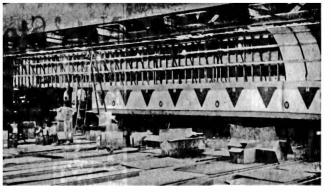
Manors Businesses Celebrate 65th Anniversary in 2021 Manor Lanes and Barton & Miller Cleaners in continuous operation since 1956





1956 images and quotes from the Ft. Lauderdale News and Miami Herald: "Joe Becker, in the pin business for nearly 30 years, ... will soon open Manor Lanes in Wilton Manors." "Becker says nearly \$350,000 is invested in the ... fully air-conditioned Manor Lanes." A reporter noted it will be "a plant for local keglers which can be described in one word-*plush*". "The 20-lane layout, complete with automatic pin spotters, includes a combined restaurant and cocktail lounge that will seat more than 200 people." "Amazing" says a reporter ... "is the underground ball return, which brings the ball right back ... to the bowler.". "A telephone is located behind each booth of seats, ... a quick ring to the lounge will bring whatever you want." "14 leagues will be bowling in the modern structure this winter... a total of 134 teams."



Ed Miller, a contractor, came to Florida in 1952—where his parents already had a laundry business at NW 23 St. and Andrews Avenue. He began working for a cabinet maker; but soon decided he wanted his own business. Through a vendor to the family laundry business he was introduced to Buster Barton, an experienced dry-cleaner. They formed a partnership, and after a year of planning/site selection and construction, the landmark Barton & Miller Dry Cleaners opened June 1, 1956. The location at Five-Points, on the busy Dixie Highway, was selected as being not only in the center of growing Wilton Manors, but also the center of Broward County. Sites on Federal Highway were considered, but at the time there were virtually no retail businesses and only limited traffic on that route between Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach.

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