

# Private-Pay Patients Listed As Charity -- Miami Retreat Collects Double!

## OIL BOOM WEST OF MIAMI

WE'VE had many a request for more news on Collier County oil development.

We can only say that drilling is going on apace 60 miles west of Miami, that producing wells are still producing, and that loading of oil tank cars can be seen at all hours. Also that there is a natural gas well burning continually out there night and day, and that there are miles and miles of roads in the Sunniland Oil fields about five miles north of the Everglades City fork on the Trail that can be viewed from that highway.

It is an invigorating sight. Everybody interested in the future economic welfare of Southern Florida should see it.



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# EX-MANAGER OF RETREAT TALKS!

## Margaret Ann Chain Tries To Wreck Independent



Note the prices at THIS Margaret Ann Store! The independent it is trying to crush with these prices is just across the street.

THE HERALD of Thursday morning, March 24th, as usual contained many large ads, offering week-end specials of the grocery and meat markets.

Among these ads was a comparatively small one, featuring a few specials of the Consumers Market which is located at 2018 N. W. 7th ave. The specials are, of course, as a matter of regular procedure, sold at near wholesale price in order to attract customers to the various stores. The Con-

sumers Market is an independent store owned and operated by an individual, who has lived his entire life in Florida and who has for years been associated with the Food business in the Miami Area.

In this same issue of the Herald was an almost full page ad, featuring the various offerings of the Margaret Ann chain of markets. Margaret Ann operates seven large markets in

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## BAD SLIP-UP AT JAX MEM'L

BULLETIN—Wilkes Died!

GEORGE Wilkes, 58, 3286 Grand avenue, Coconut Grove, was found in a coma about 5:15 p. m. on March 15 by Police Radio Car 33 and was taken to police station. Lieut. Faircloth ordered him taken to Jackson Memorial hospital.

We checked the files at the hospital and at the police station and we find a startling situation.

The police say he entered the hospital at 5:30 p. m.

Yet the hospital records didn't check him in until 8:30 p. m.

For three hours this man apparently went UNATTENDED!

If he should die, it might be tough on Jax Memorial officials to explain their negligence.

Rechecking, we find that Car 33, after taking the man to the hospital, was back in service at 5:41 p. m., and so there can't be any mistake about that!

## Jobless Veterans of BOTH Wars Should Be Pensioned

Miami Life's proposal for pensioning veterans seems to get more practical every day.

The way Congress is going now, you must realize that there's eventually to be a soldiers' pension bill, giving them a pension after a certain age or giving them an out-and-out bonus.

We still contend that if you give unemployed veterans of BOTH World Wars \$75 a month single, \$100 a month married, after providing a penalty for an abuse of this privilege, PROSPERITY WOULD BE SET IN PERPETUAL MOTION IN AMERICA!

More than that, patriotism would be given a great impetus.

And you'd eliminate the possibility of Communism ever gaining a

foothold here . . . the U. S. is spending billions in an ATTEMPT to stop Communism where it is already flourishing. Why not, with LESS outlay, keep the ROOTS out of our soil?

Our boys still remember, and the parents of our boys still remember, the promises made by the Big Man of this country . . . He said the U. S. would see to it that "these boys" would never suffer—would never have to sell apples on the corner—would never have to conduct a hunger march on Washington and be FIRED on by our military for the purpose of breaking it up.

Yet we have not done one concrete thing to prove to these boys that we were honorable in our intentions when these

promises were made.

If millions of GI's and their families feel the pinch of hunger—are unable to earn food for themselves and families—they'll have more reason to resent their condition than those who did not risk their lives to preserve this country.

Therefore, they'll be MORE BITTER than even the non-veteran American who might be hungry—and would therefore be an easy prey to an ISM! . . . especially to Communism, which makes a point of "guaranteeing" every man a right to work and earn a living to feed his family.

And if this happens, we have only ourselves to blame.

MIAMI LIFE for years has been exposing the Miami Retreat for what many patients and their relatives know it to be—a veritable "Chamber of Horrors."

Last Saturday we graphically visualized it for our readers. We displayed a picture of a Negress chained there in medieval cruelty to her bedstead and bare springs by Miami Retreat officials.

This week we find BOTH Miami dailies corroborating our findings. Two days after we'd blasted Miami's "Snake Pit," the Daily News verified our accusations—and three days later we find the Herald likewise taking up the fight . . . only the Herald, with characteristic Knight modesty, merely claims credit for initiating the expose ten days before (although every Herald reader knows that the Steve Trumbull article referred to only mildly criticized the institution and mentioned nothing about the atrocities MIAMI LIFE uncovered).

However, MIAMI LIFE is vastly pleased that the two Miami dailies have come to the fore in this case.

We have no desire to scoop them in this particular case and we're only too well pleased that MIAMI LIFE's long crusade against Retreat barbarism at long last receives such reinforcements. If they want the credit, let them have it. All we ask is that they continue to give us their support!

For the Miami Retreat is a stench that the people of Dade county cannot escape. For this allegedly "non-profit" sanitarium (we'll take up this phase later) is largely supported by county funds!

We have come to believe that accounts there have been juggled, that Dade county officials have been cheated out of vast sums, and that many Retreat patients have been charged fees THAT THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY PAID! . . . But more of that later.

### N. Y. Detective Sees Plenty

IT WAS not simply good newspaper reporting that enabled MIAMI LIFE to break this Miami Retreat expose.

We've had fine help. Among those who've come forward to inform us of this institution's many sins and transgressions (some of them seem downright criminal to us) is a retired New York detective, Edward (Dick) Tracy, who after 22 years on the New York force has made Miami his home.

He voluntarily gave MIAMI LIFE a new insight into the affairs of this strange institution that up until now seems to have lived a

### VETS PROTEST TO GOV. WARREN

DISABLED AMERICAN Veterans Post No. 10 of Miami Monday night passed a resolution asking Gov. Warren, Crime Commission Director Dan Sullivan, and State Attorney Glenn Mincer to take cognizance of the conditions at the Miami Retreat and do what they could to investigate the same.

Copies of MIAMI LIFE were sent by the Post to all three officials.

A year and a half ago a member of that post was ill-treated at the Miami Retreat and was transferred to the Pratt General hospital.

charmed—and very profitable—life.

For Tracy last fall was assistant to Miami Retreat Manager Harry Ayres!

### Tracy's Suspicions Aroused

WITHIN A DAY or two after starting work last September, Tracy's suspicions were aroused. The Retreat does a big business in mental patients, brought there by relatives or sent there by city and county officials. Strangely enough, their valuables were taken from them—not in the front office where there could be witnesses—but in the room of the head nurse, Miss Tulley.

Later Tracy found that valuables disappeared. Relatives had difficulty often in locating articles they knew patients possessed upon entering the Miami Retreat—and sometimes didn't find them at all.

Then he discovered that Miss Tulley, although she lorded it over registered nurses regularly employed to handle the scores of patients treated there, is NOT a Registered Nurse—in fact, not even an undergraduate nurse—and yet she bosses bona fide nurses who've had many years of training. Moreover, she gave medical orders when Manager Ayres was not around—even to the extent of ordering this or that patient put in strait-jackets!

She also dispensed narcotics, Tracy said.

### Horrible Torture of Mental Patient

THERE WAS an ex-prize fighter named Salvatore who was brutally chained to his bed and then beaten by a Retreat attendant because he complained about the ill treatment he was receiving at the sanitarium.

Tracy found this man spread-eagled in his room—a horrible form of punishment in which a man's arms and legs are stoutly lashed and then pulled apart so tauntly that any move he makes causes great agony . . . and he'd been in this position day after day, lying in his own excreta.

Tracy took it up with Miss Tulley.

"Leave the son of a bitch as he is!" Miss Tulley exclaimed, according to Tracy. "He's a bad actor."

But Tracy walked into the room, asked Salvatore what was the matter, and Salvatore asked

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## LIFE lines-LIFE lines

When bigger suckers are born, the United States will produce them.

The pyramid craze probably will soon become the excavation game—who got the dollar?

Just what is the Crime Commission going to do about rackets in religion and charity?

The tolerant are so often intolerant.

Now that rent controls have been extended, there is still the problem of finding a place to rent.

### CALL THE NEXT CASE

By BOND

#### So This Is Intolerance

Must Not Term Colored Folks As Negroes—They Are People, Says Educator; Women Go On Shoplifting Spree. And It Wasn't Peanuts

WELL, of all things, we must be more careful about the manner in which we refer to persons and cases. Somebody, who was afraid to give his name, called us up the other day to protest and to charge we were intolerant.

"How come," we inquired.

"Why," he said, "you called Negroes just that in your court column. Why differentiate? Don't you know they are people, too?"

That was a new one on us. We informed him there were white people and black, that we, like other newspapers, might also mention Cubans and Latins, Germans and Russians, and even damnyankee. In fact we had a report on several women acting up and we came right out and said they were women and not just people. That must have been intolerant, too.

This did not quite convince the anonymous phone caller. He kept arguing and we finally learned he was a teacher in our public schools, or expected to be. Imagine! So we naturally wanted to know if he favored segregation of white and colored children in our schools or mix 'em up, as they do in the North. He thought, perhaps, the separation down here was all right. He figured it was okeh to segregate the races in the schools but it was wrong and intolerant by this column to separate them when they are listed in the court cases.

The efficient court filing system lists the cases as "W" or "B," meaning white and black. Wonder if our phone conversationalist, would object to that also.

It is to such absurdities that our so-called tolerant waves and fanatics descend. And this was a supposedly educated person.

Now he's been judged. Let's call the next case.

PERHAPS we shouldn't mention it but we believe he's an Italian. Frank Esposito, 1515 N. E. Miami Ct., 47 years of age, was arraigned in Miami city court on charges of repulsive, indecent and improper advances to a child under 18. The charges were made by a girl of 10.

Esposito denied the allegations but was found guilty by Judge Cecil C. Curry and sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and serve 30 days in jail. He appealed through his attorney George Brautigam to the circuit court and his appeal bond was fixed at \$750.

TWO women—tush-tush, they are people, and white, too, apparently went on a shoplifting spree together in Morris Bros. store, 72 E. Flagler St. Madelyn Louise Johnson, 50, and Mary Tanner Crapser, 55, both of Mendoza Ave., Coral Gables, were accused and convicted of petty larceny, in trying to walk off with \$11 dress. It cost each of them \$50 and costs or 24 days. It is cheaper to pay for the stuff.

It wasn't peanuts for Frank Nichols, white, 61, of 254 N. W. Fifth St., either when he pilfered some peanuts from a cripple's stand at North Miami Ave. and First St. He was listed as a dishwasher and single. The complaint was made by Edward J. Davis and the court judged him guilty. He was sentenced to shell out 15 days in the city roaster. This ought to build up more respect for peanuts.

Owen King, black, 3383 Thomas Ave., aged 27, was given 30 days for walking off with a \$29.95 radio in Coconut Grove.

HERMAN STUDDILL, 41, white, office manager, was found guilty of three charges, of driving without having his license, driving while drunk, of failing to stop at stop streets and even of disorderly conduct. He loses the

## I WAS JUST THINKIN' Digest Of Recent Opinions

By AL KIRK

The American Medical Association, tells us that bald and balding men are wasting millions of dollars in what they say is a futile effort to grow hair on a bald pate. We once knew a fellow, who rubbed raw onion and salt on his bald head. He got a bald new head of hair.

The action of the National Association of Manufacturers in inviting a delegation of Russians to the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, is a move in the right direction. If we could eliminate power politics from the world picture and let the Grangers get together, there would be nobody to promote wars or "isms," and problems could be more easily settled.

The Soviet may have faulty vision and understanding in some matters, but in connection with some of our films their judgement and ours are in concurrence. The Moscow radio says our pictures are filled with "criminals, vampires and morally degenerate people, and that they cause great harm through the vulgar standardized theme, with raucous advertising of the American way of life." Seems there is at least some justification for this opinion since few pictures actually portray American life as it is lived.

Don't kid yourself that our national economy is not in a ticklish position. Recent price cuts by large manufacturers and sales organizations range from 8 per cent to 15 per cent on such important items as refrigerators, radios, television sets, trucks, automobiles, dresses and even extended to cigars.

With such price cuts in progress, labor will soon be called upon to stand similar reductions. Our national debt is such, that even a moderate reduction in the national income, will immediately be reflected in government income and necessarily expenditures, which are at present expected to maintain a large part of the present prosperity cycle.

The American dollar and an ability to supply vast quantities of materials has for the first time in history placed us in the position of being the world's dominating force. Any let up here, will be immediately reflected throughout the entire world. Further, the days of Roosevelt boondoggling, are as far behind us as are the horse and buggy days. We must keep in mind the fact that our national debt is something hitherto undreamed of in proportion, and that the only possibility of surviving, without

economic collapse is to maintain a national income that will not only sustain that obligation, but will also provide funds for huge current expenditures. In other words, our national income must depend upon the tax paid by all business and the individual taxpayer. There is no other source. American labor leaders today have an immense power and responsibility in national affairs. It is only through the combined, clear thinking and all out effort of the leaders in the fields of labor, politics and business that an orderly readjustment of prices may be effected, without national economic embarrassment. What hope there is for such a concerted effort is obscure.

Somebody in Washington must have been staying awake nights to conceive all of the recent developments in U. S. 8c postage stamps. Probably all philatelists know of this but we were greatly surprised when our young son showed us a collection of twenty different and recent numbers, portraying everything from a centennial of the poultry industry to a picture of the founder of the Boy Scouts.

We now understand that collectors grab them as fast as they are printed, which must be true since we have no recollection of purchasing anything like this at a U. S. Post Office.

Whatever became of the old axiom, "A fool and his money are soon parted," and did that apply to nations or only to individuals?

### More Folks In State Will Fish

Conservation Superintendent George Vathis today reported a sharp increase in the sale of wholesale-retail seafood, boat and non-resident fishing licenses for the 1948-49 period over the 1947-48 license period.

"Although not quite half of the license year is over," Vathis said, "1901 more licenses have been issued this year than in the previous year."

Vathis pointed out that the marked increase in number of licenses issued indicates that more people are turning to fishing as a means of livelihood than ever before. "Fishing in Florida," Vathis said, "is one of our finest outdoor sports and a real drawing card for tourists."

The department, which is making a drive for collection of licenses of all kinds, said the number of arrests for violations show an increase of 40 per cent over last year.

license he didn't have for a year and was fined a total of \$115 and costs. Several drunk drivers got the usual fines and lost their licenses for a year.

You may keep your license if convicted only of reckless driving but the state law makes it mandatory to take your right to drive away for one year when convicted of driving while intoxicated.

Folks can get arrested for almost anything. Edward Butler, 41, forfeited a bond of \$50 in city court on the charge of discharging oil in Biscayne bay. Sewage is okeh but not oil. It gums up things.

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The Attorney General Richard W. Ervin advised M. A. Rosin, attorney for Board of County Commissioners, Hardee county, that monies may be transferred from one existing fund to another in a county budget, to replace a bridge as an emergency measure, by resolution duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, if approved by the State Comptroller except items of expenditure for debt service; however, in counties having a budget commission approval of such commission must first be obtained before the Comptroller may approve the transfer.

The City of New Smyrna may sell a municipally owned power distribution line that extends ten miles beyond the city limits, but an election by the qualified free holders must be held approving the sale. Such was the holding of the Attorney General in an opinion to E. W. Gautier, attorney, New Smyrna Beach.

Narcotic drugs may not be legally prescribed by optometrists in the State of Florida, according to an opinion of the Attorney General given M. H. Doss, director, Bureau of Narcotics of the State Board of Health.

Rodney E. Thursby, councilman of Orange City, was advised by the Attorney General that a town cannot accept notes or mortgages in payment of a liquor license.

The State Board of Accountancy was advised by the Attorney General that there was nothing in the State statutes which would prohibit a group of persons forming a corporation known as the Florida Accountants Association from using the word "Accountants" in the corporate name.

In an opinion to O. Frank Scofield, county judge, Inverness, the Attorney General held that a county judge cannot qualify his chief clerk to sign warrants for arrest issued in criminal matters before him.

Doak S. Campbell, president of Florida State University, received an opinion from the Attorney General holding that if a teacher in a state institution of higher learning dies during the school year, the estate of such teacher could not lawfully be paid for any accumulated leave of absence or vacation time.

In response to questions asked by J. Gregg O'Berry, Justice of the Peace, Pasco county, the Attorney General advised that, (1) A constable properly should not be appointed a deputy sheriff. (2) A constable may serve papers within his lawful powers as constable but not as a deputy sheriff. (3) In absence of adjudication by a competent court or clarifying legislation, a justice of the peace should not exercise jurisdiction in criminal cases in Pasco County other than that of a committing magistrate. (4) A notary public may perform a marriage ceremony and (5) a justice of the peace may perform a marriage ceremony.

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## Cabbages and Kings

IT WAS Ingersoll who said: "I had rather be a beggar and spend my last dollar like a king, than be a king and spend my money like a beggar" . . . Remember, when you're reading Anna Louise Strong's Communist expose in the Herald (obviously written sometime ago for syndicate exploitation), that only a few days ago she gave \$1,000 to a fund to HELP DEFEND 11 top United States Communists now on trial for conspiracy. In donating to said fund, she publically stated the "American Communists are getting as raw a deal from American justice as I got from the USSR!"

Tales." Yet, writers of today often make one of their characters "fry in his own grease"—which is the only way the Wife of Bath described the punishment she meted out to her unfaithful husband!

WHAT ever became of those home cigaret machines that used to flourish back in the 30's? Has everybody forgotten the kick they used to get out of being their own manufacturer? . . . When a local coffee roaster chances to burn his coffee slightly (and they often do), he simply bags the product and puts a sign on it, "Cuban Roast." And, when you get used to it, it's GOOD! . . . MARK TWAIN: "I could never learn to like her—except on a raft at sea with no other women in sight."

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**The COMMON DEFENSE**  
 Persecution Of Jews In Russia

By Rev. William C. Kernan

At its convention on February 25 the Jewish Labor Committee heard reports of persecution of the Jews living in countries behind the "iron curtain" which showed that they are receiving the same kind of treatment which the Communists mete out to Protestants and Catholics. The committee's survey was compiled from reports by its own representatives and from speeches, newspaper articles and public documents in Poland, Hungary, Roumania and Czechoslovakia.

The survey states that in Roumania "collaborators of the former reactionary anti-Semitic government, such as Foreign Minister Tatarescu, were taken into the government with the blessing of the Communists." The government evaded prosecution of those responsible for the mass murder of 14,000 Jews in 1941, and it was not until the middle of 1947 that some of them were brought to trial—not until 1949 that a few of them received minor punishments.

In 1948 came the rapid liquidation of Jewish civic, educational and cultural life in Roumania. "Jewish communities and all Jewish civic institutions went through a drastic purge . . . autonomous Jewish schools were forcibly liquidated . . . the police raided the offices of the Jewish National Fund and Mr. Leon Itzko, editor of the Zionist weekly, "Mentuirea," was arrested . . . nineteen Jewish hospitals of the Jewish communities were nationalized . . . the Federation of Roumanian Jews which had existed for 40 years was liquidated." The Communist organ, Unirea, proclaimed that "the unjustified tolerance is over, . . . the government has launched a fight against the Jewish bourgeoisie which is not an exception in the capitalist jungle."

In Hungary the story is substantially the same. In 1947 complete control of the Jewish community was taken over by the Communists. In June, 1948, all Jewish schools were nationalized and all academic subjects were henceforth to be taught in Hungarian. In September, 1948, the Hungarian Zionist weekly was closed down because of "a shortage of paper."

Even before the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia the Communist Minister of Information denounced the Jews for daring to "abandon the proletarian fatherland" and "for bearing animosity towards Communism." And in 1948 the Communists began the task of purging Jewish life in Czechoslovakia. "The former president of the Jewish community of Czechoslovakia was dismissed, and four other leading members were 'allowed' to resign, with the Communist Alexander Knapp becoming the general secretary, and the well-known Communist journalist Egon Erwin Kisch taking over the chairmanship. A similar purge took place in Slovakia with many of its leaders fleeing the country. A purge also took place among rabbis, with Hanus Rezek, the Chief Rabbi of Prague, forced to resign from his position."

The Jewish Labor Committee sums up the situation in Poland thus, "A thorough purge is going on in all phases of Jewish life in Poland. Through various means, politically conscious people are being forced to liquidate their past and confess to errors which they never committed. Those who are able, flee the country."

Why did the Jewish Labor Committee gather this material together and make it known? In order that "the public may know the whole truth about the Jews residing in the Eastern 'Paradise'." The Jewish Labor Committee has rendered the American people a singular meritorious public service. Now the evidence is in. It demonstrates beyond a doubt that the aim of Communism is the destruction of all non-Communist life—whether it be Jewish, Catholic, or Protestant.

National, state and local taxes will siphon approximately \$60,000,000,000 of America's estimated 1949 total income of \$215,000,000,000, or 28 cents out of each dollar, reports the B. F. Goodrich Company.

**Spirits Fear Expose; Be A Medium. \$10**

SPIRITS are not walking so freely in Miami since the appearance of the expose articles in MIAMI LIFE. They seem a little fearful that they may be detected; that somebody might puncture a ghost when it materializes during a seance at local Spiritualist churches. At least one scheduled public materialization was reported called off because of the publicity. The medium prefers the dark. Mediums from the North are quitting town fast.

Anyway, you, too, can become a medium and summon the spirits. The paraphernalia for such stuff is manufactured, advertised and sold to the performers, whether under guise of the spiritual or just magic.

Among the companies engaged in this business is, or are, the Nelson Enterprises of Columbus, Ohio, and a large catalogue is issued listing and describing all of the equipment, including instructions and the methods of operation. This firm is very practical and materialistic in the materialization profession.

However, if you order any of the paraphernalia, you are expected to sign a yellow pledge, marked IMPORTANT, stating:

"Believing that the success of all mental and spiritual effects is dependent upon their methods of operation remaining secret to the general public, I agree not to loan, copy, place in a public library, resell or divulge to anyone (unless they be employed in the operation of any effect or apparatus), any and all effects and apparatus I may purchase from the Nelson Enterprises, as described in their catalogue."

The company puts out a variety of books furnishing instructions on mind reading, hypnotism, reading secret missives, and even the "Confessions of a Medium," showing among other things how Spiritualists can get their certificates to make them immune from police interference. It tells how people enter the psychic field and how they can profitably fool the public. It reveals, or says it does, the methods used to bleed suckers and bring them back again. There is the inside dope on palm reading. "The GRAFT explained." All for \$10.

For examples there are several methods of reading the secret and sealed billets, even while blindfolded, and the necessary instructions and

equipment can be purchased from the company—for use as magic or the more serious purpose of pretending to bring messages from the dead.

One method to trick the believers is to use a fake Bible. It looks like a Bible but it isn't. It is a clever device which permits the medium to learn the contents of each sealed envelope the minute she places it on the open pages of the book. "The device is the workmanship of a master craftsman, and will last indefinitely." The price is only \$15.

Called upon to give messages, the medium first reads a few paragraphs from the Bible to create the communion with the dead, and then goes into her act of reading names and messages which, apparently, she has not seen.

Now such a performance by magicians as an exhibition of skill is admirable and furnishes good entertainment. But to use God and the Bible and religion to defraud the believers that they are really hearing from their loved ones is the worst kind of trickery. The true Spiritualist is ashamed of this crookedness and condemns it.

There are several kinds of trumpets for use in the message announcements and seances. The most costly and puzzling is the trumpet, with no visible tricks seen when examined. It is operated through an electrical device and an unseen assistant, whereby "spirit voices" actually come from the trumpet, although it may be held in nobody's hands. This mechanical means of summoning the dead comes high—\$155, but ought to be worth it.

These are merely a few of the tricks resorted to in the fraudulent Spiritualism performances, which seek to convince the hearers that they are listening to departed loved ones and witnessing materializations of the dead.

Magicians can perform the same tricks without a church and without extra fees. They admit they are fooling you.

There are other religious rackets in Miami which are robbing the faithful, such as selling them or forcing them to take lessons so they may talk with God. One operator of such a fraud sings regularly over Radio Station WIOD.

(Editor's note—This is the third in a series of articles on Miami religious rackets. Reports from practitioners with awakened consciences and victims are welcome.)

**Extend Drive For Red Cross Funds**

THE AMERICAN Red Cross, Dade county chapter, fund campaign for 1949 must be continued and the time for this drive must be extended since we are \$130,000.00 short of our goal," said H. H. Hyman, fund chairman at the Red Cross meeting. Reports showed that Dade county had only 55 per cent of its \$302,200.00 goal. "Everyone knows the importance of the Red Cross year around program for the people," continued Hyman, "I don't believe the people of Dade county will let the Red Cross down in its fund campaign. I believe the trouble lies in lack of coverage . . . We need more volunteers to solicit the people. In any event we must raise the entire amount of the goal . . . we cannot let the Red Cross services suffer from lack of funds."

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## MORE POWER TO LIFE, SAYS LUTHERAN PASTOR

Editor Miami Life—

I have been receiving a few "samples" of your paper, you seem to attempt to promote projects and call to the readers' attention that you are the most influential publication in the state. More power to you—for good!

I have been here only a little over two years and have enjoyed my ministry more than any other charge, as well as the climate and country. I'm very happy here, and I only wish I were three persons when I see the great task confronting me.

My church is in what some call a bad section, and the question once arose: shall we relocate? That would be running away from the biggest challenge of any church in Miami, the need here is the greatest. I have never worked so hard in my ministry—the first year I made 2,000 calls, alone. We are making this a community church, inviting everyone, and as a result our membership has doubled these two years. We are now faced with overcrowded quarters for our Sunday school work, but that is taken care of by building a new parsonage and using the present one for a parish hall. But, what we also need is a youth center for Boy and Girl Scouts—and a recreational quarter to keep the youth off the streets and away from taverns. I have tried to raise funds to enable us to buy a building joining our present property which will fill the need very satisfactorily, but some people would rather throw away the cost of this house on one single horse race than help our youths from going astray. If a dozen persons would give \$1,000 a piece we could procure this property and begin the biggest project in Miami. Would appreciate your help.

REV. GEO. W. WAHLIN,  
Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
N. W. Fourth St. and Fifth Ave.

## How About Dr. Moore?

Editor, Miami Life—

LET YOU or I make a turn in our car without signaling or shifting gears and we soon hear a motor cop's whistle, but Dr. Moore is the privileged type. He repeatedly gets away with murder, does he not? Remember your expose of him five or six years ago.

MRS. C. S. HEDG-PETH

## SPIRITUALIST PRAISES LIFE EXPOSE OF FAKES

Editor, Miami Life—

"It did my heart good to read your article entitled "Fake Spirits, Big Racket Here" in your issue of March 19, 1949. I hope you will follow up and run these hypocrites out of the city.

The writer of this article is a Spiritualist; has every sane reason to be such, and tries to the best of his ability to lead a Christian life from day to day. However, he suffers a great deal from "butterflies" in the stomach caused by the host of self-styled and self-praising "mediums" operating under the convenient cloak of Spiritualism. It is, indeed, a far cry from Spiritualism to that brand of "Hokem" (and I do mean Hokem) which operates under the cloak of Spiritualism.

I have always enjoyed seeing a good magician do his stuff; one of my neighbor girls worked with the great Kellar. But magicians, or puny imitations of magicians working with stuff they purchase from Nelson of Columbus, Ohio, have no place in Spiritualism.

Each week I would like to submit to you one question only; for this week this is it: Did you read the article in a recent edition of the READER'S DIGEST having to do with this man Nelson of Columbus calling on the Fox Cottage where the well known "medium" Flo Cottrell has been in charge for years? Well, anyway, according to the account he succeeded in selling said Flo not one, but TWO spirit rappers. Said spirit rappers are to save the tired mediums from having to exert themselves too much. Shades of Ripley and Barnum.

"SPIRITUALIST."

## ABOUT SPIRITUALISM

All should be prophets to themselves; foresee Their future fate; their future fate fortaste; This art would waste the bitterness of death. Ye deaf to truth; peruse this parsoned page, And trust for once a prophet and a priest Man may live fools, but fools they cannot die. Night Thoughts—Edward Young.

Sir Oliver Lodge in the summary of an article which appeared in the Sunday Express on March 18, 1934; summarized his facts by stating,

"Death is separation of soul and body  
Death is not extinction, as life is continuous."

The Spiritualistic hokus-pokus of today's Chantry stems from ancient magic and is made possible by the credulity of those who patronize the so called mediums and peddlers of ritualistic bunk. The desire to see beyond the material, seems to be a part of every human, and most of us have at one time or another experienced or been appraised of happenings for which there is actually no reasonable material explanation.

Magic and magic beliefs have long been a lucrative source of income for the Charlatan, who professes to be possessed of magical powers and is willing to prey on the superstitious weakness of his fellowman.

In the Golden Age of Atlantis, human beings were possessed of knowledge that enabled them to control the powers of nature. After the catastrophe which destroyed Atlantis, a few scattered remnants of the race survived in outlying regions. In Egypt some of these survivors perpetuated the ancient knowledge, and 8,000 years ago Egyptian Magic was practiced by the descendants of these Atlanteans.

Among other things, this knowledge gave them the power of television, without machinery, which they performed by gazing into a pool of water. It gave them the power to disappear, even when in a locked room with others present, and the ability to project the astral form to any distance at will, in order to convey any desired message.

They had the power to harm an enemy at a distance and the power of Levitation without a trance. Many other were the powers that were granted to those descendants of the people of Atlantis.

Magic, as described by Webster as being, "Any occult art of science, especially the supposed art of putting into action the power of spirits." All of which classifies magic as the higher magic, which was attained by Christ, grading into black magic, sorcery or just plain illusionary tripe.

In certain sections of Northern South America, the Negroes still practice "obeah" which is kindred to the "voo doo" of our Southern Negro and strange indeed are the effects of the ancient art upon the lives affected by it. It is no more ridiculous than are the seances and artificial manifestations of the Judas who performs so called contacts for his audience, which is composed of thrill seekers, skeptics, and those who would seek knowledge of the beyond.

Alexander Cannon in his "Power of Karma" states; "The basic law underlying all magical work is that energy follows thought." In studying the process or rites used to effect a magical operation, we find that the power behind these operations is always the same, imagination controlled by a trained will and directed toward a definite end.

Incantations, repetitions of words of a particular sound vibration, rhythmic movements and the concentration of mind power on a symbol, or on a magnetically charged object; any and all of these serve to generate a force which is discharged with overwhelming energy at the climax of the rite. Those who are properly called "Masters" have this force always at their disposal without recourse to such practices, for they have attained to the Kingdom of Power, which is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Among the great masters were Christ, Lao-tse, Mohammed and Buda. Their knowledge and power were not traded for the traditional piece of silver, which is an all important element in the ceremonial of the functionary of today.

Al. K.

## WYLIE IS A JUGGLER

MUCH has been said about Writer Philip Wylie's expose in national magazines of Biscayne Bay's pollution.

Now Mr. Wylie, regardless of what you might think, was PAID for that article. He's as human as you or me. He likes to make money.

That is the reason—the only reason possible—for him sending this article to a national magazine for publication.

Time after time (in fact, it's been a most popular issue in editorial sanctums) editorials have been written deploring the condition of our waters, both Biscayne Bay and the Miami river.

MIAMI LIFE years ago—long before the daily papers got around to the subject—published the FIRST full description of the sewage menace, revealing each outlet that polluted the river and bay.

The Herald and the News have since conducted similar campaigns.

And, believe it or not, Philip Wylie in the columns of the Miami Daily News years ago wrote about the very same thing.

We repeat: money was the sole reason for Writer Wylie's expose.

And here is the proof: Wylie was FULLY AWARE of the fact that already the citizenry of Miami, although overburdened with taxation, has voted \$6,000,000 in obligation bonds and over \$11,000,000 in self-liquidating bonds, to CORRECT this situation.

If the war hadn't come along, it would have long since been corrected.

Even at the minute the article was given to this national magazine, the Miami city commission was doing everything in its power to correct it.

But Writer Philip Wylie knew he could soft-pedal this fact, emphasize the obvious, and cause a sensation. He knew he could SELL it in any magazine!

Why?

Why, Miami is a competitor of every thriving community in the U. S. . . . each year thousands of other communities' best citizens come here as tourists and later remove their residence, sometimes their businesses, to Miami.

The magazines would eat it up!

Writer Wylie did NOT have the best interests of this community (which, unfortunately, he lives in) at heart when he wrote that article.

He knew Miami would be unjustly pictured in a national magazine.

He knew he was skillful enough with words to submerge the truth and juggle facts around enough to make it PAY—HIM!

## ALL-WHITE AUSTRALIA?

AUSTRALIA has banned a Filipino hero with a wife and children already there from entry, despite Gen. MacArthur's intercession in his behalf.

Australia has a white-Australia policy.

Well, with a policy of this kind in operation—even in just one country—it would seem that an over-all world peace becomes even less likely. Maybe this is the reason Australia has shunned UN activities.

It's hard for us to understand it.

We recall geographies of our youth depicting the wild Bushmen as representative Australians.

They didn't look "all-white" to us!

# FLOYD DIGS GRAVE

IT'S TOO damned bad that Mayor Robert L. Floyd, who was injected into politics through his desire to save Richard Danner's job as Miami city manager, is due to be blighted by the very same forces that ruined the ex-FBI agent.

No one was more likeable than Dick Danner. He was clean-cut and honest, hard-working and capable.

But---

He was BEHOLDEN to the Miami Herald.

And he was unfailingly loyal to this despoiler and corrupter of public officials.

He was loyal to such an extent that he permitted the Herald even to guide him into political oblivion, to say nothing of losing the finest job he ever had.

WE REITERATE, it's too damned bad that Mayor Floyd—so nice-looking that he can't help being dubbed "Pretty Boy" Floyd—must follow the same path his friend, Danner, took.

Floyd continues to permit the Miami Herald to do the same thing to him. Whenever the Miami Herald editorially takes a stand on ANY issue—regardless of whether it's in the interest of the public or not—Mayor Floyd rushes forward to take the same stand.

This accusation you may easily verify. Just read the minutes of the Miami city commission. Compare with the previous editorials of the Miami Herald

THE HERALD's latest demand, also supported by Mayor Floyd, can, however, be the straw that broke the camel's back.

It will expose him too obviously as doing things against his will.

No politician wants to destroy himself by doing something patently detrimental to the majority of voters.

We refer to the increase in water rates sought by the water board.

The Miami Herald and Mayor Floyd are the water board's chief advocates.

The Herald accuses Commissioners William W. Charles, H. Leslie Quigg, and Perrine Palmer, Jr. with having their eyes on next November's election . . . having an eye, in other words, on votes rather than on the "issues."

WE WANT to go on record right here as saying that any politician who casts his ballot so it'll create more

## Crime C'm's Insincerity

SHERIFF Sullivan has been sent an "open letter" by the Crime Commission. The reason it was an "open letter" was so the public could read it. The Crime Commission—and its secret sponsors—want to embarrass Sullivan. That's all.

The newspapers themselves however have kept the public pretty well informed as to gambling activities here this season.

In fact, the day gambling opened, you were notified of it. In fact, you were apprised of it beforehand.

The day gambling was closed they let you know—and beforehand, there were predictions. They let you know who operated the places—even how much was won and lost in a certain day's play.

Then they wrote stories about the gamblers being gypped on fake diamonds (which turned out to be 30-year-old yarn that was reshaped by someone who gypped the gullible editors) and they wrote about supposedly crooked gambling in some of the clubs.

There was even an accusation that the Club 115 was a bust-out joint . . . (their faces were reddened somewhat when it later developed that Club 115 had been closed for TWO YEARS.)

But what we wanted to say in the first place was that the Crime Commission is merely writing these open letters to keep its name before the public.

They actually had nothing to tell. The public is as well-informed as to gambling activities and bookmaking activities as the Crime Commission.

The Crime Commission could gain stature and probably place in this community if it would stop being so hypocritical and take an interest in things that really affect the most of us!

Mistreatment of hospital patients, for one thing. This is a CRIME! . . . And stealing of county funds by places like the Miami Retreat.

Another thing, the Crime Commission claims that ILLEGAL gambling draws crooks to this area.

Hypocritically, they refuse to admit that LEGAL gambling—racing at state-licensed tracks—breeds more crime than all other forces combined! All criminologists agree on this.

If the Crime Commission actually would take up the cudgels against ALL forms of gambling, legal or illegal, they might gain a little respect and support from the public. But failing to do this, they must blame the public for sneering at them as they sail their false colors.

votes for him next election, is not only a smart but ninety-nine times out of a hundred, he's voting masses—doing the majority of people a DISERVICE.

IN THIS particular case—if we approve a water at this time, it's not the end of it.

After creating a sewer system and a disposal OUR WATER BILLS WILL AGAIN BE INCREASING. I'll be MANDATORY.

HOW MUCH can the Miami citizenry stand? If things keep up at this rate, Miami's water bills soon be getting 20 or 25 per cent of a household income!

MIAMI LIFE strings along with Messrs. Palmer and Quigg and opposes the Herald and Floyd.

For the first time, we must oppose Commissioner C. Gardner, who also is advocating increased water rates. . . . (we cannot understand the latter's strange role. However, it's certainly an admission that his intention of offering himself for election again is too smart—he knows the pulse of the common well—to think that the voters, even though they forgive him this one dereliction, would mass up him again as they have done in past elections!)

FLOYD, HOWEVER, is not an R. C. Gardner. Our Bay Mayor is still UNPROVEN MIAI far as PROTECTING the public is concerned.

If he doesn't change his vote—his position—one vital matter—he FOREVER eliminates himself serious consideration by the voters.

What can be the reason for a young, ambitious politician to so obviously alienate himself from voters?

The only one we can imagine is, that the Herald has control of the strings, that pulled, the Floyd jump.

The only way Mayor Floyd can convince the that this isn't so, is for him to OPENLY cut the —and do (what any sane politician would do): INCREASE TO THE WATER BOARD!

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By LEE MASON

To speak of the Emile Boreo benefit seems unnecessary after all that has been written and said—but there is no doubt that it proved one thing—that people are interested in taking care of INDIVIDUALS that they know. When you realize that with only

a few scant days of preparation almost seven thousand dollars has been gathered for the Boreo fund, it is a seeming miracle especially when you contrast it with the fact that the benefit performance for the Musicians and the American Guild of Variety Artists at Dinner Key, which



was an outstanding theatrical spectacle, provided only around

a five thousand dollar profit.

This time I believe Barry Gray and myself carried the publicity ball. In addition to that Gray took up a radio and in-the-room collection, and the night of the affair turned over twelve hundred and fifty dollars. The appeal I made at the Beachcomber brought in a little over fourteen dollars due mainly I believe to the assistance of Butch Austin, Joe E. Lewis, Morey Amsterdam and others who went through the audience with baskets. Nearly three thousand dollars was the net proceeds from the Beachcomber—so the mantle of glory is great enough to cover every-

body, and all of those who assisted in any way are entitled to a thrill of pride.

Ben Cohen, well known Miami Beach attorney, and former president of the Miami Beach Bar Association has graciously volunteered his services, and application will be made to the courts to appoint two conservators to disburse the money for Boreo. Benny Gaines, who is about as well known on Miami Beach as Lincoln Road or Collins Avenue will represent the public, while Jerry Hirsch will represent the actors and checks for all monies expended will be signed by Gaines and Hirsch under court

order. Paul Grossinger and his mother, Jennie, whose hearts are as big as their Grossinger-Panacoast hotel have donated a suite of rooms and all of the food for Boreo and his nurses until he can be moved to New York for certain critical surgery. With permission of the physicians Boreo will be moved within the next eight or nine days.

The Friday night opening of the Monte Carlo on Southwest Eighth street is still two days away as this is written, but it should be one of the best entertainment buys that the Miami public has ever been offered. A bill with Carrie Fennell,

Bubbles Darlene, Tommy Moe Raft, Leo Royce and the Rochecarlyale girls, with I believe Ken Delany's orchestra, is bringing big time to Southwest Eighth street, and it is offering the meat of the famous Minsky-Colonial Inn policy. I am a little bit disappointed in the advertising I see in relation to this show because I cannot understand why they did not follow the successful pattern established by Harold Minsky to advertise a show of that type, and certainly no one has any patent on advertising of that style as those of you who remember Lou Walters at the Latin Quarter will remember his ads looked much

the same as the Minsky-Colonial Inn ads—only they were much larger.

Well, this seems to be the time that the shutters are all going up. Last Saturday night saw the Colonial Inn, Bouche's Villa Venice and the Beachcomber take their bow. Even the Ha Ha Club has its closing notice up, which means that the town goes back to an entertainment program commensurate with summer business. Bill Jordan will probably run through until the latter part of July and the Clover Club at the moment intends to run right through the summer. Harvey Bell at the Club Ball catering to Mr. and Mrs. Workingman is again demonstrating that he knows the formula for profitable operation and Harvey will be there during the entire summer.

Ben Blue, Patti Moore and Ben Lessy about as standard in the entertainment world as sugar is in the grocery shelf are to me the personification of what experience means on a stage. Their brief bit at the Beachcomber Sunday night going on stage after three o'clock in the morning and following one of the heaviest attendance bills ever seen was in itself a most precious gesture—or comedy is a fragile thing and it would seem that six hundred people packed as they were in that room would be very tired. But Jim and Beverly Paysee, gracefully, beautiful dancers opened or them and sort of mentally relaxed the audience and when Patti and Ben began to sing the house went into an uproar. Ben Blue's mind reading bit—always good for yucks was hilarious—and as I said in the beginning whether they are actors or brick layers you've got to tip your hat when they so visibly demonstrate that they know their business.

Among those thing that make the other operators stand on their hind legs and howl is the success of Danny and Kitty Davis in their Roumanian Theater Restaurant Operation. This is far better than the old "coals to Newcastle" gag—because when Danny Davis runs a restaurant with a semi-kosher cuisine where the acts work only in Yiddish, or almost exclusively so, it would seem he would attract that type of patronage who could outtake even Danny, but whatever the system is that Davis uses—whether it is hypnotism, black magic or just plain "con" it works. No matter how Danny cries I think the auditors can prove to you that the Roumanian has been a most successful operation.

Had a long talk to little Maxie Capp out at the Red Barn. Maxie is about to depart on a two months vacation in which he will combine business with pleasure—New Orleans, Chicago and St. Louis are on his itinerary and in those cities Max hopes to contact and sign some new talent for his fall and winter season. The summer operation at the Red Barn will be practically as it is now with Max presenting about fourteen acts. There too is an example of the fact that if you know your business, you must eventually profit. After going through months and months of very bad business, the tide turned and not only has Max repaid the original investment many, many times over but he and his partner have just purchased the property in fee—the money for the purchase coming from the profits of the place. Penny Art, a long time featured strip at the Red Barn has just negotiated a new twenty-eight week contract with Max and will leave to open today in West Palm Beach for a few weeks after which she will settle down at the Red Barn for the next six or seven months.

Had a long talk to little Alan Gale. Since Alan has become a citizen of South Florida he can "you all" with the best of them, and it is interesting to listen to the reaction of a man who has been in the business as long as Alan and who in this most uncertain season has proven that his theory in the running of an establishment is a money maker. Alan's latest stunt is his dinner show which for three dollars and sixty cents including tax gives a cocktail, a complete dinner, two hands and a complete floor show. With only a little over two hundred seats in the house Alan knows nothing but packed houses and although he does his level best to close his house by three

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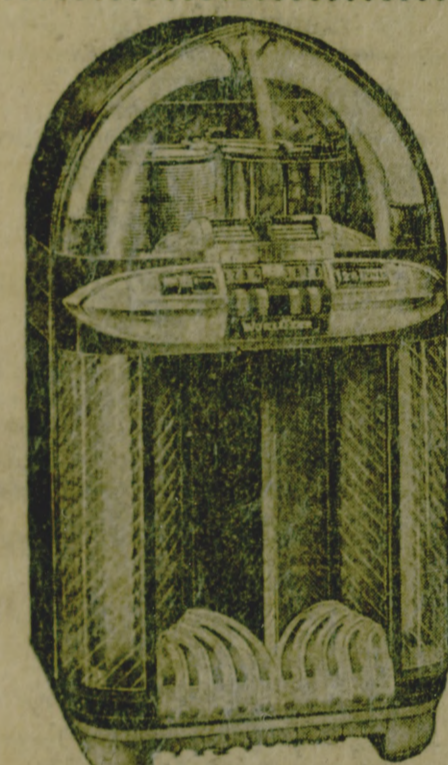
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This fellow was a he-man and wanted to boss the wife and her friends and even broke up card games if they were not proceeding according to his ideas. That, at least, is the charge of Clarissa Anderson Dimick of Palm Beach county against John Morton Dimick of Delray Beach. They were married in St. Augustine Jan. 14, 1930, so it is entirely a Florida affair. The defendant made her nervous because of his constructive criticism of herself and friends in public and private, and this often chased away the friends.

He was bossy, this John, and often forced her to cancel social engagements at the last moment because he did not like them. He told others what to do, and at bridge he was so critical that he broke up games in squabbles. He also had a violent temper, claims Clarissa, and would rage, holler, be profane and then sulk. What's more he never apologized for these things. It came to a climax last New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1948, when in the presence of several friends he screamed at her, made her ill, forced her to go to a hospital to recover her health. She asks custody of a son and there has been a property settlement. The law firm is Loftin, Anderson, Scott, etc.

IN this case Marjorie E. Yeskawich only stood up under ma-

trimony with Michael Yeskawich, both of Miami, for about a year. They were united in Miami Aug. 11, 1947, and parted Oct. 2, 1948. Michael changed his ways after marriage and was not the type that should have married. She had to work while he would become intoxicated, gambled and dissipated his funds. He drank most of the time and stayed out nights, she says. He would nag and humiliate her in public and private, making her hysterical so she lost weight and her health

## MEN GET SO MAD One Broke Up Bridge Games; Another Went Violent Over Income Tax; Drink, Gamble and Curse.

was affected. Marjorie hardly ekes out an existence as a secretary while he pulls down \$50 a week as an apprentice mortician at the Flagler Funeral Home. There is an equity claim in an insurance policy, boat and funds in banks. She requests alimony and fees.

IMAGINE, this man lost his temper over the income tax, trying to figure it out. That is

what Alice L. Beacher reveals in suing Leo Charles Beacher, both of Hialeah. They were wed in Fort Lauderdale Sept. 4, 1940, and separated in July, 1948, or anyway they occupied separate rooms. Alice reports he had a violent temper, and only a month after marriage he returned home and cursed because she was not preparing the evening meal according to his instructions. He called her names and accused her

of wrong-doing. At breakfast on the first of March, 1947, he flew into a rage of unmanageable temper concerning his income tax return and while in that rage, instead of taking it out on Uncle Sam, he grabbed a platter of bacon and eggs and threw them on the floor. He pulled the table cloth and coffee pot off and tossed them into the backyard. (Perhaps these items might be deducted from the income as losses). Alice declares he called her that well known SOB, bastard and other epithets not printable. In August, 1947, she prepared a lunch to take with her when she

was going on a trip to Texas, and he raged over that. When she returned after a month's absence she found him asleep and he did not awaken him until she had taken a shower and prepared for bed. When awakened Leo cursed, abused, called her vile names and accused her of sneaking home like a dog. On Feb. 5, 1949, he was out until 1 a. m., and she locked the screen door and when he got back he exploded over that, said she was locking him out. On March 5, he carried on because supper was not ready. She wants a division of property interests in lots and a home, alimony and

fees. The legal firm is Oppenborn, Mincer & Ropes. A BUSE is also the charge of Jerry Lou Cromartie against Louise Watts Cromartie of Dade. The marriage was solemnized in Fort Lauderdale Jan. 21, 1939. He is a janitor and there are two children. Claiming cruelty, Jerry records that he would become intoxicated, curse, threaten, assault, beat her, so she was afraid and her health suffered. Last May, prior to their separation, she alleges that Louis procured a gun and said it was his intention to kill her. It was necessary

for her brother to intervene and take the gun away from Louis. She asks custody of the child. The attorney is Dan Campbell. ONE man meekly came forward with a desire to sue. He is Alfred M. G... who sues Loretta V. G... of Brooklyn, to whom wed back in January 1948, parted last September charges cruelty, that she called him a bum, had a violent temper, made false statements about relations with other men. G. W. Wood is the

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## Mason At Midnight

(Continued From Page Five) o'clock in the morning, it has in the last few weeks proven impossible because late comers keep the place open—very much against Alan's desire. The big question in the minds of most operators is whether or not Alan could duplicate his success in a place with a seating capacity two or three times as great because if that could be done Miami Beach may have another Billy Rose to add to theatredoms galaxy of stars.

Headed for the Olympics of 1965, or thereabouts, is Michael, twenty-two months old and the son of Brownie, Jr., of the Esquire Gift and Tobacco Shop. This remarkable youngster unaided already swims the entire length of the pool at the Sea Gull Cabana club and tumbled off a diving board with great glee. Michael can chin himself several times with his hands and although it takes him a little time to get into position can do from four to six "bridges" in succession like a trained athlete—which he is.

Up at the Reef Lounge at Keen's we have been entertaining a lot of people from the business, social and theatrical world. It is enjoyable at the lounge and inasmuch as it is one of those places where you get luxurious surroundings at the most modest cost you ever heard of—I don't have to hesitate in extending the invitation to "come up and sit with me some evening and we will get on the 'mike' and talk about you." Well I'll be seeing you around and until then be sure and be listening.

Can manufacturers used enough sheets of tin plate last year to cover all of New York City, Houston, Texas, and several smaller communities, American Can Company records show.

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him merely to have the shackles removed, and became very calm and quiet as he talked on.

Shortly later, Salvatore was removed to Chattanooga.

## Retreat's Floors Infect Patient

ONE YOUNG lady who brought her brother there for safekeeping, had asked the attendants specifically to see that her brother was bathed often. Ten or 15 times she gave them tips upon their promise to see that her brother would get his bath the next day.

Yet not a single time was the brother bathed, Tracy said. He checked, after she had complained.

Eventually the young lady came in and administered the bath herself. Moreover she herself washed the floors of his room and sprayed disinfectant about, because her brother had contracted a dangerous disease from the filthy floors so that the bottoms of his feet were bleeding profusely.

Then she removed him and rehabilitated him in an Ohio town, where today he is living a normal life.

## Female Patients Ran Round Nude

MALE ATTENDANTS, Tracy says, often were forced to attend female patients at night at the Retreat, because the only female attendant on duty was an elderly woman who was not physically able to take care of the patients.

It was a common sight to see the more neurotic of these female patients running round the halls naked at night.

Then it was that the male attendants had to be called upon to subdue them and strap them and shackle them on their beds, after clothing them again in their sanitarium garb . . . that is, whenever such bed clothes was available! For Tracy says there was only

half enough pajamas to go around, and never enough bed linen.

"I had to wait as much as two days for my own clean laundry," Tracy said.

Adding to the disgraceful conditions was the over-worked septic tank which would often back up into the toilets and tubs and overflow onto the floors and into the hallways of the institution.

On these occasions, the filth could be seen in the yard.

He personally emptied bags of lime in a futile attempt to eliminate the smell.

"Everybody who visits the Miami Retreat complains afterwards of the institution's 'smell' sticking to their clothing for days afterwards!" Tracy declared. "It has got to the point where it is almost impossible to get it clean."

## Patients, Dade County Swindled?

THE FACT that the Miami Retreat charges notoriously high prices for patients, that the county spends around \$100,000 annually with it to care for charity and part-charity mental patients, and that nevertheless a family corporation controlling it operates it under a "non-profit corporation" status—has intrigued MIAMI LIFE, the daily newspapers, and all investigators who've attempted to unravel the mystery.

What mystified Detective Tracy from the start was the way a patient would come into the Retreat as a private patient and then—maybe only a couple of hours later—would be changed on the books to "county."

Tracy, before whom the patients were brought to be entered, began making all his entries in a green ink so he could make it hard for anybody else to come in and change his entries without him knowing it, as green ink is not as easily erased.

Manager Ayres was the man who'd tell him that a private patient had suddenly become a county charge, for which the county would be charged. Tracy would make the change reluctantly—in green ink.

Manager Ayres, he said, would often order him to put down, to this or that patient's account, the charge of four packs of cigarets, although in fact the patient had received only one pack.

The institution bought these cigarets for 13 or 14 cents a pack.

The charge to the patient, however, was 50 cents!

Some time after Tracy left the Retreat (he is taking a business course at a local school), he had occasion to go into Manager Ayres office and gain access to the ledger he so carefully kept.

He found that all the entries he had made with his hard-to-erase green ink had disappeared. The pages containing his entries had been "lifted" from the loose-leaf files.

But, says Tracy, he knows of three separate and distinct sets of books that were kept at the Miami Retreat by the management—so that it would be possible, he says, for the Miami Retreat to collect its regular fee from a private patient, and then, by carrying him as a "county" patient, collect from the county for his care ALSO!

## Here's a Real Case for Grand Jury!

NOW Mr. Tracy is not just another itinerant attendant picked up and put to work by the Miami Retreat because he was hungry. He is a retired New York City detective with 22 years service. He was formerly commander of the American Legion Post 1059 in New York City. He is experienced, well educated, and has become a resident of Miami.

HE HAS TESTIMONY THAT THE GRAND JURY CAN USE!

The grand jury should get to the bottom of this mess.

# Chain Stores

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the Miami Area as well as others in Ft. Lauderdale and Hollywood. One of the Marget Ann Markets is located directly across the street from the Consumers Market at N. W. 7th Ave. and 21st Terrace.

BOTH the Consumers Market and the Margaret Ann chain ran their specials for the week end in Thursday's Herald.

However, none of the items listed in the Consumers Market ad were listed in the Margaret Ann ad except (note these prices) Chuck Roast at 49c per lb., Hamburger at 37c per lb., White Bacon 27 to 35c per lb.

The appearance of the morning Herald and the little Consumers Market ad made a considerable difference to the week end specials offered by the Margaret Ann across the street, with the result that the Management immediately displayed huge signs on its store front, offering the same items at lower prices than those of the Consumers Market.

This is of course a matter of business and a fight to the finish on the part of the Chain stores to eliminate the Independent market even though such vicious procedure requires selling at below wholesale prices, and demands that all of the ethics of fair play be discarded.

The following chart shows the present wholesale prices of the items that were offered by the Consumers Market as specials. It shows the prices that were blazoned from the front of the Margaret Ann across the street, on the same items. It also shows the prices marked on similar items in two other Margaret Ann stores in different locations.

Item	Wholesale Price	Margaret Ann			
		Consumers Market	N. W. 7th Ave. 21st Ter.	N. W. 18th Ave. Bet. 34-35 St.	N. W. 27th Ave. 29th St.
Bacon	.25 per lb.	.25	.25	.45-53	.53-69
Hamburger	.21 per lb.	.25	2-45	.37	.37
Chuck Roast	.41 per lb.	.43	.39	.59	.69
Sugar, 5 lb.	.454	.39	.35	.46	.46
Milk	11.8 per can	2-25	4-49	2-25	2-25
Tomatoes					
No. 2 can	11.1 per can	3-35	.10	2-27	2-27
Tide, pkg.	27.2 each	.27	.25	.28	.28
Rice, 2-lb. pkg.	32.8 each	.35	.25	.35	.34

All of this means that if you happened to purchase these items at the Margaret Ann on N. W. 7th Ave. and 21st Terrace you would have paid a much lower price than if you had made a similar purchase in the Margaret Ann store at N. W. 27th Ave. and 29th St.

As an example, sugar, in the five pound package was offered by the Consumers Market at 39c. Margaret Ann across the street offered the same package at 35c while the two other stores checked are offering this item at 46c.

Long grain rice wholesales at 32.8c. for a two pound package. Consumers Market offered this package as a special at 35c. Margaret Ann across the street offered it at 35c, while the other two Margaret Anns were offering it as 34 and 35 cents. A similar discrepancy is noted in all prices of the items listed.

Fair prices and fair competition should be a must with the Chain Stores since that is the only way in which they can prevent a renewal of the fight against this type of operation. It means too that if the Margaret Ann store across the street from the Consumers Market can sell at such prices, then all other Margaret Ann stores should allow their customers to participate in this reduction. The owners of the Margaret Ann chain of stores, pride themselves on their high standing in this community, and they are endowed with a certain amount of Civic pride. It is petty actions of this type, brought to bear against small competitors that will cause them to lose the respect of the populace, since the underlying motive must be to eliminate such small competition in order that the chains may regulate prices to suit their fancy. Such actions were at one time, and may still be, a violation of the Federal Fair Practice Act.

# Profs Shouldn't Tout Boxing

THREE University of South Carolina professors are staging a one-gang fight for a comeback of Southern intercollegiate boxing. These three professors, you can rest assured, have never been inside the ring—nor have they delved into the statistics of fatalities in the squared circle.

If they appreciated the harm that blows on the head can cause a man, they'd be fighting, not to re-establish or stimulate college boxing, but to outlaw ALL boxing as presently conducted.

At least, they'd seek to force anyone participating in a boxing match to wear such protective gear as to make it unlikely that they would receive any bodily injury . . . by that we mean: more heavily padded gloves, headguards to absorb shock and protect eyes and ears, and even a rubber tube, about the thickness of an inner tube wrapped around their bodies.

Then—and then only—can boxing develop truly into a game of science instead of one of brutality where the ability to absorb punishment is one of the necessary attributes.

## DOLLAR - FOR - DOLLAR, GRAVES TRACT SWAP GOOD DEAL FOR CITY

CHARLES S. Leyden, conductor of "Miami Diary" in the Daily News, takes issue with the Miami city commission for entertaining the thought of swapping the Graves tract, 1,600 acres of mostly swamp land, located three municipalities (count 'em!) north of Miami's city limits, for DuPont Plaza, most valuable vacant property in downtown Miami . . . which would give Miami a south-east window, so to speak.

The vague Leyden doesn't cite the contrasts as we do. Why, the location of the Graves tract makes it impossible ever to be useful to Miami as a municipal project.

Miami holds onto it only in the hope that the value will increase.

But by the same token, DuPont Plaza will increase, too—and possibly much faster.

If Miami can make a deal whereby it can obtain valuable downtown property—at least equal in value to this too-far-removed tract which can't possibly be taken into Miami's boundaries—Miami is making a good deal.

The last time the Graves tract was advertised, no bids were forthcoming.

Not long before that, Miami was offered \$1,000,000 for it. But unenlightened groups, aided by the daily press, pressured the city commission into refusing to sell.

## Alcoholism Cure? It Sounds Good

A NEW Danish drug just discovered would make it impossible for you to get drunk—in fact, imbibe more than one or two drinks comfortably. It should be explored to the fullest by the U. S.—the hardest-drinking nation on earth.

Hundreds of unfortunates right here in Miami spend more time in jail for drunkenness than they spend out and are a liability to the community. They're DISEASED with alcoholism.

These could be rehabilitated through this drug—IF it does its stuff.

So, instead of giving jail sentences, our city judge could prescribe "antabuse" tablets daily for a certain period—and after that make the habituals report periodically to his court.

In that way, these now-lost souls could possibly find themselves.

Of course, there are other factors to overcome. The liquor interests, for instance. They might "lobby" against it!

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