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Weather Report

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Nov. 23	83	63	.74
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J.R. "Jack" Dugan
.....former councilman

Voters To Elect Mayor And Two Councilmen Tuesday

The Avon Park City Election will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 with voters having a choice of two candidates for mayor and five candidates are seeking two seats on the city council.

The candidates for the office of mayor are: Incumbent, J. Marshall Davis seeking his third term of office and J. R. "Jack" Duggan Jr. who had served as acting mayor.

Seeking seats on the city council are: Milton Howard, who with 10 years on the council is seeking reelection; Robert Britt, council president with two terms of office is seeking his third term on the council. Others working for a first time seat on the city council are: Henry Dennis, Richard Nealis and Tom Tatarus.

All candidates for the city election of mayor and city councilman have promised to be at a political rally, except Richard Nealis who had a possible conflicting engagement, stated George Gholston Jr., chairman of the NAACP political action committee for the rally to be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday Dec. 3. at the Hopewell Elementary School cafeteria.

The rally is being held to acquaint the public with the political candidates and their platforms, he continued. The early Saturday night meeting is open to the public and all residents of the city are invited to attend, to hear what each man has to say about the operation of the city and to ask questions.

Statement From Davis

The city has made visible progress, Mayor Marshall Davis said during his campaign to be re-elected mayor of Avon Park.

Born in rural Escambia County Fla., three miles south of Atmore, Ala., Davis attended Davisville School and started at the Escambia County (Ala.) High School in Atmore, Ala. However, he had to drop out when his father became too ill, to operate the family farm.

Following a serious operation, Davis was advised to give up farming and came to Avon Park 1937 obtaining a job as timekeeper at the Crate Mill, which he held until he started fulltime at the post office in May, 1943. Davis was appointed assistant postmaster in December, 1958, and retired in April, 1973. He was elected Mayor and took office on Jan. 1, 1974.

In commenting on the city's activities, Davis said that work on the beautification of the Mall would continue as would the work of cleaning up of the eye sores of junk and debris around the city. More emphasis would also be placed on safety within the city.

He stated that the city was extremely

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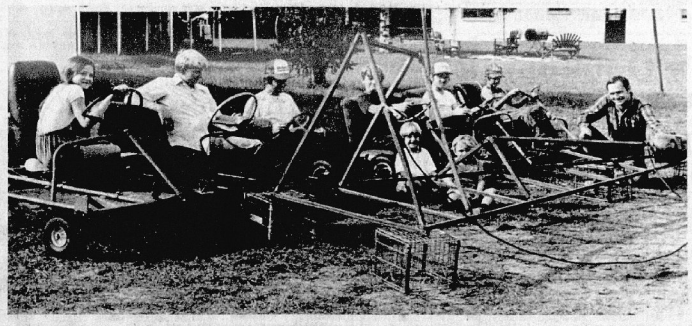
Mayor Marshall Davis
....seeks third term



APPEARING IN THE Christmas Parade next Monday night, the Avon Park Low Rider Carting Club, will show their home-made go-carts. From the left: Chrissy Oberther, Skeeter Cooper, David Houpe, Jeff Moye, Kenneth Houpe, John Murphy with advisor Bob Oberther working on a dragster frame. Mascots are Jimmy and Sal Murphy seated on the ground. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Christmas Season Is Here

Big Parade Monday

Avon Park's Annual Mile Long Christmas Parade will start rolling at 7 p.m. this coming Monday night and promises to be the biggest and best of all past parades. Under the direction and sponsorship of the local Chamber of Commerce for the past twelve years, each year this outstanding event has grown in size and beauty.

Something new will be added this year to delight the young and old, but it has been kept a top secret by Chamber Officials until now word has leaked out however, that Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer will prance in the parade along with Big Bird, The Cookie Moster and The Snow Man. Christmas Clowns will delight the spectators with their antics throughout the parade route which will start at Anoka Avenue and continue to Verona Avenue and Main.

HOT AIR BALLOON

Steve Roberts' colorful hot air balloon will be anchored in the downtown area and aboard will be a CB'er from the Rinky Dink CB'ers Club as contact man for Stanley Wells, Parade Chairman, and assisting CB'ers will be along the route.

MARCHING BANDS

Eight marching bands will be featured along with six beauty queens, antiques cars, plus tiny costumed dancers, and over sixty glittering decorated floats, many of them lighted and complete with music, following the theme "Reflections of Christmas".

REFRESHMENT STANDS

Prior to the parade there will be 6 refreshment booths set up in the downtown area, manned by civic and church groups.

FEATURED MUSIC

The APCI Music Makers will feature Christmas music in the bandstand from 5 p.m.until 7 p.m. Following Santa's arrival in the Cherry Picker, the public is invited to hear the Singing bells under the direction of Evelyn Jones. They will entertain from a beautiful stage set up on Lake Verona. This will be the climax of an evening long to be remembered by the thousands of spectators.

Cemetery Company Proposes Burial Without Traditional Casket

Funeral Home In Fight To Reduce Burial Expenses

By ALBERTA JONES

Lively words about the costs of death are swirling about the county, because of a local cemetery company's efforts to find funeral homes which will offer services without caskets.

To date only one Highlands County undertaker — James Fountain of Avon Park — has agreed to cooperate with Lakeview Memorial Gardens' plan to offer burial in a fiberglass vault which eliminates use of a traditional casket.

No Sebring funeral home is offering such services. Rather, the proposal has drawn hostile reactions. Robert Sherwood, who heads the private company which owns and operates Lakeview Memorial Gardens, said the cemetery management "has taken some heat."

Fountain, who operates Fountain Funeral Home (on U.S. 27 near Bougainvillea Cemetery), shies away from endorsing any product and refers to the fiberglass vault as an enlargement in a range of services. "People should have all the options available at this time," Fountain said, adding, "As a funeral director I should not deny any option because of my personal feelings."

Feelings about the new approach to burial are strong. Opponents deride it as "lacking dignity."

The service, marketed under several trade names, calls for use of an inexpensive liner placed inside a display casket, a catafalque. Slumber-Bed, the trade name for the product which Fountain plans to sell, uses a sturdy cardboard liner inside a catafalque of expensive metal or hard woods. After all viewings and services, the catafalque is removed. The liner is sealed inside the special fiberglass vault and buried in the usual way.

United Merchandise Corp., the Orange County company which is the supplier for Fountain and Lakeview Memorial Gardens, emphasizes the indestructible qualities of fiberglass.

However, it is cost which is the number one sales point for the non-casket approach to burial. And it is on the cost battle ground that Sebring funeral directors have chosen to wage war.

Without exception the funeral directors interviewed by The News — including Fountain — said traditional type services, including caskets and vaults, are available in a very wide range of prices, many lower than the Slumber-Bed services.

Paul Lewis, vice president of United Merchandise Corp., said the vault will be offered for sale in Highlands County at a cost of about $450. He estimated that funeral home service charges in this area will average $595 and rental of the catafalque, $100.

One Sebring funeral director said he would estimate the funeral home service charges in this area would average $695 but that price is, he pointed out, negotiable since each family needs and desires different levels of services — use of funeral home cars, use of the funeral home for viewing hours and funeral services, for example.

He said traditional caskets — "not cardboard," he stressed — are available for as little as $125. To this would be added the costs of a concrete grave liner or vault — $125 to $300. This underuaker estimates that funerals of the traditional type are costing $1,300 in Highlands County now compared to the Slumber-Bed services' price of $1,190.

In a time of inflation, however, people worry about climbing prices, and officials at Lakeview Memorial Gardens point out that pre-need purchase is an

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Convoy Leaves Bombing Range For Eglin AFB Operation

A convoy sent out from the Avon Park Bombing and Gunnery Range on Tuesday, Nov. 29, will be arriving at Elgin Air Force Base at Fort Walton Beach, on Wed. Nov. 30. Operations for the Blue Flag 78-1 program at Eglin will begin Dec. 3 and continue through the 6th.

The 23 vehicles making the trip will be carrying 45 crew members and nine [illegible] pieces of electronic equipment. According to Captain Alldredge, of Avon Park Bombing Range, the purpose of the trip is to "provide tactical air command crews with training in recognizing radar signals and practicing counter measures for enemy missiles.

The enemy fire is simulated by the Bombing range's radar equipment, so that no rounds have to be fired. This means the practice is safer and less expensive. The commanding officer for the Bombing Range's ground operations is Lt. Col. Bachman. Ranking non-commissioned officers are Chief Master Sergent Ervin and Chief Master Sergent Boudreaux.

On Oct. 17, the Bombing Range's electronic equipment operators went to Eglin for a 12 day mission similar to this operation. Pilots from all over the Southeastern United States will be flying in to 'shoot down' the Bombing Range's signals.

After the mission at Eglin, four of the nine simulators and 15 men, will travel to Shaw Air Force Base at Sumter, South Carolina for Operation Scoreboard, a program similar to Eglin's Blue Flag. This operation will be more localized and will last three days, from Dec. 12-14. All of the Bombing Ranges personnel should get back home by Dec. 16.

Witnesses Refuse To Testify In Sexual Battery Case

In an apparent conclusion to a last weeks attempted sexual battery case at the Avon Park Middle School, the County Division juvenile has taken over investigations after the two persons who filed complaints would not sign a sworn affadavit, according to a police department spokesman, thus leaving the police no choice than to transfer the case to the Juvenile Department.

The incident occurred on Thursday, Nov. 17, in the Home Economic Department of the Middle School. The victim was a white 13 year-old boy and the two being investigated are black 13 year-old males.

The juvenile authorities will decide the best course of action to be taken.

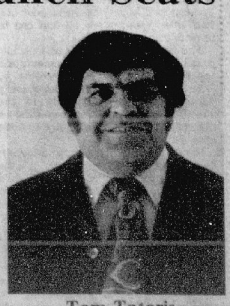
Voters To Choose Two Of These Men For Council Seats

Robert Britt
.....seeks third term

Milton Howard
.....seeks sixth term

Henry Dennis
.....political newcomer

Richard Nealis
.....political newcomer



Tom Tataris
.....political newcomer

Comments On Tax Cuts And Economy

By Congressman Skip Bafalis

— What's the best way to stimulate a sluggish economy?

Some political leaders feel the best solution is to spend money the government doesn't have so the government can turn around and finance all sorts of projects throughout the country.

It's called pump-priming and, as an economic theory, it's been around for decades. Unfortunately, however, it hasn't been all that successful.

However, there is another way to prime the pump-without relying on the bureaucracy to spend the people's money.

And that is to let the people spend it themselves.

It's worked before, And it can work again. That's why I have co-sponsored legislation to give taxpayers a tax cut averaging 33 per cent between now and 1980.

In addition, this bill would reduce corporate taxes from 48 to 45 per cent over the next three years.

What would such a tax cut do? According to experts, the end result would be the creation of four million new jobs and the addition of $157.4 billion to our gross national product.

Equally as important, such a reduction would show the American people that the Congress cares about them-that the Congress knows taxes have reached the unreasonable level and must be reduced.

Surprisingly, the effect on the national debt will be negligible.

After President Kennedy's tax cut in 1962, some economists predicted a $2.4 billion loss to the Treasury in the first year. Instead, there was a $7 billion gain.

The period 1960-65 saw the U. S. with its greatest capital investment boom in modern history. Jobs were created by the tens of thousands, slashing welfare lines and putting men and women to work creating goods and services for others to buy.

And, because of tax cut, there was money to buy things.

There are those who contend that five year span was one of the best in our economic history.

Unfortunately, all the good works went down the drain in the late 1960's as a free-spending President and a free-spending Congress enacted all sorts of social programs and tried to run a major war — all without a tax increase.

We need to go back to the tax cut to turn our economy around, to give Americans a renewed faith in their country and a willingness to spend money and the money to spend.

This tax cut program was introduced in July but has been hanging fire in the House Ways and Means Committee since then. For that reason, I have signed a discharge petition to pull the bill from committee and send it to the floor for action.

This legislation is needed-and needed now.

It's needed not only because it would energize our economy, but also because it would be of great assistance to low and middle class families.

Taxpayers earning less than $8,000 a year would get a 90 percent tax cut under this proposal, while cuts in other income levels would range from 48.3 per cent down to 33 per cent.

And you and I can do more for the economy, spending our own money, than all the bureaucrats in Washington.

All we need is the chance, the chance this bill would provide.

Make Sure You Have Everything For School, Dear

Our Reader's Opinions

Social Security Elderly Ripped Off

Dear Editor:

The true facts are eleven million elderly work for an honest living to survive. This is their only income. Because they earn more than $3,000 per year they are robbed of their monthly Social Security, of which they paid the premiums.

On the other hand millions of elderly can have income of far more than $3,000 per year and collect their monthly Social Security payments. (Who said this is justice?)

The penalty on earnings is illegal, unconstitutional, discriminates, puts class against class. This type of operation is worse than Watergate ever was. The true facts are Al Ullman (Democrat) Chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Commitee, voted not to repeal the penalty. Yes, it is true, the longer you stall the more penalized elderly will pass away getting nothing or very little of the Scoial Security they paid in to, Ullman has the audacity to take his tremendous salary from the taxpayers, the best pension plan, the best hospital plan and the best expense account.

It appears a law suit in behalf of the eleven million penalized elderly for Social Security back pay retroactive will bring honesty for the premiums they paid for. They do not want charity or welfare.

This statement will go to newspapers throughout the United States as well as Senators and Representatives.

Robert Stevnot
Cape Coral, Florida

School Incidence Apalling

Dear Editor:

As parents of students currently enrolled at Avon Park Middle School, we are appalled at the behavior of some of the students currently enrolled there.

What is most shocking is the fact that the principals and teachers seem to prefer to hide these actions from the public rather than doing something constructive about them. I am referring in particular to the incident of the alleged sexual assault on a 13 year old boy at school Wednesday Nov. 16..

The boy that committed the alleged assualt has a past history of misconduct, and the principal has done very little about it. It has also come to my attention that the teachers at the Middle School were not notified of this particular situation, and some did not learn about the alleged assault until it was reported in the newspaper.

We feel that as parents and concerned adults, we should stand together and demand that the people we pay, who are in charge of our kids and the school system, do a better job or get out!!!

Concerned Parents

Servicemen's Addresses

Gentlemen:

You have been so good about publishing the addresses of boys in the service and our sons really appreciate cards, so I hope you will find room to publish them:

Lt. Commander John Charles Knapp, U. S. N.
U.S. S. America (CV 66)
F. P. O. New York 09501
And,
Capt. Bill L. Knapp M. C.
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Ft. Sill, Okla. 73503

Thank you, with great appreciation.

The Rev. and Mrs. John L. Knapp
406 Danube
Davis Island
Tampa, Fla. 33606

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Ask To See Their License

"Ask to see their license," is the theme of a chorus of warnings raised by county and city officials in anticipation of the annual "invasion" of fly-by-night" tradesmen.

Henry Eures, county building official, said the county issues a pocket card which registered tradesmen can carry with them. County law requires that all persons engaged in such trades as paving, painting, roofing, installation of spectic tanks, must be registered with the county.

The county law provides that the tradesman must supply a current credit report and post a bond. The bond, Eures cautioned, does not guarantee the quality of a tradesman's work and county law does not require any sort of competency test for pavers –which is a favorite trade among the "con men" workers.

Under state law anyone doing business in the state must purchase a Florida tag for his vehicle and be licensed to drive in this state.

Eures said the county has received one complaint about a paver driving a truck which does not show Florida tags.

Local registration is at least a minimum of protecttion for local consumers, the county and city officials say. Both pointed out that when winter weather closes-in northern markets, some "con men" move south along with the many legitimate winter visitors

Things Out My Way

By Alice Smith

Last Saturday, one of Florida's largest and most widely-read daily papers devoted a full page of its ViewPoint section to the National Women's Conference in Houston.

Looking back on the conference in print, were syndicated columnists Gray Wills of Universal Press; James Kilpatrick, Washington Star; Ellen Goodman, Boston Globe and Joan Beck, Chicago Tribune.

No one can accuse the paper of bias. These are good writers, from all points of the compass, liberal or conservative in varying degrees. The nicest touch of all was balancing the sexes. The men and the women got equal space. I digested that full page, and, oddly enough, found each columnist arriving or hinting at the same conclusion; different styles and viewpoints, to be sure, but a single final impression.

Women are emerging as a new political force.

Ellen Goodman said "the conference itself proved to be a political training ground for both the pro-and anti-change groups. These women are in politics to stay."

Conservative Kilpatrick wrote, "after listening to these ladies for the better part of three days — I left Houston with the heretical thought (that ought to be suppressed) that it was a mistake ever to teach little girls to read. They grow up to be women who read "Robert Rules of Order", Ms. Anne Saunier of Ohio is the best presiding officer I ever watched in action. If she wanted to make her services available to the presidential conventions of 1980, we could wrap up the business in 24 hours and go home."

Joan Beck was saddened by the seeming lack of concern for children's welfare at both conferences but impressed by the steps taken to influence federal government.

Garry Wills disagreed wholeheartedly with the widespread male belief that "women libbers" are all sex-starved or lesbians. He listened to Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Johnson and felt they were liberated women who would help liberate men from ancient prejudices.

From all of this, I deduce that the ladies, bless 'em, are becoming aware of political power and the uses thereof.

When you consider that women number over 109 million, over half of our total population, that's power with a capital "P".

When they realize this individually and move collectively, I pray they use it wisely and well.

Sam Irvin Speaks Out

By Mark Albright

During the fall semester at Harding College in Searcy, Ark. former U. S. Senator Sam Ervin spoke to all students on the campus.

Although Ervin has retired from public office, he has not left the political scene completely. Since his retirement, Ervin has been expressing his opinions across the nation, on such controversial topics as the Watergate investigation, in which he played a prominent part. Ervin was chairman of the 1974 Select Senate Committee to investigate the campaign practices of former President Richard Nixon.

When Ervin was asked if he thought the Watergate Affair was the first abuse of power of its kind, he replied that it was merely the first time such acts have been uncovered.

When asked if he thought the Nixon tapes should be made public, Ervin explained, "I see no reason why not, since the tapes were paid for with the public's tax money."

Ervin was also asked if he thought former President Ford had any part in the Watergate cover-up, to which he replied, "Ford did all he could to stop the first attempt at Congressional Investigation."

Ervin said our present prison system is one of the major failures of our judicial system. "This country should study the present prison system, and build enough new ones to accomodate the overflow," Ervin said.

He added that this should only be done after an effort is made to rehabilitate those who are hehabilitatable. "You save a lot of money by converting a criminal into a law abiding citizen," Ervin declared.

In expressing his opinion of President Carter's administration to date Ervin merely offered, "Everybody has to learn." He went on to say, "I think he was doing too much too quickly, but is trying for an open government."

Ervin was also asked about such contemporary issues as the Equal Rights Amendment and President Carter's proposed Panama Canal treaty.

Concerning the Equal Rights Amendment Ervin said, "It is totally unnecessary. Those who are for it say it won't change a thing and those who are against it say it will bring about chaos. The problems life presents to women will still be presented by life."

"I'm an admirer of Anita Bryant," Ervin said enthusiastically. "Homosexuals have got every right I've got, but I don't see anywhere in the Constitution where anyone has the right to be a homosexual", he stated.

Ervin said he is opposed to the Panama Canal treaty. "People in the State Department have a guilt complex over digging the Canal," he said. Ervin noted that Louisiana was purchased from Napolean, who didn't consult his people and maybe the State Department could feel guilt about that and give Louisiana back to France.

Editor's Note: As part of his college course requirements, Mark worked at the Sun last summer and was home for Thanksgiving.

David Norris Hired As Personnel Aide For Highlands County

David Scott Norris of Sebring has been hired by Highlands County Commissioners to serve in the newly created post of personnel aide.

Norris, 37, is currently employed as a salesman with Townsend Lumber Co. In the new position with the county, he will be responsible for handling the complex problems of the more than 300 county employees.

He was personnel director at American Traveler, Inc., where he performed all personnel duties., for three years.

Norris also served as manager of production control and customer relations at Engine Support, Inc., for about a year. The post included scheduling all shop production.

The new aide was interviewed by Commissioner Robert Skipper, Charles Cullens, administrative assistant, and Gordon Hays Jr., county engineer. All three agreed Norris was the best-qualified of the six applicants who were given serious consideration for the job.

Salary for the new position, provided for in this year's budget, is $12,000.

Norris, who is to begin work with the county Dec. 1, is also a freelance writer and photographer who has sold articles to such publications as National Wildlife Magazine.

Commissioners unanimously approved hiring Norris during Tuesday's regular meeting.

Dr. Ronald Sevigny, representing Avon Park Industrial Park, asked the board to consider working with Avon Park on improvement of roads leading to some sections of the park.

He said the two roads, which run off State Route 64, lead to some prime sites. Present road conditions are so poor that four wheel vehicles are all that can be used to gain access.

The board directed Hays to look into possible costs for the improvements and report back at next week's meeting.

In an effort to keep from improperly delegating board authority to the sheriff's department, a new hearing on the concealed gun licensing law is to be held Jan. 3.

Robert P. Dunty Jr., county attorney, said a provision approved in the ordinance last week may be an invalid delegation of authority. The provision gives the sheriff power to suspend the license for 48 hours if the license holder has committed a felony.

The suspension provision was included to allow the board time to call a special meeting on revoking the license if the holder commits a felony. The hearing is to be held to consider dropping the suspension clause from the ordinance.

Unanimous approval was given a sheriff's department request to alter jail improvement expenditures.

Sheriff Joe Sheppard asked approval to delay installation of some new toilets and wash basins in the older section of the jail and to use the funds on installation of a security fence., parking lot paving and conversion of the walk-in cooler into a walk-in freezer.

He said new toilets ordered last year have not been installed and these should suffice until next year. He said the other improvements would cost more in the future due to inflation.

The change in plans is expected to save about $2,000 in this year's budget. The new toilets and wash basins had been estimated to cost about $11,000, while the other improvements will run over $9,000.

Notification was received that Gary McGahee has declined to accept appointment as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment. McGahee cited the complexities in the financial disclosure laws for public posts as his reason.

Some commissioners agreed the law is a problem for a free job.

The board approved installation of a street sign at the intersection of Eighth Ave. and Hicks Road in Lorida.

A request for county maintenance of a road in Citrus Acres in Sun'n Lake Estates was unanimously denied because it failed to meet county road specifications.

Public hearings on the proposed closing of El Dorado Ave. in Lake Letta Estates, and Harry Lee Road in Huntley Heighs, are to be held Jan. 3.

The board approved a change in construction plans on Childs Fish Camp Road Engineer Hays suggested using lime rock instead of clay, which was originally specified.

He said the reduction in transportation costs were substantial. It would cost $49,000 to buy and haul clay from Avon Park, which is 32 miles from the site, while it would cost $30,292 to buy and haul lime rock 10 miles from its supply source. The rock is comparable in quality to the clay.

Also approved was a measure calling for aerial spraying for the Jackson-Josephine Creek Watershed.

Bill Hinsley of Sand Beach was told by commissioners to seek a zoning variance to erect a six-foot high cyclone fence in his front yard.

Hensley had been in violation of county zoning regulations on fence height. His six-foot fence violated the four-foot limit on fences in front yards.

Hinsley asked the board to consider changing the ordinance so people could erect higher security fences around their property.

The board suggested he remove the fence and then seek the variance.

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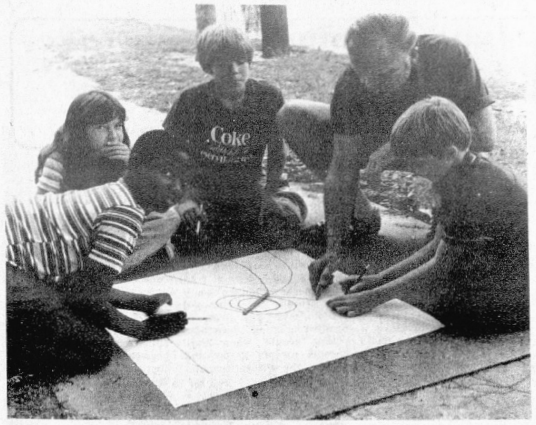
Batty's Sixth Graders Explore Magnetic Forces

How do you find lines of magnetic force was a question put to David Batty's sixth grade science classes at the Avon Park Middle School.

The lesson in science was a part of the unit being studied by the science classes on the magnetic forces on the surface of the earth.

Equipped with a magnetic compass, bar magnet, pencils and sheets of white paper they found they could not obtain accurate lines of magnetic force within the classroom because of the interference or shielding caused by metals within the building.

Shifting the classroom to a nearby sidewalk, they placed the bar magnet in a north-south direction on the large sheet of paper (on the sidewalk.) The compass was placed at one end of the bar magnet. A pencil dot was made on the paper of the location of the opposite end of the compass needle. The compass was moved to the far side of the pencil mark and again a mark was made on the paper at the opposite compass pole. The was repeated until the line of dots went off the paper. The whole procedure was also done at the opposite end of the bar magnet. A line connecting the bar magnet with the dots showed a line of magnetic force on the surface of the earth.



SIXTH GRADERS OF the Avon Park Middle School find and trace lines of magnetic force on paper by using a compass, and bar magnet. From the left: Thurmon Young, Joan Cobb, Bryan Arnold, David Batty, instructor and Travis Carter with compass. Sunphoto by Mitch Banks.

DUGGAN FOR MAYOR

Sec. 12. Mayor, powers & duties, replacement in event of sickness, absence or disqualification.

The duties of the mayor shall be to see that all ordinances of said city are faithfully executed, and he is authorized by and with the consent of the city council to appoint such police force as shall he necessary to insure the peace and good order in the city and a due observance of the laws within the city limits.

The present mayor advertises himself to be a full time mayor and the above statement from the municipal code gives him powers over the police department. I quote from his deposition, given under oath, in a civil suit now pending:

Page ten of mayors deposition. Quote: "We hire police chiefs to run the police department. I don't think the mayor has any right to go down and try to run the police department when he knows as little about it as I do. That's what we hired the chief for."

Unquote: I say the mayor has had almost four years in office, to learn his duties, and get some knowledge of the police department, yet his own words say he knows very little about it. I think its time for a change, don't you?

I will also keep close watch on budgeted spending of our tax dollars, you will have a published report each month of the spending in each department. Last year, according to reports, every department overspent except one, the police department. By a reported $34,000 tax dollars I assure you, if elected mayor, this will not happen. For a change, and continued progress, pull Lever 2A, Dec. 6.

Paid political advertisement — Paid for by J. R. Duggan, Treas.

Second Grade Turns Back The Hands Of Time

On Friday, Nov. 18, second graders of Mrs. Lucy Loveless' class at Avon Elementary School succeeded in turning back the hands of time. The children spent the entire day working, playing, and even eating just as American Indians did hundreds of years ago.

Mrs. Loveless excited charges came to school dressed as Indians. They enjoyed a spectacular day which included the construction and decoration of a tepee, an observation of Indian style cooking, pottery making, sand painting, and the making of necklaces.

Previously the class had made duck masks, and now they used them while doing an authentic Indian Duck Dance. After this activity a different type of lunch was served; one prepared Indian style by interested class mothers. Homemade Beef jerky and dried fruit were items on the menu.

In preparation for this long-awaited day, the class members had spent several weeks in study of an Indian unit. This unit included basic reading and writing skills in Indian lore, special reports, the preparation of unique Indian booklets, and the learning of actual Indian songs and dances.

It was a fun day for the kids, but they and their tired but happy teacher were quite willing to return to the more comfortable world of 1977.

Parents who assisted in the day's activities were: Mrs. Shirley Hitson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kiker and Mrs. Alice Stovin, Mrs. Wilma Conner. The school custodian also gave a great deal of help.

Mrs. Jamie Edge, media specialist shared Seminole Indian cloths, arrowhead, basket weaving and other Indian artifacts with the children.

Looking For Mother Of 1978

Florida Mother of 1978 nomination blanks are now being distributed. Any civic or social organization, church, or church group in Florida can sponsor a Mother of the Year candidate.

The candidate must be a woman of achievement whose children have outstanding accomplishments. Her youngest child must be 15 years of age or older. She must be a regular member and active in her church or synagogue, she must participate in community activities and she must embody characteristics highly regarded in mothers — love, courage, cheerfulness, patience, compassion and understanding.

The candidate selected as the 1978 Florida State Mother will be honored at the annual awards luncheon of the Florida Mothers' Association Feb. 19, 1978, in the Contemporary Hotel, Walt Disney World. She will also attend the Awards Conference of the American Mothers' Committee May 7 - 11, 1978 in Des Moines, Iowa. Here the National Mother of the Year will be selected from the candidates of the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

For further information and for an official nomination form contact Mrs. Sophy Mitchell, President of the Florida Mothers Association, 116 S. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring.

APCI Inmates Richer Than Other Florida Prisoners

"Maybe it's because we have an older group of inmates," is the "purely speculative" explanation Sidney Fortner suggests to explain why Avon Park Correctional Institution (APCI) inmates have more money than prisoners in other Florida prisons.

Fortner, who is superintendent for APCI, said he was surprised to learn that a general audit of the Florida prison system showed that in the 1975-76 fiscal year the APCI inmate bank account held 26 percent of the total funds in Florida state prisoners' accounts.

The $88,129 reported for APCI inmates is far ahead of the second highest account — the $47,665 deposited at Florida State Prison at Starke. The audit showed $337,407 deposited at 15 state institutions.

The prison system maintains inmate accounts where salaries earned on work release programs and other income may be deposited.

Fortner said that while some APCI inmates are involved in work release, the number is not large, not big enough to account for the difference between the accounts at APCI and larger prisons such as Raiford — where only $24,103 was in inmate accounts.

Fortner explained that APCI has a higher percentage of older men than most prisons in the Florida system. He said some of the men are in their 60's and a few their 70's and even older. These men may be drawing Social Security benefits, some veterans' pensions and disability payments of various kinds.

Fortner went on to explain that the audit covers a year when the average age at APCI was 44 — "quite a bit above" the average for most Florida prisons. He said the average age dropped as APCI was changed from a minimum security to a intermediate security facility.

Even though the prison population has changed, APCI has been able to maintain its position as one of the relatively low-cost institutions among state prisons. The cost per inmate per day has risen from $8.33 (in 1973-74) to $10.57 (in 1975-76). The $8.33 was the lowest cost in the state three years ago. By last year the APCI costs were fourth lowest. Taken as a group the community correctional and vocational centers had an average cost of $9.88 last year and the big prison at Raiford showed costs of $10.47. The intermediate security prison at Arcadia showed costs of $10.40 per day.

One of the factors in holding down APCI costs is the fresh produce grown and used at the prison. However, the auditor was critical of the prison's having given away some produce — $1,915 worth to state prisons at Arcadia and Clermont and Highlands County jail. The business manager for APCI explained the "gifts" to the Highlands County jail actually reimburse the county for housing state prisoners. In the future, he said, the prison paper work would show the produce trades.

On the whole, the audit was far less critical of APCI than reports in other years.

Most criticisms were met with assurances that corrections have been made in the procedures found at fault.

The audit shows that state appropriations for the operation of APCI in the 1975-76 year was $3,037,657 for current expenses. Salaries accounted for $1,956,714 of this amount.

In addition to its current budget the prison had capital fund expenditures for improvements to the electrical systems, kitchen and dining room and expansion of housing facilities. These appropriations released for use in the 1975-76 year totaled $3,811,745.

GENERATOR GOES

Charles Butler of Avon Park Lakes told Highlands County sheriff's deputies that a gas-powered generator was taken from a shed near his barn sometime since Labor Day. Value of the generator was set at $800.

Ward Goes Back To Prison

An Avon Park man who has spent half his life in prison is going back again — five more years added to the term he is to serve for violation of mandatory conditional release on an earlier sentence.

The new sentence was imposed on Johnny Lee Ward at the conclusion of his trial Nov. 15 on grand larceny and burglary charges. In response to questions from Judge Clifton M. Kelly Ward, who is in his mid-40's, said he had spent half his life behind bars, mostly on sentences for burglary and larceny.

His involvement with larceny is so long that Ward appeared to lose himself and the jury as he testified Tuesday. The jury brought back a conviction on the burglary charge but on the other charge the conviction was on a lesser count, petit larceny.

Both counts stemmed from Wad's arrest on Aug. 5 when Mrs. Garland Kimmel looked out a courthouse window and saw a strange pick-up truck headed down the street with a lawnmower looking very much like the one her husband reported missing from the family garage on Hickory St. near Franklin.

When Sebring police took Ward into custody he had a second stolen lawnmower in his possession and theft of a third machine was traced to him.

Since he had violated the conditions of his release from prison he was held in jail without bond until his trial.

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People / Events

By Betty Amburn

STATE AND DISTRICT officers were guests of honor at a dinner meeting of the Eleanor Seavern's Rebekah Lodge No. 65, held last week. From the left: Louise Clarke, assistant inside Guardian Rebekah Assembly; Ruth George, aide to vice-president; Flo Wells, Noble Grande, Eleanor Seavern Lodge; Essie Nagle, President Rebekah Assembly State of Florida; Elsie Nugent, Vice-president Rebekah Assembly-State of Florida and Betty Cooper, district deputy, president District No. 1. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Grange Holds Annual Installation

Lloyd Wyant was installed Master of Avon Park Grange at the Nov. 22nd meeting by General Deputy Walter Wood and his suite of Venice. Others installed were: Overseer-Donald Mason, Lecturer-Keith Debo and Assistant Lecturer-Gertrude Slocum, Steward-Chester Seegar; Assistant Steward-Clarence Higgs, Lady Assistant Steward-Cecile Higgs, Chaplain-Florence Mason, Treasurer-Ione Fullmer, Secretary-Miriam Debo, Ceres-Alma Doty, Pomona-Bessie Trude, Flora-Nettie Peterson, Executive member for 3 years-Ralph Fullmer, Pianist-Lillian Seegar.

The new Lecturer Keith Debo presented a program which honored a visiting Grange member Grayce E. Kuhn of Illinois. Miriam Debo and Gertrude Slocum sang Gobble, Gobble, Gobble which was written by Mrs. Kuhn. She also has published a book entitled: "Kathy and the Cornhusk Doll", an autographed copy of which had been presented to Mrs. Debo. Mr. Debo gave a Thanksgiving reading "Pumpkin Pie" and for closing thought: He enjoys much who is thankful for little.

It was announced that blue ribbon awards had been received by Florence Mason and Ralph Fullmer on their craft entries at National Grange: Avon Park Grange will enter a float in the Christmas parade and Ridge Pomona Grange will meet Dec. 10 at the Woman's Club hall.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Marie Bolin and Lavina Radcliffe.

The next regular meeting of Avon Park Grange will be Dec. 13 when members are requested to bring a cuddly toy or teddy bear for the Christmas Cheer project.

Highlanders To Present Singing Bell, Dec. 5

The Young Highlanders, Junior Highlanders, and the Bell Choir from the First Baptist Church are going to present a Singing Bell on Lake Verona at Donaldson Park, immediately after the Christmas Parade, Monday, Dec. 5, 1977.

The Highlanders are under the direction of Evelyn Jones, and the Bell Choir is led by Sybil Watson. Both of these fine groups are combining their talents to present a program of Christmas Music.

It is hoped that this may become a tradition which will expand in scope and be looked forward to each year in Avon Park. Plan to attend this fine musical program.

Legal Secretaries Study Law Library Facilities

For its November meeting, the Highlands County Legal Secretaries Association made a study of the research facilities of Highlands County Law Library.

The library is housed on the third floor of the county courthouse and is open to the public during regular courthouse office hours — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The library has only one paid staff member, Miss Linda White, so facilitiues are closed from noon to 1 p.m. for Miss White's lunch hour. The library follows the courthouse holiday schedule.

After Miss White had explained to the Legal Secretaries the procedures for operating the library and some of the materials now available, the meeting concluded with the reading of one of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions recently received at the library — the opinions on the John A. Spenkelink murder case and death sentence.

Helen Young, circuit court judges' secretary, arranged the program.

DAR To Hear Program

The members of Patriots Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold the Dec. 5 meeting in St. Catherine Parish Hall, Hickory Street in Sebring at 2 p.m.

Mrs. James Haynes will present a program around the Christmas story theme with Miss Hester Fleck conducting special Christmas music.

Mrs. Andrew G. Daigle, regent has announced the following members to serve as hostesses: Mrs. J. P. Drane, Mrs. J. K. Enzor, Mrs. M. F. McGee, Mrs. William J. Lockett, Mrs. Stanley Matthews, Mrs. Roy Randall, and Mrs. George A. Hamley.

This the last call for gifts for the veterans-patients at Bay Pines and Mrs. J. D. Watson, chairman of this project urges each member to cooperate in making this effort a success.

Gifts may be for both men and women, in the nature of toilet articles, greeting cards and stamps, playing cards, or good books.

Cradle Roll

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Anthony Smith of Lake Placid, announce the birth of a son, Michael Anthony Jr., born on Nov. 18, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 6½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalo Perez of Wauchula, announce the birth of a son, Gonzalo Jr., born on Nov. 21 at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs., 13½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hansel Jones of Sebring, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Bonner Chad, born on Nov. 22, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 7 lbs. 12½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Purser of Bowling Green, announce the birth of a son, Michael David, born on Nov. 22, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Michael Robertson, of Avon Park, are proud to announce the birth of a son Chesley Hines, IV, on Nov. 22, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 11 lbs. 7½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lynn Lowder, of Avon Park, announce the birth of a son, William Douglas, born on Nov. at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz.

Tracey Hartsfield

Couple To Wed Dec. 10

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hartsfield of Avon Park, are proud to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Tracey, to Johnnie Massey, son of Mrs. Ester Kinderick and Mr. W. L. Massey of Avon Park.

The marriage ceremony is to take place Sat., Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m., at the home of the bride's parents.

Junior Woman's Club Takes Stand On Child Abuse

A state wide Junior Woman's Clubs project, is banding together the Junior Woman's Clubs of Avon Park, Lake Placid and Sebring, in trying to find a home in Highlands County for housing abused children.

With 12 or more child abuse cases a month in Highlands County, Cindy Turner, chairman of the Junior Woman's Club child Abuse committee, stated the three clubs were asking the Board of Highlands County Commissioners to purchase a house, but none has been found thus far. However, in the meantime the commissioners are asking for more hard facts before they give approval for such a home.

Child abuse cases include infants to 4 and 5 year olds and older children, who are often left to fend for themselves, stated Cindy, with no one to feed or care for them. Sometimes they are also subjected to sexual abuse. According to the state these children cannot be placed in the county juvenile home and they thus they often have to be returned to their parents.

With a county home for abused children, the state would pay for the child's food and clothing, reported Cindy, plus a base salary for the person caring for the children. A couple has already been found, who are willing to take care of the approximately 15 children that could be housed in the home.

The three clubs are also working together on an education project in the county high schools, for junior and senior boys and girls, in planned parenting to help these young people when they become parents to try and prevent the frustrations that end in child abuse.

As part of their funding of this project the Junior Woman's Club accepted contributions of $25 savings bonds from the Avon Citrus Bank, Highlands County Band of Avon Park, Barnett Bank of Sebring, First National Bank of Sebring and First Home Federal Savings and Loan Association. These bonds were won by David Epstein, Mel Willims, Charles Shane, Alecia Mosely and Carl Arant Sr.

The Junior Woman's Club goes a step further in asking that anyone knowing of children, that are abused or neglected call the Child Abuse Registery at 1-800-342-9152. This is a 24 hour service and the caller need not give their name.

Wisconsin Club To Meet

The Ridge Wisconsin Club meeting will be held on Tues., Dec. 13, at Highlands Hammock Park. A covered dish dinner will be served at 12 noon.

All Wisconites and guests are welcome. Bring a dish to pass around, and your own tableware and drinks.

Woman's Club Plans Holiday Party, Dec. 2

Members of the Woman's Club of Avon Park will meet on Friday December 2, at 2 p.m., at the club house.

For the past several years, the club has presented an entertainment for the public in December. For a change of pace, the women have planned a holiday party for its members at the usual time and place of meeting.

This will be a fun and social event, a traditional Christmas party. Members may bring an inexpensive or "white elephant" gift, wrapped for Christmas, to be placed in a grab bag.

Mrs. George Couch, president of the club, has announced that an executive board meeting will be held at the regular time and date this December, which falls on Friday, December 30.

She is expecting a large turnout for Friday's party, since a purely social gathering is a special event for the Woman's Club.

Couple To Celebrate 45th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Niewold of Avon Park will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversay, Saturday, Dec. 3, with a few friends at their home.

The couple formerly lived in Chicago, where Niewold owned and operated his own garage.

Wanda Perry Honored At Bridal Luncheon

Mrs. Wanda Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Perry, was recently honored with a bridesmaid luncheon which was held at the Rock Hill Country Club, in South Carolina. Mrs. John King Boykin Jr., sister of the bride to be, and Mrs. John King Boykin, Sr., of Rock Hill and Greenville, served as co-hostesses of this event.

Guests included the bridal attendents, Miss Linda Brock, of Columbia, S. C.; Miss Sylvia Helms, Miss Candy Dendtler, Miss Carol King, all of Charolette, S. C.; Miss Lisa Bagwell, of Fort Mill, S. C.Misses Jennifer Bagwell of Rock Hill, S. C., and Lynn Boykin, of Dalton, Ga.

The bride-to-be presented her honor attendents with gold necklaces.

Out of town guests were the mothers of the couple., Mrs. M. J. Perry and Mrs. Joseph Bagwell; the grandmother of the bridegroom, Mrs. Joseph Bagwell; the bride's grandmother, Mrs. J. M. O'Hern of Avon Park, Mrs. A. Womack and Mrs. Fred Marshall of Tifton, Ga.; Mrs. Frank Bracewell, of Valdosta, Ga., and Mrs. Scott Bagwell of Columbia, S.C.

Drop-In

A drop-in was also held, honoring Miss Perry, at the home of Mrs. George Anthony on Stonehill Place, S. C. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Herbert Collins and Miss Donna Anthony.

Thirty-five guests called at the Anthony home, which was beautifully decorated with fall flowers.

The bride-elect was presented silver candle holders from the hostesses.

Bridge

Miss Perry and Mr. Bagwell were entertained recently at a bridge party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey, co-hosts were Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Seymour.

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Ends or pieces of cheese that have dried out may be grated and kept refrigerated in a clean, tightly covered glass jar or container, and used for garnishing or accenting.

For more information on purchasing, storing and using cheese, call or visit the Extension Office and request Bulletin No. 193 "How to Buy Cheese".

Extension Homemakers To Meet

The Extension Homemakers Council of Highlands County will hold its annual Christmas party at the Agri-Civic Center in Sebring this Friday, at 6 p.m.

It will be a covered dish dinner for Extension Homemakers and their families.

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