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## The Big ELECTION Next Week

THE NEWS and The Herald come up for election next week. Of course, Frank Shutts and Jimmie Cox aren't running for anything. They're simply having a duel about this \$800,000 auditorium. And election day is October 27. Miami Life confesses it is at sea on the proposition. Many foolish things have been said by both sides. And many good arguments have been put forward by proponents and opponents to the big structure.

It is undeniably a fact that both Coral Gables and Miami Beach have places that would accommodate the actually seated delegation of any convention in the world. Carl Fisher has the immense Miami Beach Gardens, seating close to 5,000 people. And the Miami Coliseum at Coral Gables, which is already the pride of Dade county citizens, seats 7,500. One has been in use for a couple of years and the other will be completed next month. The 400 Miami men, 110 Coral Gables citizens and the other 125 people who invested in the Miami Coliseum should be considered.

On the other hand, Miami Beach and Coral Gables are separate municipalities. They have steadfastly fought any move to make them part of the municipality of Miami. They have their own chambers of commerce, their own publicity agents—and they insist on the northern papers giving them a Coral Gable or a Miami Beach date-line on all publicity stories sent north. If they showed nicer disposition to Miami, we might be strenuously opposed to the auditorium idea. But, as it is, this paper does not feel like coming out in opposition to a plan that will give the city of Miami a meeting place.

We'd rather the people of the city of Miami would judge the proposition on its merits, without prejudice, without undue influence from the papers, Ev Sewell, architects, or adjoining (and apparently competitive) municipalities.

We're sure that verdict will be all right.

### Welfare Board In Business?

THE City of Miami has been doling out day work to the workers who were willing to work, even for the paltry sum of \$2 that was offered. No money was paid—remuneration being by an order for supplies.

There was no kick against this in itself. All the workers were willing to take orders for groceries in lieu of money. But, they all objected to the method employed by the welfare board's own provision store.

The welfare board has a store on N. E. Sixth street, between Miami avenue and First avenue. There, the workers go with their orders and get them cashed for groceries.

But the welfare warehouse, which is situated in an old restaurant building, charges more than twice as much as the chain stores for supplies. Potatoes there are ten cents a pound. Tanner's will sell you ten pounds for thirty-seven cents most any day in the week. Other supplies are far higher than at the regular stores.

Along the walls are signs that read: "Bring can goods back if they are spoiled." Which would point to the fact that damaged can goods are being sold there.

The city health department inspectors should go to this store and clean out any can goods that are not right up to standard—no matter who is responsible for them being there.

If the city must pay by grocery order, then make the orders redeemable at any store in the city. The welfare board has no right whatever to run a store of its own. Not even if it is selling at cost.

### "I Do Not Care For No Publicity"

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PENNEY had an attempted assault case in his court Monday afternoon. Several spectators were sitting around, including three newspaper men. On request of both the plaintiff and the defendant, the judge requested that newspaper men leave the room and grant both parties the benefit of a private hearing. The reporters left.

Now the merits or demerits of the case are not worthy of much comment here. Suffice it that the defendant was discharged on insufficient evidence.

But the lawyer for the defendant, who had made a request of no publicity, asked one of the reporters what paper he was on. The reporter said, "Miami Life." The lawyer said, "oh!"

And then after the hearing was over, the lawyer walked up to the Miami Life reporter and said, "You better be careful what you write about on this case. The man was discharged."

The lawyer, of course, was Attorney Grover Morrow—or should we say "Judge" Grover Morrow?

### Just About Frank Shutts

WE MIAMIANS are unappreciative, abnormally so. We cuss—unthinkingly, of course—the men who have really made Miami. We do not seem to have that virtue of the Elks—what is it?—"the faults of our brothers we write upon the sands and their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory." Something like that, anyway.

Glancing over the current issue of *Cosmopolitan*, we came across a story on James Whitcomb Riley by George Ade. Ade has a lot of pertinent things to say about Hoosiers and their complexes, and there was a paragraph or two that inspired this editorial.

Here they are:

I know that we have one type of Hoosier who is all right. He is pretty well behaved, even if he never has permitted his morality to ferment on him and blow up, like a bottle of yeast. His distinguished characteristic or trade-mark is his inclination to attain a small-town simplicity of manner and unshamed concern over primitive facts, even after he has taken on the outward importance which may come from going to college, traveling, making money, reading books, owning motor-cars, belonging to clubs, accepting dinner invitations, wearing wing collars and eating caviar.

He is more interested in men and women than he is in visible assets, loud noises or pretentious rites and ceremonies. He never mistakes size for magnificence or accepts the broad sound of "a" as a positive evidence of culture. He drags his talk a little and is not ashamed to use idioms, because they help him to say what he is trying to say, although he never may hope to duplicate the musical purr and the picturesque metaphors of the immortal Riley.

There is a Hoosier of just that type in Miami—and not so many people know him as he really is. His name is Frank B. Shutts. He runs a paper down on South Miami avenue, and a law office up in the First National Bank building that happens to be probably the largest law firm in Florida. He is—or has been at one time—a director of two hundred or more corporations (some of which he'd like to be out of, we presume, although he's never squawked). He landed here a score of years ago, just a struggling lawyer—they say that the creaking of his dingy little sign "Frank B. Shutts, Attorney-at-Law," used to keep the residents of his little Indiana hamlet awake all night. His shirt-tail was out. But now it's in. He's made good in Miami—and, no matter what his enemies, political and financial, may say, he's done Miami good.

We don't know what his financial condition is today. But we do know this: that whether it's good or bad, it wouldn't make any difference in Frank Shutts. He's just that kind of Hoosier that George Ade wrote about.

Last spring, while the legislature was in session, a bunch of us went to Tallahassee to help out on the proposed racing bill, and Frank was a member of the party. Although supposedly heavily interested in the Miami Jockey Club, Frank was more interested in the coming class reunion of his high school at Aurora, Ind. He didn't talk nearly so much about racing, or politics, or finances as he did about the thirty or forty survivors of his graduating class.

There's no particular reason for writing this piece about Frank Shutts. And we've kidded him and his paper for years—and no one has appreciated it more than Frank, because he's a kisser himself. He's not running for office. So far as we know he's not trying to put anything over on the public.

And he probably wouldn't lend us any money if he had it.

But somehow, having lived in Indiana a long time, and possessing a sense of justice, and hearing Shutts abused from time to time by people who don't know him, and furthermore, desiring to write something nice about people before instead of after the undertaker calls, we just have an idea that we may give the public a better idea about a man who is really one of the biggest men in Miami. And we've heard it said that he's actually the biggest and most influential.

It's a shame that George Ade didn't include him in his list of Class-A Hoosiers along with Tom Marshall, Will Hays, Ray Long, Sam Ralston, Roy Howard, Jim Watson, Lew Wallace, the Landis boys, and that most beloved of all Hoosiers, Tom Taggart. Frank deserves it.

Ah, the winter season approaches! For did we not see a black-haired beauty in a white bathing suit promenading down the beach?

### Just Nothing At All To Write About

THE HOUR of going to press approaches and we find ourselves not yet completely thawed from the recent cold spell, the question of a lead editorial arises. We have consulted both our attorneys—for we do not wish another \$50,000 libel suit right now, being as we are saving our money to entertain the forthcoming hordes of tourists—and we have consulted our friends for a subject on which to dilly-dally with.

Five or six friendly advisers think the Florida Power & Light Company should have the broadside, and that we should again consider galloping meters, or why the city does not receive its water surcharge on time. Three housewives think that the most important thing is the way foodstuffs are rising in price—eggs, for instance, vieing with diamonds, emeralds, and other precious jewels, and meat prices are on the upward climb, with milk threatening to leap the stabilized price of the past few months.

Then again there are those who believe the political situation needs attention, and that now is the time for us to come to the aid of this and that party, and why not look into the past activities of the county commissioners and inquire into the many things which have cost the county taxpayers so much money of late.

And then there is the Homestead bank situation, with the legal duel between a county judge and the state comptroller and whether or not a receivership should be appointed—which might cost money or again might save what is savable.

Others, viewing with alarm the approaching bond election for the construction of a mammoth convention hall, are vivid with righteous indignation at those for or against the idea, and statistics, data, and all the debater's ammunition are poured over our desk until even the very framework creaks.

Then the landlord question, with approaching advances in rates—rates by the way, which may be fair to our golden-dollared tourists, but veritable impossibilities for most of us, again comes to our attention; while landlords claim their apartments are non-dividend producers with taxes eating into the reserve.

Conventions coming, the Shriners and the Elks, and we waiting for the good times—that could be an editorial of interest, but the days are far away and other things of moment are at hand.

The hurricane which never came. A spasm of thanksgiving could be scrolled about that. Perhaps Weatherman Gray himself was surprised, although he was somewhere closer to the locality than we, journeying toward Cuba on a banana boat.

'Tis true the street car service is somewhat disgusting, but the jitneys left us that through the political machinations of those in power. The new county building is not yet completed, neither has it fallen down, but it will be a marvel should it be completed.

The justices of the peace have been somewhat quiet of late. They are not hewing strictly to the statutes—but not even a Philadelphia lawyer could interpret the mass of laws handed down by our non-lamented legislatures—and justices have to live, even though they hire their complete families as office help.

Really there isn't much to write about at that. The weather is indicative of springtime and nightingales never sang so sweetly. Our creditors are a bit more liberal and those who hold mortgages against us have eased up a bit. The bay is more beautiful than ever—even though alive with dead hulks of storm-driven ships; and the girls who pass smile friendly-like and give one the idea that youth again is on the wing.

So having nothing to say we'll not write about it, and having nothing to do, we'll do it.

### The Law—And Pardons

THE loopholes offered habitual criminals in Florida may not be well-known by citizens, but the gentry of the underworld are versed in all the technicalities.

But the criminals greatest hope lies in the pardon board. When sentenced to the penitentiary, and sometimes even before they have been assigned a prison number, the criminal has his friends on the outside busy signing up petitions for presentation to the pardon board.

Where offenses give minimum and maximum penalties, would it not be a good idea to have the guilty and convicted person serve the minimum sentence before being allowed to petition the pardon board?

If we are to have courts of justice, and taxpayers certainly pay enough for them; if life and property is to be protected by the punishment of culprits, why not make that punishment a cure instead of a little vacation at the expense of the state.

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### To Help the Driver

MIAMI'S police force is still after the auto driver who has faulty lights on his car. Every night a few are brought in and next morning they pay up and look pleasant—if they can.

One thing that looked out of place the other day was a motorcycle cop who was taking in the driver of a car for not displaying a tail light. There was no tail light on the motorcycle.

A northern city that got after faulty lights opened up a city station for the correction of lights. When the owner of a car had his auto checked by this station he received a card that passed him—even if some of the car lights failed when driving.

It is hard on a driver to be fined because a lamp burns out.

### ISA SEEKER

Investigates Tale of Jonah and the Whale and Doesn't Believe Anything Was In It

Pete Yoder  
Publicity  
Stified Booklet Dept  
Miami Fla  
Dear Yoder

Per request and in re investigation anent oldtime tourist named Jonah and his excursion in the belly of a whale I have investigated same and can find no trace of neither said tourist nor any whale except it might have been one of them porpoises which inhabit adjacent waters.

There have been several tourists down here and a lot of them have been Jonahs but so far as statistics reveal none of them have disappeared I am sorry to say but which should not have to make any difference with the fifty dollars and no cents investigation fee which you promised me if I made a satisfactory investigation and did not give the information any undue publicity.

I interviewed the harbor master and them Saunders and Maders and Erroll Johnson who should know as he's been down at the bottom of the bay looking for some Esmeralda and he should know but he said that the damn thing was an elephant and it was certainly a Jonah and I could go down and see for myself if it wasn't so and I am willing to do that upon receipt of some cash fee instead of that hot air about you do it and I'll pay you later.

One fellow gave me some startling information as to where he said some strange animal had swallowed most anything and everything and that it was a octopus and I followed his specific directions and went into that Ingraham building and it was an electric power outfit and no octopus the man said and they wanted a deposit on something before I could read of the details but as you had not given me of them fifty dollars and no cents I was not admitted to view any insides of octopuses.

I did also look at that Jonah out northwest but even though the secret information I had vouched as to its being so it turned out to be an incinerator with nothing in it but a lot of yesterday's bread and 1925 hamburgers which the sandwichers had been unable to dispose of account of the weakened condition of both customers and their pocketbooks.

If this Jonah fellow came down on the railroad he might not have gotten here yet on account of a new watertank which is being filled with water and consequently is not as yet inside no whale still I have not given up hope as the wife said when she took another shot at and missed her husband and killed

### THINGS I'D LIKE TO KNOW ?

If Mardell doesn't believe that "gentlemen prefer blondes" ? ? ?

If Herb Johnson is living up to his reputation of a "cake" ? ? ?

What was in the paper bags Lou carried up the court house steps ? ? ?

Why Dick wished he had been musically inclined since the saxophone player put one over ? ? ?

Who stole Bill's car . . . and why ? ? ?

Why Deputy Cone had such a sweet smile on his face . . . at noon on Wednesday ? ? ?

If Carl and his friends had a good time at the Spanish Village ? ? ?

When Worth is going to quit celebrating his recent marriage to the little beauty ? ? ?

"Building Falls Down in Jacksonville," says headline . . . is the Nashville Bridge Company up there, too ? ? ?

If Kent's trip was a success . . . and why did all the local politicians go to Tallahassee at the same time ? ? ?

If the opening of the Coral Gables Shrine Club won't be a great success . . . and how long will "Doc" Dammers be allowed to talk ? ? ?

If Phil has hopped on the wagon in order to conserve his strength for the roofing business ? ? ?

Who Louise had lunch with Tuesday ? ? ?

What prominent judge of Dade county a few days ago defended a case he'd hate to tell his family about ? ? ?

Why, if, as the Miami Herald editorial intimates, the Miami Chamber of Commerce is cutting its budget to the most economical basis, does it retain a secretary ? ? ?

at a salary of \$250 a month when there is a high priced stenographer there who handles all the correspondence ? ? ?

If the opening of the Plantation, up Hallandale way, wasn't a wow . . . and George hosted well ? ? ?

How the corn treated Virginia Shaffer and Buzz in Georgia this summer ? ? ?

Why Lucy McKenzie looks so bored with life ? ? ?

If Arthur C and Clara May are having a good time while Maurine is away ? ? ?

Who Delphine was wearing the black for the other day ? ? ?

If the rumor about Eleanor joining a convent wasn't all wet ? ? ?

If Elmer J. is really in love ? ? ?

LITTLE GERALDINE  
When Little Geraldine heard that the new courthouse was sinking she just laughed and laughed because she knew that it was the only thing in town that was doing any settling.

with Carolyn . . . or is he just trying to good-time her ? ? ?  
If Mr. Frey hasn't lost some

of his popularity at the beach . . . and if some of his plans will be allowed to materialize this winter ? ? ?

How Edem is getting along with the widow in Coral Gables ? ? ?

How Edith likes her boy friend from Kentucky ? ? ?

Why Captain Bill left his bank roll with Wallace

## The Occupational Test in Coral Gables

POPULATION in Coral Gables embodies people from every state in the Union, of every scope and class of responsible financial and social standing, and of most surprising range of occupations. People who live in Coral Gables find work for their hands and brains in almost every conceivable form of human endeavor—for Coral Gables is one place where beauty, recreation and convenient, joyful living is within reach of the modest as well as the more opulent purse.

An occupational survey of Coral Gables reveals many amazing things—and the best criterion of the range of occupations is furnished by the registration cards of the 706 pupils enrolled at Ponce de Leon High School, where 70 per cent of the pupils are children of people who have lived in Coral Gables not less than one year. In that list, in the space on the registration card where the pupil declares the occupation of parent or guardian, there are no fewer than 145 occupations listed. It is a fair criterion of the upwards of 10,000 people of Coral Gables.

Parents of 8.4 per cent of these pupils are builders and contractors; parents of 6.4 per cent are retired; parents of 6.4 per cent, also, carpenters; 4.8 are merchants; 4.3 are in the realty business; 3.7 are farmers or fruit growers, and 2.7 per cent are attorneys-at-law. The balance, 63.7 per cent, are divided among 137 other occupations.

There are as many retired as there are carpenters; there are as many bookkeepers as there are bankers; there are as many electrical engineers as there are officials of insurance companies, and as many dairymen as there are artists. Teachers rank evenly with accountants and plumbers with physicians. The permanent character of any city or development lies in the wide range of the employment and occupation that it affords. You, too, can make your home in Coral Gables—it affords homes or homesites at prices and on terms that fit the purse of any thrifty individual, from clerk to millionaire. Coral Gables is the dominant residential unit of Greater Miami; it is where the people really desire to live. That desire is the basis of the unmistakably steady demand for Coral Gables homes and homesites which is, in turn, the best index of stable or rising values. You ought, in sheer justice to your own future, to consult Coral Gables Sales Corporation without delay.

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