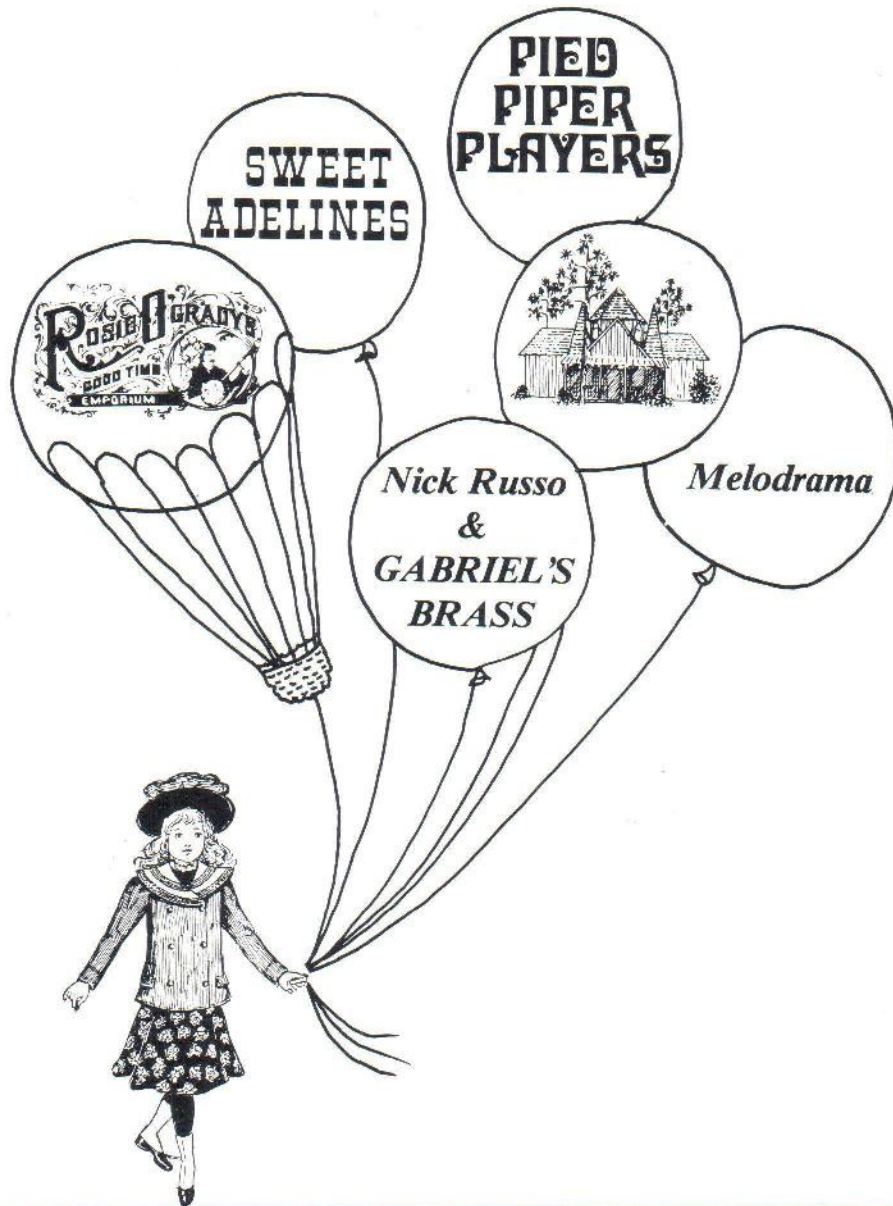


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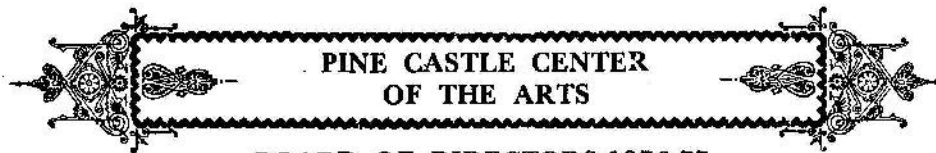
RUBY AND CLARENCE DATSON

This book is dedicated to Ruby and Clarence Datson. Clarence and Ruby Datson are two devoted friends of the Arts Center and are true pioneers of South Orange County. Clarence's family were the owners of the old Datson Dairy, and the Datson name is known throughout the area and will be forever remembered by young and old for Datson's Field. Ruby, who graduated from Orange Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, has served in the community in various capacities including as the President of the Pine Castle Woman's Club, Corresponding Secretary of the Orange County Federation of Woman's Clubs, organizer of the Pine Castle Girls Scouts Troupe and long standing member of the Pine Castle Garden Club. Clarence has been active in numerous capacities at the Pine Castle Methodist Church and has served as Chairman for the Ziegler Educational Advisory Committee. Both have been loyal supporters of the Pine Castle Center of the Arts since it was begun in 1965.



FLORENCE AND BEN FISHBACK
Parade Marshalls

Florence and Ben Fishback, are old time residents of South Orange County. Ben came to Florida in 1925 and has practiced law for 57 years — the first 6 years in Kentucky. He is still an active partner in the firm of Fishback, Davis Dominick, and Simonet. Florence is a descendant of the Joseph Bumby family, one of Orange County's pioneers and the founder of the Bumby Hardware Store. Florence served as one of the founders of the Pine Castle Center of the Arts, and was our first president.



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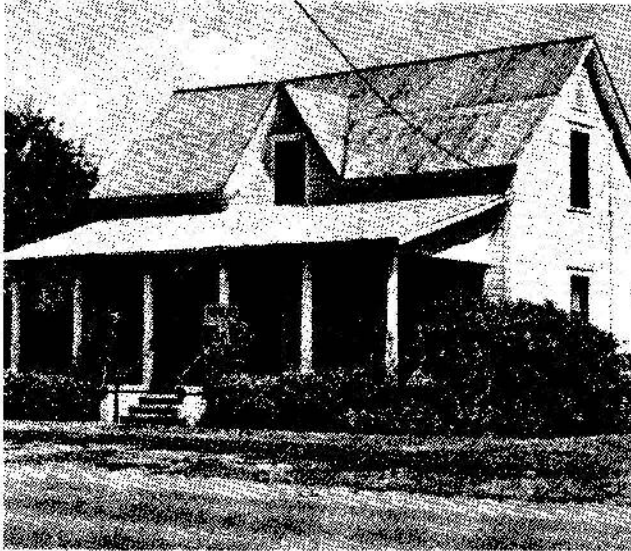
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Art Center House



The Art Center building is among one of the oldest homes in the Pine Castle area, built in the late 1800's, probably by Mr. N. H. Grady. In the early 1900's Mr. and Mrs. Carol lived there and while living there their little girl died. As was the custom in those days, the body was cared for and "laid out" at home until the burial. Mrs. Claudine Monroe remembers going there at that time.

In 1903 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tanner lived there for a while. About 1906 Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster moved into the house and it became known as the "Lancaster house". After some years Mrs. Lancaster died, leaving her husband with a young daughter to raise. They lived alone a few years then Mr. Lancaster re-married. Shortly after Laureda Lancaster was born in the house, the Lancaster family moved.

In 1919 the house was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Don Harris, who had retired as Superintendent of the County Home. The Harris's were an older couple and lived there until she died. He lived alone until he died in 1930. After Mr. Harris's death, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beer, an English family, lived in it for some years.

The house is over seventy-five years old and has been the scene of both birth and death. The Pine Castle Center of the Arts bought the house for our Art Center in 1971 from the heirs of the Harris family.

PINE CASTLE

History of The Arts Center

In 1975 the Pine Castle Center of the Arts celebrated its tenth anniversary. It began as a dream shared by Mrs. Ben Fishback and Dr. Thomas Butt to create a lovely memorial to their mothers. Both envisioned a park or garden which could serve as a setting for cultural activities.

Fired with enthusiasm, Mrs. Fishback invited a group of interested people to her home in the fall of 1964 to discuss the possibility of forming some type of cultural organization for South Orange County. The idea fell on fertile ground and in February of 1965 the SOUTHERN GARDEN ARTS CENTER was born.

The first officers of the Arts Center were: President, Mrs. Ben Fishback; Vice-President, Mrs. H. A. Day; Secretary, Mrs. Michael McCoy; and Treasurer, Mrs. Homer Wilson.

The first order of business was to find a suitable home so the ladies began to have rummage sales to raise money. The property across from the Pine Castle Post Office was vacant at the time and the group used that for their sales. The location proved popular and with advice from Clarence Dutton and Ben Fishback, an appeal for donations was made and The Southern Garden Arts Center bought its first home. A great deal of work needed to be done but there proved to be an ample supply of "good old-fashioned elbow grease." Some of those early workers were Marie and Art Elferdink, Aleen and Martin Gottlob, Ginny Hormes, Dorothy Matthews, Jesse Beth Curry, the late Forrest Brown and Florence Brown, Sally Butt (McElroy), Evelyn Canty,

Joyce Czarnecki, Maude Hoffner, Julia Ferguson, Sally Pohlar, Mary Jane Noble, Judith Leitch, the late Helen and Luke Crossley, Beulah Partin and Shirley Fadem. Mr. Robideau, one of the first art teachers, built benches and easels and art classes were launched.

An annual Christmas Boutique, under the excellent guidance of Marguerite Minnich and Betty Case, became the backbone of the fund-raising efforts. Monthly luncheons, spearheaded by Dorothy Matthews, provided other much needed funds and also served as a way to introduce new people to the Center.

In 1967 the Pied Piper Players were organized and John Mayo was hired as the first director. Joan Taylor starred as the witch in the first production, "Hansel and Gretel," and soon took over as director. The Pine Castle Woman's Club offered their clubhouse for the children's theater and William Z. Taylor and Happy Fishback built the first stage. Under Joan's direction, and with a great deal of technical assistance from her husband Bill, the Pied Piper Players have become one of Florida's finest children's theater groups.

During these first years the Literature Department sponsored book reviews and great book discussion groups and the Music Department organized small choral groups and music appreciation classes.

The first "3-Arts Workshop", a summer arts camp for

Art Center Continued. . .

children, was held in 1969 under the directorship of Ann Bennett, and this has proved to be one of the Center's most successful projects. Grants from the Ziegler Educational Trust Fund have provided scholarships for deserving youngsters in both the Pied Piper Players and the 3-Arts Workshop over the years and frequently free art classes have been held for local children. For the past three years the Fine Arts Council of the State of Florida has provided major grant money to expand the 3-Arts Workshop.

Art Classes ranging from oils to pottery to needlework have been a mainstay of the program of the Center. Early Art Chairmen, all volunteers in the beginning, were Aleen Gottlob, Judith Leitch and Joyce Czarnecki.

In 1970, through the inspiration of Julia Ferguson, "SEE" was organized to provide social and cultural enrichment for Orange County blind persons.

By 1972 it was realized that more land would be needed if all of the varied needs of the community were to be adequately met. The present piece of property was purchased and the name changed to the PINE CASTLE CENTER OF THE ARTS. The purpose, however, remained the same . . . to promote the Arts in South Orange County.

In 1973, with Peg Carpenter as chairman and with the

able assistance of the board, and such enthusiastic workers as Kit Scott, Helen Mullican, Jane Shelton, Irene Day, Florence Fishback, Jeanne Davis, the first "Pioneer Days" were organized as a way to involve the entire southside community in a cultural project. The Kiwanians cooked a fish fry, the Fire Department provided lights, the American Legion helped organize the parade, the Garden Club and the Woman's Club, schools and churches and just plain folks all pitched in to make this Orange County's biggest and best "down home" type festival. Shirley Fadem had begun doing research on Will Wallace Harney, the builder of the "Pine Castle" and Ruth Linton soon became interested in historical research and the Center found itself with a new department . . . History. Ruth began interviewing area old-timers and collecting local memorabilia and "Pioneer Days 1976" marks the opening of a small local history museum in the Center's main building.

By this time the board realized that if the Center were to continue to grow to meet the burgeoning needs of the southside area professional guidance would be needed and Shirley Fadem was hired as Executive Director. Her first move was to hire Constance R. King as Chairman of the Music Department and launch an instructional program in music. Under Connie's excellent guidance this department has grown from six students and two pianos in one room of the main building to over one hundred students and six pianos in a building of its own (thanks to a donation by Irene Day of an adjoining house).

The art program was expanded by turning the garage into a pottery studio and introducing such courses as weaving, jewelry, and silkscreen.

In the spring of 1975 a string and brass program were begun and the first musicale held in the Pine Castle Woman's Club to introduce fine serious music to the community. This was followed in the fall with a Chamber Music Series featuring the best Central Florida artists.

In 1975 the bylaws were reorganized to allow for an Arts League which would provide volunteers for center projects, thus freeing the board for overall planning and fund-raising. Also in 1975 an all-out effort was made for the first time to place men on the board of directors and many of Orange County's leaders agreed to help in this effort to provide cultural opportunities for the citizens of South Orange County. The first officers under the new organization were: President, Elmo Hoffman; Vice-Presidents, James Brown, James Robinson and Robert Hendry; Chairman of the Board, George Vogt; and Treasurer, Joe Coats.

So far 1976 has been devoted to improving our present facilities and making plans for future expansion. The first order of business for the new president, Ann Bennett was to prepare a grant proposal for the Edith Bush Foundation, for a matching grant for a major membership and fund raising effort. The present building is being renovated with space provided for an exhibit gallery, a sales gallery and a local history museum.

Several efforts have been made over the years to launch a community theater and the idea is still "pinned to the back of the drawing board." The melodrama for this year's festival is a local effort and perhaps will serve as the vehicle needed to arouse the interest needed to start a local theater.



(From left to right) Irene Day, 2nd Art Center president; Marguerite Munnich, 3rd President; and Florence Fishback, the 1st Art Center president.

History of "SEE"

by
Julia Ferguson, Chairman

About six years ago we became aware of the fact that there were no social activities anywhere in Central Florida geared to the special needs of blind people. The Pine Castle Center of the Arts thought this would be a worthwhile community project. Consequently, after considerable research and planning we held our first meeting in April 1970.

We call this project SEE for Seeing Eye Endeavors. Like seeing eye dogs lead the blind where they want to go, SEE leads them into social and cultural activities. Ages of our regular members have ranged from eleven to ninety-six. Their occupations range from students to active and retired teachers, politicians, and business people. And we have been able to maintain a high pitch of enthusiasm on all levels.

Our meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at the First Federal Savings and Loan Community room on the corner of Orange and Michigan at 7:30 PM. No meeting in July or August.

Entertainment during the past six years has included:

annual picnic, annual SEE birthday party and a trip to Busch Gardens.

Also several Halloween parties (special days near meeting dates are celebrated with special decorations and sometimes costumes and appropriate entertainment.)

Annual program planned and executed by the blind people themselves. These have included stories and amusing talks by our ninety-six year old after dinner speaker, songs and guitar music by an eleven year old boy, original poetry, two excellent piano players, several solo singers, an accordian player, skits and comedy routines by two or three who really like to ham it up; a wide variety of other programs ranging from trained dogs to grand opera.

Average attendance is about forty with more on the Busch Garden trip, picnics, and Christmas banquets, which have been co-sponsored by the Orlando Downtown Lions Club.

About an hour for refreshments and just visiting with each other is one of the highlights of every meeting.

Ladies from the Art Center furnish most of the refreshments and serve as hostesses for this hour.

Transportation for anyone needing it is furnished by volunteers.

Direct outgrowths of SEE are:

1. The Orange County Adult Education class for the blind which has brought so much into so many lives.
2. The Florida Council for the Blind.
3. Plans for a park especially equipped for all the handicapped.

The Pied Piper Players

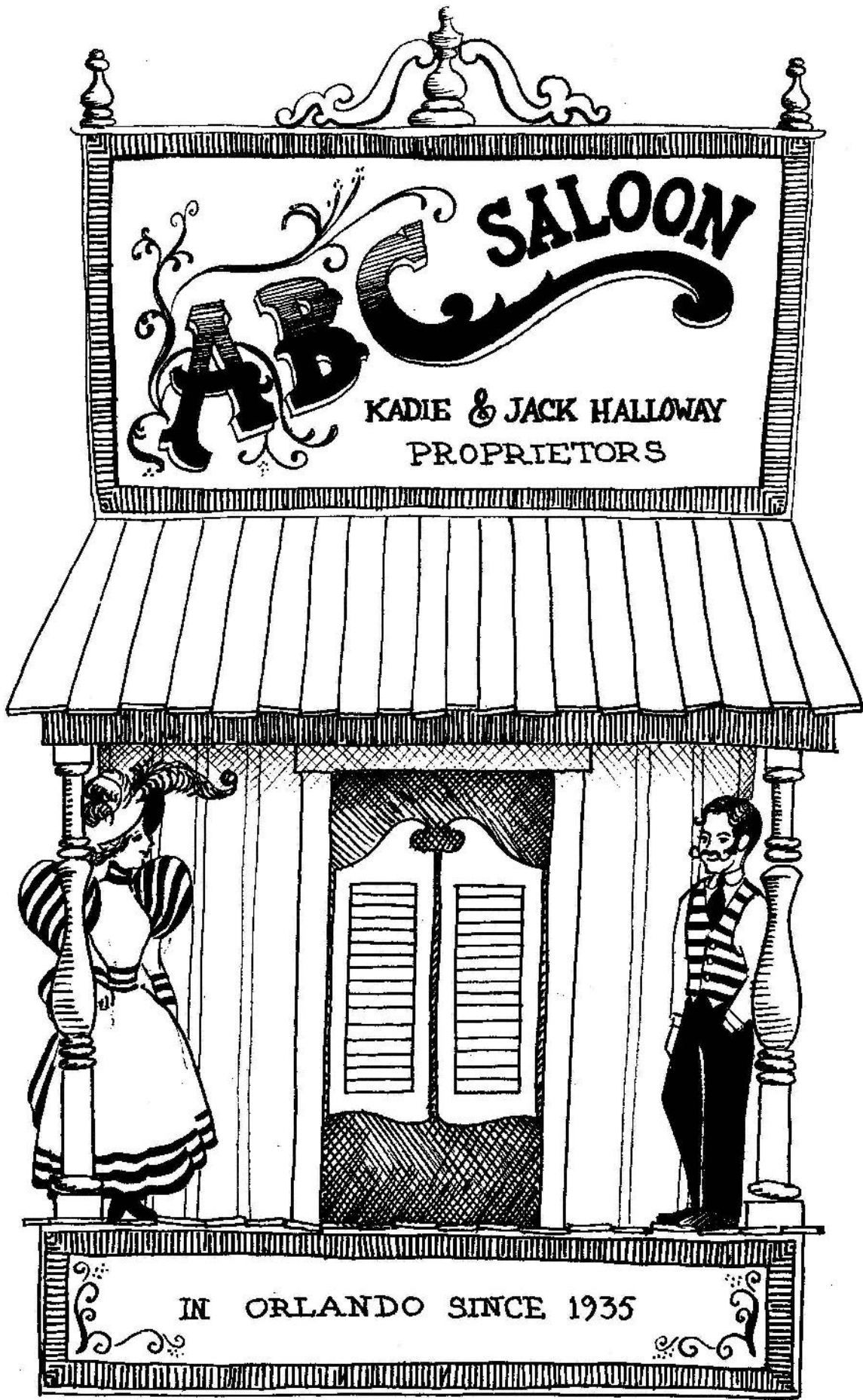
Under the inspired direction of Joan Taylor, the Pied Piper Players have become one of the finest children's theaters, done by and for children, in Florida. Since their founding in 1967 over twenty plays; most of them children's classics such as "Red Shoes," "Cinderella," "Hansel and Gretel," "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," and "Sleeping Beauty" have been produced in their home in the Pine Castle Woman's Club. Much of the credit for this theater goes to the Woman's Club, since without their support, an ongoing theater would have been impossible. In addition, a grant from them has twice enabled all southside girl scouts to attend one performance free. Bill Taylor has served as Technical Director from the beginning with Shirley Fadem soon joining the crew as Artistic Director. Other helpers have included Mable Canfield.

The Pied Piper Players have appeared on Channel 24, in a full production of "Pegora the Witch" and as actors on a reading series for the schools written by Joan Taylor. Several students have received parts with other theaters and many have become active leaders in high school and college, giving credit to the PPP's for their ability to think on their feet and assume positions of leadership.

In 1974 Joan began teaching puppetry and ventriloquism and her students have performed on Channel 9 and Channel 24, in Loch Haven Park and at various malls. It is the dream of the center to start a community puppet theater which would stimulate puppetry in the schools and provide entertainment of the highest caliber for Orange County Children.



The Pied Piper Players



Windermere

In southwest Orange County, surrounded by beautiful lakes, nestles the little town of Windermere. The shorelines of these lakes today are filled with magnificent homes, but it wasn't always like this. Windermere really had two births. The town site was laid out in 1887 by the engineers of the Plant System of Railroads, who were constructing the Florida Midland Railroad which is now defunct. The plat of the town was officially recorded in 1889 and was at that time owned by J. Plant, Dr. Griffin and the Shullmans, an English family whose intentions were to found a great estate. The plan was abandoned owing to other interests and the great freeze of 1895. Lady Frances Ervington sold her interests to Mr. S. S. Griffin. Mr. Dawe, an engineer for the Florida Midland Railroad, named

it Windermere as it reminded him of his home town in England.

In the early 1900's Mr. John Harris of Pine Castle moved his saw mill to the Windermere area. Mr. Griffin was senator at that time and he told Mr. Harris if he would bring his family out, he would see that a school was built. So the five Harris and the five Griffin children were the first to attend a school there about 1909.

These early sawmills were located near the lakes and trees were cut all around the lake and floated across to the mill sites. A lot of these mills were operated by steam. The timber would then be hauled to Apopka by wagon or the train, nicknamed the T&G (Tug & Grunt). This little line also had one passenger car and it cost fifteen cents to ride from Windermere to either Apopka or Kissimmee. By the late twenties, these mills began to disappear as timber grew scarce and the town began to build again.

In 1910, Mr. J. C. Palmer and Dr. Howard Johnson came from Ohio to Florida to visit. By chance, they traveled to Windermere. They quickly realized the possibilities of the community and acquired the title from Mr. S. S. Griffin. They organized the Windermere Improvement Company to clear and develop the place. Mr. Palmer, affectionately called Cal, became manager and the people of Windermere gave him credit for really building the town.

In 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kline moved to



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Buck Lake, now Lake Rose, between Gotha and Highway 50 was a nice place for a family outing.

Windemere for Mr. Kline's health. They built a grocery store and she was appointed postmaster. The post office was in the store. Upstairs she had more room than needed, so she rented rooms to transients. She also prepared all the meals. Later, the hotel, Pine Tree Inn was built. In 1915 the Klines built a new store, but kept the old one and remodeled it as the "Little Inn" to handle the overflow of tourists from the hotel. Mrs. Kline was postmaster until the late twenties.

The Union Church was built in the early days of Windemere and Rev. Murphy and Rev. Ludwick were two of the early ministers that came to Windemere.

During the depression the town almost went under. After the war years and the boom of the six-

ties, Windemere is on the move again and if the unknown author of "Our Windemere", written over 50 years ago were alive today, she would still have it all together.

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*This poem was found in an old copybook
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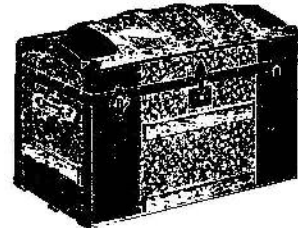
Sometimes I think I was a little fool
Back in the days when I used to go to school
When I was a kid.
Gee! how I hated the Little Place where I was Educated.
Although I didn't know I was lucky then.
I wish that I was back again
In the little red school house with my book and slate
In the little red school house I was always late.
I long to be back there where I was a scholar.
In those days of yore
How I'd stand right up and holler
"Two and two are four."
When we should have been learning about the Golden Rule
Our little hearts were yearning for the ole swimmin' hole
Why, we could hardly wait for the four o'clock bell
The moment we would hear it we would run like — mad.
O gee! I want to be in the little red school house.
Ten o'clock spelling lesson just begun,
Johnny throws an ink ball, just for fun.
Hits the teacher's ear with an awful splat.
She turns around and says, "Now who did that?"
Pretty little Percy, on the very front row,
Raises up his hand and says, "Teacher, I know."
Johnny whispers to the teacher's pride,
"You just wait till I get you outside."
Johnny is told to stand with his face to the wall
Says he don't want to, and tries to stall.
If I stood up there, I'd take an awful chance,
I've got a great big tear, in the seat of my pants.

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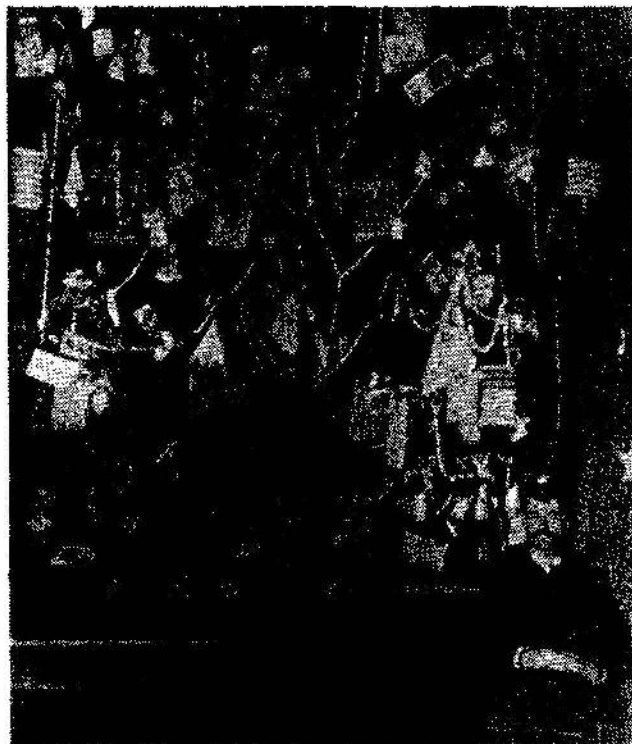
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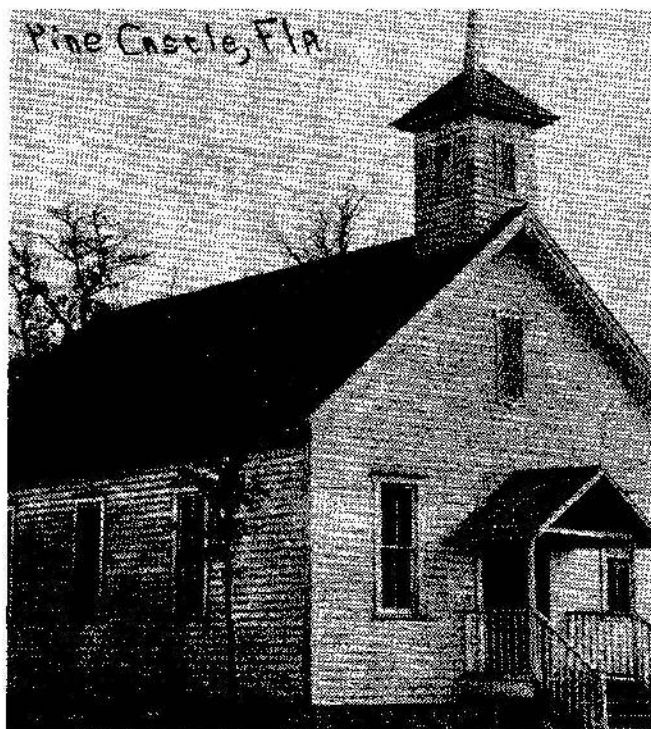
In 1900 the men and women of the little community of Pine Castle built their little Union Church on the corner of Wallace and Orange. They had ice cream socials in the summer and oyster stews in the winter to finance the building and support the church. A lot of the old-timers remember these fondly since the custom was carried on for many years.

The congregation back in those early days was made up of Baptists, Methodists, and the Missionary Alliance — meeting on alternate Sundays. Since the congregation was small, everyone usually attended all services. A bell was donated for the steeple, and a janitor was hired for \$1 per month. The ministers would come out from Orlando or nearby and usually spend the day, sometimes a whole week at which time some families would give them room and board. Someone told me a cute story about one minister who came to preach. Seems he was a portly fellow and he asked the woman whom he was to eat with the next Sunday, "What do you plan for dinner?" She thought awhile and then said, "I thought I'd cook a hen." He looked at her and said, "Make that two."

Another of the memorable preachers of this area



Christmas in Pine Castle, 1888.



The Union Church in Pine Castle, Florida.

was the Rev. W. E. Murphy. He preached in Taft, Conway, Pine Castle and Windermere, and I've heard stories about him everywhere I've gone. One concerned him and Uncle Dan Prescott. Rev. Murphy and his wife went to see Uncle Dan and Aunt Ginny one afternoon, and after the visit their car got stuck in a mudhole. So the Reverend went back to Uncle Dan's house for help. Uncle Dan and Aunt Ginny hooked up some mules and walked back with the Reverend to his car. Uncle Dan hooked up the mules to the car and tried to make the mules go. He talked to them; he whipped them, and they still didn't move. Rev. Murphy tried to get them to move. After about five or 10 minutes Uncle Dan told the Reverend for him and the ladies to go on back to the house — he'd have to talk to the mules in the only language they knew." He did, they moved, and the car was pulled from the mudhole.

The first organized Sunday School was held in the school house in 1879 with Mrs. O. P. Preston as superintendent. In 1884 the Sunday School moved into W. H. Macy's blacksmith shop west of the

Union Church Continued. . .

railroad track, but when the blacksmith shop burned in 1885, it moved back to the school and stayed there until the little church was finished and dedicated in 1901. At that time Mr. Matchett was the superintendent.

Christmas time in the early 1900's in Pine Castle centered around the little church. The school children would practice for weeks for their parts. They usually had a tree decorated with homemade ornaments and candles (later lights), and after the school play and recitation of a Bible verse by each child, Santa would pass out gifts. One year Santa got too close to the candles on the tree, and his beard caught fire.

Tragedy struck the little church in the early 1900's when lightning struck a tree to which four families had tied their horses and mules, killing all of the animals. This was a big loss to them as their animals were used for transportation, farming, etc. The next day the men of the community had to bring teams of mules and drag the dead animals to a common grave on the other side of the railroad tracks.

Mrs. Donna Harris took her family to an evening service at the church, and Ralph, who was small then, got sleepy and she laid him down on a back pew to sleep. After the services were over, they all went home and the little church was locked. Later Ralph was discovered missing; then she remembered where she had left him. The janitor had to be

found and the church unlocked. Sure enough, there was Ralph, sound asleep.

About 1920 the Parrish house was built behind the church, and this was used for Sunday School room, suppers and entertainments. In about 1917 the church had grown so the denominations began breaking up. The Baptists built their church about four blocks north, on the corner of Orange and Hoffner, and the Missionary Alliance had long ago broken away. The Methodists used the building as their church until March of 1958 when they moved into their fellowship hall on Fairlane and built their new church.

In 1935 I started going to the little church (of course, it was Methodist then). I remember how we children would take turns pulling the rope that rang the bell in the steeple for Sunday Schools and church; how we helped Mr. P. M. Shanniburger build the fire and keep it burning in the old pot-bellied stove; the old kitchen sink in the parish house with its pitcher pump that had to be primed by the first one to use it; and the women of the church making biscuits on the old kerosene stove of the parish house for our church suppers. Most of all I remember the MYF, which met once a week. The songs, folk dances, musical chairs, the ice cream and lunch box socials were ever dear to my heart.

The church building and parish house were moved to Lake Whippoorwill on highway 15A, and has been used as a mission, sponsored by the Pine Castle Baptist Church since 1959.

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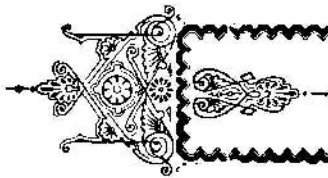
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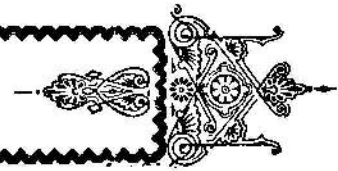
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About the time Orlando was becoming a town the little settlement of "Prospect" was trying to make itself known. It was a farming community located about five miles south-east of Orlando.

Mr. Joseph A. Barber was born there in 1860. He remembered "the area when its magnificent pines and oak forest were unbroken and all kinds of game, both large and small, were abundant and when its lakes and streams abounded in the finny tribe; when wolves, bears and panthers roamed the woods, when deer and turkey ravished the field crops as do the rabbits today".

Prospect social life centered around a log structure, called the church and school house, located on the northeast corner of the present Conway Methodist Church lot. Later a chimney was added and sometimes the swallows would nest in this and on Sundays when some "good saint" would be talking they would burst forth in song much to the merriment of the younger set.

After the Civil War, a man went over to England claiming that he was selling "Florida Grants" of land in order to recoup the Government for losses sustained in the war. Some English families purchased these and after arriving here, found out that the grants were worthless. Some of these Englishmen stayed and found employment and others went back to England; but this did give them their first look at Florida. In the early eighteen eighties some of these families returned when the English Colony was founded in Conway (previously known as Prospect) by Colonel Church, retired British Army Officer from India.

The English Colony of Conway was known for its social life, beautiful homes and magnificent gardens. The English planted orange groves, built a club house, a boys school and introduced Polo to the area.

In 1886, a young English girl, Winifred Brownrigg, came to Florida and her account of the English Colony was writ-

ten in "The Moss of a Rolling Stone". The following is an excerpt from that manuscript as printed in the Orange County Historical Quarterly: "Some drank pretty heavily but those we did not see much of, and strange as it may seem, nearly all the wild ones were clergymen's sons.

As a whole, they were gentlemanly and when they did drink they usually kept to themselves. If they did show up when under the influence of drink, it invariably caused laughter as they did such funny things.

One of them we considered the character of the English settlement, Conway. I can picture him now as I saw him once go galloping past us, on foot, and neighing like a horse, he trotted into the livery stable where he began to

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Lionism in Pinecastle

From the mid-forties through 1970 the local area has been serviced by the Pinecastle Lions, the Holden Heights Lions and the Southwest Orlando Lions. This area from Gore southward and Conway Road westward to the county line is now serviced by the Orlando South Lions Club with its home based at 25th Street and Nashville. The regular Friday Nite Bingo supports the clubhouse and hall.

The proceeds from street sales of Cracker Jacks and other items go totally for community support projects such as glasses, elementary school traffic raincoats and belts, Christmas baskets, eye operations, camps for blind children, leader dogs, etc. Dinner meetings are held at the clubhouse every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. We Lions extend to everyone an open invitation to attend one of our meetings and a special note of "thanks" for the gracious support of all of you throughout the years. Together with you, we work to make the Pinecastle area prosper and to help those in need.






"Perkin's Store, Later used as The American Legion Post."

American Legion

American Legion Post #286 received its temporary charter on November 23, 1964, with eighteen members. The first meeting was held in the old Pine Castle fire station and Union hall on Wallace Avenue with Thomas F. Hagan, the first commander. Later they moved into the old building on Fairlane, known as the Perkins Store, which was built for a general store and post office, later used for a church and private home. On November 11,

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South Orlando

Kiwanis Club

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The Kiwanis Club of South Orlando was chartered by Kiwanis International on July 29, 1960, and was sponsored by the local senior club, Kiwanis Club of Orlando (Downtown).

The South Club had 48 charter members, business and professional men whose home or business had to be located south of Gore Avenue as a condition of membership. This geographical limitation no longer exists, but for many years the club was singularly distinctive by employing such demarcation.

Formed to give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than material values of life, it is an interesting paradox that the club produces an enviably successful annual auction to financially support the numerous charitable programs carried out. The annual Great South Auction has become an area institution, growing from its first effort of \$1,600 to over \$20,000 annually.

The South Orlando Kiwanis Education Foundation, Inc., is the club's continuing project. It was born in the minds of two members while visiting

the Orange County Parental Home in 1966, and is dedicated to the educational advancement of the less fortunate youth of this community. The entire effort is designed to furnish hope and purpose even to students several years away from college who might come to believe that "Nobody cares . . ."

The club sets very high performance standards for its members, and is constantly screening and selectively recruiting its now 100-plus membership. A member's wife once accurately described the group as being more like a strong college fraternity than a civic club.

Since "Pioneer Days" began in Pine Castle, the Kiwanis Club sponsors the Fish fry under the supervision of Jack Price, for which the Center says a big "Thanks".

Meeting each Wednesday at 12:15 noon in the Dixie Village Branch of First Federal Savings and Loan Association; the Kiwanis Club of South Orlando accepts the challenge of progress and is determined to help raise the quality of life in our community.

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*Ceremony of "Dedication of Temple" Pine Castle Lodge
#368 F. & A.M., by the Most Worshipful, George L. Myers,
Grand Master of Masons of Florida.*

Historians Address

Pine Castle Lodge was conceived in the hearts and minds of a small group of dedicated Master Masons in 1968; who were desirous of forming and having a Master Mason's Lodge in the suburbs, south of Orlando.

After a number of meetings in various places, basic details were worked out and decisions made to apply to the Grand Lodge for permission to proceed in the organization, of a U.D. Lodge.

Our "first" meeting was officially held the evening of December 27, 1968 with the R. W. Ralph Miller, D.D.G.M. presiding in the "East" for the purpose of setting us to work.

W. James T. Pegram, P.M. became our Worshipful Master, U.D. with nearly 100% attendance of the charter members being present. The first meeting was held in Orange Blossom Lodge #80, Kissimmee, Florida, where we continued to conduct meetings until we were able to move home to a location in Pine Castle.

Pine Castle Lodge received our Charter in May of 1969, and we then received our official identification as Pine Castle Lodge #368, F. & A.M. of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Our first meeting under "Charter" was held May 7, 1969, attendance almost 100%. During the meeting of June 18, 1969 it was discussed officially for the first time that we now plan on a future building site for a new temple.

However, it was not until our third Master assumed office that we were able to really get down to hard facts and to start moving. Through the efforts of W. Marvin L. Smoot and his "Property Committee" we were made aware that our present property, 1216 Hoffner was for sale and possibly we would be able to purchase it. This information was brought before the Lodge at the stated meeting of January 20, 1971. After approval by the members, plans were acted upon for the purchase of this property and the building on it.

Title to the property was acquired and the closing completed on May 28, 1971. The small house on the property was immediately set upon by dedicated members, and with-

in a couple of short weeks was converted into a very practical Lodge. But this was only the beginning and temporary, as other plans now started to take shape. With enthusiasm running high, plans were drawn and fill dirt started to fill and raise the level of the property behind the "Lodge". W. Marv Smoot had done a fine job along with Brother Chas. Birr, Bldg. Chairman.

R. W. Ralph Kazaros, D.D.G.M. officiated at the ground breaking and all officers participated, after which all enjoyed our first very successful (financially) Bar-B-Q. However, it became the pleasure of Wor. Dempsey Lott to start the walls up for the new temple, again he, Bro. Lott, having re-appointed Bro. Birr as Bldg. Ghm. This made 1973 a Banner year for the officers, with growth in both building and membership.

1975 saw Brother Ray Young installed as Worshipful Master, and, as he had demonstrated in all his action since being made an E.A. at our Alter, he really took hold, and with the same devoted members and his committees the Temple is showing signs of rapidly heading for completion.

To recap you may be interested in some brief statistics. Our membership has grown along with our holdings. From a beginning 35 members, we now have 221 and the Temple at its present phase of construction is worth close to \$100,000.00.

Not bad for a group of dedicated Masons who have given freely of many days and weekends and cash in the past three years to accomplish what we see around us. We give our warmest and heartfelt thanks for all they have done.

But wait, lest we forget, there is also a "Master Builder" standing by each and every hour we have labored or will labor. HE is The Grand Geometrician of the Universe, who draws his designs upon the trestle-boards in the hearts of these Brothers to inspire them to a continuance of their efforts towards completion of the Temple, which we are all here to dedicate this day to His Glory, and to whom all Masons should humbly and reverently bow and offer up our Thanks and Devotions.

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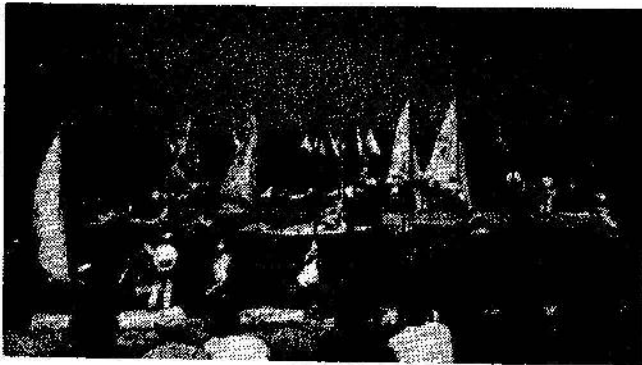
The Orlando Yacht Club came into being in 1933 when a group of sailors and would be sailors banded together to promote sailing in Orange County. Some of the original members were: Bob Dawson, Ed Little, Dr. McCall, and Ray Stevens.

The club was organized and held races from the Tonstrom property on the northwest side of Big Lake Conway. The members built a dock facility to allow for docking. The club sailed from this location until late 1935. During this period they sponsored many regattas with fleets from clubs around the State.

In 1936 the club purchased a plot of ground on the south side of Lake Conway from Mr. Rogers. The membership of club had grown with the addition of: Bob Carr, J. J. Newell, Delmar Nicholson, Charlies Mavwald, Captain



1938, Isabel Coleman, visits from her home in Daytona, later to become a Nels Isle resident. She soon married Leroy Dickson.



Sailboats docked at Yacht Club, 1938.

Leonard Dyer, Skinny Surguines, and Bill Cavanaugh.

Ray Stevens then organized all of the members into a work force and as a group the club house was built by the members. Merchants in and about the Orlando area donated a large amount of the materials.

The club house was completed with docks and ramps. From this time the club was active in sponsoring a series of regattas and weekly races. Thanksgiving was celebrated at the club every year with all the members' wives bringing heaps of food. Until the completion of the present Belle Isle City Hall, the club house was used as a voting place and meeting place for the Belle Isle City Council.

All of the club members joined in crewing and sailing. This kept the whole family interested in the club activities.

Commodores of the club over the years have been: Bob

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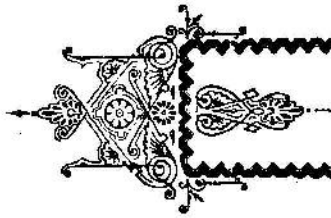
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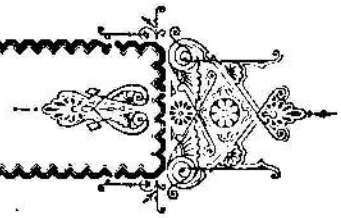
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Florida Crackers



The following is a story about Jake Summerlin published in the New York Tribune in 1883, copied from "Orlando A Century Plus".

The Floridian who is called "King of the Crackers" is one of the richest cattle owners in the state; one of its most eccentric characters; and the first American baby born in Florida after the territory was ceded to the United States Government by the Spaniards in 1819.

His father lived in Alachua County, close down by the Indian line. Perhaps I should say just here that while "Cracker" in Georgia and other southern states are poor

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Thar h'aint but one Pine Castle
 I don' keer whut y' say.
 The good Lord went 'n made it
 Then throwed his tools away.
 Jest H'aint no place quite lak it
 Where folks kin set 'n wish
 'N some jest don' do nuthin'
 'Cept eat, 'n sleep, 'n fish.
 Course theys sum who gits 'n duz
 But they is mity few
 The mos' is jest lak me, I guess
 'N loaf the whole day through.
 Theys good 'uns, bad 'uns, in between
 'N sum gits in yer hair
 Thets when I grabs m' fishin' pole
 'N gits away frum thar.
 Oh, I don' go so fur away
 But what I cain't git back
 H'aint no fussin', keepin' me
 Frum whar I got m' shack.
 But hist jist lak I'm sayin'
 'N shucks, I orter know
 I h'aint no tourist feller
 A gittin' way frum sum.
 Now tourists they cums yearly
 Frum way up north somewhar
 Sum cums frum fur as Georgia
 So they mus' lak it here.
 But one thing I have noticed
 If one dercides to stay
 He gits jest twice as lazy
 Ez we'uns any day.
 No lifes no bed of roses
 No matter whar ye go
 But here hits more lak Hevvin'
 Than anyplace I know
 So all in all I'm happy
 'N cracker though I be
 T'aint so hard to understan'
 Th' place wuz meant fur me
 Fer lak I says, hits diff'rent
 'N should I ever roam
 Thar h'aint but one Pine Castle
 'N ets my Home Sweet Home.

by Sammy Gobel



Old-fashioned bar-b-que during the early 1900's.

white people and get their name from honest labor, corn-schucking, or "corn-cracking", the Florida cracker is a cowboy, cattle owner or cattle dealer; and some of these men attained considerable wealth.


They take their name from the art they have in cracking a long leather whip which sounds like a gun shot at half a mile's distance. (It was called a 'drag' and was 18 feet long with an 18 inch handle!)


The King of the Crackers tells with much enjoyment the story of a troop of "regular" United States soldiers encamped in a Florida hammock during the Indian War. They were resting at night after a march in this wild, jungle-like country, when suddenly a strange trumpeting note was heard.

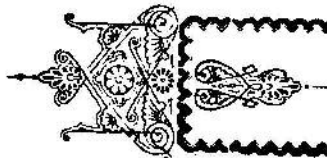
"That's a tiger! That's the way they call their mates!" Intense alarm prevailed; no one dreamed that it was only an owl hooting.

Then an old alligator bellowed. "That is a lion roaring," someone else declared, then came a volley of quick sharp sounds.

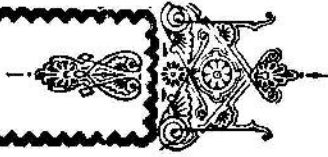
"Them's muskits, boys!" said a little Irish sergeant springing up, "the Indians is lighting through the woods and they will be at us in a twinkling!" But it was a party of cowboys herding their cattle, and the fame of that night's terrors went abroad and mightily amused the crackers.


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Boy Scouts



Nancy Olds

"On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the scout laws; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." With these words, Boy Scout Troop #36 was organized in the early 1930's. The first scoutmaster that is recorded was H. L. Schofield. The first meeting place was the old Parish house behind the wooden Methodist Church on Orange Avenue. In January 1936, Harold Neff was the first scout to be awarded the rank of Eagle.

The troop weakened and the charter was dropped, but was reorganized about 1938. At this time, Mr. Harrison Quinby and David Brickley took over as scoutmasters. Later, Mr. Arthur Olds was scoutmaster and the troop met first at his home and then at the school. The boys did a lot of camping and learned to make their own packs and equipment. Parents raised money for uniforms and equipment with covered dish dinners and cake sales. The troop was responsible for starting the first school patrol in Pine Castle.

At Christmas the scouts took orders for trees and went into the woods to find and cut the trees for Christmas. They no longer take orders and go and cut trees, but selling Christmas trees has been a troop project for over 30 years. Their present lot is located at Fairlane and Hansel Streets. Scouts and adults who put in a certain number of hours on the lot are awarded a special event, such as a deep sea fishing trip.

The troop charter was again dropped during the war years, and again Harrison Quinby and David Brickley re-chartered under the sponsorship of the Pine Castle Methodist Church.

In the list of Eagle scouts of this troop, there are four sets of two brothers: Crofoot, Brock, Chin and Edminston; one set of three brothers: Medlocks. In 1961, it is recorded that Scout Roger Williams saved two boys from drowning, but refused any kind of commendation for his heroism.

Throughout the year, Troop 36 participates in many services such as community projects, cleanup and service to its sponsor, Pine Castle Methodist Church. They are active in Central Florida Council of Boy Scouts and contribute to the Fire Department, American Legion, Pine Castle Center of the Arts, south Orange County Community Center and prepare baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas for the needy.

Scouts can count on special events such as camporees, scout shows with other troops or a campout every month. At meetings, they work on advancement in scouting and living up to the scout oath and laws. Adults and scouts look forward to an annual family campout at La No Che and a special banquet and court of awards.

Scoutmasters Hartley Aldrich and Charles Olds (former scout of the troop) both received Silver Beaver awards from the Central Florida Council of Boy Scouts for their work with the boys. Charles Olds also received the Golden Mustang Award and the George Meaney Award. At present, Charles Olds and George Prickett are scoutmasters.

The troop throughout the years has had a number of exciting trips recorded in their history. Two outstanding ones were an eight day, 150 mile canoe trip down the Kissimmee River in 1963 and a fishing trip to Camp Aulneau Nestor Falls, Ontario, Canada in July 1975.

In 1974, as an offshoot of the Troop 36, Mrs. Nancy Olds chartered Explorer Post 636; made up of all girls ages 14 to 21. Post 636 is a "high adventure" post that participates in camporees and council activities such as Explorers Olympics and raft races. Post 636 has won the Olympic basketball gold medal 2 years in a row. They came in second in raft races and have had members on the first and second place teams in orientation contest (with compass). They also won first place Theme Float in Pioneer Days parade in 1974.

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Women's Auxiliary

Pine Castle Fire Department

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Pine Castle Fire Department could really have had its beginning with the first fire in Pine Castle, because back then everyone, man, woman, or child old enough to draw water from a well, had to fight the fire. The auxiliary began in 1949, when a small group of civic-minded ladies, members of volunteer firemen families, put their minds together, searching for a way to help the struggling fire department. They organized, and their first money-making project was an ice cream social. Sears donated the ice cream, and the auxiliary made a profit of \$127.73 from the event. A fine beginning to help a fire department which had to depend on the community for its equipment, consisting at that time of an old 1938 Ford fire



Pine Castle Fire Department.

truck and a 1942 Chevrolet tank-truck and pump. The fire department also had to maintain the equipment and buy the needed parts.

Through the years a variety of ideas were used to make some of the necessary funds to keep the department going and to help secure much-needed equipment for the upgrading of the fire and rescue services of this area.

In 1958 the Pine Castle Volunteer Fire Department became part of the Pine Castle Fire Control District, but the women still work as hard as ever. They generate community interest, have bake sales, rummage sales, booths at charity bazaars and flea markets, and at Christmas they have their annual party for the underprivileged children and firemen's families.

Perhaps one of their most important jobs is taking coffee, sandwiches, and soup to fire or rescue scenes when they are called upon to do so. Their ultimate dream is to have a rolling canteen to use at these times, but it is only a dream — but so was the Pine Castle Fire Department, as we now know it, back in 1949.





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Myrtle Macy Burns



Hallie Hansel Maul



Stella Brown

Pine Castle

Myrtle Macy Burns, daughter of Paul and Alice Macy and granddaughter of the builder of the Macy wagons in Orlando, first went to school in the little white school, then later in the two story school. She remembers when the road to Orlando had to be covered with straw. The wagon and tire ruts would get so deep, the men had to put pine needles on the road.

She married and maintained a home on Oak Ridge Road for over 40 years. She presently lives on Matchett Road.

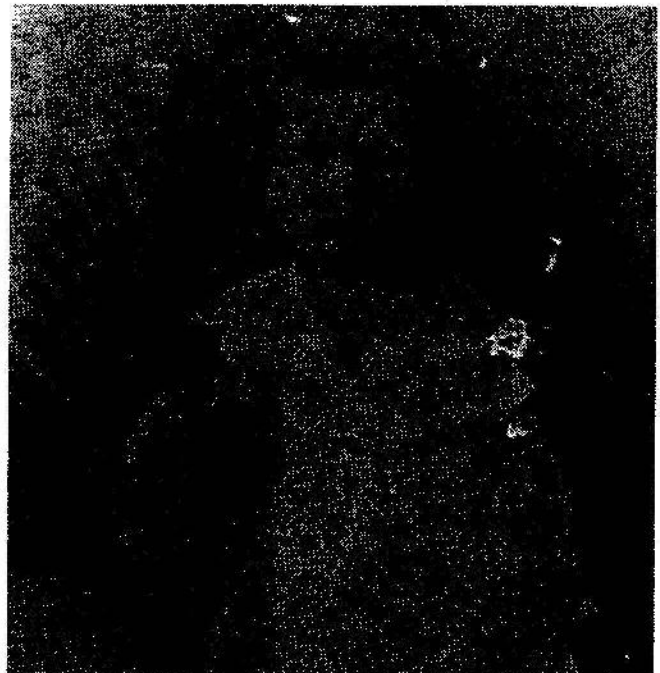


Hallie Hansel Maul is the daughter of William M. and Sarah Locke Hansel, and the grand-daughter of Granny Harris. She remembered her mother telling of coming to Pine Castle from Georgia in a ox-drawn cart, before she was married. She tells many stories of helping her father after he was deputized to round up prisoners out in the wooded areas of Pine Castle. Since her father never learned to drive she would drive him (often late at night) out to search for the prisoner(s) – she would remain alone in the car with a pistol in hand and told to “fire, if need be, and he would hurry back.” They always drove the prisoner(s) back to their home for a good meal before taking them to the jail. Mr. Ben Robinson (Clerk of Circuit Court for many, many years) always gave her a 5 lb. box of candy for helping with the prisoners.

Mrs. Maul remains an active member in the community and is a member of the Pine Castle Baptist Church. Hansel Avenue is named after her parents.

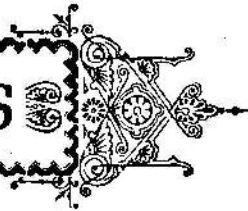


Stella Harris Brown, second of five children born to John and Donna Harris, granddaughter of Granny Harris, went to school in the little two room school house. She



Claudine John Hansel Monroe

e Pioneers



taught school for a couple of years and was one of the former partners in the Pine Castle Lumber Company. She also ran the Hotel as a rooming house for about nine years.

When she went to introduce Mr. Brown, a yankee, to Granny, she noticed Granny rather took a liking to him. Stella asked Granny why she liked him since she hated yankees. Granny told her, "Well, he looked like a 'harmless yankee'."

On her 80th birthday, the Southview Baptist Church on S. Conway Road honored her with a Bible for 44 years as Sunday School secretary. The church also named a building in her honor. She presently lives on Waltham Avenue.



Essie Harris Ward, youngest daughter of John and Donna Harris, went to school in the two story school house in Pine Castle. Her father became superintendent of the County Home about 1919 and the family moved to Orlando. Essie worked as cashier at the "Palace", the in-place of that day. While there, it became her forte to be the first woman in Orlando to go up in a plane. Later, she ran the Pine Castle Hotel for seven years.

The next several years she lived in New England and during the war she worked in a defense plant making integral parts of the Norton Bomb sight.

She presently lives on Wallace Street. She is active in Eastern Star, Rebecca and Garden Club, all in New England. She is a member of Pine Castle Woman's Club, taught Sunday School for over 32 years and has been a member of the Pine Castle Baptist Church for over 50 years.



Claudine Johns Hansel Monroe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johns, went to school in the little white school house. She remembers the main diversion of children in early Pine Castle was meeting the trains on Sunday afternoon. Years later, she was still meeting the trains, as she was Pine Castle Postmaster for 25 years.

She is in the Grandmothers Club, Woman's Club and Pine Castle Center of the Arts. She has been a member of the Pine Castle Baptist Church for 70 years, longer than anyone else.

She presently lives on Hoffner Avenue.



Rose McCoy, daughter of Frank and Antonie Bernard, first went to school in Pine Castle in the old wooden two story building, later to Orlando High School and passed her teacher exam at age 18. She later studied philosophy, art and metaphysics in New York. She also designed and made fur coats in her own establishment.

Later, she returned to Pine Castle and the old family homestead and became active in many local civic enterprises.

In 1954, she married Colonel Michael McCoy, command-



Essie Harris Ward



Rose McCoy

er of the Pine Castle Air Force Base, later renamed McCoy Air Force Base in memory of Col. McCoy.

Rose is active in the Pine Castle Methodist Church, Pine Castle Garden Club, Pine Castle Woman's Club, Pine Castle Center of the Arts, Orange County Historical Society and many more organizations.

"Granny" Harris

Mrs. Nancy King Hansel Harris was born on August 16, 1837 near Sandersville, Georgia. She remembered hearing her father speak of George Washington as having known him. On Christmas day 1857, she married William Hansel to which union there were born one daughter and two sons.

In 1861, the Civil War broke out and Mr. Hansel died during the conflict. After his death Nancy moved her family back home to the King family plantation. Here she remembered seeing Sherman's Army marching from sunrise to sunset across the plantations destroying the crops and carrying away all the live stock. The family feared for their lives and at times took refuge in a nearby swamp. Once she stood beside a corn crib (which held the only remaining corn) and dared the soldiers to take it. All their clothing, four or five trunks of household linens and a chest had to be buried for safety.

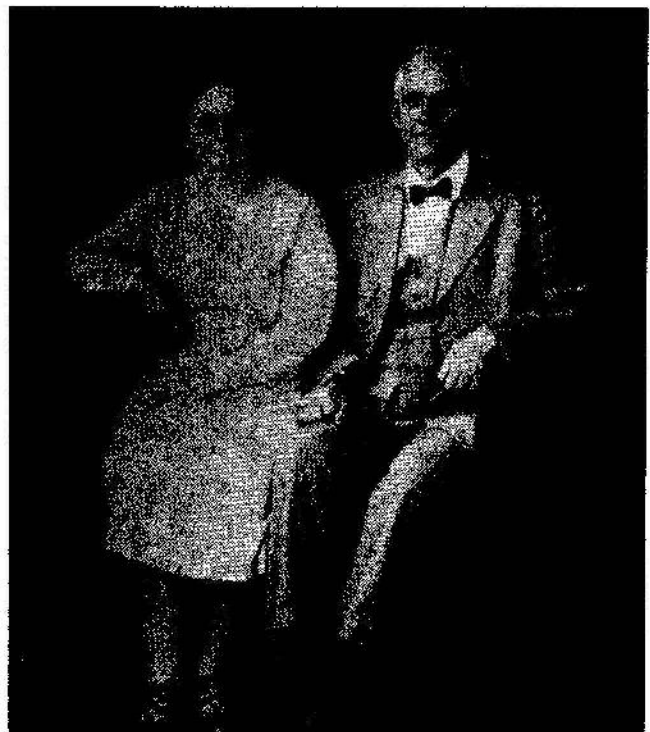
Years later she talked to Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind" and some of her grandchildren believe some of Scarlet's story was really Nancy's.

The story goes that after the Civil War, she was still so mad at the "damn Yankees" that she walked every step of the way to Florida. Her family came with four other families (one family was a brother), traveling in six covered wagons. They settled first in Socrum, in Polk County, where she remained for one year and in 1869 her family moved to Orlando.

About this time she married Mr. William Harris and they lived in Orlando about where the Court House now stands. They later moved to the Oakridge settlement, then later into Pine Castle. She and Mr. Harris had three children, two sons and a daughter.

Nancy was known as "Granny Harris" to all of Pine Castle, and still remembered by many as a lady with a lot of spunk. She was always well groomed, usually wearing white. Until the day she died, in the summer of 1934 at the age of ninety-seven, she hated the Yankees.

Ruth Linton





John & Donna Harris



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Pine Castle Little League

By Molly Freeman

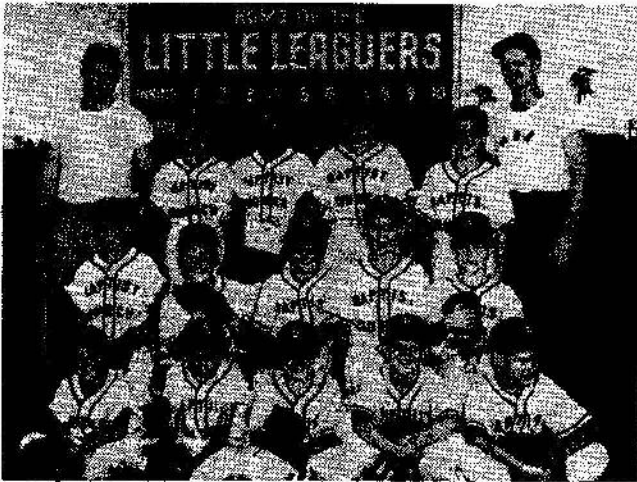
Play Ball — with that familiar cry baseball has been played in Pine Castle since the early 1900's. Back then, the young men of the town played with teams from Kissimmee, Mt. Verde and other little towns that had beams. When they played in Kissimmee, they played in a cow field and if the ball went into the outfield it was an automatic home-run. They couldn't tell the ball from the cow manure.

In the spring of 1956, a small group of men headed by Leo Berry met and organized the first Little League in Pine Castle for their boys. Sponsors for four teams were found, and the games were played on the school ground and out at the Air Base. The four sponsors were the Baptist Church,

Monroe's Super X, Correct Craft and a Squadron from the Pine Castle Air Force Base. The champions that year were the Baptist Church team and some of the players were Bob Green, Billy Linton and Micky Faulkner. The Little League continued to play at the base until 1960, at which time it moved completely to Pine Castle School playground. In 1961, it received its official Charter from Williamsport, Pa. It still had its four teams, but soon the growth of the area and the desire of the kids to play ball demanded expansion. By 1964 it had four major teams, four minor teams and four 8-9 year old teams. The first programs were also printed. A division for the boys in the 13-15 age group (senior division) was added. They played at Oak Ridge High school. The league has always been self-sustaining. It raises money for equipment and other expenses through its concession stand, and ways and means projects put on by the Women's Auxillary, and of course, through sponsorships of the teams.


In 1968 the league moved to its present location back of the South Branch YMCA off Oak Ridge Road. It had a three field complex with a fine concession stand and a lighted Major-Minor field. The League continued to grow. It had six 8-9 year old teams, six major, minor and Senior teams. The next year it added five more teams. In 1974, a girls division was added; this consisted of eight teams, four major and four Senior teams, serving girls from ages 9-15. For those boys and girls who were older than 15, Pine Castle also has a Big League division serving ages 16-18.

The League came to its present location through a bequest of the Zeigler Foundation. The land was given to be used by the youth of Pine Castle. The League is in the



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Girl Scouts

Dorothy Dutner

Sit-up-ons – Girl Scout cookies – Proficiency badges – Sound familiar? It should, if you were ever involved in Girl Scouting.

In the spring of 1956, long before the citizens council of Girl Scouts came into existence, Pine Castle started its Girl Scout Troop. Mrs. Ruth Linton and Mrs. Pauline Privatt were two of the early



Brownie leaders. The scouts met at the Womans Club once a week until Mrs. Maxwell Wells (Lillian) donated a lot at the east end of Waltham Street for a Girl Scout house. The cornerstone was laid in September, 1957, and the building was dedicated in 1959. At last the Brownies, Junior and Senior troops had a meeting place, and the house vibrated with sounds of laughter and activities.

One of the early activities of the Brownies was a train ride to Sanford to visit the zoo and eat lunch. There were about 20 girls and two adults. We left Pine Castle on the train about nine in the morning, stopped in Orlando, Winter Park, Altamonte Springs, and finally Sanford. This was the first train ride for many of the girls. Some of the mothers met us at the train station in Sanford, where we went to the city park, ate our bag lunch, and enjoyed the zoo. We returned to Pine Castle by auto.

The Orlando Council had held day camps for a number of years on the Perkins property off Perkins Road; however, in 1957 and 1958 day camp was held at Warren Park. After the Girl Scout house was completed, a summer activities program included basket weaving, ceramics, cooking, sewing, good grooming, parliamentary procedure, literature, drama, and ballroom dancing, taught by adult volunteers. Many Junior troops have spent their first overnight encampments on the grounds, and Girl Scouts from other parts of the Council have used the site. Training sessions have also been given for volunteer adults.

As of January 1, 1976, Girl Scout registration records show 6 Brownie, 4 Junior and 1 Cadette Troop totaling 133 girls and 17 adults are actively participating in the Girl Scout program. Some troops meet in leaders' homes, and the Methodist Church has provided a meeting place for Scout activities.



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Pine Castle Women's Club

Back in the early 1900's, women of the area banded together to get things they wanted. They were instrumental in building the Union Church. They helped their fighting men during World War I; but it wasn't until 1940 that they banded together to form their own club. It was begun to give individuals an opportunity to serve the community while developing their own talents. The interests of the Woman's Club are as broad as the needs of the community.

The first project of the club was the construction of a building in the very center of Pine Castle, and since its construction, probably everyone who lives in this area has passed through it at one time or another. It has served as the Woman's Club, a meeting place for Girl Scouts, the Lions Club, the Community Council, various churches, the Sertomas, community luncheons and dinners, for recreational activities, a lending library, a polling precinct, and is currently the home of the Pine Castle Center of the Arts' Pied Piper Players.

In 1957, when the Girl Scouts outgrew the Woman's Club, the Club started the "Girl Scouts' Little House" on Waltham, which continues to be one of their major projects.

For many years the Woman's Club provided a lending library for the community and eventually helped secure the branch of the Orlando Public Library for the area on Gatlin Avenue."

The South Orange Community Council is an outgrowth of the Pine Castle Community Council, organized by the Woman's Club in the early 1950's.

Each year since 1956 the club has sponsored a sixth grade essay contest, and there are now eight schools participating. Cash prizes are awarded, and the winning school receives a silver bowl to keep for one year.

In 1968 the club pledged \$1,000 to the South Branch YMCA, which was paid off by once a month benefit bridge parties.

Home and Garden tours have proved very successful for the club, and out of these profits since 1972 they have been able to help the South Branch YMCA, and the Ziegler Community Service Center, and to set up music scholarships through the Pine Castle Center of the Arts. Some of the ongoing projects include monthly bridge games, the sixth grade essay contest, roadside beautification, a monthly CIP Award to a south Orlando business, collection of data concerning Pine Castle history, monthly "items" for the Ziegler Center, rummage sales, fashion shows, underwriting the Pied Piper Players, and the tours of homes.

The Pine Castle Woman's Club hosted the Orange County chapter of the Florida Federation of Woman's Clubs in 1974.



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Community Service Center

The Community Service Center of South Orange County began operations in the spring of 1970. Originally founded by a grant from the estate of the late Bessie Ziegler, who earmarked funds out of her desire to help those in need in the Pine Castle area, the Center was organized through the dedicated efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Datson, Irene Day, Florence Fishback, Shirley Fadem, Larrie Bouck, Ann Bennett, Jack Price, James Mallory, Shirley Stevens, Dwight Mentzer and other concerned citizens. Since that time the Center has grown in relation to the growth of South Orange County and has rendered valuable community services to those in need throughout the entire area.

Operating with assistance only from United Way, who assumed the funding when the original Ziegler grant was expended, and the help and generosity of concerned citizens, the Community Center has consistently assisted the needy of the area.

Under the directorship of Mrs. Opal Galhoun, the Center's only director since its founding, and volunteers, the Center offers a variety of social services; a summer day camp, family counseling, parent discussion groups, tutoring, homemaking classes, and other continuing programs, as well as emergency assistance with food and clothing — all are available to those in need.

In a recent letter from Rep. Fred Hagan, he wrote, "Thank you for the excellent work you do for the residents of Orange County. Many of the people our office has referred to the Community Service Center have actually taken the time to call us back and say thank you for sending them to the Community Center." The agency truly functions as the name implies — a community service center — and exists only through the efforts and generosity of citizens concerned for their fellow man.

"Pop" Kelly

Jerome "Pop" Kelly was born in Indiana and moved to Pine Castle by way of Georgia in 1921. It took the family three days to drive down in a Model T. During the days of Pine Castle's incorporation he worked helping Archie King with the city's water and lights. He remembers the Pine Castle Theatre first occupied the water and light building.

After working odd jobs at various businesses in Orange County, he opened a bar in Pine Castle in the '40s selling hamburgers and beer for 10 cents.

Pop's wife and one of his two sons are dead. Now, his constant companion is Smoky, a 17 year

old chihuahua, who the family said is hard of hearing and almost blind.

Pop never served in a war but came pretty close. He enlisted in the Army during the Spanish American war, but a month later the war ended. Pop says "they heard he was coming and quit." On Sunday morning Sept. 5, 1976 Pop celebrated his 99th birthday and the Pine Castle Center of the Arts presented him with flowers and a plaque for being the oldest resident in south Orange County.

American Legion

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1966, the Post held its official dedication ceremony, with Arthur A. Dickson, founder of the post, conducting service.



"Pop" stands in his bar selling hamburgers and beer for a dime.

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YMCA

Since 1968 the South Orlando YMCA on Oak Ridge Road has been the center point of athletic activity in this area. It was established in the by-laws of the Central YMCA in 1962.

It shares, along with the Pine Castle Little League, the piece of property which is the former homeplace of Ruby and Clarence Datson. Dr. J. J. Fadem was president of both the YMCA and the Little League at the time and it was through his leadership that the organizations were able to work together to purchase the property, with the assistance of the Bessie Ziegler Foundation, and create the athletic park which has meant so much to so many children.

In 1968, the south branch, under the leadership of Max Wells raised \$100,000.00 for site, pool, locker rooms and tennis courts. In 1972 a bubble covering was purchased so that the temperature of the pool could be climately controlled, but it was heavily vandalized in 1973 and never repaired. It was later sold.

The YMCA has adult and children classes in tennis, swimming, handball, gymnastics and many others. They have an introductory baseball league for boys and girls too young or too small for Little League. Their games are played on the YMCA diamond adjacent to the Little League. These games are played for about nine weeks when Little League is not playing. There are eight football teams with about 250 boys between the ages of 10 and 14. Some of these players, like Cyril Wyatt, have gone on to play with the Oak Ridge Pioneers. For the second year, there are basketball teams in conjunction with the National Youth Basketball Association with games starting in November for boys and girls of elementary and junior high schools. The swim team has reorganized after a couple of years of inactivity and they hope to come back strong.

The YMCA also has Indian Guides for boys and dads and Indian Princesses for girls and dads. They have weekly meetings during the school year, participate in campouts and each participant takes an Indian name. On one such



outing, while the boys were swimming, someone noticed one of the boys seemed to be having trouble in the water. So, one of the dads launched a canoe and started rowing to him. About half way there, he tipped the canoe over. The

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Oak Ridge High School

Now one of the largest high schools in Orange County, Oak Ridge High School started in September, 1959, with 300 seventh, eighth and ninth graders. For the first semester, the new school was on double sessions with Howard Junior High School, since the building at Oak Ridge was not ready. The first section of the present 100 building eventually housed these initial students. Growing faster in population than in accommodations, Oak Ridge became a junior-senior high school the following September. In 1965, temporary portable buildings were moved to the site to handle the influx of students, and, since the building program has never been able to keep up with the population growth, these "temporary" portables are still in use. The seventh and eighth graders were transferred to the newly constructed Walker Junior High School in 1967, and in 1968. Oak Ridge became a senior high school for tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders only.

The fifty-five members of the graduating senior class of 1962 would no doubt find the campus unrecognizable with its 130 classrooms in six buildings and "temporary" portables. The most recent construction completed in the attempt to keep pace with the growing population has been the remodeling of the 400 building and the remodeling and enlarging of the library. From 300 students, Oak Ridge has grown to almost 3,000.

The first principal, Richard Eagle, has had four successors in the interim. Keith Stone and Jake Dominey witnessed the initial growth. Under Robert Lengauer, the 300 building was remodeled, and a new 700 building constructed. William Spoons, principal for the last two years, also saw the inclusion of an Air Force ROTC program.

Since a school is actually only as good as the parents and



teachers who work for and with it, Oak Ridge High School is indebted to the many PTA members who have expended so much time and energy over the years. Among the earliest PTA presidents were Mrs. Art Elferdink, Mrs. Bateman and Mrs. Dorothy Hutchins. The most recent president is Mrs. Barbara Owens.



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Pine Castle Elementary

In 1877 the first school in Pine Castle was built in the vicinity of Orange and Hoffner. The building was of rough pine boards placed vertically upon the frame work. The lumber came from east of Lake Jennie Jewell and was drawn by ox team. Mrs. O. P. Preston was the first teacher, having about fifteen pupils. It is believed this building burned.

About 1900 a new school building was erected on the present school grounds. The building was of pine, but was painted white. The school was graded by the reader you were in and was considered an eight grade school. Alice Leake and Mr. Matchett were two of the early teachers. Claudine Monroe, Harry Hoffner and Stella Brown all went to this school. One of the early teachers, Mrs. A. R. Bogue, who is still alive and lives on S. Rosalind in Orlando; told me when she taught in Pine Castle she boarded with the Sweet family. The children sat on benches and if they had a desk it was furnished by the family. This little school house ended up as part of the house of Mrs. Knudson, which she used as a kitchen for years.

A two story wooden building was completed about 1912. This one had separate classrooms, probably two grades per class. A child could now go through the tenth grade in Pine Castle. Mrs. Durrance and Miss Essie Crawford Johns were two of the teachers of this school. As Pine Castle grew so did the need for classrooms. In 1924 a two story concrete building was erected on the Southeast corner of the school ground. Both schools were used, the wooden and the concrete, until 1936-37. Mrs. Maude Hoffner was a favorite teacher in this building. In 1936-37 another two story concrete building was built adjacent to the existing one and connected to by the present day school auditorium. Also, the old wooden building was sold and moved from the school grounds to Lake Conway. Records show it was used as a home and later burned.

In 1940, the tenth grade was taken out of Pine Castle and it just became an elementary and junior high school. In 1952, due to growth, Pine Castle became an all elementary school. The junior high students being transferred to Howard Junior High. By the late fifties or early sixties portable classrooms began to appear on the school grounds and it was evident that the two old concrete buildings no longer served their purpose. About this time they built the first wing of the present school and in 1973 the new school was built and the two old concrete school buildings were destroyed, leaving only the present school auditorium, built in 1937.

Next year Pine Castle Elementary will be one hundred years old, being on the present grounds for over seventy-five years. Her graduates have gone on to be doctors, lawyers, businessmen, nurses, teachers, homemakers, farmers, etc. This year in conjunction with Pioneer Days, those who attended the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grades in years gone by, will meet on Friday night, November 19th, at the Hilton Inn South on International Drive for dinner and to reminisce about their good old school days.

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Westridge Junior High

Westridge Junior High School, today serving 1200 students in Southwest Orlando, was started in June, 1971. Twenty-one portable class buildings and a building shared with Channel 24, Valencia Junior College and Mid-Florida Technical Institute were its temporary campus for two and a half years.



In the summer before its first school year Westridge began operations in two portable buildings at Mid-Florida Technical Institute. The "school" identified as "D.D." was then moved to the campus of Walker Junior High School for two weeks before settling on the West Oak Ridge site.

Valencia Junior College occupied Westridge's temporary campus of the Channel 24 building and the portables. While waiting for Valencia's move to a new campus, Westridge's school office, located in a portable, was partitioned into office space with walls made of stacked boxes of paper. Valencia shared quarters with Westridge three weeks into the school year.

The permanent school building was ready for use in the first week of December, 1973. Students and teachers packed all their class belongings into cars and trucks and in one short, busy weekend moved an entire school. This was the fifth and final move for the school. (In all of these changes the only lost item was the innards of a coffee pot.) The school was dedicated in the early spring by Dr. Linton L. Deck and school board members.

In their five years of existence, the Westridge Warriors have become well known as competitors not only in sports but also in other county activities. Special recognition has been won by the Marching and Symphonic Bands, All County and All State Chorus members, Quiz Bowl Team, Chess Club, and Forensic speakers. The office trophy case displays this growing recognition and accomplishment.

The administrators who began Westridge are still with the school: Principal James C. Tyson and Assistant Principal Frank Harrison. Mrs. Alva Peele, Assistant Principal, who came to the school in the fall of 1975, completes the administrative staff. Of the present fifty-member faculty, twenty-two

teachers have been with the school since its start.

In contrast to its plain, lowly beginnings, Westridge is today the second newest junior high in Orange County. It serves as a showcase of new designs in school building.

Conway Junior High

Conway Junior High School, located at 4600 Anderson Road, was constructed in 1968.

When the property was cleared in May, 1968, there was a tragic accident when a pine tree snapped, killing one of the workmen. In November, 1968, two men were severely burned by electricity when the crane on which they were working hit a power line.

The property on which Conway Junior High now stands was purchased in 1968 from Mrs. Dixie Barber and others. This property had been in the Barber family since 1900. The property was given to Mrs. Barber and her late husband as a wedding gift. In 1924, the Barbers built a white frame home on the corner; it was torn down in 1968 when the Orange County School Board purchased this land for the new Conway Junior High School.

Early in July, 1969, a group of interested parents met for the purpose of establishing a Parent-Teacher Association for Conway Junior High School, which was scheduled to open in September, 1969.

The Steering Committee and others were elected. These committees working throughout the summer, laid the ground-work, and on September 16, 1969, the Conway Junior High PTA was duly chartered with 237 members.

Mrs. J. C. Stults was elected the first president of the Conway Junior High PTA. The PTA is responsible for buying the equipment in the clinic



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Judson B. Walker

Judson B. Walker Junior High School was erected in 1966 and occupied in December of that year. The school was named for Mr. Judson B. Walker, the first principal of Orlando High School (now Howard Junior High) in 1926-1932, and Orange County Superintendent of School from 1932-1957. Mr. John Pitts was appointed its first principal and Mr. Jack Holton as his assistant. For the first three months the faculty of 45 and the student body of 1080, consisting of only seventh and eighth graders, was located temporarily on the Oak Ridge High School campus. Dedication ceremonies for Judson Walker Jr. High were held on April 2, 1967. It is located at 150 Amidon Lane. In the fall of 1969 the ninth grade class was added, which

increased the enrollment to over 1600 students before the end of the academic year.

The school mascot is the "Viking" and its colors are burgundy and gold. Walker is best known for its fine music department, national champ cheerleaders and excellent academic program.

Mr. Vernon E. Parrish was principal from 1967 through 1975, and 13 of the original teachers are still on the staff including Mr. Ed Hamil, assistant principal, who was a Social Studies teacher. Mr. Myron E. Singhaus is presently principal, with a student body of approximately 1350 students enrolled.

Conway Junior High

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and the bicycle rack. The palm trees that grace the entrance to the school were purchased jointly by the PTA and the Student Council.

Teachers started pre-planning August 18, 1969, and Conway Junior High opened its doors in the 1969-1970 school year with 1,450 students.

Mr. Dewey Stallard was the first principal, and Mr. Harold Nelms, the first assistant principal.

Conway's first school newspaper was the "Falcon Beacon".

The first president of Student Council was Mike Alley, 1969-70. Steve Powell was elected the second Student Council President.

Conway's yearbook was named the "Talon".

The first book of prose and poetry was named the "Oracle".





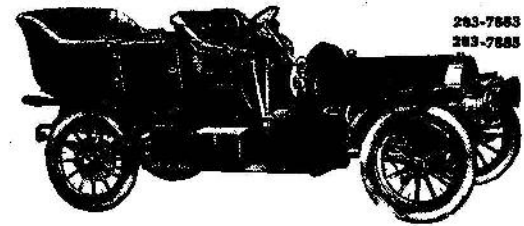
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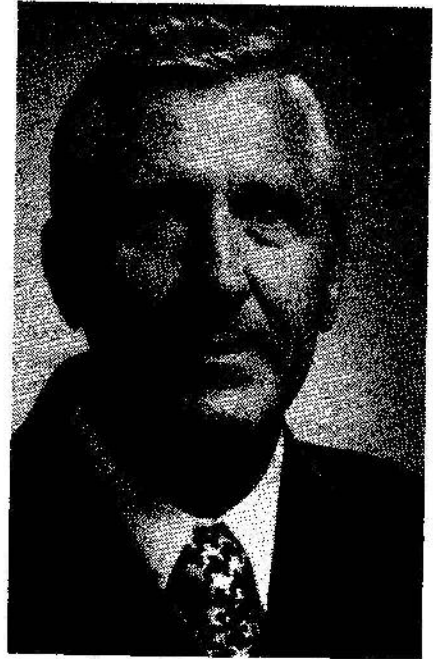


T. G. Lee, native-born Orange Countian and "Dean of the Florida Dairy Industry," is shown here with his life-long friend Chester G. Magruder, long-time citrus grower and a native of Orange County.

Henry F. Swanson is truly a part of Florida history and comes by his love of Florida naturally. Florida born — West Palm Beach October 20, 1928, Florida reared — Lake County, Florida; Military Service U.S. Navy — Medical Corps (Pensacola, Key West, and Miami), Florida educated — University of Florida B.S.A. 1948, M.S.A. 1949. He was awarded the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs fellowship to do graduate work. Married. Father of two children and two grandchildren.

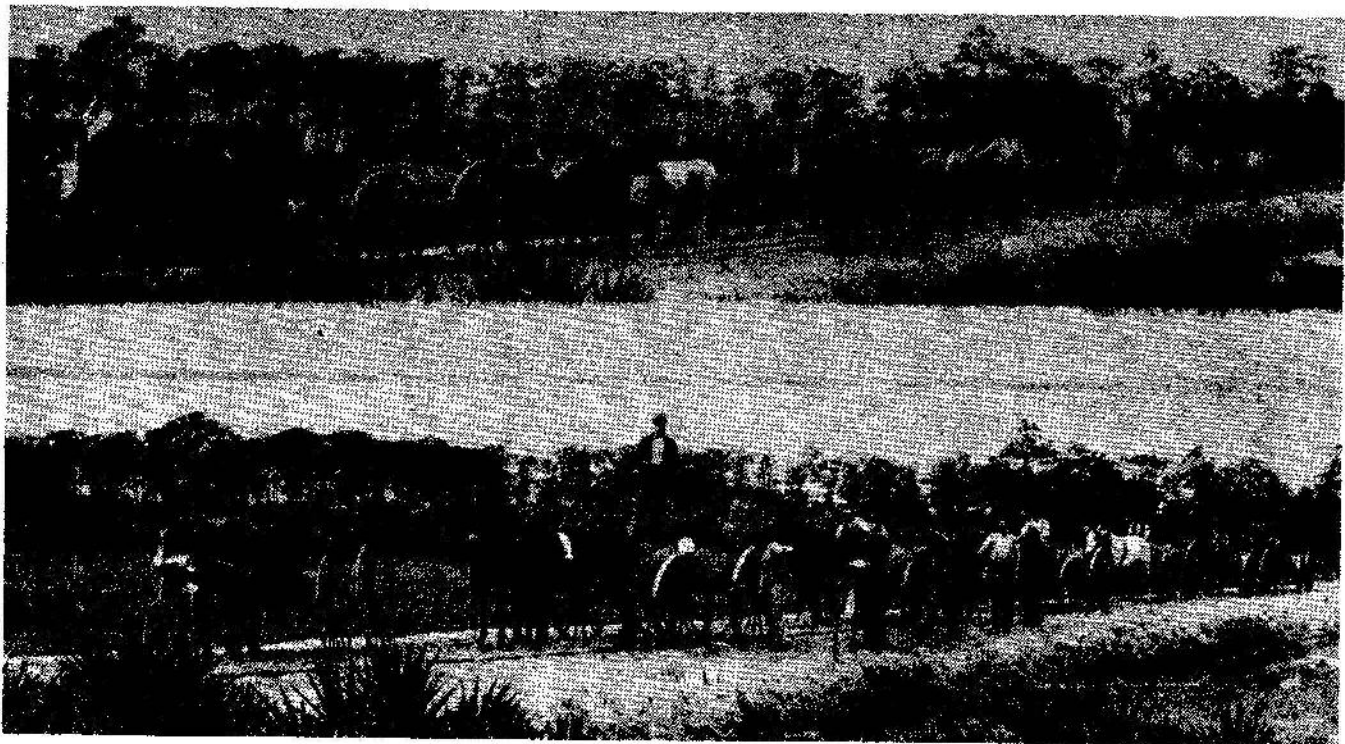
Early in his career as an Extension Agent he recognized the need to record the agricultural happenings in his county. Later he realized that many of those who made the history were slipping away without their unusual experiences having been recorded. Consequently, and with his usual direct approach, Swanson set out to do this job himself. Of more than fifty "old timers" interviewed ten have since passed on.

Seeing these old timers slip away and realizing that much of what they had worked to accomplish was slipping away too, Swanson con-



Henry F. Swanson

cluded that *Countdown for Agriculture* was the most appropriate title for the report of Orange County agriculture, 1895 to 1975, in the present space-oriented environment.

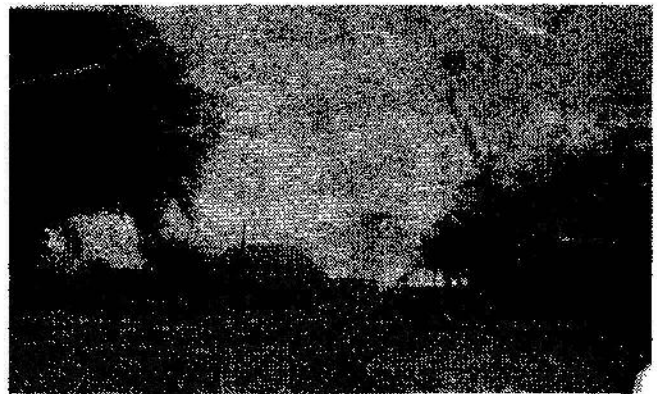


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- For One Brief Shining Moment -



Mrs. Bernard goes for a buggy ride.



Pine Castle about 1913 was starting to grow.

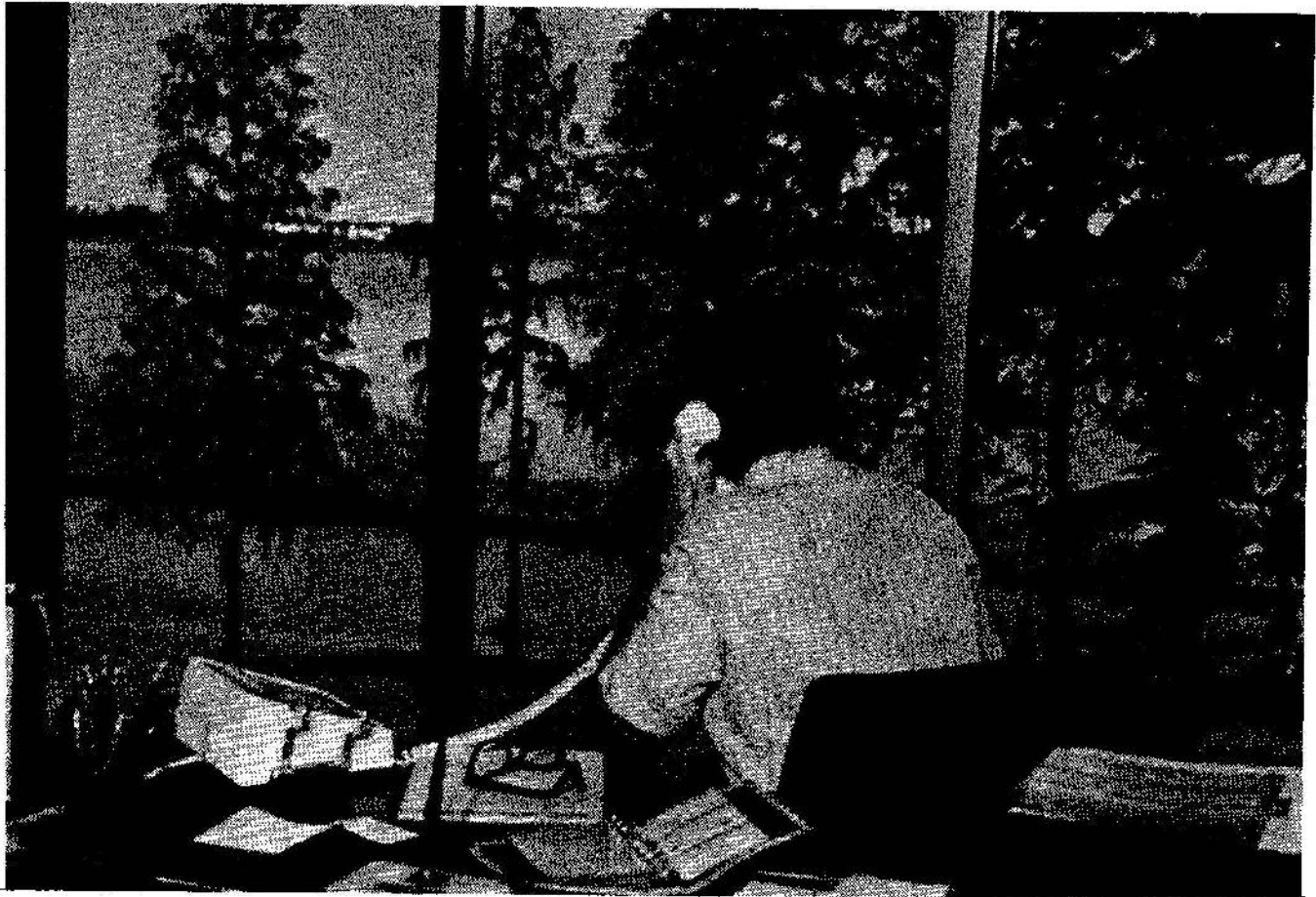


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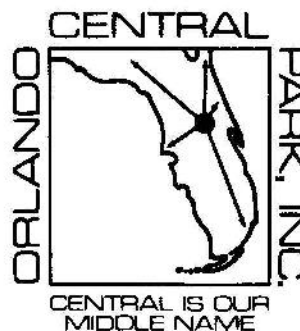
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Conway

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chew hay and oats from the manger, and would kick if interfered with.

We were told later that he used to have periodic attacks of the D.T.'s when he would imagine he was a horse and go galloping into town, where he was always kept in a stall and treated like a horse until sober.

Another of these boys opened his alarm clock with a can opener, after an evening at the English Club, mistaking it for a can of beer. It was kept at the club as an exhibit. Yet another, who was particularly amusing when he had had a trifle too much, told this story on himself the next day at Polo.

He was on his way home the night before when suddenly his pony stopped and couldn't be persuaded to go on. What was wrong he couldn't tell, nor could he recognize the road, so he gave up, dismounted, unsaddled and hitched the pony to a post he COULD see. He camped out on the spot until morning, only to find he was outside his own gate and the poor little pony had simply stopped for him to open it."

In 1894, the big freeze came killing most of the orange trees, the flowers and financially wiping out the English Colony. Most of the families moved back to England, but they left behind them the beginnings of the present day Conway.

Yacht Club

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Dawson, Bob Carr, Ray Stevens (only remaining original member and the clubs only Honorary member), Dr. McCall, Ed Little, R. T. Chipman, James McCann, John Duke, Bert Neidig, Ray Renfro, and present Commodore, Bruce Mitchell.

When World War II started, the activities of the club slacked off, but remained open Sunday afternoons. After the Pine Castle Air Force Base was put in operation, the service men were welcomed to the club. Among them were some fine sailors and swimmers. A Colonel Melville Philips took advantage of our offer and brought along many boys from the base.

After the war was over, the club was reactivated by Allyn Stevens and has continued expanding. The adjoining property to the original club on Nela Isle has been taken over for all sailing activities.

The club has expanded to over 70 members with many prominent members from all professions including Judge Peter de Manio, Walter F. Currie, Bill Kennedy and sons, Greg Fresnell, Judge George Sprinkle, J. Allyn Stevens, and Major Richard Tulman.

Mrs. J. Allyn Stevens

YMCA

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boy and the dad both had to swim to shore. The dad quickly became known as "Chief Tip-a-canoe".

Mr. Charles Ferrell is the Administrative Director of YMCA. A few of the dedicated men and women who made the YMCA possible are Jim Robinson, J. C. Barfield, Jr., Irene Day, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Datson and Walker Keel.

The South Orlando YMCA has just completed phase one of its building program which included lighting the basketball courts. This building and improvements will make this facility first class and will be followed by the construction of a gymnasium complex after the completion of a capital fund drive in the first three months of 1977.



Ruth Barber Linton is a charter member of the Pine Castle Center of the Arts and currently a member of the Board of Directors. She is also chairman of the history department and co-editor of the Pioneer Days Magazine. For the past three years she has been active gathering oral histories of South Orange County pioneers as well as local historical artifacts for the history gallery which was opened at the Center on October 30 of this year.

She also takes a small exhibit to elementary school classrooms and talks about how life was in Orange County 100 years ago — especially what the children did for work and play. The children also enjoy her "short 'nin' Bread" cookies which she brings and the Pine Castle Elementary School honored her by naming it their official cookie of the school.

Ruth was born in South Orlando and attended Pine Castle Elementary and Junior High School. She is a descendant of four Orange County pioneer families who came here in the 1850s and '60s — the Hulls, Barbers, Bronsons and Prescotts.

Little League

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process of purchasing the land that its fields are situated on, for the future of all Pine Castle Little Leaguers.

Today the League serves approximately five hundred boys and girls in the Pine Castle area. There are two lighted fields (power bills average \$1000.00 per month during the season), two concessions stands, and good storage for equipment. It costs the League approximately \$50.00 per child to put that child on the baseball field. A large portion of these expenses are defrayed through sponsor fees. Pine Castle Little League receives no financial help from outside sources, such as City or County. It is sustained completely through donations and the hard work year around of the Board of Directors and the Women's Auxillary.

The success of the Pine Castle League is something that those who are associated with are very proud of. It turns out top-notch teams year after year. In 1975, the girls Major division won City tournament championship at Azalea Park Field. In 1974, Pine Castle had four divisions represented in State competition. There are many people who have contributed to the success of the League through the years. Some of these people should be mentioned here: Mr. Leo Berry, Mr. Glen Faulkner, Mr. Lou Emery, Mr. Leonard Dennis, Dr. Jerry Fadem, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Huddleson, Mr. Harold Neff, Mrs. Laverne Schraudner, Mr. Jim Osment, Mr. Ed Post, Mr. Richard Stickle, Mr. Lionel Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Amodeo and Mr. Rusty Craver. There are many more people who have given much of their time and energy to serve the youth of Pine Castle through the years, but the success of Pine Castle Little League is due to the great spirit of the people of Pine Castle themselves. I am proud to have been associated with such a fine group of people for the last twelve years. May the cry "PLAY BALL" always be heard in Pine Castle.

Bicentennial Parade 1976

Winner of Writing Contest
 Lisa DeFrancesco
 McCoy Elementary School
 Grade 6

As I stand here and watch the beautiful Bicentennial Parade continue with the floats and fireworks, I think to myself how many people really know what the Bicentennial means.

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And now we celebrate our 200 years of freedom. Even in school we celebrate Patriotic Day by dressing like a patriot.

As I stood there watching and listening to the bell in the parade ringing it sounded like the ringing of joy.

Just think if the people in the war for our country would have lost we might not be sitting so comfortably now.

So when you hear the word Bicentennial you'll think of it more than just a celebration, and we should give great thanks to our patriots.



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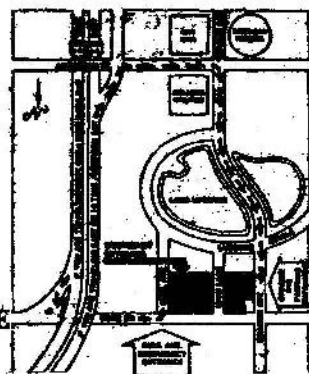
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Some people are just going to stay home and watch parades on their electrasets or listen to their ultra-sonic radios. Many people will even go outside and play around with their electra-mowers. A lot of people are also going to be watching two great football games. One will be the Robots against the Androids. The other one is the Nuts against the Bolts. So whatever you do, have a good Tricentennial.



Oh, my deer.



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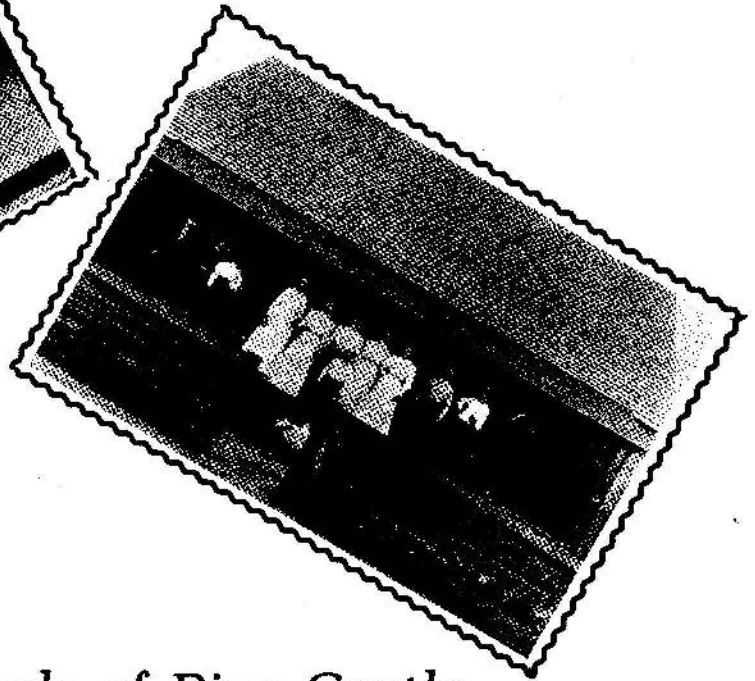
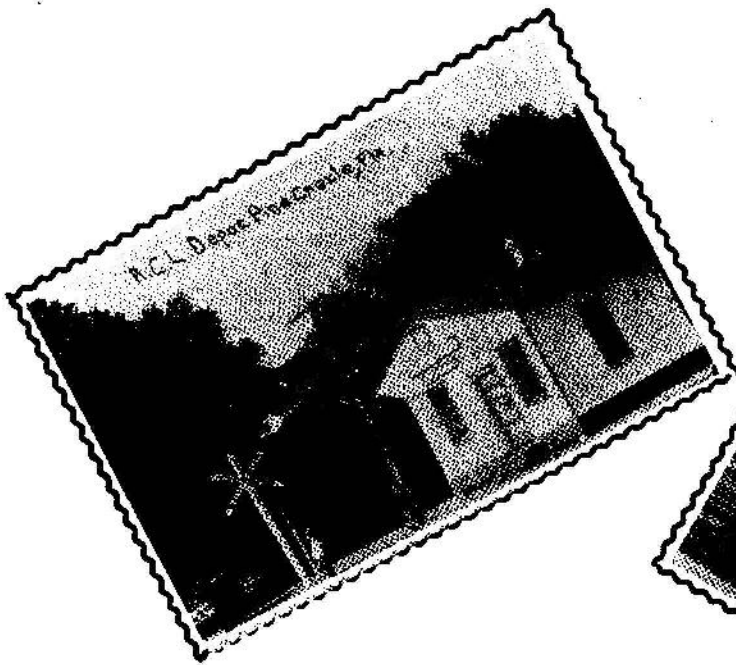
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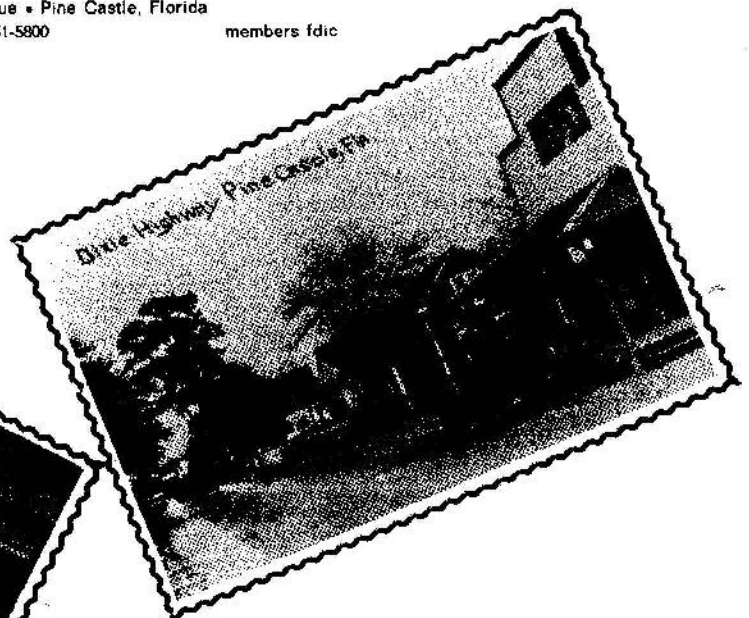
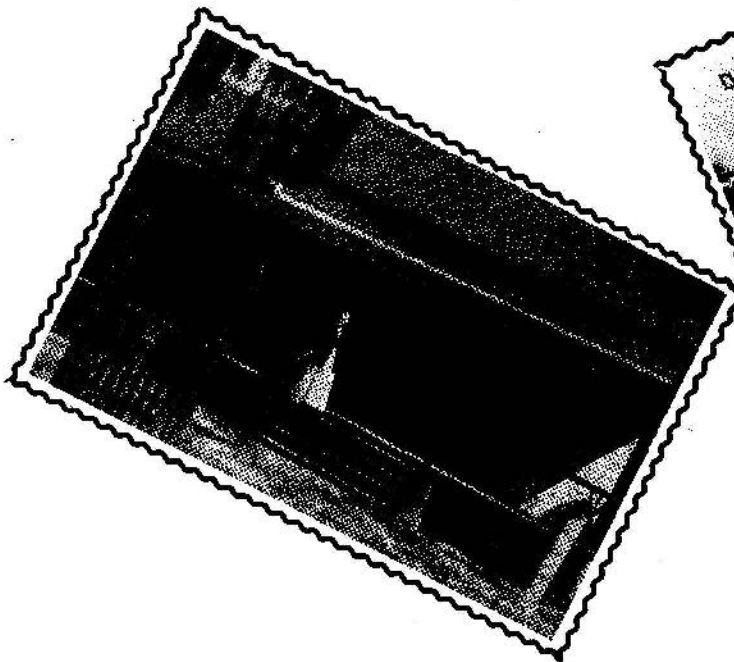
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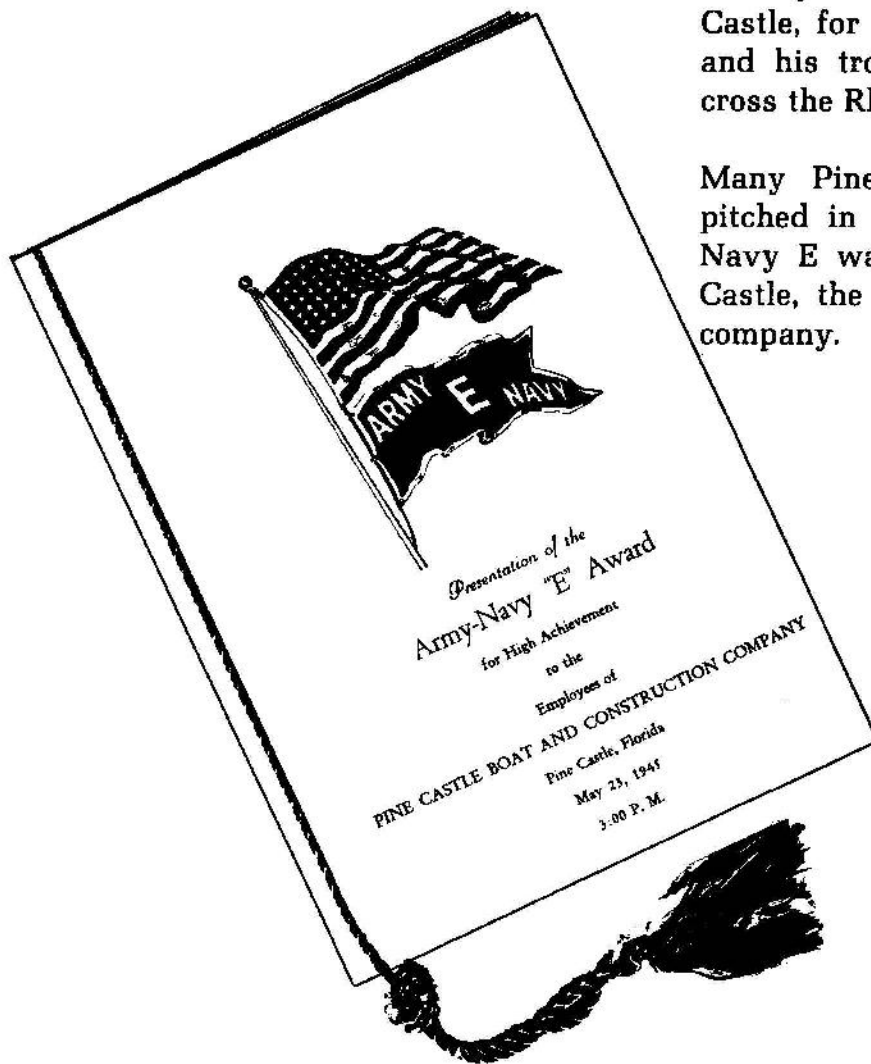
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*On Pioneer Days and the Bicentennial . . .
Remembering the Army-Navy E Which Came to
Pine Castle, Thirty-One Years Ago . . .*

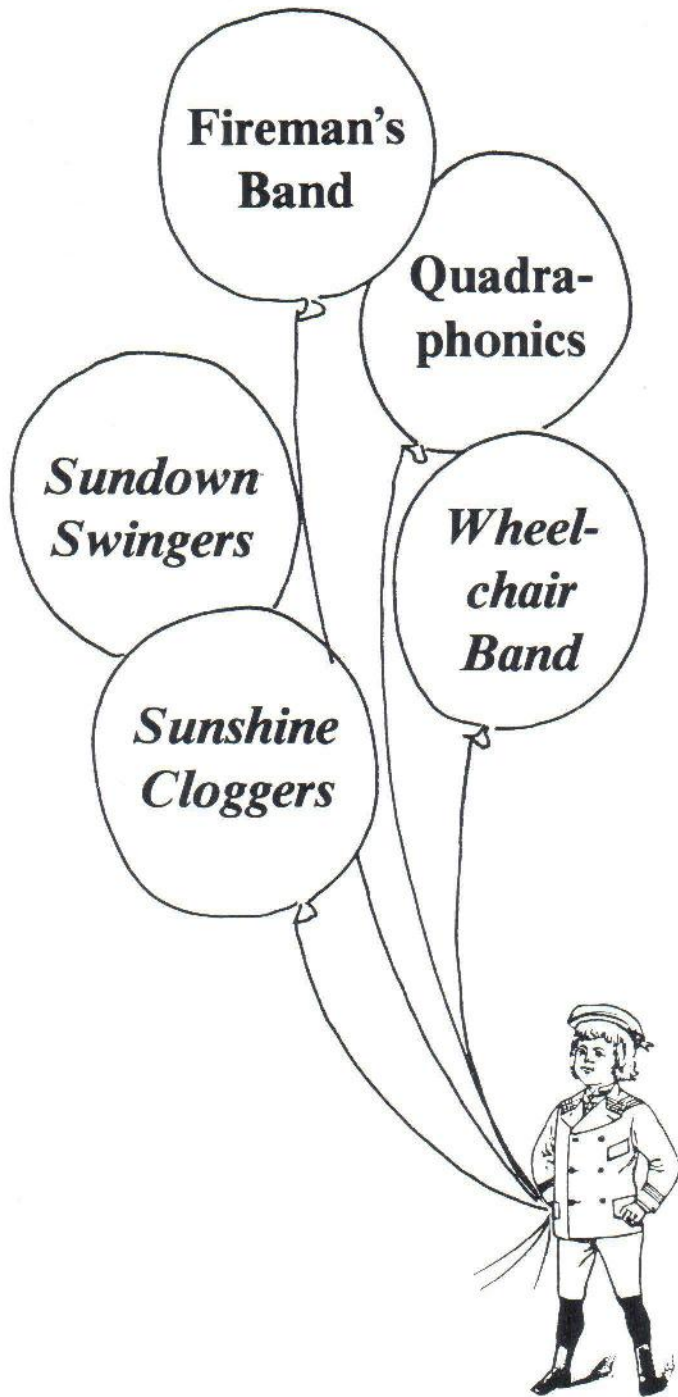
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Pioneer Craft Demonstrations
Game Booths
10:30 PARADE
11:30 Rosie O'Grady — Goodtime Jazz Band
12:00 Costume Judging
12:30 Sunside Squares — Clogging
1:00 Wheelchair Band
1:00 Old Timer Luncheon
1:20 Pied Piper Players
1:50 Sweet Adelines
2:10 Orange County Fire Prevention Band
3:00 Melodrama
History Exhibit in Center
Open House in Music Building
4:00 Fireman's Band
4:30 Quadraphonics
5:00 Marionette Show — Pied Piper Players
5-7:30 FISH FRY
6:00 Sundown Swingers
SQUARE DANCING TILL 9 p.m.

SUNDAY

12:00 noon . . . Sidewalk Art Show
Pioneer Craft Demonstration
Game Booths
History Exhibit
1:00 Nick Russo and Gabriels Brass
2:00 Melodrama
3:00 Softball Games
Methodist Men vs. Baptist Men
3:00 Puppet Show — Joan Taylor
4:00 Marionette Show — Pied Piper Players

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