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City Officials Admit Records Were Altered

George Duncan
City officials have admitted city records have been altered to account for "60 to 80" gallons of gasoline per month. However, officials deny any falsification of records and say the procedure was only used to help city records balance.

"There was no criminal action whatsoever," said City Clerk Malcolm Crews. "This was strictly a matter of internal bookkeeping."

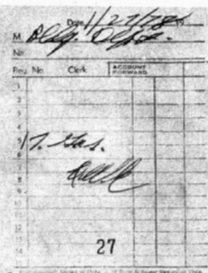
"We were running about 60 to 80 gallons a month short and had to make additions or extra tickets to make up the balance. The extra gallons would be added to the proper department."

Crews said the procedure had been going on for 20 years and was the method the city used to make its records balance.

"It was John (Ziegler's) department and John was responsible for it," he said. Ziegler, the city's street and sanitation superintendent, said the problem was some employees did not list all gasoline they had gotten from the city pump.

"People get in a hurry and don't put it down. The tickets have got to balance. I can't see why people are getting so upset. This has been going on for 20 years. It was going on before I was here. It's something we had to do," Ziegler said. Crews said the city might buy up to 3,000 gallons of gasoline a month to use in city vehicles, and needed to account for all gallons. The tickets were checked by state auditors.

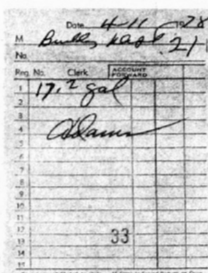
If the city was short 60 to 80 gallons per month, then in a year's time, up to 960 gallons were missing from the city gasoline pump. The price of the gasoline would be about \$450.



BOTH OF THESE gasoline tickets were changed after being originally signed by city employees. One ticket was signed by Building Inspector C. W. Ellerbee and the other by Guy Adams, who assumed Ellerbee's position while the building

Ziegler said the gasoline had to be accounted for because "men from Tallahassee come down here and want to know where that gasoline is going." At least two tickets, both from the building department, were changed after Building Inspector C.W. Ellerbee had signed the tickets.

Ellerbee had signed for seven gallons and six gallons on two different occasions. After he had signed the tickets a '1' was added in front of the seven and six, making the tickets for 17 and 16 gallons respectively.



official was on sick leave. On both tickets the '1' has been added. The '1' was made in pencil while other numbers were made in ink. The capacity of Ellerbee's Ford Courier is only 11 gallons, less than either of the two tickets.

The Ford Courier which Ellerbee uses has a capacity of only about 11 gallons.

On another occasion when Ellerbee was out on sick leave, his replacement Guy Adams signed for 7.3 gallons of gas which was later changed to 17.3 gallons.

On Adams' ticket and one of Ellerbee's, although they had written the amount of gasoline in pen and signed with a pen, the '1' addition was made in pencil.

"You can see no one was attempting

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THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY highway death toll for the year was raised to eight last Wednesday afternoon at 3:50 when Shirley Gaffney of Frostproof was killed as she attempted to cross the south-bound lanes of U.S. 27 near Walker Memorial Hospital and pulled into the path of a semi driven by Joe Sherrod of Plant City. Guy Sherrod by Mark Albright.

Auto Death Toll At Eight

Highland's County's highway death toll for the year was raised to eight last Wednesday afternoon at 3:50 when a semi-tractor-trailer traveling on the inside lane of U.S. 27 South was struck by a 1973 station wagon which had pulled out from Beach Drive next to the Walker Memorial Hospital parking lot, attempting to cross the south-bound lanes to reach the north-bound lanes, killing the driver, Shirley Gaffney, 41, and only slightly injuring her 18-year-old daughter, Bridgett, both of Frostproof. After the car struck the semi, the two

slid approximately 100 feet across the roadway and came to rest side-by-side on the west shoulder just past Avon Blvd.

The 1973 Mack truck, driven by Joe Sherrod of Plant City, was jack-knifed in the ditch where it had plowed up the soil like a bulldozer. Its right fuel tank was ruptured, and the car rested beside the truck with its left side ripped open from behind the rear door forward to in front of the windshield.

Two Highlands County Sheriff's Deputies, two Emergency Medical Service Units, and Avon Park Police Capt. Frank Cratty were on the scene in minutes.

Shortly after the accident Fire Chief, Gene Bremner arrived with a unit from the Highlands Lakes Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department to guard the ruptured gas tank from possible fire.

While Bridgett had already been

rushed to the Walker Memorial Emergency Room, by Emergency Medical Service ambulance attendants Mrs. Gaffney's body had to remain on the seat of the car until Florida Highway Patrolman James E. Vann arrived.

Sherrod was not injured in the crash, and a Walker Memorial spokesman said Bridgett's injuries were very minor.

Sherrod told Patrolman Vann that he had first seen Mrs. Gaffney's auto "When she was right in front of me."

Vann was assisted in the investigation of the accident by Trooper Gordon Littlefield of the Hardee County Division of the Florida Highway Patrol.

The station wagon was listed as a total loss by the highway patrol and approximately \$3,500 damage was done to the front of the semi-truck.

Investigation of the accident is continuing.

Council Tables Chief's Legal Fees

George Duncan
While the Avon Park City Council tabled the \$700 question of who will pay Chief Robert Brooks attorney's fees, Councilman David Barefield said the charges against Brooks, if true, "should have been pressed all the way."

Councilman Barefield, in disagreement with at least one other councilman, said that under the present ordinance of the city, Brooks had no choice except to seek legal counsel after his suspension.

In May Brooks was suspended by Mayor J. Marshall Davis, only to be reinstated at a council meeting a week later. Brooks has asked the city to pay his attorney fees.

"Initially, when he was suspended I knew nothing about the charges. If the charges were true, the mayor should have pressed it all the way. If he didn't think the charges were of a sufficient nature, then I don't think he should have ever brought them up at all. I think he's placed the city in a precarious situation," said Councilman Barefield.

Davis issued a list of seven charges against Chief Brooks, including inadequacy of case preparation, a failure to report to neighboring law enforcement agencies dangerous situations within the city of Avon Park and resorting to "tactics of publicity" in his dispute with the mayor.

Because the charges were dropped, if

the city did not pay Brooks' legal fees, the matter would set a bad precedent and allow the city a method of forcing department heads to resign, he added.

"I think I, as a councilman, or anyone, if we wanted to harass any employee we could make him seek legal advice anytime we so desire when he can't afford that. Just because we can bring up charges against (an employee), you can make him pay through the nose whether it's Chief Brooks, Mr. Ellerbee, Mack (Flowers) or anyone and I think that would be unfortunate," Barefield said.

Mayor Davis said the charges he had made "were sufficient" but Chief Brooks had met with him and all differences had been resolved.

"At the time I suspended him, he gave no indication that he would change," Mayor Davis said.

On the matter of payment, several councilmen said the fees was too high and Councilman Henry Dennis said Brooks had "jumped the gun" in hiring an attorney.

"If he had come to council meetings (and), if he wanted an attorney at that time, he could have requested we table it," said Councilman Dennis. "Had he waited until meeting time, while I admire him for standing up what he thinks is right, he wouldn't have needed an attorney."

However, Barefield said that, under

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The Bombing Range Road Bridge Is Still Up In Air

Plans for a new Bombing Range Road (Route 64) bridge, which seemed to be collapsing beneath a costly tangle of red tape, have been reinforced with a proposal for Department of Defense (DOD) and Highlands County cooperation.

Carl Cool, assistant county engineer, told county commissioners that he has met with DOD representatives in Tallahassee to discuss the replacement bridge plans. The county had been working through the state's Department of Transportation in an attempt to get the new bridge.

However, the state set out a number of expensive requirements, including a \$50,000 timber bridge to carry traffic during construction, that boosted the county's share of the costs far beyond original expectations.

State ideas raised the project cost from

\$150,000 to more than \$300,000. It was at this point Gordon Hays Jr., county engineer, suggested working directly with DOD.

Cool said the plan calls for the county sharing 25 percent of the cost with DOD, using the county's men and equipment as an in-kind contribution toward its share. DOD would then pick up the remainder of the tab.

Commissioners complimented Cool on his negotiations with DOD. The board also agreed to authorize application for necessary permits from the Department of Environmental Regulations and Corps of Engineers for the project.

The county will be responsible for building and maintaining a temporary bridge that will be made of a series of large culvert pipes, rather than the timber bridge proposed by the state.

Eisele Property For Sale

A vow of poverty recorded by Robert C. Eisele has not prevented the Internal Revenue Service from recording a notice of a federal tax lien on his house and 2.75 acres of land on the Bombing Range Road, which will be offered for sale at a public auction on July 25.

The tax lien recorded in late April by the IRS claims that Eisele and his former wife, (Rita J. Eisele), owed a total of \$18,291.84 for federal income taxes from Dec. 31, 1973 to Jan. 5, 1978. Eisele's former wife was reported as having deeded her interest in the property back to him and he has since remarried.

In his notarized vow of poverty statement Eisele stated he has given to the church (Basic Bible Church of America, the Order of Almighty God, a religious order Chapter No. 6033) "all possessions of every description now owned or hereafter acquired by me." Specifying that this "irrevocable gift" is for all possessions, "real, personal property. . . I understand that em-

ployment remuneration earned when working among the general public is not my personal income but rather is income by gift, received as an agent of the church. . .

The IRS plans to sell the property at public auction to the highest bidder at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 25 at the Commerce Avenue entrance of the Highlands County Courthouse. It is the general policy of the IRS that any buyer who buys the title and interest of a piece of property, buys it subject to any mortgage, a spokesman said. The IRS will give a certificate of sale to the buyer. However, the owner has 120 days to redeem the property by paying the buyer the sale price plus 20 percent interest per annum.

In regard to the 1977 personal property tax owed by Eisele, Highlands County Tax Collector, J.T. Landress stated that his office would wait for the outcome of the public auction on July 25 before taking any action.

City Tax Millage To Be Less

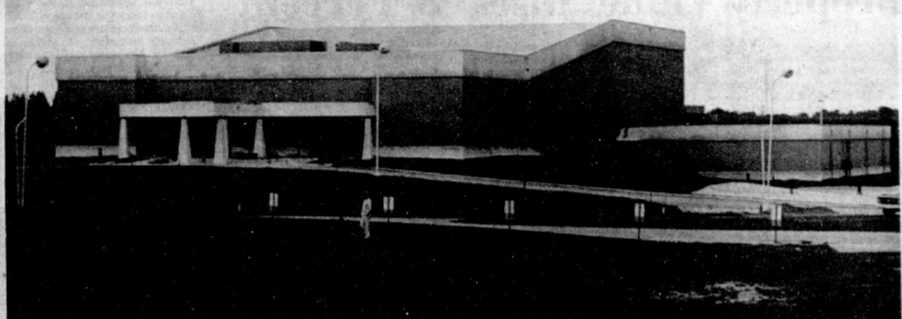
The total tax assessment for the city of Avon Park has increased \$2.3 million since last year while the total taxable assessment increased \$6.5 million.

Figures from County Property Appraiser Billy Martin indicate the total value of property in Avon Park is \$76,591,406, which is up \$8.3 million from the 1977 total of \$68,265,579.

The non-exempt and taxable property in the city is valued at \$64,248,944, an increase of about \$6.5 million over last year's figures of \$57,734,170.

Because of the increase in tax assessment this year, the certified tax millage will be slightly less. The millage will, though, yield about the same amount.

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Progressive

WORK ON THE South Florida Junior College Community Auditorium and Fine

Arts Center is expected to be completed about August 15, with a formal opening

sometime in October or November. Snapshots by Lew Miller.

Auditorium Nearing Completion

With 92 percent of the work completed on the Community Auditorium and Fine Arts Center, Dr. William C. Stallard, president of South Florida Junior College expects that work on the structure will be completed sometime around August 15.

At present workmen are finishing the dry wall work inside the auditorium. Indoor carpeting is being laid throughout the building, with beige colored carpet in the seating area and brown carpet in the aisles. In the background the walls will be painted a dark brown, shading into a lighter tones near the front of the auditorium.

The grounds around the community center have been sodded with workmen building an entrance driveway. The exterior of the structure has been painted to blend with the colors of other buildings on the campus.

In the near future the Junior college plans to advertise for the building of additional parking space to accommodate 100 to 150 cars. This space will be available for student use during the daytime. However, a shift to a large adult nighttime class attendance may bring parking problems for midweek auditorium use parking.

Lack of storage space on the Junior college campus has delayed the arrival of the auditorium furniture and equipment. Thus while the building may be finished a formal opening of the auditorium may be delayed until October or November to allow adequate time for final inspections, correction or changes.

It is expected that the classroom part of the structure will be opened for use when the fall quarter starts Aug. 21. However, additional classroom equipment is on order and scheduled for delivery, while present art and drawing equipment will be transferred to the new

classrooms.

The present Art and Drawing building according to Dr. Stallard will be converted to admission and student counseling offices when the present classes are moved to the new classroom locations.

As yet no activities for the new 1500 seat community auditorium have been designated by the coordinating committee in charge of scheduling programs or events. Members of the coordinating committee include: Lynn MacNeill, Mrs. Elizabeth Underwood, Larry Albright, Ken Wilkinson, Robert Peavy, Robert Skipper and Wayne Duncan.

Viewpoint/Commentary

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Sloppy Bookkeeping Causes Problems

The matter of Avon Park city officials altering gas tickets, or adding tickets to make up for lost gasoline, is not of monumental importance but it should be commented on and not allowed to pass unnoticed.

First, the occurrence merely seems to be the result of what might be called, in an attempt to be diplomatic, a sloppy bookkeeping system and a sloppy system for accounting for the city's gasoline.

City Clerk Malcolm Crews' statement that there was no criminal act or intentions whatsoever seems entirely correct.

However, the city's method of dealing with the loss of 60 to 80 gallons of gasoline a month leaves something to be desired.

Faced with a continuing net loss, city officials merely wrote additional tickets, or changed tickets already signed by other city employees, to make the books balance.

In cases where tickets were changed after being signed, then it's a question of the falsification of city records, which is questionable both legally and ethically.

Crews stated the city had recently been the object of a state audit, with the auditors going through all the gasoline tickets, and he said the city received a clean bill of health from the state.

However, if the auditors knew the methods the city had used to get its books to balance it is extremely doubtful the state would have been so pleased with the audit.

City officials reply to the ticket changes was that this was the system which had been used for over 20 years; which is to say if something has been done wrong for 20 years it gives some type of justification for doing it wrong for the next 20 years.

Street Superintendent John Ziegler was the man who, technically, had the responsibility for accounting for the gas. He was also the man who changed and apparently added some tickets to the final total.

Editorial

Yet Ziegler was only following a procedure established over the years and, even more incredibly, was following a procedure which the officials at city hall approved of.

Crews remarked that not one ticket had been changed in his office. However, he admitted knowing about the method of adding tickets so where the tickets were actually made up becomes almost a moot question.

The new method of accounting for gasoline, which was created after some prodding by Councilman David Barefield, should solve any bookkeeping problems.

It will be most interesting to see the action of the rest of the council to the matter. Or non-action as will probably be the case.

Looking into the past, we can recall when three councilmen were ready to fire Building Inspector C.W. Ellerbee because of complaints which evaporated once they saw the light of day.

Ellerbee's mistakes, if any, were no where near the magnitude of making up gasoline tickets or changing city records.

To those unfamiliar with government or politics, this is called a double standard. Sloppy bookkeeping and all.

Recreation Program Is City's Finest

One of the finest aspects of Avon Park, particularly important now because of the summer, is the city's recreational program.

Avon Park has one of the finest recreational programs of any city of comparative size and its program would also surpass many cities which are larger than Avon Park.

In many cities, if not most, recreation is the one department which takes a back seat to other agencies and usually receives funds only if there is some revenue left over after other departments have been funded.

In Avon Park, the city council has done a good job in funding recreational activities.

In his monthly report to the city council, Recreation Director Dennis Guenther noted the increase in attendance of summer recreational programs, especially the swimming program.

Other activities provided by the city include tennis lessons, arts and crafts, bingo and weight-training, ping-pong, racquetball tournaments plus one-on-one basketball tournaments.

This program is important, if not vital, in a state flanked by beaches and spotted by lakes.

This year, Guenther has added three new programs for juniors while adding weight training and a tennis tournament for adults participating.

A great deal of credit for the city's excellent recreation programs must go to Guenther who, from all accounts, is an effective and professional administrator who handles all the diverse programs with care and precision.

Credit should also go to the city's recreation committee which has strongly supported all recreational activities in the city from bumper pool to softball.

The only slightly incongruous note in the recreation program seems to be a departmental question. Street Superintendent John Ziegler supervises the care of all the city's baseball fields and is responsible for scheduling the various games played on each field.

While Ziegler does an exemplary job of caring for the athletic fields, it would seem more appropriate to have Guenther schedule the games since the activity would, technically, come under his department.

However, all things taken into consideration, Avon Park's recreational program clearly surpasses similar programs in other cities of equal and greater population.

It is a noteworthy achievement. Hand a laurel to Guenther and all his supporters.



Commission Votes For Gas Tax

By a 3-to-2 margin, Highlands County Commissioners agreed Tuesday to place a proposal to increase gasoline taxes by a penny on the November general election ballot.

In addition, the board is reviewing an ordinance drawn up by Robert Duntz Jr., county attorney, for proposed mandatory garbage collection. This measure as well could end up on the ballot.

Voting against placing the gasoline tax hike on the ballot were Commissioner Chairman C. J. "Buddy" Wise and Commissioner Carl Arant. Wise said last week he doubted voters would approve the tax.

Revenue raised from the tax, which is expected to amount to some \$294,000 annually, would be used for road repairs, repaving and for road construction projects.

In the first of a long series of budget hearings, the board showed about \$11,000 from the property appraiser's annual budget and then approved a \$362,780 financial plan for the department that helps make it possible to "render unto Caesar."

Cuts came in reducing the amount to be set aside for various legal costs that could be anticipated in settling contested appraisals and to check on ownership of

various parcels in two legally entangled county subdivisions.

One cut made by the department in its budget requests is car expenses, even though the department has four cars this year and had only two last year. The amount budgeted last year was \$4,000, while this year it is \$2,000.

J. W. "Billy" Martin said that if the amount of motor pool expenses runs over the budgeted amount, the difference can be made up through contingency funds.

A full session of budgetary hearings is scheduled for Tuesday morning.

A public hearing on a request for a cable television franchise will be held Aug. 22. Storer Cable TV has requested the franchise. Such a franchise won't affect other cable television franchises Duntz said.

Two requests for aid in Highway Park area projects received approval.

The board agreed to request land from the Carver School site from Highlands County School Board for additional ground in the proposed recreation park area.

The Rev. Leroy McGhee made the request saying the land, which is adjacent to the Highway Park Volunteer Fire Department, could be used for additional recreation and parking at the fire house.

He also requested county paving of the fire house parking lot, but commissioners said there isn't enough money available this year for such work. It was agreed that some clay could be put down for the lot.

Paving costs would have amounted to more than \$3,000 and Commissioner Robert Skipper pointed out the county hasn't paved other fire department lots.

Appointments to two county boards were approved, with Willie Williams being named as member to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Rick Dressel named alternate, and George R. Gholston Jr. and Selvin McGhee named to the Home Health Advisory Board.

In a move related to Home Health activities a fee was set of \$20 per visit for therapists and cost plus 30 percent for medical supplies used.

Apparent agreement was reached with Jennings Overstreet on county acquisition of right-of-way along three miles of Scrubens Road. The land will be used to correct a drainage problem that causes flooding on the roadway and Overstreet property. A large ditch and tile are to be installed to channel runoff to some existing drainage ditches.

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Property Value Rises 8 Percent

Property values on which the Highlands County taxes for the coming year will be based edged up approximately 8 percent, coming to a new high of \$469,274,810.

At the July 11 meeting of the county commissioners Highlands County Property Appraiser J. W. "Billy" Martin presented the details of the millage and taxable values he has certified to the state Department of Revenue.

The report shows values within the city of Sebring jumping from \$71,345,000 to \$80,536,548. The values — which include both real estate and personal property — have climbed enough that the city of Sebring will be required to make a slight reduction in its millage rate — from its present 4.4666 mills to 4.3997 mills.

The Sebring City Council has not held a budget work session since receiving the taxable values report from Martin. The report shows there was \$4,258,000 worth

of new construction and additions inside the city within the past year.

The value of new construction, and many other parts of the appraiser's report, is sifted through a complicated state formula and results, this year, in the county commission's receiving a Department of Revenue green light for increasing millage without holding special public hearings.

The state formula shows that the millage for the county commission budget could be hiked from its present 5.8816 to 5.9429 mills to provide the same level of income.

The county report shows new construction and additions in the past year are valued at \$25,300,820.

Martin's report shows that Highlands General Hospital taxing district could edge upward from 91 to 919 mills. The Highlands County School Board, which is the county's primary taxing agency, is already at the 8 mill cap which Florida law permits.

Millage requests from Southwest Florida Water Management District and South Florida Water Management District have not been received here yet, Martin said. In the current year the former has a 330 mill rate, and the latter, a slight higher level, 397 mills.

Like the city of Sebring the city of Lake Placid will be required to roll back — but very slightly — from 3.7359 to 3.7332 mills. The gross taxable values inside Lake Placid advanced just a little — to \$13,614,646.

New construction values in Lake Placid were pegged at \$91,630.

The city of Avon Park is split into tax districts. In both a small reduction in millage would produce the same level of city income as in the current year. In district A the present 4.7824 would be

reduced to 4.5424 mills. In district B the present 3.8767 could drop to 3.7648 mills. In the A part of Avon Park the value of new construction is \$1,254,800 and in the

Rocking The Boat

By George Duncan



It is not easy finding an apartment these days, not only because desirable apartments are few and far between these days but also because it takes your life savings in order to finance moving.

I found out that inflation-backed truth some time ago when I rented an apartment. (Fortunately the landlords are apparent non-readers of the Sun.) After paying the rent I made calls on the various public agencies which we all have to deal with in order to live. So, in a state of naive innocence, I walked into the office of the power company.

"Oh, buddy. Hold it right there!" barked a voice. Two men suddenly pulled out semi-automatics. "Hands up. Up against the wall."

"Wait a minute..."

"Quiet. Baker, go over and frisk him."

"You're nuts," I said. "I came in to make a deposit so my electricity can be turned on."

"A likely story," said one man. "We have to check everybody these days. There are a bunch of fanatics running around out there. You have no idea how many people dislike the utilities companies."

"Oh, yes I do," I said.

"OK, go ahead and get your wallet, but use only one hand. Keep the other hand over your head."

"Aren't you being a bit paranoid?" I asked.

"Listen guy, there still a lot of bomb throwers around. We have to check out all the nuts."

"Oh. After you check them out do you hire them?"

"Funny guy. Just hand over the deposit and leave," he said.

Which sounded like a good idea to me. I mean I just didn't feel secure talking to a guy who looked like he had just come back from a commando raid on FP&L.

My next stop was at the phone company and, after my reception at the power company, I wasn't sure what to expect. However, everything was very quiet as I walked into the main office and up to the receptionist's desk.

"No security men?" I asked.

"Don't be silly. Why would we do anything like that?"

"Just a thought," I said, thinking it was nice to be back to reality.

"The telephone company is much more sophisticated than that. When you came in you passed through our ultra-sensitive metal detectors. If you had been carrying any weapons an alarm would have gone off and our dart guns would have fired," she said nonchalantly.

"Dart guns?"

"Yes, they computerized to fire when the alarm rings. The guns fire heat-seeking darts, which are filled with poison. You would have been paralyzed in seconds."

"You people are a real fun group," I said drily.

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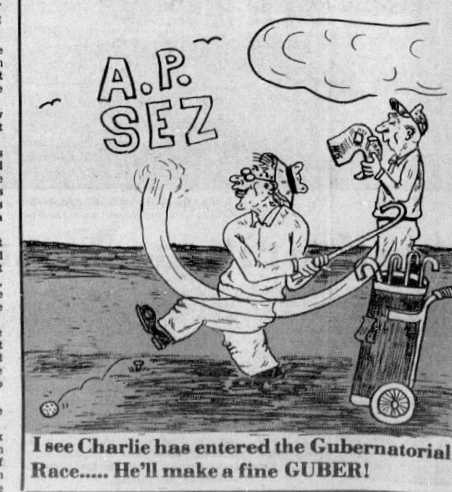
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to cover up anything," said Crews. "If so, that's a bad way to do it."

However, Crews said the additions were spread around to the different departments. He said the addition to the building departments' tickets was "a mistake."

"The building department is a small department and doesn't use that much gas. To add on to Mr. Ellerbee's tickets was a mistake," he said.

Crews denied any falsification of city records to account for the missing gasoline.

"If additions were made to the wrong departments there might be some problems, but all additions were made to

departments which use the gasoline. It was strictly a method to use for internal bookkeeping."

Crews also said he didn't feel any city employee used the city pump for his own private use.

"Now the pump is locked at night and it would be silly for a city employee to risk his job over one tank of gasoline," Crews said.

"As the situation was, I didn't understand why so much gas was being charged to my department so I went to the bookkeeper and asked to look at the tickets. I'm responsible for my budget," Ellerbee said.

This week the city has started a new system of tabulating the gasoline record. Employees will no longer sign separate tickets but will sign a sheet listing such items as pump reading, start, pump reading finish, total gallons, truck number and speedometer reading.

"Instead of having hundreds of tickets we'll just have to check 20 or so sheets per month," Crews said.

Ellerbee said he felt the new system would be much better.

"I don't want to be charged for items which belong in another department. I think this change will be an improvement," he said.

Fees Tabled

the newly-passed ordinance the chief could have been fired at the meeting and had no recourse except to hire an attorney.

"As soon as the charges were made, his job was in jeopardy," Barefield said, stating the ordinance allowed department heads to be fired without cause on a unanimous vote.

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"Automatically that puts him in jeopardy and he had to seek legal advice to support his position. No one can

guarantee anything, and I think the courts will uphold that opinion," Barefield told councilmen.

City Attorney Jack Hancock said even though the ordinance allowed such firings he did not believe it gave the council the right to fire an employee in an arbitrary and capricious manner.

"Even though it says you can be discharged without cause... if it was an arbitrary and capricious action I don't think it would be legal even under that ordinance," Hancock said.

The city attorney basically agreed with Barefield saying his comments had merit.

"I see the necessity for some (legal)

preparation," Hancock said.

Barefield said he did not vote for the present ordinance, which was passed in April, and said he believed the old ordinance covering department heads was a better law.

Brooks said he hired a lawyer when he was suspended for a week without pay before having seen any charges against it.

"Let me remind Mr. Barefield and the council that I wrote the ordinance laying out the alternatives... it does not reflect any value judgement on my part as to what would be the best kind of ordinance," said Hancock.

Tax Millage Reduced

of taxes.

The millage in Avon Park will be 4.5 in district A, which incorporates most of the central city and 3.7 in district B, which includes outlying areas. Last year, the millage was 4.7 in district A and 3.8 in

district B.

At the certified millage rates the city should bring in about \$258,225 in taxes, compared to the \$251,026 received in 1977.

City Clerk Malcolm Crews has said the city does not need to levy any debt

service tax this year since sufficient funds are available to pay out the bonded indebtedness. The lack of a debt service

tax would reduce the millage .4 mill in district A and .2 mill in district B.



Florida Power Accused of Conspiracy In Oil Crisis

By Mark Albright

"If the customers of Florida Power have been cheated, I'm trying to get their money back," Public Service Commissioner Robert Mann said of the suit that the State of Florida has against the Florida Power Corporation which could result in up to \$5 million to \$8 million in rebates to its customers should the state win.

The state has intervened in Florida Power suit against members of the so-called "daisy chain," and has accused the company of being a part of the conspiracy that resulted in overpriced electricity during the oil crisis of 1973-74, Sidney McKenzie, of the State Attorney General's Office, Division of Anti-trust, said.

The "daisy chain" refers to the group of companies and individuals that were involved in overcharging for fuel during the oil crisis by selling the oil from one company to another, raising the price each time, until it was finally sold to

Florida Power.

Mann referred to Signal Oil Co., Charter Oil Co., Larcon Petroleum Inc. and Matrix Properties Inc. as being members of the "daisy chain."

Mann said any settlement in the Florida Power suit against the members of the "daisy chain," which is in the U.S. District Court, would be unacceptable without a public hearing.

The PSC regulates Florida Power rate changes, Mann said, adding that any changes must be approved by the PSC. The Florida Power Corporation serves Avon Park, Lake Placid and the areas around Sebring, as well as a large part of Hardee County, Bill Britt, Florida Power District Manager, said.

Mckenzie said there may be no settlement in the State vs. Florida Power case and would not comment on the possible rebate figure.

"As far as I know, it won't go through. It's very up in the air right now," he stated.



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Portable Classrooms To Be Moved

Portable classrooms that have long stood on the south side of the buildings at the Avon Park Middle School will soon be moved to the north side of the middle school campus, between the band room and Canfield Street, according to school officials.

During the past week electrical wiring and other fixtures have been secured for the move to the new location where

wooden stakes have been driven into the ground to mark the site.

It was anticipated at the middle school that work would start this Wednesday to tear down the fifth grade wing of the old school with the fifth and sixth grades to have classrooms, this fall, in the old high school building on S. Lake Avenue. It was reported that ap-

proximately 150 students would be affected by this change.

The summer school classes were scheduled to end this past Tuesday, July 11. For the fall term of the 1978-79 year school year, teachers will return Aug. 22, while students will start their classes on Monday Aug. 28. There will be a one day holiday for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4.

Steering Committee To Be Selected For Teaching Respect For Law And Order

A steering committee is being selected to consider ways of implementing Judge Clifton Kelly's idea of teaching respect for law to public school students.

Judge Kelly proposed the idea in a lengthy footnote on the death sentence of Frank Ross, a juvenile found guilty in the murder of an Avon Park woman.

In the footnote the judge said the schools are the best place where children

can be taught respect for law, since they may not receive such training in their homes.

Highlands County School Board discussed the idea after Board Member Kenneth Grady suggested appointment of a steering committee to work with the judge and representatives of the state attorney's and public defender's offices.

He said Polk County has received some of the \$150,000 appropriated by the

legislature this year for such educational programs.

Superintendent Dr. Dan Davis said Highlands schools would apply for some of the state money once guidelines for application are received.

Grady said Judge Kelly is a member of the Polk steering committee and suggested Highlands' chances for some of the state funds could improve if a similar committee were named.

Statement of Condition

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONDITION

RESOURCES

	June 30, 1977	June 30, 1978
Cash and due from Banks	\$ 2,242,225.63	\$ 1,257,421.66
U.S. Government Securities	3,160,232.52	4,367,509.98
Federal Funds Sold And Securities Purchased Under Agreement To Resell	750,000.00	2,600,000.00
Loans and Discounts	4,669,246.91	5,851,330.04
Bank Building and Other Real Estate	490,628.54	484,007.10
Furniture and Equipment	121,044.33	112,520.08
Other Assets	22,435.01	8,216.86
Total Resources	\$ 11,455,812.94	\$ 14,681,005.72

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

	\$625,000.00	\$625,000.00
Capital Stock	575,000.00	575,000.00
Surplus	43,201.47	134,590.25
Undivided Profits	112,031.79	108,692.59
Reserves	97,089.45	97,872.41
Unearned Income	10,003,490.23	13,139,850.47
Deposits		
Total	\$ 11,455,812.94	\$ 14,681,005.72

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PEOPLE and EVENTS

4A The Avon Park Sun, July 13, 1978

by Betty Amburn
Society Editor



JUDY LANIER (center) bride-elect of Dale LaFlam was honored with a bridal shower at the Florida Power Lounge recently. She shown here with the bridegrooms mother, Mrs. Betty LaFlam (left) and her mother Mrs. Mary Lanier (right).

Lanier Feted At Bridal Shower

Miss Judy Lanier bride-elect of Dale LaFlam was honored with a bridal shower recently at the Florida Power Lounge. The lounge was artistically decorated with the True Love theme. The shower cake was beautiful white cake covered with pastel colored rosebuds. Miss Lanier received from her hostesses a silverware chest including a complete set of silver ware. Guest for the occasion were the brides mother Mrs. Mary Lanier and the bridegrooms mother, Mrs. Betty LaFlam.

Hostesses for the festive occasion was Truly Young and Dot LaFlam.

Cravens Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Aaron W. and Edith Cravens celebrated their Golden Anniversary on July 5, with a small dinner party at the Black Forest Restaurant. Guest for the festive occasion were the Cravens' three children, Mrs. J.E. "Phyllis" Greenfield of Dundee; A. Bryon Cravens of Elgin, Ill. and Mrs. Doyle "Lynn" Griffin of Ft. Myers. Also present were their eight grandchildren.

In 1928 Aaron taught high school in Salem, Ill. and transferred to Shannon, Ill. where he held the position of coach and principal for 13 years. The Cravens then moved to Galena, Ill. where Aaron was a high school principal for nine years and from there they moved to Morris, Ill. and Aaron filled the position of school superintendent for six years. In 1963 Aaron retired from the Illinois School System and the Cravens moved to Avon Park.

Mr. Cravens was an Avon Park High School principal for 12 years, being here when the new high school was built. In 1976, he retired from the Highlands County School System. A total of 48 years experience in the school systems.

Mrs. Cravens, as most all teacher wives, was very interested and involved with the school activities where her husband was employed; however, she never filled a position within the school system.

Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Cravens on your 50th wedding anniversary.

Cradle Roll

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon James Gore of Okeechobee, announce the birth of a son, James Lester born June 30, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz.

Bride - Elect Honored With Shower

A lingerie shower was given in honor of Miss Renee Cienney, bride-elect of John W. Eason, of Wauchula, June 29, 1978, at the Florida Power Lounge.

Invited guest were close friends and schoolmates of Renee's, Mrs. Janice Cienney, the bride-elect's mother and her sisters, Robin and Jerikay and Mrs. Betty Eason of Wauchula, the groom-elect's mother.

Upon her arrival Renee was presented a corsage of pink rosebuds by the hostesses, Mrs. Gloria Tondie and Mrs. Marie Porter.

Arriving guests were invited to sign the bride's book, presided over by Miss Dena Tondie.

Several bride's games were played by those present. Prizes were awarded to the winners, who in turn presented them to the bride-elect.

The room was decorated with arrangements of roses on the bridal book, gift and refreshment tables.

Refreshments of dainty pastel tinted finger sandwiches, petit fours, nut, mints and lime punch, poured by Miss Ginni Porter, were served.

Amid much merriment and conversation Renee opened her varied and useful gifts. She was presented a gift of a white satin and lace gown and peignoir set by the hostesses.

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For more information, call the Volunteer Clearinghouse, Sebring 382-2134, Avon Park 452-2718, or Lake Placid 465-0204. Volunteers are also needed for Saturdays and Sundays.

We Wish You A Happy Birthday

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

July 13 - Mrs. Carrie McGiboney, Sharon Hawkins, and Syble Watson.
July 14 - John Ferguson, Bonnie Williams, Chuck Fout, Matthew Amick, Cathy Williams, Norma Schaefer, and W.A. Williams.
July 15 - Karen Johnson, Mrs. J.P. Childers, and Shelley Goubie.
July 16 - John Townsend, Allie Williams, Leona McAllister, and Billy Hodge.
July 17 - Margaret Kinsey, Gladys Walker, Nancy Beth Cook, and Mrs. R.H. Lawhon.
July 18 - Pat Smith, Rachel Castonia, Wendy Gaultreaux, Jeff Simpson, Jerry Heiring, Debbie Taman, Herman Wurster, and Jason Kopta.
July 19 - Nancy Lawhon, Pauline Blythe and George Duncan.

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

Scott Home For Reunion

"I wanted to get away from L.A. as the smog was making my eyes burn and it was hard to breathe," stated Henry Lee Scott as he told of his moving to Alaska where he could have fresh air and have elbow room. Home for the Scott family reunion and the 20th anniversary reunion of the Avon Park High School class of '58 graduation, Henry recalled some of the highlights of his moving to Alaska.

The son of Cary and Elsie Scott, Bombing Range Road, Henry following graduation from high school went to Canova Park, near Hollywood, Calif. with Don Carter, a friend. But about three years of the Los Angeles basin smog and smog were all that he wanted. Thus he and his wife Margaret Marie Davis headed north, homesteading a track of land at Mile 63 out of Gokana, 275 Northeast of Anchorage and Southeast of Fairbanks.

While it is good for a person to see how beautiful Alaska is, it is hard for strangers to be accepted in that country, Henry said and continued, "We had a rough time getting started." Their farm has some real good garden soil, some of the land is all sand and gravel, along with impervious blue clay while in the mountainous area there are some marshy peat bogs.

After working a 37 1/2 hour week for the Alaska Department of Transportation, Henry does excavating, bill-doing, hauling dirt, clearing land and building roads for others. He also has a packing service where he packs out big game on horseback for hunters.

During the winter months he used to run a 35 mile trap line and found that other trappers would honor his traps and you don't infringe on others.

He has panned for gold some of the nearby streams and he has been approached to use some of his equipment to dredge for gold. In the gold creeks it is possible with a four inch dredge to take between \$500 and \$3000 worth of gold daily, but its too much of a gamble he stated, as one might not even make expenses. One would also have to give something else while hunting for the gold.

On their farm the Scotts have horses, they did have some goats but got rid of them. Hay for horse feed is the main crop but they still have to buy some. The pasture season is relatively short being only four months. They also buy grain which comes from the delta south of Fairbanks.

Mrs. Scott raises chickens and the fresh eggs the family doesn't use are readily sold at \$1.25 per dozen as compared to the cold storage eggs, at 75 cents to \$1.15 per dozen at the nearest store.

The weather varies from summertime highs of 85 to 90



HOME FOR THE Scott family reunion, Henry and his daughter Julie from Gokana, Alaska, enjoyed the Florida sunshine even though the humidity was high. Sunphoto by Lew Miller

degrees to what Henry described as the coldest winter in 16 years, at 65 degrees F. below zero for two weeks. The average winter temperature he said was about 10-15 degrees below zero. The most snow in a single snowstorm Henry recalled was 42 inches, with about (5) five feet of snow on the average during the winter.

Their two daughters, Carrie Lee, a senior and Julie Ann, a sophomore, catch the school bus at 6:40 a.m. and get home at 5:00 p.m. after a 120 mile roundtrip to school and back.

In a 40 mile radius from his place, Henry estimated there were 75 people living, some worked for the department of transportation, some were guides, several owned roadhouses, some did construction work during the summer while a few were retired.

Henry concluded that he wished everyone could see the country, but they don't want that many neighbors unless they could pick them.

Summer Music Camp To Present Concert

The Florida Summer Music Camp at Webber College in Babson Park, Florida, will present a memorial concert to the memory of its founder, Fred W. McCall, who passed away this past fall. The concert will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 16, and will be held in the Webber College gymnasium.

The concert will feature compositions by Henry Fillmore and selections associated with Fred McCall. McCall's wife, Betty will be an honored guest at the program. Fred McCall had been engaged in the musical education of young people in the State of Florida for some 40 years until his death this past November. McCall began the University of Miami Band Camp in 1948 and upon his retirement from the University of Miami in 1971, founded the Florida Summer Music Camp at Webber College.

Frederick Humphreys and Joseph Kreines will be the conductors of the Florida Summer Music Camp bands for the Sunday concert.

Dr. Allison Completes Residency

Dr. E. Jackson Allison, Jr., of Avon Park, has completed a residency in the Department of Family Practice at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Allison received his undergraduate and his medical degrees from the University of South Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was the 1976-77 recipient of the Mead Johnson Award for Excellence in Family Practice.

He has been named director of the Charleston County Emergency Room.

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Mother-Tot Swimming Classes Holds Father's Day

Last Saturday's Fathers Day at the Mother-Tot swimming class taught by Mrs. Margaret Collins which is being held July 5-14 from 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon in Raymond Hall's pool at his residence at 217 N. Verona Avenue.

The Fathers' Day session gave the fathers of the young swimmers an opportunity to see how their children were progressing, and gave them a chance to participate in their children's learning experience.

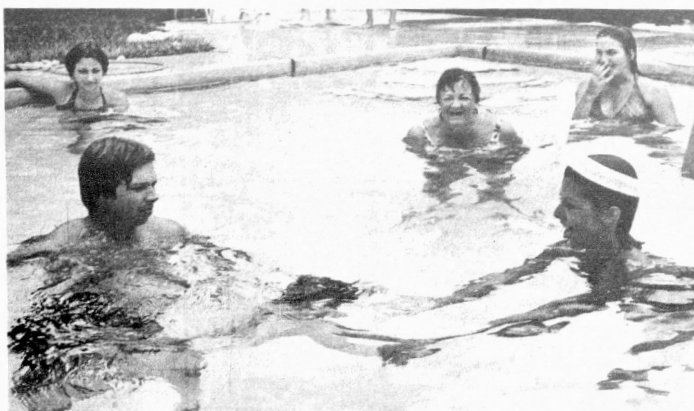
Mrs. Collins is assisted by John DuPreit, Marcia Collins and Debbie Cushman in teaching the 12 children ranging in ages from six months to three years how to survive in water.

"They learn at different levels," Mrs. Collins said of the children, some of which have learned to swim, float, swim across the pool or dive.

In addition to the Mother-Tot class, Mrs. Collins also teaches

four other swimming classes, all of which are sponsored by the Avon Park Recreation Department: a Swimmers' class from 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.; an intermediate and a Beginners' class from 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; and an Advanced Beginners' class from 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

These classes which are in their second session are also held in the pool at the Hall residence.



KATIE O'neal swims to mother as father, John O'neal looks on during the Father's Day session of the Mother-Tot swimming class. Margaret Collins, instructor of the class, adds coaxing cries as Marcia Collins and Jane Stevens watch. Sunphoto by Mark Albright.

Competition Tough

"I'll have to learn to live with pain," Pep Hutchinson stated as he announced plans to enter the 1979 North American competition for reserve and national guardsmen in trouts to compete in the NATO Confederation of reserve officers games.

After two weeks of competition from June 24 to July 8, Pep came home with aches and pains in muscles he hadn't been using, as he and about 50 other young men tried for a spot on the 20 man team to take part in the NATO games in Bonn, West Germany, Aug. 9-13, 1978.

Pep had read about the North American Competition in the National Guardsman magazine and filled out an application and was accepted.

In flying from the Washington airport to Ft. Meade, Md., the helicopter pilot followed the Potomac River, flying so low the men had to look up to see the trees and houses on the high river banks. They also saw the white house, capital and national monuments from this low flying altitude.

Uniforms for the competitive games were white athletic mesh shirts with the NAC emblem, niki running shorts and running shoes.

The events included a running obstacle course developed by the Germans in the 1930's, with Pep commenting that it was no 'kitty' course. They ran it three times and each time one or two men were taken to the hospital, one with a broken back.

A swimming obstacle course was referred to by Pep as being shorter and sweeter. In the firing of weapons they used those of the host nation; a P-38, 9MM pistol; an oxcie, 9MM sub-machine gun and a G-3 rifle.

An eight mile run over dirt and gravel roads was run in 40 minutes and 23 seconds by the winner, with Pep's time being 51 minutes and 31 seconds. In orienteering with a map and compass, they had to stamp their card at each location point with the experienced men having a big advantage.

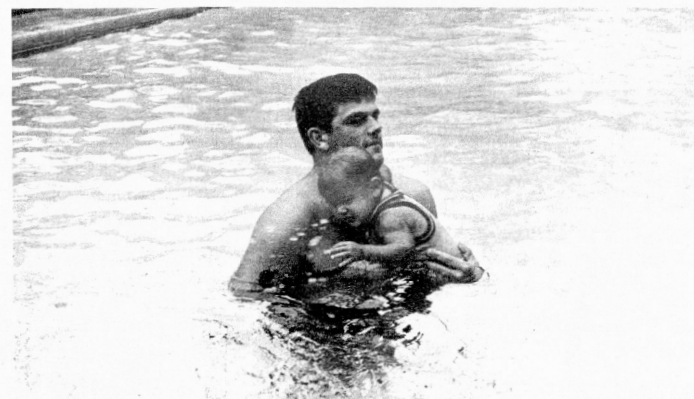
Small point items in the scoring were the throwing of hand grenades through windows, circles, etc. and distance estimation from 50 to 600 meters.

Visitors at the competition were the commanders of all of the U.S. Reserve Forces; undersecretaries of all branches of the Armed Forces and Dr. Chase, deputy assistant director of defense, the president of the University of Wisconsin.

Of the 20 spots on the team 18 were taken by men who had been through the courses before, with experience being a big factor, stated Pep, as only one National Guardsman from Iowa made the team. According to the directors of the games it was the toughest competition since 1975.

Pep described the game as pushing yourself to the limit with the ticks, that got on them in the woods, only being able to get tired blood. It was a good group of people, Pep added, as they were all working with each other with the veterans helping the newcomers.

Although about 50 men had started the competition, 35 completed with Pep finishing 26th. Even with the whirlpool baths and the hot salves, Pep still had aches and pains in upper body muscles he hadn't used in the grove but it apparently hadn't diminished his desire to try again next year.



GREGORY MUNDELL HOLDS his one-year-old daughter, Nicole, who does not seem to like the water in Raymond Hall's pool where Father's Day for the Mother-Tot swimming class was held last Saturday. The class which ends on Friday is taught by Mrs. Margaret Collins. Sunphoto by Mark Albright.

Conservation Camps Open To Youths Until August

There are still some vacancies available at either of the two Youth Conservation Camps operated by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

"Camp sessions began June 23 and will continue into August," Major Ken Stivers of the Commission's Office of Informational Services reported. "Youngsters still have a chance to sign up now to spend a week exploring Florida's woods and waters."

Open to boys and girls between 8 and 14, the camps are popular summer spots. Located in the Ocala National Forest and Hungryland Slough near West Palm Beach, both offer a wide range of outdoor activities.

"Fishing, canoeing, firearm safety and basic wildlife biology are just a few of the interests offered at the camps," Stivers said.

Priced at just \$60 per week, the camp is a great investment in a child's future with emphasis on teaching him a little more about man's place in the natural order of things.



This Is The Life...

No Pollution At Sewer Plant Engineer Tells Council

The city has received almost a clean bill of health in regard to possible pollution from the sewer treatment plant and sewer ponds.

Ron Rector of the firm of Dawkins and Associates told council members that the latest tests of his firm show all ponds are effectively sealed and that there is no leakage. In March, the Department of Environmental Regulations questioned whether the city sewer ponds were leaking into Lake Glenada.

Rector said his firm's results had been sent to the regional DEP office but that the federal officials had not had time to respond.

However, Rector said all tests by Dawkins and Associates showed the pond had been effectively sealed and that there was no pollution coming from the ponds.

Scotty's Reports Sales Increase

Harold W. Taylor, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Scotty's, Inc. (NYSE-SHB), reported today that sales for the 52 week fiscal year ended July 1, 1978 were \$156,002,719, an increase of 48 percent over sales of \$105,735,327 for the year ended July 2, 1977. Sales for fiscal 1978 were the highest in the company's history. Sales for the five weeks ended July 1, 1978 were \$16,504,472, an increase of 32 percent over sales of \$12,526,329 for the same period last year. Taylor attributed the record annual sales to the increased activity in the residential and commercial construction market as well as the continued strong "Do-it-yourself" consumer market and relatively robust Florida economy.

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Scotty's Reports Sales Increase

Kiwanis Club Honors Deputy Mike Mercer

In a brief presentation the Avon Kiwanis Club honored Sgt. Mike Mercer of the Highlands County Sheriff's Department with a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding work.

Making the award, Sheriff Joe Sheppard told how Mercer had begun in law enforcement career as a dispatcher for the Florida Highway Patrol in 1967. He came to the Highlands County Sheriff's Department in January 1968 to work as a jailer. Mercer soon became a road deputy and at present is in the investigative department. He holds the rank of sergeant and is No. 1 on the promotion list for lieutenant.

Mike was born Nov. 17, 1943. He and his wife Judith Ann have a son, Timmy and a daughter, Michele.

In his work Mike has completed the following schools: Basic Standard Law Enforcement, 40 Hour Refresher, 80 hour Supervisor Training, Breathalyzer Machine Operation and F.B.I. Advanced Criminology School at Quantico, Va.



DEPUTY SHERIFF Mike Mercer (right) received a Certificate of Appreciation

from the Avon Park, Kiwanis Club at their last Thursday meeting with Sheriff Joe

Sheppard making the presentation. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

murder of two young men in Venus, Sheppard told the

Recently Mike has worked many hours in the search and capture of the suspect in the

Kiwanians. He was selected to assist in the search because of his being familiar with the rural lands in DeSoto County since that is where he grew up

and attended school.

The search was long, hot and tiresome before it ended with the capture of the suspect, added Sheppard.

Chappell Tells Kiwanis About New Directory

In a talk entitled "Let your fingers do the walking through the whole telephone directory," Irene M. Chappell told the Avon Park Kiwanis Club members last Thursday of various features in the Highlands County Telephone Directory that can benefit the local businessman and resident.

This year United Telephone Company is offering to the resident subscriber a free dual listing in the white pages, which can be any two names in a household so long as the surname and the address are the same, i.e. Smith, John and Mary. Mention was made of the advantages of the additional listing and the classified heading to the businessman.

It was also noted that the local directory, which is published annually in December, is open now through September 30, for any changes one may wish to make in his or her listing. This can be accomplished by calling the business office at 453-3131.

Subscribers can also realize a savings available in direct dialing their calls, in the 35 percent evening, 60 percent night discount rates and in the holiday discount rates.

Mrs. Chappell, a United Telephone service representative, urged each Kiwanian to make use of the page carrying the Southwest Florida Legislators names and ad-



MRS. IRENE CHAPPELL, United Telephone Company Service Representative told Kiwanians at their noon

meeting last Thursday of changes in the new telephone directory. Charles Bryant, commercial manager, assisted

In answering questions about national rate policies. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

dressess by voicing their opinions on key issues that affect their daily lives, to their elected representatives.

Her final advice was to know the benefits and help the telephone directory hold for each subscriber.

Art Wilhite Named Honorary Member of Rotary Club

At the regular Wednesday noon meeting of the Avon Park Rotary Club Phil Weber assumed the 1978-79 presidency and called the meeting to order for a club assembly. Others taking their offices for the start of the Rotary year were: Joe Johnston, vice-president; Jim Brooks, treasurer; Steve Maxwell, sergeant-at-arms and Chad Branniger, who will become secretary upon the departure of the present secretary, Richard Peavy.

The club assembly was devoted to determining objectives for the new year, by seeking input from club members. The objectives for this year were: (1) Updating the club's history; (2) evaluating by-laws for possible revision; (3) improvement in the Talent Night program; (4) promoting Paul Harris fellows and (5) establishing an International Youth Exchange program.

Members of the Rotary Board of Directors for the coming year are: Phil Weber, Art Turner, Jim Brooks, Richard Peavy, Harold Worden, Steve Maxwell, Joe Johnston, Stanley Wells and Gene Biggie.

In other club action, Art Wilhite was named an honorary member, after more than 35 years of active membership, which included service as president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, bulletin editor and director.

Wilhite entered the Avon Park Rotary Club under the classification of education-principal, which was later changed to education-supervisor.

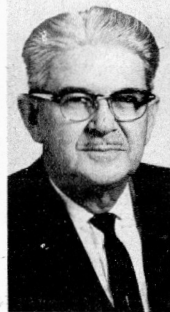
The biggest change Wilhite noticed in the club, since he

joined in February 1942, was the increase in numbers of members in the club, to its highest membership of 64 during the past year.

Recalling important events, Wilhite told of the Rotary Club's taking part in the student exchange program in which the American Field Service arranged for Ricardo Bana of Italy to stay with the Ray Wells family while attending Avon Park High School.

Another event was the pairing of the Avon Park Rotary Club with the Rotary Club of Nuremberg, Germany. While visiting his son who was stationed in Germany, Wilhite visited the Nuremberg Club and exchanged messages and banners with them.

President Weber reminded the club that Rotary District 895 Governor Bob Fox of the



Art Wilhite

Deland Rotary Club would attend the weekly meeting on July 19, with a club assembly meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. that evening at South Florida Junior College.

VA Notes

The Veterans Administration estimates some 1.4 million veterans and their survivors will receive educational benefits monthly under the GI Bill in Fiscal Year 1979.

The Veterans Administration processes approximately \$4 million compensation, pension and education allowance checks annually.

Nearly 90 per cent of the 30 million living ex-servicemen are war veterans — persons with military service during defined periods of armed hostilities.

VA employs some 38,000 handicapped men and women including 14,000 veterans with service-connected disabilities, or 16 per cent of the agency's total workforce.

Buddy Wise Announces Re-Election Campaign For County Commission

Commissioner C.J. "Buddy" Wise announces his campaign for re-election to County Commission District 4, Lake Placid.

Wise is currently serving his second term as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. He was first elected in November 1972 and has served six years as a county Commissioner.

Commissioner Wise has spent his life in Highlands County. His wife is the former Jeannette Zorn and they have four sons. Rick, who lives with his wife Sheri in Winter Haven, Larry who lives in Hollywood, Fla. and Mike and Steve, twins who are students at Florida State University.

Wise was graduated from Sebring High School and

attended the University of Florida. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Wise still live in Sebring.

He has served on all major committees, is a past member of Tri-County Mental Health Board of Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties. He is a charter member of a five-member Executive Committee of the Heartland Manpower

Consortium Board, serving Highlands, Hardee, DeSoto, Okeechobee and Polk Counties.

Commissioner Wise says, "It has been a great experience for me serving the people as their county commissioner and I sincerely hope the people of Highlands County will continue to support me, so that I can continue to be your county commissioner."

Jackson May Run For Senate Seat

Highlands County agribusinessman — attorney "Andy" Jackson is considering entering the race for the Florida Senate District 24 seat being vacated by Tom Gallen. Jackson has twice before made runs for the Legislature and now describes himself as "a little gun shy."

He says he has harbored a "life-long ambition to serve in the Legislature" and when the incumbent announced his intention to quit the Senate, Jackson began giving serious consideration to the question of whether this is the best time to make a new bid.

The only elective office Jackson has held was as county commissioner. He left the District 4 post to make a try for

the Florida Senate. In that 1972 race Jackson picked up the support of voters in Highlands, Hardee, Okeechobee, Glades and DeSoto counties, enough to build up a thin 4,000-vote edge. He lost in Manatee County where native son Gallen swept over Jackson by a 10,000 vote margin.

Two years later Jackson lost a Republican primary duel with Fred Burrall.

Although Jackson is a Republican he has strong bipartisan support in the rural counties of the 24th Senate district. He has many contacts through the Florida Cattlemen's Association and Farm Bureau.

As an attorney he has many

clients in Okeechobee County and for many years he was county prosecutor and later assistant state attorney in Glades County. Jackson feels he could again muster support in these counties. Manatee is the question; so, early this week Jackson made a trip to the Bradenton area to test the political climate.

It appears that he would not have to meet an opponent in the Republican primary this time. Registered Republican strength in Manatee County has grown to 41 percent of the electorate and the party

organization has improved, Jackson found.

Manatee Democrats, however, are fielding a potentially strong candidate in Patrick Neal, a member of the Florida House of Representatives since 1974. Whoever else may enter the race Jackson now feels that Neal would be the man to beat. "I would want and need strong bipartisan support," Jackson said.

He acknowledges he can't debate his decision for long. Qualifying for candidates for the November election ends July 25.

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Ground Breaking For Middle School July 20

Mark Albright
The beginning construction date for the new Avon Park Middle School buildings is set for July 20 with the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Sebring Middle School and Avon Park Middle School tentatively scheduled for July 24. Dr. Dan Davis, Highlands County School Superintendent, said.
The plans for the two schools which will have a combined cost of \$5.7 million have been under consideration for the past year, and received final approval in April.
Dr. James Smith, project director for the schools, said the contract for the Avon Park construction was awarded to Standard Construction Company of Orlando with a bid of \$2,900,669, excluding renovation of the gym.

Although the school board rejected the \$212,000 bid for renovation of the gym, the contract has a provision that the board can accept the bid anytime during the next nine months at the same price.
The majority of the construction costs will be paid for with \$5.3 million worth of advanced funds that the State Department of Education gave the county school board, at its request.
"With building costs going up at the rate of one-percent a month, we thought it would be better to get an advance and save the tax-payers money," Dr. Davis said.
Dr. Davis explained that instead of getting approximately \$700,000 a year and saving for seven years, the school board got an advance and will return 80-

percent of its state funds for the next seven years.
While the present buildings on Verona Avenue and Lake Avenue which house the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade classrooms will eventually be demolished, only three classrooms on the fifth grade wing will be removed before the new buildings are constructed.
The present science building, which will be equipped with air conditioning and the gym will be retained with the lunchroom moving from the basement of the gym to the new building and the old location will be used for physical education classes.
The two buildings which will be constructed were designed by architect Joe Pavelchak, from Casselberry. The main building which will house

the classrooms, library, cafeteria, administration, band room, commons area as the new auditorium which will seat 900 is called, and other facilities, will be located on the corner of Lake Ave., and Bell Street where the softball field is presently located.
The three classrooms of the present fifth grade wing will be removed to make way for the new science building.
Dr. Davis pointed out that for energy conservation purposes terms of concrete imbedded with river rock will extend several feet up the sides of the new structures, and the lighting will be designed so that sections can be turned on while those that are not needed remain off.
In addition, he said the outside lighting will be a compromise between energy conservation and safety.
The buildings, which will also have special accommodations for the handicapped, and will be fully air-conditioned and expected to be completed by Christmas of 1979.
Except for having three or four fewer classrooms, the Avon Park Middle

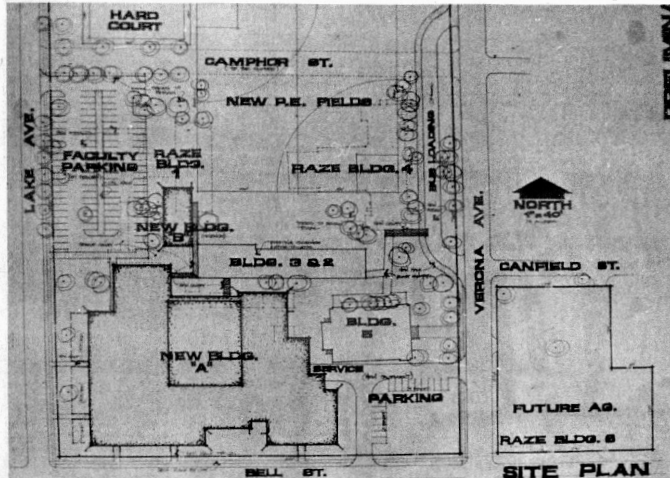
School buildings are very similar to those to be constructed at Sebring Middle School, Dr. Smith said.
The design of the new buildings will include moveable walls for interior flexibility in the administration suite and the classrooms.
Three multi-purpose classrooms to the rear of the commons area will also have moveable walls so that the size of the auditorium can be increased.
Four of the classrooms will be specially designed. One of these rooms will be equipped to handle mentally handicapped students, and one will be equipped to handle emotionally disturbed students.
The other two specially designed rooms will be equipped for educating exceptional students.
The building's home economics suite will be designed for the age-group of the students who will be using it.
Dr. Davis said the new buildings are expected to last 50 years.

Thief Drinks Milk

Someone entered the residence of John Morgridge Sr., Mulberry St., Avon Park, turned on a tape player, took a shower and drank part of a gallon of milk.
John Morgridge Jr., 18, said he believes it was one of his friends who entered the house, not thinking of the consequences. Highlands County sheriff's deputies report. The night chain on a utility room door was pulled to gain entry.

Vets Visit

VA Hospital
Vietnam Era veterans made 3.5 million outpatient visits to VA hospitals last year, or nearly one quarter of all visits to the agency's 172 hospitals. 219 outpatient clinics, 15 domiciliarys and 89 nursing home care units.



THIS BLUEPRINT SHOWS where the new buildings of the Avon Park Middle School will be located. All the buildings marked with RAZE will be demolished to make room for the new structure. Sunphoto by Mark Albright.

Membership Drive Opened By Sertoma Club

The philosophy of the Highlands Sertoma Club reflects the community in which it has grown. It is a close-knit and active club which values the individual member. The "larger is better" thinking of many of today's organizations will not be found in this one.
The Sertoma is a service organization which derives its name from the organization's slogan, "Service to Mankind". Founded in 1912, Sertoma Clubs provide voluntary community services in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Guatemala.
One of the organization's major projects is its Speech and Hearing Program. Other projects include the National Heritage Program, the Service to Mankind Awards Program and the Freedom Week Program. The only requirements for membership are that individuals be between the ages of 18 and 65 and be actively engaged in a business or profession.
Any individual interested in joining the Highlands Sertoma Club is encouraged to visit one of the weekly meetings. The club meets each Wednesday at 7 a.m. at Howard Johnson's.



WALKER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Administrator John McClellan placed the 1978 accreditation certificate for all to see. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Walker Receives Accreditation

Walker Memorial Hospital has been accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH) according to John McClellan Executive Vice-President.
This accreditation, which covers from April 1978 to March 1980, is the result of an on-site survey made by field representatives of the Joint Commission's Hospital Accreditation Program (HAP). Accreditation indicated that the facility has, in the main, met these standards.
The standards, published as the Accreditation Manual for Hospitals, set forth optimal achievable goals of excellence against which a facility can measure itself and be measured by the Joint Commission's survey.
Walker Memorial Hospital is one of approximately 4800 general hospitals, as of December throughout the United States that have earned this recognition. There are represents a benchmark of quality that is higher than governmental licensure alone.
The chief aim of the Hospital Accreditation Program, one of four such programs under the JCAH umbrella, is to help hospitals in their pursuit of excellence and there by provide a higher quality of care to patients. The program also seeks to recognize, and to identify for the public, those facilities which meet its standard.
The Joint Commission began in 1918 under the auspices of the American College of Surgeons. It was incorporated in 1951 with the support of its approximately 7150 hospitals in the U.S.
The Joint Commission's accreditation surveys are voluntary. It is not legally necessary for a hospital to be accredited, but health care facilities have sought accreditation because it present member organization; the American College of Surgeons, the American Hospital Association, and the American Medical Association.
JCAH is a Chicago-based, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization. In addition to hospitals, it has programs for the accreditation of long term care facilities, psychiatric facilities, facilities for mentally retarded and other developmentally disabled persons, and ambulatory health care.
In their investigation the accrediting association is interest in the quality of nursing and patient care in all departments, which included the work of the medical staff in regards to patient care and records.
The physical condition of the hospital plant is noted in relationship to the safety of patients, fire drills and tests, electrical systems and the overall cleanliness. Equipment is also checked along with emergency auxiliary licenses and registrations kept current?
The hospital's overall operation is looked at as how it relates to the patient and is offering a quality program for the public.

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Roberts Seeks Second School Board Term

Steve Roberts, who is seeking a second term on Highlands County School Board, believes the citizens of the county have an investment in him and in a new four-year tour of duty they could realize a return on the education he received in his first term. They could, Roberts says, "get their money's worth."

The Avon Park Republican reports that a first term on the board is "a sort of schooling." He found, "The biggest majority of our decisions have to be made with guidelines from state and federal governments in mind, that board work is becoming very technical."

He lists the Lake Placid High School construction program as one of the big problems the board encountered during his term. "I'm not ashamed that we've had problems. Any large project is going to have problems."

He believes the board has had positive achievements too.

He points to an insurance survey which has "come up with substantial savings" for the taxpayers.

He thinks funding will be the biggest problem the school board will face in the 1979-1983 quadrennium. "I'll give the Proposition 13 Syndrome all consideration. The tax structure—the way it is set up now — just is not fair." He concludes the basic question finally comes to, "How much are the people willing to spend for education?"

Roberts, who is a member of a pioneer Highlands County family, is owner-operator of Ridge Florist, which operates shops in Avon Park and Sebring. He has one son who graduated from high school this spring and expects to enroll in a small church-related college this fall.

Roberts says he is making one promise to the voters: "to keep people informed."



Kids had plenty of fun and games at the 4th of July barbecue held on the Bombing Range. See story page 2B.

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Homemaker Tips

By Becki Brock, Highlands County Extension Home Economic Agent

Keep the "Zip" In Zippers

Zippers can be kept in good running condition with a minimum of care. Close zippers before washing or dry cleaning garment. When pressing, keep zipper closed and bring iron just to the edge. Do not place a hot iron on plastic track zippers.

Lubricate the coils or teeth of zippers that stick with a commercial lubricant or a bar of soap.

Select zipper tape to match or blend with fabric color when sewing.

Salts Can Help

Prevent colored fabrics from running by adding a little salt to the wash water.

When your iron sticks, sprinkle a little salt on a piece of waxed paper and run the hot iron over it. Rough, sticky spots will disappear like magic!

If you have several dry nylons that don't match, bring them to a boil in salt water a few minutes, then cool. They'll all come out the same color. One good remedy for chigger or mosquito bites is to soak them in salt water and later apply a mixture of lard and salt to the bite area.

If your soup is too salty, slice a raw potato or two into it. Boil for a short time and the salt flavor will disappear. The potatoes can be used for other dishes.

When in doubt an egg, make this test: Add two teaspoons salt to a cup of water and put the egg in it. A fresh egg will sink, a doubtful egg will float. Salt makes a good antiseptic. It will keep them off the kitchen floor and counter.

tops. The secret is to sprinkle salt onto the baseboards and in corners or counter bases.

Soak pecans in salt water for several hours before cracking them and the meat can be easily removed whole.

Mutual Supports

'Zero Quota'

Florida Citrus Mutual Executive Vice President Tom Oberlander said the grower organization supports the "zero quota" proposal aimed against any importation of Cuban agricultural products into the U.S.

The legislation, introduced by Florida's Congressman Richard Kelly and co-signed by 70 members of Congress, would prohibit the imports of citrus and other agricultural products from Cuba until at least 1990.

The citrus executive added that he does not believe Cuban governmental leaders who maintain their rapidly expanding citrus acreage is not aimed at exports to the U.S.

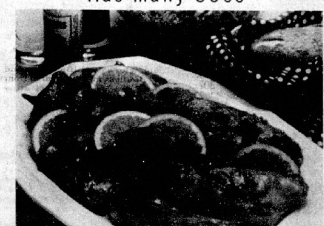
Cuba said its extraordinary plantings are aimed at meeting market demands in Eastern Europe.

Kelly said his bill was formed after he and other agricultural leaders spent five days in Cuba on a fact-finding trip after the current administration raised the probability of renewed trade with Cuba.

In addition to Kelly, other Florida congressmen supporting the bill thus far are L.A. Bafalis, C.W. (Bill) Young, Bill Chappell, Bob Sikes and Don Fuqua.

Recipe Of The Week

Worcestershire Barbecue Sauce Has Many Uses



This barbecue sauce, with its apricot base and Worcestershire sauce seasoning, could well be the easiest one you've ever made. And one of the most versatile. Just three ingredients quickly mixed together and it's ready to use on any number of different meats before baking. Used in this recipe with chicken, it's equally good with ham, pork, chops, ribs and roast duck. The trick that makes it so quick and easy to prepare is the use of Worcestershire sauce. In one measure you get the mingled flavors of anchovies, garlic and onions, anchovies, tamarind, vinegar, sugar and numerous spices, all mixed together in a smoothly blended condiment. It's a perfect flavor foil for the tart-sweetness of apricot preserves.

SAUCY BAKED CHICKEN

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