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City Pays \$700 To Settle Suit With Renfro

At the City meeting Monday night, Jan. 23, council member's heard the report given by City Attorney Jack Hancock in reference to Jim Renfro's pre-trial hearing, which was held on Jan. 19. The suit concerns Renfro's lease with the city at the Avon Park Municipal Airport, which is where Renfro has his Highlands Aviation, Inc. outfit.

In the hearing, Judge Oliver Greene suggested that Highlands Aviation had a right to the lease and felt that the suit could be settled out of court. According to Hancock, the city had a "large foundation in justice, but little (foundation) in law," concerning their refusal to honor Renfro's lease.

Hancock also suggested that Judge Green feels that the city would not have a very good defense in court, because their action was "not very profound." After Hancock reported this information, someone in the audience made a remark to the effect that Hancock had lost another case, apparently the second of the night.

At this comment, Hancock seemed enraged. He stated to the effect that, if anyone were at the court, it was his ability to defend the rights of the city or if anyone were to

question his loyalty to the council and its decisions, then he should "meet me (Hancock) outside." He also stated that he was not "afraid" of anyone at the council meeting, or for that matter, anyone in Avon Park, except for the possible exception of Ken Long. Hancock's apparent anger died as quickly as it was sparked and the discussion continued.

Based on the fact that the "objectionable clauses or removal of clauses had been in conflict with FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) regulations," Hancock suggested that the council should agree to honor the existing lease with Highlands Aviation, Inc. In addition, Hancock suggested that the council offer Renfro \$700 for attorney fees. Hancock stated, although Renfro asked for \$1000, he was sure the Highlands Aviation owner would settle for the \$700 cash prize.

The motion was presented by councilman Robert Britt and seconded by Kelley Phillips to accept the recommendation of the city attorney and drop action contesting the "declaratory judgment suit filed against the city by Highlands Aviation, Inc." The motion was

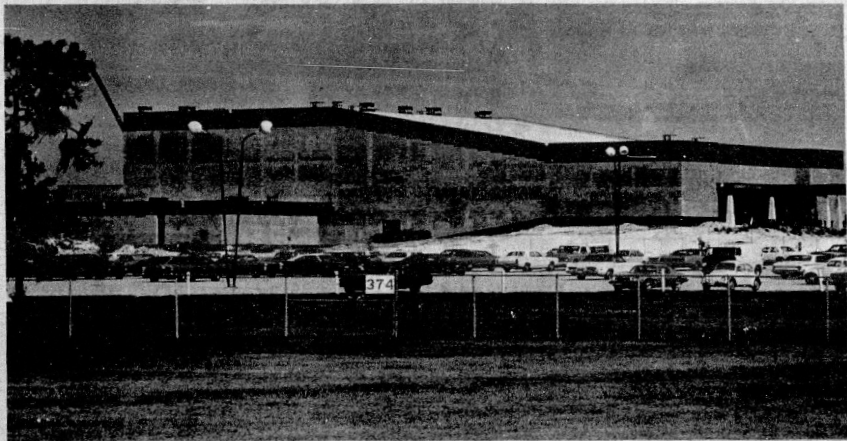
carried unanimously. Jim Renfro's attorney, Jim Kelly, assured those who had been subpoenaed, that it was not necessary to report for depositions which were to have been

taken Feb. 25.

Although he did accept the \$700 settlement, Renfro feels that he has not been justly treated by the city.

He states that his investments in fighting the city's actions has totaled in excess of \$2100. With the settlement, Renfro is still showing a \$1400 loss, although he still has

maintained his rightful lease to the airport. Renfro states that if it would have cost everyone involved a lot less, if the city had just lived up to its own lease agreement.



Community Auditorium...Towering Over The SFJC Campus Is To Be Completed In Six Months

Ellerbee Hearing Dropped By City

"The four complaints filed in writing were insufficient to sustain charges," City attorney Jack Hancock told the Avon Park City Council during their regular Monday night meeting. It was also his opinion that to be valid all charges against the building inspector, C. W. Ellerbee, should be subsequent to Jan. 10, 1977, when previous charges had been dropped.

The written complaints referred to by Hancock were filed by B. F. Camp Sr., Jimmie C. Cole, George Geisler and J. L. McWilliams Jr. in response to the city council voting at their Monday, Jan. 9 meeting to receive complaints for one week, ending Monday, Jan. 16.

Councilman David Barefield moved that the charges against the

building inspector be dropped in view of the city attorney's opinion. However, the motion died for lack of a second.

Speaking from the floor, J. L. McWilliams asked how long the statute of limitations ran and was told by Hancock, from 20 years to 2 years. But he pointed out that the complaints had very little of concrete merit as far as he was able to ascertain.

Whether the council proceeds or does not proceed, does that wipe out former charges, asked councilman Robert Britt? To which Hancock replied, "No, it does not if formal charges were not filed." He added that the council could go back over a number of years, but the court may say, if it took five years to bring charges you do not have much of a case.

City council president Larry Albritton called on Jim Kelly, building inspector C. W. Ellerbee's attorney, for a statement. Kelly told the council that if the council choose to proceed with the hearing and proceed under common law against their own attorney's recommendation, he would contest it.

Reports and newspapers articles reflect prejudice on the part of one or more councilmen, continued Kelly and a hearing requires an unprejudiced board. Should the council go to a hearing, he would go to a state or federal court to have the councilmen removed from the

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New Auditorium Towering Over SFJC Campus Buildings

The new Community Auditorium and Fine Arts Complex which is being constructed for South Florida Junior College and the Highlands County area is now within six months of being completed. The building, which is partially state funded and partially funded through donations, is planned to be completed in middle of July.

The auditorium will consist of five classrooms, which are planned to accommodate the art and music classes, ten practice rooms for the music students, a darkroom for the new photography class, a make-up room for theatrical performances, a production room to build stages, and various offices. The reason for the addition to the college's teaching space is due to the cramped conditions presently at the college.

According to Wilford Beumel, vice-president at the college, if the state approves the current plans of change, the present art room will be converted into the Student Personnel Office and the Admission

Office. The present Student Personnel Office and the present Admissions Office will be changed to accommodate business offices and faculty offices. Mr. Beumel stated that the faculty offices are presently scattered over the campus, anywhere an office can be placed. Although the building is planned

to be completed in July, the college is not planning to use the auditorium until Sept. when they will have an official opening ceremony. The classrooms, which wrap around the auditorium, are planned to be used beginning the fall semester, which begins in Aug. College officials had planned to

have the opening on the Fourth of July, because the construction company, the Ellis Construction Co., Inc., of Tampa, stated that work would be done by the end of June. But when the college stated that it

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Juveniles Arrested For Stealing Cars

Three juveniles were apprehended Tuesday, Jan. 24 for two charges of grand theft auto and one charge of possession of stolen property in Lake City. Three Glades County minors were arrested by Lake City Police after a police check on the tags of the car they were driving turned out to be stolen.

According to Avon Park police spokesperson, the three had apparently stolen a 1973 Buick Opel

in Glades County. They drove into Highlands County and on Sunday night, Jan. 22, proceeded to steal A. M. McKinney's 1976 Ford Torino from the parking lot of the Church of God in Avon Park.

Leaving the stolen Opel in the church parking lot, the youths traveled north to Lake City, where they were held in jail until the Avon Park police could transport them back into Avon Park. The three face charges in three different cities. One

charge of grand theft auto in Glades County, one charge of grand theft auto in Avon Park, and one charge of possession of stolen property in Lake City.

Avon Park Police Chief Robert Brooks would like to warn citizens not to leave keys in the ignition of any vehicles. The chances of getting your car stolen under these circumstances are very high. Its better to be safe now than to be sorry later. McKinney's car had the keys left in it.

Range To Hold Open House, Planes To Be On Display

Aviation enthusiast of today's and yesterday's aircraft will soon have a chance to see both types in one place.

The Avon Park Air Force Bombing Range will be hosting an Open House, Friday, Jan. 27. In addition to displays portraying base and range functions and various modern aircraft, there will be about 20 World War II type aircraft. These vintage aircraft are now privately owned and flown by members of the Experimental Aircraft

Association, the "Warbirds." The Range will also have static displays of U.S. Army armored guns which utilize the range facilities for field training exercises, static displays of radar units currently utilized by the

Electronic Warfare section at the Range. The Range will also have displays of the types of weapons and ordnance dropped and fired on the range.

Two currently used aircraft, an OV 10 and 62 will

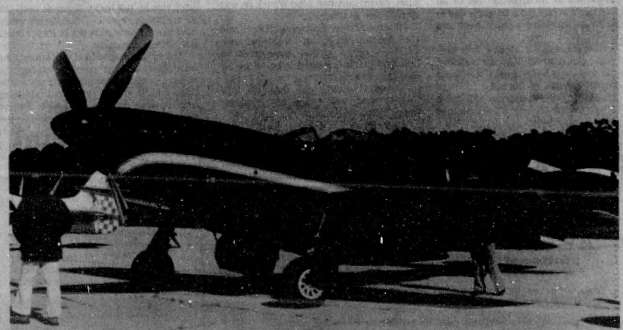
be flying in from Patriot Air Force Base. The base would like to have the larger planes, but due to the length of the Avon Park Air Force Range runway and ground facilities required by the more modern sophisticated jet aircraft, their landing on base is limited to emergency use only.

The Bombing Range Wives Club will have a refreshment booth set-up and will have hot dogs, cokes and etc. for sale. The gates will open to the public at 9:45 a.m. and

remain open until 3:00 p.m. There will be signs erected to guide visitors to the display area. Normal range activity will be conducted during this time, so the ranges themselves will not be open to the public. Since the entire event will be staged out of doors, attendees are requested to dress according to the weather.

The planes are scheduled to arrive at approximately 10:00 a.m. It is advised that you come early, in order that you may witness the spectacular arrival of these aircraft.

Visitors are reminded that they are required to check in at the front gate check point immediately after crossing Arbuckle Creek. Only the area at the flight line and the direct route to this area will be opened to the public. All other federal and state owned property will be off limits due to security reasons.



P51 Mustang

...Can Be Seen Friday At The Bombing Range Open House



T6 Trainer Used In WW II

Viewpoint/Commentary

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Good Schools Demand Concerned Citizens

Teachers must be supported outside the classroom by parents and other citizens who care and who join in expressing their concern in action, sponsors of American Education Week point out. This year's observance is Nov. 12-19.

"If we do not concern ourselves with the schools, we are forfeiting some of the responsibility we share for the future of our community and our country," said Chet Brojek, President of the Highlands County Education Association. "Our care, on the other hand, can help minimize the pressures of current crises, and it can lighten the darkness of the unknown that lies ahead." He noted that the AEW theme this year is "Working Together for Education."

Sponsors of the observance have noted a number of approaches for expressing this care in action. Among these are the following:

1. Ask teachers how you can support their activities at home and in your neighborhood. Learn the objectives of various types of instruction so as to be able to explain those goals to young people.

2. Encourage young people to involve themselves as completely as possible in their learning by showing that intellectual curiosity is natural and valuable. For example, encourage them to view the programs on television that focus on current events, or American history, or the various peoples, animals, plants, customs of other parts of the world. Foster young people's interest in Public Broadcasting System programs that might supplement their classroom studies.

3. Help encourage young people toward a sense that the schools belong to them as well as to adults.

National sponsors of American Education Week are the American Education Association, the American Legion, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and the U. S. Office of Education. Statewide, one of the participants is the Florida Teaching Profession-NEA. Locally, the Highlands Education Association is stressing the importance of American Education Week.



No Wonder You Keep Losing...There's Nothing But 'Snakeeyes' Here

Our Reader's Opinions

Deplores Cigarette Smoking As Deadly

Dear Editor:

Since the historical research of the Surgeon General of the United States of America for the relation of cigarette smoking to lung cancer, nations and their leaders have become "health conscious" and "health anxious."

Great moral international movements, moral international mobilizations of manpower and campaigns have taken place and are taking place against cigarette smoking. Many organizations, societies and even international councils on smoking and health are organized by great men and women of integrity and ability. They are medical personnel, scientists, civic and government leaders, business administrators and patriotic minded persons from all walks of

life to fight the greatest cause of the untimely death of man—cigarette smoking and to save the nation from decay.

First, the European Council on Smoking and Health was held at Bad Homburg, Germany, Sept. 6-9, 1971. The second European Council on Smoking and Society will be held at Rotterdam, Holland on Aug. 28-31, 1978.

Thank God for not being a victim of the smoking habit, from my boyhood. Credit goes to the American Missionaries and my Christian teachers in the near East. I grew up and witnessed the deadly effects of cigarette smoking on the lives of my comrades and friends. I began to talk and write against smoking. I did appreciate the kindness and courage of the "Atlanta Constitution" for publishing my one or two

small letter-articles on the Pulse page, on March 29, 1957.

I have applauded the Atlanta Constitution for being the first in publishing the findings of the Nation's top scientists, including, Dr. Kolla Dyer of Emory University, concerning cigarette smoking and lung cancer.

On Oct. 1, 1953 my small letter article in the Atlanta Constitution was "My disapproval of smoking among our clergymen, priests, preachers and the ministers of the Gospel—to shun all objectionable habits and be a pattern of right conduct."

Early one morning soon after, I entered my office at Sharian Inc., Decatur, Ga. I had to rush to answer the telephone. The voice on the other end said, "Is this Bedros M. Sharian?" I said, "Yes." Then the voice in an unpleasant tone said, "Why did you write that article in the Atlanta Constitution,

you 'Stupid', I am also a Bible reader, I know the Bible as much as you do, etc."

I did not answer him. I was surprised and prayed inwardly. I forgave him, but I never forgot the incident. I believe that it was one of the clergymen in the neighborhood.

If the person is living I hope that he will humble himself to apologize. The Surgeon General of the United States of America, the 4000 doctors who did quit smoking, the noted scientists, medical personnel, noble men and women of organizations, societies and councils on smoking and health and the great American Cancer Society and the most courageous Secretary, Joseph A. Califano Jr. If all these are "Stupid" I am exceedingly happy and glad to be in their numbers.

Signed,
Bedros M. Sharian

Council Ponders Way To Hire Officials

In a supposedly different issue, subtitled on the meeting agenda, "Proposed ordinance of Department Heads," the council discussed the policies in which the city has for dismissing appointed department heads.

It was suggested by councilman Britt that, "this council has no control, no power." He stated that in his view even if the council wanted to dismiss an appointed official, it couldn't. He also felt it wasn't right that the present council is required to keep the same department heads that a totally different council of the past appointed. In other words, he didn't feel that the present council should have to suffer for the inadequacies of an earlier council. Britt proposed that the council think on the terms of rehiring department heads every two years. Upon Britt's suggestion, councilman Barefield asked Britt if he didn't think that this would cause the department heads to play in politics just to keep their jobs. Barefield asked if Britt didn't feel that department officials would be cautious of financially important people and be swayed by the fact that if they didn't show considerations that they would not be rehired?

Britt bluntly replied no, these things would not happen. Britt said that the way things are now it was totally unfair to have all city officials under a set system of dismissal, except for one department head, the building inspector. Britt suggested that they "put all of them (department heads) in the same category." Which brings one to wonder whether Britt meant to change the procedures of dismissing the official so that they will be similar to the rest of the city official's procedures, making it easier to get rid of the building official, or change everything to imitate the building inspector's situation.

After Britt's suggestion, Barefield stated that as the city

procedures stand any city employee, including the mayor, the council members, the department heads, and right on down to the workers, could be dismissed easily, if just causes have been demonstrated and due process is accorded. Barefield stated that he felt the existing procedures are efficient to eliminate inadequate employees without getting politics involved.

Upon Barefield's final assertion of the solidity of the city's dismissal procedure for employees, city Attorney Jack Hancock stated that the building inspector is not a civil service employee. Barefield suggested that the issue should be tabled in order for the council members to attain additional information concerning the department heads.

Although there was no mention to table the issue, which should have been a motion, which should have been studied outside of the meeting, the issue was tabled for further contemplation. According to the minutes of the meeting, the issue died immediately after a motion by Mr. Britt died for lack of a second, but it is currently being tagged as 'tabled'.

The city council has been putting on the pretenses of running this meeting democratically through the means of parliamentary procedure which is a procedure outlined by Roberts Rules of Order. But whenever someone alien to the council tries to point out errors in the council's parliamentary procedure, through a perfectly ordinary point of order, as did Richard Neals, the City Attorney Hancock says that the council is not bound to the meeting rules. He outlined in Roberts Rules of Order.

It seems that the council is 'cheating' in a way. Its like going to the park to play a game of football and every time your team starts to win, the other team changes the rules. Rephrasing Councilman Britt's own words, 'Its not fair.'

Hospital To File For Building

Its bargaining position strengthened by a new method for computing hospital occupancy rates, Walker Memorial Hospital will soon file a new application for permission to build a satellite in Lake Placid.

Officials at South Central Florida Health Systems Council offices in Sarasota said the new application is expected to include information about the occupancy rate during the peak winter season. At the time the initial bid for the satellite was rejected the South Central Florida Health Systems Council's project review committee cited the relatively low rate of occupancy in

the primary Walker facilities at Avon Park.

At the same time Highlands General Hospital was refused permission to build an addition and the rate of occupancy was cited as one reason. Walker Administrator John McClelland and Highlands General Administrator Vernon Bielefeld both complained that the health agency had used the annual occupancy rates as the basis for its decision. The local residents said hospitals in this area experience overcrowding during the winter months and they pressed for the committee to give greater weight to seasonal demands for health care.

McClelland and the Lake Placid hospital committee leaders had a planning session scheduled for today (Jan. 25) when, it is expected, they will reach a decision whether the new application will be for a facility much like the 45-bed unit requested last year. The project review committee members had raised some questions about whether the local committee members fully understood the limited nature of the facilities it was seeking.

As presented last spring the satellite was projected as a \$1.3 million project to be constructed entirely from hospital and community funds without tax grants.

It is believed that the new application will be filed within a month.

Energy Saving School Plans Approved

A \$6.5 million construction program may soon be under way once Highlands County School Board gives final approval to an ambitious building plan that includes new middle schools in Sebring and Avon Park.

The board has authorized a call for final working drawings on Sebring Middle School and Avon Park Middle School and gave approval to a set of recommendations for preliminary plans for gym remodeling at both schools and at Lake Placid Middle School.

In addition to plan approval, the board also heard a financial report at a special meeting Tuesday night that shows state funds could be used to begin additions and remodeling at Lake Placid Middle School.

The new Sebring and Avon Park buildings are to incorporate use of an earthen berm along exterior walls that is to act as an insulator against heat and cold.

The berms will be about 6 feet high and slope gently away from the building. A ground cover is to be used on the slopes to prevent erosion of the soil.

In addition, the buildings will have large overhangs to shade exterior walls.

Board member Steve Roberts said, "Everything I find is that earth is the best insulating material for the money."

He suggested the University of Florida's Agriculture Department could give suggestions as to what would make

an effective ground cover for the berms. Joe Pavelchak, project architect, said use of the earthen slopes would cost an estimated \$10,000, while facing the building completely with brick would run to about \$20,000.

"Architecturally I think it looks attractive (earth berms). I'm not making recommendations based on aesthetic considerations, but on economy and energy savings," Pavelchak said. The board last week delayed giving a final nod on use of the new energy saving concept, to allow members to study the proposal.

Board Member Kenneth Grady said he wanted to do more checking.

"I don't think I've had anything to change my mind," he said.

He cast the only vote against the plan. Board member John Wirick Jr. was absent due to illness.

Walter Shirey, financial officer, said the berms could cut electrical use. Utilities are a prime concern in a building that is expected to be in use for the next 50 years.

Roberts pointed out that in Dade County electrical rates are doubling every three years.

Pavelchak's design will also incorporate windows that can be opened. This could also be a savings on air conditioning use. Many new buildings don't have operable windows and must rely entirely on heating and cooling systems for comfort.

The board heard a report from Shirey on use of some state funds to finance construction of the new buildings.

Due to rules of the program under which the county is to obtain construction money, it is advantageous to seek as much funding for as many projects as possible.

Shirey explained that under the new aid plan, the district will be able to borrow up to seven years' worth of annual building allotment funds from the state. The district receives an annual allotment of roughly \$938,000.

Under the new program, it may borrow from the state seven times this amount, or about \$6,570,000.

The new middle schools are expected to cost close to \$2.5 million each. If the district borrows only this amount, it wouldn't be able to get any further advances on the building funds until the \$5 million is repaid. The district would have to wait several years before it could get further advances.

Shirey recommended obtaining the maximum amount possible under the state program and so include work on three middle school gyms and additions and improvements at Lake Placid Middle School.

If architectural work can be accomplished, working drawings on the Lake Placid Middle School could be ready for bid in early May along with Sebring and Avon Park plans.

The board also set an official groundbreaking ceremony for the Fred W. Elementary School addition at 4 p.m. today.

Social Security

Q. My daughter, who's twenty-six, was badly hurt in a car accident. The doctors think it will be a couple of years before she's fully recovered and able to return to work. Is it possible at her age, and with only four years of work under social security, to get social security disability payments?

A. Yes, it is possible, because the younger you are when you become disabled, the less social security earnings credits you need. Your daughter should get in touch with any social security office as soon as possible to apply for

disability payments. If she's unable to do it herself, you should call them and arrangements will be made to get your daughter's application.

Q. My wife, who's thirty-one, has been getting monthly social security disability checks for the past six months. When I file my income tax return for this year, will I have to pay Federal income tax on her disability payments?

A. No, you will not have to pay any tax on your wife's disability payments because social security benefits are not subject to Federal income tax.



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THE AVON PARK J. C. Penney store has just recently promoted four young persons from their management staff. The Avon Park

manager J. Earl Jackson (seated) presents the awards to (from left to right) John William Johnson, Carol McCormick, Mac Bryon, and William Paul McCormick. Sunphoto by Mitch Banks.

J. C. Penney Promotes Employees

"In keeping with the policy of the J. C. Penney Company," W. Earl Jackson, manager of the Avon Square Shopping Center Penney's store, "announced promotions from within the local store." The promotions on Jackson's management staff, went to William Paul McCormick, Carol McCormick, Mac Bryon and John William Johnson.

Born in Indiana, Pa. William Paul McCormick moved to Tampa, Fla., with his family, when he was eight years old. He graduated from Clearwater, High School and attended St. Petersburg Junior College, where he majored in business administration.

While attending college, William started his career with the J. C. Penney Company in 1973, by working part time in the patio department at the Sunshine Mall Penney store in Clearwater.

After starting full time with Penney's, he was promoted to manager of customer service at the Countryside Penney's store in Clearwater in 1976. Coming to the Avon Square Shopping Center Penney's store in 1977, William was promoted to management trainee in the patio department of the local store.

This past week he was again promoted. This time to merchandiser in charge of the men's department at the Penney's store in Titusville, Fla.

He and his wife Debbie lived in Avon Park, but have already found a place to live in Titusville. They attended the Church of the Good Sheppard in Lake Wales.

William's hobbies are swimming, bowling and just walking.

Carol Corriere was born in Atchinson, Kan., where she attended and graduated from a private school, Mt. Scholastica Academy. She came to Florida in 1966.

Carol was enrolled in a registered nursing training program at Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Fla., However, five years ago, she joined the J. C. Penney Company as a sales associate in the Merritt Island store. In 1973 she was appointed merchandising assistant in the home furnishing and decorating department.

In February, 1977 Carol was promoted to management trainee in fashions and transferred to the Avon Square Shopping Center Penney's store for training. Recently, she graduated from the training program after having attended a full week of concentrated classes at the Regional Training Center in Atlanta, Ga.

Returning to the Avon Square Shopping Center store, Carol was promoted to merchandiser in charge of all ladies fashion in the Avon Park store.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., Mac Bryon moved to Clearwater, Fla., with his family in 1955. He attended St. James Preparatory

School in Maryland before enrolling at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. In June 1972 he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Science degree in business.

Mac started with the J. C. Penney Company in February, 1975 at the Sunshine Mall store in

Clearwater, where he graduated from the J. C. Penney management training program.

In February, 1977 he was transferred to the Avon Square Shopping Center Penney's store as a merchandiser in children's wear. He was recently promoted to merchandise manager of the children's wear and shoe lines departments.

Mac and his wife, Olivia, are living in Sebring and are expecting an addition to the family.

John William Johnson started working for J. C. Penney Co. in Feb. of 1970

as a Trainee in Sanford. John was promoted to Department Manager in May of 1972 and then was transferred to the Tampa University Square Mall in July of 1974.

John was transferred to Avon Park on October 1976, where he served as the Merchandise Manager in charge of Men's Sporting Goods, and Outdoor Shop which includes patio furniture, bar-b-que and accessories, live plants and accessories, garden tools, bikes and toys at Christmas. John has now been promoted to Senior Merchandiser Manager of the Avon Park store.

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File Number 78-11
Division

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MARY E. JONES
Deceased
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING
CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST
THE ABOVE ESTATE AND ALL
OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN
THE ESTATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED
that the administration of the
estate of Mary E. Jones, who
deceased, File Number 78-11, is
pending in the Circuit Court for
Highlands County, Florida,
Probate Division, the address of
which is Highlands County
Court House, Sebring, Florida. The
personal representative of the
estate is Frank C. Jones, whose
address 206 2nd Street, Avon
Park, Florida 33825. The name
and address of the personal
representative's attorney are set
forth below.

All persons having claims or
demands against the estate are
required WITHIN THREE
MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF
THIS NOTICE, to file with the clerk
of the above court a written
statement of any claim or demand
they may have. Each claim must
be in writing and must indicate
the basis for the claim, the name
and address of the creditor or his
agent or attorney, and the amount
claimed. If the claim is not yet
due, the date when it will become
due shall be stated. If the claim is
contingent or unliquidated, the
nature of the uncertainty shall be
stated. If the claim is the subject
of a pending lawsuit, the name of
the court and the case number shall
be stated. The claimant shall deliver
sufficient copies of the claim to the
clerk to enable the clerk to enable
the claim to make one copy to each
personal representative.

All persons interested in the
estate to whom a copy of this
Notice of Administration has been
mailed are required, WITHIN
THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE
OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF
THIS NOTICE, to file any ob-
jections they may have that
challenge the validity of the
claimant's will, the
qualifications of the personal
representative, or the venue or
jurisdiction of the court.

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OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED
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Date of the first publication of
this notice of Administration: Jan.
26, 1978.

(s) Frank C. Jones
As Personal Representative
of the Estate of
Mary E. Jones
Deceased

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE:
Michael Swaine
P. O. Box 231
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Jan. 26, Feb. 2,

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Purchasing Department no
later than 2:00 P.M. Wed-
nesday, February 8, 1978 at
which time bids will be opened
in the Commissioners Meeting
Room, second floor, Cour-
thouse.

Complete specifications may be
obtained from the County
Purchasing Department. All
bid envelopes must be sealed
and marked identifying the
enclosed bid.

The Board reserves the right to
accept or reject any or all bids,
or any parts thereof.
(s) C. J. "Buddy" Wise,
Chairman
Board of County
Commissioners,
Highlands County
Jan 26, Feb. 2,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS
COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 78-19

IN RE ESTATE OF
ALBERTA MORRISON,
Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND PERSONS HAVING
CLAIMS OR DEMANDS
AGAINST THE ABOVE
ESTATE:

Within three months from
the date of first publication
of this notice you are required
to file with the Clerk of the
Circuit Court of Highlands
County, Florida, Probate
Division, the address of which
is Post Office Box 1827,
Sebring Florida 33870, a
written statement of any claim
or demand you may have
against the estate of
ALBERTA MORRISON,
deceased.

Each claim must be in
writing and must indicate the
basis for the claim, the name
and address of the creditor or
his agent or attorney, and the
amount claimed. If the claim is
not yet due, the date when it
will become due shall be stated.
If the claim is contingent or
unliquidated, the nature of the
uncertainty shall be stated. If
the claim is the subject of a
pending lawsuit, the name of
the court and the case number
shall be stated. The claimant
shall deliver sufficient copies
of the claim to the clerk to
enable the clerk to make one
copy of each to each personal
representative.

ALL CLAIMS AND
DEMANDS NOT SO FILED
WILL BE FOREVER
BARRED.

Date of the first publication
of this notice of Administration:
Jan. 26, 1978.

(s) Frank B. Junn
As Personal Representative
of the Estate of
ALBERTA MORRISON,
S. COLQUHITT PARDEE
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

P. O. BOX 40
AVON PARK, FLORIDA
33825

Livestock Show
At County Fair

The annual Livestock and
Dairy Shows will be held again
this year at the Highlands
County Fair. The Dairy Show
will be held Tuesday, Feb. 7 at
3 p.m. with the Fat Steer and
Swine Show on Thursday, Feb.
9 at 3 p.m.

4-H and FFA members who
enter an animal have worked
long and hard preparing for the
fair. Animals must be fed and
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People / Events

By Betty Amburn

At The Avon Park Sun, Jan. 26, 1978



Kathryn Carver

Engagement Announced

Mr. Weyman S. Carver and Mrs. Weyman S. Carver, deceased of Avon Park, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Blanche of Orlando, to Robert Gillespie of Jacksonville. The Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Henry Gillespie, Sr. of Phoenix, Arizona.

Kathryn is a graduate of Avon Park High School and

Florida State University of Tallahassee, and has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business and English. Robert is a graduate of Oakcrest High School of Maysland, N. J. and a graduate of Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y. where he received a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Economics.

The taking of the nuptial vows is planned for February 18.



Cradle Roll

Mr. and Mrs. Vestie Daniel Piper, of Avon Park, announce the birth of a daughter, Tonja Marie, born Jan. 13, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 lbs. 4 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Hays, of Zolfo Springs, announce the birth of a son, Justin Lee, born Jan. 13, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hart Chess, Jr., of Avon Park, announce the birth of a son, Craig John Hart, III, born Jan. 13 at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bruce Bell, Fort Meade, announce the birth of a son, Alan, born Jan. 14, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Allen Hartline of Sebring, announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born Jan. 14, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 2 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Charles Matthews of Sebring announce the birth of a son Corey John, born Jan. 14, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 2 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Gene Greenway of Frostproof, announce the birth of a son, Adam Wade, born Jan. 16, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lewis Sholtz of Lake Placid, announce the birth of a son, Terrance Mac-tavias, born Jan. 17, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. William North Kirby, II of Avon Park, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth born Jan. 19, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ray Harvey, of Bowling Green, announce the birth of a son, George Harvey, Jr., born Jan. 19 at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Sgt. and Mrs. Steven Ferguson, of Hawaii, are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Crystal Gail, born Jan. 22, in Triple Army Hospital, Hawaii, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. and 18 1/2 inches long.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson, Jr., of Avon Park, and the maternal grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Trammell of Sebring.

Mr. and Mrs. Vestie Piper of Avon Park announce the birth of a daughter, Tonja Marie, born Jan. 13, weighing 9 lbs. 4 oz.

She joins a brother, Frederick at home. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Russell of Oliver Springs, Tenn.

Roberts Demonstrates Art Of Flower Arranging At Meeting

The Federated Garden Clubs of Avon Park met in the Florida Power Lounge on Thursday, Jan. 19. A tasty brunch, prepared by the Founder's Circle, preceded the meeting.

Following the social hour, Mrs. Evelyn Delk, president, opened the meeting. She asked Mrs. Robert Bussard to offer the guest speaker, but she called upon Mrs. Laura Neubauer to present, Steve Roberts.

Having known Roberts for many years, Mrs. Neubauer was well qualified to tell of his many achievements in this area. Steve has owned and managed the Ridge Flower Shop in Avon Park since 1963. He has been a member of the school board here, and is active in many civic organizations. His interest in ballooning is well known. He can often be seen floating in the sky on a clear Florida Day.

Roberts opened his program on "Flower Arranging" by explaining that rules in commercial arranging and those set down by Garden Club Flower Shows are somewhat different. However, he did show us many helpful mechanics used in design. He brought with him tools and material used. As well as lovely arrangements.

Steve explained the procedure followed to create an arrangement. First the "line" must be decided upon. Flowers such as gladioli, snapdragons, and delphinium develop the line of the arrangement. Next, "filler" flowers are used, such as baby breath, pom-poms or carnations. Finally, the "mass" flowers such as large mums, or chids, or poinsettias become the center of the design. These are the "eye-catchers".

To prepare an arrangement, one should first determine where it is to be used or placed. For example, an arrangement for a dinner table must be low. Roberts stated that designs fall into classes as triangular, high-low, or L-shaped. He showed many lovely samples of greenery used, such as silver dollars, spider plant, leaf ferns, pathos and magnolia leaves. Here in Florida is used the greatest and most luscious greenery in the world.

It was interesting to hear that flowers must be cared for much as humans. They too need food, water, sunshine, must be kept from drafts and extreme heat and cold. Flowers generally should be cut in the morning as they are more "relaxed" then.

Steve ended his program with a question and answer session. He generously left

three flower arrangements with the club. It was decided that they be sent to members who were ill. The business meeting followed the program. It was reported that the bird lectures, co-sponsored with the Audubon Society has been well attended. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jamie Sawyer, Arbuckle Lake.

Mrs. Helen Baker asked that every member bring a potted plant to their next club meetings. These will be delivered to the Hillcrest Nursing Home on St. Valentine's Day.

Mrs. Pete Boney reported that the Christmas Tea was very successful in spite of the rainy weather. She thanked all who helped make this a memorable event.

Mrs. Oscar Laye, chairman of the annual Flower Show, stated that judges have been selected. Mrs. Jamie Sawyer is preparing the pre-entry schedule. Members should sign for the category in which they wish to enter as soon as possible. The Flower Show will be held Feb. 23 and 24 in the Avon Park Recreation Center.

Mrs. H. Bussard presented a change in the by-laws of the Federation. This change will add the office of second vice-president. The recommendation will be voted on at the next meeting. The meeting was then adjourned.



We would like to wish the following people celebrating birthdays this week a "Big Happy Birthday."

January 26-Teresa McKensie, M. R. Martin, Jamie Trescott, Juanita Jenkins, Dennis Burley, John Burley James Hamilton, James Edward Cobb, John Michael Cobb, John Burley
January 27-Mrs. Melane Ramer, Jo Ann Taylor, Kenneth Burley, W. Blake, Clarence Sprey, Sylvia Burley
January 28-Terry Watson, Herman Gaster, Howard Miner, Marion V. Walling
January 29-Mrs. Lucille Worden, Barbara Sue Sparlock, Cindy Bennett, Jack Willis, Dingleling, Lisa Kay Ridgion, Geneva Hayes, Harry Elysa. Kate Taylor
January 30-Willis G. Robinson, Tom Vanderrill, Susan Leigh Taylor, Sabrina Lucille Smith
January 31-Steve Weber, Mary Nicholson, Tommy Phillips, Mary Host.
February 1-Sol Y. Moseley Sr., Sharon Little, Catherine Phillips, James Kyle Thompson.

If you have a friend or loved one that will soon be celebrating a birthday soon, please call us so that we may add their name to our birthday list.

Woman's Club To Meet Feb. 3

The month of February is always a high point on the calendar of the Woman's Club of Avon Park. At the regular meeting on Friday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m. at the club house the annual Fashion Show and sewing exhibit will be featured. This facet of the creative arts is especially interesting to the members. It is under the direction of Chairman Mildred Tissot and co-chairman Helen Griffith.

On February 14, at Mulberry Civic Center, the Fine Arts Festival for District Nine of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs will open with the Arts and Crafts Exhibit.

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, the Festival will continue with its sewing exhibit, Fashion Show and luncheon. Those planning to attend this event must make luncheon reservations with Mrs. George Couch, club president, before February 1. Reservations may be telephoning 453-4004.

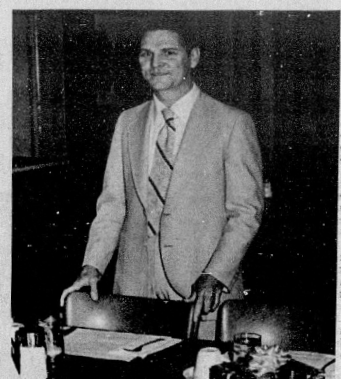
The Executive Board of the Woman's Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the club house on Friday, Jan. 27. All department and committee chairmen, as well as officers, are urged to attend.

Students Dean's List

Laurel Christin Clark and Pamela Griffin of Avon Park, are on the Florida State University Dean's List for the fall quarter.

The Dean's List is an honor roll of students whose grade averages "A" or "B" for all courses taken during the quarter.

Joseph Stephen Murphy III, of Avon Park, recently received his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture, from the University of Florida in Gainesville.



Judge Oliver L. Green

Judge Green Speaks To Legal Secretaries

The Highlands Legal Secretaries Association held a dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Ranch Butte with the Honorable Oliver L. Green, Jr., Circuit Judge, as guest speaker. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gladys Taylor. Helen Young introduced Judge Green who is presiding in the Civil Division of the Circuit Court in Highlands County two days a week.

Judge Green began by stating that being a judge is easy; good attorneys make good judges. Someone once asked how he felt personally when given the death sentence to a defendant, and he responded by saying that it may actually be more difficult to give a 36 day sentence than a death sentence depending on the individual set of circumstances.

The topics of specialization, advertising, and continuing legal education for attorneys were discussed. Judge Green noted that 30 or more hours additional training are needed in order to maintain a specialization. The Continuing Legal Education Department of the Florida Bar encourages legal aides and secretaries to attend legal education seminars for their own benefit. Many judges, including Judge Green, attended the National College of the State Judiciary in Reno, Nevada, in order to keep informed of new laws, procedures, and innovations in the court system.

Regarding juveniles and his thoughts on the subject, Judge Green emphasized the need of parents to spend as much time with their children doing what the children enjoy most. He stressed the fact that the only thing parents have to do is be a GOOD PARENT until the children reach the age of majority.

A short meeting was conducted following the guest speaker. Those guests who attended were: Teddy Boring, Jackie Carlton, Jane Falor, Ruth Heveron, Janet Terry and Joni Whidden. Members present were: Ida Dorman, Nikki Smith, Gladys Taylor, Helen Young, and Jan.

The Highlands Legal Secretaries Association welcomes guests who are employed in a legal related field to attend their monthly meetings on the third Thursday, 7:30 p.m., County Commissioners Room in the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring.



EUGENE AND VONNICE Lakeland. They were accompanied by their 35th wedding anniversary daughter, Candy Payton and Eugene's sister, at the sea Wolfe in Frances Flint.

Dedication Of Tiger Creek Preserve

A special carillon recital will be followed by a short field trip by car caravan to the George R. Cooley Nature trail at Tiger Creek. The Nature Conservancy, The American Foundation, and The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs cordially invite you to attend the dedication ceremony.

Derek Bok, Pres. of Harvard University will give the dedicatory message.

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VAUGHN AND CINDY Watkins, of Avon Park are the proud parents of twin girls born Jan. 14, at Walker Memorial Hospital.

Angie Lynn (left) weighed 3 lbs. 6 oz. at birth; Joyce Lynn (right) weighed 4 lbs. 3 oz. The baby girls are healthy and the Vaughns are hopeful that they will be able to take them home soon. Sunphoto by Betty Amburn.

WinterGuest Club Members Celebrates Anniversaries

Three couples who were married in 1927 were honored by Winter Guest Club members with a program and reception Sunday afternoon Jan. 15 at the Club House. Tom and Phyllis Hance of Castle, New York; Donald and Florence Mason of Levant, Maine; George and Mildred Tissot of Avon Park, formerly of Ohio, were introduced and escorted to seats of honor on the stage in front of an arch denoting the 50th anniversary. Palm ferns and foliage arranged by a local florist made an attractive setting.

Long, who sang When Your Hair Has Turned to Silver. Keith Debo gave two timely readings which were from the Lary Farmer collection. Speaker was the Rev. William Ziegenfuss, pastor of the Union Congregational Church who based his message on the 13th

chapter of First Corinthians.

Also honored with a corsage and boutonniere were Everett and Beale Paxton who have been married 63 years; Earl and Irene Ayling who last recently observed their 60th anniversary.

Ushers for the occasion were Glenn Long and William Cleland. Bernice Wilder made the corsages and each couple was presented a guest book with gold pen for guests to sign. There were nearly 100 in attendance.

Refreshments were served by Alma Doty, Helen and Pete Ammerall.

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