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# School Days Bring Tears And Joy

TIMMY COVERS HIS eyes — perhaps to help hide the kindergarten classroom at Hopewell School. ACTION CENTER - A time for play in a kindergarten class as Hopewell School starts it's class year. TAKING IT IN STRIDE - First graders at Hopewell School were ready for whatever the classroom may offer, as Joy McClelland held the door open for them. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

# Council Delays Action On Airport

In what appeared to be a vindictive and punitive mood the Avon Park City Council delayed final action on the fixed base operator leases with Avon Flying Services and Highlands Aviation, Inc., during a special meeting last Thursday night.

It was reported by City Clerk Malcolm Crews and Building Inspector C. W. Ellerbee that the facilities of the Avon Park Flying Service and Highlands Aviation, Inc., met the requirements of fixed base operator (FBO) at the city airport, in regard to land area, buildings, gas storage ramp space, tie downs, office waiting room area and other items. Both were also reported as meeting the requirements of insurance and other financial reliability.

However, neither lease was approved as Councilman Larry Albritton suggested that the Highlands Aviation, Inc., owned by James Renfro, get their lease (land) in line with the fixed base operator's lease, with both running concurrently. Council President Robert Britt stated a new lease would be needed for Highlands Aviation to opoerate as a fixed base operator with a new fee to be determined.

On the question of ramp space for Highlands Aviation, brought up by Councilman David Barefield, it was pointed out that both operators had enough space unless access to the hangars was deducted. As the situation was the same in both cases, the ramp space was considered satisfactory. Don Gossick of Avon Park Flying Service reported having enough ramp space even if the hangar entrance was not included.

Albritton then spoke of safety on the ramps brought the reply that there had been no accidents with the present arrangements at the airport.

When Councilman Kelly Phillips questioned if there were a city code stating that fueling should not be within 50 feet of the hangar, it was pointed out that the aircraft standard safety code does not mention the word gas but stated "no fueling operation within 50 feet of a hangar or building."

Corky Pardee representing Don Gossick, asked the council to amend the law. However, City Attorney, Jack Hancock stated pumps in the center of a ramp were in greater danger of being hit than pumps at the side of a ramp. Gossick replied the pumps had been moved next to the hangar for this reason at a time when the airport was not within the city limits.

Hancock noted that the law said fueling operation, not pumps, thus he suggested that a 50 foot or longer hose be used for refueling a plane and the city law requirements would be met. Gossick reported having 100 foot long fuel hoses.

In a discussion of Renfro's lease, he said he had a right to use the north 50 feet of lot 5, because it was part of a property exchange (lots 3,4, and 5) agreement with the city; which was confirmed by Hancock.

Albritton stated that Renfro should pay more than $240 per year if he was going to be a fixed base operator, questioning whether it was fair to the other fixed base operator; with Hancock saying the lease would have to be according to the value of facilities being leased.

Renfro replied that he was renting unimproved property and had to maintain and pay taxes on his own buildings and facilities; whereas Gossick, for $250 per month, was receiving buildings, ramps and other facilities, which the city maintained.

Barefield jumped into the questioning of Renfro, with, "Did you improve the property? Did you submit plans to the council?" With Renfro replying that small improvements were made and a submitting of plans was not required at the time.

Albritton continued, "Now you are going into another line of business with a lease the council did not approve? (Albritton is a member of the city council that told Renfro to have his attorney

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# Enrollment Up In Avon Park

Highlands County public school enrollment skidded below the 7,000 mark for its opening day count. According to Dr. Dan Davis, county school superintendent, the 10 public schools reported a total of 6,873 on Monday, Aug. 29.

Only two schools in the county showed gains over their opening day count in 1976. Avon Park high was up 31, to 772 for the day, and Fred Wild Elementary was up 14, to 609. Lake Placid Elementary held even, at 616 for opening day last year and this year.

Dr. Davis' staff pointed out that opening day registrations are always misleading for many families traditionally delay their participation in classes until after the Labor Day holiday. Last year the county enrollment rose from 7036 on opening day to 7316 at the end of the second week of school. That is approximately a 4 percent increase, and if the same rate of growth holds this year the first semester enrollment will move back across the 7000 line — to 7148, a total still below the high opening enrollments in 1973 (7166) and 1974 (7173).

This week's enrollment date seem to indicate that high school students are inclined to start on time. Avon Park High showed an opening day increase, Lake Placid was down 1 and Sebring High down 4.

Sebring High maintained its position as the largest of the county schools. The smallest at this time is Lake Placid High.

At the close of classes on Aug. 29 the enrollments were as follows: Sebring High, 997; Avon Park Elementary, 825; Avon Park High, 772; Woodlawn Elementary, 669; Sebring Middle School, 688; Avon Park Middle School 667; Lake Placid Elementary, 616; Fred Wild Elementary, 609; Lake Placid Middle School, 520; Lake Placid High, 480.

The opening day records for this year do not reflect the count in special education programs now counted in other ways. Last year the year began with 11 students in these programs.

# Public Hearing On $1 Million City Budget And Millage Thursday

In a page by page review of the Avon Park 1977-78 proposed balanced budget there was no provision for a reserve for contingencies listed, with a public hearing to be held at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday night.

The $1,017,523 proposed budget is $45,140 over last year's budget and includes an across the board 4 percent pay increase for all city employes to help offset the 6.5 per cent cost of living increase that took place in the past year.

Many minor changes were made in the proposed budget following the last meeting. Some accounts were shifted into the Federal Revenue Sharing program and included capital items of machinery, equipment, library books and others.

A millage change was recommended to decrease the tax millage levied for debt service.

In a discussion of pay raises, it was said that top level city employes should be rewarded for their experience and

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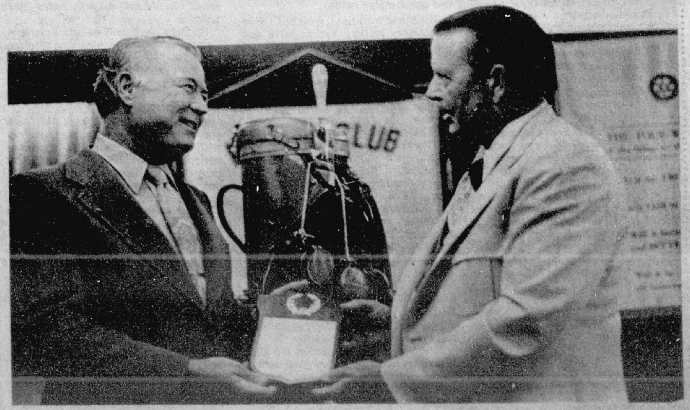
# Florida Power Employees Honor Bridges At Retirement Dinner

On Saturday Evening employees of Florida Power Corporation honored John L. Bridges with a dinner at the Ranch Buffet in Avon Park. The special occasion was John's retirement afer 37½ years of employment with the Company. John started as a groundman in Haines City and worked his way up, coming to Avon Park in 1959 as a line foreman.

Sixty-one of John's fellow employees, their husbands and wives joined him on this occasion. Included were FPC President and Mrs. Andrew H. Hines, Jr., vice-president and Mrs. Lee H. Scott from St. Petersburg; division manager and Mrs. W. J. Howell from Lake Wales and others from Enstis, Haines City, Winter Park, Lake Wales, Bowling Green and Avon Park.

Avon Park District Manager Bill Britt served as emcee for the party and gifts were presented to John and his wife, Olga, by the people who have worked with him.

John's fellow employees will miss working with him, but he'll still be around. He and Olga intend to continue to make Avon Park their home. In his retirement, John expects to polish up his golf game and do a bit of travelling.



JOHN L. BRIDGES, (right) retiring Avon Park Florida Power line foreman chats with company president Andrew H. Hines, Jr., St. Petersburg following a Saturday evening dinner in his honor. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

# Head Field Lighting Project Gets Axed Out Of School Budget

Aside from the press, a total of two persons packed the George Douglass School Administration Center Monday night, to hear the county school board approve its $16 million budget for 1977-78. 78.

There will be no tax increase over last year's 8.8 mill ad valorem levy, as the schools are already taxing at the maximum level allowed by the state.

Eight mills will help fund the operating budget, while .8 mills will go toward a bond debt service fund.

The largest item of the four-part budget was the operating fund of $9,839,048, which is used to pay daily expenses such as salaries, benefits, equipment purchase, materials, transportation and utilities.

Although negotiations are still under way between the school board and the Highlands County Education Association, the budget allowed a total salary boost which will give each employe a raise that will work out to approximately 6.5 percent.

In response to a question, Assistant Superintendent Ferrel Smith said that four percent of the 6.5 percent total was being alloted for raises, while two percent was the normal experience increased for personnel.

Other portions of the budget include a debt service fund of $1,479,000 which is used to pay off a bond issue approved by county voters in 1970.

There is $3,499,824 budgeted in the capital improvement fund, used for school building projects. All of the capital improvement fund is paid by the state.

Ten projects are slated for completion under the capital improvement fund for 1977-78.

The final category is the special revenue of $1,126,333 funded by the federal government. Most of the fund goes toward providing a hot lunch for all school children.

The final budget presented to the school board differed from the tentative budget slightly, as finance officer Walter Shirey reported he was forced to transfer or cut some of the original capital outlay projects, totaling $354,380.

Shirey asked that the board take out a loan from the state for $334,000, which would cover the purchase of three new school buses ($44,198) and the construction of a new maintenance and food service warehouse at a cost of $289,341. The loan would be repaid over a four-year period from anticipated Race Track funds.

Several maintenance projects on the schools were trimmed, as Shirey explained that it was necessary to axe $61,000 from the operating budget figure to balance the overall budget.

The most notable project penciled out was the planned purchase of $20,000 worth of lighting for Head athletic field in Avon Park.

When the cut was questioned by

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## Keep Wildlife Wild

Imagine yourself walking through some of our lovely backwoods areas. You see a lovely chocolate-colored fawn gently meandering through the woods. You see no mama deer and assume that this lovely creature would make a fine addition to your family. Stop right there. That lovely animal could be a potential threat to your life. Last week Barbara Roberts was attacked by a buck deer — a deer named Babe that had literally become an adopted and treasured member of a family and who was loved by the entire community in which he roamed. Then something strange happened and the deer attacked. The reasons could be many, but somehow they don't seem to be as important as what actually happened. The need and desire to domesticate animals is a natural human instinct. It has been happening about as long as man has been on this earth. But it should be obvious to us by now that some animals were not meant to be domesticated. Perhaps the buck deer is one of them. He can be a very dangerous animal, particularly at this time of year when the nearness of the mating season enchances the deer's agression. The Fresh Water Game and Fish Commission issues only three or four permits a year to keep deer — and these are issued reluctantly.

Babe will not have to be destroyed. The commission would rather not destroy an animal particularly when there is the alternative of restricted captivity. It will never again be allowed to roam as it once did — a necessary, but anti-nature action which must be taken. Liked humans, animals must suffer the consequences of their behavior. But perhaps much of this can be avoided if we take the advice of Captain Phelps of the Commission and "let wildlife stay in the wild."

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MUGGED.... BY A DEER ?

## Police Offer Gun Registration Suggestions

The idea of gun registration conjures up different images to different people. To the Avon Park Police Department, it is a matter of owner protection if guns have been stolen.

This reaction is in response to a number of burglaries in the Avon Park area where a large number of firearms have stolen in 33 burglaries. Although a suspect has been apprehended in Los Angeles, recovery has been made on only one shotgun and one pistol out of several firearms stolen, according to Lt. Donald Singletary, Avon Park Police Department.

Most people don't know the serial numbers of their guns and if they are stolen, it becomes difficult to recover them, said Lt. Singletary.

"All we want is a master file of index cards containing information about the type of gun and the serial number.

"We are not concerned about where the gun was purchased. We are just concerned about protecting the owner.

"This is a totally voluntary program," emphasized Lt. Singletary.

According to Lt. Singletary, many of the burglaries are committed against absentee homeowners, particularly those who have returned North for the summer."

"If a person is away on vacation and the house is burglarized, we will know what guns are there so that we can start to recover them," he said.

Guns purchased through a registered dealer will be listed on computer with the U.S. Department of Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. This computer list contains the serial numbers of millions of guns, including those of Avon Park gun owners, but this list is too massive to be used effectively locally, continued Lt. Singletary.

Persons interested in listing their guns with the Avon Park Police Department should drop by the station to list their name, address, serial number and type of gun. Other valuable items, such as television sets and stereos can also be listed. The police department also has an engraving machine which can be used to imprint the owner's driver's license number on valuable items. This machine can be borrowed at no charge.

## Health Systems And Hospitals

A big and emotional base of support not withstanding, the proposal for construction of a satellite hospital in Lake Placid will face an up-hill fight at its project review before South Central Florida Health Systems Council on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

The major blocks to committee approval will not be found in Highlands General Hospital's wish to build a 32-bed addition. That proposal is in just as much trouble as the satellite project – and for the same reasons: shortage of patients and shortage of nurses.

Summaries of the health systems staff review were released to the press late on Aug. 30, just prior to the opening of a public hearing on the hospitals' plans.

The hearing, which had been expected to attract about 75 participants, was held in Highlands County Agri-Civic Center. A standing-room-only crowd (one participant said he counted about 750 persons) came to applaud, cheer and sometimes bounce to a standing position to express support for the satellite project.

Testimony about the satellite – all favorable – filled 45 minutes of the hour-long hearing. In the first 15 minutes five persons testified that a home health service is needed. Katherine Waggaman said it is needed but asked , "What is it going to cost? Can we afford it?", a comment which drew some appaluse.

A hearing on a plan for a 14,000 square foot remodeling and addition project at Walker Memorial was closed without testimony. The health systems project review director, Dan Edgar, later said this plan is being re-worked and will not go before the project review executive committee next week.

Two persons presented negative testimony on Highlands General's proposal for a 32-bed addition. John Holbrook of Lake Placid asked, "How can we afford 32 more beds when an article in the newspaper says 18 beds are now closed because of lack of staff?". The audience applauded his remark.

Bruce Perry of Sebring raised questions about overhospitalization of patients and requested more information about the percentage of beds now being utilized in this county.

At 7:18 p.m. testimony on the satellite hospital began. Dr. Michael D. Wesson, Lake Placid optometrist who heads the advisory board for a Walker Memorial Hospital satellite at Lake Placid, opened the testimony, presenting figures on Emergency Medical Service ambulance runs (an average of 36 per month to Highlands and 2 to Walker) and projections on ppopulation (29,000 for the Lake Placid area by 1980).

He read a letter from Sebring City Councilman Doug McLean which endorsed the plan and called attention to the fact the facility would not require any tax money.

Dr. Wesson pointed out that satellite advisory board member Jules Zappulla died recently just after arriving at Highlands General. Many persons who testified Tuesday night speculated on whether Zappula's massive heart attack would have been a fatal attack if a hospital had been more readily available.

Sheriff Joe Sheppard and several other witnesses spoke about the time lag experienced in moving the School Bus 11 victims from the accident site to hospital care. D. D. Cunningham provoked an emotional response when he mentioned the many emergency runs from Bair's Den traffic accidents to hospitals.

said the directors had compared the

Ministers from Pine Ridge Baptist, Trinity Lutheran, Lake Placid Church of God, laymen from Memorial United Methodist and Lake Placid's First Baptist Church all testified about difficulties clergymen experience in making hospital calls to hospitalized parishioners.

For 45 minutes spokesmen for business and civic groups streamed to the auditorium microphone to present short statements of support and appeals to Avon Park and Sebring residents. Dixie Scott reminded the audience that a Lake Placid group had furnished the blood bank equipment for Highlands General Hospital and many Lake Placid groups had "overwhelmingly supported" the establishment of Highlands General then concluded, "We want to encourage everyone in Avon Park and Sebring to support us now."

Bill Van Baalen, executive for the Highlands County Property Owners Association, presented a formal endorsement from that organization. He said the directors had compared the - projects being proposed by Highlands and Walker and had concluded that while the Walker unit would cost more , that hospital's ability to "provide equivalent care without tax support" indicates to the Property Owners that Walker's unit should be the one approved.

The health systems staff is not so sure at that point. The project review staff concedes that construction of a satellite is less expensive than a whole new hospital but it does not believe that construction of additional facilities at either hospital will help in the long-run fight to hold down health care costs.

Both summaries poin to empty beds even in the peak seasons." Highlands averaged 12 empty beds in the winter and Walker, 15. On an annual basis Highlands' rate is 26 empties and Walker's is 20.

Both summaries point out that staffing of Walker and Highlands is now difficult and the new nursing home will place still more demands on the low supply of Registered Nurses. The conclusion is that adequate staffing is "questionable."

The review staff scored the two hospitals' plans on several criteria. Walker received a "satisfactory" grade on six, negative comments on two and one questionable rating.

Highland's plan received five satisfactory ratings, two negative and one questionable.

Walker's proposal does fit within its long range plan and since Highlands does not at this time have a long-range plan on file that criterion was not applied to its proposal.

The procedure for health systems hearings called for this week's session to be comment only. No discussion was permitted. The session of the project review committee, set for 7:30 p.m. at the Agri-Civic Center, Sept. 7 , provides for questions, debate and finally a committee vote. The committee vote then is sent to the state and only after the state has acted will the plan finally go to the federal Health , Education and Welfare officials for approval. The federal approval is necessary for collection of reimbursement from Medicare.

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Very rarely do the agencies at higher levels go against the recommendations of the project review committee. The vote taken Sept. 7 is , according to staff, about "90 to 95 percent sure" to be the final outcome on home health care, hospital additions and-or satellite in Highlands County.

## Congratulations To Ricky Norris And Glena Tomblin

Avon Park's two top money raisers in the Muscular Distrophy Skate-A-Thon last January will appear on WESH, Channel 2, Orlando at 3:15 p.m., Monday, Sept. 5, stated Marie of Whitey and Marie's Roller Skating Rink.

Top money raiser Ricky Norris had Skate-A-Thon sponsors who contributed $312 to the Muscular Dystrophy fund; while Glena Tomblin obtained sponsors who contributed $204 to the skating fund. Locally approximately $2300 was raised for the Muscular Distrophy work.

The appearance of Ricky and Glena on the Orlando TV station is in conjunction with Florida's part in the national Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

## Readers' Viewpoint

### Our Leaders Humiliating Us

Dear Editor:

In these days through the media, our national leaders, government officials and so-called men of power and influence are talking, discussing lecturing, preaching warning and sometimes even threatening the public concerning the country's shortages in physical and natural resources, such as coal, oil, gas, electricity, other utilities of life and money. Thus humiliating America — the greatest and richest nation of the world, before other nations and showing to them that she is now poor.

To many of us, as common people these claims look strange and doubtful and to be taken up "with a grain of salt."

Why are these unpleasant and unnatural changes taking place overnight; why inflation overnight and continuing relentlessly?

God has blessed America abundantly, with all natural resources, of energy, with various climates, with unprecedented technology science, with unlimited wealth, riches and money.

The United States of America is rich with all physical and material gifts and blessings. She is not short in dollars and money. Money was flowing like rivers during the Vietnam War; in the political campaigns, in the amusement centers, in the sports arenas and in the gambling areas, American dollars rolled like marbles.

Millions and billions of American dollars are given away to foreign countries. Many of them are not worthy of the American money and the American tax dollars they receive. They do not love America, but they love American Dollars.

Thank God America is rich with huge and magnificient department stores, with marvelous shopping centers, equipped and filled with all the necessities of life and with marvelous and matchless super markets, supplied and filled with nourishing food in abundance for everybody.

Nobody should go hungry in rich America and there is no need of raising prices all the time. Whenever I enter the supermarket I can't help but give thanks to God for the abundance of things. Thank God America is rich in doctors, physicians, medical means, hospitals, nursing homes and wonderful nurses. All these should be in the reach of every needy individual in our wealthy United States of America.

Friends the main shortages in America are moral and spiritual. (1) Shortage of responsible leadership. As the Tampa person wrote recently, "There is an absence of the leadership which encourages every individual to try to better himself and his surroundings, to bear the responsibility for his actions, to show that a ragged shirt can be a clean shirt and the poor can still walk with pride." A responsible leadership will teach our youth that decency is higher and better than indecency.

(2) Shortage of dignity and character. We are told that the looters during the New York City blackout were not all poor folks. The great majority of them were well-to-do and well off people. There is no darkness for human dignity and wholesome character.

(3) Shortage of respect and obedience to law and order. This is strange to think, to know and to see that even in the so-called most civilized country, the social life, the social conditions of many communities are chaotic and human lives are in jeopardy every moment at the absence of police forces or law enforcing officials or officers. Respect is ignored and discipline is foreign.

(4) Shortage of partiotism. The United States of America is worthy of our loved and devotion. There is no equal to her among the nations of the world. Dispite all evils and crimes, America is the best of all. She is the desire of all freedom loving people of the world. Let us appreciate our freedoms of life. Let us not abuse them. Let us hold them fast as our most previous treasure.

(5) Shortage of thankfulness and gratitude. Thousands of Americans have made successes and in science, in literature, business, medicine, theatre, music and many other fields and have beome wealthy and dwelling in mansions. But I believe that very few have expressed their gratitude and thanfulness to the almighty God, our Heavenly Father who who bestowed upon them their talents and to America who had given them the opportunity and the privilege to cultivate, promote and develop their God given talents. Unthankfulness and unthoughtfulness are the signs of "emptiness."

(6) Shortage of Godliness. This is the summation of all high and noble qualities of life. Godliness is the cure and the remedy of all evils, crimes, sinful maladies, obscenities and pronography which ruins and pollutes the minds and hearts of our youth and man's greediness which brings inflation.

The Bible says: Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promises of the life, that now is, and of that which is to come." I Timothy, 4:8.

God is love. He loves us, forgives us, saves us and sustains us. He loves America and He wants to keep America under his wings all the time.

Signed by
Bedros M. Sharian

## *Things Out My Way*

BY ALICE SMITH

The mind of man is a strange and wondrous thing.

This is hardly an original concept. I only mention the fact because, from time to time, my own brain performs in a mysterious manner.

Memory-Wise, you wouldn't rate me even average. I forget birthdays, names, meeting dates, and the croutons toasting in the oven. But occasionally, a casual word triggers some mechanism, my mouth opens and out comes a bit of trivia for which there is no accounting.

Recently we dined with a charming young couple who were on a "state-side" leave from his job in Ecuador. My knowledge of Ecuador is nil so I inquired whether they lived in a city or a village — and got an enthusiastic response. They lived in beautiful Quito, the capitol city.

"Ah," said I. "Ben Hecht wrote a play about your city a long time ago. Called it 'To Quito And Back'."

Everyone was impressed with this nugget of information and a lengthy discussion of plays and little theater followed. What I managed to conceal was that I had no idea where that statement came from, knew nothing at all about such a play, and remarkably little about the playwright, except that he co-authored "The Front Page."

Now this is a worrisome thing. A little like having ESP. Suppose this pop-up fact is completely false. If so, must I write the lady from Quito and tell her I was mistaken before she passes the word to her friends? At this point, the problem sets off a fine game called "track-it-down-and-prove-it". Anyone can play provided you have a library and a cooperative librarian at hand. I have both.

To my great relief, I found I spoke the truth. In 1937 "To Quito and Back" was produced by the Theatre Guid in New York City. It was published in book form the same year. The cast of 42 included Sylvia Sidney, of the heart-shaped face, glorious brown eyes and movie fame. It also included a French poodle played by himself. The play concerns a native revolution and the Americans and Englishmen who become involved. It seems surprisingly contemporary for a drama written 40 years ago.

The book in hand is the result of a triple-play from librarian Carolyn Moore to the Florida State Library at Tallahassee, to the Jacksonville Library at Jacksonville. This is accomplished via a system callet Teletype-Interlibrary Loan.

I note in passing that "To Quito And Back" was in the basement stacks of the Jacksonville Library and the last time anyone read Mr. Hecht's play was in 1945.

For us, the public, this splendid service costs not one thin dime. If you're bothered by a vagrant and obscure thought, take it to your friendly, neighborhood librarian.

Mrs. Moore, of the Avon Park Library, may never speak to me again.


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HEAD FOOTBALL COACH John Hunter gave Avon Park Rotarians a pre-view of this year's football season but would only predict that the team would show up for all games.

# Words From The Coach

Avon Park High School head football coach John John Hunter last Wednesday told the Avon Park Rotarians what they can expect from the Red Devil football team this year.

After his introduction by Don Farrens, program chairman, Coach Hunter stated he was not there to make any predictions on the outcome of this year's football season. He said he would make one prediction, however, he guaranteed he and his team would show up at all ten football games.

The coach felt that many boys have gained weight this summer and he will have a heavier team. The line will definitely be bigger and stronger. Hunter did say he had lost every player, last year, from the defensive secondary.

"Money is getting to be a problem, in high school football," said Coach Hunter. Last year it cost $280, per player for equipment. This year the cost will be up to $300. Headgear that cost $35 last year is now up to $50. Many manufacturers of football and sports equipment are having to pay so much money for insurance to protect themselves against lawsuits in connection with the equipment.

Hunter told of receiving a football helmet the other day with a note inside reading, "the cost of the helmet is $12, the other costs are for insurance."

In regard to home football game tickets, coach Hunter, stated they did not anticipate any increase in prices of the tickets this year even though other costs have gone up substantially.

Fielding questions from the floor, Hunter told the Rotarians that soccer is played during the physical education periods and he feels that the games should stay in the high school phy ed program. In regard to swimming, the coach answered by saying he felt the cost of a pool and the cost of operation and maintenance would not justify putting a swimming program into operation at Avon Park High School. On the question of the number of players to be suited up for the football season, it was 30.

Coach Hunter ended by saying that Avon Park is a great place to raise kids and a great place to live.


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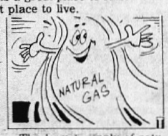


The largest supply of natural gas, the fuel that adds the least pollution to the air, has been discovered in northern Alaska. It will be supplying millions of cubic feet of the clean-burning fuel by the early 1980s.

# Volunteer: Cystic Fibrosis

There are millions of reasons why the "Breath of Life" Campaign needs volunteers — millions of boys and girls who have the inherited, incurable disease Cystic Fibrosis, or other lung diseases like chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis, severe asthma, and a condition sometimes called "childhood emphysema."

"These children need our attention — they demand our constant efforts to do something about lung diseases," said Doris Brown, chairman of the Breath of Life Campaign for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation supports over 110 Cystic Fibrosis Centers across the country where children suffering lung diseases are diagnosed and treated. It also supports continuous research, seeking a cure or more effective control for Cystic Fibrosis and the development of new techniques to make possible a practical test to determine carriers of the Cystic Fibrosis gene.

Money contributed through the Breath of Life Campaign over the years has made possible research and care which has significantly increased the life expectancy of Cystic Fibrosis children. Although Cystic Fibrosis is still incurable, these children are living into the teen years and increasing numbers are reaching young adulthood. This research has also brought tremendous advances in the treatment of other chronic respiratory illnesses. Today, many of these diseases can be cured, and all respond favorably to treatment.

"Obviously, we are tremendously encouraged by the progress to date," said Mrs. Brown, "but so much more needs to be done. Anyone willing to devote a little time can work in a number of Breath of Life Campaign activities and functions. The rewards are great," she added, "for you will be truly making possible the breath of life for those who cannot take breathing for granted."

Anyone willing to volunteer for the Cystic Fibrosis "breath of Life "Campaign should contact Doris Brown at this number, 453-5807.

IN A TRI-COUNTY TEACHERS WORKSHOP Media specialist Robert Sylvia (right) demonstrated how to use a Kodak Visualmaker, with an instamatic camera, to make color slides for classroom use, with Virginia Crews and Jean Lund watching. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

# Education Workshop

The Highlands County Association for Media in Education conducted a two-day workshop in the preparation and production of slide-sound presentations in the Avon Park High School Media Center on Aug. 23 and 25.

Virginia N. Crews and Hugh Ward, both media specialists at Avon Park High School, prepared and directed the teaching sessions. Funding was provided by the Teacher Education Center headquartered at the Highlands County School Board offices in Sebring. Teachers from Okeechobee, Hardee, and Highlands Counties were invited to attend.

Each teacher made a slide-sound presentation which will later be used as part of their teaching materials in their own classroom in the coming school year. The workshop was well received by the enthusiastic participants.

## Tooth Implants

If your teeth wear out, take hope, ceramic implants may be on the way. A Florida orthodontist attending a recent meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, of an international dental research group said one scientist reported that ceramic-root teeth were successfully implanted in baboons and may soon become effective substitutes for extracted human teeth.

Implants, the orthodontist said, were reported to have remained in place, rigid and in full function for two years with prospects for much long-term effectiveness appearing excellent.

Jim Lanier

# Attends *Music Center*

A memorable experience, meeting and playing for orchestra leader, Benny Goodman, was one of the highlights of James (Jim) Lanier's seven weeks of study at Brevard Music Center in Brevard, N.C.

Jim a 1976 graduate of Avon Park High School and a member of the Grenadier Marching and Concert Bands and the Jazz bands received recognition for outstanding performance in Tenor Sax instruction, Music Theory and performance with the Brevard Concert Band and the Transylvania Wind Ensemble.

To Jim the Brevard Music Center featuring all classical music, is a unique combination of education in the arts and professional performance. The education program is organized through three divisions, with the oldest being the Transylvania Music Camp for students age 12 to through 18, who have a serious interest and demonstrated proficiency in music. No beginners are accepted.

Only 300 students and professionals from every state in the nation can be enrolled each summer for intensive musical training under a highly professional faculty drawn from universities throughout the United States.

Brevard's "vacation with a purpose" has become more than a slogan to more than 10,000 alumni who are now members of virtually every important symphony orchestra, opera company and faculty members of numerous colleges, universities and conservatories. To them Brevard's music camp was a way of life and a turning point in their careers.

The limited enrollment of 300 is served by a faculty and staff of more than 100, thus insuring individual attention in instruction, counselling and invaluable close contact with some of the greatest artists in the world.

Besides Goodman, other great artists Jim saw and heard perform during the summer camp included: Sylvia Rabinoff, pianist with the Julliard School of Music; Metropolitan opera stars, Mignon Dunn, mezza-soporano and Robert Merrill, baritone and Joan Yarbrough and Robert Cowan, duo-pianists.

On Sept. 3, Jim plans to enroll at Newberry College, Newberry, S.C. Enrollment at this Lutheran Church school is limited to approximately 900 students. Jim plans to major in Music Education, but hasn't decided yet which field to go into, education or the performing profession.


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# Corriere Completes Training

Avon Park resident Carol Corriere has completed a merchandising management training workshop at the JCPenney Regional Training Center in Atlanta, Ga. The course emphasizes the role of the merchandiser in the store, merchandising principles and systems and such management processes as objectives-setting, planning, organizing, leading and controlling at the first-level management assignment.

During the five-day course, Ms. Corriere worked with JCPenney associates from throughout the eastern and southern United States. The Atlanta training center is one of three that the firm operates; the others are located in Chicago, Ill., and Buena Park, Calif.

Ms. Corriere lives at the Lotela Park Apartments, and has been with Penney's since 1973. She is a management trainee at the Avon Square JCPenney store.

MOWER MISSING

Kathryn Campbell, of Avon Park, reported to Highlands County deputies that some time during the summer,a $150 lawn mower was stolen from her Mulberry St. home.


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Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carr

## Arnold - Carr Wed In Candlelight Ceremony

Wedding vows for Michelle Denise Arnold and Jimmy David Carr were exchanged at the Church of God on August 4 at 7 p.m. , with the Rev. Paul Searcy officiating at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Hazel Arnold, Avon Park and Danny Arnold, Lake Placid. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Carr, Avon Park.

The altar was beautifully decorated with fifteen branch candelabras and Grecian baskets of mixed flowers, gladiolus, daisies and traditional wedding fern. Wedding palms in white wicker baskets formed the background. Family pews were marked with satin bows.

Prenuptial music was provided by Lillian Johnson.

**The Bride**

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of sheer crepe polyester with a slightly raised waistline, accented with Venice lace and a tucked, lace-lined bodice. The full back of the A-line skirt ended in a sweep train with Venice lace etching entire skirt hemline.

Trimmed in Venice lace, her sweep train veil was fastened by a satin bow head bandeau. She carried a nosegay of lace-clustered yellow and white carnations with satin streamers and baby's breath.

**Attendants**

Lisa Arnold assisted her sister as maid of honor, wearing a yellow polyester crepe empire dress featuring an overlaid bodice and embossed sleeves. She carried a nosegay of yellow and white daisies and wore a headpiece of clustered daisies.

Jackie Carr, served as his brother's best man. Usher for the wedding was Dennis Barefield, the bride's cousin.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Hazel Arnold selected a floor-length apricot gown, featuring an empire waistline, accented with a single strand of pearls. Her corsage was fashioned out of yellow roses and carnations.

Mrs. Louise Carr selected a navy blue floor length gown. She also wore a corsage of yellow roses and carnations.

**The Reception**

A reception immediately following the ceremony was held at the Church of God social hall. Decorations and floral arrangements carried out the bride's theme of yellow and white. White lace adorned the bride's table which contained the wedding cake and compotes of mints and nuts.

The three tiered wedding cake was decorated with white daisys and yellow centers and featured love birds on a Grecian pedestal, adorned with double wedding rings.

Cheryl Arnold, the bride's sister, was in charge of the guest book. She wore a yellow floor length gown with embossed daisies on the bodice.

Assisting in receiving and serving were Dorothy Barefield, Joni White, Jewellen Liskey and Lori Brockwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr wore matching denim outfits for their travel plans of touring central Florida.

The couple now reside on State Road 17.

## It's Time To Say Happy BIRTHDAY

Warm wishes to the following persons celebrating their birthdays this week:

September 1-Idessia Rutman; Mae Welch; Zeola Price Kellog; Frances Allmon; Marie E. Good; Fred Noel.

September 2-Florence Thayer; Carroll Pollard; Billy Houpe; Lee Corbin.

September 3-T. Hays Maxwell; Mary Giliotti; Jimmy Chestnut; Mrs. Kevin Ward; Lynn Bennett.

September 4-Adalaide Causey.

September 5-Mrs. T. H. Ford; Caroline Martin; Frances Hooper; Buddy Caraway; Lorri Ann Phillips; Richard Nealis; Melissa Ann Watford; Amber Joyl Cobb; Fred Ferguson.

September 6-Matt and Marsh Malcolm; Audrey A. Near; Sam Todd; Karen Hill; Timmy Albright.

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

*Beverly Anderson*

## Engagement Announced

Sonny and Victor Anderson announce the engagement of their mother, Beverly Frances Anderson of Margate to Quentin Wayne Atkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Atkins, Avon Park. Highlands Hammock State Park will be the setting for the October 22 wedding.

## Akselsen Awarded Scholarship

Kent G. Akselsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Akselsen, 905 W. Pleasant St., Avon Park, has been awarded a scholarship by North Carolina State University at Raleigh, where he will be studying for his engineering degree in Furniture Manufacturing. Valedictorian of the 1976 class at Avon Park High School, Kent completed his first two years of college at South Florida Junior College.

## Brenda Dick Honored With Shower

On August 23 a surprise miscellaneous bridal shower was given for the former Brenda Dick who became the bride of Dennis Retherford on Saturday, August 27 at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church.

Carol McCullough, Connie Retherford, Jackie Retherford and JoAnne Henderson were hostesses for the shower which was held at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Retherford, 649 E. Cornell.

Twenty guests attended the shower which was in the theme of the bride's colors of pink and green. Homemade pastries were served to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Whitmire

## Williams - Whitmire United In Matrimony

Cathy Elaine Williams became the bride of Steve Allen Whitmire on July 23 at 7 p.m. at the Church of Christ with the Rev. Bob Barker officating at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Dyal, Avon Park. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Whitmire.

On both sides of the archway were baskets of white gladiolus, blue carnations, white daisy pom-poms and Laby's breath. Wedding palms and potted ferns completed the decorations.

Prenuptial songs were performed by members of "The Brothers And The Sisters", a capella chorus.

**The Bride**

Given in marriage by her grandfather, the bride wore an evening-length charmette gown with embossed lace medallions on the bottom of the gown. The gown featured a scalloped lace V-neck bodice, with short, puffy laced sleeves and a high-fitting lace midriff.

Fashioned from the same fabric as the bridal gown, her Juliet headpiece was accented by an elbow-length veil. The bouquet was a nosegay of daisies and baby's breath.

Both the gown and headpiece were made by the bride's aunt, Mrs. Dorothy Dyal.

**Attendants**

Debbie Williams assisted her sister as maid of honor, wearing a nylon, floral print gown in the bride's colors of blue and green. She also wore a pale green picture hat with light blue ribbons and white carnations. Similarly attired was Jenner Dyal, the bride's sister who served as bridesmaid.

Danny Luke was the groom's best man. Ushers were Mike Stewart and Randy Chamberlain, all of Avon Park.

Kim Manley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Manley, Avon Park, was flower girl. Ringbearer was the bride's brother, Ray Simmons of Decatur, Ga.

The bride's mother was attired in a blue and pink polyester V-neck gown trimmed in white lace. She wore light pink carnations.

Mrs. Whitmire chose a blue-grey crepe long-sleeved gown, trimmed in white. She wore light pink carnations.

**The Reception**

The reception was held at the Florida Power Lounge which was decorated with two white baskets of white gladiolus and blue carnations. The wedding party bouquets decorated the bride's table which held a three-tiered wedding cake with blue flowers forming a heart. Topping the cake were two love birds in a cage trimmed with blue and white lace. Lime punch, cake, mixed nuts and mints were served to the guests.

Susan Dillow was in charge of the guest book.

Assisting in receiving and serving were Brenda Snyder, Cynthia Woodard, Tina Johnson and Debbie Ham.

The new Mrs. Whitmire chose a long blue and pink polyester gown trimmed with eyelet embroidery lace for traveling to Englewood Beach.

The bride graduated from Avon Park High School and is employed by J. C. Penney's Department Store in the credit and catalogue department as a clerk.

The bridegroom attended Avon Park High School and is employed by his father at Whitmire Air Conditioning Service.

The couple is now at home at 412 S. Delaney Ave.

## Cradle Roll

Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto Aguilar Jr., of Wauchula announce the birth of a son, Christopher, born August 20, at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lynn McDaniel of Wauchula announce the birth of a daughter, Carlen Elizabeth, born August 20 at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lbs., 9 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wade Dunn of Sebring announce the birth of a son Glenn Wade II, born August 25 at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs., 14 oz.

## People On The Go

### Boney Reunion In No. Carolina

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boney, who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on August 22, recently returned from a relative-visiting trip and reunion in North Carolina. This was the 25th anniversary of the Boney "clan." The oldest of nine children (all still living), Mr. Boney was the oldest family member and the Boneys had the distinction of being the oldest couple. Held at the Liberty Inn in Wallace, 91 persons attended.

The Boneys joined their son Norris, in Clermont and he did the driving for this North Carolina trip as the Boneys visited several relatives including Mr. Boney's sister and her husband in Whitewater; another sister, Mrs. K. B. Marshall in Wilmington; another sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Branyon in Wallace; another sister, Mrs. Cora Wood, and her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crouch, all from Virginia, who met them in Wallace.

The Boneys returned to Clermont early last week where all of the Boney families in Florida held a reunion at Dr. and Mrs. Dewitt Boney's home on John's Lake near Winter Garden.

### Garden Club Meetings

Two garden club meetings are scheduled for this month. September 8th is the date for the Founder's club meeting at the home of Mrs. Betty Oelschlager, 1151 E. Lake Lotela at 2 p.m. The Federation meeting is scheduled for September 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the usual meeting spot — the Florida Power Lounge.

**CHARLES SWAN MEMORIAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB MEETING**

The Charles Swan Memorial Toastmasters Club of Highlands County will meet on Thursday, Sept. 1, at Howard Johnson's in Sebring. Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Jim Hendrie will serve as toastmaster. Ben Eastman will be table topics master. Speeches will be given by Marge Lacy, Peggy Polatty and Elizabeth Walker. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Frank Regnery

## Caraberis And Regnery Married In Trumbull

Priscilla Eastman Caraberis became the bride of Frank Joseph Regnery on Saturday, August 13 at 3 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, Trumbull, Connecticut. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. John G. Caraberis and the late Mr. Caraberis, 50 Woodridge Circle, Trumbull. She is the grandaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Demos S. Mandis, former long-time residents of Avon Park.

The bridegroom, also a resident of Trumbull is the son of Mrs. Robert Regnery and the late Mr. Regnery.

At the ceremony officiated by the Rev. John Martiner, the bride was escorted by her brother, John G. Caraberis, Jr.. The bride's sister, Elizabeth Caraberis, was maid of honor. Best man was the groom's brother, John Regnery.

A reception following the ceremony was held at the bride's home.

The new Mrs. Regnery attended Mitchell College in New London, Connecticut and Eastern Connecticut College in Willimantic. She is a licensed practical nurse.

The groom, a civil engineer, attended West Virginia Westleyan College and was graduated from the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

The couple is now residing in Houston, Texas.

## Winegard Celebrates Birthday

Warmest wishes to Lillie Winegard (known as "Grannie" to almost everyone) celebrated her 91st birthday on August 28 at Athens Baptist Church near Ft. Meade. Mrs. Winegard, who lives in Delaney Heights, is the only living charter member of this church.

Helping Mrs. Winegard celebrate her birthday were all of her children; Etta Crews, Avon Park; Sam Winegard, Wauchula, Rannie Winegard, Sebring. The Rev. E. E. Earnest paid tribute to Mrs. Winegard with everyone wishing many more birthdays.

A beautiful birthday cake highlighted a dinner held in the church's social hall.

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## Barnes Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

A special 50th wedding anniversary celebration was held for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnes, 920 West Hill St., on August 14 and was hosted by the Barnes' only son, Charles, their daughter-in-law and four grandchildren.

The Open House celebration was held in Litchfield, Michigan where the Barnes operated the B & B Applicnce store for 24 years before retiring permanently to Avon Park in 1976.

Robert and the former Frances Clark were married on August 14, 1927 in Quincy, Michigan. The Barnes are members of the Winter Guest Club and Mrs. Barnes has been a member of the Highlands Art League and expects to begin painting again in the near future.

The Barnes would like to express a special thanks to their family and friends for remembering them on this special occasion.

## Our Servicemen

### Gary Martin Completes Skills Training

Gary Martin

Gary Allen Martin, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cola Martin, Princeton, Kentucky, has recently completed a six-week training course in fundamental military skills at the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps basic camp in Ft. Knox.

The grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Crews, 16 S. Glenwood, Avon Park, Gary is enrolled in the ROTC program at Murray State University. The Cola Martins are former residents of Highlands County.

### Cadet Anderson Attends Training

Cadet Franklin H. Anderson Jr., whose parents live at 412 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park, is attending summer training at Camp Buckner on the reservation of the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. The cadet is a third classman (sophomore) at the Military Academy.

The training includes familiarization with weapons, survival techniques, tactical skills, field engineering and leadership development.

Cadet Anderson attended South Florida Junior College.

## Avon Park Range News

BY PAT WOOD

There was a Softball Tournament held at the Bombing Range this past week-end. There were eight teams that participated in the event.

First place honors went to Jackson Mason ry who went un-defeated all the way through the tournament. A. J. Allstars took second place from Frostproof, and the Air Force Rangers took third place.

Top honors went to Ira Campbell who hit six home runs in the tournament. He plays third base for Jackson Mason ry, congraulations Ira.

Thanks to all of the teams and players who stayed and played through the rain and mud for two days, also a special thanks goes to the Umpires who were outstanding.

### TV Repair Course Offered

The Vocational, Technical & Adult Education Division of South Florida Junior College will offer a radio and television repair class during the fall semester on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. This is a new program designed for persons who cannot attend full-time classes.

Roy Hickman will be the instructor and classes will meet in the electronics building on campus. The course fee is $25 plus books. Persons may register at the college admissions office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. through Sept. 9.

Any person desiring further information about the radio & television repair course should contact Dean Donald Farrens at SFJC or call 453-6661, extension 123, in Avon Park.

### Hardin And Godwin Racquetball Tops

Avon Park Recreational Services held a Racquetball Tournament for the Men and Women's doubles this past week end, there were 4 teams in the men and 1 team in the women's from the base.

Curt Hardin and Frank Godwin took first place, with Donald Griffing and Scott Stovin taking second place trophies.

In the Women's division Betty Amburn and Pat Wood will be playing the team of Judy Rewis and Peggy Sisemore for first place, good luck to both teams in the finals.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hack

## Deckard - Hack Wed In Double Ring Ceremony

Vickie Deckard and Terry Wayne Hack were married at the Fellowship Baptist Church on August 26 at 8 p.m. with the Rev. R. L. O'Quinn officiating at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Geraldine Hager of Hoxie, Arkansas and Gene Hacker, St. Louis, Missouri. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hack, Millville, Pennsylvania.

Given in marriage by Ben Cashman, the bride wore a long, A-line beige dress, featuring angel sleeves and an open-weave scooped neckline. She carried a bouquet of white daisies, adorned with baby blue ribbons.

Mrs. L. G. Peters served as the matron of honor, wearing a pink and white print dress and a multicolored corsage of carnations and daisies.

Best man was L. G. Peters.

The wedding party gathered for a celebration at P. J. 's Beef and Reef in Sebring after the wedding.

Travel plans for the couple include a trip to St. Augustine in the near future.

Mr. Hack is employed by George Bowers Volkswagen, Sebring.

The couple is presently at home at Lotela Park Apartments, Avon Park.

## Obituaries

**Omega R. Secrist**

Omega R. Secrist, 83, of Avon Park, died Saturday in a nursing home there.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. today in the Toale Brothers South Chapel in Bradenton. Services will begin at 1 p.m. Monday in the chapel with the Revs. Leonard Wymore and Chris Wynn officiating. Burial will follow in Manasion Memorial Park.

Born in Anderson, Ind., Mrs., Secrist came to Bradenton 17 years ago from Carmel, Ind. She moved to Avon Park in 1976.

She was a housewife, a member of the First Christian Church of Bradenton, a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a graduate of Indiana University and a teacher in Indiana and Colorado schools.

Survivors include her widower, Fred P. Secrist of Avon Park; a son, Don F. Secrist of Bradenton; a brother, LaVerne Rose of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a sister, Mary Rose of Anderson, Ind.; and one grandchild.

The family requests contributions be made to the First Christian Church of Bradenton in lieu of flowers.

**Elizabeth Ann Capell**

Elizabeth Ann Capell, 72, 1732 Batavia Road, Avon Park died early Friday morning at Walker Memorial Hospital. She was a native of Delta, Pa. and had been a resident of Avon Park since 1956 coming here from Baltimore, Md. She was a retired seamstress and a member of the Florida Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include her widower, Thomas E. Capell; one daughter, Mrs. Harry Pueschel, Winter Haven; one brother, Curtiss Butler, Delta, Pa., six sisters — Mrs. Ruth Cooper, Mrs. Helen Donaway, Mrs. Dorothy Robinson, all of Chester, Pa., Mrs. Lillian Huff, Albany, Ga., Mrs. Mildred Distrow, Delta, Pa., and Mrs. Isabel McGrath, Ocean City, N. J.

Funeral services were held in the Stephenson-Nelson-Smith Chapel with the Rev. J. M. Gilbreath and the Rev. Edward Tharpe officiating. Interment will follow in the Bougainvillea Cemetery. Friends may call at the Stephenson - Nelson - Smith Funeral Home from 6 p.m. til 9 p.m. Sunday. Stephenson-Nelson-Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Water that has been boiled before cooling will freeze faster, because the boiling drives out some air bubbles.

## Walker Earns BA Degree

Barbara Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers of Avon Park, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood from the University of South Florida in Tampa this month. While attending the university, high grades enabled her to be placed on the Dean's List several times.

Barbara graduated from the Avon Park High School in 1971 and received her Associate in Arts Degree in 1974 from South Florida Junior College. She will be

On August 2, 1977, University of South Florida President Reece Smith presented a program honoring August graduates. Attending from Avon Park were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers and Mr. and Mrs. David Flowers. Also attending the special program were Barbara's husband, Bill and small son, Joey and Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Walker, all of Lake Wales.

## Crime Prevention Program

Information about a crime prevention program now getting under way in Avon Park will be presented as part of the program for the Highlands County Criminal Justice Forum meeting Friday.

The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the county commissioners meeting room. Judge Clifton M. Kelly, who presides for the forum meetings, said some members of the Avon Park Police Department have been asked to share information about the new project.

Judge Kelly, a strong advocate of crime prevention programs, earlier this year urged Avon Park officials to take some steps to reverse a trend to violent crime which statistics showed to be emerging in one part of Avon Park.

### Beef Dosen't Move Gently

A Bowling Green woman escaped injury when her car slammed into a cow on SR 64 near Avon Park Aug. 8.

The Florida Highway Patrol said Hilda R. Ibarra was westbound when a black cow, valued at $200 stepped from the south shoulder into her path and was struck.

Trooper Malcolm Rhodes, who pressed no charges, estimated damage to the Ibarra vehicle at $400.


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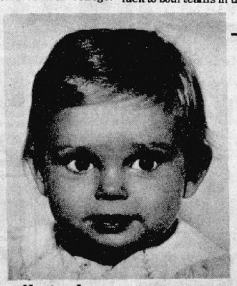


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## Hospital To Fight Malpractice Suit

An Avon Park man and a Highlands County physician have agreed to an out-of-court settlement of a malpractice suit.

One trial has been held in the case, filed by Joe Prescott against orthepedic surgeon Dr. J. T. Kimm. Judge Tim Strickland dismissed the jury and declared a mistrial because of the testimony given by a plaintiff witness.

Walker Memorial Hospital is co-defendant in the suit and hospital administrator John McClelland told The News the hospital will continue to fight the action.

A new trial is scheduled to begin on Sept. 12 with Judge John Dewell presiding.

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# What Happened To Babe, The Gentle Deer?

### Natural Aggression, No Fear

By RITA KAMPER

Editor's Note: About a year ago the Sun published a feature article on Babe, the deer that had been "adopted" by a family and an entire community. That story has turned into an unfortunate tragedy for two families.

Last week Barbara Roberts stepped out of her mobile home on Roberts Road, enjoying the coolness of a late August morning. Across the pasture, she saw Babe, the "adopted" deer coming towards her. This was not unusual. The deer had been by to see her and her family for the last several months. Then something strange happened.

"When I was about 15 feet from the deer, he stopped and looked at me with a strange, wild expression. Then he began charging at me. He put his head down and started butting me. He had playfully butted at me before so I thought that he was just playing this time, so I tried to push him away. But, he kept his head down and wouldn't let me up. Everytime I got a chance to get away from him, he would charge at me again," she said.

"He finally got me pinned down on my back under the trailer. I kept yelling for my son (Rodney, 15), who couldn't hear me because of the noise from the air conditioner.

"I was finally able to twist his head and turn him over. I got out from under the trailer and was able to hang on to the end of the trailer. He kept butting his head against the end of the trailer," she continued.

"Rodney finally heard me, ran ouside, and we both tried to push the deer away, but we still were having trouble. Rodney finaly broke away and found a concrete block, which he threw at the him and the deer ran off.

"I was wearing out so fast that I am afraid I would not have been able to hold out much longer if Rodney had not been able to help me," said Mrs. Roberts.

Mrs. Roberts was taken to Walker Memorial Hospital where she was treated for her injuries mainly caused by antler bruises and scrapes.

The Fresh Water Game and Fish Commission picked Babe up at the home of his "adopted" family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Deen on River Ridge Road. The Commission had issued a permit to the Deen family to keep the deer. However, the Commission has the authority to rescind the permit at any time.

Babe was taken to Pioneer Park Pen in Zolfo Springs where he will be confined and not be allowed to roam free again, according to Captain Grady Phelps of the Commission's office in Lakeland.

This story also has another side. Mrs. Roberts was basically injured physically by the deer, but the Deen family is struggling with the emotional trauma of losing a part of their family.

When he was only a four-day old fawn, the Deens found Babe, who was a year old last May 15.

"He was a total part of our family. There was not a day of his life when he did not sleep in our house. He identified me with his Mama, since I was the only one he knew," said Mrs. Deen.

"I don't know what happened, Nothing ever bothered him before. Our family never had any problems with him," she concluded.

According to Captain Phelps, the reasons behind Babe's behavior include the deer's lack of fear of humans and their increased aggression as the mating season nears.

"The animal become more aggressive as the mating season nears. The mating season for deer near Avon Park will start in late September. Even the younger deer are capable of taking advantage of a small child. They have been known to throw their hooves into children," said Captain Phelps.

"We feel that wildlife belongs in the wild. We would rather not issue permits for keeping deer. This is why only three or four permits are issued a year," stated Captain Phelps.

## Winter Guest Club

BY ILLEON KULL FOR LORENE WEBER

Due to the rains we had just one tournament with four courts in play and no four game winners.

It would take more than rain to stop the Pinochle players. Aug. 22. Allene Howard was the high scorer with 748. Wm. Benson came in second with 644. On Aug. 26, Herman Wurster was high with a score of 821 and Howard Long was runner up with 779.

**Travellers' News.**

This week Mrs. Orville Castine returned to her home in Avon Park Lakes from a five week vacation spent in Michigan and Connecticut. During her two weeks in Michigan the temperture was higher than in Florida. One of the highlights was a trip to the Upper Peninsula to visit friends on Drummond Island. Drummond is one of many beautiful spots of northern Michigan. It was nice getting away for a vacation but really nice to get back home.

Judy and Blaine Kerr spent six weeks visiting and being honored by their children and friends in Youngstown, Ohio. Their 50th Wedding Anniversary was celebrated July 3 at Holly Inn, in North Lima, Ohio. There were 64 relatives and friends present. Former Winter Guest Club members Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thorley of Minerva, Ohio, were surprise guests. Also a buffet supper was given by their daughter and family for fifth relatives. Congratulations Judy and Blaine. The Kerrs will have their daughter from Pennsylvannia with them this week.

My trip to England and North by Grace Romilly. "I left Avon Park on June 14, and I knew I would travel many miles in the next three months. My first stop was Warren, Michigan, where I was greeted with open arms by my family and the news that my flight ticket to England was waiting at their house. A few shopping trips to find something really American for relatives and I was ready to start my trip. The flight over was grand. I had an aisle seat next to a couple who were celebrating their Silver Wedding with this trip to England. The husband wanted to know what was "Steak Kidney Pie". I was able to tell him and I hope he found it as good as I described it. Eight hours later we landed at Gatwick, around 6 a.m. and after getting baggage and going thru customs I found my nephew waiting. As we had never met I was really surprised when he came up to me and said "Are you Auntie Grace."? I stayed on the South Coast for a week and it was very cold. I felt sorry for Queen Elizabeth when she reviewed the fleet. The East Coast was not much warmer but the natives thought it was fine. Just listening to the TV made me pull my sweater a little tighter but I had a wonderful time and enjoyed every minute. They all treated me as if I were something special, "which I am," Michigan was having a heat wave when I returned but we got away from that by going to N. Ontario for a week and then to Niagara Falls for a week. Back to Michigan where we ran into a number of "Farwell" parties for my son as he had been transferred to Texas. Then back to Avon Park where I found that my young friends, Steve and Jeff, had kept my grass mowed and the yard tidy. It has been a wonderful summer but it is grand to be back with friends and to be treated as if you really belong. My next trip most probably will be to Texas."

This week we have two members confined to hospitals: Merrill Murphy is in Walker Memorial Hospital. Frank Mills is in the A. G. Holley Hospital, Lantana, Florida, . He is in Ward 2-B, room 233, Zip 33460.

The Winter Guest Club mourns the death of Ken Holsapple, Aug. 25, in Ill., We extend our condolences to Alice and her family. Anyone wishing to send a Memorial may send one to the Freedom, 1st. Presbyterian Church, Greenup, Ill. 62428.

## SFJC Offers Business Courses For Adults

A number of business education courses for adults is being offered by the Vocational, Technical & Adult Education Division of South Florida Junior College during the fall semester. At the SFJC campus, bookkeeping will be taught on Monday evenings, office machines on Tuesday evenings, shorthand is offered Wednesday evenings, and typing I & II on Thursday evenings. Also on Thursday evenings, Typing I & II will be taught at Lake Placid High School and at Sebring High School. The fee for each class is $12.50 payable at registration.

Registration for all Vocational, Technical & Adult Education classes will continue through Sept. 9. Anyone may register at the admissions office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Anyone deisiring further information about adult education courses should contact Dean Donald Farrens at SFJC or call 453-6661, extension 123, in Avon Park.

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## .5 Mill Tax Hike To Raise $212,000

A dozen taxpayers attended the public hearing held Monday evening by the Highlands County Commissioners, to announce their 0.5 mill increase in ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 1977-1978.

Board Chairman Norman "Jug" Heston explained that the 50 cent per $1000 of real property valuation increase over last year's tax rate is expected to produce $212,197.17 in additional revenues.

Heston cited as reasons for the tax increase: the seven percent cost-of-living raise given to all county employes; inflationary increases in the cost of goods and services to be purchased by the county during the coming year; a loss of revenue caused by the exclusion of about $15 million dollars worth of senior Homestead exemptions and disability exemptions; a $250,000 increase in the sheriff's budget; and increases in the cost of providing ambulance services.

In response to a question from the audience, commissioners revealed that the gross taxable value of real and personal property in Highlands County now exceeds $602 million — an increase of $32 million over last year's figure.

The total ad valorem tax to be assessed for county government will be 5.8816 mills of $5.8816 per $1000 of real and personal property value.

Thus, on a house valued at $20,000 (after the Homestead exemptions have been deducted) the tax levied by the Board of County Commissioners would amount to $117.63 — up $10 over last year's tax.

In addition to the tax supporting county government, must be added to the school board tax — proportionately much larger — and the Highlands General Hospital tax.

And that's not all. Some residents must pay taxes to support flood control districts, the city governments of Sebring, Avon Park and Lake Placid, and special improvement districts.

Several citizens attending the public hearing asked for information about various county services.

In response to one inquiry as to why the ambulance service cannot be operated to pay for itself, County Administrator Charles Cullens reported that just to meet expenses, the county would have to charge $125 per ambulance call and collect 100 percent of its billings. Actual collections made do not come close to the 100 percent figure, Cullens said.

Several commissioners pointed out that, by law, ambulance service cannot be denied to anyone based on his expected ability to pay.

Commissioner C. J. "Buddy" Wise stated that the care of indigents is going to become more costly because of a recent law passed by Florida Legislature. The new law will require Highlands County to pay health care costs of its indigent residents even when such costs are incurred in another county.

"The gap between indigents and taxpayers is getting closer," was the comment that Wise's prediction prompted from one member of the audience.

Another citizen called on commissioners to curb the "champagne tastes" of county department heads who want to spend more money each year.

Commissioners responded by citing the fact that they had reduced departmental budget requests by more than 3 mills — about $1.25 million.

The next step in the budget approval process will take place at 10 a.m., Sept. 6, when the county commissioners will conduct a public hearing at the courthouse.

## SFJC Students Eligible For Earn And Learn

South Florida Junior College and other vocational schools in this area still have some places available for students who may be eligible for "earn-and-learn" programs.

Eligible applicants may receive financial assistance through the Heartland Manpower Consortium (HMC) to prepare for employment. The HMC utilizes federal funds provided by the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) for training and employment programs in Polk, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee. Under the provisions of CETA the participants may receive an hourly allowance based on the number of hours they attend class.

To be eligible for aid participants must meet certain requirements regarding income and other factors. Age is not top factor, but persons who are heads of households are given a higher priority, the HMC officials said.

South Florida Junior College fall registration was concluded on Aug. 29, however, some courses do accept students after the formal registration schedule. Vocational Division Dean Don Farrens said registration for cosmetology and licensed practical nurses courses are closed for the current year, however, places are still available in other vocational classes.

The CETA program does not provide financial assistance for studies aimed toward a college degree.

## Honey Bees Escape From Truck

More than $13,000 worth of honey bees bit the dust Saturday when the semi in which they were being transported overturned near Avon Park.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol,Robert A. Triebold, of Minnesota, was attempting a right turn from Butler Road onto McCoulough Road when the shoulder of the road started to give way. After Triebold got out of his truck to see what could be done, the roadway caved in completely and the truck slid over on its left side. The bees, owned by Diane Prettyman of Avon Park, were either killed or escaped.

Trooper Lamar Ritenour estimated damage to Triebold's truck at $6,000. Fortunately for both Triebold and Ritenour, the 12:15 a.m. accident happened during a driving rain, preventing the escaped bees from venting their anger for their interrupted trip.

## 1977 Citrus Growers Institute

It was announced by Highlands County Extension Director, Tim Hurner, that the 1977 Florida Citrus Growers' Institute and Citrus Equipment and Machinery Display will be held at the Highlands County Agricultural Center on Highway 27 south of Sebring on Sept. 13-14.

The Institute is sponsored by the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and Fruit Crops Department of the University of Florida.

This years Institute covers a wide range of topics carefully chosen from suggestions made by a planning committee composed of growers, production managers and county Extension agents.

The various speakers will discuss the growing concerns over government regulations, rising energy costs, water availability, production economics and marketing. Everyone is invited to attend and take part in the Institute as the Institute coordinators believe it will be time well spent.

## Pennington Charged

William Ray Pennington of Avon Park, charged with burglary and petit larceny, has been placed on probation with conditions.

The sentence was announced in circuit court by Judge Clifton Kelly.

## Hope Has Visitors

E. Bently Lipscomb, state program staff director of Aging and Adult Services and Sandy Hamilton, state homemaker specialist, visited Services Over Sixty's, two elderly projects, Hope of Highlands County and the Highlands County Nutrition Program Aug. 26.

Lipscomb and Hamilton were on a two-day visit to Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services District VIII headquarters in Fort Myers. Highlands County was chosen for the visit because Services Over Sixty is operating the two elderly programs, which services are designed to help the elderly remain in their homes. Project directors Betty Upchurch and Rosemary Deck shared with the Tallahassee visitors the benefits and problems associated with elderly services.

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Ruth Allen, Fezzette president, and Owen Young, Highlands Shrine Club president, light the birthday candles marking five years of existence for the local Fezzette Club. photo by C. W. Burn.

# Fezzettes Organized To Help Shriners

The Fezzettes, wives and widows of the members of the Highlands Shrine Club, were organized July 22, 1972 with 55 members. The membership has grown to 128. They were organized to promote sociability among the wives of the Shriners and to help their Nobles in their dedication to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospitals.

The Fezzettes now boast their own clubhouse, the original Shrine Clubhouse, which has been renovated and enlarged for them by the Shriners.

Before each monthly meeting members enjoy covered dish dinners. After dinner on Aug. 24, the meeting was opened with a candle lighting by each of the presidents past and present.

On a five-branch candelabra, charter president Mrs. Henry Hartman lighted the first candle, then the second year president Mrs. Jay Adams; the third year president Mrs. Henry Hartman; then the fourth year president Mrs. Owen Young, finally the immediate president Mrs. Lowell Allen lighted the fifth candle.

A memorial was observed for charter member Mrs. Cora Erdman, wife of the late Jay Erdman Past President of the Highlands Shrine Club, with a draping of the charter. A memorial was also pledged to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospitals in her name.

Immediately following their meeting all Fezzettes were guests of the Shriners in their adjacent new clubhouse for birthday cake and ice cream.

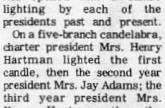
## School Lunches

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Sept. 5-9

Monday — Labor Day Holiday.
Tuesday — Pizza, tossed salad, corn, orange juice bar, and milk.
Wednesday — Lima bean soup with ham, beets, corn muffins, apple crisp, and milk.
Thursday — Chicken pot pie with mixed vegetables, lettuce salad, Jello, whole wheat rolls, ice cream, and milk.
Friday — Fish patties, whipped potatoes, cooked cabbage, peaches, rolls, cookie and milk.

HIGH, MIDDLE SCHOOLS
Sept. 5-9

Monday — Labor Day Holiday.
Tuesday — Braised beef and rice, garden salad, cherry applesauce, peanut bar, roll, and milk.
Wednesday — Pizza with ground beef, green beans, cabbage and carrot salad, coconut pudding, and milk.
Thursday — Meat balls with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit cup, cinnamon roll, and milk.
Friday — Hot dog on bun, baked beans, vegetable salad, apple pie with raisins, and milk.



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## Promoted In White Gown Ceremony

On Sunday, August 28, the First Church of the Nazarene held a promotion day exercise, advancing several Sunday School children, from nursery through junior high, to a higher level.

Promoted were: Allen Spurlock; Sharon Germain, Jeoy Picket, Catina Delaney; Jennifer Shortinghouse, Lisa Hicks; Charlotte Scott; Leland Spurlock; Cheryl Fortner; Thomas Daley; Cindy Daley; Diane Coffman; Dean Filppula; David Jackson; Steve Greene; Steven Allen; Debbie Spurlock; Crystal Hicks and Mary Ann Johnson.

Marching into the church wearing white caps and white gowns, and followed by their teachers, the children liked the platform. Each teacher was given a pink carnation and words of appreciation from a pupil in each class. After being congratulated by Pastor Byron Shortinghouse, each child received a certificate of promotion and passed through an archway to be received by their new teacher.

## Methodist Women Hold Day Apart Meeting

The United Methodist Women of the Lakeland District will hold their annual "Day Apart" meeting on September 7th at the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, North Massachusetts, Lakeland.

The guest speaker will be Ms. Polly Cook, Director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Miami, Miami, Florida. The theme for the event will be "Celebrate Life."

All interested women are cordially invited. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the service begins at 10 a.m. until 12 noon. The meeting will end at 1:30 p.m. A sack lunch is requested.

## Men's Group To Hold Fish Supper

The Church of God's Men's Fellowship is sponsoring a fish supper on Friday, September 9 from 6-10 p.m. at the Church Annex, 105 North Florida Avenue. The public is invited to attend the supper which will feature a menu of fried mullet, baked beans, cole slaw, hush puppies, and coffee or tea. The cost will be $2 for adults and $1.50 for children under 12. Proceeds will be used towards the purchase of a duplicator for the tape ministry for shut-ins. Contributions will be greatly appreciated.

## Kinsey Given Year In Prison

Willie Kinsey, charged with receiving stolen property, has been sentenced to a year in state prison, this sentence to run concurrent with any other prison sentence Kinsey may be serving.

Kinsey had pleaded guilty to the charge here and at sentencing was given credit for 83 days served in jail.

## WMU To Meet On Tuesday

Because of the Labor Day holiday, the regular monthly meeting of the WMU of the Florida Avenue Baptist Church will be held on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. All ladies are urged to attend.

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| Youth Meeting | 6:00 P.M. |
| Evening Service | 7:00 P.M. |

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
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| Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. |
| Morning Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| Evening Worship | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 p.m. |

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**APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF JESUS**
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| Sunday School | 10:00 A.M. |
| Morning Worship | 11:30 A.M. |
| Tuesday Prayer Service | 7:30 P.M. |
| Thursday Missionary | 7:30 P.M. |
| Youth Program—Sunday | 5:30 P.M. |
| Sunday Night Service | 6:30 P.M. |

**Walker Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church**
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Pastor: Robert E. DuBose
Phone 453-7486

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| Sabbath School | 9:30 A.M. |
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| WEDNESDAY: | |
| Prayer and Bible Study | 7:30 P.M. |

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Minister of Music:
Miss Syble Watson

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| Sunday School | 9:45 A.M. |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 A.M. |
| Training Union | 6:30 P.M. |
| Evening Worship | 7:45 p.m. |
| Mid-week Service—Wednesday | 7:45 P.M. |

Nursery Open All Services

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1019 S. DeLaney
Pastor Rev. Columbus L. Carter

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| Sunday School | 9:30 A.M. |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 A.M. |
| Thursday Prayer Meeting | 7:00 P.M. |
| Youth Program: Fourth Sunday | 11:00 A.M. |
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| Worship Service | 11:00 A.M. |
| Evening Worship | 6:00 P.M. |

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**
200 South Forest Avenue
Minister Bob Barker

Sunday Services:

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|---|---|
| Bible Study | 10:00 A.M. |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 A.M. |
| Evening Worship | 7:00 P.M. |
| Wednesday: | |
| Bible Study | 7:30 P.M. |

**CHURCH OF GOD**
195 N. Florida Avenue
The Rev. Paul Searcy

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| Sunday School | 9:45 A.M. |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 A.M. |
| Evening Worship | 7:00 P.M. |
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| Evening Service | 7:00 P.M. |
| Wednesday Service | 7:30 P.M. |

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Pastor: R. L. O'Quinn
1000 Thomas Street, Avon Park, Fla.

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| Sunday School | 9:45 A.M. |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 A.M. |
| Training Union | 6:00 P.M. |
| Prayer Meeting - Wednesday | 7:30 P.M. |
| Choir Practice—Wednesday | 8:30 P.M. |

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112 South Central Ave.
Pastor: J. W. Taylor

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| Sunday School | 9:45 A.M. |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 A.M. |
| Young People (Christ Ambassadors) | 6:00 P.M. |
| Evengelistic Service | 7:00 P.M. |
| Wednesday Mid-week Prayer and Bible Study | 7:30 P.M. |

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
(Associate Reformed Synod)
215 East Circle Street
Pastor: W. O. Ragsdale

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| Sunday School | 9:45 a.m. |
| Morning Worship (Nursery Every Sunday) | 11:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday Night Bible Study | 7:00 p.m. |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal Wednesday (Nursery provided) | |
| Family Night Supper | October-April |
| Second Wednesday | 6:30 p.m. |
| Woman's Society | |
| Evening First Monday | 8:00 p.m. |
| Afternoon First Wednesday | 2:00 p.m. |

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232 Castle Street
Pastor: C. W. Williams

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| Sunday School | 9:45 A.M. |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 A.M. |
| Prayer Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| Womens Missionary Council—Wednesday | 4:00 P.M. |

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**
Corner Avon Blvd. and Highlands
Avon Park Lakes

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| Sunday Service | 10:00 A.M. |
| Sunday School | 10:00 A.M. |
| Reading Room, Friday | 1:30-3 P.M. |

**FLORIDA AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Pastor: Rev. Edwin Tharpe
Phone: 453-3539

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|---|---|
| Sunday School | 9:45 A.M. |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 A.M. |
| Training Union | 6:30 P.M. |
| Evening Worship | 7:30 P.M. |
| Mid-week Prayer Service | 7:30 P.M. |

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| High School Students Wed. | 7:30 P.M. |

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Rev. Elmer G. Gregg, Minister

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| Divine Services | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sunday School | 8:45 a.m. |

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**ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH**
Rainbow Park
Pastor: Rev. Arthur Ausley

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| Sunday School | 10:00 A.M. |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 A.M. |
| Senior Choir Rehearsal—Monday | 7:30 P.M. |
| Youth Program—Sunday | 5:15 P.M. |

**THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER EPISCOPAL**
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Sunday Services

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| Eucharist | 8:00 A.M. |
| Church School | 9:00 A.M. |
| Family Service | 10:00 A.M. |
| Wednesday Eucharist | 9:30 A.M. |

**ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**
Pastor: Rev. J. W. Daughrety

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| Sunday School | 9:00 A.M. |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 A.M. |
| Baptist Training Union | 5:00 P.M. |
| Choir No. 1—Tuesday | 7:00 P.M. |
| Choir No. 2 - Monday | 5:00 P.M. |
| Prayer Meeting—Thursday | 7:00 P.M. |
| Usher Board No. 1—Monday | 8:00 P.M. |
| Usher Board No. 2—Friday | 4:30 P.M. |
| Trustee Day—First Sunday | |
| Mission Day—Third Sunday | |

# Southside Community Park News

By CALVIN GIBBS

Hi Friends,

Welcome to Southside Park Community News. Regular church services were held at most of the churches. Some churches attracted unusually large audiences. Schools throughout the county were officially opened for pupils. All went well at most schools. There are still large reports of illnesses throughout the community and the unemployment and unemployment compensation lines don't seem to get any shorter. Among recent visitors home were Pelman Blacksheare, Al Joseph Hinson, Walter Carl and Bobby Manning.

**Pelman Blacksheare (Lawyer) Recent Visitor**

**Necrology**

The Late Arthur Hardy

Funeral services for the late Arthur Hardy were held on Saturday, August 27, 1977 at 2 p.m.

Mr. Arthur Hardy was born December 7, 1907 in Albany, Georgia to the parent Mrs. Annie Lee Hardy.

Mr. Arthur Hardy moved to Florida in the year of 1918. He joined the Baptist Church in Lakeland, Florida.

He married Mrs. Josephine Hardy in 1938 and moved to Avon Park, Florida in 1941.

He entered the hospital for the last time on August 10, 1977. There he left this sinful world behind on Sunday, August 21, 1977 at 8:30 a.m.

He leaves to mourn a devoted wife, Sister Josephine Hardy; his mother, Ms. Annie Lee Hardy of Avon Park, Florida. One daughter, Annie Vera Hardy. One aunt, Ms. Mattie Mae Colquitt of Sarasota, Florida. One uncle, James Hardy. Two sister-in-laws, Ms. Arnita Stevens of Deland, Florida and Ms. Virginia Hayes of Fort Myers, Fla. One brother-in-law, Joe Washington of Fresno, California. One niece, Ozora Burton; one newphew, Joe Hardy and three God sons, Herman Adams, Julius Bell and Carl Williams of Avon Park, Florida. One God daughter, Judy Bell. A host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**Graduate of Hopewell**

For the past few weeks, this column has accounted for some of the many graduates of Hopewell. If you are a graduate and your name does not appear within the next few weeks, please call or write Mr. E. E. Sims or me.

(s) Calvin Gibbs

Eugene McRae - Security Guard; Mrs. Claretha Fogle-Washington - Bank Teller; Willie B. Carter - Variety; Eddie L. Johnson - Teacher; Mrs. Mary Cummings-White - Variety; Miss Linda Hicks - Teacher Aide; Mrs. Shirley Hicks McCauley - Dept. Store Clerk; Mrs. Beatrice Brown-Peterson - Variety; Miss Loutreal Strong - Variety; and Jimmie Williams - Furniture Distributor.

Mrs. Toni Ford - Teacher; Miss Alvia Welch - Receptionist; William Dickey - Architec; Calvin Carter - Citrus Fruit - Security Guard; Delbert White - Citrus Fruit; Miss Donna Leverson - Variety; Leotis McNeil - Security Guard; Willie Kirkland - Killed In Viet Nam; Clyde Weathers; William Watson - Citrus and Willie Boatright - Variety.

Also Clinton Austin - Variety; Alfred Jackson - School Custodian; Ernest Flemming - Citrus Foreman; and Miss Asza Lee Walker.

Linda Hicks

Toni Gibson Ford

Loutreal Strong

The Apostolic Church of Jesus held Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. with Deacon Stanley as Superintendent.

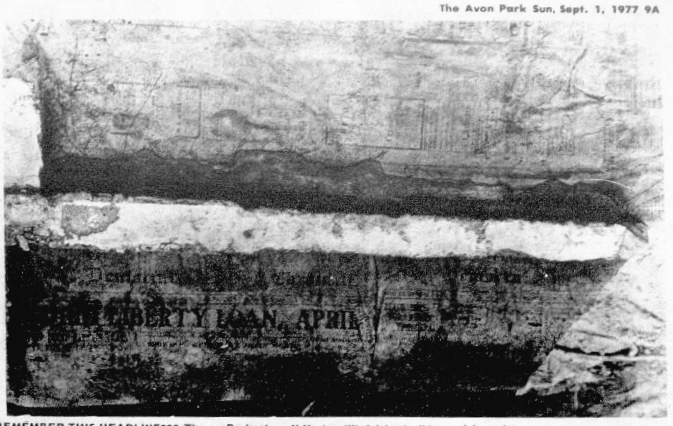
Morning service began at 11:30 a.m. with Sister Earnestine Dudley presiding over devotional service. She turned the service over to Sister Diane Watson. Two speakers were called and were given ten minutes each. Remarks were made by Sister Watson. The lessons were taught with power.

Evening service began at 6:30 p.m. with Sister Diane Watson, missionary president in charge of the service. The spirit led her to bring the message which was taught with power. The spirit filled the church in both of these services.

There will be a program Saturday at 8 p.m., featuring the choir from Eatonville, Florida and Minister Smith from Tampa. Come and let's enjoy the Lord together. Brother David Hicks is the sponsor.

Sister Virginia McRae, Reporter

CITY EMPLOYE, JACK ELDER, told by-standers how it feels to unearth a novel way to preserve newspaper material on the bottom side of a long forgotten septic tank lid in the middle of the Mall. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.



REMEMBER THIS HEADLINE??? The March 2, 1918 Democrat Chronicle of Rochester, N.Y. is still fairly legible after serving as a base for a concrete slab used as a cover for a septic tank on the Mall. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

# Sewer Contractor To Return For Final Cleanup And Repair

In a routine report to the Avon Park City Council at their last Monday night meeting, Mike McWeeny of Dawson and Associates told the council that the sewer project contractor planned to return during the latter part of September for final cleanup and repairs. This time was chosen to avoid much of the rainy season in case of having to make excavations.

Work on repairing and rebuilding the old sewer treatment plant is expected to start after the Labor Day Holiday. McWeeny told the council that all parts have been ordered, however certain items may take a long time being delivered.

Potable water from the city water mains, has been tested, McWeeny informed the council, but the results have not been conclusive. This problem is widespread in Florida, because of the dissolved carbon dioxide in the water but it is aggravated by the chlorine added to the water. The corrosive action on the iron pipe then causes the dirty water.

McWeeny suggested adding counter-balancing chemicals at the well through a metering pump and mixing tank. A chemical coating would be deposited on the iron pipe walls stopping the corrosion.

In regard to the Lake Glenada campgrounds, McWeeny was given a set of plans showing 130 camping spaces with an average water use of 200 gallons per day. He is to work out a recommendation as to fees charged since the camp is to be served by a six inch water main and a four inch meter. It had been proposed that the camp have a package sewer treatment plant with the effluent piped to the city ponds.

Clarence King requested that the city construct a manhole on a main city sewer line that had been placed in 1927 between the Atlantic Coastline Railroad and South Verona Ave.

In reviewing the plans, McWeeny stated the basic requirement was for a manhole every 400 to 450 feet. He noted that the distance between two manholes was not too great, but a new manhole was required by the state for connecting the sewerage collection system in King's trailer park. Council President told King that he would have to bear the cost of the new manhole.

An inspection of the grassing problem of homeowners by the Mayor Marshall Davis, Administrative Assistant Bruce Stayer and McWeeny showed that grass planted by the contractor during the dry season was almost a total failure. Some areas planted during the rainy season had grass growing. Some areas had cars and trucks parked which prevented grass from growing. They did not expect the grass to match sod or old grass areas. A list of complaints will be checked again.

The building inspector, C. W. Ellerbee reported that a dwelling at 925 S. Pineland Ave. was unble to connect to the city sewer lines and the septic tank was overflowing on the ground. It was suggested that the city do the work necessary to furnish a useable connection for the house and bill the contractor for the work.

# SFJC Health Classes

Three health education classes are being offered this fall by the Vocational Technical & Adult Education Division of South Florida Junior College. They are emergency medical technician, nurse assistant and hospital ward clerk.

The emergency medical technician program is 120 hours in length, meeting in the nursing room on campus Monday and Wednesday evenings. There will also be practical training sessions scheduled for several weekends. Successful completion of the course will qualify the students to take the state examination to become certified emergency medical technicians. The cost of the course is $30.

The nurse assistant class is scheduled to meet at Walker Memorial Hospital each Tuesday and Thursday evening; however, the hours of several class meetings will be changed in order for students to receive their clinical practice. Individuals who successfully complete the course will receive nurse's assistant certificates. The cost of the class is $25.

The hospital ward clerk class will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings at Walker Memorial Hospital. Hospital ward clerk certificates will be issued to students who successfully complete the class. The cost is $25.

Persons wishing to take one of the health education classes may register at the SFJC admissions office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. through Sept. 9. Registration fees for these three courses do not not include texts or uniforms, if required.

Anyone desiring further information about Vocational, Technical & Adult Education fall classes should see Dean Farrens at the college or call 453-6661, extension 123, in Avon Park.

# Senator Stone Will Be Here Today

**United States Senator Richard Stone is currently visiting and talking with people throughout Florida and will be at the Avon Park Post Office at 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 1.**

**Everyone is invited to stop by and welcome him to Avon Park. Bring along your ideas and any questions you would like to talk about with Sen. Stone.**

— U. S. Sen. Richard Stone says he supports energy conservation proposals but that, overall, the national energy legislation now before the Congress contains too many taxes and too few incentives to increase domestic production and encourage the development of alternate energy sources.

"There is no doubt that conservation has to be an important element in any effective national energy plan," Sen. Stone told the Florida Petroleum Marketers Association in a speech in Hollywood on August 19. "The House version of the bill contains sensible and sound approaches to energy conservation and the Senate is likely to agree with the House on most of them."

The bill adopted by the House of Representatives includes conservation measures such as tax credits for home insulation, mandatory efficiency standards for appliances, tax and penalties on the purchase of large "gas-guzzling" cars. The Senate is expected to begin action in September on an energy package including similar measures.

Stone said, however, that a proposed five-cent increase in the federal gas tax "is a bad idea" that would be "devastating to Florida, with its tourist industry, its lack of mass transit, and its extensive agriculture industry." The House of Representatives already has voted down the tax. However, it still is being considered by the Senate.

"An increased federal gas tax, combined with the proposed crude oil equalization tax, could raise the price of gasoline as much as seven cents a gallon — without producing more energy," Stone continued. "Consumers would be paying through the nose for energy with no certainty that we are developing our domestic resources, researching alternate energy sources, or even reducing our dependence on imported oil."

One measure that could increase domestic production, said Sen. Stone, is the deregulation of natural gas. He is hopeful that the Senate may vote in favor of deregulation, even though the House rejected it.

Stone said that Florida, a warm-weather state reliant on air conditioning, would be particularly sensitive to measures resulting in higher electricity rates. Therefore, he and Sen. Lawton Chiles successfully persuaded the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in August to amend a mandatory coal conversion bill and save Florida utility customers from a possible $150-million a year rate increase.

The bill as first drafted would have required Florida Power and Light and other gas-burning utility plants to convert from natural gas to oil as a boiler fuel by 1979 as a first step toward converting to coal by 1990.

Stone said that he has received more than 1,000 letters from Floridians opposed to some part of the energy legislation, and less than a dozen letters of support. In coming weeks, as the Senate debate begins.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