



RADAR SITE WATER TOWER NEARS COMPLETION

# Gov't., Commercial And Private Building Keeps Island Active

With the new radar site, a 100 unit motel, some private homes and a new restaurant all under construction, building on the Island is at an all time high.

Mr. Jim Pointer, construction manager for Southern Construction Co. of Augusta, Georgia, the firm building the Brookley AFB early warning site, stated that for the past few weeks work has been slowed up due to a delay of supplies and materials but it is expected to be alleviated in the next week or two.

The cause of the shortage of materials has been due to excessive demand and a backlog of orders with steel being the critical material shortage. Normally, they will employ from 100 to 150 men at top peak but presently are employing between 20 and 30. They expect to start the uphill climb in about two weeks and reach their peak production about this time next month.

The completion date is set for June, 1958 with occupancy on the first of July. Present work is being concentrated on the buildings so that by the time cold weather sets in the outsidies will be completed and the insides may be finished under shelter. The two airman's dormitories, when completed, will house at capacity 200 airman. The B. O. Q. when completed will house 100 officers at capacity. The site will have its own water and sewage system, paved roads and will be entirely landscaped. In terms of money, the site will represent approximately \$1,400,000 in construction

cost. This does not include equipment or furnishings.

Misner and McEvoy of Alabama Inc. report that they have a dredge that is dredging Port Royal Finger and are also extending a second finger behind the concrete plant that will enclose Lafayette Bay. They are developing and building sea walls in the Royal Lagoon area. Their latest addition is Quivara Bay, which will be a horseshoe shaped finger enclosing a complete bay. Progress is about 50 per cent completed on the Quivara Bay project and it is reported that 80 per cent of the property has been sold. This work is a joint venture of the Chamber of Commerce and Misner and McEvoy.

Work on the motel owned by George Mellon Interests and being constructed by Roger B. Hall Construction Co. of Bradenton, Fla. is progressing nicely with the settling of strike difficulties. When completed it will contain 100 rental units with a restaurant and bar with seating facilities for approximately 55 people. Plans are being made for a terraced pavilion and possibly a swimming pool. The architect for the motel was Mr. Kenneth Giddens.

Several private homes are under construction on the Island in

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## Two New Families Add to Island Growth

The population on the Island has been expanded by two new families in the last few weeks. Dr. W. A. Wood is staying in his duplex apartment on Indian Bay while his permanent home is being constructed near Cadillac Square.

Mr. Homer T. Robertson is visiting on the Island while supervising the building of his new home on Cadillac Avenue, overlooking Dauphin Bay. Mr. Robertson, in the marine and general contracting business, was admitted to membership in the Businessmen's Association at its last monthly meeting.

## Decals For Booster Membership Discussed

Study is being given to the idea of distributing decals to Dauphin Island Boosters, a category of membership in the Businessmen's Association.

Persons not eligible for the various participating classes of membership, but sincerely interested in the development of the Island, would be readily known by a distinctive decal placed on the windshield of their automobile and signifying a "Dauphin Island Booster".

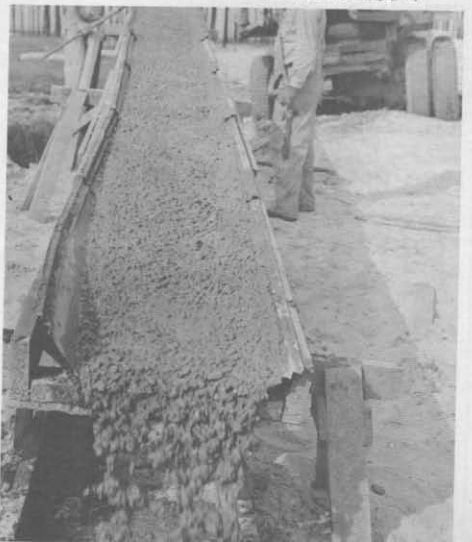


BEACHCOMBING

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With the beginning of November and the start of cool weather, the oyster industry on Dauphin Island begins to get in full gear. Although the season officially begins September the first, the best oysters are tonged from November until the end of the season. While oysters tonged during September and October are delicious, they are not as fat and the low yield is not as profitable to the oyster men.

Some of the world's most palatable oysters are spawned in the Mississippi Sound which islanders call the "Lake", and Dauphin Island is the only spot in the world where you can drive along the highway and watch the fishermen tonging the oyster beds a few feet off shore. Oyster beds, like anything else, must be planted to provide a good harvest for the next season and this is accomplished by the fishermen themselves who must plant from 500 to 600 barrels of empty oyster shells after each season. Anyone oystering off public beds must replant 30 per cent of their shells. The first year an oyster is a male and after that it may change sex several times. The oyster will lay up to 60 million eggs of which only one may live, so when you eat a five year old oyster you are eating one in five million. The female and male eggs when released from the oysters float to the surface where they join together to form a spat.

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FOUNDATION BEING POURED AT MOTEL SITE

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## EDITORIAL

We decided we would go downtown the other day and look over the crop of new 1958 automobiles we have been hearing so much about, and, we're not so sure we like what we saw.

In the first place it seems that we have enough trouble just keeping two headlights working on our "old model 56 car so we're wondering if the new models with their four headlights are not just a little superfluous, and just an extra set to go bad. Of course, maybe that is why the automobile manufacturers put them there — in case one set goes on the blink, you will have an extra set. At any rate whatever the reason for the extra set, you can bet they are going to raise the price of the car and its not going to make repair bills any cheaper in case you accidentally sneak up on some car from behind.

Now the rear ends are something else, with their high sweeping vertical stabilizers that look so good on a supersonic jet — and I understand serve a very useful purpose in keeping the plane from yawing all over the sky — BUT, since cars are not yet made to fly, that certainly could not be the reason for having the tail fins. If the reason for the tail fins is to house the multitude of signal lights in the rear end, I wonder why the manufacturers decided all of a sudden six rear lights were needed instead of the customary two which served for so many years. Granted, that being let up like a Christmas tree has its advantages when coming in for a landing at a congested airport, we fail to see the advantages while driving at night when the motorist already has to distinguish varied colored blinking signs, billboards, traffic lights, and neon signs from the heavy traffic on the roads today.

On my "OLD" 56 model I still have to move the seat up or back by the old fashioned manual method, but on some of the new models I noticed they have a little electric button that will not only move the seat forward and back, up and down, but also tilt the seat back like a barber chair. I can't help but wonder what would happen to me with my short legs if it should short circuit some day while I'm driving along at a rapid clip.

I've also had the fear that some day I'll be leaning through the rear window saying goodbye to my weekend visitors and their little five-year-old will trip the button up front that shoots the back window closed before I have time to retract my neck.

You can bet, too, that if you stall or get stuck in your new 58 — and they will stall just like last year's model — that it won't be another 58 that will get behind you bumper to bumper and push you out. They can't afford to with all that extra stuff on them.

What we're really looking forward to is the day they (American Auto Industry) come out with a car that is very functional, without all these extra added attractions and super powered engines (engines that can't be used on our present highways), and give us a car that may involve a little manual labor to drive but will also give us a little mileage, be of a reasonable price, and not cost us the family savings to repair a dented fender.

I'm for the horse and buggy days myself.



CONCRETE TRUCKS ON ISLAND KEPT BUSY: Here one of the trucks from the Island concrete plant prepares to unload concrete for the foundation of the operations building of the radar site.



A recent visitor to Dauphin Island was Miss Patricia Farrelly, sister of the well known author, columnist and man about Dauphin Island, Dick Farrelly. Pat stopped off in Mobile to visit her brother while on her way from San Francisco to her parents home in New Jersey and while here decided to spend the day on the Island. In the picture above Pat is shown at the wheel of the "Emm-Dee" during a cruise to Sand Island and back.

### Alabama Ornithological Society Holds Meeting On Dauphin Island

BY JULIAN L. DUSI  
 President, A. O. S.

The meeting of the Alabama Ornithological Society held at Dauphin Island on October 19-20 was a grand success.

A rough northerly wind kept smaller birds from continuing their southward migration and was ideal for the movement of a number of hawks, so that the bird watchers who braved the elements saw a total of 122 different kinds of birds. This was extraordinarily good. Some unusual birds were seen also, making it a memorable trip for many of us. White-winged doves were seen near the Holiday House Apartments. Western Kingbirds and Blue-headed Vireos were seen near the Shell Mounds. A Black-throated Gray Warbler was seen near the Fort Gaines Club House. Hawks of many

species soared and dived above us.

Members at the meeting came from Mobile, Birmingham, Auburn, and Gadsden, Alabama and Atlanta, Georgia. Visitors came in from Gulfport, Miss., New Orleans, La., and one biologist came from Washington, D. C.

The group was especially concerned with studying changes in the wildlife habitat brought about with the development of the island. It was gratifying to talk to Mr. Crawford of the Isle Dauphine Club and to learn that Mr. Adkins and he are maintaining a wildlife refuge near the Club. We wish the filling and development of the northwestern part of the island will not continue much further because it is an important nesting area for many marsh and sea birds.

The A. O. S. is grateful for the good housing and care given us in the Holiday House Apartments by Miss Carolyn E. Wilson and for the enjoyable meals at the Isle Dauphine Club.



Pilings being leveled on the home of Mr. Fred Taegert by Mr. Bob Chasen's crew.

## BUSINESSMEN'S ASSN. ACQUIRES TRUCK FOR DAUPHIN ISLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A fire truck and 1000 feet of hose have been acquired by the Dauphin Island Businessmen's Association, indicating that efforts to create an operational fire department for the Island are making notable headway.

This information was divulged by Mr. Steve Croom, Mobile insurance executive, at the monthly meeting of the Association held October 24 in the lounge at the Sand Dunes Casino.

Mr. Croom has been working with officials of the Association for the last several months in a combined effort to acquire surplus equipment that could be used for fire protection on the Island.

It was pointed out that the truck was not currently in serviceable condition and would need some reworking, but was considered by officials of the Mobile Fire Department to be in repairable shape. Tires, battery and ignition wiring were mentioned as the principle items needing attention.

The truck was previously housed at Station No. 10 on Lafayette Street in Mobile and was classified as an auxiliary truck. The body has a platform back with racks for axes and other equipment and running boards for firemen.

The hose has been tested and found to be serviceable.

Mr. Croom mentioned that the hose must be used once a month and then thoroughly dried to prevent dry-rot and that some thought must be given to facilities for housing the truck and insuring that the battery is completely charged at all times.

Mr. Aubrey Bishop, owner of the Moulin Rouge Motel offered to undertake the mechanical reconditioning of the truck and his offer was accepted by the Association.

Bishop said that he thought the truck should be running within ten days and at that time might be driven to the Island under its own steam.

The question of a suitable site for a firehouse was discussed and it was determined that negotiations with the Property Owners' Association and the Park and Beach Board might best be entered into after the truck was reconditioned and ready to perform.

Mr. Croom emphasized that no adjustment in fire insurance rates should be expected until a record of operational efficiency had been established and submitted to the underwriters to prove that the equipment and people on Dauphin Island really are capable of putting out fires. A member indicated that once the fire department was established a number of fires would be needed before the insurance rates could be lowered.

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anticipation of the coming summer season. Included are the homes of Mr. Fred Taegart, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor and the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Riffley.

In the near future, a new restaurant, owned and operated by Mr. Bob Kuntz, will open. It will be located in the new concrete block building which presently houses the Pak-A-Sak Store.

## Country Club Cards Honored At Isle Club

Mobile Country Club and Skyline Country Club membership cards will be honored for admission to the Isle Dauphine Club according to recent announcement by Bill Atkins, club manager.

In a move to create wider interest in the Island among non-members in the Mobile area, Atkins said that this was an exploratory gesture and the response would be carefully watched.

Members of the Skyline and Mobile clubs should be careful to have their membership cards with them when visiting the Isle Dauphine Club. It was also pointed out that credit privileges have not yet been introduced at the Island club and cash is the medium of exchange.

## TEET COLLIER'S PLACE



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The new home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, located in some beautiful pines, nears completion. Several homes are presently under construction on the Island.

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# dauphin island jubilee

Julian Lee Rayford

Fruit trees on Dauphin Island! That is a horse of a different color when you consider that all most people ever think of when they come to Dauphin Island is fish. But to people who live on the Island, there is more to it than fishing from the bridge. For a number of people call it home.

And to some families, it has been home for more than a hundred years.

Recently, in this column, I told you about the fig trees planted on the shell mound by Isabella de Bodadilla, the wife of Herman de Soto, who lived awhile on Dauphin Island while waiting with the fleet of Admiral Maldonado for tidings of her husband.

For all we know, Isabella's trees may be standing yet! The island has always borne a prolific growth of trees.

The remarkable thing about Dauphin Island through generations was the amazing grove of pines on the east end of the Island. That dense, green grove touched your imagination, in the old days, as soon as you stepped ashore. Even ten years ago, it was like stepping back to 1700 AD to walk into that grove. It was Bienville's old frontier, still standing.

But pines are not the only trees here.

There are cedar trees and magnolias. On the shell mound, there are some wonderful old cedar trees quite as gnarled and twisted as those at Carmel-by-the-sea, in California.

Almost everywhere you turn, there are chinaberry trees. Pecan trees flourish on the island.

And back there around 1870, people used to come to the island at Christmas time from the mainland, to collect chinkypins in big sacks. They'd gather enough chinkypins to last 'em a year.

Every now and then, you see a cottonwood tree.

And just recently, a small grove of Lombardy poplars has been planted in the vicinity of the Marina, and in years to come, we shall probably have those trees flashing green and silver in the breeze — for Dauphin Island is kind to trees.

It is said that years ago, there were several peach orchards on the island.

And today, a number of people have fruit trees that bear a prolific harvest.

Tony Ladnier has grapefruit. Arnold Collier has lemons — great big ones!

Curt Previto has grapefruit. Everybody has figs.

The MacMillan home — behind Cadillac Square — has banana trees that bear big bunches every year. I don't know if they get rip enough to eat, but I imagine they do.

You ought to see a bunch of bananas growing, with the stem extending like a spear almost to the ground and topped with a huge, pointed, red flower.

Over at the Houston home, cat-a-cornered behind Ben Burger's headquarters for fishermen, are some magnificent grapefruit trees.

The first thing Rena Houston shows you when you come into her yard is her rose bush.

"Look at that rose bush! Fifteen years old, and a different color every year. Now if that ain't something! Last year, it was red — and this year, it's sort of an orchid peach — year before

last, it was white. Every year, it's different.

Mrs. Houston is about 65 — and she remembers every storm in her time, including the hurricane of 1906.

"Ever since I can remember," she says, "people have been planting fruit trees. I can remember when people had peach orchards. They had big 'clarestone' peaches — you popped 'em open quick. And they had freestone peaches you open with a knife."

She gestured toward her pomegranate tree.

"My plumgranate tree was right pretty, but it don't look so good right now."

"I've got some Japanese plum trees and three kinds of pecans."

In a small tub, Rena Houston has four shoots of Delicious apple trees. They are now close to three feet high.

"They all laughed when I planted 'em, but they're four months old, now. I think they'll grow. Everything I plant grows. I got a deep-green thumb."

"My grapefruits are seventeen years old, and I reckon seventeen years from now, I'll have some big apple trees, too."

"In the old days, orange trees grew everywhere."

Jimmy Mallon has some fine fig trees — and his son, Chippy Mallon, has a big spruce monkey arbor. They say Ivy Grant has all kinds of fruit.

And if people would just eat prickly pears the way they say they do out West, there are prickly pears all over Dauphin Island.

## Everything Grows On Dauphin Island

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ernest Jones, formerly of Birmingham but now retired and living on the Island, have found out that you have to be careful what you throw out the back door of your house on Dauphin Island.

It seems that way back in August of 1956 they threw a basket of rotten tomatoes out their back door. When they came back in January of 1957 they found much to their surprise that they had tomatoes, large as your fist and ripe, growing where they had originally thrown the rotten ones. They now have a full bearing tomato vine and simply walk out in the back yard whenever they feel the need for a tomato salad. Not bad with the price of tomatoes — what they are today.

## Island Fishing Is Now Very Good; Go Get 'Em!

Harold Wittman, the harbor master at the Marina, reports that the redfish are being caught in quantity and plenty of speckled trout are running. Some of the redfish are running as high as 35 pounds and Mr. Hayes of Hayes Decorating caught two large bull reds. He also lost 5 and broke his tackle on one large fish which got away with the tackle before he was able to identify it.

Thanks to Harold the channels outside Pass Drury are now marked with some decent buoys. Credit for this job should also go to Jesse Acree, who furnished the anchors, Miamer McEvoy, the steel for the anchors and Corry Sheet Metal for the counter balance rods.



"Yes, we have no bananas", doesn't apply to Dauphin Island. This bunch can be found growing in the back yard of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McMillan's home on the Island and what's more they have more. The trees were planted in April of '56 and are bearing as beautiful fruit as ever come over on any old banana boat. Not only do they have bananas, but satsumas, lemons, and kumquats all bearing fruit. Mr. McMillan is a retired postal worker who lives on the Island and informed me that his next project is a vineyard.



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## FISHING CONTEST WELL UNDERWAY; WILL CONTINUE THROUGH NOVEMBER

A full weekend of all-expenses-paid pleasure as the guests of the Dauphin Island Businessmen's Association will be the prize awarded to the two winners of the All-November Fishing Contest.

The contest runs for the entire month of November. Registration is free and the prizes will be awarded for high point totals and not for individual weight records.

A winner will be declared in each of two categories: redfish and speckled trout.

The rules are simple: contest fishermen must register before fishing and this may be done at any business establishment on the Island. Fish must also be registered at any business house on the Island and not necessarily at the place of original registration.

The record book will be tallied every day and the high point fisherman in each category will be notified at the end of the month.

Each winner will be allowed one guest to enjoy the weekend that is the Grand Prize. Items in the weekend package are: toll across the bridge, accommodations for Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday at the Holiday House and the Story Apartments, two skiffs and live bait from Ronnie Moore's Dauphin Island Fishing Camp, picnic lunches by Pak-A-Sak, two cartons of cold beer from Marsaille's, eight dozen oysters on the half shell with all the trimmings by Teet Collier's Dauphin Island Seafoods, Saturday dinner at Bob Kuntz's Isle Cafe followed by two rounds of refreshments at Bill Bayley's Fort Gaines Club.

Sunday breakfast at Johnny Borneau's Marina Restaurant, a car-wash and greasing and five gallons of gas at Jesse Acree's Pan-Am Service Station, ice and artificial trolling or casting lures from Ben Buerger's Ship and Shore Sport Supplies, two skiffs from the Marina, a tour through Fort Gaines, dinner at the Isle Dauphin Club, and finally, a tub of oysters to take home from Beulah Collier at Cedar Point.

The Association feels that this package weekend Grand Prize will provide the winners with a full schedule of activity and permit them to become more familiar with the various business establishments on the Island. Furthermore, it should be a prize worth seeking by many fishermen for its value alone.

Officials of the Association indicate that if the response to this November contest is encouraging plans will be drawn up for similar events for future months.

## BLUE GEESE

By Mabel Loesch

"The blues are in!" Immediately there is a flurry of last minute gun oiling, shell buying, then a trek to Dauphin Island.

All during the first weeks of October inveterate hunters have slept with one ear out the window, listening for the noisy yapping of the blue goose. Some even make daily trips to the Island to check for the blues. This year they arrived on schedule, about two weeks ago.

Dauphin Island is a favored, but brief, stopover place of the blue goose. Nesting within the Arctic Circle just north of Hudson Bay, the blue goose is on its way to wintering grounds on the Louisiana Coast. The blue makes very few stops in this long journey, and it often seems that they stagger exhausted onto the shores of the Island. Sand spits and higher beach areas along the Mississippi Sound beaches of the Island are favored. They rarely use any other section of the Alabama coast.

The blue goose is so called because of the metallic gray to brown color of its feathers that leave a blue effect. The young geese, the geese of the year, are this color all over. The older geese have a white head and neck. Some geese are piebald, or mottled white. These are hybrids of the snow and blue goose. The snow goose is often seen in close association with the blue, and flights of either species quite commonly contain many of the other. Their nesting grounds overlap, and their wintering grounds are identical. In fact, some authorities contend that the snow and the blue are just color variations of the same bird.

In size, the blue goose is between the Canada goose and the mallard. The ones I had were between 4 and 5 pounds dressed. In flavor they are incomparable. Usually well fed and in good condition, they are not quite as "wild" as many ducks, yet have an exciting flavor that makes "tame" fowl seem very tame indeed.

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The handsome yacht "Chanticleer II" paid another visit to D. I. the weekend of the Alabama-Tulane game. Aboard were Mr. and Mrs. John Pace, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton-Green and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Clemons. The "Chanticleer" is out of Pensacola, Fla. and is owned by Mr. Pace.

# Social

The party given by the George Mellens the night of the 6th at the Isle Dauphin Club was indeed a fabulous affair. It started with cocktails followed by a wonderful smorgesborg dinner served in the Wheel Room. Mrs. Atkins should certainly be congratulated for the beautiful smorgesborg table she set. The center piece was an arrangement of Fall flowers and fruit topped by Birds of Paradise from Hawaii. The prime ribs, ham and chicken breast were the best we have ever tasted and the deserts were simply out of this world. The music for dancing was provided by Sharkey's Dixie Land Band from New Orleans and they really outdid themselves with some fine Dixieland music. If you've never heard Sharkey, we highly recommend that you visit him on your next trip to New Orleans.

The ladies were all given a beautiful camellia which were furnished by Mr. Ollie Delchamp from his own garden. Mrs. Mellens, the former Kay Star, was very fetching in a black dress and a black satin hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Audry of New Orleans were the guests of the Chris Hume's the weekend of the Alabama-Tulane game. Sunday, along with Tommy and Jean Greaves, they all drove down to the Island for dinner at the P.O.C.

Also having Sunday dinner at the P.O.C. were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Blackledge with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hill as their guests.

Saw Stan and Nora Zeigler with their two charming children down on the Island last week.

We were happy to see the Chanticleer II from Pensacola visiting Dauphin Island again. The 80 ft. yacht is owned by Mr. John Pace and had aboard this trip, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hilton-Green, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Clemons, the Paces and their two children Carol and Buddy. The Clemons, who are on their honeymoon, stayed at the Holiday House.



I WISH I'D SAID THAT: Something funny must have been said to cause the hostess, Mrs. George Mellens (Kay Star), and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Seifert to break out in laughter.



HERE'S THAT MAN SHARKEY: His fancy stepping was just as hot as the music his trumpet brought forth.



Credit for the beautiful center piece and delicious smorgesborg at the George Mellens' party goes to the lovely Mrs. Carolyn Adkins.

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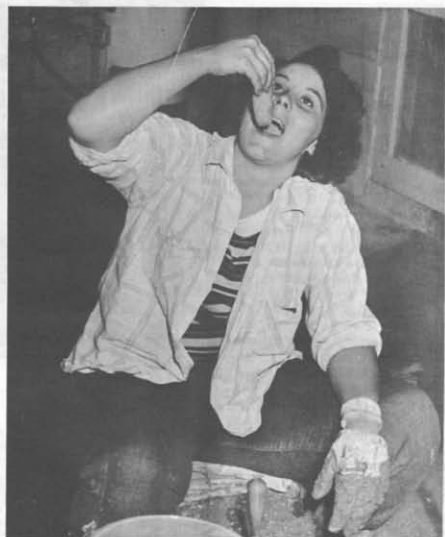
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THIS IS NO JOB FOR A BOY: It takes a strong back to tong the oysters off the bottom of the "Lake" as you can see in this shot of two oystermen taken from the Dauphin Island Bridge.



EATING UP THE PROFITS: Mrs. Shelby Jean Arnett, pauses in her duties of opening oysters for the Wilmer Williams Oyster Shop to sample one of the tasty morsels.

## MOULIN ROUGE; DAUPHIN ISLAND, ALABAMA, NOT PARIS FRANCE

The Moulin Rouge will continue to operate hereafter in its own inimitable fashion — only more so — for Aubrey Bishop has chosen a new manager.

For a number of years, the new manager was Mrs. Marie Robillard — but since the fifth of November, she has been Mrs. Theodore Campbell.

Mr. Campbell, through 30 years, served in the U. S. Army in China, the Philippines, the Marshalls, Saipan, Okinawa. He also served in Panama, in Fort Hancock, N. J., Fort Monroe, Va., — where he slept, several times in the Jefferson Davis cell — he says that fact alone makes him a genuine 24-carat Southerner — he served in just about every place in the United States.

As long as the place stands, it will doubtless be known as the Moulin Rouge, but since the beginning, it has been known as the Canal Motel, because guests rolling in have frequently found a note on the desk saying, "Aubrey Bishop is down at Fort Gaines," or — "Aubrey's at Teet Collier's house."

In the old days it was an adventure to pull into the Moulin Rouge.

Guests unfamiliar with the place many times asked, "Where is the manager?" and were startled when told, "He is up-

stairs." And there is only one story to the motel. So they'd go out and look up and they'd see a helicopter whirling around and around. And there would be Aubrey Bishop piloting his chopper over the island and over the Gulf. No one will ever know who had the most fun at the Moulin Rouge — guests or the manager.

Mrs. Campbell, whom everyone calls Marie, says the old touch will remain, but there will be an indefinable efficiency about the place.

The Campbells are living at the Motel. Every morning, Marie serves coffee — not to the bed — but the coffee pot is always waiting and hot and free to anybody, guests or not.

Frequently, Northern visitors do not know how to prepare seafood, and Marie goes out of her way to scale fish for them or broil crabs.

One remarkable thing about the Moulin Rouge is that children are not only welcome — they stay at no charge. The Moulin Rouge never charges for kids unless an extra room is necessary.

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## THE HOUSE OF EARL

Featured this issue is the home of Capt. and Mrs. William Earl of Dauphin Island. The Capt. who is popularly known as the mayor of Dauphin Island was born on the Island not too far from the above pictured house. After retiring from the railroad he returned to Dauphin Island and a few years ago purchased this home from the widow of Mr. John Sebert. The house was originally built for George Sprinkle over 40 years ago. With the help of Mrs. Earl who did the designing and considerable work on the part of Capt. they have transformed it into a most attractive and functional home. By adding a screened in porch completely around the house they have increased the living area and at the same time converted it into a home suitable for in-

door and outdoor living so suitable for the climate of the Island.

The inside of the house has been done over in Ponderosa pine and the kitchen converted into a modern kitchen with a service counter that can be utilized for snacks. They have set aside an area of the porch as the dining area so they may enjoy the view and climate while dining.

The house of Earl is a very good example of what you can do with an old house to make it conform to the surroundings and climate of the Island for some gracious and pleasant living.



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After floating around the spat gains weight and sings to the bottom where it attaches itself to a rough surface and will continue to grow for a period of up to five years.

The average oysterman will long from 5 to 6 barrels per day with each barrel yielding about two gallons of raw oysters. The opening of the oysters is usually done by the wives of the fishermen and is an art in itself, with a good opener being able to open about four barrels a day. Of course, they don't get paid for opening the ones they eat so I'm afraid that even if I could qualify as an oyster opener I would eat up most of my wages.

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