

WILTON MANOAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Manor Gate Shopping Center 1953-2015"

The History, with Vintage Ads and Images by Ron Ulm August 2025

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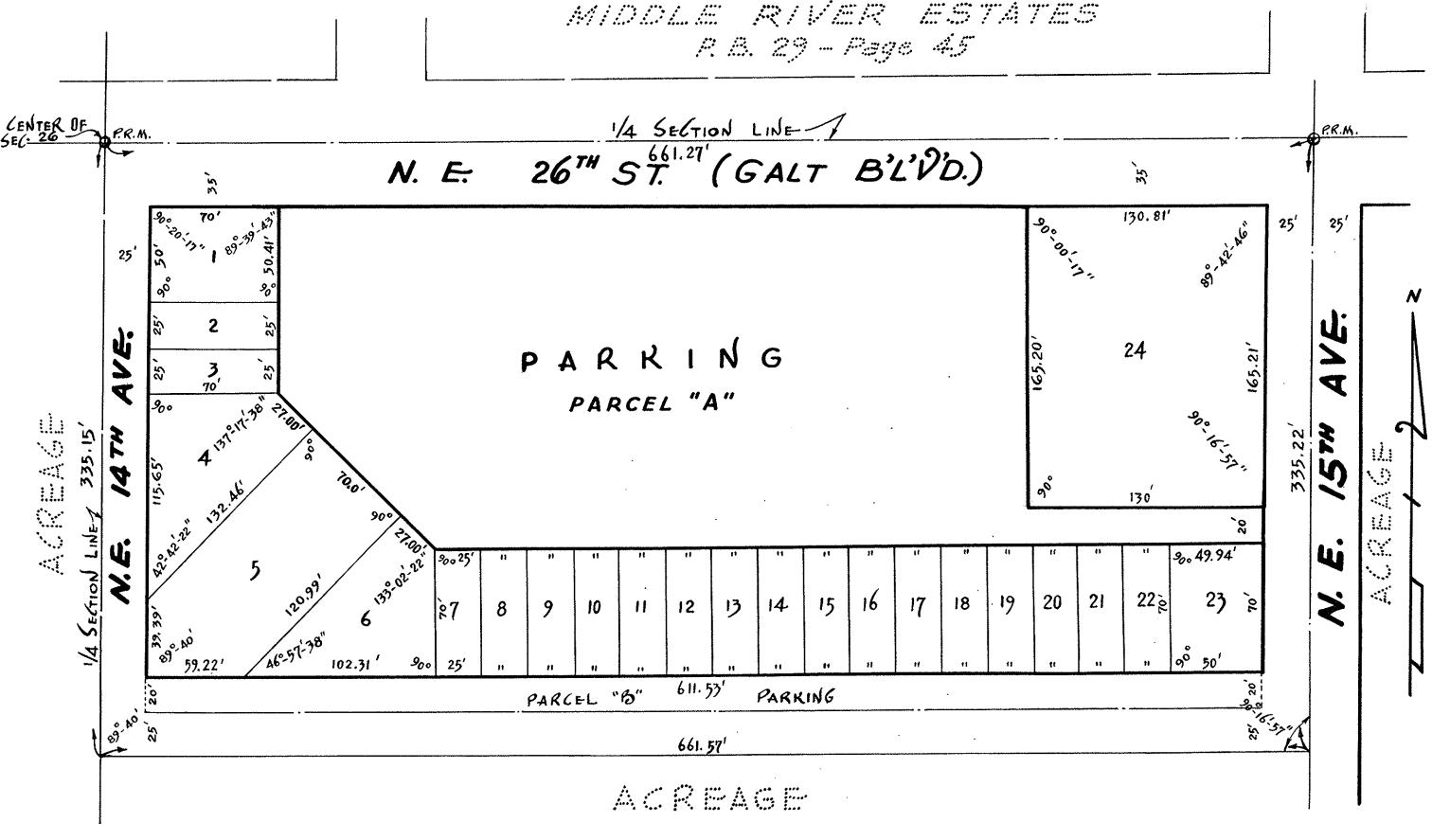
This collection began in **2018** when an agent for the owner of Manor Gate Shopping Center [also known as "Old Florida Seafood" and "Island City Plaza"] approached us with the possibility of digitizing some remaining artifacts from the then-closed Old Florida Seafood House. The owner was apparently clearing out the remnants of that business in preparation for a new tenant. Unfortunately, what remained was limited to some framed photographs from the walls of the restaurant—which we digitized, enhanced and returned to the owner. No menus or other ephemera we could memorialize remained.

In **2020**, for reasons now unclear (perhaps the opening of "Holy Mackerel" in that space) we began researching and digitizing the history of the entire shopping center, and the original businesses in the plaza. That effort was substantially completed in **2021**; with a draft copy of the compilation sent to the WMHS Board of Directors for review. Again, for reasons unrecalled (perhaps the "fog" of the COVID epidemic), the mini-archive was never finalized and uploaded to our website.

Attention returned to the incomplete compilation in **2025** when preparing the "Wilton Manors 1957 City Hall Vintage Images and the Backstory" Mini-Archive. The new City Hall was originally proposed to be a part of the Manor Gate commercial complex on 26th Street (details found below).

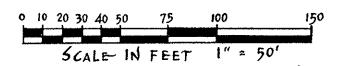
The final inspiration to "get-it-done" came from a request in mid-June 2025 from Gary Van Horn. He was renovating the Manor Cinema building into the **Gray Box Theater** and was interested in any information we had about the history of the Manor Cinema/26th Street Theater venue. It turned out to be very little ...

So, at last, what follows is the (somewhat) story of the Manor Gate Shopping Center through 2015...

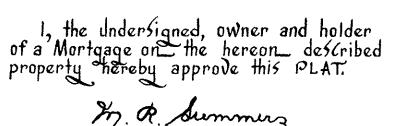


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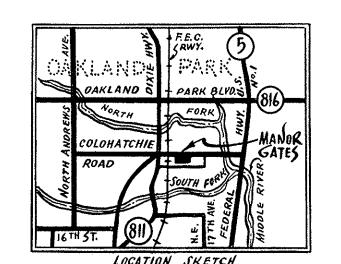
SEC. 26, TWP. 49S., RGE. 42E. CITY OF WILTON MANORS BROWARD COUNTY-FLORIDA



J. W. McLAUGHLIN~CIVIL ENGINEER_ FORT LAUDERDALE ~ FLORIDA OCTOBER



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APPROVED FOR RELORD

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BROWARD)

I HEREBY CERTIFY: That on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, JIMMIE L. WEST, and IRENE T. WEST, President and Secretary of MANOR GATES, INC., and they acknowledged before me that they executed the foregoing dedication, as such officers of said Corporation, in the name of Said Corporation.

WITNESS: My hand and Official Seal at FORT LAUDERDALE, in the County of BROWARO, State of FLORIDA, this 12+5 day of OCT: 1953.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BROWARD

I HEREBY CERTIFY: That this PLAT complies with the provisions of "AN-ACT TO REGULATE THE MAKING OF SURVEYS AND FILING FOR RECORD OF MAPS AND PLATS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA", approved by the Governor, eldne 11th 1925.

FRANK H. MARKS

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This instrument filed for RECORD this 2 day of DECO 1953, and recorded in BOOK 33, of PLATS at PAGE 14 RECORD VERIFIED

FRANK H. MARKS

STATE OF FLORIDA) 55 COUNTY OF BROWARD) 55

I HEREBY CERTIFY: That this PLAT of "MANOR GATES" is a true and correct representation of a SURVEY made by me, and that Permanent Reference Monuments have been set as indicated.

Dated at FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, this _5+7 day of

OCT., 1953.

Ten-Story Office Building To Be Hub of Sho

a \$4,500,000 shopping district on NE 26th st. in Wilton Manors, centered around a 10-story office building and a second \$1,000,000 multiple store structure with a movie theater.

Ten major buildings in all are in the architect's sketches for Manor Gate Shopping Center released by developers David Turner and James Dean.

In addition there will be a new Wilton Manors city hall if the city council decides to accept a 130-by-200-foot site at 26th st. and Middle River dr. which the developers have offered without charge.

It is expected that construction of one or two smaller store buildings will be undertaken this winter, they announced.

Completion of the overall project may require as much as five to seven years.

One \$90,000 supermarket building and a large structure to house a restaurant are in the plans, along with six multiple - unit buildings, a total of 93 basic shop spaces and offstreet parking for 1.000 automobiles.

The office building probably will be the last structure to be built, Dean and Turner said.

It will have a two-story first floor embracing drive-in facilities allowing cars to pass

FORT LAUDERDALE— through the building and de-Plans have been disclosed for , signed for occupancy by a

> Over this will be eight floors housing about 200 air-conditioned offices, each with a vertical shutter system to shade the windows.

On top will be a penthouse for a dining room and cocktail lounge.

The center has been designed by Charles F. McKirahan, Fort Lauderdale architect.

The \$1,000,000 central store building will house 23 shops plus the theater and be two stories in height.

Manor Gate will nearly cover a 15-acre tract, extending 1,360 feet in length on the south side of 26th st., from 14th ave. to a point east of 16th ave. The portion on the north side of 26th st., consisting of the main store building and theater, will be 660 feet long.

The center will be developed by two firms, the Middle River Development Co., which also is building a residential subdivision in the area, and Manor Gate, Inc.

It can expect to serve 25,000 persons in Wilton Manors, Fort Lauderdale and unincorporated areas who live closer to Manor Gate than to any other business district, according to Dean.

Dean is vice president of the Wilton Manors city council. Turner, a long-time Fort Lauderdale business and civic lead-



TEN-STORY professional building is planned as one of the principal structures of Manor Gate Shopping Center. Expected to be the last building erected in the center, it is envisioned with a bank on the lower two floors.

er, is a former Wilton Manors mayor.

Dean pointed out that the community, which has increased in size from 200 persons to

3,000 since it was incorporated four years ago, is probably the fastest growing in Florida percentage-wise.

Five new subdivisions with a total of about 700 lots are in

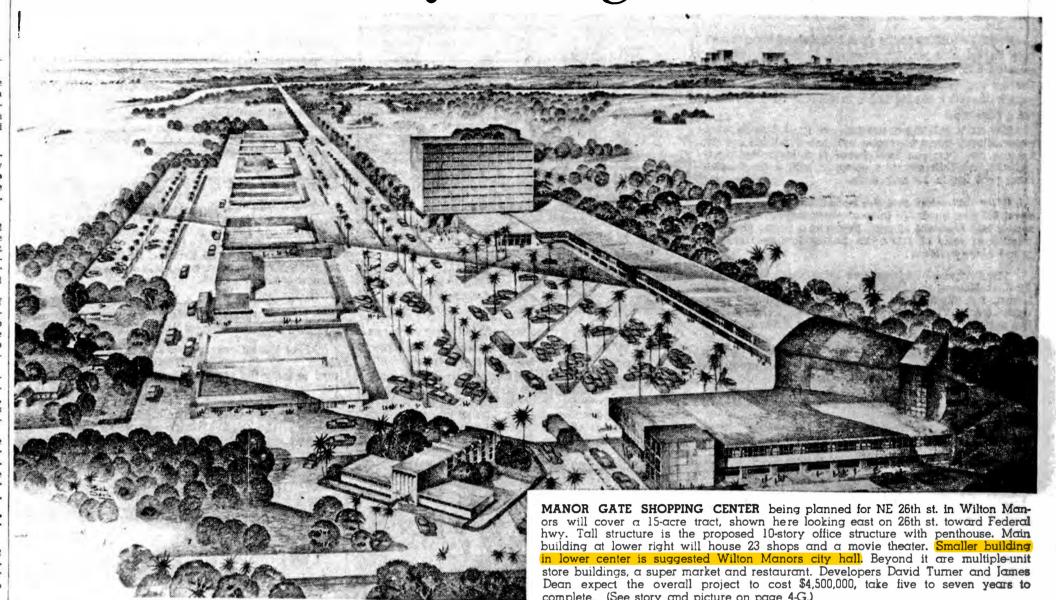
with drive-in facilities permitting automobiles to through the \$1,250,000 building. Next eight floors house offices, and on top will be a penthouse restan and cocktail lounge.

process of development east of the present Wilton Manor business district. These are Middle River Estates, Coral Gardens, Coral Point: Coral Estates and Middle River Manor.

About 100 homes are under construction in the velopments, Turner est Another half-dozen ne

divisions are springing of the city.

Plans Unveiled for Huge Wilton Center





complete. (See story and picture on page 4-G.)



scattered through Manor Gate. They will line the north side of NE 26th st. for more than 1,300 feet.

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Extract from "Wilton Manors 1957 City Hall Vintage Images and the Backstory" Mini-Archive as related to Manor Gate Shopping Center and owners/developers.

The Backstory of Wilton Manors 1957 "new City Hall"

Planning had started for a new city hall as early as 1950. The police and fire departments, along with the water, building and sanitation departments, were housed at 2197 Wilton Drive in a twenty-by sixty-foot storefront. This and the tiny original Village Hall could no longer support the growth of the city.

But, planning for and achieving a new municipal building was not easy in the 1950s. Location was open to question, and funding was an issue.

The first proposed location, in **1953**, was a site on NE 26th Street and Middle River Drive/14th Ave; on land to be donated by *Middle River Development Company*. That entity was created in **1952** as an unincorporated business (according to a "fictitious name" registration) by **Dave Turner**, **RV Roberts and James Dean**—apparently to develop a **\$4.5 million** shopping/office center proposed on the south side of 26th Street at the railroad. It was to be called *Manor Gate* [better known today as *Old Florida Seafood*, *Holy Mackerel* or *Island City Plaza*]. Also part of the proposal was a new City Hall—which would have been across the street—on the north side of 26th Street.

It's unclear from deed/title records, plats and newspaper property records the extent to which *Middle River Development Co,* i.e., Turner, Roberts and Dean, actually owned any of the land for either of the above proposals:

- In **1953** the shopping center site, *Manor Gates* was owned/platted by Jimmy and Irene West; with a mortgage from M.R. Summers.
- The proposed city hall site would have been in what later became platted as *Middle River Estates*. In November **1951**, *Middle River Estates*, *Inc* was incorporated--with **A.W. and Gertrude Dixon**, **President and Secretary**. Shortly after, it purchased all of Lots 4 and 5 of Section 26 from Laure Strader for \$90,000.
- On June 6, 1952 Middle River Holding Company was incorporated--with John U. Lloyd, President and Madonna Heckler, Secretary. That same day Middle River Holding Company purchased all of Lots 4 and 5 of Section 26 from Middle River Estates, Inc --but listing Dave Turner, President and James Dean, Secretary. (Perhaps Turner and Dean had purchased Middle Rivers Estates, Inc during the six-month interim?) Curiously there is also a \$55,000 mortgage reflecting promissory notes to the Dixons.
- June 10, 1952 Middle River Holding Company filed a plat for Middle River Estates, encompassing all of Lots
 4 and 5 of Section 26; and listing John U. Lloyd, President and Madonna Heckler, Secretary. Subsequent
 deed records we have located are all signed by Lloyd and Heckler, as Middle River Holding.

[In his 1997 Wilton Manors history book, Stuart McIver makes no mention of the 26th Street land donation for a new city hall in the mid-50s. He does note "Dave Turner, … with Dean and Bob Roberts, … was developing Middle River Estates …". Additional research, beyond the scope of this article, would be required to determine the ultimate land ownership relationships between Lloyd's **Middle River Holding Company**, the Turner/Roberts/Dean **Middle River Development Company** and the original **Middle River Estates**, **Inc**. There is no record of Middle River Development Company ever being a registered Florida corporation—just as a "fictitious name"/"**D**oing **B**usiness **A**s" in Broward County.

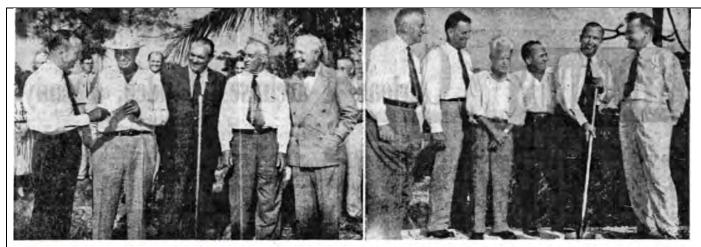
[In 2007 historian Benjamin Little edited a 1980s autobiography by James Dean titled "History of Wilton Manors". He discredited much of the content, particularly the recounting of Mr. Dean as having the primary role in the development of Wilton Manors east side. (WMHS no longer publishes this document on our web site because of information that is less-than-factually correct, highly embellished or unverifiable by later research). In his preface, Little describes Dean as "foremost, a salesman ... talking other people into spending their money". More recent research fully supports Mr. Little's conclusions—suggesting Dean was more "huckster" than sometimes-described "visionary".]

What can be reasonably gleaned from the Dean biography is that: (1) if any property were owned by

Turner/Roberts/Dean in Manor Gates or Middle River Estates it would have been purchased with other people's money—secured by mortgages or promissory notes; and (2) Dean/Middle River Development Co were primarily commissioned sales agents for lots in Middle River Estates, not traditional owner/developers.]

Notwithstanding the ownership questions raised above, on **October 24, 1953**, Mayor Perry Mickel accepted a deed for the 26th Street site, and joined a groundbreaking ceremony for a new City Hall. The property was described in various news accounts as donated to the City "... by James Dean", "... by James Dean, representing the donors", "by James Dean, an officer of Middle River Estates", "by Dave Turner and James Dean" and "offered by the Middle River Development Co.".

[As the article below notes, Dean then proceeded across the street to break ground for the Manor Gate Shopping Center—more on that story below.]



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES MARK BROWARD COUNTY PROGRESS

Fort Lauderdale, Oct. 24 — Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Thursday for the new Wilton Manors City Hall at the intersection of NE 26th Street and Middle River Drive. It will incorporate all city offices. Attended by civic leaders of the surrounding communities, the ceremonies were highlighted by the presentation of the ground to the city in a transfer of title from James C. Dean, Rep.

Dwight Rogers spoke after the ceremony. In photo at left Dean presents deed to the land to Perry Mickel, mayor of Wilton Manors. The photo shows, left to right, Dean, Mickel, Mayor Malcolm Carlisle of Fort Lauderdale, Earl Middleton and Rogers.

After the city hall ceremony, the Manor Shopping Center was dedicated. (photo at right), directly across the street. Rivaling some of the well-known

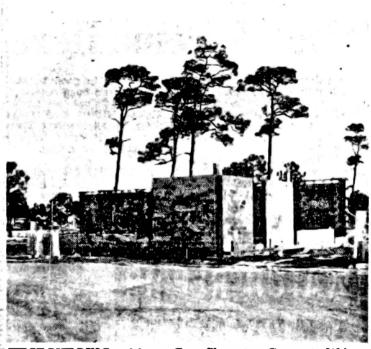
developments of Fort Lauderdale, it will include a 10-story office building, a 1,500-seat theater, a bank, supermarket, and various other stores and offices, with parking for 1,500 cars. This area is directly east of the Florida East Coast railroad and only a year ago did not have a road through it, From left to right are Earl Middleton. Dick Gallion, Fred "Doc" Williams, Jimmy West, Dean and architect Charles F. McKirahan.—Robert Norris Photos.

It's unclear why Mayor Mickel accepted title to the property or participated in a groundbreaking. Earlier that year the City Council had only authorized Mickel to get construction estimates and develop a plan to fund construction with citizen donations and volunteer labor. Based on news accounts at the time of the 26th Street groundbreaking, the Council had neither formally approved that site; nor was there any funding to begin construction there or anywhere else.

The perceived approval of the 26th Street City Hall immediately received strong opposition from the *Wilton Manors Business and Professional Association*. They noted that it was "too far from the center of town" and would "take business away from the [current] business district". Or, perhaps more simply, that the combination of the expansive Manor Gate Shopping Center **and** a City Hall "on-the-other-side-of-the-tracks" would move the entire city-center to the east—to the detriment, or even demise, of their legacy businesses on Wilton Drive.

But there was little need to worry. The Manor Gate Shopping Center proposal was just another James Dean self-promotion fantasy. Less than three months after the groundbreaking/dedication in the article above, the first block of stores had been constructed and were open for business. Despite the grandiose description and renderings, the result was no different from that of the basic/functional design of the "strip shopping center" buildings on Wilton Drive. Initial tenants were Williams City Drugs (which moved from Wilton Drive), Moore's Jewelry, and Dean's Florida Sun Life Insurance. (It would be *ten years* before all the storefronts, as we know them today, were completed—bearing no resemblance to Dean's vision.)

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FIRST BUILDING in Manor Gate Shopping Center in Wilton Manors north of Fort Lauderdale is under construction on NE 26th st. It will be the new home of Williams Pharmacy. Plans are being made for another building of the same size, 50 by 70 feet, on the adioining lot. Stanley J. Martin is the building contractor on the center and Charles F. McKirahan the architect.

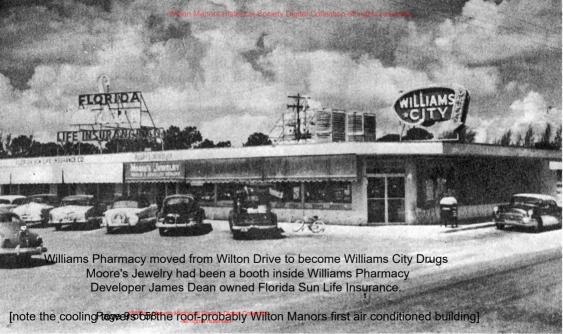
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(Daily News photo by H. J. Indicott)

Williams City Drug Store pictured above was opened this week on Galt Blvd., NE 26th St. in Wilton Manors just east of the Old Dixie

Hwy. It is one of the first store buildings on this new Note the reference to N.E. 26th Street as Galt Boulevard



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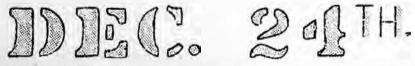
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DECEMBER 24, 1953

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GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

DECEMBER 24, 1953

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TO ALL MY GOOD FRIENDS

"Doc" Williams Says:

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GRAND OPENING TUESDAY, DEC. 15, 1953

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Announcement

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2155 WILTON DRIVE

WILTON MANORS

For the convenience of these patrons, Williams City Drugs has obtained the prescription files of Mr. Hickel's Drug Store following his untimely demise. His former patrons are cordially invited to have prescriptions serviced and filled from the same files. You may be assured that the original prescription will be followed with utmost care and fidelity, and with the finest drugs obtainable.

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1st Manors Drug Store Owner Dies

WILTON MANORS — Fred "Doc" Williams, who owned and operated the first pharmacy in Wilton Manors, died Wednesday at Holy Cross Hospital, following a heart attack. He was 55.

Born in Georgia, he came to Hollywood in 1938 where he was associated with Breeding's Pharmacy for four years before entering the service.

At the end of World War II, he moved here and opened the Williams Rexall Drugs, 2000 Wilton Dr. Shortly after, he sold his interest in this business and founded the Williams City Drug Store, 1402 NE 26th St. He owned and operated the pharmacy until his illness. He lived at 407 N.E. 20th St.

A registered pharmacist, "Doc" was a member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Wilton Manors; board of directors of the Wilton Manor's National Bank; charter member of the Wilton Manor's Kiwanis Club and the Wilton Manors Sports Inc.

Wilton-Oakland Sun, Jan 8, 1953

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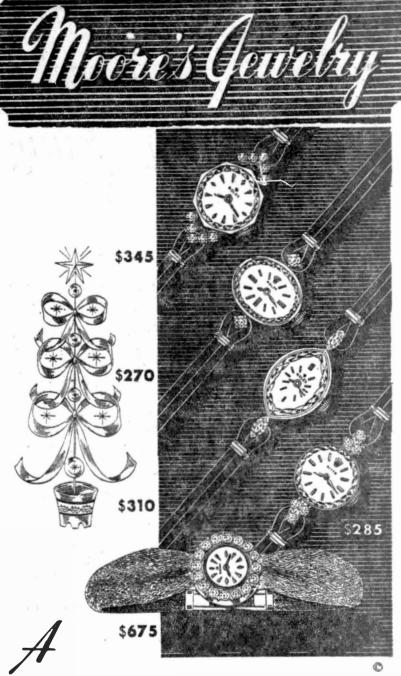
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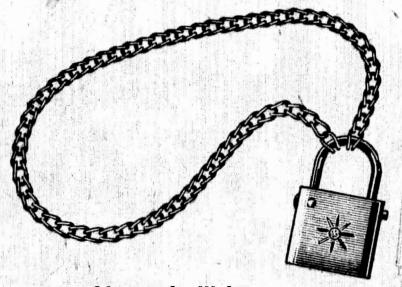
By 1975 Moore's Jewelry had moved to a new store on 15th Ave, behind Manor Gate (now Stork's Bakery & Cafe) MOORE'S Jewelry Presented to the City of Wilton Manors rt Lauderdale Chapter Women's Council of Realtors



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A second set of storefronts were added around **1956**; the anchor stores being a 7-11 convenience store, *Downey's Donuts* and, a bit later, a *Kentucky Fried Chicken* franchise--operated by M/M Charles Yoh. (By 1977 KFC had moved to a new free-standing store directly across the street at 1409 NE 26th St.)

1956 also brought Wilton Manors a **second** *Dairy Queen*. It was located in an outbuilding of the Manor Gate parking lot on 26th Street. By **1965** the second Dairy Queen had become *Classic Camera and Cleaners*, a drive-in photo and dry cleaning store [date based on ads and a vintage WMPD accident photo].

1964 brought a national anchor store to the plaza, with the construction and opening of an *A&P Supermarket*. *Meyer's Pizza* opened in **1967** (after receiving a variance for a beer/wine license).

What follows are the first, last and/or representative ads of these original anchor businesses.

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2001 N.E. 49th St., Pompane Beach Highlands

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Historical Society Digital Fto Lauderdale News, May 18, 1959 DOWNEY DOUGHNUTS needs sales and counter help. Steady year-round work. Good pay. Page 21 of 58 DAILY



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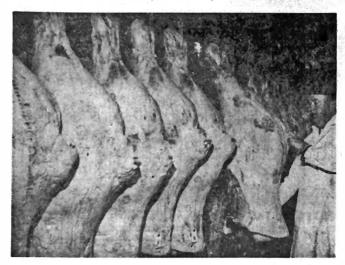
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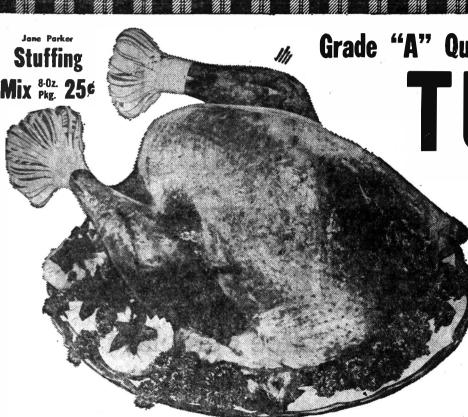
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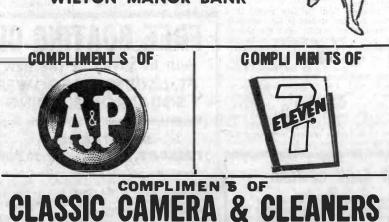
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Ft. Lauderdale News, Dec 21, 1963

The Green Onions, local foursome who've been playing dances at country clubs and cotillions in the area, have a club date New Year's Eve at the Great Abaco Club. High school seniors formed their group in school, and the quartet lists Rob Brown, Fred Hamill, Charlie Brown and Bill Mc-

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Ft. Lauderdale News, Sep 14, 1967 AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF AD-

JUSTMENT MEETING OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPT. 18, 1967 AT 8:00 P. M. AT THE CITY HALL, 524

NORTHEAST 21ST COURT, WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA. FRANK V. STAUDENMAYER 3460 N. E. 17 Way Ft. Lauderdale, Florida has made

an appeal to the Board of Adjustment of the City of Wilton Manors, Florida to

authorize a variance and special exception to the terms of zoning ordinances in specific cases where such variance will not be contrary to the public interest. The Appellant seeks the decision of

sald Board as follows: For a variance from Wilton Manors Code or Ordinances, Section 30-20.1

(A). "There shall be a minimum distance of one thousand feet by airline measurement, measured from the main entrance of any place of

business in which there is a retail vendor's license to sell alcoholic or intoxicating beverages for consumption on or off the premises under provisions of subparagraphs (1) (A), (2) (A), (2) (B), (2) (C), (2) (D) and

(2) (E) of section 4-23 to the main entrance of any other place of business in which there is, or for which there is to be issued, a retail vendor's license to sell alcoholic bev-

erages, etc. Beer & Wine License to operate

The Appellant, desires to obtain a 2 COP restaurant located at 1418-1420 N. E. 26 St., Wilton Manors, Florida. This location is Eight Hundred Thirty (830) Feet air line measurement from the main en-

trance of the Manor House Lounge and Eight Hundred Thirty Five (835) Feet

from the Main Entrance of Red's Bar.

The Property the appellant desires to locate at is legally described as follows:

Lots 8-9 Block A Manor Gates Appeal will be presented to the Board of Adjustment for Final Hearing on Monday Sept 18, 1967 at 8:00 P. M. at the City Hall, 524 N. E. 21st Court Wilton

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Manors, Florida

"AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF AD-JUSTMENT MEETING OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1969

BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1969 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL, 524 NORTHEAST 21ST COURT, WILTON

MANORS FLORIDA.

Mr. JOEL MILLER, Vice President,
FLAMINGO RANCH ESTATES, 500 N.E.

3 Avenue Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has mad an appeal to the Board of Adjustment of the City of Wilton Manors for a variance, and special exception to the

variance and special exception to the Wilton Manors Code of Ordinances, which owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship to the applicant pursuant

nances.
The Appellant seeks the decision of the said board as follows: To grant a variance to the Wilton Manors Code of Ordinances Sec. 30-39 (a) (9). This section places laundries in B-2 zoning.

to Sec. 30-85 (c) of the Code or Ordi-

section places laundries in B-2 zoning.
Appellant desires a variance enabling him to place a coin operated laundry on the described property below which is zoned B-1.

Lots 22 and 23 of Manor Gates.

(Otherwise described as 1452-1456 N.E.

26 St. Wilton Manors, Florida)

This appeal will be presented to the Board of Adjustment for final hearing on Monday March 3, 1969 at 7:30 O'Clock

P.M. at the City Hall, 524 N.E. 21st Court, Wilton Manors, Florida. CITY OF WILTON MANORS (s) EUGENE R. RILEY, Clerk

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The last building to be added to the Manor Gate Shopping Center came in May of **1971**, with the opening of the *Manor Cinema*.

What follows are: the Fall 2025 *Town Crier* newsletter article providing the backstory in response to the proposed reopening of the Manor Cinema building as the *Gray Box Theater* [some of which has already been covered above], other theater-related materials; as well as ads reflecting the shopping plaza as a continuing gathering place for local entertainment.

[Note the "Chicken Hop", with the *Green Onion* band--including Fred Hamill (Hamill Firestone).]

Evolution of the new theater on 26th Street

In early 1953 local promoter James Dean, with others, proposed a grand *Manor Gate Shopping Center*, — a \$4.5 million dollar (\$54 million in today's dollars) shopping/business development on the south side of 26th Street at the railroad crossing. It would include offices, shopping, a bank and a *movie theater*. Across the street would be a new City Hall. This was to be the centerpiece of Wilton Manors new "downtown".





By the **end of 1953**, what actually opened was a small, one-story strip shopping center consisting of *Williams City Drugs*, *Moore's Jewelry* and the office of Dean's *Florida Sun Life Insurance Company*. A second set of storefronts were added around **1956**, with the "anchors" being a 7-11 and *Downey's Donuts*. That same year a second Dairy Queen opened in an outbuilding on 26th Street.. A *Kentucky Fried Chicken* was added to the plaza around **1960**. With the addition of the KFC, Manor Gate became a gathering spot for local teens. This includ-

ed "Chicken Hop" dance parties in the parking lot—with music by Fred Hamill's (a la Hamill Firestone) Green Onions band.

At the **end of 1964** ads announce "the new Manor Gates Shopping Center welcomes the addition of an A&P Supermarket". [The A&P closed in **1975** and became *Westland Meats*, then the *Texan Family Restaurant* in **1976**, the well-known *Old Florida Seafood House* in **1977**, *Holy Mackerel* in **2020**, and *Wilton Collective* in **2024**.]

It took 18 years to fulfill Dean's vision of a movie theater in the plaza. The grand opening of *Manor Cinema* was announced in May 1971. It was dubbed a "second-run theater", with 382 seats. Tickets were \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children. Popcorn was 15 cents and soda 10 cents. The first movie was Disney's "Aristocats". By 1983 Manor Cinema had become *"Manor Art Cinema"* and was described as featuring films with "adult and sexual themes". The date of its last screening is unclear.



1988 brings the first ad for "Brian C. Smith's Off Broadway Theater on East 26th Street" (yes, that was the name used in all of its ads). In 2001 the name was changed to "Stage Door's 26th Street Theater". The last ad was in December 2007 for "Sisters of Swing—the Life of the Andrews Sisters".

The venue remained dark until it was intermittently repurposed as "Wilton Theater Auctions" from approximately 2013 to 2015.

It was abandoned and dark again for some ten years, until the recent announcement of the opening of WM's new multifunctional performance space, the *Gray Box Theater*.

To view our mini-archive of the Manor Gate Shopping Center, including never-before-published vintage photos and business ads, go to https://wmhistory.org, then click the RECENT ADDITIONS dropdown menu to download.

By JACK ZINK
Enterainment Editor

crisis in the motion picture industry. Three theaters opened here this week.

The three are primarily second-run houses with reduced rates. The Manor Cinema is located at 1444 NE 26th St. at the edge of the Manor Gates

Shopping Center.
With 382 seats, manager Ernest Nolan is aiming at the residential community surrounding the center. Prices are \$1.50 for adults at all times, with children's admission at 75 cents.

"Parents can send their children to the theater with one dollar," Nolan said. Popcorn is 15 cents, soft drinks a dime.

Now Playing is Walt Disney's "The Aristocats," followed next week by "Airport." Features, all G and GP rated, will be changed weekly, Nolan says.

"We aren't competing with

the big theaters in our area.

They play first run features for as long as six weeks.

Here, we can give the people something different each week

at reduced rates," he says.

In Hallandale, the Diplomat Mall opened its Mall Twin Cinema yesterday. Each theater seats about 200, according to owner-manager Sol Lerner.

While the Manor Cinema plans to run matinees on weekends only, the Mall theaters will have afternoon screenings throughout the week.

Prices at the Mall theaters are slightly higher, ranging from one dollar in the early afternoon to two dollars after 6 p.m. Children will be admitted for 75 cents "if the program is primarily a children's feature."

Currently billed are "Owl and the Pussycat" and "Little Murders."

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N.E. 26th ST.
WILTON MANORS

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FT. LAUDERDALE

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BILL ROUNDTREE CALLER

TWIRLERS

SQUARE DANCE EXHIBITION

DAISY
CHAIN SQUARES
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CALLER

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MANOR CINEMA

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SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT PG







What remains is "what happened to the A&P Supermarket?".

The A&P closed in **1975** and downsized to become a location of the local meat/produce market *Westland Meats*. In 1976 it was remodeled to become the short-lived *Texan Family Restaurant and Saloon*.

1977 brought the most famous/historic tenant of the old A&P building--*Old Florida Seafood House*. [It, in fact, became the namesake for the entire Manor Gate Shopping Center property.] "Old Florida Seafood" was a destination for both locals and tourists. We could not locate the exact closing date, but its last newspaper ad ran in **2013**. [Given increasingly poor reviews about food quality and service, its demise was not unexpected.]

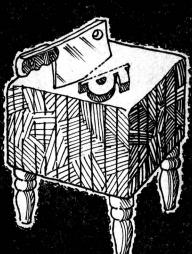
[The black and white images below a digital copies of photographs that hung on the walls of Old Florida Seafood House. See mini-archive cover page notes for how they were acquired. The aerial photos are from 1977. The remaining photos would have been copies of originals in the History Fort Lauderdale collection.]

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Please take notice that Mr. William Furlo 1414 N.E. 26 Street Wilton Manors, Florida has made an appeal to the Board of Adjustment of the City of Wilton Manors to authorize a variance and special exception to the terms of zoning ordinances in specific cases where such variance will! not be contrary to the public interest and where owing to special conditions a literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinances will result in unnecessary hardship to the applicant in accordance with Section 15-12 (e) of the Wilton Manors Code of Ordinances.

The applicant seeks the decision of the said board as follows: For a variance from the Wilton Manors Code of Ordinances Section 5-9 ESTABLISHMENTS SELLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, LOCATION RESTRIC-TIONS (a) which states: "There shall be a minimum distance of one thousand (1000) feet by airline measurement, measured from the main entrance of of any place of business in which there is a retail vendor's license to sell alcoholic or intoxicating beverages for consumption on or off the premises under provisions of subparagraphs (1) (b), (2) (a), (2) (b), (2) (c), (2) (d) and (2) (e) of Section 4-23 to the main entrance of any other place of business in which there is, or for which there is to be issued, a retail vendor's license to sell alcoholic or intoxicating beverages for consumption on or off the premises under provisions of subparagraphs (1) (b), ((2) (a), (2) (b), (2) (c), (2) (d) and (2) (e) of Section 4-23.

The applicant desires to apply for a 4 COP special restaurant license for a now existing restaurant namely Texan Family Restaurant located at 1414 N.E. 26 Street Wilton Manors, Florida which is 146 feet from Mayers Pizza, 740 feet from Red's Bar and 830 feet from Manor Lounge.

Above mentioned property is legally described as: LOT 5, TRACT A MANOR GATES (Otherwise described as 1414 N.E. 26 St. Wilton Manors, Fla.)

This appeal will be presented to the Board of Adjustment for final hearing on Monday January 3, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. at the Wilton Manors City Hall 524 N.E. 21 Court Wilton Manors, Florida.

CITY OF WILTON MANORS
Donald Clenin Deputy Clerk
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
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OLD FLORIDA SEAFOOD HOUSE NOW OPEN

1414 N.E. 26 ST.

WILTON MANORS 566-1044





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with each dinner, with entree prices ranging from \$2.95 to \$8.

Old Florida's decor is nautical, casual, a mix of booths and tables and a profusion of greenery.

The address is 1414 N. E. 26th Street, Wilton Manors Phone: 566-1044. Major credit cards accepted. Full bar. Open for dinner, 5:00 p.m. to ll:00 p.m. For lunch, salads and sandwiches only.

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Two new restaurants opened recently — one, the Old Florida Seafood House in Wilton Manors, and

the other, Hook, Line and Sinker, in Pompano Beach.

Owned by David Webb, Old Florida, seats more than 200, offers a raw bar, conch salads, oyster stew, an entree specialty called Captain Jess's seafood platter for \$6.95, shrimp de jong, New Orleans redfish, Maine lobster, and a range of local and northern fish. Fried zuchini and \$9.000.

It's a warm and well-served setting, a bit off the Fort Lauderdale beaten eatin' paths but well worth finding. Staff and surroundings ensure a pleasant evening and for the over 40 set they have tapes of Glenn Miller and his peers playing songs we can hum, maybe even sing along. And everywhere there is attention to details of maintenance, that elevates this seafood house from the run of the

Old Florida Seafood House 1414 NE 26th St. 566-1044 Dinners From **82**.95

seafood house from the run of the mill. The kitchen knows what it is doing just as the financial planner did when organizing the menu. The Old Florida Seafood House is definitely in the range of reasonable, definitely a stop on the bargain-hunting trail.

Entree prices start at \$2.95 for fried smelt or fish and chips, swim upstream to \$3.75 for chopped sirloin or fillet of sole, \$4.50 for a grouper fillet and then stay under \$5 for fried clams, oysters and scallops and under \$6 for crab imperial, tempura style shrimp, soft shell crabs and a generous, tempting portion of barbecue ribs and shrimp. The most expensive items on the menu are the scampi, lobster, surf and turf, shrimp de Jonghe — \$7.25 to \$8.75. All entrees include choice of potato, salad, bread basket.

The stuffed potato is a welcome, hand-assembled taste treat that avoids the stuff-it-in-foil-rectangle-and-store-it-away approach to starch. And the tossed salad on an adequate size plate provided more variety and freshness than usually encountered. The cole slaw was superb, spiked with a dollop of pineapple juice.

For entrees we cast one line for the fish and chips after they were highly recommended by both waitress and manager-owner. And that says something about the honesty of this piece of Old Florida. How many places recommend the least expensive item on the menu?

And how right they were! The fish was not a too-thickly breaded "throwaway" but thick chunks of Icelandic cod, freshly breaded with a light and slightly sweet touch. A praiseworth dish and I say that with two and a half years experience catching and eating pound after pound of cod in that island nation.

The cod was the high point of the evening. The broiled red snapper (\$6.95) was a bit too glopped over with breading and did not taste as fresh as we were assured it would be. The strong, fishy flavor indicated that this particular fillet might have been out of the water just a bit too long.

That was not the problem with the main ingredient in the \$7.95 shrimp de Jonghe but too many of the 19 small to medium pink crustaceans were tough, indicating that the chef had exceeded that thin line of timing which converts a sweet and succulent half moon of tenderness into a chewy mass. But the same sauce had been blended with some restraint and the accompanying vegetable of the day, a deepfried zucchini, was excellent. The handling of the deep-frying gave me confidence that their other deep-fried dishes would be worthy of attention on a later visit.

For starters we had a half dozen oysters on the half shell (\$1.75), freshly shucked and the product of Maryland waters, and bowls of conch chowder, the mild variety and thick with conch chips, and the seafood gumbo which was as good as any I've tasted this side of the Louisiana bayous.

There's a full bar and wine list with 13 reasonably priced entrees, 10 available in half bottles — a much higher proportion than usually found and convenience I wish other restaurants would have the sense to adopt. Paul Masson is poured into house carafes (\$4.95 and \$2.75).

In sum, not really Old Florida but a comfy, well-run and most reasonable evening.

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