

Shortly after noon today, the Evening Herald received an anonymous telephone call from a person who claimed he knows the whereabouts of six-year-old Brian Schultz.

The unidentified male caller gave an address where he said the boy was being held. The address turned out to be a mobile home park near Longwood. Deputies of the Sheriff's Department checked out the report. The boy was not at the address and the lawman now believes the call was a hoax.



Robert Schultz checks over spot on map pointed out as part of search for his son, Brian (above).



DIVERS FROM SEMINOLE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT PREPARE TO SEARCH CANAL.

Search Continuing For Boy

Where Is 6-Year-Old Brian Schultz?

By DENNIS FEOLA
Herald Staff Writer

The search continues today for six-year-old Brian Schultz, missing from his Casselberry home since Saturday evening.

The boy's fate is uncertain. While family members and

top police officials remain optimistic the youth is alive, following Sunday's extensive search some at the command center are beginning to have doubts.

Sheriff's officials said there is no indication of foul play. "If he was in the woods, alive, we would have found him," Trance, a volunteer searcher, said.

"Everybody's discouraged, we though we would find

him by now," Trance, a Casselberry resident said.

Major Duane Harrell of the Seminole County Sheriff's Department, confirmed that Sunday's search with more than 500 persons participating was extensive.

"There's nothing more we can cover in this immediate area," said Harrell said. "We've covered every place, so often the only thing we can do is send someone when

there's a sighting," he said.

There have been numerous sightings of the first-grader, however, none of the sightings have been confirmed since the youth was last seen near his home in Lake Kathryn Estates Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

About 100 volunteers, led by members of the R.E.A.C.T. See SEARCH, Page 1A



State Attorney Investigator Dan Lawrence and Bill Coffman discover tar-like substance on voting machine lock.

Crime Lab Joins In Investigation Of County Vote Machine Failures

By DONNA ESTES
Herald Staff Writer

The Central Florida Crime Lab was called in to assist in the investigation of voting machine failures in Seminole County in the Sept. 11 primary by State Attorney Douglas Cheshire's chief investigator Dan Lawrence this morning after a tar-like substance was discovered in two locks taken from voting machine doors.

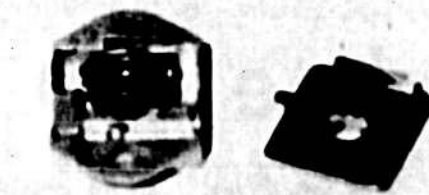
The substance was spotted by Lawrence as he oversaw the removal of the locks from voting machine doors by work-

men sent to the county by International Elections Systems Inc. (IES), manufacturer of the machines.

and Roger Johnson, the county's employee in charge of voting machine maintenance. Bill Coffman, employed in the Orange County elections division to oversee maintenance of machines there, said the locks are supposed to be absolutely dry. "No liquid substance is supposed to be in the locks," he said. Coffman said he was called into the investigation by Lawrence as an expert.

Johnson said he first noticed a tar-like substance near a lock on a voting machine on election day after it was returned to the county warehouse near the county's agriculture center when it fell off a truck transporting it to a polling place.

Bill Reynolds, an independent Sanford locksmith, retained by the county to examine the locks in addition to the IES personnel, said it would be nearly impossible to inject something from the outside into the locks. He said the locks would have



THE MACHINE LOCKS

had to be removed from each machine, a process that would have taken time, to be tampered with. "Someone would have to go to some trouble to get the substance in there," said Coffman.

Reynolds examining the locks and the tar-like substance noted that rubber bumpers in each lock appeared to be of different size. On further examination he pointed out the rubber bumpers were soft and appeared to be melting.

Robert Kopec, supervisor of microanalysis at the Crime Lab, went to the county warehouse at Lawrence's request to determine the "foreign matter," according to the crime lab.

Also present for the examination of locks were County Administrator Roger Neiswender, Seminole Elec-

tion Supervisor Camille Bruce and Michael P. Falkowski III, attorney for Dan Holman, an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for county commissioner.

Falkowski said Holman may file a lawsuit today challenging the constitutionality of the first primary election and asking the circuit court to call a new election.

Although it had been said that Friday was the last day to file such a suit, Holman's attorney's opinion is that today is the last day Holman lost the election to Altamonte Springs City Commissioner Sammie Glenn by more than 900 votes.

Meanwhile, Woodrow Wilson Storey, of Indianatic, who came in third in a four-man contest for the Democratic nomination for the Florida Senate, District 16, said Friday he will make a decision by this coming Friday on whether to ask the circuit court to require that the primary contest be held

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SEA Boss Watched, Listened To

By LEONARD KRANSDORF
Herald Staff Writer

His opponents say he is shrewd and cunning. Associates and supporters say he is dedicated and a good leader.

"He's a very clever person and clever enough that you have to watch every move he makes," says a county school official who has observed him for several years.

"I think he has done a great deal to help teachers and all school employees and to give us the will to improve ourselves," said a teacher who has also had contact with him for

several years.

But after hearing both comments a slight grin crosses the face of Fred Eugene Grooms and with that slight but noticeable Tennessee accent he says, "I'm in a role as an advocate for employee groups and depending on what stand I take I'm either liked or disliked."

And within the past four months you could find comments on both sides for the man who serves as Executive Director of the Seminole Education Association (SEA).

In addition to his role as executive director, Grooms, whom friends and foe alike call Gene rather than Fred, also serves as spokesman for the clerical, non-instructional and bus

drivers unions.

Some of the harshest criticism of the 37-year-old Grooms has come from clerical workers who openly say they want their union to disassociate with SEA mainly because of dissatisfaction with the way Grooms represents them.

Regarding that criticism, Grooms shrugs and admits "that group is going through some trying times and right now personalities have become involved rather than issues." If they vote to break with the SEA, Grooms says,

"that's their right and it may be their desire."

In addition to representing the three unions, Grooms is now trying to coordinate the effort to get the school system's 1,775 teachers the information in their contract which was tentatively agreed upon last week.

"At this point in the existence of the SEA I think we did pretty well," he said. He noted that before the negotiations began "we told the faculty Ryan that we would not have a contract by September but we did get one

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GOTCHA! SAYS ALEX

Fingertip control is displayed by Milwaukee's Alex Cleveland as he hauls in a pass in Saturday's Pop Warner League welterweight division game at Lake Brantley. In hot pursuit are South Seminole tacklers. South Seminole won the game, 26-0. Details on all Saturday games, photos, Page 5A.



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In And Around Altamonte Loreleis Swim To Win First Place

The synchronized swimmers placed first in overall competition in a service meet at Semolee (near Largo) last weekend, announced Coach Mary Rose.



UP THE LADDER - TESTING RAINFALL - RECORDING READINGS ON ROOF

FAIR WEATHER LADY, YOU MIGHT PREDICT

Jean Turner, secretary to Dennis Dolger, Director of the Seminole County Port Authority (SCOPA), serves as "Weather Woman" in Dolger's absence.

Mayor Norman C. Floyd was honored at a birthday luncheon at the Altamonte Springs Civic Center on Monday.

Perhaps about town, you've noticed a spirited elderly lady pedaling her three-wheel bicycle, one laden with political bumper stickers.

A visit to the Altamonte Springs Library and Cultural Center to see the 14 beautifully framed photographs displaying various scenes of Altamonte Springs as it used to be.

In And Around Casselberry Labels Wanted To Aid School

Label collecting has started again at Casselberry Elementary School with the students bringing in V-8 Juice, French American and Campbell Soup labels in hopes of the school year to ransom for school equipment.

'Sainly' Mom Paid To Cure, Curse, Kill

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Getting Married? - Engagement and wedding forms are available at the Herald office to minimize these events. The forms may be accompanied by professional black and white photos.

Beta Sigma Chapters - Xi Theta Epsilon - The home of Leslie Paulson was the setting for the recent meeting of Xi Theta Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

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