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In their handling of the airport leases to fixed base operators, during their regular Monday night meeting, the Avon Park City Council gave the impression that they were hoping that the City Attorney Jack Hancock would find a loophole so the city could squirm out of their lease with Highlands Aviation, Inc. (James Renfro), while they approved the franchise application and issued a license to Avon Park Flying Service, Inc. operated by Don Gossick.

City Attorney Jack Hancock stated he had gone through the minutes of several meetings and his research had verified his opinion that there "was no material difference, between the lease (with Renfro) contemplated by the city council and the lease that was signed."

In regard to the no-competition clause left out of the Renfro lease, the Federal Aeronautics Administration has stated it was an illegal clause, which in turn raises the question, "How many other airport leases signed by the city council were illegal, when they contained a no-competition clause?"

Attorney Hancock raised the question, whether the mayor and the city clerk had been authorized to execute the lease? He had found four or five references but no definite conclusions could be found. He was asked by the council to continue to search the records defining what authority the mayor and the city clerk had in signing the airport lease.

A letter from the city attorney was read by City Clerk Malcolm Crews outlining the proper procedure for entering into an agreement with qualified fixed base operators at the city airport. This was to apply to both fixed base operators.

During the discussion City Councilman David Barefield made a special point "for the record," that Gossick still has 10,000 square feet of space, at the pumps, which are located at the hangar, but he has over 50 feet of hose for refueling. There was no explanation of why this was wanted in the record, since it had been discussed at a previous meeting.

James Renfro of Highlands Aviation, Inc. was not at the city council meeting but later reported that it appeared from the steps that the city council has taken, he will not have any other recourse than to take legal action against the city as he has a valid lease.

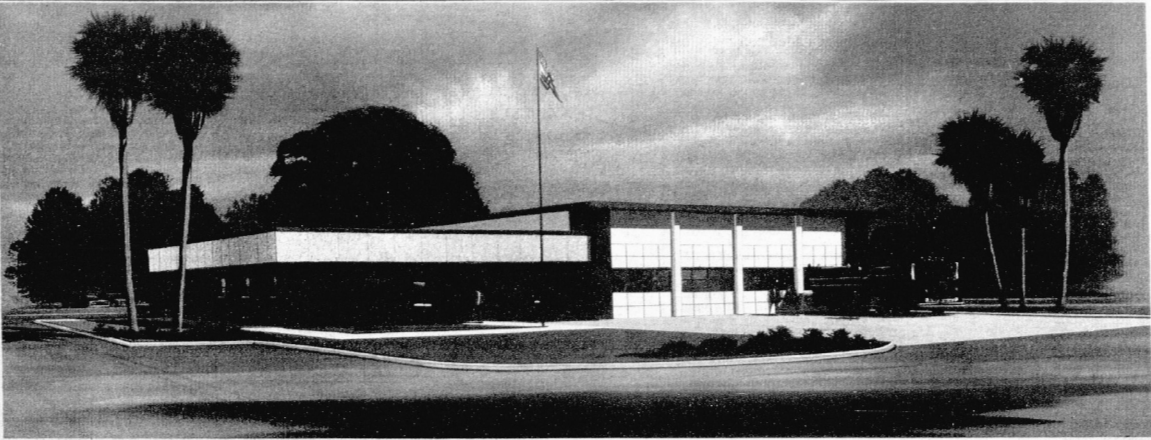
In other old business, Chuck Hadley reported that the plans for the sewer extension on North Lake Isis were completed. However, he had left them in another car, but there were no changes since the plans had been approved a month ago.

The specifications were still at the printers but were expected to be ready to advertise for bids next week. Thus the council approved the plans for the North Lake Isis sewer extension using Economic Development Administration grant funds and to advertise for bids for construction.

It was pointed out to the council that with all of the federal funds projects in the city that considerable paper work was necessary for weekly, monthly, quarterly and other reports to be filled out and filed. The city clerk asked the council to hire a project coordinator to take care of this paper work, on a half time basis and to be paid by the hour from contingency funds of the various projects, which the council approved.

In a report on Section 8 housing, two builders had their applications denied by the Housing and Urban Development Administration as not being consistent.

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Artist's sketch of proposed new Avon Park Fire Station.

New Fire Station Plans Revealed

Architect James "Jim" Heim displayed an artist's drawing of the proposed new Avon Park Fire Station to the city council during their Monday

night meeting. Heim also submitted completed plans for the new fire station, containing 7600 square feet of floor space, with \$345,000

Economic Development Administration funds being available for construction of the building on Pine Street behind city hall.

He told the council that if construction bids go higher than the grant there are four possible alternates for cutting the cost and in this order: Deletion of

furnishings; communications systems; emergency generator and paving.

The council moved to approve the plans and to advertise for construction bids. Part of the contract, or 10 percent of the grant, is to be supplied by minority groups of sub-contractor or suppliers, which must be listed in a letter from the contractor for use by the EDA.

A week earlier Mayor Marshall Davis, Fire Chief Mack Flowers and City Clerk Malcolm Crews had met with EDA officials in Sarasota and signed the necessary forms releasing EDA money for the project. The acceptance of the final plans and specifications cleared the way for advertising for construction bids.

Bids for the building construction are expected to be opened on Oct. 10. The bid, that is accepted, will be sent to the Atlanta office of EDA for approval. This is to be followed by a preconstruction conference with the contractor.

The one story fire station will have four bays, open front and rear. There will be eight spaces for pumper units. It will house all of the present used equipment, including: three pumpers, mini-pumper, three-quarter ton pickup, bucket truck, 300 gallon booster truck, power wagon, rescue boat and the chief's car.

The building will have space for an apparatus floor, the chief's office, kitchen and dining room, training and ready area, duty area, dormitory, mechanical room, storage area, double bath rooms and two public bathrooms equipped for handicapped persons.

A shed on the west end of the apparatus part of the building will have closed ends for washing equipment and other work. A large parking area can be used for city hall and library parking during the daytime and as a night training area.

The construction contract calls for all new modern office and building furnishings. It will contain a new communications system having a frequency separate from the rest of the city's radio system.

Interior walls of the building are to be of concrete block construction while the outside of the building will be a brick veneer. Vinyl materials are to be laid on the office and living areas floors, with concrete floors for the vehicle and work areas.

By installing folding beds, the dormitory can be converted into an additional work area. Lockers will be placed along the walls. A feature of the plans make it possible to expand the dormitory space should the need arise.

The plans call for three units to air condition the building as the fire station workday progresses from one area to another. In the event that the vehicle area doors are closed, exhaust fans will pull out fumes from operating engines.

Specifications have been completed for both manual and electrical operation of the front doors of the four bays. In case of electrical power failure a natural gas operated emergency generator will supply power for the station. The contract will be completed with landscaping of grass and shrubs around the building and parking area.

Funds For Courthouse

\$190,000 Economical Development Grant for renovation of the third floor of the Highlands County courthouse has been approved by federal officials, Administrative Assistant Charles Calhoun was notified late Tuesday by U.S. Rep. L. A. (Skip) Balfanz office.

Merchants
To Hold
Historical
Sidewalk
Sale Oct. 8

Last Friday morning the Merchants' sidewalk sale planning committee, meeting at the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce office, decided to hold the first sidewalk sale in the history of Avon Park on Saturday, Oct. 8.

With the way cleared by the city council to hold the sale on Main St. and the downtown area the committee decided the all day sidewalk sale would start at 10 a.m. and run til 6 p.m.

In reporting on the sidewalk sale, AnnaBelle Worden, executive manager of the Chamber of Commerce stated that all merchants who were asked if they would participate in the sale, were enthused by the idea of the sidewalk sale and promised to take part in it.

Committee members express the thought that shoppers would find some real bargains in the merchandise displayed during the sidewalk sale.



THE MERCHANT SIDEWALK Sale Planning committee check a calendar for the best date of Avon Park's first

sidewalk sale and chose Saturday, Oct. 8. From the left, seated: AnnaBelle Worden and Jean Gibbs. Standing:

Charles Hoke, Jean Hoke, Randy Rich, Mildred Head, Dennis Jacobs, Wesley Turner and Virgil McInville. Not present, Betty Jordan. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

School Board Says Highlands County School System May Lose \$60,000 In FTE Funds

Some \$60,000 in FTE funds may be lost by the Highlands County School system if enrollment doesn't rise in its 10 county schools, the school board was told

Tuesday. Supt. Dr. Dan Davis said he felt some of the loss of 74 students over last year's second week count was due to the new Sebring Academy, which he said he visited last week. It has drawn about 10 Polk County students also.

Totals of 6,874 for first day compared with 7,036 for the 1976-77 first day showed a 163 student loss. The first week revised that to 116 student loss, or a 77-78 figure of 7,175 as compared to 7,291 last year.

The second week figures show a net loss of 74 of a new total of 7,242 as compared with last year's second week total of 7,316.

Ferrel Smith, assistant superintendent, said the Full Time Equivalent for each student is about \$800. That official count is made in October and again in the spring so the loss is not yet a confirmed dollar drop. He said he

expected an influx of migrant students to bring the figure up during the next few weeks.

Lake Placid school board member Jack Wircik won board support for an effort to try again to obtain a warning signal for the downtown railroad crossing.

Wircik said he and others witnessed the 7:40 a.m. train "whizzing" through the main thoroughfare one morning after school started, with only the briefest horn signals just before approaching the otherwise unlighted and un-signalized crossing.

The board voted to petition Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and federal officials for some device for the crossing, which is heavily used by elementary and high school students.

Previous county attempts to get a crossing resulted in a "not enough traffic" response from state officials last

year. A traffic signal is slated for installation at the Interlake-Main Street intersection sometime this year.



FORMER COUNCILMAN, Jack Duggan, was the first to qualify for the Avon Park city election in December when he filed for the mayor's seat last week. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.



qualify in the up-coming race for the Avon Park City Council. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

City Council And Young
Agree On Procedures

A confrontation between the Avon Park City Council and Robert Young, owner of the burnt out Coca Cola bottling plant building ended during the regular Monday night council meeting with Council President Robert Britt arranging a meeting at 10 a.m. in building inspector

letter to Young stating exactly what clean up work must be done on the property.

Young told the council that he thought he understood which buildings were to be removed but Tony Phillips of the Phillips

PASSING HIS ELECTION account check to Virginia Henderson at City Hall made Tom Tartaris the first candidate to

Edward Carter Publisher

2A The Avon Park Sun, Sept. 15, 1977

County Commissioners Approve .33 Mill Levy For Water Districts

County commissioners are going to discuss the role of the Southwest Florida Water Management District with one of its officials, Ronald B. Lambert, at next Tuesday's meeting.

This week, commissioners approved the district's .33 mill tax levy for the townships now included in that water management district. Clerk of the Circuit Court Earl Rich said 10 was for the district and 23 for the Peace River Basin in which part of the northwest county is located.

County Attorney Robert Duntz Jr. said all but the final details have been made official on the district's takeover of the maintenance of the Upper Josephine-Jackson Creek watershed.

In other action Tuesday, the commission:

Names Cecil Skipper as its representative on the Coordinating Council for Restoration of the Kissimmee River Valley.

Accepted a draft copy of the Health System Agency plan of South Central Florida Regional Council for study before a public hearing in Bartow, Oct. 13.

Accepted a preliminary flood plain

map but agreed to dispute findings during the six month public input and challenge time allotted by the National Flood Insurance Board when definite elevations and a rate study are required. County commissioners said that watersheds and flood control structures are not reflected on the map as improving the drainage and "drying up" much of the marsh area around Lake Istokopka.

Spring Lake transmitted additional technical data and succeeded in getting some of their flood prone label lifted, but much of the giant subdivision is still shaded.

Some Florida areas were added to the map since its last presentation locally. Administrative Assistant Charles Cullen explained. He said the original presentation was protested and a visit from the firm preparing the map was promised but has not materialized.

Any subdivision of more than 50 lots or development of more than five acres would be subject to commission review. Cullen said, if included on the final map. All building permits sought in those areas would be subject to special review also, he added, with flood insurance mandated before a permit would be issued.



Views Of OUR Readers Lease Law Not Cure-All

Editor: This letter is directed primarily towards all advocates of the "leash law" in our city. As I understand it, this law, properly enforced, was to be the cure-all for our animal control problem. For my family and our dog, it didn't work.

Almost four years ago we bought a fluffy bundle of canine devotion in the form of a Saint Bernard puppy, for our three sons. After much discussion, the dog was registered as "Sir Ronald McDonald," and lovingly dubbed "Big Mac."

Over the years, Big Mac grew into a large, beautiful and protective animal. He could often be seen loping alongside our eldest sons' bicycle or swimming at the lake with my son and his friends. The boy and his dog often spent whole summer days alternately fishing and swimming, with Big Mac drying himself in the summer sun while my son fished. Many people who have attended Little League games in years past may remember the Big Saint lying patiently beside the fence waiting for the boy to finish playing ball.

Big Mac became a trusted member of our family. Our children were always safe, because he went where they went. Our home was always safe, because any stranger was loudly announced. Quite often, his size frightened people long before his deep, throaty bark. But toward us, he was always gentle.

He was, however, still a dog. He got into his share of mischief and caused his share of problems. He didn't like the gas meter or the meter men to come in the yard, and because of his size, he could be quite frightening. He dearly loved to chase the garbage truck as it pulled away. I'm certain his large footprints in an occasional garden, flower bed, or newly planted lawn were a nuisance to our neighbors. In his younger days, when he seemed to be constantly hungry, several neighborhood garbage cans became his target. He would dig his neighbors, complained, justifiably. Thankfully, he outgrew the garbage cans and the problems seemed to almost disappear.

Then, a few months ago, we began to have our own problems with other dogs in the neighborhood: strewed garbage, newspaper ripped up day after day, and missing shoes that had been left outside. To make matters worse, we discovered that our dog was being blamed for all the trouble.

Ten days ago the men from Animal Control came by and told us they had received complaints against our dog.

Swill Worth Bidding On?

Should the county school board take bids for disposal of its swill from lunchrooms or must county hog raisers negotiate weekly with each school principal?

That was the first "weighty" question put to the school board at Tuesday's meeting, when Avon Park hog raiser Joe Prescott asked to board to resolve differences among both officials and swill-seekers.

"I think taxpayers ought to insist this matter be put out for bid," said Prescott, who said he had tried individual school negotiations and had been switched to lunchroom managers by the principals. Those officials took his \$1 offer and

regarding the garbage. They said we would have to chain our dog or they would have to take him. I explained that our dog was not responsible for all the overturned garbage, but I agreed to chain him, even though my husband had seen the other dogs overturning the garbage as he left for work in the early hours.

Three days ago, I walked out of my house to see the dogs from down the street scattering my garbage. For a change, I called the local police to complain. They sent the city dog catcher out. He witnessed the scattered garbage and the dog running loose, and told me there was nothing he could do. I was told to swear out a complaint against the dog's owners and take them to court. My reply was that I didn't want to cause trouble, just to stop the garbage dumping. For two days after that the dog was constantly on the street and in our yard. Last night we chased him out of our fenced back yard and away from our garbage cans twice. This morning our garbage was scattered and our newspaper ripped and strewn over our yard and the street. Other neighborhood papers suffered the same fate. All this while our own dog was forcibly chained in the backyard. But the seeming inconsistency and unfairness of this situation is no longer our problem.

Today, ten days after we were forced to chain our beautiful, faithful canine family member, he died. My eldest son, who two years ago suffered a painful bicycle accident and surgery without a tear, knelt beside his beloved companion, cradled Mac's big head in his arms, and cried. We cried with him. There had not even been enough time to consult a veterinarian. He simply lay down and died. We thought it was the heat or a heart attack, but on consulting the breeder where we obtained our Saint Bernard, we were told that the breed is extremely faithful and sensitive. Quite likely, he said, our dog, on being separated from the children he loved, had literally died of a broken heart.

Big Mac has been laid to rest. He will have a marker. He was one of us.

As I reflect on the days of events, I am overwhelmed with a sense of grief and loss. Bitterness, bitterness toward our county, with its pretty laws governing even our simplest pleasures in life, its equal justice for all, and the loss of its once time-honored tradition of "man's best friend."

Our dog was not only valuable, he was loved. It isn't fair.

Mrs. Vickie Flowers and Family

Things Out My Way

By ALICE SMITH

If you grew up, as I did, in a small town, middle-class American home and studied something called civics in school, you're conditioned for life in some areas.

You earn your living, pay your bills, keep a clean house, see your dentist twice a year and do your duty as a good citizen. This final item means casting your ballot at elections and giving some heed to government. I remember well my smug feeling of pride when, on the heels of my twenty-first birthday, I registered as a brand new voter and didn't even complain about the \$2 poll tax.

Having been properly brainwashed, my conscience forces me to vote, listen to campaign speeches and to pay attention to the legislative envelopes that show up in my mail box. Especially when "United States Senate" is printed in the upper left corner.

The latest such communique has been on my desk for a week. It is from Republican Senator Howard Baker, who wants me to be concerned about the national security of the United States and the billion dollars cuts in the defense budget.

Enclosed were three computer cards on which were ten questions to be answered yes, no, or undecided.

In the naive belief that my opinions must influence the lives of national affairs, I have been laboring over this questionnaire with much thought. For

instance, "Do I believe the U. S. should go ahead and construct the B-1 bomber, the cruise missile and the new Trident missile submarine?"

With ten such heavy matters to consider, I hadn't yet made it to the bottom line — which suggests that I may help defend my country against a liberal giveaway by returning a check (anything up to \$500) with the completed survey.

Today, Washington columnist Jack Anderson reported a choice tid-bit. Seems the Bank of Virginia had the task of handling these returned questionnaires and processing the checks. Workers in the mailing services section were instructed to take out the checks and throw away the answers to those important questions. Some twenty to thirty thousand questionnaires made their way to the trash can before Anderson's little expose.

To be fair, this has now been corrected. The survey results are being carefully tabulated. In Washington, the kids don't know about the bogyman. They're threatened with "Jack Anderson'll get ya, if you don't watch out!"

Mine won't — be tabulated, that is. With nary a twinge of conscience, I just dropped answer cards in my own waste basket and plan to spend the day thinking purely frivolous thoughts.

Federal Relief

The county will probably be able to save money and operate more efficiently all-around, under the new state plan giving the fifth and sixth cent gas tax to the local road and bridge department for its secondary road system program.

Gordon Hays, county engineer, related highlights of a meeting he, Assistant Engineer Carl Cool and Administrative Assistant Charles Cullen attended last week with state Department of Transportation officials.

Hays said most secondary road maintenance has already been assumed by the county with two exceptions: SR 621 and SR 731 — discussed in detail. State officials have agreed to use the three-year transition period to bring both of those projects up to standards, Hays explained. The entire section of SR 621 from the traffic light at U. S. 27 east to the Tee Pee Packing House curve will be resurfaced before county takeover. Retaining walls will be constructed on SR 731 at the bridge near Venus. That project goes from U. S. 27 to old SR 8.

Commissioner Robert Skipper asked Hays to discuss adding the SR 635 section from SR 66 to Hammock Road to the state's primary system or their maintenance, since it is primarily used for park access.

Since most of the connector roads between cities and the county are already in the county-maintained system, and there are no interstate connectors in Highlands County, most other requirements have been met, Hays continued.

On the four pending projects — Old SR 8, SR 64 bridge, the SR 17 bridge over Josephine Creek and Henscratch Road — Hays made a series of recommendations, endorsed by the commission by ordinance.

He proposed asking the state to allow the county to assume the balance of work

on SR 8 to Kelly Road which he estimated would save part of the estimated \$210,000 contract price. It is slated for a May 1979 contract letting and its widening and resurfacing is "not a complex project."

He suggested letting the state continue with the SR 64 bridge since federal defense department funds are slated for 75 percent of the funding and county funds for 25 percent.

A December 1978 contract letting date is slated for the Josephine Creek bridge, which Hays also suggested letting the state finish until construction inspection time. Then he said the county can do it cheaper and save 12 to 15 percent of the total \$200,000 estimated project cost.

Since Henscratch Road qualified for federal OFF system funds, the county's \$125,000 matching funds will probably be returned. That four miles of paving is slated for November 1979 contract letting. The county can expedite this once the \$2,000 in preliminary engineering is completed, Hays said.

Hays told commissioners there could be as much as \$200,000 saved in the overall assumption of the three projects and Commissioner C. J. "Buddy" Wise immediately proposed Graham Dairy Road as a county priority if funds become available.

The fifth and sixth cent gas tax will probably be placed in a separate County Transportation Trust Fund, when released, Hays said. One source told him the state might retain the money and pay county vouchers as they come up, but Hays said he has no definite word on which means will be finally decided upon.

The state DOT will be reducing its staff by attrition during the coming three years, while counties are taking over more of the system — a move which Hays praised as "more efficient and economical" for the taxpayers.

Backers Hope To Reverse Decision

Backers of a 45-bed satellite hospital in Lake Placid are making a last ditch effort to keep the dream alive and obtain an official Certificate of Need from South Central Florida Health Systems Council Inc.

By a 5-to-4 vote the council's project review committee, at its Sept. 7 meeting, voted to recommend disapproval of the plan for Walker Memorial Hospital to erect a \$1,800,000 satellite in Lake Placid.

Final vote on the project, however, comes tonight (Sept. 15) at Sarasota. The executive committee of the Health Systems Council will be studying four proposals from Highlands County, including the Lake Placid satellite.

On only one occasion has the executive committee's vote run contrary to the project review committee's recommendation. However, the citizen committee in Lake Placid has been spearheading a drive to reverse the decision.

Hundreds of satellite supporters stalked out of the Sept. 7 meeting and by noon of Sept. 8 a petition was being circulated.

On the afternoon of Sept. 13 Lake Placid businessman Sid Shenker delivered to the Health Systems Council offices in Sarasota the petition, which held approximately 1,600 signatures.

Council staff said the few letters supporting the satellite plan had arrived, and in Lake Placid, members of the hospital advisory board organized a telegram blitz.

Staff members said this portion of the fight — letters, petitions and telegrams — are unusual but not unprecedented. "What is unprecedented is the turnout at public meetings," staff members said.

On Aug. 26 the first of several meetings of the satellite hospital plan filled Highlands Agri-Civic Center. An hour before the latter session Lake Placid area residents were filing into the big meeting room to begin a vigil which lasted until the committee vote was taken about 9:30 p.m.

The committee voted by show of hands. When the audience realized the recommendation would be negative, the reaction was angry and sad. A general exodus began before the committee had completed its agenda — which included making a negative recommendation on a proposal for Highlands General Hospital to erect a 22-bed addition.

The vote on the Highlands General Hospital plan was 7-4 to recommend disapproval of the project. The only project which did receive an affirmative vote was the plan for establishing a home health care service under Highlands County Health Department.

Discussion on the home care proposal was first on the Sept. 7 agenda. Mrs. Joan Endicott, supervisor of nurses for the health department and interim administrator for the home service, was official spokesman for the new service.

There was a flurry of questions about the service after Dr. Frank Di Placido of Lee County sought, to learn whether care would be provided for indigent patients. County Commissioner Buddy Wise emphasized that the county will require the service to live within its budget and project commission member Norvell A. Trombley of Charlotte County commented that should not be too difficult since the service would generate (via Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance) payments to add to the county commissioners' grant. The grant is being

made from federal revenue sharing funds.

The vote to recommend approval of a Certificate of Need for home health care service was unanimous.

The second item was the plan to build a second floor to the south wing of Highlands General Hospital. The addition's estimated construction cost of \$750,000 was to be paid out of county taxes, but would not, spokesman Vernon Bielefeld said, require any increase in the present millage — .91 mills.

He pointed out the proposal for a 32-bed addition is in line with a long range plan which projects Highlands General Hospital through 1985. Project review Committee Dan Edgar said the review staff had erred in reporting that the hospital does not have a long range plan. However, he added, this was not a decisive factor in the staff's negative recommendation.

The staff has noted what it felt to be a high percentage of unused hospital beds in Highlands County and a continuing problem in obtaining an adequate number of registered nurses.

John McClelland, spokesman for the Walker satellite plan, told the committee that if the new facility is provided in Lake Placid the hospital board would move to obtain housing in the new facility. He said he believed that the policy of Walker Memorial having in Avon Park, 30 houses for staff is a very big factor in maintaining an adequate number of health care professionals.

Hospital administrators Bielefeld and McClelland candidly reported they expect staffing to be a problem. Both said the monthly census reports were not adequate. The statistics study since these do not reflect conditions which arise on a day-to-day basis.

Bielefeld said that during the winter months, "We have patients in the halls almost every evening," McClelland said Walker Memorial had, on a few times, had as many as 113 patients in its 99-bed hospital.

Edgar told the audience that empty hospital beds are very expensive. "Each empty beds costs \$25,000 per year."

Committee members repeatedly returned to the question of unused capacity in the present hospitals and uncertainty about what impact home health care and a new 100-bed nursing home (due to be completed within a year) will have. A state master plan had approved adding 35 beds to Highlands' present 196 bed capacity. Dr. Di Placido said he felt it was unfortunate the two proposals resulted in the hospitals being pitched against each other. However, he suggested that both proposals be explored before a vote was taken — a plan the committee quickly adopted.

The vote of the executive committee Thursday night will be passed on to a state committee which holds the final say on which facilities will receive official approval and thus be entitled to receive Medicare, Medicaid reimbursement — the life blood of all health care facilities. The state group could reverse the regional finding, but it has never done so. Until this time, the regional recommendation has been followed.

The executive committee which votes tonight has 20 members. The only Highlands resident who sits on this committee, Mrs. Virginia Hubbell of Sebring, will not be able to attend because of illness.

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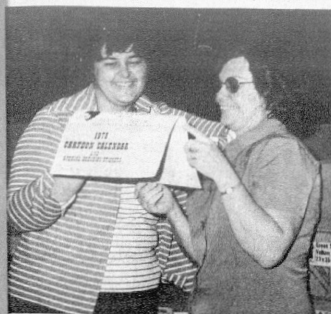
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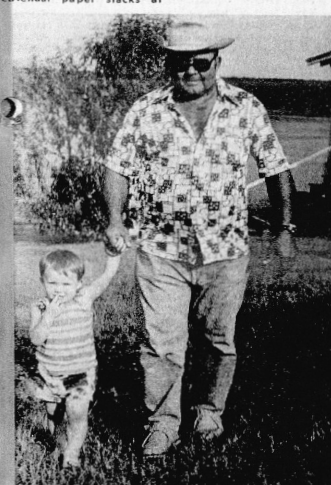


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For the first time, Heart of Florida Girl Scout Council is printing its own Girl Scout calendar. Executive Director Sandra Chavarría (left) and Public Relations Chairman Verna Woolen read proofs of the 1978 Cartoon Calendar in front of the calendar paper stacks at

Cromer Printing Co. The calendar, which features original cartoons with DENNIS THE MENACE, YOGI BEAR, and BEETLE BAILEY, comes with special occasion stickers and will be sold for \$1.25 each by Avon Park Girl Scouts this fall.



HOLLYWOOD SPOTLIGHT PHOTOS: "Shirley 'Brother' Drawdy" bust up from Fox Lake. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

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County Advisory Board Has Difficulty Forming Quorum

Alternate members are being considered for at least two of the county's advisory boards because of problems in getting a quorum for meetings involving heavy citizen participation and expenses in advertising.

Once during the summer months, county commissioners were told at Tuesday's meeting, matters at a planning and zoning meeting were delayed one and a half hours until a quorum of five of the seven members could be gathered.

Zoning Director William Stephenson said he would propose three alternates for the seven-member planning and zoning board and the same for the zoning board of adjustment.

Since the amendment would have to be advertised and commissioners are presently studying a proposed restructuring of the entire zoning policies, Del Preston Jones suggested the matters be combined and discussed initially at a workshop.

Commissioners agreed and the

matter was tabled but no date set for a workshop this month due to a heavy meeting schedule and the upcoming State Association of County Commissioners convention.

Building official Henry Eures also asked that the makeup of the Board of Adjustments, Appeals and Examiners be revised by ordinance reducing the two mobile home industry representatives to one and adding a roofing contractor to the board.

That was prompted by the resignation of Robert Bolin, Eures explained, and would be discussed at Tuesday's meeting of that advisory board with a

recommendation for replacement.

A. E. Austin of Lake Placid will continue to represent mobile home interests.

The board approved revision of the enabling ordinance and indicated approval of adding a roofing contractor to its makeup.

In other action Tuesday, Commissioners:

—Accepted a petition from residents of Fifth Ave. and agreed to name a one block street in that area Crawford Lane.

Informed W. G. Ryan of Avon Park Lakes that the county has no liability in

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faulty docks on Lake Olivia and Lake Chilton and suggested the Avon Park Lakes Property Owner's Association resolve its liability by title search.

Voted to ask Polk County road and bridge crews to fill a hole on Bombing Range Road, 10 feet inside that county line.

Accepted 196 feet of Cambridge Road and 980 feet of Regency Drive in Carva Hills and 1,008 feet of Coco Palm Drive in Sebring Villas for county maintenance.

Read County Engineer Gordon Hays report that Veteran's Memorial Park may be eligible for a Department of Natural Resources grant, with notification due in November.

Instructed Hays to decline comment on a regional landfill questionnaire from the Department of Environmental Regulation.

Bombing Range News

By Betty Amburn

Labor Day Picnic

The Air Force and APLC got together and sponsored a Labor Day picnic. Games were held in the late afternoon for children ages three to 15. Each child competed in his or her own age group. Ribbons were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each contest, in each division. Boys competed against boys, and girls against girls. The only time the sexes competed against each other was in the double sack race, for the 13-15 year olds. The girls came out the winners, with the boys getting a respectable second. Everybody was having a great time when rain called a halt to the games and everyone ran for cover; mainly to the NCO club.

The chow line soon was started and barbecued chicken, hotdogs, baked beans, coleslaw, and apple pie was served by the following wives' club members: Jody Griffin, Helen Todd, Kacky Williams, Leira Borden, Marge Abbott and Pead Chaney. All this was followed by a live band.

A good time was had by all and many thanks must go to all personnel involved in making the picnic a success.

Bombing Range Wives Club

The Bombing Range Wives Club held their monthly meeting on September 6, at the NCO Club. Judge Kelly from Sebring was the featured speaker. He gave a very interesting talk on juvenile crime, all aspects of crime, and how he became a judge.

We had seven new ladies join the club: Barbara Cunningham, Alice Stovin, Gail Shirley, Flora Hale, Jo

Ann Mincey, and Joyce Walls.

Bingo was resumed on September 8, and a lot of fun was had by all who attended. The next wives' club meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:30, in the NCO Club.

All ladies associated with the range are invited and encouraged to attend. Intramural Softball Bombers

Take 1st Place

The base held a "before season" intramural softball tournament Saturday, September 10, with the following sections entering: Headquarters (Bombers), Communications and Civil Engineers (Misfits), Security Police (Mad Dogs), Electronic Warfare (Nads), and Civil Engineers (Be's).

It was a 5 team double elimination tournament. After losing their first game to the Misfits 11-3, the Bombers came back and won all other games to take 1st place. The Misfits came in second, as the Bombers took them out with back-to-back competition, scores 6 to 5, 12 to 10. The Civil Engineer "Bees" had to settle for third with the Nads and Mad Dogs tied for fourth. Congratulations, Bombers, on a job well done!

Racquetball

The Avon Park Recreation Center sponsored a doubles Racquetball tournament on August 27 and 28. Because of rain the final match in the ladies division was played on August 30. The team of Amburn-Wood came back after a slow start to defeat the team of Lewis-Suarez 21-20 and 21-8. Congratulations go to Betty and Pat for keeping their position.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA WILL ON THE 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1977, AT THE CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M. CONDUCT A BUDGET HEARING IN REGARDS TO THE PROPOSED USE OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ENTITLEMENT NO. 9 FUNDS IN THE 1977-78 BUDGET OF SAID CITY.

ALL CITIZENS SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED USE OF SAID FUNDS AT THIS HEARING.

PROPOSED USE

Equipment - City Hall -----	\$ 8,000
Repairs - City Hall -----	\$ 1,163
Code of Ordinances Revision	\$ 6,000
Beautification -----	\$ 1,000
Airport - Land Acquisition	\$ 9,000
Ball Parks -----	\$ 9,000
Winter Guest Club Roof --	\$ 800
Fire Dept. - Equipment	\$ 8,000
Park Dept. Mowers	\$ 7,600
Police Dept. Equipment	\$ 5,500
Street and Sanitation Dept. Equipment	\$ 15,000
Paving & Sidewalks	\$ 16,000
Landfill	\$ 8,000
Building Dept. Equipment	\$ 400
Library	\$ 11,000
Jail Remodeling	\$ 5,000
Airport - Maintenance	\$ 5,000
Water Department Equipment	\$ 10,000

TOTAL \$ 126,463

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

REVENUES	
Taxes	\$251,028.00
Competency Cards	5,000.00
Occupational Licenses	23,500.00
Permits	12,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	48,000.00
Airport Rentals	16,000.00
County Road Tax	20,000.00
Florida Power Franchise	98,000.00
United Telephone Franchise	3,000.00
Cable T. V. Franchise	1,800.00
Florida Gas Franchise	1,500.00
Sanitation Service	126,000.00
Miscellaneous	16,000.00
Gas Tax Refunds	2,600.00
Utility Tax	105,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	215,545.00
Library Fines, Etc.	500.00
County Recreation	4,000.00
2¢ Cigarette Tax	45,000.00

TOTAL AMOUNT \$1,023,573.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES	
General Government	\$254,800.00
Property Maintenance	11,896.00
Publicity	5,000.00
Fire Department	102,683.74
Park Department	32,560.00
Police Department	255,622.57
Sanitation & Street Dept.	246,100.00
Recreation Department	28,533.00
Building Department	24,143.00
Library	21,670.00
Reserve for Contingencies	29,574.69

TOTAL AMOUNT \$1,023,573.00

INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR SERIES "A", "B", AND "C", ISSUE OF 1950

RECEIPTS

From Ad Valorem Tax Levy of .4 mills on Territory A \$22,176.44

From Ad Valorem Tax Levy of .3 mills on Territory B 6,266.97

TOTAL \$28,443.41

EXPENDITURES

For Payment of principal and interest Series A Issue of 1950 \$14,300.00

For Payment of principal and interest Series B Issue of 1950 2,210.00

For Sinking Fund Reserve 11,927.41

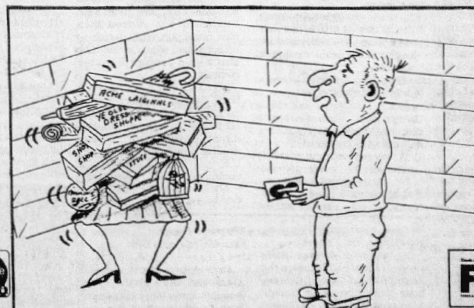
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People / Events



Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Retherford

Candlelight Ceremony Unites Retherfords

Wedding vows for Brenda Carolyn Dick and Aaron Dennis Retherford were exchanged at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church on August 27 at 8 p.m. with the Rev. Aden Childress officiating at the double ring, candlelight ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Dick, Avon Park. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Retherford, also of Avon Park.

Beautifully highlighting each church window were gold candleholders with lighted candles. Decorating the front of the church were potted chrysanthemums with pink roses and chrysanthemums with interwoven fern and a kneeling bench.

Pre-nuptial music was provided by Marge Burdick, David Flowers vocalist, sang Evergreen, Wedding Song and Annie's Song.

The Bride

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white, floor-length organza gown, highlighted by its chapel train and slightly raised bodice, accented with three white bows. The gown also featured a scooped neckline trimmed with chantilly lace and full Bishop sleeves of sheer organza with chantilly lace at the elbow and cuff. Chantilly on the A-line skirt created an apron effect. Her two-tier chapel-length veil with chantilly lace borders was fastened by a bandeau trimmed in chantilly lace and satin bows.

Attendees

Mrs. Kathy Johnson assisted her sister as matron of honor, wearing a mint chiffon empire floor length dress featuring an

A-line skirt with a high, rolled collar. She carried two long-stem pink roses entwined with a pink ribbon. Her headpiece was a solid mint picture hat trimmed with grosgrain ribbons around the crown and brim and featured grosgrain ribbon streamers.

Serving as bridesmaids were Rhonda Landress, Darlene Dick, the bride's sister and Carol McCullough, the groom's sister. Their gowns were fashioned similarly to those of the matron of honor except that they were pink. Wearing white picture hats with pink ribbons, the attendants carried one long-stem pink rose entwined with a pink ribbon.

Tracey Wisdom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wisdom of Ocala, was flower girl, wearing a mint gown and matching mint picture hat. Tracy's brother, Jimmy, was ring bearer.

Billy Retherford of Lake Placid served as his brother's best man. Ushers for the wedding were Ted Johnson, the bride's brother-in-law, Ricky Dick, the bride's brother who is living in New Port Richey, and Neil McCullough, the groom's brother-in-law.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Dick was attired in a light beige long gown with matching jacket. She wore a corsage of red roses.

Mrs. Retherford selected a formal, long-sleeved peach gown with matching accessories, also wearing a corsage of red roses.

The Reception

A reception immediately following the ceremony was held at the church's social hall. Decorations and floral arrangements carried out the

bride's theme of pink and green. Surrounded by green ivy, the wedding cake was adorned by pink rose buds and a miniature bride and groom. On each side of the cake were miniature ushers and bride's attendants. The chocolate groom's cake was trimmed in pink and white and was adorned with an open-faced Bible with icing inscribing the bride and groom's names, their wedding date, and "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen."

As a gift to the bride and groom, the bride's aunt Mrs. Troy Cochran, created and prepared both cakes.

Wedding punch was served from pink and green silver punch bowls. Also served were finger sandwiches, deviled eggs, cheese tidbits, mints and nuts.

Cindy Luke, Lakeland, was in charge of the guest book. Assisting in receiving and serving were Terri Landress, Bobbi Wisdom, of Ocala, Connie Retherford, Jackie Retherford of Avon Park, Joan Henderson, and Mrs. Troy Cochran.

For her traveling outfit to Panama City, the new Mrs. Retherford was attired in a blue pants suit with matching blue, red and white jacket. She also wore a corsage from her bouquet.

A 1973 graduate of Avon Park High School, Brenda was a majorette and band member all four years. Dennis, a 1976 Avon Park High School graduate, is currently with the U.S. Army as a communications instructor. The couple will reside at Ft. Gordon in Augusta, Georgia.

Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs., 1 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis Chavis of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Bobby George, born September 4 at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 lbs., 7 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Judy Edwards Hill of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Maria Teresa, born September 4 at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 10 lbs., 1 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bayron Denison II of Sebring announce the birth of a son, James Bayron III, born September 8 at Walker

Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs., 4 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee T. Mitchell announce the birth of a granddaughter Amy Elizabeth, born September 2 at Alachua General Hospital in Gainesville, weighing 7 lbs., 8 1/2 oz. Amy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Reed Benschoter of Fairfield (she's the former Nancy Mitchell of Avon Park).

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Turner of Avon Park are parents of a son, Travis Douglas, born Sept. 2 at Lake Wales Hospital. Birth weight was 6 lbs., 14 1/2 oz.

Glee Club Car Wash

On Saturday, September 17, members of the Avon Park High School Glee Club will sponsor a car wash at Border's Service Station, on Main St. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a charge of \$1.50 per car.

People On The Go

Walkers Visited

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Walker and Harold Walker were visited on Labor Day by Mr. Walker's son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Walker from Pensacola, as well as Mrs. Walker's son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown of Columbia, Tennessee. Both families surprised the Walkers. During their visit, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown visited his sister, Hazel Brown Stevens.

The combined family members traveled to Lakeland to eat at the Sea Wolf.

Although the Browns left the day after Labor Day for their trip home to Tennessee, the Walkers stayed a few days longer.

During this family get-together, Connie, Donnie and Ronnie, Billy Walker's triplets, came from Miami to visit their dad, step-mother, grandparents and rest of the family.

Garden Club News

Highlighting the September 8 Hibiscus Circle Garden Club meeting was Mrs. Kenneth Morrison of Babson Park who presented an exciting slide show about the development of Tiger Creek near Babson Park, which is slated to become a state park. A volunteer worker for the Federation of Garden Clubs, Mrs. Morrison gave

garden club members a preview of how beautiful this area is — with its exotic birds, wandering trails and natural fauna.

Last summer the Hibiscus Circle of the Garden Club sponsored Sheryl Bond and Kelly Prevatt so that they could attend the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs' Wekiwa Youth Camp near Apopka. Sheryl and Kelly attended the September 8 garden club meeting to express their gratitude and to describe their experiences.

Located in Wekiwa Springs State Park the youth camp is led by adult garden club volunteers in a program which includes conservation-nature study, nature crafts, and freshwater ecology.

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs has operated a youth camp since 1966 to provide an outdoor living-learning experience for youngsters in grades three through seven.

Business Woman's Club

The Business Woman's Club will meet on Monday, September 19 at 8 p.m. Members are expected to attend this meeting. Area business women who are not yet members are also cordially invited to attend. A provocative program is planned.



Sheryl Bond and Kelly Prevatt display some of the handicrafts they made while attending the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Wekiwa Youth Camp near Apopka. The girls were sponsored by the Hibiscus Circle. Sunphoto by Rita Kamper.

Luncheon For Brenda Ladwig

Brenda Ladwig and her attendants were honored with a bridesmaid's luncheon on September 8 by Mrs. Franklin Johnson and Mrs. Dale Jordan at the Jordan home. Brenda is the bride-elect of James Randall Ward.

Tabitha apricot, the bride's theme color, reflected throughout the luncheon from the place card favors, marking each guest's place, to the triple ambrosia molded salad, which also served as a centerpiece of the luncheon table. Carrying out its South Sea Islands theme, the luncheon began with an exotic iced fruit appetizer.

An oval gold pendant featuring a dainty diamond was presented to each attendant by the bride-elect, Mrs. Donald (Kathleen) Miller of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, will attend her sister as maid of honor.

Included among those who enjoyed the festive luncheon was Mrs. Roy Ladwig, the bride's mother. The hostesses presented Brenda with a gift of her selected flatware.

Parents Without Partners Meet September 20

Parents Without Partners of Highlands County will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the First Home Federal lounge in Sebring. This meeting is a must for all members, new and old.

Alice Brower from St. Petersburg will be present to discuss the needs of the chapter and chapter requirements.

For Society News

Call 453-4355



Tammy Dittmer

Wedding Plans Set

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dittmer, Englewood, Fla. announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy, to Jackie Carr, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Carr, Avon Park. A September 24 wedding in Englewood is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. LaLone

Oswald-LaLone Wed In Lakeland

Linda Oswald became the bride of Steven LaLone at the Kathleen United Methodist Church in Lakeland on September 2. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Oswald of Lakeland and granddaughter of Mrs. R. A. de Silva of Avon Park. Her great-aunt, Evangeline Gunn, also lives in Avon Park.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce LaLone of Lakeland.

Matrons of honor were Daria Stawchansky and Valerie Gilmore, the bride's sister. Valerie's husband, Edward, served as usher and Michael Stawchansky was best man. Gail Perez, another sister of the bride, was unable to attend the wedding since she is in

Italy with her four-year-old daughter, Marnie, and her husband, Lewis, stationed there with the Navy.

Reception honoring the couple was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The couple will live in Lakeland.

All children must be registered in order to attend because of space limitations. Parents may register their pre-schoolers by calling Mrs. R. D. Moore, City Librarian, at 433-4842. The sessions are free and an excellent way to introduce your pre-school child to the library.

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Cradle Roll

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parker of Avon Park announce the birth of a daughter, Diana, born August 25 at Walker Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs., 4 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Grady of Avon Park announce the birth of a son, Jeremiah, born September 2 at



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number 17 — Mark Davis, to Krieger, Jennie Tracy Swanton, Donna

number 18 — Marjorie, Earl Rich, Sharon, Igdon, Mrs. A. Israel, Frank Ayer, B. Thompson

number 19 — Eddie Hill, wards, Rocky Dool, Singletary, Stanley Angela Kristen, Dale La Flom, Mrs. Warner, Hazel Stevens, son, Jr.

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RECOGNIZED LAST WEEK five years; Frances Beckham, for their years of service to Neisner's of Avon Park were left to right, Cora Lee Rhymes, 15 years; Melva Tate, five years; and Myrtle Parten, five years. All ladies were presented with pins and corsages. Sunphoto by Rita Kamper.



Buffi Carr

Buffi Carr Visits From Alaska

Little Buffi Carr is practically a world traveler and she's only two years old. A native of Avon Park, Buffi, who now lives in Anchorage, Alaska with her mother, Lisa Ladson, recently visited her Avon Park relatives, including her father Jimmy Carr and her paternal grandparents, Mr.

and Mrs. Leon Carr. She also visited her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hulon of Lake Placid. While here, Buffi realized almost every child's dream — she had the opportunity to celebrate an "early Christmas."

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Breath Of Life Campaign Starts

The Annual door-to-door drive of the "Breath of Life" Campaign to combat children's lung diseases will take start September 19 according to Doris I. Brown, Campaign Chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Many volunteers will call on local citizens to ask help for millions of children suffering from Cystic Fibrosis and other lung-damaging disease.

91 Attend Advisory Meeting

The first school lay advisory meeting of the 1977-78 school year was held on Monday with a record attendance of over 91 persons. Enthusiasm was high for the prospect of a new middle school on the present site with March 1978 as the target date for construction. Even though these plans are still tentative it appears that the funding prospects are good.

In addition to individual school meetings, there was a general meeting at which time Dr. Dan Davis, school superintendent, praised the committee for its interest in the school system and further urged all parents to attend these meetings and to support their work. The school board welcomes input from parents and interested citizens of the community.

The lay advisory group meets the second Monday of every month at the Avon Park High School media center. Notices are not mailed individually, but all interested persons are urged to mark their calendars and attend.

Toastmasters Set Dinner Meeting

Charles Swan Memorial Toastmasters Club of Highlands County will have a dinner meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15, at Howard Johnson's in Sebring. The public is invited to attend. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Elizabeth Walker will serve as toastmaster. Table topics master will be Peggy Polatty. Scheduled to give speeches will be Marge Lacy, Jim Hendrie and Ralph Walden.

Bank Law Is Topic

Laws on commercial banking will be the topic for discussion at the Sept. 15 session of Highlands Legal Secretaries Association. James Crawford, president of First National Bank, will be guest speaker. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the county commissioners meeting room at the courthouse.

Tomato Aspie Recipe

- 2 envelopes (tablespoons) unflavored gelatin.
- 1/2 cup water.
- 4 cups tomato juice.
- 1 slice onion.
- 1 celery rib with leaves.
- 6 peppercorns.
- 1 bay leaf.
- 2 whole cloves.
- 2 whole allspice.
- 1/2 teaspoon basil.

- 1 tablespoon brown sugar.
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice.
- 1. Add gelatin to the water; set aside to soften.
- 2. In a saucepan combine remaining ingredients. Bring

The annual fall registration for Cub Scout Pack 156 will be held Tuesday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elementary School cafeteria. Boys between the ages of eight and ten, or in the third grade, are eligible to join, but must be a boy leader. Add softened gelatin; stir till dissolved. Pour into a 6-cup mold. Chill until firm.

Yield: 8 servings.
Note: Another appealing addition to a cold summer buffet. Or serve as a main lunch dish with cottage cheese and marinated cucumbers.



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Funds are also used for research conducted by scientists throughout the world to find the causes and a cure or more effective control for Cystic Fibrosis. Cystic Fibrosis strikes one in approximately every 1,500 newborns, the result of both parents carrying the recessive gene for Cystic Fibrosis. It is believed that about 10 million Americans are "Carriers" of the Cystic Fibrosis gene.



DISCUSSING WAYS OF permanently beautifying the overgrown, weed-infested mall area near U.S. 27 are members of the Federation of Garden Clubs. From left to right: Mrs. Grace Baney, Hibiscus Circle Garden Club; Mrs. Louis Hatfield, District Horticultural Chairman; Mrs. Chris Cooney.

Mrs. Maxwell Receives Bicentennial Plaque

Mrs. T. H. Maxwell, chairman of the Bicentennial celebration of Avon Park, and secretary of the Historical Committee of the Old Settlers Association, has received this plaque from the Florida Bicentennial Commission recognizing the "Restoration of the Bandshell".

The restoration of the band stand was begun a few years ago, with W. Cliff Thomas heading a committee of citizens who donated money for the preservation of this historical landmark in Avon Park. The Historical Committee assumed the final plans and asked the State for a small grant of money to make the bandstand Avon Park's Bicentennial project.

A letter from William R. Adams, executive Director of the Florida Bicentennial Committee stated "The

Bicentennial celebration was designed to provide lasting benefits to the State of Florida," and he also thanked the committee for Avon Park's cooperation.

The Florida Bicentennial Commission officially went out of existence September, 1977 when it released a 165-page report detailing how Florida celebrated the nation's 200th birthday.

The report presented to Gov. Reubin Askew shows how the commission provided grants for 300 separate projects, with detailed accounts of all 67 Florida counties. The commission spent \$4.3 million with \$3.2 million of that going for various grants.

The plaque will be displayed inside the bandstand. A permanent marker is also displayed on the west side of the Bandstand near the steps.



LEOMA MAXWELL, chairman of the Avon Park Bicentennial Celebration committee holds up the plaque received from the state committee. The plaque will be displayed in the Bandstand. Sunphoto by Rita Kame Kamper.

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Pam Williams Is Club Sweetheart

Pam Williams, a 17 year old senior at Avon Park High School, was chosen last week as the 1977-78 Key Club Sweetheart.

According to Pam, she was surprised, then embarrassed, not because she was chosen, but because it was announced over the intercom system at school.

The Key Club Sweetheart has her picture in the Key Club section of the annual, represents the Key Club as a Homecoming Queen candidate, and attends the Key Club district rally to compete with other sweethearts in a beauty contest later in the year.



Pam Williams

Aside from being Key Club Sweetheart, Pam is in the Keyettes, is a member of the National Honor Society (an organization for juniors and seniors with at least a 2.8 grade point average), and is Head Majorette with the band this year. She enjoys sewing, playing the piano, tennis, and during



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