

# WILTON SUN OAKLAND

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## Around the Town

By Nosi

Big square dance and barbecue in Oakland Park for Boy Scouts benefit next Saturday evening, the 25th, ought to be gay. Anybody who ain't been to an Oakland Park barbecue and square dance ain't hardly lived yet.

Observed: Doc Williams, the suave, continental-type drug tycoon, bringing his station wagon to a slippery halt to give a lift to a boy and his houn' dawg caught in a heavy rain.

Judy Storm, looking cool anyhow, making a bee-line for her Tropical Club to really get cool.

Lou Menefee, who should have been already, about to become a Wilton Manors citizen; he bought a riverfront lot in Middle River Estates from developers Turner and Dean.

Charlie Woerner, the used-car man, with a new advertising slogan: "Crying Charlie—Loses Money On Every Deal" . . . Perry Mickel, hizzoner the Mayor of Wilton Manors, taking off for a Michigan vacation in a shiny new Hudson Hornet (purchased from C. Holmes, who sells Hudson and Packard and publishes a paper in which he can give himself plugs.)

Lou and Clayton Leaver, on their daily pilgrimage to the drug store lunch counter. . . . Bob Moore & wife, the jewelry magnates, getting ready for a month's vacation starting early in August. . . . Bob Walch, jalousie-and-storm-shutter man (Tropical V. B. Corp), getting ready to move to Wilton Manors, talking to Bill Klein about it.

Bill Turner, who'll be moving back to the Manors soon, we imagine, sweating to get his handsome new store open (he did) (Turner Supply, by the railroad). . . . Mrs. E. Erickson, looking in the pink after recuperating from emergency surgery.

Betty Hickson, just back from New Jersey with a cold (serves her right for leaving the sunny South). . . . Orley Dunton, the former water dept. head, highly praising water supt. Wallace Wakely and bookkeeper Mrs. R. Shea to the city council for good work.

Cliff Nerber (Manor Bkpgg & Secretarial Serv.) doing a swell job as business mgr. and publicity man for the Wilton Manors Business & Professional group.

## Bar-BQ and Square Dance Scheduled For Oakland Park

There'll be a big square dance and barbecue next Saturday evening, July 25, at Oakland Park City Park for the benefit of the Boy Scouts, it was announced this week by Ted Kinsey, scoutmaster of Troop 101, Oakland Park.

The cooks will start serving the barbecue at 5 p. m. and continue serving until about time for the square dancing to get underway at 9.

Proceeds of the festivities will be used for troop equipment and for the Scout hall.

Tickets will be \$1.50 for the barbecue dinner and 50 cents for the square dance.

For Wilton Manors residents, Kinsey said Boy Scouts will be around the city during next week selling tickets.

"I hope everyone will cooperate to make it a big success," he declared.

## Ronald Thomas Off On European Trip

Ronald Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomas, 2513 NE Eighth Ave., Wilton Manors, was scheduled to leave this weekend on a trip which will take him to Switzerland in an exchange of air cadets between that nation and the United States.

Ronald, who is 17, is a Civil Air Patrol cadet and was awarded the trip recently along with other young men throughout the United States in the exchange plan.

First leg on the journey will be a flight to Tampa, where the second leg of the trip, to Washington D. C., will be organized. He will spend some time in Washington before proceeding on to Switzerland.

Ronald will return home in August.

## VFD Drill Set Monday

A special drill will be held next Monday at 7:30 p. m. for members of the Wilton Manors Volunteer Fire Department, it was announced by Fire Chief Ed Thomas.

Thomas asked that all members attend the drill, which he said is very important.

The drill will be conducted at the fire house.

## Workmen Install Safety Gates At Wilton Manors

Installation of the latest type of warning devices at the NE 26th Street crossing of the Florida East Coast railway in Wilton Manors was rapidly nearing completion this week.

It had not been generally known that the railroad would install the gates at the Wilton Manors crossing, but crews quietly went to work on the job some days ago.

Recently, the same type of signal was installed in Oakland Park at the Ocean Boulevard crossing of the FEC.

The signal system includes bells, flashing lights and safety gates which automatically are lowered as trains approach the crossing.

## Holes In Streets

Motorists who have been banging and bumping over the huge holes left in city streets by recent heavy rains will welcome this story.

Wilton Manors City Council this week ordered the purchase of materials to fill the holes, and ordered the city laborer to do the job.

It was recommended by Councilman J. Marvin Brown and promptly agreed to by the other two councilmen present at the Tuesday meeting.

Councilman Earl R. Gurney is out of the city and Councilman James C. Dean couldn't be present.

So only Council President Earl Middleton and Councilmen Brown and J. Frank Starling were on hand.

## Volunteer Firemen See Movies On Firefighting

"Highly instructive" motion pictures on newest methods of artificial respiration and use of fire extinguishers were shown to members of the Wilton Manors Volunteer Fire Department last Monday night at a meeting held at the City Hall.

The motion pictures were provided by C. F. Jackson of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. The movies were produced for the telephone company in the public interest.

VFD President Charles A. Saxer and Fire Chief Ed Thomas described the session as "very enlightening and worthwhile".

## License For New Trailer Park Is Pondered By Wilton Manors Council

Application for license to operate a trailer park in Wilton Manors on the west side of North Andrews Avenue at 30th Street brought city councilmen face to face this week with a problem which may wind up in court, unless a satisfactory solution can be found. Nobody has said anything about taking it to court . . . yet. But on the one hand is P. Myers, who has spent

money getting his property ready for use as a trailer park; and on the other is the city council, seemingly determined not to permit installation of a trailer park on the Andrews Avenue approach to the city.

Legal counsel for Myers told the council Tuesday night that the "use of the property already has been imposed upon the land" prior to the annexation of the land by Wilton Manors early in June.

If that point would stand up in court, the council would have no

choice but to issue Myers a license. But there was doubt whether the point is strong enough.

However, the attorney declared, Myers has spent several thousand dollars getting the property in readiness and installing septic tanks and other necessary facilities for trailers.

The proposed park, he added, would be "very high class, in keeping with the high standards of the community".

Council President Earl Middleton declared himself firmly opposed.

City Attorney W. G. Miller Jr. mentioned as a possibility the limiting of the number of trailers to be accommodated and the issuance of a "temporary" non-conforming permit for use of the land for the purpose.

Councilman, he pointed out, could decline to renew the non-conforming permit at any time when it came up for renewal.

The question was put off at least until a special meeting tentatively set for next week when another matter is up for discussion, that of getting water service extended to city residents west of Andrews Avenue.

Council this week also:

Approved, on second of three readings, a strict sign ordinance for the city, regulating types and sizes and number of signs.

Approved, also on second reading, an ordinance giving the fire chief authority to make inspections and order correction of dangerous conditions, with property owners having the right to appeal the chief's order of correction.

Ordered Engineer J. W. McLaughlin to go ahead with storm drainage surveys of Wilton Drive on the south end, as quickly as possible.

Learned from Les Bagwell that the Kiwanis Club has taken over a project intended to get trash receptacles placed on sidewalks along Wilton Drive.

Heard a letter from Yellow Cab Co., Ft. Lauderdale, expressing desire for permit to operate a cab stand in Wilton Manors; asked Clerk Marcia Stafford to find out the status of an exclusive cab franchise awarded some time ago to another party, but never exercised.

Okayed purchase of an outside speaker for the police patrol car, and new caps for police officers.

Put off decision on application for beer and wine licenses for a new establishment located on property just annexed by the city on Dixie Highway.

Authorized a 25% pay raise for Water Superintendent Wallace Wakely, who was commended for a "fine job" to date.

Heard former Water Engineer Orley M. Dunton give high praise for both Wakely and Mrs. R. Shea, water department bookkeeper.

## Business Group to Drive For Members At Tuesday Meet

Everyone who owns or manages a store or maintains an office within the city limits of Wilton Manors is invited to become a charter member of the newly organized Wilton Manors Business and Professional Association which meets Tuesday evening, July 21 at 2190 Wilton Drive at 8:30 sharp.

A large turnout is expected to formulate plans for a membership kick-off rally and dinner to be held in August at the Tropical Club Patio. L. A. Bagwell, president, believes that by that time at least 75% of all business and professional men and women of Wilton Manors will have paid their \$5.00 charter membership dues and received membership display cards. After the August affair memberships will cost \$10.00.

Committees on arrangements, entertainment, advertising and decorating for the rally-dinner will be appointed Tuesday evening. The cost of the affair will be determined and a menu approved.

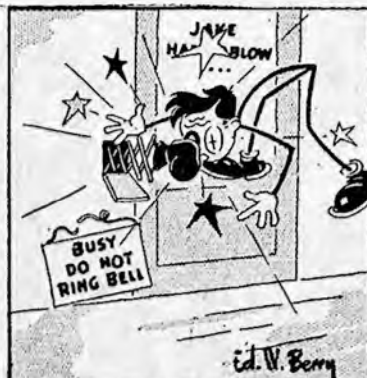
"Wilton Drive will become the pathway to good shopping and unexcelled service for Broward County when we complete the reorganization of our association and have our working committees in action," commented Bagwell.

The purpose of the Wilton Manors Business and Professional Association is to promote better business for Wilton Manors and to co-

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## SHAFTY

By Al Morrison



Ed. V. Berry

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**Editor's Mail**

**Brown Roasts Council On Drain Survey**

Editor of The Sun: It appears that we may get a storm sewer some day on Wilton Drive but that remains to be seen. This project has been discussed for over two years and at the June 9th meeting a bid dated March 31, 1953, was finally read regarding the cost of the survey including plans, location and everything to complete the storm sewer ready for contractors to bid.

This bid by a local licensed Civil Engineer and surveyor states "that if awarded this work, we can commence surveys immediately and expect to have complete plans and cost estimate ready for your use within two to three weeks". However, this bid was rejected by the council due to the fact a resolution had been passed by this council anything that would cost over \$300.00 would have to be advertised for bids before the council could award any contract.

It was agreed by this council they would advertise for bids for the survey but instead a private meeting was held the last part of June, not at the City Hall but at a private residence and another surveyor was given the job and the cost is to be paid for from City funds.

Why does this council take the stand that the survey is not a part of the sewer project? Any other incorporated place considers this type of project to be a benefit to the adjoining property owners and he is assessed for his foot frontage to cover the cost of the project including the survey.

The bid that was rejected for the total cost of the work as stated above was estimated to be approximately \$500.00. At the council meeting of July 14, 1953, held at the City Hall, they voted to award the contract to another surveyor, the cost given by this surveyor would be between \$1000.00 and \$1500.00 and no written statement as to what this survey would consist of.

The parties that would benefit by the storm sewer are the busi-

nessmen on Wilton Drive yet you find only one or two of this group that attend the council meetings. Why is there so little interest by the people of Wilton Manors regarding what takes place at these meetings? Yet the ones that don't attend are the first to complain. Let's have a larger attendance something like the one regarding the water ordinance.

If anyone is interested in the bid above mentioned dated March 31, 1953, which the city attorney stated there was no such thing, I have a copy of this bid and anyone interested may read it.

When the time comes, if it ever does, to let the contract for the construction of the storm sewer on Wilton Drive, we must make sure that it has been advertised for open competitive bids and the lowest responsible bidder receives the contract.

Why not get to these meetings and show more interest in the future of Wilton Manors! Don't forget an election will be held in November so if you don't know what is being done at these meetings come and find out before election.

Yours very truly,  
 C. W. BROWN  
 2113 NE 9th Avenue

**Marilyn Joslin Takes Honors In Swim Meet**

Marilyn Joslin, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Joslin, 2625 NE Sixth Ave., Wilton Manors, won honors this week in an area-wide swimming competition held at the municipal swimming casino at Ft. Lauderdale.

Marilyn, who only recently returned from a vacation of several weeks in the north with her family, took first place for the 20-yard backstroke event and captured second place honors in the 20-yard freestyle.

It was her first entry into competitive swimming.

**Adult Swimming Class Begins Next Wednesday**

Instruction in swimming for adults will be available every Wednesday night starting next week at the Ft. Lauderdale municipal swimming casino, it was announced this week.

Instruction will be offered in every category—beginners, intermediate, Red Cross senior life saving and Red Cross water safety instructors' courses.

The classes will continue each

Wednesday at 7:15 p. m., with the courses under the direction of Ted Platt. Red Cross instructors will teach the classes, and only cost will be the price of admission to the swimming pool.

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Amos, the prophet, sensed how far afield some of the people of his day had gone in their practice of religion. He said to them, "You have turned justice into poison and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood." He pointed up the likeness between their ill use of religion when he asked, "Do horses run upon rocks? Does one plow the sea with oxen?"

Thus he told the people that their practices of religion were dangerous, in that they could lead to destruction; and futile, for one people of his day.

If the ancient prophet could see us and our practice of our faith, would he again ask: "Do horses run upon rocks? Does one plow the sea with oxen?"

cannot plow the sea with oxen, and no good could result from it even if one could.

Thus the fearless social reformer was lifting up a truth for the

**PRAYER**

Our Father God, make us mindful of the responsibilities we have in our practice of our Christian faith. Enlighten us with the desire

## Too Late To Classify

By RUSSELL KAY

There is a tremendous building project underway in Putnam County on a 320-acre tract bordering the St. Johns River. You won't find this operation listed under "building permits", but each individual unit is more important and more meaningful to the future of the state and the nation than any construction job being accomplished with concrete and steel. The work is under the supervision of the "Architect of the Universe" for the contractor has undertaken the task of "building boys" under the assumption that "It is better to build boys than mend men."

This phrase persisted in the busy mind of Homer Rodenheaver, nationally known evangelistic song leader and sacred music publisher as he was flying from London to Paris.

The truism, coupled with his dream of creating a haven for

to stamp out corruption and evil. Help us to use religion to establish justice and righteousness and world order based on Thy love and righteousness. In His name. Amen.

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"And suddenly we rose out of nothingness into almost unbelievable beauty, for beneath us lay a complete circle or rainbow hues; gorgeous coloring that no artist's skill could duplicate." Mr. Rodenheaver recalls, "at one time the shadow of the plane formed a complete cross in the center of the radiant circle."

It was at this moment that concrete plans for "Rainbow Ranch for Boys" became a reality.

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Operation of the ranch is handled by an executive committee and Karl Lehmann is executive director while Fred A. Borg is superintendent.

Fishing, swimming and nature study are enjoyed. Each boy has certain chores that he performs on the ranch. They tend livestock, work in the garden and are getting a practical knowledge along with their book learning.

The ranch is a non-profit organization supported entirely, in conjunction with the gifts of Mr. Rodenheaver and his partner, by voluntary contributions for those who believe in giving less fortunate boys a new start and an opportunity to make good.

Every contribution to Rodenheaver Boys' Ranch is a sound investment in your world of tomorrow.

### Henry Schneiders Leave For Northern Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schneider, 202 SE Third St., Oakland Park, are leaving this weekend for Pennsylvania where they will vacation for approximately two weeks.

The Schneiders' son, Bobby, will go along on the trip to visit relatives near Pittsburgh. Their daughter, Elaine, already is in Pennsylvania and will come back with the rest of the family on the return trip.

### WORKERS' EARNINGS SET 2 MONTHS' HIGH

The government reported that American workers earned more money in January and February than during the first two months of any previous year, and predicted that employment will hit a record peak of more than 62.6 million this year.

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**Womans Club Directors Hold Special Session**

Three new members were voted in as members of the Wilton Manors Womans Club at a special meeting of the directors called last Monday by Mrs. Clayton R. Leaver, club president.

The new members are Mrs. J. S. MacLaren, Mrs. Rose B. Nelson, and Mrs. Alice Dingwall.

Mrs. Leaver announced at the meeting that the Womans Club of Wilton Manors will have the Public Welfare Department on the county federation program this year.

Mrs. John Mullock gave an interesting report on the Birthday Tea which was held in May. It will be an annual affair of the club.

Mrs. Maby Thomas gave a report on the Cook Books compiled by the Womans Club. They will be on sale in 10 days, and anyone wishing a cook book may call Mrs. Leaver or Mrs. Thomas.

A rummage sale will be held by the club on August 29 at SE Second Street by the Florida East Coast railroad in Ft. Lauderdale. Anyone wishing to donate should call Mrs. H. C. Cain, chairman, at 3-6751. On the committee with Mrs. Cain are Mrs. John Mullock, Mrs. W. J. Robinson, Mrs. A. Hagen, Mrs. Charles A. Saxer, Mrs. Clayton Leaver.

Now making plans for the Park Beautification committee are Mrs. Maby Thomas and Mrs. E. R. Sargent.

Mrs. Clayton Leaver will have a card party on Wednesday, July 22, at 1:30 p. m., at her home, with Mrs. H. C. Cain as co-hostess. All members are invited to attend and those who wish to do so should call Mrs. Leaver or Mrs. Cain.

**Mrs. G. A. Merton, Jr., Prominent Clubwoman, Passes Away In Hospital**

Mrs. Laura Merton, prominent Wilton Manors clubwoman, died unexpectedly in Broward General Hospital at Ft. Lauderdale Monday afternoon of complications following an operation.

Mrs. Merton, a Wilton Manors resident for several years, was 57.

She was active in the Womans Club of Wilton Manors and at the time of her death served as a director of the organization.

The Merton residence is at 412 NE 25th Street.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at Fannin Funeral Chapel by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. O'Looney, with burial in Lauderdale Memorial Park.

Surviving Mrs. Merton are her husband, George A. Merton Sr.; two sons, Harry and George A., Jr., Ft. Lauderdale; a daughter, Mrs. Catherine Derby, of Pennsylvania, and five grandchildren.

**Robert E. Dye, Pioneer, Called By Death At 74**

Robert E. Dye, father of Don Dye, Middle River Drive, Oakland Park, and pioneer Broward County citizen, died Tuesday night at his Ft. Lauderdale home at the age of 74.

Mr. Dye first came to this area more than 40 years ago and had been a Broward County resident some 35 years, establishing his residence here in 1918.

In association with M. A. Hott, he was one of the important early developers of the southeast Florida region.

A onetime Ft. Lauderdale city

commissioner, he was a member of Park Temple Methodist Church, the Ft. Lauderdale Housing Authority, the Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons.

Survivors, in addition to his son, Don, are the widow, Annette B. Dye; two other sons, Emmett and Paul; a daughter, Mrs. Curtis Byrd, and five grandchildren.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BUSINESS GROUP'S**

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 operate closely with the city council to pass legislation for the benefit of the majority of the citizens of this community. The association's slogan "Wilton Manors, a good

place to shop — a better place to live" is rapidly catching the public's fancy. Many people outside the area for the first time are recognizing Wilton Manors as a progressive, live-wire community. Constitutional by-laws of the association are being rewritten and will be approved at the Tuesday meeting.

Mrs. Mabel Barwick, of the Man-

or Insurance Agency has graciously invited the association to use her office as a temporary meeting place until such time as the group becomes too large for her accommodations.

The Tuesday evening meeting will be in charge of L. A. Bagwell, president and Ralph Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer. The gavel will fall promptly at 8:30.

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