

Children Separated For Christmas

Mrs. Alice Hansen, a supervisor with the HRS, said the agency tries to find a relative to place the children with.

"The studies we did on the relatives were favorable. We try to place the children with suitable relatives. But nobody likes to break up a family," she said.

The agency had to consider each suitable relative, whether the relative wanted the children and how many children a relative agreed to take.

"We agree it is too bad they are not together. Possibly this can happen at a later date," said Mrs. Hansen.

The Geigers feel the discrimination at being jerked 2,000 miles away from the home they were used to, with basically unknown relatives, would offset any advantages placing children with relatives might have.

"They have been mistreated all their life. It's time somebody cared for them. Junior has five more years in his life at home. You take that five years and you could wreck him for life. That five years could determine how he lives his life," said Geiger.

Both the Geigers and the Heberts say of the five children that no one "could get any better kids."

"It's something of a miracle," said Heberts.

The Geigers say the Pinkhams were nice people but were not the ideal as parents. Although they did not abuse their children, the care they gave their children lacked a great deal from what a parent should be.

"One of the basic problems they had was mismanagement of money," said Lorraine Geiger. "When Walt was working for Ken Geiger he'd make about \$13,000 a year but they would never have any money. We would take \$35 a week out of his check for the payment on their trailer. If we didn't, when the payment was due, there wouldn't be any groceries that week."

Pinkham had not always made \$13,000 a year. The family lived in a series of homes, shacks really, until Geiger and Heberts signed a loan for Pinkham to buy a trailer.

"In some of their homes, when it was cold outside, it was cold inside," said Geiger.

One of the reasons the Geiger objected to the move to Connecticut was that Terry was especially sensitive to the cold, and they do not like the prospect of her facing the harsh winters of the north.

In addition to a series of homes, the Pinkhams had a history of domestic difficulties, with at least one problem centered on the excessive drinking of Walt.

But the problems of the parents have apparently not affected the children who, for descriptions of both Geiger, Heberts and relatives are stable and well-behaved, and very polite.

Ellerbee

could lead to improper supervision of large construction projects, poor design and workmanship and possibly dangerous conditions for the public using facilities built under such lax regulations.

He pointed to a recent case in Texas where a church roof collapsed, killing 57 members of the congregation.

Ellerbee said he brought the matter before the board because of a complaint from a local architect that other cities allow such "rubberstamped" plans to go through unchallenged and because he has received little backing from the state licensing boards, who, he said, view the failure to follow the code regulation as a technicality.

The code requirement includes all buildings constructed for educational, institutional and assembly occupancy and all buildings, with the exception of one or two family residences, three or more stories in height or 5,000 or more square feet in area.

Buildings such as schools, churches, government buildings, apartment buildings or large commercial buildings would fall under the regulation.

Once an architect or engineer has certified a set of building plans, it is very difficult for the local building official to challenge anything in them which may not be according to the building codes. Ellerbee said if plans do come across his desk stamped "reviewed by" instead of "designed by" he can request an affidavit from the architect or engineer stating he has reviewed the plans in detail and certifies everything in them meets Southern Standard and local building codes. He also can request the name and address of the actual designer and any additional information required by the code.

Board members agreed with the building official the code requirement should be enforced as strictly as possible but complained the city council would

"In once case, Junior is like his father. He tends to hold everything in. He will hardly say anything. He's very slow to anger, but when he does finally get mad, it comes out," said Geiger.

His wife described Terry, as "quite, just an ordinary kid, lovable."

Perhaps because of her family situation Terry had formed a very strong attachment to her dog, a seven-year old Terrier named "Tippy."

She never went anywhere without her dog, according to Mrs. Geiger.

But she went somewhere without it. She went north. The relatives who picked her up did not want a dog with them so Tippy was left in Florida.

It is the trip north which upsets the Geigers and Heberts. In their few letters from the two children, the indication is the two do not like their new homes and want to come back to Florida.

In a letter which Junior sent his brother and sister last week, there is a line which states "I want to get out of this." The entire letter is only three lines.

Both Heberts and Geigers say other communication received during the summer also indicate the two children don't like their new home.

Two relatives of the children also believe Junior and Terry are unhappy where they are.

Their grandmother, on their mother's side, Ruth McDade of Steuben, Maine told the Sun that Junior spent Thanksgiving with her and told her he wanted to come back to Florida.

She had previously written to Heberts questioning the placement of the two children.

Mrs. McDade also said the relative who had custody of Terry had refused to allow other relatives to talk to her. Her daughter, a Mrs. Louis Wyke, also of Steuben, said the same thing.

Mrs. Wyke said that, the last time she called Terry, and the girls guardians realized what was the phone was snatched out of Terry's hands.

"They said they didn't want her to have anything to do with the Pinkhams," she said.

When she told Terry's guardian the child did not want to stay with her, Mrs. Dyke said the reply was, "Who is going to listen to an eight-year old?"

Mrs. McDade also said that Junior told her he had requested HRS people not to send him back to Connecticut but allow him to remain in Florida.

Mrs. Hansen said the HRS had no concrete evidence that the two were unhappy and that the Connecticut equivalent of the state HRS was checking on the two.

"I don't know this for a fact, that they are unhappy," she said.

Mrs. Hansen said the agency had no knowledge of the alleged actions of the guardians in regard to them refusing

to let other relatives talk to the children.

"This has not been a close-knit family. It is a family with a lot of bad feelings. Plus the children have two sets of parents on the father's side," Mrs. Hansen said.

Geiger said in his talks with Walt, there was some problems with relatives but he did not indicate which ones or what type of problems.

"I think the main thing was Walt simply could not say no. If anybody asked him for something, he'd agree to it. He wouldn't say no to me. I'd asked him to work an extra day and he'd agree to it," said Geiger.

But Geiger contents HRS should not have ordered the children back to relatives when the Pinkhams came to

Florida, according to Geiger, partly to "get away from relatives."

Mrs. Hansen, when contacted, objected to the Sun story saying she felt it would have a "devastating effect on the children." When asked if being separated from their brothers and sister might have had a bad effect on the children, she replied, "There's no connection. We're talking about different things."

She said a future date the children might be reunited.

"Temporary orders are temporary orders. We would like to keep them together," she said.

Mrs. Hansen also said she thought the children did have some contact with each other.

However, since Junior and Terry left for Connecticut, there have been few letters to and from family members.

Geiger and his wife maintains they would like to break a destructive tradition which has continued from one generation to the next. They believe they can and would like HRS to give them a try.

Giving the children back to relatives is part of that dangerous tradition, they believe.

Another HRS official, in another county, said, "When viewed from the outside, this may look like a case of bureaucratic bungling. I think our people care about children."

"You have to remember some times

we see people, and deal in situations at their worst. Emotions often run very high in this work. Sometimes we can appear quite cold to people."

Sometimes we don't get all the information we need. Often people deliberately mislead us so we can't get the information. But I think the people at their work do care about children."

Whatever the outcome of the case, according to friends and family members who know the children at this time they are very good kids who came from a very bad environment.

In the Christmas season of 1978, perhaps that's a small miracle. Or more specifically, five of them.

Entertainment At Hillcrest

On the first, third, fourth and fifth (when there is a 5th) Mondays of each month Mrs. Mildred Long, assisted by Mrs. Lois Johnson, provide entertainment for the Hillcrest Nursing Home. They would like to publicly thank all of those persons who have given of their time to bring a little bit

of pleasure into the patients lives. During October a group of women from the Avon Park Woman's Club entertained by singing some of the old time songs.

In November Mr. Keating brought a group from the stage band of our local high school

and Hazel Weidy. The Shufflears, the men's singing group from the Winter Guest Club, entertained. Mr. Lewis Tripp from the Avon Mobile Home Park played his accordion. From the same park a ladies trio sang for them. The ladies were the Mrs. Eleanor Damon, Nita Byers

children, with their tap dancing and ballet, brought smiles to many of the patients faces. We hope to see them at the Home again. Dec. 18th Santa Claus popped in bringing with him the Shufflears who sang again for the patients. This group of men is a favorite of the folks at the Nursing Home.

Theft Case

A theft case involving Benjamin C. Franklin Jr. was continued in circuit court Monday by Judge Clifton M. Kelly to Jan. 22.

Franklin is charged with two counts each of grand theft, burglary and dealing in stolen property and one count of possessing stolen property.

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People and Events

By Betty Amburn, Society Editor

MERRY CHRISTMAS



LAVERNE FULLMER was honored by Avon Park Grange December 12, when the Master Donald Mason presented her

a Gold Sheaf certificate for 50 years continuous membership. Sunphoto by Betty Amburn.

Fullmer Honored By Avon Park Grange

Mrs. Laverne Fullmer was honored by Avon Park Grange at their December 12, meeting when the Master Donald Mason presented her a Gold Sheaf certificate in recognition of 50 years continuous membership. In accepting the award Mrs. Fullmer said that she joined the Grange nearly sixty years ago in Ohio, but was not a member for a while when her nursing duties prevented attendance at meetings.

She has been an active member during the past fifty years held many offices and had received the recognition award as the Outstanding Lecturer in the State of Florida several years. Her programs were always educational and inspiring.

Mrs. Fullmer is a dedicated Granger, a member of the State and National organizations and has attended many of their annual sessions. Though not able to attend the meetings now, both she and Mr. Fullmer keep abreast of the activities and always welcome visits from members.

A Christmas program presented at the close of the business meeting by the Lecturer Gertrude Slocum included singing of several carols between the readings: "Memories of the Country Christmas" by the Lecturer; "Christmas in the Heart" by Bessie Trade; "What is Christmas" given by Lillian Seeger.

Music: Loyd Slocum, Light; Florence Mason, Laughter; Ralph Fullmer, Fragrance; Leona Smith, Giving. The traditional poem "The Night Before Christmas" was recited by Keith Debo. Silver Bell was sung by Gertrude Slocum, Miriam Debo and Lloyd Wyant, with Lillian Seeger at the piano.

The Lecturer told the story about how "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" was written, as a poem which later was set to music, and first sung by Gene Autrey. Dora Robinson gave a reading: "Christmas in Our Hearts." All joined in singing Silent Night and the closing thought was: When Christmas passes, as it will, may gladness linger with you still. May friends be true the whole year through and all things good abide with you.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mosier of Pennsylvania were accepted as Associate members. Mr. Mosier is a member of that State Grange Executive committee. Keith Debo reported a sale of aluminum and reminded members to save more for support of Grange projects. A donation for Christmas Cheer program in the city was noted.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mason were elected delegates to the State Grange meeting in Ocala Jan. 3-6. They will report at the next meeting of Avon Park Grange Jan. 9.

Landress' To Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Landress will be honored with a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, Sunday Dec. 31, at the Florida Power Lounge from 2 til 5 p.m.

Host and hostess for this special occasion is their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Landress.

All friends are cordially invited to attend. No invitations are being mailed.



December 21 — Fred Reddick, Katie Lou Baughan, Alvina Rutz, Kevin Ward, Olivia Smith, Mrs. Frederick Palm, and L.D. Smith.

December 22 — Roger Gurganus, Joan Holmberg, Myrtle M. Oweholt, Leslie R. Norris, and Shawn McKinney. December 23 — Mrs. Lee T. Mitchell, Dedra Marrs, Traci Hill, Evelyn Cook, Ruth Tomek, Kay Dunaway and Jim Pierce.

December 24 — Julie Kangerter, Erie Lewis, Johnny Murphy, Mrs. Kenneth Tate, Brunelle Murphy, Jim Lightey and Mrs. Arden Sutherland.

December 25 — Carol Ann Clark, Mally Waters, Mary Tate, Azzie Lee Walker, Henry Hinson, Jr., Ray Jones, Steve Bohaychys, and Noel Scott.

December 26 — Jackie Collins, Donnie G. Antley and Sandra Ann Russ.

December 27 — Mrs. Howard Dow, Philip Wooten, David Buelow and Candis Jahna.



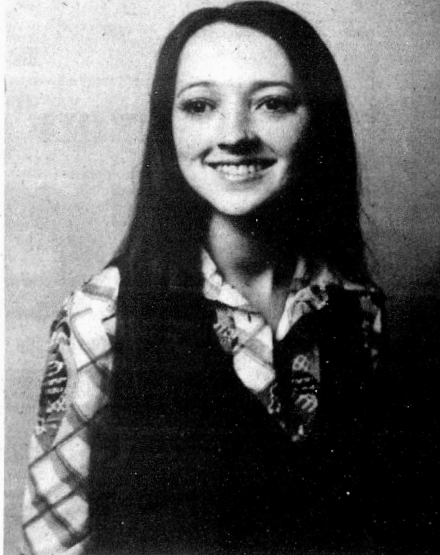
BRANDI ARLINE JACOBS, won Miss Earth in a Pageant held at the Sebring Civic Center December 3.

Jacobs Queen Of Miss Earth Pageant

Brandi Arline Jacobs, blonde, brown eyes, five year old from Sebring won the title of Queen in the Miss Earth Pageant held Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Sebring Civic Center.

Brandi entered all the events, beauty, swimwear, photogenic, and talent. She will go to the Florida Miss Earth Pageant to be held in Tampa in early July.

Brandi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jacobs. She is presently taking dancing lessons from Studio One in Avon Park under the direction of Laura Rehner.



Mary Ann Weed

Engagement Announced

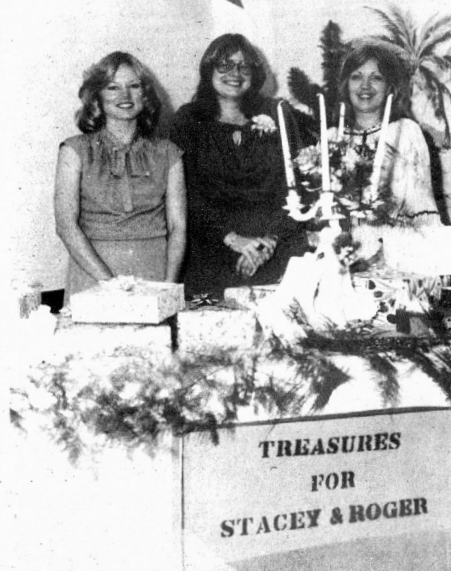
Mrs. Loren Albritton of Wauchula and Mr. Delbert Weed of Arcadia are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Ann Weed to Lavon Cobb.

Mary Ann is a graduate of Hardee High and South Fla. Jr. College. She is now attending University of South Florida and presently employed at Wauchula Abstract and Title. Lavon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Cobb of Avon Park. Lavon is a graduate of Avon Park High School, and

is employed by Circle S Ranch and residing in Zolfo Springs.

The wedding will be held December 22, at the First Baptist Church of Zolfo Springs. Music will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the wedding ceremony at 8 p.m.

No invitations will be mailed. All friends and relatives are invited to attend both the wedding and reception. The reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church following the wedding ceremony.



STACEY SHARPE, (center), bride-elect of Roger Marrow, is a picture of happiness as she stands at the gift table with

TREASURES FOR STACEY & ROGER

two of her hostesses, Kellie Hill (left) and Vicky Lambiris, before opening gifts at bridal shower honoring her...

Stacey Sharpe Honored With Bridal Shower Dec. 7

Stacey Sharpe, bride-elect of Roger Marrow, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower on Thursday, December 7, at the Florida Power Lounge.

A bridal and Christmas theme was used in decorations throughout the lounge. As the bride-elect and her mother, Mrs. Ed Sharpe arrived, Joan Hill pinned corsages of yellow and blue mums on each respectively, which complimented their attire.

As each guest arrived, they signed the bride's book, presided over by Kellie Hill, on a small table covered with a white lace-trimmed cloth which held a silver vase with yellow and blue flowers. Joan Hill and Mrs. Wiley McCullough served a Christmas red slush punch from the refreshment table covered with an imported linen cloth, highlighted by blue tulle. Centering the table was a tiered arrangement of blue, white and yellow flowers. A large white frosted cake was decorated in the bride's colors of blue and yellow, with a miniature bride and

bridgroom, wedding bells and rings. Pastel mints and nuts were served from silver and crystal compotes, along with an assortment of party sandwiches, sausage biscuits, and a variety of flavors of homemade bundt cakes.

Centering the gift table was a white ceramic candelabra arrangement of mums and statice in colors of yellow and blue. A background for the gift table was a Christmas tree bedecked with "white live birds," "miniature wedding bells" and "blue birds of happiness." The gifts were presented to Stacey in a yellow-gold treasure chest, which revealed the inscription, "Treasures For Stacey and Roger." Helping Stacey to open her many gifts were Vicky Lambiris and Kellie Hill. Also an enthusiastic helper was Stacey's niece, Little Miss Lauren Harford.

The hostesses, Vicky Lambiris, Mrs. Wiley McCullough, Kellie and Joan Hill, presented the bride-elect with a place setting and serving platter in her chosen stoneware pattern.



SANTA CLAUS along with Pat Smith (right) and Mrs. Bowden president of Avon Citrus Bank are prepared to present bags of

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Christmas Tea A Big Success

Even the weatherman cooperated in helping to make this annual Avon Park Garden Club Tea a huge success. Over 200 people enjoyed this very festive event which was held at the R.L. Padgett home on E. Lake Lotella Dr., December 14.

Guests were greeted at the door by the hostess, Mrs. Wills Padgett and her daughter, Carol. She was assisted by her mother Mrs. Carrie McGiboney, who is a member of the Hibiscus Circle Garden Club. Wills graciously invited everyone to tour the rooms of the house which had been decorated by garden club members, using the decor of "An Old Fashioned Christmas," in elegant Williamsburg manner.

Everyone seemed to be enchanted with the large Christmas tree in the living room. It was decorated with tiny dolls and miniature toys, many jeweled and glowing with many sparkling lights.

Ona Brace and Ruth Geldart were responsible for the trimming of this beautiful live tree but the decorations were the ones traditionally used by the Padgett family for a long time. On one of the tables in the living room was a large antique hurricane lamp filled with red and green apples, small pine cones and Florida shells. Mariana King was the skillful creator of this arrangement.

The dining room was inviting with its beautifully appointed tea table sparkling with silver and exquisite china. The centerpiece of red roses and white rice

paper plant blossoms reflected the spirit of Christmas. Tea was poured by present club presidents and past president. They were Emma Bussard, Evelyn Dolk, Lou Grose, Lauren Neubauer, Bessie Decker, Jane Barben, Grace Boney, Vivian Harth, Helen Baker and Carrie McGiboney.

Finger sandwiches, cookies and nuts were also served. Many of the guests were seen sitting on the patio in the pool area, enjoying the view of Lake Lotella as they drank their tea.

Silver buckets filled with mints were offered to the guests by little Robin Laye, Leslie Ann Laye, Mary Catherine Bauckert and Stacie Smith. The children were charming in their red and white Christmas dresses.

Undoubtedly the youngest guest attended the Christmas Tea was two-month old Ginny Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hart. She, of course, was unimpressed with the festivities and slept most of the afternoon. Hopefully, she will be a future garden clubber.

Many winter guests were in attendance, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Baker and Mrs. Peg O'Leary from West Virginia were very enthusiastic in their praise of the lovely home and the decorations. They were impressed by the fact that everything used was of real natural material nothing artificial.

Mrs. Lorraine Rohrer from Racine, Wisconsin, Mary McConaughy and



SYBIL LAYE AND Lou Grose accept a mint from Mary Katherine Bouchett, niece of Laura Neubauer, at the Federation Garden Club's

Christmas Tea Thursday, Dec. 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Padgett and Family. Sunphoto by Betty Amburn.

Margaret Bitter from Toledo, Ohio agreed that everything was done in excellent taste and gave them many ideas to use in their own homes this holiday season.

The Boutique and Plant Sale Chairman Laura Neubauer and Daisy Wollangk reported that business was very brisk in their area. Many Christmas items were sold. Sybil Laye, chairman of

the Tea, thanks all her committee workers for the excellent work they have done and the time they have spent to make this a very memorable event.

Many thanks are also extended to Robert Rulison and Frank Grant for their assistance in parking cars. They were kept very busy for the entire afternoon.

Rotarians Hear Willoughby

The weekly of the Avon Park Rotary was held at the Ranch Buffet on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Guest were: Roy Randall, Senior Active from Sebring; Howard Leacock, Senior Active Independence, Iowa; Warren Dayton, Senior Active, Batavia, N.Y.; Bruce Sline, Senior Active, Hicksville, Ohio; Tom Tindale, Administrative Consultant, Hanover, Mass. (Gave the club a copy of his club's pennant, Smith Rudisill, Mayor of Sebring; and Ernie Breed.

Members with Guests were: Sid Fortner who introduced Mike Kutchum, a legislative liaison member for the Department of Correction at Tallahassee; Dave Owen presented Loy Goodman, a pharmacist from Miami. Bob Stoehr did a fine job with Phil's Phrog.

Sergeant Major Bill Hively, of the Sebring Salvation Army, was presented a check for \$50 for the Christmas fund. Keep up the good work and God Bless you Bill.

The days program was very ably presented by one of Highland's County finest, Sergeant Monica (Saus) Willoughby, of the Highlands County Sheriff's Department. Monica's program was on the Florida Sheriff's Association Youth Fund. It is a misconception that the Girls Villa at Bartow and the Boys Ranch at Wildwood is a farm program for those juvenile delinquents sent there from jails throughout the state. NOT SO! Monica explained that the Sheriff's Youth Program, supported by the Sheriff's Departments state wide, is aimed at those children from 8 through 18 of age who through no direct fault of their own, find themselves abused and - or neglected. They are not delinquents!

There are three separate locations with separate functions providing a wonderful environment to too few kids. The Boys Ranch was started at Wildwood, in 1957 with 140 acres and approximately \$3,000. Today that facility is working with 100 boys. The Girls Villa at Bartow was started in 1970. It is the home for approximately 40 girls. For those families that can be kept together the Sheriff's Association has started the "Florida Youth Ranch" outside Clearwater for those young brothers and sisters. These are not homes as we

may remember the old connotation of the word, such as Children Home, etc. These "homes" or "villas" truly give to the youngsters that understanding and love that lead to bridging the gap and thus developing their individual self-image. Once this image is developed in the prevailing Christian atmosphere, vocational aptitude, as well as academic skill is taught. This delicate balance between education, play and work inspires self-responsibility.

Monica concluded by saying "the challenge is very great. But with the wonderful help and financial support by the people of Florida to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Fund, this wonderful program of love, care, and understanding can and will continue."

We of Rotary pray that it will. During this season of good will and spirit, let's not forget those kids who are not as fortunate as ours. Thank God that with the help of those dedicated people as shown working for the youth fund and our contributions, we will help build that bridge of knowledge, love, care, and understanding just a little bit wider.



ONA BRACE, RUTH Geldart and Wills Padgett are proud of the Christmas tree they decorated for the Garden Club

Annual Christmas Tea, which turned out to be the focal point of the Christmas scene. Sunphoto by Betty Amburn.



CAROL PADGETT proudly displays her collection of dolls at last Thursday's Federated Garden Clubs Annual

Christmas Tea. Sunphoto by Betty Amburn.

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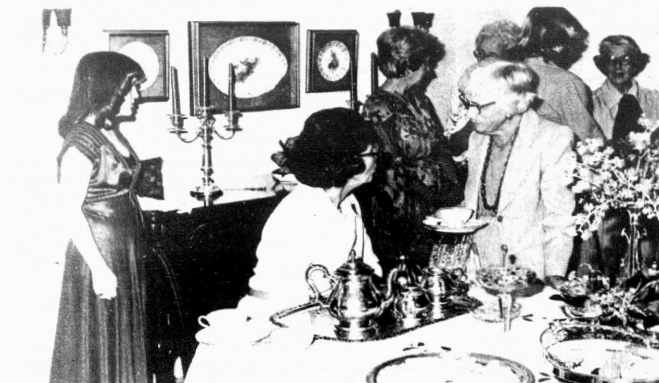
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KATHY BARBERKEE, one of the hostesses helped with the guest as Jane Barben pours a cup of coffee for a visitor at the Federated Garden Clubs Christmas Tea held at the R.L. Padgett home, Mrs. Evelyn Delk, president of the Federation

is in the background entertaining one of the many visitors in the home. Sunphoto by Betty Amburn.



VISITORS BROWSED and took in the plant sale of the Garden Clubs Christmas Tea held at the R.L. Padgett home, Thursday, Dec. 14. Sunphoto by Betty Amburn.



RAY BENNETT, John Tor-dilla, Sonja Downs, Debra Korleski, Wesley Newsome, and Tiera Ford were among students of Mrs. Metheny's and Mrs. Brooks' class that made candy dishes for the patients at Hillcrest Nursing Home and delivered them Friday, Dec. 14. Sunphoto by Betty Amburn.



WALTER, STEVE, Jeff and Byron members of Mrs. Metheny's and Mrs. Brooks' second grade class prepared a fruit basket to be given to patients at Hillcrest Nursing Home, Friday, Dec. 15. Sunphoto by Betty Amburn.

Second Graders Make Gifts For Patients

Second graders in Mrs. Brooks' and Mrs. Metheny's rooms have been working the past three weeks making Christmas gifts and learning Christmas songs. Thursday morning they packed fruit baskets, filled Santa's jars with candy and put

finishing touches on books they were making. When Santa's bus arrived at 1 p.m., the children dressed in Red and Green Elves' costumes to go to the Hillcrest Nursing Home and the Walker Memorial Hospital to deliver gifts and sing Christmas songs.

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Church Update

First Baptist Church
The First Baptist Church will hold a Candlelight Vesper Service, Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. This service will be in place of the regular Sunday scheduled activities.

Along with the Vespers will be carols, scripture readings and meditation. This service is held early to enable all members to spend Christmas Eve with their family. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Fellowship Baptist Church
The Fellowship Baptist Church choir will perform a cantata "Night of Miracles," with the pastors message "Christmas Time Fear Not," Sunday afternoon from 4 to 5 p.m. a color slide presentation of the Holy Land by the interim pastor Byron Wilkinson. Sunday, Dec. 31, from 10 p.m. until 12:01 a.m. will be a color slide presentation of Russia, followed by a color sound movie depicting a young group of men touring Europe on bicycles titled "Wondering Wheels." Afterwards refreshments will be served and the congregation will close out the activities

with a watch night memorial service honoring those members that have passed away during the year.

Resurrection Lutheran Church
The Resurrection Lutheran Church will hold a Christmas Eve family candlelight service at 7:30 p.m., and at 11:15 p.m. solemn vespers. Monday, Dec. 25, at 9:30 a.m. will hold a Christmas Day Service.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Culp of Avon Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Kim Christine, to Edward C. Mitchell Jr. Edward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Mitchell who also lives in Avon Park. Kim is a senior at Avon Park High and Edward is presently employed at Wellcraft Marine. Wedding plans will be announced at a later date.

New Car Sweepstakes Winners

Several Highlands County residents received an early Christmas presents compliments of McCann and Sons Ford of Avon Park.

A \$50 gift certificate was the top prize given to Helen Wasick of Lake Placid for winning first place in the McCann and Sons New Car Sweepstakes. The certificate may be redeemed at Thriftway.

Mrs. Richard Baybutt and Rori Nelson, both of Sebring, won \$25 gift certificates from the Avon Park Ford business certificates which are also redeemable at Thriftway.

An Avon Park man, Alonzo Hadd, Jr., also won a \$25 gift certificate.

Winners may pick up their certificates at McCann and Sons showroom which is located on North Verona Avenue in Avon Park.

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Middle School Band

The Avon Park Middle School Band under the direction of Charles Fugate performed a concert for the students last Friday before the Christmas holidays. Featured numbers were 25 or 6 to 4, a pop tune recorded by "Chicago"; Cut Time Strut, a football march; Marching Grenadiers, dedicated to the Senior Band; Grand Of Flag which the band also performed in the Veteran's Parade on November 11. Bobby Britt had a solo in the number.

Also featured were a set of spirituals including a solo by Ben Johnston; Castle Heights, a march; Aquanauts, a quickstep march; Jingle Bells arranged in swing; Christmas March; and finished up their performance with the Star Spangled Banner.

Mr. Fugate stated that he anticipates that the band will be able to perform with the High School Grenadier Band during their winter Concert Schedule. Possible on January 28, when the Grenadier Band will make their second appearance in the winter concert at the Avon Park Middle School Auditorium. Their first performance is scheduled for January 14.

Last Chance For Band Parents

Christmas Tree

The annual Christmas tree sale sponsored by the Avon Park Band Parents Association is going very good this year, according to Mrs. Jack Macklin, President. Only 26 of the original 37 trees were left Tuesday, and Mrs. Macklin said orders were being taken by request until Christmas eve instead of keeping the lot open.

The White and Blue Spruce and Scotch Pine trees range in price from \$10-\$30, Mrs. Macklin said.

The trees were bought from the J. Hoffer Co. of Georgian Bay, Ontario for \$4000.

Mrs. Macklin added that a certain number of each size of tree was selected rather than buying them collectively.

"The heat was a real problem for us this year," Mrs. Macklin said, adding that extra watering had to be done and the sun bleached some of the trees.

Band parents and students sell the trees which are located on Michigan Ave., behind the Highlands County Bank.

Profits from the sale will be used to purchase new instruments such as concert drums, tubas and a xylophone for the high school and middle school bands.

Mrs. Macklin said the band appreciates the support received from the public through the tree sale which is in its third year.

She also mentioned that the first of the high school band's four Winter concerts will be presented Jan. 14 at the middle school.

Durham

Completes Training

Gwendolyn Durham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N.A. Durham of Avon Park recently graduated from Army basic training in Fort Dix New Jersey.

From there she will go to San Antonio, Texas for medical training technical training.

Gwendolyn is a 1977 graduate of Avon Park High School.

Stolen Car Recovered

The Avon Park Police Department has reported that a car which was stolen from Wells Motor Co. on Nov. 21 when it was driven off the lot during broad daylight, has been recovered in Dallas, Texas.

It was discovered that the driver was stopped on a citation and the policeman ran a check on the 1976 Malibu he was driving. The driver of the car is being held by the Dallas Police Department pending waiver for extradition, and as yet, no charges have been made. Wells Motor Company is making arrangements to have the auto returned.

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THE AVON PARK Middle School Band performed a concert for students before leaving for the Christmas holidays. Seated front row is Alicia Thomas, majorette, section leader, and clarinet; Patti Woods, clarinet; Lisa Dixon, clarinet; Crystal Hicks, clarinet and majorette; Carla Wilburn, clarinet, majorette; Lucy Loveless, clarinet; Melissa Henly, clarinet; Rosette Russell, flute, section leader; Melissa Shawver, flute; and Cindy Downes flute, section leader. Second row left to right: Linda Heiring, clarinet; Laura Sanchez, clarinet; Sheila Amburn, clarinet and majorette; Yolanda Ashe, clarinet, and majorette; Judy Amburn, alto sax and majorette; Kristi Barker, alto sax; Angie Gentry, alto sax; Bill Elliot, alto sax; Sheri Michelle alto sax; Michelle Traverse, alto sax and section leader; Alan Bennett, alto sax; Jason Minot, alto sax; Cindy Smith, flute; Kim Brown, flute. Third row left to right: Carol Chaney, clarinet; Mary Ann Johnston, clarinet; Maureen McDonald, clarinet and section leader; Daria Edwards, alto sax; Regina Crews, alto sax; Mike Hering, alto sax, assistant drum major; Louise Henderson, alto sax; Michael Pate, alto sax; Eric Ebersbach, tenor sax, and section leader (occurred) Stephen Hawkins, baritone sax, and section leader (partially obscured) Eugene Korleski, (GIG) Horn, and section leader; Lynn Davis trumpet; Jimmy Taylor trumpet; Avery Cantrell trumpet; Ricky Conell trumpet; Joe Sanchez trumpet; Harry Helms trumpet; Chris Fortner trumpet; Debbie Spurlock trumpet; Robbie Jordan, trumpet; Raun Jordan, trumpet; Ben Johnston, trumpet and section leader; Mark Elkhill trumpet; and Blair Brooker, trumpet and section leader. Fourth row left to right: Kim Jordan clarinet; Sheryl Parries, clarinet, majorette; Carol Owens clarinet; Lynn Drexel clarinet, majorette; Vidi Cribb, clarinet; Stephanie Ashe, clarinet; Stephanie Cooper clarinet; Amy Brown clarinet; Wendy Giddens clarinet; Carol Padgett clarinet; Juan Sanchez, trombone, section leader and drum major; Robert Daubach, trombone and section leader; Kenny Warner (trombone); Robert Turnbull, trombone; Kerry Britt trombone; Richard Macklin baritone; Sonny

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