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May 17	95	62	
May 18	88	65	2.08
May 19	90	65	.28
May 20	88	68	.02
May 21	89	68	
May 22	89	61	
May 23	91	60	

'Secret' Charges Listed In Sun

Record Crowd Hears Reinstatement

George Duncan

A week long bitter dispute between Mayor J. Marshall Davis and Police Chief Robert Brooks ended in less than five minutes Monday night as Davis announced he had withdrawn suspension charges against the chief.

City officials attempted to keep the charges against Brooks from the public, an action which City Attorney Jack Hancock claimed was legal.

When told by a Sun reporter the charges were public record Hancock angrily replied, "Go to hell," and refused to take any more phone calls from the press.

Eight charges were originally lodged

When asked about public records, City Attorney Jack Hancock tells reporter to "Go To Hell".

against Brooks, who was cheered and applauded by a standing-room-only crowd at the council chamber. Many citizens had to stand in the adjoining hallway because all the space in the council room was taken.

Although allegations flowed back and forth between the mayor and police chief last week, Davis told the crowd any problems had been resolved.

"The chief and I met today and we resolved all our differences and he will go back to work tomorrow. He promised to correct all the things which were charged against him. I have no further comment," Davis said.

Hancock was asked by a member of

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(3) Wasteful deployment of personnel.
(4) Failure to observe the chain of command liaison between the chief of police, mayor and city council.

(5) Failure to require subordinate officers to perform their duties properly.

(6) Resorting to tactics of publicity with reference to his differences with the mayor as liaison and supervisory officer of the police department, thereby undermining the morals of the department and the respect of the citizens of Avon Park toward the police department and the mayor.

(7) Improper promotion policies within his command resulting in loss of morale of the department in general and certain officers in particular.

Although Davis told council members Brooks had promised to correct problems, Brooks said there had been "no compromise with Mayor Davis" and said he felt there was no validity to any of the eight charges.

"I respect the mayor's view... I have no beef whatsoever with city officials... I still contend I wasn't guilty," Brooks said.

Later, when informed the Sun had obtained a copy of the charges, Brooks said he would stand by his previous statement and said he didn't feel any further comment was necessary.

By 9:30 Tuesday morning, Brooks said he had about 75 calls of congratulations.

Brooks will receive all back pay since his suspension. He also said a councilman had told him that the council would probably pay all his legal expenses.

Brooks estimated his present legal fees were about \$800. The city also owes Hancock for his time spent in the case

"I sincerely appreciate it. It makes me more interested in going out and doing the best police job for the city I can do," he said.

The charges against Brooks were given to council members over the weekend, Hancock said, because the

charges were not officially made Monday night, they could be kept secret.

However, Sharyn Smith of the Attorney General's office, said the list of charges definitely fell under the state's public record law.

"There is no attorney-client

relationship when the public records law is involved," Ms. Smith said.

Ms. Smith said since the list was prepared by the city attorney and given to council members pending possible action on the charges, there was no doubt the list was public record.

Ms. Smith, a specialist in the state sunshine law, said the view was hers' and not an official opinion from the attorney's general office.

For an official opinion, a citizen has to request an opinion of the attorney general in writing.



AN OVERFLOW AUDIENCE filled the Avon Park City Council meeting room

last Monday night with people seated on the floor, standing in the corners and

outside of the room, waiting to hear the outcome of the mayor and police chief

disagreement. Sunphoto by Lew Miller.

City Council Controversy Continues Over Proposed Water Line Location

Although death and taxes are the two things generally regarded as inevitable, the Avon Park City Council is finding the question of how to spend those taxes has a lot of staying power too.

This week arguments continued over whether the city should, or could, spend money to put in 600 feet of a water line along North Anoka Street.

The council had voted 4-1 to install the line but Councilman David Barefield, the lone dissenter, asked City Attorney Jack Hancock whether it was legal for the city to put in the line.

Barefield claimed the installation, which would cost the city approximately \$1,200, would be only for the benefit of one man, Developer Roy Taylor. Taylor is building a subdivision adjoining Anoka Street.

Hancock had previously ruled the city could not install any water lines inside a subdivision but said the proposed water line was legal.

"North Anoka is not an internal street in that subdivision. It's a street that passes by that subdivision. I think, at best, you have an argument. I don't believe you have a clearcut case of a line which would serve a developer's interest," Hancock said.

Hancock also said the line could serve other streets. However, Barefield said there were no plans to serve any residences besides proposed houses in

the subdivision.

"There are no houses there. There is no request for any houses there. There is no need for a six-inch line... There is no reason the city needs this line, it enhances only one developer," Barefield said.

Councilmen Henry Dennis argued the subdivision would benefit the city. Dennis said the proposed subdivision would hold about 30 homes, each valued

at approximately \$30,000.

"That's \$900,000 worth of building permits which C.W. Ellerbee will have to issue," said Dennis.

Dennis said there were many fees which the city would collect from the development.

A former councilman, Ed Touchton, backed the majority of the council. "The city of Avon Park, as long as I can remember, has tried to get industry

into the city. I think the building industry is probably one of the cleanest industries that we can get," said Touchton.

"The question is not whether to put in a six-inch water line," Barefield replied.

"A six-inch line definitely needs to be in. The question is who should pay for the six-inch water line. From what our present law says, I think the developer is responsible."

For School Construction State Approves Funding

Funding for new middle school construction in Sebring and Avon Park has been approved by the state, and Highlands County Schools are planning groundbreakings by about July 10.

Formal announcement of approval of the \$5.3 million funding plan came during a news conference at George Douglas Administration Building Friday morning.

Superintendent Dr. Dan Davis said that with the state okay on the funding arrangements, plans for closing streets can move forward.

Under new state guidelines, school districts are able to get advances on their

shares of construction funds. The county has borrowed seven years of its funding for the new mid-school construction.

Dr. Ferrel Smith, assistant superintendent, is project director. Bids are to be received June 13 and it is expected that a contract award can be made June 26.

While gym areas in both schools are to be retained and some modern additions to the existing buildings will be kept, much new construction is to take place at each site. Dr. Davis said problems with construction are anticipated, especially with physical education classes.

Board Chairman Mrs. Ruth Davis

said that building onto existing sites is quite a challenge for the principals, teachers and students, but she feels they'll do a good job in meeting the challenge.

The new buildings will replace classroom and other facilities that were built at the same sites in 1914 and 1928.

Dr. Davis said he is pleased with the cooperation of the administration and the school board in obtaining advance funding. Work started last September on preparations for the funding request and plans for the schools were later drawn.

Dr. Davis said, "We are well pleased. We have been working a long time on it."

Crypts Will Be Sold Tuesday

Units 2, 3 and 4 of Burton Mausoleum, Inc. will be sold collectively as one unit at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 30, 1978 at the east gate of Bougainville Cemetery on U.S. 27 north of Avon Park to satisfy the debt of Burton Mausoleum, Inc.

According to Mildred Ford, secretary of the Avon Park Cemetery Association the units and crypts, listed for sale in the legal notice of sale, were not sold to individuals.

State law requires that 10 percent of the sale price of a crypt in a mausoleum, be set aside in a special cemetery trust account for maintenance of the crypt. The cemetery association then issues a deed for the crypt to the owner.

Many Offices Closed Memorial Day

All city hall offices will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 29. The Police and Fire Departments will continue their regular schedule of work over the holiday.

Avon Park Banks and the U.S. Post Office will be closed for the Memorial Holiday on Monday with some business places being closed and others remaining open for business.

Jack Hancock ...City Attorney

the audience what the charges were but replied it was up to Brooks to release them if he wanted.

The Sun has obtained a copy of the charges which Hancock drew up. In addition to a charge of overspending the budget, which Davis had previously mentioned, the mayor accused Brooks of the following:

(1) Allowing inadequacy of case preparation of criminal charges made by members of his command resulting in unfavorable verdicts in the state courts of Florida.

(2) Failure to report to neighboring law enforcement agencies dangerous situations within the City of Avon Park which might tend to jeopardize the safety of officers of other law enforcement

Chief Robert Brooks ...No Compromise

and his time in drawing up the charges. City Clerk Malcolm Crews said Hancock is paid \$25 an hour plus any secretarial expense.

"I had a meeting with the mayor and with mutual friends and I believe solved our problems," Brooks said. "I foresee no other problems. I will be working to improve the police department, improve efficiency and morale. The citizens of Avon Park deserve the best they can get."

Brooks said he appreciated the support of "many people" who had called him to offer support.

Monitoring System Proposed For Jail

Focusing in on some additional jail improvements, Highlands County Commissioners have agreed to consider budgeting a television monitoring system and a new jailer's station in project plans.

Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard met with the board Tuesday morning and said the state's Department of Corrections has recommended installing a jailer's station in the second floor jail at the sheriff's department. A second recommendation involves use of a television type monitor in jail corridors.

Plans for a series of improvements to upgrade the jail are being drawn up. Sheriff Sheppard had no cost estimates for the additional ideas.

Commissioner Norman "Jug" Heston asked, "They didn't offer to pay for any of this did they?"

Sheppard said that since the state legislature is considering measures that would provide for criminals receiving five-year jail sentences, the county should look toward upgrading the jail with this in mind. It's possible federal grants may be available for the

improvements. In a confinement related measure, the board approved an agreement with Sebring Airport Authority that provides

May 31 Deadline To Pay Taxes

Property owners with delinquent city and county property taxes have until May 31, 1978 to pay their taxes.

On this date, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the northeast door of the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, and continuing in the County Commissioners Board Room or in the courtroom, if available, tax certificates will be sold as a lien on the properties listed in the May 17 1978 edition of the Sebring News.

The properties will be sold to pay the amount due for city and county taxes for the year 1977, together with all costs of the sale and all advertising.



AVON PARK HIGH School Civics class students toured Capital buildings in Tallahassee on a field trip last Friday

with Gina Pipa (left), Christine Heard, Debbie Casey and Sherri Cobb stopping in the capital entrance. See Devils

Chatter page 3A. Sunphoto by Tom Fleming.

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Rocking The Boat

By
George Duncan



Last week, newspapers reported the giant Sears company had announced it would quit sponsoring two television shows, "Three's Company" and "Charlie's Angels" because, the company said, the shows were of questionable taste.

Sears was also being picketed by a "Decency in Television" group which had demanded the company withdraw advertising from all shows the group objected to.

Now, far from being upset because Sears was knocked off from sponsoring two of my favorite shows I think the "Decency in Television" group, whoever the self-proclaimed moralists claim to be, have a good idea.

In fact, I would like to suggest some shows which they should extend their protest to.

PBS' Today In The Legislature - By anybody's standards this has to be one of the most "obscene" shows on television today. There's lust, greed, power, and all the things which make up a questionable TV series.

There are men struggling to protect special interests groups, screwing consumers, making hypocritical statements, making idiotic statements and generally calling their sanity into question. This show is definitely a threat to one's morals, not to mention one's pocketbook.

PBS' Meeting of the Minds - Another show, disguised as a "talk show" which allows questionable characters from history a forum.

In one recent show an actor portrayed the ancient Greek philosopher Socrates who, as we all know, was condemned to death by fellow citizens on the charge of corrupting the youth of his day. Now why should he be allowed to corrupt the youth of our day when the ancient Greeks killed him for corrupting the youth in their day?

After all, no one has even suggested Suzanne Sommers of "Three's Company" has corrupted anybody! This has to be an example of a double standard!

The Hour of Power - Rev. Robert Schuller's message of positive thinking and upbeat philosophy leaves me extremely depressed. I think he's a hazard to our mental health and should be taken off the air. I mean, who wants anybody telling them that they are destined for great things at eight in the morning?

And all of Jimmy Carter's Foreign Policy Speeches - These also leave me extremely depressed. After looking at the state of the world who can take Rev. Schuller's advice and think positive.

Unless, of course, you have several relatives with rich insurance policies.

Lee Grant - A personal prejudice of mine. I resent seeing a newswoman which is properly equipped, properly staffed and where the reporters are properly paid. With expense accounts even. This means all journalists have to contend with corrupt public officials, insipid lawyers, stupid bureaucrats, idiot bosses and the internal revenue service. Ah, what a life.

Sign Letters!!

The Sun has received numerous unsigned letters to the editor - However, these unsigned letters cannot be used. If the writers will please sign their letters and include their address, the Sun will withhold the writer's name when requested. The Sun will publish as many of these letters each week as possible.

Let's Make A Deal

"Let's Make A Deal" is the low-grade, high-rated television show where, at the command of Monty Hall, some lady will whisk open a door revealing to a contestant if he has won a trip to Acapulco or a ten-day old turp.

This type of nonsensical behavior is fine when confined to the television screen but the game-show atmosphere becomes a bit disconcerting when it becomes part of city government.

In the past week or so citizens have watched an event unfold which would be unbelievable in some other parts of the state, parts where public officials and attorneys have some knowledge of the sunshine law and the public records law. Such enlightenment is not the case in Avon Park.

After Mayor J. Marshall Davis suspended Police Chief Robert Brooks, on charges which he refused to state, the mayor engaged in some entirely questionable behavior.

The mayor certainly had the right and duty, to inform councilmen of his action. However, his solicitation of votes to back him falls on the shadow line of illegality.

Then after Davis had given copies of his list of charges to councilmen, City Attorney Jack Hancock tells councilmen it is legal to withhold such information from the public.

Mr. Hancock is being paid \$25 an hour for advice which is utter nonsense and is clearly contrary to Florida Law.

As soon as councilmen receive information which they may use in taking some type of action, that information automatically becomes public record. When the public record law is involved, there is no attorney-client relationship between an attorney and the city council. This simple fact was stated by Sharyn Smith, an assistant attorney general who is an expert in the sunshine law and the public records law.

Why there is such consternation over such a simple fact is a puzzle? The public record law, like the sunshine law, has been a part of the Florida Statutes for some time. Actually, it is quite simple to understand. Perhaps 20 or 30 minutes of

study and it should be abundantly clear to anyone with the slightest degree of comprehension.

There are few city councils in the state which would have tried to pull this recent stunt of hiding information from the public. And there are very few city attorneys which would have told council members it was the legal.

The sunshine law and the public records law were designed to prevent exactly the type of event which almost occurred last Monday night on the second floor of the Avon Park City Council.

Public business must, and should, be conducted in the public. The citizens of Avon Park had a right, both legally and morally, to know why their police chief was suspended.

Did the council and the attorney really buy the nonsense that the charges could be kept secret until they were "officially" pressed on Monday night.

The police chief was "officially" suspended over a week ago. That should have been the time when charges were released, both to the councilmen and to the public.

Government officials have a great passion for secrecy. It protects them from any mistakes they have made. It enhances their security and power.

It also inevitably leads to corruption. A fact the Florida Legislature realized when it passed the Sunshine Law and Public Record Law.

In the governing of this city, citizens have the right to know how and why it is being governed by city officials. And have the right to know the reasons why such officials make their decisions.

That's rather simple and clear.

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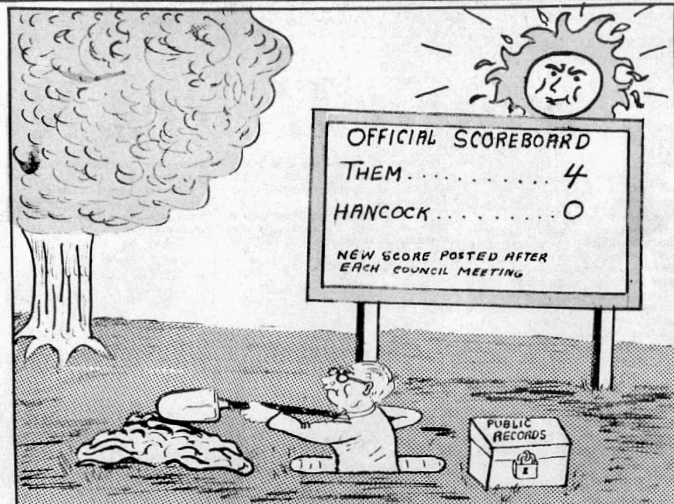
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Our Readers Opinions

Politics Plays Part In Recreation Ordinance Veto

Honorable Larry Albritton, President
City Council of Avon Park
City Hall
Avon Park, Fla. 33825

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry to learn that two members of the city council (Mr. Robert Britt and Mr. Kelly Phillips), and our honorable mayor have seen it proper to sustain the veto of our mayor on the Recreation Department Ordinance, that was passed by majority vote at the last council meeting.

It appears to me that our city is going backward instead forward in not only our Recreation Department, but in another department. I sincerely feel that the children of this city have been let down by this action. Since the inception of the Recreation Department, we the recreation committee have worked so hard in trying to build a Recreation Center that will be above approach from

any P-O-L-I-T-I-C-S, but this action tonight shows the children and parents of our great city that a selected FEW will take any action to achieve their action against our committee. We have two members who live outside of the city, who have been very dedicated workers and I personally state that all of our members have done the best job with what we have had to work with.

I personally wish to thank Mr. Albritton, Mr. Barefield and Mr. Dennis for their support in our endeavor to do our best for all concerned.

WHEREAS: This date, I, J.L. McWilliams Jr., do hereby resign with PREJUDICE as chairman of the City of Avon Park Recreation Department Committee under the conditions that this veto has left our committee in. This action by me is final.

I will still, as long as I live in Avon

Park, work as hard as I can for the children of this city. And I hope that our mayor, Mr. Britt and Mr. Phillips can live with their consciences, when they face the children of this town. As long as Federal Revenue Sharing money is used, along with other money, to operate our Recreation Center and I feel that there is a better way to achieve a respectable goal, than to dance to the music of those who do not want the best for our children.

To all children of Avon Park pray that the voting citizens will not forget this action when election time comes around for those that turned their backs on our recreation Department. I remain,

Respectfully Yours,
J.L. McWilliams Jr.,
Chairman
City of Avon Park
Recreation Committee

Too Many Men Destroyed By Untruths

Editor:

The article in the Sun of May 18 for Chief of Police Brooks must have been written by a friend of his, it certainly wasn't very intelligent or well written.

I think Mayor Davis is a sincere and honest man, if he thinks a department head is lax in his duties and should be replaced he should be supported by his colleagues on the council, otherwise what

power does he have. I have seen too many good men destroyed by untruths.

E.C. Taylor,
Avon Park, Fla.

Public Doesn't Understand Job of Rangers

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in appreciation of the fantastic job on the write-up and follow-up did about the muck fire (May 4, 1978 issue).

We feel that the public doesn't really

understand what the rangers do for their pay. I feel that you have brought to light our job very well.

I have never before been faced with a news reporter that actually went out and got to the real facts. Thank you very

much for a job well done on your part.

Sincerely,
Pat Eckert, Ranger
Frostproof, Fire Tower

Thanks For Photos Of Unphotographed People

Editor:

My name Dave Williamson of Frostproof, Fla. and an employee of the Florida Division of Forestry.

I would like to take this time to express my thanks and appreciation to you

and the paper for a fine piece of work. And for one heck of a fine job of: (1) Actually getting in the outback and seeing first hand what a muck fire was really all about. Not just sitting on the hard road and speculating, but getting

right in there with us. (2) Also for some nice photos of some very unphotographed people.

Thank you again,
Dave Williamson

Interne Program Not Paid For

Dear Editor:

I am writing this in behalf of both myself and the Tenth Congressional District Intern Program to thank all those who have helped support this program this year and in past years.

I represented Avon Park in this year's trip to Washington, D.C. sponsored by our Representative in Congress L.A. "Skip" Bafalis. This program, which is paid for by local organizations and individuals in this community, is a very rare opportunity for a student from Avon

Park. But this highly educational trip must have the support morally and financially from the community. This year's trip is unpaid for, so I am asking those wishing to contribute to this worthy cause and all those who have questions about this program to please feel free to call me at 453-5693.

I wish to express my thanks again to those who have contributed.

Sincerely,
Walter C. Roberts Jr.
1978 Washington Intern



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..... And Get Two Bags Of Garbage ?

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Allgood Hired For Nutrition Program

Highlands County Nutrition Program, which has four site locations within the county, announced that Mrs. Betty Allgood has been hired as the new manager for the Avon Park site.

Avon Park's new manager is formerly from Maryland and has had managerial experience in the restaurant business. At the present time, she is also owner and instructor of the Professional Diving School of Highlands County which is open on weekends.

"The challenge that this opportunity presents in helping the elderly participants with both social and personal problems really appeals to me," says Betty.

At a party given by the Avon Park site Allgood was introduced to the participants. Keat Stayer, director of the Nutrition Program, thanked Edna Leighton for the outstanding service she had given in opening the Avon Park site and in managing it so successfully during its first year in operation. Edna stated that she has enjoyed working for the Nutrition Program because of the staff and the people who are so much a part of the project.

"However, I feel the time has come that I should only work part-time," she said. Edna was honored with gifts and a farewell cake.

Highlands County Nutrition Program is a federally funded

organization sponsored by the S.O.S., Inc. (The program provides 1-3 of the daily nutritional requirements in a hot, nutritious meal.) The program also offers social and recreational activities for persons over sixty. Anyone interested in the program should call 433-9996 in Avon Park between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Sebring, 385-1315 and in Lake Placid, 465-4441.

IRS: File Tax Forms

The Internal Revenue Service reminded Floridians to file amended tax returns if they discovered an error in their original tax return. Mistakes can be corrected by filing an IRS Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

Charles O. DeWitt, IRS District Director for Florida, said some of the more common errors that can be corrected with a Form 1040X include failing to report income, forgetting to claim deductions, or mistakes in the amount of credits claimed.

The forms are available through local IRS Offices and can also be obtained by using the handy order blank in the tax package," DeWitt added.



KIDDERN GRADUATING FROM KIDDERN COLLEGE DAY CARE CENTER Friday, May 3, were as follows: L to R Billy McCarthy, Jamie Thompson, Neva Allen Suzanne Paul, Shannon Souther, Christina Knost, Kimberly Henderson, Barefield, and Katherine Shelley Torres, Kimberly Crews, Amy Hart, Sharla Todd and Leslie Hill.

Kiddie College Holds Graduation

Kiddie College Day Care Center held its first graduation on Friday evening, May 19, 1978, with 14 graduates.

The girls were dressed in white, while the boys were dressed in red and white. All wore white graduation caps

with red and white tassels. The children marched into the auditorium led by their teacher, Miss Cynthia Foss, while Mrs. Lillian Johnson played "Boys and Girls for Jesus" on the piano. They took their places on the platform

and sang the following songs: "There's a Welcome Here," "Say Good Morning," "I'm So Happy," "This Little Light of Mine," "Heavenly Sunshine," "Behold, Behold," "I'll be a Sunbeam," "The Birds Upon a Tree-top," "Bubbling in My

Soul" with a solo by Katherine Kelley, "Jesus Loves Me," "Climb, Climb Sunshine Mountain," "Oh Be Careful," "Jesus Loves the Little Children," "I'm in the Lord's Army," and "The Happy Day Express."

Several had recitations with the following taking part: Kimberly Crews spoke on being a "Little Helper," Neva Allen spoke the recitation "Helping Hands," Shannon Souther spoke the piece "Jesus Sees Me," Sharla Barefield spoke on "Sunday School Days," Suzanne Paul told about "Two Little Friends," Katherine Kelley spoke on "Building for Jesus," Amy Meeks, then the Reverend Paul J. Searcy gave a brief graduation address to the parents and friends, followed by the Benediction.

Devils Cha-a-a-t-t-t-e-e-e-r-r

Joel Wright
Civics Students
Visit Capitol

Forty of the top academic students of the year from Tom Land's and Ken Eberle's civics classes went to Tallahassee to study Florida's form of government on May 18 and 19.

The students were dismissed from school Thursday at 11:15 a.m., to eat lunch, change clothes, and do other necessary things. The students then loaded the bus, had roll call, and left Avon Park at 12:09 p.m.

After a few stops for food and refreshments, the students and chaperones arrived in Tallahassee at 7:15 p.m., at which time the bus headed for the Days Inn, 3100 Appalachi Parkway, Tallahassee. The students were then allowed to swim (which most did) or anything else that interested them. After the recreation time, the students went to their rooms and were in bed at 11:00.

The students were awakened at 7 a.m. Friday morning to clean their rooms and prepare for the long day ahead. At 7:45, they arrived at McDonald's for breakfast and were back on the road by 8:30.

The first stop was at the Capitol Building where the students were given a full tour of the offices of the Governor and Attorney General. They

were also given a history of each office and what is involved.

The next stop was the Senate where the students saw many machines that helped the Senators make decisions easier and tabulate votes. While the students and chaperones were studying the Senate chambers, the Senate was not in session.

Everyone then walked to the House of Representatives where they saw our District Representatives in action. The students and chaperones were recognized by the Speaker of the House and received a standing ovation. The students learned much about how to get a bill or resolution passed, and they also found out that most Representatives know how they would vote before they went into the session.

The students and chaperones then went to the Supreme Court building, where Mr. Tony Smilgin, the Marshall of the Florida Supreme Court, told everyone a little bit about the Supreme Court, its Justices, and the differences between the Florida Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court.

Everyone then went to the Archives Building where they learned about the history of Florida, from long ago to a look into the future.

The students were then allowed to eat lunch in one of three places. Most students hurried through their meal because what many thought was the most interesting part of the trip was yet to come.

After lunch, the students and chaperones traveled to the Governor's Mansion, where everyone was given a tour. Mrs. Campbell, a volunteer, told them some of the history of the mansion and the private life to the Governor and his family. Governor Askew has very minimal security at the mansion because he and his family do not want to be shut off from the people he serves.

After touring the mansion the students then loaded the bus, readying for the long trip home. The bus stopped in Ocala so the students and chaperones could prepare for the last part of the ride. On arriving at the school, the students were complimented for their behavior on the field trip by Les Watson, principal of the high school.

All of the students enjoyed the trip and were prepared to tell everyone at school about it.

The students would like to thank the following people for their time which they volunteered for this very successful and exciting field trip: Mr. Lund, Mr. Eberle, Mrs. Virginia Crews, Mr. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ford, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jackson. Feature Senior

spent studying, but he still finds the time to play his favorite sport. Charles was the starting right fielder on the regional champion Avon Park High School baseball team. He also led the team in extra base hits.

Another favorite sport of Charles is bowling. He carries a 165 average in bowling and has bowled on this year's first place team in the Tri-City senior league. He also likes to watch all sports at the stadium and on television.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Oliver, Charles was born in Mobile, Alabama, and has two brothers.

After graduation, he plans to attend West Point and major in engineering.

According to Mr. Dewayne Lemler, the math teacher at APHS who is sponsoring the National Math Exam, at APHS, "10,252 students out of 170 schools in the state of Florida took the Exam. Usually, only the best math students attempt to take the test and the top winners come from cities where there are universities. The test has been given at APHS for at least 10 years and this year we were in

the 50 percent bracket for all schools in Florida."

Eddy Garner
Eddy Garner, an active senior at Avon Park High School, has reached one of his high school goals by winning a full year scholarship to Troy State University.

The scholarship to this Alabama school pays full tuition and out of state tuition. It is called the George C. Wallace leadership scholarship and is given to students who participate in many different activities while in high school.

The list of Eddy's activities includes Key Club, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Band and National Honor Society.

Although he participates in all of these activities, Eddy was surprised to receive the scholarship. "I just like to get involved in things at school," Eddy said. "I didn't think I'd get a scholarship out of it though. I'll try to be active at Troy State too."

Eddy will be leaving for Troy State in July for Orientation and his classes will start in late August. His intended major is Business Administration.

Summer Session Begins

The 23rd annual summer session at Howey Academy will have youngsters from all over the world enjoying summer living and learning at the central Florida coeducational boarding school.

Early enrollment for academic program and vacation camp is urged. Admission officials are now accepting applications for registration in the program, which begins June 18.

The flexible program provides full-time recreation or a combination of academics and recreation for youngsters from grades 7 through 12. Enrollment may be for the full 8 weeks for a maximum of 2 credits, for 4 weeks, or 2 week minicourses. The

recreational camp program is available to both day and boarding students.

Summer students will learn in style on the spacious campus and in the fully air conditioned classrooms and gymnasium, and outdoor activities on land and lake will be offered in conjunction with arts and crafts and cultural programs. Off-campus excursions to popular tourist attractions and recreation spots are included in the summer program.

Sports will be in the spotlight, with professional athletic instructors coaching students in baseball, basketball, soccer, water sports, golf and horseback riding.

Show Evidence For New Social Security Card

A person who needs a duplicate Social Security card to replace one lost or to show a new name, must now present evidence of identity before the new card can be issued. Joseph R. Scarminch, Social Security District Manager in Lakeland, said today.

Previously, all a person had to do was submit the stub of the last card or the old card and a new card could be issued on the spot. This can no longer be done, Scarminch said.

In addition to the submitting evidence of identity, the person's application will be checked against the records at Social Security headquarters. If all the information checks

out, a new card will be issued. Scarminch said the new rules are intended to help protect the person's Social Security records, assure that it is complete and accurate, and to prevent anyone else from misusing or abusing the person's Social Security number.

A free leaflet, "Applying for a Social Security Number," lists the kinds of evidence that can be used to establish a person's identity. Copies can be obtained at the Lakeland Social Security Office located at 1124 North Lake Parker Avenue. The telephone number 688-6531.

Class Of '68 To Hold Reunion

The class of '68 Avon Park High School will hold their 10th anniversary on Saturday, July 29.

All '68 graduates are ask to please contact Kathy Akshen Border at 453-6391 or Robert Crews at 453-4666.

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PEOPLE and EVENTS

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by **Betty Amburn**
Society Editor



THE BUSINESS Women's Club held installation of officers on Monday, May 15, at the Women's Club House. Pictured L to R Billie Hise,

former president and installing officer, Ethel Williamson, new president, Ruth Jones, recording secretary, Mildred Logan, treasurer; and Mary

Ann Smith, corresponding secretary. Not pictured is the new vice-president, Winnie Shea. Photo by Lew Miller

Business Women Install Officers

The Business Women's Club held their installation of new officers on Monday, May 15, at the Women's Club House.

The former president, Billie Hise was the installing officer. New officers are as follows:

Ethel Williamson, president; Winnie Shea, vice-president; Mildred Logan, treasurer; Ruth Jones, recording secretary; and Mary Ann Smith, corresponding secretary.

The social committee, headed by Mary Lee King, arranged for a delicious covered dish dinner before the ceremony.



Anita Mooney Cheryl Noaker and Ann Hunter

Cheryl Noaker Honored At Bridal Luncheon

A bridal luncheon was held at the Lake Letta home of John and Ann Hunter on Saturday, May 20, in honor of Miss Cheryl Lynn Noaker who will be wed to Dennis Crews on Saturday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church. The bride-elect was stylish in a white cotton sleeveless dress trimmed with eyelash at the sleeves, neckline and hemline.

Colorful spring blossoms were placed at vantage points throughout the lovely home. The luncheon table was covered with a white linen cloth with the centerpiece featuring an elongated vase arrangement of mixed plants. Burning white candles in silver holders on either side of arrangement, completed the table decorations.

The hostess served chicken salad, squash casserole,

pickled beets and pears, curried fruit, lemon and pecan tarts, hot rolls and ice tea to Cheryl, her attendants, mothers of the bridal couple

and a few close friends. Ann presented the bride-elect with a cup and saucer in her chosen china pattern filled with fresh flowers.

Culps' Surprised On Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Culp were surprised Saturday, May 13, at 8:00 p.m. by friends and relatives to return home to a party. The party which was given by their sons and daughters, was to celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

As part of the party, Chaplain Felton Harden was there to officiate their renewal of vows. The party was held at the couples home which was decorated in the tradition of

The two tiered white cake was decorated with fresh daisies. Mrs. Culp was dressed in a long peach colored gown, with a floral chiffon jacket. She also wore a corsage of white carnations with silver ribbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Culp were married on May 16, 1953 at Most Precious Blood Church in Astoria, N.Y. They are the proud parents of four children: Julian Cushman, Roy (Curt), Guy, and Kim. They are also the proud grandparents of Julie Ann Cushman and Gina Culp.

Present at the party were Chris Cushman, daughter-in-law; Mike Denko, Mrs. Culp's father; Rita and Joe Kamanes from Orlando; Faye and Delmas Newsome; Janet and Danny Willis; Joe and Norma Uporaky; Florence Peach and Eddie Mitchell.

The biggest surprise came from the sister of Mr. Culp, and her family, Lula and Harry Howery, their daughter Sharon, son Mike, daughter-in-law Cindy and grandson Stephen all flew down from Chester, Pa. for the occasion. The couple will be going away on a second honeymoon on May 19 to Orlando.

A June 17 wedding is planned to be held at Friendship Park, (Depot) Frostproof at 5:00 p.m. A reception will follow the

Thompsons' Honored On Their Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson were honored on their 25th Wedding Anniversary May 20 at the lovely country home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mann, Bombing Range Road.

Over fifty guests from Miami, Okeechobee and Avon Park enjoyed the afternoon and evening with an old fashion Barbeque with all the trimmings under the spacious oak tree with abundance of flowering potted plants.

For dessert, guests were served cake and punch in the lovely dining room of the Mann's. The three tiered wedding cake was adorned with silver bells entwined with lace, encribed 25th Wedding Anniversary. The cake was baked by Beverly Cassels of Okeechobee.

As the evening approached the honored couple opened their many gifts and cards with much excitement. They were presented with 25 silver dollars to mark the festival occasion.

The Thompsons were married on May 14, 25 years ago by the Rev. Garrett of the Methodist Church in Avon Park with Mrs. Melvin Mann, sister of the bride serving as Matron of Honor and Melvin Mann serving as best man.

George, was stationed at the Avon Park Bombing Range and retired from the Air Force last year and the happy couple resides in Okeechobee.

During the afternoon, the younger guests helped Sara Mann, youngest daughter of the Mann's celebrate her 11th Birthday, with a large sheet cake encribed, "Happy Birthday Sara." Games and prizes kept the youngsters busy during the gala afternoon as the grownups mingled and talked of Old Times.

All in All, it was a true Southern Hospitality Day at the Mann's.

Louise Clark To Serve In State Assembly

Members of the Eleanor Seaverns Rebekah Lodge No. 65 met on Monday night for their regular monthly meeting, with Noble Grand Nancy Shay presiding.

Several of the members reported ill, and some that had been ill were reported as improving.

Plans are being made for some members of the Lodge to attend an annual session of the Rebekah Assemble, which is to be held in Dayton, Beach. Louise Clark will serve as State Assistant Inside Guardian at the assembly. Ethel Harrison will be a delegate from Eleanor Seaverns Lodge. Louise Clark is being installed as District Deputy President, and Bessie Decker will serve on the ways and means committee.

Bonnie Sherman was installed as recording secretary, and will complete the year replacing Louise Clark, who will take up her new duties in June. Mrs. Sherman was installed by the oresent District Deputy President, Betty Cooper from Sebring Lodge No. 28.

Noble Grand Nancy Shay presented a salute to mothers, consisting of telling of the origin of mother's day, a reading of "What Is Mother", and "The Creating of a Mother." Chaplain Bessie Trude sang "What A Friend We Have In Mother" accompanied by Lillian Seegar on the piano.

Bride-Elect Honored At Shower

Miss Cheryl Lynn Noaker, bride-elect of Dennis Crews, was honored with a lingerie shower on Tuesday, May 16 at the Norman Snider home on East Palmetto Street. Hostesses for the shower for Cheryl were: Sheila Snider, Anita Mooney and Marcia Collins.

A motif of white wedding bells was used in decoration in the spacious home. A clever gift of a "Bikini Tree," made by Mrs. Snider for the bridegroom, was used as a centerpiece for the table.

Refreshments of apricot punch, petite cherry delights, a variety of party sandwiches, olives, nuts and mints were served by the hostesses from a table covered in yellow with an overlay of lace.

After Cheryl opened her many dainty and useful gifts, the evening was spent visiting and talking. A gift of a white negligee set was presented to the bride-elect by the hostesses.

Engagement Announced

Earl L. Varnes of White Springs and Mrs. Doris M. Varnes of Frostproof announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Susan to Olan Wayne Thornton of Avon Park.

The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of Clermont High School and was a member of the F.H.A. Student Council, Science Club, National Honor Society, and Band. She is presently attending SJFC and is employed by Watson's Restaurant of Frostproof.

The prospective bridegroom served 6 years in the Coast Guard and is a member of the Florida National Guard of Lake Wales. He is presently employed by International Minerals and Chemicals.

A June 17 wedding is planned to be held at Friendship Park, (Depot) Frostproof at 5:00 p.m. A reception will follow the

Each mother then told and bragged on their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Noble Grand Nancy Shay then presented each with a lovely spray of carnations.

Refreshments were served by Mildred Waddell, and Nancy Shay. The next meeting will be held on June 5, when the Lodge will be honoring their new District Deputy President, Louise Clark. All member are asked to attend.

It's Time To Say



Happy Birthday

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

May 26-Chris Brojeck, Kirby Clark, Andy McDaniel, Laurra Elizabeth Adcock

May 27 - Beth Jackson, Terry Thomas, Carl McWilliams, Karen Conblin

May 28-Gary Worden, Cliff Thomas, Trene Fought, Ricky Boyer

May 29 - Gini Beth Henderson, Ronald Rowe, Connie Evers, Martha Todd, Mike Delaney, Larry Allen, Willie Jr.

May 30 - Danny Bass, Norman Cook

May 31 - Sara Maynor, W. Earl Haynsworth, Mrs. Webb Hazen, Kita Ann Kopta, Mrs. Dorothy White, Mrs. Virgil Mills, John Caultie, Ernie Hansel, Delton Delaney

June 1 - Thomas Tataris, James B. Martindale, Ed Reck, Andrea Albritton, William VanBuren, Richard Spurlock

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.

Open House

To Honor McWilliams

An open-house will be held at the home of John and Alice Morris on Sunday, May 29, honoring Bruce McWilliams and wife, JoAnna.

All friends and former classmates of Bruce are invited to attend the gathering at the Morris' home at 1099 E. Lake Letta Dr. between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.



The Purple Heart medal was originated by George Washington in 1782. Only three or four were awarded during the American Revolution.



MR. AND MRS. B. JOEL CARPENTER

Woodward-Carpenter Exchange Nuptial Vows

Deborah Lorraine Woodward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Woodward of Avon Park and B. Joel Carpenter, son of Mrs. Ollie M. Walker exchanged nuptial vows on Saturday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of God. Rev. Paul Searcy officiated the double ring ceremony.

The church was beautifully decorated with four, four column candlebras with large bouquets of glads, daisies, mums, palms and ferns adding to the decor. The kneeling bench was covered with white satin.

Cheryl Harris sang "The Way That He Loves" accompanied by Van Skipper on the organ.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a silk organza over taffeta gown with Venetian lace attached chapel train with matching veil of silk illusion with garber lace. She carried a white Bible with white daisies and yellow roses and sprengel.

Sharon Waters of Kathleen served as matron of honor and she wore a yellow floor length gown with a pleated ruffle cape, and a corsage of yellow and white daisies. White daisies and babies breath adorned her head.

Elaine Woodward, Cindy Woodward, sisters of the bride, and Elaine McKinney, all of Avon Park served as brides maid. Their gowns and bouquets were identical to the main of honor and instead of a headpiece, daisies and babies breath graced their head.

Sharon Forrester of Avon Park served as flower girl and she wore a floor length yellow and white checked gown with organza lace trimmed overskirt and flowers in her hair. Larry McKinney of Avon Park served as best man. Len Conley and David Barefield both of Avon Park served as ushers.

The brides mother chose for this occasion a floor length mint green knit dress with lace jacket, and she wore a corsage of white carnations.

The bridegrooms mother chose a street length two piece white and floral knit and she also wore a corsage of white carnations.

A reception was held in the church dining hall immediately following the wedding ceremony. The bride's cake was a three tiered fountain cake decorated with yellow and green accessories. The chocolate groom's cake was also three tiered and the decorations was a yellow lace cloth overlay with a crystal punch bowl and matching appointments. Doves and daisies graced the table and photos of sunsets added to the decor. A dove music box, a gift from the groom graced one end of the bride's table.

Crystal Hicks was in charge of the guest book. Those assisting in serving were Betty Cobb, Dot Barefield, Gina Johnson, Debbie Watford, Cindy Turner, and JoAnna Feickert.

For their honeymoon trip to Fort Walton Beach the bride chose a two piece street length floral knit and wore a white corsage of roses and daisies were taken from the bride's bouquet.

The bride is a 1974 graduate of Avon Park High School and is presently employed as a deputy clerk at Highlands County Court House.

The groom is a 1968 graduate of Avon Park High School and is presently employed as a correctional officer at Avon Park Correctional Institute.

An August wedding is planned.

Couple Announce Engagement

Retired Col. and Mrs. Earl A. Thompson of Avon Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Marie to Randle Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dale Jordan of Avon Park.

The groom is a 1968 graduate of Avon Park High School and is presently employed as a correctional officer at Avon Park Correctional Institute.

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