

BUSINESS LEADERS IN A PANIC OVER OUR POOR SEASON

MERCHANTS, hotel operators, realty-holders—practically all business men throughout the Greater Miami area—were in a panic this weekend. Since late fall, conditions have ranged from poor to "terrible," as some express it. But up until now, one and all, they've been needling themselves with the "Season-Doesn't-Start-Till-Middle-of-January" shots.

Then the middle of January came. Then the 21st (which some wise owls said would be the logical season-opener). The Hialeah racetrack, another criterion, got under way.

But where's the Season!

Next Tuesday will be the first of February—and still the "Vacancy" signs persist in the big and small hotels, the big apartment houses

and the roadside motorcourts. The Big Spenders are notably absent.

Now don't fold your hands and say, like copycats: in copy-cat fashion; "Well, we gotta admit the Spree's over!" In brief, that there's no more BIG money for Miami.

Because that isn't true. Miami isn't affected that way . . . Those who were here remember the Season of 1929-30 (months after the Wall-st Crash) as the most prosperous since the '25 Boom—because those Biggies Who Never Lose ALL came to Miami in droves.

We Should Have Been Booming By Mid-January

OUR BUSINESS Folk, who've invested their millions in Miami dirt after having been drawn here by what

we've always had to offer—namely, our climate, our LIBERAL views, the chance of making a success in America's greatest resort area.

They've learned from experience, some from a quarter-century of catering to Miami's winter visitors, that the Miami area is the first to feel prosperity, because here is the spot most would celebrate their prosperity in, because we have more hours of wonderful weather, for one thing, to offer them, as well as a free-and-easy tolerance for their antics.

And our business folk have come to believe that this area is positively the last to feel the disastrous effects of a depression . . . that was proved in the 1930's, during which time so many Miami businesses kept consistently in the black.

No wonder they're in a panic this January tail-end.
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Herald's Classified - Ad Gyp Exposed

PROBE BEACH GAS-CO!

MIAMI BEACH's gas company has fallen into the hands of a group who don't know how to deal with the public. In the first place, such misers should not have been given the right to control so important a public monopoly. Certainly some limitations should be placed on their actions.

We know that customers who have installed gas for cooking and water-heating purposes have received bills higher than their former electric bills for ALL the services (cooking, water-heating, lights, radio, refrigeration, and heating)!

One complained personally to the gas company. He received promises from the gas company that tests would be made for leakage.

He delayed paying his bill. But he waited in vain for the tester—and narrowly escaped having his gas cut off without being given even the courtesy of a warning call from the gas company!

The company did NOT investigate his complaint. It made no check. When the payment for his services did not arrive on time, that was all the gas company was interested in—and it ordered

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EAST OF THE BLVD. In the 30's. 3 or 4 master bedrooms, 2 oatmeal and purple bronze tile baths, gaily patterned rich mission tile floors throughout. Tile walk from curb to tile entrance steps and foyer with dome ceiling and recessed cloak tree. Ribbon drive to garage with 2 extra rooms and maid's toilet. Walled garden, fountain and gold fish pool. Colorful shrubs, fruit, rambling roses. Tailored lawn, exit to service drive. 1941 all CBS construction, West India barrel tile roofs. OFFERED handsomely furnished at a permanent minimum valuation of \$27,500. Terms arranged. By appointment please. MICHAEL KENNEY, Brok

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HERALD Publisher John S. Knight turns his pious and holier-than-thou false-face to the public in discussing his fight to destroy unionism, with the typographical unions his first objective.

He has stated in print many times that he won't make "under-the-table deals" with the printers to circumvent the Taft-Hartley law.

MIAMI LIFE this week is revealing Knight's basic treachery by showing how he's gypping Herald classified advertisers in the matter of space they buy.

Some time ago the Herald narrowed the width of its classified columns so it could get nine columns to a page instead of eight—WITHOUT consulting the advertisers—and WITHOUT compensating them for the 12 1/2 per cent of space they're CHEATED OUT OF! But that's not all—as we've shown graphically at the top of this editorial.

The Herald's classified ad rates quote a price of two agate lines for one line of EIGHT POINT type.

A double fraud is committed here.

An AGATE LINE is 5 1/2 points, or 14 lines to the inch—but the Herald trims that to FIVE POINTS, so that two agate lines actually total 11 points, or on the Herald, 10 points.

But the eight-point line for which the Herald collects for 11 points of space actually is SEVEN POINT face on a 7 point body.

At the very minimum the customer is defrauded of one line of space—seven or eight point—in every eight lines he purchases!

Actually he is defrauded of one line in every three and a half.

At 35 cents an agate line, the customer is ROBBED of \$4.90 for every 72 lines of EIGHT POINT space he pays for, but for which he receives only seven points of space!

Here's the way the printers say it: "There are 72 points of type, or 14 agate lines in one inch (72 divided by 8 equals 9), but the Herald crowds better than 10 lines of seven point, which it sells as eight point, into one inch (72 divided by 7 equals 10 plus)!"

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ATTENTION: MR. CLEIN

Dear Sir: We naturally heard about the article you wrote in last week's paper and we read it. It is needless for me to tell you that there is no truth to it but the only reason I write is to tell you that we are trained in the Army to pray for those who take such issues against us. If we have erred in any way it is because we are human and we ask God's forgiveness.

We invite you at any time to visit the limited facilities that we have here in Miami and assure you that we are doing every possible thing to take care of the many needs that come to us.

Again let me say that we are sorry that you have made such statements of untruth against our organization but may I again sincerely tell you that we hold no hate in our heart toward you and pray that God shall forgive you "for you know not what you do."

Yours sincerely,

RICHARD T. BERGREN,
City Commander.

Remember the Salvation Army in Your Will

YOU will note that the above letter is calculated to appeal more to the emotions than to common sense. Mainly, it evades specificity. Just what error MIAMI LIFE made in its editorial last week concerning the Salvation Army's failure to render charity commensurate with its "take" in this community, is not mentioned.

And we want specificity from this showy organization.

Last week we reviewed the story that the Miami Daily News had originally uncovered, about a blind, tired, broke, hungry visitor who, even with a recommendation from a Miami police sergeant, could get only one

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LIFE lines-LIFE lines

The way to a man's heart—and a woman's—is often through the pocketbook.

Now that everybody has been inaugurated, perhaps, the nation can get back to earth.

Of all crucial crises, one of the worst is that of a motorist who finds himself at a parking meter without a nickel.

According to all reports from the North and West this must be winter.

Everything is coming down in price except the article you wish to buy.

CALL THE NEXT CASE

By BOND

MIAMI'S municipal court is big business. Last year it collected more than a quarter of a million dollars from fines and forfeitures of bonds. This was a considerable drop from 1947 due to the fines from gambling operations.

Amazingly efficient management of records keeps itemized statements of all fines assessed and paid to the last penny. If a prisoner is able to pay his fine after being in jail for a few days he is credited at the rate of \$2.50 per day, and this amount earned is subtracted from the fine still due. It is important to note whenever a fine is settled so that the prisoner may be released promptly and not lost among the scores behind the bars. The city is anxious to free them as their board and room cost money. Hence, the city makes a double gain when a convicted person is able to meet the fine assessed—both in the revenue received and the expenses saved.

THE court records for 1948 show that the total collected was \$256,976.91. Broken down, these fines and forfeitures came from the following sources: Gambling, \$46,609.41; reckless driving, \$35,000; drunks, \$65,337.50; indecent behavior, \$5,210; drunken driving, \$42,810, and disorderly conduct, \$62,010.

Now disorderly conduct is split up into a variety of offenses, and these included: Assault and battery, \$9,229; liquor violations, \$4,392.50 building and zoning violations, \$5,870; petty larceny, \$11,120; vagrancy, \$1,650; concealed weapons, \$4,100; malicious mischief, \$727.50, and the balance represented by other crimes.

IN 1947 the total collected by the municipal court soared to \$418,705.74. In that year gambling fines raised \$132,665, or nearly three times the gambling fines in 1948. This big drop may be partly due to fewer gambling arrests and more gamblers sent to jail instead of being fined. The city lost some \$90,000 by the new policy, showing how the community can and does profit from illegal gambling.

The totals collected in previous recent years were: \$372,151.50 in 1946; \$227,578.60 in 1945; \$151,995.60 in 1944; \$121,569.78 in 1943, and \$122,608.46 in 1942.

IN THE court of crimes, before Judge Wayne Allen, a little girl, not more than six years of age, was testifying against a big hulking Negro. She claimed she was walking along when the Negro—Roney—drove up in a Buick car, invited her for a ride. She ran screaming away. She identified Roney, who was charged with being a rogue, a vagrant and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

But Roney had a clever attorney, who offered evidence to show his client was married, had seven children, was expecting an eighth, was riding with a Negro at the time of the alleged incident. An employer said he was a good worker. He had no police record.

Thus the lawyer pointed out that most of the counts were obviously false, his client was not a rogue nor a vagrant. Then the attorney quizzed the small girl—inquired if she went to Sunday school, if she was a good girl, and IF SHE GAMBLED. All her answers proved she was not delinquent, therefore Roney could not have contributed to her delinquency.

The Negro was dismissed with a warning. It pays to have a smart lawyer.

CIRCUIT COURT cases may suffer from long delays. They may be on the calendar for a certain date. Preceding cases put them off for days, maybe weeks. Even the attorneys cannot ascertain just when their scheduled battle is coming up. They must keep in touch with the judges, the clerks and secretaries, and then get a hurry-up call to be on hand.

This is also a legal trick—getting cases postponed as long as possible—especially the defense. Something may always happen to throw the case out—such as death, the disappearance of a witness—this or that.

That applies often to civil and circuit court matters. City and county criminal cases are handled more promptly.

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NEED OFFICERS OR LIGHT CHANGES AT BUSY CORNERS

THERE is need of a traffic officer during rush periods on Northeast Fifth st. and First ave. where a bottleneck forms with many motorists seeking to turn south, often blocked by the parade of cars going east. The traffic light does not solve that problem.

Such a situation also rises at several other Miami corners, such as at the new traffic light on Southwest Eighth st. and Douglas rd. or 37th ave., where scores of cars are constantly striving to turn left into the Coral Gables entrance but are halted by the cars going east on Eighth.

At several points in Miami Beach and elsewhere this problem is solved by lights which give the green go to cars which wish to turn while holding up the other line. Some such plan must be worked out in Miami where the difficulty rises in our increasing traffic.

GARBAGE SERVICE DROPS, AND CRIME INCREASES

With Miami city employees now on a five-day basis, garbage collections have dropped down to an occasional once-a-week basis in certain areas where it used to be twice weekly. As a result cans are overflowing with refuse and blowing around yards.

And another municipal suggestion by the man in the street. The citizen suggested that with the influx of crowds, vagrants and jobless, with crimes, burglaries and night holdups and beatings increasing, it would be advisable to keep our finest motorcycle cops at home to chase and run down the criminals instead of performing tricks at all of the inaugurations and fairs around the country. Otherwise, he said, let's place them on the publicity payroll and hire a new bunch of police for the job to be done at home.

Sees U. S. Doomed If It Appeases

UNLESS the United States stops its appeasement policies, its inconsistencies, and assumes a firm, strong policy toward Soviet Russia, this nation is doomed, declared Arthur Bliss Lane, career diplomat and former ambassador to Poland, in an address before the Committee of 100, Miami Beach.

One method toward peace, he asserted, would be total disarmament, but that is impossible as Moscow has declined. The only other hope, said Lane, is a strong America, in military and naval and air forces and atomic supremacy, plus a determined stand that Stalin will respect. "We have tried every other way. We must forget complacency. Russia is delighted with our optimism, our belief that agreements can be reached while it proceeds with aggression."

Lane was fearful of results in case of war, due to the large fifth column in this country and the usual lack of preparedness. He was not hopeful over the appointment of Dean Acheson as secretary of state, charged that in the past he had been among

the appeasers; that he had been ready to loan millions to the Polish Soviet government until Lane's protest to Secretary Byrnes halted it.

Lane cited the blunders in Poland, said there had been contradictions in actions and statements by President Truman. Lane urged the use of loans as economic weapons for the furtherance of the democratic cause; claimed that Acheson had opposed such tactics for the benefit of the United States.

The speaker revealed another reason for the defeat of Dewey. Lane had called upon both parties to repudiate the Yalta and Teheran pacts, as they had been violated by Russia. He had expected the Republican convention, at least, to accept his suggestions. But he was ignored. In consequence, he said the 8,000,000 Poles did not vote G.O.P., and their ballots could have given the victory to Dewey. So it was the Poles who controlled the polls.

The large attendance at the Committee of 100 indicated that the season is now in full swing.

Cabbages and Kings

DO YOU know that "high pine lands" southwest of Miami now being offered for as much as \$1,000 an acre could have been bought, at the outbreak of World War II, for as little as \$75 an acre. (Of course, they're not getting \$1,000 an acre for much of it—yet! . . . But maybe a realty boom is sneaking up on us. The Herald Sunday published the following "FOR SALE—LOTS" ad: "50x18 N. W. 56th ST., between 4th and 5th Ave., \$1,000. Ph. 6-1134."

FORGOTTEN word-duels between Foreign Biggies: Hermann Gauch, a Nazi, in the early '30's wrote a book on racial research in which he called the Italians, "half-apes." On Sept. 6, 1934, in a speech hitting at the countrymen of Hitler (his chum-to-be), Mussolini declared: "We can look with contempt on the doctrine of a certain race which did not even know how to write when we had a Caesar, Virgil, and Augustus."

"Gone with the Wind" can stand several revivals and still make money, why not at least one revival of "Wizard of Oz"? . . . We note she's now "Frenchy" Martin instead of "M. S." Martin in the Club 22 night-club ads, to conform with "B. S." Pulley and "H. S." Gump, her co-stars. Are the newspapers really getting prudishly sensitive about those Pulley The Vile "initials"? . . . LEE—"When the sun sets, shadows, that showed at noon. But small, appear most long and terrible."

DID you know that Jan Struther got so fed up with her Mrs. Miniver that she wrote a biting satire on that lady, entered it anonymously in a Mrs. Miniver parody contest—and won first prize? . . . There are now more than 50 book clubs. The main reason for their existence is that \$3.50 to \$4 books are too costly for most Americans to experiment with—and they'd rather

competent authorities picked out their reading for them . . . The following was in the Texas Spectator, April 5, 1948: "Me and my neighbors was sittin' around the store Saturday and we have come to the conclusion that the next four years is gonna be one of them periods in history when the United States demonstrates its greatness. As we see it, after all the talk dies down and all the letters to the editor is written, Truman, Dewey, or Taft is gonna be the next President and the country is gonna have to rise to the occasion and get along without a leader."

WHEN Carrie Nation, the big, raw-boned woman from Medicine Lodge, Kans. (she was born in central Kentucky, however, the daughter of a teetotaler Irishman) was on a lecture tour in the early 1900's, she used to drum up audiences occasionally by smashing a saloon, picking street fights with Masons, or throwing water at lighted cigarettes in the mouths of pedestrians. A million stories have been told about her deeds, which made the headlines for more than a decade. One college memory concerned the time she made a special trip to New Haven to scream at Yale students for eating "wine jelly" and "champagne sauce," etc. One student asked her why Christ served wine, if it was such an evil thing as she claimed. "I am happy that you asked me that," said Carry (according to a Cosmopolitan magazine article recently). "The

"The time has come," the Wairus 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

wine that Christ served was fermented grape juice. Absolutely nonintoxicating." "How the student respectfully inquired, "do you know that?" "Christ," said Carrie, told me that. "When?" "In Richmond, Tennessee nineteen years ago."

MIAMI is used to hearing "M" impressions of low women visitors over heat (due our sunshine—God bless it to wear the expensive furs brought down from the north, but this is probably the first winter ALL our women visitors (not a few natives) are coming themselves for having bought those pretty (and very expensive) New Look coat suits during the holidays for mid-winter wear here. And there AINT NO mid-winter weather! . . . Like the News' Mopsy, most Miami this winter want an electric blanket that REFRIGERATES instead of warms!

YEP, said Grandpa (according to Swing Magazine), "magazines are just like women." "But, Grandpa," said his college grandson, "I don't get it. What do you mean?"

"Well, son," said Grandpa, "I like this. They both have fancy back numbers are not in demand, they always have the last word, they are well worth looking over, they have a good deal of influence, you can't believe all they say, there's small demand for the bold-faced type, and every man should have one of his own and not borrow his neighbor's."

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WHY HAVE CANCER?

By RICHARD G. BERGER, B.S.

One night, about thirty years ago, shortly after my graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, I was working, as a young research chemist, with Thomas A. Edison. He was in a somewhat exasperated state due to certain unsolved problems. Geniuses frequently get that way. I asked him what chemical to use for a certain experiment. He answered brusquely: "It's results I'm after. Use mud if you have to."

I have, however, during the past sixteen years, chosen to use only facts and conditions supported by scientific, medical, and chemical evidence in my efforts to overcome the cancer scourge.

The Need for Prevention

Stomach cancer is the major cancer killer among men and is common in women. Those unfortunate enough to acquire it die because its cure is practically impossible. Of every twenty persons afflicted with stomach cancer, even with the help of medical surgery and other treatment, an average of less than one survives as long as five years. The status of cancer of some other sites, such as lungs and bladder, is just as fatal. It is a moot question, considering the suffering one has to go through, whether the slight chance of temporarily prolonging life makes resort to surgery worth while for cases of cancer of such sites as the stomach, lungs, or bladder.

The efforts of the anti-cancer campaign to achieve some control through early detection clinics have definite limitations. It has been estimated by some accepted authorities that seventy per cent of all those afflicted with cancer cannot be saved by any known available means, even with early detection. Those familiar with the situation realize that WE MUST PREVENT CANCER TO OVERCOME IT.

The Search for Cancer "Cures"

When human flesh has been rotted away by cancer, no restitution is possible. Yet millions of dollars are being wasted every year in the popular but futile medical search for cancer "cures." Right now the cancer research much in vogue is with isotopes and atomic energy. There is no justification for anticipation that any "cure" can or will result.

Secrecy Increases Cancer

I charge that enough is known to science but not the public about causes of cancer so that we can achieve cancer control. Vital facts about causes of cancer, more important than any possible research, are not being publicized, chiefly for reasons of economic expediency. In my opinion, this certain of secrecy regarding cancer-causing irritants is the chief and real reason that more than one hundred million people, now living, are doomed to die of cancer.

Cancer Surgery

Medical surgery derives revenue amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars every year from cancer operations. There are many surgeons specializing in cancer whose income is so large that the big problem is to reduce working hours to a minimum so that they will not be in the high income brackets, while the overwhelming majority of their patients must die, in agony, within a short space of time.

Just contrast the lucrative position of most cancer surgeons with the difficult lot of the scientist trying to help control cancer through preventive research and educational publicity, who is forced to do so at his own expense in time not required to earn a livelihood. Unfortunately, there is absolutely no financial support for the type of activities necessary and indispensable for successful cancer prevention. The tragic crux of the cancer problem, which forces it to increase enormously, is that there's big money in cancer surgery and in the sale of cancer-causers while, at the same time, cancer prevention is penalized, discouraged, without incentive or recognition, and even ridiculed.

Cancer Foundations

Some of our wealthy well-meaning philanthropists have formed foundations which have contributed liberally to medical research seeking cancer cures. Other foundations build and support hospitals made necessary by the ever-increasing cancer rate. One foundation

SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT

By B. B.

UP IN the neighborhood the other evening some family staged a wild and loud party until the late hours, long after all other lights had gone out. It is surprising how far sounds will penetrate the quietude of a section, much farther than a candle will cast its beams.

If folks would only realize this, they might soften their merriment and fighting to the confines of their own walls. They should have consideration for the rest—and we mean rest—of humanity. Men and women would not beat each other with dish pans but use sofa pillows instead.

Now in retaliation of the gay frolic or the battle, somebody might turn up the radio to drown out the roars of the night, and in self defense the other neighbors might follow suit. Then the dogs would start barking, the babies crying and the cats mewling. Sooner or later somebody would telephone the police that a riot was raging and a revolution was in progress.

Up would steam the police with sirens honking, followed by the fire department, the coast guard, the FBI and the unintelligent division of the internal revenue bureaucracy. The President would phone the UN, and Stalin would blame it all on capitalism.

Thus, you see, how a simple drunken carousal can lead to world upheaval. One must subdue those sounds in the night or suffer the consequences.

Neighbors would not care how wild a party might become or who killed whom so long as the festivities did not interfere with their sleep. A man's home is his castle, but it isn't sound-proof. A neighbor cannot break down the doors of his residence and yet his voice or shotgun or the weepings of the wife may soar through the walls.

The double shooting Sunday night, when police answered a call, demonstrated the serious results of a domestic fracas. The people blasting the night with their yappings objected when the law entered the door. But they thought it legal and right that they could smash through the

privacy of all their neighbors.

We believe in isolationism in a neighborhood, where everybody minds his own business and does not step over the line to interfere with another. That includes noise. The isolationist policy works well in a community, and once upon a time would have been equally successful in keeping the United States out of world wars. But the noise became so disturbing that we butted in to quiet the riot and look what has happened.

So please put on a soft pedal in your house. Remember there is somebody nearby. And you won't like having the police clamoring at the door and telling you to shut up.

Big Bird Show Free To Public

THERE is at least one free show, or exhibition, available in Miami, and that's at Bascom's Pet Shop, 1358-70 Flagler st. Visitors are always welcome and there is no charge to see the hundreds of birds, the fish, monkeys, dogs and cats.

The shop was established some 12 years ago and David L. White has been operator for five years. The birds are always changing, as White is an importer and exporter, and the shop becomes a transfer point for the rare tropical birds which are brought to this country from South America.

There are 2,000 birds, including such species as canaries of all kinds, parrots, talking Mynah birds, flamingoes, ibis, wood storks, pheasants, colored ducks, peacocks, white and black swans, tiger bittern. Gold and tropical fish are there. A few monkeys skip around freely in the palms. Dogs and pups are waiting new homes.

In addition to the birds and pets, the shop carries the most complete pet supplies in the South. There are cages and aquarium ornaments, foods, etc.

Indeed, the big exhibition, indoors and out, is worth a visit and it won't cost a penny unless one takes home a bird or a monkey or a gold fish.

confines its activities to assistance for the families of victims made destitute by cancer. No foundation or beneficial trust supports the type of educational publicity absolutely indispensable if we are to attain an informed public, desirous and able to avoid and prevent cancer. It is no coincidence that there are billions of dollars represented in established industries and in security holdings that would be adversely affected by wide publicity for the most dangerous cancer-causers.

Dangerous Cancer-causers

The dangerous cancer-causers are the most common of the virulent cancer-causing irritants in daily civilized life, such as coal tars, tobacco tars, and some oil tars, all largely present in smoke resulting from incomplete burning. This is not just a theory, because thousands of experimenters have given conclusive scientific proof in the form of cancers caused deliberately in mice and other animals by repeated exposure to these tars. I insist that the incidence of most human cancer is due to the cumulative effect, during lifetime, of our contacts with all dangerous cancer-causers.

As much as twenty per cent of the smoke from industry and residences may consist of cancer-causing tars. The cancer rate in cities is much higher than in rural districts. One of every eight of the entire population of the United States will probably die of cancer, whereas as many as one of every five inhabitants of the large northern cities will probably die the same way. Cancer prevention resolves itself largely into a matter of smoke control. I recommend more uncooked foods and increased use of electric heat for cooking and heating as a practical method of eliminating our contacts with those cancer-causing tars formed by the incomplete combustion of coals, coal gas, and certain kinds of fuel oil, in connection with the cooking of foods.

The tars formed by tobacco smoking have been found to be even more violently cancer-causing than the more abundant coal tars. This is most unfortunate for civilization, as cigarette smoking per capita in the United States has increased approximately 100 fold during the past fifty years. Inasmuch as it appears to take the average susceptible victim about sixty years to acquire enough cancer-causing contacts to contract malignant cancer, the effect of our enormous increase in cigarette smoking will probably be a big increase in the cancer death rate of the future. Not fully discussed here are some other cancer-causers, recognized by science, which can be dangerous. One of these is paraffine oil made from cancer-causing Scottish Shale Oil, which is used as a laxative and to some extent for cooking and baking purposes in Europe because of the shortage of fats and greases.

Tobacco Advertising and Cancer

It is very costly for all of us that over 100 millions of dollars is being spent in the United States for tobacco advertising every year. This expenditure effectively prevents the gruesome facts regarding tobacco smoking as a cause of cancer from reaching the public through newspapers, magazines and radio.

Publicity for Cancer-causers

Most people who read this will ignore it—until cancer strikes home. Perhaps you, yourself, will be one of the many millions doomed to torture and remorse when malignant cancer rots those who are nearest and dearest to you.

Public welfare requires wide publicity for dangerous cancer-causers. Won't you help to attain it? In the past, cancer, treated almost exclusively as a medical instead of a public problem, has caused tremendous economic waste and human misery. Insist that YOUR efforts and dollars work against cancer the only way they can be effective, that is for PREVENTION.

Florida Motorist Is Heavily Taxed

Special automotive taxes will average a record of \$116 for every motor vehicle registered in Florida in 1948, according to preliminary estimates released by Walter T. Etzel, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Florida Petroleum Industries Committee. Mr. Etzel pointed out that this tax burden, which includes all special federal and state levies on motor vehicles, has increased 48 per cent since 1938.

"These are startling figures when we realize that they represent only the special taxes that motorists paid on their motor vehicles and motor fuel during the past year," he said, "but in addition to the \$116 burden of these special taxes, motorists also paid all the general taxes required of other citizens."

But despite this year's all-time record burden of motor vehicle taxation, Mr. Etzel pointed out that "there are still those persons who propose to increase the state gasoline tax rate and thus heap even heavier taxes on Florida motorists. But they overlook the fact that most car-owners in this state already pay out more money each year in automotive taxes than in federal income taxes. They should remember that, even with taxes, there comes a time when enough is enough."

It's Easy To Be Sued In Miami

ONE of the most popular sports in Dade county, besides getting divorced, is that of suing somebody. Almost any excuse will do. If you slap a person on the back, if you pause to pass the time of day with a real estate salesman, if you speak unkindly to the old lady, if you pick up a thumber, or if a person slips on your banana peel, you may find yourself in criminal, circuit or civil courts as a defendant against slander, mayhem or a \$53,999 damage suit.

The lawyers are certainly busy and we suspect they are not dis-

Shop Owner Gets Odd Phone Call

ONE downtown beauty shop owner is worried. On Saturday afternoon the telephone rang and she answered. The voice was low, far off. The street and shop noises made it difficult for her to understand what was being said.

She kept saying, "I can't hear you—I can't hear."

But she did hear this disturbing finish:

"It's too bad, you just lost \$50"—or maybe it was \$150.

And she hasn't the slightest idea what it was about—whether some radio program—a joke, or what.

So here's a tip if you get a mystery phone message these days or nights: Keep saying, "Yes," if you don't understand. You may win a free house or a trip around the world or a package of bubble gum.

Newsy Sheet Is University Paper

A GOOD and newsy paper is published at the University of Miami by the students. Tom Bottomley is editor. The weekly is replete with news, editorials, pictures and cartoons on university activities.

It announces that a unique bargain trip is being offered the drama and television students. For \$185 they will be given a round-trip all-expense tour to New York during Easter week, including tickets to eight Broadway plays. The university group will present a half-hour play to be televised and broadcast by NBC.

couraging this habit. But it is tough on the judges and juries who have to listen to all the stuff. There ought to be a check on the ease with which suits can be filed and a penalty assessed against the unsuccessful plaintiff in addition to the costs.

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Statements like that get a loud AMEN from the union printer right now; he sincerely wishes there were more papers like the Miami Life. However, the printer will get that wish sooner than Mr. Knight will get his wish that all union printers will be seen trudging North with their belongings tied up in newspapers and begging for work, at any price, along the way.

Please keep up the good work, Mr. Clein, we sincerely appreciate it.

LILLIAN M. YERKES,
Chairman, Correspondence Committee.

HERE'S A LEGAL PUZZLER— LET'S HEAR FROM LAWYERS!

Dear Editor:

As a visitor in this lovely town I was greatly interested in your honest newspaper. In reading the last issue I was intrigued by the story in "Call the Next Case" of Clifford Circle.

I am not a lawyer, but I've been in the restaurant business. Years ago I was advised that when a customer eats and can't pay his or her check and doesn't create a disturbance, all you can do is sue for the amount eaten.

From what I read, the Walgreen manager is open to a suit for false arrest, especially as he didn't appear to press charges.

The Judge made his own law, and if I'm not mistaken, even violated the constitution.

Why don't you ask a lawyer about this? Will follow your paper, but meanwhile let me congratulate you on running a fearless newspaper.

Yours sincerely,
JACK BENNETT, Miami Beach.

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BRUUN IS WRONG!

By LEE MASON

From the Building Trades Council through all bodies of organized labor indignation is seething because of a story written by Paul Bruun which has been branded by organized labor as false. In the story Bruun said in effect "electricians were getting four hundred dollars a week and other crafts were getting the same." And in another part of the story he said in effect "the work was slowed down on straight time in order that the men would be forced into overtime and double time." On the broadcast "Miami Life Speaks" at six forty-five P. M. on Monday, Miami Life's publisher, Reubin Clein, challenged the statement and offered two hundred dollars to any charity Bruun would name if he could prove it. Another listener to the program offered to double the amount if the United States Senator in the Bruun article were actually named and the Senator would state that the facts in the story were substantially correct.

In the same issue and in the same article Bruun wrote a paragraph which said in effect "a number of small acts have been coming to me complaining that they have been fined while large acts are not bothered." The American Guild of Variety Artists have branded this story as untrue in substance and in fact as NO Act has been fined and the only thing that has been done is to hold conferences in relation to the situation referred to by Bruun in order to arrive at a decision desired by a majority of the members.

Organized labor has long realized that one of its arch enemies is Paul Bruun, who in his writings has done everything that he possibly can to foment trouble and discord and who has not hesitated to use any means in order that he might be able to hold labor in a bad light. He has "scabbed" wherever possible and a review of his past columns will prove that he is not only anti-union and anti-labor but a "union buster" if such a thing were possible. His is a mad and vain bid for power—his desire is to rule the beach and from the beach Dade County. Were it not for his malice and for the deliberate injury which he inflicts upon those unable to retaliate, this Poo-Bah would be most amusing.

Saddest news of the week came from the Paddock, where, just as the second show completed the other night, a long-distance telephone call from New York notified Lenny Kent that his father had passed away. The news was such a shock to Lenny that he fainted on the floor and Max and Willie sent for a doctor and proceeded to make arrangements to fly Lenny into New York on the next plane. They went over and packed a bag for him at the hotel, and the doctor and Willie rode to the airport with Lenny who was in New York City a little over six hours after he received the call at the Paddock. I understand that Lenny will pick up the remaining days at the Paddock at the end of the season as he is very grateful to Maxie and Willie. The Paddock experiment of an all-colored show headed by Stepin Fetchit with the probability of a colored band being added may do the same thing on the beach that the Monte Carlo did in town—pave the way for colored entertainment in the cafes. If the strength of the show at the Paddock is sufficient and they are able to follow with strong talent, it might be a decided money-maker. However, the Monte Carlo experience in Miami is still a guide post—the Monte Carlo took the brunt of whatever comment was aroused when they booked the Ink Spots—they did a land-office business, but the Bill Robinson show which followed by no means came anywhere near the Ink Spots gross. Now in my opinion Ella Fitzgerald and her show are suffering from the Bill Robinson inertia, and Cab Calloway, whom the Clover Club has headlining the Buddy Lester-Gracie Barrie bill, is doing a fine business.

many dollars and a pattern has been established in relation to all benefits played in the area.

I don't believe that any one should argue with a critic, or a person who sets themselves up as a critic, in relation to their persons who set themselves up as critics, in relation to their opinions on anything, particularly show business, for so long as a critic admits it is just one person's opinion, I think they are entitled to say what they please, but equally I think it is absolutely unfair for any person who writes a column to "pan" an act because of personal dislike without saying what the public thought of the act. I am thinking particularly of "old maggoty brain's" review of two acts—Frenchy Martin at the 22 and Gracie Barrie at the Clover Club. Any one who has attended either one of these clubs can attest to the popularity of both acts with the public, and the two acts are undoubtedly at opposite ends of the same entertainment scale. Frenchy Martin is the bluest of blue entertainers—joyful to the point of being raucous and a hale-fellow-well-met whom thousands of people enjoy and will go to see no matter where she is billed. Hers is the rough humor that the men enjoy in smokers or the women in their own little private parties, but she leaves it so that everybody gets a laugh out of what she does on the floor. Gracie Barrie is the epitome of night-club class—with a finesse, a delivery and an understanding of class audiences that is almost magic, and by far the great majority of those who go to clubs believe Gracie to be among the few that can be considered top night club singers. Inasmuch as the review I speak of was the only bad notice that Gracie Barrie received, and inasmuch as the consensus of opinion coincides with mine with relation to Frenchy Martin, one can only conclude that pure unadulterated malice—and nothing else—was behind the statements printed.

Everybody has a pat on the back for Harvey Bell, whose reopened Bali has a great show and is starting to climb back to its peak of popularity. Harvey is a smart operator; he puts on the



best show he can buy and to the all-year-around Miami people whose individual checks be small, but as Woolworth's out—there's a lot of them.

Around town: Mad Mitchell and the Mighty W... kicking the gong at Charlie's 23rd st. . . Sunny Kay at Roumanian, who sings any number in any language, providing there's a phonograph record of . . . Kathryn Chang, the lovely, joined by the Wong sisters and a new show at the China . . . Joe E. Lewis and Austin . . . breaking up bandleader . . . Powell every performance at the Boheme . . . no truth in the rumor that the Orange Bowl has been engaged for a return between Lois "battling" Dine and "one-punch" Orlate . . . did you know Carlyle invests eight thousand dollars for costumes for the line at the Clover . . . Well, that about does it and don't forget to be listening. Anything you happen to think of talking about, call up during the broadcast—5-3191 or 58-4464. I'll be seeing you on the corner.

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So, before granting a corporation monopolistic powers in a community, certainly the characters of its officers (which means in this case sincerity as well as ability to deal with the public) should be just as carefully investigated.

In the coming municipal elections at Miami Beach, councilmanic candidates should be asked by the populace what they intend to do about the gas company's derelictions and anti-public attitude.

But First, Herald Should Eliminate Its Race-Tout Ads

THE Herald's campaign to stop bookmaking in the Greater Miami area by eliminating the race-service wire, makes sense.

Because, without wire service, bookmaking could not be carried on extensively.

But by the same token, the touts—whom the Herald calls robbers and confidence men (citing at least one specific instance of an attempt to fleece a man acting as an informer for the Herald)—couldn't carry on their nefarious business and entice suckers IF THE HERALD DIDN'T HELP THEM BY CARRYING THEIR ADVERTISING! . . . (PROOF: The sport pages of the Herald.)

So we suggest to the Herald that it first set the example.

Let it refuse to accept such ads (although denying themselves that five bucks an inch will be hard for the grasping Knights of Akron to stomach).

Then the Herald could say to public officials: "Look, we killed the touts' ads, and they went out of business. Now if you kill the wire service, you can kill the bookies!"

The Herald (we're dreaming this, of course) could say, further:

"If you eliminate the wire service, we in turn will not only refuse to accept tout-advertising, but in the future we will NOT print horse-entries, selections, race results, and other information that bookmakers and bettors must have AFTER racing leaves the state!"

"If we do otherwise, we must admit that our crusade is based on hypocrisy. And we know that the public despises hypocrites worse than anything else."

You take the dream from here.

Questions Salvation Army Must Answer

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night's lodging at the Salvation Army—and then had to go back to jail, where, eventually, the sympathy of the sergeant and officials of the Lighthouse for the Blind was enlisted in his behalf, and he was set up in business, selling the Daily News in front of the Huntington building.

Now we have some questions we ask the Salvation Army to answer.

We believe the public of Miami is entitled to clear-cut answers—for it is

from the public most of these questions come.

If the Salvation Army answers them satisfactorily, MIAMI LIFE will beat the bushes in its behalf.

But we want ALL answered.

Here they are:

DOES part of the money donated to the Miami Salvation Army leave the United States? . . . If so, to whom? (For we have been told the Booths of England, descendants of the founder, receive as high as 42 per cent of the gross.)

Is it true that only 25 per cent of the money collected remains in Dade county,

out of which must be paid salaries, rent, and other expenses, with the slim balance being used in "Token charity" of the flimsy kind we described last week?

Is it true that the Salvation Army violates Community Chest rules in that it keeps on "driving" for funds although it is a Community Chest participant?

Are clothes and furniture donated by Miamians under the impression that the community's needy are getting them, sold for cash instead, to embellish the Army's treasury?

Is the Salvation Army a PRIVATELY OWNED business? . . . Does it own extensive real estate?

Do tambourine solicitors receive a percentage of their collections?

Does the Salvation Army have a rule that only one night's lodging can be given a "worthy" applicant?

What type of service is given unfortunately and, specifically, how much of it is given each year? (If the Salvation Army wishes, we'll keep this last confidential, but we want to know for our own satisfaction.)

Now if the Salvation Army WON'T answer these questions, we'll consider it our duty to WARN the public to channel their gifts into charities that can be trusted to distribute them more creditably!

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Here is a man who hates women drivers and old people and believes both should be shoved off the road and earth. That, at least, is the claim of Sylvia A. Linder against William Linder, to whom she was wed in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 15, 1931, and separated the first of this new year. They have twin daughters.

Sylvia charges that William is sadistic, with an antagonistic temperament and takes pleasure in creating unpleasant situations. He called her friends and family such names as fools, morons and

stupid asses. While driving he felt a keen antipathy towards women drivers and had the habit of crowding them over on the highways or cutting in front of them, using abusive language.

William took the same attitude toward elderly people. When passing the Hotel Gralynn in Miami and noticing the old people sitting on the porch, he would remark that such old people were useless and the world would be better off if they were dead; and they should kill themselves. He told the plaintiff she was a fool and ought to do away with herself.

In the summer of 1948 he boasted he had another woman and plenty of pleasure outside of the home. He kept contraceptives

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in the bureau drawer. An agreement has been reached on support. Walsh & Walsh are the attorneys.

ALTHOUGH he became a chiropodist Arthur Gardner was expected to toe the mark when Edith Gardner of Great Neck, L. I., was around. They were married Nov. 10, 1943, in Tacoma, Wash., while the plaintiff was in service with the Coast Guard. After his discharge in October, 1945, they moved to Brooklyn and in July, 1947, to Great Neck. They separated in

March, 1948, and Arthur moved to Miami Beach in May.

The plaintiff charges that Edith had a violent temper, would rage when he returned home too tired to take her to night clubs and expensive places. She nagged and he was forced to cook, shop and perform house chores. She was cold and hostile to his friends and relatives, abused. She withheld consortium, and would say, "don't bother me." This affected his nerves and health and he had to give up his profession because he lacked steadiness of hands. Arthur I. Scher of Miami Beach

is the solicitor.

THIS man was in bad shape because the wife thought so much about her shape. John Traynor sues Helen E. Traynor of Harrison, N. Y., to whom he was united in New York Sept. 2, 1924; parted April 7, 1948. They have three children.

John reports that Helen was vain, was afraid her physical shape might change so people would not make pleasing comments about it. Beginning in 1944 she refused to permit relations as she feared that would affect her shape and stop the compliments.

On Oct. 11, 1946, the plaintiff records she started nagging, said he was in the way. On June 29, 1947, they moved to a new apartment and she really got rough by refusing to permit him to sleep in the same room. He was required to use the couch for which

she would not even furnish a sheet. She also refused to cook.

Then Helen accused John of having affairs with other women. As a police officer he was required to speak to the female sex and this would arouse her suspicions. She warned their children not to touch the towels as he might be diseased. She ordered him out in April, 1948, and he got. The barrister is Milton A. Friedman.

While he was away for months she became enamored of another man so he got out of Russia, thinking this would change her nature. He obtained a job as salesman in Brooklyn, and Mary started looking around. He learned she had affairs with other men, found letters showing her romances. She refused to have children as this would interfere with her pleasure. Frank J. Kelly is the lawyer.

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WHAT DOES WARREN OWE DADE COUNTY? Business Men In A Panic

MIAMI LIFE many weeks ago wrote that Gov. Fuller Warren would do all in his power to see that Jacksonville, his home town, got the new Florida medical school, if and when one is built.

We did not say that Warren had SAID this.

We merely deduced it by using good, common, horse sense.

We pointed out that Fuller Warren owed his election mostly to his loyal supporters and friends in Duval county and northwest Florida, and surely his deep sense of loyalty would force him to favor Jacksonville over Miami, which went, as we know, for his opponent.

But Herald Columnist Jack Bell said he "heard a rumor" that Fuller Warren SAID he must support Jacksonville's bid for the coming medical school, and that this drew a denial from Gov. Warren, who wrote him: "I did NOT say Florida's new medical school must be built in Jacksonville. I have said it should be built where the best clinical facilities are available . . ."

We STILL say that if it's in Fuller Warren's power, Jacksonville WILL receive the medical school! And we (as stated firmly in our previous story) will NOT hold it against Fuller Warren for this choice.

Jack Bell says Fuller Warren is sincere (apparently just finding out what MIAMI LIFE has been pointing out for years).

We have to admit that, for once, we are in accord with Bell.

This selfsame sincerity cannot help working to the benefit of Jacksonville. (And when that happens, don't throw a fit, Jack!)

(Continued from Page 1) when, by all tokens, they should be having their greatest Season—but, instead, many of them are facing not only the loss of fortunes but all their lifetime savings. Really, say the experts, is already taking a terrific dive. Those apartment "vacancy" signs in February presage a radical adjustment in rents, with a radical drop in value as an inescapable result. Leases signed at high rentals will be forfeited—for there are business places that aren't taking in enough to pay the leases, let alone make a profit!

We've been talking the situation over all week with business leaders.

'Crime Commission' Blamed For Scaring Away Tourists

WITHOUT exception, these business leaders we've talked to believe that the Big Spenders have been KEPT AWAY by the propaganda—spread primarily by the out-of-state-owned Miami Herald—that Miami's renowned LIBERAL POLICY had been junked—and that REFORMERS were in the SADDLE here!

That's the impression our prospective visitors have been given—in the money centers whence comes our lifeblood.

We locally may scoff at the hypocrisy of the "Crime Commission" and its ex-F.B.I. director, Danny Sullivan—but to Miami's regular customers in the north, the daily "Crime Commission" stories emanating from Miami under regular press-association sponsorship and playing up the \$300-a-week Mr. Sullivan's awesome "revelations" about the war of Decency vs. the "mobs of gangsters converging" upon us, sound AUTHENTIC. They no doubt SCARED AWAY THE TOURISTS!

They've gone elsewhere this winter.

Or stayed at home—where they don't have to pay such fancy prices for REFORM!

For they've been given to understand—through the Miami daily newspapers, and their "Crime Commission" and its voluble Mr. Sullivan—that Miami is no longer a place for them to splurge in—and throw off their home-town inhibitions.

'Liberality' Lasted Few Days!

MIAMI business men perked up last week. They thought the Powers-That-Be had at last decided to put community welfare above personal and political grudges—or that our public officials had decided to risk newspaper assassination and let the liberal policy ride as usual.

"Things will get better now," thought the merchants, as they saw and noted the quickened tempo of seasonal activity.

But Liberality was short-lived.

The lid was clamped on—tighter than ever—for some mysterious reason.

AND HOW THAT STORY WAS BROADCAST THROUGHOUT THE LAND!

Gov. Warren Faces Losses In Dade County Revenue!

BLAME for this can be placed directly at the door of the selfish group who organized the so-called "Crime Commission" and have since

daily publicized it with scare stories (mostly a hash of ancient Chicago-Capone stories, but the northern reading public doesn't understand this).

(Last week, by the way, we said its director, Danny Sullivan, was employed by the race track. However, we have since learned that he isn't officially on the Hialeah Club's payroll.)

Now here is a potent fact: In all this hullabaloo whether we're to continue our time-honored, and town-pleasing, liberal policy, the various chambers of commerce of this sector have remained silent.

They have refused to support a NON-liberal policy. Why?

Why, their membership suffers most when business is bad!

Well, the business men of this community are in still tougher times unless they bolster up enough nerve to demand that the newspapers—whom they support, in fact, make possible, through their advertising—to STOP LEADING THEM TO SLAUGHTER!

It might be possible yet to retrieve the '44 Season.

Perhaps only Gov. Warren could accomplish it. He could, in a diplomatic manner, urge a realistic and sane policy more in keeping with the Miami tradition and its tourist-stake.

MIAMI LIFE feels that pressure from the business interests suffering most would help.

Gov. Warren, as chief executive, should be deeply concerned in Miami's success or failure this season. Dade county pays 25 per cent of the state's taxes.

If the hypocritical policy our daily papers are forcing on us eventually ruins this Season—and the next, and the next—the entire state's finances will suffer.

Surely, such a situation would seriously hamper the laudable program of expansion Gov. Warren has planned for his administration!

Is The Nickel Drink Doomed?

TO HELP Florida's income, a tax is now proposed for soft drinks and cosmetics. The proposal appears o.k. . . . the proposed items to be taxed seem to be luxuries.

But, realistically speaking, both come under the head of necessities.

The lowest-paid salesgirls in the five-and-dime—even our colored domestics—would as soon walk the streets stark-naked as to appear without make-up!

Certainly, girls in the lower-income brackets cannot afford any more taxes—which can mean only a further cut in their take-home pay.

They don't make enough now to keep

body and soul together.

Until an intrastate minimum is placed on wages, or, to make it more practical, until the girls are unionized and can force a recognition of their plight, no more taxation should be inflicted on them.

As to soft drinks, all kids are permitted so many a day along with their bags of peanuts and popcorn. They look forward to soft drinks; workingmen also.

If the nickel-price limit is ever broken, then an additional penny will be added by the manufacturer, another by the jobber, etc.—and the price will go to a dime before we know it. The nickel drink would go the way of the five-cent hot-dog.

PUBLIC SHOULD BE INTERESTED

THE refusal of the Florida Railroad Commission to allow increased intrastate freight rates may be nullified by an Interstate Commerce Commission having ordered on complaint of the Florida railroads that the state board's decision was unfair.

The public generally doesn't seem interested.

It should be.

For increased freight rates will affect everything they buy and they'll have to pay the increase. And by the time such an increase is passed on down to the ultimate consumer it's usually considerably augmented.

SHUTTING THE DOORS ON COURAGEOUS HEROES

THE United States spends millions of dollars to aid European refugees and opens the gates to them. It spends billions to strengthen Western Europe against the threat of Soviet Russia.

But when a band of hardy refugees from Finland and Estonia flee from the dangers of Communism, sail at their own expense and risk across the briny deep to Miami, the American immigration service slams the door shut on these outstanding examples of individual enterprise and courage.

These are the kind of people this country needs. They have not begged for succor. They went out on their own. They knock on our gates. And we tell them to get out. They have no visas. No permits. They have not complied with technical provisions of the law. But the Latins are pouring into our city and state and nation. They are staying. But no, these folks from abroad must not come in. Why?

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