

Gambling With MIAMI BEACH'S FUTURE

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MIAMI BEACH is "CLOSED!" How gleefully Miami's only daily and Miami's two daily newspapers broadcast these tourist-repellent tidings. The first (Florida Sun) brags that this condition is unquestionably due to the "heat" these three daily newspapers have applied to the community that has always boasted of being America's Winter Fun capital.

They seem to regard this as a fine accomplishment. Unfortunately, the new publisher of the Florida Sun has been here too short a time to know actually what is good or bad for us, so far as a liberal policy is concerned. Needless

to say, he has not watched it grow miraculously from a mangrove swamp in a few years to the most beautiful municipality, bar none, in the United States.

Nor has he learned that Miami Beach didn't really start to grow on a grand scale until it became famed throughout the Big Spenders' world as "intelligently liberal."

Of the early 1930's — when thousands of businessmen signed a petition and chartered a plane to get it to Gov. Cone, pleading with him to enjoin Dade county's sheriff from ruining Miami Beach by his ruthless "closing" orders—he has

no conception. He doesn't know (as we found at that time) that a "liberal policy" HAD to be invoked to save the investments of businessmen generally.

He wasn't here when the Gov. heeded the petitioners, even to removing the then-sheriff of Dade county—Dan Hardy—for "endangering" our economy by instituting a "reform movement."

He obviously is ignorant of the history of resort areas in which reformers have got an upper hand. Without exception, they've become GHOST TOWNS!

Poorest Summer Season

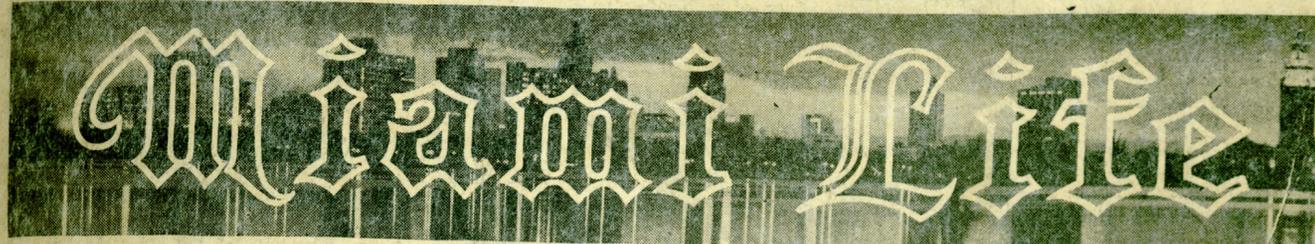
MIAMI BEACH right now is suffering its poorest summer season. It faces a still-more-uncertain winter season. Therefore, its officials cannot AFFORD to pay too much attention to the daily newspapers. They shouldn't blindly follow the dictates of the daily press.

It is noteworthy that not a single councilman was elected in Miami Beach on a NON-LIBERAL ticket.

Some might point to Melvin Richard, and say: "He was a reform candidate!" "He was against an open town!"

But this was not so.

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Judge Lavery Easy On Hialeah's 'Peeping Tom'

AT 4:30 a. m. a week ago last Sunday morning, Philip A. LaFon, filling station attendant living at 671 N. E. First Place, Hialeah, was awakened by his sister-in-law, Miss Shirley Green, who said some one was looking in her window. Philip was too late to catch the intruder. But he heard him rush to a parked car out in the street and drive away.

LaFon stayed up and watched.

The culprit came back. LaFon caught and overpowered him. He was a young fellow.

LaFon took him to police station. To prefer charges there, LaFon found he had to put up a \$10 bond. He did so. The young fellow went on the police blotter as James Springer or Stringer and he was charged with being a Peeping Tom, with trespassing, and with disturbing the peace.

The case came up Monday before City Judge

James Y. Lavery, who, by the way, is an appointee of Mayor Milander.

The boy answered guilty to all the charges. He readily related to the court that he had watched Miss Green undress.

Judge Lavery turned to LaFon. "This boy's mother needs his help," said the judge.

LaFon reminded Judge Lavery that the mother wasn't on trial.

Then the judge ordered a fine of \$15 and 30 days.

About 15 minutes later, LaFon asked for his \$10 bond money back, and, signing a receipt for it, saw that Chief of Police Paul Hanna had "Suspended" after the Peeping Tom's name!

And MIAMI LIFE hears that the last few nights Springer (or Stringer) is back at his vice of peeping into Hialeah windows at night!

They Planned to Louse Up Warren, Almost DID IT!

THOSE California publicity men whom Gov. Warren's movie-mogul friend hired to spice up the coming wedding with the California beauty, Barbara Manning, must have been secretly on the payroll of the governor's political enemies.

The idea of having a Florida governor — especially one of such a humble upbringing as Fuller Warren—declaring that Southern women "wouldn't work in a kitchen" or "wear a kitchen apron"!

Whatinell do these publicity men think work in Florida kitchens? . . . even the kitchens of the swankiest homes in Miami Beach, Miami Shores, Coral Gables?

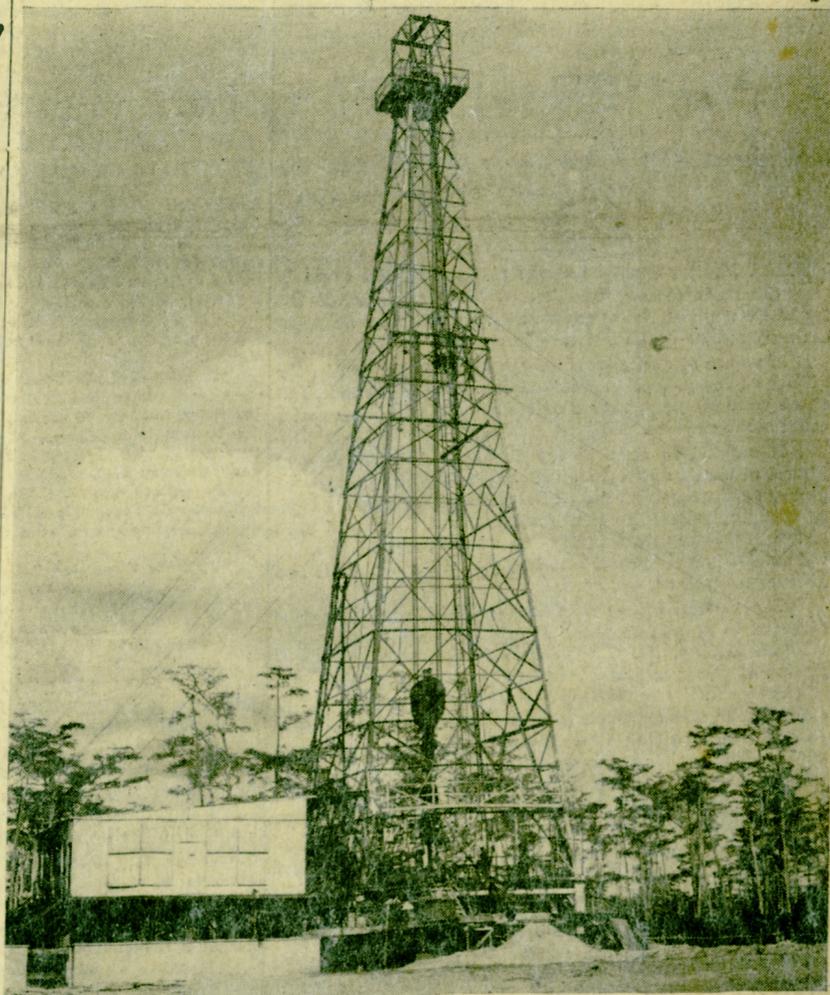
Mules?

We know for a fact that Fuller Warren's mother worked in the kitchen and loved it. Moreover, that she never raised her boys to disparage a woman's kitchen prerogatives.

We can't help, of course, thinking of our own mother, cooking year after year over a hot stove for a brood of ten! And we've traveled extensively over northwest Florida, whence comes the Warren progenitors, and we know that these people of that section whose women folk are practically 100 per cent devoted to this branch of housework, must have felt very funny about such sentiments being attributed to that "pure Democrat" they'd worked so hard to elect governor!

We're glad he cleared it up. The papers should have been manly enough to have given him a better break, however.

No. 14 COMES IN!



Remember this photo of No. 14 being drilled in the Sunniland Field, northwest of Miami, published in MIAMI LIFE a couple of months ago? It came in this week—a 400 barrel well!

LET'S VOTE ON SCHOOL TERM

FORTUNATELY, an ill wind up at Tallahassee may yet blow some good for Miamians.

The fact that the legislature conducted itself in such a manner that an extra session is necessitated gives an opportunity to the body and the governor to salve the feelings of thousands and

thousands of parents of children needlessly kept in school during sub-tropic weather — two weeks longer than Georgia school children or those in other states more climatically suited to long terms.

The parents are up in arms.

This too-long school term has caused trouble before. Parents, as well as teachers, KNOW it is bad for the Greater Miami children.

Don't try to tell us mothers don't instinctively know what's good and what's not good for their offspring!

TO TOP it all off, only vague reasons are given us by the school board for persisting in its long-term policy . . . "it's necessary to obtain accredited-school ratings," is one; another, that we're required by a legislative act to have 180 schooldays in order to reap certain financial benefits embodied in this certain act.

But a law as unpopular as this certainly should be submitted first to the general public.

It is our understanding that Dade schools have the longest term in the state . . . where there's probably the warmest weather in the state!

OUR LEGISLATORS in the waning hours of the last session passed a local bill decontrolling rents in Dade county. It has since become law.

This was done WITHOUT giving the people of

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Dear Gov. Warren:

Please ask the legislature to permit us a referendum on whether or not we should retain our Extra-Long School Term.

(Name)

(House Address)

(City)

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IT LOOKS LIKE---

SPECIAL SESSION WILL MEET THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST!
AND THE FIRST BILL WILL BE AN OFF-TRACK BETTING BILL!

THE NOTORIOUS Huttoe and Jimmy Demetree, heads together, back-slapping each other, having their picture "took" the other afternoon—AND NOT KNOWING IT!
What'll Huttoe's attorney say to this?

WE LAUGHED when we read about Dr. Gallup conducting a poll in Italy. He found (he claims) that 29 per cent wanted to settle permanently in another country, 20 per cent of them choosing the U. S. That should make Americans, who now know the TRUTH about polls, feel that Italians ACTUALLY

are determined to REMAIN in Italy—and that probably a vast majority would NOT choose the U. S. The Gallup poll proved so wrong in America that the newspapers have thrown it out, realizing that the American public has lost all trust in their worth. Wonder how long he'll stay in Italy!

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LIFE lines-LIFE lines

IF the police are going to arrest women for taking off their clothes, the streets and sands will soon be bare of women.

If Miami becomes puritan, it might as well pull down the shades.

Men's clothing may be a little cheaper but not the price of court suits.

In Miami it never rains but what it floods.

One way to starve is to open a Miami restaurant.

Call The Next Case

By BOND

WAGES OF SIN

Glimpses of Higher and Lower Education At the University of Miami; And What a Woman Can Do; Picking Flowers Is a Crime.

WHAT lessons can be learned at some of the cases in the Dade County courthouse. They often outdo the fantastic plots of radio, drama and fiction. The wages of sin may not be death but they are costly.

It was a simple charge of assault being heard in the offices of Judge Wayne Allen of the Court of Crimes. But there were lawyers, reams of testimony, witnesses and a court stenographer.

It started in an ordinary fashion. A University of Miami student, about to graduate, was picked up by or picked up a woman at the El Bolero bar May 25. A couple of hours of friendship thus far have cost the youth \$500 in hospital expenses, this trial on assault, and he is faced with a \$50,000 civil suit. The lady has a broken ankle and hobbles around on crutches.

The woman in the case is Mrs. Robbin Marie Judge, divorced in March, 27 years of age. The university lad is William Tucker, 24. The case had been heard before a justice of peace, was referred to the Court of Crimes.

As we looked into the offices of the judge, Mrs. Judge, a slight girl, was answering questions of the attorneys and judge. She admitted that she had visited two or three bars, had taken three Rum Collins at one place, two Martinis at another. She finally ambled into the El Bolero with her escort, Dick—a man with whom she had been going with for more than a year.

She saw William and waved at him and he waved back, being in a tingling mood. He moved from the bar to a table where she joined him, leaving her party. There was more drinking. Tucker, on the stand, declared he paid a bill of \$20 for drinks.

Tucker said he was with three football players—evidently this was not a training period. Marie, asserted William, asked him if he could round up these husky football players and beat up another student. She told him, alleged Tucker, she had been forced to undergo an abortion and the fellow would not pay the bills. This should have tipped Tucker off. But it didn't. He rejected the suggestion.

Nevertheless the two left the bar and went to a university house where a graduation party was in progress. Both well well-liquored and adjourned to a private room of the university house. It was equipped with a couch.

What happened behind the doors in that room? The case rests upon that. Mrs. Judge charges he tore off her pants and underclothes, claims he struck her—and she didn't remember what happened or what he did.

Tucker on the stand flatly denied striking the lady; said that he could have had any relations with her but he was too drunk. He explained they strolled or rolled out on the lawn toward a pool. He claimed she suddenly fell and that was when she broke her ankle.

She was rushed to a hospital. Tucker put up \$500 to pay her hospital and medical expenses and most of this has been absorbed. Assistant University Dean of Men Frazier Peyton testified that Tucker had dealt with him; he had advised providing the hospital expenses and sending flowers, and an agreement was drawn up to settle the matter.

Judge Allen dismissed the assault charge, thought

FEE MODERATE, LIFE SAVED, SAYS DOCTOR

DR. M. I. EDELMAN, ear, nose, throat and plastic surgery, 220 Calumet building, emphatically denies the charges of Mrs. Helen Dorsey, 750 N. E. 81st st., Miami, in regard to the treatment of her daughter, Miss Lillian Dorsey, 20, at the Biscayne hospital from May 22 to May 26, following an automobile accident and injury.

In a recent statement published in MIAMI LIFE, Mrs. Dorsey claimed the bill of \$250 was excessive, that the physician visited her daughter only five or six times, and that she was displeased with his service.

In reply Dr. Edelman informed MIAMI LIFE that he actually visited the patient 10 times and that three of his visits required one and a half hours each for the packing and repacking of Miss Dorsey's nose to stop the severe hemorrhage that she suffered from internal head injuries. If he had not been at the hospital on another case at the moment Miss Dorsey was rushed to the hospital shortly after midnight Sunday morning, the girl might have bled to death. His emergency treatment saved her life, said the doctor. That ought to be worth any fee.

As for any delay on arriving Tuesday, he declared that his office was full of patients needing immediate consideration, and he gave full instructions to the nurses at the hospital what to do. If they failed or the hospital lacked an interne, it was not his responsibility. However, he came as quickly as he could and provided the necessary treatment. He had arranged for a private hospital room and the patient was on the way to recovery, when the mother suddenly signed a release and removed her daughter to another hospital.

In the matter of wearing a gown, Dr. Edelman points out that is customary and required for sanitary reasons. During one time when he was desperately trying to halt the flow of blood, the young woman, said the doctor, bit down on his fingers and he had to withdraw them quickly to save them, remarking they were his tools.

Under the circumstance, Dr. Edelman asserts that he believes his bill was moderate, rather than excessive.

Dr. Edelman is a veteran. He is certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology (ear, nose, throat) and is also an associate fellow in the American Otorhinologic Society for the Advancement of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He is a fellow of the American Medical Association and a member of the Dade County Medical Association. He is on the hospital staffs of Jackson Memorial Hospital, Alton Road Hospital, Miami Beach, Victoria and Edgewater hospitals.

SAVE LIVES BY HEEDING SAFETY WARNING SIGNS

TO SAVE your life, heed "Signs of Life!" This is the theme of the Florida Department of Public Safety's June traffic campaign.

"Our goal is to bring home to both motorists and pedestrians the fact that traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings are installed for their protection and guidance only after study by traffic engineers has established the advisability of them," Director H. N. Kirkman said.

This June project is a part of the year-round Operation Safety program sponsored nationwide by the National Safety Council.

"In spite of the fact that our traffic signs, signals and pavement markings cover almost every situation that the motorist or pedestrian is likely to encounter, the regularity with which they are ignored is appalling. A conscientious observance of these signs would be a big step in reducing our traffic accident fatalities," Kirkman said.

He pointed out that the June campaign reminds motorists and pedestrians that "Signs of Life" are easily recognized by their distinctive shapes, even at a distance that makes their lettering illegible.

"Ignoring these signs," Kirkman said, "is like driving with your head tucked under the dashboard, and it makes just about as much sense. Our hope is to convince drivers and pedestrians that they should have more than a nodding acquaintance with these markings."

Tucker was paying plenty for whatever happened, a civil case would decide the suit.

Tucker had planned to return to Tulsa, Okla., to seek a job, but an attorney brought out that the father intended to send William to Europe as a reward for his splendid achievement of getting through college. Tucker is also a veteran. Attorneys Milton Ferrell and Henry appeared in the case and Eileen Campion, Congress building, tapped away on her stenotype to record this picture of Miami life and student joys.

IT IS a crime to pick flowers in public parks. Paul Schroeder, 69 years of age, of 3320 N. W. 22nd avenue, was gathering blossoms during Poinciana week in Bayfront park. But he had no permit for this observance of the week. He was picked up picking flowers on complaint of J. L. Pinder. He put up a \$50 bond and forfeited that sum when he failed to appear before City Judge Cecil C. Curry Monday.

THERE are devious ways in which to be arrested. You must be especially careful when you visit Shell's Super Market to shell out or you will be shelled in. There was another case of petty larceny Monday. E. E. Kline charged James B. Cooper, 2937 S. W. 30th court, a mechanic, with taking \$2.49 worth of stuff. And it cost him \$60. It's cheaper to pay cash. And it's strange such folks don't try to cart off more in those baby buggies than \$2.49, marked down from \$2.50 on days of sales.

Drunks, drunken driving, accidents, and fighting are other causes during the week end for facing the judge. Especially driving while under the influence. With fines of \$50 up and loss of license. If your offense was not too severe you may apply to court stenographer Harold Ross for restoration of the license in 90 days. You gotta walk until then.

Marella Young Stromberg, of 186 S. E. 8th street, confronted triple charges of driving when she shouldn't, for which she was fined \$50 and costs; disorderly conduct, on which she was dismissed, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor by bringing a child into a bar, for which he received a 15-day suspended sentence.

HOT POTATO!

WE'LL NEVER know how the Miami city commission would have voted on the rent decontrol question, now that Gov. Warren permitted the Dade local bill to become law.

The legislature sure took this hot potato out of their laps, and put it in their own.

Next year the legislators running for re-election will have to face the possibility that thousands of people under rent decontrol will vote in a bloc against all of them.

The other municipal councils (Coral Gables, Hialeah, etc.) who passed decontrol measures now see they weren't politically wise and entirely too hasty.

If they had waited, they, too, could enjoy the nice immunity of the Miami city commissioners.

Lucky boys, these Miami city commissioners.

Especially, those offering for re-election in November.

UNITED STATES SHOULD OPEN DOORS TO COURAGEOUS FINNS

WHAT Miami needs, what America needs are men of courage, of independence, of self-reliance, who are ready to risk their lives for freedom and a chance to succeed. Pioneers of this sort peopled and made this country strong and prosperous.

But today when brave individuals of this class sail across the briny deep in leaking tubs, our doors in Miami are slammed against them by the immigration service; they are shifted to Ellis Island, and they are penalized by having their boat seized by the United States.

Another small group of Finns have ventured across the Atlantic in the effort to find liberty, seek safety from Communist Russia. And they are unwanted.

Yet this country is spending millions of dollars to bring displaced persons from Europe, paying their expenses. They are the sorry victims of Europe's endless quarrels and they, too, look for hope in the United States.

But these Finns asked no help. They come from the one honest country in Europe, the only land that sought to repay their debt to America. They have struggled against totalitarian engulfment. They should be welcomed with open arms, regardless of immigration laws and restrictions.

If this is the land of the free and the home of the brave, surely these Finns who chanced all in their successful effort to sail the sea, ought to find haven here.

WILL COPS NEXT CENSOR UNDRRESS ON THE STREETS

NOW THAT the Miami police have become censors of costume, we are fearful as to where this will stop or begin.

The cops have set forth just how many beads a girl can take off before she becomes illegally indecent. However, they only perform behind closed doors and the adults who enter, pay for the visions of unclad beauty. But how about the nudity that openly struts the streets, the stores, and public places. How about the naked legs of high school girls who strut and dance in public parades? How about women in brief shorts and sweaters shopping in the stores? How about the ugly fat and hairy bellies of men roaming around in shorts and nothing else? These may be seen everywhere and without cost. If nakedness contributes to immorality and delinquency, surely these exposures should have more effect than the nitery G-strings.

How about the daily pictures in the newspapers of breasts and naked Miss This and That, arrayed only in a French handkerchief? How about the magazines that revel in bare bodies? How about the comic strips where girls are frequently stripped for the little kiddies to see?

The cops are apt to have their eyes full if they follow this new Puritan drive for dress in the tropics. Heck, we men may next be ordered to wear coats and neckties and hats.

How to Display Flag

CAPT. K. E. Flake, State Marine recruiting officer, has announced that Marine Corps Recruiting offices throughout the state have a booklet, for free distribution, entitled "Our Flag," which covers the regulations and customs of correctly displaying the national banner.

"Our Flag" booklets may be obtained by writing or visiting the Marine Corps Recruiting offices in Jacksonville, Miami, Ocala or Tampa post offices, or in the Old Post Office building in Orlando, or the New Fort Pierce hotel in Fort Pierce.

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Editor, Miami Life: Notified your paper of change of address and have not received an answer, papers must still be going to old address. Have missed reading same and do hope we can receive it from time to time. We will be traveling and am wondering if on return we can continue the subscription, will pay extra postage if necessary. Keep up your wonderful campaigns. Mrs. A. F. Miller.

Thanks For Health Work

Editor, Miami Life: I would like to congratulate you on your fine work in obtaining the Dade County Medical Association's emergency doctor service, thanks to your constant publicity on the situation. Having several times been stuck without a doctor when he was much needed I want to thank your efforts on behalf of better health for all. Keep up the good work. Mary Jane Momand.

TAX BUYING GOUGE

Editor, MIAMI LIFE: Interested in your expose of the Tax scandal in the purchase of certificates at top rates. You refer to the tax buyers as ganging up on the taxpayers. But then who doesn't? PRO BONO

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Press Ignores Brand Suit

WHEN the daily newspapers publish violent and serious charges against public officials, whether true or false, they contend that freedom of the press gives them that right. They have been upheld by the higher courts when libel suits were brought.

But it's different when a lone individual, a woman, Dorothy Brand, issues a mimeographed sheet attacking a candidate for Miami Beach council, Harry Zuckernick, and involving a successful candidate, Melvin Richard. Then this same daily press is strangely silent when she is charged with criminal libel and put on trial. They do not rush to her defense; they do not even report the trial.

Zuckernick, peeved by his defeat at the polls, brought criminal action against Dorothy Brand, and a two-hour hearing was held Tuesday afternoon before Justice of Peace Kenneth Oka in his Beach police station courtroom. After listening to the prolonged testimony, Justice Oka washed his hands of the important problem and bound the lady over to the Court of Crimes for a second trial, where she will have a choice of a jury or rest her case with Judge Wayne Allen. Her bond of \$100 was continued. Conviction would carry a fine or short jail sentence.

The suit is silly. Political candidates for office are always regarded as fair prey for criticism, blasting, charges of all kinds, exaggerations, lies and dirt.

But Harry Zuckernick is different. He couldn't take it, especially after the disappointment of getting a licking. So he turned his harpoon upon a woman and alleges she libeled him, because she made several charges of "criminal," "conspiracy," "blood money" and being "railroaded" against Zuckernick in this pamphlet, recounting certain unfortunate experiences she had with Zuckernick as her lawyer, and in which Richard was mentioned.

Both Zuckernick and Richard flatly denied the alleged libelous statements, and Judge Oka ruled that malice had been shown.

As yet there has been no great outcry by the Miami Herald and Miami Daily News about this interference with the freedom of the press, this violation of constitutional rights and the common law. It is fair for the Herald to attack the circuit court judges of Dade county and make false charges against them. That is the right of the press, said the higher court. But it is different when a single person without influence also speaks up.

In the hearings before Justice Oka, Miss Brand, formerly Mrs. Hurwitz, was represented by Attorney Ray Watson; and Zuckernick by Darrey Davis. Admitted as evidence was the pink pamphlet, entitled, "It Can Happen," with eight pages of copy setting forth her story, when Zuckernick was her attorney in an annulment proceeding and when she was jailed on the charges of a Harry Bashner. According to the pamphlet, in a letter May 15 to Police Chief P. R. Short she wrote:

In a letter May 15 to Police Chief P. R. Short, she wrote:

"Now, both Harry Zuckernick and Melvin Richard knew that this man had made a mistake under his own admission because Harry Bashner appealed to Melvin Richard to protect him so 'I could not sue him for all he was worth.' Melvin Richard in turn called on Zuckernick (which he denied), who was supposed to be my lawyer, asking Zuckernick to get me to sign a release. I did sign a paper which Zuckernick put in front of me while I was still a prisoner and in physical agony after 8 days of incarceration, saying 'If you want to get out, sign this.' I signed, believing it was a bond or something which was routine. I did not know it was a release for my accuser.

"Ever since, both Zuckernick and Melvin Richard have been hiding behind this release and will not reveal the whereabouts of Bashner even though they both knew it was a frameup to arrest me and incarcerate me over the Fourth of July of all days. They are both hiding Bashner because they know if he were produced, he would talk and would give Zuckernick away. Now both Richard and Zuckernick pretend to be God-almighty when they are both running for office on my blood money."

There is much more to the story as detailed in the document and she filed complaints with the Dade County Bar Association and Miami Beach Bar Association.

On the stand Dorothy Brand explained that

GAMBLING

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Richard made such a mistake two years ago. He avoided it this time.

More mature and realistic, he said (and we know he said it because we heard him with our own big ears): "I AM NOT AGAINST GAMBLING! I AM AGAINST SYNDICATE CONTROL!"

(He meant the S. & G. Gambling Syndicate.)

But NOW he's trying to do some hedging. He is saying—or at least the papers are saying—that when he said he was not against gambling, he meant the race tracks.

Now that is rather loose talking on the part of this lawyer-councilman. Beachites can't be fooled that easily.

What difference does "race track gambling" mean to them? They have no voice in it, and know they haven't.

We must presume he meant what people THOUGHT and what he TOLD them) he meant . . . In brief, that he was ONLY against the Syndicate.

Richard Has Become Overzealous

IT WOULD not be fair to stand by and see the Miami Beach electorate become the victims of hypocrisy. And we do not believe that Melvin Richard is a hypocrite.

We merely think he's become over-zealous. He's ambitious, of course, and the Miami Herald is taking advantage of him.

We don't think Mel Richard wants to assume the role of a liberal for the sake of expediency.

We do not believe there was, or is, any need for any resolution by the Miami Beach council regarding gambling.

It is the LAW of the land that gambling is prohibited.

It is the sworn duty of the city manager, chief of police, and the city council to see that ALL laws are enforced.

But in a democracy—which is our accepted way of political life—it has become the custom to heed majorities, if they're not "off the beam," and, if they wish, to deviate from a straight and narrow path that archaic laws lay down.

It was this public temper that permitted race track gambling to get under way in Florida.

And slot machines and bingo games at veteran organizations, churches, etc.

The policy of a community as far as "liberal policy" is concerned is in the hands of a majority of the city council of Miami Beach.

The city manager, nominal head of the police department of Miami Beach, serves at the will of the city council. Therefore, if he wants to retain his job, he MUST listen to the dictates of the majority.

Beach's Future Is At Stake

WHAT WE need in Miami Beach is ACTION—not resolutions.

The Syndicate has closed all "books," including the "Independents" and the two minor "syndicates" operated individually by Harris Leveson and Sammy Clark.

The daily newspaper "front" shouts that they are opposed to gambling.

THEY are GAMBLING, however—with the future of Miami Beach at stake!

The investment in hotels alone goes way above a billion dollars.

Without the hotels, there would be NO Miami Beach today!

Certainly the people who have put such a vast sum of money into Beach hotels, apartments, and restaurants should AT LEAST be given the privilege of VOICING their opinions in the matter.

We think the councilmen should talk to their constituents, talk to the people who make Miami Beach possible, and find out what THEY think.

Then — and only then — should they determine the policy Miami Beach is to pursue.

At the same time, they should remember that when a newspaper editorializes, it is ONE man speaking. Proof: When the Florida Sun changed publishers last week, the policy of that paper changed immediately!

In determining Miami Beach's policy, ONLY the WELFARE of Miami Beach should be considered.

If this is the case, we believe that they'll find that dominant opinion is in favor of a liberal policy, especially those who can be put out of business or lose their shirts, if there is a poor season.

We May See Recall Move Yet!

WE HOLD no brief for the Big Syndicate.

In fact, we think it's bad for the community.

But it's better than NOTHING!

(And its morals, individually and collectively, probably rank as high as those of the Blue-Stocking Gamblers who own the big race tracks and on whom these self-same dailies FAWN!)

The Miami Beach city council should set its policy in the

her purpose in publishing the document was that she believed it was her duty to expose Zuckernick when he was running for office and that her allegations were true. The judge joined in the questioning. She typed and mimeographed the pamphlet herself and nobody else was responsible. She ran off about 500 copies, and distributed them.

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

AS most taxpayers know, Dade county's "take" on "intangible taxes" is huge and, what's worse, this is practically the only county in the state collecting such taxes. Now we hear that this tax has been directly responsible for wealthy Northerners moving their possessions out of the state. If it's true that Racetrack Mogul Warren Wright moved away on this account, why isn't that fact publicized?

WHY does Ethel Barrymore somehow remind us of Mrs. FDR? . . . The Herald's editorial management, in its Columnist series, is apparently trying to make pygmies (Bell and Kofoed, to be specific) look giant-sized (Pearson, Ruark, Rose, Othman, Grafton, etc.) . . . What's this about electric water heaters, even the best brands, wearing out after a year or two? . . . The News' down-to-earth reporting of local business slumps will eventually have a healthy effect on our economy . . . Cornell profs say, according to Winchell, that women seldom blush because of shyness but usually "when irked or found out." But isn't shyness merely unusual sexual awareness? And when the shy woman thinks someone else has "found out" her secret thoughts, she blushes?

LESTER Leber in TIDE: "I wonder how a perfume can be 'exciting as a flight through night winds.' Is the flight on a scheduled airliner or on a broomstick? I wonder what is meant by 'pale velvet hands with whispering fingertips.' Possibly a conversation between deaf mutes? And I wouldn't like to meet the gal who would believe a soapmaker's claim that 'years from now, your first cake will still be a bright memory! I can just see a lavender-scented album with one tender page devoted to a faded soap wrapper."

HERE'S a letter the noted rabbi, Theodore N. Lewis of Brooklyn, sent to the

Saturday Review of Literature recently: "As a matter of personal privilege, please allow me to reply to John Mason Brown, who attacks me quite sharply in his column in the issue of March 12. I am as bitterly opposed to censorship as he is. However, it is my contention that the motion-picture medium is in a category radically different from that of the printed word. Even the latter often presents unusual and complicated problems, as the current discussion touching comic books clearly indicates."

"Neither the New York Board of Rabbis nor I has sought to exclude 'Oliver Twist' from any library. What my colleagues and I have resisted, and will continue to do so, is the release of the Rank screen version of 'Oliver Twist,' because it is not true to the text of Dickens, and therefore calculated to arouse the embers of anti-Semitism and race prejudice. While I have not seen the picture, competent judges like Albert Deutsch and others have seen it and condemned it as overtly anti-Semitic and as certain to stimulate anti-Jewish hate. That riots did follow wherever 'Oliver Twist' was exhibited, proves how sound this judgment was."

RABBI Lewis concludes: "While Jews have never sought to suppress 'The Merchant of Venice,' there is no sound reason why high schools are obligated to select for class instruction that comedy which is most derogatory and hateful to Jews. As I would not deny anyone the right to read 'The Merchant of Venice,' neither would I force it upon anyone. How this attitude becomes 'censorship' eludes me."

YOUR LIFE brings us a unique theory of Dr. Carl F. Schlotter-Hauser, Mayo Foundation: "If your dog bites people, you ought to visit a psychiatrist—a dog's temperament reflects the inner disturbances of its master."

next week or ten days along liberal lines. That's absolutely necessary, with or without the Syndicate.

Don't YOU gamble with Miami Beach's future.

Leave that up to the newspapers, and their unfathomable and selfish motives for SLURRING the Beach and its populace at every turn!

We venture to say that for the first time in Miami Beach's history a recall movement WILL be started—IF any councilman has been DIRECTLY responsible for keeping Miami Beach CLOSED and can be clearly identified.

If the Syndicate is responsible, its owners should be ashamed of themselves. They have done pretty well for themselves at Miami Beach and should be more grateful than that!

Certainly they shouldn't be permitted to make the Beach's economy suffer under their Rule-Or-Ruin obsession!

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CRISIS FOR U.S. CAPITALISM

THE American Way of Life—as we have known it in the past—is tottering. Here in Miami literally thousands of small, independent business men are finding it very difficult to make ends meet. They're having to discharge too many employes, cut other expenses too drastically.

Stenographers, clerks, menial help, day laborers are offering their services for less and less.

All this further curtails general purchasing power of the community.

Relief of some sort is a necessity.

One solution lies in stopping expansions of huge corporations.

Consolidation of businesses and the swallowing up of the larger enterprises by the huge monopolies forming in various fields (even in the newspaper field) are lessening the chances of individual success, reducing employment, and eliminating competition.

"Free Enterprise" as practiced today with all its accompanying evils must eventually destroy the capitalistic system.

We don't go so far as to advocate the abolition of the major monopolies already formed. But we do say, let's stop them in their tracks right now.

As this country, this state, this city grows, restrictions must be placed from here on out to make it impossible for any individual, group, or corporation to own more than one place of business of any type.

In that way, there might be a small chance—a SMALL chance, we said—of saving the capitalistic system. As it is, too tiny a part owns or controls our wealth.

Otherwise prepare for the worst . . . militant political leaders promising the people help in a time of need and thereby getting elected to office . . . and forcing through laws to guarantee that no American and his family will suffer from want . . . and, finding this a successful political platform, officials will become radically liberal. You wouldn't recognize our capitalistic system any more.

Or, worse yet, a Dictatorship . . . noted writers have professed to see this an eventual-ity in the next few years.

One thing is certain:

People are NOT going HUNGRY—to protect ANY FORM of government!

Can you blame them?

Changes Human Nature

In Paris the Big Three Foreign Ministers shadow-boxed with Vishinsky while the shadow of the Hammer and Sickle slowly fell like a shroud over the Orient. One foreign minister said, "We have come to Paris to plan for peace." How to get it has always been the catch.

At the same time high above Lake Geneva in Switzerland's most scenic setting another conference got under way. Describing it in an editorial the Los Angeles Herald-Express said, "Hundreds of clear-thinking delegates from all parts of the world are gathered together for a World assembly for Moral Re-

armament. This is the eleventh anniversary of the founding of this force which has as its objective a world-wide spiritual renaissance. It is a movement which is gathering momentum in the highest government circles."

This evaluation was further evidenced by a resolution passed unanimously by the U. S. House of Representatives. It called for a bi-partisan Congressional delegation to fly to Caux and make an official report to the House. This action has special significance because it is the nation's first official recognition that democracy needs an ideology to supplement the initiative Amer-

ica has taken in supplying our economic, political and military aid.

Foreign Minister Schuman of France said, "In the economic field we have the Marshall Plan. In the political and military fields we have the Atlantic Pact. Now we need to give ideological content to the lives of the millions of Europe. We must reach the people so that the pact will be sustained by a deep change in the way of life of the Western World."

Ten years ago Frank Buchman, initiator of MRA, said, "Peace is not an idea; it is people becoming different."

MILLION FOR ADV. BY FLORIDA TOWNS

A TOTAL of \$1,301,060 was appropriated by Florida cities and counties for advertising purposes for disbursement during the current fiscal year. The research and industrial division of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce reported in its weekly business review based on a special state chamber survey. "This total represents \$1,054,949 from city coffers and \$246,111 from counties.

"City councils and county commissions are themselves handling \$617,875 of the \$1,301,060 total; \$518,714 is being disbursed through Chambers of Commerce and \$14,471 through a variety of special spending agencies, some of which are not directly concerned with advertising. This last item includes \$45,000 donated to universities.

"Principal purposes for which the total funds are being spent are newspaper, magazine, radio and motion picture advertising road signs, brochures and sponsorship of tournaments, fairs, festivals, exhibitions, conventions and industrial promotion.

"This city-county total is only a part of the moneys, both public and private, being expended currently for advertising the State of Florida and local communities and attractions. Private concerns, chambers of commerce (from membership funds) and the state (\$500,000 annual appropriation) add to this local total derived from taxation sources alone."

JEWISH CENTER TO HAVE ANNIVERSARY

THE West Miami Jewish Center takes pride in announcing the first anniversary of its organization. Celebrating activities will culminate in a dance to be held at the Elks Club at 720 West avenue, Miami Beach, the night of July 2, 1949.

The dance will feature a popular "name" band and entertainment. Refreshments will be served.

During its first full year of activity the West Miami Jewish Center had purchased a plot of ground in the town of West Miami, for the erection of a place of worship and Jewish community center. All donations received from the dance and entertainment will be set aside toward the building fund.

FLORIDA DOCTORS TO ATTEND SCHOOL

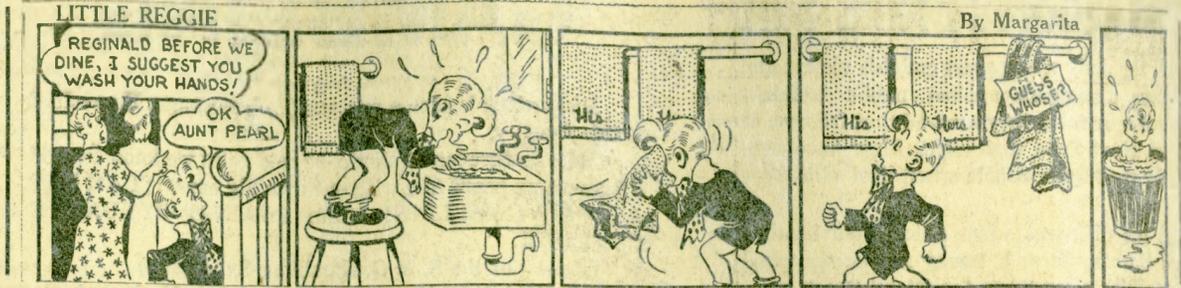
ANNUAL graduate short course for Florida physicians will be held in Jacksonville June 20-25.

It will be sponsored by the Graduate School of the University of Florida in co-operation with the Florida Medical Association and the State Board of Health.

Prior to the annual session, physicians are invited to attend a special course on heart diseases June 14-17, also in Jacksonville. Two outstanding physicians, Dr. Bruce Logue and Dr. Robert Grant, both of Emory University Medical School, will comprise the faculty.

A special session on "Alcoholism" will be conducted Monday night, June 20. It will be open to any physician. Dr. H. Harlan Craik, of the Menninger Foundation School of Psychiatry, will be the speaker.

Florida has more inland fresh water fishing acreage than any other state in the Union.



HERE IS BOX SCORE ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE

HERE is the box score on what the legislature did with Governor Warren's program:

TAX PROPOSALS

Passed—None.

Rejected—All new tax measures and suggestions to increase current levies.

GENERAL

Passed—

1. Modified ban on highway cattle.
2. Loyalty oath law.
3. Flood and drought control program.
4. "Taste Test" citrus act.
5. Anti-pollution laws.
6. Stronger laws dealing with traffic violations (particularly coercing other employes in the interests of political campaigns).

Rejected or Failed to Consider—

1. Anti-Klan bill.
 2. Reforestation and fire control program.
 3. State civil service.
 4. Legal ceiling on road construction costs.
 5. Anti-pollution laws.
 6. Stronger laws dealing with traffic violations, particularly drunken driving.
 7. Unemployment compensation in case of sickness.
 8. Have unclaimed bank deposits turned over to the state.
 9. State Tax Commission to equalize county tax assessments.
 10. Earmarking motor vehicle license tags for 20-25 years for school building program.
1. Turn over revenue from previously exempt industries to cities.
 2. Two-mill tax on real estate for 10 years to finance state's share of flood control.
 3. A system of centralized purchasing of state supplies.

Artists' Colonies

SARASOTA county's claim as the "Art Center of Florida" has been further advanced with the formation of an elaborate art center in Venice.

The colony, known as Artists Guild, is a non-profit organization sponsored by a group of leading merchants and businessmen including the mayor of Venice and a well-rounded representation of Venice's more progressive citizens.

A survey of all artistic talent in the area was made by a volunteer group to determine the range of courses that will be added to the school's established curriculum.

Founders Edward A. Beaudry and Walter A. Dienhart announced that the school will open next October with classrooms in the Gulfbreeze hotel. Beaudry stated that one of the finest staff of teachers possible was being assembled and already many well-known names throughout art circles had been signed, including Edward Leonard, William Tracy, Col. and Mrs. John F. Fishback and Mary Leonard. Edward Leonard has been appointed as the director of the school of art. Other staff members will be announced at a later date.

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By LEE MASON

By far, the best show of the week was not at a theatre or a night club—it was at Wednesday's meeting of the Miami Beach city council. As early as 8 o'clock in the morning seats in the chambers were scarce, and at 10, the order was given to admit no more—the place was over-

crowded. But the big fireworks were a dud—for instead of any resolution that would cause trouble, a very safe and sane one, that spoke of the enforcement of all laws, offered by Rifkin of the hotel association, was adopted, and that seemed to end that.

There were the remarks of Councilman Roth, to the effect



that he was very tired of this

and that this was the last resolution of its kind that he would ever vote for or against, as he felt that the council had been elected to do the business of the city, and not to put on a show. Councilman Richard said that the resolution as adopted was in line with what he wanted, and that seemed to end that.

This matter is a long way from settled, though. When the meeting finally broke up after 2 o'clock, I was at lunch with Richard, and to my utter amazement, I found that he has sold himself on the propaganda that "Miami Beach is the most lawless city, etc., etc." No amount of argu-

ment or fact seems to make any impression on him—and I wonder if for the next four years, Bret Hart's California flea will not be personified on Miami Beach by Richard.

The dirt and filth of the campaign, like a very bad memory, lingers on. The apartment house owners association had a man by the name of Frishman who went after Councilman Roth, and I was surprised that the thing wound up without blows. The argument came over the council voting for a survey to be made by a Dr. Wolfe, to determine what the situation is in relation to the

number of people who have left the beach because of rents that are out of their reach. Some of the things that Frishman said were far better in a gutter—and I noted that Mayor Turk several times was ready to gavel Frishman down. The net result is that things on the beach are as much in the air as before—and our daily papers are having a field day as they pound away, trying their best to keep people away from South Florida.

There was a ten-gal raid in Miami—the ten girls being strippers, employed at three different places. It seems that

most of the girls were fined—and I wonder if that will make any difficulty for their bosses. I hope not—for I cannot see just how the fines were arrived at, but the newspapers in reporting the arrests, surely had another headline day, and the "crime" stories were all dragged out to show our wickedness.

Ben Perry—"Mr. Dolly with etc." now at the Clover Club, visited with me on the air last Monday night, with his lovely wife, who has opened a dress-making shop on Las Olas Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. Ben is at Jack Goldman's Clover Club,

where the lovely Bea Saxon, Emalen Gordon, Frank Linales band, and the new "spend what you like" policy are doing great business in the main room, while Woody and his piano and songs take very good care of the bar.

Sam Brooks at the Monte Carlo, went all out when he booked his bill for the opening show. Every girl that he has in the show is a feature woman from the wheel, and it must be a picnic to try to get all the billing set to the satisfaction of all the lovely ladies. Michael Selker and his music cut a very good show, and are also in their usual form with the dance tunes.

Carrie Finnel, and Tommy Morris were also visitors to the radio program. Minsky is trying to get Carrie to open in New York, but it looks as though Harold will have to come way up in the money department, or Carrie will be right here for a while. Bill Liebow is trying hard to get Carrie to stage her own show for him in Panama, and if the deal hits, I think that Carrie will find herself the sensation of the Republic.

Amy Fong, Chinese—Princess Wa Wa, six-foot-two of real American Indian—Carol Le Clair, petite and French; Bette MacDonald, the blonde Scotch lassie, and Diana Parker of Australia sort of make the show at the Monte Carlo a real house of all nations.

Leslie Roberts, the local girl who has made good in so many spots, is repeating at Pop Brown's Rendezvous Club, on the Federal Highway in Hollywood. The current bill will have Charles Vida as an added starter next Friday (17th), and it may be that Mary Jo Ball, the acro dancer who is just about tops in this territory, will hold over. These warm nights make the trip to Hollywood a pleasure—and the many Beach parties are finding that it pays to explore.

Two of my favorite people are George and Virginia Foo, who operate Virginia Foo's on 41st street, Miami Beach. If all you know about Chinese food is the tourist menu, ask George or Virginia to order for you—and then sit back and enjoy a little. If you add Bill, their head waiter, you can spend some time with a pleasant trio who can set you straight on many of the stories about present-day China—and you can add some really swell friends to your list.

There is a rumor that there is a big deal in the making for the old Fiesta Room, on S. E. 1st street, Ed Claughton's property. It will, if it jells, bring big-time musical to downtown Miami.

Poor Phil Zwill! Or is it that the Ball and Chain name means just that?

More and more Beach hotels are now in the entertainment business, with real shows on many of the floors. Wonder why they don't straighten out the old ordinance so that there will not be any trouble? New Beach ordinance prohibits "restricted" signs. Will that change the signs?

This column is very late—and I'm cutting it short. Next week I'll do better—"seuse please! But any night—meet me at midnight.

Miami Bored By Patriotic Events

YES, we are among the very few Miami patriots who take the trouble to look at a parade observing a national occasion. That went for Flag Day when the Elks and military staged a short procession down Flagler street to Bayfront park Tuesday night. There were more marchers than spectators. The number on the curbstones were mainly folks who just happened to be walking along. It was pretty lonesome. But in the parade were the handsome prancing horses of the Miami police and the motorcycle patrol performers; there were military detachments; that great drum and bugle corps, and, of course, a fine high school band with its dancing girls. And American flags.

Miami no longer bothers to turn out for parades unless they are the American Legion or the Orange Bowl festival. And patriotic events seem to bore them.

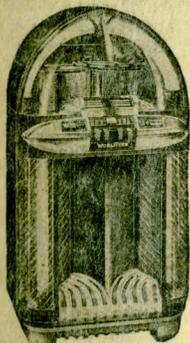
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Matrimony Row

MEN have their troubles in matrimony, as well as women, although they do not as often seek release through the Dade courts. Perhaps they realize that masculine judges, masters and attorneys are apt to be more lenient to the ladies than to the gentlemen. It may be a flare-back from the old days of chivalry from which modern man has not recovered, despite the antics of the girls.

William Richard Rhan sues Anna Lee Rhan, now in old Vincennes, Ind. They were married in Valdosta, Ga., April 24, 1947, and separated in September of the same year. The plaintiff was in the service of the Coast Guard at the time and reports that two months after marriage a son was born.

Immediately after that the defendant began to nag, fuss, rage. While in New Smyrna, William claims Anna visited Orlando frequently and would leave the house unclean. She preferred to read magazines rather than attend to her duties. If the child was mentioned, she would rage and then refuse to speak for hours. She

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TEXACO MARINE HAS NEW OWNERS

HOW involved a small Miami business can become at times is revealed by the story of the Texaco Marine, boat sales, rentals, repairs, at 377 N. W. South River drive. It has just been taken over as a triple partnership with Jay E. Mathews as manager and part owner. The business was founded last year by Carl M. Pedersen as owner and manager.

Mr. Mathews reports that on February 14 he paid Pedersen \$1,000 as an option to purchase one half of the business, with the understanding that it was free and clear, but four days later a mortgage was placed on the enterprise by Steicher & Shields. Later a first mortgage for \$1,500 was taken by Kirk Sullivan. On March 7, Mathews declares, the half interest was sold to James W. Fidler for \$4,200 on the basis that the property was free and clear.

When the parties discovered the situation the business was thrown into receivership by Circuit Court Judge Harrison and Louie Banel was appointed receiver April 16. With the original first mortgage cleared off, an arrangement was made to turn the business over to the three claimants, Mathews, Sullivan and Fidler, who are now the sole owners and operators of Texaco Marine, while Pedersen is no longer identified with the firm.

However, Mathews charges that Pedersen still has some of the Texaco Marine checks and warns that the business is not responsible for any checks signed by Pedersen.

HOTEL SCHOOL

State Hotel Commissioner James T. Landon announces that preliminary plans have been completed for a training school to be held at the Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla., the week of June 27 through July 2.

Mr. Landon stated that this was the first of an annual training period designed to keep Hotel Commission inspectors and supervisors informed of the very latest developments in the hotel and restaurant industry as well as trained to the maximum in health and safety measures.

The school will be under the direction of Miss Helen E. Underwood, head of the Department of Restaurant and Hotel Management at the university.

The teaching staff will be headed by Russell C. Kirkpatrick, field representative of the university's Hotel and Restaurant Department.

Arrangements for the school have been handled by Jack Weatherford, chief deputy hotel commissioner.

The State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission rescued over a million pounds of fresh water fish from dried-up pot-holes last year.

never took their marriage seriously and while he was away, he asserts that Anna entertained men friends.

Anna Lee did not love William and wished he would leave. The plaintiff sets forth that if the defendant had put half the effort in trying to establish a happy home as she did "in bellyaching about money" the marriage would have been a success. Robert Hugh of Ferguson and Baker, is the

attorney.

A NOTHER man who had no pull with his wife is Dr. Marvin L. Ebelmesser, dentist, of Miami, who seeks to extract himself from the marriage with Mary Louise Ebelmesser, Miami, to whom he was united Dec. 9,

1945, but the filing fell out April 3, 1949. Dr. Marvin reports that he was gassed by her vile temper, nagging, quarrels, fault finding. Her conduct preyed on his nerves—like an infected tooth—so he could not carry on his practice. She said she did not love him.

WH THE flowers that bloom in fall may perish in June. Violets, for example. Violet Leora Hall finds love fading with Jay B. Hall, to whom she was spliced Sept. 21, 1946, in Folkston, Ga. Violet has a two-year-old daughter from a prior marriage. Jay induced her to cease work on promise that he would support her, which would have been all

right, except that she was forced to resume work after the first month in order to pay the rent and groceries. Jay, she says, spent his money on liquor, and would demand her money with which to buy booze. When drunk he called her vile names, and in November, 1946, she asserts, he kicked, beat and threatened her. What's more, when he came home drunk, he would frequently make her get in bed with him. Abney and Burton are the lawyers.

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Digest of Recent Opinions of The Attorney General of Florida

Attorney General Richard W. Egan was asked by Velton Walters, superintendent of Board of Public Instruction, Glades County, if it is possible for tax payers to vote more than four mills for school building purposes without floating a bond issue. The answer was that in view of constitutional provisions and the statutes, they could not.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, received an opinion from the attorney general holding that where the state prison authorities offer a reward for the capture and delivery to them of an escaped state prisoner, a person making such capture and turning the prisoner over to the sheriff of the county is entitled to the reward, although the prisoner is tried and convicted on another charge and delivered to the state prison authorities under a new commitment.

C. M. Gay, State Comptroller, in an opinion from the attorney general, supplemental to one previously rendered, was advised further in reference to losses by a national guard, of property belonging to the United States, that the comptroller is authorized to make payment to the United States, of the value of military property issued to the national guard which may have been lost or destroyed, before the officer charged with its care has remitted to the comptroller the value of such property and that such payment by the comptroller to the United States does not relieve the officer having the care of such property nor his surety from liability to the state for its value.

With reference to an application by "The Central Trust of China," as a corporation to do an insurance business in the State of Florida, the attorney general advised R. A. Gray, Secretary of State, among other things, that in the absence of a treaty or other agreement being shown, the applicant, a company "promulgated by the National Government of China on May 7, 1947," could not be qualified as a foreign corporation to do an insurance business in this state in view of the word "trust" being contained in its corporate name. It was further pointed out that the agency of the National Government of China in question should be classified as a proprietary function of such government and not as one of its governmental functions.

Thomas D. Bailey, Superintendent of the State Department of Education, received an opinion from the attorney general which held that the law providing that county school board members shall not receive special compensation provided by local acts after Jan. 1, 1951, is not in conflict with another section of the statutes which provides that school board members shall receive only the compensation authorized by general law after July 1, 1951.

Since under the first mentioned provision and in the absence of any later statute to the contrary, the effect of it on the effective date of Jan. 1, 1951, is to fix salaries of all county school board members throughout the state by general law and under its provisions every county must go under the general law six months prior to July 1, 1951.

The attorney general advised T. Harold Williams, county solicitor, Palm Beach county, that a statute in question limits the payment of a fee for investigations to those which are made under the direction of the state attorney, county solicitor or other prosecuting officer at six dollars per day. It was also noted that payment of the fee must also be approved by the court.

Bob Williams, of Hallandale, recently joined the staff of the Florida Farm Bureau as field secretary. Serving South Florida county farm bureaus, he will help with county organizations. Though the Florida "cracker" fisherman has never heard the term, the bream of Florida is the same as the common sunfish of northern waters.

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Gables Racket In Extinguishers?

THE SHADES of wily old "Doc" Dammers—the deceased auctioneer whose silver-toned daily auction sales in George E. Merrick's fruit groves to the southwest of Miami back in 1921, furnished the initial money to promote the now-beautiful and ritzy Coral Gables—must be chuckling, wherever they are.

For, out in the Gables, they're suddenly trying to enforce a fire extinguisher ordinance that Dammers, after he'd become mayor in the "Bust" period of 1926, had passed as a "gimmick."

Under this ordinance, a 2½-gallon fire extinguisher could be forced to suspend from every livingroom wall in every apartment in the swanky metropolis! (How'd they like that?)

The other day a city inspector visited a 4-unit apartment house . . . it would be scarcely possible to start a fire in it, let alone be trapped in one, as each apartment is fireproof, has front and back exits, and plenty of places on the second floor to jump from, if need be.

The owner was ordered to put in fire extinguishers.

ONE HOUR later, a fire extinguisher salesman visited the apartment house owner!

Oh, shades of "Doc" Dammers!

We To Arm Japs!

THE state department now says Japs are fully disarmed. And that the U. S. is resolved to prevent any rebuilding of the Nipponese war-making machine. Moreover, Japan can pay no more war reparations if it is to develop into a self-supporting nation.

This statement was issued in rejecting criticism of American policy from Philippine and Chinese representatives.

This policy has been dictated "by hard necessity to permit achievement of the basic FEC policy objectives for Japan," the department said. These objectives, it was explained, cannot be accomplished by permitting the Japanese to "starve," or by depriving them of "industrial equipment needed for their peaceful economy."

This would all be fine and wonderful IF conditions hadn't changed since this policy was instituted.

At that time nationalistic China had successfully defended itself against Communistic inroads. But now the Reds have the upper hand in China.

The day isn't far away when we'll be ARMING Japan to defend US against Communism!

The boys on Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Marshall Islands, cannot protest, of course. Their broken bodies lie buried there, and mute.

But their parents, brothers, sons . . . especially the ones now jobless . . . and the ones about to be . . . should become bitter, indeed, toward the forces that are now more interested in making Japan self-sustaining than in looking out for the families these dead boys left behind!

Young Cops, Don't Emulate Carroll!

WE DO NOT know whether the much-publicized Coconut Grove Patrolman Dallas L. Carroll was actually penalized for raiding a bookie. (City Manager Hart ruled any officer has that right.) If he was transferred to a bad beat simply for that, it seems to us that the ones ordering the transfer should be punished.

However, regardless of the outcome of Prof. Hart's probe, this should not be interpreted by young patrolmen to mean that they now have a sure-fire pattern to follow if they want to protect their status quo positions . . . in brief, that to keep from EVER being transferred from a certain beat, all they have to do is raid a bookie!

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Jacobson Divorce Scandal

THE COMPLACENCY displayed by the Dade County Bar Association toward the law firm of Murrell, Fleming & Flowers and former Circuit Judge Ross Williams after their reprehensible actions last year in the divorce case of Joseph Jacobson, may be shaken somewhat after the facts in the case are presented to the American Bar Association in the immediate future.

The ABA is to be told how a member of the Murrell firm made a political talk IN FAVOR of Judge Williams' candidacy for re-election although he had been OPPOSED politically to Williams . . . so his firm representing the wealthy Miami Beach realty trader, could get a FAVORABLE decision from the judge!

Also, how the clients of the Murrell law firm actively participated in the Williams campaign, and why Judge Williams, shortly after, without a hearing, cut off Mrs. Jacobson's alimony, and how it was immediately reinstated after a hearing before another judge!

The American Bar Association will be asked to determine just why no action has been taken by the Dade County Bar Association against the participants in this MAJOR SCANDAL.

Also, why the lawyers "conspiring" with the circuit court judge were not cited for contempt of court—inasmuch as such allegations, and others, too, were contained in a bona fide petition to disqualify Judge Williams, filed by Mrs. Jacobson's counsel.

An unerasable stigma attaches to the Dade Bar Association as a result of this

case. *Now we know there are honorable and upright and trustworthy lawyers in Dade county. We have a great many longtime friends among them.*

Therefore, it becomes all the more perplexing that some pressure isn't brought to compel official action from their officers.

It may be that close, personal ties prevent initiative action on their part.

But we hope that the American Bar Association has no such inhibitions and is in a better position to zealously guard the reputation of its profession.

Photostatic copies of the disqualification proceedings brought against Judge Williams go off to the American Bar Association in the near future, with all the startling details. So we may expect that something definite in the way of fact-finding will be forthcoming.

This is no expose of a defenseless group of men.

It affects affluent, experienced, and very influential members of the bar.

If they weren't guilty, you can rest assured that the publisher of MIAMI LIFE would be incarcerated or under bond.

But there has been no denial. We can take that only as an admission of their guilt.

Yet do we hear any civic body of Miami demanding that justice be done in this case?

Well, it seems to bear out an old Miami saying: "It is not what you do. It is WHO you ARE!"

SCHOOL TERM

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Dade county the privilege of voting on decontrol. There are arguments on both sides of this controversy, true.

But in a democracy, is it not an irrevocable rule that a majority should determine such a drastic step?

How can a majority rule if they are not permitted a voice on such issues?

Let's not make the same mistake on the long-term school issue.

LET'S REQUEST Gov. Warren to include, in his coming special session to be called in the near-future, the question of whether or not the people of Dade county will be forced to abide by such an arbitrary ruling by the board of education. Children's health may be endangered. One doctor so testified before the board last week.

Why embitter our kids toward schooling by an unnecessarily long, and obviously discriminatory, long-term?

Let's NOT petition the governor merely to shorten our school term.

Let's ask him to give the people of Dade county the opportunity—a chance—to VOICE THEIR OPINION in a COUNTY-WIDE REFERENDUM!

CERTAINLY, there can be nothing wrong with this proposal. Let the issues on both sides be

clearly and fully explained to the so-far-unenlightened public.

Or, better still, have an election with only the parents and teachers voting!

Let them—who know the situation best—have the opportunity of expressing their opinion.

Can there be any valid objections to this procedure?

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