

Heated Election Dispute 'Fraud,' Libel Suits Loom In Casselberry

By DONNA ESTES
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Casselberry City Council Chairman Sal Orlando said today he has instructed his attorney to research the possibilities of filing lawsuits in the circuit court of Seminole County charging a city council colleague of "election fraud" and a Casselberry weekly newspaper with libel.

Orlando said that Councilman Nathan Van Meter, in a pamphlet circulated to residents of Casselberry "flat out lied" to the people, when he printed that the city council in recent weeks reopened candidate qualifying books against advice of City Attorney Kenneth McIntosh.

"Van Meter told the citizens that reopening the candidate qualifying period was illegal. McIntosh told us that it was the proper thing to do and entirely defensible in court," Orlando said. "In addition, Circuit Judge Kenneth Lefler clearly made the statement in court two days prior to Van Meter's pamphlet being circulated that the lawsuit filed by Van Meter and others in challenging the legality of reopening the qualifying period was frivolous and intended to intimidate candidates who desired to qualify," Orlando said.

Of the "Metro News," Orlando said that for the past year the weekly newspaper had worked diligently to assassinate the

characters of the majority of the city council, while painting halo around the heads of Van Meter and Mayor Gerald Christensen, "the two worst officials I have ever seen."

Orlando called Van Meter personally responsible for the city employees voting overwhelmingly to announce "Employees have told me the main reason they voted for a union is because of Van Meter's statements during budget sessions that the employees should be thankful they have any jobs at all," he said.

"There is a small clique operating out of the Casselberry Land Co. who will go to any extreme to control the city elections to defeat the proposed new charter and thus exercise control over the city and the city government," he said.

Orlando, a candidate for re-election to the city council, said that the most important decision facing the Casselberry voters Dec. 7 is ratification of the proposed new city charter, calling a vote of

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Five of the as-of-this morning 10 candidates vying for city council seats in Casselberry are profiled in today's Evening Herald. What Are They Really Like? It's all on Pages 2A and 7A. The remaining candidates will be profiled later this week.

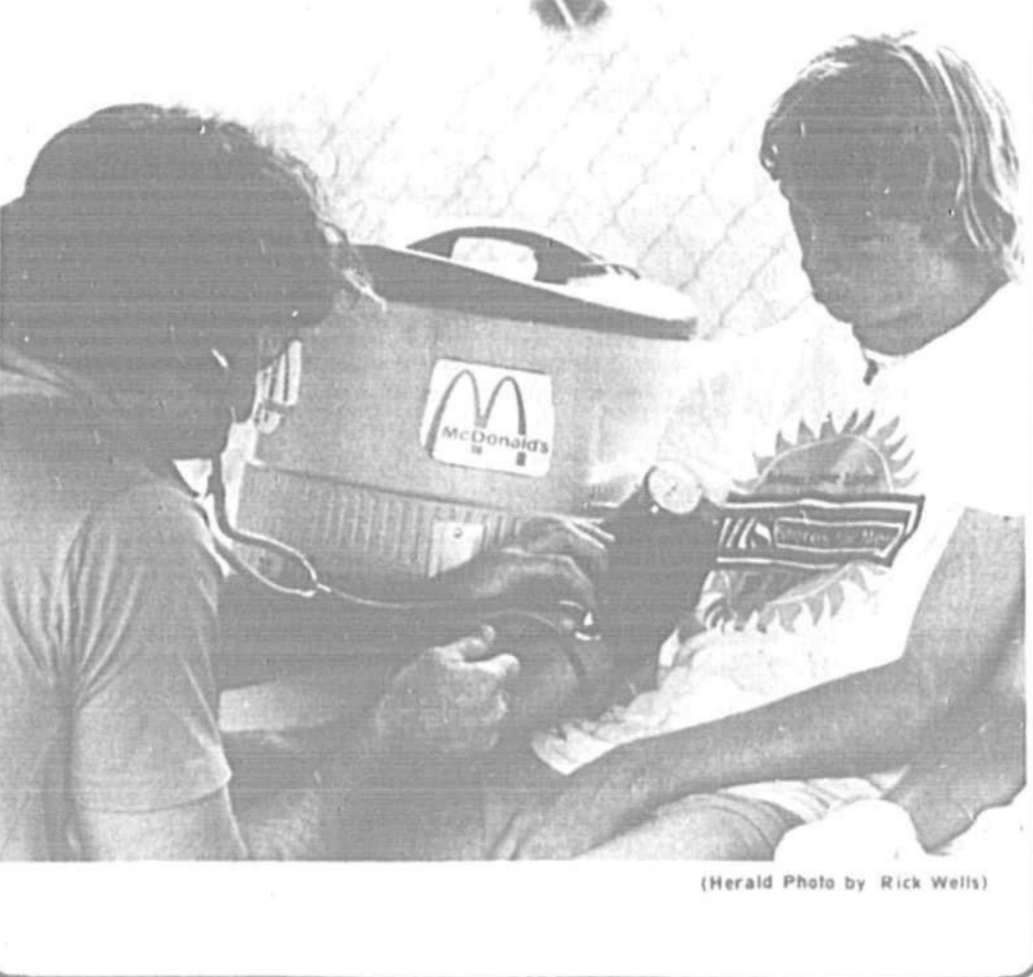


(Herald photo by Tom Vincent)

55 HOURS, REST —AND A RECORD

At least four students of Seminole High School lost a lot of sleep over the weekend, but that lack of rest benefited the varsity tennis program as David McCook, Andy Tharpe, Ken Williams and Joe Ewert took it upon themselves to try for a marathon effort that would land them a spot in the Guinness Book of Records. According to SHS tennis coach John Reichert, one book said the record for non-stop tennis was 53 hours, 10 minutes, and another was quoted at 54 hours. Not to be outdone, the Sanford residents decided to go for broke and made

it though 55 hours, starting Friday morning and going straight through until 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Three graduate students from FTU — Jay Stokes (also asst. football coach at Seminole, below with McCook), Tony Bates and Manfred McRory — each hour monitored the four players' heart rate, oral temperatures and blood pressure. Above, Marlene Reichert, the coach's wife and secretary in the athletic department, serves refreshment to Ewert, as Williams catches up on some sleep.



(Herald Photo by Rick Wells)

Nixon: Tape Bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today agreed to hear arguments in former President Richard M. Nixon's bid for control of White House tape recordings and other records of his administration. The justices agreed to review a decision of a three-judge federal court in Washington upholding the Presidential Materials and Recordings Preservation Act passed by Congress in 1974. The act gives the General Services Administration control over an estimated 42 million pages of documents, including about 200,000 prepared or reviewed by Nixon, and 88 five-inch reels of tape.

The material is available to Nixon and to officers of the executive branch of government, subject to GSA regulations. Nixon contends that GSA control of the material violates his rights to privacy. The act calls for the GSA to prepare regulations to govern public access to the material and submit them to Congress for approval. The first set of proposed regulations was rejected by the Senate last year, a second set was withdrawn by the GSA and a third was vetoed by the House on Sept. 14.

On Oct. 26, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington ruled that the White House tapes played during the Watergate cover-up trial of Nixon's top advisers could be released to the public.

"By definition, the tapes played at the trial are no longer confidential," Chief Judge David L. Bazelon said in a two-page opinion rejecting arguments by Nixon's attorneys that

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the tapes would invade the former President's privacy and prove embarrassing to him.

"The tapes at issue are not recordings of bedroom or other intimate conversations, and the embarrassment Mr. Nixon fears is not republication of highly personal matters," Bazelon said.

The court, in ordering the U.S. District Court to devise a procedure for making the tapes public, said the recordings are "conversations between business associates admitted into evidence as proof of criminal misconduct."

If the tapes are eventually released, the public will learn the tone and inflections of voice used in conversations of Nixon and Watergate figures John D. Ehrlichman, H.R. Haldeman, John Dean and others. The public will find out what "expressions" were deleted from written transcripts of the recordings.

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica had ruled that the tapes should be withheld from public distribution temporarily, and it was his decision which was appealed to the Circuit Court by several broadcast news organizations.

On Dec. 20, 1974 — one day after President Ford signed the Presidential Materials and Recordings Preservation Act — Nixon filed suit in federal court on Dec. 20, 1974 to have the law declared unconstitutional as an invasion of his privacy and of the powers of the presidency.

The three-judge court found it "doubtful" that a former president was entitled to claim the limited executive privilege which a president has to protect his confidential dealings with his advisers.

In any event, it found that the act would infringe only slightly on confidentiality, because government archivists would screen the material before it could be made public.

PONYTAIL

BY LEE HOLEY



TIGER

by Bud Blake



BUGS BUNNY

by Stofrel & Heindahl



CARNIVAL



"ORVILLE'S BEEN CROSS ALL WEEKEND, THE FOOTBALL MACHINE BLEW A TUBE!"



"THE JUDGE CALLED IT EMBEZZLEMENT. I CONSIDERED IT MERELY CREATIVE BOOKKEEPING."



"I'VE BEEN BACK TO THAT ONE WITH ALL THE ZEROS. IT SEEMS JUST RIGHT FOR HIM!"



DEAR HELOISE:

I make lovely place mats or hot pads out of magazine advertisements. I make them out of the magazines and roll them from corner to corner very tightly. Fifteen or so tied and finished together make a nice mat.

Betty Storm

Sounded like a good one to me. I pulled out a magazine and started tearing and rolling. But around a plastic drinking glass and had uniform-sized rolls.

DEAR HELOISE:
I can't remember the help-hints from you and your dear readers. The closer they get to my thoughts, the more I realize there are many golden people who make up the "Heads of Family."

You could leave the straw in the rolls or remove them if you make a hat and the drinking straw in the rolls would add more protection to your furniture. I had a bunch of these little rolls, but I had a hard time ching them together.

DEAR HELOISE:
I made covers with the plastic lids of the new poly chip cans.

When I do my laundry at a public cut service out of any bag or container, it is quite a bit to remember which are my washers or dryer since I usually can't get them in a row. I made a small poster of set of magnets to mark my washer and dryer. Easy to slip on the machines and easy to remove!

DEAR HELOISE:
For convenience, so many mothers are using the un-kitchen-type vacuum cleaners. I have seen a few of these in the neighborhood. I have seen a few of these in the neighborhood.

When it comes time to water them, all I had was a small watering can and had to keep going to the sink to fill it up with more water.

DEAR HELOISE:
I need to remove a label on a bottle or jar for a reward or for my "hand-drawn" walking "dishes" in the dishwasher for a few hours and then peel it right off.

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Merit Cigarette Sets New Taste Standard.

'Enriched Flavor' breakthrough brings unprecedented taste to low tar smoking.

Today there's a way to get real taste from a cigarette without high tar.

That's the report on a new taste discovery called 'Enriched Flavor.' A way to pack flavor—extra flavor—into tobacco without the usual corresponding increase in tar.

The cigarette packed with 'Enriched Flavor' tobacco is remarkable new MERIT.

If you smoke, you'll be interested.

Tests Verify Taste

In tests involving thousands of smokers of filter cigarettes, the majority reported

9 mg. "tar," 0.7 mg. nicotine av. per cigarette by FTC Method.

Warning: The Surgeon General Has Determined That Cigarette Smoking Is Dangerous to Your Health.



MERIT and MERIT MENTHOL

MERIT delivered more taste than five current leading low tar cigarettes having all the way up to 60% more tar.

Repeat: delivered more taste. In similar tests against 11 mg. to 15 mg. menthol brands, MERIT MENTHOL was reported to deliver as much—or more—taste than the higher tar brands tested.

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Unprecedented flavor at 9 mg. tar.

One of the lowest tar levels in smoking today.

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'Hassle' Spurs Early Bow-Out By Freeman Firm

By ED PRICKETT
Herald Staff Writer

Former County Attorney Tom Freeman today informed county commissioners his law firm will not provide legal services after Dec. 10 because on-going political hassles prompted Asst. County Attorney Robert Pierce to submit his resignation.

"I'm tired of the hassle," Pierce said. "For the sake of my sanity and my family I'm resigning."

Freeman's announcement caught county commissioners by surprise. But Republican Commissioner John Kimbrough said Freeman's firm stepping down "won't make any difference."

Freeman said Pierce's plans are "uncertain, but he wants to get out of this county business. And, I do, too."

Pierce, 31, said he had hoped to stay on during the transition stage in which county government is switching over to an in-house legal staff.

But Pierce said politics just wouldn't allow it.

"It just appears that Tom is still the center of political controversy," Pierce said.

Commission chairman Dick Williams said little when informed of Pierce's resignation.

"December 10?" Williams asked.

"Okay, thank you, Mr. Freeman."

Outside commission chambers, Kimbrough said this latest development will require action by the entire board.

The Republican commissioner said the best method of providing legal services to the county after Freeman's announced cut-off date may be to sub-contract the work to other attorneys. "I say maybe," Kimbrough declared. "I'm shooting from the hip."

Freeman was appointed County Attorney shortly after the Democrats assumed the majority position on the county commission in 1974.

Republican commissioners have continually fought Freeman just as they fought his appointment. Prior to Freeman's being selected attorney, the political plum was held by the Orlando firm Pitts, Eubanks, Ross and Rumberger. At that time, Howard Marsee, a Republican, was County Attorney.

Freeman came under heavy fire this year after Commission Chairman Mike Hattaway was defeated in his primary election bid by political

Defense 'Rests'

Everyone — well, almost everyone — the judge, prospective jurors, police, guards — was in the Seminole County Courthouse this morning to begin the trial of Nathaniel Lee Williams on charges of firebombing and witness tampering. Only one thing was missing, the defendant, who vanished from the courthouse, nowhere to be found. Police are searching. Details, Page 2A

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Kwiatkowski On 'Panel': 'Game's Already Started'

Democratic County Commissioner Harry Kwiatkowski today accused the Republican-dominated county commission of making its "first move toward patronage."

Kwiatkowski said Republican Commissioner John Kimbrough's call for creation of a blue-ribbon panel of attorneys to advise the county on the best method of handling jail fire suits.

"The game's already started," Kwiatkowski said. He said Kimbrough's call for a blue-ribbon panel was made to mask the commission's intentions to

hire a Republican Orlando law firm to defend the county against \$7 million in lawsuits which resulted from last year's jail fire.

Kimbrough Monday said creation of a panel of three Seminole County attorneys would benefit the county because commissioners don't have the legal expertise necessary to decide the best way to handle the jail fire suits.

Concerning Kwiatkowski's allegations, Kimbrough smiled and said: "Whatever Harry wants to say, I would encourage him to show his ignorance along the way." Kimbrough went on to

say if Kwiatkowski is referring to the Orlando firm of Pitts, Eubanks, Ross and Rumberger, it is an incorrect assumption. The reason, he said, is because the Rumberger firm is involved in the jail fire litigation and as such probably wouldn't accept any county offer to act as Seminole's legal representative.

Kwiatkowski, meanwhile, said the Republican commissioners are pretending to be "lily-white and clean (ta-ta)." However, the Democratic commissioner said he "personally resents Kimbrough's screwing around with the people's money."

'BRIDE-TO-BE' DIES ON STREET

Actress Judith Lowry — "Mother Dexter" to TV fans of "Phyllis" — is shown as an 86-year-old bride in pre-recorded upcoming episodes. It will be her last appearance. Miss Lowry collapsed and died of an apparent heart attack on a New York street Monday. Another Hollywood star, Godfrey Cambridge, 43, also died of a heart attack Monday.



Joint Pact With Altamonte

Anti-Hydrilla \$ Sought

Seminole County Commissioners today agreed to apply for a state grant to fight hydrilla in Lake Oria. The decision to formally apply for the grant barely squeaked through with Republican Commissioners John Kimbrough and Bill Kirchoff voting in opposition.

About \$150,000 will be used to combat weeds in the 129-acre lake located in South Seminole. The program is a joint agreement between the county

and the city of Altamonte Springs. Seminole County will supply \$17,500; Altamonte about \$19,000 and the state, about \$118,000. The decision to enter into the joint agreement was made while the Democrats occupied the majority position on the board. Altamonte Springs Councilman Sandra Gienn spear-headed the effort.

Today, Kimbrough asked whether the lake has public access. "Does that exist?" Can

you get on the lake without acting like Humphrey Bogart and cutting through with a machete?" Democratic Commissioner Harry Kwiatkowski replied, "I'm sure you can." Kwiatkowski said it was the intent of the board to comply with state regulations which specify that a lake helped by public funds must have public access.

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CANINE CLOWNING

Mike Tolomea is all smiles as he awaits his turn to "clown it up" at the Seminole Youth Ranch in Winter Springs. But he's not getting much help from Double (left) and Drams. Mike is one of five boys at the ranch who were introduced to fun-'n-frolic by members of the Sanford Pilot Club. More clowning, page 3A

(Herald Photo by Eida Nichols)

What's With St. Johns Spraying? It Depends Upon Whom You Ask

By KRIS NASH
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Members of the St. Johns River Water Management District met Monday night with the Friends of the St. Johns (FSJ) to discuss a further reduction of water hyacinth spraying between Lake Harney and Lake Monroe — but today there were different interpretations of what was decided at the session.

"We agreed to go ahead with what we've got and then get back together with them in March to see whether it's feasible to hold off spraying any longer," said Joseph Joyce, chief of the Aquatic Plant Control Section of Jacksonville's Army Corps of Engineers.

The plant control department had agreed previously to suspend spraying activities on the St. Johns between Geneva and Sanford during the Florida shad fishing season, which runs from Dec. 1-Mar. 31.

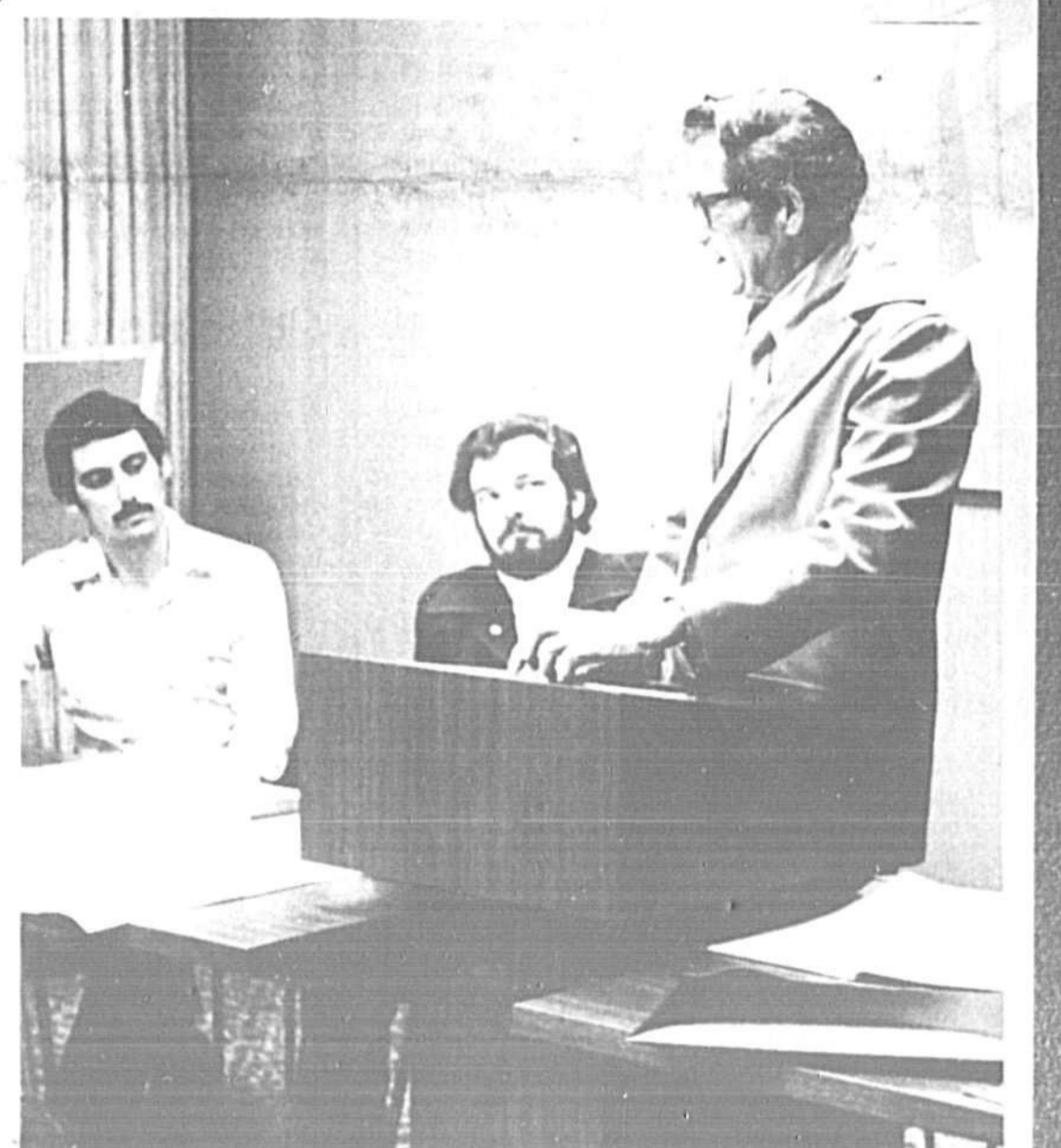
But FSJ President J. T. Turnipseed said he was under the impression that Joyce and two other aquatic plant control experts from Jacksonville, James McGehee and Edward Knight, had consented to prolonging the spraying moratorium through April.

"They said they'd extend the non-spraying program for about five months (total) and then talk with us in May," Turnipseed said. "We agreed we'd take a closer look then, which would probably result in an extension of the time period."

Learning of the confusion, Joyce contacted Turnipseed today by telephone and reported that the matter had been resolved. "He did think it was supposed to be the other way — that we'd extend the non-spraying until May," said Joyce, "but we came to an understanding on it. There's no problem."

"We're definitely going to honor our present agreement," Joyce continued, "but we didn't agree to extending the date beyond the end of March. There's nothing magical about that date. We'll have to re-evaluate at that time and if conditions look favorable — based upon our surveys of the river and how many plants are there and if the fish are still spawning — then we'll stay out a little longer."

The original agreement published by the Corps of Engineers noted that "special fish and wildlife use areas have in the past and will continue to receive special treatment... From 1 December to 31 March is the shad fishing season from Lake Harney to Lake Monroe. We have withheld spraying operations in this area during



JOSEPH JOYCE, JAMES MCGEHEE AND J.T. TURNIPSEED.

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