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# WILTON SUN OAKLAND

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## Notes On Politics

Oakland Park is reported getting ready to move as quickly as possible toward expanding its water system to take care of immense development in this entire area. Aerators, additional purifiers and other equipment will be installed to increase the plant capacity and the water quality.

Some Oakland Park folks are plenty sore over Wilton Manors complaints about the present water quality. They say it is tops.

Wilton Manors Village Clerk Marcia Stafford has been asked by Council to see whether the Village is getting tax credit for cigarettes sold through a new chain store. There has been talk in the past that Miami got cigarette tax revenue from chain stores in other cities when the receipts were sent to Miami home offices. We don't know. Meanwhile, Village revenue from the tax on fags in December was over \$3,700.

Julies Tukes, Manors garbage collector, will have to furnish reasonable proof he's able to handle the entire Village collections or new bids on a franchise might be called for. Subject came up the other night when another trash firm took a license to collect trash at a chain store. The other firm seems to have contract for all the chain's outlets.

The new planning board has recommended enlarging Village limits in some areas, going west to Seaboard railway, for instance. Some areas that perhaps should be included in the limits are not. Council is studying.

The triangle at Wilton Drive and Fifth Avenue should be improved in appearance with more water in the near future; Councilman Earl Gurney moved the other night for installation of a water meter there and Council agreed 5-0. And possibility is being probed of installing storm sewers to drain water off Wilton Drive's south end into the river, suggested by plan board chairman Alvar Hagen.

Police Dept. should be moderately happy now. New patrol car's in service. Council has ordered new red flasher and siren for it; Patrolman Jim Carrie got a pay raise; traffic light at Dixie hwy. working pretty well. Meeting with merchants on traffic problems postponed until next Tuesday at 8 p. m. at Wilton Manors school.

HEY! Councilmen getting lazy. Starting next month, March 10, they meet only once a month (2nd Tuesday) except for special meetings. Suggest cutting salaries in half. Present salary: \$0.00.

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## FEAST & FUN:

### Big Manors Bar-B-Q Saturday at 4 P. M.

Saturday afternoon and early evening, scores of Wilton Manors-Oakland Park area residents are expected to get together for feasting, fun and fellowship when the Wilton Manors Civic Association puts on its big barbecue and winter carnival.

Time for the beginning of the event is 4 p. m., and the place will be the Brown property on the south side of Wilton Drive at Eighth Avenue.

During the week, plans have been completed for numerous booths arranged by a number of civic groups.

According to plans, this will be the first in a long, and, it's hoped, successful series of annual barbecue and carnival events.

Bill Barwick, who enjoys a measure of fame as an artiste of the hickory pit, has charge of preparing the hundreds of pounds of barbecue. Mayor Perry Mickel will handle the serving and H. G. Harper will coordinate.

## Antiques and Hobbies Shown In Oakland Park

A two-day exhibit of antiques and hobbies was sponsored this week in Oakland Park by the Oakland Park Womans Club.

Chairman of the exhibit was Mrs. Word Crandall, who directed the event held at the club house on Wednesday and Thursday.

The showing was open to the public, and although there was no charge, offerings were accepted for the building fund of the club.

## Sears Coming Here? Many Rumors Afloat!

At least a half dozen reports of startling developments in growth of the Wilton Manors-Oakland Park area have been making the rounds this week; some of them perhaps fanciful, others perhaps worth repeating, few of them easily checked.

Most frequent among the rumors has been one to the effect that Sears, Roebuck & Co. will locate a huge retail outlet in this area. It has been widely reported that the firm would move away from midtown Ft. Lauderdale and that its next move would be northward.

It is a known fact that Sears officials have been looking around our region; whether they have actually made their definite decision could not be learned.

Other reports involved radio-television star Arthur Godfrey and Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. Godfrey, according to the gossip mill, is supposed to have just bought a large tract of land belonging to the Arthur T. Galt interests just east of Federal Highway and north of Ocean Blvd.

This one goes further and says Godfrey and associates will build a large TV studio center on the property, but that part of the story is not too easy to visualize at this point.

The telephone company is reported to have bought several acres of land on Ocean Blvd. in Oakland Park for the future establishment of a large central office and other installations.

True or false or partly true, these things are all interesting to speculate upon.

## Womans Club Topic Is Garden & Beautification

Garden and Beautification will be the primary topic next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 when the Womans Club of Wilton Manors meets at the Village Hall.

At the last meeting, Mrs. John Mullock was given a vote of thanks for her work in last month's bazaar and bake sale and plans were set in motion for a card party under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ervin Eckhardt. The party will be at the Village Hall at 8 p. m. February 21.

Other members of Mrs. Eckhardt's committee are Mrs. Matthew Mattmuller, Mrs. O. M. Dutton and Mrs. Ethel Gallup.

Present at the most recent meeting presided over by Mrs. Maby Thomas, were Mrs. R. E. Barnes, Mrs. J. A. Boyd, Mrs. W. W. Brown, Gilbertson, Mrs. A. B. Hagen, Mrs. Alvar Hagen, Mrs. Rose Lawson, Mrs. Clayton Leaver, Mrs. Norman Malcolm, Mrs. Matthew Mattmuller, Mrs. G. A. Metcalf, Mrs. Perry Mickel, Mrs. T. A. Miller, Mrs. Arthur Morey, Mrs. Edwin Sargent, Mrs. W. M. Snyder, Mrs. L. W. Stafford, Mrs. Charles F. Sweeney, Mrs. F. W. Tamburrino, Mrs. Dave Turner and Mrs. Edward Weseloh.

## Revival Services To Be Presented By Baptists

Wilton Manors Baptist Mission announced this week that revival services will be presented here at 2174 Wilton Drive beginning February 15 and continuing until February 22.

Services will be directed by the Rev. A. D. Dawson, well known evangelist who illustrates his sermons in colored pictures.

Mrs. A. D. Dawson is in charge of music.

Nightly services will begin at 8 p. m. starting Sunday.

## Fire Destroys Home and Possessions Of Prospect Gardens Man and Wife

A Prospect Gardens couple stood by and watched last Sunday night while flames completely wrecked the home they had been working on and adding to for several years, along with all the possessions inside. Oakland Park and Wilton Manors volunteer fire companies responded to the alarm in almost full force and did everything possible to combat the blaze—but the alarm apparently had been given too late to save anything.

Mrs. Lynn Tappan, who lived in the four-room house at 13 Faillace Blvd. with her husband, said there was "not a penny's worth" of insurance on house or contents.

The fire evidently started at a faulty fuse box, according to reports by firemen fighting the blaze.

Witnesses who first came on the scene said Mr. Tappan, a guard at the state prison farm, tried unsuccessfully to stop the spread of the fire with a garden hose before it got a good start.

One neighbor said he understood Mr. and Mrs. Tappan first started constructing their home about six years ago and had been adding to it gradually ever since.

Even Tappan's boots went up in smoke. While his wife was visiting nearby, Tappan had been standing some 50 feet outside the house in his stocking feet. He had left the boots inside as he went outside to talk with someone.

Some of the articles inside were valuable, and others had a high sentimental value. Mrs. Tappan told The Sun her mother died about a year ago and that all of her late mother's possessions, including valuable hand-crocheted articles and other things, were lost.

Rifle cartridges in the building exploded from time to time under the intense heat, causing additional danger to firemen and spectators.

Firemen acquitted themselves with a maximum of courage and hard work.

But nobody could do anything about it.

Said Mrs. Tappan as the building burned: "I feel as if I were dreaming."

## Volunteer Firemen Seek Money for General Fund

Wilton Manors' volunteer fire department is currently engaged in a drive to raise money toward replenishing its general fund, and folks who are contacted in connection with it have been asked to cooperate to the greatest possible extent.

The general fund at the moment was reported in a somewhat depleted condition and the firemen are anxious to build it up again.

Coats, jackets and other badly needed equipment were purchased not long ago.

## Water Bonds Now Open To Bidders

Wilton Manors hopes to complete soon the sale of \$110,000 in water revenue bonds validated recently by Circuit Judge George W. Tedder.

Bids on the bonds are now being accepted and will be accepted until 5 o'clock next Monday afternoon.

The revenue certificates will mature over a period of 20 years beginning in 1955, with interest payable semiannually.

Sale of the bonds will culminate long negotiations, but the system they will pay for already has been built.

The contractors on the construction, did the work "on the cuff" pending completion of the finance arrangements.

Most of the proceeds of the issue will go to repay the firm.

## AN OPEN LETTER

(From the Police Commissioner)

Noted—An article last week in another local paper complaining of police officers directing traffic at a grocery store. I would like to state some facts regarding this article. First this grocery store is paying out good money for services rendered by two of our Police Officers on their off duty time, for which we have no control.

I am proud to see our officers working on their time off instead of hanging around places less desirable. Second—I don't think any citizen should gripe about protection anywhere in the Village, as there is no partiality shown anyone.

And as for one man directing the police dept., I hardly think it justifies more than one at this time, with only three Police including the Chief in the Village.

If the editor of the paper who published this article would spend a little more time and get the facts before starting to write there would be no cause for dissension toward the police or police commissioner by any citizen.

Signed  
J. Marvin Brown  
Police Commissioner  
Town of Wilton Manors, Fla.

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## You Got It Bad?

It seems to be a fact engineered by Fate that every time we start thinking we have a rough time of it, something happens to someone else to dispel our illusions.

On Page One this week, you find the story of a man and wife whose misfortune surely must transcend that of any others in our midst.

These folks, through hard work and persistence and patience, built over a period of years a house to live in, and they stocked it with goods.

Last Sunday night in a matter of a few minutes fire destroyed it all.

Now, we haven't asked the permission of these people to try to do something to help them start anew but that should not be necessary.

It would seem that the people of the communities of Oakland Park and Wilton Manors would feel a strong compulsion to extend that helping hand which means so much in time of trial.

So may we take it on ourselves to ask that a fund be started for this purpose, to help these folks get back at least to the point where they started.

We will ask the Rev. Russell Toms of Wilton Manors, the Rev. Warren Yates of Oakland Park, and one citizen of each community to be selected by them, to act as a committee to handle any funds collected.

We will ask the merchants in each community to cooperate, by accepting contributions and placing them in a receptacle of some kind.

Anyone wishing to contribute any amount may make checks payable to "Tappan Fire Fund" and mail to The Sun, 515 NE 24 Street, to be forwarded to this committee, or to the Rev. Mr. Toms, 423 NE 26 Street, or to the Rev. Mr. Yates, Oakland Park.

Mr. Toms has agreed to serve, and while we have not been able to reach Mr. Yates by presstime, we feel sure he will be eager to help too.

## ON THE Range

by Kay Paderewski

### HUNGARIAN BEEF STEW

- 2 lbs. stew meat
- ¼ cup flour
- 3 tbs shortening
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 good sized onions
- 1 tbs parsley
- salt and pepper to taste
- ½ cup sour cream
- Roll cut up beef in flour.

Melt shortening in heavy frying pan. Add crushed garlic and cook three minutes. Discard garlic. Put beef in hot skillet and when the meat starts to brown, add chopped onions. Keep moving mixture around, taking care not to burn. When onions turn golden, add four cups of boiling water, parsley and salt and pepper. Cover. Simmer until meat is tender and liquid boiled down to about two cups. Add sour cream, shake skillet a few times, and heat for two or three minutes and serve.

Baking powder dumplings are delicious with this real Hungarian stew.

## Engagement of Mary Louise Turner To Thomas David Dobbs Is Revealed

Mr. and Mrs. David Turner, Northeast 21st Court, Wilton Manors, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Louise, to Thomas David Dobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Allan Dobbs of Odessa, Texas. The wedding announcement has created considerable social interest. The bride-elect is a graduate of Ft. Lauderdale High School and was recently graduated from Florida State University, where she was an Art major.

Mr. Dobbs, now a cadet in the United States Air Force, was graduated from Odessa High School, Odessa, Texas, and Baylor University at Waco, Texas.

Miss Turner's sorority is Zeta Tau Alpha. The bridegroom is a member of Delta Sigma Pi honorary business fraternity.

The bridegroom-to-be now is stationed at Laredo Air Force Base at Laredo, Texas.

Date for the wedding has not yet been announced.



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**WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER**

From

*George Matthews*  
U.S. SENATOR

WASHINGTON — On January 27, I introduced in the Senate a bill which has far reaching implication throughout the State of Florida and which will focus the attention of the Congress upon our State's phenomenal growth. I refer to the measure which, if enacted, would give Florida three instead of the present two, Federal Judicial Districts.

The State is now divided into two districts known as the Northern and Southern Districts. The Northern District, whose center is Pensacola and which includes all of that northwest area including Alachua County and all of those counties north and west of that county, has a population of approximately a half million; I proposed no change in that District. However, the Southern District has a population of approximately two and a half million in this

great land area of the State and the judicial system is so overburdened that it can hardly function. Everybody in Florida is familiar with the incongruous situation, with Tampa, Jacksonville, Orlando and Miami areas, the four most populous areas in the State, all being embraced in this one Judicial District with an inadequate number of judges and other officials, resulting in intolerable slowing down of the processes of justice. (In Florida there is real meaning to the old adage "Justice delayed is justice denied.") So, I have reintroduced a bill I previously had sought to get enacted when I was in the House of Representatives to divide the Southern District into two parts and to

**Mrs. Parker Honored**

Mrs. Jean Parker, who is resigning from her position at the Wilton Manors school was honor guest at a coke party Friday afternoon given by her fellow teachers. The party was held at the home of Mrs. Matthew Mattmuller. The tea table was beautifully appointed and was centered with pink gladiolas. Mrs. Edith Hammond and Mrs. Bryan Davis assisted at the tea table. Mrs. Parker was presented with a gift from the teachers. Attending were: Miss Susie Meredith, Miss Lilius Miller, Miss Virginia Skeene, Miss Jackie Robertson, Miss Claire Welker, Mr. George Robinson, Miss Anne Rita Murphy, Mrs. Princess Dilsauer, Mr. Lawrence Forrest, and Mr. Bryan Davis.

redesignate the northern portion of the present District as the Central District. I propose to establish a Judicial District line, roughly from Ft. Pierce on the east coast across the State to Ft. Myers on the west coast and to include the greater Miami area and all of the State south of that line in a new Southern District. The remainder of the present Southern District, i. e., Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg and Orlando area would comprise the new Central District.

Any proposal to alter the Federal Judicia system is subject to the most rigid scrutiny and other acid tests and I have no alusion that the passing of this bill will be an easy matter, however, I am convinced not only of its timeliness and that some action may be expected during this session of Congress.

The long pending move to create an Air Force Academy similar to the Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis seems to be heading for a showdown in the Congress at this session and I have introduced a bill to locate this academy in Florida, thus calling the attention of Congress to the unexcelled climatic conditions in our State. The entire Florida delegation met the other day to map its campaign for restoration of the

**Walter Andrews Party Honors 3 Birthdays**

Three birthday anniversaries were observed jointly at a recent party given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Andrews of Oakland Park. They were those of Mrs. Ella La-Bar, the Andrews' son-in-law, Sidney Jones, and Fred Jones.

Those on hand in addition to the honor guests and the host and hostess were Mrs. Sidney Jones and the Sidney Jones children, Mrs. Elmer Jones and her daughters, Mrs. Fred Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Worden.

**Jim Yates To Head Youth Fellowship**

Jimmie Yates was installed recently as president of the Senior Youth Fellowship of Oakland Park Methodist Church.

Others who will serve as officers are vice president Bobby Fitch, secretary Pat DePew and treasurer Jack Williams.

The new officers were installed in Youth Chapel ceremonies by the Rev. Warren Yates, pastor of the church.

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**WILTON MANORS SCHOOL NEWS**

**FIRST GRADE** (Miss Meredith) We were very proud that we won the PTA prize for having the most parents here for PTA. We are getting ready for Valentine's Day.

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**FOURTH GRADE** (Miss Robertson): Friday morning three of our girls went into Miss Skeene's room. They were Sharon Johnson, Barbara Wheeler and Barbara Ringer. We all were very sorry to see them go.

This morning we got a new girl. Her name is Barbara Harms. We are very proud to have her.

We are all happy to see the cast iron sign of Wilton Manors School.

—Kathleen Woodward and Marilyn Joslin

**FIFTH GRADE** (Mrs. Dilsauer): In the last three weeks we have been making maps of most of our United States. Much interest has been shown in Current Events, with news of our new President, the great storms and, of course, local news.

We are now beginning to do art work in connection with decorations for our Valentine party.

Five of our fellow students transferred to Stranahan School this week. These are the people: Mary Henly, Jana McMakin, Grady Burrell, Bonnie Guffey and Ronald White.

—Sandra LeGette

**FIFTH GRADE** (Mrs. Mattmuller): We have been studying about foods. We made outlines. We learned about proteins, starches, fats, vitamins and minerals. We learned why they were needed for good health and what foods they were rich in. We made charts showing what foods you should eat every day for good health. We also made a day's menu. We made health booklets in Art. Some of the booklets were

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**Girl Scout Troop 43 Elects 2 New Officers**

By Martha Lynn Davis

On the 31st of January our troop went skating. We rode the bus down to the skating rink and hiked part of the way back. Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Davis went along as our adults.

At our meeting February 7, we elected two new officers. Phyllis Carter is our new secretary and Martha Lynn Davis our scribe. On February 6, a meeting of the Court of Honor was held and Elizabeth Van Arsdall was elected as our treasurer. At our troop meeting on the 7th, we made plans for the rest of February and for March. Next week, which will be the 14th, we will have our Valentine party. On the 21st we are having a glamour party. Mrs. Gilliam, who sells the Peggy Newton cosmetics, will show us how to put on cosmetics and also will show us which cosmetics would look best on girls our age.

Two weeks ago on January 24, the Girl Scouts went to the Woman's Club bazaar where we saw the exhibits. The two that interested us most were some dolls and some ceramics. Mrs. Mullock will show us how to make dolls on the 28th of this month. Mrs. Brown will show us how to paint ceramics some other day.

March 8th, which is Juliette Lowe's birthday, we are going to have a Juliette Lowe tea. We are inviting all the troops in Wilton Manors and Oakland Park. Our honored guests will be Mrs. Very from Denmark and Mrs. Joseph Watson from Hollywood, Florida.

On March 21, we plan to have a gab session so that some of our talkative members may get it out of their systems. Then on the 26th of March we are going to have some troop dramatics.

We think we will have fun and that our schedule is full enough to keep us busy for awhile. Don't you?

They are Jerry Adkins, Virginia Carson, Donald Albough, John Feber, Steve McGuire and Delmont Sykara.

Mike Walsh was injured last Thursday when he was struck by a truck. We hope he recovers soon.

**SIXTH GRADE** (Mr. Robinson): We have lost six pupils from our

**Bill Williams Home**

T/Sgt. William G. Williams, USAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Williams, 145 S Dixie highway, Oakland Park, is home on leave from his base in Kansas. Sgt. Williams is expected to be home for about 10 days.

**Fred Judges Honored On Silver Anniversary**

Several friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Judge, SE First Street, Oakland Park, entertained with a party at Griffith's Restaurant on South Andrews Avenue in Ft. Lauderdale, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Judge on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Judge is plumbing inspector and a member of the Oakland Park zoning board.

Those attending the party included Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilde, Fire Commissioner and Mrs. John E. Kelly of West Haven, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Pat Vaccaro of West Haven and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Well of West Hollywood.

The following poem was written by Ellen Lund:

I wish I were a teacher;  
A teacher I would be.  
The children would all like me;  
The smarter they would be.  
—Donna Henderson

**Mrs. Sheldon Is Elected By Lions Club Auxiliary**

Mrs. F. D. Sheldon was elected president of the Oakland Park Lions Club Auxiliary at the organizational meeting of the group.

Mrs. Hiram Alderman was elected vice president and Mrs. Joseph Haire was named to serve as secretary-treasurer. Directors chosen include Mrs. H. C. Dew, Mrs. Colley White, Mrs. C. R. Cone and Mrs. W. A. Ryan.

A number of Lions officials from other clubs in the South Florida area attended the meeting to extend congratulations to the "Lionesses", including district governor W. A. Dade, district chairman J. W. Hudgins, and others.

Oakland Park Lions committee attending included president Joe Lee Goodbread, Hiram Alderman and W. A. Ryan.

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