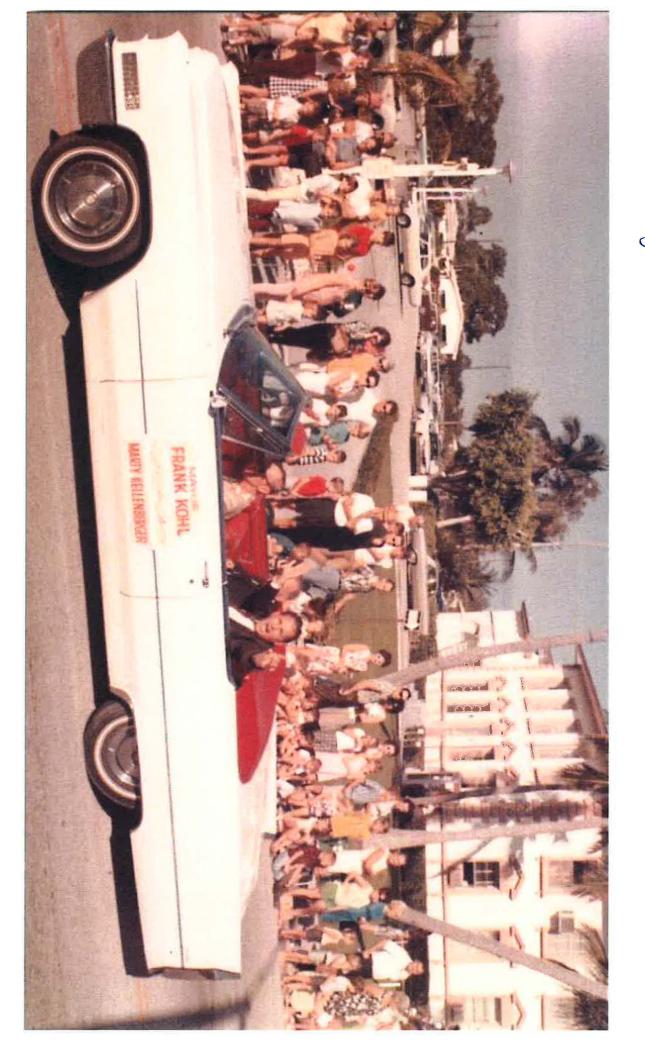


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Groundbreaking - New Police Station
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Members of the influential Collie family (below) pose at the Kelsey City gates, 1920s. The back of the photo indicates the woman on the left is "Grandmother Amy Collie."



Collie Family collection/Historical Society of Palm Beach County

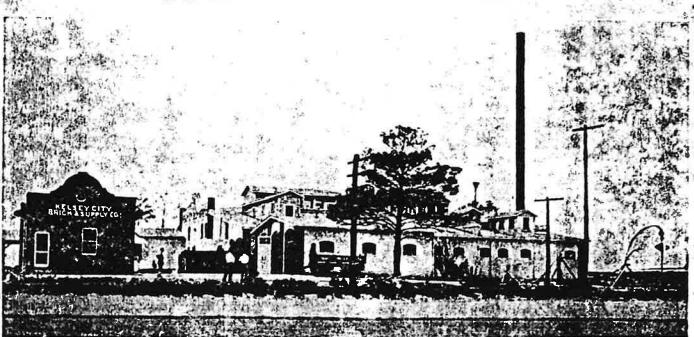
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### INDUSTRIES IN KELSEY CITY



BRICK PLANT

Kelsey City Brick and Supply Co. This is a modern, up-to-date sand lime brick manufacturing plant, with a capacity of 42,000 daily. Three cylinder ovens are used, each 56 fect long and 7 feet high. Twelve hours from sand bank to building wall.

**Kelsey City** teems with industrial life. Additional industries and business concerns are now being inspected and appraised. Among those already built and in operation are:

Is **Kelsey City Brick and Supply Company;** a \$140,000.00 modern sand lime brick plant.

Kelscite Manufacturing Company; manufacturing cement products for building purposes.

**The Stonecraft Company;** a reconstructed stone plant, manufacturing **imitation** granite, sand lime stone and marble veneer facings.

Kelsey City Dairy Company; operating one of the most completely equipped dairies in Florida.

The American Fibre Company; manufacturing fibre rugs and carpets from Palmetto roots.

**Kelsey City Nursery** is located on the Dixie Highway and has approximately two hundred thousand plants, trees and shrubs ready for marketing purposes.

Industries now under construction are:

**The Royal Palm Cord Tire Company** which will manufacture high grade cord tires. Florida has 100,000 automobiles and approximately 100,000 cars tour the State each year.

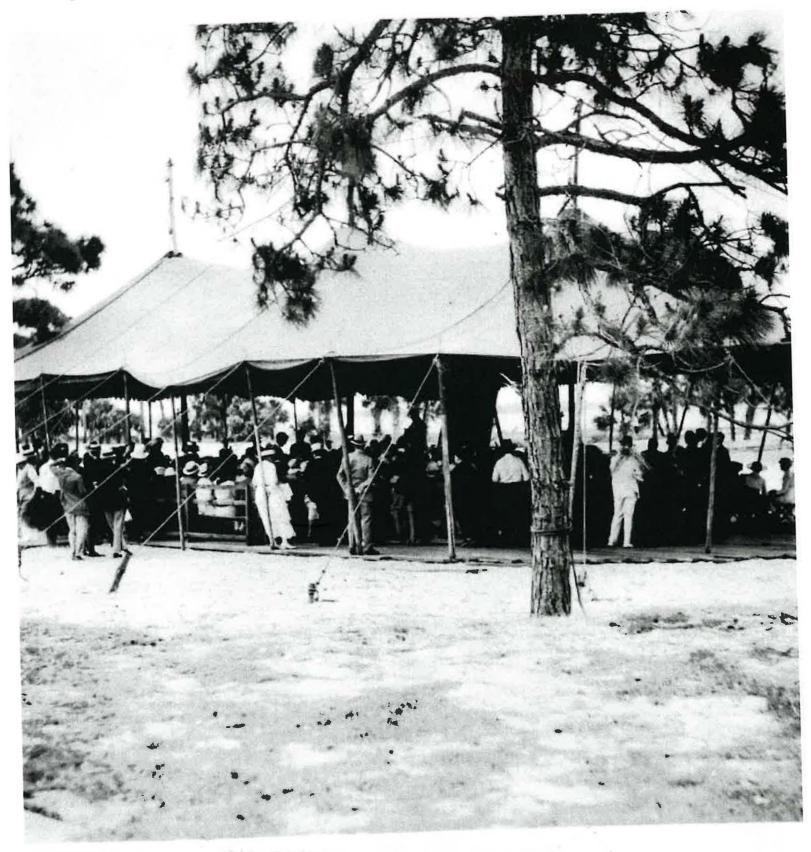
**Fagg Lumber Company** will operate a lumber yard and carry a complete line of builders' supplies.

**The Drake Lumber Company,** one of the largest firms in the South, is erecting a \$200,000.00 plant in Kelsey City. It will employ 200 men and have a \$250,000.00 annual payroll.

These firms already located, and those in prospect, have come to Kelsey City because of its location, the availability of the raw product and the wonderful climate which permits of operation every day in the year.

At least twelve diversified industries are expected to be in operation by

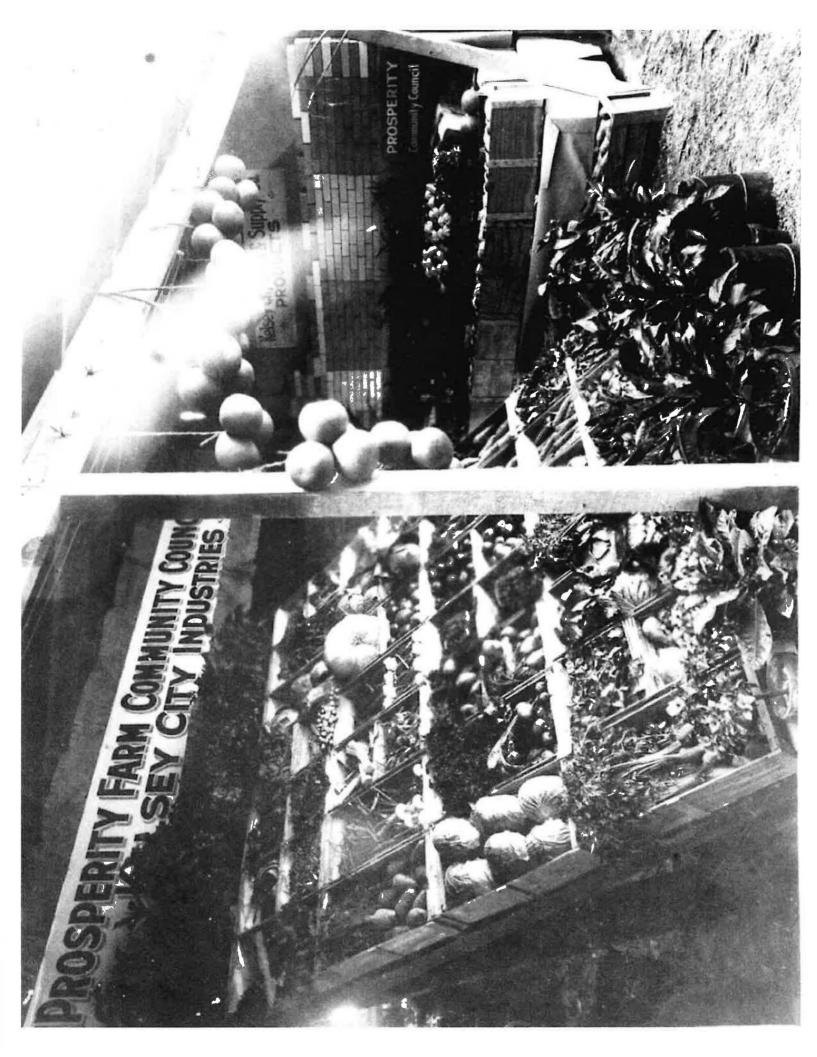
Kelsey City Tent Sale



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TS FOR SALE--From this lake front tent lots in by City were sold by auction with mellifluent oratory tifts of \$1 bills. A yellowed note on this picture states: in then a lovely spot-don't you think?"











**RECOVERY OF BOOM TIME TOWN** he founded after post-boom slump is watched by Harry S. Kelsey (left), developer of Kelsey City, now Lake Park, near the Palm Beaches. He and town officers watch the long unused old Kelsey City State Bank building, a casualty of the depression, being remodeled into a new city hall. The former city hall will be used next term to house Palm Beach Junior College. With Kelsey from left are Mayor Peaslee Streets; William Sylvester, contractor; Dan Mebans, city treasurer; S. J. Blakely, town clerk; Fred Seekamp; Mrs. Myrtle Gros, town secretary, and -Herald Photo by Bill Bosworth Police Chief Louis Pomeraniz.

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# The Kelsey City State Bank

### OFFICERS

BERT WINTERS, President H. S. KELSEY, Vice-President OLIN G. SYMONS, Cashier ED. BENSEL, Ass't Cashier

KELSEY CITY FLORIDA

KELSEY STATE BANK still beens name of Micmi winter resident who poured a fortune into ghost city.

Kelsey City Bank Grand Opening February 16, 1925





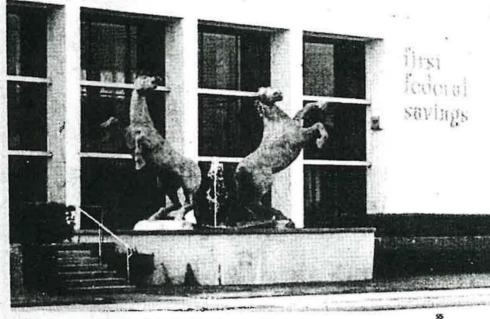
KELSEY CITY BANK 4 TRUST

# First Federal Savings of the Palm Beaches JAND MARK **Palm BeachCounty Leader**

The twin sculptured the best-known landmarks in Lake Park, rear majestically in front of an office of the county's largest financial institution.

Those white stallions horses on U.S. Hwy I, one of mark the most northern of the nine offices of the First Federal Savings of the Palm Federal Savings or the cam. Beaches. The "horse bank" or "Big First" opened in hme, 1962. Since then,

have increased greatly. Mrs. Nancy Hochstettler, assistant treasurer, now heads the staff of eight fully-qualified representatives available to serve any need from



Known to many as the Lake Park landmark with the horses in front this is the most northern branch of the county's nine offices of "The Big First" has served the county for over 40 years, making it one of the oldest Savings and Loan Associations in southeast Florida.

## **Riviera Beach Today: Facilities Still Growing**

### **NEW TO THE PALM BEACHES** CHIROPRACTIC - PHYSICIAN -

DR. D.C. McEWEN Announces The Opening Of An Office Located At 533 Northlake Blvd. North Palm Beach

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Phone 844-1358

In modern Riviera Beach, 15 churches and six schools. serve the people. Police and Fire Department are separate full-time facilities, and an extensive recreation program boasts an adult recreation center, two gymnasiums, tennis and handball courts.

On-going improvement programs are the building of a new bridge to span Lake Worth to Singer Island. A 300 foot boardwalk is under construction at the south end of the municipal ocean beach and a project to repave all city streets is well underway.

customers, services and staff daily savings transactions to mortgage loans and financial counseling.

> They are there to serve you Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., either through the convenient drive-in window, or in the comfortable surroundings of the main office.

Always pleased to be part of the north county community the First Federal Savings of the Palm Beaches has one of the few community rooms available at no charge for meetings in the area. The large meeting room, with its kitchen facilities for serving coffee and light refreshments, is booked to capacity all year with a waiting list of civic and fraternal groups or just plain Thursday afternoon card groups.

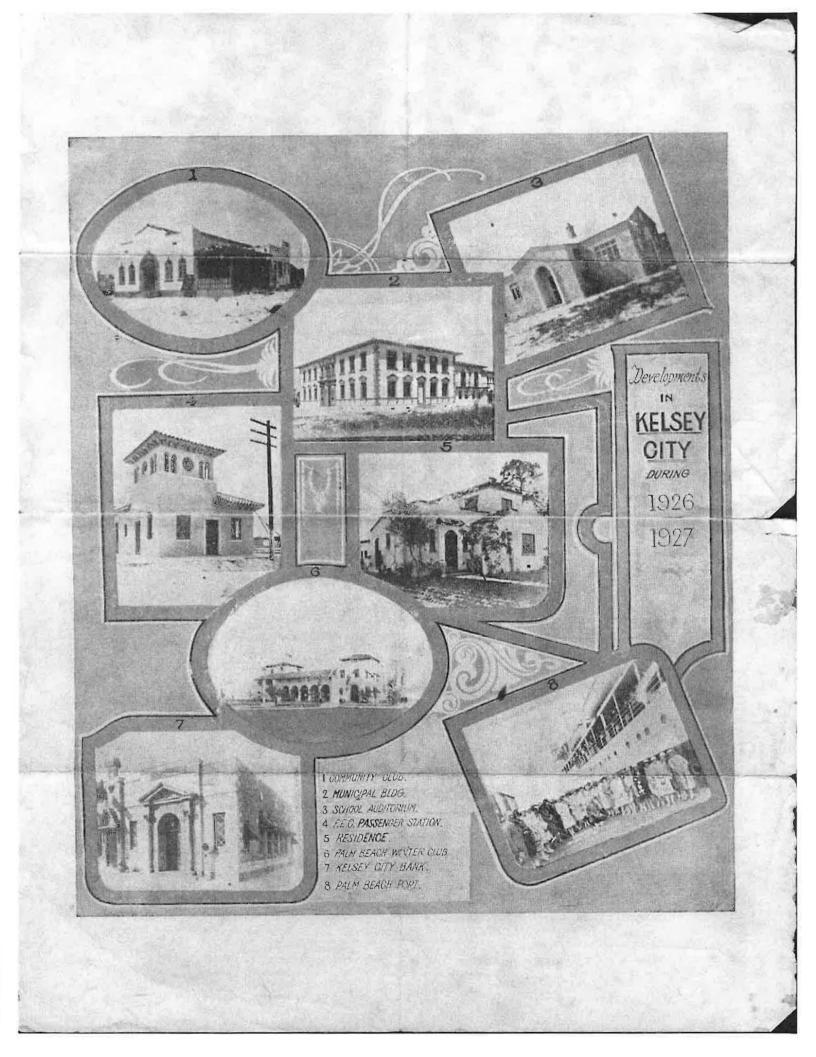
Newest of the "Big First" nine offices between Lake Park and Boca Raton opened this month in the Palm Springs Shopping Center. It already has deposits exceeding one million dollars. A "patio teller" is located there for the convenience of customers strolling around the shopping center.

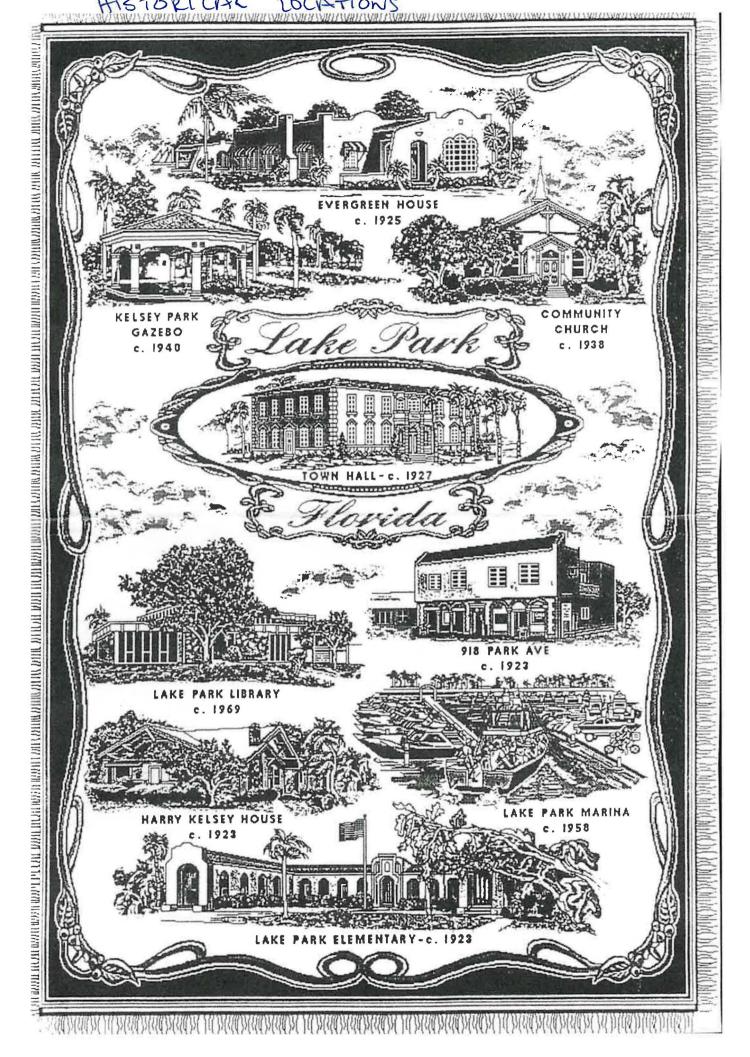
As the county's largest financial institution, with assets exceeding \$350 million, First Federal will soon expand into Broward County with an office at Deerfield Beach. First Federal Savings of the Palm Beaches is over 40 years old, making it one of the oldest Savings and Loan Associations in Southeast Florida.

First Federal customers may conduct their financial business at any of the other eight Big First offices as conveniently as they do "at home in Lake Park" because of the firm's 'on-line in-house'' computer facilities.

The staff urges north county residents to talk to them about how they can serve any future financial plans at the office, 500 North Federal Highway. If you can't remember the name or address, just come to the horses.

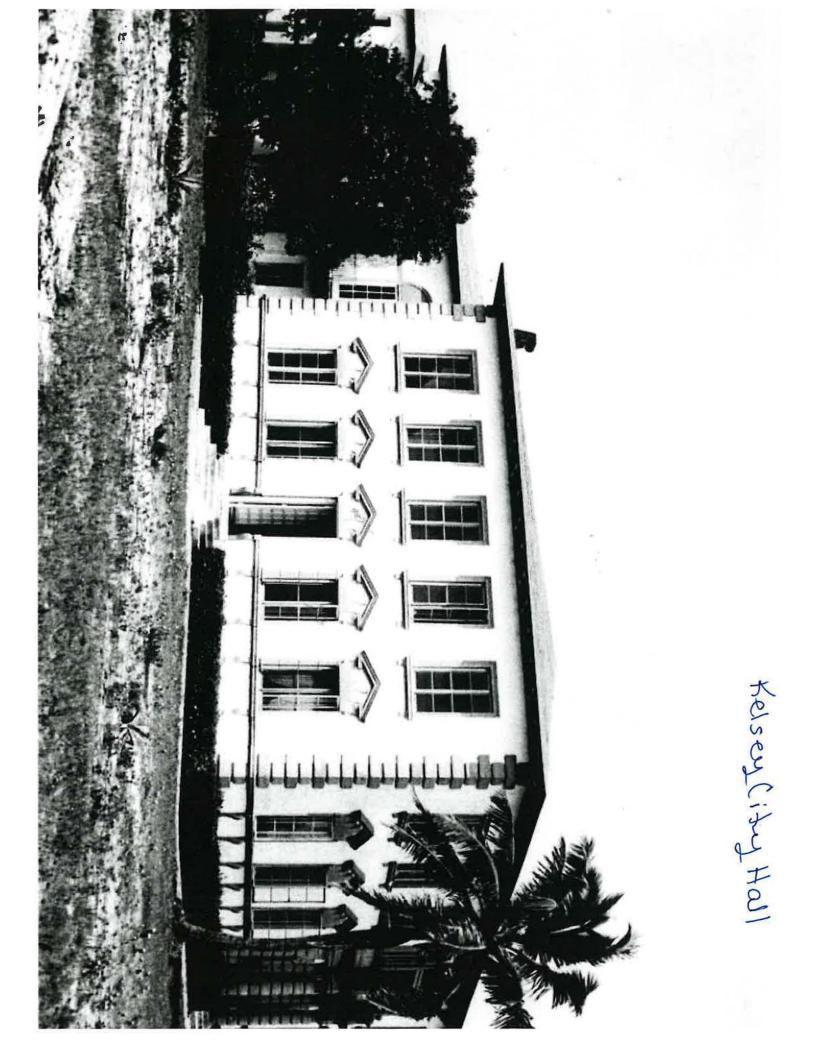


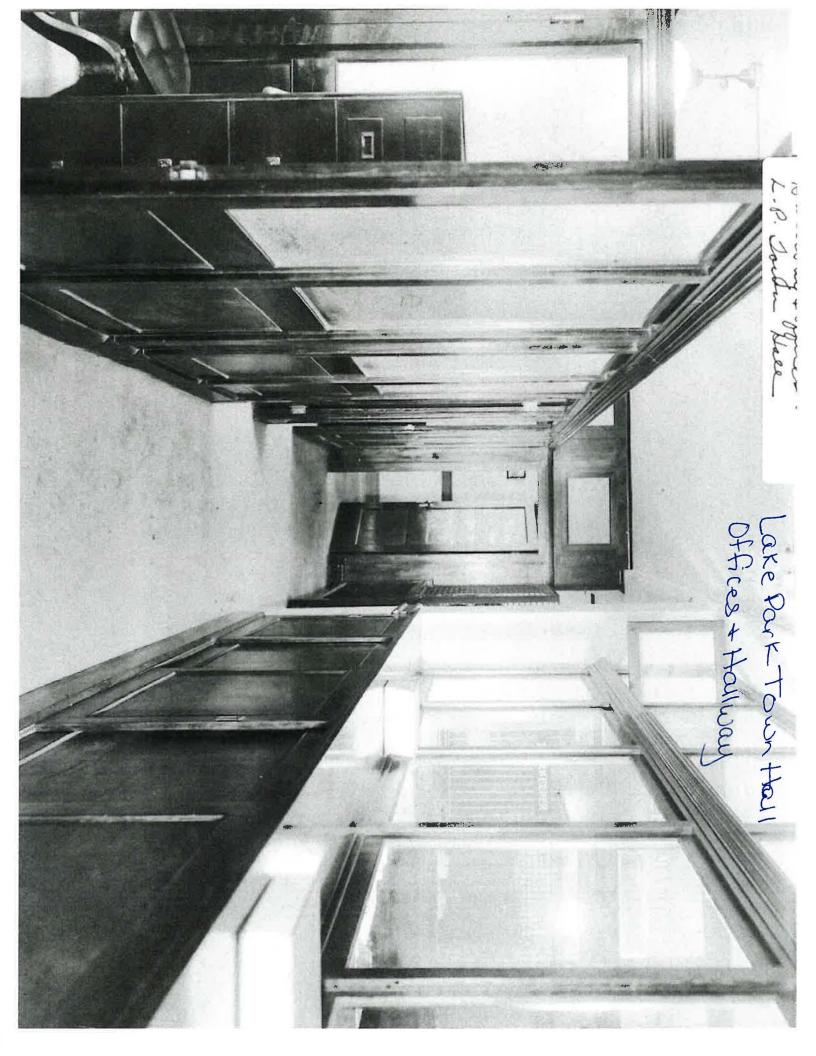








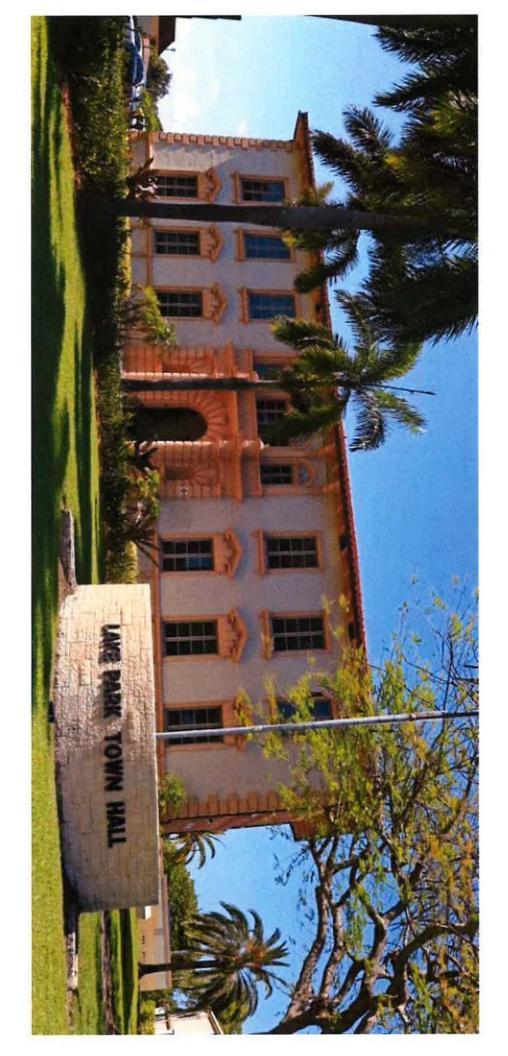


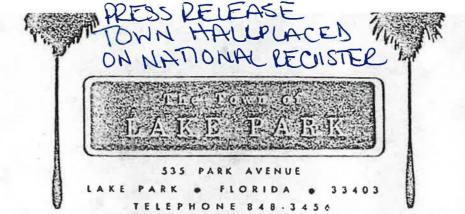


# LAKE PARK TOWN HALL

Boston entrepreneur Hirry S. Keisey founded Keisey City in 1921. He envisioned his town is resort mecca and winter retreat for wealthy northerners. The Town Hill wis designed by architect Bruce Kitchell in 1927 and was built by the Arnold Construction Company. Constructed of stuccoed brick and clay tile, this Mediterrinen Revival jewel his stylistic features reflective of the late Italian Renaissance, including a rusticated frontispiece. Departments, Town Hill originally housed the Police and Fire Departments, Town Administration. Library. and Municipal Courtroom. The I and boom collapse in the mid 1920s and the hurricane of 1928. In which the City. Service organizations provided diversions for these who remained. The Fire Departments the late I town was used for many other social owents, such a such the Mirror Billroom on the second floor the ballroom was used for many other social dwents. Such a the strical performances by the Faim Beach Junior College, which accurate to the Town of Lake Fark. Like Fark Town Hall with the in the National Register of Historic Place in 1981.

APPRICACE OF THE TOPS OF LAST PART





J. BARRY CLARK Commissioner

A. ETHEL SPILOS Commissioner

DR. MAGIN SAGARRA Commissioner

October 6, 1981

### PRESS RELEASE

LAKE PARK TOWN HALL PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

The Town of Lake Park, Florida was informed on Tuesday, October 6, 1981 that its Town Hall, erected in 1927, has officially been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the federal government.

The application process was initiated in May, 1980 by Town Commissioner A. Ethel Spilos. In May, 1981 the research necessary to finalize the application was completed and submitted to the Florida Department of State, Division of Archives, History, and Records Management.

At its meeting of June 26, 1981, the Florida Review Committee, made up of noted historians and architects of the State, formally nominated the site on behalf of the State.

Since late June, the necessary waiting period of 90 days public notice in the Federal Register, has been taking place.

As a result of the placement of the National Registry, the Town will be eligible to apply for, and receive, federal funds to restore and renovate the building to maintain its historical and architectural significance. The placement also protects the building from future destruction.

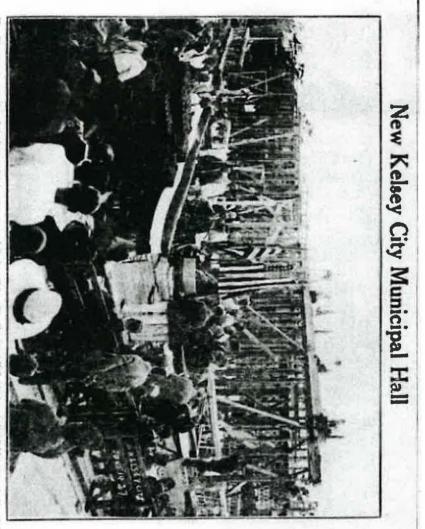
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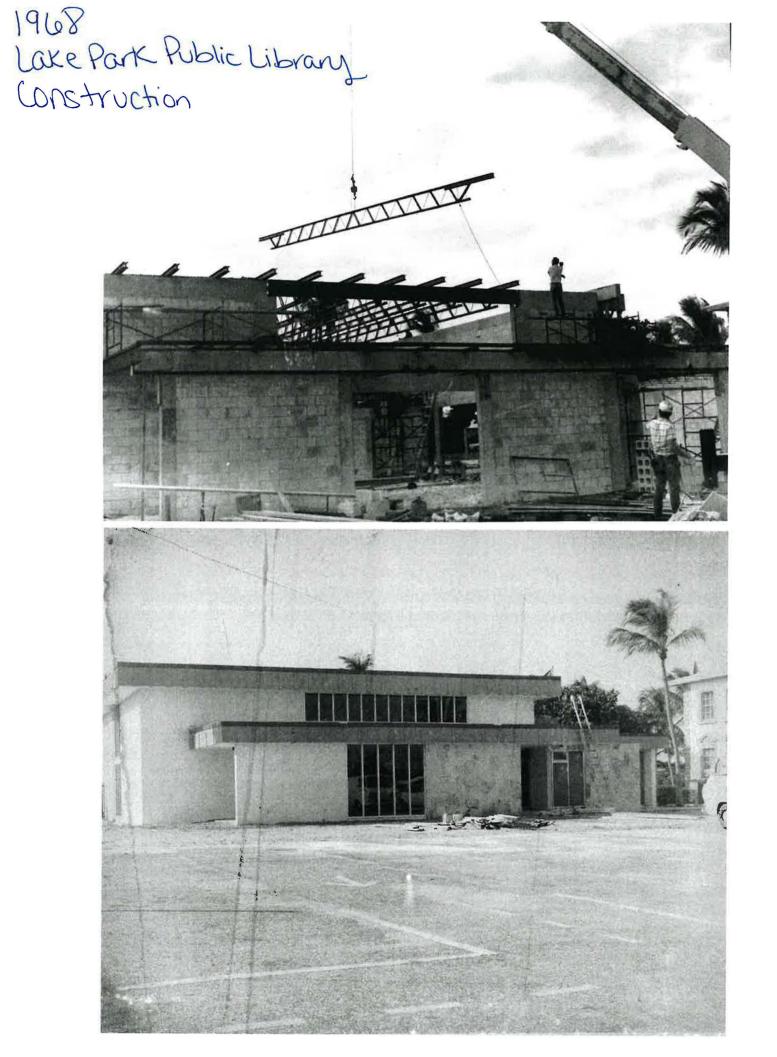
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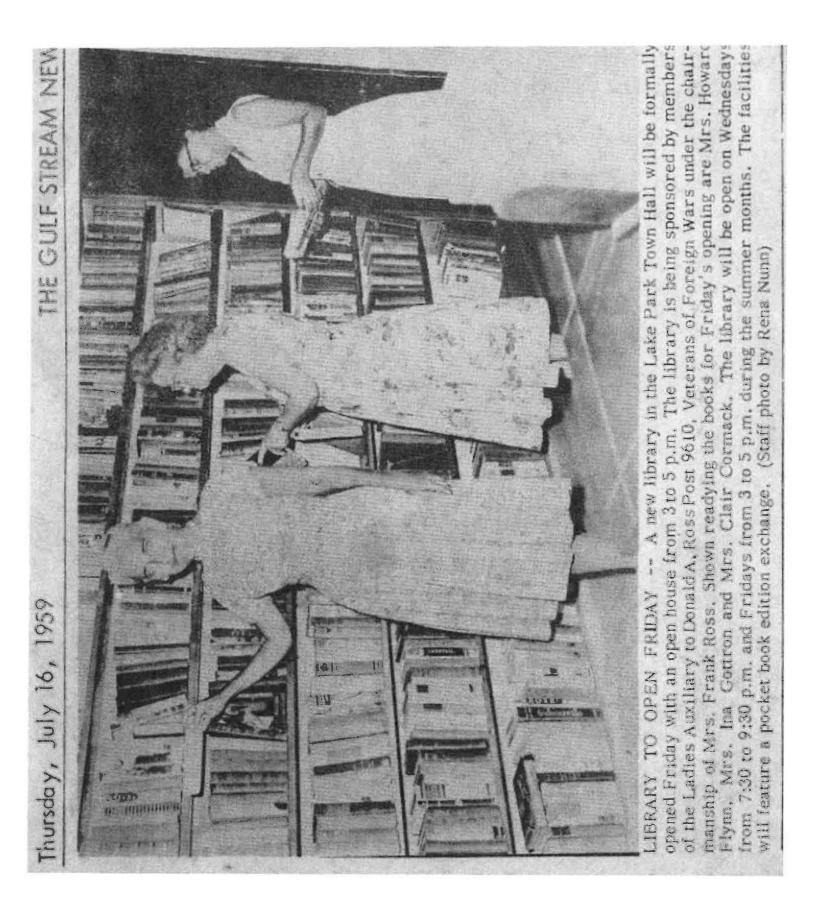
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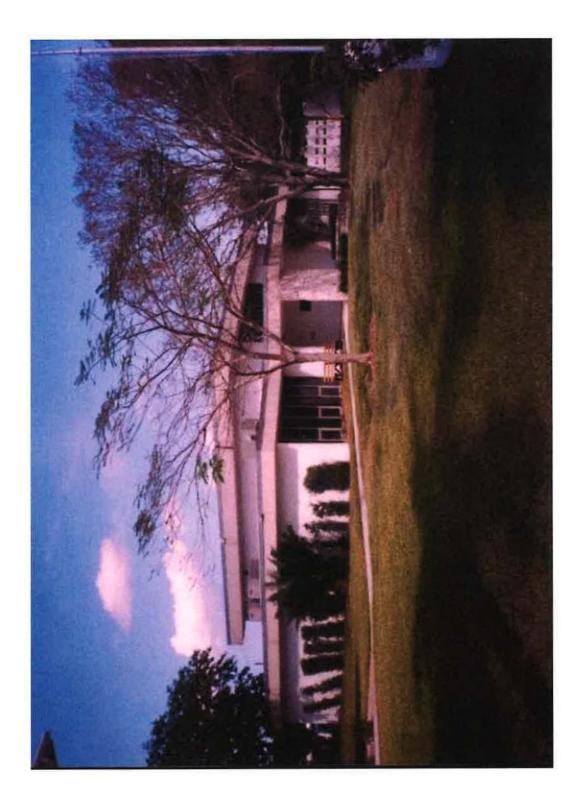


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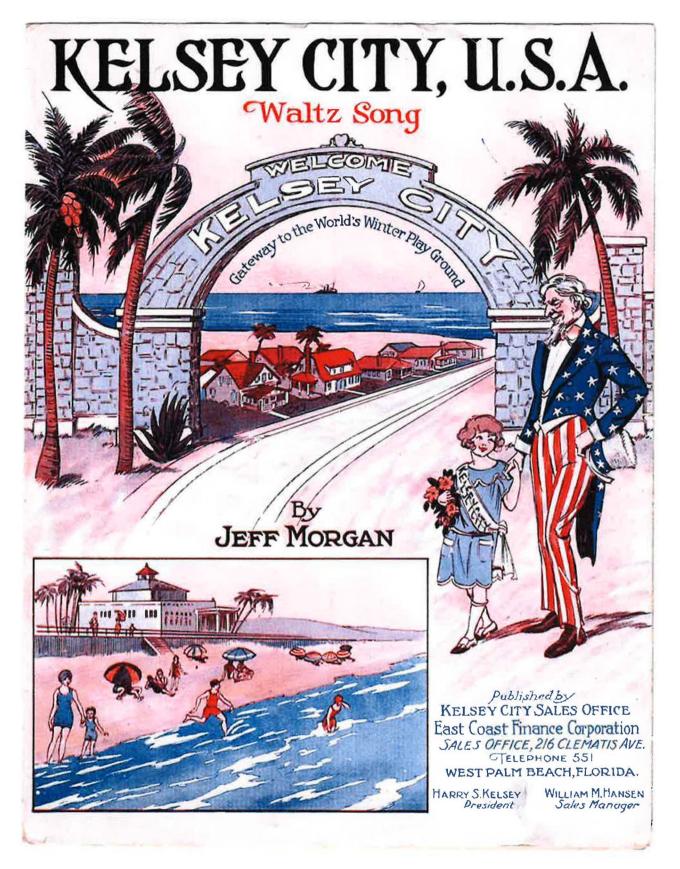
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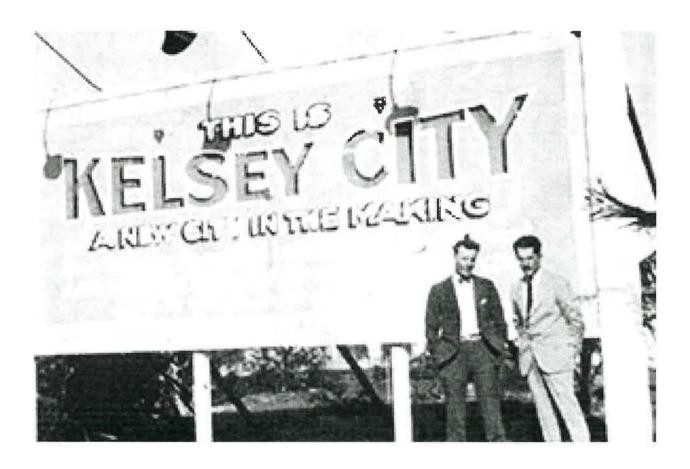




### ADVERTISEMENT FOR KELSEY CITY SONG



## BILLBOARD AD FOR KELSEY CITY



### KELSEY CITY "THE MIRACLE CITY"

IS THE SUMMIT OF INDUSTRY.

A TOWERING EMMINENCE OF HAPPY HOMES.

IT IS A CITY OF INSPIRING AND LASTING BEAUTY TO THE MILLIONS WHO PASS.

IT IS A HALF HUNDRED FEET ABOVE TIDE LEVEL.

IT IS CONCEIVED AND EXECUTED IN WISDOM.

IT IS MORE THAN A SYMBOLIC SUBDIVISION.

Kelsey City is a contributing city to thrift, industry, intellectual, moral and spiritual uplift. Kelsey City is not Mr. Kelsey's alone. It is the city owned and kept in action by many. Mr Kelsey is carrying through many costly public enterprises which he dedicates to the fortunate owners and without cost to them.

These gifts of appreciation are in the Great City Plans:

PAVED STREETS

FIVE FEET SIDEWALKS DO PURE WATER ELECTRIC LIGHT PRIVILEGES BEAUTIFIED PARKS AND PLAYFIELDS PLOTS FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS BASE BALL PARK TENNIS COURTS CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS

RECREATIONAL CIRCLES DOCKS AND PIERS YACHT BASIN GOLF COURSES, Two 18-hole links LDS OCEAN DRIVES LAKESIDE PATHS LABYRINTHIAN WALKS THROUGH TROPIC

FOLIAGE AND FLORA

Kelsey City is a gift of unexampled civic value.

Kelsey City is a crowning manifestation of the civilization of to day.

The building of Kelsey City has become a divine passion of its founder.

It is a perfectly planned protest against the possibility of the cultivation of anything but civic righteousness and municipal morality.

The functional powers of its civic charter compels the developement of civic energy, civic pride, civic safety and progressive prosperity.

THE PRICE OF LOTS ANYWHERE DETERMINES THE COST OF HOMES.

HOME SITES IN KELSEY CITY ARE JUST THE PRICE YOU WILL BE GLAD TO PAY AND THE WISH OF THE FOUNDER IS THAT YOU WILL BUILD YOUR HOUSE IN ACCORD WITH THE RESTRICTIONS MODESTLY IMPOSED.

THE DIVISIONAL PAYMENTS REQUESTED FOR KELSEY CITY RESIDENCE SITES ARE THE MOST ATTRACTIVE FEATURES OF ALL THE GOOD ONES. YOU'LL AGREE PLEASINGLY TO THEM.

Now that you have read this publicity story of Kelsey City, by lake and ocean, through the great highway arteries of the world you have seen it; the city through which passes the palatial yachts and luxuriant houseboats of the more fortunate; the city bisected by the greatest pioneer railway system. Then think of Kelsey City in contemplative mood to own your home in the "MIRACLE CITY."

#### East Coast Finance Corporation

216 Clematis Avenue, HARRY S. KELSEY President. Sales Office at the same address. Call. The Invitation is Hearty. Our telephone (551) and our autos are just'around the corner"to your good fortune. West Palm Beach, Florida. WILLIAM M. HANSEN Sales Manager. Letter Establishing the first Post Office in Lake Park

EDGAR C. THOMPSON

THOMPSON & WINTERS LAWYERS FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG. WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

May 30,1921.

Mr. Harry S. Kelsey, W. Palm Beach, Fla. Dear Harry:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Will Hays, Postmaster General, from which I quote as follows:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, relating to an application for the establishment of a post office at Kelsey City, Palm Beach County, Florida, and to advise you that an order has been made authorizing the establishment of a post office at that place ander the name of Kelsey City, and appointing as postmaster, John F. Gilbert, As seon as Mr. Gilbert furnishes the required bond he will be commissioned and this commission will be his authority for opening the office for the transaction of business."

It will be a monument to you and your e efforts and I trust that the City will even exceed your fondest expectations.

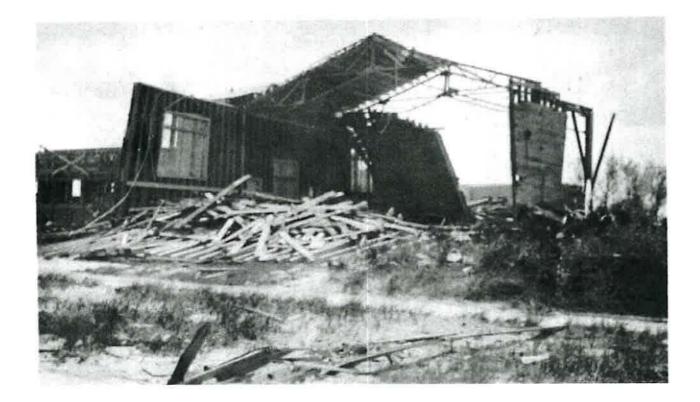
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## School Auditorium After 1928 Hurricane



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Lake Park Elementary 1980's

#### REDEDICATION 1986

In 1919 Marry S. Kelsey journeyed to south Florida to recuperate from a severe bout of pneumonia. As he travelled to MIami he encountered land covered heavily with pine,-palmetto, and dense vegetation, inhabited with wildlife and Indians. The brown-skinned St. Lucie and Seminoles roamed the sandy scrub pine areas and hardwood hammocks. A small band of these Indians established a village on what is now U.S. #1. The village was later destroyed by fire, forcing the Indians to find new hunting grounds further west.

Being a man of vision and foresight, Mr. Kelsey immediately realized the potential of such a paradise in the wild. Returning to Boston physically rejuvenated and mentally inspired, he immediately set the wheels in motion to turn his dream into reality. We began divesting himself of his restaurant interests and gathered capital toward his ultimate goal...a well-planned community of agriculture, industry, residences and recreation. Having purchased the land for \$6 to \$25 an acre, he acquired 100,000 acres by the early 1920's. With the services of the Olmstead Brothers, a plan was developed and Kelsey City was born. It became the first planned and zoned city in the country after Washington, D.C.

Once the plan was established, Mr. Kelsey set out to sell his dream to the world. Fliers were mailed to major cities across the country. Buyers were invited to public auctions to bid for the site of their choice. Inducements such as gold watches and silver pens were offered to build up the size of the crowd, and heighten the bidding atmosphere. Local children often received prizes left after the sale. After the land was purchased, building was started as soon as possible. Families often moved to the area before their homes were finished. Needing shelter from the elements, temporary tent structures were peppered over the area.

The western border around the East Coast Railway Lines became the industrial area. There was a lumber mill, brick factory, ice house, tire plant, and dairy. The dairy was a model of its time, using new and innovative ideas such as playing waltz music to increase the milk production. An ice cream factory was in the area, too, putting the milk produced to good use.

Mr. Kelsey had persuaded Samuel Blakely to come to the area to provide landscaping for home and community sites. Kelsey City Nursery was established on Dixie Highway. In addition to the industry there were also large fields of beans, tomatoes, potatoes and other vegetable crops. A grove of bananas flourished here, and much of the land was devoted to cultivating tropical plants for landscaping.

Along Park Avenue (then Divie Way) there were many businesses: a grocery, the Blue Goose Restaurant, the bank, post office, telephone office, filling station, library, and the East Coast Finance Corporation. Many a weary traveller preferred the Kelsey City Depot at Old Divie and Park Avenue as their departure point before proceeding by taxi to West Palm Beach. Pineapples grew where the City Hall now stands, and much of the area was just as it had always been. Man was the intruder at this time. Wild animals had been here with the Indians. Bobcats and panthers were often seen. Wild turkeys nested in the trees and alligators ambled into yards from the nearby lake. All types of fish could be caught in the lakes and streams. Life was good for amn and beast.

With the development of the town, and the ever increasing population, a Community Center was built across the street from the Kelsy City Nursery. Where the Community Center once stood is today a vacant, overgrown lot. The Community Center provided the facility for church services and community social events. The need for schooling was recognized and two schools cropped up in the area. One of these schools was located on Prosperity Farms Road, then known as Prairie Siding. The structure was built by Mr. McLaren whose children attended the school and was reached each day by boating across the canal. The children of Kelsey City attended a school on Dixie Highway. A mechanic's home was converted for use as a one-room schoolhouse. Miss Ruth Greene taught all grade levels for a monthly salary of \$90. A photo taken in 1919 shows the smiling faces of the children who attended. Students had to furnish their own books and worked at benches since desks were unavailable. Walking was the general mode of transportation. Feet were not always housed in shoes, but learning was taking place. This was the era of the stern, disciplinarian schoolmaster. "Spare the rod, and spoil the child"was the educational philosophy of the day.

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As the area grew with more people and busInesses, one of the four sites designated on Kelsey's original plan was chosen for the first formal schoolhouse. As shown in the architectural drawing of the proposed school, the actual school built and the one depicted are similar but not identical. Bids were accepted by the County School Board for the construction of the school. J.C. Hanner's bid of \$5.595 was above the \$5000 limit set by the School Board. Mr. Kelsey provided the extra funding for construction to begin. Ground was broken in 1922 by the Hanner Construction Company, and by 1923 the doors were opened to the children. Four of the Kelsey children attended the school between the years 1924 and 1929.

The original school consisted of two rooms, only one of which was used the first year. Miss Ruth Greene again was serving as the only teacher for the 22 students. The children were now sitting at desks, with two students to each desk. The children attending the Prosperity Farms and the Dixle Highway schools were now students of Kelsey City School. INitially there was no school bus system, so students continued to walk or were driven by family or neighbors. In the mid to late 20's, a school bus was provided which was a van-like truck with benches attached for seating. Only a few roads in the area were paved, so the ride to and from school was long and bumpy. The school had neither heat nor air conditioning, and when the thermometer dropped too low, school was dismissed for the day.

In 1925, grades 1 through 4 were in one room and grades 5 through 8 in the other, with Mr. A.G. Martin acting as teacher/principal. In the following years, classrooms were added until the school reached the "U"-shaped structure we see today. During this time, a gym was constructed just behind the school and this provided a place for programs by the P.T.A., and sports activities. The teacher acted as chaperone for afternoon swimming in the Earman River. Pony cart rides on the Kelsey City Golf Course were a popular form of entertainment.

In 1927, a chain of events began which changed the development of Kesley City. Florida's land boom had gone bust, and Kelsey had become one of its victims. The Kelsey holdings were tied up in court litigation for several years to come. However, Mr. Kelsey had the foresight to legally protect land designated for public use from court action. Most of Mr. Kelsey's workers were laid off with two weeks pay and no promises for the future. Mr. Kelsey and his family moved to New Jersey, and the town mourned their leaving. The little community had grown fond of the Kelsey family, especially Mrs. Mabel Kelsey, and it was a sad parting for all.

The hurricane of 1928 literally tore the town apart. Industry was destroyed, buildings damaged beyond repair, and many homes simply blew away, while others were left with the barest of foundations. These photos are evidence of the hurricane devistation and the restoration efforts. Many locals took shelter in the City Hall and school to weather the storm. One of the casualties of the hurricane was the Kelsey City School gym. It was not until 1931 that the gymnasium could be rebuilt. At that time Mr. Charles Branch was a member of the School Board, and was instrumental in obtaining funds for the reconstruction of the gym.

The 1930's were a period of little growth for the city and the school. Our entire school population was approximately 75, with a graduating class of 12. Our curriculum consisted of reading, spelling, math, geography, and history. Agriculture was taught in the 8th grade because Kelsey City was cinsidered the "sticks" by our superintendent, Joe Youngblood. Students were required to buy their own books from Halsey & Griffith. Marjorie Rôss, who late became principal of the school, went around the community gathering books to start a school library. There was no formal physical education program, however, gym equipment was allotted to the school for the year. The most proficient student at any given sport became teacher or coach. Although money was scarce in the mid-30's, school spirit was not. The boys and girls had top notch basketball teams which played other schools. The girls played volleyball against Riviera Beach. Even though a tennis court had been placed behind the school, no balls or racquets were provided by the school system. At recess there were games, seesaws, and a large oak for climbing and swinging. School mascots have been the eagle, the panther, and the present day Lion.

The church and school were the centers of social activity. Dances were held on the front porch of the school. Halloween carnivals were held in the gym with the traditional apple bobbing and cake walks. Former alunmi recall such Halloween pranks as the "borrowing" of Mr. Faggs' proch chairs and running them up the flag pole. A second group of pranksters were responsible for taking Mr. Webb's family cow and tying it to the flag pole. It is also remembered that Bud Dickenson rode his pony "Molly" to school. For one penny, a student could have a pony ride on Molly, but only as long as Bud handled the reins, for Molly was known to bite! One Page 3, Rededication, 1986

of the most anticipated events of the year was the graduation ceremony held on the front lawn, with a girl and a boy from the 8th grade receiving the American Legion Award for scholarship. The May Day activities were also a major event with the traditional dance around the May Pole as a culminating activity. Another high-light of the school year was the presentation of the "Living Pictures", a play put on by the 8th grade students depicting famous figures and historical events.

In the late 1930's, Sir Harry Oakes came upon the scene. His company, the Tesdem Development Corporation, bought up all the available land in the area. He had great plans for development, but all he really accomplished was to renovate the Winter Club.

In the 40's, the students remember school dances in the gym with refreshments provided by the P.T.A. Formal attire was expected, and some mothers made long gloves for the girls to wear. Free movies were shown on Friday nights at a theater at Tenth and Park Avenue, where Banyon Park is now. It is also remembered that Halloween pranks were repeated, this time using school desks to run up the flag pole. The culprits were caught and given a severe tongue lashing by the chief of police.

In 1939, the Garden Club of Kelsey City petitioned for and received a change of the town's name. Kelsey City became Lake Park, a name considered more appropriate for the town's location and atmosphere. In 1940, the school followed suit, and changed its name to Lake Park Elementary.

In 1955, John D. MacArthur, owner of Banker's Life and Casualty Company of Chicago, purchased area holdings. Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company was enticed tomove into the area, and once more the town began to develop. The period of time in the '60' marks the highest population for Lake Park Elementary, when school enrollment reached over 600 students.

As enrollment increased, additions were made to the school to accommodate the growth. Prior to 1955, students were required to either go home for lunch or bring bag lunches, and milk was available for purchase for those desiring it. At this time the cafeteria was completed and hot lunches were available for the first time in the school's history.

Today our school has an enrollment of 433 students. Our P.T.A., established in 1927, is still extremely active and the backbone of the school. You will recognize today's children doing many of the same activities you did as students. We have book reports, plays in the gym, Santa visits at Christmas, field day events, and lots of smiling faces. Children strive hard to achieve recognition.

Throughout the years, the community and school have been a reflection of each other. Several teachers have been on the faculty for many years, having taught parents and later their children. Lake Park is an excellent school, with consistently high test scores. Just as you regard your years at Lake Park Elementary with fondness, so do your children.

If Harry K lsey could see his dream city today, he would be greatly pleased ...a dream come true!!

(Please remain seated for the Kelsey City Waltz accompanied by some area slides from the past and present.)



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Lake Park 8th grade graduating class 1947



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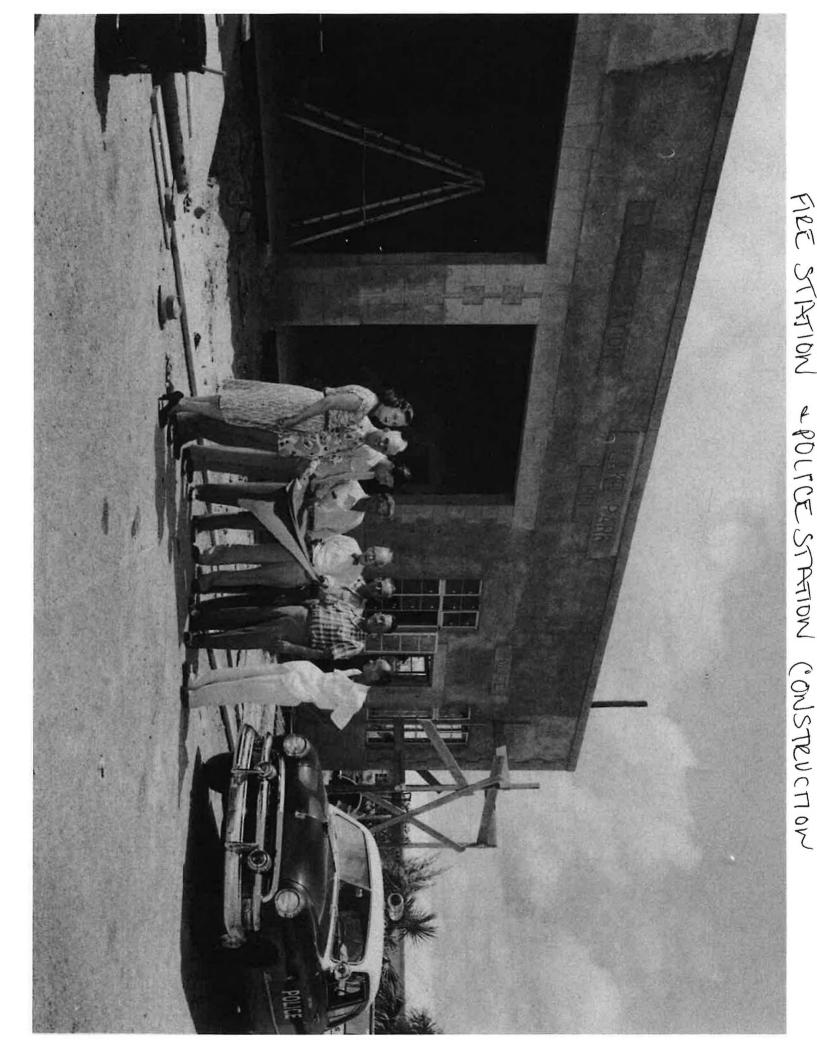
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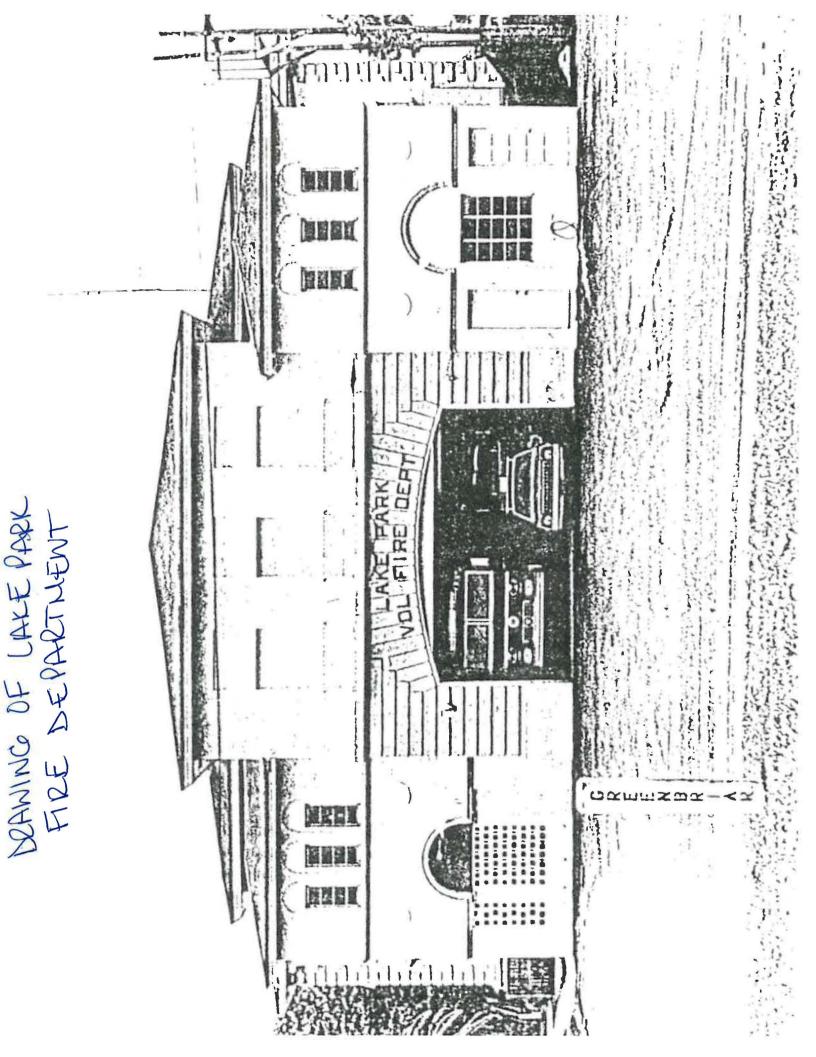
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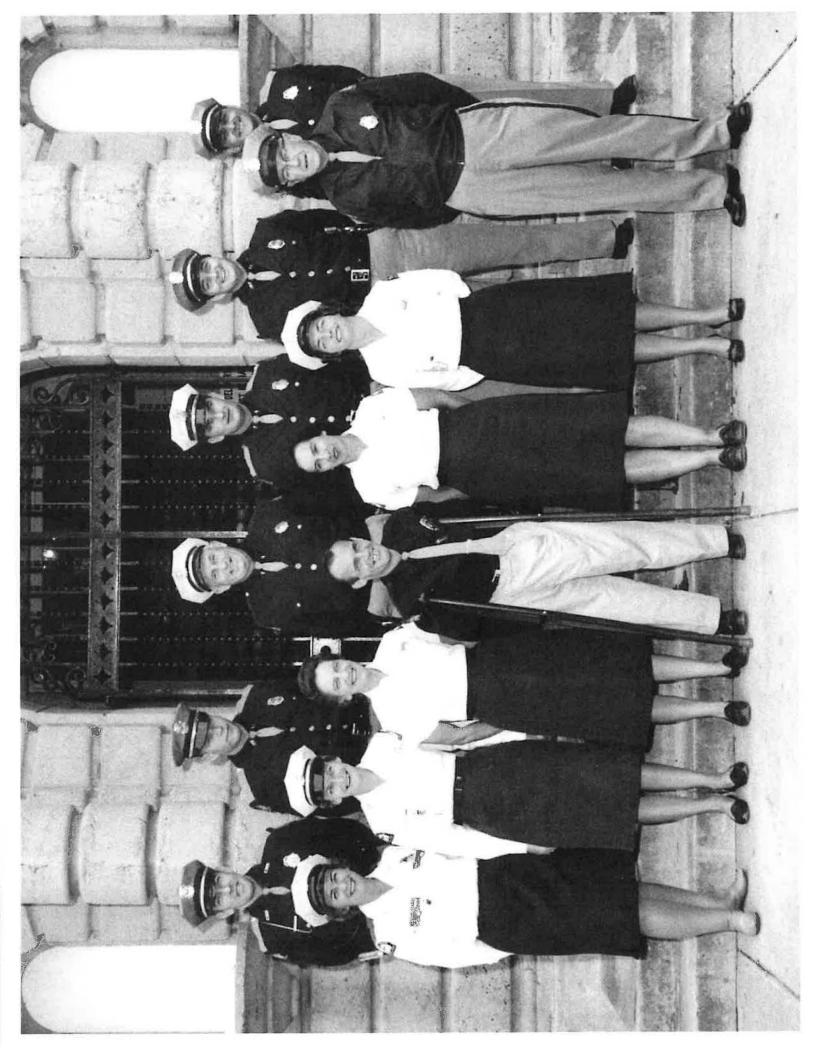
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Lake Park Firemen pose with their new hand made radios. Front row (left to right) Glenn Parrish, William Foster, Edward Weber, Tommy Fuller, Charles Rich, Nelson Kassay, Nick Cendreta. Back row (left to right) Chief Harris, Alan Harp, Frank Gollattscheck, Ray Bates, Art Rowance, Al Erbrick. In front of Table: 2nd Assistant Chief Warren A. Miller and 1st Assistant Chief Ernest S. Peloguin.

### LP Firemen Now Radio Equipped

The Lake Park Volunteer Fire Department has been busy the past few months. Not only have they been answering fire calls and attending drills, but they have been building their own radio alerting system and installing it in their homes.

It all started when several Firemen had missed calls because they failed to hear the fire horn. The reasons usually went like, "The TV was too loud, or with the windows closed and the air conditioner on," the Firemen couldn't hear the horn. This problem was often worsened by wind in certain directions making the horn barely audible in certain parts of Town.

Different plans to remedy this situation were studied. A special telephone system had been rejected previously as too costly. It was decided to purchase special citizen band sets equipped with a tone squelch. Thirty sets were purchased in kit form at \$2,700.00. The Town donated \$1,300.00 and the Volunteer Fire Department has paid the difference, plus many extras that were needed. Thirty sets were built and installed by the Firemen. Each set required approzimately 30 man hours to construct and install.

Now when there is a fire, the Police Dispatcher presses a button on the base station set which generates a tone that turns on a set in each Firemen's home. The dispatcher then announces the location and the nature of the fire. Of course these conditions do not cover the case where the fireman is outside of his home. For this reason the fire horn must continue to be blown. However the Fire Department hopes to increase the speed and reliability of Firemen responding to alarms. These dedicated men are hard at work to produce good fire protection for the Town of Lake Park.

For some who may be new in our Town, the Lake Park Fire Department is all volunteer except for our Chief. We have two activities each year to raise the money we used for this project. So to you citizens of Lake Park who have supported us during our fund raising projects, we wish to express our thanks for helping us provide better Fire Protection fro Lake Park.



Lake Park Town Hall as it presently looks today

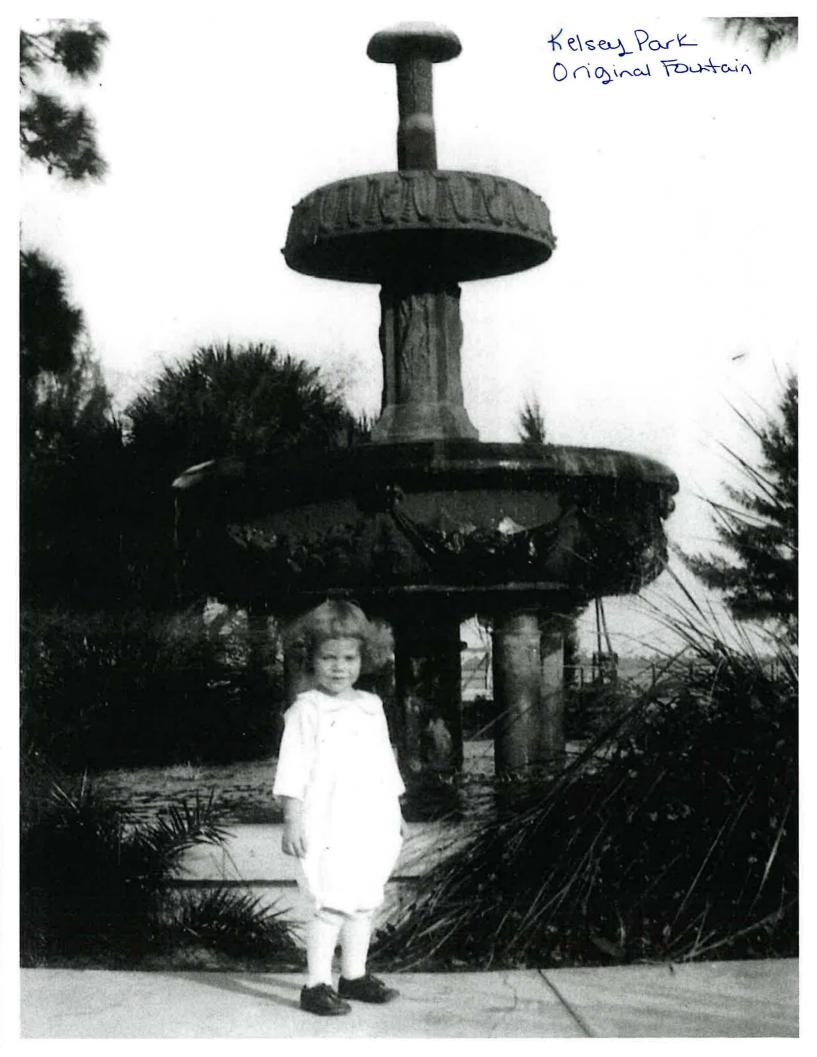


Today's Fire Department bay will hopefully be tomorrow's recreation center

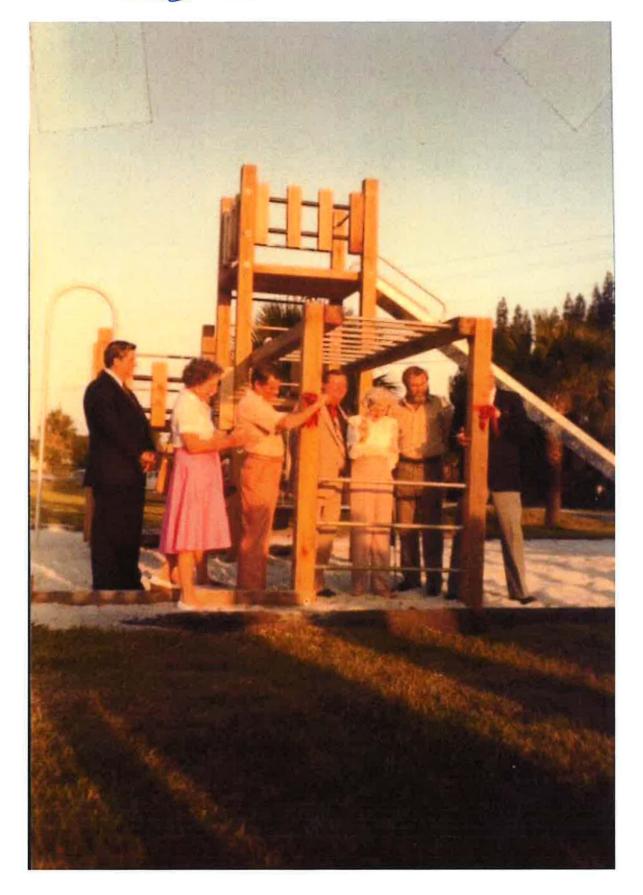


A view of the inside of the fire bay and its historical past that would be uncovered through the grant





### KELSEY PARK PLAY GROUND MID-80'S



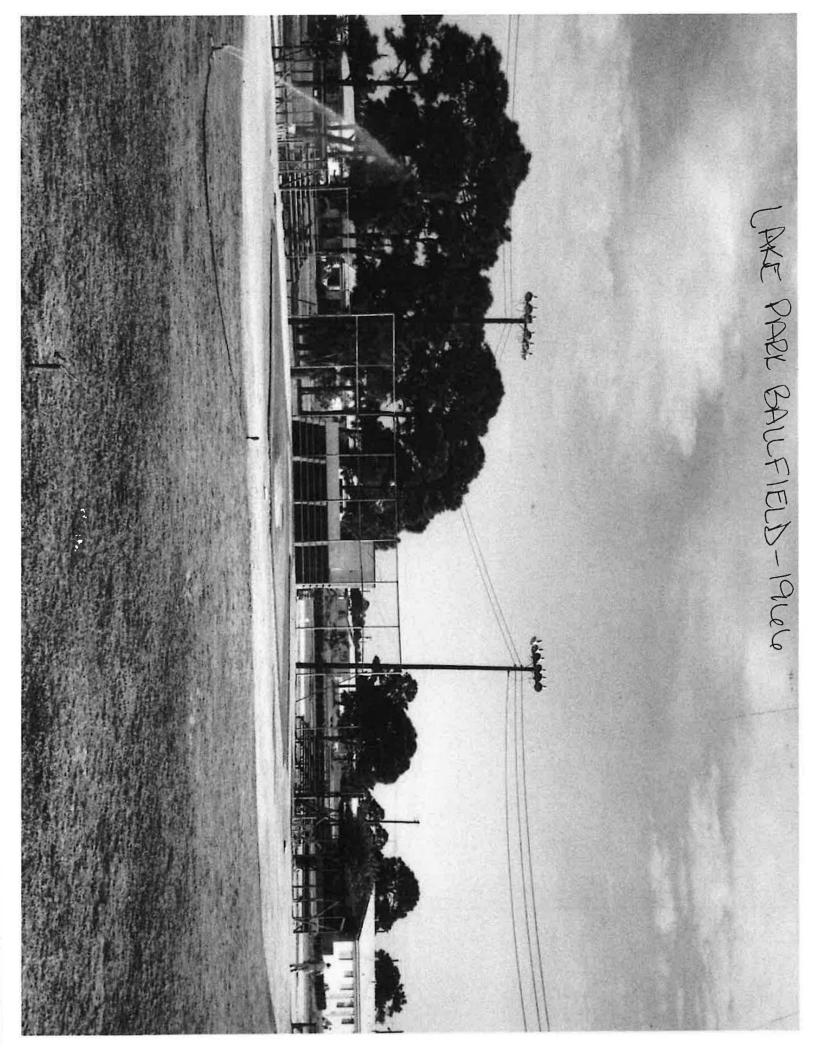


NEW PLAYGROUND -- Children lined up Saturday afternoon at Lake Park for free hot dogs and soft drinks at the dedication of the town's first fully-equipped playground for the under-12 crowd. Mayor William E. Brant explained the plaque pictured is dedicated to Lake Park children. The new three-quarter-acre recreation area is located immediately west of the Twon Hall, includes the latest in playground equipment and a pavillion (Staff Photo by Johnny Nicklas)

with rest rooms, drinking fountain, and first aid room. State Sen. Jerry Thomas, principal speaker, cited facts about the growing crime rate in the U.S. and the need for more healthful recreation for youth. County Commissioner E. F. Van Kessel was master of ceremonies. The Riviera High School band played before and after the ceremonies. About 350 attended, according to William Logan, town manager.







## ONE OF THE MANY LANDMARKS IN LAKE PARK S. J. BLAKELY MEMORIAL PARK



Left to right: Pat Lewis, Mrs. William Lewis, Mrs. S. J. Blakely, Mrs. J.D. Blakely, Bryan Lewis, Bill Lewis, James D. Blakely and Jeffrey D. Blakely.

LANDSCAPED AND DONATED IN 1963 BY JIM AND LUCILLE BLAKELY, JEFFREY BLAKELY, HIS GRANDSON, AND THE LATE MRS. S. J. BLAKELY, HIS WIFE, IN MEMORY OF SAMUEL J. BLAKELY IN RECOGNITION OF F'S LOYAL AND UNTIRING EFFORTS AS TOWN COMMISSIONER FOR 29 YEARS.

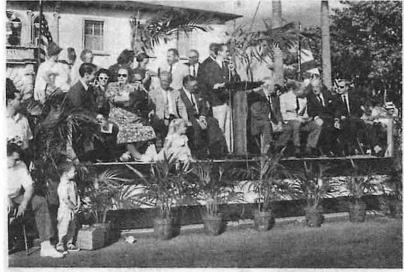
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# CHRISTMAS IN DIXIE HOUR-LONG WONDERLAND



ON THE REVIEW STAND--Kate Smith and her manager, Ted Collins, sat with Lake Park Commissioners and other parade judges.



"MISS CHRISTMAS IN DIXIE"--Jean Thorne who won the Beauty Contest Dec. 12 was featured on the Town of Lake Park float.



A BLACK WATCH PIPER--A Highlander with skirling bagpipes leads the North Palm Beach Boy Scout Troop to familiar Scottish tunes of glory.



MUMMERS BRIGHTEN THE SUN--Agape and agog, Mrs. T. S. Simpson of the Sun Newspapers accepts a Christmas corsage from Bill Stellman, Mummer drummer. The band executed (and we mean executed) a left face, company halt in front of the Sun offices to play "Has Anybody Seen My Gal."

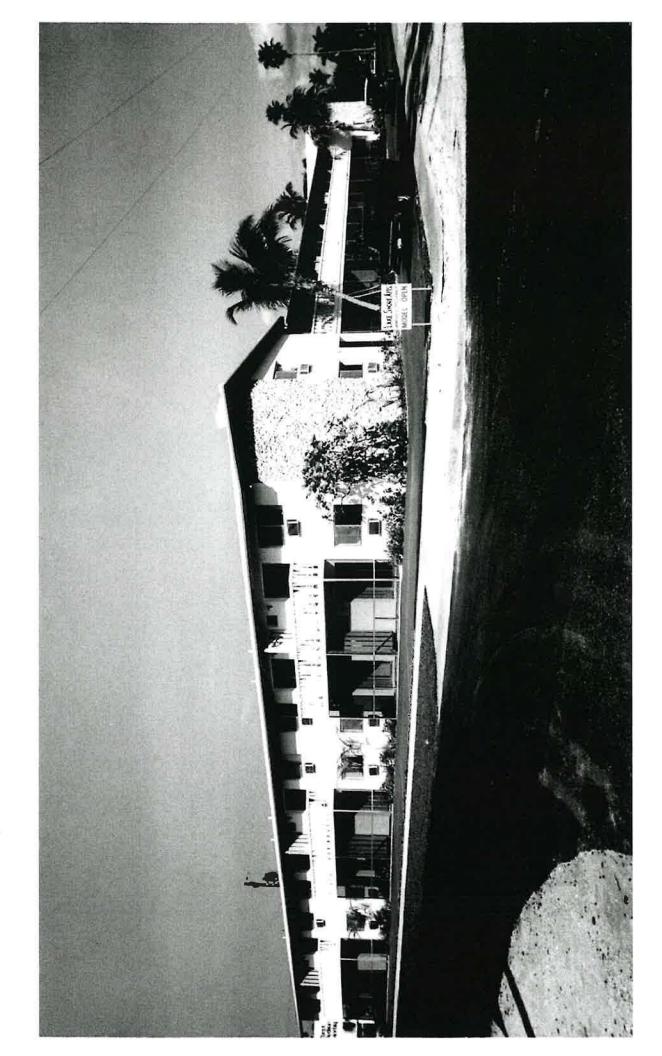
The Indians did it by rubbing two sticks together. Modern Americans start a blaze by banging two fenders together.



IE STALLS--Riviera Beach Elks get a push from xt car in line after the colorful Elks Bowl Game uas a bit of trouble halfway through the parade.



FLOWERS FOR KATE--Palm Beach Garden Nummer Bill Blattner presents Kate Smith on the viewing stand with a bouquet as the Mummers Baru renders "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain" in her bonor.



Lake Shore Apartments



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(Formerly Kelsey City)

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Plaques · Certificates of Recognition
 PRIZES · CASH AWARDS · TROPHIES

#### ITEMS PLACED IN TIME CAPSULE:

Southeastern Edition N.A.D.A. official used car guide - April 1977

League of Women Voters Voters Guide Calendar - 1976

Kiwanis Club Roster 1976-1977 including Theme, Objectives and Major Emphasis Programs.

Empty Fyfe & Drum Beer can

Informational Packet from City of Palm Beach Gardens

Full Color Map of Florida

1976-1977 Budget Report on Palm Beach County issued by Board of County Commissioners

Copy of Paperback book: The Florida Bicentennial Trail: A Heritage Revisited.

- Copy of June 1977 Real Estate Market pamphlet sponsored by several Boards of Realtors in County
- Record of Ad Valorem Taxes for Palm Beach County Year 1976, Honorable Allen C. Clark, Tax Collector; Two Allen C. Clark Tax Collector Business Cards.
- Message from Honorable Lake Lytal, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County

Message from Allen C. Clark, Chairman of the Palm Beach County Bicentennial Committee

Message and Informational Literature from Harold C. Manor, President Palm Beach Junior College

Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission, Tallahassee, Wildlife Research Report 5/9/75

- Report on Original Tax Roll Figures (Gross) for years 1971 through 1975; Also on Occupational Licenses - Regular and Countywide Municipalities, collections; Report on Licenses on vehicles, boats, hunting and fishing; Report on Delinquent Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property Taxes
- Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission Press Packet, period of February 24 through March 8, 1976

January 1977 Bulletin from the South Florida Water Management District.

Community Re-Discovery '76 Wall Poster.

-Bicentennial Message by the President of the United States of America and commendation to the Bicentennial Community of Palm Beach County.

Zippered case Holy Bible.



### 1998 ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION GUIDE

### History of Take Park (Kelsey City)

By all accounts, Harry Kelsey was not only a conscientious husband and father to his five children, but was also a generous employer and scrupulous businessman. He also knew a good deal when he saw one. When he visited Palm Beach in 1919 to recover in the sunny climate from a bout with pneumonia, he promptly bought up land now known as North Palm Beach, Lake Park, Palm Beach Gardens and some 14 miles of oceanfront between Miami and Jupiter.

He dreamed of a resort area and winter playground. One of the first proponents of a planned unit development, Kelsey dreamed of planning and zoning the perfect city. And the timing seemed right. The early 1920's saw a boom in real estate developments in Florida, peaking in 1924.

Advertised as "The Miracle City", Kelsey City provided room for Holstein cattle from Massachusetts, a large Dairy Farm, Berkshire hogs, a sugar cane mill, a large sawmill, timber and planning mills and a nursery that grew every form of plant life. Harry Kelsey also planned the city with pollution controls, zoning restrictions, electrically lighted streets and other regulations not envisioned in most cities at that time.

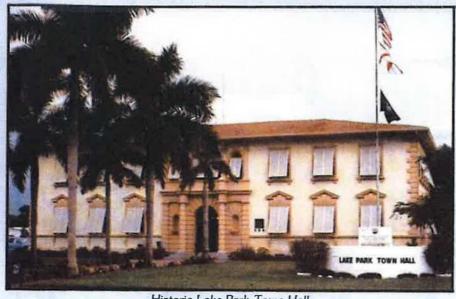
By 1920, Kelsey had his city planned. The Olmsted Brothers, designers of New York's Central Park, and Dr. John Nolan of Boston were hired to lay out this first zoned municipality in Florida. There were to be three sections: residential from the Intracoastal to Fifth Street; retail stores from Fifth to the railroad tracks; and manufacturing west of what is Old Dixie Highway. Large city gates with an arch were built on Gateway Road, near where the K-Mart now stands, proclaiming, "Welcome to Kelsey City, Gateway to the World's Winter Playground".

Roads were built - graded and graveled - in 1921 and 1922, with Dixie Way, now Park Avenue, completed as an 80-footwide boulevard to handle the 100,000 residents Kelsey expected in his new town.

Prospective buyers were given a day long treat to survey the new area. They took a boat ride to pretty Kelsey Park, visited some of the model homes and climbed a tall observation tower to pick their choice of lots. The lots were sold through huge auctions held under a tent in Kelsey Park.

The Harry Kelsey house and the Sam Blakely (who landscaped the new Kelsey City) house have been preserved and are being utilized by Dr. Greer and Dr. Krape at the intersection of U.S. 1 and Park Avenue.

The boom continued. In 1927 Harry Kelsey hired Palm Beach architect Bruce Kitchell to build the large Town Hall that housed an auditorium, stage, public library, police and fire stations and a town jail. A short time later, a new Florida East Coast Railway Station, on the south side of Park Avenue, was completed. It was of Mediterranean Revival design and was said to be the most beautiful railroad depot along the entire FEC route. Poston's Grocery store, also on Park Avenue, was the home of the first post



office. Park Avenue also featured the Blue Goose Restaurant. The restaurant was known to have the best food in South Florida.

However, the boom began to lag. With banks all over the country beginning to fail in the late 1920's, the "Miracle City" was headed for trouble. It was in 1928 that the biggest hurricane to hit Palm Beach County leveled the then prosperous Kelsey City. Very few buildings were left standing and many new homeowners literarily left Kelsey City without even staking a claim on the land that they purchased.

It was a three years after the Hurricane of 1928 that Harry Kelsey left South Florida a bankrupt man. Without Kelsey's guidance and vision to lead the City, it was in 1939 that the Garden Club officially erased the memory of Harry Kelsey and Kelsey City and renamed the town - Lake Park.

Historic Lake Park Town Hall

#### Lake Park Municipal Services

Commission Mostings
Commission Meetings
First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Commission Chambers
Town Hall
535 Park Avenue
Lake Park, FL 33403
(561) 848-3460 • Fax (561) 848-2913
Hours of Operation 8:30 a.m 5:00 p.m.,
Monday - Friday
Public Works 7:30 a.m 4:00 p.m.,
Monday - Friday
Adelphia Cable TV
Building Inspections
Building Permits
Code Enforcement
Community Affairs
Community Response Team 842-6620
Engineering/Architect
Finance
Fire
Green Market
Library
Marina
Occupational Licenses
Parks
Personnel
Planning & Zoning 848-3458
Post Office
Public Works
Refuse Collection/Recycling 844-4644
Roads
Sewer (Seacoast)
Street Signs
Town Clerk
Town Manager
Utilities (FPL)
Voter Registration
Water Service/Billing (Seacoast) . 627-2920
Police Services
Emergency 911
Non Emergency (561) 842 2542

Non-Emergency (561) 842-3542

#### BACK TO THE FUTURE

For the first time since the 1928 Hurricane, in the mid-1990's, the leaders of the Town of Lake Park decided it was time for the Town to become a viable entity and return to its historic past. A progressive approach was spearheaded by the hiring of new Town Manager Terry Leary. Leary proceeded to put together a top notch staff dedicated to revitalizing the Town. The transformation peaked when the staff, along with the commission, proposed the issue of a 10 million dollar bond referendum. Against conventional wisdom, the "1997 Bond Issue" campaign kicked off. The Town went about a full promotional blitz to inform the taxpayers just what the referendum was all about and what revitalization will mean to property values and the quality of life. "The citizens must decide what they want," said Leary. "all we can do is give them the available facts." Those facts were as follows:

- Revitalization of Park Avenue
  - Redesign of Kelsey and Lakeshore Parks
  - Library Addition
  - Reconstruction of the Marina
  - Renovation of Town Hall
  - The Building of a new Fire/Medical Station

The atmosphere was tense on March 11, 1997, as the votes were being tallied. When the final count was announced the voters said "YES" to the bond referendum by an astounding 66%. Over the next 3-5 years, the Town of Lake Park will receive a greatly needed facelift. Along with the Bond Issue money, over the past 18 months, the Town has experienced an influx of over \$1,300,000 in grant money. Due to the commission and staffs dedication to the redevelopment of the Town, great things are expected for the future.

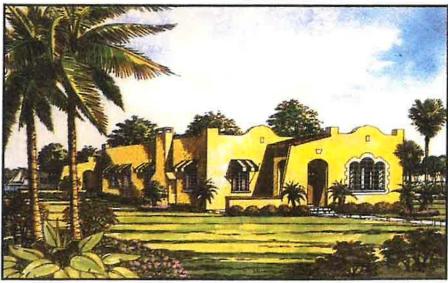
#### LAKE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY 848-6070

Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Story Time at 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays After School Movies on Mondays, 2:30 p.m.

Home Work Tutoring - Monday - Wednesday 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Library offers books on all subjects, best sellers, newspapers, magazines, videos, books on tape, fax service and typewriters. Computers are available for public use. Reference service is available for help with practical, day-to-day concerns and to support research for patrons of all ages.

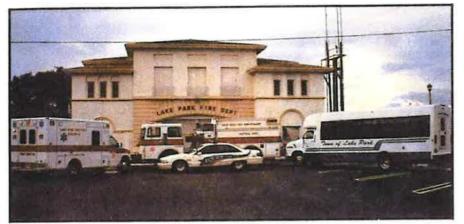
A lively children's story time is held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. September through May and supervised movies are shown Monday afternoons during the school year. There is also a dynamic summer reading program for 3-12 year olds. An active Friends of the Library group meets October through April.



Evergreen House c. 1925

# POLICE & FIRE 911

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Several Lake Park Town Vehicles

#### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT 845-0799

The Lake Park Community Affairs Department provides the special events and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages. To create a positive public image for the Town, the Community Affairs Department is responsible for the marketing, promotion and the public relations of Lake Park.

The Department not only implements numerous holiday events, but it has also created the Lake Park Haunted House, the North County Green Market, the 5K run, the Holiday Tree Lighting Festival and the New Years Eve-First Night Festival. Also, through the purchase of a 29 passenger shuttle bus, the department often runs bus trips to sporting events and destinations encompassing the entire state of Florida.

The Department is also involved in the coordination of the monthly Kelsey City Star Newspaper, summer camp, classes such as tap, dance, bridge, karate, gymnastics, aerobics and youth baseball and tackle football among others. The department doubled its budget with the receipt of over \$200,000 in grant money for the renovation of the 6th Street Ballfields. Basketball courts, a playground and a football/soccer field will be constructed in 1998.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

#### 844-4644

The Public Works Department maintains all Town buildings, streets and parks, as well as Town vehicles. The Sanitation Division services approximately 1,400 residents while the Commercial Division services the business community and multi-family residents. The schedule for pickup service is as follows:

MONDAY --- YARD WASTE AND GARBAGE WEDNESDAY - RECYCLABLES ONLY THURSDAY --- GARBAGE AND BULK TRASH

For bulk items, please call the Public Works Department for pickup.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 848-3458

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Community Development Department is responsible for planning and zoning, issuance of all licenses and permits as well as inspections and code compliance.

The Comprehensive Plan guides the future development and redevelopment within the Town

The Zoning Code determines how the land within the Town may be used and how it can be developed.

Occupational Licenses are required for all businesses located within the Town.

Contractors are required to be licensed prior to performing any work within the Town.

Building Permits are required prior to new construction, alterations, additions or repairs. Code Compliance is required by all citizens of the Town. Inspections are made for code violations in response to complaints or on-site inspections. Call the Compliance Officer at 845-8071 for additional information.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### 848-3454

The Lake Park Police Department is located at 700 6th Street, directly west of Town Hall. The Dispatch Center is staffed 24 hours a day, to service your needs and concerns.

The full-time staff consists of 28 sworn police officers and seven dispatchers. A contingent of auxilary officers and volunteers complement the full-time service.

In partnership with the community, the Police Department conducts home and business security surveys; has an active crime prevention program; teaches D.A.R.E. curriculum to the school children; and is actively involved in code enforcement - all to help insure safety within our community.

**EMERGENCY — POLICE AND FIRE 911** 

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### 848-3457

The Fire Department provides advanced life support, fire suppression and fire prevention services to the town.

The administrative offices are located in the fire station at 690 Old Dixie Highway, next to P.W. Station One is located in the rear of Town Hall and manned 24 hours a day with two career personnel. The Department also has 20 volunteers who respond to fire calls when an emergency fire call occurs.

The Fire Department, started an advanced life support service in January 1997, to provide the most comprehensive emergency medical service to its citizens.

Additionally, the department inspects all commercial and multi-family buildings annually to insure fire safety. If you have any questions about our Fire Department

please call Chief Wells at (561) 848-3457. PRACTICE FIRÈ PREVENTION -

THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN.

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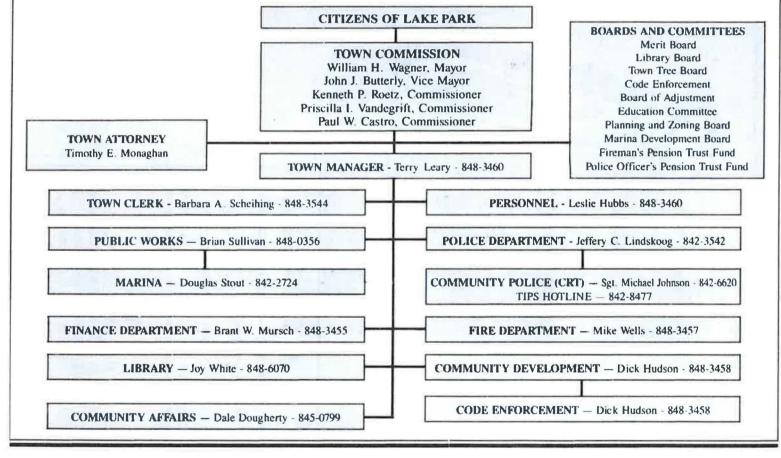
#### LAKE PARK MARINA 842-2724

105 Lakeshore Drive

- Protected by a fixed seawall.
- Lake Worth Inlet 11/2 miles away.
- Four boat launching ramps.
- Overnight parking fees.
- All dockage fees include water, tax and 110 volt - 20 & 30 amp electric service.
- Marina close to shopping, supplies and restaurants.

Lake Park Marina on the Intracoastal

#### TOWN OF LAKE PARK FLORIDA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



#### FREE COMMUNITY INFORMATION GUIDE AND MAP



TOWN OF LAKE PARK 535 Park Avenue Lake Park, FL 33403 U.S. POSTAGE PAID Bulk Rate West Palm Beach, FL 33403 Permit #113

#### POSTAL PATRON

# FIREWORKS FESTIVAL!

Happy Birthday Lake Park 1923 - 1998

### Saturday, Nov 14th

2:00 PM - Dark

Historic Kelsey Park US One & Park Avenue in Lake Park FAMILY FUN, FOOD & FIREWORKS!

3 Stages of Music & Entertainment including "Kickback" and "BayRoots" performing top-40 and reggae Music \* Uncle Willy's Kids Stage \* Barbershop Quartet \* Water Plane Rides & Helicopter Demonstrations \* "Beanie Babies" \* Clowns, Face Painting, Puppet Shows, Mimes, Jugglers, Rock Climbing & Volleyball \* Arts, crafts & jewelry Vendors \* Military Demos \* Middle East Feast \* Police "Live Demonstration" \* Moonwalk \* Win Dolphin Tix \* Hammerhead Mascot \* Antique Cars \* Island Music Parade \* Petting Zoo \* Cartoon Characters \* Tarot Card Readings \* Tour Evergreen House \* Carnival Rides

Directions: Off I-95, take Northlake Blvd. east 3 miles to US#1. Go South to the 2nd light. Kelsey Park and the Intracoastal are on the left. Call 845-0799 for more information

Free Admission!

TIME CAPSULE CEREMONY





LAUTILUS GROUNDBREAKING