New Basin Board To Include Polk

• From Page 1 flood plain levels of those lakes.

The state Department of

Lakeland Hopeful Hits Drive

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this to the voters of our city and county."

Hofmann, in a second mailing in his drive, urged voters not to "betray Doc (Dr. James R.) West," who quit the commission last June and was re-elected by write-in votes in two special elections in July. Hofmann spearheaded a mail campaign in that election.

HIS CURRENT MAILING indicates that Mrs. Searl and Edkin would side with West and possibly a fourth commissioner to create a majority of the seven-member governing body, one result of which would be "the prompt elimination of the electric rate increase and a rebate to you and every citizen who uses Lakeland electricity of the monies paid illegally."

Hofmann's reference was to a five per cent electric rate increase ordered by the commission as of June 1. He did not elaborate in his letter on the allegation of illegality.

Wilson, who faces incumbent Commissioner Dwight A. Goleman and W. Carl Dicks, a Dixieland paint and hardware merchant as well as Edkin, yesterday also denounced a proposed "inner traffic loop" that is proposed in the Lakeland Urban Area Transportation Study.

Transportation Study.
(LUATS)

The inner loon would widen

Natural Resources is currently working on a plan to put all of Florida into one of five major water management districts next year. Under that plan, Crooked Lake and the others would be put into the new South Florida Basin.

However, residents want to be in the southwest basin because they feel their problems will be handled by people more familiar with the sitution in Polk County.

DUE TO TOPOGRAPHI-CAL conditions in that area. water flows in such a direction which makes it more conducive to handling by the South Florida Basin.

At yesterday's meeting of the Peace River Basin Board, N. Brooks Johns, Polk County representative on the board, said it appears that the only way Crooked Lake people and others can get themselves included in the new Southwest Basin instead of the South Florida Basin is to go to their legislators with their problems. While the department of Natural Resources is proposing the new districts, the legislature will have the final say.

Jake Varn, Peace River Basin Board project attorney, said that hydrologically the Crooked Lake area belongs in the South Florida Basin but practically speaking it should be put into the Southwest Basin along with the rest of Polk County and Hardee, De-Soto and Charlotte Counties.

An oddity of the present water management district boundary set up is that the central and southern district line cuts through Reedy Lake in southeast Polk County, putting a third of that lake in the central district control while leaving two thirds of it outside the control of any authority.

New Basin Board Will Include Part Of Polk

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BARTOW — A portion of Polk County in the vicinity of Crooked Lake and Lake Clinch which is currently not part of any water management district appears headed for inclusion in the new South Florida Basin next year.

The South Florida Basin will be the new name of the current Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District. That district takes in Lake Weohyakapka, Lake Arbuckle, Lake Pierce and Lake Marion in Polk County and all of eastern Florida south of Florida Bay and the Fort Myers Region.

IN POLK COUNTY, the main water management district is the Peace River Basin, an arm of the regional Southwest Florida Water Management District, head-quartered in Brooksville in Hernando county. The Peace River Basin Board operates out of Bartow.

Residents who own property around Crooked Lake and Lake Clinch and southward to Rex Beach Lake at Sebring have been trying to have their areas incorporated into the southwest district so there will be some controls placed on construction within the

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Happiness Is . .?

... Helping the United Way of Greater Lakeland by giving your fair share, Snoopy seems to be saying. Shown with a recognition display which will be awarded outstanding

volunteers in the \$409,000 drive are, from left, Herman Nonnenmacher, Roy Bysegger and Mrs. Charlotte Crafton.



Will you see what can be done to have aisle or other location identification signs installed at the long term parking area of Tampa Airport? Airport

are two escalators carrying comparatively unburdened passengers down to the baggage claim area. Thomas Petersen, Lake Wales.

Paul T. MacAlester, director of information for the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, says those signs will be up for you "within a matter of weeks." HEARTLAND TROUBLESHOOTER had little to do with this action — the decision was made recently after a five or six month study of airport signs.

"The point he makes has been brought to our

River Mapping Okayed

Tribune Bureau

BARTOW — A \$75,000 second phase of an aerial mapping program to determine flood plain levels in the Peace River Basin was approved at yesterday's meeting of the Peace River Basin Board.

The latest mapping project will cover a total of 51.5 square miles in three separate sections of the river. It will bring the board's mapping project along the 105-mile long river almost to the halfway point.

ALREADY FINISHED is an aerial mapping program for that part of river basin from Arcadia in DeSoto County south to the Charlotte County

The latest project will result in flood plain maps of the area of Polk County south of U.S. 92 along Saddle Creek to Lake Hancock. A second section of the basin from a point near 'he Bartow airbase including the junction of the Peace and Saddle Creeks which forms the Peace River south to Pembroke East of U.S. Hwy. 17 and a section between Wauchula and Zolfo Springs in Hardee County will finish out this year's mapping plans.

Next year the board plans to finish mapping the river basin. So far it has spent \$125,000 and has another \$175,000 earmarked next year.

The maps will be used by

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