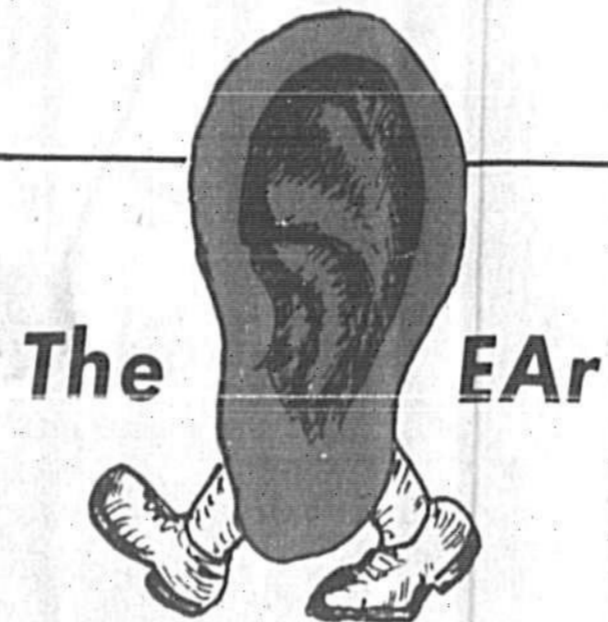


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Politics being what it is, The EAR wasn't surprised during a recent conversation with former County Atty. Tom Freeman to hear him remark that being away from the courthouse the last few weeks was "like having a spike removed from my forehead."

Remember, EARlings, Freeman opted not to seek the lead attorney's position after county commissioners voted for an in-house legal staff. Both Freeman and his former partner, Robert Pierce, said courthouse politics was too crazy and too hot to handle.

Both lawyers returned to private practice. "Ohhh, it sure feels good," Freeman told The EAR.

Really, now, politicians, those signs should be removed. The EAR was cruising along Lake Mary Boulevard and spotted campaign signs — still standing.

There was a Bob French for county commission sign, a Sid Vihlen Jr. for Congress poster and a Jo Ann Saunders announcement for Congress sign tacked to a tree.

It was bad enough to see campaign signs during the campaigns. But to see them still blotting the landscape is a little much... Even for The easygoing EAR.

Egads, the courthouse telephone operators seem to be having a little bit of trouble. The EAR called recently and asked to speak to Roger Neiswender, the county commission's executive assistant.

"Do you know who that is?" the operator asked. Horrors, EARlings, Neiswender is the top appointive official at the courthouse. Seems operator operations fall under the auspices of Bob Ellis, the county's director of administrative services.

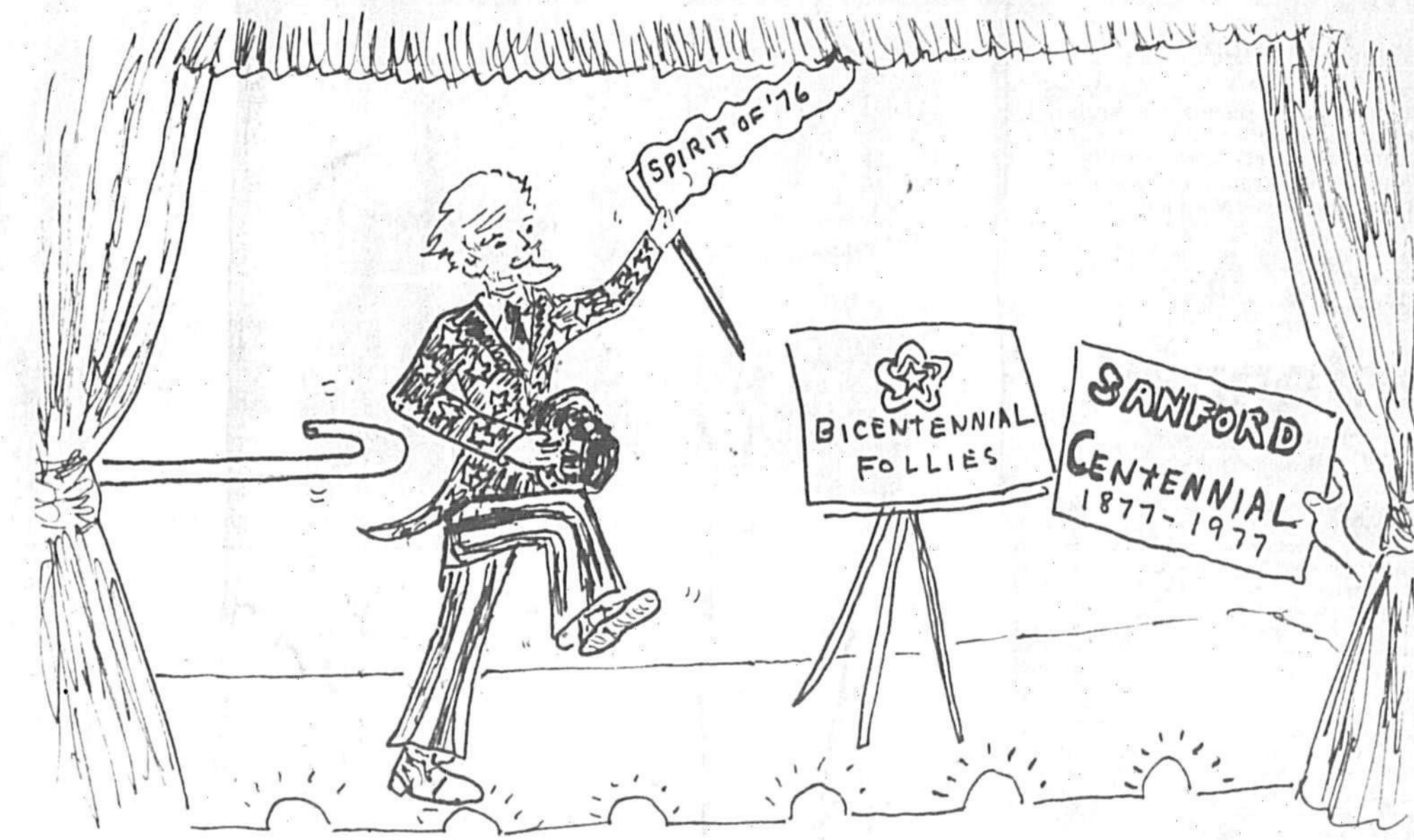
What's up, Ellis? After all, operators at the courthouse are very important to the communication process. A little digging, and The EAR found out the operator who answered was new, but even so...

A New Year's shindig at School Supt. Bud Laver's home last week was a real nice affair. But couldn't help but wonder why the news reporter was dressed in a pullover sweater, blue jeans — and a tie. Laver's assistant, Ralph Ray, is the only person who knows the answer to that puzzle. And Ray informs The EAR he's not talking...

Tilting in Sanford Mayor Lee Moore's direction the other night, The EAR was privy to a little levity. Seems one department chief was in the men's room when Hizzoneer was looking for him to present a certificate of appreciation for work well done.

"You were right where you've been all your life, Sid,—out of the room when the balloon went up," Moore told Utility Director Sidney M. Richeard Jr. after a sheepish Richeard emerged from the men's room.

EARS to you, EARlings, 'till next week. And have a cool new year



(Herald drawing by Jane Casselberry)

A look back: how did Seminole County mark the historic Bicentennial?
A look ahead: the wheels begin turning for Sanford celebrants as the city plans for 1977, its Centennial. —Details, Page 2A



Deputy Lowell Jones (left) and Sheriff's Capt. J. Q. Galloway take "Crazy Joe" Spaziano, head down, to cell after death sentence.

'Crazy Joe' To Club Juana --A Year Of Days In Court

By BOB LLOYD
Herald Staff Writer

The year 1976 was heavy with circuit court cases in Seminole that included bizarre murders, sex, drugs and allegations of government corruption.

The spotlight of statewide publicity focused on Seminole and a slight, dark-haired former motorcycle gang member who is now on Raiford state prison death row awaiting electrocution.

Last January, a jury recommended mercy when convicting Joseph "Crazy Joe" Spaziano, 29, of the 1973 sex-mutilation slaying of Laura Lynn Harberts, 18-year-old Orlando hospital clerk.

Before the July sentencing date, the U.S. Supreme court upheld Florida's death penalty law as constitutional and Circuit Judge Robert B. McGregor overruled the trial jury's recommendation sentencing Spaziano to death. It was the first death sentence meted in Seminole since 1971.

Miss Harberts' decomposing body was found on an Altamonte Springs garbage dump along with the body of another woman who was never identified.

McGregor said he felt he had erred in not permitting the trial jury to hear testimony about Spaziano's prior conviction in an Orange County rape where a teenage girl's eyes were slashed.

When the death sentence was announced, Spaziano turned to the packed courtroom with several members of the Outlaw motorcycle gang present along with at least 20 sheriff's deputies in plainclothes, smiled and patted a death head tattoo on his right arm.

Later he told a deputy that he thought McGregor's sentencing had been fair, officers said.

SCC Coed Slain

The city of Lake Mary was rocked in April when a 20-year-old Seminole Community College coed was found dead of multiple-stabbing wounds in her blood-spattered residence.

The case was marked closed two months later when James Douglas Stage, 29, who had been living with Cynthia Louise Dubon, pleaded guilty to her murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Judge McGregor agreed, as part of plea-bargaining efforts, not to sentence Stage to death — the sentence

he said he feared.

In a confession, made public after he was sentenced, Stage said he killed the woman he loved with a hunting knife after finding her with another man.

Police found the victim's bloody car abandoned the night of the slaying and Stage went to a hospital for treatment of a cut arm. He later telephoned police to surrender, telling them where to find Miss Dubon's body.

The murder was on the same night the second part of "Helter Skelter," the movie about the Charles Manson family and the stabbing murders of actress Sharon Tate and several others, was shown on national television.

Persons living a block from Miss Dubon's rental house testified that they heard the screams of a woman, "Please stop... God, please make him stop" for 10 minutes but didn't notify police. The next day they read in newspapers of the Dubon murder.

Club Juana, Etc.

Two court cases that drew lots of public attention in 1976 stemmed from investigations centering on Club Juana, a Casselberry nightclub featuring topless dancers.

Club owner Mike Pinter and 10 dancers were arrested in a May sheriff's raid after nude dancing was reported.

County Court Judge Harold Johnson directed a verdict of acquittal for Pinter and one dancer before the September trial went to a four-man, two-woman jury. The jurors acquitted the

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Comprehensive Plan: 'Biggie' For 1977

By ED PRICKETT
Herald Staff Writer

County officials view the state-mandated comprehensive plan as the most significant item of business for the coming new year.

"The most future impact for the years ahead are the decisions that the commission will make in regard to all elements of the comprehensive plan," Commission Chairman Dick Williams said in an interview.

"Once we know what kind of facilities 200,000 people need, we can begin to put a dollar tag on it," the chairman added. Officials estimate 314,000 persons will inhabit Seminole County by the year 2000.

And by October of next year, the commission is obligated by

state law to pass the all-inclusive comprehensive plan.

"It's the biggie for the year," Executive Asst. Roger Neiswender agreed. "It encompasses what the future holds."

The plan contains studies on the country's economic future, a study of county and city revenue sources, zoning and land use, conservation studies, water and sewer plans, a transportation plan, methods of combating drainage problems, recommendations on solid waste disposal and recommendations from an ad-hoc committee on abolition of impact fees for Seminole County.

In addition, county government will finish rounding out its management systems. Williams and Neiswender are meeting twice weekly to try and get the most out of county managers.

Another item up for consideration is final steps in the creation

of the new in-house legal staff.

One of the top stories of 1976 was the county's decision to remove the attorney's position from the political arena by hiring an in-house staff. Former County Atty. Tom Freeman chose not to seek the lead attorney's position after the decision was made to hire an in-house staff.

All that's lacking is hiring the top attorney to man the department.

Also, Commissioner John Kimbrough has ordered a list of complaints drawn up that the county plans to send to the state legislature. The list contains of unfunded programs the county says the state passed and sent down to the local level to im-

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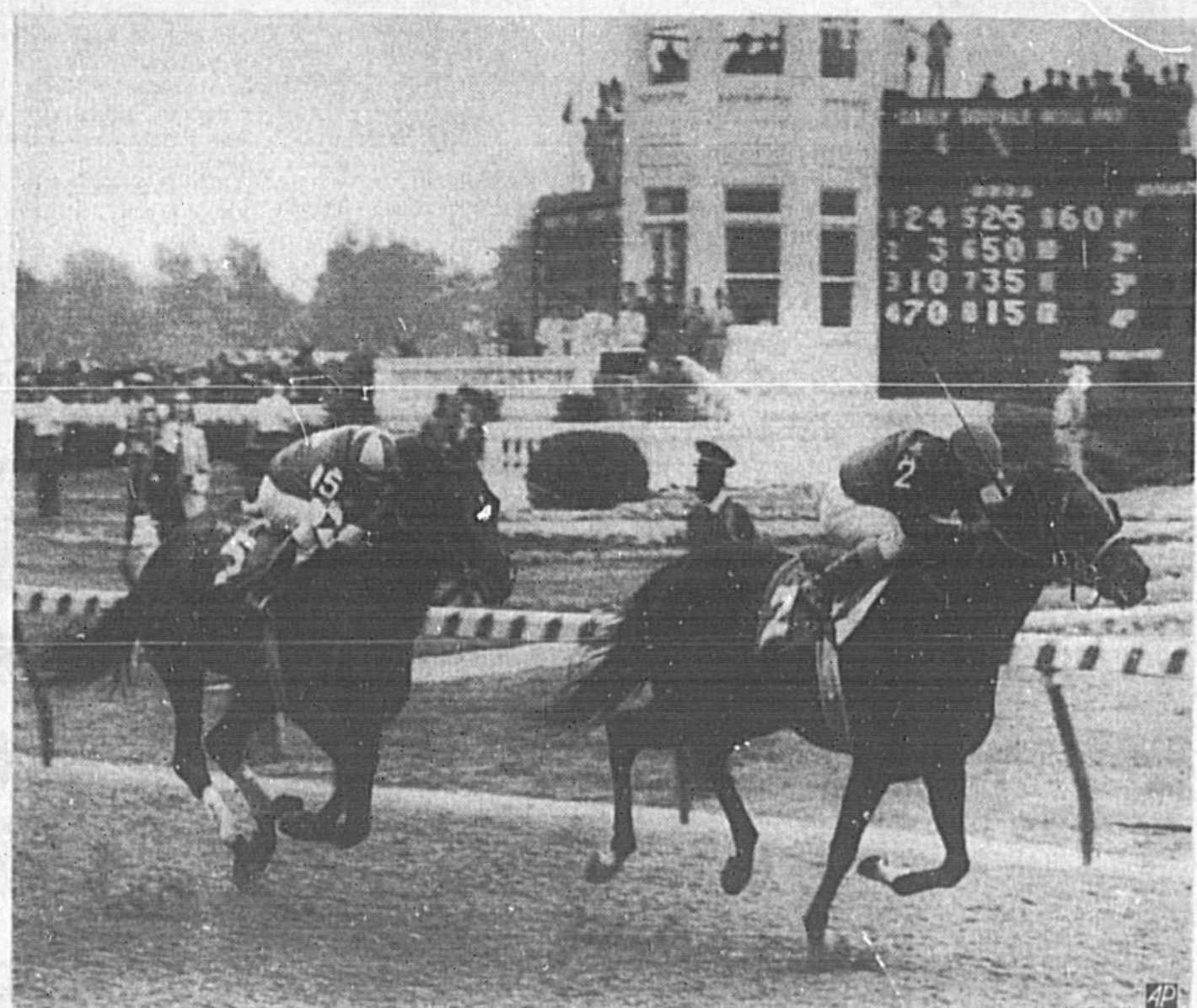
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1976: The Year That Was SPORTS

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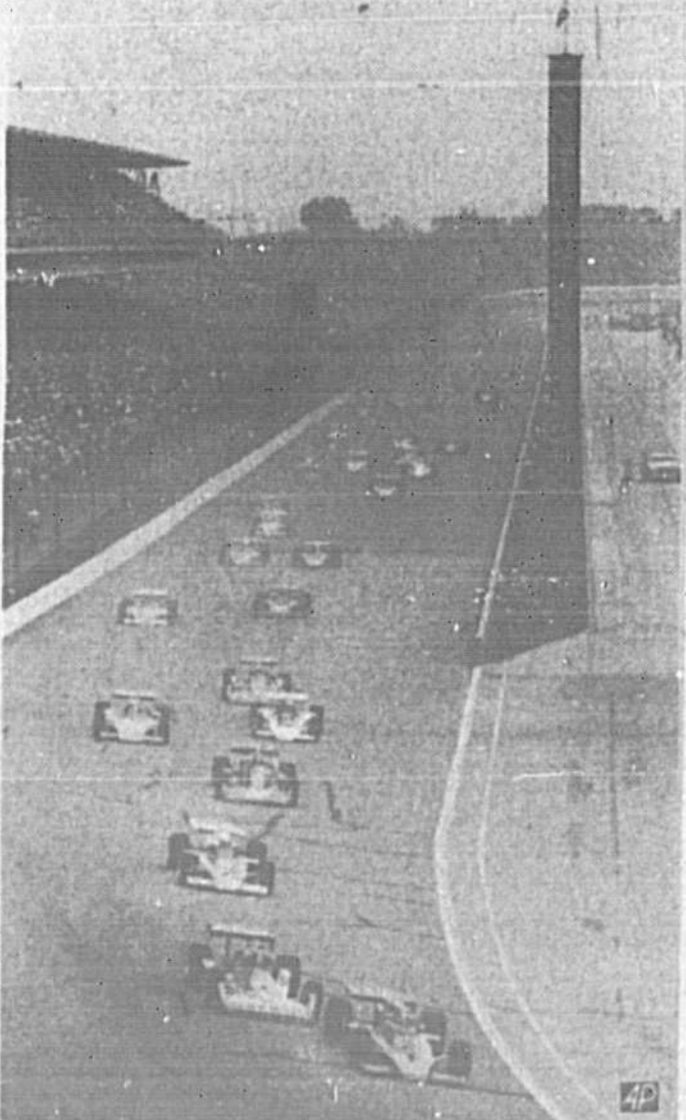
In January, UCLA's Wally Henry did a dance after scoring as UCLA beat Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.



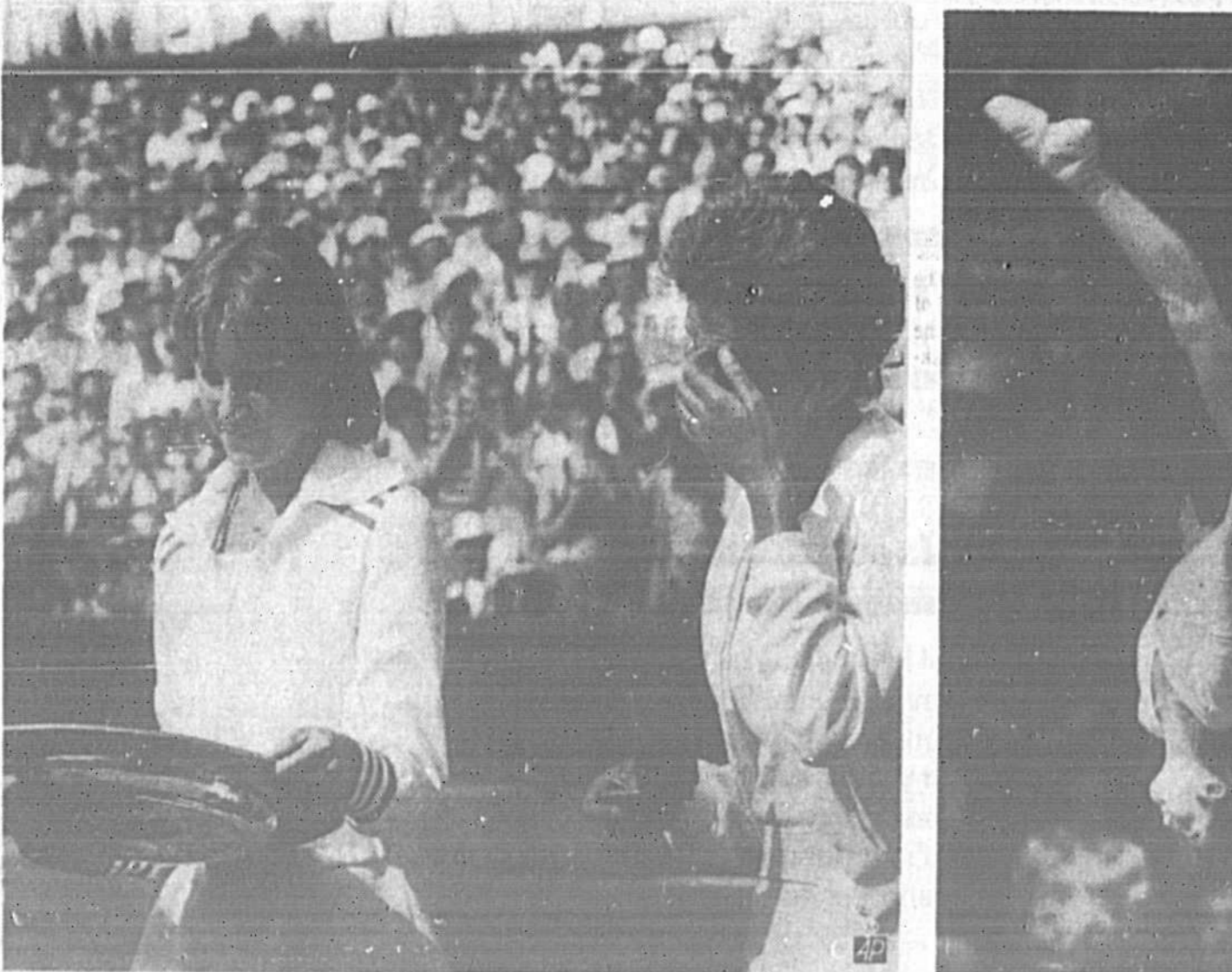
In early May, Bold Forbes won the Kentucky Derby with jockey Angel Cordero Jr., in the saddle. He beat out the favorite, Honet Pleasure, left, ridden by Brailino Baena.



In June, Jerry Pate, 22, executed this shot at Duluth, Ga., on his way to winning the U.S. Open.



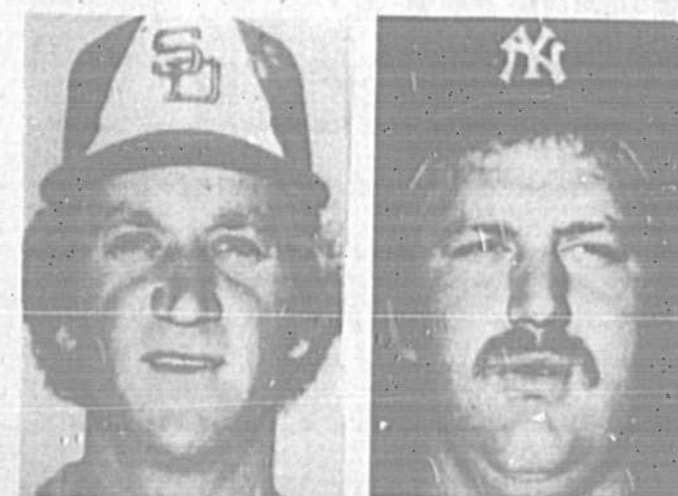
In late May '83 speedsters got off on the 500-mile race at Indianapolis. Johnny Rutherford won.



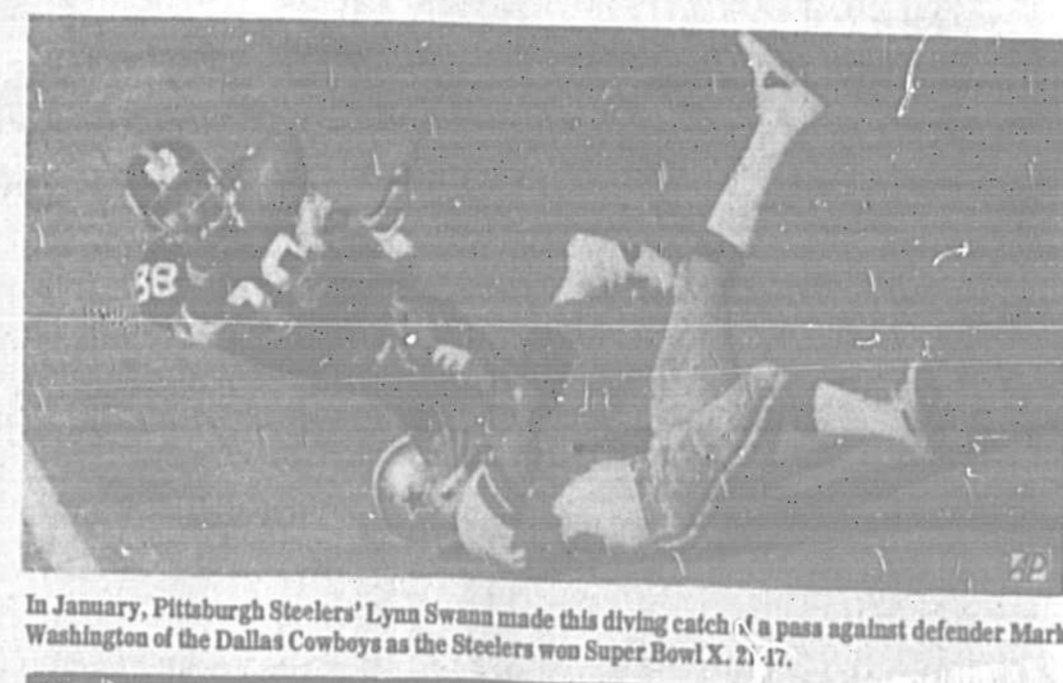
In July, Chris Evert beat Evonne Goellagong to win women's singles title at Wimbledon. Miss Evert admires her trophy while Miss Goellagong covers her face.



In July, gymnast Nadia Comaneci, 14, of Romania executes a gold-medal performance on the balance bar in the Olympics. She won three gold and one bronze.



Padres pitcher Randy Jones and Yankees' catcher Thurman Munson named A.L. Most Valuable Player.



In January, Pittsburgh Steelers' Lynn Swann made this diving catch of a pass against defender Mark Washington of the Dallas Cowboys as the Steelers won Super Bowl X, 21-17.



In March, Indiana basketball coach Bobby Knight with players Scott May, center, and Quinn Buckner, admire trophy after winning the NCAA title over Michigan, 86-68.

Bowls, Bowls, Bowls, Bowls

By The Associated Press... transition when we fumbled the ball near their goal line...

Nebraska Cornhuskers defeated ninth-rated Texas Tech 27-24 in an Astro-Bowls... Bowl thriller in Houston.

SCOREBOARD

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Who's Greatest?

TAMPA (AP)—The greatest American football star of all time, as selected by fans of the sport, will be named Jan. 2 at the Lions American Bowl at Tampa Stadium.

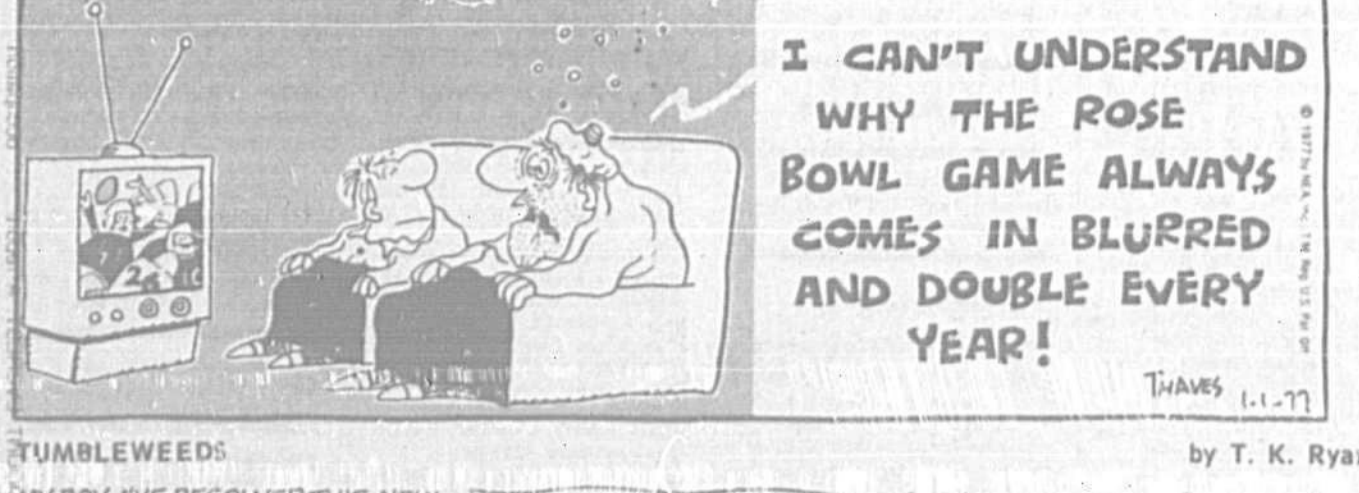
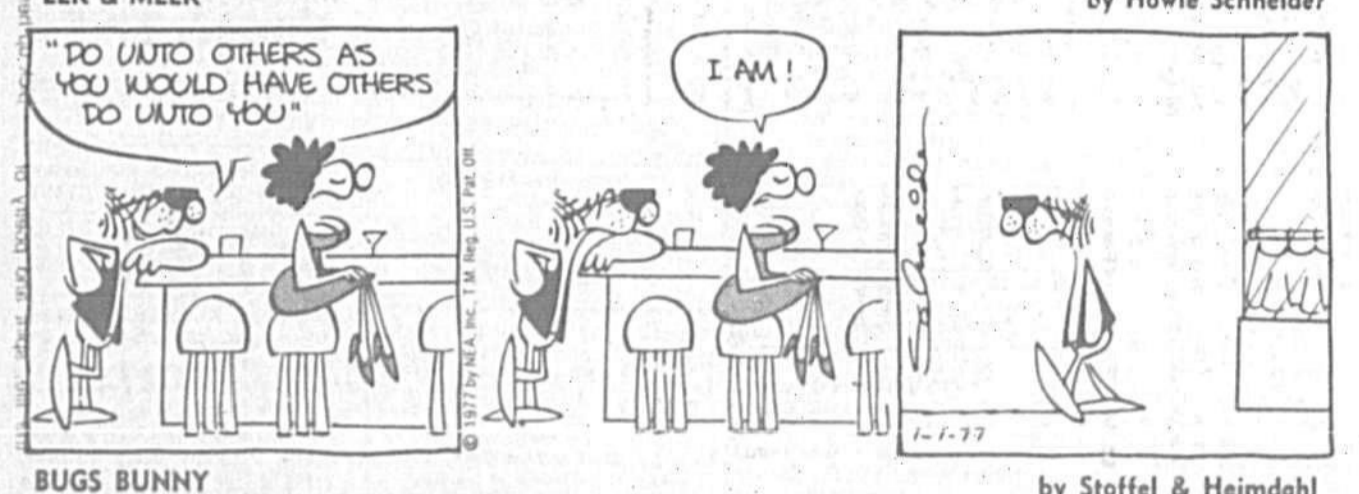
Flames Flaming

By The Associated Press... The Atlanta Flames and New York Rangers are holding the National Hockey League playoffs a few months early.

ECKERD'S advertisement featuring Tussy Lip Riot Lipsticks (2 for 1.00), Mylanta Liquid (12 oz. plastic bottle \$1.29), and Eckerd Foaming Bath Oil (32 oz. limit two \$4.99).

ECKERD DRUGS advertisement featuring Johnson's Dental Floss (57¢), Good News Disposable Twin Blade Razors (33¢), Shower to Shower (88¢), Duracell Alkaline 9 Volt Battery (99¢), Ladies Tank Tops & T-Shirts (2.88), Shower and Bath Spray (97¢), Peanut Brittle (57¢), and Helmac Shoe Shapers (1.27).

Advertisement for Medicare Subscribers, Medicare Supply Co., and Southern Air, including contact information and service details.



CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues across and down.

WIN AT BRIDGE section with clues for a North-South deal.

SEEK & FIND HAPPY NEW YEAR word search grid.

DOONESBURY comic strip by Garry Trudeau.

HOROSCOPE by BERNICE BEDE OSOL. For Sunday, January 2, 1977. ARIES (March 21-April 19)...

For Monday, January 3, 1977. ARIES (March 21-April 19) just that you see bright spots...

SIDE GLANCES by Gill Fox. Comic strip showing two characters talking.

COMING FROM PAGE 12B Thursday Evening Television Programming.



Practice makes perfect and Sanford policemen are working hard at their shooting range on the lakefront. Story, more photos, pages 4B-5B

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Probe Clears Kelley Of Criminal Charges; Suspension Weighed

By BOB LLOYD
Herald Staff Writer

A year-long investigation of Seminole-Brevard Public Defender Franklin G. Kelley has cleared him of any possible criminal charges, but Governor Reubin Askew is considering suspending Kelley, a governor's aide in Tallahassee said today.

Askew assigned Volusia County State Atty. Stephen L. Boyles to the Kelley probe in July after Seminole-Brevard State Atty. Abbott Herring requested an outside state attorney evaluate the findings of his three-month investigation because of a possible conflict of interest.

Askew's legal counsel, Don Middlebrook, said in a telephone interview today that Boyles submitted his report to the governor last week.

"Boyles' report and investigation indicated no criminal charges are warranted," Middlebrook said.

"The other alternative is suspension of Kelley, but the governor hasn't decided on this or precluded it."

"This (suspension) would be considered based on the material Boyles sent us," Middlebrook continued.

If Askew suspends Kelley from office, he'll have to do it before midnight. Kelley didn't run for re-election and Titusville attorney David Porter, who has already been sworn in as 18th Judicial Circuit Public Defender, takes over the office on Tuesday.

Porter, contacted at the Titusville public defender's office today, said Kelley will become an assistant public defender Tuesday in charge of the Seminole office in Sanford.

The governor can suspend elected public officials — but not assistant public defenders, who are employees of an elected official.

Allegations in the Kelley probe included charges that some employees were coerced into providing sexual favors as a condition of employment, according to sources close to the investigation.

Kelley, who was not available for comment today, told reporters earlier that the probe by Herring covered everything from the way his office is operated to his sex life and that of some of his employees.

Porter said today he's made no official decisions yet on his staff since he has no authority to do anything until 12:01 a.m. Tuesday when his commission becomes effective. Porter was given the oath of office last week at Titusville by Seminole-Brevard Circuit Court Judge Joe A. Cowart Jr.

"I don't expect any transition problems at all," Porter said today. He said he'll be active in both Seminole and Brevard counties in defending indigent clients in court.

Although Porter said he's not ready to announce any staff changes in Seminole because "I want to evaluate employees more," two part-time assistant public defenders under Kelley confirmed today that they'll stay with the office.

Chris Ray, who was an unsuccessful candidate to the public defender post in recent elections, said he'll stay on as an assistant public defender.

James E. Figgett, a former assistant state attorney who worked under Kelley for 11 months, also said today that he'll stay.

George Sprinkel IV, another assistant under Kelley, won't be staying. He takes office as an elected Orange County judge on Tuesday.



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Panel: Don't Hire Counsel

By ED PRICKETT
Herald Staff Writer

A five-member blue ribbon panel of attorneys appointed by the county commission has recommended that the county not hire special outside counsel to fight \$7-million in lawsuits against Seminole County.

Exec. Asst. Roger Neiswender said the panel, in a memorandum to the board, recommended all jail fire litigation be handled by the attorney who represents the county's insurance company. County Commissioner Bob French said today the insurance firm — Appalachian Insurance Co. — has hired the Sanford firm of Stenstrom, Davis & McIntosh to do the legal work.

The county is insured for up to \$1.3 million. Claims won in excess of that amount would come out of the general fund — which comes from taxpayer dollars.

The lawsuits stem from a jail fire in 1975 that claimed 11 lives. Officials estimate the county will be in the courts on the lawsuits within six months.

Neiswender said a brief memo from the panel advised county officials to "stick with the insurance attorney" and that special counsel "won't be needed."

Republican Commissioner John Kimbrough last December asked for creation of the committee to advise county government on the best method of battling the lawsuits. At that time, officials theorized outside counsel, a "big gun," might be needed to defend the county's interests.

Former County Atty. Tom Freeman monitored 29 lawsuits against the county before creation of the blue ribbon panel. However, Freeman stepped down after the commission opted for an in-house legal staff.

The blue ribbon panel came under fire from Democratic Commissioner Harry Kwiatkowski who claimed politics was involved in selection of the panel's membership.

But the Kwiatkowski charges came to naught, and each commissioner ended up appointing one attorney to serve on the Panel.



(Herald Photo by Donna Estes)

IDO, IDO

Longwood Mayor Gerard Connell (left) receives oath of office from Wanda Patterson, Police Department clerk and notary on front porch of city hall this morning. Witnesses are (from left) Longwood Councilman Parker Anderson, County Commission Chairman Richard Williams, former County Commissioner Greg Drummond and Police Sgt. Greg Manning. Other elected officials of the city — Councilmen J.R. Grant and Stephen Barton and City Clerk Onnie R. Shomate — are to receive their oaths of office at a 7:30 special meeting of the city council tonight.

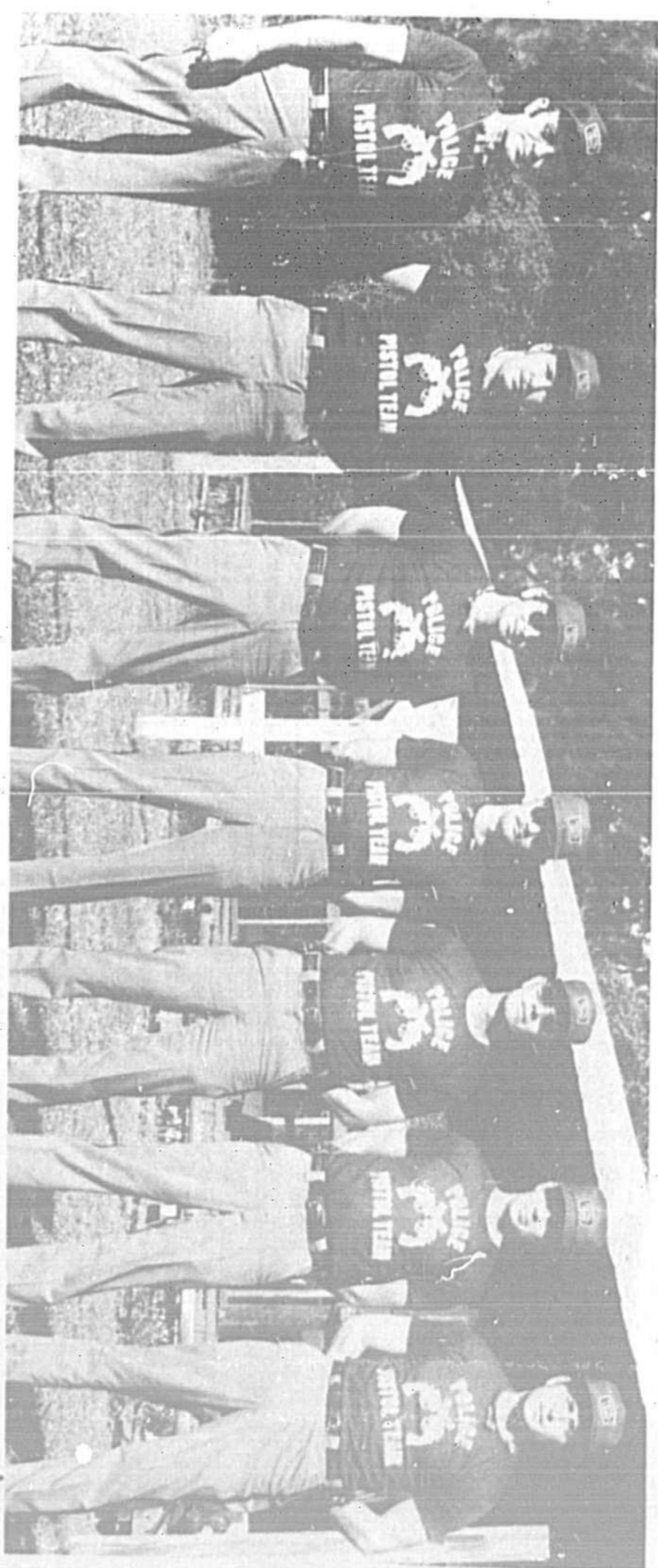
Sanford Police Pistol Team...

A quarter-inch error in grip or a 1/16-inch error in trigger pull can mean a 15-inch error on the target. It takes great concentration and lots of practice to be a member of the Sanford Police pistol team.

The department's pistol team is showing lots of enthusiasm and are continually competing for a team shot. The department's training officer and team instructor, Lt. Paul Whitley, has been instructing the team each week during off-duty hours and is striving for better marks, Whitley said.

Whitley said the team members are constantly working on the five basic shooting: grip, sight alignment, trigger control, stance and breathing.

Some team members are from other departments in matches during the coming year.



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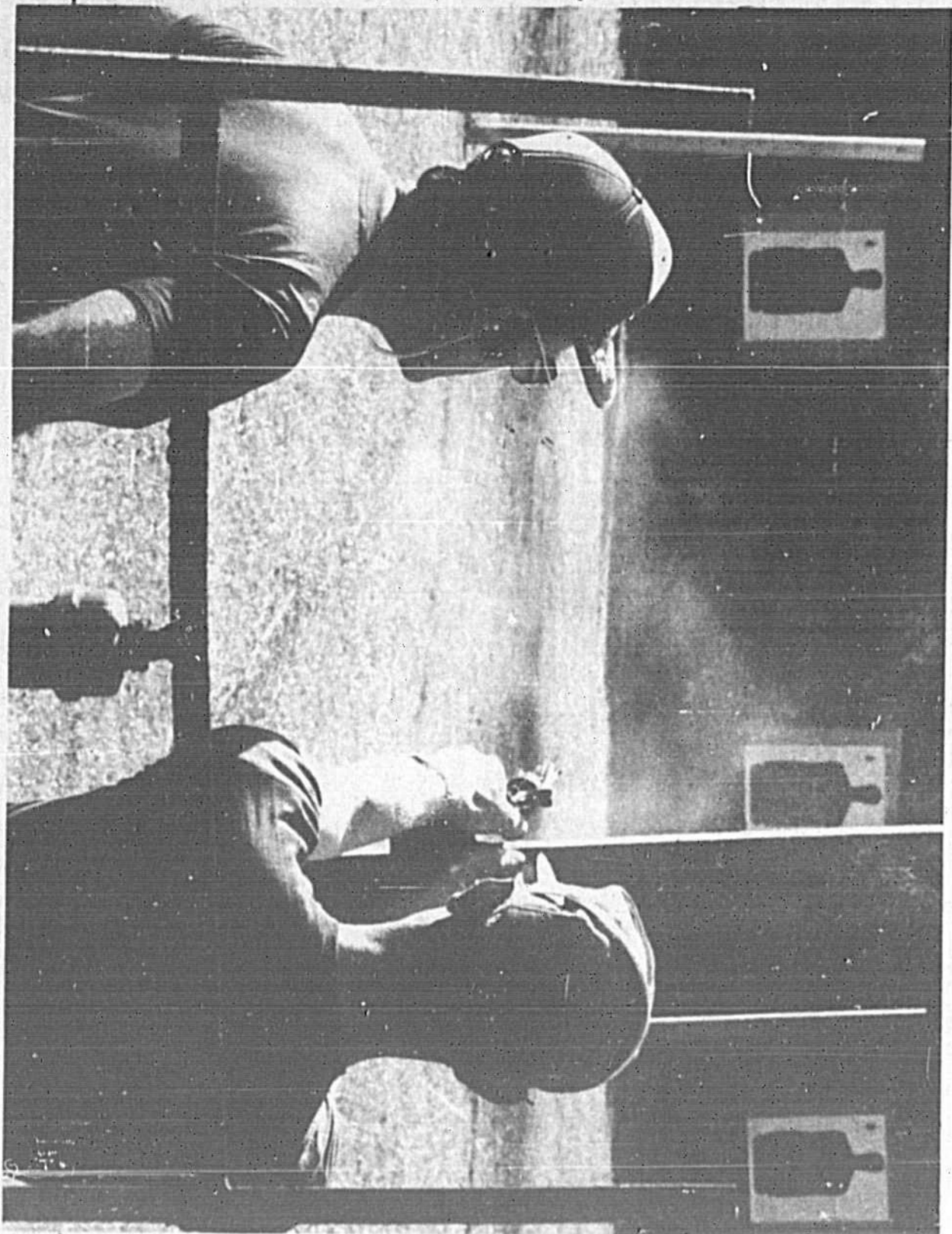
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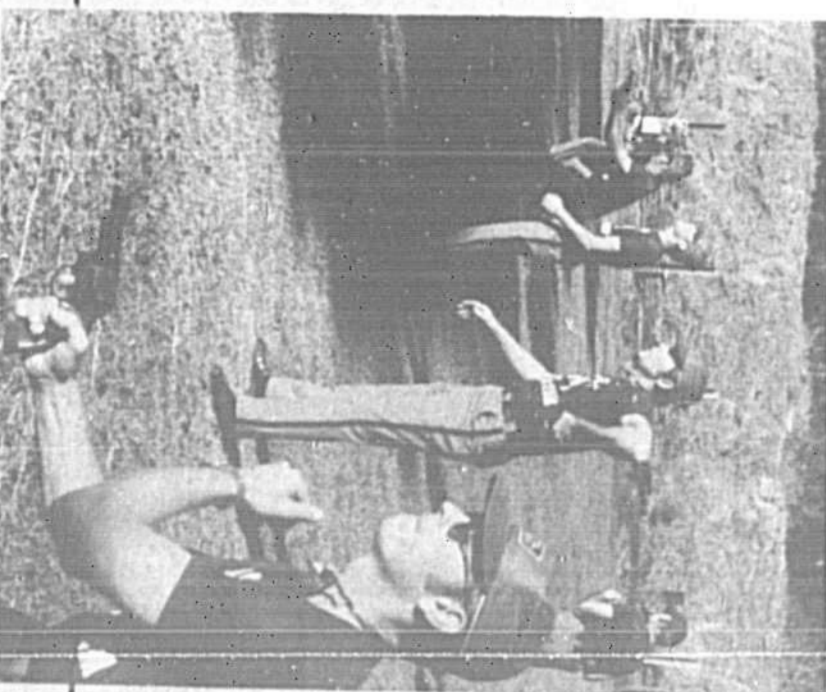
Whitley, above, with team members, left to right, Patrolmen D.L. Anderson, Mike Tindell, Rick Dearing, Sgt. Gene Pharis, Patrolman Ron Nance and Lt. Ralph Russell. Left below, team members practice hipshooting at seven yards, firing 12 shots in 25 seconds. Whitley checks score on standard silhouette police combat target with Anderson and Nance.

Photos by Tom Vincent

Text by Bob Lloyd



Instructor Lt. Paul Whitley checks Tindell, above, for proper grip and reloading procedure during 12 shot, 25-second timing at seven yards. At right, instructor observes Pharis' use of "weak hand" in firing from 50 yards at "barricade" simulating shooting around a corner of a building or other protective object.



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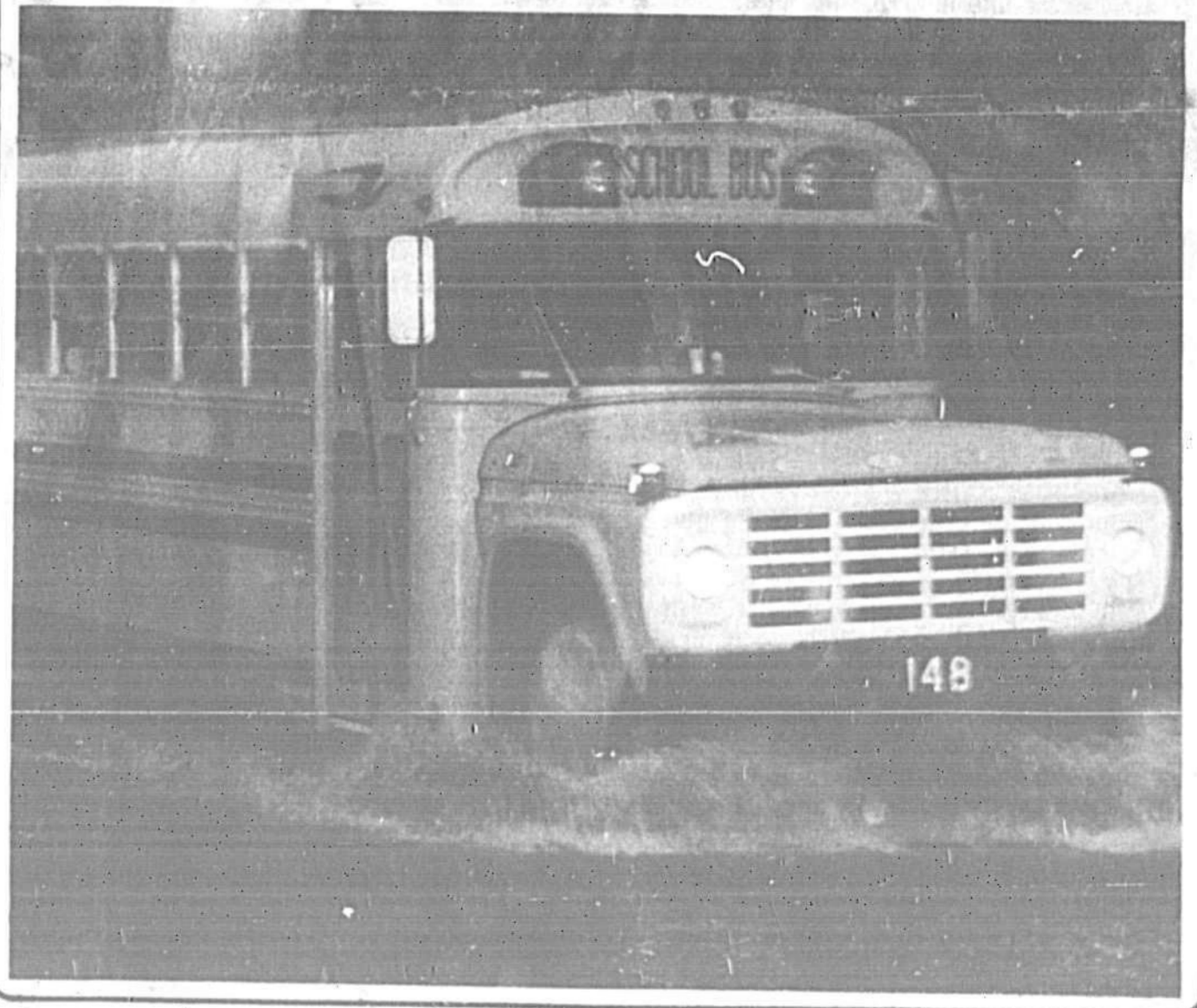


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IT RAINED HERE THIS MORNING

Storm sewers were clogged, roads flooded, workers got wet and schoolchildren for once found the school bus a warm-dry haven. Sanford had more rain the first two and half days of January than it had all January last year. At 8 a.m. Sanford Port Authority weather bureau reported 1.10 inches of rain, but at 10 a.m. the rain gauge registered better than

1.5 inches. In January, 1976, only 1.4 inches of rain fell. Sanford got 58.72 inches of rain in 1976, about normal, weather bureau reported. Above: sanitation workers battle torrent at 20th and South Oak Ave. to unplug storm sewer. Below: A little water couldn't wash out first day of school after holidays as bus kicks up its own storm.



Amur Not On Agenda

Euga Can't Get A Word In

Delbert Euga, Seminole's representative on the Florida Council on Conservation in the Environment, today said county officials refused to allow him agenda time to speak out in favor of the controversial white amur.

"I have not been able to get on the agenda," Euga said. "I favors the amur — if it's established the fish cannot make its way into the rivers. The amur can breed in a fast-flowing river, but the weed carp cannot breed in the stagnant waters of a lake."

Euga said he's studied the weed carp — which he says is edible and tastes like crab meat — and does not believe the amur can get from a landlocked lake into rivers.

Meanwhile, Williams said Euga will be placed on the agenda when the commission again takes up the issue. The chairman said he has no plans to discuss the weed carp at Tuesday's meeting.

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Euga said today all the commission is doing is "passing the buck" to state officials.

In Tallahassee, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission is competing with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the right to make the decision. The DNR favors the amur, while Game and Fresh Water Fish personnel say it's too early to make any decision about whether the amur belongs in Florida waters.

In Seminole, Commissioner John Kimbrough is opposed to the fish. Kimbrough's greatest fear is the amur will somehow make its way into the Wekiva and St. Johns Rivers and destroy the game fish population.

Organisms that game fish feed on eat hydrilla. Thus, destruction of hydrilla would eventually alter the ecosystem, possibly destroying the game fish.

Commissioner Harry Kwiatkowski, the swing vote, was not in attendance at Tuesday's meeting. Kwiatkowski said today he favors the amur — if it's established the fish cannot make its way into the rivers. The amur can breed in a fast-flowing river, but the weed carp cannot breed in the stagnant waters of a lake.

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