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Three Candidates File In First Four Days As Election Time Nears

Rumors, bobbing up and down, were the most plentiful commodity in Wilton Manors (besides water) this week as three candidates qualified to make the race for three Wilton Manors City Council seats in the first four days of the contest. The three were William (Bill) Pabor, Guy Smith and Clarence B. Riggs. Both Pabor and Smith were unsuccessful contenders in last fall's council election. Riggs is a newcomer in the political picture.

Pabor, 47-year-old nurseryman, lives at 317 NE 29 Drive, has been a Broward County resident some 23 years.

Smith, 38, was born in what is now Wilton Manors in 1915, and lives on Mahannah Road.

Riggs is 47, a retired Army colonel with an engineering and accounting background who established his residence at 2300 NE 11th Avenue in Wilton Manors about three years ago.

Indications are that there will be no shortage of candidates. All kinds of rumors are afoot.

It has been reported that City Clerk Marcia Stafford will have opposition in her bid for reelection, but so far it isn't known who is planning to provide it.

Several names have been mentioned for the mayoralty contest.

Mayor Perry Mickel said he is still undecided about running again, but a source close to Mickel expressed belief the mayor will run.

Former City Water Engineer Orley M. Dunton is rumored as a possible candidate. So is Charles A. Saxer, fire department president who was an unsuccessful contender last fall.

One report said Alvar Hagen, a former councilman, intends to run for mayor. Hagen flatly denied having any intentions to run for any office.

Council President Earle Middleton and Councilman J. Frank Starling are expected to enter the contest seeking reelection.

Councilman James C. Dean has said he will not. However, some of Dean's supporters are known to have been urging him to reconsider the decision and Dean may be wavering somewhat in his determination.

(Dean has been undergoing treatment for a stomach ulcer, and his doctors recommended he get out from under some of his work pressure.)

Persistent reports have it that at least one woman may run for a Council post but so far no such names have been entered on the book.

Mrs. Z. H. Pilcher Sr. is rumored considering the race.

Election day is November 3. Candidates have until October 19 to file.

Voters may register from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the home of Clerk Stafford, 500 NE 25th Street, or at other times by arrangement with Mrs. Stafford.

Councilmen J. Marvin Brown and Earl R. Gurney are holdovers whose terms continue until next fall.

Children Beg For Better Education

The following letter, to which your community newspaper can only add a fervent "AMEN", was written to the people of Wilton Manors by Mrs. L. L. Dameron, president of the Wilton Manors School's PTA.—Ed. Parents:

Are you concerned about the overcrowded conditions existing in our school today? Are you concerned enough to acquaint yourself with the situation and see what can be done about it?

After hearing the teachers explain their objectives for the year at our last PTA meeting we know they are striving to give our children a well-rounded education; if they are willing to do this for us what are we, as parents, willing to do for our teachers? Teachers cannot do the job they are trained to do if they are overburdened mentally and physically by oversized classes and double sessions. All they can do is push a child from one class to the next with enough learning to get by. A good understanding of the school system is EVERYBODY'S business in EVERY COMMUNITY.

Do you know who your school board representative is? Is he doing anything to alleviate the crowded condition in his district? Do you know that two trustees will be elected in November and at the time we will vote to hold the millage where it is at this time?

Please do not rely solely on newspaper reports and rumors to find out about your school system. By attending the meetings you will know the school needs and the progress being made. By attending you are representing the people of Wilton Manors who do not choose to be left out—who insist on a good education for their children.

Even though the plans for additional rooms for our schools have been approved we might not have them before September, 1954, unless they do something to start the building program in the near future.

As PTA members and parents we are anxious to support and cooperate with the school officials but first we must know our officials and their policies.

Do you care enough to attend a meeting? The next one will be held Wednesday, October 14, 10 o'clock A.M. at the Broward County Court House. Please try to attend this one or the next one; they are held on the second Wednesday in each month.

Bailey, Barnhill Check School Fire Equipment

Fire Chief Ed Bailey and Police Chief J. M. Barnhill of Oakland Park visited both white and colored schools in Oakland Park this week to inspect and test fire extinguishers and other fire safety measures.

The two officials spoke to children at the two schools on the subject of Fire Prevention.

Firemen Up, Cat Scats After Four Frightening Days

Wilton Manors volunteer firemen vividly demonstrated the proper location of the human heart Tuesday evening with the rescue of a starving half-grown cat from a tall cypress tree.

The kitten was discovered last Saturday by Mrs. R. T. Hartley, who lives at 315 Winding Way in Sleepy River Acres, west of North Andrews Avenue and north of Oakland Park Boulevard in an unincorporated section.

Four days of efforts to entice the cat from its frightened perch on a limb 30 feet up were unsuccessful; and Mrs. Hartley was unable to locate the proper agency to remove the cat.

The cat had no ladder.

The Ft. Lauderdale fire department couldn't go out of the city.

Finally, a call to Police Chief Richard Beaney drew the information that the local V.F.D. might solve the problem.

Tuesday night after dark, the volunteers (whose names we sadly don't have) drove the department's ancient but faithful truck to the scene where a spotlight picked out the little tan-and-white pussy.

An extension ladder was raised as high as possible.

A hose was run up the ladder, and a gentle but well-aimed squirt applied to said cat.

Said cat scampered down and promptly ran for home at a speed roughly approaching the sound barrier.

The firemen went home with a lot of congratulations in their ears, and a contribution to the police and fire fund in their hands, plus the satisfaction of having saved one of God's creatures from starvation.

To illustrate that virtue is its own reward:

When the firemen went to start the truck en route to the rescue, they found its gas tank empty due to a leak. Had the cat not been in trouble, the leak might not have been discovered and the tank might have been dry when the time came to answer a fire call.

A rung on the firemen's extension ladder broke, showing need for repair or replacement. It might have happened while a fireman was carrying someone down the ladder.

Tampa attorney Miles H. Draper was reelected chairman of the board of trustees of the Disabled American Veterans at their convention in Kansas City.

BULLETIN!

Mayor Perry Mickel and all three incumbents whose City Council terms are expiring qualified as candidates for reelection just before press time. Council President Earle L. Middleton and Councilmen Frank Starling and James Dean will make the race for new terms on the board.

Highlands Estates Club Welcomes Members Back

The regular meeting of the Highland Estates Civic Club was called to order Monday, October 5, at 8 p.m., with a chance to welcome back Mr. Klepple from his vacation, and Mrs. Nettie (Mother) Linton from the sick list.

It was approved that the Civic Club attend the Wilton Manors Womans Club meeting October 20th in a body.

Block leaders were appointed to see that all voters are registered with the City of Wilton Manors and all members were requested to give their support to Mr. William (Bill) Pabor at the coming city election for one councilman.

The shuffleboard courts have been installed and are expected to be ready for play by the time the next club meeting is called to order.

After the meeting, refreshments were served, and as the firemen had just finished their drill, they were invited to enjoy some of the same.

An enjoyable get-together was had by all.

Don't forget to Register and Vote.

—Al Wulff

Early Beginning Seen On City Hall Building

Construction probably will begin before long on the new Wilton Manors City Hall, to be located on NE 26th Street at Middle River Drive, Mayor Perry Mickel said this week.

The mayor said building materials suppliers have promised to advise him within four or five days as to the extent of concessions they will make to assist the city in getting the municipal building erected.

Mickel, who is chairman of the building committee, took the task of approaching the suppliers to seek their help in keeping down the cost of the building so as to make construction possible at this time.

Work Starts On First Shopping Center Unit

Work began this week on the first commercial building in the new Manor Gate shopping center to be situated east of the FEC railroad tracks along NE 26th Street.

Ground was broken for the first structure at the intersection of 26th Street and Middle River Drive, across the street from the site of Wilton Manors' new city hall.

Construction of the city hall also is expected to begin soon.

Urgency Is Seen As Park Property Question Raised

Speculation arose this week as to whether the subject of acquiring property for future park and recreation development will come up during next Tuesday night's regular meeting of the Wilton Manors City Council.

Cause for speculation was a report that private developers have been seeking at least one highly desirable park site for apartment building.

Meanwhile, City Councilman Earl Gurney, who is a commissioner of parks and streets, has gone on record firmly as favoring prompt acquisition of lands for future park sites.

Gurney and Mayor Perry Mickel reportedly discussed the subject this week, leading to beliefs the question will come up Tuesday night.

An Open Letter

To Members of the WILTON MANORS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, and To ALL RESIDENTS of WILTON MANORS:

The Wilton Manors Civic Association has generally been an active influence to promote civic interest, public welfare, and neighborliness. Recently attendance at meetings has declined, thereby raising the question, "Can interest be revived?"

Can the association be restored to usefulness?

Several prominent citizens who were asked these questions responded with an emphatic 'Yes' to both questions.

Consequently, the undersigned constituted themselves a voluntary committee to make an active effort to interview at least 50 persons and ask for their attendance at the meeting, Friday, Oct. 16, at 8 P.M. at the Village Hall to participate in the election of new officers. A favorable response has been practically unanimous. We expect a full house.

This letter is to invite any and all not yet contacted by this committee to come to the meeting. If not a present member, \$2 will make you a member on the spot, and you can help select officers and give them encouragement and support.

There are numerous plans and topics of civic, social, and entertainment interest for civic association membership and activity to further improve Wilton Manors as a fine city of neighborly citizens. We urge you to attend Friday, Oct. 16, at Village Hall.

Signed
Perry Mickel
Norman Malcolm
Dave Turner

Wilton Manors, Fla.
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More Floridians visited Mexico City this summer than ever previously recorded, reports the Hotel Monte Cassino, where many Floridians were guests.

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REAL SENSE OF HUMOR

RUSSIANS ATTACK OAKLAND PARK?

Editor's Note: This very clever and hilarious bit of verse was written by Mrs. Frank Woodworth of Oakland Park to commemorate the now-famous "skunk incident" which took place at her home two weeks ago. Seems to us this lady should be credited with a great sense of humor, to see the funny side of such a ghastly affair.

Just a few days ago all was serene
 Then suddenly, a skunk appeared on the scene.
 It was out in the yard strolling around
 Quietly, but masterfully sniffing the ground.
 A small furry bundle all back and white,
 We smiled and agreed it was a cute sight.
 Then our smiles disappeared and we grabbed our noses,
 For the scent it exuded was not that of roses.
 We dashed to the phone and called City Hall.
 "Send us help," we implored, "it's really quite small."
 "Come quick, Mr. Barnhill, it is your duty,
 As a special award, you may keep the booty."
 He came all prepared with shotgun and shell,
 For he is a man that does his job well.
 Our prey had vanished and we sighed with relief,
 But was back the next morning, much to my grief.
 A friend, Jeanne Stevens, had dropped in to call.
 We chatted and joked and that would have been all,
 But when she opened the door to depart,
 There it was on our doorstep . . . it gave us a start!
 Needless to say she stayed where she was,
 And I-gave the City Hall a quick buzz.
 Again I beseeched in tones agonized,
 While at my front door the skunk tantalized.
 It seemed like hours, but was only a minute,
 When up drove a truck with two hunters in it.
 Stalwart and strong, full of determination,
 To complete this assignment of extermination.
 By this time the skunk, wise to our way,
 Had again decided it best to stray.
 But these men, they had a service to render,
 Extinction, once and for all, of this potent offender.
 We had a quick huddle and then we agreed,
 In a case such as this there was really a need
 For stealth and for caution and for slow careful progress
 For if we were careless we would be in a mess.
 To rush into this thing would be dangerous, unthinkable!
 And we wished to remain, frankly speaking, unthinkable!
 So we mustered our courage and crept across the lawn,
 Stopping still at each sound like a startled young fawn.
 By the way, our safari numbered just three,
 Fritz Groenboom, Carl Alexander and me.
 Silently searching, for 'twas our intention,
 To announce our arrival like a legion convention!
 All of a sudden we stopped short in our tracks,
 For there was a sight to send chills down our backs . . .
 Then we spread out to give plenty of room,
 A moment of silence and then a big boom!
 The neighbors were wondering what it was about,
 But in a split second there was really no doubt,
 For slowly but surely there pervaded the air,
 A fragrance that seemed to reach everywhere.
 The tension was eased, everything would be fine.
 I gave mental thanks the wash was not on the line.
 I thanked the hunters and expressed satisfaction,
 For their wisdom and courage and quick, forceful action.
 They left and to City Hall they returned,
 With a sense of achievement and a victory well earned.
 I came indoors and sat down to write
 A report on this incident, now wrapped up tight.
 But wait just a moment, is my nose fooling me?
 Oh no! It's not possible, it couldn't be!
 But I'd better check and not take a chance,
 And guess what I see in just one quick glance!
 I hate to acknowledge, but my eyes reflect it,
 My heart tells my mind, please to reject it.
 For despair clouds my hopes, so bitter, so harried,
 I'm forced to admit, that skunk must have been married!
 For out in the bushes there's a bundle of fur.
 What matters if it's a him or a her?
 This one looks larger and seems to be stronger,
 If so, the effect will linger much longer.
 I give up in defeat and submit this petition,
 To our wise and efficient city commission.
 May you reach a decision and please, sirs, do hurry,
 This invasion is causing me hours of worry.
 I would like to be able to step out the door,
 And feel free to hang out the laundry once more,
 To work in the yard and feel no great horror,
 Of startling our visitor which would cause sorrow.
 I need some help in this dreadful matter,
 And if the worst happens, I'll raise a clatter.
 I'll attend the next meeting entirely arrayed in,
 The garments in which I sadly got sprayed in.

**Girls Of Troop 43
 Enjoy "Bedroll Party"**

By Martha Lynn Davis

Last Friday afternoon and Saturday, we Girl Scouts of Troop 43 had a bed-roll party. After school Friday, we took our bed-rolls, pajamas, bathing suits and tooth brushes, and went over to Mrs. Newton's home. We took a nose-bag supper with us.

After supper we played games and saw movies until about 12:30. By one o'clock we were in our bed-rolls, and were asleep at least by three o'clock.

We got up around six and took an early dip in the pool. This gave us a good appetite, so we had brunch about the middle of the morning.

We played games for awhile and then went on a hike with Mr. Newton back of the Broliar development. We got caught in the rain so we ducked into an unfinished house. When the rain was nearly over, Mrs. Newton came and picked us up in relays with her car.

We ate Din-Sup about three o'clock and went home after making plans for a camp-out on Oct. 23.

We had a wonderful time.

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We have composed a little poem. It struck suddenly during a restless interlude the other night as we were tossing and turning, trying to get back to sleep. Surely such a literary gem will win some prize or other.

Summer has been very sad;
But now business is picking up
for us all, and we hear more
"yesses" when we say, "How about
this week's ad?"

Gad.
Are we glad!
Now, isn't that a genuine, Class
A classic? Well, never mind.

The above verse does, however,

indicate very truly an upswing in business for all of us. Lord bless the autumn season

Around the territory this week we've seen a lot of people . . . Paul Smith at the shoe shop in Oakland Park reports things decidedly on the upgrade, which is a good sign . . . Paul is making those sandals again for the girls. Hide the wallet, pop . . .

Mike Starace, well known in Wilton Manors, has taken over the Atlantic service station on Wilton Drive and re-christened it: Manor Motor Service . . . meanwhile, Al Walker at Standard Oil (Manor Service Sta.) up the street has announced that Bob Emmons is joining him in the mechanical department. Bob is known to nearly everyone who ever owned an automobile in Oakland Park . . .

Williams Phcy has going next week the fall Rexall one-cent sale, which you'll read about elsewhere in this issue; they've also set up, as a more or less permanent fixture, a "half price counter" . . .

On the septic side of life, if you're having any septic tank troubles right now as a result of these terrific rains, the man to call is our friend "OP" Duncan, at Oakland Park. "OP" did some work for us at our home a few weeks ago, highly satisfactory and reasonable in cost.

Not long ago we had a talk with Sam Brenner that lasted about an hour or more; he came to place an ad for his sign service, with headquarters in Oakland Park. But we didn't just talk about signs; the talk went on to Art and interior decoration and music and philosophy and Lord knows what all. . . we decided that even if your house isn't quite ready for artistic readjustment inside—or if your present sign on the store is still ok— it's worthwhile to hear Sam's ideas. Quite a bird, he is. . .

When it comes to stucco and plastering, you want to contact Forrest Nelms in Ft. Lauderdale. His number's 5986, but if you lose this paper it's in the phone book.

We want to extend our sincerest congratulations to Elmer Elfers and Jim Osinga at Wilton Manors Furniture Company on their first anniversary in the beautiful new building at 2097 Wilton Drive. They've done a great business and they've brought many people to Wilton Manors. Credit is due.

Also want to extend best wishes to Bill Parker for success in his new venture, Parker Service, on

WILTON MANORS SCHOOL NEWS

First Grade, Miss Meredith: We have enjoyed many of the records the boys and girls have brought in to share with us. At present, we are learning our color words and how to write our numbers.

We were sorry to lose Peter Flis from our group. He is going to St. Anthony's.

First Grade, Miss Welker: We have been working hard and will soon be ready to start reading. We also have learned to write some of our numbers and letters.

We have learned to recognize most of our color words, too. All that is needed at present is an

other teacher in the first grade to relieve the crowded classrooms.

Election of Room 11: An election took place in Room 11 at 9:30 a.m. Kathy Fairchild was elected librarian. Her duty is to check the books in and out each day. She checks books for a five-day period.

Election of news reporters took place at 9:40 a.m. Barbara Jean Smith and Donnie Stephens were elected newspaper reporters. duty is to get news for the paper.

—Barbara Smith and Donnie Stephens

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WILTON MANORS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Due to a conflict of dates the meeting scheduled for Oct. 12 has been changed to Friday, Oct. 16, 8 P. M., at the Village Hall.

New officers for the coming year are to be elected and standing committees appointed, making this an important meeting.

I urge all members, whether past, present or future, to attend.

Due to pressure of personal affairs, I cannot be a candidate for any office but pledge my support to the association and its worthy objectives.

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Dick Christian Named Wilton Manors Officer

Police Chief Richard Beaney of Wilton Manors announced this week the appointment of Richard (Dick) Christian as a member of the police department.

Christian was appointed by Mayor Perry Mickel, subject to confirmation by the city council.

His status as a patrolman member of the department will be probationary for the first three months.

Patrolman Christian, who is 32, has had some past experience along police lines, Beaney said, and the chief is training the new patrolman in local police work.

Christian lives with his wife and family in Oakland Park.

Benefit Card Party

A benefit card party has been scheduled by the Acacia chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at the Doric Temple in Ft. Lauderdale the evening of Friday, October 9. The party will begin at 8 p.m.

So many new and startling innovations are planned for the 1954 Florida State Fair, under its new general manager J. C. Huskisson, that visitors will hardly recognize the coming show.

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**BETTER SCHOOLS BUILD
A STRONGER AMERICA**

New Girl Scout Troop Holds First Election

By Pam West

Girl Scout Troop 85 held its first meeting last Thursday in the Wilton Manors Village Hall.

Mrs. Frank Hailey is leader, and Mrs. Roger Sherman is co-leader.

Officers elected were:

Carol Snowden, president; Sherry Patrick, vice president; Marilyn Joslin, secretary; Kathleen Ryan, treasurer; and Pam West, scribe.

We discussed plans for earning our Second Class badges and for starting our bookbinding project.

We were happy to have Mrs. Joslin, Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Snowden as our guests.

Troop 85 is a new Intermediate Girl Scout Troop made up of the Fly-ups from Brownie Troop 44 last year.

**Oakland Park
SCHOOL NEWS**

FIRST GRADE: Donnie Bledsoe, Larry Bennett and Linda Umstead celebrated their birthdays in September.

Beginning Monday, October 5, we will stay at school until 2 o'clock. We were going until 1 o'clock in September.

Wednesday we made a trip to the 10c store in Oakland Park to purchase a flower pot for our room. On the way back to school we stopped and visited the doctor's office.

On the trip to the 10c store and doctor's office, Mrs. Peacock's first grade bought a large ball for the class. We used the money we won for having the most mothers, and one father, attend Open House.

September birthdays in this

class were Joan Waterhouse and Bunky Jones. In October we celebrate for Larry Pullen and Jeffrey Warren.

THIRD GRADE: Sandra Bruschi celebrated her eighth birthday on September 11 with a party at her home.

The third grade has a new member, Bussy Altman from Long Island.

FOURTH GRADE: Bobby Christian celebrated his birthday October 1st with dinner out and a show.

FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE combination: We have two new pupils this year, Lasca Butler, whose father is stationed in Germany, and Charles Brewer, who came from Tampa.

Dotty Umstead had a birthday party at school last Friday afternoon.

Judy Greene presented the classes with guppies for our aquarium.

FIFTH GRADE: The pupils of the fifth grade are making United States Booklets.

Barbara Smith, a new pupil, came from Hammond, Indiana, and

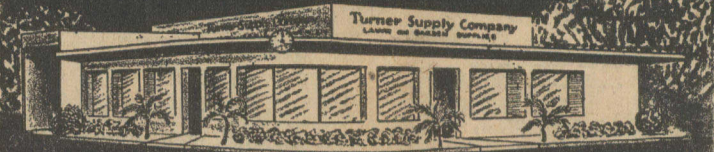
Michael McGarity came from Troy, Ohio.

SIXTH GRADE: Ruby Stephens' birthday was October 6. She was 11 years old. Gene Wheeler celebrated his birthday one day early with a party given for him by his

mother on Tuesday, September 29. Ice cream and cake were served. The sixth grade, Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Tucker attended. Brother Mike Wheeler helped serve.

We have just bought a new magnetic saw, so children will begin soon on Christmas projects.

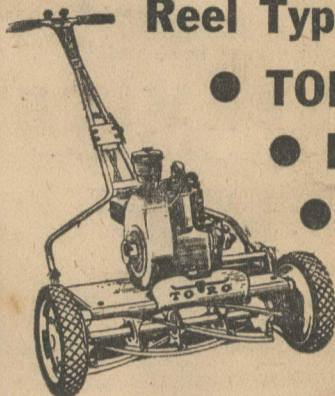
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