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KNOWN AS THE Croft Apartments, this building is reportedly scheduled for demolition after local residents complained to authorities. The structure will be razed within the next 30 days, according to present owners, Heartland Federal Savings and Loan Association of Wachula. (Sunphoto by Russ Dennis)

Police Foil Break In At Local Drug Store

A burglary in progress was foiled by Avon Park Police early Wednesday morning, as an Orlando resident was arrested after allegedly breaking into Eckerds Drug Store in the Avon Square Shopping Center.

Louis W. Asbury, 25, was taken into custody by Patrolman Roy Hiuckman and charged with possession of burglary tools and burglary. He is presently lodged in the county jail, after being unable to post his $3,000 bond.

According to reports, Hickman noticed the front door of the store had been broken and then discovered Asbury behind the pharmacy counter. When told to surrender, Asbury allegedly told Hickman that he would "Have to shoot me first," however, the suspect gave up after a brief conversation.

Hickman was assisted by Sgt. Chuck Campbell and Capt. Ron Smith in making the arrest.

Investigators said they were probing into the possibility that Asbury may be the person who broke into Touchtons Drugs in Avon Park last week. A quantity of narcotics were taken in that break in.

Kittrel Is Improving

Sitting up for the first time, last Tuesday since he entered Jewish Hospital, Louisville, Ky., five weeks ago, Hunter Kittrel was described by a hospital spokesman as doing fine.

Hunter was thrown from a hunting truck, driven by his father, when the truck overturned on Arbuckle Road near Horse Hammock, on March 15. As the truck roller, Hunter was thrown out and struck by the truck almost completely severing the right arm just above the elbow.

Transferred by Airevac, from Walker Memorial Hospital to Jewish Hospital, Louisville, Ky., Hunter's arm was reimplanted by a 10-member operating team.

As the first time he was allowed to sit up, Hunter went by wheel chair to surgery for a dressing change. The cast was taken off the arm several days ago, with the wound being kept open to control any infection that might develop. Later the area may have to have a skin graft, according to the hospital spokesman.

Circulation in the arm and fingers was reported as good with good color and Hunter was described as being in better spirits. However, there is no indication as to when he will be able to leave the hospital. It was indicated that physical therapy for the arm would start Wednesday .

Sun Printing Second Edition

The old saying of "something new under the sun" takes a new twist this week, as our readers will find something new inside the Sun-the Avon Park Sun, that is.

Edward Carter, Publisher of the Avon Park Sun, announced the printing of a "Second Edition" of the Sun. Starting with this weeks' issue, a second edition or a TwoStar Final, if you would, will appear on Friday afternoon.

Carter said, "We want to provide our readers with a complete newspaper. Many times, late-breaking stories and news items with local interest just don't make the first edition."

Carter indicated that the Sun's Second Edition will include these items. "If the idea meets with broad approval," he continued, "we will include additional material that will make the Second Edition even more attractive."

Proposed additions to the Second Edition include Highlands County television listings in booklet form, comics, features and nationally syndicated columnists, as well as crossword puzzles, horoscopes and other entertainment type material.

Carter said he hoped to include this material in the next publication of the Second Edition, one week from this Friday. The first trial edition, as mentioned before, goes on sale this Friday. The front page of that edition will be marked by the use of color and new photographs, as well as previously unpublished news items.

"We hope to expand on the Second Edition," he said, "to make it a truly unique and worthwhile publication. Something the citizens of Avon Park can be proud of."

The Second Edition will be available only from news dealers and from paper racks, located throughout the city.

Public Menace Is Set For Demolition Soon

An abandoned building, described variously as an eyesore and safety hazard by local residents and city officials, appears to be headed for demolition.

The building in question is known as Croft's Apartments and is located in the 200 block of East Pine Street. The delapadated, two-story structure is presently owned by the Heartland Federal Savins and Loan Association of Wachula. According to association president Doyle Stears, the institution foreclosed on the property in 1976, when the owner, William Croft, became delinquent on his mortgage.

The bank, for the last year, has offered the building for sale, however, there have apparently been no takers.

Avon Park Building Inspector C.W. Ellerbee told the Sun that anyone who purchased the building with an eye towards refurbishing, would probably find the project too costly to be profitable. At a recent city council meeting, Ellerbee informed city fathers that the entire structure was in need of drastic repairs to bring it up to the city's minimum building code.

Stears informed the Sun last week, that the complex was going to be demolished, hopefully within the next 30 days. Ellerbee verified that, saying the loan association had sent him a letter indicating that this was their intention. All that is lacking is a permit from the city to do this and Ellerbee said, "We are ready to issue that at any time. The city will do everything it can to help solve the problem."

Property owners residing near the old apartment building have complained to the city and local police about various health and safety hazards that exist. The chief problems seems to be a lack of building security. Avon Park Police Chief Robert L. Brooks has informed the city that he has made several arrests at the building of people who have gained entrance and were using the structure as a "flop house". Some of the arrests were reportedly run-away juveniles. "It's only going to be a matter of time until someone sets fire to the place," Brooks said, "or commits a serious crime there."

Mrs. Betty Hart, 204 E. Pine Street, told the Sun that she is worried that neighborhood children will hurt themselves playing near the building. "It's a real hazard," she said, "and it's only one block from city hall."

STILL A BIT sore and stiff, Chet Brojek (left) and Pep Hutchinson appeared confident they would go back to the 26.2 mile Boston Marathon next year and make a better showing. (Sunphoto by Lew Miller).

Judge Kelly Wins National Fame

A heavy volume of mail is a way of life in a judge's office — but fan mail? Along with his steady diet of documents, writs and motions, Judge Clifton M. Kelly can look forward these days to ample servings of praise.

Ever since his "eye for and eye" decision hit the national news wire services, Judge Kelly has been reaping kudos.

The veteran jurist — this is his 18th year on the bench — shrugs off the acclaim with the explanation, "Criminal Justice goes in trends. The trend now is compensation for the victim."

For a long time Judge Kelly has made restitution to the victim a part of the sentencing procedure in both the adult and juvenile courts where he presides. At the April 4 session of circuit court Judge Kelly adjudged Marvin P. Youngblood guilty on a felony count of aggravated battery. The conviction could have sent Youngblood to prison for 15 years, but Judge Kelly chose to place Youngblood on probation for five years. A condition of probation is that he compensate the battery victim who had lost his left eye as a result of a blow delivered by Youngblood.

The judge directed that Youngblood find a donor for an eye replacement or that he pay damages of $5,000 to the victim. He stipulated that the payments could be made at the rate of $100 per month.

The sentence captured the attention of newsmen who gave it prominent play throughout the country. Then the responses began to roll in.

Some editors wrote editorials in praise of "the Kelly Approach". In some cases recommending it in place of new laws which could set up victim compensation funds 2which would come from the public treasury.

The private citizens who responded — some telephoned and some wrote — are residents of many different regions. The judge's office staff note that letters have come from several states, some as far as Minnesota and New York. It would appear from the mail that Judge Clifton Kelly of Sebring, Fla. is the newest folk hero in California.

The Los Angeles Times gave the story several inches of space and big headlines. Letters came neatly typed on heavy paper from the offices of multi-partnered law firms and contained such observances as ". . .'gutsy' decisions such as yours . . . are probably the best avenues possible for both reducing crime and engendering respect for the courts . . ."

Another California writer with trembling hand had penned his praises on a lined tablet.

There were picture postcards from Idaho, government postal cards written on both sides, engraved note paper from Michigan and Minnesota.

One card had a three-line message featuring in large letters the word BRAVO. A Miami criminal lawyer (he represented a client who had recently been sent to prison by Judge Kelly), wrote, "I don't write fan letrrs. In fact, this is the first one I have ever written . . . I like the logic in imposing the sentence you did on Youngblood."

Only one letter had even a hint of disagreement. That writer thought the sentence should have included a provision for Youngblood to be beaten.

A report on the response to the Youngblood sentence was part of the information Judge Kelly included in his lecture to the Highlands - Hardee Legal Secretaries' Association. On April 13 the association sponsored a criminal law seminar. Judge Kelly was the principal lecturer.

Others on the program were Bill Fletcher, assistant state attorney; Nick Schommer, assistant public defender; Bill Kendall, district supervisor for Offender Rehabilitation; and Sheriff Joe Sheppard.

Commission Hears Issue

A bevy of Lake Huntley area residents applauded the Highlands County Commission Tuesday morning, after the board voted not to allow a zoning change that would have permitted a campground to occupy 18 acres of lakefront property.

At a special zoning hearing, the board heard arguments for and against a zoning change for the disputed acreage off Holmes Road in Lake Placid.

The present owners, John and Bessolene Conroy, were seeking a change for the land from agricultural to campground. The Conroys planned on then selling the land to Raymond Hornick, of Hollywood, who wished to turn the property into a campground.

The zoning board had recommended denial of the Conroy's request, 4-0, with one abstention.

When the board asked for comments on the proposed change, Brad Bowen was the first to voice opposition.

"We are all strenuously opposed to messing up more of God's country with more commercialism," said Bowen. "We have three mobile home parks on the lake now, but they are all residential, and three is enough."

Attorney James Tompkins pointed out to the commission that at the zoning board meeting, "There were 25 people present, and they were all opposed to the change.

"This area cannot stand that increase of traffic on either the road or the lake," maintained Tompkins, "I hate to see anybody denied the use of their property, but this is a residential area, and this is going to serve as an impetus for other campgrounds to spring up all around the lake."

Ed Harvell, another Lake Huntley resident, said that while advocates of the campground claimed it would expand the county's tax base, it would serve to devalue the surrounding property.

Claiming he had done extensive research in the tax appraiser's office, Harvell said this type of development would "cause depreciation of anywhere between 20 and 50 per cent in the surrounding land value."

"The congestion of the lake is already bad," said Harvell, "and this would only serve to further limit residents' use of the lake."

He added, "we are not talking about 20 acres out in the wilderness; this is in the midst of a residential area."

Attorneys Jack Hancock and Michael Swaine spoke on behalf of the proposed zoning change. Hancock was representing the Conroys, while Swaine represented the Hornicks.

Hancock stated that campers using the Lake Huntley campground would not be likely to cause lake congestion, since "You very rarely see a camper with a boat of any size.

"This beach area is not at all conducive to boating," he said, " and we will gladly add a restrictive clause banning any boat rentals."

He added that state law prevents owners from removing grass that grows along the beachfront, and that there would be a swimming pool, so the campers would not all be heading to the lake to cool off.

"The property is actually more lakefront than lake access," said Hancock, "There are public boat ramps around the lake, and the lake does belong to all the public. The residents are not going to be able to reserve it for their own use. We do not feel we are asking anything unreasonable in terms of development."

Swaine stressed that the developer, a former builder, was going to construct a "quality development," and leave buffer zones of vegetation all around the park.

"It has been said that campers are loud and noisy," said Swaine, "This is not the case. At any rate, the owners will be living on the property, and will have control over the campers."

He said that the Hornicks intended to put approximately $250,000 into the park, which would be worth "about $5000 in taxes to the county every year."

"As to the comment about 'messing up God's country,' I can agree with that in a way," said Swaine, "There are times I wish we could put gates on U.S. 27 and not let anyone else into Highlands County. But it doesn't work that way for

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Boston Runners Return To Home

Tired with sore muscles and aching feet, but with a look of accomplishment on their faces, Chet Brojek and Pep Hutchinson described some of their experienes in the 26.2 mile Boston Marathon race last Monday.

BOSTON: When you talk about a marathon, that is the name supreme. Two area men, Avon Park High) School track and cross-country boach, Chet Brojek and his Highlands Runners Club teammate Pep Hutchinson, had the experience of a life-time last Monday as they took part in the 81st running of the Boston Marathon.

It was the first crack at the difficult 26 mile, 385 yard Boston course for both Pep and Chet. Brojek finished in 3:02:30 for an approximate placement of 800 out of the field of 3500 or more distance running specialists.

Hutchinson, who was bothered by leg cramps after the torturous climb up 'heartbreak hill', was back in the pack. His truggle to finish the race the pain and agony and finish the race are a credit to his training and personal commitment to his goal to finish the Boston race, with about 2060 runners crossing the finish line in front of him.

The pair of runners left Saturday night for Boston and Sunday drove over the race course in a rented car. Transportation to the starting point in Hopkinston was a problem for many of

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Editor's Viewpoint

by Russ Dennis

I wrote a piece on what it takes to be a good wife a few weeks back. Since that time, there have been several requests to air the male side of the coin. That's a tough request, but here are my thoughts on the subject.

A good husband is a guy that doesn't mind taking out the garbage in a rain storm.

He's the type of fellow that can wake up with a smile at 7 a.m. Saturday morning to give his kids a hug. (This after a Friday night of celebrating.)

He must exert strength, but not be a bully. A good husband must always consider his mate's moods and try to react accordingly.

A really great husband never, I repeat, never, reminds his wife what a terriffic cook his mother was.

A good husband always uses his wie's name when talking to her, instead of saying, "Hey, you."

He must listen to what his wife says, always remembering her work is as important to her as his is to him.

When things go bad on the job, the bills flow in and the world looks mighty dim, indeed, a good husband tries to share his feelings with the person who loves him the most. Problems never seem quite as bad if there is someone there to share them with uou.

A good husband must be able, with grace, to give up some of his "bad" habits. A night out with the wife is worth more than a week out with the guys.

A good husband must try even harder to be a good father. He must show interest in the latest finger painting. And he must remember that tiny egos are easily crushed by a thoughtless word or deed.

A good husband finds time to attend P.T.O. meetings, social events and other outings that consume time better spent fishing or watching a baseball game.

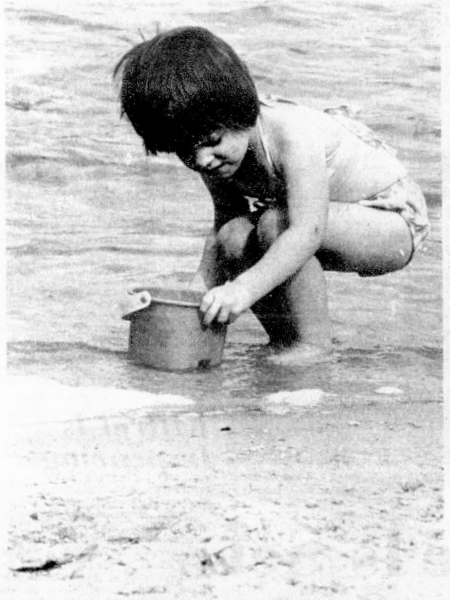
A good husband must have an even better answer to all questions, great or small. He must appear to be in control of his life, even if he isn't always.

A good husband always respects the rights of his mate and children. No one is property and they must be treated this way.

A good husband is one who can establish a monthly budget without cursing-and then live with it, even though that new shotgun or fishing rod, etc. is what your heart really desires.

Perhaps the most important quality of a good husband is understanding. He must understand that marriage is a mutual sharing and trust and love. He understands that angry words, spoken in the heat of temper, wound more deeply than any knife stroke. He understands that he must give more than he takes and by doing so, reaps a truly great return on his investment of time, love and concern.

Marriage is all things to all people. One thing it is not is a cure all for our ills and problems. A good husband works hard to make a shaky marriage better. He works even harder to make a good marriage great.



UNCONCERNED WITH WORLDLY problems, Joy Janick, 3, a visitor from Wisconsin, happily dabbles in the waters of Lake Verona. The youngster found a sure way to beat the heat. (Sunphoto by Russ Dennis)

Proposed Bill Would Revise Tax Structure

A proposed bill, termed as a "massive rethinking of Florida's state tax structure," has been placed before the Senate Finance and Tax Committee last week.

The measure, introduced by Sen. Buddy MacKay and Co-sponsored by Sen. Phil Lewis, needs to be viewed with a jaundiced eye, at least in our opinion.

Basically, the plan would (1.) Drop all local property taxinc for schools; (2.) Call for the state to fund school financing; (3.) Put an end to state revenue sharing plans; (4.) Raise the state sales tax from 4 to 5 cents; (5.) Remove the city and county property ceilings currently in effect; (6.) Increase the corporate income tax from 5 to 7 percent; and (7.) Eliminate tax exemptions on personal and professional services.

While the first portion of the proposal sounds good to anyone who owns property. However, there is a fly in the ointment, so to speak, and that means items 4 and 5.

While we agree, to an extent, that property taxes to support education is a burden and unfair, we don't think it would be wise to trade a known evil for an unknown.

Government is all too guilty of quietly removing ceilings, limitations and other checks in the name of equity and then using their newly gained "freedom" to go on another gigantic spending jag.

By removing the current ceilings on city and county property taxes, the state has found a way to allow these agencies to make up for the loss of item number 3 (revenue sharing), while at the same time placing local government in the unpopular position of having to take the big bite.

We must remember-there is no such thing as a free lunch! If education funding is to come from the state, where do you suppose the necessary millions are going to come from. We'll give you three guesses. If you answered "My pocket" you win the prize.

Legislators realize that the mythical "tax saturation point" is rapidly being approached. Tax payers have reached the point where they simply cannot afford to pay another dime and still make ends meet. Now all it takes is a clever fellow enthroned in a plush Tallahassee office to figure out a way to bleed us again-and place the majority of the blame on grass-roots levels.

Ironically, the proposed measure has reportedly received support from the Florida League of Cities and the Association of County Commissioners. We feel that full details on the bill, as well as a set of controling guidelines, should be forthcoming before any serious deliberation on the matter is given. No matter how you shift the piles, there is only so much money available presently. To see this type of plan implemented will only lead to one thing-an increase in taxes for everyone. Something we are sure we could all live without.

Letters To The Editor

Proud Of Police

Dear Editor:

On Easter Sunday I was visitng Mrs. Arrie Fletcher of Avon Park when her telephone rang. It was a call from your local police department, asking about the condition and safety of Mrs. Fletcher.

I understand this is a service done for all senior citizens that sign up for it.

I think the police department ought to be commended for this thoughtfulness and concern about the welfare of their senior citizens.

This act should not be overlooked, but should be brought to the attention of the news media.

Sincerely,
Mrs. John Verse

Twice Done Study

Dear Editor,

I would like to question school board members Ruth Davis, Margaret Turnbull and Ken Grady. How might we best use $12,000 - $15,000 of taxpayers' money to benefit the education of Highlands school children?

Should we hire a private firm to give us an organizational study, because the free one from the State Department of Education might not be good enough? Or, should we perhaps use that money to hire (at the state average $10,496) a teacher for one of our elementary schools to help lower class loads so Johnny may learn to read?

Of course, if we hire two first-year teachers at the $8,400 starting salary in Highlands we could even double our efforts to help the kids for $16,800.

I as a teacher, taxpayer and voter remember the pledges of our school board and superintendent candidates. I am not against Dr. Dan Davis' plan to use the free services of the DOE. The taxpayer is already paying for the people who work for DOE — why should we pay twice for the same service?

I'm sure many private citizens, teacher groups, administrators and even school board members and the superintendent could come up with some organizational proposals at no cost to the taxpayer. For starters here is some free advice from a close observer of the Highlands educational scene.

Make sure that administrative positions on the county and school levels are justified and not just created positions to put some people on the gravy train.

Have school board members work in the schools on administrative and classroom levels for a week each year to get the "feel" of what's going on. Just shuffling papers with figures and proposals, at a once-a-month board meeting, never really enables them to understand the problems of our schools.

And last . . . let all those concerned remember that the classroom teacher is still the main cog in the educational wheel that turns out the finished product. Unfortunately, we are hiring more and more chiefs and experts to tell us how to teach, while at the same time crowding our classrooms to levels that make that nearly impossible.

Come on Ruth, Margaret and Ken — why not spend that $12-15,000 on the children and not on some twice-done study?

Chet Brojek

Human Rights

Dear Editor:

I call the president of the United States of America, Jimmy Carter, "the apostle of the human rights" in these modern times.

We rejoice and praise God for knowing that our president is trying to unlock the greatest hidden truth in every human heart for centuries. Humanity, human beings, in all countries have been hungry and thirsty after freedom, liberty and human rights for centuries and even now in this so-called modern times it is so, in many countries, especially in the oppressed ountries.

Our Christian president, a student of the Holy Scriptures and the Teachings of Jesus is trying to practice the Constitution of the United States of America, the American Democracy, the government of the people, for people and by the people and the American Republic which was founded on the noble principles of Godliness, Christianity, rightouenss, goodness, human liberties and rights.

The tragedy of the human history is that from the beginning this greatest truth was denied and trampled under the feet of the selfish, proud, ungodly, ruthless and satanic rules, leaders and their coherents of the nations of the world for centuries and even now in these so-called modern times.

How thankful and grateful we are for living in the most blessed land of Christian Democracy, the model republic, government for the people, by the people and of the people, the land of freedom or religion and worship, and the land of all human liberties and human rights!

However, in order to have effective influence of the president's preaching of human rights upon the wrong thinking American citizens and upon the selfish, proud, ungodly and merciless communitst dictators of all oppressed nations; the Supreme Court of the United States of America should outlaw the communist party and all the subversive groups and clubs in the United States, which are enemies to all human rights, American system, American Democracy and American freedoms.

First of all, America and the American government should be purified.

Communistic philosophy, communism and communist leaders and rulers are deadly enemies to all human rights and human freedoms. Their main aim is to destroy all human rights, human freedoms, religion, religiousness, goodness, democracy and faith in God ; destroy all government and nations which love, advocate and practice human rights and then destroy my most blessed and beloved America.

Bedros M. Sharian

Things My Way

By Alice Smith

In February of '68, blizzards and sub-zero temperatures drove us south and fate dropped us into jobs at the Chalet Suzanne. I was installed in the office since I speak reasonable English and type and Bill became the "manager", a purely honorary title. Mrs. Hinshaw, the owner, who had her 85th birthday that summer, would have leaped into Lake Suzanne rather than delegate authority over her beloved Chalet.

In case you haven't been there, take a run up Rt. 27. Just north of Lake Wales, signs will direct you eastward and shortly you will behold the astonishing Chalet Suzanne. On several occasions the New York Times (our Great White Father of the North) has devoted an amazing amount of space to this country inn and restaurant.

To quote the Times, "once there, you will find yourself wandering among pink green, yellow and orchid spires, steeples, sharp-gabled roofs, courts, balconies and a moon-faced clock tower, wondering whether the Florida sun has finally got you. At Chalet Suzanne, the new arrival feels he has stumbled into a fairy-tale land, not a slick one fashioned by the Disney people, but a place inspired by a quaint, dog-eared, half-forgotten children's book".

It is not my intention to describe the decor or the truly gourmet food. It is, rather, to pay tribute to an unforgettable character, the unsinkable Bertha Hinshaw.

My job kept me in the office until ten or eleven at night and Mrs. Hinshaw, who slept at odd hours, day or night, became my regular companion in the late evening. She talked and I listened.

She told me of her childhood, of trips around the world with affluent parents; of the move to Florida, during boom times, with her husband, a promoter and developer. In 1931, after the devastating financial crash, her husband died.

"I had my home, two small children and exactly $1500," she said. "My hobby was gourmet cooking — it was the only thing I could do. So I decided to serve dinners in my home. I made some signs by hand and hauled them out to the highway in a little wagon. My only help was the old black man who had worked for my mother for years.

"For several days, nobody came at all. At last, four guests arrived. I ran, the back way, and put on a dinner dress and my friend and helper, in a white coat, served the food on my best china, with my crystal and sterling silver."

So the Chalet Suzanne was born. And it grew and grew. Every inch of it is the child of Bertha Hinshaw's imagination and incredible will. Fire, death, law suits, federal agencies, she took them all in her stride.

She was tiny, 5'2" and 105 pounds, feminine and pretty but heaven help the business man who underestimated her shrewdness. Any reasonable 85 year old strolls, but she skipped across the grounds like a little girl.

Mrs. Hinshaw ran the Chalet with an iron hand. It was her life, her creation. Someone should write a book. "The Iron Butterfly" would do for a title. She was probably the most fascinating woman I have ever met.

Interviewpoint

The controversial Equal Rights Ammendment to the U.S. Constitution proved to be an interesting topic in Avon Park this week. From the answers, it would appear as if Florida's lawmakers expressed the will of the people in voting down the proposal.

This weeks' question: Although the ERA has failed 4 times in Florida, do you think the measure should become law?

. . . Judy Maddox, 7 North South Ave. "Yes and no. I think a woman's place is in the home, not taking jobs away from men who need them, but women should have the same rights and priviliges as men do under the law."

. . . Robert Oberther, Avon Park Police Dept. "No. Most people I've talked to feel the same way. Women are happy with things the way they are. They don't want to be "liberated", they really don't want the responsibilities."

Glenn Sizemore, Lake Damon Road. "I'm not in favor of it. Women already have equal protection under the law and I don't think they really want the ERA. If the draft was to start again, those for it now, probably wouldn't be."

. . . Jannie Reynolds, 704 Oaklane St. "Definately no! Women already have the same working rights as men do and I'm not worried about anything else. We already have enough protection as it is, under the law."

Business Briefs

The purchasing power of U.S. households dropped 3 percent in 1975, the Census Bureau reported this week.

The median income of U.S. households in 1975 was $11,800, up about 5 percent from the year before, it said. But this increase was offset by a 9 percent rise in prices, resulting in a 3 percent decline in real purchasing power.

The reappearance of the miniskirt in the fashion world has not gone unnoticed among the stock market forecasters of Wall Street.

It has revived memories of market studies-partly whimsical, perhaps, but nevertheless intriguing-that suggest some correlation between the rise and fall of hemlines and the fluctuations of stock prices.

Reports indicate that hemlines and stock prices move up and down in close harmony and have done so for nearly 80 years.

A research group has claimed that Florida's environment is being "devastated" by self-styled planned communities built on wetlands, with water supplies threatened and skyrocketing remedial costs facing the land buyers.

INFORM, a non-profit orgsnization, has cited GAC Corp.'s Cape Coral community and ITT Community Development's Palm Coast as the worst offenders.

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Model Garments For Contest

Five garments made for the National Grange Sewing contest were modeled at the meeting of Avon Park Grange on April 12.

There were two other adult dresses and six childrens garments also entered.

To the music of Easter Parade by Lillian Seeger at the piano, the ladies joined in a march around the hall for all to see the creations.

Needlework entries displayed were; A needlepoint picture by Ralph Fullmer, crocheted centerpiece by Miriam Debo and an embroidered blouse by Florence Mason.

Also two stuffed toys were exhibited as part of the craft projects. These will be entered in the State Grange contest.

Woman's Activities chairman Nettie Peterson, in charge of the program, said the National theme this year for that department is: "Say It With Music."

With this in mind Lillian Seeger played two piano selections from the Sound of Music. The closing thought was: Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

The business meeting, following a pot luck supper, was opened by Master Ralph Fullmer with 26 members and 2 visitors from Vermont in attendance.

It was reported that 20 members attended the Grange Sunday service at the Union Congregational Church.

Miriam Debo received a certificate and Keith Debo a pin in recognition of obtaining new members.

A clean-up day was held when trees and shrubs around the Woman's Club hall were trimmed and cleared of freeze damage.

Keith Debo asked members to save aluminum through the summer and bring it to him in the fall. The Grange collects it to help on the State Youth projects.

It was voted to send a donation to Friends of the Library toward furnishing in the new addition.

Several members were planning to attend the annual State Grange picnic on the 17th at the Masters farm home near Sarasota.

The next regular meeting of Avon Park Grange will be Tuesday April 26 at 8 p.m., in the Woman's Club hall.

Garments entered in the National Grange Sewing contest were modeled at the meeting of Avon Park Grange, April 12. Pictured from left-right are: Miriam Debo, in an afternoon dress of a floral print voile; Lorena Wyant, in a crinkle polyester-cotton print afternoon dress; Nettie Peterson, wearing a double knit evening gown with nylon print jacket; and Minie Eisenmenge, wearing a dotted nylon evening gown. (Sunphoto by Barbara Cornell)

IN THE REDECORATED and rearranged Ridge Area Association for Retarded Citizens' Resale Shop, volunteers Helen Parker, Livonia, N. Y. and Jeanne Cartwright, Bleinheim, Ontario, Canada, straighten out a table of clothing. (Sunphoto by Lew Miller.)

Elgin Tells Garden Club Members About Collection Of Unusual Trees

The Hibuscus Garden Club met on April 14, at the home of Mrs. Fuschia Anderson.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Anderson, for this lovely occasion, were Mrs. Emma Bussard, and Mrs. Ethel Rutherford.

Guests of the club were, Mrs. Troutfetter, Mrs. Elgin and Mrs. Sadie Brown.

President Grace Boney opened the meeting followed by all the necessary preliminaries after which, Mrs. Anderson introduced the speaker, Robert Elgin, who gave a most informative lecture on his collection of 56 "Unusual Flowering Trees" all of which grow in his yard at 803 East State Street.

It behooves every citizen of this city to visit this exceptional garden of trees.

Elgin gives his deep appreciation to Eric Golby of Reasoner Nursery, and Robert Snow of Lakeland for their help in assembling his collection.

A happy hour was spent dining and dipping gourmet foods around the table, centered with a mass design arrangement made by Mrs. Imogene Kelsey.

The door prize, a beautiful evergreen cedar, was won by Mrs. Margaret Stewart.

The meeting ended, as the guests strolled through Mrs. Anderson's The meeting ended, as the guestsstrolled through Mrs. Anderson's lovely garden, with winding pathways, colorful flowers, and mamouth shade trees.

Robert Elgin

Retirement Program For Clifford Dance

The Women's Council of the First Christian Church met Thursday evening, April 14, in the church sanctuary, with a large attendance.

The study book, "Be Joyful", was continued, with Mrs. Johnie Berry teaching one chapter, Mrs. Walter Haughu another, and Mrs. Ed Lynch finishing the study for the evening.

President Rutherford, conducted the business meeting, with reports being given. Mrs. Mary Stutsman had sent flowers to those ill in the hospital.

An interesting news letter from the Redmonds in the Bahamas was read.

They had experienced an unusually bad winter, with some snow and very high winds. Also a letter from the Turners in Hiroshima, Japan, was received, acknowledging a gift of money from the council.

The nominating committee submitted a slate of officers for the coming year, which was approved by the council.

Those officers are: Mrs. H. J. Rutherford, President; Mrs. Mary Stutsman, Vice-President; Mrs. Hazel Freeland, Treasurer; and Mrs. Alfred Haviland, Secretary.

As the resignation of the Minister, Clifford Dance had been received previously, Mrs. Dance expressed her appreciation of all acts of kindness shown her during the years they had served the church here.

A retirement program will be held in the church, Sunday, April 24th at 3 p.m., and a reception following in the Florida Power Lounge, Florida Power building.

Hostesses, Mrs. Mary Stutsman and Mrs. Hazel Freeland, served refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

The tables were decorated with sprays of Easter lilies, a center arrangement of yellow flowers, and white candles.

Cafeteria Ladies Attend Orlando Convention

Thirty Highlands County Cafeteria Ladies attended the School Food Services Association State Convention in Orlando, for four days, April 14-17.

The ladies stayed at Sherton Twin Towers-where 1,540 ladies registered for the event.

Attending from Avon Park were: Myrl Still, Leona Sanders, Letha Rewis, Joy O'Steen, Della Callaway, and Viola Bell.

Saturday night the ladies enjoyed the Queen's Banquet which served 1,240 people. Each year one of the cafeteria ladies is chosen to be queen for the year at this banquet.

Salad Bar

Italian Scallop Salad

¾ pound cooked scallops, fresh or frozen
1 can (16 ounces) cut green beans, drained
2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
2-3 cup sliced celery
1-3 cup raw cauliflower "Flowerettes"
1-3 cup thinly sliced unpeeled cucumber
¼ cup sliced green pepper
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
½ cup Italian salad dressing
Radish roses
Salad greens

Remove any remaining shell from cooked scallops. Cut large scallops in half. Combine all ingredients except radish roses and salad greens; toss lightly. Place about one cup salad on each salad plate which has been lined with salad greens. Garnish with radish roses. Serves 6.

Theresa Curl Receives Basketball Scholarship

Theresa Curl, 18 year old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Curl of Deer Creek, Okla, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Stills of Avon Park, has received many awards during her senior year at Deer Creek-Lamont High School.

Miss Curl eats, sleeps and thinks basketball. She averages 30.8 points per game and is the third leading scorer in the state of Oklahoma.

She was chosen by the Coaches Association of Cherokee Strip State - Conference, All-Conference Most Valuable Player. She was also picked for All-State Alternate, Basketball High School All-American, and received Bertha Frank, Teague Award-Honorable Mention.

The Bertha Frank Award is for the out standing girl athelete, which is chosen by high school coaches of the state.

The boys and girls basketball teams voted her 1977 Basketball Queen. Miss Curl is also on the honor roll, member of Who's Who in Highschool Students, Student Council president, president of the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's and was selected to the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

Her future plans are to attend Northern Oklahoma College on a full basketball scholarship. She is planning a double major, English and Hyper (coaching).

Mrs. Art Curl will be remembered by all her friends in Avon Park as Shirley Still.

School Menus

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Week of April 25

Monday — Pizza, cole slaw, corn, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday — Steak and gravy, steamed rice, baby limas, cherry pie, corn bread, milk.

Wednesday — Chicken, whipped potatoes, broccoli, rolls, apricots, milk.

Thursday — Macaroni and cheese, deli-cut sausage, green lima, pink applesauce, rolls, milk.

Friday — Holiday for students.

HIGH, MIDDLE SCHOOLS
Week of April 25

Monday — Spaghetti with ground meal and cheese, green beans, chef's special salad-Caesar dressing, fruit cup, French bread, milk.

Tuesday — Southern fried chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, green peas and carrots, rolls, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday — Oven fried fish fillet with tartar sauce on bun, baked beans, cole slaw, cherry pie, milk.

Thursday — Baked ham, candied sweet potatoes, turnip greens, cornbread, banana pudding, milk.

Friday — Holiday for students and cafeteria workers.

Couple Announce Engagement

Debra House

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob House Sr. of Sebring announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Jean to Joel Edward McGraw, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McGraw of Sebring.

Miss House is a senior at Sebring High School and is employed at McDonald's.

Joel is employed by Wayne Taylor Gulf Oil Distributor in Avon Park.

The wedding will be held Saturday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at Southside Baptist Church. All family and friends are invited to attend the wedding.

The couple will reside in Avon Park.

55 Children Register For Kindergarten At Hopewell

Last Friday morning parents brought 55 children to Hopewell school lunchroom to register them for kindergarten classes next fall, with the first day of school being Monday, August 29. Kindergarten classes started at Hopewell four years ago

The registration, thus far this year, is low compared with the 85 registered last spring when 195 started in the fall kindergarten classes, with 183 being enrolled at the present time. About 180 are expected to register by the time the classes start in the fall.

Coming to Avon Park from the County Health Department for the third year, Juva Fassler, PRN, reported that the percentages of children, registering for kindergarten and having all of their shots, is increasing. In comparison with other counties, Highlands rates good to high.

If the chilren have not had any of their shots they would receive two shots and drops. The DPI shot is for diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus. The MNR shot is for the control of measles, mumps and rubella (more severe form of measles). While the drops are to prevent polio.

With all the paperwork and shots taken care of, the children were invited to a special day at the Hopewell lunchroom at 1:45 p.m., Friday, May 20, for a get-acquainted visit with the teachers and the classrooms.

The visit to be topped off with refreshments for the new enrollees in the Hopewell kindergarten classes.

SCOUTMASTER LARRY (right) of Trailblazing Troop 156 receives the Arrowhead Honor for Service as Scout Commissioner in the Caloosa District Roundtable. The honor was presented by Ross Canright, District Scout Commissioner during an awards-dinner program at the Congregational Church last week. (Sunphoto by Lew Miller).

Highlands County Court News

The following cases involving accidents have been disposed of in county traffic court as listed:

Virginia Bell Brooker, violation of the right of way, fined $50, assessed $12 court costs.

Robert Leon Wallace, driving while intoxicated, fined $300, assessed $12 court costs, three months suspended license.

Willie Lee Massey, violation of the right of way, fined $50, assessed $12 court costs.

Cynthia Engram Stokes, following too closely, assessed $12 court costs, attend defensive driving school.

Lawrence Edward Lacey, improper change of lane, fined $50, assessed $12 court costs.

Mary Ellen Adams, improper backing, assessed $12 court costs, attend defensive driving school.

Dale Lynn Warner, violation of the right of way, assessed $12 court costs attend defensive driving school.

Laura Suzanne Daniels, following too closely, assessed $12 court costs, attend defensive driving school.

Henry Morgan, no valid driver's license, fined $100, assessed $12 court costs.

Henry Morgan, giving false information regarding an accident, fined $100, assessed $12 court costs.

Robert Charles Johnson, improper turn, fined $50, assessed $12.

Ronnie Glenn Butler, improper backing fined $25.

Joe Stanley Carter, improper backing, assessed $12 court costs, attend defensive driving school.

Robert Charles Rowland, careless driving fined $25, assessed $12 court costs.

William Calvin Balls, careless driving, assessed $12 court costs, attend defensive driving school.

Carol Retherford-Neal McCullough United In Double Ring Ceremony

Carol Retherford and Neal McCullough were united in marriage, April 9th, at 7 p.m., in the United Methodist Church, here in Avon Park, with Rev. Bentley Williamston officiating the double ring ceremony.

Carol is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Retherford of Avon Park and Neal is the son of the late Dent and Joyce McCullough of Coshocton, Ohio.

The church was decorated with pink and burgundy roses. Candles and a cross illuminated the alter. There were baskets of roses, glads, carnations and dasies surrounding the alter.

Mrs. Beverly Mann played the prenuptial music.

BRIDE

The bride looked radiant as she walked down the aisle in antique style gown of candle-light beige. It featured sheer bouffant long sleeves with inset lace, fitted bodice with tiny seed pearls going down to the empire waistline.

She wore a finger tip veil, edged in lace and carried a bouquet of pink rose buds, babiesbreath with streamers of lilys of the valley.

Connie Retherford of Avon Park attended her sister as maid of honor.

She wore a gown of dusty pink and carried long stem red rose buds with babies breath.

Mrs. Retherford chose for her daughter's wedding a street length green dress with long sleeves. She wore a corsage of white carnations.

Mrs. Catherine McCullough, the groom's stepmother, chose a lime green street length dress with matching green and whitecoat. She also wore a corsage of white carnations.

Flower girl, Missy Henderson, daughter of Mrs. Joan Henderson, wore a gown of multie spring colors. She carried a basket of pink and burgundy rose pedals.

Lyle McCullough of Coshocton, Ohio, served his brother as best man.

Chad Branniger and Jeff Harstine, both of Avon Park, served as ushers.

Mrs. Neal McCullough

Mrs. Victor Hotherm, the grooms grandmother, chose for the festive occasion, a mint green street length dress trimmed in white. Her corsage was of white carnations.

The reception was held following the ceremony, at the Florida Power Lounge, Florida Power building. It was decorated with pink roses and greenery.

Debbie Booher, sister of the groom, was in charge of the guest book.

Assisting in receiving and serving were, Joan Henderson, sister of the bride, Lia Fluharty and Brenda Liles.

As the new Mrs. McCullough left the reception hall she wore a rust colored jumpsuit with matching accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal McCullough now reside at Avon Park Lakes.

The bride is a graduate of Avon Park High School and is employed as a secretary with United Telephone Co., here in Avon Park.

The groom is a graduate of River View High School in Warsaw, Ohio, and is presently employed at River Green's Golf Course, Avon Park.

Guests attending the wedding from out of town were, Catherine Cullough, Debbie Booher, Lyle McCullough, Max McCullough, Mrs. Victor Hothem, Randy Kay, Resa and Heidi Branniger, and Sherry Kalb.

Mrs. S. E. Miller's home in Sebring, was the scene of a bridal shower, lastFriday evening honoring Lynn Camp, bride-elect of Darrell Cloud.Pictured left-right are Martha Miller and Mrs. S. E. Miller.

LynnCamp Honored With Bridal Shower

About twenty guests met at the home of Mrs. S. E. Miller, in Sebring, last Friday evening to honor Lynn Camp, bride-elect of Darrell Cloud, with a miscellaneous bridal shower.

Co-hostesses for the event were Mrs. David Langford, Mrs. Robert Padgett and Martha Miller. They presented Miss Camp with white linen place mats and matching napkins.

The refreshment table decorated in a yellow table cloth with a white lace overlay was centered with the punch bowl, filled with yellow punch, surrounded by greenery accented with tiny rosebuds.

The table also held a cake trimmed with yellow and white, with a wishing well sitting on one end and a bride and groom on the other, edged with doves and wedding bells and the inscription saying best wishes.

The guests were also served party sandwiches, mints, and nuts, after Miss Camp opened her many gifts.

KAREN PARNELL and Mel Mann was honored with a couple's bridal shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mann, Kevin Road, April 16. Fifty-eight guests attended the gala event. The couple will be married May 28, at 8 p.m. at the Miami Springs Country Club.

Couple's Shower Honors

Karen Parnell-Mel Mann

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Mann of Avon Park and Hialeah hosted a gala couple's bridal shower honoring their son Mel, and his fiancee Karen at their country home on Kevin Road April 16.

Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Parnell Jr., of Hialeah.

Fifty-eight guests attended the festival occasion with a menu of country living from swamp cabbage, fish, chicken and rice to roast beef and all the trimmings, topped off with the traditional cake and punch with a multitude of relishes and desserts.

A gold lace cloth covered the gift table accented with spring flowers. The young couple received many useful gifts.

Guests enjoyed the evening visiting with each other and giving free advice to Mel and Karen for their new married life.

Mel and Karen will be married May 28, at 8 p.m. at the Miami Springs Country Club.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Fowler

Extension Economist To Present Home Program

Mrs. Ruth Ann Fowler, Extension Home Economist, Hillsborough County, will be presenting a variety of subject matter on Wednesday, April 27, 1-3 p.m., including "Everything you Can Do With A Sheet".

Mrs. Fowler will discuss the 1977 Colors, Color coordination for the home, and will show many ways you can save money in decorating your home with sheets.

Ruth Ann has been a teacher in high schools, colleges and with Extension Service Education in three states and is a noted stage programs artist. Her theme is always that "You must have fun to learn" and "You must have fun in learning", in order to put your learning to use in your home.

The Highland County Extension Homemakers Council cordially invites the general public to avail themselves of this opportunity. A similar program, put on redently by Mrs. Fowler at the Fort Homer Hesterly Armory in Tampa was attended by 1200 people.

by Barbara Cornell

People On The Go

Community Events

Flight To Ithaca

Mr. and Mrs. David McDaniel, their daughter Ann, along with Mrs. Betty Hart and her daughter Frances flew to Ithaca, N.Y. for the christening of two month old Michele Lynn McDaniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McDaniel.

Michele is the granddaughter of the David McDaniels.

During their weeks stay in Ithaca they were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stout, Mrs. Bill McDaciel's parents.

They visited all the sights during their stay, but they confessed there is nothing like the sunny south. When they arrived at the airport in Ithaca to come back to Avon Park, it started to snow.

Visitors from Georgia

Mrs. Janet Cannady and sons, Dale, Craig and McClain of Twin City,Ga. visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Douberley of River Ridge, Avon Park.

Founder's Circle

The Founders Circle Garden Club of Avon Park, met last Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Lou Grose.

The field trip which was to have been at Avon Park Correctional Institution, was cancled.

The next meeting is to be May 12th at the home of Mrs. Mildred Head, which will be a covered dish luncheon.

A plant exchange will also be held for the members.

Gospel Sing

A gospel sing will be held at Bartow Livestock Pavillion, Saturday, April 23, 8 p.m., featuring The Gospel Airs, The Representatives, The Journeymen, and the Tributes.

Fezettes Will Not Meet

The Fezettes will not hold their regular meeting on April 27.

Instead they will be the guests of the Shriners at a Ladies Night at the Highlands Shrine Club.

Grange

Avon Park Grange will meet Tuesday April 26, at 8 O'clock at the Woman's Club hall, corner of Verona and Pine in Avon Park.

Square Dance

Avon Park Lakes Square Dance group met at the clubhouse Friday at 7:30 p.m. with three squares and many sideliners present.

Both squares and round and patterns dances were enjoyed.

We hope more folks will come out to this "good time" evening.

Next dance at the clubhouse, Friday, April 22nd, 7:30 p.m. Ya'll come!

Bingo

There is Bingo every Tuesday night, 7:30, next to Our Lady of Grace Church, in the social hall, 595 E. Main Street.

Early Bird Bingo starts at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.

Cradle Roll

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Varlen McCall of Avon Park, are the proud parents of a daughter, Untilla Alliada, born April 12, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Horner Glen Willcut of Sebring, are the proud parents of a daughter, Tina Lynn, born April 12, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Howard Rymanowicz of Zolfo Springs are the proud parents of a son, Aaron Howard, born April 13, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz.

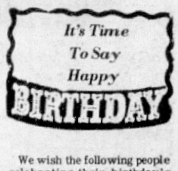
Andrews-Blackwelder Wedding Sat. April 23

The marriage of Linda Andrews to Danny Blackwelder will be solemnized, Saturday, April 23rd, at the First Baptist Chapel in Avon Park. the Rev. Aden D. Childress will perform the ceremony at 4 p.m.

Parents of the bridal couple are Mr. and Mrs. Wallace K. White of Avon Park and Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Blackwelder of Frostproof.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend both the ceremony and reception, which will follow in theFlorida Power Lounge, Florida Power building, in Avon Park.

Lynn Camp, bride-elect of Darrell Cloud, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower, Tuesday evening, April 12, at the Florida Power Lounge, Florida Power building. Hostesses for the festive occasion were (l-r); Mrs. Silda Murphy, Mrs. Mary Bass, Mrs. Olga Bridges, Miss Camp, Mrs. Virginia Henderson, Mrs. Wilma Kangeter, Faye Gordon, and Mrs. Betty Smith.



We wish the following people celebrating their birthday's this week a big "Happy Birthday."

April 21 — Bryonb Davis, Sabrina Montsdeoca, Dene Tondee, Tom Moran, Stephanie Young, Jerry Coulliette, Emma Young.

April 22 — Stella Rowland, Bill Reck, Walter Marshall.

April 23 — Mrs. E. C. Hise, Claire Irwin, Ann Carroll, Louise Farthing, Roy Meeks, Kenneth Collinsworth, Mrs. Louise M. Farthing.

April 24 — Mrs. Richard Reaves, Edith Young, Dorothy Bond, Billy Jackson, C. Johnny Johnson.

April 25- Ted Ward, Dorothy Jackson, Frank Camp Jr.

April 26 - Beverley Wicker, Andy Miracle Jr., Ann McDaniel, Ethel McKelvaine,Joe Ann Smith, James H. Houpe, Mrs. Billie Goff, Linda Dobbs, Flora Arnold, Donna Wright.

April 27 - Christine Sauls, Phylis Snelgrove, Harry Jordan.

If you have a friend or loved one who is having a birthday soon, please call us so we may add them to our birthday list.

Lynn Camp Bride-elect Of Darrell Cloud Honored

Lynn Camp, bride-elect of Darrell was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower on Tuesday evening at the Florida Power Lounge.

The honoree was assisted by Gail Culbertson in opening her many lovely gifts.

The guests enjoyed finger sandwiches, cookies and punch as they visited with Lynn, her mother, Mrs. B. F. Camp, Jr. and Darrell's mother, Mrs. H. D. Cloud.

Hostesses were: Mrs. John Bridges, Mrs. Milton Bass, Faye Gordon, Mrs. Robert Henderson, Mrs. Melvin Kangeter, Mrs. J. C. Murphy, Mrs. Fred Reddick, Mrs. Lee Mitchell and Mrs. Betty Smith.

Remember
Mother's Day May 8

Gibbs Bride Of The Month

Marjorie Lynn Camp

Bride Elect Of

Darrell Eudonald Cloud

Saturday, April 30

First Baptist Church

See Her Selections At 21 S. Lake Ave.

Don't stop til you get to Gibb's for all your gift needs.

Seminar Aids Employes

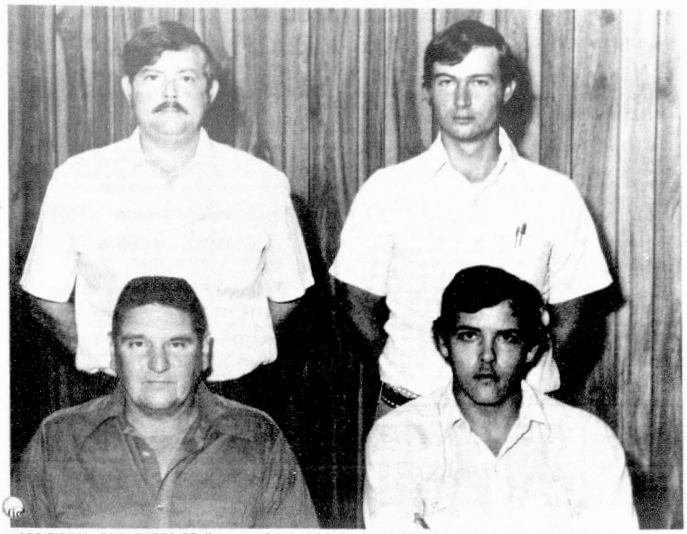
The Department of Offender Rehabilitation has announced that Avon Park Correctional Institution employes, John Larry Byrd, Charles C. Cloud, S. E. Tomek, and Harrel T. Wilbert Jr., recently participated in the Correctional Training Institute at Raiford, Florida.

This is the tenth group to enroll in the minimum standards curriculu, which is required by law. The Training Institute program is taught in conjunction with Lake City Community College, and the graduates earn nine semester credits for successfully completing the full time, 160-hour course.

The program includes instruction in the Criminal Justice System, Legal Aspects of Corrections, Operational Procedures, Principles of Supervision, Human Relations and Technical Training Skills which include Firearms, First Aid and Fire Fighting Technique.

The Correctional Training Institute was certified by the Florida Correctional Standards Council (CSC) in May 1976, as a training center for correctional personnel.The Council was empowered by the Legislature in 1974 to establish minimum standards for the certification of correctional officers and training centers. The curriculum of training is designed to intensify the exposure of the officer and to develop him professionally. It is anticipated that the training program will help materialize the promise of a modern correctional system.

The participants will continue their training with an additional 160 hours taught by regional instructors, on an in-service basis, at the various correctional facilities located throughout Florida.



ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES OF the Avon Park Correctional Instution have completed special offender rehabilitation training. (l to r) John L. Byrd, Charles C. Cloud, Harry T. Wilbert Jr. and S.E. Tomek are among APCI personnel who have taken part in the recent training sessions.

Art League To Honor Students

The Highlands Art League will honor art students with a show of their works on Sunday, April 24. The public is invited to attend the reception between the hours of 2 to 4 p.m. at the Art Center and Gallery, 122 N. Commerce, Sebring. Refreshments will be served.

Instructors who directed the activities of students were: Paintina - Mary Lou Buckley and Henry Kost. Pottery instruction was given by Dorothy Page. Visitors may be surprised to see works in clay done by 'painters' and paintings done by 'potters'.

This exhibit of student art will be on display for several weeks. Those who are unable to attend the receipt on Sunday may visit the gallery on weekdays between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

SFJC Offers Two One Act Plays

The Drama Department at South Florida Junior College will present two one-act plays on April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Center 101. They are being presented by students taking the course "Acting and Oral Interpretation".

The two comedies are "Out the Window" and "The Mice Have Been Drinking Again", both suitable for the entire family.

The public is invited to see the presentation, which will last about 45 minutes. No admission will be charged.

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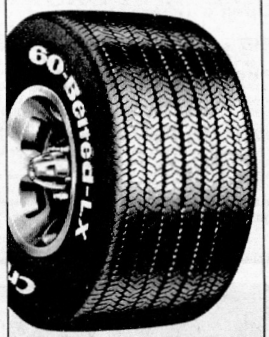

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Horsemanship Clinic To Be Held Saturday

A horsemanship clinic will be held here Saturday, May 7, under the sponsorship of the Highlands County 4-H clubs. Instruction will be offered on showmanship, proper tack fitting, and some hints on riding and training given.

The day-long clinic will be held at the horse arena at Highlands Agri-Civic Center on U. S. 27, south of Sebring.

Participants in that show are now preparing to represent Highlands County in the Area E horse show Saturday, May 14. It too will be held at the arena.

High point winner in the April 9 show was Lisa Hines of Sebring and Cheryl Blount of Lake Placid was reserve high point winner.

These high point riders along with the other Highlands representatives, will be going up against competition from 13 other counties in the Area E show.

If you had to write out the weight of the sun in tons it would be 2,184,759 followed by 21 zeroes!

Public Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 77-117-F

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF
MICHAEL DESKINS,
Husband
and
SHARON ZIPPERER DESKINS,
Wife

NOTICE OF SUIT – NO PROPERTY

TO: MICHAEL DESKINS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is S. Colquitt Purdee, P. O. Box 40, Avon Park, Florida 33825 and file the original with the clerk of the above styled court on or before May 7, 1977; otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on March 29, 1977.
(Seal) EARL RICH
As Clerk of said Circuit Court
(s) Robert W. Germaine
Deputy Clerk

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Arthur Fisher 95 Years Young Last Saturday

Fisher Honored On Saturday On 95th Birthday

Arthur G. Fisher of 20 North Summit Street celebrated his 95th birthday at his home Saturday.

A number of neighbors and friends from Avon Park, as well as members of the Senior Adult Class from the Sebring Nazarine Church and friends from project HOPE were in attendance.

Fisher, who has resided in Avon Park for almost two decades, is a native of Baltimore, Ohio.

Winter Guest Club News

Pot Luck Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Colson and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stanley served as hosts and hostesses for the Saturday night dinner with 29 present.

Birthday wishes were extended to Grace Staley. The program consisted of readings by Eula Gunning, Helen Staley and Hazel Colson. This was followed by group singing led by Lloyd Wyant.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

The Highlands County Council on Aging will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 21, in the Sebring City Council Chamber at 368 South Commerce Avenue. Betty Upchurch, R. N., will talk about home health measures in routine and emergency situations. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Pinochle

April 11-6 tables. Winners-high-Lena Vanzo, 725, Second, Jerry Nadsady, 683; Ed Bidstrup, 4990.

April 15 - 6 tables. Winners-high-Shella Wurster, 745. Second, John Smith, 661.

Bridge

April 12 - 5 tables. High-John Schoen, 7470, second, Alyce

Shuffling

April 13 - 13½ courts. 4 game winners-Richard Meyer, John Lasse, Wm. Olson, Ernest Thomas, and Ivan Goodard.

April 16 - 13 courts. 4 game winners- Ken Holsapple, Jim Chamberlin, Hazel Colson, and Alton Wetmore.

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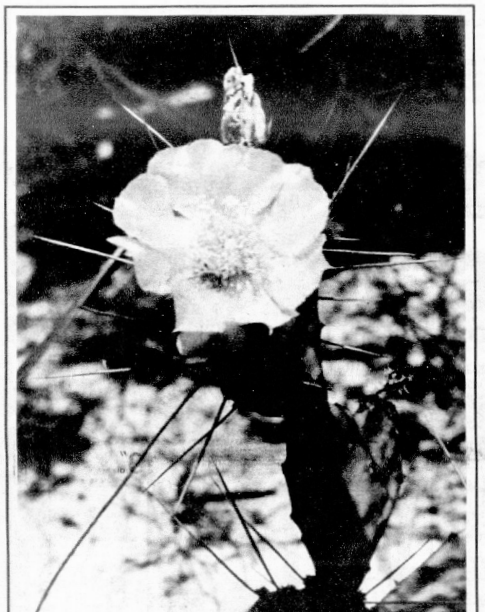

BEAUTIFUL BUT DANGEROUS !!!! Perhaps these needle sharp, two-inch long thorns are why the beautiful wild yellow cactus flower is never seen in a cut bouquet. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Eastern Star Members At St. Pete Meeting

The seventy second annual session of the GrandChapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star was held at the Bayfront Center in St. Petersburg on April 5th-7th.

The session was called "The Garden of Tomorrow Session".

Members of Leigh Chapter No. 85 attending from Avon Park were: Ted Elethorp, Worthy Patron; Kylene Thompson, Associate Matron; Joe Kuhn, Associate Patron; Vera Kirkland; Brenda Strenth, Cynthia Fountain; Mary Helen Kuhn; Elizabeth Lamb; and Orion W. Louis, Past Grand Patron, who lives in Fort Pierce.

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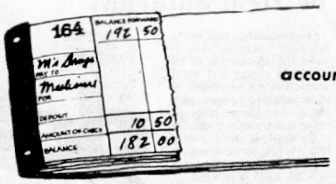

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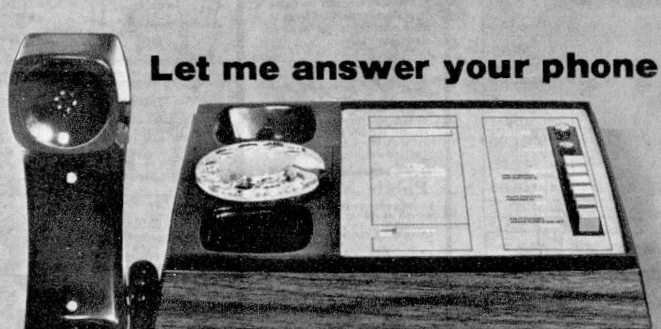

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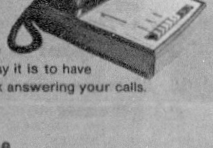

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Southside Park Community News

by Alphonso Williams
andCalvin Gibbs

Hi Friends,

Welcome to Southside Park Community News. Everything is moving along at the usual pace. There continue to be numerous church functions and a few social events throughout the area. There are seven weeks remaining in the current school year, but there is already much talk about the long vacation period. The installing of pipes in connection with the new sewer system and the skating in streets and on sidewalks are both common sights and are expected to continue to be over an extended period of time. To the readers of this column, may we extend to each of you our best wishes for your continuing health and happiness.

Church News

Beulah of Yesterday

Old Beulah
Baptist Church

Do you remember the old Beulah Baptist Church. The old structure was built in 1922. In front of the old Baptist Church are the following people. Many have entered the silent chambers of death and are thereby resting in the great beyond.

Seated: Sister Ella Reed, Sister Burnese Boatright, Bro. Walter Dickson, Deacon White, Deacon Son Wilson, Deacon D. Reed, Rev. J. H. Murphy, Rev. Parson Smith, Sister Eliza Hardy, Sister Janie Calhoun, Little Ruth Jenkins and sister, Virgie Lee Baker, Deacon G. C. Cainon, Sister Alice Shaw, Sister Wanna Mae Robinson. Standing Sam Miller, Sister Bettye Love, Bro. Sank Dixon, Bro. Brewington, Bro. George Robinson, Sister Goldie Moore,, Sister Verna Dozier, Sister Elvira Fitzpatrick, Sister Willie Mae Williams, Sister B. Collins, Bro. Joe Gilbert, Sister Clara Dicky, Sister Dismuke, Sister Annie Lee Hicks, Sister Sussie Boatright, Sister Hattie McGhee, Sister Gertrude Goosby, Sister Frances Willis, Deacon Curtis, Bro. Albert Shepherd, Bro. George Johnson, Sister Viola Williams, Sister Rosa Moore, Sister Marie Jones, Henry Jones.

The new Beulah was erected in 1051.

Elder and Sister Thomas Brown

The Apostolic Church of Jesus honored their Pastor and his wife, Elder and Sister Thomas J. Brown with appreciation services beginning Wednesday night with a programme, Lake Wales mission was in charge. Thursday Church of God In Christ, with Deacon A. William and Deacon F. Conner sponsoring.

Friday night C. M. E. Methodist Church, Deacon B. Hicks and Deacon P. Miller sponsoring.

Saturday night, Church of God In Christ of Clewiston, Deacon C. Dudley and Deacon S. Smith sponsoring.

Sunday service Apostolic Church of Jesus from Fort Lauderdale. Pastor's aide spoonsoring Sister Wanda Wilson, president.

We will like to thank each pastor and his congregation, visitors, members and everyone who help make these services successful.

The Lord blessed some how, some way in each of these services.

Thank you again.

Sister Virginia McRae,
Reporter

Welcome Little New One

(Little) April
Janella Cochran

April Janella Cochran was born to the proud parents of Mr. Leroy and Jacquely (Jackie Jackson) Cochran on March 28 in Atlanta, Georgia. April is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson who live at 911 Pineland Avenue in Avon Park.

Pacemakers Meet

The president, Mrs. Lois Catlin of The Pacemakers civil social club is asking all former members who are interested in reviving the club to meet at her place of business on Thursday night April 21 at 8 p.m.

Home from the hospital

Herman Adams and Delphine (Sims) Fleming are among those home from the hospital.

Two Fish in One

Undra Collins

Undra Collins and several friends were fishing last Sunday at Lake Lotela. Undra noticed; that he had a catch and began winding his line in for whatever he may have caught. All of a sudden his catch was intercepted by a much larger and stronger opposition in the water. However, with Undra's expert maneuvering of his fishing technique, he landed his small fish which had been swallowed by his big fish and he proudly brought them both home. (Small fish can be seen when you open the large fish's mouth.)

Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church

Sunday school 9:30 a.m.

Morning worship 11 a.m.

Evening worship 5 p.m.

Monday night after the 4th Sun. choir rehearsal for choir No. 1.

Tuesday evening mission 6 p.m.

Tuesday night prayer and class meetings.

Wednesday night 2nd and 3rd Wed. night before the 3rd Sun. rehearsal for the choir's union.

Friday night the pastor is calling the stewards to meet with him Friday night at 7:30.

The Sunday School went to Six Gun Territory last Saturday. We had a wonderful time. The children as well as the grown up chaperones. We are thanking Bro. Ora Mittchel for taking time from his busy schedule, and the use of his camper and also he drove there and back Bro. McRae also.

Rev. Willie J. Jones, pastor.

Beulah Baptist Church

Services at Beulah began with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with Dr. M. Packer, Dr. Supt. in charge.

11 a.m. -- a very spiritual devotion was conducted by Deas. Louis Lee, Sr. and Joe Mack. Music was furnished by the Number II choir.

The morning message was delivered by the Pastor, Rev. Columbus Carter. Subject: The Christian's Responsibility to God. Scripture Reference: Romans 12:1-2.

Visiting with us Rev. A. Battles, Mrs. Eugene McRae.

Services at Beulah were concluded with the city-wide choir's union which was held there also.

Shirley McCauley,
Reporter

The Sebring District Convention will be held at Antioch Temple of The Church of God in Christ on April 27 through May 1. Elder C. Black, pastor and superintendent.

Necrology

Mrs. D. Mason Harris, retired teacher and resident of Sebring, Florida, passed on Friday April 15 at Highlands General Hospital. Mrs. Mason was mother-in-law of Mr. Jean Jackson and Mr. Clinton Weathers, both of Avon Park. Thanks

The family of the late Mrs. Annie Nelson wishes to express a sincere gratitude for the many flowers, condolences, telegrams, food and other courtesies extended to them in their hour of bereavement.

Saint Mark

The choir and some members of Saint Mark Baptist Church journeyed to Pierce, Florida to join in the anniversary of Saint Paul Baptist Church last Sunday.

Celebrates Birthday

Little Milton Austin

Milton Austin, son of Laura and Clinton (Sonny) Austin celebrated his 5th birthday on Saturday, April 16. Happy birthday dear Milton, happy birthday to you.

Correction On Deed Transfer

A real estate transaction was incorrectly reported by The News and The Sun as a sale from Sue Secrist to E. Ray Wells. The recorded document shows that the transaction was a mortgage for $25,000.

Public Notice

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Avon Park will receive bids for painting the Library Building one coat completely on the old portion of the building. Masonry must be cleaned of loose paint, dirt, etc. before painting with one coat of first class masonry paint. Woodwork must be cleaned similarly before painting with one coat of exterior house paint, first grade oil based paint. Colors shall be same as those of the newly painted portion of the Library. Painters bidding shall be registered with the Avon Park Building Department and all work shall meet the standards of city code and pass inspection by the Building official.

Bids may be submitted until 7:30 P.M., Monday, April 25, 1977 at office of the City Clerk, City Hall. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Malcolm K. Crews
City Clerk

Apr. 21, 1977

Swing high, swing low. Little Missy Kendrick, daughter of Debbie Ford of Avon Park and Jerry Kendrick of Lakeland enjoys a lazy spring afternoon in Donaldson Park on one of the larger swings. She said she loves going to the park with Memom (Mrs. Lillian Martindale). (Sunphoto by Barbara Cornell)

Child Abuse

Statistics Do Not Indicate Change

"No statistics are available to indicate whether child abuse is on the increase or not." So Alice Hansen told the Highlands County Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employes last Monday.

Eventually, the investigation of reported cases of child abuse will provide such statistics. Professional persons dealing with children are required to report suspected cases, and any person may make an anonymous call on a toll-free number to get an investigation under way.

In Highlands County, four staff members of Children and Youth Services investigate the reported cases. These counselors try to gain the confidence of the abuser and salvage the family group when possible.

Of 214 cases reported in the past five months, only 50 children had to be placed in foster homes. Only two or three cases of criminal abuse have surfaced in the past two or three years. When court orders are needed, prompt action is taken to protect the child.

Mrs. Hansen stated that mothers are usually the abusers. They have problems and they are often too young to face motherhood alone. Social position is not necessarily a factor, nor is ethnic background.

Curiously, paterns of abuse are passed from one generation to another. Like mother, like daughter.

After a short business meeting, Luverne Vaughan gave an account of the freighter trip he and his wife Marquette made out of New Orleans.

Scheduled to leave Dec. 27, postponed to Jan. 13, and finally departing on Jan. 19, the Vaughans became well acquainted with the French Quarter.

One of the officers slipped on the deck and broke a wrist. It could not be set immediately because there was no surgeon on board. Boat drills and four meals a day were the usual routine.

After stopping at Cartagena under the guns of the old fort, the ship passed through the Canal and anchored four miles outside the harbor of Bueta Ventura, waiting for high tide.

Pirates came in two boats 15 - 20 feet long, powered by large outboard motors. While the ship's whistle blew and 15 nervous bandits armed with guns and knives roamed the deck, passengers and most of the crew stayed behind locked doors in darkness for three hours, until the robbers finally left with a ciagarette lighter and a wrist watch from one of the crew.

Calls at the other ports along the coast to Valparaiso were less exciting as the Vaughans returned to New Orleans in five days less than the contracted 49 days.

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Pre-Schoolers In Friday Trike-Hike Race

Elizabeth Morris and Jimmy Griffin prepare for the "Trike Hike" last Friday afternoon at 1:30, in the First Baptist Church parking lot. Elizabeth and Jimmy are both students of the Ridge Area Pre-school Developmental Training Program.

Getting an early start were Georganna pushed by Johnny Johnny decided not to wait for the flag and had to be put back into the starting position three different times before the go flag was waved. Even though they finished last they did go the 100 yards of the "Trike Bike", held last Friday afternoon, at the First Baptist Church parking lot, for members of the Ridge Area Pre-school Developmental Training Program.

Members of the Ridge Area Pre-school Developmental Training Program took part in a Trike-Hike on Friday in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church in Avon Park. The "hike" consisted of traveling 100 yards on trikes, wagons, or whatever form of locomotion suitable and, with the help of parents and friends, everyone made it.

Since most of the D. T. P. group share some kind of physical and coordination problems, this was quite an accomplishment for these pre-schoolers. First place winners for the categories fastest, best decorated, and most enthusiastic were Nannette Metz, Jamie Pridemore and Matthew Minott.

The concept of Trike-Hike is the same as its better known relative, the Hike-Bike, which will take place Saturday, April 20 this year. Participants take a pledge form to their friends and neighbors prior to the event and secure a "pledge" for each mile covered in the hike.

This year's Hike - Bike will leave from both Avon Park and Sebring and will cover 20 miles. All money raised will help to support the various programs of the Ridge Area Association for Retarded Citizens.

Elizabeth Morris Is Ready For Trike-Hike

They're off and going! As the start flag was waved the first three out were Kevin Springsteen (left), Matthew Minott (center) and Nannette Metz (right). They were competing in the "Trike Hike" last Friday afternoon, held in the First Baptist Church parking lot. They are all pre-schoolers at Ridge Area Pre-school Developmental Training Program.

Seventh Day Adventist Fund Raising Hike

At 8:00 a.m., Easter Sunday morning, 22 young people from the Walker Memorial Seventh Day Adventist Church youth group left State Road 64 on a 11 mile fund raising hike along Parnell Road to Highlands Hammock.

One 13 year old hiker covered the distance over the black-topped and dirt roads to the picnic area of the Hammock in two hours, while one six year old made the hike in four hours.

All 22 of the hikers finished the route to the hammock. With pledges averaging over a dollar per mile the young people raised $1870 for the building of a new church on Highlands Lake, on the site of the present building used by the Adventist Church people.

Plans for the new church have been completed by the architects, however, a date has not been set for the ground-breaking ceremony.

EASTER SUNDAY6 to 13 year old youngsters from the Seventh Day Adventist Church youth group went on an 11 mile fund raising hike and ended at Highlands Hammock for a picnic lunch.

SFJC Batgirls

Hard working South Florida Junior College Batgirls chased foul balls and automatically went after the hitter's bats during the Panther baseball games. Laurie Peterson is from Avon Park, with Terry Parks and Janet Brooks coming from Sebring.

All three girls are in the Associate of Arts program. Terry is a freshman while Laurie and Janet are sophomores and will graduate in May.

SOUTH FLORIDA JUNIOR College Batgirls handled the foulball chasing chores and retrieving bats for the Panther baseball team. From the left:: Laurie Peterson, Avon Park; Terry Parks and Janet Brooks Sebring.

Ski-Masked Leader Gets Electric Chair

The 27-year-old Polk County man who has been dubbed the leader of the Ski-Mask Gang has been sentenced to die in Florida's electric chair.

Daniel M. Thomas was sentenced at Bartow, April 15. At the same time he was given three life terms for robbery, rape and burglary.

All these charges were based on events at the Polk City home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Anderson, Jan. 1, 1976.

Next in the long series of ski-mask trials is to be held in Volusia County. Thomas faces charges of murder, attempted murder, rape, aggravated assault, kidnapping and robbery. These are based on an attack at a Glenwood home Dec. 5, 1975. In that case the husband was killed and his wife tossed from a highway bridge. She was rescued from Lake Monroe.

A. Volusia County grand jury had indicted Thomas and Lee O. Martin in this case. In DeLand Tuesday of this week Assistant State Attorney Tom Beavis of Volusia County said the charges against Martin are being dropped because of insufficient evidence. He admitted that attempts had been made to obtain Martin as a prosecution witness, but Martin would not talk to him.

Martin's younger brother, Cody, testified against Thomas in the murder trial in Polk County. The 17-year-old Martin traded testimony against Thomas for a promise that the state would not prosecute Martin on an old burglary charge.

Date for Thomas' trial at DeLand has not been announced.

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Tracksters Win Conference Tourney

AS THEY SAT for their picture the Avon Park High School Track Team was quite confident that they would win the Heartland Conference track meet last Friday afternoon at Wauchula. From the left: front row: Kenneth Caldwell, James Hamilton, Jack Collins, Mike Ryan, Charles Anderson, Kenneth Burley and Edward Dorsey. Second row: Tim Starr, David Jahna, Jerry McKenzie, Mark Myers, Manfred Woody, Allan Portis and Jacque "Too Tall" Thomas. Third row: Coach Harry Williams, Abe McMillian, Jim Ervin, Ricky Stevenson, Anthony Conner, Todd Packer and Coach Chet Brojek. Fourth row: David Williams, Arnold Wilson, Reggie Baker and Casey Stukes. Fifth row: Robert Packer, Horace Moore, Alfonso Williams and Rufus Wilson. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Avon Park's Red Devil track team captured the Heartland Conference championship for the second straight year last week. The Devil thinclads scored 155 points to win over five other loop teams. Fort Meade took second place with 81 points. DeSoto High came in third with 66 points. Hardee High, the host school for the conference championship meet, finished fourth with 33 points. Sebring scored 25 points to take fifth place and Okeechobee camer in sixth with just 2 team points.

Alphonso Williams and Charles Anderson led the big Red team to the meet victory last Friday afternoon in Wauchula. Alphonso won first place ribbons in the mile, the 880-yard run and the two-mile run and captured third place in the long jump. Charles finished first in the 120-yard high hurdles, the 330-yard intermediate hurdles and ran the scond leg of the winning 880-yard relay team with Edward Dorsey, David Jahna, and Reggie Baker. Anderson also was second in the long jump.

Three Red Devils turned in personal best performances at the loop meet. Jim Ervin was fourth in the 120-yard high hurdles with a time of 15.6 for a personal best timing and also took second in the 330-yard intermediate hurdles.

David Williams' 53.1 timing in the 440-yard run was a top time for him and good for fourth place in the meet. David also ran legs of the sprint medley relay and the mile relay for Avon Park.

The sprint medley team of Dorsey, Jahna, Ryan and Williams came in second, and the mile relay team of James Hamilton, Jerry McKenzie, McMillian and Williams also took second place.

James Hamilton set his best time ever in the 880-yard run with a time of 2:03.5 which was good for second place behind A. Williams. Hamilton also took fourth place in the mile run and ran the first leg of the mile relay.

Other Red Devils capturing second place ribbons were Kenneth Burley in the 120-yard high hurdles, Reggie Baker in the 100-yard dash with a time of 23.4 seconds.

Mike Ryan vaulted to third place in the pole vault event. In the shot put event Edward Dorsey was third, Robert Packer took fourth and Anthony Conner added sixth to the Devil total. The high jump was also dominated by Avon Park with Kenneth Burley taking third, Horace Moore coming in fourth and Anthony Conner taking fifth place.

In the discus toss it was Dorsey in third place and Conner in sixth. Second, third and fourth places in the long jump went to Anderson, A. Williams,, and Baker respectively. David Jahna and Edward Dorsey took third and fourth places in the 100-yard dash. Jack Collins added a couple of points with a fifth place finish in the mile run and also took fifth in the two-mile run.

Abe McMillian finished fifth in the 440-yard dash. Kenneth Burley took fourth in the intermediate hurdles and fifth in the 220-yard dash to score in four different events. Closing out the scoring were Jerry McKenzie with a fifth place in the 880-yard dash.

Avon Park track members took three places of the six nine of the sixteen events and scored in all three relay events. The depth of Coach Chet Brojek's team has given Avon Park an advantage over most of the area opponents this season.

Last Tuesday afternoon at 6 p.m. the Avon Park track team was scheduled to take part in the Highlands County meet in Sebring. Since Lake Placid did not field a tract team this spring, Lakeland High School was to have entered the meet with the two county teams.

Friday week, April 29, the Avon Park thinclads will enter the impoortant district meet to be held at Fort Meade. The Red Devils are favored to win the district this year and advance to the regional meet to be run at Fort Meade on Friday, May 6.

Panthers Seek Spot In State Play Off Tourney

The South Florida Junior college baseball team had a bad Easter week as the team tumbled into third place in the Division. The Panthers lost two conference games Saturday to Petersburg and split a double header Monday with Florida College.

What appeared to be an easy berth in the State Tournament a week ago with a 19-7 record, now finds the Panthers scrambling a week later with a 20-12 record. The Panthers need to win the remaining four conference games-two each with Manatee and Brevard-to have a chance for the State Tournament in May.

Home runs by Blane McDonald and Tom Davis gave SFJC a brief 2-1 lead Saturday in the first game of a double header against St. Petersburg J. C. However, St. Pete erupted for three runs in the fifth inning and held on to a 4-2 lead to defeat the Panthers. McDonald and Davis had two hits in the first game to lead the Panther hitters.

In the second game, St. Pete pounded out 12 hits and collected 6 walks off Panther pitcher to take a 10-4 victory and drop SFJC to third place. St. Pete, by sweeping the double header,moved into second place. Blane McDonald and Randy Schlosser each collected two hits in the second game.

Monday, SFJC blasted Florida College 11-0 in the first game of a double header only to lose the second 2-1. The Panthers scored 9 runs in the fourth inning to put the game out of reach. Jimmy Higdon had 2 hits in the nine run fourth and 2 rbi's. Blane McDonald and John Sedlock also picked up 2 RBI's. Mike Vermillion was the winning pitcher as he ran his season record to 5 wins against 2 losses. Mike allowed only 2 hits.

Mike Phillips, making his first start of the season, patched a good game but lost 2-1 in the second game of the double header. Mike struck out 6, walked only 2, and was touched for 5 hits. Unfortunately, the Florida College pitcher had a no-hitter going until the 7th. inning when Larry Glass doubled and scored on Jim Higdon's triple to make the score 2-1. However, a suicide squeeze attempt failed for the Panthers and the game ended 2-1.

SFJC 3-VALENCIA -2

South Florida Junior College defeated Valencia Community College 3-2 Wednesday for the third time this season and six consecutive games spanning the last two seasons.

Keith Hendry, making only his second start of the year, pitched superbly scattering 7 hits in going the distance for the Panthers. Hendry was aided by errorless baseball and two double plays by shortstop, Dana Waistad, to second baseman, Larry Glass.

Glass broke up a 2-2 tie in the 9th, with a game winning double to drive in Blane McDonald who had walked to start off the inning. SFJC collected 9 hits for the afternoon with Glass collecting 2.

SFJC 7-MANATEE-1

South Florida Junior College banged out 14 hits at Manatee Friday to defeat the Lancers 7-1. Jimmy Higdon and Blane McDonald each had 3 hits. McDonald had a double and 2 RBI's and Charlie Faulconer had a triple.

Larry Glass broke the game wide open in the 7th, with SFJC leading 4-0 and runners on 2nd and 3rd. Glass hit a sharp single to score both runners to up the lead to 6-0 and send Manatee's record to 14 wins against 16 losses.

Rick Harrison pitched the complete nine innings allowing Manatee only 3 hits. Rick upped his record to 8 wins against only 3 losses.

SFJC 7-MANATEE-2

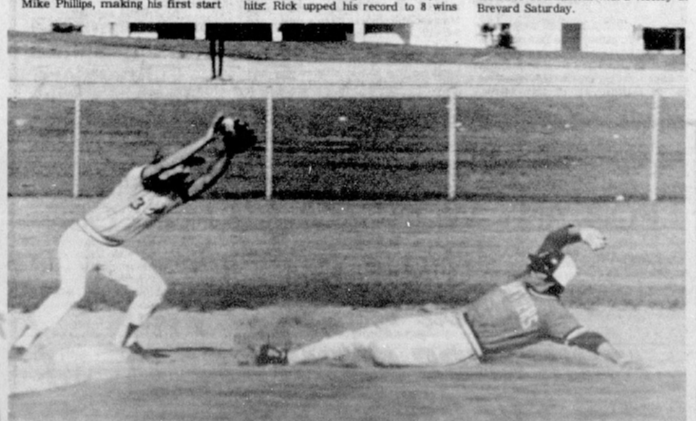
Saturday, at home, SFJC again dumped Manatee 7-2 to send the Lancers into fourth place in the Division with a 14 and 17 record. SFJC jumped back into second place with a 23 and 12 won-loss record.

SFJC has now defeated Manatee 6 of the last 8 games over the last two years and has emerged as one of the top teams in the State. The latest State poll has the Panthers ranked 7th, in the State.

Randy Schlosser had a 3 run, inside the park, home run against Manatee to break open the scoreless game in the 6th. Tommy Davis hit a 2 run homer over the 378' sign in left centerfield as the Panthers added 3 more runs in the 8th, inning. Schlosser ran his stoled base total to 38 with 3 steals in the two-game weekend series against Manatee.

John Sedlock pitched a superb ball game keeping the Manatee hitters off balance on 4 hits and 2 runs through 7-2-3 innings. Andy Riley, Mike Phillips, and Kirk Scheerhorn came on in relief to keep Manatee in check over the last two innings.

The Panthers can wrap up a spot in the State Tournament with a victory at Brevard Saturday.



SOUTH FLORIDA JUNIOR College's Randy Schlosser slides safely into second during the Saturday afternoon game with Manatee Junior College. This was Randy's 38th stolen base for the number three spot in base stealing in the state's junior college baseball circuit. (Sunphoto by Lew Miller).

Red Devil Varsity

Rack Up 15 Season Wins

The Avon Park Red Devil varsity baseball team racked up its fifteenth regular season win last Monday night with a 7-0 shut-out over the Lake Wales Highlanders here at Head Field. The win set the Red Devils record at 15-4 going into last Tuesday night's game with Frostproof at Head Field.

This afternoon (Thursday) Coach Ronnie Jackson's team will travel to Haines City for a 4 p.m. game with the Hornets. The game was originally scheduled for tomorrow night (Friday) but was changed at the request of the Haines City school.

Last Monday night junior righthander Larry Jackson posted his fourth mound victory as he tossed a three-hitter at the Highlanders. The lanky hurler walked only one batter and struck out nine during his seven innings on the mound. Jackson now has a 4-2 record for the season.

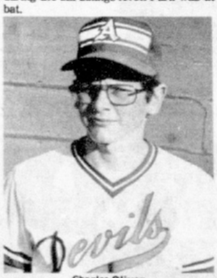
Avon Park scored its seven runs on four hits. In the first frame Jim Johnson and John MicKunas drew walks. Then with two outs, designated hitter Victor Roberts lined a homerun over the leftfield wall to put Avon Park out front 3-0.

In the third inning Mort Jackson doubled and stretched it to third when the leftfielder bobbled the ball. He later scored on a wild pitch. Mort singled again in the fourth inning when the Red Devils pushed over three more runs on a bunt single by Buddy Hunter and four walks by two Lake Wales pitchers.

Jackson's two hits the homer by Roberts and the single by Hunter were the only hits the Devils managed off the Highlander pitchers. However, the two visiting hurlers issued a total of 11 walks during the six innings Avon Park was at bat.

Matt Wilson

Matt Wilson, a 5'9", 165 lb., freshman from Tampa, came to South Florida Junior College by way of the University of Minnesota. Matt was All-Conference in football and baseball at Albert Lea High School in Minnesota. He will be used primarily as a designated runner for the Panthers this spring.



Charles Oliver

Charles Oliver, a 5'6", 130 pound junior, will be one of only five members of the Red Devil varsity to return to next year's team. The righthanded infielder has worked at the thirdbase position behind Buddy Hunter this season and has seen action on defense and as a pinch hitter in several games as Avon Park has marched to a 15-4 record.

Charles played junior varsity baseball during his freshman and sophomore years and is expected to add experience to the 1978 squad. He has been in ten of the nineteen games this season and is one for six at the plate with a sacrifice fly to his credit.

Jimmy Massey

Junior righthander, Jimmy Massey has been used only sparingly on the mound this season but has produced when called upon. He is a 5' 8", 150 pound pitcher and secondbaseman who will be expected to move into a starting position next spring when only five players return from this years squad.

Jimmy has a 1-0 record on the mound this year winning over Haines City on a four-hitter. He also came on in relief against DeSoto down in Arcadia and pitched four and a third innings of scoreless ball given up only two hits to the Bulldogs in a game the Devils lost.

Along with Charlie Pough, Larry Jackson, Victor Roberts and Charles Oliver, Jimmy Massey will provide the experience for the varsity next year. He will join Larry Jackson and probably Charlie Pough on the mound staff.

Racquetball Ladder

Five Groups Start Play

The Avon Park Recreation Department is presently sponsoring a Racquetball Ladder Tournament that started April 2 and will run through August 6th. There are 5 divisions in the competition; Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles and Boy's Singles.

The ladder tournament works this way; All teams in your division are placed in their original positions either by seeding or draw. You may then challenge a team either directly above your position on the ladder or two positions above yours. If you win the challenge match, you trade positions with that team, But, if you lose the match, no change in positions will occur.

The main object is to work your way up to the top position and retain that spot as long as you can. The teams that hold that top spot the longest in the time designated for the tournament, will receive a prize.

So far, after two weeks of competition, only several changes in the top spots have taken place.

In men's singles: Paul Wilson took over the number 1 spot by defeating John Best 21-13 and 21-10. John now holds the second position and Dennis Guenther moved into the third spot by defeating Bobby Barben, 21-19 and 21-7.

Men's Doubles: There has not been any changes in the top three positions since the beginning of the tournament. 1. Joe Baker and Dennis Guenther 2. Henry Wood and John Best 3. Mike Wauhop and Paul Wilson.

Women's Singles: Betty Amburn worked her way up to the top spot by defeating Sandra Jackson 21-4 and 21-3. Judy Rewis retained the number two position by downing Mary Baker 21-14 and 21-14. Sandra Jackson holds the third spot.

Women's Doubles: The team of Amburn and Wood beat Derkman and Sisemore to retain the first position, 21-8 and 21-10. The second spot is held by Derkman and Sisemore while Sandra Jackson and Janice Turnbull are in the third position.

Boys Singles: Billy Barben is No. 1, after defeating Avery Cantrell, 21-5 and 21-5. The second spot is Ken McLeod. He beat Avery also, 21-3 and 21-4. Avery is presently in the third spot.

There are some 41 people in the tournament, with the majority members of the newly formed Highland's County Racquetball Association. If you are a racquetball enthusiasts and wish to join either the association or the tournament, contact the Recreation Center at 453-6681 or Mike Wauhop (President of the Assoc.) at 453-7484.

AVON PARK HIGH School's first girls golf team will host the District 7 Golf Tourney at River Greens golf course, Wednewday, April 27. Team members are, from the left: Sharon Rigdon, Danielle Elliott, Janet Filppula, Ellen Macklin, Robin Heckard, and Teri Griffin. (Sunphoto by Lew Miller.)

Fledgling Golfers Reduce Score In Second Match

The Avon Park girls golf team played its second match of the season last Thursday afternoon and, although they lost by a score of 228 to 237 to the Frostproof girls, they cut the difference between to two team totals to just nine strokes. The Avon Park girls have been practicing just over a month.

Ellen Macklin came in low for the Red Devil girls this time with a score of 57. Sharon Rigdon had a 58, Robin Heckard shot a 59 and Tori Griffin and Danny Elliott came in with 64's. Janet Filppula shot a 74 for the sixth spot on the team.

This week the girls will be practicing for the District tournament for girls which will be held at the River Greens on Wednesday, April 27. The boys district meet will be held at Sun 'n Lakes on Thursday, April 28.

There will be ten teams represented in the girls meet at River Greens. They will play 18 holes starting at 9:30 a.m. on April 27. Winter Haven will be the favorite and is the defending champion of District 7.

Also entering teams will be Kathleen Avon Park, Bartow, Zephyrhills, Santa Fe, Lakeland and Frostproof. Lake Wales and Lake Placid will enter just one girl each. Debbie Knock of Lake Placid is the pre-tourney favorite to shoot low for the meet.

USING A PURPLE eel, Keith Richards, brought this 9-pound, 2¾ inches long bass intro the boat while fishing in Lake Istokpoga, last Friday. (Sunphoto by Lew Miller.)

Pulls In 9 lb. Bass

Fishing from a boat in about four feet of water at Lake Isotkpoga last Friday morning, Keith Richards cast a purple eel into the weeds along the shore and was rewarded with a whale of a hit on his bait.

When he and his partner returned to shore they found that the 26¾-inch long big mouth bass tipped the scales at 9 pounds.

During their fishing trip they caught seven other fish, all bass, weighing from one pound to one and a half pounds.

Sports Schedule

Thursday, April 21
Varsity Baseball at Haines City - 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 23
SFJC Baseball at Melbourne vs. Brevard (2) - 1 p.m.

Monday, April 25
Boys golf at Harder Hall in Sebring - Heartland Conf. tourney - 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 26
Varsity Baseball in Bartow - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27
Girls Golf - District 7 tourney at River Greens - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 28
Boys Golf - District tourney at Sun 'n Lakes - 9:30 a.m.
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Little League

Baseball Starts April 30

Little League baseball players will have a busy day on Saturday, April 30 as the Little League season gets underway for the 1977 summer.

Starting off their season activities, the Little Leaguers will be selling tickets for the Little League barbecue to be held on Saturday April 30, with the barbecue starting at 11 a.m. and running until 7 p.m. Little Leaguers will receive their barbecue tickets from the team coaches this week.

At 12:30 the Little League Ball players will assemble by teams at Donaldson Park for team pictures. The annual Little League parade on the Main St. Mall will follow at 1 p.m. The first game of the season is scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

Jayvee Baseball

End Season 10-3 Record

Coach Hoppy Rewis' Avon Park Red Devil junior varsity baseball team defeated Lake Placid 10-2 and Frostproof 11-1 last week to close out the thirteen game schedule with a 10-3 record. The Red Devil "Bees" won their last seven games after losing a close 3-2 game to Wauchula on the Wildcats home field last month. Games with Lake Placid and Arcadia were rained out and will not be re-scheduled according to Coach Rewis, who led the jayvees to the fine 1977 record in his first year of head junior varsity coaching here.

Avon Park 10 Lake Placid 2

Here at Head Field last Thursday night, the Avon Park Junior varsity defeated Lake Placid 10-2 for the second victory over the Green Dragons this year. David Sisemore went the distance on the mound for Avon Park. The freshman lefthander gave up five hits including a triple and walked only two batters during the seven inning game.

The Red Devil batters got only three hits off two Lake Placid hurlers. Decaris Jones singled in the second inning, Tim Salter singled in the third frame and Dennis Barefield singled in the fifth inning.

Ten walks issued by the Dragon pitchers and six errors committed by the Dragon defense aided the Avon Park victory.

Avon Park 11 — Frostproof 1

Scoring seven runs in the bottom half of the sixth inning, the Avon Park jayvees romped to an 11-1 six inning victory over the Frostproof Bulldog jayvees who had earlier defeated the Devils. Tim Cribb held the Frostproof batters to a lone single in the first inning as he posted his second win of the season. The freshman righthander struck out eight batters during his six innings of pitching.

The Devil batters rapped out nine hits off the Frostproof pitcher, Roosevelt Harper. David Sisemore got a double, Bubba Starling, Tim Cribb and Mark Steedley all had two singles each and Dennis Tondee and Carl High singled once each for Avon Park.

Members of the 1977 Red Devil junior varsity baseball squad were: Decaris Jones, Bubba Starling, Bo Skinner, David Sisemore, Tim Cribb, Wayne Lewis, Andy Lanzing, Jeff Williams, Tim Salter, J.D. Taylor, Dennis Tondee, Mark Bachman, Dennis Barefield, Carl High, Johnny Barnes, Mark Steedley, and Jeffery Adams.

Golfers Pile Up 15-8 Record

Victories over Sebring and Father Lopez at the River Greens Golf Course last week gave the Avon Park boys foursome a 15 - 8 record for the year and set a 32 - 13 - 1 record for a two-year span under Coach Fred Sandlin's direction. The Red Devils outshot Sebring 156 - 167 on Tuesday of last week and then battled it out with Father Lopez of Daytona winning by a 147 - 149 score last Thursday afternoon.

The Heartland Conference golf tournament, scheduled for today, has been re-set for next Monday, April 25, at the Harder Hall Golf Course in Sebring. There will be five conference teams participating since Arcadia and Fort Meade did not field a team this year in golf. Avon Park will be defending the loop title against Sebring, Lake Placid, Okeechobee, and Hardee High this year. The players will tee off about 9:30 a.m. next Monday.

Against Sebring last week on the River Greens Course, Pete DuPriest shot a par 35 to lead the Red Devils to the 156 - 167 win over the Streaks who had defeated Avon Park by four strokes down in Sebring in an earlier match. Mark Palmer had a 38, John DuPriest shot a 39 and Bill Tharp, Bill King and Bret Hoyer all had 44's to give the Devils the win.

Last Thursday afternoon, in a match that saw two high school teams both shoot under 150 on the River Greens Course for the first time, Avon Park's DuPriest brothers, John and Pete, led the way with one-under par 34's. Bill Tharp shot a 37 and Bret Hoyer had a 42 for the winning 147 score. Three Father Lopez boys shot one-over-par 36's and the fourth player had a 41 for the 149 score.

Pete DuPriest edged out his brother John for the Red Devil low-average title for the year with a 37.66 for the 18 matches. The two brothers had been neck to neck for the honor until last week when Pete outshot John by four strokes in the Sebring match.

RED DEVIL golfer, Pete DuPriest won individual low score honors on the Avon Park High School golf team with a 37.66 average score per match (nine holes) for the 18 matches played this season. (Sunphoto by Lew Miller.)

Spring Field Day Draws 85 Children

The Annual Spring Field Day, Sponsored by the Avon Park Recreation department and held last Thursday, again this year was well attended. Some 80-85 children, ranging in ages from 7 to 16 years old, participated in all the fun and games in Donaldson Park. First, second and third place ribbons were awarded to the top three finishers in the following events:

Three legged race (ages 7-10 and 11-16), One foot hop race (7-10 & 11-16), wheelbarrow race (7-10 and 11-16). There was a first place awarded to the team of Quintin Williams and Dwayne Brown in the Egg Toss, in which 48 kids participated. The object was to throw your egg the farthest and have your partner catch it without it breaking. Quintin and Dwayne threw theirs almost 80 feet and it never did break.

Another event that was enjoyed by all the young people, was the Tug of War. The winners in each of the four wars got to be in the front of the line when the refreshments were made available. The refreshments of orange juice was furnished by the Florida Home Juice Company and was greatly appreciated by the Recreation Department. The kids really enjoyed and juice after all the races and relays.

Noaker Takes 2 Wins In Tourney

Barb Noaker, playing in the number four singles position, scored two victories in the girls District 6 tennis tournament held in Lakeland last week and Maureen Murphy won one match in the number three singles spot. Barb defeated Michelle Hal of Zephyrhills 6-3, 6-0 in the opening round and won over Robin Edwards of Dade City, seeded number three, by a score of 6-3, 6-0 in the second round.

Maureen Murphy defeated Terri Gilbert of Sebring 6-2, 6-3 in the opening round but lost out to Jana Sauter of Lakeland, the number three seed, in the second round by a score of 9-6, 2-6.

In the semi-finals, Barb lost to the number one seed from Santa Fe, Jenifer Williams, by a score of 0-6, 1-6. Williams went on to win the number four singles and advance to state play.

In other first round action, Debra Cox lost to Winter Haven's Gillene Kirkwood 0-6, 0-6. Delories Cox lost to Elizabeth Powers of Dade City 5-7, 4-6 in two close sets. Rhonda Landress lost to Suzy Story of Lakeland 1-6, 2-6. The Avon Park Cox twins lost to Santa Fe's Diane Gondalfo and Jenifer Williams 0-6, 1-6, and Murphy and Noaker lost to Dade City's Powers and Edwards 4-6, 1-6 in doubles play.

Avon Park tied for ninth place in the district 6 tourney which was the best showing for the Class AA Red Devil ladies in four years. All of the girls will be back next year with hopes to improve on the 1977, 9-5 record, the first winning record since the girls entered competitive play. All of the Avon Park girls will have some tournament play experience next year.

Individual records for the year. Debra Cox was 7-7 in singles and she and Delories Cox were 10-3 in doubles. Delories was 10-4 in singles play. Maureen Murphy was 7-6 in a singles and 5-2 with Barb Noaker in doubles. Barb was 9-4 in singles and made it to the semi-finals in the district tourney. Rhonda Landress was 10-4 in singles play and won the number 5 singles in the Heartland Conference this season.

Church Softball Meets Thursday

The Men's Church Softball League will meet this Thursday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. This will be the first organizational meeting, so all the teams that participated in the league last year and all the teams that wish to join the league this year are asked to have a team representative present at this very important meeting. This year's officers, will be elected and other matters such as rules, fees and scheduling will be discussed. Please have your team represented.

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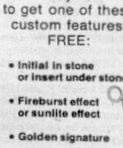

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County Commissioners

the county or the people around this public lake.

"I also refuse to believe that this park could seriously devalue any surrounding property," he added, "and everyone tells you how narrow this lake is. They don't tell you it's two miles long."

Tompkins again spoke to the board, saying many of the propertyowners were "horrified" at the prospect of a campground moving into the area. "This is a nice, residential community out there, and if you allow this campground, you'll be changing the whole face of it. There's no two ways to cut it. If you grant one, you'll have to grant more around the whole lake."

He then asked, "If this area is not conducive to swimming or boating then why put it on a lake?"

Swaine later made a comment for which he then apologized. "You're not talking about putting this campground in between two beautiful lake homes, it's between a mobile home park and a hog farm."

He apologized, saying he had incorrect information, when the adjacent propertyowner assured him, "We raise no pigs or animals of any kind."

When Tompkins asked all those opposed to the campground to stand, approximately 25 persons stood.

Commissioner Carl Arant Jr. said he had inspected the Lake Huntley area, and had come to the conclusion that while the lake is open to the public, "It is a residential area, and my inclinations are to go with the zoning board.

"While all the homes around the lake may not be as desirable as a first-class camp, they are still residences, and I think we have to respect that," he concluded.

Cecil Skipper made a motion to deny the change, and was supported unanimously by the board.

In other zoning action, the board tabled Carl McIntyre Jr.'s request for industrial use zoning until the legalities of a restrictive clause can be ascertained.

McIntyre wished to open a welding shop on the site of his present business, at the junction of Sparta Road and Mission Road, which is grandfathered in under agricultural zoning. He presently does welding for his own business, but wanted to make his services available to the public.

Several Sparta Road residents said that while they had no objection to McIntyre's welding shop, they did not want a blanket industrial use classification. They said they would not object to the zoning, if it was limited to the welding shop.

A. H. and Helen Turner were granted their change from agricultural to industrial use for two acres in the midst of a large section which they own near Lake Placid.

Hancock also mentioned that Lake Placid Realtor Glenn Hunter was of the opinion that a campground would serve as the "highest and best use of the land."

EDDIE JOHNSON, 12, of 508 S. Highlands Ave. (l) and a new found pal, Scott Verral, 14, of Buffalo, N.Y., take advantage of the beautiful weather and Avon Park's plentiful supply of lakes, to indulge in a little fishing. Although the boys didn't land a record-breaking bass, they did have a good time. (Sunphoto by Russ Dennis)

Boston Marathon

the runners; however, Chet and Pep were taken to the starting point by Dr. George Butz, Winter Haven and Dr. Earnest Palmer of Wauchula, who were also at the Boston races.

Chet told that the papers said there were 3200 runners, but he believed there may have been several hundred more, as there were 3000 qualified runners with about 1000 unofficial runners (unqualified, as were Chet and Pep).

The area for the start of the race was a regular width city street, with spectators crowding out onto the street. The first 100 top runners were designated starters and formed two lines at the starting line. For the rest of the runners it was 'catch as catch can' said Chet.

When the starting gun was fired the runners surged forth and then appeared to roll back like a wave, reported the two runners. The race course was so crowded with runners that all one could see was a mass of humanity both fore and aft on the track they reported. Chet stated it took him three to four minutes to reach the starting line from his position in the pack.

The early pace was slow and the large turnout of runners restricted top times for those forced to run in the pack. It took Brojek 30 minuters to run the first four miles at which time he passed Pep.

From the time that the starting gun went off, people lined the race course for the whole 26 miles. The crowds of people along the course were larger than the Christmas Parade crowds in Avon Park for in many places people were seven to ten deep in the street and sidewalks.

Both men were ouspoken in their praise of the people of the Boston area who lined the road from Hopkinston to Boston, to cheer, aid with water, Gatorade and fruit and support the surging mob of runners in its headlong race to the finish, at Prudential Center in downtown Boston.

"The crowd was just fantastic," stated Hutchinson. Pep went on to say that the crowd and the atmosphere of the race was what made the pain all worth while. They could have taken the easy way by getting aboard one of the meat wagons (bus) along the way to get back to the finish line.

In their description of the physical hardship of the race, they told of how Bill Rodgers, the 1975 winner who set the marathon record of 2:09:55, was forced to drop out at about the halfway point. Brojek described it as hitting a wall at the 20 mile mark. The last six miles are like running the first 20. Physically and psychologically one is breaking down as the mind wages war against the body. But the competitive desire makes a man go on, as he pushes himself beyond the limit. It hurts so much at the time but in a week after finishing the race the pain and 'heartbreak hill' are forgotten and one remembers the feeling of accomplishment because of finishing the race.

Brojek did not have much trouble until the 23 mile mark, but then was bothered by leg and stomach cramps as well. "It is impossible to explain how great the people of Boston are in their encouragment of the runners," said Brojek. "I will never forget the special thrill of running that last mile or two with the shouts of support driving me onward."

Brojek wearing a Melbourne (Florida) tee-shirt heard one fan shout, "He's from Melbourne, he's an Aussie, Come on Aussie!" Pep wearing a Florida National Guard tee-shirt, received the same encouragement from the crowded race course.

Spectators passed cups of water, gatorade, ice and fruit to the runners, who, quenching their thirst, would pass the cup or ice to another runner. Pep and Chet expressed the thought that the people watching the race deserved a medal as much as the runners for their wholehearted encouragement of the runners.

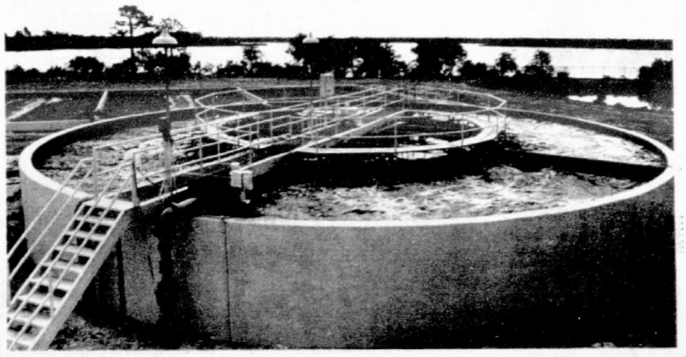
Pep having been around oranges all his life remarked that he had the best oranges he had ever had after the race in Boston when he received some cold orange slices and Chet said he never knew how much he loved ice cubes.

Again the conversation turned to people; there was a teacher from Bradenton, who gave each a marathon tee-shirt that he had made, for a lift into town. People at mealtimes asked if they were going to run of if they had run the marathon. Their Howard Johnson motel manager told them to come back and get cleaned up after the race. The check-out time was 2 p.m.; they left well after 6 p.m., but there was no charge.

At the airport they could spot the marathon runners without asking questions, by their tired walk but mostly by the look of accomplishment on their faces. When airline hostesses asked who won the race, they replied, "The winners were those who finished the race."

Back in Avon Park, they reported, "Last night they were ready to sell their shoes, but now they were thinking of next year. Brojek was due for a track meet in the afternoon with the Avon Park track team, while Hutchinson apparently didn't miss out on too much grove work.

BOSTON — It was an ego trip for both Pep and Chet. And like all runners who forget the pain and agony of the day before, they are already thinking about the third Monday in April of 1978, when the word Boston signals the start of one of the experiences of lifetime.



Almost a year from the date the project officially began, the Avon Park City Council last week made final acceptance of the town's $3.5 million sewer project. This processing tank is part of the new system. (Sunphoto by Russ Dennis).

Sewer Project Is Accepted

Almost one year from the date that contracts were let, the Avon Park City Council last week agreed to the final acceptance of the city's $3.5 million sewer project.

Earlier, the council had refused acceptance, saying that they were not satisfied with the job. Robert Doraugh, Vice President of Gator Utilities, project contractor, appeared before a special council meeting and convinced the council that the project was substantially complete.

Doraugh explained that the only problems now facing the contractor centered over grassing and final restoration work, points fully covered in a one year warrenty that was stipulated in the original contract.

The Council had feared that unfinished work would be left undone if they made final acceptance of the project, however, Doraugh said, "There is nothing as important to a sewer contractor as his bond. Without it, I'm out of business." He added that his crews would look into any problem and try to correct it if the matter was covered by the contract. In addition, Doraugh stressed that his work was his reputation and even after the one year warrenty expired, he would return to make any repairs needed due to negligence on his part.

"We worked with your representatives throughout the entire project," Doraugh explained to the council, "without any major problems. If the only problem we have to talk about is grassing (restoration work) on a project of this size, then we have satisfied the contract."

Doraugh continued by indicating that it was impossible to "please everyone" and his firm had reached a point where they had to say "enough".

Aparently convinced that the contractor was correct, the council unanimously voted to pay the firm $120,000 in Farmers Home Administration money that had been held back as a safeguard to insure completion of the project. The council also voted to pay approximately $50,000 in hold back monies to Johnsen Engineering, Inc., the contractor who built the new sewage treatment plant, as that project was also finished. The council also approved a $70,000 change order for the entire project, however, the action was only a bookkeeping matter, as no additional funds were to be spent.

"Too Many Holes" Claimed

Appointments Held Up

"Just too many holes" has caused the Highlands County School Board to delay action on approval of the superintendent's recommendations for county staff and principals for 1977-768.

Superintendent Dr. Dan Davis tendered his recommended list for approval at the Tuesday meeting, but several school board members felt the list was too incomplete, with one of three county supervisory positions unfilled, and two coordinator slots vacant.

In addition, of the 18 principals and assistant principals in the school system, there were no recommendations on the principal and assistant principal positions for Lake Placid Middle School, and the assistant principal slot at Avon Park High School.

Dr. Davis explained that the curriculum supervisor position was formerly held by Dr. Ferrel Smith prior to his becoming superintendent upon the death of George Douglass.

The coordinating position of Teacher In-Service education, program development, and school plant facilities director, was held by Dr. Davis until his recent election as superintendent and the media services coordinator was left vacant by last year's retirement of Dorita Lanier.

Dr. Davis told the board he had planned on leaving the positions vacant until the state or a professional organizational study of the schools' administrative practices makes its recommendations concerning these positions.

Not recommended for reappointment at the Lake Placid Middle School were Principal Lee Maness and Assistant Principal Max Dannels. At the Avon Park High School, Assistant Principal James Robertson was not nominated for reappointment.

Dr. Davis would only say of his action, "I was elected to fill these positions with the people I believe are most qualified to fill them. That's exactly what I'm doing, and will continue to do."

He said he would have his written recommendations concerning the three positions in the mail to school board members by April 29.

Several members of the board were opposed to voting on the list with six vacancies, and unanimously tabled action until the next board meeting.

In other action, the board:

— Set up a schedule for interviewing architects for the five-year building plan.

— Accepted the resignation of George Crist as route coordinator and safety officer, and tentatively filled the position with Rudolph Weber.

— Promoted 44 instructors to continuing contract.

— Approved use of the Sebring Middle School auditorium for use during the Kiwanis 1977-78 Travelogue series.

— Approved submittal of an application for a grant to develop the Fred Wild "Outdoor Classroom."

— Approved the Avon Park Lay Advisory Committee for 1977-78.

Crime Is Down In Highlands

Although murder and sex crimes have grabbed headlines in Highlands County in early 1977, records show serious crime is down by a healthy 13.9 per cent in the first quarter of 1977, in comparison to the opening quarter of 1976.

An even bigger gain is shown in the number of cases carried to conclusion in the courts. In 1976's opening quarter only 44 per cent of the felony cases ever reached court. In the first three months of this year 75 per cent of the felony cases went to court.

Only 25 per cent of the cases fell by the way — "no billed" (the prosecutor did not file an information or obtain a grand jury indictment), "nolle prosequed" (the state dropped prosecution) or speedy trial time ran out.

Only in the criminal traffic charges area is the picture darker than a year ago. In the opening quarter of 1976 300 cases were filed. For the opening quarter of 1977 the total climbed to 357.

Last year 79 per cent of the cases were concluded with the accused entering a guilty or nolo contendere plea. Only one traffic case ended with a guilty verdict in court and no one won an acquittal.

This year only 74 per cent of the accused entered guilty or nolo contendere pleas. Nine drivers were convicted in court and two were acquitted.

It is not drivers but persons accused of committing misdemeanors who seem to be most inclined to enter pleas and skip trials. Of the 184 misdemeanor cases filed in the opening quarter, 82 per cent entered pleas. Of those who went to court only one was convicted and four were acquitted.

The number of misdemeanor cases was down this year — from 187 to 184. In that opening quarter of 1976 three of the misdemeanor defendants were convicted in trial and twice that number won acquittals.

In the most serious bracket, the felony charges which can result in a term in state prison, fines, long probations or, in very rare cases, death sentences, 99 cases were filed between Jan. 1 and March 31. In a corresponding period in 1976 a total of 115 cases were filed.

This year 12 went to trial and seven of these ended with convictions and five with acquittals. Pleas were entered in 63 cases.

In 1976 the prosecutor and defendants squared away at a 500 average for each — two convictions and two acquittals. A year ago only 47 of the cases, or 40 per cent, entered pleas.

DeWitt Is Named To Chamber Board

Lewis DeWitt, manager of Neisner Brothers, has been appointed to fill the remainder of a one year vacancy on the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. DeWitt will fill a seat left vacant by Chuck Shane.

In other chamber business, Dr. Ronald Sevigny, industrial development chairman for the organization, announced the appointment of various sub-committies needed to complete current industrial park plans.

Named to the promotion committee were: D. Robert Daubach, Chairman; Les Burch, Don Gossick and Carlton Melear. Sites and Zoning: Les Burch, Chairman; G. Franklyn Ward, Earl Jackson, and Charles Williams. Financing: Charles Hoke and D. Robert Daubach. Utilities: Bill Britt. Labor: Charles Williams. Transportation: Don Gossick. Construction and Insurance: Fred Jahns. Local Government and Taxation: Steve Roberts and Larry Albritton.

The chamber is currently trying to lure new industry and business to Avon Park through the establishment of an attractive industrial park complex at the Avon Park Airport.

Officials Ask That Pledges BeTurned In

Highlands County March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon coordinator Sue Lenihan this week urged anyone who participated in last months' walk to turn in their pledge money.

At this time, walk officials have reported that pledge collections have fallen far behind projections. The deadline for turning in the money is this Friday.

Mrs. Lenihan said that pledge money, used to fight birth defects, can be turned into any Highlands County bank or financial institution.

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Aquatic Weeds Are World-Wide Problem

If you think water weeds such as hydrilla and the water hyacinth are a problerm only in Florida you haven't been to China lately.

Countries such as Russia and China have big water weed problems, too, despite much colder climates than the sunshine state, according to an aquatic weed biologist at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS). Dr. George Allen says that if weeds can prosper under such conditions, even the Great Lakes may not escape them eventually.

Aquatic weeds from around the world are being studied as part of the IFAS weed control systems research. The program is an expansion of the U. S. Agency for International Development (AID) weed program to include aquatic as well as terrestrial weeds. By surveying aquatic weed problems in different geographical locations, an order to priority for future study will be established.

The program, under Dr. Allen's leadership, will also develop a computerized information retrieval system and furnish technical assistance to developing countries. More than 300 requests and inquiries were received by the reference center in the last year.

As assistance to other countries is made available, IFAS scientists are able to view conditions elsewhere in the world and compare them to those in Florida.

"We can see weeds in different situations," Allen said. "Helping other countries is also a learning process for us because it enables us to compare other's problems to ours."

The IFAS program is currently working on aquatic weed problems in Central America, South America and Africa. The latest request for assistance came from Thailand, where scientists lack the proper background for dealing with the problem in aquatic weeds.

In response to the request, IFAS scientists will conduct a six-week course for 25 Thais. In addition to instruction, a field tour of the country will be made to assess problems, after which short and long range controls will be suggested.

Dr. Allen is investigating the adaptability and persistance of aquatic weeds around the world. Nigeria has requested aid to help eliminate weeds from its Sokoto-Rima river system. And Chad has asked for assistance in clearing weeds from Lake Chad, a body of water completely surrounded by desert.

Plans for a hydroelectric dam on Lake Nicaragua may have to be curtailed if controls are not found for the water weeds on all incoming rivers. One of the worst problems, Allen says, in Australia where a 45-mile stretch of floating weeds clogged the river, tearing down bridges and dams it encountered along the way.

As part of the plan to bcome the world's center on aquatic weed information, researchers have indexed and entered into a computer retrieval system more than 7,500 research articles. Classification guidelines were established by IFAS and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which has funded the program since 1973.

The program provides an itemized bibliography for specific requests from researchers in the field and short term consultants. By providing such a service, it is hoped that better controls can be established and future research made easier. Already the DNR has made use of the system to help determine controls for the aquarium industry.

Two New Directors To Serve On Board

James Fentress, president of Consolidated - Tomoka Land Co., has announced the election of two new directors to serve on the company's board. William O. E. Henry of Bartow and John C. Adams, Jr. of Daytona Beach were elected by the company's stockholders in annual session at Daytona Beach today.

Henry is a partner in the law firm of Holland & Knight, Lakeland, and a member of the Florida Bar, the Tenth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, and American Bar Association.

Adams is president and majority stockholder of Jay Adams & Associates, Inc., an insurance agency, is a member and past president of Daytona Beach Area Committee of 100, Inc. He is married to the former Leila Nora Johnson of Avon Park.

Retiring directors are F. Elgin Bayless of Sebring and E. D. Treadwell, Jr. of Arcadia. Bayless served the company as a director since 1950 and was its president from 1952 through 1968. He is currently chairman of the board of Barnett Bank at Sebring. Treadwell, a director since 1946, is an attorney and has served the company as general counsel.

Directors re-elected are James Fentress, Jupiter Island; Calvin Fentress, Jr., Chicago; Paul L. Fentress, Palm Beach; John H. Pace, Jr., Orange Park; J. F. Holsonback, Sebring; and Fred Thellman, Daytona Beach. Officers re-elected are: James Fentress, president; J. F. Holsonback, vice president and treasurer; Fred Thellman, vice president; Patricia Lagoni, Sebring, secretary and assistant treasurer; and Emily J. Bentley, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer.

Fentress announced earnings for the first quarter of 1977 of $432, 639 equivalent to 35 cents per share, compared with $147,358 or 12 cents per share for the comparable period in 1976.

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