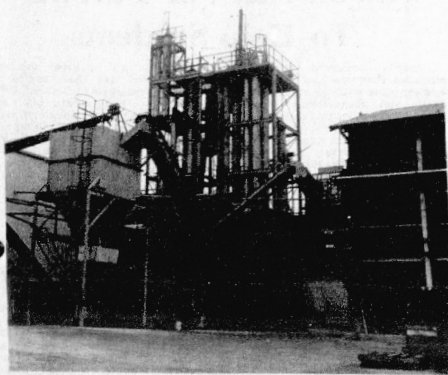


The public is invited to hear Commissioner of Education, Ralph Turlington speak at the Avon Park Rotary Club meeting at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Ranch Bufteria.

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Jan. 11	56	35	
Jan. 12	69	44	
Jan. 13	66	54	
Jan. 14	59	47	
Jan. 15	48	32	
Jan. 16	66	30	
Jan. 17	73	46	44



ALL IS QUIET at the former Florida Home Juice processing plant. The plant which has been sold to Gapway Groves, wasn't to be used

by Florida Home Juice this year, anyway. The reason for its idleness is because of high fruit prices, which is result of last year's freeze.

Four File Complaints Against City Official

By 5 p.m. Monday Jan. 16, 1978 complaints had been received by City Clerk Malcolm Crews from four Avon Park residents. Complaints were on file from B.F. Camp Jr., Jimmie C. Cole, George Geisler and J. L. McWilliams Jr.

B.F. Camp Jr., lives at 130 North Vernos Avenue, while his son B.F. Camp Jr., who is in the insurance business, lives outside of the city. The written complaints came as the result of the city council voting at their Monday, Jan. 9 meeting, to receive written complaints for one week. A public hearing is to be held tentative 30 days after the filing of the complaints.

The council by a 3 to 1 vote also voted to amend the Southern Standard Building Code to place the building department and building inspector under the direct control of the city council to serve at the pleasure of the council, to which several city boards and individuals objected. The basis of their objection was that the job of the building inspector would then be political.

The building department and building official were established when the city adopted the Southern Standard Building Codes. Section 102.1 (a), states "There is hereby

established a department to be called the Building Department, which shall be in charge of a building official." (b) "The building official . . . He shall be appointed by the Chief appointing authority of the applicable governing body. His appointment shall continue during good behavior and satisfactory service. He shall not be removed from office except for cause after full opportunity has been given him to be heard on specific charges before such chief appointing authority."

The Southern Standard Building Code was adopted Nov. 16, 1945 at the Annual Research Conference, Birmingham, Ala. and kept current through revisions and changes officially approved at annual conferences.

"The purpose of this code is to provide minimum requirements to safeguard life, health and public welfare and the protection of property as it relates to these safeguards by regulating and controlling the design, construction, alteration, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of all buildings or structures and appurtenances thereto."

Judge To Decide

Separation Of Church And State

The constitutional question of state interference with a religious institution will not be a factor in the Sebring Academy and Health and Rehabilitative Service (HRS) case that will come to trial later this year.

School officials have claimed that enforcement of state health codes and regulations are violations of the school's constitutional rights as a religious institution and enforcement of the rules could force the school to close.

In a hearing Friday on an HRS motion for summary judgment, Circuit Judge Oliver Green ruled against a defense based on the school's claim that health regulation enforcement is a violation of constitutional separation of church and state.

Judge Green said that in the trial in his court, that question wouldn't be considered.

"I'm not approaching this case on the basis of freedom of religion. A church is a group of people and a church school is

also a group of people," the judge said. Because they have availed themselves of a building doesn't make them immune from health and safety standards, he added.

Judge Green told defense attorneys James Welch and Ed Kaylor of Lakeland, "I will hear you on whether this law is unreasonably restrictive as applied to your organization, not because it's religious in nature."

Welch cited two cases where state regulations were ruled to be so restrictive as to prevent private schools from operating or where regulations were so strict it would be difficult to distinguish between public and private schools.

The question is whether these parents have the right to send their children to a private school, Welch said.

Since Judge Green has ruled out use of the constitutional question, Welch said this defense would be used on an appeal.

He pointed out that if the school should

Florida Home Juice Sells

Citrus Plant For \$1.5 Million

Florida Home Juice has completed selling of its Avon Park processing plant, which is located on U. S. 27 N. and Home Juice Road. The plant, which is situated on 35 acres, was sold to Gapway Groves corporation of Auburndale. According to Ross Benjamin, Florida Home Juice President, the transaction involved approximately \$1.5 million.

The plant is now being managed by the Saddlecreek Corporation Avon Park for Florida Home Juice. Gapway Groves is the current holder of over 1000 acres of groves in Highlands and Polk Counties. According to Carl Strang, executive vice-president for Gapway Groves, there are no immediate plans for the plant, but he is reasonably sure that it will start processing with next year's fruit crop.

Benjamin stated that the main

reason for moving the Florida Home Juice operations, is that the Florida Home Juice executive staff has determined that the big profit is not in processing, but in blending the processed fruit. The Avon Park plant is a combination processing and blending plant. Benjamin estimates that the plant's annual production rate of blended concentrate is about 20-25,000 drums annually. After processing and blending, the concentrate is shipped to bottling plants in Chicago, Detroit, and Windsor, Ontario Canada. Florida Home Juice also owns and operates a blending plant abroad, at Amsterdam, Holland.

The Amsterdam plant is estimated to blend up to 20,000 drums of concentrate per year. The foreign plant only blends fruit from abroad, very little, if any fruit is shipped to it from the United States.

Florida Home Juice has four or five prospective relocations in Florida, but according to Benjamin, Cape Kennedy appears to be the best site at the present. Benjamin states that the concentrate production will be increased to 60,000 drums a year, annum, when moved to a new location. This would give Florida Home Juice 80,000 drums a year, including the 20,000 drums from Amsterdam.

Currently, Florida Home Juice is leasing its old plant from Gapway Groves. Their lease, which began at the sales date of Dec. 6, will run for six months, until the end of June. Negotiations to extend the lease will begin in March. Florida Home Juice will try to maintain this lease until a new site has been designated.

As it turns out, Florida Home Juice did not plan to process fruit this year, because of the high prices of fruit. These high prices were due

mainly to last year's freezing weather. Benjamin stated that his company could not justify paying the high prices this year, but will start its production as soon as the prices on the fruit market decrease.

Since Florida Home Juice has very little fruit of their own, they have to buy in the open market. Most of the fruit is purchased within Florida and some from California, and Texas.

Due to the increase in prices and the closing of the plant this year, a total of 60 workers layed off temporarily. According to Benjamin, Gapway should rehire all of these employees, once the plant begins processing next year. Currently, there are only 29 persons on the staff at the plant. The only change which took place after the switching of assets, was that the employees are now be paid by Gapway Groves, instead of Florida Home Juice.



New President Starts Program

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE officers, Betty Jordan, treasurer and Bill Britt, president, with Anna Belle Wordon, executive manager were going over the C of C work

program for the coming year. Committee assignments will be announced next week, they said. Snapshot by Lew Miller.

County To Build Interim Bridge Over Bonnet Creek

Highlands County Commissioners have given tentative approval to a bridge building effort over Bonnet Creek on Bombing Range Road (Route 64) with an affirmative nod on a plan for county crews to build a temporary bridge at the site.

Gordon Hays Jr., county engineer, explained to the board at Tuesday's regular session, the county's 25 percent share of project costs could be construction of the temporary bridge, which would handle traffic until the new, 100-foot concrete span is constructed.

The Department of Defense has agreed to help with 75 percent of bridge project costs. Total cost is expected to run to \$287,000.

This price tag includes the bridge itself, estimated at some \$96,000; the temporary span, which Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) estimates will cost \$75,000, and other construction costs.

The county could probably build the temporary bridge for a much lower amount Hays said. However, it would mean using a different structural plan than the timber span proposed by DOT engineers.

Hays suggested use of a series of large culvert pipes and fill for the temporary bridge. These materials could then be used in other projects once the new bridge is finished.

Commissioners unanimously approved a request Hays is to make to the Department of Environmental Regulation for permission to build a structure similar to the one Hays proposes for the temporary bridge.

Cost of the bridge plan permit is \$25. Several zoning changes were

approved by the board including a request from Jerli and Janice Clemeney for rezoning a tract on Highlands County Line Road near Avon Park from mobile home park, to agricultural. They plan to develop a grove on the site, William Stephenson, zoning director said.

Paul E. and Donna S. Thompson's request for a change from agricultural to industrial use was unanimously approved. Plans call for construction of a salvage yard on the site, which is off U.S. 27 between Hickoria Road and Venus. Also approved was the request for fencing and screening to be used around the site.

Lake Haven Estate's request for a change on a tract on the west side of Lafayette Ave., Sebring, from retail to multiple family residential was authorized.

Requests from Roland Dean et al., to change zoning on a tract on the west side of U. S. 27, south of Avon Park, from single family residential to general retail and wholesale, and a request from Harold A. and Patricia E. Schuler to change zoning on a tract east of North Lake Avenue in Avon Park from agricultural to multiple family were approved.

Unanimously denied was a request from Thomas and Lois W. Bagwell and Eugene A. and LaVonne F. Flint to have a 2.8 acre site near Walker Memorial Hospital rezoned from agricultural to multiple family. The zoning board turned them down on the request with a 7 to 0 vote against the plan.

Firemen To Sponsor Winter Race

The third annual Firemen's Winter Regatta will be held on Lake Tulane on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11 and 12 according to Norman Langston, race referee and Fire Chief Mack Flowers.

Sponsored by the Avon Park Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Peace River Outboard Racing Association the February Regatta will be the second race of the Winter Grapefruit Racing Circuit.

The Grapefruit Circuit starts Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4 and 5, with the Orange Cup Regatta, which has been run 25 years or more on Lake Hollingsworth, Lakeland. The second race of the circuit is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18, and 19 on Lake Arlana in Auburndale. A fourth race is being considered, possibly at Tavares.

In these races, drivers of outboards and hydros will be running for cash prizes, trophies and national points.

Langston stated that the racing club is anticipating that there will be 100 or more entries for the two days of racing, which will make it the largest winter race on Lake Tulane.



A SURE STOP method is to find the nearest citrus tree. Fruit was laying

all around Johnnie Mae Crews' 1976 Ford Sedan after she suffered a

black-out and ran into this grove off of Hwy 27 N.

No Charge Filed As Car Hits Citrus Tree

Johnnie Mae Crews, 58, lost control of her car while traveling south on U. S. 27, north of Avon Park. The accident occurred Monday afternoon, Jan. 16, when Mrs. Crews, a resident of Avon Park, suffered a temporary black-out while driving.

Her car ran off the highway, doing approximately 35 m. p. h. and careened through a drainage ditch and over a dirt road, which was parallel to the highway. The car came to rest in a grove owned by Ben Hill Griffin.

Mrs. Crews' car clipped a county road sign off along the road and damaged a high-rise sprinkler, as it hit the citrus tree. Mrs. Crews was taken to Walker Memorial Service of Highlands County ambulance, for observations.

Damages have been estimated to be \$2500 to the Crews' 1976 Ford Sedan and \$170 to Ben Hill Griffin's sprinkler system.

According to investigating officer, Avon Park police Sergeant Roy Hickman, no charges were made because the accident was due to Mrs. Crews' health condition.

Why Was Crown Returned To Hungarian Puppets

Twenty-one years ago, American looked on with awe and admiration as the people of Hungary, armed with rocks and hunting rifles, rose up and threw out their Communist dictators.

That awe and admiration quickly turned to despair, however, when the Russians using tanks and jet fighters to put down the ill-equipped Hungarians, ruthlessly marched into Budapest and re-installed their puppet regime.

It was one of the blackest days of the Cold War—an innocent, freedom-loving people being ground down under Russian tank treads.

There was another black day. The administration in a move that defies rational explanation gave the Hungarian puppets an endorsement and tribute it could receive from no one else, not even the Russian masters.

Friday, an American delegation landed in Budapest and returned to the Hungarian Government Crown of St. Stephen.

This centuries-old crown is the symbol of legitimate authority in Hungary. And, as such, it is revered by the people of that nation so much so a special military unit was formed to guard it.

It was that unit, the Hungarian Crown Guard, which spirited the crown out of Budapest in 1944 to avoid having it fall in Russian hands. It was that same unit which, in 1945, turned the crown over to the American army, again to spare it from Russian confiscation.

For the last 32 years, that crown has been kept in the U.S. waiting for a free, legitimate government to return to Hungary.

We are closer to that realization now than we were in 1945 when the Red Army marched in, never to relinquish control. Nothing has changed, Hungary is still not free, still under the heel of an illegitimate government.

But the Administration was willing to ignore all the facts in this case. It even ignored its own oft-stated pledge of working to bring about human rights.

All this for no known benefit for the United States.

Was it done to incur favor with the Russians? Was it done to win some sort of concession at the SALT talks? Why?

Those were the questions asked in Washington. But no answers were forthcoming, perhaps because the American people wouldn't like the answers.

Most Americans would oppose returning the crown merely to incur favor with the Russians. We have done enough of that. It's time the Russians did something to incur a little favor with us.

And, if we did it to gain a concession or two in the SALT talks, it was a poor bargain. It was a poor bargain because we have already tossed away much of our own bargaining chips with the Administration's decision to cancel production of the B-1 bomber.

So, there was no why. There was just the fact that the crown was returned.

And, to add insult to injury, the Hungarians wanted the crown delivered by a delegation of Congressmen and high level diplomats.

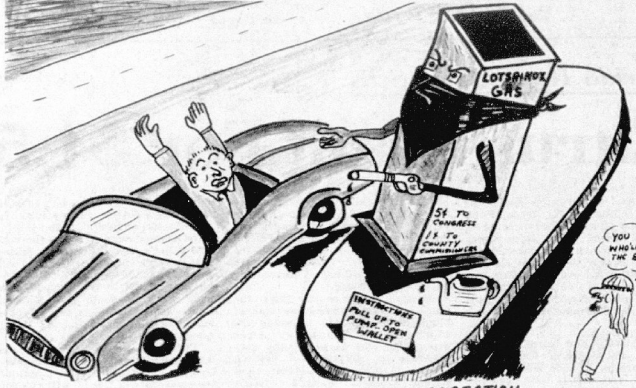
But perhaps the most annoying fact of all was the manner in which the White House has handled this entire affair.

There were rumors galore floating around Washington in early December that the crown would be returned in early January. But the White House wouldn't confirm or deny them.

Not until December 15, the day Congress was scheduled to adjourn. Then the White House announced the trip, timing it so no effective opposition move could develop.

As a foreign policy move, it doesn't auger well for 1978. Apparently, this year will see more of the same giveaways to please the Russians, while we get nothing in return.

The Avon Park Sun welcomes readers' opinions on public issues. Letters must bear the writers' true name (signed in ink or pencil) but, if specifically requested name will be withheld, from publication in strict confidence of the Editor. The Avon Park Sun reserves the right to reject or shorten any letter. Normally, a letter may not exceed 100 words. Only original letters, written exclusively to The Avon Park Sun and dealing with only one subject, will be considered.



Taxation Without Representation

Our Reader's Opinions

Stand Up And Express Beliefs

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It is my belief that teachers today are very concerned about their students, and the student's welfare is of grave importance. But sometimes, it seems that no matter how hard you try to do the right thing, someone is disappointed in the job you are doing.

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anyone who has children Middle School age to take a close look at their own relationship with their children. Try to spend as much time as possible with them and set a good example because children are very impressionable at this age.

During these years children need a great deal of understanding because they are suffering from growing pains. While at the Middle School they are struggling to find their own identity, and acceptance by their peers is very important to them. They are very rebellious at this age, and following instructions is something many of them have trouble doing.

Coping with children that are your own is very difficult at this age. But coping with 800 a day sometimes almost impossible. It takes a large amount of patience to deal with every student individually, but most teachers tend to accomplish this and do a little teaching at the same time.

In closing, I would like to challenge anyone who thinks we teachers do not earn the money we receive to spend one week in a class at the Middle School. Also, I would like to say that more people need to support the school system and not criticize it. Throwing fuel at a fire never puts it out.

I would like to assure everyone that I am very, very concerned about the children that I teach and their safety and welfare is of foremost important to me. I teach because I love the feeling of watching children mature and conquer the greatest task of all — growing up.

A Concerned Teacher

EDITOR'S NOTE: We wish more teachers were as concerned and dedicated as Coach Hoppy. Rewis. He has a reputation of going above and beyond the call of duty with the youth of Avon Park.

Watson Ask For Parents To Help Students

Deeply concerned about this situation, Principal Watson sent a letter home with the student Basic Skills and Functional Literacy score sheets to each parent. In the letter, he invited all parents of juniors to attend the Avon Park High School Lay Advisory Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9. The test results and what to do about them were to be discussed at that meeting.

After the meeting, parents were told in the letter that if they wished to discuss their son's or daughter's individual scores with school officials, they were welcome to do so. This information also appeared in an article in the Avon Park Sun last week.

When the meeting was held at the high school on Monday night, the parents of only nine juniors class students showed up. Of these, two had passed the test and the other seven had failed. That is nine students out of one hundred and eighty-seven or less than 5 percent. Do less than 5 percent of these parents care if their student receives a regular high school diploma?

This might, in part, answer the question of why so many students do poorly on the test. Their parents didn't consider the test important so, in turn, neither did their children. Further evidence of this might be the fact that, to date, the high school has not received any telephone calls from parents concerned about their child's performance on the test.

Police Have Busy December

December has been a busy month for the Avon Park Police Department, as the December report reflects. The month's police report includes 17 driving while intoxicated the breakup an amateur bike theft ring and the animals control's work with animal complaints.

According to Avon Park Police Chief Robert Brooks, the seventeen DWI arrests were probably caused by the holiday festivities.

Celebrating must have been expensive this year, because the Police Department records 18 traffic charges, including 15 unlawful driving, 16 no valid drivers license, ten no valid tag, ten no valid inspection certificate, one failure to exhibit driver's license and 11 careless driving.

There were seven charges of violation of right-of-way, three allowing unauthorized persons to drive, three improper backing, two with improper equipment and one failure to use due care.

There were a total of 36 misdemeanor charges made which included the four youths arrested for

stealing bikes. Other charges made were seven for possession of cannabis and paraphernalia, one assault on a child, one dangerous display of fire arms, one carrying a concealed weapon, nine disorderly intoxication and six protective custody. There were four breach of peace charges, two drinking in public, one trespassing, one criminal mischief, one uttering forged checks and two retail thefts.

The animal control in Avon Park had a total of 60 complaints were received and checked into. The animal control collects stray and unlicensed dogs, cats, and other animals. Complaints are received by animal control personnel concerning every possible type of animal in the city.

The Avon Park Police Department's patrol cars were driven a total of 21,907 miles. The department provided a total of 397 meals at \$238.85, which brings the cost of each meal to approximately 60 cents. There were a total of 1,316 complaints and services recorded during the month of December.

A certificate of attendance indicates to prospective employers, colleges, universities, and trade schools that a student cannot read or write at even sixth grade level.

Editor's Note: This article was submitted by the Avon Park High School, Principal, Les Watson.

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When Parents Care Students Care

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my concern for the lack of parent participation at the Lay Advisory Meeting last night, Monday, Jan. 9.

The meeting was publicized via this newspaper and letters to parents of all Juniors explaining that the Eleventh Grade Basic Skills and Functional Literacy Test would be the topic of the meeting.

Les Watson Avon Park High School Principal, explained the test results and parents were given an opportunity, at the conclusion of the meeting, to discuss their student's individual test profile with a teacher. Parents were able to see exactly the areas in which their student failed and to discuss remediation procedures.

Of the approximately 160 Juniors not qualifying for graduation there were seven parents in attendance.

Editor:

The Federal Government cares enough about your children to fund this program.

The Title I teachers and aides care enough to spend many hours teaching your children.

Do you have a child in the Title I program? If so, do you care enough to attend our next meeting on Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in the library at Avon Park Middle School. This meeting is

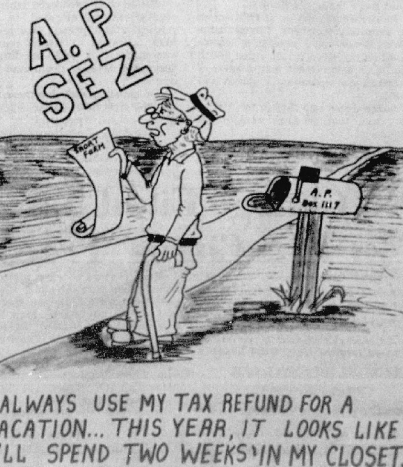
for parents of all the Title I children in grades 1 through 6.

We need all parents at this meeting.

Mrs. G. C. Newsome

Editors note: The Title I program is for children who may need extra help with their school work to keep up with the regular assigned class work.

Title I Meeting





People / Events

By Betty Amburn

4A The Avon Park Sun, Jan. 19, 1978

Hibiscus Garden Club To Purchase Land To Help Preserve Tiger Creek

The Hibiscus Garden Club met Thursday, Jan. 12, at 2:30 p.m. at the beautiful home of Sybil Laye, on Arbuckle Road. Mrs. Bessie Decker, and Mrs. Thelma Ward, were co-hostesses with Mrs. Laye for this lovely occasion.

President Jamie Sawyer opened the meeting with a friendly welcome, followed with devotions by Chaplain Imogene Kelsey, titled "All the Forms of Love," with Bible readings 1 John 4:8-1:1.

Plant exchange was announced for April 3, and all club members were urged to participate, with the donation of plants,

cuttings, and personal services.

Mrs. Emma Bussard, Hospital therapist, was happy to announce that 100 trays favors for Walker Memorial and 18 beautifully decorated tins, filled with Christmas goodies for A. P. C. I. Hospital, had been delivered and helped to make others happy during the holiday season.

Mrs. Bessie Decker, Federation Treasurer, brought the good news about the total of \$389.40 derived from the Christmas Tea.

Sybil Laye, Flower Shop Chairman, made detailed plans in filling the artistic

design classes for the Flower Show on Feb. 23 and 24.

It was moved and seconded that Hibiscus Club purchase one acre of land in Tiger Creek. The preservation of Tiger Creek in its natural wildlife state, is a project underway by all the Garden Clubs of Florida.

Pres. Jamie Sawyer appointed the following nominating committee for officers for 1978-1979: Mrs. Eunice Haynie, Mrs. Fuschia Anderson, and Mrs. Gladys Smith.

Gladys was the lucky prize winner for an orchid plant drawing.

Vicepresident Fuschia

Anderson, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. John Washington, who made an interesting talk on "Getting Ready For Spring", and the "Demonstration of Transplanting Plants".

Mr. Washington is owner of a nursery midway between Avon Park and Sebring on Highway 17. He has at all times completely co-operated with all Garden Clubs and Flower Shows. His service is greatly appreciated.

After the adjournment of the meeting, a social hour was enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments were served by the three hostesses.

Cradle Roll



The first set of twins born at Walker Memorial Hospital in 1978, came into this world, Saturday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. and 6:07 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Watkins, Jr. of Avon Park are the proud parents of twin girls, Angie Lynn was born at 6:00 p.m. weighing 3 lbs. 8 oz., and Joyce Lynn was born at 6:07 p.m. weighing 4 lbs. 3 oz. The twins are healthy, but must remain at the hospital until they each weigh five pounds.

"Giving birth to twins came as a complete surprise to Cindy, and her physician, Dr. Perera was as surprised as she was," stated Vaughn.

Vaughn is an employee of C. R. Melear Dairy and Sons of Avon Park.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Watkins, and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Riggs, all of Avon Park.

Smedley's Celebrate Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smedley, are having an open house honoring their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The open house will be held at Smedley's home, 905 N. Ninth Ave. Wauchoula, Fla. between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Saturday, January 21.

They are former residents of Avon Park. All friends and relatives are invited to celebrate this special occasion.

Wenger - Elder To Wed Jan. 22

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Wenger of Avon Park announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Amanda, to Mr. Dennis Elder, both of Avon Park. The wedding will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at the Recreation Building at Horse Hammock Park. The Reverend Betty Bernard of Sebring will perform the ceremony.

Mrs. Dawn Mosser, sister of the bride, will be matron of honor and Mr. Steve Elder, brother of the bridegroom, will be the best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Wenger cordially invite all friends and relatives of the bride and groom to attend the wedding and the reception which will follow in the same building.

Mrs. Pat Beard and Mrs. Barbara Townsend of Avon Park are hosting a miscellaneous shower last Sunday afternoon at the Florida Power Lounge. The bride received many lovely gifts.

Fire Association Hold Meeting

The annual meeting of the Highlands Lakes Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association Inc. will be held on Thursday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Avon Park Lakes Club house on Nautilus Drive on Lake Olivia.

All members are urged as there will be an election of Board members.



GIRL SCOUTS throughout the area will be knocking on your door Friday, Jan. 20, selling Girl Scout cookies. Above, Girl Scouts Tonia Dean and Tammy Warner

show Mrs. Lee the different varieties that they will be selling this year.

Local Girl Scout Troops To Start Cookie Sales Jan. 20

Friday Jan. 20 is the first day of the annual Heart of Florida Girl Scout Council cookie sale.

Each year people across the nation look forward to this event. Here's how it got its start.

In the fall of 1933, after many years of baking their own cookies, the Girl Scouts had another idea. Armed with recipes furnished by two Girl Scout volunteer adults, the head of a large metropolitan Girl Scout council approached the president of a local baking company and succeeded in getting the bakery to bake cookies for them.

If your taste is for coconut the brand new Samoas are for you. The girls will also be carrying the always

The cookies were of the highest quality possible, and good-tasting cookies for a good cause quickly caught on with the public and made the sale a success.

Today the Heart of Florida Girl Scout Council carries on that tradition. Just as in 1933, the Girl Scouts insist on only the highest quality.

This year there are six kinds for which to choose and all are so very good that you will probably want more than one kind. If you can't decide between peanut butter and chocolate the new Tagalong is the answer as it contains both. If your taste is for coconut the brand new Samoas are for you. The girls will also be carrying the always

popular thin mints, trefoils (the original Girl Scout Cookie), do-si-dos (peanut butter sandwich), and vanchos (sandwich cookies, vanilla and chocolate in each box).

Unfortunately inflation has caught up with the Girl Scouts. After holding the price steady for a number of years, it has this year become necessary to charge \$1.25 per box.

If you desire to enjoy some of these goodies, and no little green-clad girl calls on you, telephone E. Hall at 453-6263, K. Warner at 453-5662, or S. Yarnell at 453-7221.

Beauty Pageant To Be Held At County Fair

The annual Miss Highlands County contest will be held on the opening day of the Fair, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Qualifications to enter this competition are: Must be 16-21 years of age; single and a Highlands County resident.

Bathing suits and evening gowns will be worn in competition. All bathing suits will be changed for their appropriateness at the rehearsal Sunday, Feb. 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Each contestant entering must net a \$10 sponsorship from a local business. Registration begins tomorrow, Thursday, and ends Feb. 3 at 5 p.m.

Registration can be done through all FHA sponsors in the high schools of the county. Forms can be picked up at the public libraries and chambers of commerce in each city, and must be turned in to the Highlands County Extension Office at the Agri-Civic Center.

For more information call: Sebring — 385-5158, Avon Park — 433-7538, Ext. 270, and Lake Placid — 456-2464, Ext. 270.



PLAYING HER OWN accompaniment Daphne Wall of The Young Highlanders sang for Winter Guest Club members.

The Young Highlanders Entertain Club Members

Members of The Winter Guest Club were entertained by the Young Highlanders last Thursday night with a "Dinner Show" program of stage tunes that were familiar to most of the audience.

The Young Highlanders, with several of their members out because of illness, were well received by the winter clubbers. Solists for the evenings entertainment were: Mark and Eddie Garner, Vesta Hall and Daphne Wall

playing her own accompaniment on the piano.

Under the direction of Evelyn Jones, the Young Highlanders were accompanied by Don Meiser at the piano.

On Sunday night, Feb. 12, the Young Highlanders will present a "Festival of Praise" at the First Methodist Church in Sebring at 7:45 p.m. They will also appear at 5:00 p.m. at the Beyer Methodist Church, Winter Haven on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Federated Garden Club To Meet Jan. 19

The Avon Park Federated Garden Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Florida Power Lounge. Hostesses for this meeting will be the Founders Circle.

The scheduled speaker, Mrs. Pat Houghtaling is unable to meet with them. Steve Roberts will be the replacement.

Roberts has been a resident of this area all of his life. He has owned and managed The Ridge Florist Shop in Avon Park for fifteen years. He will speak on "Flower Arranging." Using the necessary vases, tools and techniques employed in his vocation.

Members will be especially interested in this presentation, as the annual Flower Show is in the planning stage. This show will be held Feb. 23 in the Recreation Center. Be sure to mark this on your calendar.

Winter Residents Return To Jacaranda Hotel

Miss Millie Pearson, a retired Avon Park High School teacher has arrived for her winter visit. She is presently staying at the Jacaranda Hotel, and is accompanied by her sister Mrs. Pauline Bragg. Both Millie and Pauline are from Bailey, N.C.

Mrs. Maryland Walton of Havana, Ill., arrived in Avon Park Saturday, Jan. 14 for her annual winter visit. Maryland is also staying at the Jacaranda Hotel.



We would like to wish the following people celebrating birthdays this week a "Big Happy Birthday".

January 19-Michael Palagrove, Flo Jones, Dr. Grant Carmichael.

January 20-Jimmy Miller, Milt Milton Stoeke, Sr., Greg Gray, Darla Moore, Debbie Crocker, Allison Laye.

January 21-Bryon Davis, Sabrina Montdeaca, Dene Tondie, Tom Moran, Stephanie Young, Jerry Coulllette, Emma Young.

January 22-Stella Rowland, Bill Reck, Walter Marshall, Karen Heiring.

January 23-Mrs. E. C. Hise, Claire Irwin, Ann Carroll, Louise Farthing, Roy Meeks, Kenneth Collinsworth, Mrs. Louise M. Farthing.

January 24-Mrs. Richard Reaves, Edith Young, Dorothy Bond, Billy Jackson, C. Johnny Johnson.

January 25-Ted Ward, Dorothy Jackson, Frank Camp, Jr.

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

Extension Homemakers

The Extension Homemakers County Council will meet at 10 a.m. Jan. 24 at the Agri-Civic Center, Sebring. Please bring a covered dish and table service. Sandy Lopez, safety chairman, and Jackie Jenkins, co-chairman, have planned an interesting program, presented by Miss Beldi Brock. Extension home economics agent. The presentation will be on smoke detectors for the home. A film will also be shown.

Mrs. Trena Ray, county council president, would like to remind members that articles to go into the extension homemakers booth at the fairgrounds must be made by members of the homemakers clubs within the last year. These are to be brought to the fairgrounds booth on Monday, Feb. 6, between 8 and 11 a.m.

All 4-H Clubs will take part in the Highlands County Fair, Sebring, Feb. 7-11, 1-10 p.m.

Tracey Sutherland On Dean's Honor Roll List

Tracey Sutherland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sutherland of Avon Park, was one of four hundred and fifty-one undergraduate students listed on the Honor Roll for the fall session at

Stetson University, according to Helen Sassard, acting registrar.

The honor roll is composed of undergraduates with a 2.0 average or better with no grade below C.

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