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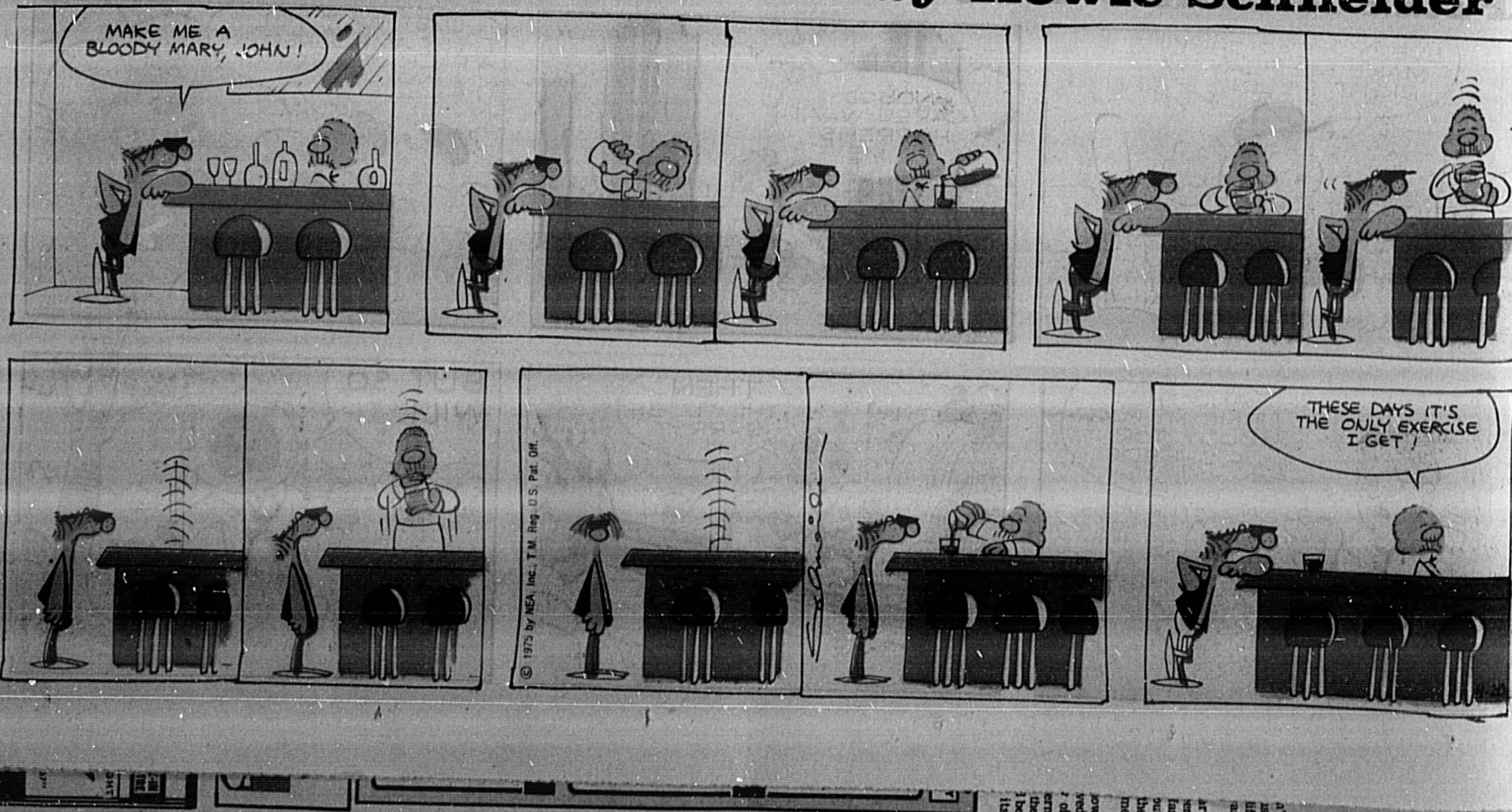
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Williams Questions Wrongdoing County Board Seeks Insurance Probe

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Seminole County Commissioners Dick Williams and John Kimbrough tomorrow will ask for a resolution demanding an investigation "into improprieties that exist in the Insurance Advisory Committee."

Today, Williams said that there seems to be doubt in State Attorney Abbott Herring's mind as to any wrongdoing evident in the committee.

Williams was especially critical of the manner in which Herring's investigation was communicated to him and Kimbrough.

Herring said in a letter to County Attorney Tom Freeman that "I personally believe that the letting of the health insurance for the current year by the county has the appearance of

possible improprieties."

"I think at this time the important thing is to remedy what appears to be a bad situation and to eliminate any possible allegations of conflict of interest, such as that which presently shrouds the insurance advisory committee," the letter said.

Williams said that Freeman, in a letter to Herring, told the state attorney the problem was alleviated because, "It is the present intention of the Board of County Commissioners to abolish the Seminole County Insurance Advisory Committee prior to the next fiscal year. In addition, the board created a position of Seminole County Insurance Officer two weeks ago."

Williams said he never received a copy of that correspondence. "To me, the decision was made to squelch the state attorney's investigation without our knowledge. To me, it's an obvious cover-up by Freeman of something. I think people in Seminole County ought to know what it is he's trying to cover up," Williams said.

Williams said if there's a possibility of something wrong with the committee he wanted it investigated. "I wasn't in on a decision to squelch a Grand Jury investigation," he said.

Both commissioners failed to receive Herring's report and Kimbrough only became aware of the report after requesting a copy from Herring last Friday. Williams has yet to receive a copy.

David A. Hall, investigator for Herring's office, handled the investigation into the committee. In a memo to Herring, Hall said, "I contacted County Attorney Tom Freeman by telephone and asked him what his feelings were on the report that Mr. Herring had sent him. Mr. Freeman said that he hadn't given it much attention."

Contacted at his office today, Herring said his office already has investigated the matter and decided to turn it over to Freeman instead of taking it before a Grand Jury.

Herring said he was "trying to save the taxpayers' money"

by not having the Grand Jury look into the issue. He said all a Grand Jury would have done is make recommendations, which Freeman apparently already has done.

Both commissioners say they will also ask Freeman why they weren't consulted on the report.

Herring also has been quoted as saying the investigation by his office may have prompted State Rep. Bob Hattaway's bill for non-partisan election of state attorneys.

The impetus for that bill came from County Commissioner Mike Hattaway.

Herring had no answers as to why Freeman didn't contact fellow commissioners.

However, he did say that perhaps it was because Freeman was new at his job and just hadn't had time to keep Kimbrough and Williams up to date on all matters concerning Seminole County.

Jury Report Clears County Operations

A Grand Jury report released Friday containing investigation results from complaints about six areas of county operation shows that there are no substantial grounds for indictments in all six cases. The Herald has learned.

Copies of the report were sent to Seminole County Commission Chairman Sid Vihlen Jr. and to Casselberry Mayor Bill Grier, with the indication they were to reply to the report within 10 days of their receipt of it. One reply reportedly has already been received by the court.

The six areas investigated by the States Attorney's office are:

- An inquiry as to the last audit of the Seminole County Building Department. The Grand Jury found that the department was audited in 1973 by the Auditor General and another audit will be conducted within the next year within the regular procedures of the Auditor General.
- An impropriety in the handling of examinations in the Seminole County Building Department. No evidence of impropriety was found.
- That the County Commission had allowed a variance to a general contractor to allow the use of aluminum wire. The Grand Jury found that a variance to the electrical code was properly passed by the

Commission with their authority under county ordinance. However, where such ordinances amount to a violation of the code, that provision should be made for extra safety precautions to be taken in such circumstances. Such variances should be granted only with restraint and proper precautions for public safety.

That a General Contractor was forced to allow certain electrical contractor to work on a certain job as a result of undue influence by a county public official. No evidence of any thing of this nature was found. No names were cited in the report.

Allegations of improper practices that are being permitted in construction industry in Seminole County.

Here, the investigation revealed a violation of the electrical code of Seminole County as adopted by Casselberry and approved by a city electrical inspector for the city. Casselberry has been notified of this violation.



GRACIOUS LIVING
The unique Spanish architecture of the W.A. Leffler home at 1925 Hibiscus Ct., Sanford, not only beautifies this city with its gracious lines and well-kept yard, but reminds Floridians of the glory of Spain which is part of their heritage. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leffler Sr. have lived in the house 40 years.

Board To Get Report

The first item on the Seminole County Commission agenda Tuesday is expected to raise some heated dialogue among Board members before it's laid to rest.

Commissioner John Kimbrough has asked that a recently-issued Grand Jury Report be the subject of early morning commission discussion. Administrative Assistant Betty Simcoe has scheduled the item to come up immediately after the reports from the road superintendent and county engineer, which begin at 9:30 a.m.

Kimbrough would not elaborate on the reasons for placing the Grand Jury report on the agenda, since the report has been ordered sealed by Circuit Court Judge A. S. Hosemann. The report allegedly contains no indictments is scheduled to be opened 10 days after the individuals or agencies mentioned in the report have a chance to reply to charges mentioned therein.

Kimbrough's agenda item has generated speculation that the Board of County Commissioners, or agencies under their control, may be cited in the report.

The sealed report should be made public sometime before tomorrow.

Also, Tuesday, commissioners will:

- Consider bids for a VHF radio communications system for the Department of Public Safety.
- Consider bids for P.U.C. pipe for the Parks Department.
- And beginning at 7 p.m. will:
- Consider an ordinance to establish an Airport Zoning Commission. The ordinance, which was requested by Sanford Airport Manager Red Cleveland several months ago in a work session, would create

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President Ford On TV Tonight

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford appears on CBS television tonight in an hour-long interview being broadcast live from the White House.

The interview, which begins at 10 p.m. EDT, will be conducted by three CBS newsmen, including Walter Cronkite.



SITTING IT OUT

Carroll Curtis, a freshman at Trinity Prep School and one of the top female athletes in Seminole County, was forced to sit out the first annual Lake Brantley relays Saturday after breaking an ankle at a track event in Gainesville last week. She suffered the injury in the 220 dash, but finished the race before collapsing. She could only watch Saturday as Lake Brantley won the relays. See story on Page 1B. (Herald Photo by Chuck McClung)

Harassment Report Slated

Pleicoles is expected to have a report at tonight's 7:30 city council meeting on disciplinary action taken against Patrolman Terry Baker. Baker was accused last week of systematically harassing and encouraging his colleagues to stop and search the vehicle of an out-of-county resident.

City Chairman J. R. Grant told city council last week he received complaints from Joe Kinsey that Baker became involved in a family problem and was following Kinsey each time he went through the city.

Grant also reported that Baker had placed a notice on the police station bulletin board requesting fellow police officers

to follow Kinsey as well.

Pleicoles told council it is usual practice for an officer to post notice of dangerous individuals on the bulletin board to "help save a life."

The city council police committee, H. A. Scott and Gerard Connell, were requested to conduct an investigation of the incident.

Baker, a resident of the city since a youth, attended Lyman High School prior to going into police work. His family has been active in the athletic boosters organization at the school.

Kinsey, contacted by The Herald at his home Sunday, was unable to participate in a personal interview. He has been

hospitalized several times in the past few months for treatment of a serious illness.

Kinsey did say, however, he complained to Grant of the harassment by Baker. He said he had been a member of the Knoxville, Tenn. police department for 32 years prior to his retirement in 1960.

Homer Clonts, city editor of the Knoxville, Tenn. News Sentinel in an telephone interview with The Herald, said Kinsey joined the Knoxville department in 1923, putting 22 men in jail during his first night on the beat.

After 13 years, Clonts said, according to the News Sentinel's file on Kinsey, the man was made an inspector in the

detective bureau after 13 years on the force and was promoted to chief in 1942. Kinsey was known as a good police officer, Clonts said.

Clonts said Kinsey retired as chief in 1960 as the result of a change in the city administration.

While Pleicoles reported Baker indicated Kinsey was in the habit of carrying an illegal "sawed off shotgun" in his camper truck, it was not found during searches of the vehicle conducted by Baker's fellow police officers.

Connell, in answer to a question, told The Herald that Kinsey was the 1972 skeet shooting champion of Orange County and occasionally participates in the sport now.

A public hearing on the annexation and rezoning to business district of the Joe Schrimsher property on north of SR 494 is scheduled for 7 o'clock tonight.

Development consultant David Farr told zoning board members recently Schrimsher plans to build an office park in two years at the 40-plus acres site. The owner is asking that the tract zoned for agricultural use in the county be rezoned B-1 business district.

The zoning commission, requested by council to give an advisory opinion on both the annexation and zoning, voted against the proposal. Commissioners said the annexation could prove to be a detriment in the future and noted concerns about the drainage of the property, half of which is under water.

Comptroller Vote Offered

State Rep. Bob Hattaway, D-Altamonte Springs, says he will submit to the people the question of whether or not to create the position of a county comptroller in a referendum held during the presidential primaries in March or May.

Hattaway said this morning that decision was reached over the weekend after meetings with County Commission Chairman Sid Vihlen Jr., and County Commissioner Mike Hattaway.

Both Vogt and Wilson expressed reservations over the issue. Both agreed, philosophically, with creation of a comptroller's office, but were hesitant because they said the issue has created a "civil war" in the county.

Vogt said he felt the matter should be taken to the people for a vote. That can only happen if Hattaway is successful in pushing the measure through the House.

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Both Vogt and State Sen. Leri Wilson, I-Merritt Island, voted with Hattaway last week in favor of a comptroller's office during a delegation meeting in Tallahassee.

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WEATHER

Yesterday's high 88 low 61. Partly cloudy to occasionally cloudy through Tuesday. Highs mostly in the low 80s. Lows tonight in the 60s. Rain probability 30 per cent today, 20 per cent tonight and Tuesday. Complete weather details as well as Tuesday's tide for Daytona Beach on page 5A.

NATION

IN BRIEF

Postal Strike Hinges On Price Of A Letter

WASHINGTON (AP)—The price of mailing a letter is in the balance as contract talks between the Postal Service and four unions representing 600,000 workers. Postal officials say the cost of the settlement will fix the size of the postal rate increase planned later this year. In the talks that begin today, the unions are determined to win a hefty hike in wages and benefits in what the Fed administration says is "the most important collective bargaining agreement" this year.

Death Penalty Pondered

WASHINGTON (AP)—More than 200 lives are at stake as the Supreme Court prepares to hear an argument that the death penalty is unconstitutional because it is cruel and unusual punishment. If the court makes a ruling that the death penalty in any form is unconstitutional, more than 200 prisoners on death rows in prisons around the United States would be spared. The court is hearing oral arguments today in the appeal of Jesse T. Fowler, a 27-year-old janitor from Raleigh, N.C., who shot and killed a friend in July 1973 after an argument that started in a dice game.

Viet Aid Deadline Passes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress, having let President Ford's deadline for Vietnam aid pass, is expected to make key decisions this week on aid to be requested South Vietnam and the possible use of U.S. troops in evacuations from that country. The Senate today takes up a \$200 million humanitarian-evacuation package, with a final vote anticipated Tuesday. The House takes up on Tuesday a \$227 million relief-evacuation plan with less restrictions on the use of U.S. armed forces, compared to the Senate bill.

Human Jaw Getting Smaller

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—The human jaw is getting smaller, its chin receding and its teeth are getting more crooked, says a University of Michigan scientist. "Our whole facial structure below the eyes is falling to pieces," says Dr. James E. Harris, chairman of the department of orthodontics. "When we see a person with perfect teeth, it's so rare that we take pictures."

Moyinbi Studied For U.N.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Daniel Patrick Moyinbi, former ambassador to India, probably will be named to replace John A. Scali as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, according to an administration source. Although the source declined Sunday night to say why the change was contemplated, there were reports that Scali was being considered for another high government post.

Lake Hodges Issue Tops Council Meet

CASELBERY — Council tonight is scheduled to hear from developers of Lake Hodges Estates, where sidewalks for some 80 homes were constructed inside right of ways and out of compliance with zoning stipulations. Last week, City Atty. Ken McIntosh told officials from Greater Construction Co., the firm that developed the 180-home project south of SR 434, that building sidewalks inside right of ways has invalidated their bond.

Greater Construction officials offered to tear out the sidewalks, but Council Chairman Edith Duerr presided. She said such a move by the firm would be understood by residents, who would blame the city. Duerr said she could foresee residents becoming "dissatisfied" because people have been told their front yards are theirs. McIntosh told officials they needed either a new bond or proof the old bond is still valid, even though exact stipulations of the contract haven't been met. The item is on tonight's 7:30 agenda. Officials are also scheduled to discuss the matter of double taxation, Caselbery officials have prepared a document stating the county owns Caselberry residents \$341,839 a year, beginning this fiscal year. The resolution was up for approval tonight, but it was moved to a work session after city officials decided to read just some of the figures in the report prepared by the city's finance director, Harold Babb. On Tuesday, city officials in Altamonte Springs have scheduled a 4:30 p.m. meeting. City Commissioner George Perkins is expected to chair the meeting in the absence of Mayor Norman Floyd. Floyd, who has been nominated "Boss of the Year" by his secretary, Margaret Johnson, will be escorted to the annual banquet of the National Secretary's Association, Orlando chapter, at the Carlton House, south of Orlando. Also to be selected at the banquet is the "Secretary of the Year." The commission meeting is expected to be brief, according to City Clerk Phyllis Jordahl.

Grand Jury Report Placed On Board's Agenda

(Continued From Page 3-A) —Hear an allocation for a dredge-and-fill permit in an unnamed canal in Mobile Bay. —Consider an application for a permit to erect a dock and boat house in Prairie Lake. Kelly Stephens is making the application. Sources of lighting, as well as building heights, would be controlled by the commission. Cleveland has said the commission is necessary to insure the airport is protected by safety regulations — which will make the Authority eligible for federal funding. The Sanford Airport Authority already regulates zoning on city land around the facility. —Hear a request from Vernon Middle to restrict zoning from agriculture to restricted neighborhood commercial (R.N.). The land is located on E.C. Williamson road.

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Bicentennial Comes To City

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WINTER SPRINGS — The City of Winter Springs officially joined the growing number of Bicentennial cities across the country Saturday morning at the Bicentennial flag presentation ceremony held at the municipal complex.

The Winter Springs Fire Department and its Volunteers hosted the affair with Councilman John Daniels, chairman of the city's Bicentennial committee, presiding at the ceremony. The Orlando Naval Training Center Band, under the direction of Master Chief Petty Officer Ed Delight, provided patriotic and inspirational music.

Rev. Floyd Peterson, of Redeemer Moravian Church,

led the invocation. Daniels read letters of congratulations from President Gerald Ford and Gov. Reubin Askew. Jack Horner, Chairman of the Seminole County Bicentennial Committee, spoke of the purpose of the Bicentennial committee urging all citizens to take part in the celebration of the nation's 200th birthday. "We need to show the rest of the world that America is great, has always been great and always will be great, that we will not rest on our laurels," Horner said.

He mentioned some of the proposed events planned by the committee — a three-month "commemorative walk" to Philadelphia by Barbara Muller, which will begin on May 1 and a county veterans' memorial to be located possibly at the county park on SR 419.

There was no immediate reaction from the Viet Cong, but they have been demanding Thieu's resignation and had said they were ready to start talks with "another administration" in Saigon "that speaks for peace, independence, democracy and national concord."

They were lost with Xuan Loc, the heavily fought-for provincial capital 40 miles to the east of Saigon.

SAIGON (AP) — President Nguyen Van Thieu went on national television tonight to announce his resignation in hopes it will lead to a peaceful political settlement and preclude a military takeover of Saigon by the North Vietnamese.

Thieu's decision to step down, as reported by authoritative Western diplomatic sources, came as his regime faced the loss of 20th province, Binh Tuy, on the coast 75 miles east of Saigon, and as radio contact

FLORIDA

IN BRIEF

Boca Raton Plans Anti Image Campaign

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — This picturesque city, advertised as a millionaire's palatial resort land, is on an anti-image campaign to let people know it's got problems too.

"People read all the publicity and think Boca Raton is too expensive a place. It's not true," says jewelry store manager Elaine Allen, who's spearheading the Chamber of Commerce drive for a new image.

"A three-pound roast costs the same here as it would in Fort Lauderdale."

To convince the outside world that Boca Raton isn't exclusive, the city council has been striving to add low to moderate income housing. A few council members are even trying to sprinkle Boca Raton's black population through the city, rather than confine it to a single neighborhood.

Disclosures And Land Use Plan Solons Studying Major Issues

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Bills revising the financial disclosure law and requiring counties to adopt land-use plans by 1980 were the major issues before legislative committees today.

The Standards and Conduct Committee was working to complete its strict disclosure bill requiring public officials to file income and copies of income tax returns and net worth statements.

Meanwhile, the Senate Government Operations was considering House and Senate bills requiring local government to plan ahead in an effort to control future growth.

The most controversial issues on the week's legislative calendar appear to be ratification by the Senate of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts by both houses to compromise on restructuring state environmental agencies.

The Senate Rules Committee has scheduled a Tuesday meeting to decide whether the ERA can be considered by the Senate.

If members of the committee vote their expressed feelings on the proposed amendment to the constitution, the ERA apparently will fail, 9-8.

But Rules Chairman Lew Brantley, D-Jacksonville, said two more opponents probably will vote to send the ERA to the Senate, bowing to demands that all 40 senators be given a chance to vote on the controversial issue.

The ERA apparently is in trouble in the Senate, which rejected ratification, 21-19, last year. The House voted, 62-38, this session for ratification, leaving the question of whether Florida will be the 36th state to ratify squarely up to the Senate.

Thirty-eight states must ratify the ERA to make it part of the U.S. Constitution. Two states which ratified the amendment later rescinded their ratification. The courts must decide whether such action is legal.

The Senate took up its two-agency environmental reorganization bill Friday, but whether the issue could come to a vote. It was on the calendar again today.

The House has a bill reorganizing three environmental agencies into one super-agency.

There have been repeated compromise discussions between Gov. Reubin Askew, Senate President Dempsey Barrow, D-Panama City, and House Speaker Donald Tucker, D-Tallahassee.

Askew and Barrow have agreed there should be two agencies, one to manage resources and the other to set environmental standards.

"I think the House may be willing to compromise by moving it to two agencies," said Tucker. "My personal feelings are that a two-agency concept is fine."

Local Briefs

Delayed Bid At SCOPA

The Seminole County Port Authority (SCOPA) tonight at 8 will be brought up to date on the delayed bid awarding the Phase II project involving the tank farm of the Save-More Oil Terminals Inc.

The bids, first opened several weeks ago, were found to be more than the \$175,000 SCOPA had borrowed to finance the project of moving two remaining tanks to the port and putting a total of ten storage tanks in operation.

Bids will be reopened later this month for the project.

The bankrupt Concrete Structural Systems, Inc. (CSSI) also will be discussed tonight.

Work is currently being done on the building that CSSI had at the port in order that SCOPA may lease the building to another tenant.

Also, on tonight's agenda is discussion of the 1975-76 budget.

BIKE SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Four sixth grade students of Ms. Nancy Martin's art classes at Milwee Middle School, were charged for themselves and families, at McDonald's, Fern Park, for their posters on bike safety at the contest.

All children had made a poster reflecting their own ideas on bike safety and their own ideas on bike safety.

From left, Donald Rounne Montgomery (in back); Tom Wichman, Julie Mardiet, (Herald Photo by Eida Nichols)

Workshop Session Tonight

WINTER SPRINGS — A workshop session at 6:30 tonight at the city recreation building will precede the regular 7:30 council meeting at city hall. The council will discuss the city's workshop necessary repairs on the building, built by the now defunct Winter Springs Community Association, which recently turned over to the city.

The matter will also come up for discussion on tonight's agenda.

Promotional Campaign

An advertising steering committee within the Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce announced plans this morning for a massive "personal letter" promotional campaign to attract Florida industries to the Sanford area.

The direct mail campaign of sending out approximately 450 letters to company presidents will appear before the Industrial '25 Committee next week for consideration for approval.

The steering committee, with chairman Tom Hunt, is setting guidelines for all letters to attract industry to Sanford.

A subcommittee also was formed this morning to finalize the content of the letters, which may be followed up by a series of correspondence.

The '25 committee is operating on an advertising budget of \$1,200-4,00, Hunt said.

The 450 industries were selected from computerized lists provided by the Department of Commerce. The lists included industries which would be suitable to Sanford's criteria, such as labor force and facilities.

Farm-City Group Meets

The Commercial Committee of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce will meet tomorrow morning in the chamber at 8:15 to finalize plans for the May 13 "Farm-City Festival."

The committee is spearheading business support for the produce and retail selling "Festival" designed to spur the Sanford business economy by bringing shopping from the surrounding areas into downtown and Sanford Plaza.

Witness Refused Comment

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The testimony of a former law associate of insurance Commissioner Thomas O'Malley should be a major factor in the nature of the House committee investigating impeachment of the state Cabinet officer.

Bennett Feldman, a Miami attorney who told a grand jury he expected O'Malley to aid his insurance company clients, faced stiff questioning from the committee today. He could not refuse to answer the questions.

Two weeks ago, some committee members called for halting a phase of the investigation dealing with an indictment accusing O'Malley of pressuring Gulf Life Insurance Co. to lend \$2.30 million to four business associates.

But in calling upon Feldman and his law partner, Ricardo Caravolo of Miami, the committee moves into a new area of its impeachment probe.

Feldman appeared before the committee on March 25, but he refused to answer 18 questions about an agreement for him and Caravolo to buy O'Malley's interest in a Miami law firm.

State Officials Stymied

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — State officials say they still can't find out if an broker used Federal Energy Administration regulations to gouge Jacksonville electric workers for millions of dollars.

Despite denial from FEA officials of any lack of cooperation, Bill Stovall, Florida's Department of Criminal Law Enforcement said, "Their (FEA) conversations to date have been more toward trying to talk us out of the merits of the case and not what we asked for."

He said the major problem is FEA's refusal to interpret its rules and added, "Does the regulation apply or doesn't it apply — we need an answer either way and not merely a bunch of doubletalk."

Bicyclist Arrested In Area Burglary

A 19-year-old South Seminole man was being held in county jail on \$5,000 bond today following his arrest at the Butler Plaza Shopping Center, Casselberry, for breaking and entering with intent to commit a misdemeanor.

Sheriff Deputy P. J. Riggins arrested Wayne Johnson, 19, of Foxcroft Apartments, 19, of Foxcroft Apartments, on a bicycle behind a nearby savings and loan association building after responding to a burglar alarm at the Music Shack in the shopping center.

Riggins said on his arrival he observed a man inside the store looking through record albums.

Casselberry police units were called to assist Riggins and a man fled the store on a bicycle, officers reported.

Sanford police jailed Joe "Grandpa" Jones, 56, of 812 Cypress Ave., Sanford, on \$10,000 bond on a burglary charge after residents at 814 Longwood, reportedly was working on the engine of his houseboat, the "Good Idea," after returning and a spark of undetermined origin set off a small explosion and fire.

A fire department report listed damages to the boat at \$4,000. Police said the fire following the explosion was quickly extinguished by other boaters.

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aboard his houseboat at the Sanford Marina, which was in fair condition today at Orange Memorial Hospital, Orlando, with back and leg injuries.

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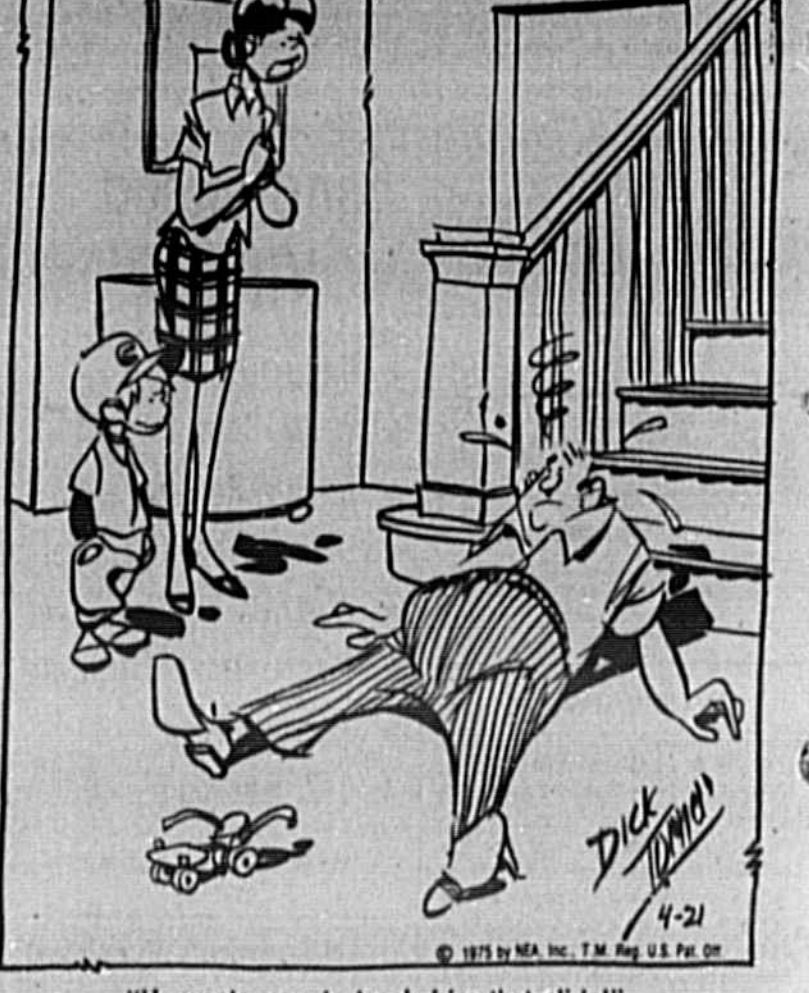
WIN AT BRIDGE

By OSWALD and JAMES JACOBY

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ment his partner shifted to a club, he turned to me and said, "I guess you think I'm a trifle worse than a normal ballwit." Oswald: "If he saw it himself and was ready to blame himself that quickly, there is plenty of hope for him. Young players as well as some old players tend to play carelessly. If this hand teaches him to be particularly careful in the early play there is plenty of hope for him to get into the expert class." Jim: "I think he will. I remember you taught me that the way to improve was to be as hard on myself as possible."

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City Officials Want To Examine Double Taxation
County Says Study Group Would Be 'Premature'

Like battering rams, Sanford City Commissioners pushed hard on the Seminole County Commissioners last night to establish a city-county study group to examine double taxation. But, the county commissioners, like solidly built doors, repelled the city's insistence on a study group, saying it was "premature."

The county commissioners are waiting until the current legislature clarifies the double taxation law before any action is taken and then maybe a study group with the county and Seminole municipalities can be set up to examine the overlapping of taxes by city and county residents, according to county commissioners.

Several Seminole municipalities including Sanford, have passed resolutions requesting the County Commission show how the taxes of residents of incorporated areas are figured into the

operations of the county budget. Several municipalities have charged that residents of incorporated areas who pay county taxes do not receive equitable treatment from the county as taxpayers in unincorporated areas.

County Commissioner Mike Hattaway said, "We have to abide by the legislature. We've got to see what the legislature is going to do."

But, several city commissioners don't want to wait until the legislature clarifies the double taxation law because they say even the clarification may not solve the problem.

Also, facing both commissions is the chance that



CHEERING PARENTS—These interested parents of youngsters playing a football game at Fort Mellon Park were caught up in an anxious moment recently by Herald Staff Photographer Bill Vincent. This scene happened almost nightly as the youth of Sanford, both boys and girls, compete in football and baseball under the auspices of the City Recreation Department.

Called 'A Misunderstanding'
'Confidential' Memo Causes Controversy

The item was bumped to discussion later in the afternoon after Kwiatkowski and Hattaway were tied up in a meeting of the personnel board this morning. And Kimbrough and Williams, who had to leave the morning meeting at 10:30 to attend a funeral, asked that the item be continued until this afternoon when they return.

Vihlen's first memo was sent directly to Freeman, with copies to Hattaway and Kwiatkowski.

The report itself was ordered sealed by Circuit Court Judge A.J. Hosemann Jr. on April 8, and copies were sent to Vihlen and to Bill Grier, mayor of Casselberry, allowing both parties 30 days to reply to the report. Vihlen said that "since there were no indictments, there was no need for any reply."

The Grand Jury met on March 27 and April 8 and heard reports from Chief Investigator Jack Fulerwider of the State Attorney's office about the six areas of complaints which originated from a "local citizen."

All complaints were unsubstantiated, except for the one concerning the City of Casselberry, in which the Grand Jury found that "investigation revealed a violation of the electrical code of Seminole County as adopted by Casselberry. The Grand Jury recommends that the county officials review the safety standards applied to temporary installations and promulgate minimum safety standards for temporary installations, and that such installations be renewable upon reinspection after an appropriate time."



SID VIHLEN JR.—Director of the Department of County Development Roger Neisewander, Vihlen said. In his second memo, dated April 18 (last Friday), Vihlen wrote, "My intention during our

Affects Teacher's Summer Vacations
Bill Would End Unemployment Compensation

legislature during the 1974 session, the county's 1,340 teachers, librarians and counselors, plus 900 or more non-instructional staffers, were eligible for summertime unemployment compensation. But on Monday, the Florida House passed House Bill 1286, which disallows teachers those benefits. The bill will now go to the Senate where approval also is expected.

School Supt. Bad Lauer said this morning, "I don't think if a teacher has a continuing contract they should be eligible for unemployment compensation."

Some officials say the approval by the 1974 legislature was an "oversight," but Lauer said legislative action this year will prove whether it was an "oversight" or not.

The claims would have been paid by the Department of Commerce, which in turn would bill the Seminole County School Board. Harris said school officials would have been required to reimburse the Commerce department 100 per cent for money paid out in claims.

Harris also said he didn't think all the county's teachers would have applied for the benefits. He said some teachers are "just too professional" to file claims.

School board officials, during board meetings, had discussed the possibility of paying out the huge amounts of unemployment claims. And school officials were casting a wary eye toward this summer.

But if action in the Senate duplicates the House, the issue will be laid to rest. At present, junior and four-year level college instructors are not eligible for the benefits.

Because of the "misunderstanding," copies of the interim report were not initially sent to Kimbrough, Williams, Administrative Assistant Betty Simcoe and

Seminole Denies DeLand Tapping Tie-In

Seminole Chief Deputy Sheriff Duane Harrell has denied reports that his department loaned wiretapping equipment to DeLand police, however, The Herald has learned that unidentified officers from DeLand sometime last year inquired about borrowing surveillance gear from the Seminole Sheriff's Department.

Meanwhile, Volusia State Atty. Stephen Boyles has told reporters in that county that a grand jury will meet May 5 to prove reports of possible illegal wiretaps on the home telephone of DeLand Sun News reporter Ann Paden.

So far, sources in DeLand say, there has been no link between the possible tapping of Ms. Paden's telephone and an internal wiretapping operation that DeLand Police Chief Paul Pounds has described as "make shift" and occurred in November of 1973.

Pounds' statements came after there were reports that Boyles' office was investigating the DeLand Police Department for possible illegal wiretapping.

Ms. Paden confirmed that she was contacted by Boyles' investigators several weeks ago about possible tapping of her telephone.

She said the investigators' questions centered on her activities and telephone conversations during the fourth week of January, 1975. Investigators' questions, she said, were detailed and very specific.

Ms. Paden said a neighbor later saw unmarked cars with State of Florida license tags at her home twice and men with "what appeared to be detection equipment" examined the



DRIVER KILLED IN CROSSING CRASH—Altamonte Springs police said a 46-year-old Matland man was killed this morning when his auto was severed by an Amtrak passenger train at a railroad crossing on Ballard St., Altamonte Springs. Police said Raymond Wagstaff, 46, of 1221 Germaine Trail, Matland, was pronounced dead on the scene. Parts of the demolished auto, above, were buried 400 feet from the crossing that has no signals. Officers said, Capt. David Guter said no charges have been made pending further investigation. (Herald Staff Photo by Bill Vincent)

Family In Need Of Aid

Early last Saturday morning, the Henry L. Kidd family of Sanford was buried out of its home.

The family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Kidd and seven children, ranging in age from 3 to 17 years, lost all their personal possessions in the early morning blaze.

The American Red Cross has been of considerable assistance in the family of the unemployed man, and more aid is desperately needed, according to a Red Cross spokesman.

In addition to clothing for the parents and children, other items in need include bedding and household things as well as arrangements for housing the nine individuals.

Persons wishing to contribute to the Kidd family may do so by taking donations to the American Red Cross headquarters, P.O. Box 278, 99 W. Highway 43E, Fern Park, 32730.