

FAIR PRESS--Is Goal of Patriots

MIAMI LIFE is pleased to see that President Truman has taken a leaf from our book.

When he called his new program for the nation "The Fair Deal," it put us in mind of MIAMI LIFE'S oft-repeated "Freedom of the Press" stand.

We have said, time and time again, what this country needs is not a Free Press—but a FAIR Press!

Naturally, we are pleased to see that the titular head of our government agrees in principle with MIAMI LIFE.

If we have a fair press—we'll have a fair government—and we need not fear being victimized by the Democrats, or the Republicans, or the Communists—or for that matter, ANY ideology or regime.

The word "FAIR" takes care of all other ills.

HATE DISPENSER

THE Biddle's Sundries Store is at 880 N. W. 78th St.

MIAMI LIFE phoned this store on business the other day.

"Didn't you help elect Truman?" our business manager was asked.

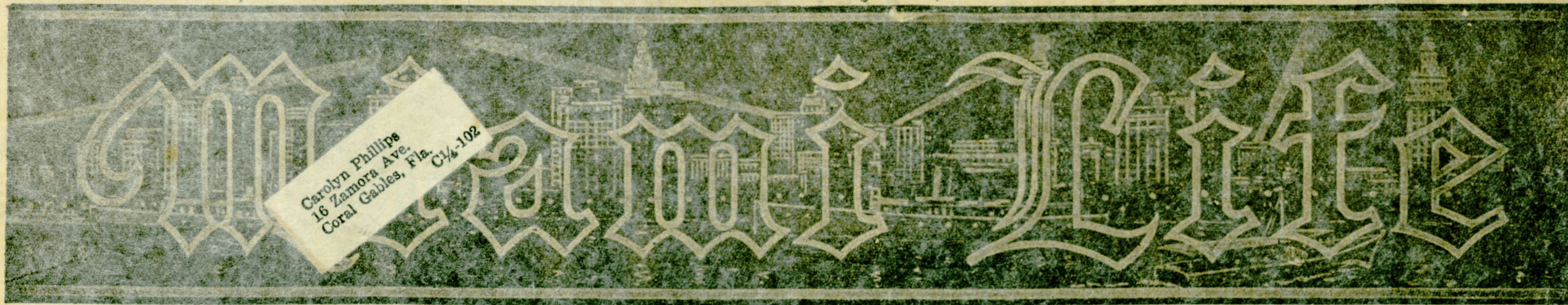
"We most certainly did!" bragged we.

"Well, if that's the case, I don't want anything to do with the paper."

"What!"

"What we need here," went on the proprietor of Biddle's Sundries, "is a man like Stalin for at least thirty days to clean up this town!"

"Truman—and that G—d—d crippled Roosevelt," continued the voice of Biddle's Sundries, "ruined this country!"



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GAMBLING?

Why, Shore!--BUT It Will Be Same As Under S.C.--Only No Hypocrisy!

AFTER Milt Sosin, Daily News reporter, wrote a story about gambling opening on several fronts here, an article by the "Dade Crime Commission's" Danny Sullivan appeared in the next edition in which the voluble Danny professed "a reason to believe" these places might open

Slugged at Tropical pk.

JACK STATHAM, labor foreman for the Newberg Construction Co., was knocked to the ground by a gate-keeper at Tropical Park a couple of weeks ago.

Jack had asked permission to go in without buying a ticket. He explained he merely wanted to purchase a program to show his wife and visitors who were waiting in a car outside the gate.

Denied this privilege, Jack bought a ticket and went inside. He bought his program.

On his way out, words passed between him and the gate-keeper.

And lo and behold! Jack was struck down!

Try as he would, he could get no one to arrest the gate-keeper.

"Forget it!" he was told. "Go on about your business."

Jack went to a doctor. Then to the county solicitor. The latter helped him get a warrant for the arrest of the gate-keeper.

Racetracks should be more considerate of patrons.

It's tough enough to go and lose your money—but to be knocked down (we understand Jack lost a couple of teeth) by an employe—is much too much!

shortly.

The truth of the matter is, most of them have already hired their 1949 crews.

So Sosin's story was nearly correct.

Danny Sullivan, who evidently felt constrained to make some kind of statement so his thunder wouldn't be stolen, was clearly out of line.

He named only Jack Friedlander and Frank Costello.

Why did he stop?

He could have named Arthur Childers, George Bowers, Dick Sharpe, Merle Yarborough, Ace-Deuce Solomon, and others whose names escape us for the moment, as being interested in the Little Palm Club.

And in the 86 Club—Cliff Spikes, Charley Thomas, Merle Yarborough, Marty Richman, Joe LaPop, Jack Friedlander, etc.

And in the 115 Club (which probably will not open)—practically the same set-up as the Little Palm Club.

Then there's the Turf, headed by Raymond Craig, Duke Nolan, Sammy Clark, etc.

And Sunny Isles Casino, which is run by the Beach Syndicate, plus Ike Miller.

And the Brook Club—all new directors.

These, we might remark, will open—and these will run—regardless of what the Crime Commission and the two daily newspapers say!

They'll run because, as Sosin implies, instead of demanding a closed county and clamping the gambling lid, the governor said he would leave it strictly up to the local authorities . . . practically saying that if the economy of the community needed—and the people wanted—a liberal policy down here, they had his blessing.

In fact, Gov. Warren said he was such a strong advocate of Home Rule, that he was inclined to go along and not interfere with the local authorities, although he might personally feel that the wrong man had been elected by the people.

But, he said, he was their (the people's) choice, and that was enough for the governor.

This is no more, no less, than the past governor did, except that Gov. Warren is less hypocritical than Gov. Caldwell . . . during whose regime we had gambling every day of every year of his four years, without interference . . . Caldwell obviously didn't have Warren's intestinal fortitude.

Gov. Warren is man enough to state his policy beforehand, so he can later be judged by his constituents as to whether his word can be trusted.

At least, we are assured that the next four years, we'll have a governor who will not hide his position on any matter, but will take a definite stand on things that are of interest and importance to the people.

Herald Knight's Union Fight Is PREMEDITATED Murder

MIAMI LIFE contends that a powerful group of American Biggies some time ago selected Publisher John S. Knight of Akron, O., to break the back of Labor and since have enabled him to attain stature and easily acquire important key papers for the purpose of molding public opinion and intimidating unions.

Readers of Knight's Miami Herald, however, have been led to believe that the Miami Typographical Union strike was an unprincipled, unauthorized action by local union radicals.

But Miamians have since learned, with some surprise, that Knight's Chicago Daily News has been fighting the union and operating non-union since Nov. 24, 1947.

Allow MIAMI LIFE to inform you that nearly a year and a half ago Publisher Knight began a drive in Detroit (where a few years ago

he purchased the Free Press) to break the powerful Typographical Union, and thus make the intimidation and destruction of the other big unions easier.

He got the powerful Detroit News and the Detroit Times in with him. And for five months the battle was on, the publishers trying to force the printers to go back on the "no contract" policy of the International Typographical Union.

But last March, the publishers of the News and the Times suddenly "pulled the rug from under" Publisher Knight, to quote his own words. They quit the fight to make the union kowtow to them.

The printers WON in Detroit!

In a statement printed in the Detroit Labor News of March 26, 1948, copies of which have been received by

MIAMI LIFE and local printers, Knight termed his fellow-publishers' dereliction as "a Munich" and declared that he hoped the publishers in Chicago "are made of sterner stuff."

So, you see, the "bug" has been in Publisher Knight's head ALL ALONG to organize the publishers everywhere he goes into BREAKING THE PRINTERS' UNIONS! . . . which, is ONLY THE START of a PREMEDITATED movement to BREAK THE BACK of Labor . . . to MURDER ALL Unions!

John S. Knight is president of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Needless to say, NOT A LINE of this PRINTERS' VICTORY in Detroit was printed in the Miami daily newspapers!

Last March, just as the

victories of Detroit Typographical Union No. 18 and Detroit Mailers Union No. 40 were announced, Publisher Knight was asked to

comment on the settlement.

Here was Knight's reply:

"The facts are as follows: "At a publishers' meeting attended by Herbert Ponting, general manager of the Detroit News, Knight was asked to

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Pioneering for Profit

THE Clover Club will soon find it's made a mistake in booking Cab Calloway and his orchestra in an attempt to attract customers.

What such clubowners don't realize is that the people are NOT here.

It's obvious that they're playing to the morbid side of cafe-goers. And it's such a limited clientele!

Until tourists arrive in larger numbers—which won't be until the last of this month—no club is going to make any real dough.

We're sorry to see the Clover Club make a move to further break down certain Southern traditions that have so long endured.

One of these days, one of these Pioneers-For-Profit will cause an incident that conceivably could result in serious and financially dangerous trouble between the white and the black components of our society.

OPEN LETTER to GOV. WARREN

Dear Gov. Warren:

We remember, back in 1940, when you were running such a beautiful race for governor, the fine response you received from Dade countians when in one of your speeches in Bayfront Park you mentioned the Utility Trust.

Even then we recall you as being their avowed opponent, and resentful of the way they treated the public.

We are certain that now you know a great deal more about the Utility Trust, after eight more years of close observation of their operation. In that time, also, you have become Florida's most outstanding student of government.

Therefore, we hope you may readily see a chance to slay Florida's Dragon (only MIAMI LIFE has been calling the Florida Power & Light Co. THE OCTOPUS, lo these many years!) and extricate the state from a worrisome taxation dilemma at the same time.

We know that virtually every moment since your inauguration, someone has warned you of some new impending deficit--IF the state and its various municipalities are to continue their present public services. And the press dispatches note that it is going to be hard for you to carry out your promises of economy and no-new-taxes without going into the hole.

BUT we have waited in vain for someone to suggest what seems to us the most sensible, businesslike, DEMOCRATIC way out.

The Florida Power & Light Co. every year is taking OUT of this state millions upon millions of dollars in profit--that Floridians have a right to themselves!

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The state could legally take over these private utilities and funnel their profits (plus what the private utilities are now paying the federal government in taxes) into the state treasury. Or, if these various communities wished, the state could arrange for them to buy over the plants, at a sum to be fixed by the courts, to further reduce local taxpayers' burdens.

Why not appoint a committee to explore the feasibility of such a plan?

Yours is the first administration in many years to be elected by the Pro-People and Anti-Grab elements of Florida's population. It would be a fitting memorial for the Warren administration to eliminate a ringleader of the corrupt financial ring that is milking the state dry.

And it could not help but redound to your credit beyond our borders, because it would pave the way for such tax-relief movements in other states. Our visitors would carry the Warren Utility Story back to their home localities.

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LIFE lines - LIFE lines

Half of the national tax budget is going for defense. Which makes it even more offensive.

All Miami needs right now are a couple more tourists with spending money.

Miami bus service, it seems, smells in more ways than one.

South Florida sends sympathy to California. That Western state does have its difficulties—what with quakes and snow and Hollywood dope.

Competition is the life of trade which may account for the increased life in trade these days.

After the income tax is paid, perhaps, folks will have a little money left to spend for other things and business will pick up.

CALL THE NEXT CASE

By BOND

CALLING the next case is a regular job for Bailiff Casey Jones in the Miami municipal court. He has been doing it for years. And his voice is one that can be heard throughout the often-crowded courtroom, the frequently hot and smelly, as Dan Sullivan described it. What's the order in which cases are called, Casey was asked. That is rather important when scores or hundreds may be waiting their turn, when the calendar may require hours. Judge Cecil C. Curry starts early, before 8:30 a.m., and likes to finish before noon. He usually does. At times by 10 a.m.

Jones said there was no specific order in which cases are called—except efforts are made to bring up first the victims of the night cops. These police have been working all night and they want to get home. But they must be on hand to appear against the culprits they turned in or the accused will be dismissed for lack of prosecution. Which does happen.

After that—it all depends. Upon circumstances. Common drunks and quickly-handled matters may be run through the mill. Also the heavy larcenies committed in stores where the proprietors or executives may be waiting as witnesses. There may be a woman with a crying baby and she may be given consideration, or a person who is ill or has illness at home. Complicated cases with many witnesses, which may take longer testimony, may be delayed to the close.

The card system is used. When the calendar is moving rapidly, Clerk Ralph Graham is kept so busy he doesn't have a chance to glance up to note the defendants before the bar of justice. Ben Girtin is the police officer aide. The matron is Esther Saunders and the city prosecutor is E. S. Corlett.

WHEN you go into the air-conditioned circuit courts on the fourth floor of the courthouse you should bring along an electric or oil heater if you are cold-blooded. They are real chilly. They are fine places to cool off in hot weather, but when the balmy breezes outside are coolish, the few spectators may shiver on the inside, even if the case is hot.

DURING his 13 years on the bench, said Judge Wayne Allen of Crimes Court, hundreds of women have filed charges of assault against their husbands, relented, and begged the court to forget it. At times some cases are dismissed for the lack of prosecution, and again the judge may proceed with them if there are other witnesses and evidence, and if the physical attack was serious and caused visible injury.

Men are less apt to appear in court against their wives on assault charges. Merely a flying dish pan is not sufficient. But if the lady wielded a knife to bad purpose or tried to shoot a gun, or, as in Negro violence, potash was thrown, the poor male will seek safety and punishment through the court.

Many such fights are due to liquor, said Judge Allen. They come in fits of anger. "People get so mad they lose all sense," declared Judge Allen. "Most of us are susceptible to such outbreaks, perhaps over trivial things. The emotions are upset and we see red and immediately want to hurt the other party by any means at hand. When people regain their poise and senses, they regret their actions, but then it is too late."

"As a result of a similar temperamental upset the women victims will rush to the courts for relief and a penalty. Then they think it over; they suffer remorse. They can draw back. So they return to the court, at times hand-in-hand with the defendant. The wife may admit she was at fault, she had it coming to her."

This profound discussion on the tantrums of humanity developed out of a simple case where a large Negress accused her meek little

hubby of assault. It seems when driven into a corner he struck back with a stick. She had a couple of children—and admitted another boy friend. The judge told them to go home and behave themselves.

Economic conditions contribute to crime, said Judge Allen. Of course, anybody may be involved in a traffic violation, but where dishonesty is concerned it is seldom committed by a person from a good home, by people who go to church and take their children to Sunday school. The influence of a decent home, of church, of proper schooling and discipline serve to keep the beneficiaries out of the courts and jails.

Florida Tomatoes Get Price Boost

IT'S an ill frost that does not bring a killing in two opposite ways. It kills the crops for some; it means a "killing" in profits for the fortunate.

While California is the major victim thus far this winter from the heavy hand of winter, South Florida growers also suffered heavy frost damage earlier. Vegetables were wiped out and many farmers are re-planting.

People in Miami do not realize that it gets colder south and west of the city than in Miami proper, as you get away from the influences of the Gulf Stream. They may have snowy frosts when Miami and Miami Beach do not.

Tomatoes remain one of the speculative crops. Growers may lose their investment or, if lucky, may take a nice profit. During

the last year or two there have been good crops but poor prices. Growers could not sell them for the cost of production and commission. They have received around \$3 a bushel. Lately that market price has doubled, and tomatoes have brought as high as \$7, \$8 and \$12 a bushel.

Tomatoes, vegetables and even citrus may be as speculative and uncertain as Wall Street—up one day, down the next. It may depend upon how much produce is hauled to market at a certain day. Big supplies cut prices; reduced quantities raise the bids.

Farming is a gamble. Local business men found that out when they quit their own specialty to dabble in agriculture. They were glad to hand the farms back to the farmers and return to their pills and neckties.

Site For Union Depot Proposed

EVERYBODY has an idea on the new location of the new railroad depot—when, as and if ever. Northwest business men point to the desirability of a union station and suggest that an ideal site for such a combination is in the vicinity of N. W. 10th and 12th aves. and 71st st., where there are blocks of vacant land owned by the Model Land Co.

Both the F.E.C. and Seaboard could run tracks to this location conveniently, establish a joint

station and yards at this point. The site would be convenient to the airport, to causeways to Miami Beach, and for traffic to Miami. It would remove the main tracks from the downtown and business areas.

It's another solution to the headache. Everybody agrees that the present F.E.C. shack should be removed along with the nuisance and dangerous tracks. But where, when and how remains the question.

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Cabbages and Kings

THERE are no strikes at Eastman Kodak, haven't been any since 1912. It has a policy of "enlightened industrial relations." Wage dividends, for one thing. Its 51,500 next March will receive approximately \$13,000,000 under this wage-dividend plan! . . . Hippocrates, the most famous of physicians, believed what a lot of doctors these days DON'T—and it was his broadest generalization. It was simply this: that sick people usually recover without treatment! . . . BACON—"I had rather believe all the fables in the Legends and the Talmud and the Alcoran, than that this universal frame is without a mind."

IN MIAMI, alcoholism is still treated as a crime. But the next New York state legislature will likely recognize alcoholism as a disease and pass legislation that will force chronic alcoholics or compulsive drinkers into hospitals, clinics, and farms—just as insane people are treated. Committees of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York Academy of Medicine will sponsor such legislation.

LORD knows, there are queer, unbelievable things to be found in the ocean off our coast. We'll cite one that is well known, yet never fails to awaken interest when its main characteristic (outside of being a good meal) is discussed. It's the Flounder, found in different species from Florida to Labrador. It's a flat fish. Now, when right young, its eyes are normally placed. But—what do you know!—when it begins growing up, one eye starts migrating over the top of its head and settles down very lovingly, right next to the other eye. Whereupon the flounder's life becomes a one-

sided affair thereafter, the top-side colored, and the bottom (and eyeless) side white!

REMEMBER Milton Berle's prize joke a couple of years ago—about what he had to go through to get a phone? He said, "I had to tell 'em I was a bookie!" . . . How come Ham Fisher didn't sufficiently copyright the name Joe Palooka to keep others from capitalizing on it (as, for instance, the wrestler sometimes appearing here, who has appropriated that name)? . . . Style historians say tie-pins come into style periodically. When they get too big and gaudy, human nature revolts, nobody will wear 'em any more, and they go into storage. It's about time for a revival . . . BAILEY—"We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

AMONG radio-phonograph dealers, the dope is that Victor-RCA is going to put out a 45-minute record on a 7-inch disc, obtaining the long-playing feature by slowing down the time—but to a different speed from the Columbia 33 1/3 microgroove records. And are they angry at Victor—the kingpin of the radio-phonograph industry! What will be Victor's reaction if it enrages the public, too (including the loving President Truman) and they rebel at this autocratic attitude? It wouldn't be the first time Victor has been wrong. Remember, just before World War II, the high-priced Victor that played the top and bottom of each record? It went sour in a hurry!

THE Herald claims it can do without the striking printers, but all the same the Herald is full of unmeant laughs from typo blunders. Under the heading of "Livestock (Dogs, Cats, Pets)"

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of many things: Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—Of cabbages—and kings—And why the sea is boiling hot—And whether pigs have wings."
—THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

was this ad: "MINK coat. Original cost \$3,000. Insured \$1,500. Sell cheap or trade. Phone 4-9415."

DEAN MARTIN tells (in the current Pageant magazine) how he and Jerry Lewis, now entertaining Beachcomber audiences, started working as a team about three years ago in Atlantic City. Two solid years of good times—and then Dean's nerve got him. He needed a vacation. So he feigned sickness—passed out in the middle of their act one night—and Jerry sent for a doctor. The physician turned out to be very understanding. "When I secretly explained my troubles," Dean says, "the prescribed complete rest and quiet for me. Then he took Jerry aside and whispered mysteriously, 'He must have no exertion whatsoever. Unless he is completely undisturbed, he may live only 90 days.'"

The doctor (says Dean, ruefully) was a better friend than actor. Jerry returned in a few hours with a neatly wrapped package. "The doctor told me you may only live 90 days more," he said haltingly to Dean, "so I thought you'd want this."

Dean took off the wrapping. It was a calendar! He chased Jerry more than a block—and then suddenly realized his vacation was over.

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ANYBODY CAN BECOME CONTRACTOR IN COUNTY

There are vivid contrasts in restrictions and regulations as between Dade county and the cities therein. Miami, Miami Beach, Coral Gables and other incorporated communities have strict requirements as to the licensing of building contractors, electricians and plumbers. They must pass rigid examinations to prove their qualifications before they are granted the right to practice.

Efforts are made to keep down the number because of the many new engaged in these lines of business. There are experienced electricians, for example, who even charge that prejudices and pulls prevail in the building departments. You must know the right people to be admitted, they claim.

But exactly the opposite prevails in Dade county. Anybody can become a contractor, a plumber or electrician, even if he doesn't know a wire from a hole in the ground and can't hit a nail. No examinations, no knowledge, no training is necessary. You only need obtain a couple letters of recommendation from somebody saying you can perform the work. Then you pay the license and go out and install a bathroom.

It is a startling situation that has long existed under the careless management of the Dade commission and building department. Legitimate contractors, men who are fully trained and qualified through education and experience, must thus meet the competition of the untrained and ignorant. There is no protection for the innocent home builder. Believing all are equally qualified he may give his job to the lowest bidder, who may well be unqualified. This places the legitimate dealer and contractor, with heavy investments and years of experience, at a disadvantage and it may easily mean improper construction.

Special Days For Tampa State Fair

Dedication of special days at the Florida State Fair at Tampa, Feb. 1 to 12, including special event days, have been approved by the Board of Directors, General Manager P. T. Strieder announced.

As usual, high-light of the exposition will be Gasparilla Day, Monday, Feb. 7, when at least half a million people are expected to crowd into Tampa to witness the spectacular pirate invasion and the mammoth parade which follows.

Dedicated days include: Tuesday, Feb. 1—Auto Race Day and Collier County Day. Wednesday, Feb. 2—Wild Life Conservation Day; Hillsborough County Day, and Fish and Game Day. Thursday, Feb. 3—Auto Thrill Show Day; Pasco County Day, and Live Stock Day. Friday, Feb. 4—Children's Day

and Highlands County Day.

Saturday, Feb. 5—Auto Race Day; Future Farmers of America Day; Gadsden County Day, and Electrical Exposition Day.

Sunday, Feb. 6—Sabbath Observance.

Monday, Feb. 7—Gasparilla Day; Pinellas County Day, and Manatee County Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 8—Governor's Day; American Legion Day; Marion County Day; Indian River Day, and Auto Thrill Show at night.

Wednesday, Feb. 9—Individual Exhibitors' Day.

Thursday, Feb. 10—Hernando County Day; Shrine Day, and Polk County Day.

Friday, Feb. 11—Auto Thrill Show Day and Volusia County Day.

Saturday, Feb. 12—Auto Race Day; 4-H Club Day, and Grand Finale at night.

Race Horses Move, Stable Shortage

A GREAT migration of thoroughbreds will get under way early next week, following the close of Tropical Park on Saturday afternoon and the Monday inaugural at Hialeah. Horses on the move will all be consigned to Gulfstream Park, which this season closes Florida's long racing season with dates that open March 4 and continue through April 19.

The migratory equines will come from Tropical Park as part of a "lend lease" policy adopted this year by the two Greater Miami race courses. As Gulfstream Park accommodated Tropical's overflow, so Tropical will keep its gates open through mid-April for the convenience of horsemen wishing to race out the local season at the seaside track, and owners with stall allotments at Gulfstream will van their color-bearers over the coming week-end.

So great continues the demand for stabling space that President James Donn has authorized the use of stalls in the new receiving barn by horses until Gulfstream's own opening date arrives. This will accommodate approximately 40 horses who might otherwise be shut out and be forced to seek room in riding academies and barns in the vicinity.

Bert Regrets But Smiles As Ever

IT WAS in the duPont arcade that we bumped into Bert L. Acker. His Democratic rival had been inaugurated as governor of Florida up in Tallahassee.

But Bert was not in the least downcast. He was as beaming as ever, wearing that straw hat just as jauntily, nodding to about every other person who passed.

Bert pulled out of his pocket a copy of the telegram he had dispatched to Gov. Fuller Warren. And read it thusly:

"Regret inability to attend inauguration. Assure you of continued cooperation of myself and more than 100,000 Florida Republicans. Don't hesitate to call on me for advice and assistance. —Signed Bert L. Acker."

Christmas, New Year's and the Inaugural had passed. We glanced up and beheld the show window in front of us. It announced that Valentine's Day was next. It was filled with pretty cards. Bert had dispatched his greeting to Fuller. Despite the setbacks, Rep. Nominee Acker, whom his friends call "Governor," remains an enthusiastic G.O.P. follower as president of the Republican Club of Greater Miami and Dade County. At present he is pretty busy looking after the publicity for the re-opened West Flagler Kennel Club.

Dodd Wants To Meet Joe Louis

At the Riverside Hotel here, there is an ex-movie boy, who worked with Errol Flynn, Abbott & Costello, and Sophie Tucker, in Hollywood . . . and the smell of grease-paint is beckoning him back to the Kleig lights. He is a 250-pound heavy of 26 years, with a colorful XGI background, in the Navy.

Jimmy Dodd, the lad in the story, has fought twice in the Garden, successfully. The first time he outpointed John Holloway of Memphis, and in his second fight he kayoed Ben Rusk . . . both fights taking place last year. They are now negotiating to send him to Jax next month to meet Natie Brown, and from there he may fight the Cuban champ in Havana.

He had eight undefeated bouts here in Miami and just recently defeated Jimmy Kelly of Chicago in an eight-round affair on the Beach, which was held for the Elks' charities. A resident of Miami for a long time, he nevertheless misses the gals and glamour of the West Coast, and his undying ambition is to meet Joe Louis for the crown, and according to Dodd, he will win and then retire back to motion pictures.

It seems that 10 months on the stage at the Earl Carroll Theatre in Los Angeles has softened our contender from any future ring ambition, and he puts the thing very nicely when he states he would rather kiss the lips of Hedy LaMarr than to have a fast-moving right from a heavy-weight's glove kiss his own.

STATE HAS ENOUGH WATER FOR BIG POPULATION JUMP

Under present conditions, theoretically speaking, Florida's water sources could furnish a top population of six to seven million in the opinion of Col. A. G. Matthews, chief engineer of the State Division of Water Survey and Research.

"A population of 10,000,000 would have a bad time," he declared, hastening to add that Florida has an unlimited supply of water for all uses, provided it is controlled and conserved.

"In comparison with many states and many areas, Florida has a decided advantage in its vital water resources," he said.

"The present population is more than two and a quarter million, and it is growing at the rate of 70,000 souls a year; therefore, it behooves us to control and con-

serve a pure and plentiful supply of water to keep pace with that growing population," he warned. Matthews based his estimate on a combination of factors. Conservatively, four feet of rain a year falls on the State's approximate 60,000 square miles for a total of 240,000 square mile feet of water.

Sanitary engineers figure that each person uses an average of 100 gallons or 14 cubic feet of water a day. Over a year's time, then, the individual citizen will use, roughly, 5,000 cubic feet or 37,500 gallons of water a year. And Florida's two and a quarter million people will use nearly 79,000,000,000 gallons out of a supply of 45 cubic miles of water which runs into the trillions of gallons.

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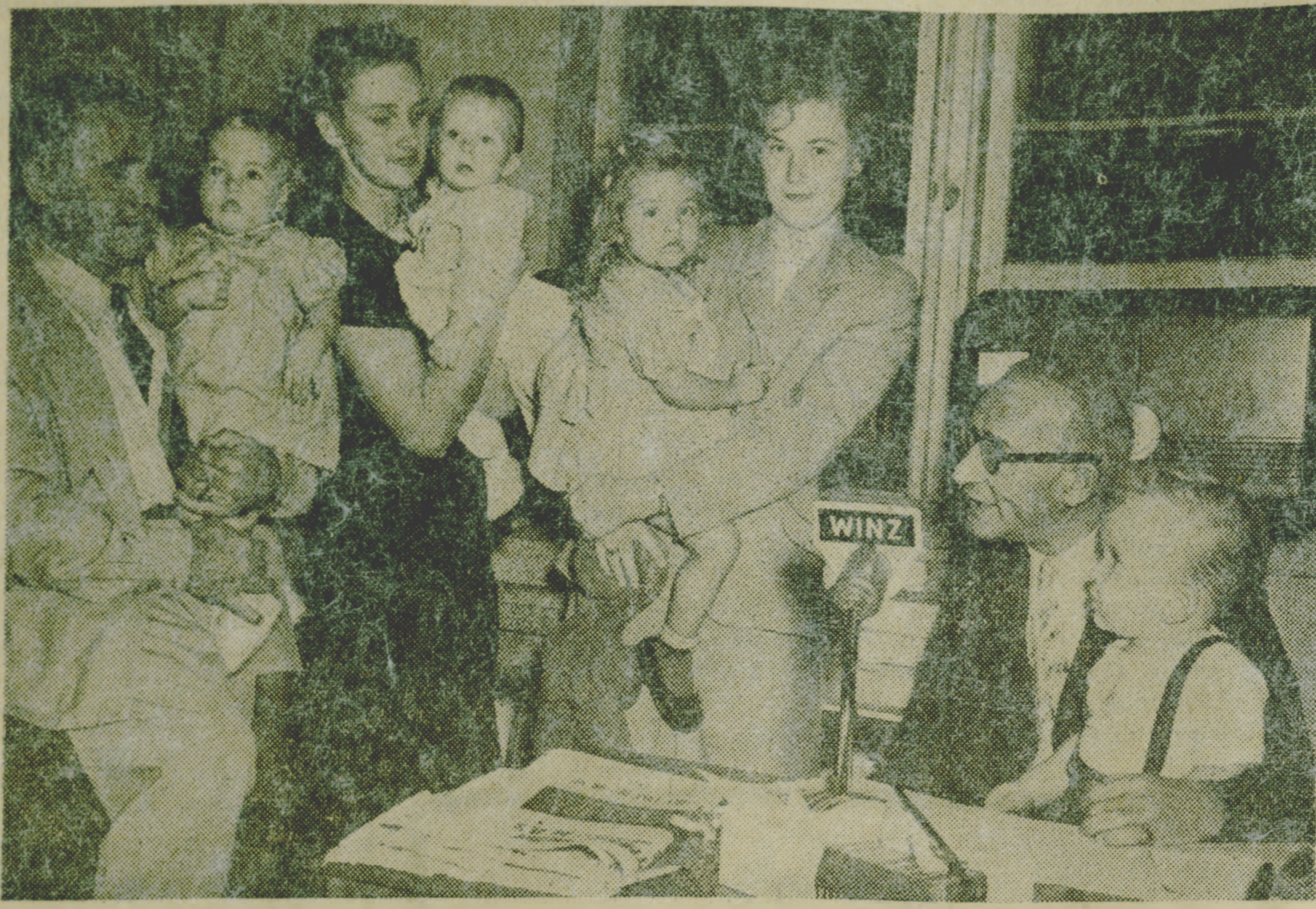
By OBSERVER

RECENT tragedies in the Greater Miami area serve to emphasize the fact that the two most dangerous weapons in the house are sleeping pills and pistols.

Guns have always—for many years—been a threat to life. By accident or intent they go off and suffering is the result—wounds and death. It is so easy to pull the trigger in a moment of frenzied anger and kill another. It is too late to regret and think matters over after the deed is done. It is just as easy in the time of despair to put that revolver to the head or heart and fire. And it is all over. Or there is the accident of the "unloaded" gun which goes off. Often the innocent, a child, may be the victim. Aside from officers of the law, there is virtually no excuse for possessing a gun, concealed or otherwise. It is a constant threat. The law recognizes that.

Sleeping pills are more modern. They serve valuable medical purposes and presumably can only be obtained on a doctor's prescription. But it is becoming a bad habit to make use of these pills to ease one's way out of this world. This is particularly true of women. Despondent or ill, the idea of just going to sleep quietly and never awakening again appeals to despairing women, as

LEE MASON DID IT AGAIN!



Lee Mason MIAMI LIFE commentator on WINZ raised over \$10,000.00 to feed 2500 GI students and their families at University of Miami in one of the greatest events of its kind. Photo shows Larry Jaffe of the Tropical Bar (donor of \$1000.00), officers of the Damon Runyon post and some of their guests.

frequent news stories reveal. Pills are less messy than pistols. Without a gun or a dope pill handy, you may live to a green old age, recover from the hatred or fear or ailment of the moment. Get rid of that gun. And don't have the sleepers unless necessary, and then keep them out of the hands of children—and the weak-minded.

MASON at MIDNIGHT

(Mason at Midnight is heard every night from 11 P. M. to 3 A. M. thru WINZ, 940 on your dial, coming direct from Studios of WINZ, 300 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach.)

By LEE MASON

Theatians will have to look to their laurels come Jan. 26th and 27th when mothers of the Central Beach Elementary School present "Claudia" at the Miami Beach Junior-Senior High School. Directed by William R. Cornell of the University of Miami, the title character "Claudia" will be played by Mrs. Mitzi Fertel, and all of the characters are played by people who have had professional or Little Theatre experience. If the presentation is successful, and there is every evidence now that it will be a huge financial as well as artistic success, the players anticipate presenting several other scripts during the season.

funnier perhaps because the punch lines were known. Frisco, as the race-track better, still has one of the funniest pieces of business in all show business—and his interpolated cracks about the local situation had everybody who has ever bet two dollars on a horse, "and who hasn't," rolling in the aisles. A brand-new girl opened, blonde Ruth Gillen, who came to the Beach straight from the USO shows. Hyres and Frisco had not had an opportunity to work up much of their famous girl-and-two-boy situations, but there is no doubt that Miss Gillen, who is young and clever, will find herself swapping punches with the boys before long.

This week also saw the reopening of Harvey Bell's Club Bali on the Boulevard. Shortage of materials, shortage of labor, shortage of —, well anyway, the general shortage situation kept a swell guy Harvey out of the nite club business far too long, but the house has been entirely redecorated and at the opening the throng of friends who were on hand to greet Harvey was a very good indication of what his future business will be. Harvey has some great plans and as the Bali is 100 per cent air-conditioned, it may be that he will make up in the summer for all of his winter losses. Certainly we hope so—for Harvey has consistently catered to the middle-class trade and has given them fine entertainment and food at popular prices.

Up at the Mayfair (which used to be the Spotlight down the road from Babe Baker's Ha Ha) Myron Cohen has lived up to the story that if they want to see you enough location means nothing. Myron's gags are always new and his ability to tell them on the stage, as though he were seated in your living room telling them at home, has made him one of the most-wanted story-tellers in the business. Jimmie and Beverly Paysee on the bill are so good that it is a wonder they are ever permitted out of this territory in the winter season. All in all, it looks as though Woody and the boys at the Mayfair can anticipate a lot of good business.

You don't have to say much about Babe Baker's Ha Ha Club, With Jackie Maye and Billy Herrero the show is bound to be a winner—and it is. Babe's new costuming ideas have made his always-well-dressed musical comedies an even better flash than before.

Harold Minsky at the Colonial Inn will offer Lilli Christine, "The Cat Girl" who is so sensational in New Orleans, and Sidney Dean as the new comic. It looks as though a new featured strip is in the making, for the Minsky's announced Nevada Smith, one of the best-known twinkle toes in the business, being elevated to feature strip honors in the show. Minsky has made most of the thousand-dollar-a-week-or-more girls who do that work and the Minsky ideas on production behind Nevada Smith might create a new over-night sensation. I understand that Nicky Blair of the Carrousel in New York was on the telephone with Harold for over two hours trying to get a commitment for his spot in New York—and also that Carl Erbe has been talking about the show for his Harem Room on Broadway. Any way you figure it the thing has been a fooler—and critics are now saying that the production is as good as anything that has ever been in the Colonial Inn, or any other place in south



Henny Youngman in at the Copa—and the Barry Gray Room still one of the best bets in town.

Talk about modern miracles! Sunday, the 16th, when the Beachcomber reopens, you get an example of what can be done when people cooperate. The fire was still burning when the boys called Benny Gaines, and Benny's partner, Feldman, demonstrated what a real builder can do when he gets started. As Casey put it, in amazement, "One fellow was tearing something down and the man behind him was putting something new up and behind him the electrician was pulling in the wires." The night was a farewell party for Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, as well as a curtain-raiser for the Sinatra opening on Monday. With a few nights like these it is nice to have a cafe alongside the Beachcomber—just to take care of the overflow. At any rate, the Martin and Lewis engagement seems to have topped everything and anything so far in this town, and I wonder if a remark made by several very smart people isn't quite true: "Martin and Lewis are the first big-time NEW act that has been seen down here in a long time." Well, Sinatra is in that category, too. So hurry for Casey and Schuyler and there they go again.

At the Sea Gull Cabana Club the Lewis clan, Artie, Charlie, Billie, etc., are daily in a huddle over what may turn out to be theatrical news for greater Miami. Saw Myra Kim of the China Doll there and remembered that I forgot to include this clever miss in the China Doll's line-up. Understand several cafes in the area bidding for the girls, so they may stay longer in the Florida sunshine when the current engagement ends than they had previously anticipated.

Well, that's about it for now. Loads of news, but space is at a premium, so I will give you the rest on the air. So long, and I will see you next week.

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Mr. Reubin Clein, Editor:

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Regarding the death of Waldo Mobley a few days ago, I'd like to inform you that the Dade County sheriff's office made a complete examination in the case. Also that all the while that Mr. Mobley was a guest of the hotel he was never seen sober—he was a chronic alcoholic. Also that after he had his first fall, he fell on numerous occasions in the two days preceding his death. Also that it was next to impossible to keep him in bed after he fell, so that consequently he fell again and again. Also that the management of the hotel called a doctor to care for Mr. Mobley. That the manager and his wife fed Mr. Mobley and even went so far as to carry Mr. Mobley to the bathroom.

I would like to suggest that you check your source of information, if you haven't done so.

The MIAMI LIFE is supposed to have a reputation for printing the truth, so why don't you print the truth of this matter instead of writing the sort of article that you did? The MIAMI LIFE is always ready to throw rocks at somebody, but it seems strange that you don't do a little house cleaning on your own sheet.

We of the Riverside Hotel feel that you have done us an injustice and we hope that you will rectify the mistake at the earliest possible moment. I hope you may come to realize that we also have a business here and that adverse publicity doesn't help us one bit. Thanking you for the attention that you may give this letter, I remain:

Yours respectfully,

JAMES DODD, WILLIAM H. LAFFOW.

WRITER CLAIMS IT'S WRONG FOOD THAT CAUSES CANCER

Dear Editor:

Yours is the only free press in Miami. MIAMI LIFE is truthful and fearless and as such it should be a daily paper read in every home.

You dare to expose the cancer propoganda racket which is scaring people into an early death through fear from reading papers and listening to radio talks that should be prohibited. Propaganda to get money from the people for a few idlers to spend and live in luxury.

Cancer is a disease caused by impurities in the blood, impurities in the blood is caused by wrong food.

It was said that the late columnist Damon Runyon drank up to 36 cups of coffee daily. That's enough caffeine to kill a person if taken in one dose. The medical profession knows what is causing cancer, but they fear to hurt the coffee, tea, white bread and meat industry, besides those that collect money for cancer research, thus they keep the truth and knowledge from the people.

Bernarr McFadden's books have cured more cancer victims than all doctors have combined, not with the knife but with diet and fasts. We sin against nature which rules our bodies and we pay for the sins with illness and to early death. Perhaps Social Security's Socialized Medicine, if ever enacted into law, will keep medicos from propogandizing disease for sake of profit.

People's choice for President, Truman, will probably push Congress to enact Social Medicine laws, thus rid us of fear and unnecessary illness.

Yours very truly,

C. G. LUNDIN.

Uncharitable 'Chest'

IT LOOKS to us as if the Community Chest, which takes up entirely too much of this community's time and money, would be diplomatic enough to yield the limelight this week to an institution whose tangible benefits endear it to all of us—the March of Dimes.

But the Community Chest isn't charitably inclined. Although it had its day, and many additional days, and endless columns of publicity—and still fell short of its goal—here it is again, back in the picture, trying to hog the center of the stage—although its sponsors must know that, at this particular time, what it does must detract from the polio-fighters' campaign.

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It's Premeditated Murder

(Continued from Page 1)
 eral manager of the Detroit News; William Mills, of the Detroit Times, and Henry C. Weidler, of the Detroit Free Press. Mr. Ponting announced that he was giving up the fight for a normal, one-year's contract sought for five months by all Detroit newspapers.
 "Mr. Ponting gave the usual reasons advanced so frequently by appeasing publishers. What are we fighting for? We have discharged our duty to the publishing industry by holding out for five months. Other cities are getting along without contracts, why can't we? If struck, our advertising losses would be tremendous. Costs are so high we cannot afford to lose this revenue. What do we owe Chicago? And so on, ad nauseum.
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Inadequate Medical Care In Emergencies!

PLEASE don't get tired of us continually urging socialized medicine, and, to start with, ambulance service available to everybody needing it in emergencies.
 Annie Shaw, 69, of 2800 S. W. 18th St., while getting off a bus at 18th St. and 27th Ave., a block from her home, was jerked and thrown to the ground because the bus started before she had released the

hand rail.
 Before an ambulance reached her, she was forced to lay on the ground for FIFTEEN MINUTES!
 In that time she fainted several times.
 The horrible part about it is that she was forced to lay there—without being moved—ANOTHER 15 minutes to enable the bus company to get what it considered ample information. All the while the ambulance waited!
 Then she was taken to Jackson Memorial hospital, to be examined, X-rayed, etc.
 There, believe it or not, this aged woman had to undergo a stern oral examination by insurance company adjusters, who obviously didn't give a hoot about her welfare but only in forcing some kind of statement out of her that somehow would save money for the bus company (and insurance company)!

Of course, such statements obtained under such circumstances, can be used only to bluff with. They don't constitute legal evidence.
 Mrs. Shaw refused to stay at the hospital.
 She went to the home of her son, whose wife is a trained nurse.
 She was still in bed, as MIAMI LIFE went to press with this edition.

ANOTHER incident is worthy of chronicling to show the need for better ambulance service.
 It was a head-on collision at 56th St. and Collins Ave., Miami Beach, Tuesday night, between a Chevrolet sedan and a jeepster.
 One man was thrown out. He lay sprawled between the two cars. The two occupants remaining in the jeep were unconscious; the Chevy's several occupants were semi-conscious.
 Police arrived promptly.
 But although the accident was within a few blocks of St. Francis hospital, it was FIFTY-FIVE MINUTES before an ambulance arrived!

We noted that the man who was thrown out to the pavement breathed loudly at first. But by the time he was put in the ambulance his breathing had almost ceased.
 Everybody knows that a few minutes can mean the difference between life and death in cases of this sort. That's why we're restoring sirens to police and ambulances to facilitate their movements.
 Why can't some civic minded group, maybe some conscientious politician, take the lead and demand that emergency medical aid be given priority—not only for Miami but for the entire county of Dade?
 Doctors themselves should demand that something be done. They should support, financially, a project of this kind. For, in the long run, its lack reflects upon the whole medical profession.
 We must reiterate here that the callousness of the bus company in its ruthless questioning of accident victims while they are still in a comatose state or a state of shock, is exceeded only by the callousness of the various municipalities! . . . they'll send you immediate aid if your chicken coop is afire, using hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of equipment to put it out . . . it takes only your phone call to get a cop or a bunch of cops flying to your place to protect your house from burglars.
 But when it's a case of sudden serious illness or accident—your life, or the life of one of your loved ones, menaced—it is ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE to get such instantaneous AID!
 Stupid? Unnecessary?
 Of course! BOTH!

DOG-POISONING MIGHT BE DETERRED BY LEGISLATURE CURBING SALE OF POISON

THERE has been an epidemic of animal poisoning in the vicinity of Northwest Seventh ave. and 120th st. Ten dogs were poisoned and six died. Among the victims was a Persian cat, the sole pet of a crippled lad.
 Mrs. Bessie B. Freda, 668 N. W. 120th st., who lost her fox terrier, started an investigation to see if she could discover the buyer of the strychnine, which was placed in meat, endangering the lives of children as well.
 Mrs. Freda has not been able to trace the poisoner. But she did find, and wants to reveal, that there is no law in Miami, the county or the state to control the sale of poison. In 1939 a Miami ordinance was passed under the regime of Dr. McDonald, health officer, requiring that a registry be kept of all purchasers. But this ordinance was largely ignored and in 1945 it was dropped from the municipal book of ordinances.

William Morrison of the S. E. Florida Pharmaceutical Association said many members of the organization attempt to maintain such a registry of poison buyers. But poison may be sold by any type of store and is, such as fertilizer establishments, grocery stores, and even filling stations and general stores in rural areas. Most of the poison is for legitimate and necessary purposes, such as spraying, for crops, cattle, poultry, etc.
 Mrs. Freda would launch a movement for a state legislative act to bring about better control of such poisons. Narcotics are checked by the Federal Government—but not the more dangerous poisons.

There Is Another Side--A More Truthful Side--to That Eviction Story

IN A big front-page splurge Thursday the Miami Daily News depicted the sad plight of an evicted family. But, of course, it did not want to spoil that sob story by telling the other side, by revealing the truth, by explaining why the family was ousted after an above-board court hearing.

The News intimated that the owners of the modest apartment were cruel landlords.
 But who are they—these ruthless evictors?
 Why, they are elderly Mr. and Mrs. Olin Berry, who have resided in the same frame home at 1875 S. W. Fourth st. for 37 years, without a quarrel with the neighbors!

For six years Mr. Berry has been an invalid. He worked for the Dykes Iron Works for 42 years. The Berrys are good citizens who depend for their existence upon a meager pension and the rental from the little apartment at the rear of their home.
 The Berrys gave their two sons to the World War. Both are disabled as a result of that service—one afflicted with arthritis, the other with lung trouble. Both draw small pensions. One is married.
 Those are the heinous landlords upon whose innocent heads the News directed their sob stuff, and in consequence of which the Berrys have received mysterious threats over the telephone.
 Now about the evicted family—Mr. and Mrs. James H. Conley and their three children. Conley is a truck driver for the Brady Co., draws \$58 a week, and paid \$12.50 a week for the apartment, but was several weeks behind when the law finally forced them out.
 Mrs. Berry charged that Mrs. Conley turned her apartment into a filthy, insanitary hole; that she herself would lay around all day, often sitting in the yard half-clad. The three children, says Mrs. Berry, would litter the front yard with trash.
 When Mrs. Berry objected to the nuisances created, she asserts that Mrs. Conley cursed her, said she would do as she "G-D pleased." Mrs. Berry, feeling sorry at first for their apparently poor conditions, even at \$58 a week, collected clothes for the children.
 The Conleys got the apartment last May. In October the Berrys asked them to seek other accommodations. They refused. It wasn't until this week that they got out when a deputy sheriff with a court warrant forced them to do so. Then they posed prettily on the lawn for a News photographer. That's Miami journalism.
 Another family, with two children, immediately rented the apartment. It took a day of cleaning and fumigation to clear out the mess.

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 We said all we have to do is work out some plan that would stymie these bay-islanders schemes.
 This week Miami's saw Gov. Warren do just what we predicted he'd do.
 He has definitely shown his determination to prevent, as long as he's governor anyway, any more of beautiful Biscayne Bay disappearing.
 We suggest that he go a step further.
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