

Miami Party-Line

ACCORDING to the story going round the N. W. 44th Ave., 360 block, neighborhood this week-end, Mrs. Cole started it. She called up the telephone company to complain that Mrs. Wiggins, the other member of the two-party line, was listening in on her conversations.

The phone company phoned Mrs. Wiggins.

Wiggins listened carefully, then said:

"Sure, it's Mrs. Cole who's doing the listening—every time I'm on the phone!"

in: "That's a lie! I NEVER listen in on her phone!"

voice called: "What's a lie! I NEVER listen in on her phone!"

Well, did you ever know ladies could pull hair via a phone?



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BEACH ELECTIONS FROM 1932 THRU 1947

(Names in boldface caps were elected to four-year terms; next three, simply in boldface, two-year terms. Louis F. "Red" Snedigar was last elected mayor, serving from '34 to '37. Then the custom of making the top man mayor began with John Levi in '37, continued with Val Cleary in '39, but missed in '41, when, owing to a death, Cleary was continued. Mayor Wolfson in '43 went into service and John Levi again was named mayor by brother councilmen. Then in '45 Frink won so overwhelmingly that he became mayor without question, followed by Marché Liberman in '47.)

1932		ELECTED		4-YEAR TERMS	
JOHN LEVI	1,409	C. L. Clements	834	1941	
B. HIRSCH MEYER	1,341	Harry McCarthy	748	H. A. FRONK	4,144
E. L. Neuling	1,180	M. G. Gilroy	614	WM. BURBRIDGE	3,748
E. W. Babstee	1,167	L. M. Graves	525	B. Hirsch Meyer	3,511
Wm. Burbridge	1,129	Paul Pollak	523	Mitch Wolfson	3,491
Art. Childers	1,018	Sam Davenport	98	John Levi	3,318
C. F. Wheeler	956	L. M. Rogers	37	Ben Cohen	2,961
Edw. A. Taylor	923	TOTAL	12,502	Chas. Tobin	1,884
				John C. Frazure	1,397
				Harry McCarthy	1,388
				Franklin Ford	941
				Sam Bender	264
				Park Grundy	216
				Walter Ruhlman	114
				Wm. Tepper	109
				James Quinn	98
				Joe Mechlow	75
				TOTAL	27,659
				1943	
				MITCH WOLFSON	3,290
				RALPH POLE	3,126
				Val Cleary	2,798
				John Levi	2,356
				Lee Powell	2,335
				R. W. Ralston	2,066
				Chas. Tobin	1,659
				Ben Bronston	1,625
				E. Q. Rogers	248
				TOTAL	19,303
				1945	
				HERB FRINK	4,071
				LEE POWELL	3,384
				Wm. Burbridge	3,075
				L. F. Snedigar	3,067
				John Levi	2,982
				Harry Zukernich	2,817
				Maurice Klein	2,438
				Sidney Ellison	2,375
				Harold Spaet	2,250
				Sam Gold	2,078
				H. L. Perdue	1,454
				Dr. Hugh Larrimore	392
				TOTAL	30,464
				1947	
				MARCIE LIBERMAN	5,642
				MAURICE KLEIN	5,397
				Wm. Burbridge	4,703
				L. F. Snedigar	4,571
				Ralph Pole	4,384
				Harold Turk	4,357
				Melvin Richard	3,789
				Sam Gold	2,600
				Jack Kimball	1,664
				Theresa Kanter	1,561
				Mr. Owens	979
				Edw. Herr	2 2 2
				Frances Warrine	
				Mr. ...	
				TOTAL	24,291
				FOR MAYOR	
				(Didn't serve as referendum lost)	
				J. C. Frazure	
				Chas. Tobin	
				TOTAL	18,409
				1937	
				JOHN LEVI	2,601
				B. HIRSCH MEYER	2,456
				R. W. Ralston	2,344
				Harry Hise	2,210
				Wm. Burbridge	1,877
				Herb. Frink	1,613
				Ben. Cohen	1,264
				C. F. Wheeler	780
				L. M. Graves	697
				Jas. Boykin	683
				Chas. Tobin	419
				Joe Clements	393
				T. W. Palmer	308
				Ben. H. Taylor	283
				B. V. Frooms	204
				Maurice Klein	190
				Wm. E. Watkins	85
				TOTAL	18,409
				1939	
				VAL CLEARY	3,459
				R. W. RALSTON	2,980
				Harry Hise	2,771
				H. A. Frink	2,534
				Mitchell Wolfson	2,331
				Wm. Burbridge	2,330
				Ben Cohen	2,251
				M. J. Dallett	1,719
				L. F. Snedigar	1,687
				C. F. Wheeler	669
				R. P. Barnett	601
				B. J. Reilly	368
				J. C. Kimball	276
				Wm. E. Watkins	169
				Sam E. Haber	146
				TOTAL	24,291

Bar Ass'n Tries To  
More Implication  
Jacobson Mess

Over and over again, we have been asked if we have been threatened with a lawsuit for publicizing the attempted disbarment of Former Circuit Judge Ross Williams for the manner in which the Joseph E. Jacobson vs. Esther Regina Jacobson divorce case was manipulated to favor Jacobson, who with certain of his friends campaigned for Williams' election last year while the case was pending.

This is the notorious case (about to be reopened by Mrs. Jacobson) in which the law firm of Murrell, Fleming & Flowers was depicted as exerting undue pressure and unethical connivances to win for their wealthy client, a prominent Miami Beach realty trader.

And we have been asked whether or not any action has been taken against the principals—or is contemplated—by the Dade County Bar Association, one of whose duties, we've always understood, is to keep their members' noses clean.

To both questions, we've been forced to reply in the negative . . . and with a great deal of regret—because, if the charges made by this woman (who prior to her marriage with Jacobson was a well-to-do executive in her own right) are true, it's a case that every lawyer should delve into! . . . for the corruption is charged and the integrity is assailed.

9c Qt. Milk Tax

THIS IS political season in Dade county. And this time we're especially tax-conscious. There's been a real slowdown in business. It's getting tougher and tougher to make money, more difficult for the average wage-earner to make ends meet or for the property owner to pay taxes.

It shouldn't happen, but it is: we're faced with a state sales tax!

Regardless of how they try to hide the facts, this is what it amounts to.

is unsold than it does to produce a quart of milk hat IS sold or in demand?

Here in Miami where every quart is sold, the price is kept up.

This condition prevails here because the politicians and the daily newspapers PERMIT it.

WE HAVE had politicians—even the newspapers—advocate the removal of homestead exemption. We've even had newspapers and politicians advocate increasing our water rates (it will soon be a reality in Miami—a 50 per cent increase, at least).

But NEVER will we find a sane editor, or a sane politician, advocating a one-cent tax on a quart of milk!

THE NEWSPAPERS raise hell over Dade county's "law enforcement" in respect to gambling—a condition that has gone unchanged for 25 years with practically the same personnel, the same officials, the same faces involved. If there were any basis for their accusations, certainly in the course of 25 years, one little teeny iota of concrete evidence would have been produced to change the picture.

But are the newspapers and the Powers That Be really interested in changing the picture? Hardly.

They want to keep this condition alive, so that they can—whenever it is profitable to lull the public mind, or throw up a smokescreen—to HARP on it!

THEY'D realize that such a proposal would ruin them—either the newspaper or politician. Nobody would trust them any more.

While the people are mad, the local politicians are safe in their high-powered, lucrative machinations. The people overlook their outrages such as

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YET, OUR newspapers, and our politicians, consider the local public so naive and so uninformed and so gullible that they go ahead SECRETLY and impose on all milk users—not a mere cent tax on each quart of milk we buy—but FROM SIX TO NINE CENTS A QUART!

Wrong On Police;  
The're Probably  
Wrong On Huttoe

HERE'S the proof: In New Jersey, the price of milk was just reduced to 20 cents for home-delivered milk, and to 17 cents at groceries, etc. A cent per quart is added for homogenized milk.

WHAT we can't figure out is what the Crime Commission is getting at.

For more than a year, we've heard them prate about law enforcement; rather, the lack of it. But lo, and behold! last Sunday, apparently in an attempt to regain public favor, the Crime Commission came out and lauded the Miami police department!

Why, it said the p. d. was "on its toes." It cited the case of a man accused of white slavery attempting to conduct an illegal business here, and how the police harassed him to such an extent that he gave up all hopes of lighting here. That's the way the police should act, its director declared.

So, the Crime Commission has reached the end of its rope!

In the Miami area, milk sells for 26 cents a quart—both home-delivered AND AT GROCERY STORES.

The mere fact that there is a 3-cent discrepancy in home-delivered and store-bought milk in New Jersey proves we're being gypped in Miami when we buy milk at the top price at the retail stores.

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## LIFE lines-LIFE lines

Every time one sees a Miami newspaperman he expects a gambler or a pair of dice to pop out of the journalist's pocket.

Justice is blind and at times it is a bit deaf.

The present safety campaign directs attention to defective cars. And how about defective drivers?

It's not the cost of an article—it's the tax.

No people are less free and more regulated than the Americans.

In view of those strikes abroad, perhaps England and Berlin do not need American food and supplies so badly after all.

### Call The Next Case

By BOND

## No Tolerance

Refuses Reconciliation with Nassau Negro; Where Is This Freedom in America, With Thousands of Laws Restricting Personal Liberties?

CORNELIUS Shiver, Negro, was arraigned in Court of Crimes before Judge Wayne Allen on the charge of assault upon the wife. She was there with the little son. Cornelius admitted the paternity when the judge became a bit inquisitive and tried to lecture the two upon kissing and making up.

They had separated and the Missus didn't want Cornelius nohow no more. "He's jest a Nassau Nigger and we Florida born folks can't get along with 'em."

This, in spite of all civil rights and tolerance and brotherhood moves.

"That's a fine upstanding boy you got there," said Judge Allen, "and you people ought to make up for his sake. You ought to leave those Nassau women alone," he advised Cornelius.

"Have you got another man," the judge asked Mrs. Shiver. "No sah, and what's more I don't want to have anything to do with no more men, either."

Failing in bringing about a reconciliation, the judge ordered Cornelius to pay the wife \$12.50 a week as support for the little son. Cornelius is earning about \$45 a week. It won't leave him a great deal to squander on other women.

se of William S. Adams, convicted of ... and there was a mix-up between ... doctor. One of them had

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## AMAZING MIAMI IS SHOWN IN NEW CHAMBER BOOKLET

REplete with valuable data, a new issue of Miami Key Facts has been compiled and published by the Miami Chamber of Commerce and presented as an industrial survey. In order to keep up with the expansion of this section it is necessary to revise or put out a completely new publication frequently for the information of local and outside business.

This mimeographed booklet prepared by the Industrial Division is intended primarily to provide information to private and public business and institutions which may be considering this area as a location. Many figures, facts, and graphic charts are included.

In a brief historical review it is set forth that there are 800 manufacturers now located in Greater Miami as proof that Dade county is promoting industrial progress along with recreation and the tourist trade. A chart indicates a present population of more than 400,000 with an estimated 600,000 by 1950.

Financially, the charts and figures show bank debits in 1948 in excess of four billion dollars, clearings about half that total; and deposits of \$460,000,000. The assessed valuation of real estate in Dade county is given as \$780,010,609; that in Miami at \$248,438,550; Miami Beach, \$229,105,350; and Coral Gables, \$38,334,820.

Here is the data on shipments by water and air, by express and mail, by railroad, passenger travel, customs collections. One of the best criteria of growth is shown in the increase of electricity, gaining 100,000,000 KWH in one year to 576,252,682 in 1948. The telephones as of December 31, 1948, are listed as 157,416, a boost of 25,000 over 1947.

The estimated employment was 132,000 as the monthly average in 1948 in non-agriculture pursuits. The total of building permits last year exceeded \$153,000,000. Of course, there is something about the climate and numerous other items.

Miami is really quite a town and here is the factual proof of it.

## DOES SHELL GROCERY REJECT "UNION-MINDED"

THINGS we would like to know. Is the Shell Super Market, 5941 N. W. Seventh Avenue, unfair to union labor?

It has been reported that several persons recently were discharged, and the big grocery enterprise, refused to employ others because it was possible they might be "union-minded." One was a railroad man, who is idle during the summer, and had been promised work. As a railroader he naturally belonged to the railroad workers' organization. So Shell would not hire him. And even relatives were fired.

It is understood why Shell might be fearful of those who consider the lot of the workers, what with 63-hour work-week and low wages.

## HOT ROD DRIVERS ENDANGER LIVES

"If these 'jalopies' aren't shrugged off," yanked off the highways of Florida soon, a lot of 'hot rod' drivers are going to be killed or injured," warns H. N. Kirkman, who heads the Department of Public Safety's current campaign against unsafe cars.

"Since 16 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents in 1947 were traced to cars in need of repairs," Kirkman said, "it's time we stopped winking at, and condoning, these junkers. One of these days it may be you in front of that junk-heap when its brakes don't hold."

Kirkman congratulated the safety-conscious used car dealers in Florida who guarantee the safety of the cars they sell, or who refuse to buy for resale any car in irreparable condition. At the same time, he hit at other dealers who "sell their cars in irreparable condition, on a basis—often to

Five thousand people die annually, the Department of Public Safety points out, through neglect, carelessness, or postponement of needed repairs.

"The chief causes of these accidents," the director said, "are defective brakes, faulty tires and badly aimed headlights—all of them items that are easily checked, and easily repaired. In spite of this we estimate that one out of three cars on our streets is defective in some respect. This is a fair average of rejections made at state and city inspection lanes during the past few years—in some cases the vehicles have found it up to 70 or 80 per cent defective."

May

## Woolfe Enters Beach Race

A. Ernest Woolfe, realtor, builder, apartment hotel owner and president of the A. Ernest Woolfe Construction Co., announced his candidacy April 25th for the Miami Beach City Council election to be held on June 7. Woolfe, a resident of Miami Beach for 25 years, was born in London, England, and raised and educated in Canada. He gained considerable reputation there as a trapper and fur trader, author on the Canadian wilds, and later a professional hockey and football player. In addition to being a great athlete, he gained some fame as a landscape painter, pugilist, and breeder of Great Danes.

Woolfe boxed Tom Heeney in Miami in 1935 to raise funds for the survivors of the 1935 Matecumbe Key hurricane, and later became Miami Beach's first boxing commissioner.

In 1936 he was an energetic campaigner for the Everglades National Park and currently is president of the Miami Beach Anglers' Club, Inc., one of the most active groups in the state engaged in state conservation of wildlife and game.

Woolfe was one of the found-

ers of the Miami Beach Jaycees and long been identified with civic and fraternal affairs. He is a familiar spectator at City Council meetings, often addressing the council, usually offering constructive criticism, seldom criticizing.

In stressing his knowledge of the taxpayers' problems, Woolfe emphasizes a platform of progressive government that will be attractive to property owners and visitors; promotion to bring more housing program with view to improving the South Beach "slum" section; and a continuation of the zoning vigilance he has exercised for the past 20 years.

Woolfe is a member of the Elks lodge, Ocean Bay Masonic lodge; Temple Beth Sholem; Bnai Brith; Miami Beach Board of Realtors; Miami Beach Board of Directors of Zionists of America; executive committee of the Presidents' Council.

He and his wife and three children, son Tevey, 20; two daughters, Diane 14, and Rachael 6, live in their own home at 4474 Sheridan Ave.

## MIAMI JOBS DROP, BUILDING IS UP

J. A. Bliss of Florida Employment Service, reports widespread employment losses characterized the Miami economy during the past month and marked the end of this winter's tourist season. Total employment in non-agricultural establishments fell six per cent in April to an estimated 133,350. Although the decreases followed a usual seasonal pattern, this year the dip came earlier and employment reduction were more substantial than anticipated. The severest cuts occurred in service establishments with hotel employment falling almost 44 per cent and amusement and recreation 27 per cent.

Miami's fast rate of growth continues to keep its building activity at a high level. The city building division authorized new dwellings, mostly apartments, for 690 families during April. The month's total of \$5,270,832 was far ahead of March's \$3,710,978 and of the \$4,211,731 figure for April, 1948. Commercial buildings accounted for only one-third of the total building permit valuation for April.

There was a slight decrease in

area unemployment during April to an estimated 10,700 because of the out-migration of seasonal workers. The number of out-of-state job seekers has decreased about 50 per cent, but seasonal curtailments have caused a 13 per cent rise in the number of resident job applicants.

Reflecting the usual seasonal business lull, job opportunities available at the FSES during April fell 16 per cent to a total of 3,434. At the end of the month 315 openings remained unfulfilled, of which 163 were opportunities for women. About one-third of the demand was for clerical and sales workers, principally in trade, service and manufacturing establishments. Garment manufacturers continue to need qualified sewing machine operators, pressers, finishers and cleaners. A slight downward trend has been noticed in salary ranges.

Boyce A. Williams of Leesburg was sworn in as Collector of Customs for Southern Florida, in Tampa last week.

## SHOWMAN GETS IN BEACH POLITICS

ALONG the score who have entered the race for Miami Beach councilman is the well-known resident, Charles S. Westcourt, who was born and educated in Brooklyn, N. Y. In the Second World War, he was a graduate of the army administration course, Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, Ark. He was assigned to the Intelligence Department Air Corps, in the Mediterranean and European theaters of operation. His unit took part in five invasions and major engagements and he received five battle stars and the Presidential citation.

After Westcourt returned from two years of combat service, he was given a special assignment by his commanding officer to report to Miami Beach to assist in securing and producing theatrical entertainment for the disabled veterans in the government hospitals in the Miami area. He has been associated with the promotion of sports and theatrical enterprises for more than 20 years.

Prior to entering the armed services, he was chief air raid warden at the Beach under Doc Ed. As a resident of Miami Beach for 14 years, he has advocated such improvements as reservations on Miami Beach as far back as 1937. He has urged a legitimate theater auditorium for Miami Beach. His political platform of such planks as city charter, county government, the promotion of Greater Miami week during the summer, the improvement of police and fire department, the establishment of a health weights and measures municipal swimming pool, more recreation centers on Beach.

As Miami Beach must stand in the national light as a place of recreation and entertainment, he believes Miami Beach should have an expert showman on the council. Edmund J. Dwyer, Jr., a paid manager.

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# Too Late To Classify

By RUSSELL KAY

IN JACKSONVILLE there is a kindly, gentle, warm-hearted, hard working man who is in just about the same position as the "old lady" who lived in a shoe and had so many children she didn't know what to do.

He is affectionately known to thousands as "Daddy Fagg" and during the last forty years or so his organization, "The Children's Home Society of Florida," has been doing and more as well to over fifty-four thousand homeless, helpless, orphaned and less-privileged children of Florida.

They have come from every nook and cranny of the state, from every county and section and all have been warmly received and provided for. Good homes have been found for thousands of them with responsible foster parents. They have all been given the help and care that every child is entitled to and this has been provided at no cost to the taxpayer. Funds for the operation of the Society has been contributed through the years by generous givers who have taken this means of showing appreciation for the abundance God has seen fit to bless them with by sharing with the less fortunate.

Known as "Florida's Greatest Charity," The Children's Home Society of Florida has more than earned the right to this title and the splendid work it has done can be credited to the true American Way of Life, because it has been done not through forced action,

taxation, political bureaucracy or a police state, but through the generous, willing contributions of free and independent citizens who recognized the merit of the work and voluntarily gave of their time, effort and money to further it.

It is indeed refreshing in this day of socialized thought and governmental patronage to find an organization such as this flourishing and carrying on so effectively and efficiently with no other resource than faith and courage so great that it has met every financial need because the world is still abundantly blessed with those who have loving and understanding hearts.

I received a letter this week from Daddy Fagg calling my attention to current needs of the Children's Home Society and presenting an opportunity for service that comes just once in a lifetime—the opportunity to take these needy helpless little ones from the present crowded, dangerous fire-trap buildings they now occupy and place them in safe, modern, pleasant surroundings where they will have every facility necessary for their welfare.

From now through the month of June the Society will conduct a statewide campaign to raise the necessary funds to provide new buildings, playgrounds, gardens, medical and health units, in fact every facility needed to protect and care for these children as they should be cared for.

Unlike many such drives for funds, this one will be conducted without the aid of any high powered promoters and the payment of substantial percentages in commissions, salaries and expenses. The appeal will be made entirely by mail and every single penny received will go into the building fund since the cost of the campaign which represents primarily printed material, postage and labor has already been underwrit-

ten by friends of the organization.

Daddy Fagg points out that no gift is too large or too small, for all help possible will be needed to see the work through. A dime will buy some nails, a dollar will buy some needed hardware, five dollars will buy some roofing tile and so on and, of course, if you should feel like personally underwriting the whole project, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars is all it takes and you can simply write your check for that amount and take it off of your income tax.

On second thought, such a contribution would be a very selfish one for it would deny thousands of small contributors the pleasure and happiness that attends unselfish service to others. So let's every one share in this worthwhile project and contribute as our means permit, and I can assure you that in no other field of philanthropy, in no other area of community service, will the thoughtful donor find greater opportunity to make a wise, enduring gift than through the Children's Home Society of Florida.

Probably the greatest tribute to the Society is the fact that it enjoys the good fortune of having three thousand three hundred and twenty-four outstanding citizens combining their efforts as official representatives. These good folks who are already contributing their time, effort and money to this worthy work call on you to join them and urge that you make your contribution early so that the necessary funds can be made available and the building started soon.

Be prompt and be generous. The need for these permanent fireproof buildings is really desperate. Present buildings are old and totally inadequate and are such potential fire-traps that the children should be gotten out of them as quickly as possible.

## Herald's Dizzy Make-Up

AS most Miami Herald writers and editors manage to win medals for something, we nominate the Herald make-up man for the halls of journalistic distinction. As one example we cite the front page of Monday where, directly under a five-column banner line, announcing: "Forrestal Dies in Leap From 16th Floor Room," appeared the picture of Eddie Cantor, the comedian.

Anyone not knowing Forrestal and glancing at the page hurriedly would suppose that the cut was that of the late secretary of defense, instead of a radio jockey. Or else the reader might jump to the conclusion that Eddie was responsible for the suicide, that the suicide might have leaped after listening to Cantor singing about Susie.

Actually there was no connection. The only excuse for the pix of Cantor was that he had lost his job. But these Herald editors are going to cause a lot of more folks to jump or go to the booby hatch.

Merchants of Washington, D. C., took out a \$200,000 insurance policy with Lloyd's of London against the hazard that President Truman would not be able to go through with his inauguration on schedule.

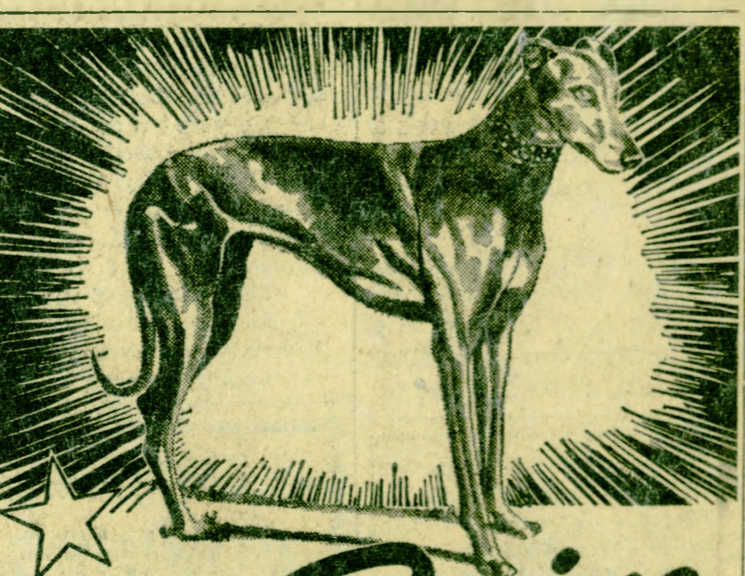
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The cat in milk and water soaks  
And then, in twelve short years it croaks.  
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## MADE IN JAPAN NOVELTIES BACK IN MIAMI STORES

Miami stores reveal that Japan is returning to normalcy at east. Again the little ornaments and novelties for which the Japanese became noted are back on the counters. And there's no inflation on them.  
Tiny and novelty figurines of plastic or chinaware, representing different types of musicians and gaily decorated, may be purchased for five cents. So the nickel has become worth something more than a telephone call, an hour's parking, or a cup of coffee.  
On the bottom of the little figures is the imprint—"Made in occupied Japan." That's effective propaganda, too. The Japanese are back at work. They could teach the Chinese and Europeans a lot of Americans lessons in enterprise. They turn out these novelties, ship them across the sea and across the United States and retail them for five cents.  
Indeed, a successful Japan might have become a threat to American economy. That may be why the United States feared a Japanese Asia more than a Russian one.

## SPIRIT OF 'FDR'

MIAMI LIFE declared both before and after President Truman's great victory that the spirit of Franklin D. Roosevelt still dominated the American scene, that his ideals still prevailed, and that those who intelligently advocated them would necessarily be victorious at the polls.  
In the past, we have pointed out that Pegler had nothing against Roosevelt personally, but that he was attempting to "sell" to Americans the idea that Roosevelt—modern America's greatest champion of the people—was really a hypocrite, a self-seeking scion of wealth and influence, born with a silver spoon in his mouth, and that he had cleverly fooled the people.  
We were nearly alone in taking this view.  
But since Roosevelt, Jr., was elected to Congress from New York in opposition to Tammany—duplicating in many ways his father's famous victory over that powerful adversary—the strength of the deceased FDR has become entirely obvious.  
The enemies of democracy pay Pegler well.  
And he has served them well—almost daily seeking to undermine and destroy the Roosevelt ideology.  
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## Death Crossing?

Reason for the Miami Herald recently...  
The Seaboard Airline railroad, in the streets?  
The Herald's efforts to defend the Seaboard, other to pretend the crossing is well marked, it def-  
not properly guarded in view of the fact that  
Seventh avenue is heavily traveled and the  
mer trains speed the limit of 77 miles an hour a  
point. This speed, outside of cities, is fixed by the  
bad commission. Going at that rate a train can swoosh  
in out of sight over the crossing before a motorist could  
proceed a few feet.  
Few drivers, outside of busses, stop at railroad cross-  
ings, and at this spot a speeding car has inadequate warn-  
ing when there are only a couple of paint marks on the  
pavement. The motorist can see the track himself by the  
time—when it may be too late.  
Unless the Seaboard and the Herald want to keep on  
killing persons at this point, there should and must be  
further guards, such as gates, or the automatic flash light  
and bells operating in ample time to halt traffic for the  
fastest train.

## WOMEN STAND IN LINE TO SEE SEX PICTURE

ANY suggestion of SEX stirs the girls all up. The Dixie  
theater, 222 N. E. First avenue, has not been doing any  
too well, like other movie houses, and so this week it  
advertised "Street Corner," violent and shocking, with a  
lecturer and nurses, and audiences segregated to women  
or men only at a time. How thrilling.  
The first performance was announced for Monday at  
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## AN ORANGE A DAY TO KEEP CORONARY THROMBOSIS AWAY

Dr. Ernest Klein, a blood specialist at New York University Bellevue Medical Center, has come forth with a theory that, properly exploited, should boom the citrus industry beyond the wildest dream of growers.  
In an article appearing in New York Medicine, he declared that a fruit juice highball is apparently a good way to prevent coronary thrombosis, the deadliest of heart diseases. This appeared in newspapers throughout the country—but we've found there's nothing so dead as a day-old newspaper.  
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## Jewish Memorial Day

THE Honor Guard of the Norman Bruce Brown Post No. 174, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, will hold their annual Memorial Day services this year on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day—on Sunday, May 29th, 1944.  
Services will be conducted at Mt. Sinai Cemetery at 9 a. m.; at Woodlawn Cemetery at 10:30 a. m.; and at Mt. Sinai Cemetery at 11 a. m.  
At each of the cemeteries named, Obbie Rosenthal, commander of the post, and Kenneth Braidman, captain of the Honor Guard, will give short but appropriate talks, followed by prayers by the post chaplain, Paul Siver, which will be followed by the firing of three volleys by the firing squad and the blowing of taps.

## Seats Taken From Postoffice Patrons

WITH the close of the season the main Miami postoffice has removed the chairs and turned off the bubbling fountain in the patio.  
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The corporations paying most of the tariff to keep the anti-labor law intact include Gen. Electric, Gen. Motors, Chrysler Corp., Allis-Chalmers, Inland Steel, Fruehauf Trailer, Nat'l Ass'n of Electric Companies and virtually all of the giant firms contributing to the Nat'l Ass'n of Manufacturers' propaganda fund.

Lawyers for the NAM and the various corporations cited have admitted drafting the Wood "compromise," mapping the lobby's strategy, and in some instances, being put on the GOP Congressional payroll so they could be in a more strategic position to wield their influence.

Gerald D. Reilly, former Labor Dept. solicitor and NLRB member, admits he is now making close to \$100,000 a year lobbying for anti-labor legislation. His clients include Gen. Motors (\$36,000), the Printing Industry (\$4,800), General Electric and several others whose retainers he has not yet chosen to disclose. Reilly has been working closely with Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio and has been described by the Senator as an "impartial adviser" and "New Deal lawyer." He will help Taft draft a Senate "substitute" for the Taft-Hartley law, which will probably be as phony as the Wood "substitute."

Together with Gerald D. Morgan, another corporation attorney who was paid \$7,500 by the Republican Nat'l Comm. for his advice on the Taft-Hartley legislation, Reilly actually helped write the measure, repeal of which Truman had made the first plank in his campaign.

In selecting former members of the Congress to lobby for special interests, big business apparently had in mind the fact that both Houses extend special courtesies to former colleagues, one of them being that they have the privilege of the Congressional floor and cloakrooms in which they can carry out their tasks.

Among the most active of the 132 ex-Senators and Representatives registered as lobbyists are:

- John A. Danaher (R, Conn.), representing Revere Copper & Brass, Inc.
- Burton K. Wheeler (D, Mont.), oil companies, railroads, utilities, etc.
- Robert Ramspeck (D, Ga.), Air Transport Assn. of America (aviation lobby).
- Wesley E. Disney (D, Okla.), 13 industrial interests.
- Fritz G. Lanham (D, Tex.), industrial interests.
- Clifton A. Woodrum (D, Va.), Amer Plant Food Council, Inc.
- Winder R. Harris (D, Va.), Shipbuilders Council of America.
- Albert E. Carter (D, Cal.), Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
- John J. O'Connor (D, N. Y.), Society of Marine Inspectors.

One of the few former Congressmen working in behalf of the general welfare is Jerry Voorhis (D, N. Y.), who represents the Co-Operative League of the U. S. Almost all of the others work for business interests seeking special favors from the Congress or else are engaged in work which has been described by liberal Congressmen as activity against the public welfare.

One of the foremost of these is Samuel Pettengill, ex-GOP representative from Indiana, who works with the native fascist Comm. for Constitutional Govt., the single biggest spender registering with the Congress. The CCG, headed by press lord Frank Gannett, admitted spending \$450,000 for propaganda last year, virtually all of it against social legislation. Its first-quarter expenditures this year are listed as \$149,066.

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HERE IS WHY OF MIAMI WEATHER; AIDS EUROPE

By DICK BRITE (Miami News Bureau) SOUTH Florida, which gives Northwestern Europe a measure of its matchless climate via the Gulf Stream, some day may be able to furnish it long-range weather forecasts, too.

which flows past the south Florida coast, then cuts across the Atlantic. The Gulf Stream's warmth, Dr. Smith explains, accounts for the relatively mild winters in England, as compared to the 60-be-low temperatures of Hudson Bay, which lies in the same latitude. It makes Norway and Iceland livable even though both are astride the Arctic Circle.

lieve variations in the course of the Gulf Stream are largely responsible. They hope to be able to help Europe make long-range weather forecasts by finding the rate of flow, the temperature and changes in the course of the current at various times of the year and under varying conditions. Previous estimates had put the rate of flow of the Gulf Stream past the Florida Straits at seven billion gallons of Equator-heated water per second.

lieve variations in the course of this area. "It is the ocean," he declared, "which makes Miami warm in winter and cooler in summer than any inland area in the United States." His studies have convinced Dr. Smith that the Gulf Stream is misnamed, and he announced he is in favor of something being done about it.

have little or nothing to do with the current from which it apparently gets its name." BERMUDA HIGH Geographers at the University of Miami are joining United States weather bureau researchers in attempting to peer behind the mystery of the "Bermuda High."

ous "Bermuda High" directly, while weather bureau explorers paradoxically are trying to unravel its mystery far away in the polar regions. "We know the effects of the 'Bermuda High,'" says Dr. J. Riley Staats, head of the university's geography department, "but reasons for its actions so far have escaped us."

this permanent high-pressure area, they can make long-range weather predictions for this area. Such forecasts would be worth millions of dollars to citrus growers and producers of high-value winter vegetable crops here. "The relatively constant breezes," he declares, "account for the fact that to date there has not been one recorded case of sun stroke in Miami in the summertime.

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# 9c Milk Profit

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six to nine cents EXCESS PROFIT on each quart of milk!

MIAMI LIFE told you two weeks ago that the newspapers would not raise their voices against an increase in our water rates—that they WOULD SUPPORT the demands of the Water Board to take the rate-making powers out of the hands of the people's city commissioners—and we WARNED that the people of Miami should not be surprised to wake up some morning to find their water bills FIFTY PER CENT HIGHER.

The reason we gave was that our legislators are ONE HUNDRED PER CENT SUBSERVIENT to the Daily Press's wishes.

We regret to say that recent events have proved MIAMI LIFE'S prognostications ONE HUNDRED PER CENT.

THE NEWSPAPERS will claim that the people of Miami want expansion of the water system and

are willing to give the Water Board the power to increase the rate high enough so additional bonds can be floated.

If that's so, the LEAST the Dade delegation can do is put a referendum clause in their bill.

Let the PEOPLE of Miami who must pay these bills DECIDE whether this is to be . . . whether at this time they feel they can afford an increased water rate!

The same goes for the milk situation.

If our politicians fought with equal vigor for LOWER MILK PRICES, it would be EASY for us to get them.

It would be a simple matter.

However, as long as the people continue, even in a small measure, to RESPECT or BELIEVE Herald editorials—or believe in the integrity of these SUBSIDIZED newspapers—then so long will we have government FOR and BY special and PREDATORY interests!

## 'MISTER ROBERTS' SUICIDE

WE DIDN'T seem to get the story about the "Mister Roberts" author's suicide that the New York papers printed. Thomas Heggen, 29-year-old author of the smash-hit, who was found dead in his bathtub after too many sleeping pills, was apparently upset by a love affair in which he was bested by another playwright.

His name had been linked romantically with Leueen MacGrath, English star of the recently closed "Edward, My Son."

And just briefly before the suicide, there had been a story in the papers concerning Miss MacGrath's future plans. Playwright George S. Kaufman announced he and Leueen would be married "sometime next week."

Heggen suffered from insomnia—which could explain the sleeping pills—and had been working hard on another book which, a friend said, "just didn't seem to

be coming out right."

His first and only published novel, "Mister Roberts," came out in August of 1946 and immediately hit the best seller list.

With Joshua Logan, he co-authored the stage play which has been playing to standing-room-only at the Alvin Theatre since it opened Feb. 18, 1948. Heggen's royalties have been estimated at \$4,000 a week.

Heggen lived at the E. 62nd St. apartment with writer-actor Alan Campbell, former husband of writing wit Dorothy Parker. Campbell has been in California for several weeks, and a maid, Ramona Cantero, discovered the body when she arrived to tidy up the flat.

Miss MacGrath declared Heggen was "just a friend," however. His divorced wife, Carol Lynn Gilmer, employe of Reader's Digest, was very much upset about it. Burial took place in Minneapolis, his parents' home.

## Crooked FP & L Machinations

IT seems that every time the city gets a utility expert who becomes sufficiently well-versed with its intricate machinations to combat it, the Florida Power & Light Co. hires him away from the city.

Tom Grady, our rate expert over the years—who at one time had 'em over a barrel and was instrumental in getting millions of dollars back for local electric users—is now on the FP&L payroll.

Latest casualty is Sidney Hoehl.

LET US digress a moment to tell you who controls the Water Co., allegedly a municipal enterprise.

When the FP&L was forced to sell the water company, it was paid millions more than it was worth. A subservient city commission "sold us down the river." Why, they even provided that the bonds held by the water company could NOT be paid off before expiration! . . . which makes it possible for the FP&L to RETAIN control of the water company, manipulating it as it sees fit, so it can float bonds (as it is attempting to do now) and do everything it wants to, even when it has an antagonistic city commission to deal with, as at present.

You see what they're doing.

Unable to coerce the present commission, they're getting the desired action from a subservient legislative body!

W. A. Glass, who headed the water department when the

FP&L owned it, today is STILL the head of the water board. In addition, George Estill, former president of the FP&L, is a member of the Water Board.

NOW—TO get back to Sidney Hoehl, former Miami utility expert. Hoehl, while in the employ of the city, divided his time between the Water Board and the city. But NOW he is employed to divide his time between the Water Board and—of all things!—the Florida Power & Light Co.!

WHICH MASTER DOES HE SERVE TODAY?

The city approaches a critical point in its history.

It's 30-year franchise with the FP&L nears an end.

And here it is, without ANYONE in its employ with even a SEMBLANCE of knowledge about utilities!

How in the name of justice can we get a square deal for the electric users of this community when we have NO municipal representation against the highly paid, highly trained utility experts in the FP&L employ.

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## Tax Threatens Florida Progress

By B. B.

THIS worst of all Florida legislatures is now threatening the state's progress, entire economy, and the survival of many small shops and enterprises through the proposed enormous tax gouge which will affect every person and community. Instead of devoting all efforts towards economy and curtailment of expenditures under the circumstances, Gov. Fuller Warren, forgetting his campaign promises, and the legislature are seeking to see what means can be found to raise more and more money.

Florida's rapid rise in recent years and the magnet set out to draw northern capital and residents were partly attributed to the tax freedom enjoyed in Florida as compared to other states. Here was a well managed commonwealth, without debt, efficiently handled, with inheritance and homestead exemption, without sales taxes. It was a governmental and tax paradise.

All this would now be destroyed. Thousands of people who come to Florida purchased all types of goods because there was no sales tax. They had various personal services performed by local shops to avoid the extra taxation in the north.

Now Tallahassee would eliminate all of these advantages by an outrageous tax scheme that would stop much of this business, would discourage the stream of capital, of investments, and of tourists to Florida. It would dampen so-called free enterprise still further, it would force many small places to quit.

The huge tax grab is a definite threat to Florida's future. It must be averted.

## Oil News Ignored By Dailies

UP the state, the newspapers take far more interest in Florida oil development, which is almost exclusively confined to the Miami area, than the Miami dailies do. Why? We can't figure it out.

Up in Jacksonville the other day one of the most outstanding groups in convention annals met there—and it concerned oil. It was the spring session of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, representing 21 states and meeting in Florida for the first time. Combatting oil imports that result in the cutting down of American production was the main business before the convention.

And at the same time, State Geologist Herman S. Gunter reported that prospectors have been greatly encouraged by the present 1,500-barrel output in the Sunland Field.

He disclosed that statistics presented by Frank S. Wright, assistant to Gov. Warren, shows that 23 million of the state's 37 1/2 million acres are under lease for oil exploration purposes and setting production, from 1943 through March of this year, at 760,000 barrels.

Why are the Miami dailies suppressing all these oil stories?

## The Garden Head Attends Big Meet.

MARIA FREYER and Rudi Schmelik, of The Garden, 2235 S. W. 8th St., are in Atlantic City attending the national Restaurant convention at the Traymore Hotel. They were special guests Tuesday night of Duncan Hines, the internationally known gourmet, at the dinner he gives annually for a few of America's greatest restaurateurs.

On Wednesday they saw "South Pacific," a Broadway hit, as the guests of Lee Shubert.

Rudi with his magic art and music was in great demand at all of the snappy cocktail parties.

Ralph Stephens is back at The Garden after an absence of a year and reports that it seems like coming back home. Steve has acquired a great many friends during his years of planning and directing Greater Miami's smartest parties, when he had charge of University Club, Yeager's Roof, Coral Gables Country Club, Lilley's and Manning's. In a brief statement, Steve said:

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