## Two-Year Program at Cost of \$400,000—

## Six Peace River Valley District Projects Okayed

## Lake Hamilton Control Given Top Priority

By RALPH SUMNER Tribune Staff Writer

WAUCHULA, Oct. 12 -- Six projects totaling \$400,000 for the next two years were approved by the Peace River Valley Water Conservation and Drainage District board of directors today.

The work will be done in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and at a time when it will fit in with other projects, such as construction of a road.

The aim is to conserve water during dry spells and to prevent damage during flood seasons.

Johnson, consulting which were approved by the board.

Top priority was given to the control of Lake Hamilton with the project to include a channel and bridge.

Next will be the control of Lake Lena by providing an outlet and maintainging a constant level to conserve water during droughts.

A channel and control project will be installed between Lake Aretta and Lake Whistler, with another channel, control facilities and a bridge to be done between Lake Henry and Lake Hamilton.

A control only project for Lake Hancock was the last on Johnson's list.

to another one to keep operations under way at all times.

with them and that the drought had made them more aware of the problem of controlling the river in wet or dry weather.

Small projects will be doveprivate enterprises to cooperate of Lake Tsala Apopka near the in joint projects where possible. Withlacoochee River.

The district eventually is expected to work itself into the newly created Southwest Florida Water Control District.

Controlling Green Swamp ultimately will represent and the chain of lakes feeding the river will be a part of the district problem.

The next meeting of Bartow, Nov. 9.

OFFICIAL DEDICATION—Port Charlotte, Oct. 12 — Congressmen Paul G. Rogers and James A. Haley will assist with dedication ceremonies at the new branch post office here Sunday, at 1 p.m. Opened Sept. 1, the one-story brick front structure contains 4,200 square feet of floor space, located on N. Harbor Boulevard, near the shopping center.—(Tribune Photo by Lyle G. Van Bussum.)

## If a snag develops in one project, then work will switch to another one to keep opera-People Aware of Problem Directors said they believed Pople were Lake TsalaApopka Under Way

By BILL BLALOCK Tribune Staff Writer

The developers say the is occupied there. lands are being transformed into orange groves and homesites in an overall project which outlay of around \$750,000 in land improvements, roads and waterways.

board will be at the county Groves, the development ad- grove caretaking and marketing He said the causeways will commission conference room in joins the With-La-Popka Islands services will be available serve also as dikes for water vacation-retirement home proj-through arrangements made by control, enabling the water

company president, said both call for construction of a canal projects are being carried out through the orange grove dein an area embracing 20 miles velopment to link with an adja-FLORAL CITY, Oct. 12-A of waterways and waterfront cent existing canal, which in tailed with the six major ones, new land development project property. He added that 300 lots turn is connected with the river. such as clearing logs and is under way north of here on a have been sold in the older va- "And a deep-water channel boulders out of the river, with cluster of islands on the edge cation-retirement development, will be dredged along the frontand that 40 cottages have been age of each of the islands being built, and 30 trailer homes are transformed into orange-grove

> Planting of orange trees has been started in the new development, Heifner said, and the plan is for development of 10acre plots, with 100 orange trees to each acre.

homesites," he added.

Along with the planting of the first orange trees, Heifner pointed out that work of laying out roadways and preparations for digging the canal to link | with the river has been started, as well as the building of cause-

ect in which four miles of wa- the company for the grove pur- level in that segment of the high