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By MILTON STOKES

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Dec. 13	83	57	—
Dec. 14	79	50	—
Dec. 15	81	50	—

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Chamber Requests Board To Take Action On Dangerous Intersection

Action to safeguard a dangerous intersection near Avon Park where two men lost their lives Saturday night was taken Tuesday by Highlands County Commission.

The commission agreed to go

to the Department of Transportation to get immediate action implementing recommendations of the state highway safety department for the intersection of Routes 64 and 17A.

The commission action fol-

lowed appearance before the board of Charles Zeigler, president of the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce, requesting action, and presentation of a petition bearing the names of 250 persons asking for safeguards and traffic

controls.

The state highway safety department has recommended additional warnings on all approaches and that the right of way be changed from 17A to 64.

In other actions the commis-

Prominent Resident Killed Saturday

Two men, one from Avon Park, became the county's 22nd and 23rd auto accident fatalities for 1970 as the result of a crash Saturday.

William B. Proctor, Lyons, Ga., was dead at the scene and Frank Hall, 46, vice president of Home Juice Co. and Floral Juice Co., died three hours later at Walker Memorial Hospital.

The accident happened at 12:30 A.M. Proctor, driving a Ford pickup truck, and going East on Route 64, East of Avon Park through a stop sign, hitting the 1960 sedan of H. Hall broadside at the intersection of Route 17A. Locked together, the cars crossed the intersection and hit a power pole and both men were thrown from their vehicles.

Trooper J. E. Vann of the Florida Highway Patrol investigated. He said both cars had seat belts, but neither driver had them in use. He said the vehicles were a total loss.

Chief of Police Earl Gordon and several Avon Park patrolmen assisted Vann at the scene of the accident.

The intersection at which the accident occurred has been the scene of two fatal accidents in the County this year. There has been three deaths recorded from this intersection. The Highway Patrol says this is one of the most dangerous in the County.

A plan for improvement of Traffic Signals presented by the department of Transportation to the City Council, was met with a great desire and need for the proposed improvement, but with the budgeted deficit in this area no new improvements can be taken under consideration at this time.

In a letter the Department of Transportation presented a plan to improve the traffic signals at the intersection of State Road 64 (Main Street) with Lake Avenue.

With the suggestion of such a program it was estimated that the cost of such a most needed project was a mere \$7,185.00. This was met with some astonishment of the council. Having no funds available at this time the council instructed Malcolm Crews, city clerk to write the Department of Transportation and inform them that the City still need and want the signal lights and are well aware that these things must be done, however at this time the City Clerk was to inform them that there are not funds budgeted for this project.



AVON PARK Girl Scouts will present their annual Christmas Caroling at the bandstand Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 P.M.

Shown above is Maureen Murphy, Diane Edwards and Cindy Evers.

DOT Ask City To Share Cost Of Improving Traffic Signals

The State would assume the portion of the \$7,185.00, by reimbursing the city 40 per cent of the total. The City would have to come up with sum of \$4,311. This was not met with any enthusiasm by the Council.

It was unanimously voted that at this time this project be shelved till a much later date and possibly work on this in a later budget.

enhance the gracious welcome that those visiting the offices of the Chamber of Commerce.

At the office anyone can receive any information on practically anything in or around Avon Park. Pamphlets of all the attractions may be had that does inform people of the events and time schedule and prices of the mission. These brochures do help anyone to plan their sightseeing trip, a pleasure just knowing where and what is available for their pleasures.

Maps of the city may be obtained and there is always someone on duty to answer all questions and give you all the help in making your visit or living in Avon Park more informative and easier on you.

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City To Clean Sand From Sewer Lines

When John Zeigler, street foreman, reported a bad collection of sand in the sewer line between Pleasant and Main Street, it set off a series of events which eventually led to the project now getting underway.

In his report Zeigler reported that all had been done to clean out this line and it was a impossible job to be accomplished. It was also revealed that this work had been done in 1967, and in only three years it has been filled again with sand.

Bids went out for this project and was read at an earlier meeting of the Council, with 1,200 feet to be cleaned, the Southern Line Cleaning, Incorporated, of Jacksonville, bid \$135 a foot for the cleaning and 45c a foot for the T.V. camera to probe the lines to find the area that may be causing the sand to come into the line. They also added to their bid the cost of five leaks at \$75 each additional after that \$80 each.

This bid was not voted on until another way was possible. A discussion of possibly buying the equipment needed for this work, and because it is needed for this and other work the Mayor said he would rather see the City buy the equipment at the cost of \$5,700. It was then decided that City Clerk Malcolm Crews would look into the loan of the equipment from other towns that do own them. When this failed it was evident that the work would have to be done by a outside company.

At last Monday's meeting Gene Hall of the Penryn Sewer Service, appeared at the meeting and explained what would be done and how his company proposed to do the work. Mr. Hall proposed the price of 75c per foot for the cleaning and 45c a foot for the T.V. line for inspection.

The motion was carried to have the Penryn Sewer Company do the work. If there is 1,200 feet of sewer pipe to be cleaned this would amount to \$900, plus \$450 for the T.V. line. This is a considerable saving for the City as much as the first bidder would have cost over \$2,100 plus the leaks that may be found.

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MRS. LORETTA ELLIS, Avon Park, Altruistic Chairman is presenting a check to Mrs. Jim Turnbull, president of Youth Care, Inc. and Judge Marvin Rehner, representing Youth Care. Looking on are members, far left, Mrs. Thyrle Robinson of Lake Placid and far right, Mrs. Katherine Bluffs of Sebring.

Red Devils Will Meet Fort Meade Here Friday Night

The Red Devil varsity basketball team moved to a 3-1 record last Saturday night with a 75-41 win over the Frostproof Bulldogs on the Polk County school's home court. The Devils had dropped a loss Tuesday night a week ago in Arcadia when the DeSoto High Bulldogs finished strong for an 82-64 victory.

Last Tuesday night the Red Devil basketball teams were idle due to a cancellation of the Fort Meade game which has been scheduled to be played here at the high school on Tuesday night, however, both Devil squads will see action here against Moore Haven, The Avon Park "B" squad, which is also 2-1 for the season, will open action tomorrow night at 6:30 with "A" squad play following around 8 o'clock.

Next Monday night, Dec. 21, the Avon Park varsity will participate in the Frostproof Christmas Tournament meeting Fort Meade in the tourney opener at 7 o'clock. Frostproof will play Tampa Bay Tech in the second game at 8:30 P.M. On Tuesday night, Dec. 22, the two losers will play in a consolation game at 7 o'clock and the winners will play for the championship trophy in the night-cap.

After the tournament, the Red Devils will be idle for the holidays until Tuesday, Jan. 5, when they will go to Lake Placid to take on the tough Green Dragons in a Highlands County battle.

Arcadia Game
In Arcadia last week, the Red Devils trailed the Big Bulldogs 32-17 at the start of the fourth quarter after outscoring them in the third period, but the DeSoto boys took advantage of a loss of four Devil starters by fouls in the final quarter to score 32 points to Avon Park's 17 for the final victory 82-64.

Devil guard Don Siemore pumped in 35 points to take high scoring honors for the game but it wasn't enough for the win. Forward Robert Lansing had 8 points, Jim Magenheimer hit for 6 points, Charles Whitt had 4 points, Thad Tate managed only 4 points, Clayton McNeil had 3, Curtis Jackson was held to 2 points, and Wally Pierce added 1 point.

Four DeSoto High boys hit in the double figures with Goodman's 38 points high followed by George Christ with 18, Clifton with 15, and Carter sinking 15 for the Bulldogs.

Frostproof Game
In Frostproof last Saturday night it was a different story as the scrappy Red Devils jumped off to a 16-9 first quarter lead and then went on to win 75-41 after Frostproof had tied things up in the fourth quarter.

Avon Park's Don Siemore was held to 24 points but Thad Tate came through with 18 points while Curtis Jackson and Robert Lansing hit for 11 points each. Jim Magenheimer hit for 6 points again, McNeil had 2 points and Charles Whitt contributed a free shot to give the Devils the total of 75 points. It

was the second time in four games that the Devils had scored over 70 points.

Frostproof had a strong second quarter and tied the game up 33-33 at half-time. But Avon Park put 17 points through the

ets in the third period to Frostproof's 14 and in the final period the Red Devils hit for 21 counters while they held the Bulldogs to 14 points. Williams scored 24 points for Frostproof to the Siemore for high score.

Drug Rumor at Junior College Is Unfounded

Dr. William Stallard, president of South Florida Junior College, and Mrs. Connie Delaney, publisher of The Lake Placid Journal, have talked over the drug problem in this county. And...

"As far as I can see," Mrs. Delaney said Tuesday, "there is no concrete information that would lead us to believe we have a problem here."

In an editorial in last week's Journal, Mrs. Delaney wrote: "It is indeed fortunate to have a man of Dr. Stallard's stature and integrity as the head of the junior college."

She said "It is also heartening to have fine young people rally to the support of South Florida Junior College and declare that it is among the finest and cleanest in the state. They are, we know, justly proud of our beautiful junior college, and if, as they say, there is not a word of truth in the rumors we let's keep it that way. Let's not have the scourge of drug traffic in our county."

An editorial in the Journal two weeks ago referred to a "rumor that one of the chief sources of supply of drugs emanates from an administrative office at South Florida Junior College."

College officials, including Dr. Stallard, and Student Government Association officers, vigorously denied the rumor.

Dr. Stallard told the News Tuesday:

"I realize that there is a significant amount of drug use in our area and I also realize that SFJC is not immune to such things. And I think I would have to be pretty naive to feel that no students in the college had participated in these activities. But at the same time I feel that any participation by faculty or staff is highly improbable."

He added that "I am just as sure as I can be that in this case (Mrs. Delaney's mistake) he said "we have discussed this (drugs) matter with police officials with students and with anybody else in the community that would be likely to know of any involvement in any way or at any time by any of our faculty or staff people."

Some of the students are quite willing to admit they know of other students who have smoked marijuana but none of these have indicated that there was any involvement at all of

college personnel, that is people that work for the college.

"When I talked to her I told her I was as much opposed to drug use activity as anyone in this area and would investigate to the best of my ability. I have done this. I just can't find any basis at all to the rumors."

The intersection at which the accident occurred has been the scene of two fatal accidents in the County this year. There has been three deaths recorded from this intersection. The Highway Patrol says this is one of the most dangerous in the County.

With the suggestion of such a program it was estimated that the cost of such a most needed project was a mere \$7,185.00. This was met with some astonishment of the council. Having no funds available at this time the council instructed Malcolm Crews, city clerk to write the Department of Transportation and inform them that the City still need and want the signal lights and are well aware that these things must be done, however at this time the City Clerk was to inform them that there are not funds budgeted for this project.

The City Council met on Monday night and decided on many small problems that were on their agenda, thus clearing the way for more to be added by the next meeting.

Motions unanimously carried were to move the city court to the second floor in the East room. The upstairs windows will be repaired, and the exterior wall of the second floor will be repainted.

With the moving of the court to the second floor, chairs were purchased for the court room for the cost of \$33 for 50 chairs.

Minimum rates and water and sewer charges were discussed with the decision to bill for half of the minimum charge for buildings of less than 16 days.

Bids are now open for the demolition of the Ben Stewart building on Verona Ave., and 200 feet of sidewalk will be completed on East Castle Street to Carolina Ave.

An order will be placed with the Highlands County Sign Shop for 70 street signs (name signs) and 10 stop signs.

Fifty feet of steel curbing and gutter flange will be ordered and will cost \$7.24 a foot or \$372 for the 50 feet. The six inch water pipe will be bought and installed from the Webster building of the South Florida Junior College to US 27.

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Dr. J. Paul Lindsay Will Head Trustee Board at Highlands School

Dr. J. Paul Lindsay, of Deatur, Ga., has accepted the appointment as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Highlands School. It was announced yesterday by Raymond H. Stokes, president.

The appointment was unanimously approved by the Nominating Committee of the Board following the resignation of Colonel Leslie C. Blankinship as Chairman.

Dr. Lindsay has engaged in private practice in Atlanta, Ga., since 1967 and acts as Director of Emergency Services at Georgia Baptist Hospital in that city. Since 1968 he has been consultant to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare on medical affairs. He was Associate Director and Professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Institute Hospital in New York from 1961 to 1963 and later became a member of the American Medical

Association Committee on Continuing Education.

Dr. Lindsay received his M.D. from Vanderbilt University after obtaining a B.S. from the University of Tennessee and a Master's degree from Georgia Polytechnic College. During World War II he served in both the European and Pacific theatres of war, receiving the Purple Heart and a Presidential Citation.

He and Dr. Becky, one of five children, is in her second year at The Highlands School where she is a member of the sophomore class and maintains a high scholastic average.

Other trustees recently appointed to the Board of The Highlands School are: Dr. LaRena Crump, St. Petersburg; Francis V. High, Lumberton, Miss.; Marvin Koontz, Winter Park, and H. D. Reeves, Greensboro, N. C.

Eleven other trustees serve on the Board, including President Stokes and Paul C. Gentry, ex officio, headmaster of the school.

SFJC Panthers Close Pre-Holiday Schedule With Loss To Polk

The South Florida Junior College Panthers closed their pre-holiday season scheduled Saturday night at Avon Park gym, with an 80-84 overtime loss

to Polk Junior College.

The Panthers will meet Polk on January 6 in Winter Haven in a return match.

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