

Patrol Predicts Death For 112 Over Labor Day

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Nimrods Can Apply For Hunt Applications

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New Drivers License Renewal Procedure Explained By Rehner

By Marvin Rehner
Highlands County Judge

With the change of the new license renewal from the month of September to the month of birthdate many of us have questions concerning when and where to renew our licenses.

The act providing for this change extends your present license to the month of your next birthday. If your birthday is in September, you will renew your license in the month of September this year. If your birthday is in the month of October, you will renew yours during the month of October and so on through August of next year, 1962. Your present license is automatically renewed to the month of your next birthday.

Eventually everyone's license will be for a two year period; however, in order not to have all licenses come due in the same year, it has been provided that during the first year of this changeover these people who will have a birthday in the month of September, October, November or December of this year (1961), will renew their licenses for one year only.

Likewise those people who have a birthday in the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July or August, 1962 who were born on odd numbered years, 1921, 1923, etc., will renew their licenses for one year only. All others are for two years.

At the expiration of the one year, all renewals will be for two years.

Examples: "A" born December 25, 1930, renews his license during the month of December, 1961, for a one year period. "B" born March 15, 1931 (odd year) renews his license during the month of March, 1962, for a one year period. "C" born December 25, 1931, renews his license during the month of December, this year, for a two year period.

"D" born August 1, 1938, will renew his license during the month of August, 1962, for a two year period.

If your next birthday after August 31, 1961, is on an odd numbered year and you were born on an even numbered year, you renew your license in the month of your birthday for one year.

If your next birthday after August 31, 1961, is on an even numbered year and you were born on an odd numbered year, you renew your license in the month of your birthday for two years.

The new license fees are as follows:
Operators—One year, \$1.50; two years, \$3.00.
Chauffeurs—One year, \$2.50; two years, \$5.00.

The 25c per year increase will be applied to the driver education program.

As stated above, your present license has been validated until the month of your next birthday.

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the month of your next birthday this is true whether you drive in the State of Florida or any of the other States. However, your present license shows an expiration date of September 30, 1961. The law enforcement officers of other States may not know of the law extending the validity of your license, and as a result may charge you with driving without a valid license. You could eventually prove it to the Court, but you may have suffered great inconvenience in the meantime. Consequently, there is available for you in the office of the County Judge, a validation stamp showing that your license has been extended to the month of your next birthday. The charge for this stamp is 25c. Unless you plan to leave the State the stamp is not necessary since all law enforcement officers in the State, and all the Florida Courts, know that your license has been extended and is valid through the month of your next birthday, after August 31, 1961.

Gators To Get Protecting On September 2

TALLAHASSEE—The statewide closed season protecting alligators and crocodiles of all sizes will go into effect at 12 noon on September 2, 1961, under action recently taken by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, according to A. D. Aldrich, director.

Adopted as a conservation measure to prevent over-harvesting of the species and reduce illegal traffic in alligator hides, the ban gives complete protection to an animal rated as one of Florida's top natural tourist attractions.

The Florida crocodile, which is included in the protection regulation, is now fairly rare and found only on the extreme southern tip of the state—near the Cape Sable through nearby keys. It was once common throughout South Florida, but was hunted into near-extinction in the 1920's and 1930's.

Alligators are highly desirable in marsh areas as one of nature's balancing factors. Aldrich stated. Large alligators maintain a balance of the natural activity. Killing of one such gator in marsh country during time of drought may cause the waterhole to dry up and wipe out the water supply for a complete circle of inter-dependent wild animals and birds.

Classed as amphibious reptiles, alligators are born from eggs laid in huge nests of sticks and debris constructed by the female on land in a sheltered spot fairly near water. The newly hatched gators serve as food for many animals and birds which prey on the young reptiles.

Beginning September 2, no alligator or crocodile may be hunted or molested or kept in captivity except under special permit issued by the Director. Such permits may be issued only for purposes of science, education or propagation.

In cases where an individual animal is proven to be damaging to personal property, a permit may be issued to a particular person to deal with a single animal. The Commission, however, always reserves the right to trap and release the animal into a wilderness area. Hides of animals so taken must be surrendered to the Commission for sale high bidder, with the resulting revenue placed into the State Game Fund.

The impatient driver makes the most likely hospital patient, says the Allstate Motor Club.

Workshop On Reading Held By Teachers

The Negro teachers of Highlands County engaged in a workshop on reading and guidance this week. Dr. J. D. Beck, director and instructor for Guidance and Dr. Elsie Wallace, instructor for reading, from the staff of Florida A & M University, were present to direct the discussions and presentations.

These for the workshop has been, "Individual Assessment through Reading and Guidance."

Andrew W. Miracle, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Sidney L. Horne, General Supervisor and Miss Mary Mary R. Roberts, Elementary Supervisor, visited the workshop Monday. Mrs. Orpha J. Brown, Coordinator Pupil Personnel Services spoke to the group on Guidance in Highlands County and the establishment of a reading center and she also told of changes which have been made pertaining to testing and guidance service. Mrs. Roberts brought interesting points concerning Supervisors and Mr. Horne discussed the instructions program, when they visited the workshop on Thursday.

George Douglas, Supervisor of Sebring Area Schools, spoke to the group Friday about The Classroom Teacher as the most important factor in the development of children.

Outstanding reports heard by news loving reported were from Mrs. Mathis and Mrs. Walther in the Reading Section. There were many others but time prevented this reporter from hearing them.

R. C. Saffold

Births

WALKER MEMORIAL
Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Johnson, Lake Placid, a son, James Edward, Jr., born August 17, weight 6 lbs., 11 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Oliver Ziegler, Jr., a son, James Bernard Ziegler, born August 18, weight 6 lbs., 10 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Jones, Sebring, a daughter, Twyla Chene, born August 18, weight 7 lbs., 2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Eugene Spires, Sebring, a daughter, Nancy Mahalia, born August 19, weight 7 lbs., 13 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Durant, a son, James Durant, Jr., born August 21, weight 7 lbs., 5 oz.

Soil Conservation News

By Sam Polston — U. S. Soil Conservation Service

The Highlands Soil Conservation District Supervisor is attending the annual meeting of the Florida Association of Supervisors in Tampa, August 24 and 25. Supervisors C. L. Reynolds of Lake Placid is on a panel discussing how the Soil Watershed Program works in the Highlands Soil Conservation District. Other Supervisors attending the meeting are Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Dorch, Sr. and Mrs. C. S. Waggoner and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Durran.

The Highlands District Supervisors decided at their last meeting to invite the State Association to hold its annual meeting in Sebring in 1962. Next year the Highlands District will celebrate its 20th anniversary. In 1952 the State Association held their annual meeting in Sebring while the Highlands District celebrated its 10th anniversary. Mrs. Katherine M. Waggoner is the only charter member of the board still serving. She is up for re-election in October along with C. J. Durran and Robert Barben.

W. F. Ward of Avon Park was assisted by the Soil Conservation Service in the design and layout of an irrigation pit for 30 acres of citrus. He is also assisting in revising his conservation farms to determine the boundary of, of his plantable citrus land. He is converting all the suitable land from pasture to citrus.

Consolidated Naval Stores has completed construction of a new citrus grove. Mrs. L. M. Stears, whose husband is a new resident dentist at API, and her houseguest, Miss Carolyn Himes from Trenton, Kentucky; and Mrs. J. M. Eubanks of Mrs. Vernon, Ill., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Paul Lacey.

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DOG CATCHER WANTED

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Lucile A. Shockley
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PFC Robert Leighton is visiting his mother, Mrs. Edna Leighton, and family. He has been stationed in Wuerzburg, Germany with the U. S. Army for more than two years and will return there when his furlough is up in September. Mrs. Leighton's sister, Mrs. Hattie Flint, is in the Tampa General Hospital where she had surgery Monday morning.

Miss Millie Pearson was among the 60 delegates from Florida attending the Delta Kappa Gamma Southeastern Regional Conference held in Asheville, N. C. this month. Miss Pearson, who is president of the Tri-County Chapter here, reported that 763 teachers were in attendance at the Conference.

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