

## Miami Life Predicts:

THAT Burnett Roth Will Emerge As the "Man Of The Hour" After Beach Election Results Are In!

### SCANDAL In Journalism:

The way the TWO Miami Dailies a couple of weeks ago suddenly hushed their tirades against Miami Beach's notorious S. & G. Syndicate! . . . Very mysterious, at first glance . . . But wait . . . They really want nothing to happen to S. & G.—note their support of candidates favorable to and responsible for conditions at the Beach! . . .

What ARRANT HYPOCRISY!

# Chas. L. Gabriel Named As Anonymous 'Gambling Graft' Letter Writer!



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## Sheriff Sullivan Wins Again

THERE never was any danger of Sheriff Jimmy Sullivan being ousted by Gov. Fuller Warren. Sunday's Daily News had to admit it. The main reason is this: It would have pleased Miami's two daily newspapers too much!

These papers bitterly attacked Sheriff Sullivan before, during, and since Sullivan's election. Sullivan has beat them at every turn.

Gov. Warren received NO support from either of these dailies in getting elected.

It is easy to become politically obnoxious to Gov. Warren. Both the News and the Herald have long been in that pet Warren category.

So, even if Sullivan were not already in the good graces of the governor, the mere fact that the two Miami dailies want his scalp, would insure his job!

Gov. Warren's retention of Sheriff Sullivan is a direct slap at both the daily press and the Crime Commission, and their hypocritical campaign to give us a "clean county."

Gov. Warren obviously believes the majority of Dade Countians haven't changed their minds since a few months ago, when a majority of the voters warmly approved Sheriff Sullivan's conduct of the sheriff's office.

## Elks, Legion, Variety Bars ALL Violate 'Curtew'!

THE closing ordinance of bars in private clubs at 1 a. m., same time as ordinary bars close, is becoming more and more a highly controversial subject. Downtown bar-owners claim that the mere fact that there is no place to go after 1 a. m. de-glamorizes the downtown section and therefore their business is being hurt. Same for parking-lot operators, who heretofore have had crowded lots.

The loudest objection is from the cabbies. They say their livelihood has been cut immeasurably.

So, the chartered clubs are quietly moving to rescind the ordinance.

Their members are vociferous.

They say there ARE certain clubs that can sell liquor after-hours without molestation. They say that when the ordinance was passed, these particular clubs were given to understand they wouldn't be affected.

Now it's all right, they say, to pass an ordinance that might benefit the entire community. But it isn't honorable—not fair—to discriminate. In fact, they say, it's illegal, unconstitutional.

MIAMI LIFE investigated.

We found the American Legion bar open after hours. Jimmy Heath was bartender.

Also, the Variety Club, Alcazar roof, Billy Walters was serving the drinks there.

And the Elks Club, too. Buddy Costello was putting out the after-hours drinks to his Elks clientele.

Now you might say that these are big organizations and should not be molested, while the oth-

ers, you say, come under the head of "rackets."

But if these clubs are "rackets," why can't they be closed ENTIRELY?

We have permitted them to run.

We have permitted them to spend thousands of dollars under the assumption that their members could be served and entertained at any time.

These clubs were promoted and formed by enterprising men and groups.

The mere fact that among them might be two or three or four undesirable elements, is no reason why the legitimate ones should be penalized.

Therefore, MIAMI LIFE takes the stand—and the good people of this community, we feel, should take the same stand—that if the law is to be enforced, it should be enforced with equal force among all.

No discrimination should be made.

If, in this form, it becomes unpopular, then it should be rescinded completely.

If special privilege is granted to some select groups, all the more reason for its rescinding!

We believe that if the charter club owners can definitely prove to the city commission that these other clubs are staying open after hours in violation of that law, the commission should move as we have suggested: either enforce the law without fear or favor, or rescind it.

It's the only fair thing to do.

Let's not make fish of one and FOUL the others.

## PRO-RR TRAFFIC BOARD

IT IS becoming more and more apparent that the Miami Traffic Board, designated by the city of Miami to work out an agreement with the F. E. C. Railroad to facilitate the removal of downtown tracks and the F. E. C. station, is working in the interest of the railroad instead of the city.

So far this board has granted practically every wish of the railroad monopoly.

Isn't it possible to make it mandatory that the railroad furnish right-of-ways at every intersection and to have gates and guards at every intersection?

Our city attorney is dubious, because he foresees a long legal fight.

But we say, go ahead into the courts.

The more the F. E. C. is on record as obstructing, delaying, pressuring, bribing, and oppressing the city of Miami, the better the case for the city will be when it is finally decided.

The F. E. C. is bound to lose. For no railroad on earth has got so much for so little service.

Right now, while it is arguing against removal of the station and the tracks, its sponsors KNOW PRIVATELY that their own really holdings would be so enhanced by the resultant beautification that they could afford to do it all by themselves—AND MAKE MONEY ON THE DEAL!

As usual, they're playing us for suckers.

REAMS of publicity have been devoted to anonymous accusations of graft payments to city officials, police, detectives, etc., for the privilege of operating vice dens, gambling emporiums, and houses of prostitution in Miami.

So blatant has been the hue and cry of the newspapers and semi-publie figures that a grand jury investigation has been demanded.

Even the legislature paused in the hectic rush of closing hours to heed the voices of its masters (the local press) and hastily vote the Dade grand jury \$30,000 for investigation purposes and "enforcement of the law."

And, for the first time in our history, the ENTIRE detective force of the City of Miami brought suit against the Miami Daily News for slander, after that paper bluntly charged that 16 detectives were taking graft.

### To Distract Public's Attention

MIAMI LIFE has pointed out, however, that all this follows a well-known pattern. Every time it looks like the police force's arch-criminal, the crooked C. O. Huttoe, erstwhile head of the detective bureau and Underworld Czar, is about to be CONVICTED, the papers throw up a smokescreen. And they SMEAR everybody ELSE! . . . (We said Huttoe was CROOKED. THAT we can PROVE!)

This time Huttoe seemed nearer the end of his rope. So the SMEAR became worse.

Every time Huttoe is suspended (it is happening now with such unprecedented frequency that he has lost his easy calm) and his brilliant attorney is trying to get the supreme court again to reinstate him on this or that technicality, everyone else in the law-enforcement picture is made to LOOK like what Huttoe REALLY IS!

The idea, of course, is to divert public gaze from Huttoe.

Huttoe must be protected.

Some insiders say the cunning Huttoe "has got so much" on Miami Big-Wigs that they HAVE to protect him, or else!

### Revealing the Letter Writers!

THE CURRENT "crusade" is based on several anonymous letters, frequently referred to by the dailies, accusing the highest police officials of conspiring with "organized crime" to

carry on its activities in Miami.

These anonymous letters mention the officials alleged taking graft by name.

Now, if this were backed by concrete evidence, it would be invaluable to Miamians really concerned in stopping municipal graft.

If it isn't, however, irreparable damage is being done our city.

Want to know who wrote these letters?

Well, we'll tell you what we hear in gambling circles.

We hear these letters were written by Charles L. Gabriel, well-known beer distributor, 24 N. E. 24th street, and Charles Ford, a gambler.

We hear they were partners in a gambling syndicate with R. C. McLendon, owner of the Dade Tire Co.

They were either pushed out, or dropped out, of McLendon's bookie business when things got tough.

It is revenge, not civic betterment, that motivates the writing of these letters.

### Make These Writers TALK!

NOW THAT it is obvious that it's bookmakers and gamblers who are making these charges, these highly touted "anonymous letters" become ABSOLUTELY WORTHLESS so far as evidence goes. Their ulterior motive is too plain.

The writers of them are evidently trying to force their former partner, through threats of exposure, to take them back in with him.

When they read this issue of MIAMI LIFE, the grand jury, knowing who the authors of these "anonymous letters" are, should summon them, and force them to tell the whole truth about their activities.

If they can furnish no evidence, then the skirts of those whom the daily newspapers have smeared should be cleaned.

And apologies should be forthcoming for them.

If they HAVE evidence, then we say the grand jury should "go to town" with indictments!

We're entirely too prone to believe everything that is shouted to us by the headline writers and editorialists.

In this case, too many of us have even been accepting these anonymities as FACT!

Now let's have some REAL ACTION!

Let's hail their AUTHORS into court—and MAKE 'em talk!

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## LIFE lines-LIFE lines

Now it is really June in Miami.

If jumping out of tall buildings becomes a practice it may be necessary to spread nets around them.

It is a good thing that the F. E. C. trains move faster than the old station.

Wonder if the internal revenue department rates the catch of professional fishermen as net profit?

Taxation has become tyranny in America.

## Call The Next Case

By BOND

## No Court Holiday

City Handled 200 Cases Memorial Day; Judge Would Attempt Window Jump For \$2,000

It was not true as the dailies said. All of the offices were not closed Memorial Day. The municipal court of Judge Cecil C. Curry functioned as usual to clear up the accumulation of week-end arrests. Drunks, vagrants, battlers, disturbers of the peace, reckless and drunk drivers. Some 200 of them. They were presented with mementoes of the occasion.

The judge, perhaps, did not like the idea of all those souls rusticated another day and night in the city bastille. He went to work and cleaned up the docket. So poor Jack Bell would not be kept awake worrying over the sad lot of the ladies and gentlemen locked up in crowded quarters. Of course, they could have stayed out by keeping sober. But Jack didn't think of that.

However, the Court of Crimes honored the day by staying closed. But Judge Wayne Allen, off the record and quite confidentially, admitted he would have been just as well off if he had gone to the quiet confines of the court. As it was he had to listen to orders from the wife importuning him to perform various household tasks. And there is no appeal from her rulings.

Herman H. Gerhard should learn not to drive. He was arraigned before Judge Curry on the charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicants, of reckless driving and causing an accident. He was fined \$100 and costs or 44 days. But he was also accused of driving after his license had been suspended. On this charge he got 15 days in jail, during which time he will not be a motorist.

If you want to hear amusing sidelight remarks, drop into the Court of Crimes some morning when Judge Allen is in a good mood. Charles Hornbuckle, the window climber, was back in court. Last week Hornbuckle was waiting a hearing before the judge on the charge of being drunk after spending a couple of days in jail. He crawled through the window and by some method managed to drop two flights to the fourth story roof without injury. Then Hornbuckle could not get back into the courthouse because those windows were all closed.

Anyway Hornbuckle was soon back in the hands of the law, was given a dose of treatment at the Miami Retreat and here he was before Judge Allen.

Hornbuckle said he couldn't remember the incident at all.

"It must have been potent liquor," said the judge if you still had such a confused mind after two days in jail. Are you a porch climber?"

"No sir," mumbled Hornbuckle, "I wouldn't attempt that again for \$1,000 or \$2,000."

"Oh, I would tackle it for \$2,000 myself," replied the judge, dismissing Hornbuckle, after finding him guilty.

Roy F. Lenig was fined \$15 and costs for speeding. The officers declared Roy had said all cops were dumb.

Judge Allen interrupted to say: "I won't rule on the truth of that. There are smart and dumb cops. There may even be smart and dumb judges, although I don't know of the latter." Roy denied making the statement about the traffic police.

James Angus Nobles remained silent before the bench. He refused to take the oath or give any testimony in defense of the charges of intoxicated and reckless driving. The judge found him guilty on the latter, fined him \$50. Angus said nothing. Even if he is Scotch.

MIAMI LIFE has received numerous complaints over the possibility of the city swapping its municipal golf course at Miami Springs for the Miami Country Club and using the latter for other purposes than a municipal golf course.

If it's done, watch thousands of golfers work hard against the reelection of any commissioner who goes along with this proposal!

It's our guess that the City of Miami will wind up leaving things as they are and risking the possibility of Miami Springs going into court to acquire the Springs golf course.

## Huttoe's Lawyer Knows His Magic

WHAT did we tell you!

Hasn't every move made so far by Vincent Giblin, brilliant and cagey lawyer for Lieut. Huttoe, precisely confirmed our predictions? . . . namely, that he will try everybody, everything, every OTHER issue except Huttoe!

We told you that the EVIDENCE as to Huttoe's guilt or innocence was NOT going to be the basis upon which Giblin would try to win Huttoe's acquittal.

We said it would be LEGAL TECHNICALITIES! Through these will Huttoe attempt to squirm out of his latest crimes.

TRICK No. 1—The newspaper campaign to besmirch OTHER police officials and belaud the issue by constantly reiterating that "these grafting police officers framed Huttoe because they can't stand an honest man like Huttoe among them"—or words to that effect.

TRICK No. 2—Delay . . . Huttoe does NOT urge his name be cleared instantly—as an HONEST OFFICER would! By TECHNICALITIES, his attorney expects to delay the case long enough that the people will forget the lies Huttoe told at the time, the incriminating circumstances under which he was discovered, his sordid "romance"! . . . Now it's postponed from June 4 to June 13.

TRICK No. 3—For the first time attacking the constitutionality of Hart's dual position as city manager and safety director . . . What a laugh to lawyers! . . . That wasn't brought up before—for instance, when City Manager Dick Danner fired Huttoe. He held the dual job, too!

It's just legalistic hullabaloo.

For each NEW time Huttoe is tried, Giblin pulls another rabbit from his hat to bewilder and delay. So ancient is the state's constitution that it's not hard for a patient lawyer to find such a rabbit.

By the way, one element of this case that has been consistently avoided by the newspapers, and by Atty Giblin, is the woman in the case.

The public hasn't been informed for a long time as to her whereabouts.

She skipped town when she knew that a grand jury summons had been issued for her appearance before that august body. Reputedly, she was to return in a short time to testify in Huttoe's behalf.

She is no longer at her husband's side.

That was the excuse for a time.

But he has already been tried and con-

## Liberty In Liberia

By B. B.

It seems Monrovia, Liberia, has a problem, as who hasn't. Liberia used to have telephones until the war came along and the German company moved out hurriedly. Since then several hundred runners have filled the gaps and now it is proposed to restore telephones, ousting these fellows from a good job. That's the trouble with scientific advancement. It puts men out of work and replaces them with girls.

It ought to be awful peaceful in Monrovia without no telephones. If you want a message delivered you just send a runner running with it and wait for the reply. No bells jingling in the middle of the night. No wrong numbers. No parties gossiping on your line when you wish to put through an emergency for the ambulance. No busy signals. Nobody calling you to ask for a donation to the sick elephants' home, sponsored by the G.O.P. Nobody even calling you up to identify the name of the mystery song so you can win a union suit and a million dollars. There's a lot to be said for this runner system, especially

when you can hire a runner for \$15 a month. During his idle moments he might trim the bushes, cut the lawn, and paint the back porch. However, it might be a little difficult to operate successfully in Miami if, for example, you in Coconut Grove wanted to contact a party in North Miami. It might be weeks before the runner got back. It would be simpler to mail a letter.

And if you desired to call up your favorite date and discuss the economics of love, the runner would be of no value whatever, especially if you wished to hear her gentle cooing voice. On the other hand the old lady could not raise you at the office and bawl you out for failure to empty the garbage.

It would be tough, too, on the hookies. Imagine all the runners they would be obliged to hire, and as like as not they would start betting on which runner would arrive first. Without the co-operation of the telephone company the gambling fraternity could hardly prosper. Maybe they don't have hookies in Monrovia. Liberia has its liberty. You can't have everything. Us civilized folks have the telephones.

victed of murder.

What's her excuse now? And Huttoe's for not bringing her here?

And if she is here, why isn't the public informed of the fact?

After all, the public is entitled to know all about this case. The people of Miami are vitally interested in the morals of high police officials like Huttoe. They don't like the idea of a man in his high position committing acts for which a layman would be arrested and thrown UNDER the jail!

## No Self-Analysis In Pegler!

WESTBROOK Pegler IS blind. We base Columnists Winchell and Pearson in his this conviction on the way he describes Brother abortive attempts to make them guilty of having needed Forrestal into such a mental state that he leaped from his hospital window to his suicide.

Pegler said their criticisms were unfair and unwarranted, that Forrestal instead deserved their plaudits.

Now we're not going to take issue with Pegler as to the justification for his attack on these two great columnists.

But it is apparent—and somewhat amazing—that he doesn't think too well of anyone who'll unjustly criticize, or malign, those who are undeserving of it.

Now if Pegler is NOT blind, how can he reconcile his own writing about the Roosevelt family? For years he has been waging an unsuccessful battle to turn Americans against the Roosevelt ideologies.

When Pegler looks into the mirror, he sees a Super-Hater, who for years has UNJUSTLY, UNFAIRLY, castigated the greatest humanitarian in America's public life!

The Roosevelt name he continues to drag through the mud.

FDR is unable to answer in person the lies that Pegler hurls at him—and which Pegler did not DARE to hurl against him while he was living!

Pegler's attacks on Roosevelt seemingly are purely political, because both Winchell and Pearson consistently supported Roosevelt and subscribed to his policies.

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Why? They're given the power and right to buy water company—which means that a movement is under way to take the Water Co. from under the jurisdiction of the City of Miami. We know the reason for that: the Miami commission so far has staved off attempts of the Water Co. to boost rates 50 per cent!

Now what the Powers-That-Be want is to increase the water rates and at the same time PROTECT the Florida Power & Light Co. from the possibility of the people taking over!

Naked Facts

AFTER READING Lee Mason's amusement column, it would seem that the principal night club entertainment in Greater Miami consists of women taking off their clothes. No wonder business declines. You can see the girls sans apparel in grocery stores, on the beaches, the streets, everywhere. And no cover charge.

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When we took the policy out we questioned the agent regarding "in case of sickness payment shall begin with the third treatment and continue only during the period that such sickness necessitates continuous total disability and prevents such member from performing each and every duty pertaining to his occupation and causes total loss of time."

The agent assured us that this particular paragraph did not refer to the housewife as she was rarely completely disabled and although ill and under the doctor's care, would carry on with some of the home duties.

Recently I was stricken with migraine headaches and found it necessary to visit the doctor each week. I promptly paid my doctor's bills and notified the Bankers Life and Casualty that I was under the doctor's care, sent them the necessary information, etc. Under the terms of the policy they were to pay \$2.00 on each call to the doctor's office, provided I did not make more than one call a day. My visits were weekly, costing between \$4.00 and \$6.00 each visit.

I was notified by the Bankers Life and Casualty Company that because I was not completely disabled that they could not pay the \$2.00 weekly on these visits to the doctor. Needless to say I have dropped the insurance.

Perhaps President Truman's plan may not be perfect but apparently the FAMILY GROUP SURGICAL OR MEDICAL EXPENSE POLICY, WHITE CROSS PLAN, underwritten by the Bankers Life and Casualty Company is not the answer either.

The statement made by the agent that total disability only applied to the "breadwinner" of the family... I do not have in writing, unfortunately. However, I doubt if even that would help. DISGUSTED.

Aid Cancer Fund

Editor, Miami Life: We are appealing to you as a civic-minded business man of Dade County to help us secure adequate funds to carry on the research and educational program of the American Cancer Society and to help support and maintain the recently completed Dade County Cancer Institute which at present will be used as a cancer detection clinic and will soon be open to the public.

The joint campaign of the American Cancer Society and the Dade County Cancer Institute is asking for \$97,450. Over seventy-five per cent of the funds raised through this campaign will remain in Dade County. I am sure you are thoroughly acquainted with this current fund-raising campaign through the radio and press.

Since the first of this year the mortality rate of cancer deaths in this area has been well over two hundred. Cancer is no respecter of persons—today's sound, healthy person is often tomorrow's victim, and yet today's research might well be tomorrow's cure.

Miami desperately needs this cancer detection clinic which is the only one south of Atlanta. Mail checks care of Cancer Campaign Headquarters, 126 NE First Street, Miami.

OSCAR F. MILLER, Campaign Chairman.

SPORTSCOPE By JOE MAHONEY

Illustrations for Ted Williams and Chuck Bednarik. Ted Williams: BOSTON'S "SPLENDID SPINTER," GETS MORE WALKS PER GAME THAN ANY OTHER BATTER IN ALL BASEBALL HISTORY. Chuck Bednarik: CHUCK BEDNARIK, PEP'S BRILLIANT CENTER, RECALLS THE TIME HE PLAYED AGAINST ARMY AND B. RICHARD AND DAVIS. "DAVIS RAN AWAY FROM ME," SAID CHUCK "AND BLANCHARD RAN OVER ME!"

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Cabbages and Kings

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

HENRY Flagler should turn over in his grave at the atrocious condition of Miami's Main Street—named for him! . . . Miami Newsman Cecil Warren, asked how many kids he has, responded, "Five and two-thirds!" And winked! . . . New York City movie houses have dropped 25 per cent in admission prices. But no echo in Miami yet . . . As long as most metal things you buy RUST, you can't say we've reached a post-war era! . . . Best Burlesque Build-Up For Years—Earl Wilson's description of one Minsky queen: "Miss Nevada Smith, the girl with the Idaho potatoes!"

Robert Nathan, John Selby, J. B. Priestley, and H. L. Mencken."

HERE'S an Abraham Lincoln quote you don't find often: "Prosperity is the fruit of labor; property is desirable; is a positive good in the world. That some should be rich shows that others may be rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise. Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him labor diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring his own shall be safe from violence when built."

CHARLES Cooke, New Yorker reporter in his great little book, Playing the Piano for Pleasure, says on page 8: "There is in Chicago a Business Men's Orchestra, with a personnel consisting of presidents and vice-presidents of businesses, doctors, dentists, and lawyers. For several years the National Broadcasting Company carried a program called, 'Music Is My Hobby,' originated and produced by Walter E. Koons, among other performers, Einstein and Hendrik van Loon played the violin, a vice-president of the Commercial National Bank and Trust Company sang songs, and Hartwell Cabell, a cousin of Branch Cabell, played the piano."

IN ORLANDO last year "oranges were given away," declares Harper's Magazine, explaining that for a long time there have been too many orange trees. "Four million boxes of Florida's rotted on the trees. But this season the deep freeze will use three-quarters of all the juice oranges grown in the state." The article adds that Mayo Clinic and other hospitals have found that their is higher ascorbic acid (Vitamin C) content in Minute Maid (Vacuum Foods' fast-frozen product) than market-bought fresh fruit, because the canned product is tree-ripened oranges. So there's a new era ahead for Florida citrus.

MR. COOKE continues: "I have reserved for last a tabulation of some amateur pianists, because I believe it will both surprise and inspire you: Mr. Cabell, mentioned above; the two Katherines of the stage, Hepburn and Cornell; Maurice Evans, the great "Richard II"; Hollywood's Fred Astaire, Adolphe Menjou, and Charlie Chaplin (Chaplin and Einstein both play the piano in addition to the violin); Vladimir Karapetoff, professor of electrical engineering at Cornell and considered the greatest man in his profession since Steinmetz; Edouard Herriot, thrice Premier of France; Richard L. Simon of Simon & Schuster; Major John A. Warner, superintendent of the New York State Police, who recently played Rachmaninoff's First Concerto with the New York Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall; Rear Admiral R. E. Bakenhus, U. S. N., retired; Peter Arno, the cartoonist; Fritz Kreisler, the violinist; Elliott Paul, the repatriated expatriate writer; and authors Manuel Komroff, John Erskine,

EVEN the shirts that are priced from \$15 upwards still adhere strictly to the three sizes—Small, Medium, large. How nice for the manufacturers, but how sad for the shirt-wearer, MOST of whom have chests that are just in between these sizes, i. e., viz., small-medium and medium-large!

IT'S chronic disease (and, curiously, each of the worst offenders is linked up somehow with what you take into your stomach and lungs) that's causing fifty out of every 100 deaths these days. A hundred years ago the figure was only SIX! The most prominent of these chronic diseases are hardening of arteries, heart disease, and diabetes. Eating, sleeping, breathing—and thinking—properly will stave them all off! (Authority, Dr. William F. King, noted medical expert.)

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# NEED FOR EMERGENCY DOCTORS EMPHASIZED

MIAMI LIFE, for months over radio and through its editorial columns, has demanded and pleaded for a central clearing point in Miami to make doctors available for emergencies . . . a service like that the police and fire departments furnish us . . . to make emergency medical aid no further away than your telephone . . . whereby a call to city hall could produce a doctor upon the scene in MINUTES!

Three weeks ago, in one of these articles, we asked how many people would have to die before some commissioner did something about this (and thereby build a monument for his wisdom).

At that time a man had fallen downstairs and fractured his skull. He was unable to get medical attention for 24 hours. He died in a hospital next day. He might be alive today if he could have got medical aid immediately.

Well, the ink was scarcely dry upon this question, when another death occurred.

Five-months-old Jerrie Lynn Codrick is dead now, because, her parents claim, they were unable to get proper medical attention.

They took the baby to a local hospital three times.

The first time the baby was treated and then was sent home, the mother being told to bring it back if further complications develop. That was on Monday of last week.

On Wednesday, the father, returning home from work, found the baby gasping for breath. The parents took the baby back to the hospital. The doctor there gave her a shot of penicillin, and told the parents to bring the baby back next day for another examination. But at 11 p. m. she was still gasping for breath, and they took it back.

But the same doctor wasn't there. The

nurse went next door and talked to another doctor. This doctor sent word—without an examination—that the baby was all right. "It

## Protest Doctor Bill's And Services

MRS. HELEN DORSEY, 750 N. E. 81st st., Miami, has received a bill from Dr. M. E. Edelman, Calumet bldg., reading: "For professional services rendered to daughter Lillian Dorsey from May 22, 1949 to May 26, 1949 at Biscayne hospital, Miami, Florida. Total Charge—\$250."

Mrs. Dorsey declares the bill is excessive as the doctor visited her daughter only five or six times at the hospital following an auto accident. The accident occurred shortly after midnight Sunday morning when the car, in which Miss Dorsey, aged 20, was riding, ran into a dead end street, throwing her forward suddenly so her head hit the back of the seat, she being in the rear.

She was taken to Biscayne hospital and arrived just as Dr. Edelman was leaving. He was immediately put on the case. The girl had suffered an internal hemorrhage in the head and was bleeding severely from the eyes, nose and mouth. The doctor worked on her for nearly two hours.

On Tuesday, says Mrs. Dorsey, the girl suffered another hemorrhage while in the hospital. There was no doctor nor intern at the institution and a hurried call was sent for Dr. Edelman about 1 p. m. He did not come for four hours but in the meanwhile, by phone, directed the nurses, who worked hard but were unable to stop the bleeding.

Mrs. Dorsey charges that the physician was rough in putting in and extracting the packing; that he assumed a peculiar attitude toward the patient, creating a physiological dread and fear, so that she didn't care whether she lived or not. Mrs. Dorsey claims the doctor was fussy about soiling himself with blood or being injured. Miss Dorsey underwent two blood transfusions.

Mrs. Dorsey was so dissatisfied that she had her daughter removed Tuesday to St. Frances hospital and summoned another physician. This doctor, she said, was soothing, restored confidence in the girl, so she began to recover rapidly, expected to leave the hospital this week.

Dr. Edelman denies any neglect and asserts that Miss Dorsey might have died if he had not been at the hospital at the time to give her immediate attention. On Tuesday, he explains, that he was busy with emergency cases in his office and could not leave, but he did provide the necessary directions to the nurses so they could care for the patient.

Under the circumstances, he believed that the bill is not excessive, pointing out that a single operation requiring only an hour or two may cost twice as much.

will soon wear itself down and go to sleep," he said.

The baby, a little later, suddenly stiffened. She was dead before the father could get her to the hospital.

An autopsy will determine what the baby died from—in medical terms.

But that isn't important. The important thing is that the child did not—and could not—receive proper medical attention.

The city of Miami is appropriating a large sum of money for investigation of "vice." The state legislature is giving this grand jury \$30,000 a year . . . (although, it might be remarked, that same legislature is contemplating a SALES TAX BECAUSE THEY'RE SHORT OF MONEY!)

These things SEEM important to us only because they are sensationally headlined. They're not the REAL problems facing our community.

If we sat down and thought CALMLY, we certainly would put the physical suffering of men, women, children, infants unable to help themselves, BEFORE all this "newspaper talk"—designed only to hurt political opponents of Miami's Powers-That-Be, for whom the daily press is always fronting.

It is obvious that if a crusade were conducted by this same press for a centralized medical emergency aid, operated under municipal auspices, for the benefit of its citizens—IT WOULD ALMOST IMMEDIATELY BE AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT!

Think it over.

## JACK'S AWAY - DEAR - DEAR!

Europe should beware—clean up its stables, Jack Bell and Nora are going over. But what's got us worried is what will happen to the children, the animals, the ranch house, and Miami in their absence. And the poor old ladies who drip their sorrows in the unwelcome lap of Jack. It looks like a dull summer. But somehow we shall try to bear (or is it bare), up.

## SHELL OUT AT SHELL

Last week MIAMI LIFE raised the question as to the labor attitude of Shells Super Market grocery—the biggest in the world. This week there was some changes in management.

And you had better pay for stuff or else it won't be a bargain. Dorothy Empting, 45, a housewife of 533 N.W. 33rd st., was charged in the Miami city court with the petty larceny of \$2.03 worth of stuff from Shell's, with the complaint filed by E. E. Kline. She was fined \$60.

## BLOSSOMS BLAZE, FESTIVAL STARTS

THE FLAME-RED blossoms are beginning to blaze on Brickell Avenue and elsewhere down here in preparation for the 12th annual Royal Poinciana Festival, June 5 to 10. However, despite the beating of the publicity toms-toms little local excitement has been stirred over the prospect of another fiesta, such as is aroused in the North by Cherry and Apple blossom festivals. Perhaps flowers and natural beauty are too common here in South Florida. And then there is no football game or a naked beauty show.

The big event for local residents will be the free distribution of hundreds of young trees to Miamians June 6 at the Bayfront Park auditorium. Recipients will be asked to give their names and addresses, and then check will be kept upon the planted trees to see they are properly cared for. In time all Miami may be aflame with the flamboyant blossoms. Mrs. Beatrice Hunt is president of the festival committee. She said a \$25 prize will be given for the prettiest blooming tree and \$5 for the seedling given away last year which shows the best development. Entries close at the auditorium June 6.

Of course, no festival would be complete in Miami without feminine loveliness also. An international student at Barry college, Miss Mary Louisa Smith, Fort Lauderdale, has been named Miss Floriana, while the queen is Miss Ruth Welsh, senior at the University of Miami. The coronation program will be staged at the Bayfront bandshell at 7:45 p. m. June 6.

The program also includes a banquet and court ball at the Columbus hotel June 7; motorboat

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