

# Midwives Supply Needed Service

By Dottie Austin

In 1963 there were 1,510 babies born in Seminole County.

Only 760 of these were delivered in Seminole Memorial Hospital.

Negro mid-wives in Seminole County delivered almost 400 of them.

The rest were born in Orange County hospitals or in military hospitals.

## Ancient Practice

Midwifery is an ancient practice, dating back to the beginning of history.

Tremendous strides have been made in obstetrics in the past fifty years of medical history.

But as better medical attention, better prenatal and post-natal care and obstetrical surgery have advanced, so have the costs.

Costs of prenatal care under an obstetrical specialist, hospital delivery and post-natal care which average about \$300 are the primary reason that mid-wifery still exists on a much wider scale than the public realizes.

## Licensing

The days when any woman with the fortitude and nerve for the job, a little knowledge of basic anatomy and child-birth could call herself a mid-wife and engage in the practice of delivering babies, are gone now.

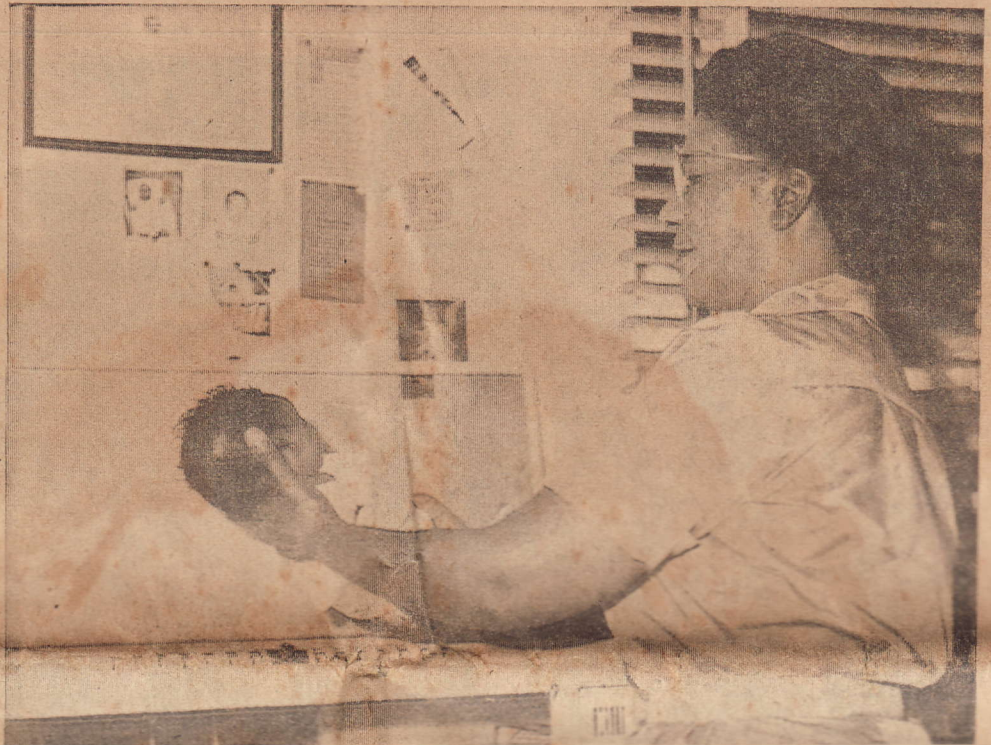
Present day mid-wives are trained, licensed and registered.

They work only under the permission of a doctor, with patients whom the doctor has examined and who appear in all respects to be capable of normal and uncomplicated delivery.

Some work in a simple manner, using an ordinary bed, padded with rubber sheets and newspapers and a small kit of instruments and supplies at hand.

Others have more elaborate set-ups including a delivery table, hospital style sterilizers and even incubators for prematurely born babies.

Occasionally, deliveries are



INCUBATOR for early arrivals is demonstrated by Mrs. Marie Francis, Sanford mid-wife as she places newborn infant in machine secured for her use by Health Department. (Herald Photo)

granted permission from her private physician or the Public Health Department physician will go to the home of the mid-wife when her labor pains begin.

At times, this is touch-and-go as sometimes a woman, particularly one who has had a number of children, will only have a few hard pains, sometimes only one, preceeding the actual birth.

Normally, however, the mid-wife prepares the expectant mother for her accouchement, and prepares for minutes or hours of labor and the actual birth, followed by the post-natal activity and care of the infant.

The newborn child, properly cared for, is placed in a bassinet, close by the mother's bed, after delivery.

Should anything go wrong during labor; should excessive bleeding, excessive pain or any unusual circumstances arise, the mid-wife calls immediately for the ambulance and the doctor, who respond promptly and transport the

usha Drane and Maria Francis.

Mrs. Moye, who makes her home at 1515 W. 16th St. has been a mid-wife for 40 years, and has delivered over 2,000 babies, and has never lost a patient.

She has been licensed and registered for the past 20 years.

Mrs. Moye, a widow, who never had any children of her own lives in a neat, clean, well-furnished frame home. One of the bedrooms and a bath have been turned into a delivery and ward room, with two single beds and two basins.

Her charges run from \$65 to \$90, depending on the number of hours and care she gives. She charges more for "first babies," because the mothers "need more care, patience and time."

Mrs. Moye has photographs of "her babies" all over her home and is now delivering some of the second generation.

She delivered 90 babies in

care, as well as five days of rest, all their meals and intensive post-natal care.

The Francis home is regularly inspected by health department and fire department officials. It conforms to regulations with fire extinguishers, exit markers circulating heaters, outward opening doors, ventilation and sanitation.

From 17 to 25 babies are delivered there each month, and since 1943 not less than 200 infants are born there each year.

Queried as to mortalities, Mrs. Francis said:

"I have never lost a patient, and if I did, I would quit. It would kill me. If I run into the slightest difficulty, I call the doctor and the ambulance immediately."

Mrs. Francis and the other mid-wives recommend natural birth and never give any kind of anesthesia. Instead they give, "lots of sweet talk."

"I hold their hand, or let them hold on to me, talking soothingly and quietly, as the patient experiences labor"

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holds necessary instruments for infant care. Here Mrs. Marie Francis places instruments in machine donated to her by Dr. George (Herald Photo)

## Good Fire Gear Regarded As Must On Farm

By Ernie C. Lundberg

The cost of a tractor fire in the field can be much more than the value of damaged or destroyed equipment. Workers may be injured, the crop destroyed, and time lost while waiting for equipment to be repaired or replaced.

According to the National Safety Council, seven typical causes of farm equipment fires are:

1. Fuel leaks;
2. Electrical shorts;
3. Accumulation of trash, dust or chaff;
4. Broken or cracked sediment bulbs;
5. Malfunctioning carburetors;
6. Exhaust sparks;
7. Careless practices such as smoking or refueling hot engines. Tractors and other farm power equipment can easily be equipped with fire extinguishers — and they should be, says the council.

Generally, the best extinguisher is the multipurpose dry chemical type, suitable for use on any kind of farm fire. Size depends on the size and type of equipment and the kind of farming done. However, the unit should contain at least 10 pounds of chemical.

The extinguisher should be mounted where it can be easily reached from both the operator's platform and the ground. The best location depends on the make and model of machine and the different combinations of mounted equipment used.

## Mrs. Duffell Dies At Home

Mrs. Stella Mae Duffell, 52, of 3117 Kilgore Street, Orlando, died Wednesday night at her residence.

A native of Opp, Ala., she came to Orlando 10 years ago

## Cub Pack 540 Of Casselberry Has 'Heritage Day' Program

By Jane Casselberry

Cub Scout Pack 540 of Casselberry joined with Scout troops and Cub packs all over the nation as well as the 52,000 Scouts and Explorers at the National Jamboree in Valley Forge, Pa., in the observance of American Heritage Day, Saturday night.

The impressive ceremony was held at the lakefront home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lockyer on Quintuplet Drive, Casselberry. Conducting the program was the new Neighborhood Commissioner George "Bud" Miller, who formerly served as assistant Cubmaster of Pack 540.

In speaking of our American Heritage, he used the words "From the small spark of liberty great bonfires of freedom grew" and the fire was automatically lighted by electricity.

A color guard made up of Cubs from Dens 2, 3 and 4 presented the Colors and the program was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Miller introduced Leonard Casselberry of the Casselberry Community Methodist Church Men's Club, sponsoring organization, as the new Institutional Representative for the Pack, and the Den Mothers, Mrs. Frances Setje,

Mrs. June Templeton, Mrs. Carolyn Miller and Mrs. Clydene McKenzie. The Den Mothers, Casselberry, Dan Coleman and A. Mahassey joined Miller in an induction ceremony for the new Cubmaster, Dave Waters. Each person presented the new Cubmaster with a small scroll tied with a ribbon to represent the qualities required and rewards of his job . . . responsibility, knowledge, opportunity, gratification, hard work, enthusiasm and admiration.

Achievement awards were presented by Waters to the following boys, Danny Miller, Wolf Badge and gold arrow; David Ford, Wolf and gold arrow; Tommy Balmer, Wolf; Howard Williams, gold arrow; Richard Randall, Bear; Vernon Catron, Lion and gold arrow, and David Miller, Lion. Four new Bobcats inducted into the Pack were Gary Hensley, Ricky Heintzleman, Harry Wright and Collyar Jensen.

Dens 2 and 4 conducted the closing ceremony presenting a skit on the Four Freedoms and led in the singing of the National Anthem.

The Pack will take part in the Wekiwa District Cub-O-Ree to be held August 22 at the Mead Gardens in Winter Park.

## Allman Dies In DeLand

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Born May 6, 1881 in Osteen, he was retired cattleman.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Frances Allman of Sanford; six sons, Raymond, Allen F. Jr. and Robert, all of Port Orange, Willis of Syracuse, N. Y., Lee of Santa Rosa, Calif. and William of Bunell; four daughters, Mrs. Ann Strickland of Ormond, Mrs. Alice Cash of Daytona Beach and Mrs. Catherine Connell and Mrs. Ailene Ferrell of Port Orange; three sisters, Mrs. Alice McDonald of Port Orange and Mrs. Patty Woods and Mrs. Sally Hardy of Sanford.

## Mrs. Reynolds Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Charlotte M. Reynolds, 64, died at Seminole Memorial Hospital at 6:05 p.m.

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## Orientation Program For New First Graders Being Tried

By Jane Casselberry

The orientation program for new first graders is being initiated in Seminole County for the first time this year on an experimental basis at South Seminole Elementary School at Casselberry and at Westside Grammar School in Sanford.

Approximately 40 eager boys and girls are enrolled for the four week course at

Much time is lost each year at the beginning of the school while the new first graders become oriented to their new surroundings, learn to follow orders, and learn to cooperate with the other children. Many of the pre-schoolers have not learned certain necessary basic skills either and the teacher spends a