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Band Concert

The Avon Park High School Grenadier Band under the direction of Scott Whittemore, will present it's last winter concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 9, at the Avon Park Middle School auditorium.

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Kirkpatrick Transferred

Bozeman Named Principal

At his request, Dr. Dan Davis, Highlands County Superintendent of Schools, transferred Thomas P. Kirkpatrick, principal of the Avon Park Middle School to administrator of the E. O. Douglas Complex in Sebring until the end of the year.

In asking for the transfer, Kirkpatrick told Dr. Davis that medical

reasons and ill health had prompted him to request a change in positions. Dr. Davis stated that William J. "Bill" Bozeman would serve as acting principal of the middle school, until the end of the school year. In another transfer, Richard L. Rucker, dean of students at the Sebring Middle School returned to the Avon Park Middle School to serve as acting assistant principal

until the end of the year.

The changes in personnel at the schools followed the pre-Easter turmoil and disturbances that resulted in the suspension of 10 students from the Avon Park Middle School for periods of 1 to 10 days.

These changes, Dr. Davis emphasized, were temporary and depended upon what action would be taken by the Highlands County School Board at their 7:30 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, April 11. Dr. Davis added that both positions, principal and assistant principal, would be advertised following the Tuesday night board meeting.

The new acting principal, Bill Bozeman, was born in Birmingham, Ala. His schooling at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, was interrupted by a two year hitch in the United States Air Force, part of which time he served

as a Russian language specialist.

He obtained his B.A. degree in English, from the U. of Ala. in 1970. Coming to Avon Park, he taught English in the junior-senior high school. For two years, he served as assistant curriculum advisor and has been assistant principal since the 1976-77 school year.

Rucker already has a year of teaching experience at the Avon Park Middle School, having taught there during the 1974-75 year. He was born at Winona, Miss., and obtained his B.Sc. degree in geography from Mississippi State University at Starkville, Miss.

Following a two year hitch in the United States Army Infantry, part of it in Korea, Rucker taught at Kilmichael, Miss., then came to Avon Park. At the Sebring Middle School, he taught math for a year and the last two years has been dean of students.



W. J. Bozeman



Richard H. Rucker

Experimental Program May Use Chickens To Warn Of Encephalitis

A new testing program approved by Highlands County Commissioners seems bound to ruffle some feathers and it could lay an egg or two... possibly more.

The program involves use of chickens as an early warning system against mosquitoes carrying St. Louis type encephalitis.

Dr. Glenn Hough, Highlands County Health Department director, hatched the plan and brought the hard boiled details to commissioners Tuesday.

According to Dr. Hough, mosquitoes carrying the encephalitis virus bite the chickens, which act as reservoirs for the virus. "People only get encephalitis from mosquitoes, not from chickens," Dr. Hough said.

William Van Baalen, Highlands County Property Owners Association executive secretary, asked how one gets the mosquito to bite the chickens?

Dr. Hough replied that mosquitoes bite chickens as readily as they bite humans. "Sentinel chickens," as the test birds are called, have blood samples removed periodically for examination at a lab in Tampa. The samples are checked for encephalitis virus.

The health department requested \$45 to buy 30 chickens. There would be 10 chickens kept near Avon Park, 10 near Sebring and 10 near Lake Placid.

An Arcadia chicken farmer has agreed to sell the birds for \$1.50 each, but the farmer insisted on county payment for the birds, apparently not trusting a state-issued check.

Commissioner Cecil Skipper felt the purchase price was reasonable, but wondered how much scratch it would take to set the birds to roost. "Do we have to build a \$4,000 pen?"

Dr. Hough said there are two health department employees, one at Avon Park and the other at Sebring, who are currently raising chickens and have agreed to keep the test birds during the seven-month testing program. The chickens are to be kept separate from the regular birds.

A chicken keeper in the Lake Placid area is being sought.

Chickens and other birds are recommended by health authorities for

such testing over other types of animals. Dr. Hough said. He stressed there is no danger of catching encephalitis from eating chicken or eggs.

Cackles of laughter punctuated discussion of the testing program and finally Commissioner Norman "Jug" Heston, moved for purchase of the birds from "chicken fund" monies. Financial officers were directed to hunt and peck for the "chicken fund."

While Dr. Hough said the birds would

be given to the volunteer keepers once the program ends, Commission Chairman C. J. "Buddy" Wise suggested a barbecue be held once the birds are allowed to come home to roost.

Dr. Hough hopes the program, if it's up to scratch, can begin in about two to three weeks.

After a little more talk about chickens, as the next order of peck more routine measures were approved.

Deputies Continue Inquiry Into Cattle Theft At Range

The Highlands County Sheriff's Department is continuing an investigation into a March 20 incident involving the theft of a cow from an Avon Park man.

Police have arrested Stan Reed of Avon Park and charged him with larceny of a cow and eluding an officer, and charged two other Avon Park men, Wes Odum and Bobby Spurlock, with fire hunting.

Odum and Spurlock have offered to turn state's evidence, according to Sgt. Robert Hopton Jr., of the sheriff's department. Sgt. Hopton said the investigation may lead to other men being charged and possible other charges against Reed.

However, Sgt. Hopton said he could not disclose the nature of the investigation or the possible other charges which might be brought against Reed. "From the evidence, there are other charges under investigation stemming from this incident," he said.

However, the Highlands County Investigator said he did not expect to clear other cases of cattle rustling with any other arrests.

"We have no hopes of clearing other (rustling) cases on this particular per-

son," Sgt. Hopton said.

The charge of larceny of a cow against Reed is a third degree felony and carries maximum penalty of five years in jail.

Reed may also face federal charges since the incident took place on land owned by the government. Highlands County Deputy Howard Sizemore said federal officials were notified as soon as local police learned of the crime.

"They stated since we had the background to go ahead and handle the case although they may press federal charges," Deputy Sizemore said.

Although there were some reports cow thefts were a constant problem to ranchers, the deputy said, "Rustling still goes on but it's not as bad as it used to be. It's not something done by fulltime operators."

Odum and Spurlock, who are accused of the lesser charge of fire hunting, are employees of the Avon Park Correctional Institute. Sid Fortner, the superintendent of the institute, said no decision regarding the future employment of the two men had been made.

"They are presently on annual leave and have been for several days. We are waiting, pending the disposition of the case," Fortner said.

Authorization for installation of a flashing yellow warning light on the northbound lane of Hickory Road near the railway crossing was given. Signal lights are to be installed at the crossing by the railway and state. The road makes a sharp right turn at the crossing and the flashing light will act as a warning of the approaching crossing. Cost for the signal light is \$335 and the county will also pay.

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HEATHER WEDEMEIER petted the angus-holstein cross heifer that her father purchased at the Avon Park

High School Band Day auction last Saturday. The call was donated by Dressel Bro. Dairy. Photograph by Lew Miller.

Changes Proposed To Save Money

A proposed wage schedule designed for saving money and simplifying personnel procedures is under review by Highlands County Commissioners and various governmental department heads.

A detailed outline of the planned changes, some 22 pages of charts and written comments, was studied by commissioners during an informal workshop Tuesday following the regular meeting. David Norris, personnel aide, prepared the report and discussed details with the board for about an hour and a half.

The plan aims to condense the county's existing 62 pay grades into 14 pay grades, eliminate the merit pay increase system, and provide for saving some \$43,550 in the next five years compared to the present wage plan.

Roughly 50 percent of all money spent by the county goes to pay wages, salaries and fringe benefits of employees. On the whole, the report shows that county employees are receiving pay comparable or better to other counties' employees and in the area's private sector.

Norris pointed out that data on these salary levels is not complete, but is based on information supplied through state sources and from wage information from county job application forms. There have been 230 applications for employment received by the county since December.

About 37 percent of the average salary amount is in the form of various fringe benefits that include, retirement, social security, sick leave, workmen's compensation, health and life insurance

and other benefit costs paid by the county.

While the effect of the plan would increase some salaries in the lower grades of trade and clerical positions, in the long run, the effect of the plan would put a top on the amount of money an employee could earn in a given position.

There would be a series of three pay step increases for trade and clerical positions; the first coming after a six month probationary period (currently the probationary period is 90 days), the second following the first year of employment and the third after the second year. In addition, if conditions warrant one, a cost of living raise would be added to all employees' salaries.

In administrative and professional job classifications, there would be four annual increases to reach the top.

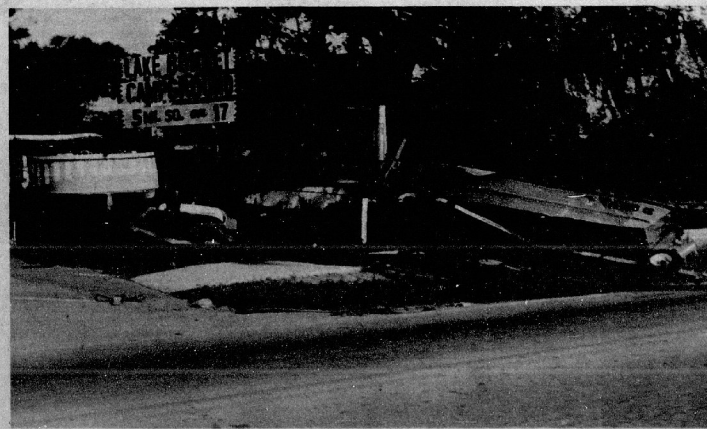
Norris stated in his report that, "any position is worth more to an employer when the person doing the job has attained peak performance."

He said that in "trade skill" jobs maximum performance could be expected within 24 years, while in more technical or demanding jobs the peak would take about four years to reach.

"We must not be afraid to tell the employee 'you are at the top of your range,'" Norris said.

When the employee reaches the top pay slot under the new program the county could encourage the worker to obtain additional training to qualify for a higher paying position, or it may be necessary to reclassify the job.

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Several of the seven boats which were overturned and damaged when hit by a

mobile home near the Hilltop Sales and Services building. The boats were parked

when the mobile home crashed into them.

Mobile Home Collides With Boats

A freak accident caused extensive damage to seven boats after they were hit by a mobile home on Wednesday, March 29 near the Hilltop Sales and Service building.

The mobile home suffered \$3,000 damages in the collision but there is still no estimate for the repair cost to the seven boats.

According to Avon Park Policeman Ray Ragdale, a Waukegan man pulled the mobile home to the Hilltop Marine building to drop off his boat.

Robert Roberts told police he left the mobile home in park but, apparently, it jumped out of gear and headed west around the building, colliding with the seven boats.

While still moving, the vehicle struck a utility pole, then crossed East Pine Street and onto a vacant lot owned by Mrs. V. L. Hall.

The mobile home came to rest only after hitting and upending an oak tree. According to Private Ragdale, if the tree had not stopped the vehicle, it would have crossed South Lake Verona Boulevard and plowed into an apartment complex located there.

In addition to the \$3,000 damages to the mobile home, there was \$600 worth of damages to the utility pole owned by the United Telephone Service, and \$70 damage to the property of Mrs. Hall.

Viewpoint/Commentary

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State Insurance Staff Should Be Increased

As a result of a recent study, Social Psychologist Jerald Jellison disclosed the average person tells about 200 lies per day, including white lies and false excuses.

Since the Florida Legislature has just convened this week, that rate will certainly skyrocket.

Legislators are predicting a rather dull session. There is universal agreement on two items: there will be no new taxes and no major or drastic changes in state laws.

The agreement comes because of one reason. This is an election year and the last thing state senators or representatives want is to annoy their constituents.

Or, as one observer wrote, it may be a long time before so many gather once again with intentions of doing so little.

After last year's session in Tallahassee, some legislators said both the Florida Senate and House would have to grapple with automobile insurance reform again in 1979 since the attempted reform in 1977 proved to be such a fiasco.

However, public officials usually don't act unless they have to and several events have helped to modify the pressure on legislators to restructure the insurance laws.

A 1976 reform law making it tougher to file expensive lawsuits has made itself felt in the courts and over \$30 million in rate reductions have been returned to Florida drivers this year.

Also lobbyists for the insurance industry and attorneys, bearing gifts in the form of campaign contributions, oppose any further change in the insurance laws.

Chamber Banquet

A capacity crowd is expected next Tuesday evening, April 11 at the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce banquet. The fame of Jeanne Robertson, a North Carolina beauty queen and entertainer has been the drawing card for this annual event.

Only a few tickets are still available, according to Anna-Belle Worden, Executive Manager of the local chamber. Remaining tickets may be reserved or picked up through continuing the chamber office 433-3350 or 432-2887.

The banquet will be served at the Shrine Club located on SR 17 south of Avon Park. Punch will be served at 7 p.m. with the dinner being scheduled at 7:30.

Awarding Killers Reckless Give Away States Gallen

State Senator Tom Gallen (D - Bradenton) sharply criticized the pending legislation to reward twice convicted killers Pitts and Lee with \$150,000 as "Being the most reckless and reckless give-away of tax dollars in the history of Florida."

Gallen said the proponents are trying to appease several major and influential newspapers who were successful in obtaining a new trial for Pitts and Lee, but fortunately Gallen said the papers influence did not penetrate the jury room and Pitts and Lee, even with some of the best defense lawyers in the state, were

again convicted of murder.

Gallen said Pitts and Lee were then pardoned thru "the power of the press" by a liberal governor and cabinet members whose political future hangs on the support of the papers involved.

The cabinet has the power to release Pitts and Lee from the legal penalties of the offense Gallen said, thru a pardon, but it cannot remove the "conviction of murder."

Gallen said, "the payment of \$150,000 to two convicted murderers is an indictment of the Florida Judicial System" and one in which he will never support.

Toll Free Watts Line To Reach Lawmakers

If you've got a question about what the Florida Legislature is up to or if you want to know what's happened to a bill filed by a local delegation member, there's a toll-free-WATS line that will again be available to answer your questions, says State Representative Bob Crawford.

The number is 1-800-1827. This service will begin operation March 27 and extend through June 16.

This service also enables citizens to obtain information about state agencies and individuals to contact for additional information via the up-to-the minute legislative computer hook-up.

Representative Crawford also indicated that his legislative office will be open in Tallahassee and he can be reached at 304-488-0865.

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Our Readers Opinions

Writer States Sun's Headline Was Inaccurate

Letter To The Editor.

In order that concerned citizens may know both sides of the article in your newspaper headlined "Installation of Sewer Lines causes bitter Council dispute" I would like to make the following comments.

First of all the headline is inaccurate as it was Water lines under discussion, not sewer. Secondly, the taxpayer is not being penalized in any way as all operating costs for the water system are paid out of the utility fees collected by the system. Not one penny of tax money goes into the water system operation or capital improvements. For many years the water system has operated at a good

profit for the benefit of the citizens of Avon Park.

I am in favor of installation of city water main lines whether on the right-of-way or on legal easement. I am not in favor of the city installing water lines to serve the developers living units as that is rightly a plumbing expense. I am in favor of completion of the installation of water lines in Manors 11 as already begun. These are main lines with individual water meters set for each dwelling unit at a cost of \$65.00 per meter which the developer pays.

Avon Investment Company (Robert Herman) has been responsible for the

construction of more than 300 living units in Avon Park. I believe in cooperation with our builders and developers. Each of these more than 300 units pays a water bill, sewer bill, garbage service and 5 percent utility tax monthly. Each of them pays a real estate tax on their land and building. Any increased cost is paid by the buyer of the unit (the ultimate taxpayer), not by the developer. I am not in favor of installation of water lines to increase the value of the developers property but do believe that any home buyer deserves city water service.

Sincerely yours,
Larry W. Albritton
President, City Council

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Regards,
Don Gossick

Likes Editorial On Gunless Society

Dear Sirs:

Congratulations on a good editorial! "Gunless Society will not remain a free society". It was a great pleasure to see, for a

change, a well thought out article that was not anti-gun. I was real surprised to see it in a paper that has any association with the New York Times.

Hurrah for The-Sun.

The only fault I could find with this fine work on FREEDOM was the absence of a by line.

Express Appreciation For Many Kindness

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the many relatives, friends, neighbors, law enforcement and hospital personnel and all who helped in any way during the death and burial of

my wife Nancy and children, Matthew and Jennifer.

It is with deep appreciation that I would like to express my gratitude for the many cards, expressions of sympathy, flowers, calls, visits and other

acts of kindness.

Special thanks also to Rev. Bob Barker and the funeral home staff for their support during this time of crisis.

Donald Singletary

Tribute To A Friend Who Touched Our Lives

Dear Sir:

The following is written as tribute to Nancy Singletary's family:

A friend
Our lives are touched by many but the friends we make are served for the archives of our memories. A friend is a very special person with whom we have shared much happiness, some sadness, and all our dreams. Webster defines friend as, "one attached to another by affection or esteem". This definition describes the word friend, but does not convey the feelings that a friend invokes.

In our memories we can see our friends as the people with whom we can be ourselves without fear or doubt.

This family had such a friend. A friend who brought laughter and love into every room she entered. Although our friend, Nancy Pearl Singletary, has passed from this life and into the next, we have not lost her. She lives on in our hearts and memories as the beautiful friend that she was. If we can see the caterpillar winding itself into a cocoon, to give birth to the beautiful and gentle butterfly, then we can only imagine the

loving beauty Nancy's passing has given to the heavens. And as with the butterfly, passing from flower to flower, Nancy takes with her two precious seeds to sit with her by the side of Jesus.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they shall follow me: and I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." John 10:27-28

From the Quentin Atkins Family, of Ft. Lauderdale, in fond memory of Nancy Pearl Singletary, a friend.

Six More Companies Announce Rebates

Recently insurance commissioner, Bill Guter announced companies have agreed to rate reductions totaling more than \$1.7 million, which affects about 100,000 Florida policyholders.

The money is being returned due to special rate review I ordered in December under authority granted by the 1976 Legislature. The reviews revealed, after allowing for a reasonable profit of five percent on Florida business, that some 40 companies collected excess premiums during the first six months of 1977.

Since December, 15 companies have agreed to rate reductions, premium rebates or dividends totaling almost \$34 million to about 70 percent of Florida's drivers.

The latest companies to announce rate reductions are:

1) Firemans Fund Insurance Companies, a five percent rate reduction totaling \$285,012. Firemans Fund insures approximately 14,000 cars statewide.

2) Amica Mutual Insurance Company, a 5.5 percent rate reduction totaling \$356,265. Amica Mutual insures some 20,000 cars in Florida.

3) Aetna Life and Casualty, a 5.7 percent average reduction statewide, totaling \$1,008,000. Aetna insures approximately 50,000 cars in the state.

4) Michigan Mutual, a two percent average reduction statewide, totaling \$50,883. Because of differing experience in different parts of the state, the rate change will range from a reduction of 19.4 percent in one territory, to an increase of 11.8 percent in another. Michigan Mutual insures approximately 5,300 cars.

5) National Indemnity Company, an 82¢ rebate. National Indemnity insures four cars and has discontinued writing private passenger auto insurance in Florida.

6) Employers Mutual Casualty Company, an 83¢ rebate. Employers insures eight cars in Florida.

Pen Could Cause Flood Of Red

Cuban Fruit

United Growers said today simple signature strokes of President Carter's pen could lift the current "total embargo" on Cuban products that would subject both Florida and national fruit and vegetable producers to a Communist Nationalized agricultural system exploiting child labor "that would bury us all."

Gen. Mgr. Wilson McGee of the Orlando-based citrus organization said it had been advised that Cuban Preferential tariff rates in existence since joint signing of a Commercial Convention in December, 1902, could be reinstated by Presidential action revoking President Kennedy's proclamation of Feb. 3, 1962 banning U.S. assistance "to the present government of Cuba."

He said United's concern had been expressed to Florida U.S. Senators Richard (Dick) Stone, Lawton Chiles and the House delegation as well as major Florida agricultural leaders, citrus and vegetable.

"I would hope the President and the private business community will continue to support the embargo until the Congress can act to rescind this or any other preferential tariffs against U.S. economic interests."

McGee said the Cuban preferential tariffs averaged considerably less than "present Mexican tariffs under which our agricultural economy now groans."

The spokesman called it a "potential" and perhaps greater Panama Canal issue, since Communist Cuba at our back door is not only a defense threat but could destroy our agricultural well-being economically. He added that any benefits by sale of grains, oil, cola drinks and agricultural machinery to Cuba would be "an illusion."

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Consumers Shifting To Fresh Vegetables

Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner has announced that a new brochure entitled, "Florida's Magic Land of Vegetables" is now available to the public.

Not only does the publication list several kitchen-tested recipes but also included are tips on selecting vegetable, while grocery shopping, how to store the vegetables and what the major nutrients of each vegetable are.

Conner noted that in recent times consumer preference has been shifting away from canned and frozen vegetables and concentrating more on fresh products. Conner attributes this shift to the emphasis being put on the higher nutritional values and the natural condition which consumers associate with fresh vegetables. He said this new brochure is a must for the homemaker who prefers to utilize the fresh products.

Individual copies of "Florida's Magic Land of Vegetables" can be acquired by writing, Commissioner Doyle Conner, Division of Marketing, 427 Mayo Building, Tallahassee, Florida, 32304.



ONE BAD THING ABOUT DOING NOTHING IS YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DONE.



LEIGH CHAPTER No. 85
order of the Eastern Star had
their installation of new of-
ficers for the year 1978-79, on
March 10, at the Masonic

Temple. Pictured at bottom
row L. to R. Kyle Thompson,
Worthy Matron; Joe Kuhn,
Worthy Patron; Vivian Rich,
Conductress; Fran Howard,

Lecta; Elizabeth Lamb,
Treasurer; Brenda Streh,
Ruth; Bill Thompson,
Associate Patron; Cynthia
Fountain, Assistant Matron;

Loa Stuckey, Secretary;
Mary Helen Kuhn, Chaplain;
Louise Willis, Martha; Valda
Histy, Organist; Sandra
Greenway, Ester; Cathy

Johnson, Adah; Jean Jordan,
Assistant Conductress; Edith
Connick, Warden; Jane
Histy, Organist; Marshall;
and James Fountain, Centurion.

Ray and Frances Robertson
went to Bradenton Tuesday for
a few days visit.

Bob and Mildred Savage and
Harold and Dot Manges visited
Circus World Sunday Mar. 26.

The Floyd O'Neils really
enjoyed the Cypress Gardens
Easter morning sunrise ser-
vice, and they spent the rest of
the day with their sister-in-law

Pearl O'Neil. Others from the
park who attended the service
were Max and Dora Crouse,
Earl and Odette Bowman, and
Karl and Ida Walter.

Clair and Ila Reno en-
tertained their son Norman
and his wife from Adrian, Mi.,
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Handley,
and Mrs. Ella Handley of
Apoka over the week-end of
March 25. They had Easter
dinner at the Ranch Buffet.

Sunday night guests of the
Reno's were their grand-
daughter and family, the
Richard Tripps of Adrian, Mi.,
who camped over night at the
Ranch. On Wednesday evening
the Renos went with Karl and
Ida Walter for dinner again at
the Ranch Buffet in honor of
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Holiday Ranch News

Monday Mar. 27, with the
Clayton Michells of Bonnie
Brae. Tuesday they met with
friends from back home in St.
Paris, Ohio, and went to Winter
Haven for lunch at Duffs. Later
in the week they visited the
Ivan Goddards and Elmer
Compton's of Sebring.
Robert Phelps of St.
Petersburg came Friday Mar.
24 to visit his aunt and uncle
John and Barb Ebmeyer. They
dined at the Ranch Buffet.
Wednesday, Mar. 29, the
Ebmayers went to Winter
Haven for dinner at Morrisons.
Karl and Ida Walter went to
Lakeland with the Ed Isaac-
sons and the Joe Rudolphs of
Lake Josephine, Thursday to
attend the Tiger-Pirate
ballgame. They had dinner at
the Outlaw Restaurant.

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By Joel Wright



Charlton Weathers
Charlton Weathers, a fresh-
man at Avon Park High School,
was the winner of a \$25.00
savings bond awarded by the
Florida Regional Planning
Council for his essay on the
future of solar energy.

The purpose of the contest
was to familiarize the students
in civics classes with solar
energy. The assigned topic
was, "Impact 1995 Concerning
Solar Energy". The contest
involved APHS and seven other

schools, including: Desoto,
Sebring, Bartow, Lakeland,
Winter Haven, Lake Wales,
and Okeechobee.

Charlton was interested in
the essay because he par-
ticularly likes studying energy.
His seven page essay was
titled, "Uses of Solar Energy".
It took him about four days to
research and write it. There
were 47 students who par-
ticipated from the seven
schools. The judges picked a
winner from each school.

The newest addition to the
Science Department this year
was Fred Parantha, instructor
of science and consumer math.
This 28 year old newly-wed
is a native of Lithuania, Ga. He
has lived in, North Carolina
and Alabama but for the past
13 years has been a resident of
Florida.

In his spare time, Parantha

enjoys outdoor sports such as
tennis, curling, handball,
hunting and fishing.

Parantha received one year
of his training at Daytona Jr.
College and four years at Troy
State University in Alabama.
He has received his
bachelor's degree with a major
in physical education in sci-
ence. By the close of this
teaching year he will be cer-
tified in science. He is also
studying for his masters
degree by taking classes at
Stetson University.

A former P. E. teacher and
football coach, Parantha en-
joys working with high school
students but noted that he
might be happier teaching P.
E.

He spends his summers
working at the recreation
center at Deland, Fla., where
he teaches tennis. He is also
a life guard at Daytona Beach.



Greg Correll
This week's featured senior,
Greg Correll, won the first

place judging award at the
Highlands County Fair.

Although he is a lover of all
sports, Greg especially enjoys
rodeo. His main interest in
rodeo is bull riding.

The son of Mr. and Mrs.
Donald Correll, Greg was born
in South Carolina but has lived
here most of his life. "I like
Avon Park", Greg said. "I'll
probably come back and settle
here after college".

For his college education
Greg plans to attend South
Florida Junior College and
then go to the University of
Florida to complete his
education. His intended major
is agriculture, but he said that
he is not sure.

He is quite sure of his plans,
however, to return to Avon
Park. "I'm not sure what I'm
going to do for work, but col-
lege will help me to figure
that out", Greg commented.
"This is a good town to grow up
in."

Harry Lee's Trailer Village News

Recent visitors in the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Corn
were their granddaughter,
Cindy Corn and friend Paul
Doer of Miami, Margaret
Corn, Terry and Pat Corn of
Fowler, Ind. and Mr. and
Mrs. Bill Robbins and sons
Terry and Rich of Decatur, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Donny
McEachern of Bleinheim,
Ontario were recent visitors of
Mr. and Mrs. Kent Gilbert and
Helen Turner. Also visiting
with the Gilberts and Helen
Mrs. Johnson and Friend of
Nova Scotia Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Harold
and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff
Strangway have returned to
their homes in Sarnia and
Corunna Ontario and Mr. and
Mrs. Merle Buck to their home
in South Bend, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Reeler
of Pittsburgh, Pa. were recent

visitors of his cousin, Alice
Maxwell.

Mrs. Diane Partridge of
Sarnia, Ontario has arrived for
a few days visit with her
parents Mr. and Mrs. George
Lucas and will accompany to
their home later.

On Saturday night, the Audu-
bin Social Club held a weiner
roast at the shelter with 53
members and guests present.
A covered dish meal was also
provided. Later cards and
aggravation was played by
many.

Wells Participates In Winter Survival Training

Specialist Four Howard E.
Wells of Avon Park, Fla., and
other members of the 3rd U.S.
Infantry (The Old Guard), Ft.
Myers, Va., recently took a
break from normal duties to
participate in winter survival
training at Camp Dawson, W.
Va.

The cold-weather training
included skiing and
snowshoeing.

Spec. Wells is regularly
assigned as an automatic
riflesman in the 3rd Infantry,
the Army's official
ceremonial unit. His unit
provides casket bearers, firing
parties and marching platoons
for funerals in Arlington
National ceremonies in the
Washington area.

Spec. Wells, son of Willie T.
Wells, 1306 W. Hill St., entered
the Army in June 1975.

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the summer terms are now
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Florida Junior College. Prospective first-time students
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Johnston

Completes
Course

Private John J. Johnston,
son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnny
Johnston, 806 E. Campher St.,
Avon Park, recently received a
parachutist Badge upon
completion of the three-week
airborne course at the U.S.
Army Infantry School, Ft.
Benning, Ga.

During the first week of
training, students undergo a
rigorous physical training
program, and receive in-
struction in the theory of
parachuting. The second week
they receive practical training
by jumping from 34-foot and
250-foot towers. The final week
includes five static - line
parachute jumps.

Pvt. Johnston entered the
Army in May 1977, and is a 1975
graduate of Avon Park High
School.

His wife, Teri, is with him in
Virginia.

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PEOPLE and EVENTS

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by Betty Amburn
Society Editor



SUE MOSELEY, CHAIRMAN of the Highlands County Junior Woman's Club

Bike-A-Thon Route Announced

Sue Moseley, chairman of the Highlands County "Breath of Life" Bike-A-Thon, and president of Avon Park Junior Womens Club announced today (Thursday) Apr. 6, that the Bike-A-Thon will be held on Saturday Apr. 29, from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.

"Breath of Life" Bike-A-Thon and Avon Park Police Chief Robert Brooks discuss the

route the bikers will take, and he gets a first hand look at the Cystic Fibrosis T-shirt that will

be given to all bikers that turn in pledges totaling \$25 or more. Sunphoto by Betty Amburn.

four miles long, starting and finishing at the Recreation Center, at 101 North Verona Ave. Avon Park. However, bikers may ride the four miles course as many times as they wish, up to 100 miles.

The Bike-A-Thon is sponsored this year by the Avon Park Woman's Club and has

the full co-operation of the Avon Park Police Department. Anyone wishing to participate in this event may register and pick up pledge forms at the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce or any of the local schools.

Bikers turning in pledges totaling \$25 or more will

receive a Cystic Fibrosis T-shirt. Millions of children have a lung damaging disease. Everyday is a struggle for breath for these kids. Please become involved by sponsoring a biker and participating in the Cystic Fibrosis "Breath of Life" Bike-A-Thon.

Highlands County 4-H Fashion Revue, "The Road to Fashion," will be held Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Agricultural - Civic Center.

Fashions which have been made by the 4-Hers will be modeled and judged for construction, fit and appearance.

All extension programs are open to the public, free of charge, without regard to race, color, sex, or national origin. The public is invited to attend, free of charge.

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

Highlands P.O.E. Group To Meet April 13

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All P.E.O. winter guests in the area are invited. Call Mrs. H. Stuffer, 453-4278, for further information.

Church Holds Spring Fashion Revue April 1

The Evening of Spring Fashion which was held at Hopewell School Saturday, April 1, was enjoyed by everyone that attended.

The pastor's aid committee wishes to thank the manager of J.C. Penney's, Mr. Jackson, his associate Mrs. Carol Courter, and Denise Avery for their help and use of their beautiful fashions.

The committee also wishes to thank the models who participated: Wanda Wilson, Betty Wilson; Susie Ishman, Gwen Hicks, Tisa Gould, Jackie Watson, Annette Hicks, Annita Hicks, Mike Smith, Eugene Cox, Katrina Conner, Derrick McTee and Della Martin who was a hit with her pink stole and two exciting hats, namely the New York and the Texan.

High School Juniors Go To Washington Saturday

Fourteen high school juniors will fly to Washington Saturday to begin a seven-day look at the federal government, under the auspices of U.S. Rep. L. A. "Skip" Bafalis' 10th Congressional District High School Intern Program.

The 14, representing high schools in the eastern half of the 10th District, will spend a week talking to Congressmen and Senators, watching both houses of Congress in action, sitting in on committee and subcommittee meetings and listening to briefings by executive agency officials.

The 14 making the trip will include Keith Lowe, Lake Placid High; Robert Twatwe, Sebring High and Walter Roberts, Avon Park High.

Although the bulk of the students' time in Washington will be spent learning about the government and how it functions, there will be time for sightseeing and visiting some of the exhibits at the Smithsonian Institution, Bafalis said. "We try to make this a balanced program — to

give the students a true understanding of their capital city."

Bafalis paid tribute to the dozens of businesses, civic and social groups and individuals whose contributions make the program possible.

"The civic awareness shown by the 10th District in supporting this program has been phenomenal," Bafalis said. "Over the past six years, these dedicated and open-hearted individuals, groups and businesses have made it possible for some 125 students to take advantage of the program."

Major sponsors for the program include Publix Supermarkets and United Telephone System.

Other sponsors include: City of Avon Park, Women's Club of Sebring, First Bank of Lake Placid, Consolidated-Tomoka Land Co. of Sebring, Barnett Bank of Sebring, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Knecht, Avon Park, and Mrs. Marvin Johns, Sebring.

The members of the Avon Park Lions Club will be serving another one of their famous barbecues on Saturday, April 8, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The menu will be a choice of a generous serving of barbecued ribs or one-half baked chicken. Baked beans, cole slaw, and a roll with a choice of iced tea or coffee will

be served with the ribs or chicken. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Lions and it is recommended that you get them in advance. This will be the last barbecue until next fall so don't miss it.

For those patrons who are unable to get to the Lions Club house, they may call 453-4228 and ask for home delivery.

The Highlands County Chapter-March of Dimes is still putting the pieces together from Saturday's seventh Walkathon, which attracted 450 participants. The preliminary totals indicate approximately \$13,400 in pledges. Walk spokesmen say that of the 450 starters, 374 went the entire 25 kilometer trek.

Pep Hutchinson was back this year for his fourth try at running the course and cut 15 minutes off his last year's winning time to make the run in one hour and 35 minutes. This however, was not fast enough to beat Chester Brojek, coach at Avon Park High School, who ran the course in one hour and 27 minutes. Then there was Daryl Kershner from Sebring High School, who ran it in two hours.

Walkers are reminded to please turn in collected pledge money as soon as possible, and to stress that pledges should be paid in check form.

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Sewing Tips For The Modern Homemaker

By Dorothy

You face a difficult task when search for a pattern that meets all your requirements. A dress pattern is a style you like, only you want sleeveless and the pattern has a sleeve. Oh, dear, no facing! Here is a jacket you've been wanting only it calls for a lining and you want it unlined. Or, here is a blouse you "just love", but it has a collar and you could only find the something without that collar. Really, it is a simple, easier than you think, matter to cut the facings and therefore eliminate the sleeves, lining, or collar.

Facings are usually 2 1/2 inches wide. You will need these supplies: paper (pattern making is available or newspaper will do) carbon, pins, pencil, scissors. Now you are ready.

1. Place pattern piece on paper having carbon between.

2. Pin securely through all thickness.

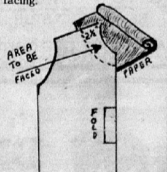
3. Draw outline of pattern piece on paper.

4. Now, 2 1/2 inches from edge of paper, draw a

4. Now, 2 1/2 inches from edge of paper, draw a line the same shape as pattern. Mark notches, etc.

5. Unpin and cut out the facing.

Be sure to cut facing on the same grain of material that the main piece is cut. This illustration is showing a neck facing.



Notice that the pattern piece is placed on fold of material. For armhole facings, place paper under armhole section of pattern.

Tri-County Council To Meet

A meeting of the Tri-County Teacher Education Center Council will be held April 6, 1978, at the Lake Placid High School, (Physical Education Multi-Purpose Room) Lake Placid, Florida. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Pieces needed for unlined jacket are, neck facings, front and back; armhole facings, front and back; and front facings.

If you have any questions about facings or any other sewing problems, write Dorothy, Avon Park Sun, P.O. Box 1117, Avon Park, 33825.

Retired Persons To Meet

The Highlands County Chapter 222 American Association of Retired Persons annual picnic will be held on April 12, at 12 noon at Highlands Hammock State Park with a covered dish luncheon.

After lunch there will be a singseration, led by Lloyd Jones and Company. All guests are welcome.

Happy Birthday

We wish the following people celebrating their birthdays this week a big "Happy Birthday".

April 6 - Ernest Gore, and Bruce Bennett.

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Mail your poems to Betty Amburn, Avon Park Sun, P.O. Box 1117, Avon Park, FL 33825.

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AVON PARK MEMBERS of the J.C. Penney Fashion Board examine some of the new fashions that will be coming in

the fall of '78. From the left: Margaret Bever, assistant dress buyer, New York Office; Tim Buckley, manufacturer's

representative; Sue Moseley, Anna Belle Worden, Neil Roberts, Pam Williams and

Mary Ann Jensen women's sportswear buyer, Miami office. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Fashion Show At J.C. Penney

Fashion Board members of the J.C. Penney store at the Avon Square Shopping Center met at the store's cafeteria last Tuesday evening for dinner and a preview of the coming fall fashions, with store buyers and a sportswear manufacturer's representative.

The members of the board pre-view clothing fashions and give their opinions on the garments shown. Also at each meeting members of the fashion board are asked for their advice concerning the entire store and their suggestions for any improvements from the eyes of customers.

The Avon Park members of the fashion board who attended the pre-view showing were: Anna Belle Worden, executive secretary of the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce; Neil Roberts, Ridge Florist; Pam Williams, Avon Park High School senior and Sue Moseley, president of the Junior Women's Club.

Showing the new fall '78 fashions, were: Margaret Bever, assistant dress buyer from the Penney's New York office; Mary Ann Jensen, women's sportswear buyer from the Miami office and Tim Buckley, manufacturer's representative from Miami International Sportswear Co.



THREE PROMOTIONS on his management staff were announced by Earl Jackson, manager of the J.C. Penney store at the Avon Square Shopping Center. From the

left: John Mixon, assistant manager, promoted to senior merchandising manager at Penney's largest Tampa store at Westshore Plaza; John

Johnson moved up to assistant manager, while Michael Elston, was promoted to senior merchandising manager. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Penney's Promote Three

Manager of the Avon Square Shopping Center, J.C. Penney store, Earl Jackson announced that three management staff members had been promoted during the past week, one moving to another store and two promoted within the store.

A native of Houston County, Alabama, he graduated from Cottonwood High School and attended Troy State University at Troy, Ala., majoring in business administration. At Valdosta he was shoe department manager.

His other assignments with Penney's included: Manager of the shoe department, Hollywood Fashion Center, Hollywood, Fla., management trainee in boy's and men's departments. Before coming to Avon Park he was merchandising manager of the mens and shoe departments in the DeSoto Square Mall Penney store in Bradenton.

Johnny's wife Sherry and their five year old daughter, Amik, resided in Avon Park. Promoted to assistant manager of the Avon Park store, John William Johnson was merchandising manager in charge of men's sportswear and the outdoor shop which included patio furniture, barbecue and accessories, live plants, garden tools, bikes and Christmas toys.

Born in Sanford, Fla., John attended Crooks High School and received his Associate of Arts Degree from Volusia County Community College, Daytona Beach. He earned his B.A. degree at Kentucky State University, Frankfort, Ky.

He served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970, of which 11 months were in

Vietnam. John and his wife, Betty, have a daughter, Chiquita, who is in the seventh grade at the Avon Park Middle School. Betty is attending the cosmetology school at South Florida Junior College.

John started with the J.C. Penney store in Sanford as a trainee in February, 1970, and was promoted to department manager in May, 1972. He was transferred to the Avon Square Shopping Center store in October, 1976.

Merchandise manager, Michael Elston was promoted to senior merchandise manager in charge of home fashions, records, luggage and housewares, taking on additional lines of sporting goods, work clothes, men's furnishing and men's clothing.

A graduate of Millikin University in 1971 with a bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education, John moved to Clearwater, Fla., in 1972. He started as a part time sales associate in the Sunshine Mall Penney's store in August, 1973 in sporting goods, paint and hardware departments.

His management training program started in November, 1973, was promoted to merchandiser in household textiles, November, 1975 and to merchandise manager of the auto center in July 1976.

In October, 1976 Michael was transferred to the Avon Park store. He is single and likes scuba diving, tennis, listening to popular music, reading and he lives in Sebring.

Student Conservation Contest Opens

The Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is looking for students from all junior high schools and high schools in Highlands County to participate in the local Conservation Speaking Contest.

The Contest gives the student a chance to work with a local unit of government and at the same time learn about conservation. "It's a tremendous opportunity for a student to excel," explained Bob Barben, District Chairman. "We want to encourage the young people of our District to become familiar with the practices and employment opportunities in conservation," he continued.

Soil and Water Conservation District are sub-divisions of state government organized within the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture. Five locally elected supervisors manage conservation concerns in their own district. Interested students should contact the district office, 382-2104 for more information. Prizes for the Contest are \$30

for first place district winner and \$20, \$15, and \$10 for second, third and fourth place finishes respectively.

"The competition doesn't stop with the District Contest.

Our winner will proceed to the area eliminations and area winners to the State Finals in August," said Barben. The State Finals are held in conjunction with the Annual

Meeting of the Florida Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors. A scholarship, prize money and plaques are among the prizes awarded to the six state finalists.

Our Men In Service

Casey S. Stukes

Enlisting in the United States Air Force is Casey S. Stukes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stukes of 451 Billy Hill Road, Avon Park, Florida.

Airman Stukes entered the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP), which permitted him to depart on a selected date within the next nine months. He selected June 12, 1978 as his entry date for active duty, although he is already accruing time in service for pay purposes as a member of the DEP.

GED Tests Slated At South Florida Junior College

Mr. Gene Statler, Director of Vocational & Adult Guidance at South Florida Junior College, has announced that the next series of tests for qualified adults to obtain a high school equivalency (G.E.D.) diploma is slated to be given

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11 & 12 from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the college.

The diploma constitutes the legal equivalent of a high school diploma and can be accepted by employers and training agencies.

The examination consists of five separate comprehensive tests covering the fields of English expression, natural science, general mathematics, social studies, and literature. Each test takes approximately one to one and one-half hours and it usually requires two nights to complete the five tests. The application form must be completed and submitted to Mr. Statler before Monday, April 10. The \$10 testing fee is payable on the first night of testing.

Anyone desiring further information about the G.E.D. tests should contact Mr. Statler at South Florida Junior College or call 432-6669, extension 119, in Avon Park.

Ronald Minear

Enlisting in the United States Air Force is Ronald T. Minear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Minear Jr. of Route 1, Box 668A, Avon Park.

Airman Minear entered the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP), which permitted him to depart on a selected date within the next nine months. He selected July 10, 1978 as his entry date for active duty, although he is already accruing time in service for pay purposes as a member of the DEP.

Airman Minear successfully completed a series of tests which qualified him to enter the Security Police Specialist field of training, after completing six weeks of basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas.

A 1978 graduate of Avon Park High School, Airman Minear was enlisted into the Air Force by Sergeant Charlie Smart of the Lakeland Recruiting Office.

Richardson

During spring break at the U.S. Air Force Academy Mark Richardson, III and seven of his fellow cadets were the house guests of Judge and Mrs. Mark Richardson, Jr.

Although the four days went fast the first classmen (senior) were able to visit Disney World, Vero Beach, Daytona Beach, Busch Gardens, and Cypress Gardens. While in Orlando they stopped by to see Mark's brother, Matthew, a junior at Florida Technological University.

Major Carl P. Arant, Jr., liaison officer for the academy hosted the young men at breakfast one early morning. Visiting with young Mark were: Don Alston, Albany, N.Y., Dave Busheme,

San Antonio, Tex.; Dave Lengua, Utica, N.Y.; John Puffenberger, Columbia, S.C.; John Hoar, Louisville, Ky.; Shawn Sloan, Youngstown, Ohio; and Ed Kirkham, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Michael L. Coleman

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A 1978 graduate of Avon Park High School, Airman Coleman was enlisted into the Air Force by Sergeant Charlie Smart of the Lakeland Recruiting Office.

THROWN A CURVE Fredrick R. Martin, 23, of Avon Park was charged with careless driving after he failed to negotiate a curve and ran off the road on Lake Lotela Drive Monday.

Florida Highway Patrolman Jim Vann said Martin was northbound, traveling at too great a speed and left the roadway. His car struck an orange tree and came to rest. Trooper Vann set damage at \$50. No injuries were reported.

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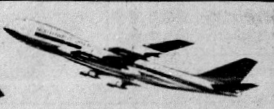
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The week of April Alcohol Awareness Highlands County, to the staff at the Alcoholism Program, Avon Park, Florida. Patricia Furny, director of the program, estimates there are alcoholic persons in Park area and in Highlands County. Additionally, there are a hundred more who from time to time problems for them families or their.

The purpose of Alcohol Awareness Week is the public's attention about alcohol abuse encourage those experiencing alcohol problems to seek help.

The following provided by the Council on Alcoholism to emphasize the impact of Alcoholism on our society. Alcoholism is a health problem in the United States. It is a complex disease and a major threat to health. Deaths from liver disease are 10 percent in the United States. It is a complex disease and a major threat to health. Deaths from liver disease are 10 percent in the United States.

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Alcoholism Can Be Treated

The week of April 3rd to 9th is Alcohol Awareness Week in Highlands County, according to the staff at the Tri-County Alcoholism Program, 1033 W. Pine Street, Avon Park, FL.

Patricia Furnival, ACSW, director of the local clinic, estimates there are about 400 alcoholic persons in the Avon Park area and over 2000 in Highlands County. Additionally, there are several hundred more whose drinking from time to time, creates problems for themselves, their families or their employers.

The purpose of Alcohol Awareness Week is to bring to the public's attention the facts about alcohol abuse and to encourage those who are experiencing alcohol-related problems to seek help.

The following facts are provided by the National Council on Alcoholism and help to emphasize the enormous impact of Alcohol-related problems on our society.

Alcoholism is the most neglected health problem in the United States. It ranks with cancer and heart disease as a major threat to the nation's health. Deaths from cirrhosis of the liver has increased 67 percent in the last 20 years.

It is a complex progressive disease and untreated, results in physical incapacity, permanent mental damage and or premature death.

Approximately 100 million persons in the U.S. consume alcohol and it is estimated that 10 million suffer from the disease of alcoholism. Among men, drinking problems occur most frequently in their early 20's and in women in the 30's and 40's, with the number of women alcoholics doubling since World War II. Less than three percent of alcoholics are found on Skid Row.

Between six and 10 percent of employees have alcoholism costing the nation \$25 billion a year due to absenteeism, health and welfare services property damage and medical expenses.

Fifty percent of the fatal accidents involve alcohol, two-thirds of the accidents involve

alcoholics, 53 percent fire deaths, 49 percent drownings, 32 percent of home accidents, 38 percent pedestrian accidents and 58 percent of arrest involving misuse of alcohol.

Violent behavior because of alcohol misuse accounts for 64 percent of murders, 41 percent of assaults, 34 percent of rapes, 29 percent of other sex crimes, 30 percent of suicides 56 percent of fights in the home and 60

percent of child abuse.

Alcoholism is treatable with effective business and industry programs having recovery rates of 65-80 percent, while the Air Force and Navy rehabilitative programs report 70-80 percent recovery rates.

Alcoholics Anonymous with an estimated worldwide membership of 900,000 reports that 79 percent of the people sober, between one and five

years, will remain in the AA fellowship and 91 percent, sober for five or more years, will not drink and will remain in the fellowship.

Education, early detection, research efforts and community treatment facilities are the greatest forces operating today for the prevention, control and reduction of alcoholism.

Alternate Forms Of Punishment

Expenditure of some public and private funds for alternate forms of punishment at local level could, in the long run, reap great savings. This was the consensus which emerged at the March 31 meeting of the Highlands County Criminal Justice Forum.

Many of the alternate forms discussed were aimed at youthful offenders, however, Highlands Sheriff Joe Sheppard suggested use of a work-release program which would apply to adults.

"Let 'em work at their regular jobs and check into the jail at night," Sheriff Sheppard suggested. "Many times we punish the wrong people when we put a family's wage-earner in jail."

Circuit Judge Clifton M. Kelly, who had initiated the discussion on alternate forms, was pleased with Sheppard's suggestion and said he "will move into that area."

Sometimes sheriffs resist that kind of sentence because of the paperwork involved. Assistant State Attorney Jim Say suggested the sentence might include payment to the sheriff's department to reimburse not only for room and board, but for cost of the additional clerical work in daily release and lock-up of a working prisoner. The big savings, Sheriff Sheppard pointed out, would be in welfare costs for the family left behind when the breadwinner is jailed.

W. D. Wilcox, court administrator for the 10th circuit, asked whether the same release program could be used with juvenile offenders.

Alex Freeman, superintendent for the youth detention center for this area, responded, "We tried that in 1971 and it didn't work. These students caused trouble at school and ran away from school all the time."

Highlands County schools superintendent, Dr. Dan Davis, believes that assignment to a special school would be very beneficial, but he is pessimistic about whether the local taxpayers would approve expenditures for an alternate school "probably in the Sebring area."

He said, "We must remove disruptive students from the classroom and from contact with other students."

Lt. Ben Velasquez of the Sebring Police Department, said a juvenile court program which called for young offenders to be assigned to public service work has been very effective, "but then the workmen's compensation thing became a big hassle" and the program was discontinued.

Bob Hoffman of Children and Youth Services (CYS) agreed, "We had a really good program going but workmen's compensation was going to cost

something like \$1.44 per 40-hour week."

Freeman said some Polk County communities have obtained a federal grant to pay the workmen's compensation costs for youth work programs.

He added that in other places the parents of the young offenders have been required to pay the costs and-or civic groups have picked up the tab so that young people — "most of them have never learned to work" — can have a chance to do some worthwhile work and make restitution for damages they have done.

Sebring Mayor Smith Rudasill Jr. and Councilwoman Thelma Pyle expressed interest in learning more about ways a youth public service program could be re-instituted.

Freeman pointed out that costs of detaining a youth in a detention center is \$30 to \$35 per day and \$750 per month in a detention school. "For \$5,000 you can buy a lot of workmen's compensation insurance."

Judge Kelly observed, "Let's see what we can get going here."



AUCTIONEER COL. AL Thompson (center, standing) crying the Band Day auction was assisted by his son, Everett (standing on the Miller.

trailer) Sunphoto by Lew

FISHING GEAR GONE of Guy H. Thrower of Route 2, Avon Park. A lock was tampered with on the utility room door to gain entry.

Time To Register To Vote

Highlands County Supervisors of Elections, Jimmy Whitehouse in a news release urged all citizens of the county who were not registered to vote in the county, state, or federal elections to stop by the elections office in the courthouse annex at Sebring to register for the fall elections.

Avon Park residents may register for all elections, including the city election, by stopping by at the Avon Park City Hall during regular business hours and register for the elections.

Whitehouse suggested that citizens register now to avoid lines that may form as the registration books close 45 days before elections.

He also suggested that people need to inform the elections office if their address has been changed either by moving or by the post office.

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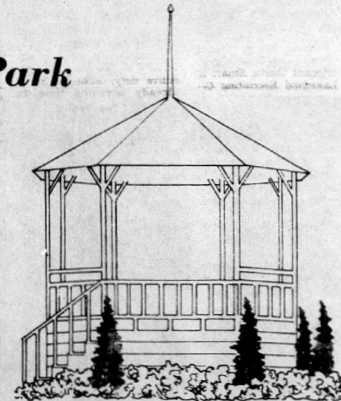
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April 7 - 8

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