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WILTON MANORS MAY GET FINE POOL

\$5,000,000 HOSPITAL SEEN IN LOCAL AREA

POOL IS BADLY NEEDED, CITY FATHERS ADMIT

Wilton Manors can and should have one of the finest municipal swimming pools in all South Florida if the proper location can be found and if financing can be worked out satisfactorily. The proposal for a fine swimming pool with a park area surrounding, and with space for future addition of tennis courts and other facilities developed from a meeting among several people this week.

Mayor Perry Mickel and some other city officials immediately agreed upon the desirability of the project. Some others could not be reached at press time.

Those who commented, however, were unanimously enthusiastic.

The pool would be financed, according to tentative thinking, with a revenue bond issue through which its income would pay for its construction.

Eventually, after construction costs were paid, it could become a revenue-producing asset paying money into the city treasury for other improvements.

"We should plan it right away," Councilman J. Marvin Brown declared. "If we wait, everything will be built up to the point where there will be no satisfactory place to put such a project," he added.

Police Chief Richard Beaney pointed to continuous difficulties with youngsters who have nothing to occupy their minds and energies with as an additional recommendation.

Beaney suggested that when school closes each summer, youngsters be permitted to buy metal tags to fasten to their bathing suits, allowing them unlimited access to the proposed pool for the entire summer.

Price of the tag could be nominal and still produce revenue for the servicing of the revenue bonds, Beaney suggested.

Mayor Mickel added his "amen" (Continued On Page 4)

City Buys Tractor and Mower For Manors Use

Purchase of a tractor, mower and trailer for use of the City of Wilton Manors was approved this week by the Wilton Manors Council.

The equipment was bought on a bid of Turner Supply Company for approximately \$2,000.

It will be used primarily for mowing and keeping city property in good condition.

Oakland Park Council Pondering Money Needs

Oakland Park City Council members have been devoting thought and consideration to the budget requirements of the city during the coming year. It was learned this week.

But, according to reliable sources, no concrete figures are anywhere near development as yet.

Studies are being made of the Oakland Park tax rolls so that councilmen can begin estimating the extent of property improvements that have been made during the past year. That question will have a considerable effect probably on the tax rate for next year.

It is known that a number of municipal improvements will be necessary for Oakland Park in the months to come.

And it is hoped that property improvements during the past few months will be sufficient to raise total assessed valuations to the point where the tax millage rate can remain near its present level of 14 mills.

Fourteen mills amounts to \$14 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation after subtracting homestead and other exemptions.

Mayor Mickel Calls For Storm Cleanup

Wilton Manors Mayor Perry Mickel declared this week that property owners should begin at once to remove any loose lumber, debris, or trash from their property in case of a tropical storm.

"It's always a headache for people who wait," Mickel pointed out.

The mayor pointed to the hurricane which just moved northward through the Atlantic to the Carolinas as a reminder that the very midst of the hurricane season is now at hand.

And he added, "We might have one; we ought to be ready, just in case."

When a storm is moving in, people don't have time to make all their preparations so foresight is a valuable trait in this case, Mickel said.

Deadline Tuesday For Reservations To Manors Business Group Dinner

By SIM NERBER — Special to The Sun
Tuesday noon, August 18 is the deadline for reservations for the giant rally and dinner to be held at the Tropical Club Patio at 7 P.M., Wednesday, August 19. Returnable cards which were mailed a week ago must be in the hands of Cliff Nerber, business manager group, before noon Tuesday. All business and professional men and women within the city limits of Wilton Manors and their invited guests are eligible to attend.

"If you did not receive a reservation card, please call me at 3-8158 or 3-8214 anytime before Tuesday noon and your name will be added to the rapidly growing list," commented Nerber. Free for the dinner and entertainment is \$2.00 per person including tip.

Robert F. LeFeure, news director of WFLL-TV, will be guest speaker. "Should We Go It Alone?" is the subject of his timely talk. Mr. LeFeure is well known throughout the southeast for his news analysis and commentary on taxation and government both

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BULLETIN

Escaped convicts from State prison camp west of Oakland Park territorial residents of Oakland Park, Friday. The convicts stole at least two cars and attempted to steal a car in which a woman and her baby were sitting in front of Dr. Dominic Argenzio's office. The cars belonged to Henry Crouder and Everett Bates. The Bates car, a brand-new Ford, was wrecked north of Oakland Park. One convict was reported captured at press time.

By Carter Holmes
An area to the west of the Oakland Park-Wilton Manors region may be selected as the site for the new \$10,000,000 Florida mental hospital in South Florida. The Sun learned this week. Secretary of State R. A. Gray told me there are two locations along State Road 7 west of here that are under consideration for the hospital. When construction starts, the project will provide employment for a great many people engaged in the building trades.

Merchants Oppose City Hall Locale

Merchants doing business on Wilton Drive in Wilton Manors appeared before the City Council this week to oppose location of a new city hall on NE 26th Street east of the FEC railway tracks.

A letter authorized by the Wilton Manors Business and Professional Association was described by Cyril R. Gower a member of the group as "extremely watered down." He declared he and several other merchants are "unfavorably opposed" to erection of the building in the proposed location.

Mrs. Mabel C. Barwick, another member of the association, also spoke, declaring that the new city hall should be located near the center of the present business district to avoid "taking traffic from our front doors."

Councilman James C. Dean (Continued On Page 4)

New Trailer Park Gets Council Okay

Despite protests Wilton Manors City Council this week approved a request of P. Myers, North Andrews Avenue, for permission to establish a new trailer park in the city.

Councilmen, who at first considered a motion for a five-year permit wound up by giving Myers a three-year non-conforming permit for the trailer park he intends to establish on the west side of North Andrews Avenue near 26th Street.

Myers' park will be limited to 20 trailers. Council members promised objections that the trailer park will be carefully watched to see that it is maintained on a high standard as Myers' spokesmen vowed it would be.

Councilmen also approved a beer and wine license for Middle River Bar and Grille on Dixie Highway at the north fork of Middle River.

In addition, the city council approved.

A survey by a Ft. Lauderdale taxicab firm seeking to establish service in Wilton Manors and obtain a franchise to operate locally.

Erection of a company-owned service station on Wilton Drive.

And after the hospital is completed and opened to the citizens of the State, many more jobs will be open.

There are other possibilities for location of the hospital, of course. But no one was willing to say that the sites mentioned above are not high on the list in favor of officials responsible for making the final decision.

Gray himself had no comment, emphasizing that a "great deal of study" must be given before any conclusion is reached.

The decision, he indicated, depends on a great many factors including desirability, access to heavily populated areas from which most patients must travel, price of the property and amount of property available.

It is even possible, but not very likely, that the institution could be eventually located in another county.

That is considered most doubtful.

The state legislature appropriated \$5,000,000 for the hospital during the coming two years, and another \$5,000,000 or more is scheduled to be appropriated by the legislature in 1955.

Skepticism of the 1955 legislature's attitude toward the additional \$5,000,000 was dispelled rather thoroughly by virtue of the fact that Rep. John Rutwen of Broward

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Wilton Manors Council Gets Check For \$6000

Wilton Manors City Council this week received a check for \$6,000.00 from Florida Power and Light Co., representing the city's share of the company's gross receipts within the city during the past year under a franchise agreement.

"I move it be accepted," a councilman quickly shouted.

The franchise agreement, for six percent of gross receipts of the company, is similar to the franchise deals existing between WFLL and many other cities within its service area.

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Time To Get Tough

The announcement by leading safety specialists that this country is headed toward a record 40,000 killed and 2,000,000 injured in traffic accidents by the end of this year should cause every citizen throughout the land to stand up in alarmed indignation and demand that it be prevented.

At least this newspaper, in common with some 9,000 other newspapers throughout the country, intends to offer the people of this community a full opportunity to do their part by giving them consistent and forthright facts about the causes of traffic accidents and what it will take to stop them. This will be no haphazard effort; it will be a concentrated nation-wide program bearing the approval of specialists and it will have three primary objectives, as follows:

1. Firm and impartial enforcement of all speed laws, because there is no longer the slightest doubt that speed is the No. 1 killer on our streets and highways.

2. The employment of sufficient police to patrol the streets and highways with sufficient frequency to assure the arrest of motorists who violate any traffic laws, because violations lead inevitably to accidents.

3. And an uncompromising demand that the courts hand down stern sentences for serious first offenses and repeated minor offenses, because there can be no doubt that some motorists' indifference to human safety is partly due to overly tolerant courts.

We hope everyone will read and heed the important information we shall publish. We particularly hope public officials—including legislators, judges and licensing authorities—will read it. Did you know, for instance, that in less than a dozen states last year 7,050 mental incompetents had been found driving motor vehicles—after they had accidents and law violations? This is only one of many little known facts we purpose to make as widely known as possible.

By reading and merely regretting will do little good. Let's learn the facts and tell our legislators and public officials that we want safer streets and highways in this state.

Our Own Homogenized

Hot Air

By Carter Holmes

It was a great pleasure for me this week to visit with an old friend, the Secretary of State of Florida, Hon. Robert A. Gray. He is one of this state's foremost public servants and deserves every bit of the great esteem in which he is held by his contemporaries. Nobody who has any business dealings with Gray's office in Tallahassee has ever failed to note the monumental efficiency with which it is run.

It is amazing, in this day of don't-give-a-dam bureaucracy.

Pardon me, Ike. But that goes for your boys, too. So far.

Bob Gray, incidentally, is in effect the acting governor of Florida pending the complete recovery of Dan McCarty from the heart attack he suffered earlier this year. I am informed reliably that Dan, while recovering nicely, has not attended cabinet sessions at all since February. When Dan is not there, it is Bob Gray who presides. And it is Bob Gray who serves as chairman of all cabinet committees when the governor is absent.

That includes the state pardon board; the commission of state institutions and a number of others. It is well for us that so strong and dependable a man is there to handle the duties Governor McCarty is temporarily unable to shoulder.

Bob Gray told me of a remark his brother made to him about Bob's being no longer a "spring chicken" and advising him to take it easy and try to slow the pace. Bob said he could only remind his brother of the old story they told when they were youngsters about getting hold of the bear by the tail and not being able to let go. "I can't let go," said Bob Gray, with good cheer.

They have an unusual and effective way of making friends at Abe Tarler's Markowitz Plumbing Co. on Flagler Drive, south of Wilton Manors across the FEC.

They hand you a couple of very fine pot-holders when you walk in.

Of course, they hope they'll sell you a range or refrigerator while you're in there, but it doesn't matter. Try it out. I'm collecting the potholders to have the wife sew them together into a blanket for next winter. They're good.

Sheriff Amos Hall spoke to the Lions Club of Oakland Park the other night and it was my good fortune to be there as the guest of my friend Eph Adkins. Amos made a good talk, I must say, commenting among other things that he thinks pardon boards are too easy. He might be right.

Catch a criminal, arrest him, try him, sentence him, wait for him to appeal, finally get him in state prison, and then before you know it he's out on parole, the sheriff said. "I think a little too much emphasis is being placed on rehabilitating habitual criminals; society deserves better protection than it is getting," he declared. Food for thought.

Bill Turner's Turner Supply Co. headquarters at 26th and Dixie is about to become one of the handsomest advertisements Wilton Manors has. We see them now giving the place a complete landscaping job. . . and it obviously is going to be beautiful with grass and shrubs.

Work is starting on widening Federal Highway to four lanes along the Wilton Manors and Oakland Park boundaries. . . I'm hurricane lucky." Every year, without fail, soon as I open my big bazoo over the radio about watch-

Mrs. Alver Hagen Is Party Hostess

A dessert card party was held at the lovely home of Mrs. Alver Hagen, 500 N. E. 19th Street, Wilton Manors. Assisting Mrs. Hagen were the president of the club, Mrs. Clayton Leaver. Mrs. Harold Cain, Mrs. W. J. Robinson and Mrs. Z. H. Pilcher, Sr. Hibiscus, the Club Flower, was used for table decorations. Prizes were won by Mrs. J. C. Harbaugh, Mrs. Harold M. Burton and Mrs. Charles Sweeney.

Members and guests attending the party included Mrs. George B. Hanna, Mrs. Cleve Ladner, Mrs. W. J. Robinson, Mrs. G. A. Metcalf, Mrs. A. B. Hagen, Mrs. Charles A. Saxon, Mrs. Raymond Marini, Miss Sylvia Marini, Mrs. Bryan Davis, Mrs. Delcia Sullivan, Mrs. James L. Bell, Mrs. L. W. Stafford, Mrs. M. L. Stafford, Mrs. R. E. Barnes, Mrs. J. D. Mullock, Mrs. Perry Mickel, Mrs. G. A. Gilbertson, Mrs. J. C. Harbaugh, Mrs. Kenneth Haun, Mrs. Ervin Eckhardt, Mrs. Raymond Cook, Mrs. Orley M. Dunton, Mrs. Matthew Mattmuller, Mrs. Merle Merton, Mrs. T. A. Miller, Mrs. Clayton R. Leaver, Mrs. Ethel Gallup, Miss Leona Hagen, Mrs. Norman Malcolm, Mrs. Alver Hagen, Mrs. H. C. Cain, Mrs. J. S. MacLaren, Mrs. C. W. Nielson, Jr., Mrs. H. M. Burton, Mrs. J. Harrison Mrs. Charles F. Sweeney, Mrs. Z. H. Pilcher, Sr. and Mrs. Dave Turner.

The next card party will be held at the home of Mrs. J. S. MacLaren, 2024 N. E. 4th Avenue, on Wednesday August 19th at 1:30 p. m.

Miss Stella Mathews

Bride of James Smith

Miss Stella Mathews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Mathews, 334 NW Fifth Street, Oakland Park was married last Friday evening to James D. Smith of Pompano Beach in a ceremony performed by the Rev. William Wicker at Oakland Park Methodist Church.

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The bride is a graduate of Ft. Lauderdale High School and Mr. Smith attended Pahokee High School in Pahokee. He is a veteran of three years' service in the U. S. Army.

The couple will reside at 130 NW Fourth Avenue in Oakland Park.

DEADLINE TUESDAY FOR RESERVATIONS

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current and historical. Larry Hope, night club entertainer from Palm Beach will act as singing master of ceremonies and will entertain the guests with a demonstration of hypnotism. Dick Bradley, Tropical Club organist, will provide the musical accompaniment.

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A short business meeting will follow the entertainment at the rally-dinner. It is hoped all members will remain for the discussion.

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Arrangements Set For Rummage Sale

Plans have just about been completed for the August 29 rummage sale to be held under sponsorship of the Wilton Manors Womans Club, it was announced this week. Mrs. H. C. Cain and Mrs. John Mullock are co-chairmen of the

event, and anyone who has items to contribute to the sale should call either Mrs. Cain or Mrs. Mullock or one of the committee members.

Other members of the committee are Mrs. Clayton R. Leaver, Mrs. Charles A. Saxer, Mrs. Z. H. Pilcher Sr., Mrs. W. J. Robinson and Mrs. Alvar Hagen.

The rummage sale, to be held on SW Second Street in Ft. Lauderdale near the FEC railway tracks, is an important fund-raising project of the Womans Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Stafford and their son Tracy have departed for a vacation trip of about a week's duration. The Staffords will tour the glorious State of Florida, stopping wherever they encounter some of the many interesting sights Florida offers.

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Mrs. Emil Erickson of Oakland Park and her daughter Sally, went to Tallahassee for the graduation of daughter Nancy Lea Erickson, who received her degree from Florida State University. Nancy is a specialist in speech correction and will teach in Broward County schools this fall. Upon returning, they had as houseguests John Joern and Bill Carlson, who stopped here briefly while en route home from the university.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Moore, the popular Wilton Manors jewelry tycoons, are away on vacation and won't return until early September. The Moores are on a trip which will last about a month. They're due to reopen their shop in Williams Pharmacy about September 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nealis, who live in Wilton Manors at 200 NE 26th Drive, have as their houseguest a Pennsylvania visitor, Mrs. Loretta Colangelo of Philadelphia. The Nealises themselves, with children Barbara and Charles, will leave next weekend for a vacation.

The president of Oakland Park's Floranada Club, Mrs. Brady McGee, is about to leave our community, we regretfully report. Mrs. McGee is moving to North Carolina. The club planned to honor her during a special meeting at the home of Mrs. R. L. Almeida at 246 NW Second Street.

Jamie Hickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hickson, 998 Wilton Drive is spending a month at Circle F Dude Ranch near Lake Wales, and is due back home soon. Jamie received a medal for marksmanship in the National Rifle Association's junior division. Betty and Bill Hickson are taking a little vacation, too. They went to Sarasota and Tampa for the weekend.

Things are busy around the H. K. Stiles place at 520 NE 25th Street. Six-year-old Terry Stiles had eight guests the other day for his birthday party. And Mrs. Stiles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stein of Norwood, Ohio, are visiting with the Stiles family.

New residents of Wilton Manors are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schell, who now have a home at 1500 NE 27th Street. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Eckhardt they liked the city so well they just decided to join us here as residents. We're glad to welcome them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown, 512 NE 24th Street, are back home again after a most pleasant vacation. They went to Ohio where they visited with members of the family and friends. A grand time, said the Browns.

Gates Resigns As Head Of Wilton Manors Board

Francis E. Gates, 2105 Dixie Highway, resigned this week as chairman of the Wilton Manors Zoning Board. The resignation was accepted "with regret" by the City Council.

Gates wrote the council that he is moving to Ft. Lauderdale.

Council President Earle L. Middleton asserted that Gates' work as a member and as chairman of the zoning board has been excellent and expressed regret that he is leaving.

Councilmen ordered a letter of appreciation sent to the retiring chairman.

No replacement has been appointed to fill Gates' seat on the board.

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whose development firm offered the proposed site to the city, replied that a city hall would not act as an "anchor" for business. Dean said one business across from the Ft. Lauderdale City Hall "has gone out of business three times since the city hall was built." Council President Earle Middle-

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ton recommended that the business group attempt to provide a substitute site for the municipal building.

The question was put off pending further discussion.

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County is chairman of the House committee on state institutions and Rep. Ted David of Broward County is to be Speaker of the House in 1955.

"These two men," the secretary of state said, "have given a lot of themselves in furtherance of this hospital project and they deserved great credit for their work."

Gray is vice chairman of the State commission on public institutions, and acts as its chairman in the absence of Gov. Dan McCarty.

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Fine Swimming Pool**

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to the need for recreational facilities, pointing out that a well-supervised swimming pool in the proper surroundings could be a tremendous attraction for many people.

Councilman Brown recommended turning the proposal over to the 10-man city long-range planning board headed by chairman Alvar Hagen to find a location and consider financing for the project.

Councilman James C. Dean went on record as "100 percent" in favor of such a move, declaring the pool could be "used and enjoyed all year around and would be produc-

ing both revenue and satisfaction for the community."

"We need it; there's no question about that," Dean said.

One thought advanced by several people, including officials, was that a swimming pool properly run should be a revenue-producing venture for the city that would help bolster the city treasury, thus postponing still further the time when property taxes might be necessary.

"The possibilities seem to be nearly unlimited," said one Wilton Drive businessman.

"Those motorscooters that make so much noise would be parked with their motors off a good part of the time," one resident wistfully remarked.

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