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State Survey Claims

Low Salaries Costing APCI Employees

A wide difference in salary levels is drawing the best employees away from corrections and into law enforcement in Florida, according to the state's Correctional Standards Council.

The council has recommended

elimination of that gap, both in state and local salary schedules.

A recently completed study found that the average starting salary for a state correctional officer is \$8,640 per year, while the starting salary for a Florida

Highway Patrol Trooper is \$10,680.

Avon Park Correctional Institution Superintendent George Fortner reported that the starting salary for a corrections officer is \$7,976.16, with the maximum possible salary in that position set at

\$10,690.56 per year.

Other salary ranges at APCI include a starting salary for a corrections officer II of \$8,383.76 per year. The maximum corrections officer salary paid at the local facility is \$15,888.68 per year for an

officer with a rank of Major.

"I agree with the state report," Fortner said. "Low salaries are forcing our best employees to seek jobs in other fields of law enforcement."

The state report has noted that the beginning state trooper earns more than the starting salary of a corrections officer III (Lt.), who is usually a shift officer responsible for an entire correctional institution between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.

The study also found the average starting salary for a county correctional officer is \$7,616, while the average starting salary for a county law enforcement officer is \$9,030.

The salary discrepancy, according to the report, draws the best employees and potential employees away from corrections.

"Yet, experts recognize that regardless of the efforts of highly paid social workers, counselors and psychologists it is the correctional officer who has the greatest contact with and influence on the incarcerated inmate," said Fortner.

The report states two reasons for the discrepancy. Many counties have

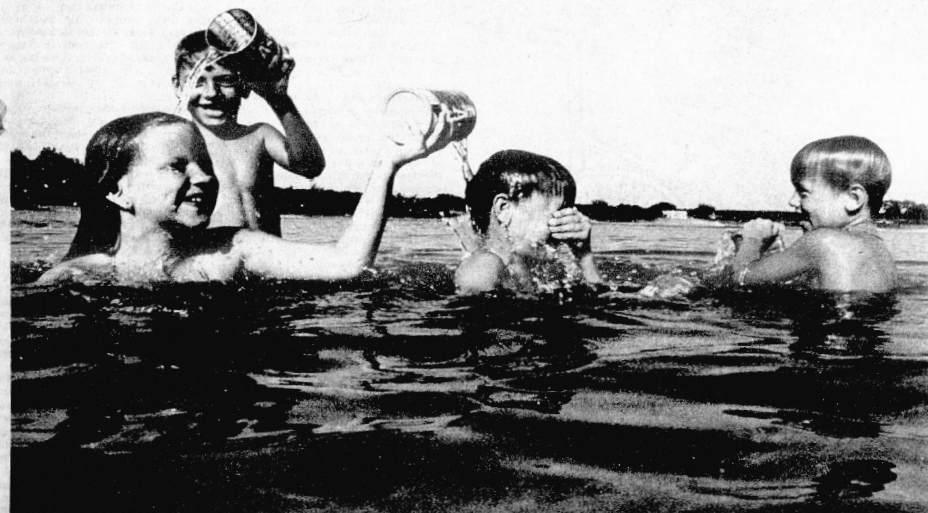
regularly filled correctional officer positions temporarily with new staff members while they are being prepared for peace officers duties. Also, peace officers have had to complete training while correctional officers in most counties were not required to have any training.

The second reason was changed by Correctional Standards Council, which was created by the Florida Legislature in 1974 to establish minimum standard training for correctional officers throughout the state. The council now requires correctional officers hired since July 1, 1974 to complete a 160-hour course on correctional standards.

The course is uniform throughout Florida, and is being taught not only at the Florida Department of Offender Rehabilitation (DOR) Correctional Training Institute to state employees, but also at 17 community colleges to both state and local officers.

The course covers an overview of the criminal justice system, legal aspects, operational procedures, principals of supervision, first aid,

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THE SINGLETARY GANG made good use of the cool waters of Lake Viola

Monday, as temperatures reached 100 degrees in Avon Park. The children, all

related, formed sort of an impromptu fountain for the camera. Pictured (l to r)

Sheila Singletary, 10; Doug Singletary, 11; Stevie Singletary, 9 and Michael Singletary, 5. Photograph by Russ Dennis.

No Fourth Observance Is Planned For Here

Avon Park residents will have to travel to Sebring or Lake Placid if they want to take part in Fourth of July celebration.

Although Independence Day is next Monday, no special activities have been planned for Avon Park.

In Sebring and Lake Placid, however, it's another story.

Activities will get underway in Sebring this Friday evening with an all adult ball sponsored by the Sebring Junior Women's Club. The event, dubbed "Third Century Dance," will be held at the Sebring Civic Center. Music will be provided by Sunny Daze. Tickets are \$6.30 per couple or \$4 per stag. The dance starts at 9 p.m. and will last until 1 a.m. B.Y.O.B.

On Saturday, there will be a parade in Sebring, starting at 10 a.m. with a hot air balloon ascension by Steve Roberts of Avon Park.

At 11 a.m. there will be a bicycle rally in downtown Sebring, followed by a 10-speed race around the Circle.

Starting at noon, the Sebring Lions Club will hold a barbeque at the city pier. In addition, there will be an all day arts and crafts show at the Civic Center.

There will be a skateboard contest at 11 p.m. in the Sebring Library parking lot and at 3 p.m. the Sebring Jaycees will host a bikini contest in the Teen Town building.

Starting at 4:30 p.m. on the beach, there will be a series of "anything goes" type games. At 8 p.m. there will be a disco street dance in the library parking lot, followed by fireworks at dusk.

For traditionalists who want to celebrate the Fourth on the Fourth of July, Lake Placid will hold its annual "Lake Placid Days" on Monday.

Included among the day's events will be a parade at 10 a.m., followed by games and contests and a barbeque.

James Cook of Sebring, member of the Highlands County Coordinating Council, is in charge of the festivities in Sebring.

Youngster Is Robbed At Gun Point

One of four men who allegedly robbed a 13-year-old gas station attendant at gunpoint Monday was arrested by DeSoto County Sheriff's Deputies early Tuesday morning near the Arcadia State Hospital near SR 31.

David Lee Emerson, 22, of Winter Haven was taken into custody and charged with armed robbery in connection with a stick-up at the Windy Hill Texaco station on U.S. 27 near Avon Park Monday.

According to Highlands County Sheriff's Deputies, Fred Doty Jr., 13 of Avon Park, was robbed of \$150 when four black males entered the service station to purchase gas.

Deputies said that Doty's father, Fred Sr., owner and manager of the gas station, had left the youth alone for a few minutes to run an errand. While he was gone, the four suspects pulled up in a late model auto and purchased one dollar's worth of gasoline. The men then accompanied young Doty inside the station to get change for a \$5 bill.

Once inside, one of the men pulled a pistol and ordered Doty to go into the station's restroom and lay down on the floor. The robbers reportedly took \$150 from the cash register and fled south on U.S. 27. The elder Doty reportedly pulled back into the station just as the men

were leaving.

Avon Park police, along with Sheriff's Deputies from Highlands, Glades, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties joined in the search, using airplanes as well as regular patrol vehicles. The suspect auto

was reportedly discovered by Charlotte County authorities abandoned late yesterday.

Authorities indicated that they were confident that additional arrests would be forthcoming.

Council Claims Firm Stance

City Gives Property Owners Final Warning

The Avon Park City Council Monday night approved a resolution to demolish two buildings that have been judged as public nuisances in question, will have until July 22 to demolish their buildings or bring them up to city codes.

The Janis packing house on Michigan Avenue and the remains of the fire-gutted Young Enterprises building on Tulane Circle have been cited by the council on several prior occasions, however, no real action was taken.

"These buildings aren't safe and should be taken care of," said Mac Flowers, Avon Park Fire Chief.

The council explained that unless

Janis complied with city rulings that his old packing house be cleaned up and fenced in, the city would order it demolished.

The Young building, however, is another matter. City Attorney Jack Hancock indicated that Young, who is Avon Park's Postmaster has asked the council to postpone any ruling on his property until September. "Young told me he wanted to bring in experts to examine his building," Hancock said. He added that Young was presently involved in a lawsuit with an insurance carrier and didn't want the building disturbed.

Flowers voiced his opinion on the matter, saying, "There is no way any expert can tell anything from what's left of that building. There is nothing left but the walls and one of them is leaning." Flowers added that Young's request for an extension was "just another delaying tactic."

Unless both properties are in compliance with city standards by the end of July, the council will order the buildings demolished at the owner's expense.

Although not discussed at the meeting, a third building, the Craft

Apartments on Pine Street, also appear headed for demolition. Although the structure had been previously condemned, the council extended the compliance deadline for an additional 30 days about one month ago. This was done at the request of a contractor who had expressed an interest in purchasing the property. Now, however, City Clerk Malcolm Crews has indicated that the building will be torn down shortly.

Crews, also an officer of Heartland Federal Savings and Loan Association, owner of the apartments, said that the property will be sold and the building razed.

FBO Application Form Approved By Council

An application form for persons wishing to apply for a fixed base operator license at the Avon Park Municipal Airport was approved by the city council Monday evening.

The form, drawn up by City Attorney Jack Hancock, was suggested by members of the city's airport committee last week.

Highlands Aviation, Inc., owned by Jimmy Renfro, has been trying for several months to become an airport FBO. The application form will provide the firm with guidelines to follow in presenting the city with information showing compliance with newly approved airport minimum standards.

The council also approved a \$50 yearly fee as the price all FBO's must pay for an occupational license.

Hancock indicated that the city may have a difficult time in trying to rewrite Highlands Aviation's existing 5-year lease.

The council had previously indicated that the firm's lease would have to be re-written to include a higher yearly rent for the property rented from the city. Hancock stated that since the lease was valid, he wasn't certain if it could be re-written. "Highlands Aviation is in a unique situation," he explained. "There is probably no way the city can make them pay as much (rent per year) as Avon Flying Service, at least during the life of this lease."

Hancock explained that Highlands Aviation did not lease as much property from the city as did Avon Flying Service and had already made various improvements to its privately owned property.

S. C. Pardue, representing Avon

Baille Wins City Okay For Plans

Ray Baille, owner of the Sunny Ridge Trailer Park, won approval for a 10-space expansion of his park, after months of wrangling with the city.

The main stumbling block in winning the city's approval of the proposed expansion was removed Monday night when City Attorney Jack Hancock informed the council that camper trailers, as opposed to mobile homes, would not fall under the town's existing trailer ordinance.

Because of that ruling, city fathers voted to allow Baille to install a single master water meter instead of ten separate meters.

Although City Clerk Malcolm Crews pointed out that Baille would be getting a cut rate on city water and sewer because of the master meter, council members decided to allow the expansion.

In other action, the council approved the construction of a new \$66,000 ten-space airplane hanger at the city airport. The structure will be financed by a ten-

year, 5 per cent per annum loan from the Highlands County Bank. The new structure should be completed in about

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Many Firms Closed On 4th

Many of Avon Park's businesses will be closed Monday to allow employees to observe the Fourth of July.

In addition to banks, state and federal offices, city and county operations will also halt.

Avon Park's city hall will be closed Monday and there will be no trash pick-up on that date. Spokesmen indicated that crews would double up on routes starting Tuesday to assure all customers of trash removal.

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Is This Hot Enough For You???

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Editor's Viewpoint

by Russ Dennis

Next week is, of course the Fourth of July. Everyone knows that, however, from all outward appearances, no one in Avon Park really cares.

I realize that last year's Bicentennial celebration may have been a good example of patriotic overkill, but the facts still remain unchanged. The city of Avon Park has nothing special planned to mark the founding of our country.

I have written several columns concerning our lack of enthusiasm over traditional American values. This is a good example of what I mean. It is unfortunate that a local civic group couldn't have planned a barbeque. Perhaps an evening band concert on the mall would have been nice. Although it isn't really necessary, a small fireworks display over one of our numerous lakes would have been enjoyable.

The national observance of the Fourth of July has degenerated into nothing more than a three day holiday for most people... the meaning of the date, even after the constant publicity given the day last year.

To remedy this situation, I propose to start a Fourth of July committee of interested residents. That group, on which I will gladly serve, will have the responsibility of making plans for the Fourth of July next year.

A few willing workers, donating a few hours per month, would accomplish quite a bit in a year. That, coupled with some cooperation from the city council, and Avon Park could have a real old fashioned Fourth of July in 1978.

Flag Day, Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, etc. were all established to honor the people who made this country great. Don't believe all of the propaganda you read and hear. The U. S. of A. is still the finest country on the face of this earth. It is up to us to instill the meaning of these various holidays in our young people. Without some first hand accounting, those special dates will mean little more than April Fools' Day or May Day. (Both of which, I might add, used to be observed in one way or another when I was a callow youth.)

Many local residents will undoubtedly travel to Sebring and Lake Placid to observe the Fourth. I will to. Nothing beats barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, lemonade, watermelon and a fireworks display. It's a shame that we couldn't have some of these traditional things here.

Anyone interested in forming a Fourth of July Committee may contact me at the Sun business offices on Main Street. Let's not forget to observe the Fourth of July in Avon Park next year. It's too important.



"I guess folks don't have to observe the 4th this year. We did it all in 1976."

Things My Way

By Alice Smith

No one appreciates the technical advances of the twentieth century more than I do. The mere thought of life without my appliances — not to mention the "telly" and radio — causes me to blanch and grow faint.

Then there's the matter of transportation. I am not an inveterate traveler but occasionally my presence is demanded some 1500 miles away. When this happens, I climb aboard a jet and arrive at my destination two hours later, cool, calm and unwrinkled.

Truly this is a remarkable age and who could fault its technology? But each time I fly, my first venture into the wide world comes to mind. I was six years old and had never before been away from home and parents.

Close to midnight, on a summer evening, my father and I stood in the Pennsylvania Railroad station as the night train from Pittsburgh to Binghamton, N.Y. roared in. It ground to a halt. The fat conductor dropped off, set his little box in place and said "We're looking for you, young lady."

My beautiful grandmother stood at the top of the car steps and the conductor swung me up into her arms.

There was the long, dim aisle of swaying, dark green curtains, brain child of Mr. Pullman. There was the cory berth I shared with grandmother, a truly wonderful thing. She put me next to the

window so I could watch the night fly by until sleep caught up with me.

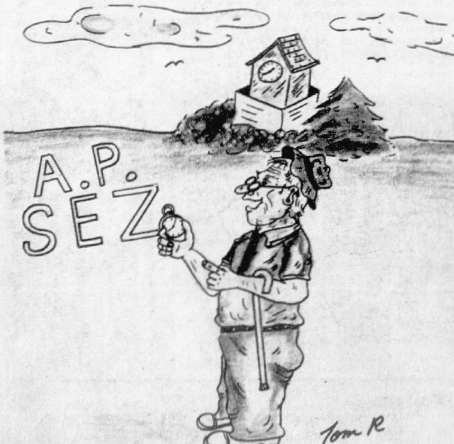
But it was the return trip by day that truly opened a new world. We rode in a car with enormous round plush chairs, one for each person. They swiveled, like our piano stool. And we had dinner in the dining car.

I remember the deft waiters in immaculate white jackets, the linen tablecloths and huge napkins, the single rose in a crystal vase. I shall never forget the formidable array of silver beside my plate, or that I made no move until grandmother chose the proper one. There was fresh corn on the cob which I refused, noting that the gentleman at the next table had gotten butter on his chin; there were fresh, sliced peaches in a crystal bowl which nestled in cracked ice and a pitcher of thick, yellow cream for pouring over.

At the end, the crumbs were brushed away, and a small silver bowl of water was set before me. Emulating grandmother, I dipped my fingertips and dried them delicately on my napkin. I felt that no princess could have managed with greater dignity.

Believe me, I'm delighted to get from here to there in two hours, but Eastern's platinum packages of thickly coated chicken and cole slaw on plastic trays sadden me.

If I needed a heading for this bit of nostalgia, I'd try "No Time For Elegance."



WHEN A WOMAN SAYS SHE WON'T BE A MINUTE, SHE'S USUALLY RIGHT.

Interviewpoint

The continuing controversy over allowing lawyers and doctors to advertise their services in the same manner as other professionals may have been settled by the United States Supreme Court this week. The Sun asked local residents what they thought of the idea.

This week's question: Do you agree with the U.S. Supreme Court that doctors and lawyers should be allowed to advertise their services?



Mrs. Larue Thomas, 119 West Main Street. "Yes, because there would be more competition between lawyers and doctors. I feel there has to be competition, that way, you could compare prices and services."



Lewis Swiston, 123 West Main Street. "No, I don't think they should advertise. It's a dignified profession and it takes many years to become either. It's according to the knowledge of the person."



Edgar Dickerson, 103 West Main Street. "Yes, why not? By advertising, that's one way of getting competition. I think they should compete, it would make it better for everyone involved."



Ann Stuart, 121 West Main Street. "Yes, I agree with the Supreme Court. If they advertised, then prices would stay in line and people could shop around to get the best possible price. It would save money."

Thanks For The Memories

Editor's note: The following is a guest editorial by Charles Reese of the Tampa Tribune. Charlie tells it like it really is.

When the government describes a 7 percent inflation rate in favorable terms you know you're in trouble.

It's hard to make much sense out of these monthly economic pronouncements because they throw a lot of statistics out and avoid talking about principals or basic causes.

The idea which an ordinary fellow would get from reading a government press release about inflation is that the private sector is raising prices again. You would never know, from a government press release, why those prices are going up.

The reason they neglect to discuss that topic is that the reason most prices are going up is government.

The price of a piece of merchandise or a service is like the price of a mountain, with the mountain being the cost. A price is arrived at by first figuring out all your costs and then adding the per cent you want to make. A man might figure that he wants to make 10 per cent on his sales so if it costs him \$100 to get the product to the customer, he would charge \$110. If the cost rises to \$150, he'd have to charge \$165 to make the 10 per cent.

In a normal situation, cost includes every penny that has to be spent in the process of producing, delivering and selling the product.

Increasing costs with taxes and regulations is one of the ways government contributes to inflation. If a power company has to put scrubbers on the chimneys, the cost of the scrubbers has to be distributed among the consumers as the price of electricity.

But there is a second way government causes inflation. Money is just a medium of exchange. The issuance of money is controlled by the government and the Federal Reserve System.

The Federal Reserve Notes in your pocket are in themselves worth nothing. You can't turn them in and get an agreed amount of gold or silver or anything else. Therefore, the value of the piece of paper in your wallet is determined on any given day by what you can exchange it for. That's called purchasing power.

What determines how much in goods or services you can get per unit of money is how many units of money, in relationship to available goods and services, there are in existence.

A fat currency-one not backed by a commodity follows the law of diminishing returns. The more units there are issued, the less each individual unit is worth. The Federal Reserve System has been issuing, in the last four decades, far more units of currency than there are goods and services being produced.

Consequently you can buy roughly only 25 cents worth of goods and services with a dollar that 40 years ago would have purchased a dollar's worth of goods and services.

The government resorts to this trick of clipping the coin in order to live beyond its means. Whenever this happens, politicians benefit because they can play Mr. Good Guy and vote all these goodies, and certain other individuals profit because of their positions.

The ordinary fellow, though, gets it in the neck. The inflation rate is 7 per cent, and your income increases only 6 per cent, you're one per cent behind where you were one year ago. Furthermore, the 6 per cent increase you did get just might put you in a higher tax bracket, in which case, you fall even further behind.

The majority of the people in the country have fallen behind the inflation rate. Their standard of living is going down even though the number of dollars in their paychecks appears to be going up. That is so because it's not the amount of dollars you have that counts, it's the purchasing power of those dollars.

Eventually, people will lose complete faith in the money unit and the whole house of phony promises and debts will collapse.

If you are a congressman, a senator, or a White House aide, you can keep ahead with nice pay raises.

But if you're just a private citizen living on the money unit and a weekly paycheck, you're going to get ground into the dirt. That's one of the reasons I have no use for most politicians presently in office.

Volunteers May Be Scarce

Like the United States Marines, the city of Avon Park may soon be looking for a few good men and women to serve on various appointed committees.

Monday evening, the council was informed that Robert Woodruff, 121 E. Cornell, had tendered his resignation from the city's zoning board of adjustment. City Clerk Malcolm Crews stated that Woodruff was resigning due to both state and federal financial disclosure laws.

Although present laws mandate that both appointed and elected officials must make public their income tax returns, a new and much stiffer ruling goes into effect in 1978.

Crews indicated that Woodruff did not wish to comply with the new measure.

"He's the first person to resign because of the new law in Avon Park," Crews said, "but we have had at least two other persons resign from various boards and committees because of the existing law."

Council members indicated that they were not in favor of the new law which calls for, among other things, a public disclosure of all assets and debts, as well as the usual income tax returns. "There are going to be a lot more people resigning when this new law goes into effect," said Councilman Larry Albritton. Although each member of the council present voiced displeasure with the new ruling, none has publicly voiced an intent to resign. "This (new law) is going to make it pretty hard for the city to find people who will volunteer their time and help to serve on our boards and committees," said Councilman Kelley Phillips.

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Business Briefs

A recent report from the USDA Economic Research Services reveals that Florida farmers are behind \$107.2 million in cash receipts from marketing compared to the first quarter of 1976. January through March 1976 statistics showed farmer's cash receipts from marketing at \$880 million. This year for the same period the amount reported was \$781.8 million. This represents a 12 percent decrease in cash receipts.

The United States registered a \$1.2 billion trade deficit in May, the smallest amount of red ink this year as oil imports declined by 17 percent. For the first five months of 1977, the American trade deficit has totaled \$9.77 billion and administration officials have predicted the final yearly figure may be between \$23 and \$26 billion. The five-month deficit has already surpassed the record for any full year in this country's history.

Saudi Arabia has loaned General Motors Acceptance Corp. \$200 million carrying 8.75 per cent interest rate. Maturity is split, with \$60 million due in April 1982.

The stock market's blue rally hit a snag Monday in light selling aimed mostly at steel and other blue chip issues.

Analysts said the market was influenced by reports of a slump in July steel orders, as well as end of quarter maneuvering by investing institutions.



KENNY AND FREDA Long, owners of Long's Airconditioning Inc., go over the firm's latest contracting job. The couple have been in charge of the operation since 1964. Sunphoto by Russ Dennis.

Central Florida's Largest Electrical Contractor

The American dream of success through free enterprise, hard work, business sense and a little luck would be an excellent way to describe Kenneth R. Long, President and owner of Long's Air Conditioning Inc. on North U.S. 27 in Avon Park.

What started out as a tiny, family operated electrical, air conditioning and cabinet shop in 1947, is now the largest air conditioning contractor in Central Florida. Two people are responsible for the rapid growth of the business — Kenny and his wife Freda.

Long, who was born in Terre Hill, Penn., moved to Avon Park with his family in 1947. His wife, born in Fort Gibson, Okla., moved here in 1957.

"I started working for my Dad when I was about six years old," Long said. During his early years, he concentrated on cabinet making for his father, Ivan G. Long, who died in 1970. "We made most of the furniture that's still being used at the Avon Park Library," Long said, "and we made church furniture that was sold all over the state."

Although Long Sr. started out with about three employees in 1947, the firm now employs 47 persons. Their first three truck fleet has now grown to 19 vehicles.

"When we first started out," Long said, "we did business in the Avon Park and Sebring area, now we do business all over Central Florida. From working parlors to the U.S. Post Office in Jacksonville, no job is too large or too small for the firm to handle. "Right now," he added, "we are the electrical contractors for the Plant City Hospital."

Long refuses to take all of the credit for expanding the firm. "I owe a awful lot to my wife. We have both worked since I bought a half-interest in the business from my Father in 1964."

Mrs. Long, the former Freda Bennett of Avon Park, takes care of all the bookkeeping chores — a job that has grown to such proportions that the company will begin to use a computer to help in the near future.

"I really didn't want to go into the air conditioning business when I was in high school," Long mused. "What I really wanted to be was a professional boxer."

Still lean and trim at 35, Long remembered that he joined the United States Marine Corps as soon as he graduated from Avon Park High School in 1960. While serving with the Marines, Long took part in the Cuban Crisis mobilization in the mid-1960's. He also earned a Meritorious Mast Award for outstanding performance in the Marine Corps.

When he was discharged in 1964, he still had dreams about becoming a prize fighter, in fact, he boxed for the Marines for one year. His soon-to-be-

wife, however, had other ideas. "She convinced me that I really didn't want to be a boxer," Long chuckled, but he didn't elaborate.

"I bought half interest in the family business from my Father," he explained, "and a former employee purchased the other half in 1964. My Dad worked with me until he retired in 1965." In 1973, Long purchased the other half of his business.

Although he dreamed of becoming a boxer, Long didn't waste any education opportunities while in the Marine Corps. Even though he had a strong background in electronics, air conditioning and carpentry, he took additional courses while in the service.

Deeply religious, Kenny and Freda were married in 1961, the year she graduated from Avon Park High School. They have two children, LaDawn, 15, and Karl, 13 and make their home at 100 East Palmetto Street.

The entire Long family is active in the First Baptist Church of Avon Park, where Ken teaches Sunday School, while Freda is director of the creeper department of the church nursery. In addition, he is a past member of the Avon Park Rotary Club's board of directors.

"I guess we have been active in just about everything our daughters have been in," said Mrs. Long. "I just wish we had more time to spend with our family."

Aside from his business, Long's single passion is aviation. "I got my pilot's license about one year ago," he said, "and I dream of one day owning a small jet."

Mrs. Long doesn't share her husband's passion for flying. "I'd rather go horseback riding," she chuckled. In keeping with this, the family owns four horses, named, respectively, Rat, (Freda's horse) Kala, (LaDawn's), Bonnie, (Karl's) and Race Horse, ridden by Kenny.

Although they have traveled to Hawaii, Jamaica, the Bahamas and this year, to Switzerland, the Long's have turned down more opportunity to travel because they won't take time off from their business. "We had to turn down a chance to visit Australia and Hong Kong because Kenny wouldn't take time off," Mrs. Long said.

"We like a simple life," she continued, "I guess we would rather spend time at home with the girls than travel anyway." The Long's have a positive feeling about Central Florida and Avon Park in particular. "We wouldn't want to live any place else," said Mrs. Long. "We like it here."

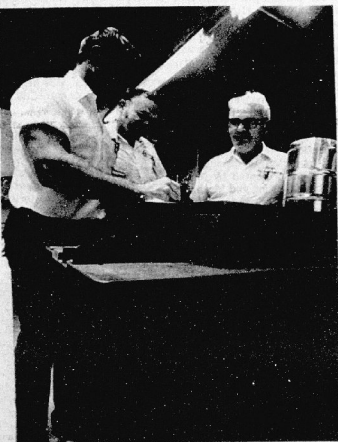
The Long's also have some business plans for the future that include building a mini-mall or small shopping center next to their business on U.S. 27. "We plan six or more

businesses," Long said, "but we haven't decided just what type of businesses yet."

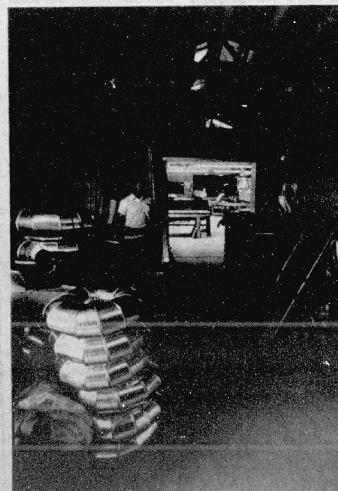
Long also stressed the importance of doing good work. "We like to get business by word of mouth," he said, "and you can't do that unless

you treat everyone right."

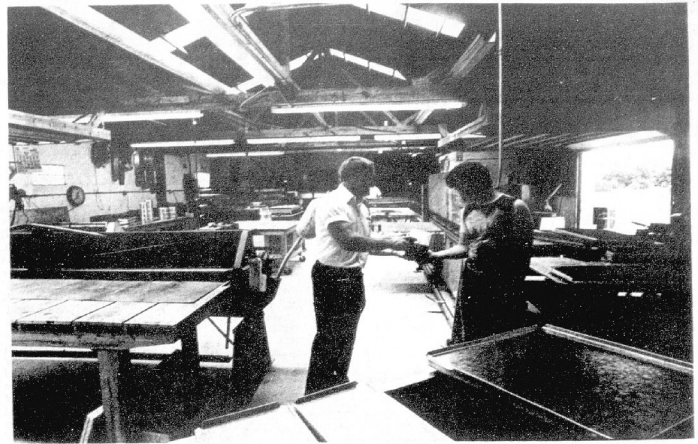
Kenny and Freda Long have come a long way since he dreamed of becoming a professional boxer. Where most people would have stopped, the Longs feel they are just getting started.



ALL CONTRACTING PLANS employees (l to r) Jackie Carter are approved by Kenny Long and Bob Lynch. Sunphoto by Russ Dennis. Here, Long works with



EQUIPMENT, PARTS AND other items are kept stocked in Kenny's huge warehouse. The two story building is crammed to the rafters with everything needed to complete any job. Sunphoto by Russ Dennis.



KENNY LONG TALKS over a parts problem with employee Barry Richardson. The firm's equipped with all the equipment needed to custom fit any contracting job. Sunphoto by Russ Dennis.



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Cradle Roll

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cuellar, Zolfo Springs, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Jesse Arnold, born June 17, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 14 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Donald Singletary of Avon Park, are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, born June 18, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. David Jefferson Faircloth Jr. of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, David Jefferson III, born June 18, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Charles Bass of Lake Placid, announce the birth of a son, Raymond Charles Jr., born June 19, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Alan McLean of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Malcolm Ross, born June 20, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Tamayo of Bowling Green, announce the birth of a son, Juan Jose, born June 20, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Howard Brockwell of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Todd Howard, born June 21, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 2 lbs. 15 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Charles Osborne of Lake Placid, announce the birth of a daughter, Leslie Charlene Osborne, born June 21, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fred Ford of Sebring, are the proud parents of a son, Steven Robert, born June 22, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Royce of Avon Park, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Richard Duane Jr., born May 28 at Lake Wales Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Lane of Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Mandell of Avon Park are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Nicole Elise, born June 12 at Lake Wales Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz.



Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McWilliams

Couple Exchange Vows In Texas

Jo Anna Spiker of 293 Stonagate North, Farmers Branch, Texas became the bride of Bruce Hamilton McWilliams, 1209 Forestling, Lewisville, Texas, on June 18, at 7 p.m. in the Orchard Road Baptist Church, with the Rev. Paul Dewrey officiating the double ring ceremony.

Miss Spiker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Spiker of 12094 Bee Street, Farmers Branch, Texas and Mrs. Carl McWilliams of 385 E. Lake Lotella Dr., Avon Park.

The church was decorated with two candelabras and two baskets of yellow gladioli, blue shasta daisies, pink carnations, red roses and babies breath, which sat on each side of the altar. There were also baskets of leather lace and other varieties of ferns scattered throughout the church.

In the center of the altar was a candelabra of Unity candles. The bride looked stunning as she walked down the aisle wearing a white organza gown trimmed in seed pearls and

Venice lace. Her veil was chapel length of illusion net trimmed in lace. She carried a bouquet cascaded with red roses, stephanotis, babies breath in colors of pink and miniature carnations of blue and yellow. Mrs. Winona Derrick, sister of the bride, from Lewisville, Texas, served as matron of honor, wearing a formal gown of floral illusion lined in pastel hues of pink. She carried a nosegay of spring flowers with pink center. She also wore a pink picture hat trimmed with the same spring flowers as the dresses.

Serving as brides maids were Mrs. William Brandon of Lewisville, Texas and Joy Spiker, sister of the bride. They wore dress identical to the matron of honor, except in blue and yellow pastel hues. They also carried nosegays and wore picture hats.

Ronald McWilliams, brother of the groom from Falls Church, Va. served as best man.

Ushers were Mike Davis, Bob Cassilly of Lewisville Texas and Gene Stanberry and Jim Bradford of Farmers Branch, Texas.

The reception followed the ceremony in the Orchard Road Baptist Church social hall. The hall was decorated with spring flowers.

Mrs. Pat Shirley was in charge of the guest book. The couple will reside at 1309 Forestling, Lewisville, Texas, when they return from their honeymoon in Nevada and the Grand Canyon.

The bride is a graduate of R. L. Turner High School and attended El Centro Junior College. She is presently employed as Accounting Supervisor of Southwestern States Bankcard Association, Dallas, Texas.

The groom is a graduate of Avon Park High School and attended University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla. He is presently employed as President of Systems Southwest Corp.

Magic Show
At Library

Mrs. R. D. Moore, City Librarian, has announced a FREE Magic Show and Picnic at the City Library on June 30th at 11 a.m.

All school-age children are invited, but reservations must be made in advance. Call Mrs. Moore at 653-4842 to reserve your place at this special FREE program.

The Baffling Batty will perform feats of magic in the new Carson Room and then the children will be treated to a picnic lunch provided by the Friends of the Library. Don't miss out — call Mrs. Moore NOW!

Lions Install

77-78 Officers

A very memorable event was celebrated by the Avon Park Lions last Tuesday evening. It was the beginning of the 28th year since the Club received its charter. The highlight of the evening was the installation of the new officers for the 1977-78 year. It was also Ladies Night, an ongoing tradition. J. T. Gibbs called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and the singing of "America." The invocation by the Rev. W. O. Ragdale of the First United Methodist Church, a bountiful dinner was served by some of the ladies of the local Rebekah Lodge.

The dinner was followed by group singing lead by song leader, Lion Billy Martin.

Introduction of dignitaries, Howard Towns of Lake Wales, Past International Director and International Counselor, and Dr. Michael Wesson of Lake Placid, Zone Chairman of District 35-1, and other guests, was next on the agenda.

Dr. Wesson was asked to give out the special recognition pins and awards. Over 50 percent of the members received perfect attendance pins and all members were given silver anniversary pins. Only three of the Lions Club Charter Members were able to be present, they were Lions Malcolm Crews, Harold Guendert and C. A. Stinson. Special awards were presented to them. The fourth charter member, Fred Jahna was unable to be present. Three of the Lions members received recognition for bringing in new members.

Randy Dager, teacher at the Highland Lakes Junior Academy, entertained the group with his special musical selections on the guitar.

Following the music came the most important part of the evening, the installation of the new officers by Past International Director and International Counselor, Lion Howard Towns of Lake Wales.

The new officers who will preside for the next twelve months are — President Fred Hughes, 1st vice-president, Bud McKenzie; 2nd vice-president, Ronnie Schenemaier; 3rd vice-president, Charles H. Smith; Tail Twister, Tommy Watkins, Lion Tamer, Jim McWilliams; secretary, Ralph Fulmer; treasurer, George Kelsey, program and information, Andy Kennedy and Mark Brown; song leader, Billy Martin. Directors for the ensuing year are McKinley Cook, Kelly Phillips and Lou Nickoley.

After a very inspiring talk by the International Counselor, Lion Towns, and the acceptance speech by the new President, Lion Hughes, the Past President's Pin was presented to outgoing President, J. T. Gibbs.

It's Time To Say Happy BIRTHDAY

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

June 30 — Sammy Henderson, Bruce Smith, Audrey Hendricks, Julia Ann Schaefer, Fred Cantrell, Mrs. Rowena Charville.

July 1 — Mary Linda Derkman, Eleanor Trescott, Steve Strenth, Marie LaFlam.

July 2 — Carol Palagrove, Vernon Cantrell.

July 4 — Pearl Castine, Ella C. Phillips, Frank Kopta, Harry F. Frederick.

July 5 — Travis Hill, Mrs. Morris Adams, Raymond Roy, Amy Williams, J. R. Bennett, John Strenth, Velma Mosley, Mrs. Florence McKee, Terral Elder, Sharon Capue, Carolyn Dick, Kathy Johnson.

July 6 — No birthdays reported.

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



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hood

Snider-Hood Wed In First Baptist Church

Rebecca Ruth Snider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Snider, became the bride of Charles Douglas Hood, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hood, on June 11, at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Avon Park, with Rev. Aden Childress officiating the double ring ceremony.

The church was decorated with a background of palms, ferns, and palm clusters, featuring the altar table, covered with lace that held the bride's memory candle. One pair of spiral candelabras centered with an arch candelabra provided the candlelight.

Lattice screens were used to form a garden effect and two wedding baskets of all white mixed flowers completed the decorations.

A program of pre-nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Overby of Sebring and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Allen of Merritt Island, Fla. were soloists.

The Bride
Miss Snider, given in marriage by her father, wore a white floor length tulle gown, polyester organza gown. A ruffled yoke formed caplet sleeves trimmed in Venice lace and the high neckline had Venice lace trim. Venice lace flowers covered the sheer yoke and front bodice of the empire waist gown. The A-line skirt featured a Chapel length train with full lace hemline and lace trim.

She wore a veil with embroidered Venice band-tara, which held a Venice lace trimmed Chapel length train and two tiered elbow veil, trimmed in lace.

The groom presented the bride with a bridal bouquet of stephanotis, white cattyn orchid, miniature carnations and baby's breath, using a touch of purple to match her attendants.

Shella Snider of Avon Park attended her sister as maid of honor, wearing an all orchid Dacron Polyester Cotton Pettipoint gown, with attached caplet, lace trimming and flowered motif accenting the bodice and capelet.

She wore a matching orchid wide brim straw hat, trimmed in the same material as the dress.

Brides maids were: Beth Lynn Snider, brides sister, Jayne Henderson of Tampa and Leah Rae Snider, brides cousin, of Salem, Indiana.

They wear dresses and hats identical to the maid of honor and each carried cascade bouquets of asters, stephanotis, statice, ad miniature carnations, featuring shades of purple.

Miss Snider chose for her

daughters wedding a long mint green double knit dress with V-neck trimmed in rhinestones and a sheer cape. She also wore a single white rose.

Mrs. Hood chose a light blue double knit formal gown with cowl V-neck and she also wore a single white rose.

Jim Brooks of Avon Park served the groom as best man. Groomsmen were: Ricky Green, Sebring; Denis Hood, Avon Park; and David Simmons, Sebring.

The reception was held at the bride's parents home, 101 E. Palmetto St., Avon Park.

The cake table in the formal dining room, was decorated with an orchid table cloth with lace overlay, silver candelabras entwined with white and purple flowers.

The bride and groom atop the cake was from the brides parents wedding cake.

The patio where the buffet was served was decorated with large ferns and white bridal bouquets. The buffet tables were covered with white cloths and featured a tiered flower arrangement in the middle of the table. The yard was lit with torches.

Tables were scattered throughout the house featuring wedding gifts.

Sue Watford of Sebring was in charge of the brides book. Assisting in cutting and serving of the wedding cake were: Mrs. Bruce Clark and Mrs. Ernest Snider. Punch serving: Barbara Ewell, Linda Snider, Janet Lundquist, and Mrs. John King. Greeting guests at the Sniders' home were Lee Snider and Susan Chandler.

The new Mrs. Hood chose for traveling attire a navy blue and white plastrin gaucha pants set, with a red, white and blue scarf at the neck and an orchid from her bouquet.

The couple chose Miami, the Keys, and Tarpon Springs for a one week honeymoon.

Their new residence is 3204 Marlin Drive, in Sebring.

The bride and groom are both employed with United Telephone Company.

Out of town guests were: Mrs. Bruce Clark, Mr. Washington, Kentucky; Mrs. John King, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. H. W. Snider, Taylorsville, Ky.; Mrs. Ernest Snider, Miss Leah Snider, Miss Linda Snider, all of Salem, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Young, Mr. and Mrs. James Siege, Mr. and Mrs. John Tommy Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Aiken, Jeff and Jerrett, all of Cocoa, Fla., and Jayne Henderson of Tampa.

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Given Heart Awards

The Highlands County Chapter of the American Heart Association presented awards to volunteer workers at the annual awards day last Monday morning at the Howard Johnson Restaurant in Sebring, for the raising of approximately \$5500 during the past year.

In brief opening remarks, Buddy McKenzie, chairman of the Highlands County chapter, told that the success of the heart fund campaign was due to the untiring efforts of many volunteer workers and the splendid cooperation of the Highlands Community in their support of the fund raising activities.

The awards presented by the American Heart Association went to the following for their

work during the heart fund campaign: Buddy McKenzie, chairman of the Highlands County fund campaign; Ida Dorman, Lake Placid co-chairman; Evelyn Cullens, Sebring co-chairman; Betty Laird, chairman of memorial funds of Highlands with 11 years of volunteer service; Bunny Scanlan, board of directors of the Florida affiliate of the American Heart Association, delegate to the annual state assembly and instructor in CPR; Guy "Lucky" Campbell, publicity; The Avon Park Sun, represented by Lew Miller; Radio Station WAPR, represented by Chuck Shane; Bernice Kimmel and Ricky Helms, volunteers. Others who were unable to be present will

receive their awards from Buddy McKenzie.

Of the \$5500 contributed during the heart fund campaign \$1000 was contributed in the form of Memorials. While the funds are controlled by the Florida Heart Association, the money raised will basically be used in Highlands County. Part of the funds will be used in conjunction with an educational program with Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and some funds for research, which at present is used indirectly in the copying and collection of case histories in the Highlands area.

The heart fund campaign has grown in scope over the past three years, with the \$5500 raised being the largest amount contributed. The largest fund raising activity of

the local chapter during the past two years has been the heart fund dance or Valentine Day dance.

Traditionally the heart fund month has been February, however, activities for the next year will begin with an organizational meeting in December. As many possible activities will be run during the month of February, with concentrated efforts to obtain most of the contributions during this month. Particularly helpful in the past were the mail-outs the county banks enclosed with their monthly statements.

The heart fund program, according to Guy "Lucky" Campbell, enjoys good support from all of Highlands County because of the county's endeavor in supporting the fund drives.



VOLUNTEER WORKERS for the Heart Fund, at an awards meeting at the Howard Johnson Restaurant in Sebring last Monday. From the left: Chuck Shane, Avon Park; Ida Dorman, Lake Placid; Guy Helms, Sebring and Bunny Scanlan, Avon Park. Absentee members were to receive their awards later. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.



THE AVON PARK SUN, represented by Lew Miller, received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from Buddy McKenzie, chairman of the Highlands County Chapter of the American Heart Association, for the Sun's help during the Heart Fund campaign. Sunphoto by Roger Eckert.



VOLUNTEER CHAIRMAN OF the Highlands County Chapter of the American Heart Association, Buddy McKenzie receives a plaque last Monday in recognition of the chapter's work in raising funds during the past year, from Roger Eckert, field consultant of Lake Land. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Johnson Charged With Leaving Scene

Sunday morning was a day Catherine Johnson of Avon Park would probably just as soon forget after being charged on two counts following a traffic accident.

Trooper Jim Vann charged Johnson with leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage and having no driver's license in the 1:10 a.m. incident.

Florida Highway Patrol reports say Johnson was backing up in a parking lot when she hit a parked car owned by Wilbur Aller of Avon Park. Damage was estimated at \$275 to both vehicles.



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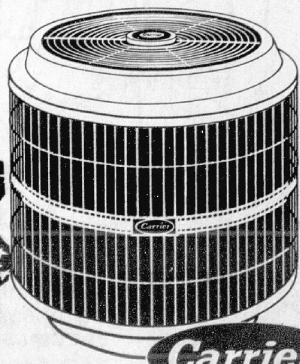
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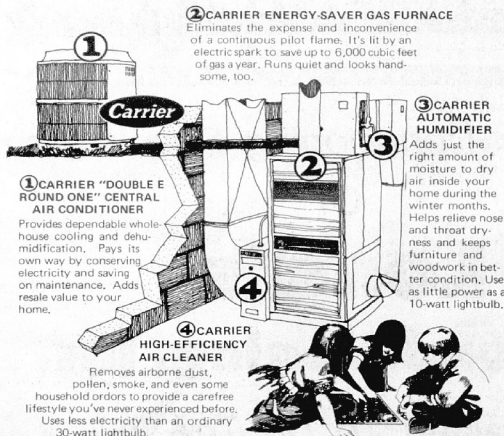
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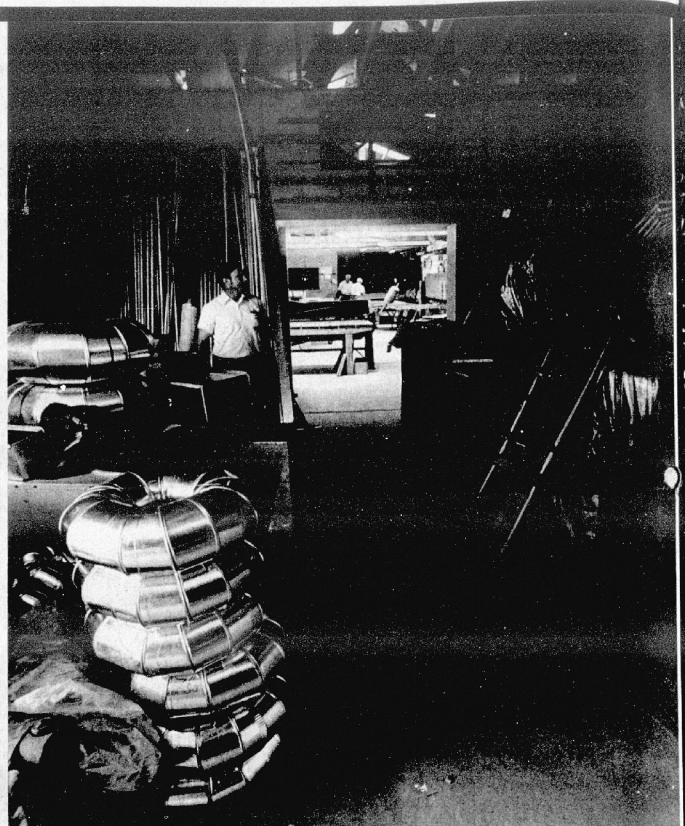


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It is costing county's roads. Gordon Hays J. budget request Road and Bridge over \$2 million.

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All Road seeking an inc. The materials to \$377,025, up year; outside 4.75 per cent; \$63,265, up 1 day fund \$10,240, reflecting increase from \$147,975.

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Biggest Budget Jump

It is costing more to maintain the county's roads, as County Engineer Gordon Hays Jr. has submitted a 1977-78 budget request for the Highlands County Road and Bridge Department totaling over \$2 million.

At Tuesday morning's budget session of the Highlands County Commissioners, Hays said the \$2.1 million budget, which reflects a 31 per cent increase over this year's budget, is due to the increase in prices and salaries, and the expansion of the county's maintenance responsibility.

The biggest jump was in salaries, which went up 27 per cent from last year. The actual salary total for the department's 79 employees worked out to \$226,826, but insurance and other benefits runs the total up to \$1,073 million.

In addition, Hays requested the county to allow him three new employees whose salaries would compute to \$24,778, but would actually cost the county \$32,859 for the new fiscal year.

All Road and Bridge funds were seeking an increase for the coming year. The materials and supplies budget went to \$277,025, up 12.5 per cent from last year; outside service totaled \$278,070, up 4.75 per cent; the debt service increased to \$63,265, up 16 per cent; and the capital fund was to be increased to \$30,240, reflecting a 109.7 per cent increase from 1976-77, when the fund held \$147,975.

New equipment requested by the engineer included a \$34,000 paint shop, a \$65,000 road grader, a \$35,000 backhoe, four pickup trucks to be purchased at \$24,000, and \$24,000 worth of mowing

tractors.

Other smaller equipment requests totaled approximately \$61,000.

Among the first items commissioners penciled out of the budget request were two bridges to replace wooden bridges. After the board was satisfied that the present wooden structures are safe, and have not generated any complaints, they ruled the replacements, which would have cost \$17,000 each, unnecessary.

The commission also asked Hays to attempt to have the three new positions staffed by the federally-funded CETA program. Said Commission Chairman Norman "Jug" Heston. "If we can cut

over \$32,000 out of this budget by using CETA, I'd sure like to try."

Board members also questioned the need for six new radios to be placed in county trucks and the necessity of purchasing six auto air conditioning units for foremen's vehicles.

However, both items were left in the budget Tuesday, to be considered at a later date.

The commissioners will be reviewing the Road and Bridge budget, along with the budgets for the other county departments, for the remainder of the summer.

Highlands County Bank Promotes Two Employees

Ben Hill Griffin Jr., Chairman of the Board and President of Highlands County Bank of Avon Park, has announced that at the June Board of Director's meeting two bank employees were elected as bank officers.

Patricia Murray, and Hazel Arnold both were elected as Assistant Cashiers. Patricia Murray has been associated with the bank from its organization and

opening in May of 1974, and has eleven years of banking experience. Hazel Arnold joined the staff of Highlands County Bank in May of 1975, and has over eight years of banking experience.

Other bank officers are: Ben Hill Griffin Jr., Chairman of the Board and President; Bob Daubach, Executive Vice President; and John S. Teal, Vice President and Cashier.

Bateman Attempts Escape

A local men's attempt to escape from the city jail Monday evening ended just outside the police department's front door, as officers wrestled with the man.

According to police, Petty Howard

Bateman, 22, of Avon Park, was arrested late Monday evening and charged with willful and wanton reckless driving after the man was reportedly involved in a single car accident on Lake Isis Avenue.

Bateman reportedly lost control of his auto while rounding a curve at a high rate of speed. Police said the vehicle slammed into several trees before coming to rest.

Bateman was transported to the city jail and placed in the holding cell while he was being booked.

According to Cpt. Ron Smith, the six foot-five inch, 175 pound Bateman kicked the heavy wire cell door open and ran from the building. He was stopped by Patrolmen Willis Chandler and Leo Bronson just a few feet from the front door and returned to his cell.

Smith indicated that additional charges of criminal mischief and attempted escape have been lodged against the man. At press time, Bateman was lodged in the Highlands County Jail, under a bond of \$6,244.



REPAIR TIME!! Southpaw Brian Farrell, Lake Placid Marlin Wright gets to the top in fastening plastic letter holders on a signboard, while Lew Miller.

Traffic Court

The following cases involving accidents have been disposed of as listed below:

Steve Richard Gregory, careless driving, fined \$50, assessed \$12 court costs; no valid license, fined \$100, assessed \$12 court costs; James Watson, improper change of lane, fined \$60, assessed \$12 court costs; driving with suspended license, fined \$100, assessed \$12 court costs; David Arthur Wilson, willful and

wanton reckless driving, fined \$100, assessed \$12 court costs; driving with suspended license, fined \$100, assessed \$12 court costs.

Stanley Vernon Lanier, violation of the right of way, fined \$50, assessed \$12 court costs; Marie Meredith Harlan, violation of the right of way, attend defensive driving school, assessed \$12 court costs.

Bike Rally On Fourth Sponsored By Sheriff

A bike rally will be one of the highlights of the Fourth of July events Saturday, in Sebring. Sponsored by the Sheriff's Department, the rally will get under way at 8 a.m. in the First National Bank parking lot for interested persons ages 10 and up. Sheriff Joe Sheppard will officially start the race with the winner being the one finishing the course closest to the time pre-determined by the

Sheriff's Department. Participants will receive a map indicating the designated course with three checkpoints and directions to follow. The course, approximately a mile and a half long, will end at City Pier.

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Corrections Losing Best Men

firearms, first-stage firefighting and the techniques of understanding and responding to inmate behavior.

"I think it is a shame that the salaries are so low," said Fortner. "The correctional officer with the inmates more than any other worker."

According to the report, the training not only gives the officers some of the

nuts and bolts stuff on how to do things, but also gives them something on understanding inmate reactions. Dr. Iven Lamb, vice chairman of the council and director of the Lake City Community College Corrections Department has stressed the importance of training for corrections officers. Employees at APCI

have been attending the course on a regular basis, with many already graduated.

The council's statewide survey found that the highest starting salary for a county correctional officer is \$10,749 per year paid in Dade County. The lowest salary is \$8,520 per year in Baker County.

Trailer Park Owner Wins Fight

90-days. Although the council had talked about increasing the monthly rent for hanger space, no action was taken Monday.

Mike McWeeney, Avon Park's consulting engineer, informed the

council that bids for proposed rehabilitation to the existing sewer treatment plant were too high. The council will attempt to secure additional funds to pay for the work from other sources.

Many Firms Closed On 4th

will be closed Monday. Because of this, the deadline for submitting classified advertising will be moved to Friday at 4 p.m. this week only.

All other Sun deadlines will remain

the same.

According to a recent survey conducted by the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce the majority of the merchants, business concerns and

Perm-Alum Products of Avon Park was awarded the contract to construct an equipment shed for the city's water and sewer department, after the firm turned in the low bid of \$2,338.

offices will be closed Monday, July 4th in observance of the national holiday. Avon Square and convenience stores will remain open.

8 Schools May Get Head Start

Sometimes it pays to be among the Little Orphan Annes of the state's school system. Not four, but eight local school construction projects may get a head start in life, depending on state allocations and with the approval of the Highlands County School Board.

At a special meeting Monday night the board approved seeking funds for the eight projects, and hired the architects who will effect them.

In hiring The Daimwood, Derryberry, Pavelchak Partnership, of Casselberry, the board also accomplished a little house trading, bringing the architectural firm's asking price down from 6.25 percent to 6 percent of construction costs.

At a projected grand total cost of \$6,101,964 for the package including architects, architects' fees would be roughly in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

The eight-project deal was a surprise to the firm, which had come prepared to negotiate the original deal of four projects. These took in, in order of priority, remodeling at the Sebring High Elementary School, new or greatly renovated middle schools in Avon Park and Sebring.

The four new projects include a new or revised Lake Placid Middle School, transferring the county school maintenance department to E. O. Douglas, refurbishing the Lake Placid and Woodlawn elementary schools.

All projects have been outlined in the board's five-year plan, but current funds would only cover the Sebring High and Fred Wild additions, plus some of the smaller programs at Placid Elementary, E. O. Douglas and perhaps preliminary drawings at Lake Placid Middle School. There are no funds on hand for actual work on any of the middle schools.

But getting back to Orphan Annie, a state survey of the county school systems placed Highlands County in 14th position in the way of needs, said finance officer Walter Shirley. That "Have-Not" category will place the county high on the priority list when the state allocates its funds this year, he told the board.

In fact, he feels the Highlands stands to receive 1.81 percent of the state's \$51 million school budget, or approximately \$232,000. The board, some of whose members will go with Shirley to Tallahassee to make its bid, expects to learn if he was successful some time next week.

Should the aforementioned sum be received, then the board will be able to go ahead with both Sebring and Avon Park middle schools simultaneously, and have preliminary schematics and design

made for the Lake Placid Middle School.

The advantage of the latter, said Shirley, is that somewhere down the line when more funds become available, about eight months could be slashed from the time it takes to start the actual project.

The \$6 million estimate is a maximum figure, based on new sites for the two northernly middle schools, both of which would be almost identical in design to cut costs, and new middle schools in all three locations. The board has also asked its new architects to investigate the advisability or renovating where it would be feasible and less costly.

The state survey has recommended that all three middle schools retain their present sites, and by building the two schools now, the board can save half a million in construction costs, Shirley said.

The ghost of the new Lake Placid High School hung over the proceedings Monday night, as the board carefully and cautiously questioned the architect candidates. Based on their frustrating experiences with the greatly-delayed Placid school, board members had set up a list of standards.

Pavelchak, the spokesman, said that with eight projects in tow he would practically be living in Highlands County, and in any case promised personal inspections of an hour or more duration twice a week. He assured them that assisting and advising and handling bids is all part of the service, and weekly reports would be filed with the board.

He added that much of the problem they have encountered in Lake Placid can be worked off with proper design.

Jack Wirick asked who would pay for "omissions and errors," and Pavelchak replied that the firm would pay when it was their fault, but where there is a "board-requested change order," the board would pay.

Dr. Dan Davis, superintendent of schools, presented a hypothetical case in which it was discovered that the oven doors in the home ec room opened into the hallway. He asked if the architect would consider that his own error. Pavelchak said that daily supervision finds such errors before they are too far along and too costly to change.

Board members questioned him on "fast track" fees, modified fast track fees, penalty clauses, the one-year guarantee, whether he would be willing to spread out the work over two years or so if necessary, and if he would be willing to accept a clerk of the works overseeing the jobs.

Pavelchak said a clerk of the works

would only mean added cost, when it was agreed by his firm and the board that "good construction supervision" was the most important requirement, and one to which he would adhere.

When he computed his fee for the project as 6.25 percent of construction costs, the board pointed out that it is paying 6 percent to Eoghan Kelley, architect of the struggling new Lake Placid High School, and asked what his fee would have been for the four original projects. He replied that before the additions, his firm was prepared to ask 6.5 percent.

With a certain hesitancy, the board played around with the fee question until Pavelchak asked point blank, "Are you asking us to accept 6 percent?" Members replied in the affirmative.

After further computation and with the agreement of his partners, Pavelchak agreed to the 6 percent fee.

Probe Continues In

Mrs. Phillips Death

Avon Park police are continuing their probe into the death of Mrs. Harriet M. Phillips, 50, of 14 North Highway Avenue.

Mrs. Phillips, who was discovered by her ex-husband, Carson Denton, 53, of Eagle Lake, last Monday. At that time, Lt. Donnie Singletary reported that Mrs. Phillips had died from a single gunshot wound to the head. Police have tentatively tabbed the death as suicide, however, as of this week, an investigation is still being made.

Singletary reported that initial lab tests proved inconclusive and additional tests were being made. At this time, however, police have not changed their suicide theory.

Funeral services for Mrs. Phillips were held last week.

Valuables Stolen

An Avon Park residence was burglarized at over \$700 in valuables last Wednesday morning.

John M. Walls reported to sheriff's deputies that when he returned to his home at 2 a.m., he found that the screen on the back door had been pushed in, and the door unlocked.

The thieves apparently went through the entire home, taking a pocket watch, a wrist watch, a clock radio, a shotgun, and two banks containing approximately \$700.

Sheriff's Budget 38 % Over 76-77

Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard attempted to convince the county commissioners that quality law enforcement costs money, as he answered questions about his proposed \$1.45 million budget Tuesday afternoon.

The tentative budget submitted by the sheriff is a 38 percent increase over the sheriff's department budget for 1976-77, up \$402,823.

The biggest single increase came under the heading of salaries and employee benefits, with each employee with the exception of the sheriff himself, getting a raise of between \$1362 and \$2311.

Commissioner Cecil Skipper asked the basis for the 14 to 20 percent raises, and Sheppard replied that the boost was "necessary to upgrade the department."

He warned the board of the deputies forming a union, saying, "The unions among law officers are already in Florida and it's knocking on our door. If we don't pay these men, they'll get it one way or another."

The new pay scale gives each deputy the county's seven percent cost of living increase, along with a \$100 per month across-the-board raise.

The sheriff said that even with the raises, his starting deputies earn less than officers in DeSoto County.

Under the revised schedule, a starting deputy would make \$10,500 annually, and salaries would run the gamut upward to the \$18,000 salaries being paid to Chief Inside Deputy Charles Snelgrove and Captain Richard McLeod.

Other jail employees would earn from \$9,738 to \$11,981, depending on their position and seniority.

The sheriff also wished to add a total of 14 new employees, including four more deputies and a registered nurse who would be paid \$10,416.

The entire cost to the county of the 14

new employees, including benefits, would be \$147,195.

Sheppard said the deputies were required because the department is currently understaffed. "With our population and number of complaints increasing, we need these people to adequately cover the county."

He said the department required four new dispatchers, coming in at all times to handle the calls.

The sheriff also claimed that the nurse would cut down on the jail's medical bills, taking care of the prisoners rather than sending them to a doctor as is presently the case.

"We currently have four CETA positions," said Sheppard, "and we need five more people to have over there. We'd be in bad shape if that program should ever end."

Other items questioned by the commissioners included the necessity for procuring large amounts of 37 millimeter ammunition, about which Commissioner "Jug" Heston remarked, "Are you guys planning to go to war with the Air Force, or what?"

Sheppard said that the department's present heavy ammunition has been outdated since 1972, and the expenditures were needed to update the supply.

When a commissioner asked if there was much need in Highlands County for heavy ammo, Captain McLeod pointed out, "If you're not prepared, you can be sure somebody's going to catch you with your pants down."

The commissioners also asked for Sheppard's reasoning behind the \$3,303 expenditure for the purchase and training of a police dog.

The sheriff said that the "cost of the animal is minimal compared to its worth to the department," and cited a case

where, "If we had had that dog, we probably could have followed the criminal right to his doorstep."

A moving radar device, with a price tag of \$2,400, was sought by Sheppard who told commissioners that the department has been getting an increased number of complaints from residential areas about speeders.

"With this we can stay on patrol and still cruise through the area in question," said Sheppard, "But I really don't want to get into the traffic business."

A \$5,885 fence is required near the jail because the state requires that every jail should have an area to hold prisoners should there be a fire, said Sheppard.

Other items in the sheriff's budget included seven replacement autos for \$7,100; four new patrol cars for \$24,000; \$129,088 for auto fuel and maintenance; \$7,000 for out-of-county travel, and \$2346 for the purchase of 17 gas masks and riot helmets.

Broken down into general categories, the sheriff's budget stands at \$782,323 for employees' salaries, \$162,086 for benefits, \$372,617 for expenses other than salaries; \$98,178 for equipment, \$12,000 for investigations, \$25,000 for contingencies, and \$23,463 for the sheriff's salary.

Cecil Skipper pointed out that the large jump in the budget would put a severe strain on the county's tax dollars, but added, "We'll do what we can to see that you get as much of it as possible."

Sheppard concluded that if the upgrading of the department, "I feel we could use a whole lot more."

Grand Jury

Convenes Friday

The grand jury has been called to convene tomorrow, Friday, to consider charges made against a Sebring man arrested two weeks ago and accused of sexual battery.

The allegations involve girls 14, 12 and under 11. The last count could involve a death penalty.

Investigations made by the Highlands County Sheriff's Department will be presented to the grand jury by Assistant State Attorney Bill Fletcher.

At his arrest — at his home in Sebring, June 16 — the accused was booked into Highlands County jail and held without bond. Since that bond has been set on two of the counts, a bond of \$100,000.

HMC Has July 22 Deadline

Friday, July 22, is the deadline for filing requests for projects to provide employment for the long-term unemployed. According to the

Heartland Manpower Consortium (HMC) the requests must be submitted on official forms now available at the HMC office at 1408 Fairmont Drive.

Barbara L. Monahan, manpower director for HMC, said, "Eligible applicants to conduct projects and activities that will provide employment are government agencies, educational agencies and private non-profit organizations, serving the general public."

The projects are to have a duration of not more than one year, she said. Veterans and recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits are target groups for job placement on these projects. They are to be paid no less than \$2.30 per hour, the HMC director said.

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Section B

by Lucy Derkman

Avon Paint And Body Leads By 2

The Avon Paint & Body Senior League baseball team jumped out to a two game lead over second place team Kopta & Bennett last week when a tie play-off was won by A.P. & B. 8-7 and then the regular scheduled game also was won by the league leaders by a score of 13-3. Avon Paint & Body coached by Jimmy and Dennis Hart, finished last week's play with a 6-2 record and Kopta & Bennett fell to a 4-4 mark.

McCann & Son Ford and Avon Citrus Bank remained tied for third place in the four team league with 3-5 records. In the action last week, McCann defeated A.P. & B. 5-2 and Kopta & Bennett won over Avon Citrus Bank 7-6 on Tuesday night. Last Thursday night it was Bank over McCann 8-4 in a close one in the early game and then Avon Paint & Body won the tie play-off and the second game of the night.

Last Tuesday night the scheduled had McCann & Son Ford going against Kopta & Bennett early and Avon Citrus Bank meeting Avon Paint & Body in the 8:15 o.m. game at Head Field.

Tonight (Thursday) A.P. & B. will take on McCann & Son Ford in the 8 p.m. game and 8:15 p.m. The district senior league tournament is scheduled for July 16-23 so league president Ronnie Jackson said this week that the last games may be canceled if a league winner is established in the next few games. An all-star team will be chosen to represent Avon Park in the district tourney.

Avon Paint & Body 8
Kopta & Bennett 7
Action was resumed in a 6-4 tie game last Thursday night between A.P. & B. and Kopta & Bennett in Senior League baseball action, and the Avon Paint & Body team won the game in one inning scoring two runs in the bottom off the eighth inning.

Kopta & Bennett went ahead 7-6 in the top of the extra inning scoring a run on a walk and two errors. But Avon Paint & Body came back in the last of the eighth to score two runs and take the win 8-7. Jeff Brock and Chris Collins drew walks. Jim Marcum walked thrown out by the third baseman. Then Ricky Derkman walked. Tim Cribb's drive to the third baseman was fielded but thrown away at first to allow two runs to score and finish the game.

The A.P. & B. batters got five hits off three different pitchers in the entire game with Tim Cribb slamming out a home run over the left field wall to tie the game up in the seventh and also hitting two singles to lead the winners at the plate. Joe May and David Roberts added a single each.

The Kopta & Bennett team slammed out 13 hits of three different. A.P. & B. pitchers. Dennis Barefield, Tim Minard, and Alan Liskey all had three singles each, Jeff Adams had two singles, and Ricky Oates and Ronnie Barnes contributed a single each in the losing effort.

McCann & Son Ford 5
Avon Paint & Body 2

David Sisemore held the Avon Paint & Body batters to four hits Tuesday night a week ago to lead McCann & Son Ford to a 5-2 victory over the league leaders. Chris Collins and Wayne Lewis managed a double and Tim Cribb and Jim Marcum hit a single each as Sisemore held the A.P. & B. team in check.

The McCann batters jumped on Tim Cribb and Jim Marcum for 7 hits. David Sisemore continued to hit the ball well, rapping out a double and a single and Gary Roberts, David Hardy, Darwin Ford, Warren Moreland and Troy Brown

all added a single each for Kopta & Bennett.

Kopta & Bennett 7

Scoring a run in the bottom of the sixth inning, Kopta & Bennett tripped up Avon Citrus Bank 7-6 last Tuesday night a week ago at Head Field. Dennis Tondoe came on in the first inning with one out to relieve starter Tim Minard and went on to post the mound victory for K. & B. The two pitchers gave up four hits to A.C.B. batters with Gerald Jones getting a triple, Steve Thompson hitting two singles and Gary Farless rapping out a single for the losers.

K. & B. batters got 7 hits off starter Gerald Jones and relief hurler Bubba Stirling. Dennis Barefield hit two doubles, Jeff Adams continued to hit at a hot pace lining out three singles, and Tim Minard and Alan Liskey had a single each for Kopta & Bennett at the plate.

Avon Citrus Bank 9
McCann & Son Ford 8

With the bases loaded in the top of the sixth and final inning, Bubba Stirling struck out the last batter of McCann & Son Ford to preserve a 9-8 victory for Avon Citrus Bank last Thursday night. The Bank batters combined nine hits with seven walks off McCann pitcher Ricky Johnson to score the nine runs. Gerald Jones hit two doubles and a single, Wayne Council hit a double and a single, Gary Farless hit two singles, and Bubba Stirling and Steve Thompson had a single apiece for A.C.B. Council and Stirling teamed up for the mound duties.

McCann batters rapped out eight hits off the two pitchers. David Sisemore had two singles, Johnson and Jimmy Brown hit a double each, Darwin Ford had two singles and Gary Roberts added a single for the McCann hitting effort.

Avon Paint and Body 13
Kopta & Bennett 7

Fifteen walks issued up by four different Kopta & Bennett pitchers and 6 hits rapped out by Avon Paint & Body batters paved the way for a 13-3 victory by A.P. & B. over K. & B. last Thursday night in senior league play.

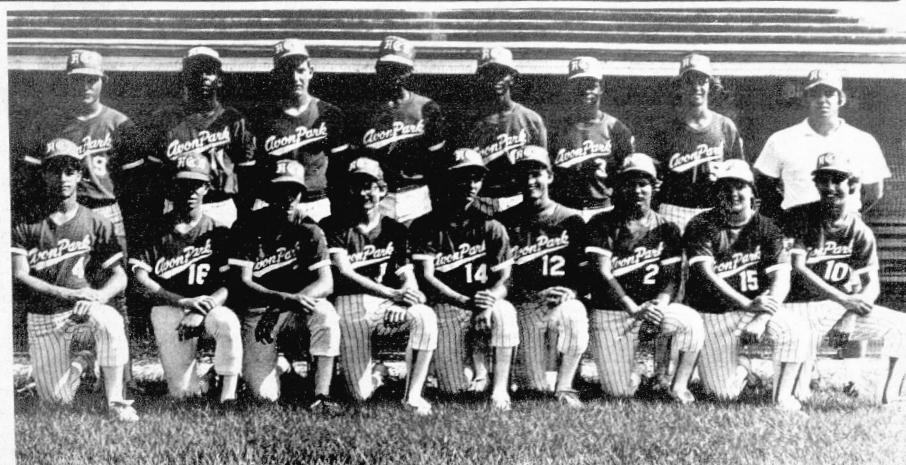
Wayne Lewis, the winning pitcher, hit two singles, and Jim Marcum, Tim Cribb, Joe May, and Chris Collins hit a single each to lead A.P. & B. at the plate. Lewis allowed eight hits to the K. & B. batters. Jeff Adams, Dennis Barefield, and Tim Minard all hit two singles and Ronnie Barnes and Sam Barnes added a single each for the losers.

Marble-Shooting Tourney Set For Kids

The APRD will be sponsoring a city-wide Marble-Shooting Tournament, with trophies and ribbons being awarded to the winners.

The tourney will be held from 2-4 p.m. on July 13 at the Recreation Center. There will be two age groups; 8-11 years old and 12-16 years.

All area kids are invited to start practicing and compete in this event. Sign up will be on the day of the tournament.



THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY Bank of Avon Park Big League baseball team has an 8-3 win record. The team will host the Dover nine here at Head Field Saturday night, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. The team line-up, from the left, front row: Mort Jackson, Joel Hart, Don Wildish, Charles Oliver, Edward Irwin, Dale Sisemore, Buddy Hunter, Andy Lanzing and Jeff Williams. Back row: John McKunas, Victor Roberts, Carl High, J. D. Taylor, Charlie Pough, Freddie Moore, Robert Freeland and Coach Ronnie Jackson. Sonphoto by Lew Miller.

Highlands County Bank

Are 8-3 In Big League

The Highlands County Bank of Avon Park Big League baseball team racked up two more victories last week to move to an 8-3 record for the season in district play. The Avon Park team shut-out Kathleen Bisons 9-0 here at Head Field last Friday night behind the coaching of assistant coach Don Sisemore and then took an 8-3 win from the Kathleen Royals in Lakeland last Sunday afternoon with coach Ronnie Jackson at the helm.

Last night (Wednesday) the local Big League team was scheduled to go to Lake Wales for a game with Wales Cooling and Heating and Saturday night, July 2, the H.C.B. team will host Dover here at Head Field at 7:30 p.m.

Robert Freeland, pitcher and second baseman with the H.C.B. team, is leading the team at bat with a sizzling .578 average for the eleven games with 22 hits for 38 at bats. Robert played for the Sebring Blue Streaks during his high school career and will join the South Florida Junior College Panthers in the fall.

Mort Jackson, Avon Park High School's most valuable player in 1977, is batting at a strong .450 clip this summer with 18 hits in 40 trips to the plate. Jackson will attend S.F.J.C. in the fall on a baseball scholarship. Mort is playing outfielder and utility infielder and also catching some with the H.C.B. team this summer.

Shortstop Charlie Pough is 10 for 25 for an even .400 average. Edward Irwin is 2 for 6 as a reserve for a .333 average and Victor Roberts, catcher, is hitting at a .323 clip. Pitcher, outfielder Dale Sisemore fifth H.C.B. batter with an average over .300 as he has hit 10 for 32 for a .313 average this year.

Highlands County Bank 9
Kathleen Bisons 0

Last Friday night the Highlands County Big League team took a 9-0 win from the Kathleen Bisons here at Head Field behind the four hit pitching of Dale

Sisemore who went the distance on the mound for Avon Park. The H.C.B. batters got 9 hits off two Bison hurlers. Robert Freeland went 4 for 4 with a double and three singles. Freddie Moore, John McKunas, Edward Irwin, Mort Jackson, Dale Sisemore, and Victor Roberts contributed a single each for Avon Park.

Dale Sisemore struck out ten Bison batters during the seven inning game.

The lefthander walked one and hit one with a pitched ball while allowing the four singles.

Highlands County Bank 8
Kathleen Royals 3

Last Sunday afternoon the Avon Park Big League baseball team traveled to Lakeland and defeated the Kathleen Royals 8-3 at Henley Field as Robert Freeland tossed a four-hitter. The right-hander fanned 9 batters as he posted

the mound win.

Avon Park slashed out ten hits off three Royal hurlers. Freeland had a triple and a double. Mort Jackson rapped out two singles. Don Wildish hit a double and a single, and Dale Sisemore, Victor Roberts, Buddy Hunter, and Jeff Williams all added a single each to the big hitting attack for Avon Park.

McDonald Drafted By Cinney Reds

Blane McDonald, All-Florida Junior College catcher for the South Florida Junior College Panthers, Avon Park, was drafted in the second round of the secondary phase of the Major League Baseball Player Draft last Wednesday by the Cincinnati Reds.

The secondary phase is for players who have been drafted previously, but who didn't sign with the club selecting them. McDonald was drafted on the first round last January by the Chicago Cubs, but declined their offer to play for the Panthers.

Should he sign with Cincinnati, a fellow named Johnny Bench stands in his way for the moment, although Bench has been bothered by a bad leg this season and it's not known exactly how serious the injury is.

McDonald, 6-1, 200-lbs., hit .405 this season, third in the state. He had 60 hits, including 14 doubles, four triples, four home runs and 50 runs batted in. He is an outstanding defensive catcher and has an excellent throwing arm.

He recently signed a full baseball scholarship with Florida State University and, at last report, was planning to play for the Seminoles for the next two years unless made an offer he couldn't refuse.



Blane McDonald

Adults Physical Fitness

South Florida Junior College and the Highlands County School Board will co-sponsor a series of classes in physical fitness for adults as part of the Community Instructional Services Program. Classes will be held at the Avon Park High School gymnasium and the Sebring High School

gymnasium beginning Thursday, June 30. Physical fitness for adults will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 for five weeks and the cost is \$10 per person. Coach John Hunter will teach the Avon Park class and Coach Dennis Bunting will teach the

Sebring class. The course will include organized calisthenics and running. Students will have the opportunity to use the basketball courts, the weight machines and other athletic equipment at both sites. Classes are open to all adults and activities will be planned for both men and women.

Persons who wish to enroll may register at 6:30 p.m. today, Thursday, at the Avon Park or the Sebring high gymnasium. Further information may be obtained from the C.I.S. office at 3240 by calling 453-6661, extension 115, in Avon Park.



LOYAL FANS STUCK it out during a light rain as the I. H. Ford and Rotary teams kept playing at the Little League Field.



Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders left last Monday morning. June 27, Nat Cheerleader Association - Nate Spirit Sport Camp (NCA-NSSC) Clinic which is being held this year at Rollins College in Winter Park. The girls and their sponsor

Mrs. Jean Lund will return to Avon Park this Thursday. Pictured left-right front row: Angela Taylor, Sheila Carter, Sherri Wells, Teresa McKenzie, Lisa Newsome, Terri Landress, Shellie Maxwell, Penny Padelford, Pam Todd,

and sponsor Jean Lund. Back row (l-r): Carla Lund, Maryvett Miracle, Barb Noaker, Cindy Evers, Traci Hill, Debbie Cushman, Paula Sheffield, Rhonda Landress and Tammy Welch. Sunphoto by Barbara Cornell.

Bagwell Lumber Takes Little League Title

Coach Don Cooper's Bagwell Lumber Title Little League baseball team defeated the Lions 12-6 last Thursday night to wrap up the 1977 championship with a 12-0 record. The two losses during the season came from Avon Tire by a score of 4-2 and Avon Citrus Bank by a score of 10-4 late in the season.

Finishing second in the eight team league was Coach Donald Arnold's Avon Tire team with an 11-3 record. Rotary, coached by David Brooker, came in third with an 8-4 mark. Tied for fourth place were First Baptist, coached by Lew Mundt, and the Lions, coached by Buzzy Skinner. Both teams had 6-8 records. First Baptist was forced to forfeit its last three games due to lack of enough players to field a team as some boys went on vacations.

L.H. Ford Motor Co. came in sixth with a record of 5 wins and 9 losses. Avon Citrus Bank and Kiwanis tied for seventh place with 4-10 records. Bank was coached by Gordon Marshall and the perennial last place team came along strong this season and knocked off champion Bagwell in its last game. Bagwell gave notice that they plan to be tough next season. L.H. Ford Motor Co. was coached by Jim Turnbull and Kiwanis was coached by Tom Tataris.

An All-Star team will be announced next week to represent Avon Park in the District tournament to be held in Frostproof starting July 23. Avon Park's team will be coached by Don Cooper this year.

Avon Citrus Bank 10 Bagwell 4

The Bank team scored 10 runs to take a 10-4 win off Bagwell Lumber on June 20, as two Bagwell pitchers issued 15 free trips to first base. Johnny Roberts

slammed out a home run and also had a triple and a single for Bank. Rich Macklin added a single for Bank's four hits.

Bagwell hitters got eight hits off two Bank hurlers. Thomas Gordon hit two singles, Jeff Davis had a double, and James Beck, Greg Jackson, Fred Lewis, Michael Erving, and Johnny Lewis all had a single each for the losing team.

Avon Tire 17 Lions 0

The Avon Tire team went on a 10-hit batting spree to shut-out the Lions 17-0 behind the no-hit, no-run pitching of Duane Young. The eleven year old hurler struck out 10 of the 13 batters he faced in the four inning game. Duane also hit two doubles to pace his team at the plate.

Tony Germani and Bobby Lewis had a double and a single and Steve Baker and Ben Johnston hit two singles each for Avon Tire off losing pitcher David Hodge.

Bagwell Lumber 12 Lions 6

In the last game of the season, Bagwell Lumber chalked up a 12-6 win over the Lions to take the championship. Greg Jackson pitched the four-hitter against the Lions. Glenn Caldwell hit a home run in the fourth for Lions with two men on base. Bobby Barnes had a double, and David Hodge finished out a good season at the plate with two singles.

Bagwell batters got eight hits off two Lion pitchers. Greg Jackson hit a double and a single, Jeff Davis and Fred Lewis had a double each, and James Beck, Michael Erving, Johnny Lewis, and Mike Baldwin all singled for the champions.

Top Ten Little League Hitters

Player	Team	Average	Hits	At bats
Duane Young	Avon Tire	.622	23	37
David Hodge	Lions	.563	18	32
Curts Taylor	Avon Tire	.534	11	21
Larry King	Rotary	.513	20	39
Johnny Roberts	A.C.B.	.452	14	31
Jeff Davis	Bagwell	.447	17	38
Steve Baker	Avon Tire	.425	17	40
Greg Jackson	Bagwell	.424	14	33
Mike Erving	Bagwell	.424	14	33
Richard Macklin	A.C.B.	.400	10	25

John & Pete DuPriest In Golf Tourneys

It was a busy week of tournament golf for Pete DuPriest, winner of the Bagwell Lumber Youth Golf tournament the previous weekend, as Pete competed in tournaments at Lehigh Acres and Sebring.

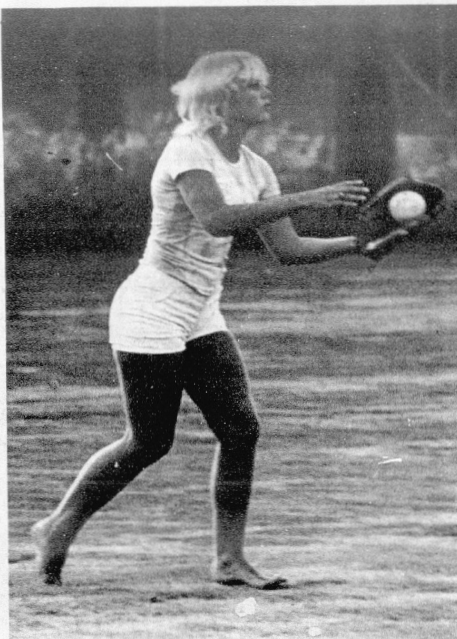
At the Lehigh Acres Invitational Golf Tournament, Pete finished seventh in his division with about 60 entrants in the 15 to 17 year old age group. Played June 21-23, Tuesday through Thursday, Pete put together rounds of 75, 74 and 73 for the 94 hole tournament.

For Pete, the Lehigh course is longer than River Greens, but not as tight. The ball had to be placed with a driver for a good shot at the greens. Pete reported that John Pallot and Ricky Nordane, who had played in the Bagwell tournament, also played in the Lehigh Invitational.

At the Sebring Junior Club Championship, on Friday and Saturday, June 24-25 at the Sebring Municipal course Pete put together rounds of 72 and 70, for two under par on the 36 hole tourney, for first place, with Kevin Janiga, Lake Placid finishing second.

Pete's appraisal of this course was that it was like the Lehigh course, one had to place the drives for some holes to get a bid or lose strokes to make the pin. Both John and Pete DuPriest took part in an 18 hole tournament at the Bent Tree Golf course at Sarasota, Monday, June 27. About 110 entrants took part in the one day tourney. In his age group, John shot a 78 which was good for a fourth place. Shooting a 77, Pete took second in the tourney in the 15-17 age group, but said he faltered and bogged the last four or five holes as he was bothered by putting problems.

The next tournament that John and Pete are looking forward to is the Babe Zaharias tournament to be held at Tampa, July 11 and 12 on the Carrollwood and the Babe Zaharias courses.



DURING A PRACTICE session Anita Mooney takes a flyball in left field as last year's defending champions Jahna Concrete of the Women's Softball League prepare for the 1977 season, which opened last Tuesday night June 28 at the Little League Field. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Jackson's Jump Into Lead With Two Wins

A full week of play took place in the Avon Park Men's Commercial Softball League with Jackson's Masonry jumping into the lead with a 3-0 record. The Jackson squad defeated Air Force 12-3 and the Avon Park Eagles 14-4.

In other action last week Coca Cola won over Avon Paint & Body 9-7 in the season opener on Monday last week. Tuesday A.P.C.I. beat Avon Chem 14-11. Wednesday Jackson's knocked off the Air Force 12-3. Thursday Air Force defeated Avon Chem 12-9.

Last Friday evening Jackson's took the 14-4 win from the Eagles and last Monday night Avon Paint & Body won by forfeit over the Eagles when an Eagle player was injured and the team did not have enough to field a ten-man team. A.P.B. was leading 10-6 at the time of the forfeit which set the final score at 7-0.

Last Tuesday evening Air Force was to play Coca Cola. Last night (Wednesday) Avon Chem and Jackson's were to play. Tonight it will be A.P.C.I. vs. A.P.B. and tomorrow night (Friday) Jackson's will play A.P.C.I. The remainder of the first half of the season schedule is printed in this week's Sun.

June 30 - APCI vs. Avon Paint & Body

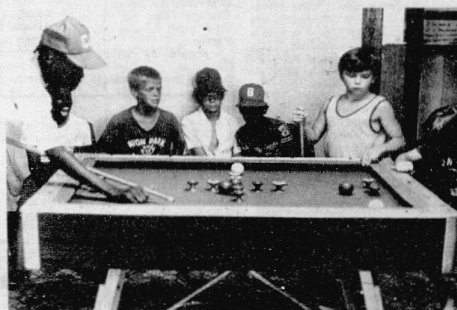
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- 5 - Coca Cola vs. Avon Park Eagles

August 1 - APCI vs. Jackson's

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- 3 - Eagles vs. Coca Cola
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- 11 - APCI vs. Coca Cola
- 12 - Avon Chem vs. A.P.B.
- 13 - Avon Chem vs. Eagles
- 16 - APCI vs. Air Force

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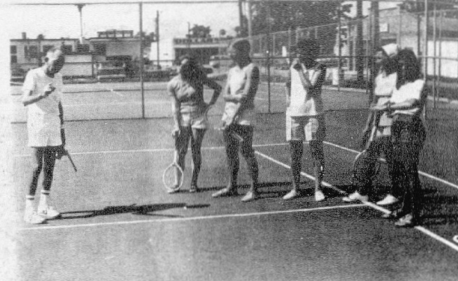
Home team listed first



Michael Irving (left) and Tim Eldridge (right) square off in bumperpool tournament as Lee Elder closely scrutinizes the action. Watching (l-r) Bobby, Joey, Ricky, and Ronald. Sunphoto by Paul Wilson.



This separated the men from the boys. After he completed the 40 yard run, 40 yard dash (frontward and backward) Dick Peavy attempted to do as many push-ups as he could in 60 seconds during last Thursday evening's tryouts for "Battle Of The Highlands". Sunphoto by Barbara Cornell.



Walt Reed gives instructions to an adult beginning tennis class last Tuesday at the Recreation Center. If you are interested in taking any instructional

programs (tennis, swimming, racquetball or karate) call 453-4881, after 1 p.m. for additional information. Sunphoto by Paul Wilson.

Battle Of Highlands Team Chosen

The "Battle of the Highlands" will take place at the Placid Lakes Country Club, Saturday, August 6th. Avon Park will be represented by a fantastic 7-member team.

The "Battle of the Highlands" teams were chosen by tryouts, in each of the three communities, following predetermined criteria, under the direction of the city coordinators.

Seven members were chosen, four male and three female, with an average of 26 for the whole team.

The teams will compete in far-out crazy games, similar to the ABC-TV series, "Almost Anything Goes". Avon Park's team is made up of the following super-athletes (as was demonstrated in the tryouts):

1. Joe Baker - Middle School coach and physical education inst.

2. Sam Dasher - City employee, parks and street dept.

3. Dick Peavy - Housing Authority Director.

4. Paul Wilson - Center supervisor, City Recreation Dept.

5. Judy Lewis - Hopewell School teacher.

6. Janice Turnbull - employee for Ridge Florist.

7. Donna Guenther - substitute teacher.

The team was chosen on two criteria - 1. How well they performed the four events; 2. How well they fit (age-wise) into the criteria for the average age of the team being 26.

Even though we had some outstanding performances by other people trying out, some had to be dropped because of the age average requirement.

The "Battle of the Highlands" is an adult games competition to be held as a fund raising event for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Jeff Lis, Games Director, has stated that Placid Lakes will furnish their facilities (swimming pool, golf course, tennis courts and surrounding grounds) for this event.

The County Sponsors for the Battle are John Morris Real Estate of Avon Park and Keith Corporation, Realtors of Lake Placid, the County's Electronic Realty Associates (ERA) Brokers. ERA is one of the 20 national corporate sponsors in the fund raising for MDA on the national basis.

David Voe, District Director for MDA, has given the "Battle of the Highlands" an official MDA sanction, as a fund-raising (and fun-raising) event, along with the fund-raising activity of ad-sponsorship solicitation for the events official program.

Dennis Guenther, City Coordinator and coach of the Avon Park team, urges everybody to mark on their calendars, August 6th, and come to Placid Lakes to cheer on their team and have lots of family fun.

In addition to the team competitions, there will be games and fun for everyone. Any civic organization or club in the county is invited to place a game booth at the "Battle of the Highlands", to raise money for their group and MDA. This will be under the direction of Jeff Lis, Director of Public Relations for Placid Lakes Country Club.

There will be no admission charge for any of the team events, as all funds for MDA will be derived by the contribution of the ad-sponsorship in the program for the event.

The program will include pictures of the teams, brief biographical sketches of the

team members, the functions of MDA, the list of Ad-Sponsorships and descriptions of the events to take place, August 6th.

Avon Park is planning to bring home the first place honors, so plan to bring the whole family to Placid Lakes and have lots of fun!



Sandra Kay Jackson, is tucked-out after completing the 40 yard run, last Thursday during the "Battle Of The Highlands" tryouts held at the track field. Getting ready to run in the background (l-r) Judy Lewis, Janice Turnbull, Donna Guenther and Mary Baker. Sunphoto by Barbara Cornell.



Brian Arnold (left) and Thomas Gordon (right) watch Johnny Lewis bat the topball. Topball is an exciting throwing and batting game which involves many children. Sunphoto by Paul Wilson.



Janice Turnbull has just released the ball as she hurled it 77 1/2 feet in the softball throw during the "Battle Of The Highlands" tryouts last Thursday evening at the track field. Sunphoto by Barbara Cornell.



PART OF THE ACTION during a church League Softball game came as Seventh Day Adventist infielder Jim Marcum takes a grounder and is ready to make the throw in a game with the Godfathers. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.



LEFT FIELDER Pep Hutchinson of the Godfathers (Episcopal) Church League Softball team trapped a long fly during the Monday night game with the Seventh Day Adventist. Final score 12-11 in favor of the Godfathers. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

BOAT STOLEN

A 10-foot aluminum boat was reported stolen from the yard of J.T. McLain, in Avon Park, last week. The boat was valued at \$100. Sheriff's deputies are investigating.

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Bigger Catches

Fish Management Is Key

One key to catching bigger and better fish is to manipulate the overall fish population. According to F. G. Banks, fisheries chief of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, it's a matter of basic biology and maintaining a balance of fish that is consistent with existing fish habitat.

"The role of the Commission's fisheries division is to manage Florida's fresh water fish in a manner that will provide an optimum sustained yield of the resource. Manipulating nature in an effort to maintain the needed ecological balance of fish and habitat is frequently a ticklish task and may require methods of fishing that are less than conventional," Banks elaborated.

Most anglers understand the need for a healthy fishery environment and probably appreciate the difficult role of the fish biologist. The major

difficulty is often found in the angler's comprehension and approval of the tools used by the fisheries division in their effort to maintain top quality sport fishing.

"If we are going to do our

job," Banks said, "we must rely on management techniques that have the ability to adjust, utilize or reduce surplus populations that escape the sportsman's hook."

One practical and economical

technique in our fish management program is to employ commercial fishing devices, and herein lies an educational problem of first magnitude."

The Fisheries Chief continued by saying the problem is not one of biology or management but one of

emotion and of people not understanding the necessity of commercial fishing and devices. It's easy to understand how the average angler has difficulty comprehending how a fish net can help him catch a bigger bass or a larger string of bream.

Lake Placid Gets \$22,433 For Field

Lake Placid was awarded \$22,433 for construction of a ball field at Lake June-Winter Park in action today by the Governor and Cabinet. Funding was made available under the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, administered by the Department of Natural Resources.

The appropriation was one of 17 projects funded by DNR's Division of Recreation and Parks in a pilot program in

which local user-oriented recreational facilities are awarded grants. The 17 projects chosen were selected from 156 applications received from throughout the state.

Cost of the ball field will be paid entirely by the state. The project received unanimous endorsement by the State Interagency Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee at a meeting held earlier this month in Tallahassee.

Courtesy Motorboat Examinations will be held Wednesday, July 6, at Sides Auto Supply Parking lot, 400 U.S. 27 North from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pictured above: One of the more avid boaters at Disneyland, Anaheim, California, is none other than

Boaters Called Upon To Think Safety First Always

July 3-9 has been proclaimed Florida Boating Safety Week by Governor Reubin Askew. Harmon Shields, executive director of the Department of Natural Resources, announced last week. Each year the Governor's emphasis on boating safety coincides with National Boating Safety Week, Shields said.

"There is no better time to exercise safety consciousness than the July Fourth

weekend," Shields said. "Usually, more people are on the water during this period than any other holiday," he noted.

Nearly 500,000 powered watercraft are registered in Florida, according to Maj. Jack Thompson, head of the Marine Patrol's Boating Safety Program. Power boat operators must make room for thousands of non-motorized canoes, rowboats and small sailboats, Thompson said.

"With the number of boat registrations rising between 7 and 14 percent yearly, it's obvious that millions of Florida boaters are going to have to start thinking seriously about safety," Thompson explained.

Thompson believes one of the best forms of insurance against boating accidents is the safety inspection offered by boat owners by the Marine Patrol and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. As a courtesy to the boating public, safety officers

thoroughly check all on-board equipment and issue "Safety Check" decals, he said.

"If last summer is any indication, we will probably inspect about 20,000 boats by September and issue decals for a little more than half of them," Thompson said.

Much of the credit for last year's safety record, the best Florida boaters have seen in a decade, should go to boating safety education programs sponsored by the Marine Patrol's district offices and the U.S. Power Squadron, Thompson believes. In 1976, despite a 14 percent increase in registered boats, reported property damage decreased \$200,000 and the number of deaths dropped from 70 the previous year to 44.

Thompson also attributes the drop in accidents and severity of injuries to better equipment and a general increase in safety consciousness among the public.

Permit Quotas Available

Sportsmen who have not yet applied for their quota permit for the first nine days of hunting season still have an opportunity to get their first choice.

Fred Stanberry, chief of wildlife management for the Game and Fresh Water Commission, said permit applications are running slower than ever.

"Since we began receiving applications June 1, less than 5,000 have been received in the Tallahassee office," he said.

Last year, a total of approximately 60,000 quota permits and permits for special hunts were issued by the Commission.

"If a sportsman wants a particular location, by mailing today, he has an excellent chance of getting that management area. No areas have filled as of yet," Stanberry added.

Quota permit is required to hunt on a wildlife management area from November 12 through 20. Applications may be picked up at any tax collector's office or their license agents.

"Sportsmen must attach the top tab of their wildlife management area permit stamp or write in their senior citizen certificate number on the application form in order for it to be accepted," the wildlife chief said.

Valuable Resource

Commercial Fisherman

We have the research data and scientific documents to support commercial fishing both as a fish management tool and a practical use of a renewable resource that might otherwise be wasted. Unfortunately, this information is not always available to the sport angler who is too easy to comprehend when compiled as a scientific report.

"Without the commercial fisherman and commercial fishing devices, the Commission would find itself neglecting a major segment of Florida's fishery resource. Commercial fishing may be viewed as the practical application of a biological principle," Banks continued.

While commercial fishing is based on a sound biological foundation, the adoption of specific fishing rules and restrictions have evolved from scientific study and years of careful observation.

Banks commented, "Contrary to some

observation, Florida is not wide open for the indiscriminate taking of fish by commercial methods. There are special rules applying to each body of water and, while fish traps may be allowed in one area, other waters will allow only trotlines or certain types of nets. Some waters are closed to all commercial fishing."

With but one exception, commercial fishing is limited to the taking of nongame fish and each pound of such fish removed assists in the necessary utilization of this resource. The one exception to the fishing rule is the Lake Okechobee program which allows the commercial taking and sale of scale fish other than bass and pickerel.

"The scientific application of commercial fishing can be beneficial to sport fishing. If we agreed that the biological balance of the fish population is the key to better sport fishing, then we must also agree that the commercial harvest of non game fish is a practical way to help maintain this balance. For the long-range good and the future of Florida's sport fishing, we have to place personalities aside and concentrate on the resource," Banks commented.

The Fisheries Chief illustrated the management concept by pointing out that almost five million pounds of fish removed from Lake Okechobee during seven months of commercial netting actually represented a minute segment of the overall fish population.

The goal for the Okechobee program is for commercial fishermen to remove approximately 22 to 25 million pounds of fish annually. A breakdown of the fish harvest indicates 722,638 pounds of catfish; 2,734,500 pounds of scale fish; and 1,186,035 pounds of rough fish have been

removed so far. In addition, there were 1,398 pounds of turtles taken by the commercial netters.

A review of commercial fishing on portions of the St. Johns River revealed that wire traps harvested approximately 95 per cent catfish and hoop nets yielded approximately 86 per cent catfish. No bass were captured and, while some

panfish along with rough fish were trapped, the game fish were released.

A summary conclusion of the review of commercial fishing on the St. Johns River was that the traps and nets are in no way harmful to the game fish of the area, and commercial fishing should be continued for both biological and economical purposes.

Frye Steps Down

An era in wildlife conservation in Florida came to an end recently when Dr. O. E. Frye, Jr., officially stepped down as director of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Frye turned over the reins of the agency to Col. Robert M. Brantley who has served as deputy director since 1975. Frye held the post of director for 12 years and has been with the wildlife agency for 31 years.

He is retiring to become Florida field representative for Ducks Unlimited.

The changing of the guard took place at the regular meeting of the five-member Commission in Tallahassee. Dr. Frye had been honored at a testimonial dinner Thursday night with many past members of the Commission present.

endeavor."

On the Commission's agenda was consideration of adding approximately 30,000 acres to the Steinhatchee Wildlife Management Area in Dixie and Lafayette counties. The board's approval of the additional lands brings the total acreage of that management area to 430,448 acres.

Brantley briefed the Commission on the Lake Okechobee Fisheries Utilization Program. After a meeting with commercial fishermen near the lake, increased manpower and law enforcement equipment have been directed to that area and "public opinion is swinging back around," he said.

Regulations for Type II wildlife management areas and the St. Vincent and Lake Woodruff National Refuges were approved by the Commission for 1977-78.

Under the Type II management area program, the landowner collects the fee for the sportsman and provides all habitat improvement and maintenance. The Commission provides technical assistance and enforces mutually acceptable regulations.

The next Commission meeting is tentatively set for July 29 in the Central Florida Region.

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DRY LAND SAILOR??? By no means! — Bill Luscomb, a Navy veteran from Billerica, Mass., has always wanted a sailboat. On his maiden sailing trip, with this 17 footer, Bill

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Representative Speaks To Kiwanis

Burnsted Says Too Much Government

"There is too much growth in government, — not only can we not afford it — we don't need it," stated Beverly Burnsted State Representative, as she spoke to the Avon Park Kiwanis Club members during their Tuesday noon meeting last week.

The problem that prompted Representative Burnsted to make that statement was the \$5,892 billion Florida budget which is an increase of \$387 million in new government over last year, \$247 million of which would be growth money, but the legislature would still be \$113 million short of having a balanced budget.

To Representative Burnsted, the only freshman member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, the first year in the Florida legislature is one of the greatest experiences in her life and she appreciated the opportunity to serve as the representative from this district which includes Highlands, Polk and Osceola counties.

Her assignment to the appropriations committee gave Rep. Burnsted real baptism into the legislative process. Since mid-January the appropriations committee has spent three to four days a week holding budget hearings, trying to attack waste in government, trying to identify real needs and come up with a meaningful Appropriations Act.

In other committees she heard marvelous programs and ideas. "But," Beverly said, "I see everything now in \$

signs and how much government regulations, intervention and expense can we afford?"

"There are those that would tax and spend from now to never and legislate from cradle to grave and all points in between and still not be satisfied."

The pace of the legislative session was a real surprise to Rep. Burnsted; committee meetings starting at 7 a.m., continuing through lunch, the convening of the daily session, sometimes to 5:30 p.m.; then more committee meetings followed by three to five social functions on many nights.

To Rep. Burnsted the social functions were an added extra; they provided the link with home folks, in a sea of strangers all around the Capitol city and were a

welcome relief to the pace and tension. Each social function had a few members from home and it was these contacts that prompted Rep. Burnsted to urge her Kiwanis listeners to get in the act and communicate, as "We do listen, we do want to hear from you."

On the financial disclosure bill, Rep. Burnsted stated that many who voted for this amendment weren't aware of its implications. The bill as it came out of the committee covers, virtually everyone. All of the Highlands, Osceola and Polk County delegation tried to prevent its expansion but didn't have enough votes. Rep. Burnsted speculated that if the governor doesn't veto the bill it will be put to a court test and found unconstitutional. "Full public

disclosure," Rep. Burnsted said, "doesn't necessarily mean honesty."

In differing with the statement that this has been a "do nothing" legislature, Rep. Burnsted said that money has been a problem. Much meaningful legislation has been passed and included: Election reform, resort tax, legislating laetrile, establishing a mobile home commission, organized crime law package, crime-victim restitution, return of the fifth and sixth cent to counties, 30 year retirement, condominium and workmen's compensation revision.

On concluding her talk, Rep. Burnsted told the Kiwanians that she would see them in September when she would return to listen.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE, of this district, Beverly Burnsted, told the Avon Park Kiwanis Club members last Tuesday noon that, "To me there is too much growth in government — Not only can we not afford it — We don't need it." Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Brawl Ends In Murder

A Lake Placid area man was being held in Highlands County jail earlier this week, charged with killing another Lake Placid resident Saturday evening in a street brawl.

Noah Evans, 44, has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of Samuel Chambers, 26, who was shot Saturday evening with a .38 caliber revolver.

Investigating sheriff's deputies reported that the victim and accused assailant were involved in a fight outside Richmonds Gardens, a Highway Park bar along with several other persons. After surrendering to deputies, Evans

has allegedly admitted being involved in the altercation which ended with Chamber's death.

An autopsy performed in Lakeland Sunday reportedly revealed that the victim died of wounds suffered from a single gunshot to the head.

Born in Jamaica, Chambers was believed to be employed as a fruit picker.

Evans' bond on the second-degree murder charge has been set at \$10,000. Investigations into the death are continuing.

At the time of his death, Chambers was reportedly carrying a loaded .25

caliber handgun, and four identity cards, each with a separate identity listed.

The Highlands County Legal Secretaries Association has chosen Jan Howard as its official delegate to the 28th annual convention of the National Association of Legal Secretaries (NALS).

The convention is to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 25-28. The Highlands County group named circuit court reporter Lanny Swift and Gladys Taylor.

Summer Program

The Highlands County 4-H program is conducting a summer program in all communities. There will be a variety of projects for the young people, mostly of a craft type. The majority of the supplies will be furnished.

Any youngster, school age through 18 years, is eligible to participate. The summer program will be conducted in 14 area locations. The Venus summer program will be conducted at the Venus clubhouse on July 6, 13, 20 and 27; Lake Placid on July 5, 12, 19 and 21 at the Creel building; Avon Park on July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1 at the community building; and Sebring on July 7, 14, 21, and 28 at the Civic Center. All classes are from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

4-H clubs and programs are open to anyone regardless of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Marriage Licenses

Walter F. Neal, 62, of North Carolina, and Bobbie Pierce Bryan, 38, of Sebring.

Paul Conrad Biggie, 41, of Avon Park, and Judith Ann Kessler, 31, of Avon Park.

Winston Lee Miller, 27, of Lake Placid, and Mary Jeanette Jordan, 24, of Lake Placid.

Charles Douglas Hood, 24 of Avon Park, and Rebecca Ruth Sinder, 22, of Avon Park.

James Nelson, 25, of Avon Park, and Carolyn Canine, 22, of Avon Park.

Stuart Lee Guthrie, 25 of Sebring, and Patricia Kay Johnson, 20, of Sebring.

Kenneth Gordon Haynes, 24, of Sebring, and Joyce Lynn Knutson, 20, of Sebring.

Joel Frederick Wadley, 28, of Sebring, and Patricia Ann Brown, 24, of Sebring.

James Edward Croome, 19, of Lakeland, and Mary Anne Kirk, 16, of Winter Haven.

James McKinley, 46, of Avon Park, and Martha Howard Green, 33, of Avon Park.

Thomas John Culbertson, 26, of Avon Park, and Susan Jeanette Lander, 20, of Frostproof.

John Staab Skipper Jr., 27, of Sebring, and Jean Yvette Gonzalez, 16, of Lake Placid.

John Marion North, 78, of Wauchula, and Anna Langford Coward, 77, of Wauchula.

Jerry Dan White, 25, of Plant City, and Joni Lynn Barefield, 20, of Avon Park.

William Terry Moss, 19, of Sebring, and Lisa Regina Geisler, 16, of Sebring.

Edward Dewayne Bass, 15, of Lake Placid, and Peggy Ann Wiggins, 17, of Lake Placid.

Joseph Wild Stanley, 25, of Okeechobee, and Darlene Leithner Woodall, 25, of Okeechobee.

Jerry Junior Revels, 48, of Avon Park, and Lorrie W. Thorne, 47, of Tennessee.

David Andrew Baker, 26, of Sebring, and Sharon Marie Otton, 20, of Sebring.

William P. Wise, 26, of Avon Park, and Harriet Kay Mercer, 20, of Avon Park.

Jimmy Kermel Rigel, 29, of Okeechobee, and Jennifer Louise Fowler, 17, of Avon Park.

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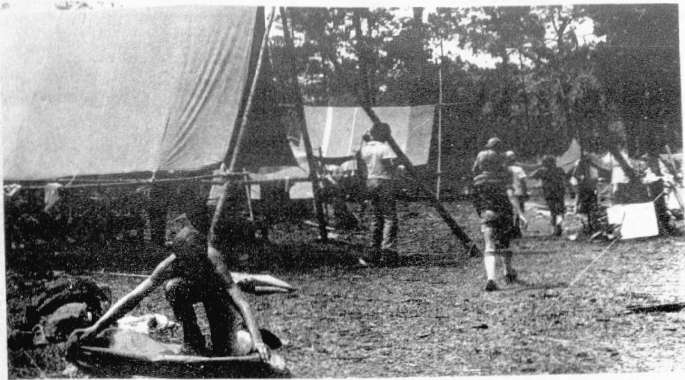
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TRAIL BLAZING SCOUT camp at Heart's Desire on John Hood folding his tent, cleanup chores. Sunphoto by Troop 156 get ready to break Lake Letta last Friday with while other Scouts go about Larry Hooper.



DURING THE TRAIL Blazing Scout Troop 156 Wilderness Camp at Heart's Desire on Lake Letta last week, the Scouts spent part of their time working on Merit Badges with Patrick Menzies, Jacques Thomas and Mike Brantley finishing work on their Basketry Merit Badge. Sunphoto by Larry Hooper.

Local Scouts Enjoy Full Week Of Camping On Nearby Lake Letta

Trail Blazing Scout Troop 156 spent the week of June 18-24 at Heart's Desire on Lake Letta in their annual long term camp with 27 Scouts taking part in the camping experience under the direction of Scoutmaster Larry Hooper, with troop committeeman Gary Bennett

and many of the parents assisting. Besides the fun of camping the Scouts earned 69 merit badges, in basketry, canoeing, cooking, pioneering, first aid and life saving, camping and several others.

Last Friday night the Scouts held their closing Campfire program with their parents bringing a picnic supper. During the closing ceremonies four Scouts were honored by elected to the Order of the Arrow-Honor Society of Campers. Honored were Billy

Barben, David Bennett, Kenny Shields and Jacques Thomas. Also receiving the Order of the Arrow, was Gary Bennett for his work on the Scout Troop Committee and at the camp. Scouts taking part in the annual long term camp, were: Billy Barben, Alan Bennett,

David Bennett, Todd Bennett, Mike Brantley, Richard Douglas, William Elliott, Harry Fish, James Goodwin, John Hood, Marc Hooper, Mark Elkhill, Dwayne Landrie, Patrick Menzies, Gordon Scott, Kenny Shields, Chuck Smith, Scott Swanton,

Jeff Henly, Juan Sanchez, Robert Daubach, Eric Ebersbach, Rodney Rider, Kenny Warner, Dennis Leasingham and David Parries.

Health Report On Okeechobee Is In

Two reports dealing with water quality elements of Lake Okeechobee were presented to the Governing Board at its meeting June 10, in West Palm Beach. Both reports are designed to share the technical findings of the District with other scientists and others involved in the technical aspects of water resource management.

The first report, "Phytoplankton and Primary Productivity Studies in Lake Okeechobee During 1974", (Technical Report No. 77-2) was written by Michael L. Marshall, research biologist with the District. Marshall has published several other related reports regarding the basic life forms of Lake Okeechobee. His work was included in the District's three-year study on the health of the Lake.

This report identifies 233 species of algae, many more than have been identified by any such investigation to date. A full year's time was taken to study the phytoplankton — basic life forms, and primary elements of the natural food chain of the Lake — and its seasonal and areal variations in Lake Okeechobee.

This technical report also attempts to categorize Lake Okeechobee as temperate or tropical in nature, based on these phytoplankton characteristics.

The second report,

"Investigations of the Relationship between Land Use, Rainfall, and Runoff Quality in the Taylor Creek Watershed," (Technical Report No. 77-3) was written by Anthony Federico of the District's Resource Planning Department, based on investigations done by District chemists in 1975.

This report is a study of the land use and water quality relationships in the Taylor Creek Watershed. Research was conducted over a three month period, during the rainy months of July through September. A total of eleven chemical parameters were measured on each sample. The samples were collected on consecutive days at fixed intervals of time.

Dairy farm operations in this area appeared to be a significant source of nitrogen and phosphorus. Nitrate is found in areas of improved pasture, while citrus groves are sources of sodium and chloride. Rainfall was shown to influence the levels of nutrients in runoff.

Interested persons may obtain copies of these reports by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, P. O. Box V, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33402.

Special Hunting Permits Available

Special hunt applications are now available from the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's regional office in Lakeland.

The applications are for special archery, muzzleloader and modern gun hunts held on wildlife management areas during the 1977-78 hunting season.

Although available now, applications should not be mailed until July 11. Any application received which is postmarked prior to this date will be rejected and returned. The process is basically the same as in previous years with one exception; applications may be requested by phone or in person at the regional office and not just by written request.

For further information concerning special hunts or applications, contact Lt. James Farrier at (813) 686-8157 or toll-free at 1-800-282-8002.

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Public Is Asked To Help

The Florida Audubon Society and the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission are requesting public assistance in researching one of the lesser known birds of the Sunshine State, the wood stork. According to Audubon researcher John C. Ogden of Tavernier, 300 nesting storks have been marked in an attempt to learn their seasonal movements and the characteristics of the bird's sub-adult plumage.

The birds are marked on the left wing with a red rectangular plastic tag held by a yellow button. The tagging took place in May of this year at Merritt Island and Pelican State, the wood stork. Refugees; however, the birds are likely to be seen anywhere in Florida or adjoining states. It is hoped that following the movements of the stork, or Iron-heads in cracker terminology, would provide clues to the decline of the bird's population.

Persons sighting the marked birds are urged to report the date and location of the sighting to John C. Ogden, 115 Indian Mound Trail, Tavernier, Florida 33070, or Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, 4005 South Main Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601.

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Cratty Re-Enlists

Senior Airman Thomas M. Cratty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Cratty of Avon Park, has re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after being selected for career status.

Airman Cratty, an air traffic control operator at Altus AFB, Okla., was approved for re-enlistment by a board which considered character and job performance. He is a member of the Air Force Communications Service.

The airman attended Loudon (Tenn.) High School. His wife, Patsy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Fagg of Rt. 2, Lenoir, City, Tenn.

Singers At Nazarene Church

The Church of the Nazarene will be featuring Sunshine Gospel Singers from Tampa this Sunday night, July 3, at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy the music.

Youngsters

Invited To

4-H Program

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Any youngster, school age through 18 years, is eligible to attend and participate.

The summer program will be conducted in four area locations, Venus, Lake Placid, Sebring and Avon Park on July 11, 18, 25, and August 1 at the county building on S. Lake Ave. All classes are from 2-3:30 p.m.

4-H clubs and programs are open to anyone regardless of race, color, sex or national origin.

Frostproof Class

Of '62 To

Hold Reunion

The class of 1962 of Frostproof High School will hold a reunion on Sunday July 3 at the home of Beverly Humphrey Chambers in Winter Haven. The affair will begin at 3 p.m. and features water sports and supper.

All graduates and their spouses and/or dates are invited to the casual party. If you are able to attend, please call Beverly at 324-1363 so she may plan a menu.

It is hoped that with the long weekend that all graduates in the surrounding area will be able to attend.

If you are in the Avon Park area you may call Charles Ellis at 638-2774 concerning your attendance.



Rev. Charles McLain

Appointed Pastor Of Church

The Rev. Charles L. McLain has been appointed Pastor of the Freedom Assembly Church located at Center and Anoka Streets, effective July 3, 1977. Rev. Thomas H. Holmes Sr., the former pastor and newly elected General Overseer made the announcement.

Rev. McLain is no stranger to the people of Highlands County, having held several revivals in the area. In 1974 he held a five week revival at the Avon Park Church of God where he met and married the former Elaine Smith. He has ministered on several occasions to the men at the Avon Park Correctional Institution.

The McLains continued their evangelistic crusade traveling throughout the United States. Rev. McLain says the Freedom Assembly church which is located at 519 Center St. in Avon Park will be known as the church "where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord".



The First United Methodist Church started their vacation Bible School June 22 and it will end July 1, Friday, with a final program at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and

Kittrell Fund Enriched By "Rinky Dinks"

The Avon Park "Rinky Dinks" CB Club reported that Don Daniel of 113 N. DeSoto Ave. in Avon Park was the winner of the hind quarter of beef that the club had made available for the Hunter Kittrell benefit day.

Although the tickets were received late and late in

Obituaries

Alma D. Phillips

Alma D. Phillips, age 51, died suddenly at home Monday, June 6.

Born at Johnston, Ohio, she had been a resident of Avon Park 7 years and owner-operator of Phillips Corner.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Carla Jackson, Wauchula and Mrs. Marjorie Gilliam, Avon Park; two sons, William D. (Bill) Phillips and Donald Phillips, Avon Park; four grandchildren; two brothers, Bill Doerr, Oklahoma and John Doerr, New York; one sister, Jeannette Hancock, Avon Park.

Funeral services were held at Graveside in Oak Grove Cemetery, Lake Alfred, Fla. last Thursday, June 23, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. John Pickens officiating.

Stephenson - Nelson - Smith Funeral Home, Avon Park, in charge of arrangements.

Reverend Elmer J. Rutman

Reverend Elmer J. Rutman, 87, of Sun Ray Homes, Frostproof, Fla., died Sunday, June 26, at Hillcrest Nursing Home, Avon Park, after a lengthy illness.

Retired Gospel Minister from Harrisburg, Pa., he had been residing in this area for the past 10 years and attended the First Baptist Church in Avon Park.

He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Ream, Sun Ray Homes; two sons, Paul T. Rutman, Camp Hill, Pa., and Dan Rutman, Sun Ray Homes, Frostproof; 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 29, at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. A. D. Childress officiating. The Men's Bible Class attended in a body.

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Everyone is aware of the irreparable harm that can be caused by the spreading of tales about our neighbor, and yet the temptation to do so is often difficult to resist. It is an unfortunate facet of human nature to relish any kind of scandal or sensational story, even though it may be entirely untrue or, at best, greatly exaggerated. However, faith leads us away from this ugly habit, and encourages us instead to look for the good in our fellow human beings. Go to your Church, where you will learn that telling the good things about others will make you look better, and you will be a lot happier as a result of it.



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Southside Community

By Calvin Gibbs
Hi Friends,
Everything is about normal in Southside Park, however, we still have a lot of illness.

Last week, I made an appeal for more jobs. I have received only two responses. If you know of any other job availability, please call me at 453-4900.

Also last week, I expressed a sincere hope for a better looking this week, but instead, let's look forward to it for next

week.
Happy Birthday
Three weeks of revival has ended at the Apostolic Church of Jesus in Avon Park. According to Elder Thomas Brown and Sister Virginia McLean, the revival was an "edifying experience that revived our souls."

Sunday School at the church will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by morning service at 11:30 a.m. Mother Diane Watson is in charge of devotion.

At services this week, two speakers were called during the morning worship service:

Sister West of Flint, Michigan and Sister Emma Hicks. Both spoke for 10 minutes each. Sister Watson then taught from Jeremiah 18, using "Let God Make You" as a text.

Immediately after the services, the Pastor's Aide sponsored a family dinner honoring the pastor and his wife, Sister Wilma Hicks acted

as president of the event. Evening service began at 6:30 a.m. with Sister Earnestine Dudley in charge of devotion. Sister Elizabeth Kerney and Sister Beunta Brown acted as speakers, with Sister Brown teaching the gospel in song.

Elder Brown made remarks and gave the benediction.

Auto Burglaries Continue

A rash of automotive burglaries appears to be continuing at the Bluff Hammock boat ramp parking lot, as three more vehicles suffered losses this week.

Last week, two cars in the Bluff Hammock area were burglarized while their owners were fishing in the Kissimmee

River. Charles Oliver, of Avon Park, reported to sheriff's deputies that on Sunday, a tool box was removed from beneath the seat of his station wagon as it was parked near the boat ramp. Oliver said that he left the vehicle locked, and that it was locked when he returned.

Youth Ordered To Seek Counseling

A youth charged with three counts of petit larceny has been ordered to seek psychological counseling, the order a part of the disposition juvenile court made of the case.

The youth was adjudicated as guilty of all three charges, ordered to share in making restitution. He was placed on probation and ordered to attend group counseling.

Another youth charged in the same offenses was also ordered to share in the restitution.

A juvenile charged with grand larceny and burglary was adjudicated a delinquent child and committed to Children and Youth Services (CYS) for placement.

For unauthorized use of a motor vehicle a youth was placed on probation, ordered to attend group sessions and to study a booklet on criminal

law. The juvenile charged in an aggravated assault case was placed on probation.

Probation was ordered for a youth charged with possession of stolen property. He is to make restitution, attend group counseling and stay with his father.

Auto Is Broken Into

Patricia Mooney, of Sebring, reported to sheriff's deputies that when her car ran out of gas along Lake Angelo Drive, in Avon Park, Thursday evening, she locked the car and went to get gas. When she returned, she found the car was still locked, but had been entered. A \$40 tape deck was reported missing.

Winter Guest Club News

By Lorene Weber

Shuffling
Louis Weber was the only 4 game winner, June 20th. Two and one half courts shuffled when we made up games for the rainout last Saturday.

On June 22nd there were 2 Courts and June 25th there were 5 1/2 courts playing but no 4 game winners either night.

Pinochle
June 20th - High scorer was

Sheila Wurster 705 and second 623 for Theresa Junk.

Then June 24th again Sheila Wurster had 742 and Mabel Cabezas had 644 for second place.

News
Anne Janke is in Walker Memorial Hospital, Room 221. On June 19th in Buffalo, N.Y. Viola Bartlett passed away. She was Gene Olsons' mother.

Ileon Kull will be reporting

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PASS ORDINANCES AFTER PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Avon Park intends to pass the following described Ordinances at the regular meeting to be held July 11, 1977. All parties interested therein are urged to be present to speak for or against these ordinances at a public hearing to be held at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Room, City Hall.

ORDINANCE NO. 612

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO COX CABLEVISION CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, TO OWN, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF AVON PARK; SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS AND ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF FRANCHISE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND USE OF SAID SYSTEM

ORDINANCE NO. 613

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING ZONING FOR AIRPORT PROPERTY FROM R-1 TO C-2 CLASSIFICATION

ORDINANCE NO. 614

AN ORDINANCE SETTING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEE FOR FIXED BASE OPERATORS AT THE AVON PARK MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

ORDINANCE NO. 615

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST FROM R-1 TO C-1

All parties desiring to speak for or against either or any of these proposed Ordinances will be heard.

Malcolm K. Crews
City Clerk

Hattie Green

Funeral services for Hattie Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rayberg, were held on June 25 at the Forest Avenue Church of Christ in Avon Park.

Mrs. Green died on June 17 at the age of 83. She was a member of the Church of Christ since 1936.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ida Golden of New Jersey; one brother, Freeman Rayberg, of Brooklyn, New York; and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Officiating at the services was Brother J. D. Reeves, minister of the Carolina Avenue Church of Christ.

Tape Deck Is Stolen

Pam Campbell told sheriff's deputies last week that while her auto was parked near the Kissimmee River bridge, a thief broke a rear window of the car to steal a tape player. Loss was set at \$139.

CB Is Taken

Roy Prescott, of Avon Park, told the law officers that a CB radio and antenna were removed from his vehicle while it was parked at the Bluff Hammock ramp over the weekend.

Sheriff's deputies are continuing investigations into the series of thefts.

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1. Card of Thanks

We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many dear friends who shared their love with Marge Scheuermann and her family before, during and after her illness. We are ever grateful for the beautiful flowers, cards and gifts and the preparation of food. May God bless each one of you. Sincerely, Amy Kuchel (Mother), Ernie Scheuermann (Husband), Mr. and Mrs. (Donna) Crawford (Daughter & Husband), Kim & Billy Crawford (grandchildren).

The kindness and sympathy of the Walker Memorial Hospital staff, family, Dr. Epstein and staff, of neighbors and friends in my recent sorrow will always remain with me as a precious memory. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the comforting acts of my beloved husband Charles M. Rogers.

The family of Glenn Shrum wishes to take this opportunity to acknowledge with great appreciation the many kind acts and expressions of sympathy shown during our bereavement. May God bless each of you. To the personnel at Highlands General Hospital and the rescue squad and our many friends. Sincerely, The family of Q. A. Moore wish to express their deepest appreciation to the staff of Nursing Home, Dr. S. A. King and friends for their kindness shown during the loss of their loved one. Moore Family. S-1tp

2. Lost and Found

LOST - FEMALE poodle, off white, vicinity of Crescent beach, Sunday afternoon. Please call 385-5718. Sebring.

LOST - SOFT ball glove at Sebring High School Sunday June 19th around 6 p.m. Louisville Slugger. Reward. After 5 p.m. 385-4246. Sebring.

LOST - LARGE red male Bloodhound, 1 year old, answers to "Sammy". Reward. Call 465-4236. V.S. Lake Placid.

REWARD CLOTHING lost at Foster's Laundromat June 20, 1977. 385-0034 Sebring.

LOST 1 Tapereille ski, Lake Lefth 452-2800. S-1tp

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3. Personals

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4. Special Notices

WILL TUTOR anyone at any subject through high school. References if needed. Call 453-3781.

The Midnight Madness sale is coming at Jim Blackman Ford & Used Car Corral

NOTICE: HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY ONLY, WILL BE 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

SIGNED: DR. DAN A. DAVIS, Superintendent

10. Temporary Help

HOUSEHOLD HELP Mon. and Fri. 10 am. - 3:30 pm. 3426. S-1tp

11. Female Help Wanted

WAITRESSES WANTED. Rawl's Inn, 3955 Rt. 27 South, Sebring.

WANTED. COCKTAIL waitresses over 18. Apply in person 9-4. Nancys Hotel, downtown Sebring.

LARGE COMMUNITY developer needs experienced mature secretary for the property sales manager. She should have 5 years experience a must. Apply in person at Sun 'n Lake Estates Welcome Center on Hwy. 37 North, Sebring. Excellent salary to the right person along with many fringe benefits.

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11. Female Help Wanted

ALLYN'S RESTAURANT food and cocktail waitresses. Apply in person. 4667 U.S. 27 South, Sebring.

WANTED A MAID, one day a week. Phone 385-6520 Sebring.

12. Male Help Wanted

JOB OPENING for experienced Diesel mechanic. Apply in person. Greer Equipment Co., Highway 27 South, Avon Park.

FULL OR part time work for garden and nursery. Some experience required. 465-3552 Lake Placid.

WANTED-FORM carpenters, call 452-2549 between 7:30 and 4 pm, Avon Park.

13. Help Wanted

AGE no factor. If you are dissatisfied with your present job or income you may want to all look into this position. You may earn \$150. to \$200. per week and up to \$300 per month in bonuses. The Peninsular Motor Club (P.M.C.) has opening in its sales staff for persons with automobile to cover Avon Park, Sebring and Lake Placid. This is an excellent opportunity for aggressive persons (women or men) to earn a better than average income. We offer a complete training program and company employee benefits. To discuss this opportunity call Mr. Thompson in Lakeland, Fla. 688-7921.

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EXPERIENCED CASHIER needed. Apply in person. Carper Oil Co. 453-6441. S-1tp

WANTED. CARPENTERS, call 452-2549 between 7:30 a.m. on S-1tp

INSURANCE - CLERICAL Agency experience preferred, will consider intelligent & resourceful individual willing to learn. Apply in person. HEACOCK INS. AGENCY 211 S. Ridgewood, Sebring.

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RETIRED MAN seeks maintenance part time work. Flexible hours. 385-7273 Sebring.

HIGH SCHOOL student needs work, any kind. Call Jim, 452-2454. S-1tp

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HIGHLANDS GENERAL

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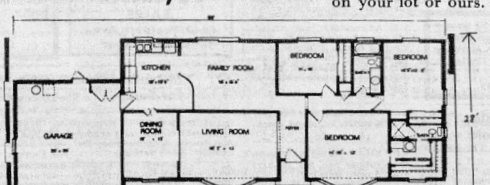
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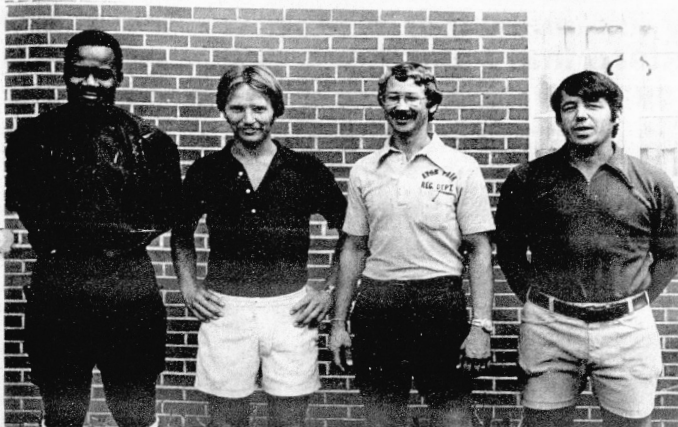
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Summer Fun At Recreation Center

photos and text by Barbara Cornell



The Recreation Department has four on its staff for the summer months. They are from the left: Nate Packer, Recreation Assistant; Paul Wilson, Center Supervisor; Dennis Guenther, Director of Recreation; and Ronnie Jackson, Recreation Assistant.

Avon Park Recreation Center has come a long way since 1973, when Dennis and Donna Guenther, with their daughter Dede moved here from Gainesville.

The Guenther's had their choice of coming to Avon Park or going to the KOA Campground in Ocala. They decided Avon Park would be the best for them, considering they had a six week old child.

"The only thing I knew about Avon Park when I came here, was it had a good baseball team," said Guenther.

His first trip to Avon Park he toured the armory. The entire inside was in ruins and the only thing he could think of was "boy what a job."

The first summer they were here, they worked from their home, since the armory needed so much repair. It had to be repaired and petitions put up.

The Recreation Department funds were so few, Guenther recruited high school students to paint the inside.

Finally the work on the downstairs was complete and they had their open house the day of the Halloween Carnival, followed by a dance that evening for the young people.

During the four years Guenther has been Director of Recreation, two mini parks have been built on the southside of town, Castle Street Park and Lakeside Park. They have play equipment and a basketball court.

These funds came through HUD. The only problem was they did not have enough money funded to complete the parks.

This year the department has received enough money to go ahead and seed them with grass and pour sidewalks.

The Recreation Department applied for a \$35,000 grant under User Oriented Development Program, to build a park between S. Glenwood and S. Deloit Avenues. Unfortunately, it was denied, but they have not given up hope. They are reapplying in August.

Guenther has three new projects he is working on now:

(1) They received the money from Youth Association of Avon Park when it closed, so the Recreation Department wanted to put in a new hard wood floor upstairs, which would be used for basketball and roller skating. This project was started in 1974, however, it is still not completed due to the lack of funds. It needs to be sanded and painted before it will be completed.

(2) They are going to screen the top and paint the sides of the racket ball courts.

(3) The carport in the back of the Recreation Center is being closed in with block to make weight and exercise room. They have already purchased

some of the equipment.

There are four on the Recreation Department Staff this summer: Guenther, Director of Recreation; Paul Wilson, Center Supervisor; Ronnie Jackson, Recreation Assistant and Nate Packer, who is a student at Bethune-Cookman College.

Summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 1-6 and 7-10 p.m. On Wednesday from 1-6 p.m.

The center has a snack room, pool tables, bumper pool table, basketball courts, volleyball, tether-tennis and racquetball equipment. They also have table games such as checkers and Monopoly.

The summer schedule includes, organized weekly activities for the youth, instructional programs (such as swimming, tennis, racquetball and karate lessons). There will be special programs for the summer too. One of the favorites is the kids-dog show, which will be held July 23.

These programs and facilities are made possible through tax funds and the Recreation Department invites you and your family to enjoy these programs and facilities that the city does have available.

For additional information call 453-6861, any afternoon.



You never know what kind of fun and games you will find at the Recreation Department. Melissa Burby entered the bread eating contest in an attempt to beat the record of 38 seconds, while Paul Wilson, Center Supervisor watches.



BOOM!!! Thomas Gordon blew one of the biggest bubbles during the bubble gum blowing contest.



Wendell Moore (right) and a friend play Stratego, one of the many table games available at the Recreation Center, 101 N. Verona Ave.

Backward Glance

by Barbara

55 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goodwin and Mrs. C. E. Lanier were among the motor visitors to Tampa over Saturday and Sunday.

W. S. Pearce and son L. C. Pearce were in town Monday afternoon and night. L. C. is nominee for county commissioner from district No. 13.

25 Years Ago

Band students from Avon Park who were attending the summer music camp held by the University of Miami at Coral Gables are: Beth Sags and Dean Martin, who go as counselors, Ellen Sachsenmaier, Carolyn Bolt, Frances Evelyn Flaker, Dick Reddick, Albert Collier, Gloria Sheffield, Susan Jane Brown, Martha Jo Little, and Donald King.

At their regular meeting Tuesday night at the Civic Center the Civil Air Patrol Cadets elected Glen Welch as their new Cadet Commanding Officer. Also elected for a term of six months were Tommy Moore as Cadet Adjutant and Louis Lagani as Cadet First Sergeant. Outgoing officers were: Louis Lagani as Cadet Commander; Franklin Welch, Cadet Adjutant; and Billy Jones, Cadet First Sergeant.

10 Years Ago

Mrs. Alma Hooper, wife of Larry Hooper has been selected by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce to fill the vacancy of Executive Secretary created by the resignation of Mrs. Anna Belle Worden.

Anne Bertrande Cross and Edward Green Touchton Jr., were united in Holy Matrimony on June 23rd at Christ Methodist Church by the Sea in Vero Beach.

On The Consumer's Side

If you as a consumer have been misled, deceived, or have questions you need clarified, call the toll free telephone number of the Florida Department of Agriculture, Consumer Services, Tallahassee: 1-800-342-2178 or write, Mrs. Lee F. Rumbley, Consumer Services Coordinator, The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, The Division of Consumer Services, The Mayo Building, Tallahassee, Fla. 32304.

Question: I read an ad for a dating service that promised at least two names of prospective dates with persons matched to my interests by a computer. The fee was \$1200 for a one-year contract.

This seemed a little high, but it would be a good way to meet people, as I am divorced and new in this area. Have you had any problem with these services?

Answer: With the increasing number of single people — the unmarried, the separated, the divorced, and the widowed — dating services are becoming more and more popular. Such services, however, often fail to deliver what they promise.

They entice you into signing long term contracts at expensive rates with advertising claims of glamorous, compatible, scientifically-matched companions to relieve your loneliness and given your social life.

Most often, though, the claims are never fulfilled. Be very careful and watch out for these common pitfalls:

Don't be taken in by claims of "computerized matching." "Couples

scientifically matched," or other claims of advanced technological means for getting you exactly the right dates. In most cases firms don't have access to a computer and simply match you up with anybody.

Don't accept at face value a dating service's claim that you will regularly be given names of available people.

Often names supplied are of people who live hundreds of miles away or who are involved dating someone regularly or who are even married. Sometimes dating services just stop supplying names.

Check the success of friends who have used the services or ask the service to supply you with names of those with whom you can check.

Be hesitant about believing extravagant claims about available partners. Claims that you will be matched with "beautiful," "outgoing," "personable," "bright," "swinging" partners almost always lead to expectations that are disappointed.

Some firms even use misleading photographs — photographs of professional models who are represented as available member of the service.

Read any contract you are asked to sign carefully. Very often, dating service contracts will obligate you to make full payment, even if you are dissatisfied, get married, or want to drop the service.

Avoid signing long term contracts or ask for a clause in the contract that will enable you to get money back if you move away, get married, or just wish to quit the service.

Cooking Corner

Mrs. Gene (Barbara) Allen moved to Avon Park in June of 1976 with her husband and daughter Sunday.

Mrs. Allen enjoys sewing (she makes all her clothes and Sundries), macrame, ceramics, gardening, embroidery, crewel and just working at home.

She is employed at Wellcraft Marine Corp.

She is sharing her recipe for a Pineapple Cake.

Pineapple Cake

1 box yellow cake mix (Duncan Hines)
4 eggs
1/2 cup Crisco oil
1 can mandarin orange sections (use juice too)

Mix well. Make 4 thin layers. Cook 15-20 minutes on 350 degrees.

Icing

1 large bowl cool whip
1 large box vanilla instant pudding
1 tall can crushed pineapple

Drain a little juice off, good to use blender to shred pineapple good. Mix and spread. Keep in refrigerator. To add color top with one maraschino cherry.



Discount For Presorted Mail

Many commercial mailers have achieved significant savings and at the same time helped post offices process their mailings by taking advantage of a simple workable program, the U.S. Postal Service said.

The program, called Presort First Class Mail, offers mailers a one cent per piece lower rate on all presorted first-class mail meeting certain requirements. Currently, the Postal Service handles more than one billion pieces under the program.

The Postal Service estimates participating mailers have saved more than \$10 million since the program began in July, 1976.

To qualify for the lower rate, there must be at least 500 pieces in the mailing. The mailer must presort the mailing to five digit ZIP Codes wherever there are 10 or more pieces having the same ZIP Code. After presorting as much as possible to five digits, the mailer must then presort the remaining mail to three digits whenever there are 50 or more pieces.

The Postal Service provides necessary trays and the meter bundles and packages the mailing for delivery to the post office. Each piece must be printed or stamped with the words, "Presorted First Class." Payment for postage is made by postage meter or Postmasters set local requirements for acceptance hours and deposit points, but in general want the mail deposited between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Postmasters, however, will work with customers to

adjust these requirements if necessary to meet special customer needs, the Postal Service said.

In addition to the lower rate for each piece presorted by ZIP Codes to five and three digits, customers benefit by establishing their mailing lists in ZIP sequence. Once a list is sequenced by ZIP Code, mailers can better schedule mailings for uniform delivery

and also isolate customers geographically, such as types of residential areas, for other communication purposes.

The Postal Service benefits because presorted mail bypasses many handling operations and is already sequenced by ZIP Code. This helps assure consistent and reliable first-class mail service.

Customers likely to take

advantage of presort savings include utilities, retailers, oil companies, publishers, banks and credit card companies, stock brokers, insurance firms and also Federal, state and local government agencies.

Details on the Presort First Class Mail program are available from postmasters or postal customers service representatives, the Postal Service said.

Ben Hill Griffin III

Elected President Of Seald-Sweet

Seald-Sweet Growers' Board of Directors, representing about 40 fresh packing houses and thousands of acres of citrus in Florida's interior and Indian River regions, overwhelmingly elected Ben Hill Griffin III president at their annual June meeting. Griffin has served on the board since 1971.

Griffin, at age 35, is one of the youngest decision makers in the Florida citrus industry. He is president of Ben Hill Griffin, Inc., a broad-based corporation that includes several thousand acres of citrus groves (oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, tangelos, lemons, honey tangerines, etc.), fresh fruit

packing, citrus processing operations, cattle and a fertilizer division with the fourth largest single plant in Florida. Griffin's company has been a major packer of fresh citrus since 1949 and subsequently developed a massive processing operation covering virtually every form of

processed citrus — single strength juice, chilled citrus sections and salads, chilled grapefruit and orange juice, frozen concentrates (retail as well as bulk) and lemonade. Griffin comes from a third generation citrus family and has a wide reputation for being both astute in business and knowledgeable about anything related to citrus.

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Suicide Rate Is Increasing In County

State public health officials believe that total numbers of suicides in Highlands County are too small to be statistically significant — until these are viewed in a long range prospective which shows the rate steadily climbing.

Last week county health officers found their projections to be in conflict with those attributed to state reports. Dick Downs of the state health department's vital statistics office is sticking to his original report — that Highlands had a rate of 26.8 suicides per 100,000 population in 1976. Highlands, working with a six months report, had figured the rate to be about 17.7 per 100,000.

Downs had the advantage of a complete report which has not been delivered to local offices yet. He pointed out, that 11 suicides in 1976 is too small to give good measurement to the county's self-destruction inclinations. However, he noted, the rate in 1973 had been 23.4 per 100,000 and 19.7 in 1974. In each of those years the Highlands rate was higher than the state average (which had been 16.7 in 1974, up to 17.7 in 1975 and off a bit to 17.7 in 1976).

All the highest rate counties are small — Collier, Flagler, Glades, Hendry's rate in 1976 was an astounding 44.1 and Sumter's, 43.7.

Downs said counties with relatively high percentages of older residents often show high suicide rates. He explains that older persons who have terminal illnesses, or who believe they have terminal illnesses, account for many of the self-inflicted deaths among the upper age victims.

Downs points out that Highlands has a relatively poor record in another bracketing of death reports. The state homicide rate fell in 1976 and so far this year is holding at the 1976 level.

Highlands had, according to health officers, 8 homicides in 1976 and that produced a rate of 19.5 per 100,000. The state rate was 11.5.

The current year is off to a poor start. Four homicides were reported for the opening quarter of the year.

Downs quickly points out that public health and law enforcement agencies use different criteria which sometimes lead to different figures on the number of homicides. The state official also says that Highlands had 7 homicides in the first half of 1976 and only 1 in the last half. He cheerfully suggests that things may calm down and the figure 4 hold for the homicide report for the whole year.