

TITUSVILLE — Massive search efforts centering in Southeast Hernando County are scheduled to begin at dawn today for prominent state political figure Max Brewer, missing since Sunday on a solo flight in his light plane.

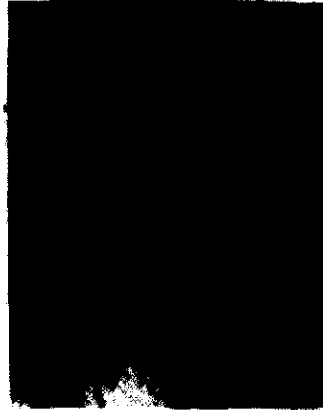
Brewer, 42, a former State Road Board member presumed down on a solo flight from Crystal River to Titusville.

Hernando County Deputy Sheriff Melvin Kelly said he received a report late yesterday from an elderly couple, who live in Croom, that they had spotted a small single engine aircraft flying low over the trees about 4 p.m. Sunday. The plane, according to the witnesses, was just above the tree tops heading southwest. The engine was not running, they said. Croom is 10 miles west of Brooksville.

Deputy Kelly said that if it was the plane the unidentified couple saw, "it's probably down near the Withlacoochee River swamp."

Former Gov. Farris Bryant, whose campaign for election was headed by Brewer, flew to Crystal River from his Jacksonville home to aid in the search.

AIRCRAFT from the Brevard County Sheriff's office, the Civil Air Patrol and the Air Force at Patrick Air Force Base drossed



MAX BREWER
... disappeared Sunday.

along a line from Crystal River to Titusville searching for the single-engine Piper Comanche.

Spokesmen in Search and Rescue Headquarters at Robbins AFB, Warner Robbins, Ga., said the search is scheduled to resume at daylight today, weather permitting.

Federal Aviation Agency officials at the Titusville-Cocoa airport said Brewer, 42, left the

Bulletin

TITUSVILLE (UPI) — Wreckage of a light plane was sighted 60 miles north of Tampa late yesterday by a Coast Guard search plane and officials said it may possibly be the plane piloted by former road board member Max Brewer, who has been missing since Sunday.

The Coast Guard in Miami said search planes would be sent to examine the wreckage at dawn today.

The Coast Guard said that while the wreckage that was spotted is not along the course chartered by Brewer, bad weather may have forced him to divert from his flight plan.

Gulf coast town alone in his plane shortly after 3 p.m. Sunday on a flight here. He had no scheduled stops in between.

"It's a little over 120 miles," an FAA spokesman said, "and he should have arrived here in a little over an hour."

The area covered by the search is sparsely populated but is mostly made up of low hills, orange groves, cattle range and contains some big lakes.

Brewer, who was currently serving as Titusville city attorney and has a position in a new state insurance firm opened by Bryant last year, was a prominent political figure in state politics for many years.

HE REPRESENTED Brevard County in the 1955 Legislature.

Brewer was born at Monroe, Ga., June 10, 1923, and moved to Florida in 1925. He was educated at the University of Florida where he received his law degree in 1948.

During the war, Brewer served with the 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific, serving from January, 1943, to December, 1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart for combat injuries in Luzon.

BREWER WAS appointed to the Road Board by Bryant during his administration.

He also formerly served as a Brevard County judge.



MISSING ON SOLO FLIGHT

**Dawn Search Set
For Max Brewer**