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Oct. 5	84	65
Oct. 6	85	60
Oct. 7	87	65
Oct. 8	89	63
Oct. 9	88	65
Oct. 10	89	69
Oct. 11	90	69

DavisQuells Dispute Over Band Seating At Field

An experimental seating plan for the Avon Park High School Band lost extensive yardage this week following complaints and disputes over the change.

In an effort to increase revenue from football games, a new plan was tried this season that meant putting the band into bleachers in the end zone and selling seats normally used by the band in regular bleachers to grid fans.

For the past three weeks, there have been disputes over the plan that involved the Band Parents and Avon Park High School Boosters Association.

Highlands County Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Davis ended the wrangling early this week with a decision to put the band back in its old place in the regular bleachers.

"Revenue is not the most important thing. It's what is best for the students," Davis told school board members and citizens present at Tuesday's regular board session.

He said he had personally polled 15 band members and they felt the new seating plan should be abandoned. Morale of some students was being adversely affected during the week of state exams for high school juniors because of the dispute.

Ed Touchton Jr. of the Avon Park High School Boosters Association said Davis had never met with the association. Touchton further objected to having the change in the seating plan "dictated" to the high school.

Davis said he had met with members of the association and other school groups involved in the seating dispute.

Lucy Derkman of the Association said she felt the local groups should be allowed to work the problem out on their own.

Davis said the groups had not come to terms in three weeks. When parents of band members asked if they could buy regular bleacher seats for the band, Davis decided it was time to end the new seating program.

Ed Garner, a band member, said the seating plan kept the band from giving the kind of support it normally does for cheerleaders and band members weren't able to see the game well from the end zone seats.

AS THE APPARENT low bidder, Wayne Blackwell, Miami, shakes hands with Fire Chief Mack Flowers during the city council meeting Monday night. From the left: James "Jim" Heim, architect; Fire Chief Flowers, and Blackwell, contractor. Seated; Councilmen, Larry Albritton, Milton Howard and Kelley Phillips. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Local Man Dies In Boating Accident

Emmett Richards of Avon Park died Sunday afternoon in a boating accident on Lake Istokpoga near Barnes Fish Camp.

Richards was fishing with a son, Billy of Avon Park, and a friend of the son, Dennis Johns of Lake Wales, when a large wave struck the boat at an angle, throwing them into the lake. The three were returning to shore when the wave hit.

The boat began drifting away and Johns swam toward the craft, while Billy Richards attempted to keep his father afloat. He told Highlands County sheriff's deputies his father couldn't swim very well.

Johns attempted to start the boat's motor but failed. He grabbed two life jackets and swam back to the others. However, when he reached the Richards, Billy said his father was under the water and had been for some time.

An ambulance was called to the fish camp and the body was taken to Highlands General Hospital where Richards was pronounced dead. Preliminary reports indicate death was caused by accidental drowning.

Richards, who resided with his family on C. Hill Road, had been employed by the county as a heavy equipment operator for 14 years in the Road and Bridge Department. He was an assistant foreman. Highlands County Commissioners at their Tuesday meeting directed that a resolution be prepared for next week's meeting honoring Richards.

Richards, who was 47 years old, was born in Babson Park but spent most of his life in Highlands County. He had lived in Avon Park for 19 years, moving there from Sebring. At the time of his death he resided in the Avon Pines subdivision on Avon Park's Route 1.

Richards was a member of Sebring Elks Lodge, the River Ranch Hunting Association, Florida Cattleman's Association, and the Highlands County Cattleman's Association.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; three sons, Dennis R. of Lake Wales, William D. and Emmett Keith both of Avon Park, and one grandchild.

He also leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Richards of Sebring; one brother, Jack Richards of Sebring and one sister, Ellen Weed of Sebring.

Funeral services are being held today, Wednesday afternoon, at the Stephenson-Nelson-Smith Funeral Chapel with Fr. Frank Cleveland officiating. Burial will be in Bougainvillea Cemetery.

Request For Federal Funds

A report, to be prepared by Highlands County officials and citizens on the county's economic development, will serve as a basis for consideration of Highlands request for federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds.

Appointment of three members to the Overall Economic Development Plan Committee was approved by county commissioners Tuesday. Named were Sam Nixon, Orbia Hill and Bill Blanding, who are to represent minority residents.

According to Bill Stephenson of the county's zoning department, the committee has to represent a cross section of the county's population and economic interests. Other members of the committee are the seven members of the Zoning Board.

The report the committee will prepare is designed to show federal and state officials what the county's economic, transportation, housing, industrial and other development needs are, and what goals the county has in attempting to solve the problems.

Unless the county prepares the report, EDA would never consider funding any county projects, or programs of the county's cities or school system. Under EDA guidelines, the county will act as a primary governmental agency.

The report must be completed and approved by EDA by Dec. 31.

Commissioners approved two applications for zoning certificates for beverage licenses at Sun 'n Lake Golf and Country Club, Sun 'n Lake Blvd.,

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Law Groups Sponsor Film On Self Protection

"How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive" will be shown at the Florida Power Lounge from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3, by the Avon Park Police Department in cooperation with the Highlands County Sheriff's Department and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council for criminal Justic.

In discussing the film, James Crabtree of the Police Department and Monica Sauls of the Sheriff's Department, stated that the object of showing the film is to teach women how to defend themselves when faced with sexual assault by a potential rapist.

While there has not been many rapings in Highlands County, the two law officers cited the increase in sexual abuse against adolescent children in the county. They said the training would be valuable for persons when they were visiting in some of our nation's larger cities.

Deputy Sauls pointed out that women who have been a sexually assaulted victim should know what to do and look for in providing evidence against the assailant. Sauls also emphasized that a victim need not feel any shame in reporting an assault because trained personnel will be available to handle the case.

After an OK by Dr. Dan Davis, Superintendent of Highlands County Schools, the film will be shown to students at the county's senior high schools. The film is also available for showing to any club or group.

In furthering their training, Officers Crabtree and Sauls will be attending a State Crime Prevention Convention in St. Petersburg on Thursday and Friday of this week. They will also pick up new materials for use with the showing of the film.

Officers James Crabtree And Monica Sauls Look Over Materials To Be Used In A Crime Prevention Program

$257,235 Low Bid On New Fire Station

Receiving nine bids for the construction of the new Avon Park Fire station, during their Monday night meeting, the city council designated the apparent low bidder, Wayne Blackwell & Co., Inc. of Miami, Fla. as the builder. However, the bid, must be sent to the Economic Development Administration regional office in Atlanta for approval before the contract to build can be awarded.

In opening the bids, Jim Heim, architect, reported the bid bonds, letter on minority contractors and if they were equal opportunity employers. One contractor, Constructech Corporation, Lakeland was disqualified as not having a bid bond enclosed.

The apparent low bid of $257,235 by Wayne Blackwell was followed by a $258,700 bid by Advanced Contractors, Inc., Bartow. The high bid of $305,134 was made by McCully Construction Co., Orlando. Other bidders were: Concrete Systems, Inc., Lakeland; Hollenberg & Wolfe, Inc., Sebring; Raymond Construction Co., Orlando; United Contractors, Inc., Lake Wales and Vander Linde & Sons, Plantation.

There were four alternates to the bid for the deletion of furnishings, radio comunications, emergency generator and paving, in that order. However, with an EDA grant of funds of $345,000 these items will not be deleted. Later councilmen were wondering what could be done with the extra funds, only to be told that the funds could only be used on the fire station.

On the matter of bids on the Lake Isis sewer contract, this was deferred to a special council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday Oct. 17.

In a discussion on group insurance for city employees bids of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Time Insurance Company were compared. City Attorney Jack Hancock advised the city was required to accept the low bid unless a good reason was given for accepting another bid. This advice was given following a motion to retain the same insurance company to avoid the paper work of changing companies. The motion was withdrawn.

It was then moved to accept the bid on plan 3 of Time Insurance Company with a low bid of $$89.58 per month effective on Dec. 1, 1977. There was a diifference of $2.16 per month between the two company bids.

In a review of the bids for gasoline and oil supplies, from the last council meeting, the low bid for gas from the Gulf Oil Corporation did not include eight cents per gallon state gas tax. The bid was thrown out and the council moved to continue buying gasoline from Union 76 Oil Company as the city is now doing as gas prices were one to two cents per gallon lower than bid prices.

As no further bids were received on the installation of runway lights at the Avon Park Airport, the council moved to have the lights installed under the supervision of Fire Chief Mack Flowers. The work is to be completed within 30 days following the delivery of materials.

Since the city is to receive about $5000 more than anticipated from revenue sharing funds, additional locations were presented for building of the walks. The council moved to advertise for bids to build the sidewalks. Mentioned were sidewalks for the children attending Hopewell School and Anoka Ave. from Main St. to Pleasant St. for the use of children and for elderly people. Streets listed were Lake Ave., Florida Ave. and others.

It was brought to the attention of the council by Joe Willis of the Water Department that PVC water pipe of various sizes, could be purchased at a lower price, if obtained in semi-truck load lots than by the present system of buying several thousand feet. The council moved to advertise for bids on a semi-truck load of various sizes of PVC water pipe.

In new business the council authorized

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Property Tax Bills Ready To Be Mailed

Work is now under way sorting, stuffing and stamping the Highlands County tax bills for 1977. If County Tax Collector J. T. Landress' schedule holds, approximately 76,000 tax bills will go into the mail on Monday, Oct. 31.

This year the collector is using a new method for notifying property owners that delinquent taxes are outstanding on their holdings. Many of the delinquent owners are aware that they owe back taxes. However, Landress believes, some owners may not be aware of the delinquencies.

As the statements are being prepared for mailing the collector's staff is stamping a notice across the current bill.

On Nov. 1 payments begin on the 1977 bills. There is a four percent discount for payments made in November. The discounts decline each month until in March the payments are at full rate.

APCI Inmate Escapes With State Vehicle

Richard L. Horne escaped from the Avon Park Correctional Institution, Monday morning, Oct. 10. Horne was serving a three year sentence for uttering a forged instrument. Horne is from West Palm Beach. and is a 44 year old white male.

Horne was assigned to the Correctional Institution's motorpool as a part of a work program. According to J. H. Fortner, A. P. C. I. Superintendant, the prisoner apparently took the institution's wrecker and headed north.

The stolen vehicle is a 1952 Dodge wrecker with A. P. C. I. identification and state tags. The authorities have been notified of the escape and are taking appropriate action.

Couple Choose To Fight Rather Than Pay

A Hardee County couple facing a Highlands Claims Court action for a $139 hospital bill has chosen to fight rather than pay.

Larry and Julia Floyd responded to a suit initiated by Walker Memorial Hospital, with a request that the court order the hospital to "establish and utilize procedures for determining which persons are entitled to free or below cost service." It also asks the court to issue an injunction ordering the hospital to "refrain from charging, harassing, suing and otherwise attempting to collect" for services rendered to persons who are unable to pay.

The suit points out that Walker Memorial had obtained some construction funds from the public through the federal government's Hill-Burton Act. In connection with obtaining such funds the hospital had signed a contract which provides for the hospital to repay the public investment via low cost or free care to persons who are unable to pay.

The Floyd suit contends the hospital would be in violation of its contract if it does not establish and use eligibility procedures "each and every time" a patient seeks services. The same suit also claims the prospective patient should be informed of the results of the eligibility review prior to beginning of treatment — except in emergencies, the suit concludes.

The bill which the hospital is attempting to collect from the Floyds is the remainder of a $393 charge resulting from a four-day hospitalization of the Floyds' infant son.

The hospital filed documents showing that $255 of the bill had been paid. The Floyds maintain they cannot pay more without being forced to "forego medical care or spend funds" which the parents say they need to "supply, food, shelter and other necessities of life."

The hospital bill shows that the Floyd child was hospitalized Nov. 18-21, 1976. The claims court summons was served Aug. 29. The Floyds took the case to Florida Rural Legal Services and the response to the claims court action was filed by the Legal Services staff. A part of the response was a request for transfer of the suit into circuit court. Judge Mark Richardson Jr. granted that motion.

When contacted by The Sun, Walker Memorial administrator John McClelland said he had not received notice about the suit is now pending in circuit court. He declined comment until he had an opportunity to study the case and its claims.

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

Freedom In Our Hands

Every time you pick up your newspaper at your doorstep or take it out of your mailbox, freedom is in your hands.

Your newspaper is a living, everyday illustration of the freedom that is embodied in the very first amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. The Founding Fathers of this nation, who wrote the blueprint for the greatest experiment in government the world had ever seen, felt so strongly about freedom that they themselves annexed the Bill of Rights amendments before the Constitution could be submitted to the several sovereign states for formal ratification.

Through its free choice to present the news, to interpret the news, and to make comment on the news, your newspaper in every edition relies upon those basic rights and freedoms. In the process of pursuing its every day duties and obligations to you, your newspaper stands as the first line of defense against any action or any effort that may tend to infringe upon those rights and freedoms.

What is the newspaper's freedom is your freedom. One is dependent upon the other. One cannot be free without the other.

Every newspaper reader has the freedom of his or her choice in selecting the newspaper, the stories, the features, or the editorials he or she may want to read. Every reader has the freedom to respond to any of those articles or to any of those commentaries. As long as choice is readily available and the avenue of response is open, your freedom is secured.

When you have no choice or you cannot take issue, the freedom of the press is imperiled and your freedoms are consequently restricted.

Certainly newspapers are different.

Certainly they reflect opposing views.

Certainly they support conflicting ideas.

Certainly they espouse different programs and policies.

As surely as there are different types of readers, there are different types of newspapers. This in itself is the guarantee that freedom belongs to both the press and the public. That fact is important and essential to our system.

As surely as there are differences, both in the press and in the public, there will be those who are critical of the press. That, too, ensures a basic freedom.

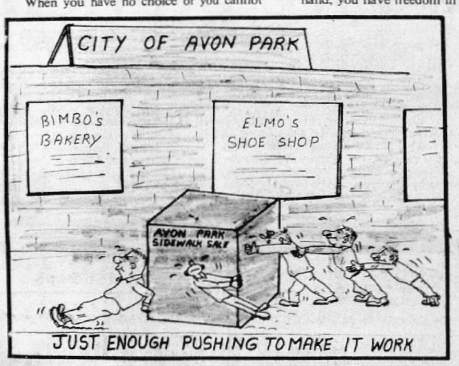
Think back to the years and the circumstances that produced the totalitarian regimes in Europe. Did any Italian newspaper endure under Mussolini? Was any German newspaper permitted to take issue with Hitler?

Essential to their control and power was a press that presented only what they wanted presented. There was no choice or freedom, either for the press or for the public.

They could not afford to permit the press to be free because they could not allow the people the freedom of thought, choice and expression.

Freedom is basic and essential to all of us. When you have your newspaper in your hand, you have freedom in your hand.

'Don't involve me in your petty bickering!'



Sidewalk Sale Success

Avon Park's first Sidewalk Sales Days this past Friday and Saturday were a booming success. Under the sponsorship of the local Chamber of Commerce, twenty-nine business firms sold their wares from the sidewalks. This even extended to the three local car dealers where they were selling old and new cars from the sidewalks and all reported increased sales as a result.

Furniture stores were selling large and small items. The local book store sold over 2000 books. Cash registers were ringing at Flower Shops, Departments Stores, Shoe Stores, Music Shops, Hardware Stores, Jewelry Stores, Childrens Wear, Furniture Stores, etc. Refreshments Stands and music combos added to the carnival air as the crowds gathered to join in the sidewalk activity.

Allen Leak, Jr. associated with the United States Chamber of Commerce, a visitor in the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce office on Friday morning, was duely impressed by the car and people traffic up and down the streets.

Many merchants have voiced the desire to have a repeat performance sometime in the early winter season. One bystander stated "This is the most people I've seen on the streets since the Christmas Parade."

Chamber and City officials were well pleased with the results of this endeavor. Anna Belle Worden, Chamber Executive Manager, said it was worth the weeks of planning and effort of tieing it all together.

So Avon Park's first Side aWalk Sales turned out to be not only a successful, but a historical event.

Views Of Our Readers

Dear Editor:

On the 28th of August, 1977 a historical, exciting, thrilling, inspiring and most impressive wedding ceremony took place in the Walker Memorial Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Two Philippine nurses, Mr. Obed and Miss Rowan of Walker Memorial Hospital, Avon Park, Fla. had the Sacred Vow of Masrriage. Officiating minster was Elder H. J. Bennett, the Chaplain of the hospital.

The giver of the bride was Mr. James Culpepper, the assitant manager of the hospital and the mother-like lady was Mrs. Louise Osborne, the superintendant of the nurses of the hospital.

The sacredness of the ceremony, the holy atmosphere of the church, the presence of many races and nationalities,-Americans, Armenian, Indians, Chinese, Philippines, Porto-Ricans, other friends, doctors, physicians, nurses and the workers of the hospital and the sacred wedding melodies that were sung by Dr. and Mrs. Tony Chen, rendered to the occasion a greater meaning, and an unforgettable impression and moral and spiritual dignity.

Under this moral and spiritual thrill, my mind immediately was directed to the greatness and goodness of America — the blessed United States of America; the land of opportunity and privileges, the land of hospitals and churches; the land of freedom of religion and worship; yes, the land of all freedoms of life.

America is the only land, the only country, that has bound different races and nationalities into one family. She is composed of more than one hundred races and nationalities from all over the world. All have found shelter, refuge, freedom and happiness.

All have become one family, one nation under God. Laboring together, building a greater America, making her the desire of all freedom loving peoples of the world, a wonderful democracy in a matchless republic and matchless system-ruled by the people, of the people and for the people.

What a shame, what tragic and what foolishness it is to see some twisted-minded, unpatriotic and ungodly individuals and groups endeavor to hurt and to destroy our most wonderful land the United States of America.

Americans! Let us love and appreciated our country. Let us hold fast all our freedoms of life. Let us love respect and honor one another. Let us love God, who is the Creator, of all mankind.

Signed by
Bedros M. Sharian Sr.

Skip Bafalis Reports From Washington

SOCIAL SECURITY

House Ways and Means Committee liberals have turned thumbs down on proposals to correct the most obvious inequity in the Social Security system — the government-imposed limitation on permissible earnings.

Under present law, Social Security recipients can earn no more than $3,000 a year without endangering their benefits. If they earn more than that, they lose $1 in benefits for every $2 earned. And that is patently unfair.

Social Security isn't welfare or some government dole to help senior citizens. It is a forced investment which pays a modest return once age 65 is reached.

Therefore, Social Security recipients should be allowed to earn as much as they can-with no loss of benefits at all.

That's what some of us on the Ways and Means Committee wanted to bring about .

We had a Republican alternative to the package before the committee-one which would eliminate the earnings limitation completely over a three-year span. Under the alternative, the earnings limitation would have jumped from $3,000 to $5,000 in 1978, then to $7,500 in 1979. In 1980, it would be gone completely.

Unfortunately, the manner in which the entire Social Security hearing was handled precluded the consideration of this proposal.

But it didn't matter because the liberal majority on the committee wouldn't even endorse a somewhat less liberal relaxation of the limitation.

The original draft under consideration called for raising the limitation from $3,000 to $4,500 next year and then to $6,000 the following year.

But, by a 20-to-17 vote, the committee instead adopted a much more stringent limitation.

The bill now reads that Social Security recipients can earn $4,000 in 1978, an increase of $1,000. Then, in 1979, it jumps to $4,500.

However, just so the gesture won't be misconstrued as giving senior citizens a break, the higher earnings limitation only applies to those 65 or over.

It amounts to a slap in the face of every working man and woman who put faith in the federal government, who felt sure the federal government wouldn't desert them in retirement.

It's bad enough that the big spenders in the Congress and in the executive branch have dipped into the Social Security Trust Fund so heavily and for so long that the whole program is on shaky financial ground.

But to add to that, a refusal to allow a man or woman to earn a decent wage and still get the benefits he's already paid for — that's wrong, dead wrong.

Fortunately, however, there is still some hope wisdom and prudence will prevail. There will be a chance to amend the Social Security package when it reaches the floor.

And, there will definitely be an effort to loosen the earnings limitation beyond that meager amount allowed by the Committee.

Should we fail on the House floor, the only hope will be the Senate which will consider the entire package after the House finishes.

So, as disappointing as the Ways and Means Committee's action was — and it was very disappointing — there is still hope.

Things Out My Way

ALICE SMITH

You think the rise and fall of the hemline is an unimportant subject, right? Wrong!

During my lifetime, an amazing amount of newsprint and magazine space has been devoted to the topic. Not to mention the accumulated hours of heated discussion in private and public forum. Noted economists have gone to far as to declare they find a connection between the length of women's skirts and the state of the economy. War and or peace gets into the act, also.

Such connections are not my line but I'm a keen observer of the fashion scene. Note the word "observer". It indicates that I'm on the sidelines, no longer a front-line participant. But my eyes and intuition tell me that hems are dropping again. Remember the half-hearted flurry in 1970 that never came off? All the ladies took refuge in pants suits. This time I think the dictators may win. They are being quiet and subtle.

All of this comes to mind because of a quiz item in today's paper. "How did couturier Christian Dior die?" The answer — "He died of overeating while on a voyage his astrologer had warned him not to make."

I hadn't known of the tragic circumstances surrounding Monieur Dior's demise — but how well I remember him! All through World War 2, we girls were showing our knees, dimpled or not, and manufacturers were skimping on hems. It was Dior, may he rest in peace, who, without warning, at war's end, ruled that skirts must be only ten inches from the floor.

Panic set in. Whole wardrobes were discarded while husbands raved. All the poor people, myself included, used every dodge in the book to make do. Means of lengthening garments were exchanged like recipes. We "faced" with bits of strange fabric, we added ruffles; we cut off short bottoms to create new tops.

It was a mad , mad time for a few months until we all caught up with the parade. As time went on, and we moved into that boundless grey area called middle-age, we laughed at ourselves and vowed that never again would we slavishly follow the dictates of autocratic fashion arbiters.

Wanna' bet? We won't jump as fast or as high, but we'll move.

Many years ago, an evangelical type youth worker was addressing, on campus, some five hundred women students. He suggested that women could be a mighty force for good were they to devote the same passion and enthusiasm to bettering mankind as they gave to fashion. Whereupon, a pint-sized student stood up, glared at the speaker and snarled, "I'd rather be dead than out of style!"

And that's a true story, so help me.

Fire Prevention Week

Sunday through Saturday (Oct. 9 - 15) is Fire Prevention Week in Florida and throughout the nation. State Treasurer - Insurance Commissioners Bill Gunter who is also the State's Fire Marshal, is encouraging Floridians not to celebrate the week but to observe it, not only this week, but every week of the year.

Gunter and Gov. Reuben Askew have officially proclaimed this week Fire Prevention Week in Florida. The joint proclamation calls on all Floridians to participate in fire prevention programs and to support their local fire departments in their efforst to reduce loss of life and property from fire.

"Fire prevention is one area that everyone can be involved in, from the child in pre-school who is warned not to play with matches to the senior citizen who is reminded that smoking in bed is dangerous," said Gunter.

Last year in Florida alone, almost 200 people lost their lives in fires.

"We want to cut that number in half this year and keep cutting each year until there are no lives lost by fire in Florida," Gunter said. "Added to that, there are thousands of fire related injuries each year, injuries that could be avoided."

"A lot of the injuries are due to carelessness," said Gunter. "With a little precaution, many accidents could be prevented."

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Bob Allen Speaks To Rotary Club Members

Rotary Club program chairman for October, Stanley Wells, presented Bob Allen, local manager of the United Telephone Company's Arcadia office, as the Wednesday noon speaker.

Allen showed the club a slide presentation, on Americanism, borrowed from the Elks Club. The presentation traced the history of the United States from the time of the Pilgrams and showed the dangers of communism, how powerful they are and how, by underhanded methods, the communist have taken over the governments of other countries.

The club members expressed a great deal of interest in the showing.

Stanley, as chairman of the Rotary Club's Youth Services Committee, meeting, with a special emphasis on youth.

Girl Scouts Visit Hillcrest Home For Aged

Recently, some of the girls from Girl Scout Troop 249 visited the Hillcrest Home for the Aged. They made sugar molds in the shape of flowders and leaves and presented them to the patients. The girls also made little wreaths with candles for the people whose birthday fell within that month.

The Hillcrest Home is the Avon Park Girl Scout Troops, community service project. Each troop is involved in this worth while service to the community.

Alice Woodward, Darla Edwards, Tanya Simpins, Vivien Fish, Stephanie Ashe, Keira Ishmare, Alexis Craft, Kathy Lansing, Cheryl Fortner, and Angelia Carter were accompanied on this trip by Girl Scout Leader Dee Fish and Laura Sanchez.

Parent Without Partners Meet

Highlands County Parents without Partners and about 30 children attended a chicken barbeque at Highlands Hammock State Park on Sunday, Oct. 9.

The men of the chapter built the fire and supervised the cooking chicken while the group jumped rope, played volley ball, lawn darts, football and hiked the trails.

The next reorganizational meeting will be held in the employees lounge at First Home Federal Bank in Sebring on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. Plans for the remainder of 1977 will be made at this time, following a short program.

Schutt Speaker At DAR Meeting

The members of the Patriots Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution opened their Fall schedule with a covered dish luncheon Oct. 3rd. at the St. Catherine Parish Hall, Sebring.

In the absence of the Regent, Mrs. Andrew G. Daigle, the Vice Regent, Mrs. Paul V. Forest conducted the meeting. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. W. Ingle. It was reported that the Chapter now has seventh one members.

The National Defense Chairman, Mrs. Ralph Koerber introduced Mrs. Ralph Schutt who gave a comprehensive talk on the Panama Canal and cited the advantages for the United States to retain its present status.

Mrs. J. D. Watson, Chairman of the D. A. R. Service for Veterans-Patients urged the members to begin preparation of Christmas gifts, to be brought to the next meeting, stating the need for lap robes, stationery, stamps, good books, toilet articles for both men and women, Christmas greeting, and playing cards.

The November meeting will be held at the Florida Power Lounge,in Avon Park, on November 7th at 2 p.m.

Cradle Roll

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Hurt, Avon Park, announce the birth of a son, Marshall Alan, born September 23, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 4 lbs., 9 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wilson, Jr., Sebringk Aannounce the birth of a daughter, Tarana Akil, born September 23, At Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 7 lbs., 5 oz.

Mr. and Mrs Edwin E. Koski, Lorida, announce the birth of a son Todd Edwin, born September 27, at Walker Memorial Hospital September, weighing 5 lbs., 13 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Early Robinson, Avon Park, announce the birth of a son, Patrick Pernell, born September 27 at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 8 lbs., 2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Adan Ochoa, Zolfo Springs, announce the birth of a daughter Lori, born September 28, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs., 6 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Martin of Avon Park announce the birth of a son, Sean Lamar, born September 23 at Lake Wales Hospital, Wweighing 7 lbs., 1 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elyea of Lewisburg, Tenn. Paternal grandparents are Charles A. Martin, Avon Park and Mrs. Ruth Kelley, Bradenton.

Medical Report

The Emergency Medical Service of Highlands County reports there were 14 emergency runs, seven in-county transfers and four out-of-county transfers in Sebring during the week of Oct. 2-8.

During the same period there were 10 emergency runs and three in-county transfers in Avon Park and three emergency runs in Lake Placid.

KEYETTE OFFICERS in appreciation, presented Betty Burch, (center) faculty sponsor, with a silver charm for her eight years of untiring and faithful service last Friday, during a faculty tea in her honor. From the left, front seated: Ellen Macklin, president; Betty Burch, retiring sponsor and Babs Maness, vice-president. Standing; Leah Ryan, Secretary and Cathy Barberee, treasurer. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Keyettes Hold Faculty Tea

The Avon Park High School Keyettes held their annual faculty tea, in the school Media Center Tuesday, Oct. 4 in honor of Mrs. Betty Burch retiring faculty sponsor.

Mrs. Burch was presented with a silver charm as a token of appreciation for her eight year of faithful service.

The Keyettes were organized in 1969 at the old high school with Mrs. Burch as faculty sponsor, who stated she received much help and advice from David Secrest who had always worked many hours with the boys of the Key Club.

Without a local or national civic club sponsor, the Keyettes have taken an active roll in helping with local needs, such as'' addressing and stuffing envelopes for the Cancer Society; helping with HOPE and raising $150 for HOPE by washing cars and other fund raising projects along with helping at the Ridge Area Day School.

This year, under the sponsorship of Nan Dressel, the Keyettes have helped with the Cystic Fibrosis Drive and are making plans for a booth during the Halloween Carnival.

Toastmasters Club Meets

Howard Johnson's in Sebring will be the meeting place for the meeting on Thursday, Oct. 13, of the Charles Swan Memorial Toastmasters Club of Highlands County. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., and starting time for the meeting is 7 p.m.

Speeches will be given by Ruth Kaye, Natalie Patton and Jim Ziegler. Peggy Polatty will serve as toastmaster, and table topics master will be Jim Ziegler. The public is invited to attend.

Fire At Bombing Range

Fire caused an undetermined amount of damage in 30 acres of woods off Bombing Range Road Oct. 7. Florida Department of Forestry firemen were on the scene for two hours.

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Boy Scouts Open Halloween House Of Fright October 28

The Trail Blazing Boy Scout Troop 156, "House of Fright" will open for it's fifth year on October 28 for a three night run. This project will be rated "F" for frightful. Co-chairman, Betsy Smith and Fred Henly advise parents with small extra-sensitive children to have them in the nursery, provided free of charge , across the street at the Congregational Church hall.

Mrs. Smith said you can look forward to a more frightening year than last and that's saying a lot.

Tickets may be purchased now, from any of the Boy Scouts or ticket sales chairman, Fred Henly, for 50 cents each. However, at the door, tickets will be 75 cents each.

The GHASTLY-GHOSTLY operation will run three nights, starting Friday, Oct. 28 through Oct. 30. The haunted house will be open from 8 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. at the Scout House at 105 N. Butler St.

The committee has begun getting the house ready for the big event and they invite you to "Come see us" at the "House of Fright," where they will be "Looking for You!" They also want to give special thanks to the Avon Citrus Bank and the Highlands County Bank of Avon Park for contributing the tickets for the "House of Fright."

CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE Boy Scout Troop 156 Haunted House Committee, Fred Henley (left) and Betsy Smith greet one of the resident monsters at the haunted house, who will be prowling in the "House of Fright" on the nights of Oct. 28, 29 and 30. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

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People / Events

By Betty Amburn

Loretta L. Ellis Explains To Mayor Marshall Davis About Alpha Delta Kappa Week

SHERYL LANIER, (center) Bowling Green, Miss SFJC of 1976 will crown the Miss SFJC of 1977, when she is chosen at the Sebring Civic Center on Oct. 22. With Sheryl are her court of Sheila Snider (left) Avon Park and Lynn Cockcroft, Sebring. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Miss SFJC Contest Oct. 22

The second annual Miss SFJC contest sponsored by the Student Government Association of South Florida Junior College, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Sebring Civic Center.

Qualified Associate of Arts and Associate of Science students are eligible to enter the Miss SFJC contest with the deadline for enteries being Oct. 13.

The public is invited to attend the contest at the Civic Center to support the candidate of their choice. Door prizes will be given during the program and SGA stated, please plan to attend the contest as the admission is free.

Cradle Roll

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wayne Napier, Sr., Wauchula, Fla. announce the birth of a daughter, Melody Dawn, born Sept. 30, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 6 lbs., 9½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Estrada Lazo of Wauchula, announce the birth of a son Eddie Pinner, born September 30, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 5 lbs., 12 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lee Myers, of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Jeremy Paul, born on September 30, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 4 lbs., 3½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. John James Daniels of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Christina Renne, born on October 1, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilburn Clements, Avon Park, announce the birth of a daughter, Dorene Elain, born October 1, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing u lbs., 6½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lee Simmons, Lake Placid, announce the birth of a daughter, Christina Leanne, born October 1 at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 10 lbs., 10 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leroy Kelley, Avon Park, announce the birth of a son, Charles Michael, born October 2, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 9 lbs., 7 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eugene Sanders, Wauchula, announce the birth of a son, Richard Eugene, Jr., born October 3, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 8 lbs., 3½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gary Logston, Sebring, announce the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Leigh, born October 3, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs., 14½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hogan, Jr., Sebring, announce the birth of a daughter, Shateika Terrell, born October 4, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs., 14½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Melvin, Okeechobee, announce the birth of a son, Dock, Jr., born October 4, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs., 15½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Troy Slade, Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Steven Eric, born October 6, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ray Carpenter, Avon Park, announce the birth of a daughter, Brandi Nikole, born on October 1, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Townsend announce the birth of a daughter, Season Ashley Townsend, born October 4, in Lake Wales, weighing 7 lbs., 8½ ozs. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Townsend of Avon Park and the maternal grandparents are Mrs. Betty Retherford of Florala, Ala., and Mr. Van Hebenthal of Avon Park.

BABY BORN

Mr. and Mrs. James Murray of Avon Park are parents of a son, Matthew Craig Onawa, born Sept. 18 at Walker Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 9 lbs., 12½ oz. The baby joins a brother, Aaron.

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

October 13-Billy Barben, Lorenzo Jones, Kevin Edwin Howard, Patty Barben, Laura Swanton.

October 14-Timmy Cribb, Mary Ridgers, Attelia Rigdon, Mary Batts, Bruce Trescott, Geva Starling, Dot LaFlam.

October 15-Kent Filppula, Jeffery Antley, Betty H. Ekard, Charles Lawhorn, Jr., Grady Sadler, Mrs. Thelma Warren.

October 16-Cathy Tuner, J. L. McWilliams, Jr., Jeff Heckard.

October 17-Travis Carter, Debi Ward, Donna Clark, James Paul, Larry Bennett, John Goff, Mrs. Albert Schnutt, Deni Ann Celbry.

October 18-Daymon Sadler, John W. Wright, Mrs. J. F. Norris, Rod Newsome, Mrs. Marilyn Montsdeoca.

October 19-Cindy Evers, Tod Perry, Phil Raymond, Arthur Crews, Johnny McDowell, Bobby Tally, Bob Lee, Reid Wall, Clay Williams, Leslie Inez Coleman.

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

Alpha Delta Kappa Week

In a letter to Mayor Marshall Davis, Loretta L. Ellis, president of Florida Gamma Epsilon, explained that the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Sorority for Women Educators were celebrating Alpha Delta Kappa week from Oct. 9 through 15. 1977.

This international honorary sorority which has established chapters in every state of the United States, the District of Columbia and areas outside the United States, promotes high standards of education and sponsors scholarships and other charitable projects on international, state and local level.

Florida Alpha Delta Kappa has 95 chapters throughout the state and a membership of nearly 3000 outstanding women educators. There is one chapter in Highlands County representing a membership of 50 women educators.

Chapters of Florida Alpha Delta Kappa continue to participate in numerous charitable projects throughout the state of Florida. On the state level, Florida Alpha Delta Kappa donated funds to the Southern Scholarship and Research Foundation in Tallahassee for the purchase of a scholarship house near the campus of Florida State University.

The house was dedicated in 1967 and Florida Alpha Delta Kappa continues to give support to the Florida Alpha Delta Kappa scholarship house and the Southern Scholarship and research foundation.

Thus far, approximately 100 students have lived in this home. This type of financial assistance has served as one method of aiding the students in pursuing their college educations. We are indeed proud of these endeavors.

On the local level, Florida Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa has awarded several scholarships to local students of Highlands County. Presently, Florida Gamma Epsilon is assisting Marcia Collins at Warner Southern College, Lake Wales; John Witkowski and Debbie Ercoli at South Florida Junior College, Avon Park.

Gamma Epsilon has contributed monies to the South Florida Junior College Auditorium Fund, to the high school bands of Highlands County, given gifts to the nursing home patients, helped Youth Care and numerous other local, county projects and drives. We, too are proud of these accomplishments.

It is Alpha Delta Kappa's hope that mayors of the many cities throughout the United States will proclaim the week of Oct. 9-15., 1977 as Alpha Delta Kappa Week. Florida Gamma Epsilon members would consider this an honor and a wonderful recognition of the work we are doing an international, state, and community level.

Gamma Epsilon Chapter Celebrates Founders Day

Gamma Epsilon chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa will celebrate it's Founders day services during International ADK Week on Tuesday Oct. 11.

The meeting wil be held at the Florida Power lounge in Avon Park. It is a special covered dish supper with husbands and guests attending.

Vice-president and program chairman, Doris Gentry will have a slide presentation of the International headquarters taken at Kansas City.

The Avon Park members are hostesses for this Founder's Day program, with Olivia Hood acting as chairman.

Look for Gamma Epsilon's booth at the Art League Festival in Sebring on Saturday, Nov. 11. All proceeds go into the scholarship fund to help students of Highlands County further their education. Altruistic chairman, Chris Brojek is hard at work with her committee making plans for Gamma Epsilon's "Country and Western" booth.

The Stokeys Return From Russia

Milton and Catherine Stokey were among forty-four airline employees and dependants who recently returned from a visit to Russia.

After leaving New York on September 17, the tour stopped in Amsterdam for refueling and the passengers were allowed to visit the duty free store for an hour. They then proceeded to Helsinki for a two day visit.

From Helsinki it was a steamship ride to Tallinn in Estonia, which is the shortest route across the Gulf of Finland to get inside the Iron Curtain.

After three days in Tallinn visiting and seeing the sights, the group flew to Moscow via Aeroflot, the only Russian airline.

The weather in Moscow was very cool for September, and so the sightseers had an occasion to see snow. While in Moscow the group saw an excellently performed ballet at the Bolshoi Theater, in which to get to the theater the people rode the subway which is 100 feet deep at the first level.

While in Moscow they visited the Kremlin, Red Square and Gums Department Store, the largest in Russia. Many of the churches and cathedrals they visited have been stripped of altars and converted into museums.

After touring Moscow, the group flew to Lennigrad for a three day visit. There they saw many museums and attended the theater to watch a Russian Folk Dance, another outstanding performance.

"The food was not as we are accustomed, and it became a standing joke that if you didn't eat all of your breakfast or lunch, you would get it for supper! Recycling food, as the Russians call it is an everyday occurance. Some food, left over from lunch, is placed on carts and sold on the streets in front of the hotel, and people line up to buy it, said Mrs. Stokey.

Sunday night the group boarded a train for Helsinki. The train ride lasted twelve hours with no food and very little water available.

"Before entering Russia you must declare all currency and account for, on special forms, all monies spent in Russia and how much money you left. You are not allowed to take any Russian money across the border," according to Mrs. Stokey.

The eleven day trip was very educational and enlightening experience for the Stokey's but they are happy to be back home.

Milton And Catherine Stokey In Russia

Old Settlers To Hold Annual Meeting

Railroad Station Museum for Avon Park will be the subject for the program when the Old Settlers Historical Society holds their annual meeting, October 27. The public is invited to attend.

The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall of the Congregational Church. A carry-in dinner at 6 o'clock in the evening will precede the program. Anyone who is interested in the Museum project is invited to bring a dish of food and their table service.

NOTICE the time for the annual meeting of the OSHS is changed from the picnic at noon to the evening to make is possible for anyone to attend who cannot come at noon.

Details of the program will be announced later.

Anderson - Atkins To Wed Oct. 22

Beverly Brando Anderson and Quentin Wayne Atkins will be married on Saturday, October 22 at 6 p.m. They will take their vows at Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring.

A reception will be held, immediately following the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Dunn. All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

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