



Sudden Stop

THE 1969 IMPALA, driven by Serpouli T. Sharian, did \$450 damage to the utility pole it struck on the corner of US 27 and W. Winthrop St. Sharian was charged with making an improper left turn. (Police Photo).

Search Is Continuing For Two Escapes From APCI

Two white males, both 27 years of age, escaped from the Avon Park Correctional Institution Sunday afternoon by climbing over the prison fence behind the old chapel building on the main compound. Their escape was noted when they failed to show up for the 4 p.m. headcount.

Both men are first time offenders. One was described by prison officials as a short, stocky, with three years time to serve for breaking and entering; while the other was described as a moderate term prisoner with 15 years time to serve for the charge of breaking and entering. One man originally came from Mt. Clemens, Mich., but listed Tampa as his home. The second man listed St. Petersburg as his address.

Following the breakout an all-points bulletin was issued and the Federal

Bureau of Investigation was asked for assistance. They are still at large (late Tuesday), with search procedures still underway.

The last walkout from the institution occurred about a month ago, with the men being picked up in about an hour, according to prison officials.

City Council Ok's

Whispering Pines Project

Approximately 15 neighbors of the Whispering Pines development on South Florida Avenue approved the building of the 36 unit one bedroom apartment housing project by developer Jay Morrow.

When Council President Robert Britt

called for comments from the floor the questions and comments indicated a degree of reluctance of residents of the area to accept the idea of the housing project. Of particular concern, was who would manage the project to keep it from deteriorating into an undesirable

tenant area.

Building inspector C. W. Ellerbee, stated he had never seen the plans until a couple of months ago. While Councilman David Barefield said that no one was against the housing project, but had different opinions on it, as there had been no public hearing, no input by citizens and the housing authority had never reviewed the plans.

Developer Jay Morrow, Lakeland, while showing the housing plans to the council, explained that they had been working on this project since 1974, when he and Vernon Lanier, realtor, had submitted a plan for apartments on the northeast side of Avon Park. A requested zoning change was denied and the planning commission suggested alternative sites and a five acre block bounded by South Florida and Walden Avenues and W. Hall and W. Cornell Streets was selected.

In regard to the maintenance of the property, Morrow said that it would be handled by a management corporation of which he was the president. A local manager would be living in the project and would make monthly inspections or offer to prevent deterioration of the area.

From the audience, the Rev. James Lighty inquired as to who owned the smelly trailer that had been parked at the property? The semi-trailer had been brought in by the developer, believing that construction would start soon.

Lighty's third question, "Will rentals be based on a percentage of racial mix?" Morrow replied, "No, the law is based on elderly persons without regard to race. Section 8 does not require this, whereas the old program required a racial mix under Section 236."

A discussion of the Avon Park Housing Authority Project revealed that four units are not rented because of lack of funds for repairs, as HUD allows only \$11.00 per apartment subsidy. Carl McWilliams, who does repair and maintenance work at the housing project, stated that much of the damage is caused by vandals from outside of the project. To make an inspection of any apartment requires a three day notice.

On the question of issuing a building permit for the 36 apartment project, Building Inspector Ellerbee said it was his understanding of the amending ordinance to Section 15A of the city code that the city council had to approve issuing the building permit.

Richard Nash of W. Hall St. said that he and about 15 of his neighbors in the area want the housing project because they feel that people over 52 years of age would make good neighbors. Where upon the council moved that the building permit be granted for the construction of the Whispering Pines 36 unit one bedroom apartments.

Three of five ordinances acted upon during the last Monday night meeting of the Avon Park City Council, will cost the city residents more money each month as they pay their water, sewer and garbage collection bills.

The first of the ordinances, No. 616 was to establish a Safety Committee and promote safety procedures for city employees, with the city of Avon Park growing and its operations becoming larger in size and complexity and with the increased operation of machinery it was felt to be by the council to be in the best interests of the city and the employees to guard against work related accidents.

The ordinance provides for the establishment of a Safety Committee consisting of one councilman, two heads of departments and one employee from each department employing five or more employees.

The committee would be responsible for the establishing of safety standards, policies and procedures. They would hold regular meetings, keeping records and reviewing all accidents involving city employees or property along with maintaining an employee safety file. The heads of departments are to carry out the committee policies.

The Safety Ordinance was adopted and approved by the Council.

An Ordinance, No. 617 amending the zoning laws to provide for mobile home part park districts was placed on first reading. The ordinance proposed to maintain and promote the present traditional, conventional single family land use pattern by the prevention of the undesirable effects of permitting mobile homes to mix in areas of traditional residential structures, thus protecting present value patterns of harmonious development, but desires to make

provisions to permit mobile home development at locations and according to standards, that will be an asset to the city as a whole.

Mobile home rental parks may be established within the city according to certain standards within districts designated as MH-1. Detailed requirements are listed for the establishment of such a rental park. A second and third reading, along with a

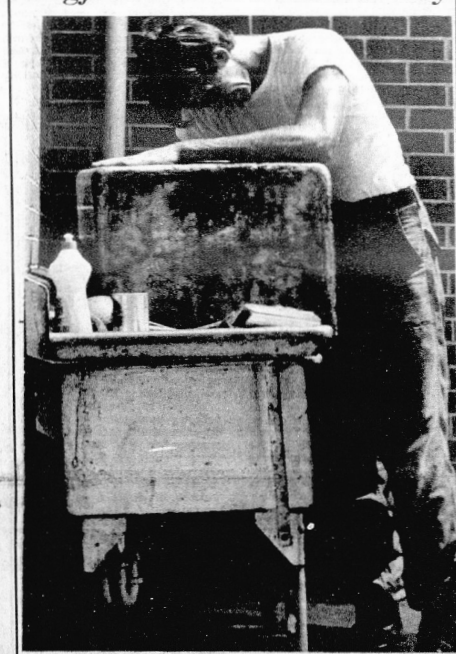
public hearing are necessary before final adoption by the council.

Ordinance No. 618 on changing water rates was placed on first reading. The council found that changing conditions within the city made it desirable to change rates with the elimination of quantity discounts and changes in commercial rates.

Water rates within the city are: first

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"Dogface's" Most Dreaded Duty



KP HASN'T changed much as PFC Harry Swiggard scrubs a heavy pan following The Family Day last Saturday.

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Team Takes Second Place

In Battle Of Highlands

Despite determined efforts by Avon Park and Sebring, Lake Placid swept to victory in the Battle of the Highlands at Placid Lakes Saturday.

Lake Placid was victorious in four of five events and compiled a total of 36 points, followed by Avon Park with 19 and Sebring with 12. Points were awarded on the basis of five points for a first place finish, three for second and one point for third.

The battle was a benefit for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and was designed after the old "Almost Anything Goes" TV series.

Events included Blind Panic, in which a blind-folded driver would pilot a golf cart through an obstacle course with the instructions of a partner, and Racket Relay, where players tried to run, balancing a tennis ball on a racket, transferring the ball to a teammate.

The only event Lake Placid failed to win was Perfect Putt in which blindfolded players tried to putt a golf ball. Avon Park was first with an average distance of 11 feet from the hole, followed by Sebring with 12'4" and Lake Placid at 16'2".

In Blind Panic, Lake Placid drivers averaged five minutes and 12 seconds, followed by Avon Park at five minutes, 37 seconds and Sebring with six minutes, 52 seconds.

The games raised over \$1200 for MDA according to Jeff Lis, Highlands County Coordinator for the event. Approximately 200 persons were in attendance.

"I think it was successful, considering that we ran it during the summer, the slowest time of the year," Lis said of the turnout. "Businesses were very generous with donations and we collected quite a lot for MDA."

Lis said that based on the success of the Battle of the Highlands this year, he is tentatively planning another one for 1978.

"I'm encouraged by the number of people who have told me they would be glad to help me organize next year," Lis

said. "The response from civic organizations was a little less than expected, but I did receive some great support from a few groups."

The Battle of the Highlands was sponsored by the Electronic Realty Association, one of the MDA's national sponsors.



COACH JOE BAKER of the Avon Park Middle School wearing black goggles putted the golf ball within four feet of the

hole under the direction of his eyes, Dennis Guenther during the Battle of the Highlands. Sunphoto by T. Chapel.

Ex-Con Living Here Booked On Child Pornography Charges

An ex-convict living in Avon Park has been booked into Highlands County jail, charged with lewd and lascivious acts involving children.

Zeno Marion Cockerham, 42, was arrested Saturday, Aug. 6 at his home on Ruth Street in Avon Park. He had resided in Highlands County since being paroled from Avon Park Correctional Institution in 1974.

According to the staff of Highlands County Sheriff's Department, Cockerham had been sentenced to prison on a charge similar to the one he is now facing. Capt. Richard McLeod of the sheriff's department said Cockerham's records do not indicate that he has ever been found incompetent, nor has he been under treatment as a criminal sex deviant.

The charge Cockerham now faces involves a girl and a boy, 9 and 10 years of age, the children of Cockerham's live-in girl friend, investigators said. Officers refused to discuss details of the case but

acknowledged that it is a type covered in the new and "fairly tough" child pornography law passed by the 1977 Florida Legislature.

Because the charge against Cockerham is based on incidents which allegedly occurred over several months, perhaps as much as a year, the arrest was made under an older Florida law, Capt. McLeod said. Conviction under this law calls for a prison sentence of up to 20 years.

Officers said Cockerham has been working as a house painter and at odd jobs. Because he was on parole at the time of his arrest, he is not eligible for bond. The Florida Parole Commission, has indicated a preliminary hearing for Cockerham will be held soon.

Det. Sgt. Len Askeland of the sheriff's staff said investigation by the county officers is continuing.

The children linked to the case have been placed in the custody of Children and Youth Services.

Study Underway For New Avon Park Middle School

In appearing before the city council, Dr. Dan Davis, Highlands County

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Superintendent of Schools reported that the County School Board will discuss a

feasibility study for the proposed new Middle School in Avon Park. This study suggests using the site of the existing Middle School, however to do so would require the closing of East Camphor St. between S. Lake Ave. and S. Verona Ave.

The council advised City Attorney Jack Hancock to prepare an ordinance closing East Camphor Street in the event the school board requests this action.

Viewpoint/Commentary

Edward Carter Publisher

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Museums And Parks Have Much To Offer

It has been some time since any one has heard about city plans to convert this town's railroad depot into a museum. It has also been a few weeks since the city council discussed additional plans to purchase several acres of lake-front property for use as a public park. We must assume that this commendable projects are still alive and well . . . somewhere.

While a local history museum is not an essential for any town, it is a wonderful added attraction. It provides a chance for younger residents to sample a bit of our past history . . . on a local level. Such an opportunity should not be washed.

As far as a major new city park is concerned, let us hope that our city government has luck in obtaining the desired property at a reasonable price. Donaldson Park on Lake Verona is far too small to fill the needs of our residents. A new park, much larger in size and

offering many extra attractions may be just what the doctor ordered to eliminate some of the "There's nothing to do here," means one hears in most small towns.

While our city government has been sunk to its collective ears in a morass of legal, ethical and complicated business problems, they have still found the time necessary to follow through on plans that will enrich the social life of our citizens. This is commendable.

Such projects, sometimes because of their "not really necessary" nature, sometimes fall by the roadside. Let us hope that this doesn't happen here. Avon Park residents, like those of Orlando, Tampa, Sebring, etc. need recreation and culture. On a small scale, the museum and park projects will offer both to residents. We would hate to see these chances slip away through lack of concentration on the part of the city council.

From Senator Chiles' Office

\$1.5 Million For Brucellosis Research In South

Congress has passed and sent to the President legislation providing \$1.5 million for brucellosis research.

The provision, made a part of the Agriculture Appropriations Bill by Sen. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., would provide funds mainly for research on the brucellosis problem as it persists in the southern states.

Brucellosis, also known as Bang's disease, is a low mainly confined to cattle. The disease causes abortions late in pregnancy, birth of weak calves and reduction of milk production.

"This is the first real money we have had to spend on research in Florida and I am confident it is a big step in the direction of eradicating brucellosis in the south," Chiles said.

Chiles, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, was instrumental in adding a million dollars to the \$500,000 proposed by the House of Representatives for brucellosis research during the next fiscal year.

"We were concerned that Florida and other southern states have been bypassed as far as the brucellosis research program is concerned," Chiles said.

The Florida Cooperative Extension Service reports a recent increase in brucellosis infection. It said about 90 percent of the nation's quarantined herds are found in Florida, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Missouri.

The Senate Appropriations Committee, in its report on the legislation, said it "is concerned that little progress has been made in reducing the

incidence of brucellosis in those states having the greatest problem with the disease. It is necessary that improved methods for the diagnosis and vaccination of brucellosis be developed. Of primary importance is an effective adult vaccination program."

The Committee then recommended that the monies "provided for brucellosis research be awarded on a competitive basis to universities where expertise exists for study of the disease."

Chiles said "The University of Florida could certainly qualify as a place for this research and I am confident the school will go about applying for the research monies so Florida can have even more impact on the federal brucellosis program."

A conference committee of Senators and Representatives which ironed out differences in the Agriculture bills passed by the Senate and the House also issued a report.

The committee said "the conferees will expect the Secretary (of Agriculture) to present to the committee a timetable for development of an effective adult vaccination program for eradication of brucellosis. This should include an accelerated research program of sufficient scale to bring about timely eradication of brucellosis in those remaining problem states."

Chiles, who held Senate field hearings in Orlando last year on brucellosis said the conference report puts Congress on record as demanding eradication of brucellosis "and it tells the Secretary of Agriculture in no uncertain terms that we expect him to quickly act to bring about that eradication."



Fido Has To Go!

Letters To The Editor

Thanks From Kittrell Family

Dear Sir:
Attached to this letter is a letter of "Thanks" written by my son for publication in your paper. Hunter is still unable to use his right arm or hand. You may therefore notice mistakes or poorly formed letters. If you are unable to reproduce it (as is) for publication — please have it typed for publication as soon as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff members for the excellent articles you have written and published about Hunter. It has been very

heart-warming to know that so many people thought so much of Hunter.

Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. William Hunter Kittrell III
Route 2, Box 181
Warracene, Tenn. 37183

Editors Note: The following letter was received from Hunter Kittrell. We thought it would be best to print it as received in his handwriting.

Dear Avon Park
Words can never express to you my sincere thanks for all that you have done for me since March 15, 1973. You were all so thoughtful to remember me so often with cards, letters, gifts and prayers. Most of all I would like to thank each of you who helped to make June 15, 1977, Hunter Kittrell Day such a success! I wish that I could have been there so that I could have thanked each of you in person. Some day I hope to be able to help someone who has had a bad accident and in that way show my appreciation for what you have done for me.

Love,
Hunter Kittrell, II

Viewpoint Why Are Cats And Dogs Dumped In The County?

by Barbara Cornell

Why do people who live in the county, always get stuck with cats and dogs they don't want?

It's amazing how many animals get turned loose in the county.

People who live in town find they do not want an animal anymore or maybe the female dog or cat is going to have little ones and they don't want them.

So instead of taking the animal to the vet to be put to sleep, trying to find it a good home or calling the animal control to pick it up, they put the animal in the car and haul it off to the county, where they turn it loose. Taking it to a better fate—starvation.

Having lived in the county all my life, I have seen this happen many times. A dog breaks into someone's chicken or rabbit pen and kills them, because its starving.

There have even been cases of calves being killed by large dogs people have turned loose.

Just last week on my way home from my parents house, (using a back road) I saw a thin scrawny black and tan gyp dog, that looked to be part doberman pinscher, lying beside a small bridge.

I saw the dog for almost three days in the same spot.

The fourth day I had to run off the road, just before I came to the bridge, to avoid hitting four skinny puppies, that looked to be about 2 1/2 months old.

I knew the puppies belonged to the gyp, even though she was not in sight, because two looked exactly like her.

This was probably the reason to owner wanted to get rid of her. They did not want the responsibility of puppies or of having the dog taken to the vet to be neutered.

The fifth day I passed by the bridge, a woman had taken pity on the dog and stopped to feed her. But, how long will this one bowl of food last her?

The price of having an animal neutered has doubled in the past five years, but a person should think of these things before they decide to have pets.

Please, if you want to get rid of your pet because you are moving, can't afford or just don't want them, call the county animal control, Avon Park Police Department or take them to the vet.

But, don't drop them out in the country where they aren't wanted and to face a terrible fate...starvation.

Our Police - Are As Good As TV Series

By Mark Albright

They are as swift acting and alert as officers Malloy and Reed on Adam-12, the famous television story of policemen at work. Who are they? The Avon Park Police Department, of course.

Several weeks ago, the police department exhibited their swiftness by arriving at the scene of a robbery at the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Highlands County almost before the bank manager was aware that there was a robbery in progress. As soon as the police department heard the silent alarm, which was set off by the teller who was being robbed, a car was summoned to the bank. Lt. Donnie Singletary said this is standard procedure for the department.

The police again displayed their prowess by chasing the robber on foot and capturing him just a few feet from the bank itself. As well as apprehending the suspect, the police also recovered all the missing cash, again displaying their efficiency.

As well as being proficient in actual emergencies, the department also does an excellent job of protecting the property of both businesses and citizens alike.

When the door of the storage garage on W. Hill St., owned by Lyle's Standard Station was discovered open Friday evening, the police department was prepared for anything as four cars, including one off-duty officer, rushed to the address. They waited at the garage until the owner arrived to make sure that nothing was missing.

I think our police department should be commended for the job they do, not only do they do their job, but they also do it well.

I continually hear people bellyaching about how slow or how lousy they think the police department is. Well, if you don't like the job they do, the next time your house is broken into or you are held up, call someone else.

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Things Out My Way

BY ALICE SMITH

The lane is half a mile long, running without curves, south to north. What it does do is gently undulate up and down like a cartoon snake.

A solid wall of emerald green corn stands higher than my eye on the west side. Hereforde's grate on the rolling pasture east of the road.

of age. Towering maple trees cluster around it. A high hedge of feathery evergreens circles the lawn.

On a summer day, the scene would stir the heart of even the most casual observer. For my better half these two hundred acres of western Pennsylvania represent continuity; land passed from father to son for generations, solid and lasting in an unstable world. His roots go deep here.

Inside the house, eleven foot ceilings make light of July heat. I walk around admiring again the things our son and daughter-in-law have accomplished. Run my hand over the satin finish on the

ceiling-high pine armoire. Survey anew the solid cherry paneling in the family room — cut from our woods. Gloat over the delft blue and white ceramic tiles laid before the Victorian fireplace; the design was a family project and my dear daughter-in-law made them in a ceramics class.

We dine on the harvest table (there are five leaves on hand, from the days of thrashers) set beside a bank of open casement windows.

There's a broiled sirloin steak — sheer delight. There's broccoli, just picked from the garden, and a huge bowl of crisp lettuce and white green

onions, ditto. There's real apple sauce made from early Transparents — the tree grows in the back yard this is food fit for man — never mind the gods.

Three days in the car on the return trip to Florida gave us ample time for thought and some conversation.

My spouse informs me darkly that beef was selling for 26 cents a pound last week; that fifteen years ago the farmer had to get 30 cents to break even, let alone show any profit consider how his costs have mounted since then? He paints a bleak picture for my son, the farmer.

Had we done him and his

family a great disservice when we said "Take over the place. My boy!" and headed south?

I think not.

The boy was a man with a college degree, graduate study in the import-export field and several years in New York City and Cleveland in that field. He dropped it all and came back to the land. He and his wife hold jobs in neighboring communities. They, along with grandson Jay, are evening and week-end farmers. They work long and hard. There's a herd of 50 fat, sleek Herefords to prove it.

Their roots go deep, too. So not to worry — just be grateful for an heir who loves the land.



A.P. SEZ
I LOST 135 LBS OF UGLY UNSIGHTLY FAT
BY PLAYING TENNIS EVERY DAY. MY WIFE LEFT ME!



Robert Leaphart (left), chairman of the Hunter Kiffrell Day Committee, received a

check in the amount of \$250, from Kiwanis Club President James Fountain, last Tuesday

during their regular meeting. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Cystic Fibrosis

Brown Will Lead Fight

Mary Weiss, President of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, has announced today that Doris Brown, will lead local volunteers in Avon Park in organizing a Door-to-Door Campaign in September.

The funds raised during the campaign will go to support research and care programs for children affected by lung-damaging diseases like Cystic Fibrosis, severe asthma, chronic bronchitis, and bronchiectasis.

Approximately one of every 1,500 babies is born with Cystic Fibrosis, which is still incurable. CF is inherited when both parents carry the recessive gene for CF. It is believed that one in twenty persons, or a total of ten million Americans, are symptomless carriers of this gene. Current research funded by the Cystic Fibrosis

Foundation is seeking a practical test to identify these carriers, as well as a cure for CF and better methods of treatment for all lung-damaging diseases.

Because of improved treatment developed through research, many CF patients are now living into their teens and young adulthood. This same treatment is also benefiting and often curing children suffering from other lung-damaging diseases. Even with this progress, the need of millions of children who struggle to breathe grows larger, and with it the need for more volunteers and more funds.

Sharian Splinters Utility Pole

The utility pole on the corner of U.S. 27 and W. Winthrop St. was splintered by Serpouli T. Sharian's 1969 Chevrolet Impala, when she failed to complete the left-hand turn off of Winthrop onto U.S. 27 South. The accident occurred at 10:35 a.m. Monday, directly in front of Bougainville Cemetery.

The accident caused \$450 worth of damages to the pole, and \$2,000 worth of damages to the auto which was taken to Wells Motor Co. Both Sharian and her passenger, Mrs. Grace S. Larsen, were uninjured in the wreck.

Sergeant Hickman and Officer Leo Brunsing of the Avon Park Police Department were the investigating officers. Sharian was charged with making an improper left turn. She had been traveling too fast to safely complete the turn.

Sebring Girl Rescues Jet Football Players

BY MARK ALBRIGHT
Marie Helms of Sebring and her brother rescued Buck Brown and five other New York Jets football players on July 29. When Marie picked the man up at 5 p.m. he had been stranded on the water since noon the day before.

The six men were cruising around in the ocean, near Fort Pierce, when their two boats ran out of gas. The boats drifted to the off-shore tide islands where the men began wading, pulling the boats behind them in the shallow water.

"We were cruising around and saw them waving to us, so

we waved back. Then we noticed that they were in trouble, some of them were in the water pulling the boats. We towed them back to land and one of them told us he was Buck Brown of the New York Jets," Marie said.

Marie recalled how the men had told her that they had waved at many passers-by, but instead of finding out what was wrong they mistook the men for being friendly and just waved back.

Ending the football star's 28-hour ordeal was a unique experience for Marie, one of those "once in a lifetime" opportunities.

\$9,600 Salary Proposed

The bargaining teams of the Highlands County Education Association and the Highlands County School Board get down to the serious business of salary proposals tomorrow (Friday). The HCEA has proposed a starting salary of \$9,600 for the 1977-78 school year to a maximum of \$15,600 for a Masters Degree and 12 years experience. The School Board has offered last year's salary range of \$4,000 to \$12,700. "The School board has some new money from the state this year and we are hopeful the board will put most of the new

money into teacher salaries," said Chet Brojek, HCEA Chief Negotiator early this week. "Our starting salary has remained the same for the past three years." "We must do something in this area in order to continue to attract top educators to our county."

"According to Tom Johnson, chief negotiator for the school board, the school system was still not sure of its money situation as of our last

"Mediocre Month" For Building Permits

By Mark Albright
According to Avon Park Building Inspector C. W. Ellerbe, only 12 building permits were issued during the month of July. In his words, it was a "mediocre month" for permits. "The number of permits was less last year, but the construction costs were about one-third higher," said Ellerbe.

A total of 35 construction

permits, with a total value of \$114,637.54, were issued during July 1977, but 15 permits, with a total value of \$105,000, were issued during July of 1976.

Of the new dwellings constructed during this July, Tom Tatar's "Fores Hill Dr. house held the highest value at \$23,300. Next in line was a duplex built at 101 South Glenwood by Paul Herman. The multi-family building is valued at \$27,540.

Booked Into County Jail

Two Indiana men have been booked into Highlands County Jail, charged with burglary and grand larceny.

James R. Rimer, 26, and Bryan Rimer, 18, were arrested by deputies of the Washington County Sheriff's Department, in Salem, Ind. last Thursday.

The pair are believed to be involved in a number of burglaries in the Avon Park area recently.

Over the weekend, the pair was driven back to Highlands County by sheriff's deputies. Bond for each suspect has been set in excess of \$10,000.

Representative

Crawford Speaks To Kiwanians

Bob Crawford of the Florida House of Representatives, District 49, Winter Haven, was the guest speaker last Tuesday at the Kiwanis Club meeting on the criminal justice system.

The New Jersey law enforcement agencies made it so tough on organized crime there, that the criminal element has moved to Florida. Mainly to the southeastern coastal areas.

This is causing problems for everyone. Before organized crime moved in bookies, pornography operators, etc., were just two bit operations. Now 90 percent of pornography stores are owned by organized crime figures.

"Our criminal justice system needs to be changed to insure that convicted felons get sure and swift punishment. In the next session, I will be proposing a change to flat-time sentencing, which requires offenders to serve their sentence with no parole," said Rep. Crawford.

It's disturbing that a person sentenced to 10 years in prison will serve only 1.5 years and a person sentenced to 15 years will serve only 2.4 years, on the average. The criminal element views this as only a slap on the wrist and in effect encourages them to continue a life of crime.

Crawford summed it up by saying, "Minimum mandatory sentences, which

is the essence of flat-time sentencing, has proven to be an effective deterrent to crime. The 3 year mandatory for using a gun in the commission of a crime has reduced the number of armed robberies by 37 percent."



Bob Crawford, Florida House of Representatives, District 49, Winter Haven, spoke to the Kiwanis Club, Avon Park, on the criminal justice system in Florida. Sunphoto by Barbara Cornell.



Patrolman Joe Willingham (right) of the Avon Park Police Department, was presented a certificate last Tuesday by Judge Mark Richardson, during the Kiwanis Club alertness and quick response meeting. This was in appreciation for his Savings and Loan Association outstanding service to the robbery on July 22. (Sunphoto by Lew Miller.)

during the Kiwanis Club alertness and quick response meeting. This was in appreciation for his Savings and Loan Association outstanding service to the robbery on July 22. (Sunphoto by Lew Miller.)

Educators Attend Leadership Workshop

Two local Highlands County Education Association leaders attended the FTP-NEA Leadership workshop held at St. Leo College last week. David Bollinger and Chet Brojek, President of the HCEA attended workshops on Migrant Education and Contact Enforcement respectively. Brojek, also, attended a local President's training session on the first day of the three day workshop.

"Highlands County has a large migrant population and Bollinger's training will help our organization better serve the needs of this area of our student population," stated Brojek. "The written contract between teachers and the school board has increased the need for enforcement of the written provisions of the agreement." My workshop sessions develop knowledge and understanding of the correct procedures to follow as a local leader.

Crowded housing breeds delinquency

Overcrowded housing doubles the chances of delinquent child behavior, according to a British report by the Shelter Organization. The report finds that lack of indoor plumbing and hot water retards reading and math skills by up to 9-10 months.

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Mr. And Mrs. Stephen Tomek

Conner-Tomek Wed In Nazarene Church

Bonnie Lynn Conner, daughter of Mrs. Jean Prescott, Avon Park and Stephen E. Tomek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tomek, exchanged wedding vows July 30, at 5 p.m., in the Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Byron Schortinghaus officiating the double ring ceremony.

The church was beautifully decorated with arch shaped brass candelabras flanked on each side with two mass arrangements featuring white gladioli, pink carnations, white daisies and baby's breath. Wedding palms formed the background and completed the wedding decorations.

A program of premarital music was rendered by Cindy Woodard and accompanied by vocalist Debbie Lawry.

Gown of Satin
The bride given in marriage by Andy Prescott, wore a gown of satinee, fashioned with Venice lace over the bodice, accented with tiny seed pearls and empire waist. Lace appliques were scattered on the sheer long sleeves and flowing skirt. Venice lace outlined the hem and chapel train of the gown.

Her bouffant veil of illusion bordered in Venice lace was held in place by a beaded and winged cap of Venice lace floral motifs.

She carried a formal cascade design bouquet featuring pink sweetheart roses, miniature carnations and baby's breath.

Attendants
Mrs. Howie (Patti) Godwin assisted her sister as matron of honor, wearing a pink gown with empire waist, scooped neckline and A-line skirt. The dress featured a long sleeved sheer flocked floral jacket. She wore a pink picture hat and carried one long stemmed pink rose, with baby's breath and ribbon.

Bridesmaids were Sylvia Tibonek, sister of the groom, Kathy Young and Nancy Nicholas. They wore gowns identical to the matron of honor and carried a matching bouquet.

Mrs. Jean Prescott chose for her daughters wedding, a gown of yellow chiffon with matching cape. She wore a corsage of pink sweetheart roses.

Mrs. Ruth Tomek chose a mint green gown with empire waist and chiffon sleeves. She also wore a corsage of pink sweetheart roses.

Julie Singletary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Singletary, cousin of the bride, was flower girl wearing a pinfold dress and carrying a basket of rose pedals.

Ed Tomek served his sons best man. Groomsmen and ushers were: George Tomek, Gregg Albritton and Howie Godwin.



Bonnie Conner, bride-elect of Steve Tomek, was the guest of honor at a bridesmaids luncheon held at Pinecrest Country Club, July 23. Pictured from the left: Mrs. Edith Godwin, hostess, Bonnie, Mrs. Jean Prescott, mother of the bride, and Mrs. Ruth Tomek, mother of the groom.

Bride Elect Honored

Bonnie Conner, bride-elect of Steve Tomek, was guest of honor at a bridesmaids luncheon Saturday, July 23, at the Pinecrest Country Club.

Mrs. Edith Godwin, hostess, presented Miss Conner a complete setting of her china. The guests were served a chicken salad, asparagus, vinegrette, peach stuffed with cream cheese and peacans, and sherbert and cookies for dessert.

Bonnie presented her bridesmaids with a picture of herself in her wedding gown, framed in gold.

Special guests were Mrs. Doris Hall, grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Ginny Tomek, Mrs. Obera Elder, both grandmothers of the groom, and Mrs. Becky Johnson, sister of the groom.

Cradle Roll

Mr. and Mrs. James Patton Maxwell, of Lorinda, announce the birth of a son, James Patton Jr., born July 31, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stanley Burger of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, William Edgar, born July 29, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eugene Boyette of Zolfo Springs, announce the birth of a daughter, Melissa Gail, born July 29, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ray Connor III of Lorinda, announce the birth of a daughter, Tanganyika Lassumner Bakal, born July 29, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 5 lbs. 4 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen Edmondson of Avon Park, announce the birth of a son, Matthew Allen, born July 30, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 lbs. 4 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jones Jr. of Avon Park, announce the birth of a son, James Jones III, born July 30, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 12 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Francis Storicks of Sebring, announce the birth of a daughter, Carol Lee, born July 31, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 7 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Rupert Parchment of Avon Park, announce the birth of a daughter, Garlonia Lynn, born Aug. 1, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lamar Tindell of Ft. Meade, announce the birth of a son, Michael Lamar, born Aug. 2, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lee Johnson Jr. of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Gerold Anthony, born Aug. 2, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 6 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles David Smith of Avon Park, announce the birth of a daughter, Shelle Suzanne, born Aug. 4, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Sunday Leads

TV Nights

Sunday night attracts the largest TV audience during the viewing week. The Nielsen Media Research Division reports.



Mr. And Mrs. David Buelow

Franza-Buelow Weds In Double Ring Ceremony

Miss Susan Carol Franza, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Franza, Avon Park, became the bride of David Marlyn Buelow, Sebring, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Buelow, Oshkosh, Wisc., on July 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the Union Congregational Church, with Reverend William J. Ziegenfuss officiating the double ring ceremony.

Pre-nuptial music was provided by Karen Smith at the piano and Mrs. Rhoades playing the organ. Carol Magnuson of Oak Park, Ill., sister of the groom, was vocalist.

The Bride
The bride given in marriage by her father, wore a formal gown of stain faced organza. The soft neckline, sheer bodice and wrists of the long bishop sleeves were trimmed in Venice lace. The A-line skirt which formed a chapel train at the back was etched at the bottom with Venice lace.

Her veil of silk illusion was held by a cluster of Venice lace. She carried a cascading bouquet of white daisies, yellow sweetheart roses and baby's breath.

Attendants
Georgia Ann Murdock assisted her sister as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Sharon Glasen, Sebring; Shara Coltharp, Sebring; Jackie Wallender, Sebring and Dar Micka, Oshkosh, Wisc.

The attendants chose a sleeveless summer yellow gown, with willow green piping, designed with a Queen Ann neckline and a long softly gathered skirt. They carried a clutch nosegay of mixed yellow flowers with daisies, starbursts and cushion pom-poms.

The brides mother, Mrs. Joe Franza, chose a long soft grey Quanna knit dress with sequin trim on the long sleeve.

The groom's mother, Mrs. M.H. Buelow, chose a formal gown of beige with a long matching lace jacket. Both mothers wore a tailored corsage with yellow sweetheart roses and carnations.

Heather C. Murdock, niece of the bride, served as flower girl, carrying a lace basket with matching trim.

Kelly Assigned To Ft. Benning
Army Sergeant James E. Kelly, son of Mrs. Ethel J. Spann, Rt. 3, Daleville, Ala., recently was assigned as a gunner with the 197th Infantry Brigade at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Sgt. Kelly entered the Army in June of 1974.

He is a 1975 graduate of Daleville High School.

His father, Donald L. Kelly Sr., lives here in Avon Park.

People On The Go

Cooper Has Guests
Mrs. Jean Cooper of Avon Park had as weekend guests, her son Jim Cooper and family of Orlando; her daughter Judy Coultette and family of Ft. Pearce; her niece Major and Mrs. R. J. Smith and children of Shaw A.F.B., S. C.; and her sister Mrs. R. W. Callis of Orangeburg, S.C., who will be staying the rest of the week here in Avon Park.

Spurlucks Visit Texas
Mrs. Mell Spurluck and granddaughter Barbara of Avon Park, spent ten days in Houston, Texas, visiting Mrs. Spurlucks nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Cornell, Amy, Little Leighton and Ty.

During their stay they visited the Astrodome to see the Cubs and Astros play, the Houston Park Zoo and many other sights.

Schulers Guest At Cookout
Mr. and Mrs. Hal Schuler were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lanier at a cookout last Saturday evening on the Lanier Ranch.

Vernon with the assistance of J. O. Allen cooked a hog, that had been raised on the Ben Hill Griffin Ranch.

This cookout was given so Hal and Pat could get acquainted with a few of the citizens in Avon Park and Sebring.

It rained during the evening, but that did not seem to dampen anyone's spirit, since they were all so glad to see it.

Schuler is an engineer-surveyor and owns Central Florida Surveyors, 1010 W. Main St.

It's Time To Say Happy BIRTHDAY
We wish the following people celebrating their birthday's this week a big "Happy Birthday":

August 11 - Ruth Burton, Greg Albritton, Vivian L. Fish, Butch Farles, Mrs. Curtis Sears.

August 12 - Dennis Tondee, David Metheny, Curtis English, Mrs. James Benett, William Kittrell, Mary Wilmont.

August 13 - Robert Watts, Nancy McDowell, Lisa Lewis.

August 14 - Mrs. G. P. Carmichael, Dart Edge, Eddie Sears, Steven Pardee, Mrs. Dot Wright, Mrs. T. W. Hardy, Tommy LaFlam, Anne Johnson.

August 15 - Mrs. Leon Garner, Donald Johnson, Ronald Johnson, Dee Boardman, Linda Watson.

August 16 - Rex Furr, Walter Kempton, Mrs. Helen Fues, Mrs. James Reynolds, Ray Hamby.

August 17 - Rebekah Laurel Miracle, Mrs. Zim Guezen, Bessie Jewel Howard, Frank Welch Sr., Mrs. Lillie Langford, Peggy Snelgrove, Madeline Elethorp.

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.

For Society News
Call 453-4355

The groom is a 1970 graduate of Oshkosh West High School and attended University of Wisconsin. He is employed with Sebring Utilities Commission, Sebring.

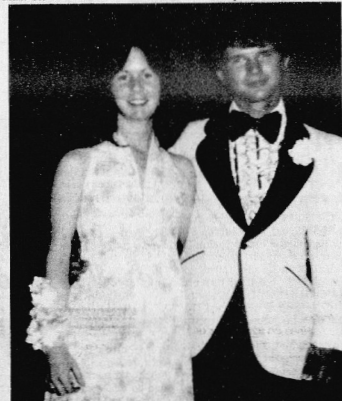
Brenda Dick Honored With Bridal Shower

A miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Miss Brenda Dick, bride-elect of Dennis Retherford, was held at the home of Mrs. Robert E. Lee, 409 E. Oak Street, Avon Park on Thursday, July 29. Miss Cindy Luke presided at the bride's book.

The bride-elect was presented a corsage of pink carnations, complimenting her two-piece blue pant suit. The refreshment table was covered with a white linen table cloth and centered with a crystal punch bowl. Nuts, mints and finger sandwiches were served.

The guest of honor was seated for the opening of her gifts. Mrs. Kathy Johnson and Mrs. Carol McCullough helped with the opening and recording of her many lovely gifts.

The hostesses, Mrs. Robert E. Lee and Mrs. Rickey G. Dick, presented the bride-elect with an electric hand mixer. Brenda and Dennis will be wed August 27, at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church.



Mr. And Mrs. W. Leon Irvin

Wooten - Irvin Weds In Biloxie

Pamela Jean Wooten and Airman William Leon Irvin were married July 22, in Biloxi, Mississippi.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Wooten. She graduated in 1976 from Avon Park High School, and attended the University of Florida.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Durden. He is a 1976 graduate of Avon Park High School.

Currently, he is receiving specialized training in Aviation Electronics in the United States Air Force, before reporting to Germany for assignment in late November.

The newlyweds will return to Avon Park in October for a visit before their departure to Germany.

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Beginning Monday, September 12th, the Avon Park City Library will increase the overdue fine on books from 2 cents a day to 5 cents a day.

This is a decision made by the Library Board that sets policies and rules for the library and was made after careful discussion.

There is no charge to citizens inside the city limits of Avon Park for any library service except this 5 cents per day if they keep their books overdue.

The library offers a telephone renewal service so patrons have an easy avenue to renew books if they go past the two weeks long period.

The monies collected from the extra charge for overdue books will go toward purchasing new books.

Saturday hours go into effect again at the Avon Park City Library beginning Saturday, September 10.

Saturday hours will be from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Moore, City Librarian, encourages students and patrons of all ages to make use of these Saturday hours and welcomes suggestions as to other hours that the library should be open.

The Library tried evening hours for 2 years but discontinued that service because of lack of response. The Saturday hours seem to be more popular.

Mrs. Moore says this is your library so speak up about what hours you want it open.

Bridal Couple Living In Avon Park

Candlelight nuptials held July 25 at Ina's Boarding Home, united in marriage Miss Connie Lucille McWhorter and Rick Tomblin.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Perry of Sebring, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Tomblin of Avon Park.

After a wedding trip to Missouri, the bridal couple are residing in Avon Park.



SOUTH FLORIDA JUNIOR College's second graduating class of Practical Nurses repeat the Practical Nurse's Pledge under the leadership of

Juvenia Off, class president (Center) last Thursday night at the Avon Park High School Auditorium. From the Left, Diana Baldree, Shelly

Crumedy, Kathy Hodges, Louise Jackson, Theoria McNeil, Joyce New, Pinina Prevatt, Yvonne Selph, Carmella Taylor, Mary Weeks,

Gloria Smith, Jean Scanlan, Juvenia Off, Mary Marcum, Denise McAfee, Louise Hurt, Laura Granham, Dolores Collins, Daria Allen. Seated

behind table and partly hidden: Shirley Fulton, R. N., Instructor; Dr. D. B. Myers, Dr. William A. Stallard, Dean Donald Farrans and Barbara Kurtz, R. N., Instructor. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Wise Explains Budget At Lions Club Meet

By L. R. Nickoley
The guest speaker at the Tuesday evening Lions Club meeting was Highlands County Commissioner, C. J. "Bud" Wise. The main topic of his talk was concerning the 1977-78 budget. He also explained the whys and wherefores of some of the problems and decisions that have to be considered and

decided upon that come before the Board of Commissioners. One thing most of us agreed on is that the Commissioners just can not please every one with their final decisions. After Wise's talk the meeting was open for questions and discussion from the floor. Some very interesting topics were discussed.

Lion Ronnie Sachsenmaier

was appointed as Chairman of the Lions Annual Auction which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Dollar Store parking lot just across the street north of the Post Office. The Lions wish to impress upon their good friends of Avon Park and surrounding area, that any donations of still serviceable merchandise, new or used, will be greatly appreciated. The

proceeds from the auction will all be used for the Lions sight conservation programs. Any one having something that they wish to donate to this worthy cause may leave such items at Albritton's Barber Shop, Gibb's Office Supply, Lane's TV, or call any member of the Lions Club and some one will gladly come to pick it up. There are five Tuesdays in

August which means that on the 30th the club will have "family night". This is a social event for Lions and their families.

Another sponsor has been added to our list of donors to our good cause. The Thriftway Grocery and Market has set out a container to deposit your TV stamps. So when you shop at Thriftway, why not donate your TV stamps to the Lions Club?

Scotty's Sales

Up 52 Percent

James W. Sweet, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Scotty's, Inc. (NYSE-SHB) reported that sales for four weeks ended July 30, 1977 were \$9,817,966 compared to sales for the four week period ended July 31, 1976 of \$6,444,816 for an increase of 52 percent.

Reporting periods have been changed from monthly to four weeks effective July 3, 1977. Each quarter will have two four week reporting periods and one five week reporting period respectively.

The company, which serves primarily the growing "do-it-yourself" market for building supplies and home improvement merchandise, currently has 58 Scotty's stores and 5 Scotty's Surplus Outlets in operation throughout Florida.

King Promoted

Navy Lieutenant Larry A. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlin S. King of 528 E. Bell St., Avon Park, Fla., has been promoted to his present rank while serving with Attack Squadron 122, Naval Air Station, Lemoore, Calif.

He is a 1973 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., with a bachelor of science degree.

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Entire line of junior jeans
Reg. \$13-\$18 Sale 9.75-13.50

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Entire line of Super Denim Jeans for girls
Reg. \$7-\$9 Sale 5.25-6.75

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Reg. 3.99-6.99 Sale 2.79-4.89

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Help Offered For High Utility Bills

Low income families which have suffered special hardships because of high utility and fuel bills, are being offered financial help through a special federal grant.

Applications are now being received here for a space of the \$12,006 grant available for Highlands County residents. Information about the grants and applications for help are available at Hope of Highlands County offices at 537 Ponce de Leon Ave. in Sebring (385-1953), 200 S. Lake Street in Avon Park (452-2718) and the Highlands County Welfare Department in the courthouse annex on S. Euclid at Fernle (385-5281).

The applications must be processed before Wednesday, Aug. 31.

The federal grant was made to Florida's Department of Community Affairs and in this area is being coordinated by the Florida Farm Workers Council.

Eugene Gillis, director of planning and research for the farm workers council, explained that persons over 65 years of age will be given high priority in allocation of funds. However, the assistance is not limited to elderly persons. Any individual or family which, because of income reduction, falls into the poverty classification, is eligible to be considered for funds. The maximum which may be awarded to any household is \$250.

In some cases the money allocated to a family may be used to pay utility bills, Gillis said, but in some it will be used to help a family out of the financial hole that was created by the unusual weather of early 1977. Gillis explained that some families had to let rent and bills for other essentials go unpaid because of the high costs of heat during the abnormally cold winter.

Gillis said persons who can establish need can receive up to \$250 to help with utility bills while they work out of the problems of the unpaid bills. Gillis said that after grants to individuals have been processed, any money left in the special fund will revert to the state — not the federal — government where, by terms of the federal grant, a special

"weatherization" program will be carried on. "The money won't be lost to Florida," Gillis explained, "but it will be rechanneled into another phase of the energy program."

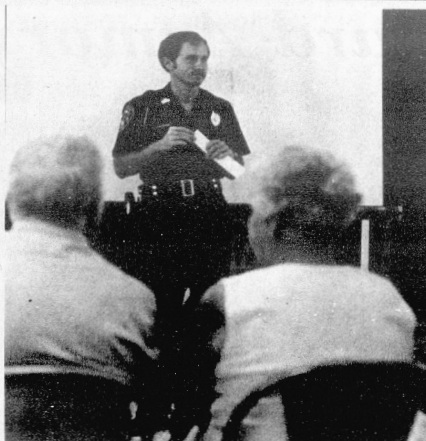
County Welfare Director Anna Dee Catanzaro, during last winter's energy crisis, reported that the high cost of fuel for heating and cooking was creating a special hardship for the poor and the elderly residents of Highlands County, and consequently, a drain on county welfare funds.

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PATROLMAN JAMES CRABTREE of the Avon Park Police Department listens to a question during last Tuesday

nights' program on home security at the Florida Power Lounge. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Sheriffs Department Receives Federal Funds

The Highlands County Sheriff's Department budget for next year has been supplemented by federal funds.

Sheriff Joe Sheppard said that in order to continue to provide the people of Highlands County with excellent protection and law enforcement, the department has been awarded two federal grants.

An investigative grant in the amount of \$6,280 will be used to equip the mobile crime unit. The second grant, in the amount of \$13,721 will be used to upgrade communications south of Lake Placid and east of Brighton, where communications at present are very poor.

The microwave unit will have other open channels that may be used by the ambulance service for direct communications to the emergency rooms and other governmental agencies to conduct their business.

Authority has already been given by Paul Phipps of Happiness Tower to install necessary equipment on the tower at no charge to the county.

Also to supplement the budget cuts, Sheriff Sheppard on behalf of his department, is accepting \$40,889 for needed employees, from the CETA office directed by Charles Chabot.

Workmen's compensation,

which had been paid in previous years by the Board of County Commissioners, is now being paid from the sheriff's budget, the amount being \$37,572.

This budget was accepted without appeal from the sheriff, to cooperate with the county commissioners so that it would not be necessary to raise taxes for the coming year, said Sheppard.

County Ahead In Illegitimate Births

In the first quarter of 1977 Highlands County ran slightly ahead of the state average for ratio of illegitimate births to all births.

The Highlands rate of 24.6 percent is even ahead of the ratio reported for Highlands, Polk and Hardee counties as a unit.

The state average for January through April, as reported by Florida Department of Health Rehabilitative Service (HRS), was 21.2 percent; the Polk-Highlands-Hardee counties district report was 19 percent.



JUNIOR LEADERS in Brantley (right) welcomed meeting in Avon Park. Trailblazing Scout Troop 156, Fernando Freile from Quito. Sunphoto by Hooper. Jeff Henley (left) and Mike Ecuador to their recent troop

Ecuadorian Scout Guest Of Local Troop 156

Fernando Freile, scoutmaster from Troop 5 Quito, Ecuador was a guest at a recent meeting of Trailblazing Troop 156 in Avon Park. Fernando is in the United States on tour and is staying this week with Scoutmaster Larry Hooper.

At the troop meeting Fernando talked with local scouts about scouting in Ecuador and how it is different from scouting in the U.S. To obtain a scout uniform in Ecuador a boy must buy the material and have the uniform made by a tailor. There is no national supply division for Ecuadorian scouts.

Fernando has been in the scouts for four years and has attained the rank of second class. First class is their highest rank and is equivalent to our rank of Eagle. He is the quartermaster for his troop and also a Junior Leader.

Scouts in Ecuador spend much of their time camping and participating in community service projects

just as scouts here do. This is his first trip to the United States and the warm climate and flat terrain here are a big change from his native Quito, which though on the equator is at an altitude of

over 9000 feet and quite cool. Fernando will go to Miami this week where he will begin a tour of the Eastern U.S. He will visit Atlanta, Detroit, Buffalo, New York and Washington.

There will be a workshop for custodial personnel and plant supervisors, August 18-19, on Custodial Relations with other plant personnel, at Fred Wild Elementary School.

Hours will be: Aug. 18, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 19, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kesler Sprouse, specialist, custodial and maintenance training will be the instructor, with Garland Bogues, in transportation - purchasing

agent (Highlands County Schools), sponsor.

This course is only one of a sequence of courses that will lead to a State Certificate entitled "Master Custodian".

The maximum number that can attend is 30, so all custodians employed by Hardee, Highlands or Okeechobee School Board, who are interested in attending should call 813-382-1121 to register, before Aug. 15.



South Florida Junior College

College Credit Class Schedule

Fall Registration

● Register Full Time Students Aug. 18-19 by appointment
Part Time Students Aug. 18-19 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Late Registration Aug. 22-26

● Fees Florida Residents \$10 per credit hour
Non-Florida Residents \$21 per credit hour
Laboratory fees and incidental fees are additional
Books & supplies are additional.

● Classes begin Aug. 22

● Call 453-6661 for any additional information

ACCOUNTING				MUSIC			
Principles of Accounting	9:00-9:53	M-W-F	3	Instrumental Ensemble	10:00-10:53	-W-F	1
Principles of Accounting	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-W-	3	Instrumental Ensemble	10:00-10:53	-T-TH	1
APPLIED ARTS				Choral Ensemble	10:00-2:00	-T-TH	1
Ceramics	9:00-9:53	M-W-F	3	Choral Ensemble	11:00-11:53	M-W-F	3
Drawing I	11:00-11:53	M-W-F	3	Elementary Music Theory I	11:00-11:53	-T-TH	1
Drawing I	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-TH-	3	Sight Singing	9:00-9:53	M-W-F	3
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES				Intermediate Music Theory	9:30-10:30	-T-TH	1
Anatomy & Physiology	8:00-8:53	M-W-F	4	Sight Singing	8:00-8:53	M-W-F	1
General Biology I	1:00-3:53	-F-	4	Voice	ARR	ARR	1
General Biology I	9:00-9:53	M-W-F	4	Piano	ARR	ARR	1
General Biology I	1:00-3:53	-W-	4	Piano	ARR	ARR	1
General Biology I	8:00-9:20	-T-TH	4	Class Guitar	1:00-1:53	M-W-F	1
General Biology I	1:00-3:53	-T-	4	Voice	ARR	ARR	1
General Biology I	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-T-	4	Voice	ARR	ARR	1
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Botany	1:00-3:53	-TH-	4	1 HOUR ARR	ARR	ARR	2
Zoology	11:00-11:53	M-W-F	4	Introductory Typing	7:00-9:50 p.m.	M-W-F	2
Zoology	9:30-10:50	-T-TH	4	Intermediate Typing	6:00-8:50 p.m.	M-W-F	2
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION				Intermediate Typing	1 HOUR ARR	ARR	2
Business Law I	9:30-10:50	-T-TH	3	Intermediate Typing	7:00-9:50 p.m.	M-W-F	2
Management and Finance	11:00-11:53	M-W-F	3	Introductory Shorthand	6:00-8:50 p.m.	M-W-F	2
CHEMISTRY				Introductory Shorthand	9:00-9:53	M-W-F	3
General Chemistry	10:00-10:53	M-W-F	4	Advanced Typing	1 HOUR ARR	ARR	2
General Chemistry	1:00-3:53	-W-	4	Advanced Typing	9:30-10:50	ARR	2
CRIMINAL JUSTICE				Advanced Typing	1 HOUR ARR	ARR	2
Crime & Delinquency	7:00-9:50 p.m.	M-W-F	3	Advanced Typing	7:00-9:50 p.m.	M-W-F	2
Criminal Law	1:00-4:00	-W-	3	Advanced Typing	6:00-8:50 p.m.	M-W-F	3
Criminal Evidence & Procedure	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-W-	3	Advanced Shorthand	11:00-11:53	M-W-F	3
Criminal Evidence & Procedure	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-TH-	3	Advanced Shorthand	1 HOUR ARR	ARR	3
Counseling & Interviewing	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-TH-	3	Office Machines	11:00-12:20	-T-TH	3
ENGLISH				Secretarial Practice	8:00-9:20	-T-TH	3
Freshman English I	8:00-8:53	M-W-F	3	PHYSICAL EDUCATION			
Freshman English I	8:00-9:20	-T-TH	3	Basic Conditioning	8:00-8:53	M-W-F	1
Freshman English I	10:00-10:53	M-W-F	3	Basic Conditioning	9:30-10:30	-T-TH	1
Freshman English I	2:00-2:53	M-W-F	3	Basic Conditioning	6:00-7:50 p.m.	M-W-F	1
Freshman English I	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-W-	3	Basic Conditioning	8:00-9:50 p.m.	M-W-F	1
Freshman English I	1:00-2:20	-T-TH	3	Archery	12:00-12:53	M-W-F	1
Freshman English I	4:30-7:30 p.m.	-W-	3	Archery	1:00-1:53	-T-TH	1
Freshman English I	9:00-9:53	M-W-F	3	Bowling	11:00-11:53	-W-F	1
FOREIGN LANGUAGES				Tennis	9:00-9:53	-W-F	1
Elementary French I	9:30-10:50	-T-TH	3	Tennis	11:00-11:53	-T-TH	1
Elementary Spanish I	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-T-	3	Tennis	6:00-7:50 p.m.	M-W-F	1
Elementary Spanish III	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-TH-	3	Advanced Tennis +	10:00-10:53	M-W-F	1
GEOGRAPHY				Advanced Tennis +	8:00-9:50 p.m.	-TH-	1
World Regional Geography	11:00-11:53	M-W-F	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
HEALTH				Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
Personal Health	11:00-11:53	M-W-F	3	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
Personal Health	1:00-4:10	-T-	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
Community Health	8:00-9:20	-T-TH	3	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
HISTORY				Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
American History I	8:00-8:53	M-W-F	3	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
American History I	11:00-12:20	-T-TH	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
American History II	9:00-9:53	M-W-F	3	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
The Far East	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-W-	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
Western Civilization I	8:00-9:20	-T-TH	3	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
Western Civilization I	2:00-2:53	M-W-F	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
HUMANITIES				Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
American Literature I	7:00-9:50 p.m.	M-W-F	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
Art History Appreciation I	9:30-10:50	-T-TH	3	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
Art History Appreciation II	1:00-2:20	-T-TH	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
Music History Appreciation	8:00-9:20	-T-TH	3	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
Music History Appreciation	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-T-	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
Introduction to Philosophy	7:00-9:50 p.m.	M-W-F	3	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
Comparative Religions	7:00-9:50 p.m.	M-W-F	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
Theatre History Appreciation	10:00-10:53	M-W-F	3	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
Theatre History Appreciation	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-TH-	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
HUMAN SERVICES				Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
Human Development	4:30-7:30 p.m.	-TH-	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
Introduction to Social Services	8:30-11:30	-T-	4	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
MATHEMATICS				Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
College Algebra	10:00-10:53	M-W-F	3	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
College Algebra	9:30-10:30	-T-TH	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
College Algebra	2:00-2:53	M-W-F	3	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
Integrated Algebra & Trigonometry	12:00-12:53	MT-TH-F	4	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1
Modern Math	8:00-9:20	-T-TH	3	Varsity Tennis	ARR	ARR	1
Modern Math	7:00-9:50 p.m.	-TH-	3	Varsity Baseball	ARR	ARR	1

Family Day At National Guard Armory



SGT. JERRY COLDER instructs his wife during Family Day at the National Guard Armory last Saturday. Photo by Lew Miller.



DURING THE FAMILY Day at the National Guard Armory last Saturday, Sgt. Broward Taylor shows the Guard children how to fire the 105 MM Howitzer. Photo by Lew Miller.



MESS SECTIONS - Receives an In Unit Best Section Award for Summer Camp in 1977 at Ft. Pickett, Va., during a Saturday Family Day at the Armory on US 27 S. From the left, SFC James Strenth, SSG Myron Chapman, SPS Berry Crews, SPS Donald Strenth, SPS Donald Barker, SP4 Glenn Dunn and Capt. Carroll Loyd, not present SFC Bill Thompson. Photo by Lew Miller.



BEST FIRING SECTION Award during the Summer Camp at Ft. Pickett, Va., was presented during the Saturday Family Day program at the Armory to SSG. Mosely, PFC Albritten and PFC Brown with Capt. Loyd congratulating them. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.



MARCH OF DIMES Award for their part in the Walkathon went to Unit personnel during the National Guard Family Day Program last Saturday at the Armory. From the left, SSG Bill Rarden, Sgt. Schock, Sgt. Broward Taylor, Jack Higgins, SP4 Glenn Dunn and Capt. Carroll Loyd. Not shown, SSG Jerry Childress. Photo by Lew Miller.



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Employment Survey

Hubert Horwitz and Mrs. Elizabeth Swenson, local representatives of the Bureau of the Census, will conduct a survey of employment in this area during the work week of Aug. 15-20.

In addition to the usual questions on current employment, this month's survey will have additional questions about the receipt of food stamps in 1976 and the first half of 1977. The survey is conducted for the U.S. Department of Labor in a scientifically-designed sample of approximately 70,000 households throughout the United States.

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Willie Jenkins May Lose Building Permit

Four months are up and he has not even started, stated Building Inspector C. W. Ellerbee in disciplining Willie Jenkins failure to start the construction of his residence while living in a camper for four months. He has done nothing except to haul in a little sand, Ellerbee told the city council at their Monday night meeting. There is no electricity and little running water.

City Attorney Jack Hancock said that a citation could be given and failure to comply would result in a separate violation for each day. Inspector Ellerbee was instructed to give Jenkins seven days to comply and move the camper or else issue a citation.

Inspector Ellerbee showed the council pictures of the property occupied by Joe Stokes on W. Cornell St. and Tulane Circle with many old cars parked there. Stokes had been given 15 days notice to clean up the property but no action had been taken.

Pictures were also shown of S. Lake Ave. and W. Bell Street occupied by Leon Blair in the same condition. The inspector is to give a final seven days notice and that a citation could be issued with each day constituting a separate offense.

In the matter of the Townsend Lumber Yard building, the council called it a fire hazard and referred it to the building inspector for investigation.

Bids were opened on cleaning up the debris of the burnt-out building known as the Coca Cola bottling plant, which was condemned. Two bids were received one from Spring Lake Services for \$1,175 and from Phillips Septic Tank Service for \$1,290.

Following a discussion on what each bidder proposed to do in the light of an indefinite advertisement, Attorney Hancock advised that the work should be re-bid.

Park To Get City Water

A 130 space camper park on the west side of Lake Glenada wants City water and is willing to pay all of the costs for the extension of the city water lines, stated Mr. Hornick, owner of the property, at the Avon Park City Council meeting Monday night.

Representing the Highlands County Health Department, Jim Brooks, stated the department encourages the use of an existing water supply wherever possible rather than going to the expense of starting a new water supply in an area. It was agreed by City Water

Superintendent Joseph Willis and City Clerk Malcolm Crews that the existing water line would supply the needs of the camp. Property owner Richard Longshore had no objections to the water line passing through his property providing his parking area and drive ways were patched satisfactorily following the laying of the six inch line.

It was moved by the council to supply water on the camper park on west side of Lake Glenada with Mr. Hornick to pay all of the cost of the water line extension and the meter.



Alligator Rodeo

Caution is the better part of Valor as Gary Richardson of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission tossed a rope from a safe place towards the Alligator at the Ostling Home. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Dr. Ernest P. Noble, (left) (ARC), on W. College Dr., last Wednesday, Aug. 3. He met with Mr. Brooks and staff members to discuss some of the institutions problems and Administrator of Florida to determine what facilities Alcoholism Treatment Center

Hopes For Pool Sunk

Lake Placid saw its hopes for an overnight pool slowly sink to the bottom Tuesday night when the Highlands County School Board reluctantly agreed to drop its pending application for \$50,000 in federal funds.

Over 30 Lake Placid residents sat through two hours of board meeting to hear discussion on the funding application, which lasted nearly an hour itself.

The controversial funds are part of a recently-passed federal bill designed to create jobs. The Highlands County Commission had applied and received \$12,000 for renovation of the third floor of the courthouse.

The city of Sebring had applied for \$60,000 to install a sewer main along Lakeview Drive, in the vicinity of the new "Groves" subdivision. In effect, the government approved the city's request, but since it fell under the \$75,000 minimum set for projects, the money allocated for it was turned over to the county for dispensing.

Because of circumstances at the time of the original application deadline, the school board did not apply for funding. At a commission meeting late last month, school Superintendent Dr. Dan Davis asked the County to give the money to the school board for construction of a pool in either Avon Park or Lake Placid, most probably the latter.

The city asked for the money to build the sewer line, and the county agreed to ask the federal government to give the money to the city.

Dr. Davis disagreed with the county's decision and Tuesday night asked the school board to make its own application to the federal government for funds to build the pool.

County commissioners Norman "Jug" Heston, Cecil Skipper and Carl Grant Jr. attended Tuesday night's meeting, along with Sebring City Council President Cecil Heston and City Clerk Jack Stroup. Other county officials were in attendance.

As soon as the meeting started, Dr. William Shriner told the board that people from Lake Placid were present to indicate their support for a Placid pool.

"We have needed such a facility in Lake Placid for some time, because we do have a shortage of recreation," said Shriner. "We are here to support Dr. Davis and ask you to request the federal funds. We feel the funds should be used for aiding children, rather than building sewers."

Shriner also said that citizens of Lake Placid have raised nearly \$14,000 in the past several days, after learning of the possibility of having the federal government fund the bulk of the cost.

Commissioner Cecil Skipper told board members, "Our only reason for being here tonight is to get you people to go along with us in our priorities."

Skipper briefly explained the history of the funds, concluding, "We just wound up with the \$60,000 that was supposed to go to Sebring, and we decided to give it to them."

He added that when Dr. Davis made his presentation to the county July 26, "We did not know if he was acting with the school board's approval, and we did not know if the school board would be willing to help pay the remainder of the pool costs."

The total bill for the Sebring pool stands in excess of \$192,000, with at least \$60,000 required for the initial installation.

If a project approved under the federal program is not started within 90

days of the date the funds are awarded, the money reverts to the federal government.

Stroup told the school board that the sewer system would help 200 building lots tie into the city line, and that the result would be jobs for those installing the sewer line, and for those building the homes that could tie into it. "This is going to add tremendously to the tax roles, which would benefit the county school board as well."

Skipper pointed out that should the county and the school board disagree on priorities, the decision would be made by federal officials in Atlanta, not by local residents.

In response to a question from Margaret Turnbull as to the availability of more funds, it was explained that there may not be any more funds under this particular program. School finance officer Walter Shirey said that when the initial guidelines were handed out on the funding, "The schools were in limbo. We weren't sure we were eligible, and we never received applications until a week before they were due. We didn't have any plans drawn up to submit."

The conversations grew steadily hotter, when Skipper reiterated that the development is designed to add several millions of dollars to the tax rolls.

Dr. Davis asked, "Aren't they already paying taxes on that land, which Skipper termed a 'Stupid question.' I am not going to stand here and argue with you over points like that," said the commissioner.

Board Chairman Ruth Davis said she was concerned about the "friction which this type of issue could generate within a community," and said it seemed that "the sewer system primarily benefits an individual developer."

Cecil Heston said the sewer extension is part of the city's master plan to continue the line around Lake Jackson, and that "every inch of the pipe is going on city land. The developer is paying for the pipe in the subdivision."

"Jug" Heston cautioned that if the agencies do not file a harmonious plan, "We're going to jeopardize the whole thing."

Referring to the delay the controversy would cause in construction of another courtroom he added, "I think everybody in here voted for the fifth amendment (speedy trial)."

Dr. Davis said he was recommending that the school board apply for the funds considering "the enthusiasm within the community for a pool, the distance to the Sebring pool from Lake Placid, and the lack of recreation in Lake Placid."

Dr. Davis also claimed that a federal official in Atlanta had assured him that if the school board applied for the \$60,000 surplus, "It would not endanger the original \$192,000 grant for the courthouse." "In addition, I will ask the school board to make up the difference in the pool's cost after we spend the \$38,000 and the \$14,000 raised by the community."

He read a letter from the mayor of Lake Placid and town council which endorsed the concept of the Lake Placid Pool. Neither the mayor or any of the councilmen were present.

County finance officer James Pyle, who said he was speaking as a private citizen of Sebring, told the board, the "people of Sebring worked long and hard for four or five years before they got their pool. I know several people around town who still have notes out because they

wanted to make a contribution. And this is the same community pool that's now called the Sebring High School pool because you let us build it on your land."

He pointed out that when the stream of contributions died down, "Kids went from door to door asking for money. The kids I pledged to, were out of the high school before the pool ever got started."

He also asked how much the town of Lake Placid was willing to contribute. "Last year the county gave the \$50,000 for recreation, and they spent \$40,000 of it buying a lakefront lot."

Dr. Shriner said the citizens were attempting to "believe as much as we can" but would not estimate a figure.

"Jug" Heston reiterated that the county has contributed heavily to recreation and the school board, adding, "I think we've done our share for the school board. We even dropped \$170,000 worth of road paving to put the pool ahead of us, and everybody knows this county has a lot of roads that need paving."

Serafin Leal, a Miami consultant who helped the county and the cities of Avon Park and Sebring prepare applications for the funding, went into detail on the program's guidelines, saying that if the board and the county do not agree, "the government will be getting into a situation it did not want to get into. They will consider the application, but only after all the others which agree have been funded."

Quoting the guidelines, he said that such a squabble would cause a "significant" delay in the granting of all funds. "You've all worked with the federal government. God only knows what they mean by 'significant.' It would at least be several months, and then you couldn't be sure that you could get the money after all."

According to the criteria, he concluded that the city's sewer system would probably have a better chance of being approved because of the long-term benefits and the numerous jobs it would create in construction.

However, he noted that the Lake Placid pool may be considered because it "alleviated a local need."

When Dr. Davis stated that the county never notified the school board of the surplus money, "I had to find out about it through Atlanta." "Jug Heston fired back, 'You're trying to make it sound like we're trying to put one over on everybody. We only found out about the money a short time before our meeting, and everything we did was at a public meeting.'"

After more discussion, Ruth Davis called for a motion on approval or disapproval of the county's priorities and was met with several moments of silence.

Jack Wirick Jr. finally stated, "It seems I'm always the one opening my mouth around here, and everybody in Lake Placid knows that in the 20 years I've been on the school board, I've always worked for kids."

"But I feel that if we do not go along with the county on this, it's all going to go down the drain. I want to see a pool down there more than anybody, but to fight at this point would probably mean we're going to lose everything."

He then moved to agree with the county on the priorities. The motion was seconded, and approved unanimously by the school board.

Crafts Crafts Festival Set For Ringling Museum

The Ringling Museum of Art Foundation has announced a special purchase prize to be awarded in addition to the \$1,500 announced awards at the annual Ringling Crafts Festival this fall.

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