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Storm Drain Survey Is Ordered In Special Meeting of Manors Board

Wilton Manors City Council in special session Thursday morning voted to retain engineer J. W. McLaughlin Jr. to make an immediate survey toward construction of a storm drainage line along Wilton Drive. Councilmen indicated they meant business as protests rose against water standing for days on end in huge pools after every rain. Merchants in the worst-affected areas reported prospective customers were staying away in droves rather than wade through deep puddles to get into places of business.

What's more, the merchants themselves were going around with wet feet. They had little choice.

The survey to be prepared by McLaughlin is a preliminary step to getting bids for construction of a drainage system.

It will cost several hundred dollars and will give the city a permanent sketch of ground conditions from Dixie Highway all the way down Wilton Drive to the south city limits at the south fork of Middle River.

Meanwhile, a related subject came up this week, too. Wilton Manors officials have been wanting the county to repave Wilton Drive after the drain lines are installed.

But County Commissioner R. T. Gallion told The Sun this week he "couldn't say" just when that might be possible. Gallion said funds are not available now.

And in any case, there is an Oakland Park project which will have to be carried out first, he added.

That job involves paving of NE Second Avenue from NE Second Street northward and paving NE Fourth Avenue from NE Second Street south to Ocean Boulevard.

Lot Cleaning Program To Be Started Soon

A substantial lot-cleaning program will get underway soon in Oakland Park, but no definite date has been set.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker, city clerk, said the plan calls for the city to notify property owners whose lots are in a state of disarray and give them an opportunity to proceed with a cleanup.

If the owners fail to carry out the job, the city will have it done and assess the cost against the owner.

Fire Chief Ed Bailey, Mrs. Tucker said, will be largely responsible for recommending which lots need attention.

Zzzzzz . . . Splat!

"What kind of a headline is that," you say?

Well, a casual observer at Wednesday night's Oakland Park City Council meeting might have thought he had wandered in on a pat-a-cake players' convention from the sight and sound of things.

The skeeters were so bad it appeared to be a whole roomful of one-armed paper hangers with the seven-year itch as the mayor, the council, all the officials and the spectator tried to beat the pests to the punch.

City Clerk Elizabeth Tucker was instructed by UNANIMOUS vote to call the County Mosquito Control agency and inquire how come no spray.

Dean Is Appointed To Serve On Hospital Board

Wilton Manors City Councilman James C. Dean has been appointed by Gov. Dan McCarty as a member of the North Broward Hospital District board, it was announced recently.



DEAN

The hospital district, which is expected at a future date to take over direction of publicly-owned hospitals in North Broward County, was created two years ago but never was completely organized.

An organizational meeting is expected to be held in the not too far distant future.

Other members of the board were appointed from various communities in the North Broward area.



EARLE MIDDLETON

Middleton Is Back In President's Seat

Wilton Manors City Council President Earle L. Middleton was back in the presiding councilman's chair at city hall this week for the first time in many weeks since undergoing an operation about May 1.

Middleton, who has been gradually recovering from the operation, has been steadily regaining strength.

Some 30 pounds of lost weight however, has not entirely been recovered.

Middleton presided over a special meeting of the city council held Thursday morning to act on a badly-needed Wilton Drive drainage system.

Also present were Councilmen Earl R. Gurney and Frank Starling.

Council vice president James C. Dean is attending a Kiwanis convention in New York City and Councilman J. Marvin Brown could not be present at the special session Thursday.

Miss Wilson's Wedding Planned For June 22nd

Next Monday, June 22, is the day chosen for the marriage of Miss Patricia Lee Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Wilson of Oakland Park, to Wickham Shaw Booth, son of Mrs. Ainsworth Booth of Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

The engagement of Miss Wilson was announced recently.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ft. Lauderdale High School and attended Mansfield State College, Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

Water Service to 2 Subdivisions Approved By State Board of Health

Florida State Board of Health officials notified Mayor Dewey Hawkins and the Oakland Park City Council this week that extensions of water service to two subdivisions have been approved by the state board. The two areas are Floranada Ridge, approved for service, and North Andrews Gardens, okayed for additional installations in its rapidly-expanding territory.

Business Group To Push Manors Trade

"A Good Place To Live; A Better Place to Shop" was an advertising slogan suggested by the newly organized Wilton Manors Business and Professional Association which met Tuesday Evening at 2190 Wilton Drive.

Harry S. Specks, an electrical contractor, was unanimously elected vice president to round out a slate of officers consisting of L. A. Bagwell, Tropical Paint Store, as president, and Ralph Johnson, Nancy's Dress Shop, as secretary-treasurer. Clifford E. Nerber, Manor Bookkeeping and Secretarial Service, was appointed Business Manager for the association.

A revised set of by-laws pledged members to co-operate with the city council and citizens of the community to make Wilton Manors known throughout South Florida as an integral part of gracious "Sunshine Living."

The initial project discussed was the flood situation along Wilton Drive. It was decided that the association cooperate in every way possible with the city council to alleviate the condition before the rainy season begins. Tentative (Continued On Page 4)

Mrs. Erickson Suffers Attack of Appendicitis

The vacation trip to Illinois of Mrs. Emil Erickson, assistant clerk at Oakland Park City Hall, was marred when Mrs. Erickson suffered an attack of acute appendicitis at Cairo, Ill., it was learned here.

Mrs. Erickson was rushed to her former home at Granite City, Ill., after she was stricken. An operation was performed there.

Her husband and two daughters have returned to their Oakland Park home, but Mrs. Erickson's return was delayed at least two weeks and she is not expected back until about July 1.

She is reported to be well on the way to recovery.

North Andrews Gardens already is served by the city water system.

The State Board's approval of these installations came after the city assured state authorities of immediate steps being taken toward expanding the overall capacity of the city water plant.

Engineers were at work this week making preliminary cost studies for the expansion work.

This week, the city council also: Voted to pay the expenses of Police Chief J. M. Barnhill to attend a convention of Florida police chiefs in Orlando next week.

Referred to the zoning board a request of Charles Envall for business zoning of residential property on NW Second Avenue across from the City Hall.

Oakland Park Board OKs \$500 For Recreation Hall

A \$500 city contribution toward construction of a recreation hall and storm shelter in City Park was voted this week by the Oakland Park city council.

The request was made by Boy Scout leaders Ted Kinsey and Everett Bates, who are helping spark the campaign to get the building erected.

Oakland Park Lions Club members also are vigorously backing the project.

When completed the building will be the property of the City of Oakland Park since it will be built on municipal property.

In addition to its primary purpose as a recreation hall and meeting place the structure will be used as a storm shelter in times of hurricane.

Vacation Bible School Has Record Enrollment

Nearly 170 pupils and teachers were attending Vacation Bible School classes at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Wilton Manors this week. It is an all time record enrollment for the two-week summer sessions, said the Rev. Russell D. Toms, pastor of the church.

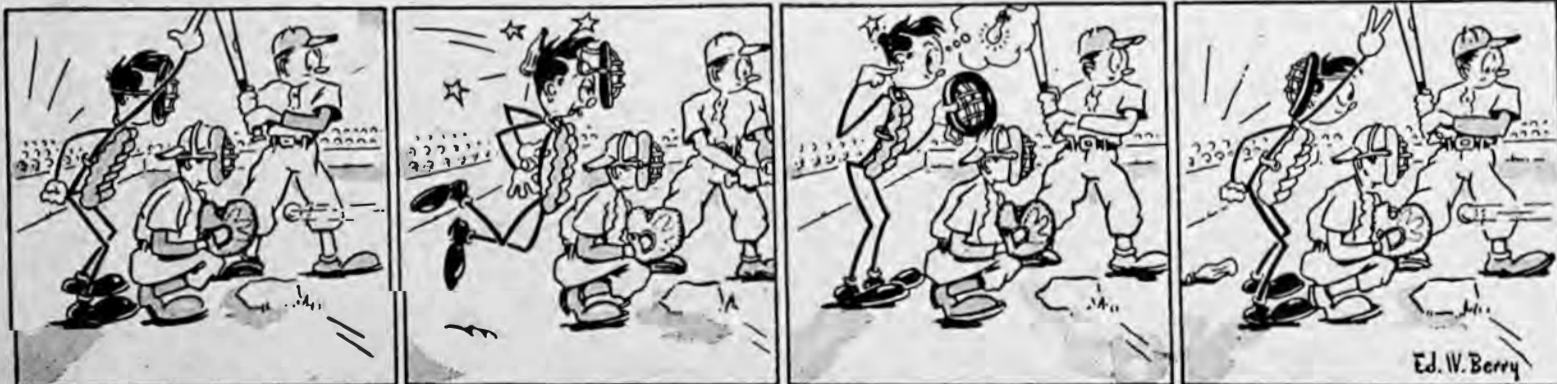
School opened Monday, with classes being held daily from 9 until 11 a.m. Pupils are between the ages of 3 and 14.

This year's record attendance, the pastor declared, is about 40 percent higher than the enrollment last summer, indicative of the growth of the community and of the church itself.

The Senior Youth Fellowship was scheduled to meet Thursday evening to plan work for the coming month. Two of its members, Sharon Evans and Pat Rothrock, were attending the senior conference this week at Camp Weekiwachee near Brooksville. They are due to return Monday.

SHAFTY

By Al Morrison



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Hot Air**

By Carter Holmes

That article on TV by Bill Baggs, reprinted in this issue from the Miami Daily News, reminds me of another note re TV. Television dealers and the Ft. Lauderdale TV outlet are in a tug-of-war. Dealers want the TV station to telecast a test pattern at some definite hours in daytime so they can demonstrate and adjust UHF sets. Dealers say the station refuses to cooperate. Wants dealers to buy the air time for the test pattern telecast, they say. Showdown is due soon.

Our old friend Grady Norton is back in the saddle again watching for hurricanes now that June 15 has passed. Norton, chief hurricane expert at Miami weather bureau storm warning service, always has been most cooperative and helpful to your editor in the several years we have been dealing with him. This year, storms are being tagged with girls' names beginning with A, B, C etc. Alice came and went with little to say for herself. Next one will be Barbara. That is the one I am betting on. . . ouch! Lay that pistol down, babe.

An article on lack of sidewalks came out in another paper the

other day. Suggested that developers be required to install sidewalks and show them on plats presented for official approval. Gad, what a reasonable and sensible idea that sounds like! Installing sidewalks at time of first development would seem to be doing the right thing at the right time.

Business notes: Williams Pharmacy reported installing air conditioning, to the satisfaction of employees, customers, and, probably, the cash registers. The T-Bone steak special (one lb.) a Tropical Club is Some Bargain. Tender, juicy, and 1.95. Don't see how it's done, but then, what difference does that make so long as it's to be had?

Police Chiefs Beaney and Barnhill both travel next week to Orlando for a police chiefs' convention. Oakland Park Council voted to pay Barnhill's expenses, but Beaney may be stuck for a few bucks. Wilton Manors Council voted him only \$30 for the 3-day affair. Tsk tsk, gentlemen.

As of this writing, we're awaiting full Supreme Court ruling on Justice Douglas' stay of execution granted the traitorous Rosenbergs.

Too Late to Classify

By RUSSELL KAY

My friend Dallas L. Hostetler, executive secretary of the Florida State Retailers Association, comes up with a bright idea that I'm happy to indorse and pass on. You have heard the commonly used expression, "I'll take a rain check." Well, Dallas suggests that here in Florida we ought to change it to "I'LL TAKE A SUNSHINE CHECK." He says:

"You have heard the expression 'I'll take a rain check' thousands of times. It may be an acceptable expression everywhere else, even in California, but it certainly is not appropriate here in Florida, and there should be a suitable fine or forfeit attached to its use in the Sunshine State.

"Let's make it, 'I'LL TAKE A SUNSHINE CHECK' as the new Florida way of politely postponing a pleasure or a treat proffered by a friend. Let's make it a habit, and when we travel let's spread Florida sunshine wherever we go. It is a novel and cheerful bit of

advertising, too.

"One of Florida's many fine service clubs might well make a project out of this suggestion and inaugurate a statewide campaign to popularize the new Florida-coined expression, 'I'll Take a Sunshine Check' to replace the old and shopworn 'I'll take a rain check.'

"The Florida State Advertising Commission might find a way to promote the idea in its literature or advertising. The thing has real possibilities. We might even form a Florida Sunshine Club to dramatize the idea.

"Such a club would have no officers, no dues, no meetings and no by-laws, save one. To become a member, a person need only to adopt the 'I'LL TAKE A SUNSHINE CHECK' habit and use of the old rain check gag would be immediate cause for suspension of membership, plus a stipulated penalty.

"If the suggestion doesn't appeal

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Attorneys for Middle River Estates are drawing a letter of commitment to deliver the deed on Wilton Manors' new city hall site. Should be ready soon, and developers Dave Turner and Jim Dean say it will be handed over to the city immediately. Then financing plans will be discussed. You Ought To Be Interested In This!

No date has been set for Oakland Park's upcoming special elections. The referendum question will include annexation acts passed by the Legislature during this year's session, and a couple of amendments to the city charter. Date should be set pretty soon, we imagine.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers. Note to mothers: I need a couple of shirts.

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STORY OF A NICE LADY AND A TV SET

She appeared to be a nice little old lady. Her television set had been blinking. Now, the television set had stopped blinking, and had gone positively dead. She couldn't even get a commercial on it. "Yes mam," he said, "I'll come over and fix it, and don't you worry. We'll have your television set working soon." Later that day, a man we shall call "Robert" kept his word and appeared at the old lady's door. Usually, he doesn't go all the way across the city to repair TV sets, because you have to charge the customer too much in the way of a service call, but he trimmed this charge for her, and drove to the house.

Off Again

It was an old TV set, and somebody ahead of him had "butchered" it with replacement parts of inferior quality. He told the old lady he would call the company which sold this set to her and get the needed parts and fix it.

Robert did just that. He later came back to the house, installed the parts, and the set perked up and you could see Milton Berle's tonsils without even squinting.

Twice, he returned to the house, all the way across the city, just to see how the set was working.

Then, one morning, he got a call from the nice old lady. Her voice

was not as sweet as the first time she called:

"This set is off again."
Robert said that every good TV repair shop was located near her house, and he would call this repairman and have him come over to look at it. She insisted that Robert come across town again for free. He said he was very busy, but would try to come as soon as possible. He could not make it the next two days, and then, she called again:
"You didn't do your work right," she accused, "and I want you over here right now to fix this set."

The Proposal

Robert, who has been working in Television since 1939, before it really descended on the American public, knew his work had been done right. He also knew that there were 500 distinct parts in a TV set, and any of them could go wrong, and that this was an old set.

"Tell you what, mam," he said. "I am awfully busy now, and I will pay for any good repairman to come over and look at your set

and see if the work I did was faulty. If it is, I'll pay him to fix it. If not, and something else has gone wrong, then you'll have to pay for it. You have my bill on the first job, and all the items I repaired are listed on that bill, and you give it to a repairman you select, and let's see what happens."

The sweet little old lady snarled: "I guess you're one of those gangster types, cheating everybody."

Robert put the phone on the hook when she said that.

The Ideas

In a minute, the Better Business Bureau called him. He explained his side of the story. The bureau had a repairman go over to the woman's house. The repairman found that a tube had gone bad. . . . a tube Robert hadn't even touched when he first repaired the set.

The sweet old lady never called Robert to apologize.

This story was but one of Robert's complaints when he came to see us. He said because of a few bums in the TV repair business, all the good operators are suspect.

"I walk into a house, and the air is immediately one of suspicion," he said. "They are on the defense. . . . they think I am going to beat them out of a few dollars."

This kind of a reception in his daily routine has Robert disgusted. He doesn't blame the public. . . . because those few bums have certainly loused up many television sets. But this a society heavy with TV sets, and presumably, will get heavier as TV develops and expands.

—Bill Baggs
Miami Daily News

Editor's Note—This Bill Baggs article contains thoughts we've been wanting to express. And since he expressed them so well, we just borrowed his thoughts for your attention in fairness to the honest majority of TV service men.

Betty Hickson and Son Visiting In New Jersey

Mrs. William H. Hickson and son, Jamie, 998 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, left by plane last weekend for a three-week trip which will take them to New Jersey and to New York City.

They will visit relatives and friends at Leonia, N. J., continuing to New York where Mrs. Hickson will see several Broadway shows while Jamie wants to visit the top of the Empire State Building.

There will be many friends to visit in New York City and in Brooklyn. It will be her first visit to New York in 11 years.

Miss Barbara King Is Bride of W. G. Williams

Miss Barbara Joan King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie J. King, 385 NW First St., Oakland Park, became the bride of William George Williams at 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Williams of Oakland Park.

The Rev. Charles F. Linger officiated at the double-ring ceremony, held at Oakland Park Methodist Church.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Wedding music was provided by Mrs. Russell Daniel, pianist, and by Miss March Rees, soloist. Miss Rees sang "At Dawning" and "I Love You Truly."

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Gulfstream Park Plans Broward Day On July 4
President James Donn and the entire family and staff of Gulfstream Park race track at Hallandale are again preparing to serve as hosts to all citizens of Broward county and their families for the second annual Broward County Day to be held at Gulfstream July 4.

The big fete, which last year entertained 22,000 Broward County people, will last throughout

most of the afternoon and evening of the Independence Day holiday. July 4, incidentally, falls on a Saturday this year which should mean a huge crowd for the event.

There will be thousands of dollars worth of fireworks, a half-ton or more of hot dogs, several hundred cases of soft drinks, for the youngsters.

Former Mayor Dave Turner of Wilton Manors was named chairman of the Wilton Manors committee for the celebration.

A Gulfstream spokesman said thousands of families are expected to turn out with their picnic baskets for the afternoon at the track grounds, and added that there will be "adequate accommodations."

July 4th Flag Raising Planned By Civic Club

A flag raising ceremony will be held on July 4 at the club house of the Highlands Estates Civic Club, NE Eighth Ave. at 28th Street, Wilton Manors, it was announced by Mrs. Edward Novak, publicity chairman of the association.

President of the club, C. G. Sills, will officiate at the ceremony.

This will be one of several ceremonies to be held in this area in observance of Independence Day. All residents of the Wilton Manors area are cordially invited to attend the flag raising.

(Continued From Page 2) to you right now," says Dallas. "TAKE A SUNSHINE CHECK on it for later consideration."

Now that Florida is about to have a bob-tailed turnpike, it is interesting to note that the Ohio Supreme Court recently upheld the Ohio State Turnpike Commission program to accept only bids that specify concrete for the state's proposed 241 miles of four-lane turnpike, from the western tip of Pennsylvania to the Indiana border which, when added to the present Pennsylvania turnpike, will provide a continuous four-lane concrete road for 586 miles from near Philadelphia to Indiana. The State of Indiana is planning to construct a connecting turnpike from the Ohio line to Gary, a distance of another 190 miles, where it will connect with the Tri-State and Calumet Expressways now completed in Illinois enabling motorists to travel by turnpike on a four-lane concrete highway from Philadelphia to Chicago.

A north-south east coast turnpike from Boston or New York to Florida would be worth millions of dollars to this state, and if Florida would take the lead by constructing her end from the Georgia line to Miami, other states would come along as has Ohio, Indiana and Illinois in providing the east-west turnpike.



LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE members in this area will be interested in this photo. Rambling, one-story residences like the one pictured here, house the hundreds of old people who reside at the Moose-sponsored City of Contentment—Moosehaven, Florida. Moosehaven is located in North Florida on the banks of the St. John's River. It is considered one of the greatest projects of the Moose. Incidentally, Lawrence Baird of the Ft. Lauderdale Lodge, No. 983, recently was elected president of the fifth district, Florida State Moose Association.

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Business Group

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plans were made for a membership kick-off rally and dinner to be held in August at which time charter membership for the association will be closed. Yearly dues for charter members were pegged at \$5.00.

The next meeting of the Wilton Manors Business and Professional Association will be held Tuesday Evening, July 21 at 8:30 at 2190 Wilton Drive. All business and professional men and women of Wilton Manors are cordially invited to attend.

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