate goal of having our own U.S. Power Squadron would be an asset. Remember our slogan, "Safe Boating is no Accident."

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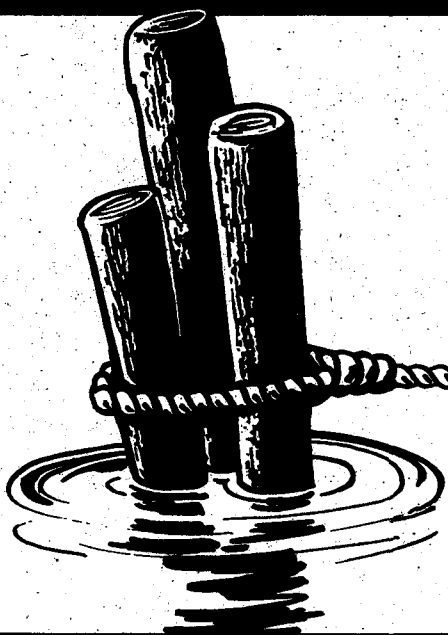
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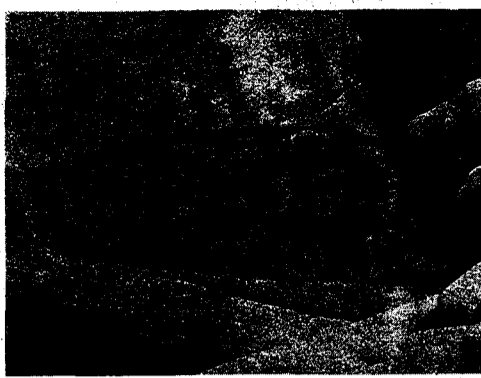
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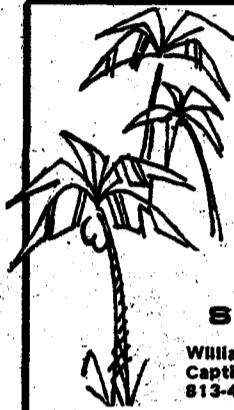
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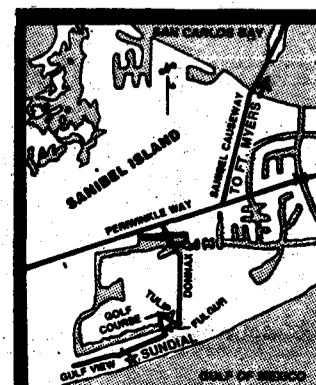
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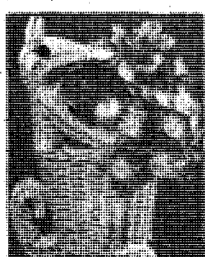
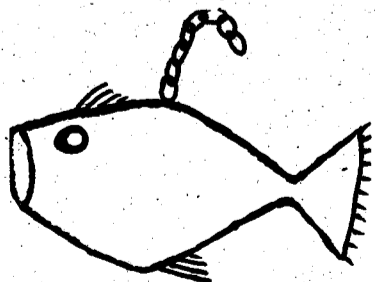
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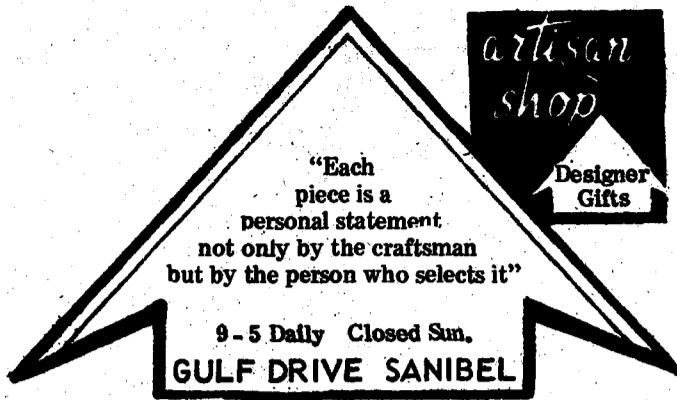
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SANIBEL BOTANICAL NOTES
by William C. Brumbach

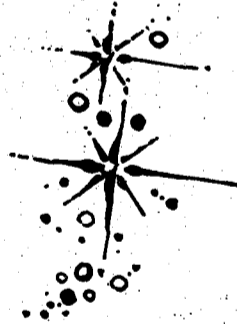
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It is doubtful, however, that the observers who pass through the sanctuary realize the wealth of plant material found there on all sides along the causeway.

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The Chinese gardeners about the large American cities grow it under the name of la-kwa for the edible pulp surrounding the seeds and the rind which is used in medicinal preparations.

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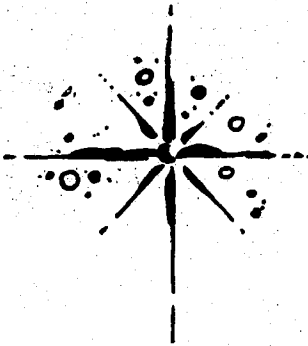
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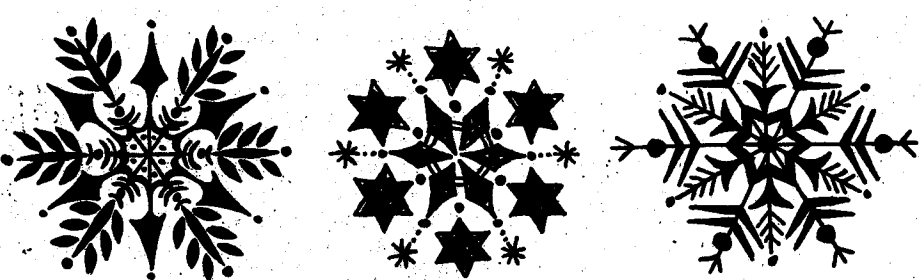
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