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Record Numbers Expected To Vote Tuesday

Go to the polls and vote Tuesday!

Highlands county voters will cast their ballots in 19 precincts or the first time Tuesday as the primary election is held for a variety of county, state and judicial offices and for U.S. Congressman.

It is the first time in a primary that the Independents will be able to make their voice felt. They will be able to vote for judiciary candidates since this election for the first time is non-partisan.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Elections Supervisor Jimmy Whitehouse says he expects a record turnout. He also expects some people to show up at the wrong precincts since quite a few of the cards were not returned to his office designating the precinct in which the voter lives.

Whitehouse said he will do all he can to get people straightened out and that it should not be too big a problem. There now are 19 instead of 15 precincts and precinct lines and voting places for many people have been changed.

Avon Park voters will have the biggest job of lever pulling, with a referendum on which to say "Yes" or "No" on establishment of a library, and they also are in the portion of the county which will choose four legislators this fall, although they vote only on two in the primary.

Precincts 1, 2, 4 and 17 vote in the northern sector of the county for state legislators in Districts 49, 50, 51 and 52; precincts 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16 will vote in the middle district, No. 75 and 14, 18 and 19, the southern, No. 89.

However some candidates are unopposed in their legislative districts and will not appear on the ballot until the general election Nov. 12. Some unopposed in either party will not appear on the ballot at all.

Republicans will have only two offices on which to indicate their choice, L. A. "Skip" Bafalis or Paul J. Myers for Congress and H. R. "Bob" Hjort or Jean Whitaker for county commission. The winners will face Democrats in the Nov. 12 election.

Democrats will have 12 races in which to indicate their choice for party nominee. These are for Congressional representatives in Congress, Florida Public Service Commissioner, state senator, sheriff, county commission in four districts, school board, and house of representatives in three districts.

Judicial offices up for election are justice of the Supreme Court, District Court of Appeal, two circuit judges and county judge. The county judge race is being very bitterly fought here.

Democratic candidates for Congress are John Darlson, Bruce Scott, Bill Sikes and Burton Thornal; for public service commission, Gerald Lewis and Jess Yarborough; for state senate, Tom Gallen, Walter Talley; for sheriff J. C. Murdock, O. L. Raulerson, jr.; for school board, Ruth Davis, Valeria McElhannon.

In the four county commission districts the candidates are: District 1 - Melville Bass, Wilbur Selph, Wendell Williams; District 2 - Allen Collier, Woodrow Waldron; District 4 - B. T. Bowen, Charles Rucker, John Wirick III, C. J. Wise; District 5 - Robert Brooks, Willard Durrance, Robert Skipper.

In the race for judicial seats candidates are: justice Supreme Court, Rivers Buford, jr., Jim Carter, David McCain; District Court of Appeal, Edward Boardman, Henry Esteva, Mark Hawes, I. W. Williams, Harold Wilson; Circuit Judge Group 5, Richard Bronson, Clifford Schott; Circuit Judge Group 7 - Gordon MacCalla, Marvin Woods; county judge Joe Kinsey, Mervin Rehrer, Mark Richardson.

Democrats in District 89 will choose between George E. Frye and James Lorenzo Walker for state legislator. Democrats in the Avon Park area will choose between Byron Hileman and Ray Mattox in District 49, John R. Clark and Bob Crawford in District 50.

Jim Tillman in District 75 was unopposed by either his fellow Republicans or by Democrats.

State-County And National Offices Open

THE 1972 RED DEVIL football team will open the season next Friday night, Sept. 15, in Lakeland against Santa Fe. Tonight (Thursday) the boys will practice under the lights at Memorial Field in the annual "soap scrimmage" starting at 7:30 o'clock. Pictured above: front row, seated, from left: Greg Hartt (10), Tim Elder (24), Wayne Todd (81), Danny Lewis (11), Ronnie Dick (50), Keith Richards (20), Tim DuPree (51), Arnold Davis (21), Leon McRae (13), Josh King (22), Philip Thomas (63), Bud Wester (82), and manager Donald Dorsey. Second row, kneeling, from left: Coach Ralph Hill, Tony Williams (33), Glen Gray (85, Jim Wood (32), Buddy DeWitt (27), Andy Prescott (64), Barry Tate (62), Mearl Robinson (34), Marvin Jackson (26), Jim Carter (60), William Burley (35), and Ricky Claitt (25). Back row, standing, from left: Coach Joe Franza, Ricky Lanier (83), Nathaniel Packer (80), Alcus Snell (74), Hayward Batts (84), Del Murphy (53), Nate Williams (61), Jarvis Hartt (75), Virgil McInvale (72), Mike Archer (73), James Walker (71), and Eddie Simon, Mgr.

County To Pay $40,000 For Masonic Temple Here

The Board of County Commissioners agreed Tuesday to pay the Masonic Temple Association $40,000 for its two story building on Main street near Hwy 27 in Avon Park.

The building will serve as an administrative annex whose purpose will be to move some of the county's business closer to the people of Avon Park.

According to Charles Cullens, the Board's administrative assistant, the following county offices will operate from the building just acquired: tag agent--during July and August; tax assessor--during January; veterans service--each Tuesday and Thursday; health department--each Wednesday; building department--Monday through Friday, each week, beginning in October 1972.

Cullens informed the commissioners that, in addition to the $40,000 purchase price of the building, other funds would be required to: renovate the lower floor of the building--$9,000; construct 21 parking spaces--$1,530; and purchase office and custodial equipment for use by the health department, building department, and the tag agent--$5,300. Cullens' estimate of the annual expense of operating the Avon Park annex was $4,600.

Before the vote to purchase the Masonic Temple was taken, Commissioner Norman "Jug" Heston objected to spending county funds for another building in Avon Park when, he said, an existing, county-owned, building located on SR-17A near the Motor Vehicle Inspection station could be renovated to serve the purpose for $15,000. He pointed out that sufficient parking area was already available at the existing building. Heston reminded the commissioners that by purchasing the Masonic building for county use, they would be removing a source of revenue from the county's tax rolls.

Commissioner Cecil Skipper objected to Heston's proposal on the basis that the county's building on SR-17A was too far removed from the people of Avon Park who would use the service to be provided there.

Heston countered by stating that the county could save $40,000 by renovating the existing building in lieu of buying another. He discounted Skipper's argument that the building on Main street would be more accessible than the one on SR-17A pointing out that the public would drive to either building by car, regardless of its location.

When the vote was taken, Commissioners Robert Skipper and Ben McGee joined Cecil Skipper in voting to purchase the building on Main street; Commissioner Heston voted against the motion to purchase. The Chairman, Andy Jackson, does not vote except to break a 2-2 tie which, in this case, did not occur.

Norred Is Named Minister Of Congregational Church

The Rev. Jimmy J. Norred, formerly of Asheboro, N. C. will assume the duties of minister at the Union Congregational Church of Avon Park this week. He will conduct the Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m. September 10 and all are invited to attend this service to welcome him as the new minister of the church.

For the past five years the Rev. Norred has been serving as minister to the Ramseur-Union Grove United Church of Christ Parish in Asheboro, N. C. While attending Duke University he served the First United Church of Christ at Randleman, N. C. and during his last quarter of college and one year after college, he served the Antioch United Church of Chirst and Forrest Home United Church of Christ Parish at Roanoke, Ala.

Reverend Norred was graduated from La Grange College, La Grange, Ga. in 1962 with a B.A. degree in Psychology and Religion. In 1967 he received a B.D. degree in Pastoral Psychology from Duke University Divinity School at Durham, N. C.

Rev. Norred has completed two terms on the Executive Committee of the Western North Carolina Association, is presently a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ and for five years was Advisor to District Youth.

Reverend and Mrs. Norred with their two children, Joey and Jennifer, are now living at 198 East Canfield Street.

Devil Soap Scrimmage Is Tonight

The Red Devil varsity and "B" squads will scrimmage for Avon Park fans tonight (Thursday) at Memorial Field in the annual "soap scrimmage" starting at 7:30 p.m.

Preceeding the scrimmage will be the annual fish fry sponsored by the Avon Park Athletic Association. The meal of mullett, baked beans, hush puppies, cole slaw, and a drink will be served at the concession stand in the southwest corner of Memorial Field starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the meal cost $1.50 per plate and may be bought at the field or in advance from Stimson's Service Station, Albritton's Barber Shop, or Leon's Sporting Goods.

Coach Franza says the varsity will scrimmage first tonight and then the "B" squad will come on for some practice under the lights and to be viewed by the Avon Park fans. This year the coaching staff would like for fans to bring a towel instead of a bar of soap for admittance to the scrimmage. Franza admitted that there is a pretty good supply of soap on hand but added, "We could use some towels — they don't have to be new, just clean and useable." So this year bring your extra towel and drop it in the box at the gate. Clean out your towel closet of all old towels and help out the boys. Don't stay away if you don't have one to spare, but bring more than one if you are overstocked.

Last Friday night the Red Devils took on Wauchula in the second quarter of play at the jamboree held in Sebring and came out on top of the Wildcats by a score of 15-0 as they broke a couple of long scoring plays open. But in the fourth period, the Devils lost to Sebring 6-0 on a 90-yard runback of an intercepted pass by Streak defensive back Buddy Yarborough.

In the opening period of play Wauchula took a 6-0 win from Arcadia and in the third quarter Sebring won over Arcadia 6-0.

Against Wauchula the Red Devils scored first on a 42 yard run by halfback Arnold Davis who broke through the line and outran the Wauchula secondary for the touchdown. Bud Wester attempted the extra point kick but picked up the ball after a bad pass from center and ran around right end for the two point conversion instead to put Avon Park out front 8-0. The first T D came with Greg Hartt quarterbacking.

The Red Devil defense held the Wildcats without a first down and then Tony Williams came in as quarterback when the Avon Park team went back on offense. The team moved well on the ground to the 32-yard line and then Tony dropped back to pass. He moved out and back when the Wildcat defense rushed and finally threw the ball some fifty yards through the air to end Wayne Todd in the end zone for another Avon Park touchdown. Nathaniel Packer attempted the extra point kick this time and it was no good. But a penalty against Wauchula gave the big junior another shot at the P A T and on the second try the ball went through the uprights to gave Avon Park a 15-0 lead. Danny Lewis handled the holding chores for the kickers.

Against Sebring the Red Devils looked good except in two spots. The intercepted pass came off Greg Hartt and Tony Williams fumbled on a passing attempt. The Streaks would have scored off the fumble except Williams overtook the runner who had picked up the fumble and tackled him inside the ten yard line to prevent the T-D. The Red Devil defense came in and held the Streaks for four downs inside the ten to stop the threat but time ran out before the Devils could get out of the hole and move for a score.

The defense looked very tough in both quarters allowing no first downs to either team but the offense made a few costly mistakes. All in all the Red Devils looked encouraging and if the timing on offense and some leadership is forthcoming before the opening game in Lakeland against Sante Fe, the Devils should be hard to beat this year.

Three centers were used in the two quarters the Avon Park team played. Ronnie Dick looked like he had the edge for the starting job at that important position with Del Murphy and Tim DuPree both pushing for the chance to center the ball.

Wayne Todd and Bud Wester played offensive ends more than the other candidates for that slot with Packer running some in the backfield and doing a great job on kick-offs.

The tackles and guards all got a chance to show the coaches just what they could do and they looked impressive as they hit hard and fast for so early in the season.

Fans are urged to come out for the fish fry and the soap (towel) scrimmage tonight (Thursday) and see for themselves what the 1972 team should look like when it opens on September 15 in Lakeland.

Commissioners Approve Zoning Change For Park

The Board of County Commissioners approved a zoning change Tuesday that will permit Scott and Ruby Landress to open a mobile home park on their property which lies along Bombing Range Road near the Polk County line.

The Board voted its unanimous approval to rezone the Landress' property from Agricultural (AU) to Mobile Home Park (M-2) over objections raised by several ranchers who live in the area. Board approval also sets aside a recommendation made by the county's Planning and Zoning Board that the rezoning request be denied.

Horace Bratcher, who said that he represented the commander of the USAF Bombing Range detachment, supported the Landress' request, pointing out that some airmen stationed at the base have had to park their trailers as far away as Tampa and Orlando.

Mary Ellen Ward, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board, told the commissioners that she had not previously been aware of the Air Force's support for the rezoning action.

The commissioners also approved the following rezoning applications which had been approved previously by the Planning and Zoning Board: request by Donald and Florence Fitch to rezone their property south of Kissimmee

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Murphy's Horse Wins $51,400 Purse

Kool Moon, owned and trained by Mildred Murphy of Avon Park, came in first in American's Playland Futurity, at Pompano, Saturday night, Aug. 19. Jockey Don Tyre from Jacksonville, leading Jockey of Pompano Park and the nation in quarter-horse racing, riding Kool Moon, set the new track record of 20.13 in the 400 yard race, worth $51,400.00. The old track record was 20.19.

Kool Moon, took first place in the Pari-Mutuel Registered Quarter-horse Race, with Joy Moon, half sister of Kool Moon, taking second place, with trainer Keith Halliman.

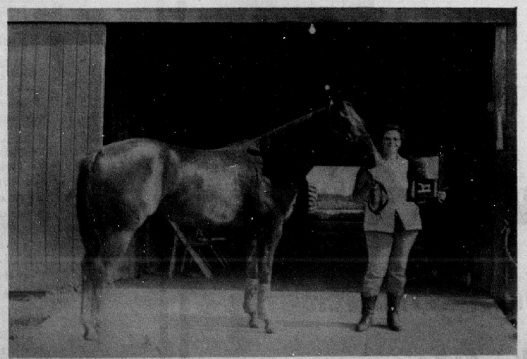
The season was from May 26 until August 21 at Pompano, with the Murphys having 32 horses there, winning 50 races, and placing 2nd. and 3rd. in others.

Joy Moon won the Central Florida Speed Horse Futurity for 350 yards earlier in the year. She will be in more Futurities this Fall, at Beulah Park, in Columbus, Ohio, and Latonia Futurity, in Florence, Ky.

It seems the Murphys will be in the win for some time to come, because they have Joy Moon's Dam, two full brothers and one full sister to Kool Moon, besides Joy Moon.

Mildred Murphy's life is the raising, training, showing and racing of horses. She has a sprawling ranch East of Avon Park with stalls and pasture full of beautiful horses, and a house full of trophies and ribbons to tell of her accomplishments.

With the Murphys in their box at America's Playland Futurity, when Kool Moon came in as winner were, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Murphy, Del and Janice of Avon Park; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Corbett of DeSoto City, and Mr. and Mrs. Clary Spencer of Oklahoma City.



MILDRED MURPHY proudly stands with Kool Moon, her quarter-horse, and plaque presented to her when Kool Moon came in first and set the new track record of 20.13 for 400 yards in race worth $51,400 at America's Playland Futurity in Pompano, Aug. 19. - Photo by Sharpe

WEATHER REPORT by ABE WEATHERWISE

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Aug. 30	90	71	1.74
Aug. 31	90	71	.11
Sept. 1	90	72	
Sept. 2	92	73	.12
Sept. 3	93	70	T
Sept. 4	96	72	.07
Sept. 5	94	74	.03

Rain fall - 1972 to Sept. 1 - 38.81"

NONPARTISAN BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS

JUDICIAL Circuit Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit,

MEL BASS DEMOCRAT

NONPARTISAN BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS

JUDICIAL
Justice of the Supreme Court, Group 3
(Vote for one)

RIVERS BUFORD, JR.	
JIM H. CARTER	
DAVID L. McCAIN	

Judge of the District Court of Appeal
Second Appellate District
Group 1
(Vote for one)

EDWARD F. BOARDMAN	
HENRY ESTEVA	
MARK HAWES	
I. W. WILLIAMS	
HAROLD S. WILSON	

Circuit Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Group 5
(Vote for one)

RICHARD A. BRONSON	
CLIFFORD J. SCHOTT	

Circuit Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Group 7
(Vote for one)

GORDON F. MacCALLA	
MARVIN B. WOODS	

Judge of the County Court
(Vote for one)

JOE D. KINSEY, SR.	
MERVIN REHRER	
MARK H. RICHARDSON, JR.	

OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

CONGRESSIONAL
Representative in Congress
Tenth Congressional District
(Vote for one)

JOHN A. DARLSON	
BRUCE J. SCOTT	
BILL SIKES	
BURTON THORNAL	

STATE
Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission
(Vote for one)

GERALD (JERRY) LEWIS	
JESS YARBOROUGH	

LEGISLATIVE
State Senator
Twenty-Fourth Senatorial District
(Vote for one)

TOM GALLEN	
WALTER R. TALLEY	

COUNTY
Sheriff
(Vote for one)

J. C. MURDOCK	
O. L. RAULERSON, JR.	

Member, Board of County Commissioners District 1
(Vote for one)

MELVILLE C. BASS	
WILBUR GENE SELPH	
WENDELL "WINKIE" WILLIAMS	

Member, Board of County Commissioners District 3
(Vote for one)

ALLEN B. COLLIER	
WOODROW WALDRON	

Member, Board of County Commissioners District 4
(Vote for one)

B. T. "BRAD" BOWEN, JR.	
CHARLES M. RUCKER	
JOHN W. WIRICK, III	
C. J. "BUDDY" WISE	

Member, Board of County Commissioners District 5
(Vote for one)

ROBERT N. BROOKS	
WILLARD DURRANCE	
ROBERT SKIPPER	

Member, School Board District 2
(Vote for one)

RUTH K. DAVIS	
VALERIA W. McELHANNON	

OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT

REPUBLICAN PARTY

CONGRESSIONAL
Representative in Congress
Tenth Congressional District
(Vote for one)

L. A. 'SKIP' BAFALIS	
PAUL J. MYERS	

COUNTY
Member, Board of County Commissioner, District 4
(Vote for one)

H. R. "BOB" HJORT	
JEAN WHITAKER	

Pd. Pol. Adv.

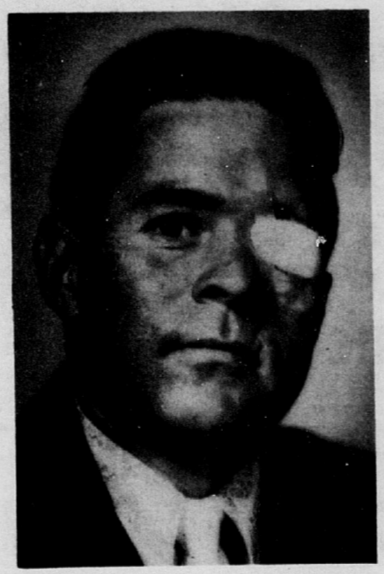
MEL BASS

DEMOCRAT

FOR

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

DISTRICT 1



- 20 YEARS BUSINESS EXPERIENCE
- GROVE OWNER
- NATIVE OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY
- CHURCH AND FAMILY MAN
- ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
- ACTIVE CIVIC LEADER

BASS GIVES YOU PROVEN BUSINESS ABILITY!

County government is a big and growing business. I believe local residents should demand persons of proven business management experience to sit on the Board of Commissioners and administer the affairs of this county. I feel that my 20 years of managing businesses--the last 16 as general manager of Jahna Concrete in Avon Park--qualifies me well for this position. Being in the construction business, I can testify to the many hardships which have been created by the county's new zoning and building codes. If elected I will make every effort to modify these regulations so local people can work and make a living without being penalized. I am a native of Highlands County with a strong background in agriculture. My father was a well-known cattleman here, and I own groves and grove lands. As a landowner, businessman, life-long resident and father, I have a big stake in the future of Highlands County. I promise you dedicated, honest, capable service, and I would sincerely like to represent YOU on the Board of Commissioners.

ELECT MEL BASS *COUNTY COMMISSIONER*

Pd. Pol. Adv.