

In the Wake of Beach Election

NOBODY picked the winners the way they emerged. Some picked three, some four of the winners, but not in rotation. For the most part they had on top candidates who actually came in last or next to last or eighth. And vice versa. Perhaps there are some who bet on all five winners and collected, but we haven't located any yet. Even the most astute misfigured one or two candidates completely.

MEL Richard should thank his lucky stars that the Herald waited till the day before election to endorse him.

It's always a kiss of death, but it came too late this time to defeat him.

It was MIAMI LIFE—remember?—that a month ago EXCLUSIVELY predicted Richard would get the Herald's support!

And it was MIAMI LIFE that last week predicted that Burnett Roth would be the MAN OF THE HOUR—and he was!

IT WAS a stirring treat to see that young trio being sworn in as Miami Beach councilmen—Mayor Turk, Burnett Roth, and Melvin Richard . . . handsome, with beautiful wives, with fine, happy, families . . . alert, ambitious, courageous, idealistic!

We're ordinarily opposed to getting lawyers into high office, but here are three who seem imbued with the idea of putting the future of Miami Beach ahead of any idea of personal gain. They are in a position to do a great deal of good for the general public of Miami Beach.

They look clean—liberal—capable. Here's hoping they don't muff their opportunity to make a name for themselves and for Miami Beach!

HERB Frink, whose luck ran out, was too emotionally upset to speak at Wednesday's council reorganization meeting . . . (that meeting, (Continued on Page 4))

ANTI-QUIGG OFFENSIVE

THE MIAMI dailies have served notice on Miami voters to prepare themselves for a vicious campaign against H. Leslie Quigg, city independent commissioner, in the city elections this fall.

Unable to find a flaw in his actions as a commissioner, they're going to talk about the police department's law enforcement . . . in other words, they're going to submerge him with generalities . . . a myth is to be pitted against a fine record of achievement.

QUIGG made the BEST chief of police Miami ever had. Yet most of that time he was under the fire of an anti-Quigg press, a press that was "anti" only because Quigg wouldn't consent to be bossed by them.

And, in our opinion, he has made Miami's best city commissioner.

He has been fair and square in his every act.

Seldom has Quigg changed his mind. It has seldom been necessary. Nevertheless, when he has been shown he has erred, he has proven he's man enough to correct his error instantly.

WHEN Quigg is right—and knows he's right—all the king's horses and all king's men cannot sway him one inch!

Quigg's refusal to knuckle down to the demands of the dailies' editorial policies is the reason they're out to get him in November!

Publisher John Montgomery Quits

NEW AFTERNOON daily for Metropolitan Miami! . . . It's now the Sun, confined to Miami Beach. Its new owner, George Storer, who owns a string of radio stations throughout the country, including WGBS here, will expand it shortly to take in all this area.

Publisher John Montgomery, who sold out to Storer, but remained as publisher, is severing connections. He has a paper in Rio de Janeiro, now being managed by Parks Rusk, former editor of the Sun.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By RUSSELL KAY

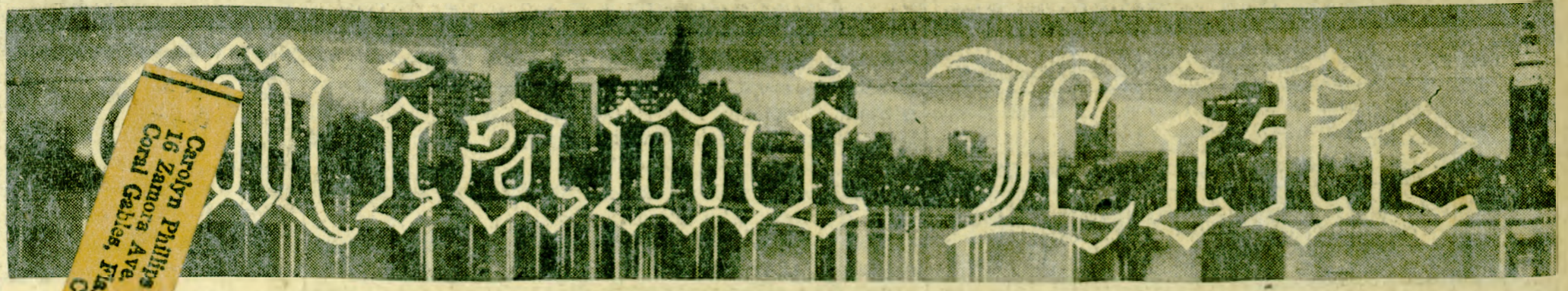
CONSIDERING the record of the present legislature and its inability to get together on any kind of a program, it is probably the most sensible thing to let the boys go home, cool off and think things over for a time where they are not under pressure.

They have written a lot of blank checks, some perhaps that should not have been written, and if they are given an opportunity to stick around home long enough to ascertain the real feeling of their people they may be in a position to return to Tallahassee later on and enact sensible and intelligent legislation toward the solution of our financial problems.

It is always easier to spend than to conserve and spending has been the order of the day in government for a long time, but excessive spending eventually reaches a point where the fellow who is paying the bill, in this case the taxpayer, kicks over the traces and calls a halt.

It is all very well to try and provide for better schools, more roads, increased salaries for public officials, more money for the aged, the blind and indigent, but when we try to double the ante all at once and go on a wild spending spree and to hell with where the money is coming from we are bound to wake up with a glorious headache.

The matter of making both ends meet is a problem not only of the legislature but of the individual citizen. Thousands of folks here in Florida would like to have a nice new shiny automobile, a new home, a washing machine, an electric ice box and a lot of other things.



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The Crime-Breeders— Our RACETRACKS!

THE community was shocked to read that 30 teen-agers were involved in a betting ring at Miami Beach Senior High. For the first time, the general public ceased snickering at the newspaper crusade against unsavory characters, dinned into our ears almost incessantly for the last year.

All of us have derided the "Crime Commission" and the dailies sponsoring it. Reformers have always bored us—as might be expected after three decades of their futileities.

But suddenly we are horrified. We find our kids being contaminated in what we elders are inclined to think are sacred precincts—their schools. "The papers are right!" our neighbors cry. "These mobsters have infiltrated the classrooms!"

But wait.

The reason we're getting in this state of mind is because sufficient publicity was not given to the REAL cause of this epidemic.

Juvenile Officer Loveland of Miami Beach stated the REAL cause. Let's review his statement.

Racetrack 'Atmosphere' Affects Children

OFFICER LOVELAND was asked by the reporters if the notorious S. & G. Syndicate had not set the example for this "junior" gambling syndicate, which Loveland and the school authorities discovered and broke up.

Loveland replied:

"I think it more likely that some of the parents set the example. When children are raised in an atmosphere of horse and dog track betting, little else can be expected."

Mull that over—"LITTLE ELSE CAN BE EXPECTED!"

Racetracks Are The Crime-Breeders!

MIAMI'S dailies scream to the high heavens when a cop with a flair for publicity (and playing their political game) is changed to another precinct—or when some independent judge renders a decision that favors the people instead of the greedy corporations they stooge for—or when some officeholder rebels at the collar they try to snap round his neck.

Each trivial complaint they magnify and distort in such a way as to make political capital out of it. They're obsessed with getting their stooges in every nook and cranny in our politico-

financial structure.

But they're never really trying to BETTER the community.

The way they tried to "slant" this Miami Beach Senior High scandal proves it. Especially the way they seem now to have dropped the whole thing.

Here they have an opportunity to do a great service for the Metropolitan Miami public—EXPOSE THE RACETRACKS!

But they refuse to do it!

The CHIEF CAUSE of this "atmosphere of horse and dog track betting" that Juvenile Officer Loveland says children are raised in, and which in itself breeds delinquency of all kinds, is the RACETRACKS THEMSELVES!

Remove the CHIEF CAUSE, and the Miami area will virtually be purged of CRIME!

The racetracks are the chief breeders of ALL CRIME.

Rearing Kids In Shadow Of Dog Track

LET these papers display adult thinking in attacking the crime situation in Miami, and they'll find the people more disposed to go along with them in rectifying the minor annoyances that they are now concentrating upon. But being solely responsible themselves for the existence of racetracks and pari-mutuel betting in a state whose constitution forbids it, they are humbugs indeed if they blame anybody else for current waves of lawlessness.

Let them editorialize upon the startling fact that these children of Miami Beach live within a few feet of a dog-track!

Let them point out that within very few years these same children will not only be permitted to enter that track, but they'll be ENTICED into it, practically from their front porches—and with the state giving its blessings to such a crime!

Loveland SPOTTED The Miami Dailies

THE newspapers long ago admitted there was no moral difference between racetrack betting and the illegal bookmaking that they're always making so much to-do about.

We differ with them.

Illegal bookmaking is, at least, HIDDEN from the children. Participants must hunt it out.

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GANGING UP!



Some of the professional tax "Sharks" who gathered on the court house portico this week to grab off tax certificates at top interest rates.

DADE TAX SCANDAL

AMONG the outrageous rackets here is the annual Dade county sale of delinquent taxes held on the north portico of the courthouse and which has just been completed for this year. While this sale of several hundred thousand dollars in tax certificates is supposed to be based upon open competitive bidding, actually a combine or understanding among the two score of regular tax sharks gang up to eliminate any independents who seek to lessen the interest rate and thereby reduce the cost to the property owners when they redeem those taxes.

Under the state law the interest rate upon these certificates may range downward from 18 per cent to nothing. The party offering to purchase the certificate at the lowest interest is awarded the tax paper. Thus under honest open competition the rate might be bid down to eight or three per cent for the first year, depending upon the desirability of the property and various other circumstances.

But the professional tax buyers want that 18 per cent and when an amateur outsider shows up, the auction

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CHEAPER MILK?

H. LESLIE Quigg, Miami city commissioner, has threatened to ask brother commissioners for an appropriation to hire an expert on cost of milk production and appear before the State Milk Board to demand a milk-price reduction here unless prices come down of their own accord immediately.

He admits the city has no legal right to interfere.

He doesn't believe, however, that our citizens would object to their city commission going to bat for them.

He points out that other food prices, other commodity prices, are dropping and that there is no reason for the city of Miami to be inflicted with a milk price far above that of any other city of its size in the U. S.

Something is wrong and he wants to find out precisely what it is.

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LIFE lines-LIFE lines

Times do change. Newspapermen now make news about themselves.

Money talks—and they are naming a woman to be treasurer of the United States.

What this country needs is a good five cents.

More old buildings are coming down. Miami must expect a future.

Houses sell fast in Miami — if they are bargains.

Now with the Miami Beach election settled, what'll be the next excitement?

Call The Next Case

By BOND

SPEAKS EIGHT LANGUAGES

Sam Sidi Is Marvel Interpreter for Miami Courts; Studious Veteran Used Field Glasses to Peep Into Homes From Parked Car; Simple Assault Became Rape Case

WHEN the next case is called and the party summoned can only speak Turkish or Greek or Arabic or some other foreign language, there is a one man interpreter wonder available at the Dade county courthouse.

He is Sam Sidi, aged 63, born in Smyrna, Asia, where the figs come from. But Sam is no fig. He is tops in the field of languages and is frequently seen in the Miami city and other courts. He is called in also by the immigration, customs and other federal departments when the officials run up against a person who cannot get by with Americanese and signs.

Sam Sidi talks and understands seven or eight languages, including English, Cracker and Georgia. He also speaks French, Spanish, Greek, Italian, Turkish and Arabic, maybe more. He is not a translator so don't call him for that. But if you have a stranger in the house whose vocalisms are a mystery, Sam probably can interpret the meaning.

Sidi has just returned from a trip during which he visited Baltimore, Atlantic City and other northern towns. He found several of them employed an interpreter for each language, whereas Sam has been doing this type of duty for eight of them. Evidently he did not belong to the union. He has been in the United States since 1903 and came to Miami back in the boom days of 1925.

Miami as a cosmopolitan and international city, a cross-roads of the world, often encounters persons from many countries. That is where Sam Sidi comes in handy, or vocally, in city, county, circuit and federal courts and elsewhere.

PEEPING Toms are more modern in Miami. They don't run around trying to look through Venetian blinds. Instead they park their cars in a favorable location and haul out the field glasses which may have been utilized to watch the nags come home. In these cases they are striving to glimpse the jills at home.

One young veteran was up before Municipal Judge Cecil C. Curry this week on that charge of disorderly conduct. A note came from the well known Ethel Ernest Murrell on behalf of the accused, setting forth that she and her husband had known the young man all his life, that he "has been steady, honest and serious. Too serious, perhaps. He was working to support his mother while most boys were playing. He is a veteran—we feel this trouble stems from a sense of insecurity."

This may lend strength to the belief that every man has his sin; the quiet and studious may fall from grace in some manner. Instead of going to a night club and forking over two or three bucks to see the girls undress openly and legally, this fellow tried to view the uncovering without any cover or other charges.

The veteran was given a 30-day suspended sentence. And the court confiscated the weapon—the field glasses. But the judge after looking through them decided they were not so good. He could not even spot the Herald building.

Suppose, we asked, a person peeped at his neighbor through glasses from his own home. Would that be un-

SEVEN HOUR TOUR SHOWS MIAMI IS BIG BUSINESS

By B. B.

MIAMI is big business. Way up in the millions of dollars. And that business serves the people directly and indirectly in countless ways. Imagine what life would be without police and fire protection, without garbage and trash collection, without water supply, without parks and streets, without—oh lots of things.

This was public servants week and as an employer of these servants, who are often bosses, we went as guests on an extensive tour of the municipal plants Tuesday, representing a couple of civic organizations, as well as MIAMI LIFE. The other newspapers didn't bother—except with a photographer. The important constructive work carried on by your city did not matter to the dailies. They are concerned in trying to dig up dirt that may reflect upon folks they don't like.

People, of course, kick about public service but the usual apathy prevails when the opportunity is offered to inspect the municipal works. Invitations were extended to hundreds of members of civic and other clubs, men and women, to be guests for the grand trip, and about 60 responded, almost filling two busses furnished by Red Adams and escorted by two swell motorcycle police, who had been on duty since 6 a. m. And it's fun to have the police hold up traffic while you sail through the red lights. It makes one feel important. And he is—a citizen of Miami.

That tour de luxe—all expenses paid—lasted for seven hours, from 2 p. m. until 9, and boy were we tired. As a suggestion may we tip off the future management to cut down the tours, or even haul out a whole club to just one of the inspections as a noon hour program. Altogether there is just too much to absorb. We were overwhelmed.

Biggest circus thrills were provided by the firemen at their Northwest Seventh avenue station and drill house, with Chief Chase himself directing. We have given up all idea of being a fireman now after watching those boys climb a ladder seven stories high, and crawling down from the roof on the side of the building holding to a rope, plunging into a blazing furnace, jumping off into a net. You can have the job. Oh! yes, and climbing up the scaling ladders from window to window. They earn their money. Better than a circus.

And for the police, with Chief Headley on hand, we were introduced to the old Sewell mansion, three stories high, with the immense rooms, a ballroom, and the wood-work still as good as new. This is the Police Academy where the cops go to school and try to pass those famous civil service tests. Nearby is the underground pistol range, which may make a good bomb shelter. Now it shelters nearby residents from shots and noise.

We saw the waste and road divisions, the smelly incinerator, the modern equipment utilized in the vital garbage and trash divisions. Then there was the sojourn to the Hialeah water plant with its acres of open air pools, without diving girls. This city water goes through more processes than a baby before it reaches your sink—and it

ANIMAL BRAIN LIVES OUTSIDE

DETROIT—Two University of Chicago physicians have reported to the federation of American societies for experimental biology that they had succeeded in keeping part of an animal's brain alive outside its body to permit study of the functions of the nervous system.

The achievement by Drs. R. D. Tschirgi and R. W. Gerard was reported to be the first of its kind in medical history. It involved removal of the spinal cord of a rat, together with the feeder artery which transports its sustenance.

Keeping the cord alive in a carefully regulated atmosphere that was both moist and warm, the physicians were able, by pumping chemicals into the cord instead of blood, to determine its needs to enable it to transmit messages over the complex nervous system.

The doctors reported that of about 25 chemicals tested on the cord, about six were successful in keeping it active. Among these were pyruvic acid, citric acid, glucose, glutamic acid and a sugar.

The doctors, working under a grant from the office of naval research, are being assisted in their continuing research by three others, Drs. L. L. Boyarsky, J. Z. Hearon and H. Jenerick, all of the University of Chicago's department of physiology.

Drs. Klaus Unna and A. Kaplan of the University of Illinois,

lawful? The court was in doubt.

THERE were 11 drunk drivers up for a hearing Monday.

And the usual drunks and vagrants. While Negroes paraded before the bench on charges of assault and battery. Usually the complainants were women, wives, mistresses and sweethearts. Some came in with battered heads and bodies. Some of the accused were jailed, others were asked if all had been forgiven and were released on suspended sentences.

Blanche appeared as a witness against Griff Jackson, 28 on assault, but Griff was not present and his bond of \$25 was forfeited. Judge Curry asked Blanche what Griff had done. She was reticent at first, then alleged that Griff had used an ice pick to force her to get into bed with him. The judge advised the woman to file the more serious charges of rape with the county solicitor.

PEDESTRIAN PLASTERED UNDER ROYALTON AWNING

WE HAD just paid our Power & Loot bill and were walking down S. E. First st., when we glanced into a liquor store window, noticing a bargain on wine. Just then a fellow club member popped along and pulled us away—remarking, "Tut—you'll be climbing poles, pulling off trolley lines and getting plastered."

How prophetic that last was. Within seconds after he darted across the street we were in front of the old Royalton hotel, which has been undergoing a beauty treatment for weeks, or months. It became a nuisance to all the surrounding stores, as the sandblasting sent dirt all over the street and sidewalks and into places of business, and into food. Complaints at the city hall did no good. Other taxpayers didn't matter. There ought to be a law, of course, to prevent such sandblasting or whatever it is, to litter the air and everything with dust and concrete, endangering life and health and hurting trade.

Well, anyway, what we were getting at was this. At the hotel we, like other pedestrians, had to step into the street to pass the place, and just as we got along side of an awning down comes a mess of concrete or cement or maybe it was plaster. We got plastered in our hair. We are glad it wasn't a concrete block or brick or a rock that the repair fellows dumped on us—and others.

We haven't decided yet whether to sue or not. But such goings on should be banned and penalized. It's about time Royalton got fixed up, awarded damages to nearby free enterprises, to pedestrians and motorists.

Floridians Had Neat Net Income

NET income of Floridians (that is, income after federal income taxes) amounted to \$2,575,618,000 last year, up seven per cent from 1947, the research and industrial division of the Florida State Chamber stated in its weekly business review.

"Leading the county list again last year were residents of Dade county with a total net income of \$511,190,000. Other counties above five million or more were:

Duval, \$365,604,000; Hillsborough, \$249,528,000; Pinellas, \$189,517,000; Palm Beach, \$143,172,000; Orange, \$121,005,000; Polk, \$119,132,000; Escambia, \$108,020,000; Volusia, \$81,368,000; Broward, \$61,050,000.

The State Chamber emphasized that "these copyrighted estimates of income are the only authoritative data since 1939 for minor civil divisions and are prepared by Sales Management Magazine."

requires chemists and engineers on constant watch. It is really something.

Of course we were stuffed full of statistics which we could not remember about hundreds of these and thousands of that and millions of tons or cubic feet. We were swamped and impressed.

As a climax the dwindling and weary group were taken to the huge Dinner Key convention hall, served with a buffet supper, and sure enough Mayor Floyd, City Manager Hart and other dignitaries were on hand to greet us, speak, and award the prize to Miss Popularity of city employes. And she didn't wear a bathing suit—regular clothes. The prize was a trip to Havana for two and the mayor thought that would be nice.

Now we know where some of our \$27.18 in city taxes goes. At least the municipality comes closest to the people and really gives something visible in return for your money. Which is more than can be said for most government.

SPORTSCOPE By JOE MAHONEY

Gene BEARDEN
CLEVELAND'S YOUNG RELIABLE WAS VOTED BY THE A.P. AS THE 1948 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. HE WON 20 GAMES, LOSING ONLY 7. HE HAD THE LOWEST EARNED RUN AVERAGE ON THE INDIANS PITCHING STAFF—2.42. HE WON HIS LAST NINE GAMES IN A ROW, 4 OF THE FINAL 5 BY SHUTOUTS, ACCORDING TO LOU SOUDREAU, THE CHANCES FOR CLEVELAND TO REPEAT IN 1949 REST ON THE TIPS OF BEARDEN'S CALLOUSED FINGERS.

Stan Musial
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Long Fight On Bar Ends In Split Jury

FOR more than two days a bitter battle was waged in the Court of Crimes before Judge Wayne Allen this week on the case of the Tropicana Bar, 1057 N. W. 79th street. Proprietor N. S. Kazlow was on trial for maintaining a nuisance, with the suit brought by a score of nearby residents.

The trial was staged before a jury of six men, with 23 witnesses testifying for the residents and against the bar, declaring that the bar continued open until the early morning hours, that loud noises emanated from the place, that there were frequent fights and disturbances, that patrons disrupted the rest of the home owners by the roaring of their motors, the flashing of headlights, by parking their cars near homes, by tossing bottles into private yards. Assistant County Solicitor Boyer appeared for the prosecution.

The defense presented some 14 witnesses, claiming the Tropicana was well operated, that it was respectable, and did not create any unusual nuisance. Across the street from the bar is the Northwest hospital.

After two days of testimony, the jury returned for the wind-up Wednesday morning, were out for about two hours, and reported, after all this, that it could reach no verdict, that the jurors were divided.

The disappointed residents indicated they would carry on the fight in an effort to close the bar earlier and subdue the disturbances.

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Dade Tax Scandal

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really becomes an auction with the rates shot down to the unprofitable and vanishing point. The regular tax buyers can afford to under bid on a few properties in order to crowd out the independent and return all bids to the maximum 18 per cent.

Usually during the first couple days of the sale there may be a few such intruders and the bidding is stiff in the effort to discourage them. After that when an occasional independent appears this bidding down of interest starts again.

During the rest of the time the tax certificates are sold largely on agreement among the professionals, and this often assumes the system of rotation. That is the tax clerk calls out the tax description and the other clerk jots down automatically that it goes to so and so. The next is turned over to the second and so on. No interest rate is called out, all bidding ceases, and the certificates are distributed at the top rate.

The tax sharks are generally brokers, who buy the certificates for themselves or for their clients, and financial firms, local and outside, who make a business of tax purchases in Florida and other states.

Such a verbal conspiracy among the tax men makes a mockery of the so-called auction; it eliminates competition, and it works a hardship upon the property owner, who has been unable to pay his taxes on time and finds them listed as delinquent. Most of these tax certificates are redeemed by the owner within the year, more than 90 per cent of them. But instead of paying only three or eight per cent, they are forced to pay the maximum of 18 per cent, increasing the burden upon those who may be the least able to afford the extra load.

The sale opened June 1 and was completed this week, with several hundred thousand dollars in taxes disposed of. Each tax certificate carries the gross amount of the tax plus three per cent interest for the delinquent months of April and May, plus advertising costs of 20 cents a line, plus five per cent for the cost of the sale, and 15 cents for making out the certificate. This is what the property owner must pay when he redeems the taxes, plus the interest rate bid. For the second year the interest rate is eight per cent. After the second year the tax certificate holder may apply for a tax deed, and this is a further complicated process. Very few properties are acquired by that method

and the average tax buyer is concerned primarily in that 18 per cent on the money invested rather than grabbing the property.

Some time ago it was suggested to the Dade county commission that a legislative law be sought whereby all delinquent taxes would revert to the county and that when they are redeemed the costs and 18 per cent be paid into the county coffers when they were redeemed. This would increase the county income, with its ever booming demand, and end the annual sale to private bidders. But nothing was done. So the racket continues.

The Miami city tax sale is starting but there the tax rate is fixed at the high basis of 25 per cent and the supposed bidding is made upon the mysterious course of who bids on the smallest piece of the property involved, such as one-half or one-fourth. It does not seem to make much sense but obviously helps the tax professionals and not the property owners.

Among the independents who sought to purchase tax certificates last week was Lea G. Lorenz, but the combine pitched in and soon had her washed out by bidding down to the unprofitable point, such as three per cent, usually starting at eight per cent while she was around. As soon as she and any other independent left the rate immediately shot up to 18 per cent. Mrs. Lorenz attempted to obtain legal interference to halt the sale of taxes but was unsuccessful and she may now carry the fight to the courts on the charge that such a conspiracy among buyers is not in conformance with the law and makes a mockery of legitimate auction.

The official list of buyers was not made available but a scribbled list from which the clerks worked and to which they assigned the certificates, even without bidding, contained such last names, nick names or abbreviations, as follows:

Masters, Owens, Kean, Carrier, Meyers, Ware, Algier, Cole, Morat, Rotalante, Zemel, Burke, Bastins, Con, Nes. Gautier, Atlantic, Rone, Bondes, J. R. W., Hix, Blume, Preston Investment, Harkins, DeVilbiss, Corat, Emery, Justice, Pearlman, J. E., Wright, Gibbs, Style, Tido, Sheldon, Smith Co., Boyd, Forman, Sinclair, Curtis, Coast Co., Phelps, Midwest, Charles and Reskin.

What ones may have been involved in any alleged understanding to limit the bidding is not known.

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And whether pigs have wings."
—THEROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Bought any insurance lately? You should then enjoy reviewing a little piece, "Insurance Up To Date," written about three decades ago by Humorist Stephen Leacock. He said a man called on him with the idea of insuring my life. "Now, I detest life insurance agents," wrote Leacock; "they always argue that I shall some day die, which is not so. I have been insured a great many times, for about a month at a time, but have had no luck with it at all."

So I made up my mind (Leacock wrote on) that I would outwit this man at his own game. I let him talk straight ahead and encouraged him all I could, until he finally left me with a sheet of questions which I was to answer as an applicant. Now this was what I was waiting for; I had decided that, if that company wanted information about me, they should have it, and have the very best quality I could supply. So I spread the sheet of questions before me, and drew up a set of answers for them, which, I hoped, would settle forever all doubts as to my eligibility for insurance.

QUESTION—What is your age?
ANSWER—I can't think.

Q—What is your chest measurement?
A—Nineteen inches.

Q—What is your chest expansion?
A—Half an inch.

Q—What is your height?
A—Six feet five, if erect, but less when I walk on all fours.

Q—Is your grandfather dead?
A—Practically.

Q—Cause of death, if dead?
A—Dipsomania, if dead.

Q—Is your father dead?
A—To the world.

Q—Cause of death?
A—Hydrophobia.

Q—Place of father's residence?
A—Kentucky.

Q—What illness have you had?
A—As a child, consumption, leprosy, and water on the knee. As a man, whooping cough, stomach ache, and water on the brain.

Q—Have you any brothers?
A—Thirteen; all nearly dead.

Q—Are you aware of any habits or tendencies which might be expected to shorten your life?
A—I am aware. I drink, I smoke, I take morphine and vaseline. I swallow grape seeds and I hate exercise.

LEACOCK said he thought, when he came to the end of this list, that he had made a dead sure thing of it, and he posted the paper with a cheque for three months' payment, feeling pretty confident of having the cheque sent back to him. He was a great deal surprised a few days later to receive the following letter from the company:

"DEAR SIR—We beg to acknowledge your letter of application and cheque for fifteen dollars. After a careful comparison of your case with the average modern standard, we are pleased to accept you as a first-class risk."

RACETRACKS

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Racetrack activities, however, are advertised in the papers daily. They are made to seem a BIG thing. Every day the newspapers devote a great deal of space to entries, selections, results, and prices. Everyone who reads becomes infected.

Certainly there is a moral difference between the two kinds of wagering. Our contention is that racetracks conducted openly are much more conducive to immorality than illegal bookmaking.

How clearly is this brought out by the spontaneous statement of a Miami peace officer, whom the newspapers were trying to use to prove their point

about illegal bookmaking! They thought this officer would play their game. But he told the truth. Maybe unwillingly, perhaps unconsciously—but that made it all the more impressive.

And he thereby SPOTTED the daily newspapers. He SPOTTED the hypocritical reformers.

And especially did he SPOT the ministers who only the other day made the first pages of one of our dailies, with names and photos, by awesomely inveighing against "rackets"—but never mentioning the BIGGEST of all "rackets"—THE RACETRACKS THEMSELVES!

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FP&L Tries to Confuse Us

THE Florida Power & Light Co. plans to issue \$10,000,000 in bonds according to a registration statement filed with the Securities & Exchange Commission. American Power & Light, parent-concern, on or before June 28, would buy 350,000 shares of FP&L common stock at a total price of \$6,000,000.

These first-mortgage bonds would come due June 1, 1979.

No doubt the FP&L is desperately attempting to stave off municipal ownership by building up an extremely confusing financial picture. Its slick lawyers are at work. A huge amount of money is involved locally.

From now on every effort will be made to make it seem a financial impossibility for an anti-FP&L Miami city commission to provide a practical plan whereby the city could take it over either now or at the expiration of its franchise in 1955.

So we say the city commission should put the FP&L on notice NOW!

"Don't invest any more money until you KNOW you will get another 30-year franchise!" should be the warning.

The huge profits in these Wall St. utilities are attested to by last week's drop in stock. A two-year low was reached in practically all stocks EXCEPT utilities! They held their own in the face of a bad market.

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 HARD-PLAYING RIGHT WING OF THE TORONTO SEVENTY, IS THE THIRD PROMINENT ATHLETE IN RECENT YEARS TO ENTER PROFESSIONAL GOLF RANKS. ELLSWORTH VINES, FORMER AMATEUR, DROPPED THEIR SPORTS FOR THE LINKS, AND EZINICKI FOLLOWED IN 1947, RIGHT AFTER BEING A FINALIST IN THE CANADIAN AMATEUR, LOSING TO NO LESS THAN FRANK STRANDBALL, BUT UNLIKE THE OTHERS, HE'S NOT GIVING UP HIS NOBIL LOVE, HOCKEY.
 1965 RETRIEVE LOST GOLF BALLS AT A NEW YORK COUNTRY CLUB; THE HOUNDS SHED OUT THE OOR OF SCENTED SOAP IN WHICH THE BALLS ARE WASHED.
 GERRY SCALA, WHITE SOX ROOKIE, GOT OUT OF HIS BATTING RUT LAST SEASON, IN 1946 WITH ERIC, PA., AND IN 1947 WITH WATERLOO, IA., HE HIT .339... BUT HE CAME OUT OF IT IN 1949, HE HIT .242 WITH MEMPHIS.

PINK SHIRTS HOTTEST ITEM IN MEN'S WEAR
 LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A pink shirt is about the hottest thing in men's wear since Adam retired behind a fig leaf, say the men's fashion designers.
 So if you go home and your wife trots out a pink shirt with white collar and cuffs and a coin dot tie to wear with it, don't rush to the nearest exit to join up with the A.A.'s.
 It's her pride in your appearance; and if you take equal pride in being among the best dressed swain this season, you'll show your appreciation of her gesture.
 Moreover, you'll discover that you won't be able to hear that pink shirt all over town because of the shouts of all the other pinks and blues and yellows and orchids.
 Yes, you'll be right at home in it. For, said at least one manager of a men's wear shop here at home, those pastel shirt sales have made the sales of whites, etc., practically nil.
 "Eighty per cent of the shirts we're selling now," he said, "are pastels. They buy 'em in pairs. First, they come in and get a pink one and an orchid one. They like 'em. So they come back for an aqua and a green one."
 Other shops were hesitant to declare an 80 per cent business in pastel shirts; but they agreed that those loud numbers were by no means in the minority.
 With the pastels go solid colored ties and ties with polka dots or coin dots.

BUBBLE GUM LATEST ISTANBUL IMPORT
 ISTANBUL — "Texas Cowboy! Jumbo! Mickey!" they shout at you on Istanbul's main street these days. They are trying merely to sell bubble gum, the latest cultural import from the United States.
 The gum actually isn't imported, only the idea and the names. But if the name isn't American and explosive, it isn't Turkish bubble gum. The enterprising Turkish traveler who brought the idea and the formula back from the States probably never dreamed he would see such chewing and such bubbling.

Walking Toothpick Ball Is Really An Ant-Eater
 NEW YORK — You meet such interesting animals . . .
 There's a walking ball of toothpicks that eats ants, a kangaroo that plays Tarzan, the cactus, bandicoot, "flying mice," and the bashful crocodile.
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 You can rub elbows with this frightful menagerie on the Cape York peninsula of northeast Australia. Better yet, you can inspect them (nicely dead and

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Fried Chicken And Suicide

WE WAS eating and talking at the regular weekly club luncheon at the El Comodoro hotel Tuesday. We were talking about this and that. We were talking about business and weeping, and about politics and laughing.

We had been singing a bit, singing "Home on the Range." Maybe that had something to do with it. It's a nostalgic song. Or maybe it was just the singing.

Anyway, as we were eating, we heard a loud thump. That was all. Just an unusual noise and unusual noises around Miami are usual. Someone remarked that perhaps the elevator had fallen and that scared us. We didn't like walking down 12 flights of stairs. Then we or somebody said it may have been another suicide—a woman jumping out of the window to get down fast. A few minutes later we heard the scream of the siren. But nobody pays much attention to that anymore either. But we said, "Yep, there it is." Just a kidding.

By that time the fried chicken had arrived and we pitched in on that. Nobody was curious enough to get up and make inquiry. There was the fried chicken and you don't always get fried chicken either.

But a little later we noticed Kenneth Bess, the undertaker, arise from his table and look out of the window. But he hurried back to his table. He wasn't going to miss that fried chicken either.

Everything went right on—including a talk against communism. After the meeting Kenneth said to us—it was a suicide—another woman. He could tell from the sound of the thump. He's used to such things.

"Well, why didn't you rush down and get a job?" we asked. "That wouldn't be ethical," he said. Just because bodies fall in their lap, undertakers don't grab them unless they are properly called, it seems. It was good to know there are ethics somewhere.

That thump was the body of Mrs. Marjory S. Quinn hitting the second-story roof far below. She had pushed open the screen and fallen from the window on the next floor just below where we was all eating fried chicken. But there was no scream. She was alive when we went up to the meeting but must have been desperate. She had been drinking, been having trouble. But if any of us had known we might have intervened and stopped the fatal impulse.

But we didn't know. And when we heard the bump it was too late. And furthermore we was eating fried chicken by that time. And nobody likes to look at poor smashed bodies of tragedy. Such things are a happening all around us and under us in this civilization. One never knows from minute to minute. And when it does we just go on eating. What else is there to do?

Coeds Agree Man No Longer Is Pursuer In Love
 NORMAN, Okla.—A campus survey shows University of Oklahoma coeds agree almost unanimously that the days when a man could pursue his lady love without any help from her are over—if they ever existed.

As Mary Limber, a psychology senior, put it, "For every man there's a woman and it's the job of the woman to find that man."
 But the coeds insist that chasing a man has to be a subtle job to succeed.

For instance, June Parrack, who believes a girl must do three-fourths of the work in courtship, said, "The boy likes to feel he is doing all the pursuing, so the girl must make him feel it was his idea."

Beach Election

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by the way, will go down in history as probably the most UNSOCIAL council meeting ever held. It was poorly conducted. Why, there wasn't even any praise for City Clerk Tomlinson's phenomenal handling of election returns Tuesday night!

We recall that Frink was asked last fall, when "Red" Snedigar had been elected county commissioner and was thinking of resigning, to back young Roth for the vacancy. It was pointed out that Roth had a wonderful following through his unselfish work in behalf of veterans and tenants and this tie-up couldn't help but be politically advantageous to Frink.

But Herb couldn't see it then. He certainly must see it now!

THE Syndicate called all employees to the Casa De Baile Bar, 634 Collins avenue, Tuesday morning to give them instructions for the election.

AIR CRASH WAS MURDER

WICKED is the wholesale slaughter by the charter airlines in transporting Puerto Ricans to and from the United States. The Civil Aeronautics Administration, the companies, maintenance crews and pilots cannot escape their responsibility in this continuous murder in the air and at sea.

The latest crash of the C-46 transport, operated by the Stratofreight, Inc., with the loss of 53 persons, men, women and children, should put an end to this scandal, this greed which sacrifices humans for the sake of extra dollars. The old flying coffins are overloaded, with passengers packed in worse than animals. There is no excuse for this series of disasters. The overloading could and should have been stopped long ago and the safety of the planes assured.

Many of these people from poverty-stricken Puerto Rico had undoubtedly saved for months and, perhaps, years to provide for their transportation, and then within a few minutes they are dumped into the sea. That was massacre.

It is futile to investigate after the accidents occur. It is folly to turn on the light when it is too late and if nothing is done to prevent a recurrence in the future.

The regular scheduled airlines must and do abide by all regulations. It is about time the same restrictions and inspections are imposed upon all charter lines. Many of them are as carefully regulated as the regular services, but this is certainly not true of the charter service to and from Puerto Rico through Miami!

Tapering
 "New Look" for Males
 LONDON—The "tapering look" is the newest thing in men's clothes, says the boss man of the Bond street tailors.

H. G. Taylor, new president of the federation of clothing designers, issued the decree to the federation. He wore the "tapering look" himself — gray double-breasted with long narrow lapels, narrow sleeves, narrow trouser bottoms.

The dress habits of the British male—once reputed the highest in the world—now are disgraceful, said Taylor. The federation decided to stage male fashion parades to promote the renewal of sartorial splendor.

But they fear it will be a lost battle in the long run. H. E. Brockhurst, another designer, needed British schoolmasters "the worst-dressed section of the community" who teach boys, by examples, to wear "most slovenly dress."

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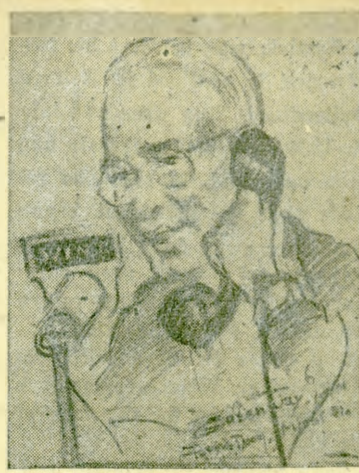
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(Mason at Midnight is heard every night from 11 P. M. to 2 A. M. thru WINZ, 940 on your dial, coming direct from his studio, 304 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach.)
By LEE MASON

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As I am writing this the Miami Beach City Council is meeting to install its newly elected members and to issue certificates for the new term for those re-elected. The grand old democratic method of selecting those who operate our government certainly got a workout particularly in the last

few weeks on the beach. Today it seems there is just as much speculation on the probable cost per vote to some of the defeated candidates as there was for the position they might occupy in the finals several days before election. Not too often do I stick my neck out with prognostications but it is interesting to note that



ten days before the election I called the turn and had the men

in the proper position. The side-light spectacle of over twenty candidates running to fill five vacancies brings out some very interesting facts. It is quite true that everybody has a right to run but when you look at the returns you begin to wonder why. I don't believe the multiplicity of candidates confused the voters because the final tallies would indicate that the big bulk of the vote was cast for ten candidates.

I would like to take a lot of bows for the election night broadcast on WINZ. First of all a how to Johnnie Feller and "Johnnie and Mack by the railroad track" who put up the

money to make the broadcast of the returns possible; then to the Park Hotel and Jack Shapiro and Mort Kirsch who furnished a spot to shoot it from. As to the mechanical end three cheers and a tiger for the Miami Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce who perfected an organization that enabled WINZ to do what had never been done before—put complete returns before the public within a little less than ninety minutes after the polls closed. Forty odd men and women who made that possible rehearsed for over a week in their various rolls and on Tuesday they worked like an ex-

tremely high-g geared and well-oiled machine. An amusing sidelight was the fact that the figures handled by the Junior Chamber of Commerce were on the air with complete totals and standings of the candidates while one of the other stations in the area was shooting figures that were entirely erroneous. With becoming modesty our young and handsome program director on WINZ, Denny Kerwin, accepted the applause from candidates and listeners alike in behalf of all of them and wish I had seventeen or eighteen more columns to describe some of Denny's behind the scene activities when the

figures were pouring in fast-est. All in all "it was a good fight, MOM—and we won."
Last week I wrote a little piece about Vanderbilt Square and described the place that the twins operate as the Wit's End. Just another proof of old age, because Wit's End was the name of the spot on Twenty-third street that afterwards became the Riptide which name was moved up to Vanderbilt Square. However, "a rose by any other name—" so forth and so forth and et cetera—and I hope the twins accept my most humble apologies as their Riptide is the greatest

spot for characters I have ever seen.
A maitre d'—a head waiter—is presumed to be suave and polished and diplomatic, but most diners out will agree that in the cream of the crop there must be the name of Louis Ronco. Louis is at the helm of the Embers on 22nd street, a restaurant which has proven that a new idea in good food can do capacity business even during the so-called summer slump. Of course, I truly believe that much of the zest to the meal is Ronco's suave and deferential service—his ability to make me ordinary common guys feel like the Duke of Windsor. Norman who does such unusual things with cards and who for so many years was a figure in Vanderbilt Square is now entertaining the patrons at the Embers and as always they are very well entertained by the table tricks that Norman shows. He's a great fellow, and has a host of friends.

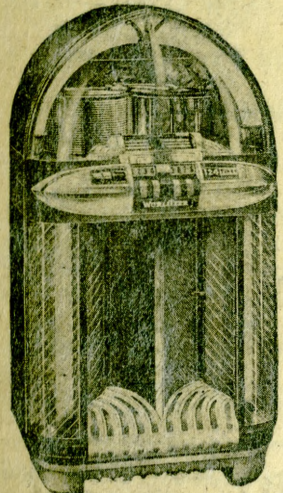
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UNDERSTAND
Understand June 15th will find a show and band in the Five O'clock Club with the Barry Gray show cut to two hours. Wonder what become of the rumors that the BG show would shift to Danie Davis? And likewise it will be interesting to see whether or not a regular cafe audience will hold still for the BG show or whether the big BG audience will make a profitable cafe show audience.

Bill Jordans birthday came on election night and the crowd that came over to wish him happy birthday proved again that Bill was a successful candidate for top honors as a Miami Beach host. During the night Bill availed himself of his legal prerogative for answering all age questions by saying, "Over twenty-one."

Wonder if there is any truth in the rumor that Mannings on the Boulevard in Miami may become the new Leon and Eddie's. Leon, having disposed of his Palm Beach holdings, is in town and has always wanted a Leon and Eddie's in the Greater Miami area.

South on the Boulevard at the Clover Club Jack Goldman is still in there swinging. The new show is a good midseason show with Bea Saxon, the Hermanos Williams trio and Ben Perry "with the hole in the stocking." The Mandrake engagement worked out all right and it may be that Mandrake's troupe will move into another cafe in the area for a run. The reason for Mandrake's staying on in the immediate territory is the heir he and Mrs. Man? drake were blessed with—and they don't want to travel until the baby is about six months old and she can return to the act.

The Monte Carlo on southwest Eighth street reopened under the banner of Louie Brooks' brother, Sam, and reports are that he brought in a show with all new faces. I understand there will be a one dollar admission charge and that the policy will be burlesque—but whether or not there is going to be a big chorus I haven't heard.

Pop Brown, no newcomer to (Continued on Page 8)

Matrimony Row

THESE radio plays of murder, mayhem, mystery and violence could obtain plots from the divorce cases filed in the Dade county courts making wild and sensational charges against the guy or gal they had promised to love and cherish until death do them part. It appears some wanted to hasten that death angle so as to void their pledge at the time of the nuptials. If all the ladies were done to death who assert they were threatened, there would be more killings than those recorded in fiction and broadcasting.

From necking, the couples go to choking. There's quite a difference. Gertrude Korray and Julian M. Korray were united in Miami, November 8, 1944. Gertrude sets forth that Julian has a violent temper, that he became angered over trivial matters, found fault, never permitted her to question him about his business.

He was jealous, too. When a neighbor invited her to ride with him to the grocery store, the defendant raged, called her a rat and a snake. He became so boisterous that he disturbed the neighbors and they threatened to call the police. He was even jealous when she visited the doctor.

Julian, she says, was domineering, cursed, threatened, checked and assaulted her, would bump her off and he did not care if he went to the electric chair for that deed.

The plaintiff fractured her arm prior to the marriage and had to wear a brace. Knowing that, he would grab and shake her by that arm, she contends. Parting, PALMS were also used in the case of Virginia and Eugene

and resumed marriage relations, he began to act coldly and did not properly contribute to her support. The plaintiff worked while Eugene spent his money on liquor, she reports.

Virginia asserts that he quarreled, abused, cursed her, and after drinking put his hands around her throat and threatened to choke her. In July, 1947 she alleges he said he would take her life, and she pleaded with him to let her live. Samuel J. Rands is the barrister.

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John resumed his drinking and, she relates, he was convicted in criminal court of passing worthless checks. After his release from prison he promised the plaintiff that he had learned his lesson and would behave. He was convicted this year of forgery and was given a three and a half year sentence in Florida state prison. She asks custody of the child. The lawyer is Milton M. Ferrell.

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They separated May 21, 1949 when the defendant packed his clothes and threw them into an alley, told him that she no longer loved him. When he returned to visit the children, she packed the clothes of the older child and told him to go with his father. Then she got the juvenile court to return the child. He claims she is harsh and cruel to the children and is devoid of motherly love. Contending that she is unfit, William asks the custody of the children through Attorney William J. Pruitt.

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they reached a settlement where-by he deeded to her the home at 758 N. W. 78th st., and he agreed to pay the costs, fees and attorney. Dunbar H. Johnson is the solicitor.

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RESPONDING to the repeated suggestions and appeals of MIAMI LIFE, the Dade County Medical Association this week initiated a plan to establish a central clearing house for emergency calls for physicians.

It will be necessary to obtain the cooperation of many physicians and the telephone company in setting up this system, but it is hoped to have it in operation this summer.

Under this project any person may call a single telephone number and place an order for a doctor for a house call. The medical service will maintain a list of physicians in all parts of the area who are available at different periods. When such a call is made, the nearest physician will be notified immediately.

Thousands of Miamians and visitors have no personal local doctor and when there is sudden need for medical attention they have no idea whom to summon. This new arrangement will solve that

problem. When perfected this central clearing facility will operate on somewhat of a similar basis to police, fire and ambulance calls, and will be equally important. With the Dade Medical Association inaugurating the plan it will end the necessity of such a move by the community, city or county. This has long been a serious need, neglected by the health and hospital departments and welfare bureaus.

This central phone quarters should also tend to avert scandals that have led to deaths due to the failure of prompt medical service required by victims of accidents and illness. There are some 600 doctors in Dade county and the association is to be commended for this move which is of utmost importance to the life and health protection of all the people.

Here is another constructive proposal of MIAMI LIFE which will benefit everybody.

Herald—'Sales Tax Paper'!

WELL, we finally gained our just desserts. For years we have listened to the rantings and ravings and pious quotes of the Miami Herald. We have helped their circulation to unprecedented size. We have permitted them to attack and condemn, sometimes kill off, our lifelong friends, neighbors, and officials.

We have watched them protect Metropolitan Miami's Octopus, the Florida Power & Light Co., always refusing to use their power to force this vicious monopoly to reduce electric rates enough to enable us to compete fairly with other resorts.

We've seen them advocate, without concerted defense on our part, the removal of homestead exemption, the one feature of our economy that has brought untold new wealth into Florida and which protects low-income brackets from Top Bracket exploitation.

We have countenanced their anti-social, their anti-public policy—their anti-labor policy for so long that some of us have, indeed, come to believe they are PROPER policies.

So complacent have we been toward their actions that we have, time and again, permitted them to name legislators who are subservient to their wishes.

But we never thought we'd live to see the day that the Herald "interests" would become so powerful—or believe themselves to be so powerful—that they would openly advocate the necessity of a sales tax!

We didn't think we'd live to see the day that their great editorial minds (great humanitarians that they are supposed to be) would admit they can't figure out a substitute!

But we DID live to see the day they'd dare do it . . . LAST MONDAY!

A full-length, double-column editorial wound

up by taking the legislature as a whole to task for doing such a miserable job. And it declared, in bold type, that when the special session is called, the only recourse will be to pass a sales tax!

Although the governor of the state was elected strictly on a No-Sales-Tax platform, the Herald shows it doesn't care a damn for what the people want!

They are acting in behalf of Special Interests, who, the Herald admits, lobbied themselves against the governor's planned economy.

Now, when the Miami Herald in the future tells you that "the people" are "up in arms" over THIS policy or THAT policy—or that THIS certain policy or THAT certain policy "would be in the best interests of the people" . . . when they advocate to you certain persons for public office on the premise that they are the "best for public interest" — it should cause PAUSE on your part.

For NOW you know what the phrase, "the people," means in the Herald editorial office.

It means the Special Interests, who want to reach their hands into the pockets of the Underprivileged and take the remaining few pennies a day out of them in the form of a sales tax.

But these Special Interests will continue to go UNTAXED!

You should remember that it is these same papers that fought so hard to keep from being taxed themselves. Also, that they are not so ardent in the defense of your being taxed, as they were when THEY were being taxed.

Henceforth, the Herald should be known as the Florida paper with nerve colossal enough to advocate a sales tax!

Let that stigma—"The Sales Tax Paper"—be forever rivited to the Herald's banner.

The Trumbull Case

MIAMI LIFE, of course, is NOT advocating promiscuous slugging of newspapermen, for we know, only too well, what it means to be attacked the way Steve Trumbull, Herald ace reporter, was.

We say this at the outset, because we're somewhat amazed at the too-instantaneous outburst of editorial indignation, and we feel, out of fairness to the public, that we must register our disapproval. For we believe that any newspaper reporter, any editor—or, for that matter, any priest—even the president of the United States—should feel there are certain bounds of decency he shouldn't cross.

This outburst from the daily newspapers of Florida reveals a hectic mentality that the public cannot help but view with alarm. It's the yelp of a brute, a tyrant.

READING them all, carefully weighing what they say with the meager evidence they produce, one cannot escape the impression that the daily newspapers of this state hold themselves and every one of their hirelings—ABOVE the law! . . .

Whether Trumbull had the blow coming—or whether there was real justification for barring him from the State Senate press table—doesn't enter into the picture at all. He was the SACRED property of one of Florida's SACRED DEITIES—the Miami Herald!

It was, of course, obvious that these papers couldn't possibly have had time, between the beating and barring, to dig up ALL the facts before dipping their pens in vitriol.

We must remember one thing: the senator is a mature and settled man, and this is the first time in his life that such a thing happened to him. He must have felt justified, as a red-blooded man, with honor involved, etc.

ANOTHER point: If, instead of Trumbull, it had been a weekly editor or reporter, there would NOT have been these newspaper pyrotechnics.

In the first place, a weekly newspaper reporter could not have been barred from the Senate press table—for the simple reason that he's not allowed there in the first place!

There's a DAILY newspaper reporters' association in Tallahassee that's all-powerful. You have to belong to it to get a seat. And to belong to it, you must be o. k.'d by a daily (or a wire-service).

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As we have said at the beginning, we're not expressing approval of Trumbull's slugging.

We know Trumbull. We consider him a good reporter.

Personally, we feel (without, mind you, having sifted the evidence) that he may have been just a little overzealous in carrying out the wishes of his vicious employer.

Mason at Midnight

(Continued From Page 5) South Floridians, jumped from the Ocean Front to Highway One, north of the circle in Hollywood, to open the Rendezvous and reports are that it is doing very good business.

The bill at the Olympia this week looks like old home week with Tommy Dix and Edith Fellows, two great people, and Senator Murphy who upholds the nostalgic end of the bill.

Wonder what's what with that new Club 36 on 36th street, northwest, in Miami. Haven't been in but they tell me the beautiful place has not attracted customers.

The talk is that Murray Weinger, the Copa City man, has developed a blood pressure that is really serious. Maybe it is the result of having every other kind put on him. I'm not intimate with Murray Weinger, but it is a very sad commentary on humans, or another illustration of Miami Beach friendships, when you hear those who were most lavish in their praise and extravagant in

their flattery of Weinger now throwing in the hooks way up to here.

That just about does it. There's a lot of things I'd like to talk about. Time, space and the fact I am dog-gone tired prevents it. But we will be wacking at it next week.

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