

	Max.	Min.	Rain
July 12	94	70	
July 13	94	73	
July 14	93	72	51
July 15	90	71	1.34
July 16	86	70	68
July 17	88	71	26
July 18	90	71	15

Overrules Local Council, Staff Director

Lake Placid Hospital Denied By Council



USING A SYRINGE, Jim Syfert, Chief of the Respiratory Therapy Department at Walker Memorial Hospital feeds or in-

jects blood into the fully automated ABL-2 arterial blood gas measuring machine.

In a few moments a complete printout is available for the physician. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

AVL-2 Speeds Up Blood Testing At Local Hospital

James "Jim" Syfert has been appointed Chief of the Respiratory Therapy Department according to John McClellan, executive vice-president of Walker Memorial Hospital.

Jim, his wife Karen and their two children came to Avon Park from Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Md.

A graduate of Union College in Lincoln, Neb., Jim has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physics and Mathematics. He became a registered respiratory therapist after extensive on the job training, attending numerous lecture series, seminars and the accelerated respiratory therapy course presented by the University of Chicago Hospital and Clinic.

He taught in the Columbia Union College School of Respiratory Therapy, Takoma Park, Md. for two years. This

was followed by two years of work as an intensive care respiratory therapist dealing with patients having severe respiratory problems, post-open heart surgery patients and other related areas.

Having worked in respiratory therapy for over ten years, Syfert brings to Walker Memorial Hospital a wide range of experience and expertise not before available at this institution or this area. He is a member of the American Association of Respiratory Therapy.

The hospital staff welcomed Jim Syfert with the expertise and commitment to improved services he brought to the medical staff and patients.

One of the machines that Jim will be using is the AVL-2 arterial blood gas measuring machine which is fully automated and self-calibrates everyone and three-quarter hours to be in the ready state at all times.

When a doctor orders an arterial blood gas study to determine a patient's respiratory or metabolic condition an answer is usually available within five minutes after the patient's blood has been drawn.

As a result of these tests the doctor, using a printout from the machine, knows the patient's blood pH, (acidity or alkalinity), the level of carbon dioxide, oxygen and bicarbonate (HCO₃). The bicarbonate level is controlled by the kidneys and the physician knowing the bicarbonate levels can get an idea of how the patient's kidneys are functioning.

Another machine the MK2 is a manual version of the arterial blood gas measuring machine and thus requires more technician time to keep it in the ready state. For this reason Walker Memorial Hospital uses it as a back-up machine for the ABL-2.

A Health Systems Council review committee in Sarasota has denied a proposed satellite hospital in Lake Placid and approved a 32-bed addition for Highlands General Hospital even though a staff review showed the Highlands Hospital satisfied only four of nine criteria used for making the decision.

The satellite hospital, which was proposed by Walker Memorial Hospital, satisfied eight of the nine criteria.

The decision by the review committee totally reversed a local sub-area advisory council which had voted unanimously to approve the Lake Placid satellite facility.

Committee Chairman C. Gerome Chambers, who voted to deny the Lake Placid application, said a federal guideline stated if there was a hospital within a half hour drive, there was no need for a new hospital.

However, that proposed guideline was said to have "no real meaning. It hasn't taken effect and is not binding," Edgar said.

James Carter, head of the Office of Community Medical Facilities in Tallahassee, said the ruling Chambers quoted was "Basically applicable to rural areas."

In more urban areas the rule probably would not apply, said Carter.

However Carter said it was not unusual for approval to be given even though all criteria were not satisfied.

"In a new hospital, four out of 18 criteria might not be satisfied and approval would still be given. It depends on which has the highest priority," he said.

Edgar, who wrote the staff review for both proposals, said it "was unusual to overturn a local advisory committee... We all agreed on an additional need (for hospital beds). I saw the need for a satellite facility. They didn't see the situation the way I saw it."

In the review, three of the criteria did not apply to the specific proposals. Of the remaining nine, Highlands General summary satisfied four, with two not satisfied, two had questions remaining and one criterion was partially satisfied.

The Walker Memorial proposal satisfied eight of the nine criteria with one criterion being called "questionable."

The survey also reveal that, although HSC guidelines state that "all acute short term general hospitals should maintain an annual occupancy rate of 80 percent" that Highlands General has never had an annual occupancy rate over 72.8 percent in three years.

Even during peak periods, the occupancy rate at Highlands General only reached a high of 90 percent.

The report states "Even during the peak season, Highlands General averaged 12 empty beds."

The report also concluded that "Because of the lack of full utilization of existing beds, even in peak seasons, and with the addition of a 100-bed nursing home and home health service this proposal (a 32-bed addition) does not appear needed."

The annual occupancy rate of Walker Memorial was 89 percent.

The staff review also noted the population trends of the county and concluded the best place to put a hospital was in the southern portion or near Lake Placid.

"Since the growth rate is the most rapid in the southern section of the

county, it appears the additional beds are appropriately located in Lake Placid," the report states.

Because of the population growth in Lake Placid and the fact that Highlands General does not have a high occupancy rate now, the least costly and most effective way to provide health-care services to Highlands County citizens would be through the Lake Placid satellite addition, the report concludes.

"Adding beds to either Walker Memorial Hospital of Highlands General Hospital could be done at a lower cost both in terms of operating and construction cost at the present time. In the long run, however, if beds are built in an area other than where the major population growth occurs, it will be more costly based on transportation costs of both patients and physicians. It would appear that Lake Placid will eventually need an acute care facility and it appears more cost-effective to choose that alternative now."

"(In Conclusion) This proposal (the Lake Placid facility) does appear to be the least costly, most effective method of providing hospital services to the citizens of South Highlands County in the long run."

Edgar, when asked if committee members had other facts that the ones in the reports on which to based their votes said, "No, they didn't have any more facts than I did."

The decision of the project review committee will be reviewed by the full board of the South Central Florida Health Systems Council on July 22 in Sarasota.

John McClellan, administrator of the Walker Memorial Hospital said the chances were "slim" that the full committee would reverse the recommendation of the review committee although he commented he was disappointed by the recommendation.

The decision by the full HSC board will be relayed to Tallahassee for a final approval.



A VACANT TERMITE infested house donated by Ben Hill Griffin, Inc. was used by volunteer firemen for a joint effort training session Monday night by

the Highlands Lakes and North Sebring Volunteer Fire Departments. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Firemen In Joint Training Session

A joint-effort training session in structural fires which culminated in burning a house to the ground was held by the Highlands Lakes Volunteer Fire Department and the West Sebring Volunteer Fire Department at the Ben Hill Griffin section 16 complex Monday evening.

The training session, which lasted from 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., was held in a vacant house, donated for the session by Ben Hill Griffin, Inc.

Highland Lakes Volunteer Fire Chief Gene Brenner said three tank trucks and one pumper were used in the session

which 22 volunteer firemen participated in.

He said the men received training in using breathing apparatus while inside a burning building, in addition to other knowledge and experience they received from the exercise.

Chief Brenner added that the training sessions are held regularly and that they burn a house for training as often as possible.

Chief Brenner said the two fire departments greatly appreciate the donation of the house by Ben Hill Griffin, Inc., for the session.

Funds For River Study

U. S. Rep. L. A. "Skip" Bafalis, Republican, Fla., announced that start-up funds for the Kissimmee River supplemental appropriations bill reported by the House Appropriations Committee. These funds are in addition to the \$100,000 in the House passed Public Works Appropriations bill for the upcoming fiscal year 1979.

"The funds approved in the bill," Bafalis said, "will allow this much needed study to begin immediately. And, couple with the \$100,000 in the House-passed bill for the next fiscal year, will the study well under way."

"I am pleased that the members of the Committee have been so responsive to my pleas for assistance on behalf of the

Kissimmee River," Bafalis stated. "The sooner the study is completed, the sooner the actual restoration work can begin."

"I am hopeful that this bill will move quickly to the Floor of the House and that the Senate will be as responsive to our requests to expedite funding of the study."



SOUTH FLORIDA JUNIOR under the marquee of the inspecting the building and morning. Sunphoto by College staff and guests passed Community Auditorium before Fine Arts Center last Saturday Miller.

Inspection Tour Of Auditorium

With the final approach of the completion of the Community Auditorium and Fine Arts Center on the South Florida Junior College campus, members of the Board of Trustees, Faculty, staff, Auditorium Committee and guests were taken on an inspection trip through the imposing structure, last Saturday by

R. Daniel Harris, A.I.M. of Watson and Company, architects.

The campus structure located between Lake Lelia and Lake Glenda off of College Dr. and Entrance Road is 230 feet 8 inches long and 212 feet at its widest part.

On the highest elevation on the campus

the marquee of the building presents an imposing sight that is to be enhanced by landscaping planned for the future. Access is either by Auditorium Drive or by walkways.

In the spacious lobby, to accommodate between acts audiences, besides ticket

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City Jail

Closed Or Renovated

By Mark Albright

"Since we do not have any money to build a new jail, I don't see as we have any choice," Avon Park Police Chief Robert Brooks said last Friday, of the choice given to the city by state officials from the Department of Corrections at the June 12 city council meeting to either completely renovate the city jail to bring it up to state standards or change it into holding cells to secure prisoners until they could be transferred to the county jail in Sebring.

"You're talking about several \$100,000," Chief Brooks said of the amount needed to bring the city jail to state standards, speculating that the cost of transporting prisoners to the county jail would be below this.

Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard said he does not charge the City of Avon Park for the booking or housing of prisoners sent to the county jail from the city, calling such a charge "double trouble."

Chief Brooks mentioned that the council is leaning toward closing the city jail.

City Councilman Larry Albright said the council has not decided anything yet.

needed to be made, they included central air and heat, the need for hot water in addition to cold, a single-unit stainless steel toilet and sink to prevent unruly prisoners from destroying fixtures, a

dietician to cook meals and a nurse on duty 24 hours a day.

Chief Brooks mentioned that oc-

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Four Escaped Juveniles Caught With Firearms

Four juveniles who had escaped from the Lakeland Detention Home, and had hitch-hiked to Avon Park were arrested by Avon Park Police Sgt. Roy Hickman Monday at 5:00 a.m., ending their camp-out and solving three burglaries at the same time.

While on patrol, Sgt. Hickman saw a boy standing beside S. Highlands Ave., near the Macasphalt Corporation, with a gun in his hands, Police Chief Robert Brooks said.

Upon seeing Hickman, the boy threw the gun in the bushes beside the road and ran. Sgt. Hickman recovered the gun and gave chase on foot, until he ap-

prehended the boy.

It was found that the four juveniles, two boys and two girls, all 14 and 15 years-old, had been staying in the area near the Macasphalt Corp. since they had arrived here Sunday night. They had already collected a large amount of various stolen household items which they had obtained by breaking into several homes.

The teen-agers also broke into E. J. Stewart's truck at his residence at 130 S. Highlands Ave. and stole a 30-06 rifle, a .22 rifle, a .22 automatic pistol, a twelve-

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Viewpoint/Commentary

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Health Planning Council Not Dealing With Reality

"I've made up my mind, now you get me the facts," snapped one late senator to his aide.

Such an attitude apparently shapes the thinking of members of the South Florida Health Systems Planning Council, which is a prime example of bureaucratic unresponsiveness in the state.

Meeting in Sarasota last week a review committee of the Health Systems Council, stretching logic and facts, voted to recommend a 25-bed addition to Highlands General Hospital and deny a satellite hospital, proposed by Walker Memorial, in Lake Placid.

The decision overruled a 25-0 vote of the local Highlands County committee to recommend the Walker Memorial proposal. Appropriately enough, there are no members from Highlands County on the regional board.

In denying the Walker Memorial proposal and, in effect, denying Lake Placid a hospital, the committee members took the most fanciful flights of imagination possible while, apparently, ignoring the world of reality.

For example, Committee Chairman C. Jerome Chambers voted to approve the 25-bed addition to Highlands General stating, "There are no facilities for handling critical emergency patients at the Lake Placid site."

One assumes by approving an addition by Highlands General, this will somehow help critical emergency patients in Lake Placid. What the board has actually done is delay, possible for years, when Lake Placid residents who do need emergency care can be given such medical help in their own community.

Mr. Chambers, not stopping with this bit of impeccable logic, told committee members a federal guideline stated if there is a hospital within a half hour drive, there is no need for a new hospital.

However, Health Systems Review Director Dan Edgar said the rule Chambers stated was only a proposed federal guideline with no real meaning.

If Mr. Chambers truly believes his is a binding federal guideline, then apparently he will soon inform the federal government that hospitals on the coast in Sebastian, Vero Beach, Ft. Pierce, Stuart and other cities need to be torn down. None of such institutions comply with Chambers' 30-minute rule.

Not to be outdone by the committee chairman, member Donald Ashley dismissed the population growth of Lake Placid by saying, "There is nothing below Lake Placid except Venus and a bunch of cows."

Editorial

After hearing such a statement, citizens have the right to wonder if Mr. Ashley even knows where Lake Placid is, or, if he knows where Highlands County is, or, if he has even a reasonable approximation of where the state of Florida is.

After making such statements it would be too much to ask committee members to actually read the staff reviews of each project to acquaint themselves of the facts but, if they did, they might be enlightened somewhat.

The main reason Highlands General asked for a addition is because hospital officials said HGH was overcrowded during peak periods. But the reports show that a occupancy rate of 90 percent is the highest occupancy rate HGH achieved, with an annual occupancy rate of 72 percent, which is below the 80 percent occupancy rate which HSC guidelines recommend.

The reports also show that population, regardless of the geographical expertise of Mr. Ashley, will be increasing at a faster rate in the southern part of Highlands County, where Lake Placid is located, than in the middle or northern parts of the county, where Sebring and Avon Park are located.

The reports also make clear the Lake Placid satellite facility is, in the long-run, the cheapest way to provide effective health care to all county residents. However Mr. Ashley, Mr. Chambers and, apparently, fellow members of the committee choose to ignore population figures, occupancy rates and financial statistics.

There is nothing wrong with fantasy. Nothing, unless, other people have to subsidize it.

Which is exactly what the citizens of Highlands County will have to do.

Council Dodging Duty

At least one voice of sanity has emerged from the Avon Park City Council. Sanity and common sense.

Ever since the suspension of Chief Robert Brooks by Mayor J. Marshall Davis, the Sun has wondered when councilmen would broach the subject. Last week, Councilman David Barefield did so and said what should have been clear to all city officials, and to all private citizens for that matter.

Councilman Barefield stated that, if the charges against Chief Brooks, were true, they should not have been dropped by the mayor.

On the other hand, if we understand Barefield's remarks, he was arguing that, since the charges were dropped, the city has an obligation to pay for Chief Brooks' attorney fees whether the city wants to or not.

In both cases, he is absolutely right.

Of the seven charges made against the police chief by the mayor three of them alone would have provided sufficient reason for dismissal.

A police chief which (a) endangers the lives of other law enforcement personnel or (b) allows officers to prepare cases so sloppily they are dismissed in court or (c) does not require officers and patrolmen to perform their duties should be dismissed. If the charges are true, then it is quite evident the man should not be a police chief.

Now Chief Brooks denies these charges and the four other ones which the mayor lodged against him.

Council members, instead of being blissfully assured by Davis that all differences had been resolved, should have inquired as to the specific matters of each charge.

Being responsible, as they are, with the health and safety of Avon Park citizens, we assumed they would be interested in such matters.

However, it appears that is a mistaken assumption.

However, how can the charge that Brooks endangered the lives of other law enforcement personnel be "resolved" in a meeting with the mayor?

This matter, one of vital interest to Avon Park citizens, has been handled

abominably ever since it started. Mayor Davis first suspended Chief Brooks, but refused to say why hoping, apparently, to keep everything very quiet and very secret.

Well, governments in Florida are not supposed to work that way and the prospect of city officials acting in a clandestine manner to fire a city department head seemed unjustified to any fair minded citizen.

But all Mayor Davis had to do was state a few of the reasons why he had suspended the police chief, and the furor would have calmed. There would still have been a great deal of interest, what did the city expect from citizens, total apathy?

But the main focus from citizens would have been whether the charges were true, not whether the city had been unfair to Brooks. Because of the awkward method of suspension, it appeared Brooks had gotten an unfair shake from the city.

Councilmen, though, did not want to dwell into the matter. It took Council Barefield to inform them of their responsibilities. It is incredible that a police chief could be suspended on seven charges, three quite serious, and councilmen not ask any details of the matter.

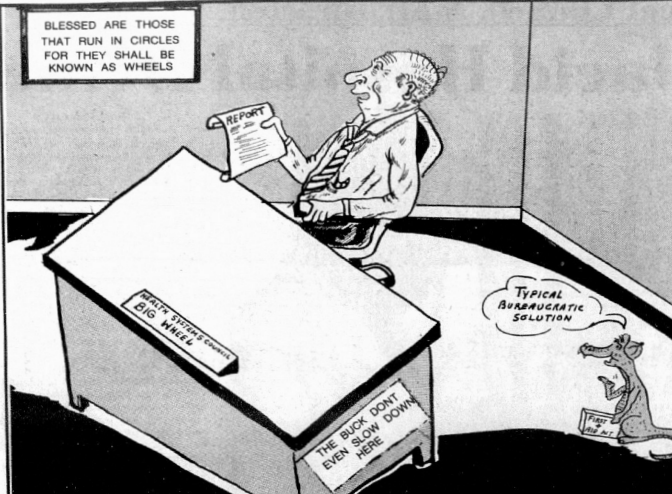
However, if councilmen decide to take Mayor Davis' charges on faith, they owe Brooks' his attorney fees. Again, Barefield explained the reason.

By refusing to pay a department head's legal expense, the council can easily make it too expensive for such an official to stay employed. All they have to do is suspend the official then, at a later date, lift the suspension. There is nothing to prevent Mayor Davis from suspending Chief Brooks again, then lifting the suspension.

We are not saying city officials would pursue such a course of action but officials should close off even the possibility of such an event happening.

This matter will not be remembered as the city's finest hour. Only Councilman Barefield has shown judgement in the whole situation. Other council members should heed his advice.

BLESSED ARE THOSE
THAT RUN IN CIRCLES
FOR THEY SHALL BE
KNOWN AS WHEELS



Let's see...Lake Placid needs a hospital, Sebring has one operating under capacity. The only solution is to increase the size of the Sebring hospital!

Our Readers Opinions

Dietitian Profession Insulted By Ignorance

Open Letter To:
Central Florida Health System Council Inc.
Gentlemen and Ladies:

I am a Registered Dietitian and you have insulted my profession and shown your ignorance in even the basics of the science of feeding people.

I refer to the article "Decisions Switch on Hospitals," by Matthew Delaney in Thursday's (July 13) Tampa Tribune.

In that article Mr. C. Jerome Chambers was quoted to have said, "By no stretch of the imagination could the Lake Placid facility be considered a hospital with the laboratory work and

food service programs being conducted at the Avon Park Hospital."

It is my understanding that the proposed satellite hospital is only about 28 miles from the main facility which houses the kitchen. Gentlemen, the University where I studied for my degree in Dietetics assisted in developing the technology which fed those precious human beings at another satellite feeding project 250,000 miles away the Moon.

And I never once heard a complaint from the astronauts who ate the food, all of which had been prepared here on Mother Earth.

Feeding people at a site 28 miles distant is simple to an experienced caterer. Public school systems, Meals on

Wheels, Title VII Congregate Feeding Program for Senior Citizens have been doing it for years.

Granted, a hospital will be slightly different with special diets, patients allergies, Food and Drug interactions, etc. - making it crucial to have the supervision and direction of a qualified person.

Dealing with these problems is all in a days work for Registered Dietitians all over America and the world for that matter.

Sincerely,
James L. Raymond, R.D.
Director of
Nutritional Services.

Applause For Unearthing Public Records

Dear Editor:

I think the editor deserves a round of applause, for bringing to light some things which others prefer to keep quiet or silent. Such as being told to go to hell when asked about papers that was public records. Yet some councilmen don't agree on a report to let the public know what is what.

Just to forget and maybe it will go

away (its only tax payers money). This has been going on for twenty years and no attempt to change for the better. Put the blame where it belongs, in the front office.

They knew about this and did nothing. If workmen must do office work we don't need the offices. The city clerk knew of this and met his approval or he would have changed it, or reported it. Most

likely the editorial is right if some of the councilmen do anything at all it will be quite a change. (We shall see).

What has the public got to look forward to? Some one else to dig things out so the voters will know who the doers are and the don't doers are and the good as well as the bad.

Thanks again for the Editorial. F.H.

Judge:HRS Rule Unconstitutional

A 10th circuit judge has ruled unconstitutional a Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Service (HRS) rule which limits residency in adult congregate living facilities to those persons who are "ambulatory."

Ina Perry, owner-operator of Ina's Boarding Home, and four of her home's clients - Gladys Owen Purvis, Ezekial Smith on behalf of his wife Marie Smith, Effie A. Foster and Russell H. Elliott - filed suit in circuit court challenging the rule. They claim such a rule tends to force older persons into facilities - such as nursing homes - which offer more skilled care than they need or wish to have.

Judge Oliver L. Green Jr. found the rule is "facially unconstitutional and is discriminatory of the rights of persons who are not ambulatory."

He found the HRS rule violates the 14th Amendment of

the U.S. Constitution. He denied a state motion for dismissal of the suit and, instead, ruled that the boarding home operator and residents should petition HRS for elimination or modification of the rule on non-ambulatory persons.

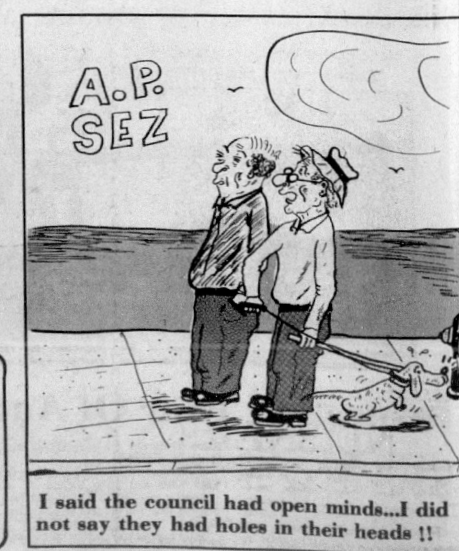
The parties are given 60 days to negotiate and if the differences have not been worked out in that time, Judge Green said, the case will go back into court for more hearings.

In Tallahassee Jim Mahorner, chief litigation counsel for HRS, said he plans to make a response far quicker than the 60-day limit set by the court.

Mahorner said if it appears that new rules can be worked out, the department will proceed to conduct the public hearings required before the big state agency can issue a rule.

If the two sides cannot reach

agreement on a satisfactory rule to be used statewide, the HRS attorney will prepare for a test case.



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Kerchoff Gives Talk To Rotary Club

At the noon meeting of the Avon Park Rotary Club on July 12, Eno Kerchoff, local jeweler and master watchmaker, presented a classification talk, which was given by a club member about his particular field of endeavor.

Kerchoff was born in Germany and in 1953 began a four year apprenticeship as a watchmaker. During this period in German history, only sons of tradesmen could study that particular trade.

In 1938, Eno became a journeyman watchmaker, but his schooling was interrupted by World War II. In 1945, at the end of the war, Kerchoff returned home to complete his course of study. Three years later he passed the watchmaker's tests, which included the actual making of a wristwatch. The only parts furnished were those which could not be made by hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerchoff immigrated to Canada in 1953

and he worked there the next 21 years as a jeweler and for Litan Industries.

In 1974 while on vacation in Florida, the Kerchoffs found an ad in a trade journal listing a jewelry store for sale in Avon Park. They investigated, liked what they saw and in November 1974 they established the Kerchoff Jeweler and Watchmaker store.

In club action John Townsend was recently named an Honorary member of the Avon Park Rotary Club. Townsend joined the local club on January 26, 1962. He has served several terms on the board of directors and was sergeant-at-arms for more than ten years. Congratulations, John! The



club deeply appreciated your loyal and dedicated service. Airman Daniel F. Donahue of the Avon Park Bombing and Gunnery Range was recently named Airman of the Quarter for both the Bombing Range and the Air Force Base. Tampa and was honored by the Rotary Club.

Club members were informed that foreign exchange student, Nichole Pursart of France will visit the club at their July 19 meeting. During her stay in Avon Park the Art Turners and Phil Webers will be her hosts.

Club members were also reminded that Rotary District Governor Bob Fox is expected to take part in the July 19 program.

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SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE complained of the high grass at the Bogavilla Cemetery on U.S. 27 South. Claude Cole,

cemetery superintendent, said it is almost impossible for the single caretaking employee to

keep the 26-acre cemetery properly mown and dig graves at the same time, especially

during the summer months when the grass grows fastest. Sunphoto by Mark Albright.

Local Cemetery Is A Disgrace

"It's a shame and a disgrace that it looks like this," Wilson Smith of Stephenson - Nelson - Smith Funeral Home said of the high, unknown grass at the Bogavilla Cemetery on U.S. 27 South. Claude Cole, cemetery

superintendent, said he had received several similar complaints about the condition of the grass at the cemetery.

Cole explained the condition of the grass by saying that with only one employee doing both the caretaking work and the

gravedigging it is almost impossible to keep the cemetery's 26-acres mown.

Cole added that the caretaker job is problematic during the summer months with the grass' rapid rate of growth.

Cole mentioned that the Bogavilla Cemetery is one of the most inexpensive in the area, commenting, "If you are going to keep it like most people want it kept, you would have to raise the price (of the lots)."

A perpetual care trust fund was established around 1970 and \$20 of the sale price of each lot is put into the fund for use after all of the lots are sold.

Until all the lots are sold, other money obtained through the sale of lots is used for caretaking expenses.

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Political Viewpoint

Jim Williams
Lt. Gov. Jim Williams, a leading contender for the Democratic nomination for governor, stressed economic opportunity for Floridians during a heavy campaign schedule last week.

Williams, an Ocala businessman and citrus grower, said Florida's economy has outpaced the South in economic growth while the South was leading the nation.

"This growth, came despite severe economic dislocation caused by the recessionary effects of the oil embargo of 1973-74. Our continued growth was possible because we have had in Florida a commitment to sound taxing policies and planning for the future," said Williams.

Williams' first act when elected Lieutenant Governor in 1974 was to order spending cuts of \$120 million in the state budget because revenues, which declined as a result of recessionary pressures, had not met anticipated levels.

"These were hard decisions brought on by hard times," said Williams. "But as a businessman I've been faced with the need to make hard decisions all my life. My experience both as a businessman and as the state's chief fiscal planner has prepared me to make hard decisions as governor and I won't flinch from them."

"Florida's economic future is not dependent on tax gimmicks like property tax forgiveness to relocating businesses," said Williams. "Such a policy would only force those already paying property taxes in Florida, including the businesses which compete with any which might migrate to the state and which create 4 out of 5 new jobs for our citizens, to pay higher property taxes."

"It's policies like that, which force higher taxes onto our citizens, that cause taxpayer revolts such as we've seen in California," said Williams.

"What business wants is a sound and stable tax policy, not a tax gimmick," Williams said. In the face of a national recession, Williams said quoting a report from the Southern Growth Policies Board, Florida had a greater growth in non-agricultural jobs from 1970 to 1976 than any other state in the South. And the South had greater growth than any other region of the nation.

E. Blaine Liner, Executive director of the Southern Growth Policies Board, reported June 12, that Florida's growth in non-agricultural jobs during the six-year period was 29.3 percent.

During the same period, Liner reported, personal income in Florida doubled while the average for the South was 86.2 percent and the national average was 71.1 percent.

"Our record of bringing new jobs to Florida is outstanding," Williams said. "But we can't afford to be complacent. We must continue to aggressively seek new industry compatible with our fragile economy."

"Traditionally in Florida we have experienced boom and bust economic cycles because our basic industries of agriculture, tourism and construction are sensitive to fluctuations of the national economy and the weather. We need compatible new industries in Florida so that our working willers will never want for a job."

"Creating those new private sector jobs will be my highest priority as governor," said Williams.

Robert Shevin
Florida Attorney General Robert L. Shevin, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in this fall's election, has unveiled a position paper on his plans to reduce the bureaucracy in state government, at the documented savings of \$46-million and the potential for additional savings of many more millions of taxpayers' dollars.

Shevin's proposals include abolishing the State Department of Administration and over 240 positions deemed "unnecessary" within it, while retaining certain key functions now performed by that department through reassignment to other offices.

"The Department of Administration has done more to create bureaucratic red tape and less to promote managerial efficiencies than any department of state government," Shevin said. "There is no way to measure how much money and time is wasted in unnecessary bureaucratic transactions."

"It is time for a governor who will get tough on government," Shevin said, "a governor who will ensure that taxpayers get their money's worth."

As governor and chief budget officer for the state, Shevin said, he will bring to Florida the same cost-conscious techniques he has applied to his office as Attorney General. "Since 1971 the workload in my office has increased 182 percent," Shevin noted. "The cost as related to workload has actually declined 4.6 percent, at a time when inflation increased by over 50 percent. That is true productivity."

"If state government doesn't change its tax and spend policies, the taxpayers will take matters into their own hands as occurred in California," Shevin said. "Artificial limitations on the size and growth of government may not be the best option. However, if we don't get serious about delivering services in a competent, efficient manner, it may be the taxpayers' only alternative."

Shevin also proposed:

— Creation of an Office of Budget and Governmental Efficiency, to be staffed without creating any new positions.

— Creating a Task Force on Governmental Waste to identify immediate opportunities for cost savings and managerial improvements.

— Consolidating clerical services for government offices to reduce the cost of such things as typing and other word-processing operations.

— Developing procedures so that the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services can bid competitively for social service programs.

"The vast majority of state employees are dedicated, hardworking persons who want to do their jobs and do them well," Shevin noted. "My intention is not to displace workers, but rather to rely upon attrition to reduce the number of employees as much as possible and, most of all, to increase the efficiency and productivity of the employees we do require to deliver necessary services so that the taxpayers get their money's worth from our state government."

Local Woman Faces Charges

An Avon Park woman faces three charges after she struck a parked car just off CR-17 in Avon Park, July 11.

Florida Highway Patrolman Jim Vann said Mary Barbara Clark, 58, was southbound when she traveled off the road, partially into a parking area and struck a car owned by Mary E. France of Avon Park, which was unattended.

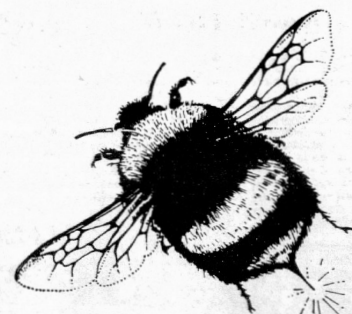
Damage was set at \$300. Vann charged Clark with careless driving, no driver's license and improper park after the mishap.

Persons Injured In Accident

Three persons were injured when a 67-year-old Avon Park man pulled into the path of a car on U.S. 27 near Avon Park.

Florida Highway Patrolman Roy Walker said Albert Wilford Keyes turned left across the northbound lanes of U.S. 27, attempting to enter Snively Road, when he crossed the path of a car driven by David A. Devell, 24, of Ohio. Devell's car was a total \$1,400 loss.

Walker charged Keyes with violation of right of way.



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Lily Buhler - Ron Martin Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buhler of Eureka, Calif., welcome you to share the joy of the marriage of their daughter, Lily, to Ronald Milton Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald M. Martin, Jr., of Avon Park. The groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Keppeler, are Avon Park residents also.

Ron and Lily will repeat their vows at a garden wedding in the midst of the towering redwoods on Pidgeon Point Road in Eureka, Calif. on Sunday, July 30, at 3 p.m.

The bride and groom both

Fall Schedule At SFJFC Planned

Any person who wishes a copy of the 1978 fall schedule for Vocational, Technical & Adult Education Division classes may call South Florida Junior College, 453-6661, extension 122, or write to the Dean of VTAE, South Florida Junior College, 600 West College Drive, Avon Park, Florida 33825. Written requests should include complete return addresses.

Daytime classes planned for the fall include Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Auto Body Mechanics, Automotive Mechanics, Carpentry, Child Care & Guidance, Drafting & Design, General Office Clerk, Radio & TV Electronics, Tractor & Diesel Mechanics, High School Review and Adult Basic Education.

Evening classes include American History, Auto Body Repair, Automotive Transmissions, Bookkeeping, Business Mathematics, Emergency Medical Technician, English, English

as a Second Language, General Mathematics, Legal Secretarial Procedures, Major Appliance Repair, Nurse Assistant, Office Machines, Sewing, Shorthand and Typing. G.E.D. Preparation courses in Mathematics, English, Science and Social Studies will also be offered in the evening. Evening classes will also be offered in Lake Placid and Sebring.

Pre-registration for daytime classes will be on July 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the college admissions office. All fees must be paid at registration.

For Society News

Call 453-4355 Or 453-4351

University Of Fla. To Host 4-H Congress

The Fourteenth Annual Florida 4-H Congress is to be held on the campus of the University of Florida, July 24-28. The theme, "Freedom To Be In Century Three," will provide many challenges to the approximately 700 4-H'ers and Extension Agents attending. The program will feature speakers, workshops, contests, and special recognition and entertainment.

The Tuesday program will feature state competition in 26 different demonstration categories. The 4-H'ers attending Congress received their trip by winning in one of these demonstration categories at one of the 13 district level events. The climax of the week will be the award and recognition convocation on Thursday with the winners in demonstrations and record book competition being recognized. The awards presented by donors and sponsors include trophies, trips, and scholarships. The congress will conclude with a banquet at which the 1978-79 Florida 4-H Council officers will be installed.

During the week, the Florida 4-H Council will be conducting their annual business meeting and selecting their new officers. The council is composed of two 4-H'ers from each county.

Highlands County 4-H'ers who will attend State Congress include Sarah Ramer and Joylyn Kitchings, both of the local Hostfosters 4-H Club who will be representatives to

Council and Donna Williams and Glynda Donahay, both of the Lake Placid Community 4-H Club, who will compete at the state level in Home Environment demonstrations. The 4-H'ers will be accompanied by Miss Beki Brock, Highlands County Extension Home Economics Agent.

Four-H is a program of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service and is open to all individuals, ages 8-18, regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin.

Descendants Holds Reunion

The Descendants of Rant Jacobs held their annual reunion at the home of Francis LaFlam, River Ridge, recently.

There were over 75 descendants with one of Mr. Rant's daughters, Mrs. Jessie Smith of Ft. Meade and 80 years of age, being the oldest living relative present. Another daughter, Mrs. Little Peck of Leesburg, was also present. Some family members came from as far away, as New Jersey for this special occasion.

A bountiful dinner spread was prepared and set while family members reminisced of the 'good ole days.'

Francis LaFlam reported that there were at least five generations at the gathering.

It's Time To Say



Happy Birthday

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

July 20 — Walt Carter, Mrs. Earl Dunavent, Dot Johnson, Annie Sadler, and Arthur I. Turner.

July 21 — Mike Nolin, Jeffery Davis, Mark Albright, Linda B. Shaw, Mrs. John Heiring, Mrs. Lowell Hill, Mrs. Ralph Graham, Rosemary Clark, Margaret Allen, Thomas H. Dailey, Betty Sheffield, Rachel Lynette Hunter, and Sheila Amburn.

July 22 — Hazel Guendt, Harley Metheny, Mary Peters, Lawrence Pale, J.T. Gibbs, Glynda Thompson, Dottie Young, Sherry Diane Watson, and Frances Hart.

July 23 — Mae Kreigh, Melville David Bass, Vol Wheelahan, Cindy Williams, Cynthia Robbins, Kenneth Smith, Kelly Jean Newsome, and William Amburn.

July 24 — Silda Murphy, Daniel Carroll, Billie Smith, and Layton E. Thompson.

July 25 — Ken Filippola, Renne' Clenney, Fred Wood, Tony Bacon, and Kerrilyn Surrency.

July 26 — Mrs. Nancy Shay and Linda Hill.

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.

by Betty Amburn Society Editor Helms-Lee Weds



Mrs. Robert Eugene Lee

Martha Ann Helms and Robert Eugene Lee were united in holy matrimony on June 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church of God of Avon Park.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Sue Ellenburg, formerly of Avon Park and the late Talmadge "Bud" Helms.

Parents of the groom are Mrs. and Mrs. Carl N. Lee of Avon Park.

Rev. Paul Search performed the double ring candlelight ceremony. The church was beautifully decorated with an assortment of green plants and ferns, a large bouquet of white gladioluses and chrysanthemums were arranged in the middle with tall white lilies in branched candelabras on each side. A program of pre-nuptial music was given by Mrs. Lillian Johnson, Miss Cindy Woodard sang "You Light Up My Life" and "Twelfth of Never."

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Gary Helms, wore a formal which gown of organza. The detailed lace bodice was enhanced with time seed pearls with a scalloped scoop neckline and long fitted lace sleeves. The full flounce skirt had three tiers of organza with matching border lace on each tier to form a full train. The veil was trimmed with lace was attached to a Coronet style headpiece with tiny seed pearls covering it, and she carried a cascade of Red Mary Devore Roses and Stephanotis.

Martha was attended by Ms. Patti Goguen, matron of honor; bride's sister, Mrs. Brenda Hancock; groom's sister, Mrs. Carla Elliott; Mrs. Donna Vinson and Mrs. Barbara Whidden. These

bridesmaids wore gowns in rainbow hues of polyester organza, capelet sleeves with ruffled front and back. V-neckline with bow trim. A full skirt with a deep ruffle bordering the hem was gathered at the center back waistband by a fabric ruse. The bridesmaids carried a bouquet of mixed pastel mums and daisies.

Miss Monica Elliott, niece of the groom served as flower girl and Mr. Eddie Hancock, nephew of the bride served as the ring bearer.

Bobby selected his father as his best man. The groomsmen were Mr. Howard Sizemore, Mr. Glenn Hancock, Mr. Chuck Elliott, and Mr. Noel Scott. They were attired in white tuxedos with a boutonniere in the rainbow hue of each bridesmaid. Usurers for this joyous occasion was Mr. Larry Helms, brother of the bride and Mr. Richard "Bud" Ward, they were attired in black tuxedos with a boutonniere of a white carnation.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Sue Ellenburg chose for the occasion a long sleeve yellow gown of sweatheart satin.

Mrs. Hazel Lee, mother of the groom attended her son's wedding in a long blue knit dress with cape sleeves and a standup lace collar. A reception followed the ceremony in the Social Hall of the Church. The Hall was decorated with live green plants and ferns. The bridal cake table held the three-tiered wedding cake with silver candelabras on each side. The Grooms table held his chocolate groom's cake with a silver punch bowls and trays of

assorted sandwiches, mints and nuts.

Mrs. Ann Fortner, Mrs. Madie Landress, Mrs. Barbara Ward, Mrs. Sally Blanton, Mrs. Linda Laye, Mrs. Pat Casey, Mrs. Louise Hamm, Mrs. Mary Collinsworth and Miss Diane Helms served the cake, sandwiches and punch to the many guests.

Miss Pam Rhymes kept the brides book. For her honeymoon, Mr. Robert E. Lee chose a three piece vested suit in a pastel pink. A trip to Central Florida attractions was included in the couple's honeymoon. The couple will reside at 817 South Highlands Avenue in Avon Park.

Hometown News

Jim and Lizzie Norris of Avon Park had their niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hill of Ashburn, Ga. as visitors over the July 15-16 week-end.

The Hill's and Norris traveled to Lakeland Sunday July 16 to visit with Lizzie's brother and family, George Moore, afterwards the Norris returned to their home in Avon Park, and the Hill's continued their journey back home via Inverness to visit with Mr. Hill's brother.

Mrs. Eugene (Vonnie) Flint is back in Texas for more treatment.

Her mailing address is Wilford Hall, Ward 8-A, Lakeland Air Force Base, Texas; zip Code, 75851.

She would appreciate hearing from her many friends.



LORA LEE HINOTE (center) was honored with a bridal shower July 14 at the Florida Power Lounge. Pictured with Lora is her mother, Shirley Hinote (left) and the groom's mother, Garland Kelly (right). Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Lora Hinote Honored With Bridal Shower At Florida Power Lounge

Miss Lora Lee Hinote bride-elect of Marty Kelly was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower Friday night July 14 at the Florida Power Lounge. Hostesses for this special occasion were Ophelia Rihner, Dorothy Atkins, Betty Crews, Willie Copeland, Joyce Hall, Sharon Dunn, Grace Correll, Betty Lou Wells, Frances Gurganus and Virginia Henderson. All the hostesses wore western style attire, carrying out the motif of the bridal shower.

Upon arrival Lora Lee was

presented with a corsage of pink carnations and roses.

The mother of the bride, Shirley Hinote, and the groom's mother, Garland Kelly were also presented corsages from the hostesses. The refreshment table was decorated with a beautiful pink checked tablecloth and adorned with an arrangement of pink carnations and white daisies artistically placed in a black kettle, carrying out the western theme used by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Howard Rimes of Avon Park announce the birth of a son, Joseph Robert Carl, born July 7, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bennett Hobbs, of Avon Park announce the birth of a son, Henry Albert, born July 9, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 9 lbs. 7 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Keck, of Lake Placid announce the birth of a son, Brad Lee, born July 7, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 7 lbs.

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Dr. Tony and Delma Chen of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Kenneth George, born July 13, at Walker Memorial Hospital weighing 8 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kerr announce the birth of a daughter, Sharon Meek, born June 28, in Peru, Ill., weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. Mr. Kerr resides in Avon Park.

Miss Hinote received many lovely gifts which included a large antique gold framed mirror presented to the bride-elect by the hostesses.

Pre-Natal Classes Offered At SFJFC

South Florida Junior College will offer a seven week series of pre-natal classes in the Child Care classroom on the college campus. Classes will meet each Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. beginning August 1 and ending September 12. These classes are designed for women who are in their last trimester of pregnancy. Husbands or coaches for the expectant mothers are encouraged to attend. There will be a fee of \$7, per person plus \$1, for a college parking decal.

The pre-natal classes will stress Lamaze breathing and relaxation techniques, as well as, anatomy and physiology of pregnancy and birth, management of breast feeding, nutrition and newborn care.

For registration information and other details, see Mrs. Betty Asair at South Florida Junior College or call 653-6661, extension 115, in Avon Park.

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LaDawn Long Attends Drum Major Camp In Leesburg

New Pipe Drum Major of the Avon Park High School Grenadier Band Pipe and Drum Corp., LaDawn Long left Sunday, July 16 to spend a week working and training at the American Drum Major Academy in Leesburg, and will return this coming Friday.

LaDawn, along with Drum Major, Blake Longshore and Band Captain, Linda Decker, will be assisting the new Band Director, Joe Keating with all of the football half-time shows along with parades, concerts, etc., that show off the Avon Park Grenadier Band style that has made it the pride of the community.

Playing the French Horn, LaDawn started with the Avon Park Bands during her year in the sixth grade. As a junior at Avon Park High School, this will be her sixth year in the band.

In addition to her band activities, LaDawn is a member of the Keyette Club and was elected secretary of the Avon Park High School Student Council for the 1978-79 year. In her classwork she maintains a straight "A" average. Her hobbies include piano, which she has studied for nine years, swimming and riding her horse Kala.

At sixteen years of age she is active in the First Baptist Church as a member of the choir, Ateen group and serves as a member of the recreation committee.

As Pipe Drum Major she will be leading the Pipe and Drum Corp. of the Avon Park Grenadier Band. At the drum major academy the training will include the following: Baton and free style conducting, marching and parade techniques, salutes, military

bearing and procedure, vocal and whistle commands, inspection procedure and classic style.

Military, strutting and show styles along with field positioning; twin drum major and individual styles; baton and hand command styles; baton flash, spins and serials, "Marching Band Music," sight-reading and conducting and the organization and leadership school "Taking Command."

Erik Strom Recovers From Accident

Erik Strom, grandson of Mrs. Loyd Wells and an occasional visitor of Avon Park, and making friends has met with a terrible accident while employed with the State Idaho As he was cutting down trees with a chain saw preparing for new roads, the saw slipped and severed Erik's windpipe and jugular vein. A fellow worker, just returned from Vietnam tore off his shirt and made a tourniquet around Erik's neck to stop the flow of blood. He also bound his head and left arm. The fellow worker then

dropped him to a nearby truck and drove him to Ashton Idaho Memorial Hospital where he underwent 5 hours of surgery. Erik is making a remarkable recovery and is able to walk around. More surgery is predicted for his left arm.

Erik was so happy with his new summer job which paid him \$11.75 an hour. He is a teacher of handicapped children in Rexbury, Idaho.

It is a miracle that he survived such an ordeal. The Lord was with him, stated Mrs. Wells.

Veterans Administration Warns GI Bill Time Will Soon Run Out

The Veterans Administration St. Petersburg Regional Office wants Florida Vietnam Era veterans to use GI Bill education benefits while there is still time.

Regional Office Director William R. Blackwell warned today that GI Bill time will soon run out for some 129,000 Florida Vietnam Era veterans who haven't participated in veterans' education and training programs.

Veterans can use the bill for education and training only within ten years from date of their military discharges, he said.

The VA now pays a monthly allowance of \$31 to a veteran with one dependent, \$42 to a veteran with two dependents,

and \$26, for each additional dependent.

Veterans are also paid VA allowance to complete their

school education and train on-the-job or in apprenticeship programs, he said.

Students May Claim Income Tax Exemption

The Internal Revenue Service today reminded full-time students seeking summer jobs that they may not need to have Federal income taxes withheld from their wages.

Charles O. DeWitt, IRS District Director for Florida, said students who had no income tax liability in 1977 and do not expect to have any for 1978 qualify for exemption from withholding of Federal income tax from their wages.

"It's important to remember that this exemption applies only to income tax and not to social security," Mr. DeWitt added.

Students may claim exemption from withholding by securing a copy of Form W-4 (Rev. May, 1977), Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, from any IRS office in Florida and filing it with their employers, Mr. DeWitt advised.



PIPE DRUM MAJOR of the Avon Park High School Grenadier Band Pipe and Drum Corp., LaDawn Long did a few practice twirls with the

Pipe Major's Mace before leaving for a week at the American Drum Major Academy at Leesburg. Sun-photo by Lew Miller.

Hall Now Owner Of Park Pharmacy In Avon Park

Raymond Hall, pharmacist at Park Pharmacy for the past four years is now the

Six Circuit Judges Seek Re-Election

All six of the 10th Judicial Circuit judges whose terms expire this year will stand for re-election. This group includes Judge Clifford M. Kelly, Highlands' resident judge who will be seeking his fourth term on the bench.

The judges file their qualifying papers with the Florida Secretary of State in Tallahassee. However, Judge Kelly, who was presiding for criminal trials here this week, chose to send his qualifying papers by mail rather than making the trip to the Capitol in person.

Other 10th circuit judges who are seeking new six-year terms are Oliver L. Green Jr., Gunter Stephenson, John H. Dewell, William K. Love and Richard A. Bronson.

The other five judges in this circuit and County Judge Mark H. Richardson Jr. are on a different time schedule and will not be up for election in 1978.

All the judges now run on a non-partisan ticket. The judges who draw opposition will be on the ballot in the first primary. Unopposed jurists' names will not be printed on the ballot.

proprietor of the drugstore, purchasing it from Charles Mondell of Orlando on May 27.

Raymond was born and raised in Avon Park to the late Virgil Hall and Mrs. Virgil Hall. He is a graduate of Avon Park High School, now known as the Middle School and received his pharmaceutical degree from the University of Florida in 1967.

"Right now," said Raymond "I have no plans for expanding of the drug store." "We may paint it and fix it up a little, but basically it will remain the same."

Park Pharmacy has been in Avon Park for 26 years and Raymond plans to continue with the name and carry the same line as before; such as, cosmetics, patent medicines, pharmaceuticals jewelry and greeting cards.

The drugstore is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday however, Raymond said that he was always available whenever someone

needed him. He continued by saying that he is the only pharmacist on duty, at the drug store which means he works a nine hour day, eating lunch at the drugstore. "Being a pharmacist is a profession to me," said Raymond, "not a job." A profession which he enjoys.

When asked why he chose Avon Park he answered, "I like small towns, and I grew up here. My Dad used to own Halls Laundry in Highlands County and I like the people here. I guess I know at least 85 percent of the people of Avon Park," he added.

Raymond is married to the former Carol Burton of Arcadia. They have three children, Vesta Hall age 16, George Allen age 11, and Heather 8.

The Halls are members of the First Baptist church of Avon Park with Raymond being a Deacon, a Training Union Director and Sunday School Teacher.



Raymond Hall

Cool To Speak In Lorida Tuesday

Assistant County Engineer Carl Cool will be guest speaker at Tuesday's 8 p.m. meeting of the Greater Lorida Community Club at the Old Schoolhouse on Oak Street and U.S. 98.

Cool will review plans for the new Lorida Park under construction at a nearby site on Oak St. and will conduct a question and answer period on other matters of interest to residents.

The meeting will be open to the public and refreshments will be served. President Everett Boney issued an invitation to all taxpayers and other interested persons in the area to attend the session.

The complex is to be located on a five-acre parcel which the Community Club has purchased and donated to the county for that use, Boney explained.

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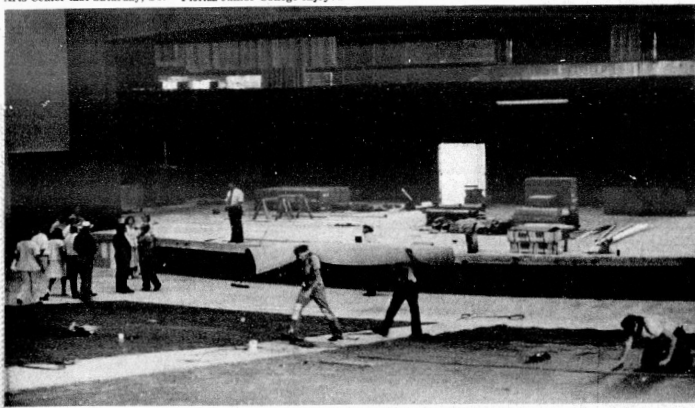
DOOR PRIZES





FOLLOWING THE INSPECTION OF THE New Community Auditorium and Fine Arts Center last Saturday, Dr. Elver Hodges, (left) chairman of the Board of Trustees and Dr. William Stallard of South Florida Junior College enjoyed

orange juice and rolls supplied by Watson & Co., architects. To the right are Lynn MacNeal, SFJC drama instructor and John Wright of Channel 8 TV. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.



WHILE WORKMEN WERE busy laying the beige colored carpet in the new 1900 seat Community Auditorium at last Saturday, staff members and guests were taken on an inspection trip by the architect. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.



STAFF MEMBERS AND College paused for a look at three walls. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

Gunter Announces Re-Election Plans

Highlighting a record of pro-consumer victories, Treasurer-Insurance Commissioner Bill Gunter has announced his candidacy for reelection, pledging to continue the fight he started against high insurance rates.

"It is with pride in the accomplishments of the past year and a half and with an appreciation of the enormity of the unfinished task at hand, that I announce my candidacy for reelection as State Treasurer-Insurance Commissioner," Gunter said.

In his capacity as Insurance Commissioner, Bill Gunter in less than two years has scored dramatic victories for Florida consumers.

They include:
— **REFUNDS.** More than \$60 million in rate reductions, premium refunds and dividend credits have been returned so far to Florida auto insurance policyholders since the Department of Insurance announced a commitment to crack down on excess premium charges.

— **REFORM.** When the 1977 Legislature failed to enact reforms to cut down on frivolous and expensive automobile accident litigation, Commissioner Gunter launched a statewide petition drive. The result: adoption by the 1978 Legislature of important new reforms that provide a mechanism to lower liability-no-fault rates and limit "pain and suffering" lawsuits to very serious injury or death.

— **FRAUD OFFICE.** Within three months of taking office, a Division of Insurance Fraud was implemented to investigate and press cases against individuals submitting phony claims or engaging in other violations of state insurance law. As of June 1, the Fraud Division had opened more than 900 cases by action of its Miami, Tampa and Jacksonville offices.

— **SEX DISCRIMINATION OUTLAWED.** Sweeping new regulations were adopted banning unfair discrimination in insurance matters based solely on sex or marital status during the Commissioner's first year in office.

— **CONSUMER AID.** More than \$17 million was recovered for Florida policyholders

through a network of 21 service offices which investigated 53,278 consumer complaints as of June, 1978.

— **LICENSES REVOKED.** Commissioner Gunter has ordered the licenses of more than 60 agents and companies revoked for improper business practices in Florida.

— **JUA ORDER.** An examination of the "high risk" Joint Underwriting Association led to the Commissioner's order that drivers with good records be removed and offered insurance in the open market.

— **PARTS FRAUD CRACK-DOWN.** A joint effort by the Insurance Department and the Attorney General's office led to new rules under Florida's "Little FTC Act" to provide civil remedies for consumers victimized by garage and automobile body shops.

"In the coming four years, I am committed to providing priority, though not exclusive attention to other important pocketbook issues," said Gunter. The issues include:

— **The implementation of legislation permitting the review of insurance company profits for 1978 through 1978.**
— **The development of a comprehensive workmen's compensation reform package that is fair to workers while offering needed relief to employers.**

— **The development of proposals to maximize health insurance benefits while reducing unnecessary and duplicative costs.**

— **The consideration of rate increase requests as options of the last resort. Increases simply won't be granted without vigorous and severe public scrutiny.**

— **The continued reform and refinement of Florida's no-fault auto insurance laws to provide reductions in the cost of auto liability insurance.**

"Any responsible candidate for this office should address these and other major pocketbook problems with specific solutions," Gunter said. "In my campaign these issues will be discussed openly and fearlessly. I believe the people of Florida expect nothing less from a candidate for this important job."

Shopping Center Proposed For Highlands County

The most speculative item on a lengthy agenda confronting the Highlands County Planning and Zoning Commission Aug. 8, is a request for rezoning to permit construction of a shopping center.

The proposed center, would be located on 29 acres along U.S. 27 south of Fairmont Drive. The applicants, Dundler Enterprises, Inc. and Marguerite Dembits, desire to construct a shopping center with mail and department stores. They will be represented by John Short.

The land, now zoned agricultural, single, and one and two family residential, will require a change to general retail-wholesale.

In other items to be considered by the board, Bee Groves, Inc., Kelton Hill and Raymond Faulson, need a change from agricultural to general retail-wholesale for 15 acres bordered by U.S. 27, DeSoto City Road and Razorback Road in order to establish commercial development. The group will be represented by Atty. Jack Hancock.

A request for a switch from multiple family residential to industrial use-heavy equipment is being sought by Rafter Realty and National Bakers Services DBA Sebring Properties (Thomas Wohl). The land involved includes 5 acres bordered on the east by Seaboard Coastline, south of Kenilworth Blvd., and west of Highlands Ave. The applicant desires a location for repair of heavy

equipment on property that is adjacent to the railroad and an auto repair shop. In the future the applicant plans to have a railroad siding for warehouse distribution.

Construction of offices and stores is the object of the Bur-Mar Corp. (Cavender Realty), a quarter mile south of Lake Josephine Drive on the east side of U.S. 27. The present single family residential zoning would have to be changed to general retail.

Golf Hammock Estates is eyeing growth, as represented by a request for rezoning before the board. American Home Service Corp. (Thomas Wohl) needs a change from agricultural to multiple family residential before construction of rental villas and triplexes for Golf Hammock visitors.

The 6 acres of property is located east of Highlands

Hammock State Park off Hammock Road on Golf Hammock Drive.

The other items on the agenda concern mobile homes. Hammock Mobile Estates, represented by Atty. James McCollum, wants campground zoning changed to mobile home park on a series of lots in the area of Louis St. and Rodney St.

Bel-Air Investments needs the agricultural classification switched to mobile for a tract in Highway Acres Subdivision. The expansion of the present park will be west of Leisure Acres.

Bannie Masters, represented by Atty. Michael Swaine, is seeking rezoning for acreage on the east side of U.S. 27 south. The 8.83 acres are approximately two miles south of the intersection with U.S. 98.

Sweet Tooth Deadline Extended For Lunch Program

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman has announced an extension of the deadline for public comments on a proposal to ban the sale until after the last lunch period of candy, soda water, frozen desserts, and chewing gum in schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

The proposed regulations implement a provision of Public Law 95-166, enacted last November. The provision gives the Department authority to regulate the sale in schools of foods which compete with the school food service program.

The original deadline for comments was June 9, (USDA press release 1160-78). This was subsequently extended to June 23 (USDA press release 1633-78) because of the large public response the Department has received on this

subject. The Department has received approximately 1700 comments to date, extending the deadline to June 30, so that more public comments may be considered.

Ms. Foreman said, "The comments we have received express a wide variety of views on this proposal and we feel it necessary to further extend the comment period to ensure that all respondents have a chance to be heard."

Written comments on the proposal should be submitted to Margaret O.K. Glavin, Acting Director, School Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, no later than June 30.

The notice announcing the extension of the public comment period appeared in the Federal Register of June 23.

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Haddock Office

Monday July 16, Haddock, real estate announced the opening of a real estate office, under the name of Haddock, Realtor at 20 E. Main Street, Sebring.

Mrs. Haddock, selling real estate in the County for the past years, having been associated with Haddock, Realtor in her husband's office. Haddock will handle real estate, homes, lots, and groves, commercial way frontage and management of properties.

Nine years ago her husband, Dr. Haddock, moved from coming to Avon Park this home and a 2120 E. Lake Road. They are members Baptist Church. Their children are Mrs. Eileen living in

Legion For V

Plans for the V Parade (Armistice) held in Avon Park being formulated by the American Legion according to Harvey Dixon.

A new organization, business, professional, patriotic citizen float in the parade. For further information people can call Legnaire or Lane, chairman after 6 p.m. call at 453-4469.

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Construction Is Up In Highlands County

It may not be a boom year, but construction activity in Highlands County is building toward unprecedented levels. June estimated construction totals are the highest ever recorded by Highlands County Building Department.

"It's going wild now," Henry "Hank" Eures, building officer said. He said building activity began picking up about a year ago and became especially active in the past few months. "We're busier now than in the winter," Eures said. The

EMS Report

Highlands County Emergency Medical Service reports there were 11 emergency runs, four out-of-county transfers and two out-of-county transfers in Sebring during the week of July 9 through 15.

In the same period there were six emergency runs, six in-out transfers and one out-of-county transfer in Avon Park and five emergency runs in Lake Placid.

months of October through March are normally the most active for construction. Eures believes that a combination of northern people building houses in the area and a move of Florida coastal residents to the interior are creating the surge. The northern winter of 1977-78 is a foundation stone for the influx of house-building residents from Northern states and Canada.

Eures said there are a number of Canadians who have moved into the county and Canadian contractors are also building in the area. Most of the new houses are custom built. Eures estimates that 75 percent of new housing construction, which accounts for most new building, is custom work that is sold before it is built. The remainder of the estimate is housing built for speculative sale.

June figures prepared by the department show 266 building permits issued last month compared to 161 issued in June, 1977. The estimated value of new housing construction, which includes one-family, two-family and townhouses, is \$2,270,839.

Estimated building value of all county construction through June is \$16.5 million. This compares to \$28 million in new construction estimated values in all of 1977, \$21.5 million in 1976, \$13.9 million in 1975, \$16.5 million in 1974, \$22 million in 1973 and \$15.3 million in 1972.

The slump in totals for 1974 was due to the last recession's effects on county building. Eures said the recession didn't bring building to a halt in Highlands as it did in some coastal areas and most established builders continued work.

Now that activity is on the upswing in Highlands, some of the contractors who drifted away are returning, Eures said.

Although most, perhaps 50 percent, of new housing is

being constructed in the county's major subdivisions, the new housing trend is seen throughout the county.

"It's scattered all over. We have got houses going in around Venus, Kissimmee River, Avon Park, Lake Placid and Sebring," Eures said. Two of the most active subdivisions are Sun 'n Lake of Sebring and Leisure Lakes.

Other developments such as Sun 'n Lake of Lake Placid, Quarry Lakes and the County Club-Lake Haven Estates area of Sebring are also growing. Several new contracting firms have come to the area and there has been an increase in the number of subcontractors as well. "It seems like every time you get an area that's growing, there's a lot of new firms (subcontractors) that come in. They hear where the construction is," Eures said.

More people are taking the quarterly examinations given by the department for

contractors and subcontractor licenses. There were 22 who took the July exam. Eures said that normally only 10 to 15 might take the test.

He said contractors are looking for qualified help. One problem generated by the amount of building is in scheduling final inspections.

Contractors expect inspectors to be on the spot when they call for a final inspection.

Unlike some areas, such as Dade County where inspectors give a contractor a period of several days to be prepared for a final, Highlands inspectors try to set appointments for such an exam.

In covering 1,200 square miles, inspectors are not always able to maintain precise schedules and this may lead to some contractors' irritation if the final isn't made right on time.

The department's present staff of three inspectors is able to meet the demand. One inspector is generally able to cover the Lake Placid area,

while the other two work out of the Sebring office.

Building fees support the department's operations and Eures said he plans to discuss raising fees with county commissioners.

The fee schedule, one of few things in construction that hasn't shot through the roof in recent years, hasn't been changed since the department began operations. Current fees are lower than those charged by Sebring and Avon Park.

Eures said he hopes the building level doesn't rise any faster as he fears the same end could befall Highlands County as has caused the congestion in coastal areas. Some contractors expect the county's population to double within four years, he said.

"I don't want to see it grow so fast we can't keep up with it." Right now the department is keeping up with the rising level of construction. Even Eures is out making inspections along with the other three.

Haddock Opens Office On Main St.

Monday July 17, Juanita Haddock, real estate broker announced the opening of her real estate office, operating under the name of Juanita R. Haddock, Realtor and located at 20 E. Main Street in Avon Park.

Mrs. Haddock has been selling real estate in Highlands County for the past six or more years, having been as an associate with Robert R. King Jr., Realtor in her office Mrs. Haddock will handle all types of real estate, including: Homes, lots, acreage and groves, commercial and highway frontage and also the management of rental properties.

Nine years ago Juanita and her husband, Dr. Carl Haddock, moved from Lakeland coming to Avon Park making this their home and residing at 210 E. Lake Lotela Drive. They are members of the First Baptist Church. Their four children are married with Eileen living in Ft. Myers;

Kathryn and William "Bill" in Brandon and Robert living in Macon, Ga. Juanita is secretary of the Avon Park Area Board of Realtors and has been an active member of the board for a number of years. She completed her real estate courses at South Florida Junior College for both the salesman and broker's license and is well qualified to serve the real estate needs of the community.

Her office fronting on Main Street is located two doors west of the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce and is in one of the oldest buildings in the city. It is next door to the Book Exchange, which is the oldest building in Avon Park, having been built about 90 years ago. Extensive remodeling has been done in the office and Juanita has invited her friends and area residents to stop by and see her when she has 'open house' from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this coming Friday, July 21.

Legion Makes Plans For Veteran's Day

Plans for the Veteran's Day Parade (Armistice Day) to be held in Avon Park this year are being formulated by the American Legion Post No. 69 according to Legionaire Harvey Dixon.

Any group-civic organization, Church, business, professional or patriotic citizen can enter a float in the parade started Dixon. For further information people can contact any Legionaire or call Rodney Lane, chairman at 453-4788 or after 6 p.m. call Harvey Dixon at 453-4409.

With many community activities to their credit, the

American Legion is open to all men and women veterans of all wars and all who have served in the United States Armed Forces, said Dixon. The Legion's membership meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Every fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. Post No. 69 has a fellowship dinner with each family bringing a covered dish and table service. Every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. the Legion Post sponsors a Bingo party to which the public is invited to participate. Many variations of the game are played with a \$100 jackpot ending the evening play.

Brojek And Nadeau Attend NEA Meet

The 10,000 delegate National Education Association Convention in Dallas, Texas the week of July 1-6 had two Highlands County educators among their number. Sue Nadeau, HCEA President, and Chet Brojek, HCEA Chief Negotiator, attended to represent the 330 member Highlands County Education Association. The local teacher's association is affiliated with the Florida Teaching Profession on the state level and the National Education Association on the national level. The 1.8 million member NEA is the largest teacher's group in the country.

Besides attending exhibits and displays put on by textbook and educational supply companies, the delegates found time to discuss and vote on amendments to the constitution of the NEA. They also

found time to debate and discuss the various business items on topics ranging from gun control to ERA to adoption of a national education song.

Keynote speaker for the convention was the Rev. Jesse Jackson. The delegates also heard speeches from NEA President John Ryor, NEA Executive Director Terry Herndon and the President of ABC television. Jackson stressing that education must be made meaningful for all Americans brought the Americans brought the thought provoking and emotional speech. Ryor stressed the need for a national Department of Education and Herndon droned away at the lack of movement by Congress on a national collective bargaining law.

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A POLICEMAN DIRECTS the traffic that backed up under the stop light at the intersection of Main St. and Lake Ave. last Friday. The light was out-of-order for several hours just as it has been several times in the past few weeks.

Avon Park Fire Chief Mack Flowers said the relays in the signal system were bad, and the company that the system was bought from has gone out of business. Sunphoto by Mark Albright.

Malfunction Normal If Weather Right

"Oh, (shoot)," the police officer vehemently spotted under his breath as he stepped out from the curb to direct the traffic which had backed up under the yellow flashing, out-of-order traffic signal at the corner of W. Main Street and Lake Avenue.

Just a routine thing, Avon Park Fire Chief Mack Flowers who repairs the signal system when it malfunctions, said "Normally it doesn't do it (break down) twice a week if the weather is right."

Chief Flowers mentioned that the relay of the present traffic signal which are in need of replacement, are sometimes affected by the weather.

He said the city has been trying to get new relays for some time now, but that "The lights were put in years ago and the company that makes them went out of business."

The traffic signals were installed approximately five years ago by the Department of Transportation, free of charge to the city, because the old signals did not comply with state laws.

City Clerk Malcolm Crews mentioned that the signals have been put on the flashing yellow status between the hours of 10 p.m. - 7 a.m. for some time now to make the worn relays last until the city finds replacements.

Bureaucrats Fight Tax Payer Revolt

By Congressman Skip Bafalis
The bureaucrats are fighting back, determined to scare the American people out of pursuing the taxpayers' revolt launched by proposition 13 in California.

"We'll have to cut essential services," the bureaucrats moan, announcing plans to lay off policemen, firemen and teachers. "That's the only way we can obey the mandate to cut taxes."

But that is so much baloney. The empire builders just want to scare people into continuing to pay and pay; they want to continue their little fiefdoms and, if anything, expand them.

So, it'll be up to the people to overrule the bureaucrats, to remind them forcefully that the money they so blithely spend belongs to the people and that the people are tired of paying and paying and paying.

How can they cut back without cutting essential services?

First, by eliminating the idiosyncrasies so rampant in most governmental programs.

For example, the Arizona Department of Economic Security could decide that women hired as typists must type, even though it threatens their long nails. It would mean overruling an earlier decision that a secretary fired when she

refused to type because of the threat to her long nails was awarded unemployment compensation.

Another example: A 17 year old New York City girl contracted a rare, incurable disease which left her speechless and unable to eat anything except liquid food.

She was hospitalized and underwent therapy successfully. But when she was ready to go home, Medicaid officials refused to allow it. She would need \$4 a day in special foods, but living at home she wasn't qualified because her mother received Social Security survivor benefits.

So, instead of \$4 a day in liquid foods, the taxpayers are footing a \$125 a day hospital bill. A little common sense would rectify the situation. And all we need to do is insist on it.

The taxpayers also need to insist that bureaucrats stop empire-building, that they stop measuring their success by the size of their staffs and start measuring it by the results they obtain.

If we don't, if we let the bureaucrats scare us with their threats to eliminate all the essential services before they touch the frills, the taxpayers' revolt will be doomed. And we will be forced to spend the rest of our lives the prisoners of

big government gone haywire.

One Floridian summed it up, with a new version of the 23rd Psalm:

The Government is my shepherd,

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"It alloweth me to lie down on good jobs; it leadeth me beside the still factories. It destroyeth my initiative and leadeth me in the paths of a parasite for political purposes."

"Yes, though I walk through the Valley of Laziness and deficit spending, I will fear no evil for the Government is with me. Its doles and vote-getters, they comfort me. It prepareth an economic utopia for me by appropriating the earnings of my grandchildren."

"Surely, the government shall care for me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in a fool's paradise, forever."

VA Answer

Editor's Note: The following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q — I still have my mother listed as beneficiary on my World War II NSLI policy. In my will I have designated my wife as principal beneficiary and our children as contingent beneficiaries. Is this enough to allow my heirs to receive the insurance proceeds?

A — Wills cannot change beneficiaries named on VA life insurance policies. To change beneficiary designations, fill out VA Form 29-336 and return it to the VA insurance center where your records are located. The form is available at any VA office. If the office is not convenient to you, write to

the office where your insurance records are located, clearly stating your beneficiary designation and specifying the optional settlement of your choice.

Q — I am a World War II veteran who has never used any GI home loan benefits. Am I still eligible?

A — This benefit is available without time limits on its use for veterans of World War II and later periods.

Q — What do I have to do to get my service - connected disability increased?

A — Normally a veteran can reopen his claim for an increase in his service-connected disability by submitting current medical evidence showing his particular condition has worsened.

Q — What is considered wartime service during World War II for pension benefits?

A — December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946.

Concentrate Shipment Down 19 Percent

Florida Citrus Processors Association reported today that during the week ending July 1, the thirtieth week in the 1977-78 concentrate season, its members shipped 3,943,985 gallons of frozen concentrated orange juice. This compares with 4,137,233 gallons shipped a year ago. Total shipments for the 30-week period amounted to 101,290,291 gallons, exclusive of product delivered in fulfillment of futures contracts. This compares with 121,427,959 gallons shipped last season.

The weekly shipments in retail sizes accounted for 2,773,068 gallons compared with 3,089,102 gallons shipped during the same week a year ago. Total retail shipments of 70,895,352 gallons for the season is down 19 percent from last year.

The Association reported the pack of FCOJ amounted to 2,773,068 net gallons for the week, bringing the total for the season to 153,798,169 net gallons.

The inventory of FCOJ as of July 1, 1978, as reported by members of the Association, stood at 86,449,958 gallons compared with 94,110,331 gallons on June 25, 1977.

Foreign imports of FCOJ during the week amounted to 66,019 gallons. There were no domestic receipts for the weekly reporting period.

Papinchak Receives AF Commendation Medal



RECENTLY, SSGT. RICHARD J. PAPINCHAK (left) received the Air Force Commendation Medal from the Avon Park Bombing Range Base Commander, (right) Col. Donald Griffing.

Avon Park Bombing Range Base Commander Col. Donald Griffing recently presented SSGT. Richard J. Papinchak with an Air Force Commendation Medal.

SSgt Papinchak received this award for his outstanding ability to comprehend and evaluate all safety procedures.

Staff Sergeant Richard J. Papinchak distinguished himself by meritorious service as a Ground Safety Technician, Ground Safety Section, 56th Tactical Fighter Wing, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, from 13 December 1973 to 31 March 1978. During this period, Sergeant Papinchak's outstanding professional skill, knowledge and devotion to duty were important factors in the continuation of a viable accident prevention program for the 56th Tactical Fighter Wing and MacDill Air Force Base. The distinctive accomplishments of Sergeant Papinchak reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

SSgt Papinchak's duty while stationed at MacDill AFB, Tampa was to assist in the development of a wing safety program, conduct surveys, investigate accidents and initiate a water safety program.

SSgt Papinchak entered the Air Force in 1961 serving in the Philippines, Okinawa, Taiwan, Spain, and other bases within the boundaries of the United States.

SSgt Papinchak is currently assigned to the 56th Combat Support Squadron, based at the Avon Park Bombing Range, where he is a ground safety technician.

SSgt Papinchak's duties while on the base will be to conduct and supervise safety programs, analyze accident causes and trends, perform inspections and survey areas and activities to eliminate accident potentials, investigate accidents, provide safety staff supervision during hazardous operations, and supervise all safety activities.

Congratulates SSGT Papinchak for receiving such a commendable award.

questions and answers

Q. — A friend of mine recently told me it is possible for a person to have Medicare protection, even though the individual has not reached sixty-five years of age. Is this true. If it is true, can you explain how it is possible.

A. — Yes, it's true. If an individual has been receiving Social Security monthly payments based on disability and these payments are continuing, the coverage will be effective with the twenty-fifth month. Part A of Medicare (Hospital Insurance Benefits) will be automatic with the twenty-fifth month while Part B (Medical Insurance Benefits) will be optional. In addition, any person who is insured under Social Security on his or her own record or the record of a spouse or parent and who has chronic renal disease and is undergoing regular kidney dialysis treatments, can receive Medicare coverage. In both of the above cases, it is not necessary that the person be at least sixty-five years old.

Q. — My brother is twenty-two, and had a bad accident three months after he got out of the Marines. As he had no civilian employment, will his military time give him any credits toward Social Security benefits.

A. — Military base pay has been covered by Social Security since 1957. At twenty-two, your brother needs only one and one-half years of credits to be insured. If his doctor thinks he'll be unable to do any gainful work for at least a year, then your brother or someone should contact the nearest Social Security office.

Q. — My wife died recently. She worked at a part time job a number of years to supplement our family income. I am an age forty, and continuing to work.

We have two minor children. Should I contact Social Security.

A. — Yes, several benefits may be available. If she is insured, there is a lump sum death payment that you may be eligible to receive as her surviving spouse. The minor children also may be eligible for monthly benefits on the record of their deceased mother. At age forty, you would not yet be eligible as her widower. You may file both the claim for the lump sum and

survivors benefits for the children by visiting your local Social Security office.

Q. — I seem to be having difficulty keeping my Medicare papers in order. Do you have any suggestions to give me in this regard.

A. — Yes, Social Security has designed a very effective folder for this purpose. It is called "Your Medicare Record Keeper" and can be obtained free at any Social Security office.

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Candidates Qualify For Fall Elections

Andrew "Andy" Jackson announced Tuesday that he will run for the Florida State Senate in District 24. Jackson said that after checking with various groups throughout the district and receiving a great deal of encouragement, he has decided to enter the race.

Jackson, a Highlands County businessman and attorney, is making his third try for the state senate. He will run against Patrick Neal, a Manatee County Democrat.

"I believe the underlying issue of all campaigns this year will be less government regulations and intervention into our private lives and businesses," Jackson said. "I plan to campaign on a basic theme of not supporting any legislation that will increase the size or cost of government."

The only elective office Jackson has held has been Citizens' Association;

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, but lost in Manatee County where native son Tom Galen swept over Jackson by a 10,000 vote margin.

Gallen announced earlier that he will not seek another term.

"I would want and need strong bi-partisan support," Jackson, a Republican, said.

Jackson is a 1954 graduate of Sebring High School. He received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Florida in 1960 and a Juris Doctor degree from the university's law school.

His civic activities include director and former president of the Highlands County director and former president of the Highlands County Property Owners Association; director and former president of the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce; former president of the Lake Placid Jaycees; member of the Lake Placid Kiwanis; member of the Farm Bureau and member of Florida Bar Association and Highlands County Bar Association.

His public service includes work as county prosecutor for Glades County, former member of the Planning and Zoning Board, former county commission chairman, former assistant state attorney in the 20th Judicial Circuit and chairman of the Highlands County Republican Executive Committee.



Andy Jackson
Highlands County commissioner. He left that post

Jackson's law office is located in Lake Placid, while his ranch is in Venus. He is the father of two sons, Nathaniel, 13 and Randy, 7.

Katharin Waggoner

The dean of Highlands County candidates has qualified for her 10th term in public office. Katharin Waggoner of Sebring, a member of the Highlands County Soil and Water Conservation District board of supervisors since its founding in 1942, has completed the formal qualification process for another four-year term in the nonpartisan, non-paying job.

Another of the incumbents on the same board, Bruce Blount, of Lake Placid, has qualified for a two-year term on the board, and two other incumbents, Robert Barben and Oliver Crews of Avon Park, have filed their nominating petitions but had not completed other qualification procedures by early Tuesday.

Barben and Crews are seeking four-year terms and Blount is nominated for a two-year term. Blount was elected two years ago and then, because of a change in state laws, found his seat was to be on the ballot again in 1978.

Candidates for the Soil and Water Conservation District board are nominated by petition from 25 qualified voters. Since July 14 was the deadline for submitting petitions, it appears that the four candidates who have filed their petitions could be the first candidates in the county to be sure of their new terms.

new personality in the political arena.

Selvin McGahee is young, black and "has never run for anything."

"I don't like to think of my candidacy as entering a political arena," said McGahee. "Actually, my motivation is simply based on the fact that about 24 percent of students enrolled in Highlands County schools are black, and these students and their parents are not represented on the school board. I think the voters both black and white will want to rectify that."

McGahee is a 1972 graduate of Lake Placid High School and is aware of some of the problems confronting students, particularly blacks.

He has studied accounting, economics and management and holds a Bachelor's Degree in business administration from Eastern Kentucky University, class of '77.

He has worked with young people and realizes the importance of education in their lives and careers.

He lacks political experience, but feels that can be an asset because he has an open mind and is "in touch with the people."

McGahee has many friends who have offered their assistance. Among them is lifelong friend and schoolmate Oliver Mulligan, who has volunteered to be his campaign manager.



Selvin McGahee

McGahee was born in Sebring and, with the exception of his years in college, has lived in Lake Placid all his life... unlike many local young people who receive their education but seldom return to their home town.

"The reason they leave here," McGahee explained, "is that job opportunities are so limited in our area. In a way, you can't blame them. But I was determined to return home and be helpful in any way I could. What better way to begin than getting involved in black education?"

McGahee is employed at Barnett Bank in Sebring and recently was promoted to the Installation Loans Department. Asked if he thought Ken Grady might be a member of the school board

and running for re-election would hurt his own chances, McGahee said: "My boss wouldn't be the president of Barnett Bank if he was a small man. He can teach me things I need to know and the board can benefit from my first-hand experience with some of the things they need to work on to bring balance to the board."

Selvin is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Leroy (Margaret) McGahee of Highway Park. He grew up in his father's church and has assisted in church and

community work since adolescence.

Young McGahee says that one of the things he feels would benefit our educational system is a minority study course.

"The only course in our area, to my knowledge, is this Week in Black History being carried in 'The News,' he said with a smile.

Truck Driver Injured

The driver of a Mack truck wrecker was injured July 5 when his big rig left SR-70 and overturned in a canal.

Highway patrol reports say Bruce Marshall Jeffers, 27, of Okeechobee was westbound when he fell asleep, crossed the road and went off

onto the shoulder for 282 feet. His truck then went into a canal, overturning on the right side and coming to rest in about four feet of water.

Trooper Morris Dunn listed Jeffers' rig as a total \$3,500 loss. He cited Jeffers for careless driving.

Board Accepts \$5.7 Million Bid

The Highlands County School Board has accepted a \$5.7 million bid for the construction of two new middle schools in the county.

Standard Construction of Winter Garden submitted the low bid on the project. The company will build both the Avon Park Middle School and the Sebring Middle School.

To keep the price of the bid down, board members agreed to hold off on possible renovation work on the gyms at both schools for nine months. If, at the end of that period of time, the board finds the money the renovation will begin.

The county will receive a five-year advance on construction fund allotments from the state in order to finance the construction fund allotments from the state in order to finance the construction. Any major construction funding will wait repayment of the advance.

School officials said they wanted to go ahead with the planned construction, instead of waiting, because construction costs were rising at approximately two percent per month. Any delays in letting the project out for bid would result in higher building costs, they said.

"I think the board made an extremely wise decision," said Dr. Farrell Smith, the project

director. The board also approved final plans for a maintenance building and a bus garage. Both structures will be located near the E.O. Douglas complex.

The two buildings will probably be let out for bid sometime next month.



Jack Dempsey fought only 138 minutes as world champion. During that time he made \$2,137,000 or \$15,000 per minute.

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State Bank No. 406

Consolidated Report of Condition of "AVON CITRUS BANK" of Avon Park in the State of Florida and Domestic Subsidiaries at the close of business on June 30, 1978

business on June 30, 1978

BALANCE SHEET		ASSETS			Sch.	Item	Col.	Mill.	Thou.
1.	Cash and due from banks	C	7					1	855
2.	U.S. Treasury securities	B	1	E				2	3,672
3.	Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	B	2	E				3	1,401
4.	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	B	3	E				4	2,768
5.	Other bonds, notes, and debentures	B	4	E				5	None
6.	Corporate stock							6	None
7.	Trading account securities							7	None
8.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	D	4					8	1,100
9.	a. Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	A	10			17	329	9a	
	b. Less: Reserve for possible loan losses						33		
	c. Loans, Net							b	17,296
10.	Direct lease financing							10	None
11.	Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises							11	475
12.	Real estate owned other than bank premises							12	20
13.	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies							13	None
14.	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding							14	None
15.	Other assets	G	7					15	460
16.	TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 15)							16	29,047
17.	Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	11	A				17	7,618
18.	Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	11	B+C				18	16,958
19.	Deposits of United States Government	F	2	A+B+C				19	258
20.	Deposits of States and political subdivisions	F	3	A+B+C				20	2,120
21.	Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions	F	4	A+B+C				21	None
22.	Deposits of commercial banks	F	5+6	A+B+C				22	None
23.	Certified and officers' checks	F	7	A				23	143
24.	TOTAL DEPOSITS (sum of items 17 thru 23)					9	464	24	27,097
	a. Total demand deposits	F	8	A				a	None
	b. Total time and savings deposits	F	8	B+C			17,633	b	None
25.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	E	4					25	None
26.	Other liabilities for borrowed money							26	None
27.	Mortgage indebtedness							27	None
28.	Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding							28	None
29.	Other liabilities	H	9					29	146
30.	TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)							30	27,243
31.	Subordinated notes and debentures							31	85
		EQUITY CAPITAL							
32.	Preferred stock	a.	No. shares outstanding	None		(Par value)		32	None
33.	Common stock	a.	No. shares authorized	100,000				33	184
		b.	No. shares outstanding	70,449		(Par value)		34	184
34.	Surplus							35	None
35.	Undivided profits							36	None
36.	Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves							37	1,719
37.	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 36)							38	29,047
38.	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 30, 31, and 37)								
MEMORANDA									
1.	Average for 30 calendar days ending with call date:								
a.	Cash and due from banks (corresponds to item 1 above)								1,640
b.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell (corresponds to item 8 above)								1,570
c.	Total loans (corresponds to item 9a above)								17,501
d.	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (corresponds to Memoranda items 3a plus 3b below)								500
e.	Total deposits (corresponds to item 24 above)							26	942
f.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase (corresponds to item 25 above)								None
g.	Other liabilities for borrowed money (corresponds to item 26 above)								None
2.	Standby letters of credit outstanding (as of call date)								None
3.	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (as of call date):								
a.	Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more								500
b.	Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more								None

1. Average for 30 calendar days ending with call date:
a. Cash and due from banks (corresponds to item 1 above) 1,640 1a
b. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell (corresponds to item 8 above) 1,570 1b
c. Total loans (corresponds to item 9a above) 17,501 1c
d. Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (corresponds to Memoranda items 3a plus 3b below) 500 1d
e. Total deposits (corresponds to item 24 above) 26,962 1e
f. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase (corresponds to item 25 above) None 1f
g. Other liabilities for borrowed money (corresponds to item 26 above) None 1g

2. Standby letters of credit outstanding (as of call date) None 2
3. Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (as of call date):
a. Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more 500 3a
b. Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more None 3b

I, Lloyd E. Cornell Asst. Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Correct—Attest: Thomas W. Bagwell
C. E. Crews
G. E. Ward

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Bill Driggers
On Friday July 14, Bill Driggers of Lake Placid qualified to be a candidate on the Democratic ticket, for the Highlands County Board of Commissioners from District 4.
Bill is a lifetime resident of Highlands County as he was born and raised in Florida, Fla., living there until he entered the United States Army on April 23, 1940. During his time in the Armed Forces he served several months of overseas combat with the 89th Infantry Division in Germany, receiving his discharge from the Army in the latter part of 1946.
Returning to Highlands County after being in the Service, he worked as a ranch employee.
Soon after returning from the Armed Services he married the former Elois Stevenson of Lake Placid. Their three children, Rachel Driggers Hunter; Patricia, attending Florida Technological University at Orlando and Bill, in construction work, are all residents of Highlands County.
In 1964, Bill was employed by the State of Florida, as an agent for the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, for 12 years. During 1966-67, while with the GFC, he and his family lived in Avon Park. Today Bill has his own ranching and landfill business located east of Lake Placid.
This being the first time he has run for a political office, Bill said, "He had never been in politics before but he feels the great need for his voice to be heard in our county government, to stand up and represent what he thinks is right for all the people in Highlands County."

New Personality
This year's Highlands County school board election started off much the same as elections usually do... with one big exception: There's a brand

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Auditorium Tour

offices there are concession stands, rest rooms and a projection room.

The auditorium proper is 98 feet wide and 106 from the rear to the front of the curving stage, giving room for 36 rows of seats and aisles in three sections, with the center section to have three rows of removable seats and five in each of the side sections for possible use as an orchestra pit.

The design and interior painting of the auditorium focuses attention on the stage. According to Harby the stage compares quite favorably with any in the New York theatre district, probably being surpassed by only the Metropolitan Opera House. Depending on lead time needed for shows some forms of entertainment could be booked now reported Harby.

The stage has an area of 40 ft. by 75 ft. with a working area of 32 ft. by 60 ft. however, from the rear wall of the stage

to the extreme front curve of the stage is 93 feet. The high ceiling of the stage makes it possible to store curtains and scenery overhead along with the installation of various types of overhead lighting.

Behind the stage is located scenery workshop and property storage area for three to five sets of scenery. However, Harby said that one set of the Met's complicated stage sets would move more than fill the storage area.

Also behind the stage area are located the theatre technicians rooms for men and women along with men's and women's dressing rooms plus the electrical room and other offices.

In the Fine Arts Center the east wing houses the ceramics lab with its workshop and kiln room. The group was taken to the sculpture lab where several large pieces or a number of small pieces could be worked on simultaneously. The drawing lab and work area completed

the east wing.

The west wing, nearest the parking lot, will be largely occupied by choral and piano labs with office space for instructors. A unique feature of several of the music rooms was that each three foot section of the wall was built at an angle to the next section to prevent echoing of sounds. Floors were covered with thick heavy carpeting to absorb bouncing sounds.

Overall the spaciousness of the auditorium, classrooms and work areas left little to be desired in the way of room with the subtle blending of colors accenting a feeling of warmth and well-being.

Completion of the imposing structure is only a matter of days before the punch list is made and the little details are corrected before the front door keys are turned over to Dr. William Stallard and the Board of Trustees.

City Jail

but something will be decided at the July 24 meeting.

Although Mayor Marshall Davis was unavailable for comment, Albright mentioned that the mayor has proposed discontinuance of the city jail.

"The cells just don't meet up to state standards in any way," Chief Brooks said.

Avon Park Police Captain Frank Crutty said Percy Fosom and Paul Sheffield, both of the State Department of Corrections, reported the cell size was fine.

But, in enumerating corrections that

capacity of the jail which was built in late 1962, and was designed to hold 12 varies, from one or two up to eight or nine or more.

Included in the arguments against discontinuance of the jail is the fact that it will make it necessary for people to travel to Sebring in order to pick up those who have been released from jail.

In addition, the discontinuance of facilities for feeding lunch to the work crews from the Avon Park Correctional Institution who work on various projects in the city will create a problem.

The crews which have worked on the ball complex or any construction or renovation in the city that has not been provided for by outside funds or a grant, have obtained their noon meals from the Avon Park Police Department facilities in the past.

Although Chief Brooks mentioned the possibility of a reduction in the city's insurance rates upon closing the city jail, City Clerk Malcolm Crews said he doubted there would be a reduction of an importance since the cells will still be used as a holding area.

Highlands County Real Estate Transfers

Vernon, Inc. to Peter H. Wack Jr. 2.4 acres lying in the SE2 corner of the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of section 4, township 30 south, range 28 east, along U. S. Highway 27. \$149,900.

Mitchell Mfg. Co. Inc. to Norman and Marion Magill, tract 9 of the Watson Tract, section 22, township 30 south, range 28 east, \$16,000.

Ervin W. Roemer to Joseph B. and Rena Bulam, lot 11 and SW 1/4 of lot 12, block 290 of Lake Sebring subdivision, \$35,000.

Robert L. and Mary Ann Siegle to Paul and Martha L. McGowan, lot 16, block 8, of Grand Prix Heights, \$42,500.

Jeffrey E. and Frede M. Lighty to George J. and Helen E. O'Brien, lot 14, all of the part of a portion of lot 12, all of lot 3, and a portion of lot 4, block "H", Spring Lake Village II, \$84,000.

Grant A. and Loretta S. Baker to Mildred Ann Watson III, lot 4, Grand-Lore Ranchettes, \$12,000.

Clayton H. and Esther C. Starlinger to Kenneth M. and Carolyn B. Brooks, tract 4 and 5 in section 3, township 30 south, range 28 east, \$14,900.

Joe A. and Barbara M. Rice to Ronald Lee and Harriette E. Moore, lot 407, section E, Sebring Ridge subdivision, \$35,000.

Charles R. and Kathryn C. Lancaster to E. M. and Susan F. Brown, lot 407, section E, Sebring Ridge subdivision, \$35,000.

Myron B. McCutcheon to Monte B. McCutcheon and Betty J. Browning, lot 22, block 7, Town of Avon Park, \$15,000.

James R. and Rose A. Murphy to Oscar and Marcelle Deles, lot 160, Sebring Hills, \$24,000.

Robert L. and Elizabeth Albright to Dennis and Maureen Piazza, lot 23, block 166, Leisure Lakes section four, \$11,500.

G. Thomas and Doris H. Dettin to Joseph J. and Eleanor D. Bassett, lot 109 and the north 10 feet of lot 106, Sebring Hills subdivision, \$29,500.

Citrus Community Lakes, Inc. to Citrus Estates, Inc., lots 13 through 17, inclusive, lots 20 through 24, inclusive and 50 in block 1, lots 52, 53, 54 and 57 in block 2, lots 2 through 6, inclusive and lots 10 through 14, inclusive in block 3, lots 14, 15, 16 and 17 in block 4, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, \$66,000.

Neil F. and Mary Alice Loren to Dean S. and Daisy L. Fry, part of lots 15 and 16, block 284, of Lake Sebring subdivision, \$32,700.

Paul E. Wanner, Aris H. Wanner and Frank H. Wanner to Lawrence C. Daughman, lots 21 and 24, block 1, Lake Henry House, \$10,000.

H. L. Compton Co. to Sherman O. Youman, lot 22, block 21, section C, Sylvan Shores Estates, \$29,500.

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. to Duane L. and Mary V. Strain, lots 13 and 14, block 4 of the ninth addition to the town of Sebring, \$14,500.

David R. Penrod to Walter J. and Joan F. Acker, parts of lot 104 and lot 105, Sebring Shores development, section 2, \$34,500.

Chad's Groves, Inc. to Robert H. and Margaret L. Golube, lots 21 and 24, Chad's Groves subdivision, \$10,500.

Lake Placid Holding Company to Wilson R. and Dorothy M. Kruse, lot 35, block 66, Placid Lakes, section 6, \$10,000.

Frederick S. and Irene P. Hansen to Edward A. and M. L. Payne, lots 402 and 403, Sebring Hills, \$24,500.

Viola O. Matthews to H. Newton and Louise DeChalere Carlson, all of lot 11, of block 419, of Herring Towers subdivision and also all of lot 12, of block 419, Highland Towers subdivision, \$20,000.

William H. Wandhurst Jr. and Ida Lee Wandhurst to Walter B. and Eva E. Kane, lot 8, Sebring Hills Mobile Estates, \$23,000.

Paul H. and Ruth A. Palmer to George Treuheit, 5/8 of tract No. 2, block 8, Sun 'N' Lakes Estates, \$20,000.

Ray H. Pilder, Lawrence M. and Andrew A. Pilder to Richard and Andrea Stevens, lot 55, of Sebring Hills, \$23,000.

Juveniles

gauge automatic shotgun, and ammunition.

The four told officers at the Avon Park Police Department that since they had arrived in Avon Park they had made several attempts to steal different autos, all unsuccessfully.

They were charged with burglary, grand larceny, breaking and entering of a dwelling, possession of stolen firearms and for escaping from the detention home.

Other charges are pending investigation.

Chief Brooks said this was the oldest boy's third escape from the home.

Authorities from the Bartow Juvenile Division picked the teen-agers up and returned them to the home.

"I would like to commend Sgt. Hickman for his very professional job of apprehending the suspects," Chief Brooks said.

Attempt To Balance Budget Without 2.4 Mill Tax Increase

In the words of a popular song "It's only just begun." It's the annual review of Highlands County's budget.

If approved as it now stands, the 1978-79 fiscal year budget would require an increase of 2.4 mills in order to balance spending with county income.

But county commissioners appear determined to prevent any tax rate increases by reducing spending requests.

Cuts in the budget are expected, but if it were approved as presented, an increase of 2.4 mills to a total of 8.3 mills would be required to generate enough revenue to balance spending and income.

Currently the rate is 5.9 mills. The uncut budget totals \$8,238,761 compared to last year's \$6,292,500.

Review of the 600-page, two-volume document began Tuesday morning with an initial study of the sheriff's department budget request.

Commissioners praised Sheriff Joe Sheppard's work on the budget and also applauded efforts by Earl Rich, clerk of the court, James Pyle, deputy clerk, and Carroll Lloyd, budget officer.

Commissioners said this year's budget is the most comprehensive that's ever been presented. Spending requests have been documented by each department.

Lloyd said the documentation shows how much it costs to run the county government.

Commissioner Carl Arant Jr. said he assumes that each department requests about four times more than is expected to be received.

Commissioner Norman "Jug" Heston said, "That's what we're doing here, to see everybody doesn't pad the budget."

Arant asked Rich if requests aren't made for \$20, when \$10 is needed and there are hopes to get \$15.

Rich said he wouldn't answer that kind of question and Pyle said that justifications for the requests had been to show what the needs are.

A host of hearings have been scheduled by commissioners to review departmental requests over the next two weeks.

Because law requires approval of the sheriff's

department budget by Aug. 1, the board began study of the \$1,394,965 requested by the sheriff for fiscal year 1978-79.

The amount represents a 15.8 percent increase over the 1977-78 estimated level of spending. The amount approved last year was \$1,236,479.

The overall increase is not too far off line as far as inflation and the cost of living is involved, Commissioner Cecil Skipper said.

Commission response to the sheriff's proposals was a pole away from the negative reaction that greeted the initial request at last year's hearing.

A substantial portion of the request goes into salaries for more than 50 employees. Some \$910,854 is proposed for salaries, up 15.8 percent from the estimated \$786,462 for this year.

An across the board increase of 10.1 percent has been approved for county employees' salaries beginning Oct. 1. This includes a 7.5 percent cost of living increase.

All but two of the department's 59 positions are filled. A vacancy exists in a deputy slot and in a clerk slot.

Another substantial cost lies in vehicle use.

Some \$120,895 has been budgeted for auto expenses. Sheriff Sheppard told commissioners that the average patrol car is driven about 84,000 miles a year.

Eight cars are budgeted for replacement at an estimated cost of \$41,500. A van is also scheduled to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$6,250.

The sheriff was questioned about medical care costs for prisoners, which runs to a \$20,500 budgeted figure. It was suggested that the county's new Home Health Care program could do some of the work.

However Chairman C. J. "Buddy" Wise pointed out the Health Department would then request more funding to cover the costs of such services. There would be no real savings.

Sheriff Sheppard said Dr. Jim Satterwhite, who provides prisoner medical care, doesn't charge for his professional services and provides medical supplies for about a third of actual cost. "Dr. Satterwhite is a real blessing to us."

Budgeted for aircraft use is \$6,565. The sheriff said the small plane, which was added to the department as a result of "pot" plane dealings, is useful for surveillance, patrol and transport of prisoners. The deputy who flies the craft performs regular patrol duties when not flying.

Review of the sheriff's budget is to continue Thursday night at 7 p.m. when commissioners again gather to study the planned spending program.

Other departments to be heard Thursday night include Disaster Preparedness, Emergency Medical Service, Agricultural Agent and Planning and Zoning.

Commissioners may continue looking at the sheriff's budget Tuesday during the regular business meeting.

Monday, July 24, the board will review requests from departments that include county attorney, county commissioner, administrative assistant, law library, personnel, courthouse maintenance, animal control, county judge, circuit court judge, public defender, state attorney and special districts of Avon Park Lakes "roads", Avon Parks Lakes "Fire", Sebring Country Estates "Lighting" and Placid Lakes.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Heartland Federal Savings And Loan Association Is Now \$32,000,000.00 Strong

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF HEARTLAND FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION	
STATEMENT OF CONDITION AS OF June 30, 1978	
ASSETS:	(*cents omitted)
Mortgage Loans and Other Liens	
on Real Estate	\$27,584,651
Other Loans	1,345,920
Real Estate Owned	114,353
Loans and Contracts Made to	
Facilitate Sale of Real Estate	22,112
Cash on Hand and in Banks	350,796
Investments and Securities	1,453,990
Fixed Assets Less Depreciation	856,648
Deferred Charges and	
Other Assets	1,197,420
TOTAL	\$32,925,890
LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH:	
Savings Accounts	30,266,783
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	750,000
Other Borrowed Money	None
Loans in Process	563,740
Other Liabilities	51,661
Deferred Credits	222,304
General Reserves + Surplus	1,071,402
TOTAL	\$32,925,890



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Lucy Derkman
Sports Editor

Big Softball Tourney Here This Weekend

It looks like another big weekend for area slow pitch softball fans here at the Avon Park City Ball Complex. Starting Friday night, the Avon Park Athletic Association will sponsor a second men and women's combined tournament to raise funds for the redneck of Head Field.

Coch Ronnie Jackson, tournament team recruiter, expects to have the largest field of men and women's teams so far this summer entered in this weekend's events. Shooting for at least twelve women's teams, Jackson says he has some good ones already lined up. Cox Plumbing, Gammage's Angels and Texas from Avon Park are expected to participate along with a team from Cleveland, Hopson Grocery, and the Playmates from Bartow. A couple of Sebring teams are interested and the Lake Placid Janna Concrete team may enter.

The Avon Park Merchants, who did not play in last week's sixteen team men's tourney, are eagerly entered in the one coming up. With district play just a week from this coming weekend, Jackson is expecting some top notch teams to enter here to warm up for the big meet in Bradenton The last of July.

Avon Park Athletic Association fans are urged to contact Ronnie Jackson, Ed Touchton or Bob Friar to offer some volunteer help in running the big weekend affair. Judy Lewis will be in charge of the concession stand and will need lots of help from fans and baseball players to keep all the customers happy. Don't wait to be asked to help, offer your services.



HAPPY SENIOR ALL STARS gather around Coach Jimmy Hart as he accepts the District 4 East Area Senior League All Star Tournament Championship trophy from Hardee Little League

President George Heine after beating Lake Wales 2-0 last Friday night in Wauchula. From left: Dwayne Council, Gerald Jones, David Roberts, Tim Cribb, Chris Collins, Ricky Johnson, Kemy

Cribb, Coach John Sedlock, Alvin Conner, Ronnie Barnes, Joe May, Ricky Derkman and Mike Shorkey with Bart Murphy directly behind trophy and David Jackson to his right. The Avon

Park Senior All Star are competing this week in the three-team District 4 play-off series in Plant City. Supphoto by Lew Miller.

Church League Season To End

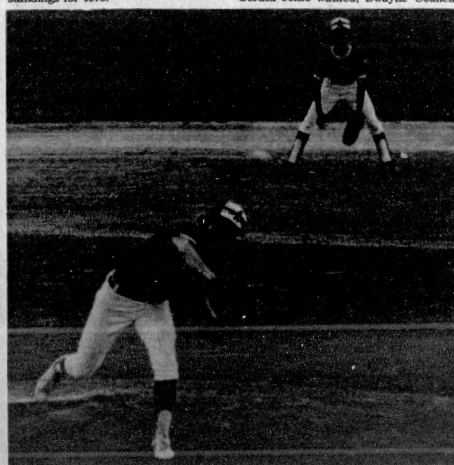
Avon Park's Church League Slow Pitch Softball will close out its regular season schedule this Thursday night and will start a single elimination tournament for all eight teams next Monday, July 24, at the Church League Field at the City Ball Complex.

After last week's play, the Episcopal held a commanding 11-1 lead with games to be played against the Nazarenes and the Seventh Day Adventist. The Adventist were in a shaky second place position with a 9-3 record having to play the Church of Christ and the Episcopal this week.

The Baptist Reds held on to third in the standings with a 9-4 record with just a game against the Baptist Blues left on the schedule. The Blues were in fourth place with a 6-7 record after losing two games last week by just one run each.

The Church of Christ team had a hold on fifth place with to meet the Adventist and the Nazarenes this week. They had a 5-7 record after play last week closed out. The Nazarenes were 4-8 with games scheduled against the Episcopal and the Church of Christ.

Tied for the cellar were Florida Avenue Baptist and Fellowship Baptist with 3-10 records. They were to play each other last Tuesday night to see who could leave the other in last place in the standings for 1978.



PITCHER TIM CRIBB fires the ball toward home plate during the final game of the District 4 East Area Senior League All Star tourney held in Wauchula last week. Second basemen David Jackson is

Competing In District Play-Off

All Stars Win Area Tourney

Avon Park's Senior League All Stars captured the District 4, East Area All Star baseball tournament held at Wauchula last week with three straight victories. The A.P. Seniors now advance to the three team District 4 play-off which started last Monday night in Plant City. The winner of the District 4 meet will move to sectional play to be held in Tampa next week.

Avon Park showed a tough defense in all three games defeating Sebring 10-1 in an extra inning game, beating Lake Wales 8-5 and then taking the championship with a close 2-0 win over Lake Wales again in the double elimination event. The local All Stars rapped out 25 hits in the three games with Ricky Johnson and Gerald Jones connecting for home runs on the big Wauchula Field.

Avon Park-8, Lake Wales-5. In the second game Avon Park played in the tourney, the All Stars came up with an 8-5 win over Lake Wales on Tuesday night last week to move into the finals without a defeat.

The local team jumped off to a three run lead in the top of the first inning as Gerald Jones walked, Dwayne Council

doubled and they both scored when an infielder errored on Alvin Conner's infield grounder. Conner then scored on a sacrifice fly to left field by catcher Ricky Derkman.

The lead was short lived, however, as Lake Wales took advantage of six walks, three errors and one base hit to score five big runs in the bottom of the first frame. Gerald Jones had control problems on the mound for Avon Park and was relieved by Alvin Conner with two outs in the first inning. Conner finished the game giving up only three scattered singles and no runs in the seven inning game.

The A.P. Senior All Stars added one run in the top of the second inning on a single by Jones who was walked home later in the inning. Ricky Derkman drew a walk, went to second on a base hit by left fielder Joe May and scored when the shortstop for Lake Wales errored on Tim Cribb's grounder.

First baseman Gerald Jones broke the game open in the top of the fifth inning when he led off with a homerun over the left field fence to put Avon Park in the three games.

The two insurance runs for Avon Park came in the top of the seventh inning. Council walked and Cribb singled. Council scored on a passed ball and Cribb was driven in by a single by Mike Shorkey, the center fielder.

Avon Park got eight hits off three different Lake Wales pitchers. Jones, with his homer and a single, led the attack. Ricky Derkman got two singles, Council had the double and Cribb, Shorkey and May all had a single each for the local All Stars. Lake Wales batters got only four hits off Jones and Conner in the seven inning game.

Avon Park-2, Lake Wales-0. Tim Cribb tossed a one hitter at Lake Wales in the East Area Senior finals last Friday night in Wauchula to lead Avon Park to a 2-0 victory and a shot at the District 4 championship this week. The lone hit off Cribb came in the top of the seventh inning when pinch hitter Steve Keen dropped a single into short right field.

Lake Wales threatened seriously only in the first inning when runners reached second and third on a walk and an error. But Cribb struck out the final two batters after Avon Park shortstop Ricky Johnson threw out a batter with two runners on base.

Cribb struck out six batters, walked five and got some really tough defensive play behind him to chalk up his second mound win in the tourney.

The Avon Park All Stars got only four hits off two Lake Wales hurlers. Alvin Conner singled up the middle in the first frame to drive in Gerald Jones with the first run of the game. Then Jones and Tim Cribb both singled in the third in-

ning, but Jones was out on a fielders choice when Council hit an infield grounder. Council scored the second run on a passed ball moving him to third base and a sacrifice fly to right field by Alvin Conner. Conner was credited with driving in both of Avon Park's runs.

Right fielder Ronnie Barnes led off the bottom of the fifth inning with a single but went down on a double play when Jones lined to the shortstop.

It was a tight, well played game for the six and a half innings. The local All Stars got excellent defensive play from second sacker David Jackson, shortstop

Ricky Johnson, third baseman Dwayne Council, first baseman Alvin Conner and catcher Ricky Derkman. The outfield of Jones, Mike Shorkey and Ronnie Barnes kept things under control and backed up the pitching of Tim Cribb to insure the victory.

The Avon Park All Stars are managed by Jimmy Hart and coached by John Sedlock. Reserves on the team who didn't see action in the final game were Bart Murphy, David Roberts, Chris Collins and Joe May. Dennis Barefield is also on the official roster and will join the team if they advance to regional play next week.

Bombing Range Area Open Saturday - Sunday

The Avon Park Bombing Range Recreational Area will be open for camping and recreation the weekend of July 22 and 23, 1978, beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 22, and closing at 8 p.m., July 23.

All personnel wishing to utilize the Avon Park Bombing Range Recreational

Area will be required to check in and out with the Air Force Security Police located in Building 425, approximately 1/4 mile past the main entrance of the Range on State Road 64.

All interested persons are urged to confirm these times prior to arriving at the Range by calling 813-452-4223.



EAST AREA TOURNAMENT hosts, the Avon Park Little League All Stars, won their opening game here at the City Ball Complex last Monday night with a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over Sebring. The District 4, East Area tourney will

continue here through this week with the winner going on to Pincrest to the district play-offs starting July 24. From left, front row: Duane Young, Mark Elkhill, Gene Taylor, Blair Brooker, Bryan Arnold, Robert Turnbull and Dwight

Little Leaguers Win First Area Game Here

The Avon Park Little League All Stars, eleven and twelve year olds, scored a run in the bottom of the sixth inning last Monday night to take a 2-1 win from Sebring in the East Area, District 4 baseball tournament being held here at the City Ball Complex this week.

Sebring had beaten Hardee last Saturday night by a score of 5-4 to advance in the winner's bracket of the double elimination tourney. Lake Wales' All Stars also won last Saturday night taking an 11-3 victory over Frostproof in one of the opening games.

Hardee came back and knocked Frostproof from the tournament Monday night by scoring a 7-0 victory in the loser's bracket. Hardee was to play Sebring last Tuesday night at 5:30 p.m. and Avon Park was to go against Lake Wales at 7:30 p.m. last Tuesday.

Last night (Wednesday) a single game in the loser's bracket was scheduled for 6 p.m. Tonight (Thursday) at 6 p.m. the undefeated team in the winner's bracket will play the winner of the loser's bracket and if necessary the last game will be played Friday at 6 p.m. This schedule could be altered if any of the games are rained out.

The winner of this East Area tourney will advance to the three-team District 4 play-off at Pincrest starting July 24. Any losers in the area tourneys are carried into the district play-off in the double elimination affair.

Avon Park-2, Sebring-1. Avon Park All Star third baseman Greg Jackson led off the last of the sixth inning with a single, took second on a wild pitch and scored the winning run when Tim Devlin's fly deep to center field was dropped to give the host team a 2-1 victory over Sebring last Monday night.

Sebring All Stars scored first in the six inning game coming up with a run in the second inning. Billy Schoffli was hit by a pitched ball and scored when three following batters drew walks.

The Avon Park All Stars came back to tie the game up 1-1 in the bottom of the fifth inning. Bryan Arnold, the second baseman, drew a base on balls. Bobby Barnes singled and then Duane Young, the winning pitcher, singled to drive in the tying run.

Jackson's game winning run kept the game from going into extra innings and the Avon Park undefeated in the winner's bracket ready to face Lake Wales last Tuesday night.

Duane Young went the distance for Avon Park on the mound. The young hurler gave only two hits, a single in the first and another one base hit in the fourth. He walked six Sebring batters, hit one with a pitched ball but struck out nine to keep the Sebring team under control.

Avon Park All Stars batters rapped out four singles off losing pitcher James Hurst. In addition to Bobby Barnes and Duane Young's singles, Fred Lewis got a single in the first inning and Greg Jackson led off the sixth inning with a single.

The remainder of the Avon Park lineup last Monday night was: Jon Marcum at first base, John Tolar in center field, Fred Lewis catching, Eugene Taylor in right field, Tim Devlin at shortstop, Greg Jackson at third base, Bryan Arnold at second base and Bobby Barnes in left field. The All Stars are coached this year by Gordon Marshall and Donald Arnold.

Pinecrest Golf Notes

The Pinecrest Women's Event of the Day on July 6 was a Penny Putt which was won by Mary Wenrick with 29 puts. Neil Redd copied the "blind bogey" title.

Last Thursday, July 13, the ladies held a Blind Hole Tourney and Helen Griffith shot the low net with a 34. Mildred Ford came in with the lot puts with 28 and Betty Jane Fulton won the "blind bogey".

The team of Bob King, Joe Baker, Jake Wagner and John Gray finished first in last week's Men's Pro Am Tourney with a +9. Charlie Hansen came in first in Class A with a +4, Joe Baker was tops in Class B with a +6, Jake Wagner won the Class C with a +4 and John Gray, with a +7, grabbed the Class D lead.

Call the Sun Sports Desk to report any exciting or unusual golf results during the next few weeks while our golfing reporter, Les Burch, is on vacation.

Brojek-Portis Tie In 3 Mile Race

Chet Brojek and Alan Portis shared top time honors at 17:07 in the three mile Central Florida Striders race held at the high school course last Saturday. Neither took home a trophy, however, in the time prediction run.

Pep Hutchinson was within 48 seconds of his 19:05 predicted time to edge Brojek in the 36-39 age group. Jody Johnston finished within 51 seconds of his prediction of 18:57 to top Portis in the 14-17 age bracket. Sam Finch, with a time of 21:53, took the third place ribbon in that age group.

Tony Finklea and Walter Nunnallee had a spirited battle in the 18-25 age division. Finklea's 18:42 time was within 33 seconds of his prediction. Nunnallee posted a fine 17:35 (a personal best) but was much faster than his prediction. Finklea's trophy winning effort was the closest of the day. Ernie McDonald of Lakeland won the 40 and up age group by running a 21:37.

"Despite the small turnout last Saturday, we had a great time with the time prediction concept," commented Brojek. "In our fun run, Finklea and Jack Hutchinson (8:46) were the top two."

Brojek also had words of praise for a former Red Devil athlete when he said, "Many people will recall that Walter Nunnallee was a fine hurdler and sprinter for my track team in 1974/75. I'm so happy to see Walter, who lives in North Carolina now, becoming a long distance man."

The next Central Florida Striders race will be a 5.2 mile run in Avon Park on August 12. Several club members will run in a Lakeland Fun Run this Sunday at 9 a.m. Those who desire information on how to join the club may contact Chet Brojek at 355-1736.



A PERFECT SCOOP-UP of infield hit is made by third sacker Phillis Skinner during the Jahnna vs Cox women's softball game played Wednesday night a week ago. Phillis also hit a grand slam home run over the center field fence and another homer over the left field fence to lead her Jahnna team to an 11-8 win. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.



Big League Boys Eliminated From Area Tourney

The Highlands County Bank of Avon Park Big Boys baseball team was eliminated from the East Area, District 4 All Star Tournament last Monday night when it lost to Hardee by a score of 6-3 in the loser's bracket.

The H.C.B. boys had won the opening game of the five team tourney by beating Hardee 3-1 on Saturday but dropped into the loser's bracket Sunday afternoon with a 3-2 loss to Lake Wales.

Hardee-4, H.C.B.-3. The Hardee Big Boys scored six runs on eight hits, including a home run in the fourth inning, off David and Dale Sisemore to chalk up a 6-3 win and advance in the loser's bracket last Monday night. The loss eliminated Avon Park from the East Area Tournament and closed out a disappointing season for the sixteen through eighteen year old athletes.

The H.C.B. boys managed only four singles off winning pitcher Dickey for Hardee. Horace Moore, Dale Sisemore, Bubba Starling and David Sisemore all managed a single for the Avon Park team. The three H.C.B. runs came in the fifth, sixth and seventh inning after Hardee had jumped off to a 6-0 lead. Hardee scored three runs in the second inning off starter David Sisemore on two singles and a double. Then Dale Sisemore came on the mound to finish the game for Avon Park getting the last two runs in the second frame. Dale allowed three more runs in the third and fourth innings before he turned up and held Hardee scoreless the final two innings.

Playing the final game for the H.C.B. Avon Park team were catcher Victor Roberts, pitchers David and Dale Sisemore, first sacker Steve Arnold, second baseman Bubba Starling, third sacker Joel Wright, Shortstop Bo Skinner, left fielder Jeff Williams, center fielder Dale Sisemore and right fielder Horace Moore. The Avon Park team was coached this season by Jim Sisemore.

H.C.B.-3, Hardee-1. Dale Sisemore pitched the Avon Park H.C.B. Big League team to a 3-1 win over Hardee last Saturday in the opening round of the East Area five-team play offs. Sisemore gave up only three hits to the Hardee batters.

H.C.B. scored one run in the first and two in the seventh inning to take the win. Steve Arnold drove in the final two runs with a single in the seventh. Victor Roberts and David Sisemore had reached base and put the game on ice when Steve singled them home.

Getting hits for Avon Park in the Saturday game were Horace Moore with singles in the sixth and seventh, Victor Roberts with a base hit in the first frame, Bo Skinner with a single in the second and David Sisemore with a one base hit in the third inning.

Lake Wales-3, H.C.B.-2. Last Sunday afternoon Avon Park's Team went into the seventh inning with a 2-1 lead over Lake Wales but the home town All Stars scored two runs on a single by Anton Williams to take the 3-2 victory and drop H.C.B. into the loser's bracket.

Both teams had scored one run in the first inning. Then H.C.B. went ahead in the third frame with a run. A walk and a hit batter in the seventh, however, gave Lake Wales the advantage when Williams rapped out his game winning single.

Steve Arnold went the distance for H.C.B. in the seven inning game. Avon Park batters got five hits off the Lake Wales hurler. Horace Moore had a single in the first and third innings, Steve Arnold singled in the third and sixth frames, and Jeff Williams hit a double in the second inning for the Avon Park team.

River Greens Golf Notes

Last Wednesday, July 12, the River Greens Men's Pro Am Tourney was won by the team of Al Yarbrough, Russ Brown, Leon Delaney and Ernie Hansen with a +7. Al Yarbrough topped the A Class with a +2½, Jim Timberlake won the B Division with a -3½. Harold Kline came in on top of the C Class with a +5½ and Bob Clawson led the D Division with a +3.

The River Greens ladies cancelled last week's Pro Am because it was just too hot to brave the Florida sunshine but they will be back on the greens this week.

The Ladies' Day Event on Tuesday, July 11, was a 12 hole, 2-3 handicap affair with 14 ladies participating. Ann Jackson finished first with Norma Steecker second and Mary Walsh coming in third.

Summer is a good time to get out on the links for a few rounds on an uncrowded course so dig out those rusty clubs and lumber up the swing this week at one of our fine courses in the area.

Sun Advertising Manager Tom Rabalais beat Sun Reporter George Duncan by some four strokes in a friendly round last week. "Tom only used two clubs," moaned George, "and both of those were mine. He only needs a driver and a putter cause he goes over the lakes while I have to go around."

78' Hurricane Season Booklet Now Available

With advent of the hurricane season, June 1, 1978, the phones at the South Florida Water Management District have been busy with persons requesting information on what to do if a hurricane strikes.

Anticipating this yearly demand the District again has called on its hurricane expert, "Freddie the Friendly Alligator," to come up with his 11th edition of its annual Hurricane Guide to answer the questions most frequently asked by residents of South Florida.

The 22 - page booklet, including a hurricane tracking chart, is now available for distribution. Persons wanting to obtain this free book may either pick one up at District Headquarters, 3301 Gun Club Road, or write the Water Management District, P.O. Box V, West Palm Beach, FL 33402, to obtain their copy.

The publication is packed with important tips for residents to use before, during and following a storm. One article recalls the history of the devastating storm that struck South Florida just 50 years ago, taking more than 2,000 lives. Also included is a hurricane quiz that you can take to determine just how well you are acquainted with the proper actions to be taken during the storm.

Hunting Vehicles Must Be Registered

A plan to implement a recent law which calls for registration of all motorized vehicles used on public land will be presented to the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission at its meeting July 14 in Punta Gorda.

Col. Robert M. Brantly, executive director of the Commission, said the Legislature has charged the Commission with the registration of all vehicles on public lands, if the vehicle is not currently registered under the Motor Vehicle Registration Law.

"This includes all two- or three-wheeled motorized vehicles as well as four - wheel drives and half - tracks that are in all wildlife management areas," he said.

Under a rule to be presented for adoption by the Commission, a fee schedule is outlined which sets the registration fee at \$10 and provides for issuance of a registration certificate and decal. The law goes into effect on October 1.

The five-member board will also hear proposed hunting regulations for Eglin Field for 1978-79. Originally presented at the June 2 meeting action was deferred at that time. Under the proposed dates, because of a conflict with military operations, the general season would not open on Eglin until November 23, almost two weeks after the season opens elsewhere in the state.

Recommendations on proposed dates for migratory bird hunting will also be brought up at the meeting for consideration. Suggested dates for dove season has the season again in three phases with the first phase opening October 7. Duck season, under the recommended dates, would also be split with opening day November 22.

Other items on the agenda include adoption of a rule providing guidelines for the legal sale of alligator hides from those reptiles raised on commercial alligator farms and consideration of a drawdown of Everglades Conservation Area 2A for a period of three years.

Angels Take Softball Lead

Gammage's Angels won three games last week to take over undisputed possession of the league lead in the Avon Park Women's Slow Pitch Softball League with a perfect 7-0 record. The Angels beat Cox Plumbing 14-0 on Monday, knocked off the A.P. Kids 9-3 last Thursday, and then squeaked by Jahnna Concrete 4-3 in a make-up game played last Saturday evening.

Jahnna Concrete and the Foxy Ladies finished the week tied for second place with 4-1 marks. Texas was in fourth place with a 4-2 record and a make-up game with Jackies' to be played, and Cox Plumbing went down the drain with three losses in one week to drop to fifth place in the standings with a 4-3 mark. Scotty's was also 4-3 after play last week.

Jackie's Beauty Shop finished the week with a 2-4 record and the A.P. Kids and Avon Citrus Bank were 3-5. Cable TV had a 1-4 record as it took a forfeit win from the People's Choice team which was asked to leave the league for various violations of the league rules. All teams which had not played the People's Choice team will receive a forfeit win in the future.

With two games at two different fields at the Little League area on Anoka Ave., each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights, the action has been interesting in the Women's League. Umpire Jim Knight and Umpire Jimmy Prevatt have agreed to handle all games at one field. Each and every game has been getting underway on time and played in orderly fashion. Although some of the base calls are tough for just one umpire to call, the complaints have been soft toned and few.

On Monday night, July 10, Jahnna beat Scotty's 12-1 and the Foxy Ladies shut out Avon Citrus Bank 17-0 in the early games. Then Ridge Florist took a forfeit win from People's Choice and Gammage's Angels stomped Cox Plumbing 14-0 in the second games.

On Tuesday night, July 11, the A.P. Kids beat Cable TV 21-15 in a high scoring game and Avon Citrus Bank put it all together and defeated Ridge Florist 14-2 in the early games. Texas and Jackies were rained out in the second game but Scotty's got a forfeit win from People's Choice on the other field.

Wednesday night, Jahnna outscored Cox Plumbing 11-8 in a make-up game and Cable TV got its first win with a

forfeit from P. Choice. Last Thursday night Jahnna defeated Texas 7-3 and Gammage's Angels beat the A.P. Kids 9-3 in the two early games. Then Jackies' walloped Cable TV 14-6 and the Foxy Ladies beat Cox Plumbing 12-2 in the two second games.

The final league game of the week was played last Saturday night on Field II with Gammage's Angels holding off a scoring threat by Jahnna in the last inning to take a 4-3 victory and take over the league lead. Jahnna left the bases loaded in the last of the final inning as the Angels' defense held for the important win.

Tonight it will be Jackie's vs Scotty's early and Jahnna vs Ridge and A.P. Kids vs Texas in the second games. ACB will take an automatic win from People's Choice.

Next week will close out the Avon Park Women's Softball League regular season play, barring rain, and then an A and B six team tournament schedule will be drawn for the league to close out play. The top six teams in the league standings will participate in the Class A tourney and the bottom six teams will make up the Class B entries.



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Slowpitch Tournament Successful Despite Rain

In spite of threatening weather and several hard downpours, the Avon Park Merchant Softball Team sponsored men and women's slow pitch tournament were a huge success last weekend at the City Ball Complex. Ingrams of Winter Haven won the men's sixteen team tourney and Hopson's Grocery of Frostproof captured the women's tourney title in the three day affair.

Ingram's waltzed through the men's tournament without a loss by beating Avon Park's Avon Paint & Body, M&M Sports of Clewiston, Crews Equipment of Avon Park and Turkey Creek Baptist twice.

The Turkey Creek Baptist team won the battle of the loser's bracket but was unable to beat Ingram's in the finals so walked off with the runner-up trophy. The Polk Area Merchants of Lakeland won the third place trophy and Smith Insurance captured the fourth place trophy.

Turkey Creek's Clyde Chenault won the trophy for the most home runs hit in the tournament as he boomed eight out of the park in six games. Hopson Grocery's A. Grimes captured the trophy awarded in the women's division for getting the most hits during the tourney.

There were three local teams entered in the men's tourney. Crews Equipment went the furthest, losing out on Sunday

afternoon to Smith Insurance just short of a trophy. Crews defeated the Lake Wales Merchants and Lowe's All Stars before losing to Ingrams and Smith Insurance.

The Beachfront Gators lost their opening game Friday night to Lowe's All Stars, won against the Lake Wales Merchants in the loser's bracket and then lost to Lanning Tire to fall from the meet Saturday night.

Avon Paint & Body lost its first two games dropping the first to eventual winner Ingrams and then failing to Swinson's Dry Wall on Saturday.

Hopson's Wins Women's
Hopson's Grocery of Frostproof came out of the loser's bracket to defeat the Playmates of Bartow twice Sunday afternoon and take home the championship trophy in the women's division. Hopson's had played here before and done well in a previous tourney.

It was a seven team women's affair again with Scotty's Furniture Barn of Sebring beating the Foxy Ladies in the opening game and the Avon Park All Stars knocking off the Frostproof All Stars in the second game of the meet last Friday night. Gammage's Angels, another Avon Park team, lost its opening game Friday night to Hopson's Grocery. On Saturday the Playmates beat

Scotty's Furniture Barn of Sebring and the Avon Park All Stars lost to Hopson's Grocery. Gammage's Angels, who are leading the Avon Park Women's Slow Pitch Softball League, advanced in the loser's bracket with a win over Scotty's and the Avon Park All Stars came from behind to beat the Foxy Ladies and knock them from the competition Saturday afternoon.

Sunday at noon, the Playmates defeated Hopson's Grocery and then Gammage's Angels eliminated the A.P. All Stars by a score of 8-3 to advance to the loser's bracket finals against the Angels. Hopson's beat the Angels and then proceeded to win two straight games from the Playmates by scores of 13-12 and 8-4 to win the individual trophies and the big team championship trophy. The Playmates came in second and Gammage's Angels captured the third place trophy.

Members of the Avon Park Merchants Softball Team and their wives and friends ran the concession stand, kept score, helped umpire the games and will pocket the proceeds to help defray expenses as they enter the Class B District Tournament to be held in Bradenton later this month and hopefully the State Class B tourney set to be held in Pensacola this summer.



SLOW PITCH CHAMPIONS at the A.P. Merchant sponsored sixteen team men's tournament last weekend at the City Complex were the Ingrams players from Winter Haven. They went through the

tourney undefeated beating Turkey Creek 17-14 in the finals to win the championship team trophy and individual winner's trophies. From left, front row: Darrel Roberts, Jerry Waters,

Scott Campbell, John Butler, Roy Norton and Chuck Jacobs. Back row: Ferris French, Roger Donley, Tommie Kerns, Kenny Stripling, Terry Donley and Edgar Powell. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.



TOURNAMENT WOMEN WINNERS at last weekend's A.P. Merchant sponsored event here at the City Complex were the members of the Hopson Grocery team

from Frostproof. The Hopson team came out of the loser's bracket to defeat Bartow's Playmates twice last Sunday afternoon to capture this fine first place

trophy and also win individual trophies for their excellent play. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.



THIRD PLACE WINNERS in the A.P. Merchants softball tournament for women last week was the Avon Park

Gammage's Angels team this group of players and friends posed after accepting the trophy last Sunday afternoon at the

City Ball Complex. The Angels are also leading the Avon Park Women's Slow Pitch Softball League with a 7-1 record.

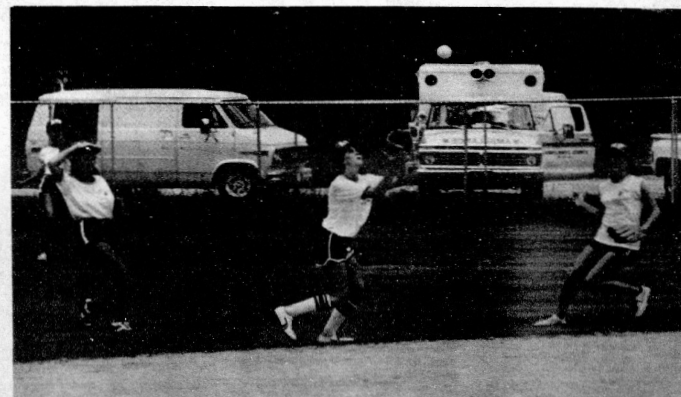


THIRDSACKER DEBRA COX scoops up a grounder during last Saturday's tournament game with the Foxy Ladies in the Avon Park Merchants sponsored affair at the City Ball Complex. Debra played on an Avon Park All Star team of players from Cox Plumbing and Texas in the seven team women's tourney. The All Stars defeated the Foxy Ladies 7-4 but finished only fourth in the strong field of area teams. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.



ANGEL MAXINE BLAKE is all ready to field a throw to second base for a force out during a game with the Avon Park All Stars in last weekend's women's softball

tourney. The Angels copped the third place trophy in the seven team event with some fine playing. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.



FOUR AVON PARK All Star softball players converge on a fly ball which shortstop Laurie Welch catches for an out during play in last week-end's Avon

Park Merchant sponsored softball tourney for women. From left: Tammy Welch, Rhonda Landress, Laurie and Barb Neaker. The All-Star team finished

fourth in the seven team ladies' meet which was won by the Hopson Grocery team from Frostproof. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

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ACCEPTING THE MOST home runs trophy for the men's slow pitch softball tourney held here last weekend is Turkey Creek Baptist's Clyde Chenault from

tournament director Denby Jackson after the final game late Sunday afternoon. Chenault boomed eight homers out of the park during the three day meet.

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