

Publicity-Mad Hotelman Falsely Accuses Cabbie

YOU READ last week and a lot of hysterical ranting by a Miami hotel man about what he termed "racketeer hotel operators in Miami Beach" paying out "turkey money" to lure tourists AWAY from Miami hotels! His name is Peter Niles and he manages the Patricia Hotel, 312 S. E. Second ave. He had a taxicab driver arrested for allegedly trying to take a woman headed for his hotel to a Beach hotel instead.

Now let us tell the story, and see if, after you get through reading it, you don't decide, like we, that Peter Niles is publicity-mad to a rather dangerous degree.

The taxi driver picked up his fare at the FEC depot one night, two weeks ago. He understood her to say "Patrician hotel."

The Patrician is an ocean-front hotel at 3263 Collins ave., Miami Beach. He asked again to make sure—"You mean the Patrician, at Miami Beach?"

She said yes, it was "the Patrician."

But when they reached the causeway and she saw they were crossing the water, she told him she knew that wasn't right. He turned back and deposited her at the Patricia, down in Dallas Park near the Miami river. The fare by this time had reached \$2.40.

Manager Peter Niles swelled up like a pouter pipe and strutted in indignation. He became very abusive toward the driver.

The driver shrugged his shoulders, then remarked: "Well, it being the 4th of July, and it being a mistake, I'll refund \$2." Which left the fare what it ordinarily is from the depot to Ft. Dallas park.

But the ego of Manager Peter Niles wasn't

satisfied by any means. He called the police station. And so, came two officers to question hapless cabbie (we say "hapless," for they've been a starving lot the last two years, especially this spring and summer)—and, mind you, at Niles' COMMAND, they took the cabbie's license away from him!

Several days later, after he'd been forced to give up his livelihood all that time, a hearing was conducted before Assistant City Prosecutor Corlette supposedly to determine what should be done about him.

The cabbie was barred from this meeting at the insistence of Niles, who then proceeded to blast "racketeer hotel operators in Miami Beach," trumping up a story about this incident to give color to his blanket charge. He demanded that an example be made of this particular cabbie that would forever have the Beach operators on their knees begging forgiveness.

But, by this time, an investigation by the Miami police had determined the truth of the matter.

The lady admitted she might have said "Patrician hotel" instead of "Patricia hotel." They had her say "Patricia" — and it sounded like "Patrician."

It seems to us that any FOOL could have plainly seen it was an honest error. Especially when two hotels with such similar names were confused.

Why, there's a bank at Miami Beach—we'll name names and say the Mercantile National Bank—mixed up the PATRICIAN'S deposits and statements with the PATRICIA'S!

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OUR PLEA FOR STATE TO TAKE OVER FP&L GETS AID

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FOR many, many years MIAMI LIFE has battled alone for public ownership of the Florida Power & Light Company, with never any help from the professedly people-loving daily newspapers or from their stooges in public office.

Dozens of times we have reminded the Miami citizenry that in diverting electricity profits from Wall Street profiteer's pockets into our city treasury, we could make Miami, despite its back-breaking indebtedness, eventually a debt-free, and then a tax-free, municipality. But the Octopus merely increased its advertising appropriations and kept on stealing from the public, charging them the highest rate of any major city in the U. S., and, moreover, nearly al-

ways controlling the majority on the city commission. Within the last year, while Florida's acute financial crisis frequently made the first pages over the land, MIAMI LIFE observed that Florida itself could take over all electricity production in the state, including the FP&L's holdings in Miami, and use the profits to relieve the state treasury as well as the treasuries in many of the larger Florida municipalities.

Remember the "Open Letter to Fuller Warren" which we wrote recently, urging him to espouse this remedy?

And what do you think happened this week! . . . None other but Former Gov. Millard F. Caldwell's law partner, Julius F. Parker, PROPOSED STATE OWNERSHIP OF ALL FLORIDA GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

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The Economic Picture: BAD!

WE DO NOT realize it here, but the countries in Europe, TOO, have over-produced! Their warehouses are bulging with goods. Their factories are either closing or curtailing. Unemployment, as here, is becoming more and more prevalent.

Shorter work-weeks, higher pay, and a devalued dollar must come, if we're to work out of our difficulties.

We're too heavily indebted to the Moneyed Powers to be able to pay our exorbitant war loans in peace-time cash.

It will become, more and more, economically and physically impossible to do so without the "lifts" suggested. Without them, suffering and disaster will prevail.

Let's use this "ounce of prevention" now!

NOT LEANING TO G.O.P.—NO, OUR PRESIDENT'S BEING REALISTIC

PRESIDENT Truman, dropping his demand for a \$4,000,000,000 increase in taxes, has been hailed by the Republicans as "coming around" to the Republican way of thinking." And that's not so.

In fact, it was just a realization on the president's part that, to maintain the budget on its present level, necessitates either an increase in taxation or some new sources of revenue, or cutting the budget below the level of a day.

He realizes that the present business being done in this country will produce far less in dollars and cents—as far as taxes are concerned—than had been anticipated.

Therefore, it's impossible to raise additional money, even by additional taxes, unless the deficit caused by falling revenue is made up first.

If the budget is kept on its present level, you can expect additional sources of revenue.

President Truman was simply being realistic.

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'Casanova' Huttoe Is APPROVED By His Boss!

THE MAJORITY of the Miami City Commission is heartily in favor of retaining Lieut. Huttoe on the Miami police department. This was proved when Prof. Hart, city manager, merely gave Huttoe a 30-day suspension, after finding him guilty on two charges.

With Huttoe's past reputation, and with him being guilty on two of the charges, it would have been just as easy for Prof. Hart to have FIRED him, as it was to PAT HIM ON THE BACK with a "token" disciplinary action.

Huttoe had already been off more than 30 days. So the "punishment" is non-existent.

Huttoe's attorney stated, following Prof. Hart's decision, that he recommend no appeal if this did not interfere with Huttoe's "future examinations for advancement" . . . meaning, in effect, that Huttoe don't give a DAMN about proving to the public, or caring himself, whether he's rated as innocent or guilty. (Huttoe will take no "future examinations"—unless he has his exam papers fixed!)

Huttoe merely does not want his ambition to CONTROL the Miami police department OBSTRUCTED.

Huttoe doesn't mind the money he's lost in salary. Nor the huge attorney fees he must pay Miami's top attorney (which the city would have had to pay, had he been found innocent).

Money means nothing to this wealthy copper.

Wait until he again becomes Czar of Vice! . . . as he was in the past—during which time, according to grand jury reports, he waxed wealthy enough to dupe the "reformers" and buy himself immunity.

WE SAID, at the beginning, that a MAJORITY of the city commission wants to retain Huttoe on the police department.

Our reason: we can't help believe that Prof. Hart,

loyal employe that he is, followed the request of at least three, possibly four, commissioners.

Why, Huttoe would have gone scotfree if the bitter opposition had not foreseen the inevitable whitewashing of Huttoe!

Steve Harris, crack Daily News courthouse reporter, stuck his neck out two days before the verdict to state unequivocally that he'd be reinstated within a specified number of hours! It was common gossip round City Hall also that token disciplinary action would be taken against him, because Huttoe would APPEAL the slightest REAL punishment.

BUT his wily attorney, we are certain, will not permit any appeal.

As MIAMI LIFE predicted at the beginning of

THAT PRESS PARTY OF HUTTOE'S

It was a very happy and jovial occasion. Following the brief hearing on the Huttoe case before City Manager Hart Monday morning, the Huttoe group adjourned to the friendly press room of the two Miami daily newspapers, on the third floor of the court house. Attorney Giblin was there and witness Johnson and several others.

In strode Detective Lieut. C. O. Huttoe like a hero followed by the seeming proud wife, the hair-dresser.

The Miami Daily News reporter approached Huttoe and put his arm around Huttoe's shoulder like a bosom pal. A few words passed between them. A Miami Herald reporter chatted and joked with the cop, who was on trial for misconduct.

Journalists of the local press openly accorded him the tribute of a conqueror. They appeared to be on intimate terms.

Then the Herald lined up Huttoe and wife together, so a picture could be taken showing Huttoe dangling the mystery keys before Mrs. Huttoe. She had claimed they belonged to her, although they were found in the apartment of the other woman. Mrs. Huttoe does not seem to mind such little things as that. She still loves hubby.

Indeed, it was a pleasant occasion and it revealed clearly the sympathies of the Miami newspaper representatives with the accused; demonstrated the suspicious co-operation between this local daily press and the most corrupt influence in the Miami police department.

One of the leading local judges remarked: "I suppose they will give Huttoe a medal next and make him chief of police."

this trial, everyone was tried EXCEPT Huttoe! . . . Everything would be aired—EXCEPT the Huttoe charges.

So Former City Manager Danner, Former Mayor Perrine Palmer, Jr., were unfairly criticized at the trial, and they have been done irreparable damage, though innocent of any wrong-doing.

Chief of Detectives Barker, with a fine police record—as fine as any on the force—is so disgusted that he is resigning from the force.

W. W. Davenport, arch-enemy of Huttoe—who was FRAMED by Huttoe—had to AGAIN stand persecution from his old triumphant enemy for daring to take part in a Huttoe expose.

MOST of the trial was used up in trying to prove that Huttoe was suffering from shock, and that Barker at one time attempted to frame Danner and Palmer.

Unnecessary time was also taken to determine whether or not Davenport had made a statement that he was going to "frame" Huttoe.

NO TIME AT ALL was consumed in determining WHY Huttoe and his girl-friend wanted to break that camera of Barker's.

This would have put Huttoe in a bad light. It was the \$64 question still unanswered.

And no time was consumed in asking why Barker would attack Huttoe WITHOUT provocation. Why, it's not normal behavior!

There was no publicity given by the press as to

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SALARY LOAN TO WIPE OUT STATE CHARITY DEFICIT?

FORGOTTEN is the plight of Miami's underprivileged, destitute, aged, blinded, and crippled. Their monthly pittance from the state is being slashed from \$41 monthly to \$30 monthly in some cases.

We've spoken to many top Dade county officials. All say they'd gladly forego their salaries for three months, if some legal way could be devised to divert this to make up the state's charity-patient deficit . . . on condition, however, that when the needed revenue bills are passed at the coming special session, they'd be reimbursed.

There are enough people on Dade county's payroll drawing from \$6,000 annually and up to overcome the charity deficit by making such a loan.

At least, this plan is worth exploring.

No stone should be left unturned to see that these unfortunates don't lose what, to them, is the margin between abject misery and holding body and soul together.

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There's another nice thing about America—it never runs out of problems.

The man who takes the shirt off your back in these days is doing you a favor.

What this country needs is a good sprinkler system—for the entire nation.

It's amazing how mistaken and confused some commentators and editorialists can be in interpreting and predicting events.

Call The Next Case

By BOND

Sin In Big Way

Plaintiff Should Have Been the Defendant; Cubans Went Shopping Without Money, Cost Them \$400; He Was Burned Up When They Put Fire Out

NEWSPAPERS heroize the big criminals, who may continue with their misconduct with official approval while the small fry are burned on the judicial barbecues for their minor infractions of the legal codes. If you must sin and corrupt and violate the moralities, do so in a large and sensational manner. Then you will bask in friendly headlines, receive the nod of the courts, and pose with the wife for pictures to be printed right next to pure reading matter.

Most of the difficulties hashed in the city and county criminal courts are due to private and personal conflicts rather than to the rigid enforcement of the law by the police. Family and neighborhood scraps keep the courts busy.

The wives trot their husbands before the judge for real and imaginary offenses, and the plaintiff may turn out to be more disturbing than the defendant.

James M. McMurray, 45, plasterer, 902 S. W. 14th avenue, was charged with assault by the wife, Mary, in the municipal court but the story related indicated that it was Mary who went on the rampage. Mary said she had caught hubby in a bar with another woman.

James explained that on his way home from work he had stopped for two beers and he was not with any other woman. But the wife had indulged in whiskey and she started screaming, he said, cursing, pulling a knife and other weapons, arousing the neighbors. The landlord and landlady testified in behalf of the accused, said he was a hard worker, that he was not drunk but she was and during her tantrum she nearly wrecked their place. "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned," interjected Judge Cecil Curry, dismissing the case with the understanding that James would pay for the damage caused by Mary.

ONE of the longest orations or statements made in the city court was that by Josephine Davies, Negress, giving all the historical and biographical details in connection with her charges that she was assaulted by hands and teeth by Eva Redick at 6521 N. W. 14th court. Eva said she had gone there to see or get her child who had been adopted. Eva got 30 days to think it over.

CUBA has cracked down on Cubans who were accustomed to visiting Miami and patronizing our merchants in generous fashion during the summer. They could buy cheaper and better in this land of the free and save enough money to pay the expenses of a vacation and change of scenery. This hurt Cuban merchants and the government limited the purchases and their importation into Cuba.

However, two Cubans, it seems, must have set forth on a shopping expedition without the intention of paying, and it proved pretty costly. Alberto Mola, staying at the Ross hotel, Miami Beach, was charged with petty larceny of \$10 in merchandise, and Ana A. Mola with larceny of 60 cents worth of stuff, at stores at 28 and 46 East Flagler street, Miami. They posted bonds of \$200 each, and failing to show up Monday, the bonds were forfeited. It is cheaper to pay cash even if you have to bootleg the goods back into Havana.

HIS wife had gone to the country—or somewhere—hurrah! So Frederick Isham, 40, had a few drinks and was smoking in his room at 4440 North Miami avenue. People noticed smoke pouring out of his quarters and when

HERALD ASKS TAX CUT BY U. S.; BOOST BY STATE

IT IS simply impossible to understand the editorial acrobatics of the Miami Herald. On one day it runs an editorial clamoring for more taxes and no economy in the state of Florida, and a few days later in the same column it prints another editorial climbing on President Truman for his original request for increased taxes and spending. The horse seems to have a different color. Maybe Herr Pennekamp can explain it.

In an editorial this week in reference to the President giving up his bid for \$4,000,000,000 more, the Herald said:

"In the intervening months it was apparent to everybody that inflationary threats were over and that the country was being eased into a recession, Mr. Truman still talked about more taxes and more controls. It was beyond understanding."

It is just as much beyond understanding why the Herald, in the face of this same recession, calls for more taxes being levied by the state legislature and criticized the economy group in pointing out the extravagances and wastes. Unquestionably Florida can get along on its present income by eliminating the millions of dollars in unnecessary costs. But the Herald does not think so. It wants higher taxes in Florida. It wants lower taxes from the Federal government.

"It would have been sheer stupidity for Mr. Truman to have asked for a tax increase," wrote the Herald editorial minion. It is also sheer stupidity then for the Herald to ask tax increases in Florida.

Then the Herald talks at some length on the need and value of economy in federal government. Well, what is sauce for the goose, Washington, D. C., ought to be the same pudding for Florida, the gander.

Will the Herald please attempt to explain the difference—or admit its own hypocrisy and inconsistency? Or will it be honest for a change and withdraw its demand for more and higher taxes in Florida? It can't ride two horses going in the opposite direction. Or maybe it can—that's the way of John Knight.

New Florida Business

Incorporations of business institutions of all types in Florida reached 3,279 last year, the research and industrial division of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce reported in its weekly business review.

"The numbers of new business charters granted in Florida reached its highest level in 1946 when 4,303 charters were granted. The 1947 total dropped 8 per cent to 3,988 and the 1948 total was 17 per cent below 1947.

"This Florida trend follows the national pattern of leveling off from the unusual activity immediately following the war.

"Last year Florida ranked eighth in actual numbers of businesses incorporated. States leading Florida were New York with 22,510; California with 7,698; New Jersey, 5,510; Illinois, 5,314; Ohio, 5,214; Texas, 3,650, and Massachusetts, 3,359. On a per capita basis, however, Florida ranked second only to New York."

In a strongly worded release, the Florida Taxpayers Association urges the people of Florida to back up their economy-minded legislators who are trying desperately to save them from a sales tax that the organization claims is both unfair and unnecessary.

they went to his rescue he repulsed them, said there was no fire. Anyway a passerby did manage to drag in water and extinguish the flames, saving Frederick and the property. Frederick admitted he might have been drunk, agreed to pay for the damage. He was fined \$25.

LEE A. Hery, Jr., 130 N. E. 23rd street, real estate, was in court charged with assault on the wife, Gertrude H. Hery. He was dismissed on that charge but was sentenced to 15 days for resisting the officer who came to arrest him. It may be all right to hit the wife but be careful how you treat the cop.

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SLEEPING PILL BAN TO BOOST COSTS FOR SICK; MUST HAVE PRESCRIPTION

HOW the physicians must be cheering that new edict issued by the federal food and drug administration providing that pharmacists must not refill prescriptions for various forms of so-called sleeping pills. The patient must pay a doctor, presumably, from \$3 to \$10 for a new prescription every time he needs to buy another dollar bottle of medicine. J. J. McManus, chief of the southeastern district of the U. S. drug office, warns that those selling the pills unlawfully face prosecution.

Well, this will help the poor doctors fill their coffers and again reveals what happens when the government can arbitrarily issue orders and control the needs of people.

There are different preparations of these drugs used for ailments, such as nervous disorders, epilepsy, fits, and digestive troubles. Used as prescribed they are a cure or preventive and are recognized by the medical fraternity as necessary. But now the government says the afflicted cannot obtain relief unless he runs to his physician, forks over a fee for the renewed prescription. Such an order is ridiculous and dangerous.

It is true a few people have taken an overdose of sleeping pills, but that is no reason why thousands of others should be punished. Persons can kill themselves by taking an overdose of almost any medicine prescribed or openly sold on the market. Poisons for rats and insects are easily available. Anybody can buy a gun without a prescription from the doctor or without a permit of any kind.

Those bent on suicide can jump off a high building or into the river or step in front of the car. Perhaps, the government next will issue an order that no building can be erected higher than two stories.

This latest government order on sleeping pills makes no sense except to the doctors—it makes sense and dollars for them.

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 2811 S. W. 17th St., Miami.

Police Extortionists

EDITOR, MIAMI LIFE:
 We read your honest and truthful paper. Perhaps you can tell us if the two police extortionists are getting their cases postponed to the public will forget and they'll be back on the Miami police Department, making extra money the way they tried on a citizen. Why aren't they in jail like other criminals?
 DISGUSTED TAXPAYER.

Controlled Prostitution

EDITOR, MIAMI LIFE:
 After all these years it was quite encouraging to see your article on controlled prostitution. There is, however, one point that you did not mention which has always seemed to me of vital importance to a community, i.e., disease.
 I have lived in a good many cities in quite a few countries and know for a fact that controlled prostitution has cut down venereal disease by as much as 90 per cent.
 EDW. L. PARKE.
 3817 LeJeune Rd., Coral Gables.

Oil Developments

EDITOR, MIAMI LIFE:
 I am enclosing check for \$2 for Miami Life as I am very much interested in the future of Florida as you folk know.
 I did not get any paper for the last three weeks; if any announcement in the last few issues, please have your girl in charge cut out the write-up concerning the progress of oil find. I am

MEDICAL RESEARCH IS OPENED AT UNIVERSITY

MIAMI may soon have the principal medical research center south of Baltimore, announced Prof. Murray Sanders of biology, University of Miami, in an address before the Miami Exchange club. Within a few months remarkable progress has been made, declared Professor Sanders, who is in charge of the work, and has nine assistants.

Large laboratories are being established in barracks at the Richmond air field. Breeding colonies are being started as much of the research is carried on in the use of animals. Good co-operation is being given by Drs. Ashe and Pearson, money is being provided, and the Damon Runyon Cancer fund has allocated \$75,000 to this research.

The Miami area, said Prof. Sanders, is a frontier, a natural location and the cross-roads for such research. From South America come people with ailments of the Latin countries while in the winter, Northerners bring down their ailments, affording an opportunity to study the diseases of two continents.

The medical center is preparing to meet emergencies, such as epidemics, should they arise, while protection against biological warfare will also be studied.

This research, said the professor, will offer great help to the hospitals, to physicians, to a doctors' training school, and he emphasized the need for more doctors.

interested as I am owner of 60 acres.
 Hoping to get my Miami Life regularly now on the late address.
 MRS. GOLDIE FINFER
 Care, B. Kornreich, Atty., 4915 12th Ave., Brooklyn 19, N. Y.

EDITOR, MIAMI LIFE:
 Some friends in Miami just sent me some clippings from your publication which give information about the oil wells in Sunniland (March 19 and May 7, 1949). As I hold a small lease under Dr. Whitlock's lease in the Everglades Park region, I'm very interested to know if any more information has been gotten. I'll be glad to buy any issues that have any information on this question. Has interest been aroused? Thanking you for any information available, I am enclosing \$2 for six months' subscription to your paper.
 HERMAN C. SCHULTZ.
 634 Saylor Ave., Elmhurst, Ill.

What Happened?

EDITOR, MIAMI LIFE:
 I have been reading Miami Life every week to find out what happened to the lady (?) Mrs. Cole on N. W. 44th Ave., about how she listens in on the party line. What happened? I'm very curious. Did she lose her telephone?
 A. C.

I Was Just Thinking

By AL KIRK
 The first American newspaper of early Spanish exploration into I had seen for two months was the interior, is considerably larger and is, through the influence of the Americans and influx of new American capital, beginning to take on the air of an American city. This hustle and bustle, along with the hurried construction of many new and modern business buildings and hotels, also characterizes the city of Caracas which is located in the mountains some twenty-five miles by automobile from the airport of Maiquetia. Caracas is the capital city and no business or property transaction of any importance may be consummated anywhere in the country without completing it in Caracas. The road to Caracas is a winding easy mountain grade and here new automobiles form a steady traffic stream from early morning until late at night. If you are up town in taste and wish a private car, it is easily obtained for the trip at a cost of from 30 to 40 bolivars, or in your language \$10 to \$12, or if you don't mind being crowded the same trip will cost 8 bolivars or about \$2.50. There is never a shortage of taxis in any Venezuela city. They are always obtainable at very reasonable rates. The climate in Caracas is excellent with its 1,500-foot elevation. The nights are delightful and with the exception of a couple of hours during the early afternoon the temperature during the daytime is comfortable. Caracas has what both California and Florida would like to have, that is, an even, mild and comfortable living temperature the year around.

Caracas, as a city, typifies true democracy in living. With very little in the nature of preliminary fuss, almost anyone may become a resident of Venezuela. Here is a heterogeneous population living peacefully with no drawing of color lines or racial discrimination of any sort.

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Cuidad Bolivar, located on the Orinoco River, and the base site

THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Why a certain Dade circuit court hands over most receiverships to a favorite?
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 If Peggy doesn't wish she had paid that taxi bill?
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 How cops can afford mansions and swimming pools?
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 Which Miami newspaperman threw his arm around Hutchie in the press room right after the Hart hearing and why?
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 When Irene will quit the bar and look after her children?
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 Why Tom always carries an umbrella?
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 If Eleanor isn't gaga over Ernie-bus driver?

RAGWEED AND FEVER

Get rid of ragweed now if you don't want to suffer with hay fever this autumn. That's the advice of the State Board of Health.

Pollen of ragweed is the cause of more than 90 percent of all autumn hay fever, says the state health department. This pollen begins to ripen in August. That's why it is important to stamp out the pesky weed during July.

You can kill ragweed in two ways—take your choice: either spray the "nuisance" plant with an effective weed killer, or, if you need exercise pull the weeds up by the roots.

Don't forget that the rag weeds that grow in the vacant lot next door are just as dangerous as the ones in your yard.

FLOOD CONTROL

W. Turner Wallis of West Palm Beach, engineer for the Everglades Drainage District, has reported to the water control office that work on the big \$208,000,000 south and central flood control work is expected to begin Aug. 1. First part of the program, in which Florida will participate, will center in Palm Beach and Broward counties, Wallis said, and will cost \$70,000,000.

Spanish is the predominant language. However, as permanent residents, there are many Europeans, Americans, Asiatics, and black men from the Guianas. Being an American in Venezuela is of no particular importance to anyone except to the American himself. In fact, this is probably the only foreign country in the world that has no urgent need for U. S. dollars, and where the inhabitants are not interested in getting the American tourist buck.

As an example of the mixing of nationalities; a few nights ago I was walking toward the Plaza Bolivar from my hotel enjoying the balmy night air and activities of a Caracas evening when I encountered an American friend, who is an etymologist, working with and doing research for the government of Venezuela. On his arm was a very beautiful young blonde. He introduced me to his friend quite properly, but we were unable to converse since she spoke only French and German. My friends lingual ability extends only to Spanish and English. They seemed quite happy, however, and were having a good time attempting to work out a mutual method of communication.

Incidentally, the gals of Caracas, shading from a deep leather to blonde blonde in complexion, are somewhat more than worthy of attention.

The money of Venezuela is based on the bolivar. Bolivars at the current rate of exchange are purchased at 3.3 bolivars for one American dollar. The highest silver piece is 5 bolivars, comparative to the American silver dollar. The paper money, printed by American Bank Note Co., is the size of American paper money and ranges from 10 to 1,000 bolivars in value. It is good money and there are no restrictions on the removal of American dollars from Venezuela, since they receive plenty of dollars from the sale of petroleum products to the U. S.

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

SMILIN' Jack's creator must be on an extended vacation. Ever see this strapping repetitious? A Herald obituary the other day said that surviving Dr. Luther A. Hodson were "two daughters, Mrs. Esther Mumford and Mrs. Elsie Gardner." The latter's name is Mary, but she IS "Mrs. L. C. Gardner," being the wife of the Tip Top Grocery executive... We see the People's Lobby saying the same as MIAMI LIFE says—that the Biggies are trying, through spy stories, to divert the people's attention from the fact that times are getting tougher, which means, that Capitalism isn't able to maintain prosperity... One of H. V. Prochnow's stories (copyrighted by Harper's): A woman motorist was driving along a country road when she noticed a couple of repair men climbing a telephone pole. "Fools!" she exclaimed to her companion, "they must think I never drove a car before!"

RAM-BULLER: "The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to your father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity."

DR. GARNETT CHENY, M. D., of the Stanford University School of Medicine, believes that the dwindling amount of raw food in the modern diet may be the cause of ulcers, or part of the cause, at least. So he recommends cabbage juice as well as raw egg yolk, raw milk, uncooked greens, and certain vegetable and animal fats for ulcerous conditions, believing they may contain some sort of anti-ulcer factor. However, this is strictly experimental, so far. Psychiatrists frequently point out that ulcers more probably are caused by fear, anger, worry, and tension, than by foods.

HOMER'S "Iliad" furnishes one of the earliest descriptions we have of girdles, according to Magazine Digest. "It graphically portrays Venus removing from her breast a girdle embroidered with a hundred fringes." And, according to Homer, the uplift did the trick, for she gave it to Juno, who subsequently won back her husband. In the Greek market-place, the forebears of our modern corset manufacturers willingly helped nature's illusion with a 'Strophium,' or 'Zona.' In Rome, some four thousand years before the 'deep plunge' bra,

the 'daring derriere' girdle and the 'new look' dress, Caesarian vendors likewise beguiled the fair sex." In England, under King Edward 4th, no woman under the rank of wife or daughter of a knight could wear "wrought corsets," while only a lord's wife upward (or daughter) could wear "corsets worked with gold."

CITY Sgt. D. T. Dollar, police bureau of safety education, the other day inveighed against fast driving and cited an experiment, which he said was tried in Cincinnati, Ohio, to prove it, to wit: "Two cars left a point at the same time, one driven at excessive speeds, jumping traffic lights, running stop signs, etc.; the other driven at a reasonable and safe speed. The second automobile arrived at the destination a very short time after the first car." But in that same paper, over on the comic pages, Prof. Albert ("Explore Your Mind") Wiggam, gave a far more exact account of it. Note the differences: "In Cleveland, as related by Myron Stearns, two drivers drove twenty miles through traffic in identical cars. One hurried—finished in 70 minutes and got nine miles per gallon. The other took it easy, finished in 72 minutes and got 15 miles per gallon. It took 40 per cent more gas to save five minutes. Gasoline and alcohol do not mix, but gasoline and self-control do." Of course, Sgt. Dollar can argue that Wiggam is a professor and gets high pay and can take the time to be precise!

SO FAR, not one of the thousands of husbands seeking divorce in this eastern American divorce capital has based his suit upon the fact that his wife misrepresented things with Falsies. Are they too gentlemanly to bring the point up—and have their lawyers simply overlooked a good bet?

DID YOU know that the most complete "childless marriages" data ever assembled (that under Dr. Samuel R. Meeker of Boston) showed that more than 90 per cent of the male partners in sterile matings, and more than 95 per cent of the female partners, presented positive evidences of infertility, and that cases were "extremely few" in which it could be said of either partner that he or she was wholly responsible for the lack of children?

EPITAPH over a dog's grave: "His tail still wags in my heart."

Too Late To Classify

By RUSSELL KAY

PROGRESSIVE states such as California, Washington, Oregon, Michigan and others have quit kicking their highway problem around and have set up long-range programs carefully planned to provide adequate highways of permanent construction.

Florida would do well to follow their example, and it was disappointing to note that a bill introduced in the legislature by Senator Shivers got no consideration. The bill advocated the formation of a citizens' committee, appointed by the governor, with representation from all sections of Florida made up of legislative representatives of both the House and Senate, laymen and engineers.

The committee would make a thorough study of the state's highway needs for the years ahead and submit recommendations for a non-political program designed to meet them. The legislature would be under no obligation to accept the committee's findings and could approve or reject any or all of them.

Florida has long needed a thorough engineering appraisal of our highway system. No doubt, a long-range, highway program, based on factual information gathered by able, trustworthy and disinterested legislators, laymen and engineers would certainly recognize the vulnerability of road building to political and commercial abuse, promote the evaluation of financial, physical and economic aspects of highway planning, construction and administration and carefully consider the matter of highway use and regulation.

In Florida, streets and highways consist of three distinct systems. They are administered by the state and 67 counties and the various incorporated municipi-

ties. Roughly, the state system contains 8,950 miles, the county road system 36,79 miles, and municipal streets, 11,102 miles, a total of 56,844 miles.

Condition and traffic surveys on the state road system are kept up to date with reasonable accuracy, state road department records indicate, but the extent and condition of county and municipal highways, streets and bridges are comparatively unexplored and unknown factors. A condition survey to determine local road needs, therefore, would be one of the principal objectives of a long-range planning committee.

According to statistics now available, it is rather accurately calculated that of the 8,950 miles of roads on the state system and 114 miles of bridges, 4,582 miles of roads and 41.1 miles of bridges are totally deficient, and for the safety and effective service of the traveling public require reconstruction at an estimated cost of \$249,201,000 for roads and \$49,964,000 for bridges. But to obtain the whole picture of Florida's highway needs it is equally as important to know these same things about county roads and city streets.

At a recent meeting of the Third Annual Florida Highway Conference, a session sponsored by the civil engineering department of the University of Florida, a resolution was adopted favoring a long-range highway survey and copies were sent each legislator.

At that meeting, J. P. Buckley, of the Automotive Safety Foundation, pointed out that "Florida happens to be one of the states where the vehicle increase is considerably greater than the national average. There are a quarter of a million more cars, trucks

and buses on your streets and highways now than before the war. During 1948 alone, the jump was something like 66,000. But to make matters worse, the ratio of heavier vehicles to automobiles is steadily mounting. In 1941 Florida had about 85,000 registered trucks. Today there are well over 150,000, an increase of over 75 per cent."

Buckley, along with L. S. Tuttle of the Public Roads Administration, made fervent pleas for a long-range planning program for Florida. Buckley stressed the fact that Florida, in proportion to its population, uses its highways more than any other state with the possible exception of California, its strongest competitor for tourist business. This fact alone be maintained was ample justification for long-range planning.

A check with the state highway department shows for the ownership and use of their motor vehicles on the highways, Florida motorists paid in licenses and gas taxes in 1948 a total of \$64,747,000, of which only 60 per cent or \$38,361,000 was used for highway purposes.

I have always considered highways as a public undertaking sponsored and developed by governments, with tax funds and labor supplied by the citizenry. Highway financing has evolved from tax payment by personal labor, through to ad valorem and property taxation, to the present use tax whereby highways are developed on the public's willingness and ability to pay the cost, and the road's ability to repay in service for its cost.

Let this ability be lessened, either by neglect or malnutrition, and the highway income and its beneficial advantages to society will cease. Again the need for a planned highway system.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

You Can Improve Your Figure By Purchasing Right Swim Suit

By Ertta Haley

WHEN SUMMER COMES around, many women gaze with dismay at the figures and say, "I just can't plan to wear a bathing suit this summer."

Princess Style Suit Also Favored

Be Smart!

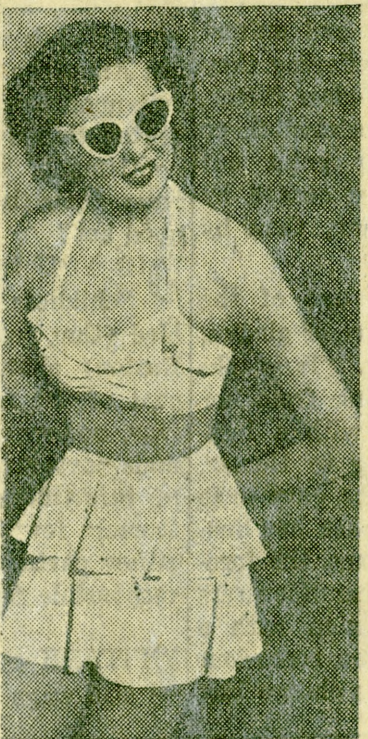


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novelty effects, suited for casual wear at the beach, in town or resort. It's equally smart with solid cottons and linens. You'll have a splendid choice of colors as well as styles, all easy to keep sparkling with a damp cloth.

The short girl who tends to be somewhat plump will probably want to choose one of the many princess styles which are being shown extensively this season. This will give her the long, unbroken lines which her short figure needs to make it look dainty and feminine.

Tricot Tiers



Crisp white in doubled tiers gives an interesting look to this new summer bathing suit. The smoothly fitted halter bodice carries out the tiered motif of the skirt, thus giving the wearer an attractive look. The bathing suit, made of avisco tricot knit rayon wears well and new methods of manufacture make the fabric run-proof, with a minimum of stretching.

broken lines which her short figure needs to make it look dainty and feminine.

The princess styles come with or without straps, the latter in a very cleverly styled boned bodice.

Colors chosen should be solid so as not to break the figure and thus make it look shorter. If there's a desire for some decoration, you can get this in neatly by choosing a suit that is ruffled in a contrasting color on the bodice and on the skirt.

Fitted Suits

Mature Figures Need

Mature figures show off to best advantage, not in a full skirted suit but in a fitted suit, preferably wool.

Suits are designed for all mature support than others depending figure problems, some giving ing upon what each figure needs.

If you want to hide your thighs, you'll be able to find suits that are just a shade longer to do the job for you.

Those who seek the sun and loll on the beach may want a cotton or rayon suit, while those who swim will choose wool as this keeps them warm even while drying.

Know your problems for the suit you choose and check to see whether it answers them.

Choose Accessories

For Beach Comfort

One of the smartest things to wear over the bathing suit, going to and leaving the beach, is a

SHORT STORY

Smiling Loser

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

KIRBY FOUND the girl seated on an upturned box behind the stables crying. He hesitated, feeling awkward, then said: "Hello. Anything wrong?"

She looked up quickly, appraisingly. "No, please go away."

Instead, Kirby squatted on his heels. "You must have lost some money on that last race. Black Fox fooled every one by not coming in. I lost too."

"I suppose I'm a baby to cry, but I couldn't help it. I—we—father and I staked everything on Black Fox. Then that terrible 'I'm-a-Runnin', who nobody thought had a chance, had to win."

She hesitated, dabbing at her eyes. He seemed like a nice young man. And she did so want company and to talk.

He discovered her name was Polly Hayden. The next day he called at her house and met her father, a jolly faced old gentleman with white walrus moustaches.

"We really shouldn't feel so badly," Polly told her father after the introductions were over. "Kirby lost a lot more than we and he sn't complaining at all."

That night Polly and Kirby had dinner at a little inn out on the Tamiami trail.

He knew she was wondering when and how he was going to pay his racing debts, and where he was going to get the money to establish himself in the law business. You just can't hang out a shingle in Miami and expect business at once.

But he didn't offer the information. The next day he hired an office on Flagler street, then called up Col. Stratton and asked him racing enthusiast to meet him at Hialeah.

"Colonel," he said over a sandwich and coffee an hour later. "I'm going to take you up on the offer you made me for 'I'm-a-Runnin'. He's yours for \$50,000."



The colonel stared. "Now wait a minute, Kirby. Has the horse died or broken a leg or something?"

"Nothing of the sort," Kirby laughed. "I'm quitting racing for good. It's no business for an energetic young lawyer to be wasting his time at I hired an office this morning."

They went out to the stables and looked at 'I'm-a-Runnin'. The

sleek, silky, full-length coat. These are slim and fit well to the figure with or without a belt.

The coats run just a little bit higher than the beach coat of some time ago, but as you have guessed, they are not limited to beach wear alone. Wear them at home when you answer the door, or don them when you want to look nice going shopping.

Incidentally the same coats go nicely over formals, too, because they're flowing and can be worn without the belt.

For a less expensive coat choose a terry robe which has taken on a new look. These come in the short lengths and many of the new fashions are sporting a low, graceful collar with a flounce, and a built-in belt.

Coats of this toweling are comfortable to wear as you step out of the water because they're absorbent and will dry you without the regular towel. They're excellent for youngsters, too, in case you feel they're getting lobster pink and need protection from the sun.

Large, easily washed cotton towels on which to lie on the beach are also essential for comfort at the beach. They come in white or glorious solid colors, as well as prints with a nautical motif.

LITTLE REGGIE

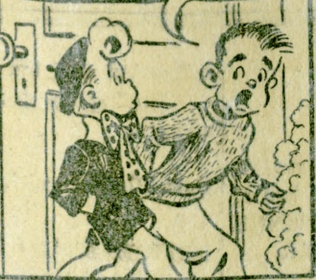
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GOSH REGGIE—DID IT TASTE AWFUL?



NAW! I LIKE THE STUFF—BUT IF I DIDN'T SQUAWK, I'D NEVER GET A QUARTER EACH TIME I TAKE IT!



colonel couldn't understand it, but he wrote his check for \$50,000 and the papers were passed. Conscious of a queer sensation in the pit of his stomach, Kirby headed back for the stables for a last farewell. Outside 'I'm-a-Runnin's' stall he stopped dead still at sight of Polly Hayden talking with his stable boy.

HER EYES blazed at him. "So! The good loser. The man who can lose everything, who will have to spend the rest of his life paying his racing debts and still smile! Oh, what a fool I've been!"

"Wait a minute! Listen!" He caught at her arm but she jerked away. He followed her out to her car. "You've got to listen," he said desperately, getting in beside her. "I only did it because I thought it would make you feel better. And it worked. I meant it when I said I was through with racing. I've sold 'I'm-a-Runnin' to Colonel Stratton Look!" He held out the bill of sale and the check.

She stared at him round-eyed, frightened. "Oh, you shouldn't have! Kirby, you shouldn't! You'll never be able—I mean, you love horses. Any one can see that. You loved 'I'm-a-Runnin'."

"Not half as much as I love you," he told her soberly. He put his arm around her. "You believe that, don't you? You must believe it."

"Darling, of course I do. And—I am glad that you're going to be a respectable lawyer, only—only—"

"Only what?"

"Well, sometime, after we've been respectable for a good long while, we'll buy another horse. won't we? A horse as great as 'I'm-a-Runnin'? Because—we both love horses, don't we?"

"We do," Kirby agreed joyfully.

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A STOPPING CAR CAN ALSO KILL

A STOPPING car can kill as quickly as a speeding car.

This was pointed out today by Director H. N. Kirkman in a discussion of the Florida highway patrol's July campaign against excessive speed.

"To the family of the person killed, it's no consolation that the driver was trying to stop," Kirkman said. "Yet, while traveling at 50 miles an hour a motorist driving with good brakes needs about 185 feet—from 10 to 14 car lengths—to stop. In that 185 feet he is practically helpless. He sits there, perhaps trying to dodge or swerve, but other than that powerless."

Spurred by the knowledge that one out of every three traffic deaths involves excessive speed, the Florida Department of Public Safety has joined with the National Safety Council in its campaign for greater driver responsibility.

POLITICS IN SCHOOLS

One of Florida's top educators resigned his post and issued a blistering attack on politics in state education circles. Dr. Edgar L. Morphet, former director of administration and finance in the education department, submitted his resignation with regrets saying he hoped "that the citizens and educational leaders will eliminate conditions that now handicap education."

Morphet charged the state education program will never progress unless the "office of state superintendent is freed from the temptations that often exist to place political considerations above personal needs and to employ or dismiss personnel on the basis of political rather than educational factors." Morphet, who was largely responsible for the 1947 school code, has been on leave of absence from the state department. His resignation was sent in from Washington, D. C.

SPEND MILLIONS FOR PLAYGROUNDS

GREATER Miami is launched on a multi-million dollar parks and playgrounds expansion program to provide better recreational facilities for its visitors and year-round residents.

The national desired average for parks and playgrounds for metropolitan areas is one acre per 100 persons. With more than 5,000 acres devoted to municipal and county recreational sites, Greater Miami's is one acre per 82 persons.

That average will be lower. One new park is in the process of development, more are under consideration and others are being enlarged. Four new swimming pools, two of Olympic dimensions, are planned.

These figures omit nearby Everglades National park, the country's newest and only tropical park in continental United States, which now consists of a

half-million acres, and will be increased to approximately 1,300,000 acres.

A \$2,000,000 bond issue for improvements has been voted, and appropriations for Greater Miami parks and playgrounds for the 1949-50 fiscal year are placed at more than \$2,705,000.

Most cities throughout the United States concentrate their recreational activities in the few summer months when schools are closed. They are unable to provide outdoor recreation of wide scope during winter months.

Greater Miami, however, takes the view that recreation for its visitors and residents is a year-round proposition, and has the climate to carry out supervised operations 52 weeks in the year.

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MASON at MIDNIGHT

Lee Mason is heard nightly in his own program, Mason At Midnight, from 11 p. m. to 2 a. m. through Radio Station WINZ, 640 K.C., broadcasting directly from the air-conditioned Brigadoon Room in the Hyde Park Hotel, 41st street and Collins avenue, Miami Beach.

By LEE MASON
This Wednesday City Manager Claude Renshaw played host to a group who wanted to know the why and wherefores of the ordinance that applies to entertainment in the hotels. There was also the question of radio programs, and whether or not they

were to be considered entertainment as acts, or in a different and acceptable classification. The matter as far as the acts are concerned is still as was, but all agreed that radio shows that were not cabaret entertainment were all right. All stations will notify the city manager when a



show is set and give him a complete run down. So long as there is no subterfuge used to put on

a floor show the radio will get a pass.

Some time ago I wrote that I thought that the hotels were making a serious mistake in permitting the general public to get the idea that Miami Beach hotels were trying to give the patrons as little as possible for their money, as contrasted with the operations in the mountains. I had quite a chat with Martin Iger, the Mr. Big of the travel business in the United States, and he discussed the same thing with me. Mr. Iger is Vacationland, with twenty-two hundred offices in this country and no

small part of the current business on the Beach is due to their efforts. He told me of the business that was going to the Virgin Islands, and how the American tourists were finding the trip worth while. He spoke of the arrangement that the government of France had made, so that it will be possible for a tourist to travel by air, spend thirty days in luxury in France, and do it all for a cost that will not be more than a vacation of the same length on the Beach. And, as for co-operation—the French are printing thousands of multi-color booklets for American distribution, and go-

ing for a lot of newspaper space. Mr. Iger said that last year, when he secured the Bendix convention for the Beach, letter after letter was written to the city publicity department, and finally Iger made a direct phone call to Irving Mandell, now secretary of the Lincoln Road association, to ask him to go there in person and see Tom Smith. None of the letters sent were ever answered, and the whole matter was a simple request for "cheese cake" pictures that could be used in a brochure that was going nation wide to advertise the convention on the Beach. Mandell reported

that Smith had said that it would be necessary to pay five dollars for the release on each picture as they were being used for commercial advertising. Of course, no pictures were used, Iger feeling that as the matter was one of benefit to the Beach, the city should have provided the pictures without delay. I know that in days gone by, we were all very happy to give of our time whenever it was a matter of benefit to the Beach, and I know that there were thousands of bathing girl pictures available to anyone who would use Miami Beach in connection with the print. There are thousands of

conventions held each year in this country, and I think we could get a better share of the business if we got down to brass tacks, and made a real and co-operative effort to attract them. I wish that Martin Iger would address the city council on how to get business for the city—I think that he has some fine ideas.

Jennifer Marshall has made the Paddock a request house with her version of the song "I'm in Love With a Married Man." Altho this is a departure from Jen's rockin' rhythm, it has hit as a most unusual torch. But that bruised nose—well, that's a different story. It seems that one of Jen's friends became ill, and Jen subbed for her—in the daytime. Then to the Paddock, where it is home at 6 A. M. and to work at 8. She got by till no sleep caught up with her, and on her way home she fell asleep at the wheel, and crashed her car into a telegraph pole. Result—no car left, and a bad bruise for Jen's nose.

Paul Gray at the Celebrity Club has made a name for himself, doing a swell job following a tough man—Alan Gale. Most everyone that I have talked to likes his work, and the people in the club enjoy him. That to me is the final word, and I don't think it quite fair for a critic to rap an act because of personal dislike.

And a thank you to a lot of nice people who were on the air with me from the rigadon Room of the Hyde Park Hotel—Judge George Holt (and are you following his report on Palestine?), Preston Foster, Shelia D'Arcey, Marshall Bros., Guy Rennie, Freddie Stewart, Kay Vernon, Van Kirk, The Deas, Freddie Bernard, Art Mooney, Lloyd Butler, Little Jack Little, Ernie Bruer, Edna Farnsworth and many others. It's swell to know that so many remember.

When Bill Jordan threw a farewell party for Guy Rennie the other night he set a pace that will be hard for other bosses to follow. Bill's gift to Guy was a beautiful diamond pinky ring—and if Guy's finger isn't worn out by this time showing it, it will be—and I don't blame him—it's that good looking—the ring not the finger, I mean.

B. S. Pulley, now according to the advertising, "reformed"—opened at the Coral Reef Hotel, in what they are pleased to call the "S. Pulley Pump Room." I suppose that any similarity in name to any other pump room had best be forgotten. But there is one thing sure—Pulley will have a crowd, and they will all enjoy his show.

Watching a man work with the smoothness of Jack Rice is always a pleasure. His "Radio Queens" show, now in its steenth year, is a bigger draw than ever, and always commands top space in the papers. I understand that Jack tried to avoid conflict with the dates of the Miss Florida contest but failed to receive co-operation, and had to go ahead and get his thing set. The Miss Florida show at the Hyde Park should be a sell-out, but I haven't seen much activity in the sale of tickets. I'll have more to say about the shindig next week.

This will be a short one—I'm late and Cappy and the boys will be on my neck. If I've missed anything here, tune in on the 940 spot on your dial any night from 11 P. M. till 2 A. M.—or better than that, meet me at the Hyde Park Hotel, in the Brigadoon Room. So long now.

LAW BITES DOGS
In this state the dog no longer is entitled to the first bite, nor is the clumsy motorist allowed his first accident for free. The recent legislature made dog owners liable in damages for any bites their pets may take, as on the mailman's trousers.

Several new buildings are planned at Silver Springs. A bath house is under construction and a restaurant will follow. Other structures will follow in the "face lifting" program to be completed by fall.

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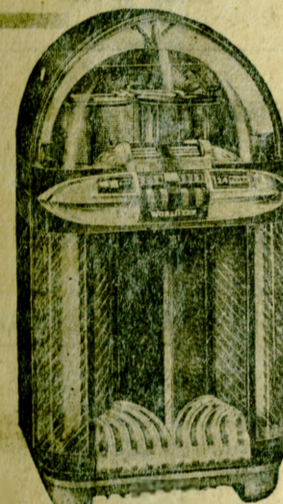
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DIVORCE continues a booming industry in Dade county. Instead of showing pictures of blooming brides, perhaps the newspapers will start depicting the ladies after they have gone sour on matrimony and are seeking alimony. During the first six months of 1949 the number of divorces totaled 3,145, a gain of 100 over last year, according to the records in the office of E. B. Leatherman, circuit court clerk. Dade marriages dropped to 2,667. This divorce rate cannot keep up as the source of supply will eventually run out. That is it would were it not for the fact that many outsiders settle in Dade county so they can dump their marriage difficulties into the laps of local courts. And such difficulties they do have.

There's Lillian Lucille Cook, Miami born, who is suing Robert Charles Cook, now in Akron, Ohio, another John Knight town. They, Lillian and Robert, were united until Dade do them part at the First Christian church in Miami, March 10, 1944. He was in the armed services and he was transferred to Chicago for seven months. Some time after her arrival in Chicago she got word that her mother was ill and she came to Miami to care for her. A day later she received a letter from the defendant, with the forged copy of an officer's signature, saying Robert was badly injured and she was needed to restore his health.

Torn between mother and hubby, Lillian chose Robert, but had to get the Red Cross to finance her trip back. Arriving in Chicago she discovered that the only thing Robert needed was Lillian—he was okeh otherwise. The Red Cross found that out, too, and she was threatened with prosecution unless she reimbursed the organization.

Robert was discharged from the navy and they returned to Miami, rented an apartment. Both worked. The plaintiff prepared the meals and the defendant ate them, would lie down and rest until 10 p. m. and then would go out to a local bar until 2 or 3 a. m. She was heartbroken and miserable.

One night he came home with his clothes torn and she asked him about it. He replied: "None of your G-d business, you bitch, leave me alone." He spent his money on liquor, she on food. He had a violent temper, she says, called her vile names.

Robert got her to join him in selling alligator accessories

ies and they set off in a company car. He wrecked the car and when he forced her to inform the company, it charged Robert with embezzlement of \$1,300. She found a letter from a Jacksonville girl thanking him for six pairs of alligator shoes. He hid out in Tampa,

faked illness, she records, and went to Atlanta where they got jobs at an athletic club where he had affairs with other women.

Robert is six feet and three inches, weighs 230 pounds, while she is a mere five feet two and a half inches, weight 120 pounds.

She charges he beat her, choked, dragged her by the hair, all but destroyed her physical and mental health. She fled to Miami and he threatened to kill her if she attempted to get a divorce. He declared: "If I can't have you, I'll make sure nobody else can." She requests fees,

alimony, restoration of her name of Holland. The attorney is Lucille M. VonArx.

NOW for a couple of elders. Shirley Williams wishes to end the matter with Israel Williams at the Edward hotel, Miami Beach. They were wed August 15, 1947. The plaintiff is middle age and the defendant 75 years old. They were married to bring comfort and not with the expectation of sublime love, al-

though there was affection. While Israel is a man of means they moved to a hotel room for a month and then to the home of the daughter of the complainant to cut expenses. He began to refuse to give her money for minor expenses, and when asked he would beat his fists against his head and use vile language.

When Israel was ill for two months in 1949 Shirley cared for him but when she became ill he ignored her.

His daughter came to Miami Beach and prevailed upon him to leave her. Shirley asks for fees, costs, alimony. The solicitor is Godfrey K. Newman, Miami Beach.

THEN there is the couple who has been married for many years and have four grown children, but they, too, grow tired of each other. Mae Kauder seeks liberty from Murray Kauder, who were married in New York Nov. 14, 1920. At no time,

she says, did the defendant adequately provide for her. Mae is a hairdresser and pursued this avocation while Murray was lazy, shiftless, refused to work. She was hospitalized for tuberculosis in 1942 and she claims she saw him with other women. They sold their home in Naunet, N. Y. in 1945, and the defendant took \$1,200. They separated and she came to Miami in 1949. George J. Taliansoff of Miami Beach is the barrister.

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FISH EAT CABBAGES
Florida cabbages and potatoes are among the favorite foods of many of the vegetarian fish in Marine Studios' huge oceanarium, according to members of the organization's scientific staff.
Cabbages are bunched on wires and fastened in the giant tanks by divers. As fresh cabbages are placed, the smaller fish flock quickly around the fresh green-stuffs.
To capture new specimens for Marine Studios, traps are lowered in the coral reefs off the Florida keys, baited with potatoes and carrots. Such baits bring catches of angelfish, parrots, rock beauties and others in the smaller varieties.

Haiti Stages Anniversary Fair

PORT-AU-PRINCE is prettying up for a four million dollar birthday party.

The picturesque Haitian capital will be 200 years old in December. To mark this major milestone in its unique history, a tourist-attracting government is rushing construction of an international exposition which it hopes will prove the lodestone to draw upwards of 60,000 happy-birthday-wishers to its Caribbean shores during a six-month bi-centennial celebration.

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Look Booze Dept. Gets More Money

ALL collection records of the state beverage department were smashed during the fiscal year just closed with total revenue taken in by the department amounting to \$34,228,101.87, Beverage Director Lewis M. Schott announced.

Of this, \$21,028,913.83 came from the beverage division, while the cigarette tax brought \$12,518,433.99 to the state.

streets and walkways and erecting 56 exposition buildings with a total of 300,000 feet of floor space.

AUTO INSURANCE

The state financial responsibility law for automobile drivers went into effect on July 1 and should not be confused with compulsory insurance, stated Asher Frank, director of the Florida Safety Council.

Frank stated that the law was passed to make drivers more safety-conscious and to influence them to use greater caution on the highways.

He explains that the law means through May, when district agents, aided by sections of the statewide Flying Squad, knocked off the record number of 3 stills.

JAIL FOR ALIMONY

If a man goes to jail for contempt of court because he won't pay alimony or support money for his child, that's just too bad. The state pardoning board can't turn him loose. Attorney General Richard W. Ervin deals with this poignant topic in an opinion to Frank S. Wright as secretary to the state board of pardons. The board, said the attorney general, could pardon for a criminal contempt, such as socking the judge in the eye, but not for refusing to carry out the court's orders in re alimony or support.

BROWARD COUNTY HAS COMPLAINT

Claiming discrimination against Fort Lauderdale, the Broward County Traffic Association has appealed to the Florida Railroad and Public Utilities Commission citing the fact that the cost of shipping a carload of plaster from Jacksonville to Fort Lauderdale is \$67.20 higher than to Miami which is 25 miles further away. The rate on plaster from Jacksonville to Fort Lauderdale is \$5.76 compared with a rate of only \$4.08 to Miami.

Garden Host To Vienna Royalty

Maria Freyer's Garden Restaurant, on the Trail, was the mecca of Austrian royalty Sunday night. Archduke Franz Joseph of Austria, grandnephew and grandson of Hapsburgs' Emperor Franz Joseph, and his wife, Archduchess Martha, were guests of Mrs. Freyer for an authentic Austrian dinner. The menu consisted of imported marinated herring served with Spanish sherry wine, live dumpling soup with lowenbrau German beer, wiener schnitzel and Bavarian vegetable salad, with ruedesheimer Schlossberg Austrian wine and topped off with crepe Suzettes and Napoleon brandy.

Other guests were E. M. Lowe, head of the Lowe theater chain, and his former wife, Sonya Lowe; Italian Prince Jay Girolamo Rospigliosi and Joseph Guarante, an associate of Mr. Lowe.

Rudy Chmelik of the Garden displayed several of his latest paintings and entertained with Austrian songs and feats of magic. Mrs. Freyer and Rudy are natives of Vienna. She received a great deal of training in the palaces of Franz Joseph.

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'Casanova'

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to look into the girl's apartment with the binoculars that Davenport allegedly used.

IF Huttoo was guilty, why wasn't he fired?

No politician who looks forward to remaining in public life would dare make the assertion that Huttoo's presence on the Miami police department is NOT a bad influence.

No one attempted to bring out at the trial how BAD his influence was.

So why keep him on the force?

Why cause continual unrest among ALL cops?

There are fine gentlemen on the Miami police—force—who'd have NOTHING to do with Huttoo socially. Most of them don't talk to him, except when they have to.

Huttoo's past reputation is well known to his brother-officers. Also to the Miami city officials, as testified to by the fact that they had subpoenaed Former Police Chief Guy Reeves to appear as a witness to prove that Huttoo had resigned under his administration rather than face charges of criminally assaulting a brother officer's wife. This would have tended to show that it would not be a STRANGE act on Huttoo's part to be found in the room of a buxom bar-maid!

Who COUNTERMANDED Guy Reeves' testimony? (Guy Reeves has the reputation of being HONEST!)

Again we ask: If Huttoo were guilty of any charge, why wasn't he fired—and the department RID of its most sinister influence!

Why, Huttoo has been suspended by nearly EVERY safety director under whom he has served.

The present grand jury should go into all phases of the police-department dilemma that faces this city, taking cognizance of other grand jury reports recommending his dismissal.

This grand jury should attempt to ferret out the secret power or influence that has kept this ROGUE dominating and spearheading all the feuds, unrest, and rottenness in our police department!

JUDGE MILLEDGE SIDETRACKS

GRAND JURY PROBE OF HUTTOO

AS WE go to press, this rumor gets hot: that the present grand jury wanted to investigate the Huttoo beating; that, for some reason or other, it was stopped by Circuit Judge Milledge himself! "We'll take this matter up at some later date," the judge reputedly said.

If true, it marks the first time to our knowledge that a circuit judge has so boldly pre-empted the functions of the grand jury.

These rumors! We're positive Dan Mahoney of the Daily News wasn't near the grand jury. Yet the rumor persists that he told them there was plenty of evidence for them to indict certain police officers on and he'd stake his newspaper's reputation on it. He reputedly believed to that extent in Reporter Don Petit's graft stories.

Petit told the grand jury, we are informed, that he would produce the cops-taking-graft evidence when necessary.

State Attorney Glenn Mincer reputedly told the grand jury that it was important to take up immediately the matter of 31 capital cases, because, he said, there were some people in jail who should be out, and some out who should be in.

The grand jury by all means should dig into this Huttoo case and probe it to the bitter end!

First of all, find out what really is back of Huttoo's "POWER AND PULL" that enables him to retain his job against all odds!

To date, we might say, no concrete evidence about graft in gambling has been presented to the grand jury.

OBJECT: to Protect Our Nat'l Game!

LISTENING last Sunday evening, via radio, to a ballgame between the New Orleans Pelicans and the Atlanta Crackers in New Orleans, we came to the 8th inning of the second game of the double-header.

One of the Cracker stars was hit in the head by a fast ball from the Pelican pitcher and knocked unconscious. When he was carried to the hospital on a stretcher, he was still unconscious.

We can't help renewing our warning to all ball clubs, especially those in the Miami-Miami Beach leagues, who permit 12-, 13-, and 14-year-olds to act as bat-boys.

Some mascots of visiting teams are younger than that—even as young as 7 or 8.

Kids often become careless. We've seen them turn their backs to the game and walk to the dugout, while the ball is in play.

Why, even if they are alert,

their lives are in danger at that moment!

A baseball is a dangerous weapon. We can't afford, as a community, to take needless chances.

Our national pastime might not survive an accident that caused death to one of these children we mention. The franchise-holders should realize this.

The presidents of all leagues have disciplinary powers enough to invoke a rule of permitting only 16-year-olds to become bat-boys. And take any further precautions necessary.

Especially, give overflow crowds along the sidelines protective nets or stop such practice entirely. We've seen tots of 2 and 3 standing along unprotected sidelines when as high as 7,000 spectators were crammed into the ball-fields.

Protect these innocents, and, in so doing, protect our national game!

REAL ESTATE TRIES TO MAP LOTS ON IRON LADY

By B. B.

THE Iron Lady, a veteran of the war, was in the Miami port this week, and with a few thousand others, was managed to climb on board and stride its decks. And they really are decks, for the U.S.S. Cabot is a flat top, an aircraft carrier that started out to be a cruiser in 1942 but was changed over.

There is enough open space on board for several Miami real estate developments, and in fact we thought we saw one Miami real estate plotting out lots and lining up prospects for a housing campaign. It's that big. And two floors of these acres, one under cover.

The carrier was running light, only about 25 planes, when it could carry 35 with ease. And it was hot—boats are hot. But from the holes down deep in the engine rooms steamed up furnace heat that would fry a pancake. How men endure such boiling temperatures is beyond us, just as it is an amazing mystery how the captain and crew manage such a ship, 610 feet long and 109 feet wide, and with a displacement of 14,800 tons. It has 100,000 horsepower. Check that with your car. While cruising it consumes 60 gallons of oil per minute. Our bus uses slightly less.

Climbing up and down the narrow runways and stairs were families young and old. We thought we were doing right well all by ourself to navigate the steps, but there were families, dads with arms full of kids and other kids hanging on, along with mamas and grandmas. Miamians always turn out pretty well to see something unusual like this, and they love to stand in lines. We don't—we usually slip in when nobody is looking. There were sailors on the gangplanks and around to help us civilians around to see we did not fall down the shafts or into the bay.

Yes, you have increased respect for the Navy and their men when you inspect such huge machines and note how smoothly they are operated. It's too bad they cannot take over the government and run it on the same efficient basis.

This Cabot saw plenty of action in the Pacific, was scarred, and its planes took part in most of the principal actions, including Tokyo. The Iron Lady, as she was nicknamed, returned a conqueror. She is the first capital ship to be returned to active service from the Reserve fleet and is assigned to the Naval Air Training Command.

We feel a little more safe now. The Cabot is on our side.

Mystery Death

A JACKSON Memorial hospital nurse died under mysterious circumstances, after her husband admittedly struck her.

She went to bed after their argument and his blow, he says. Then he says he cleared out, not knowing she was dead until the next morning.

A hospital pathologist declared she'd died from natural causes.

Whisperings are going round, however. There were queer-looking marks on her breasts. And other bruises.

Why not investigate further?

This case shouldn't be dropped until an autopsy is performed and proper authorities look into it.

Life is held too cheap in Dade county. We've said it before. We repeat it, for emphasis.

Anyway, let's not give the snipers any further opportunity to say we're CONDONING violence that leads—or might lead—to death... especially where a woman seemingly in good health, a wife who worked for a living, is involved.

State Buy FP&L?

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TRIC UTILITIES!

Parker told a Kiwanis Club forum at Tallahassee that it's the best "long range" plan to maintain the state's economy at a high level.

While he thought a general sales tax would be the best solution for immediate relief, he emphasized that the state should borrow on self-liquidating revenue certificates enough money to take over all private utilities plants in the state.

Then, he said, the state could sell all the power, splitting proceeds with the cities in which it is used.

He pointed out (as MIAMI LIFE has often pointed out) that such ownership would save high taxes the private companies now pay the federal government (the state wouldn't be taxed) and thus permit lower cost operations, with savings turned into public revenue to lighten the general tax burden.

Parker formerly was president of the state bar association.

Undoubtedly, this issue will have weight in the coming commission race. Ex-Mayor Bob Williams, exonerated of the charges that newspapers exaggerated so as to cause the recall of him and two other commissioners in 1939, and moreover paid several thousands of dollars by the Florida Power & Light Co. to drop action against them, is in the race.

The city's acquisition of the FP&L will be Williams' main plank and before he is through, Miamians will know a lot more about the FP&L than they do right now!

Publicity-Mad Hotelman

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This Peter Niles, we learn, thinks he's grooming himself for Miami city commissioner. Obviously, this flareup (which got him on the first page of the afternoon paper) is part of this vainglorious scheme of his—as is his publicity stunt of giving a free trip to Cuba every-so-often to the Miami police officer doing the "most outstanding service."

To get his political boom under way, he gets on Page One by FALSELY accusing ALL taxicab drivers in Miami of dishonesty and ALL Beach hotel owners of "racketeering."

He evidently believes the voters would love to have a "persecutor" of his type on the city commission!

Well, Peter Niles is going to learn a lot in Miami before he's through!

TWO DOC MOORES

There are two Doc Moores.

One is the notorious Dr. T. Earl Moore, psychiatrist, who has been widely and frequently publicized by MIAMI LIFE as the "torture doctor."

The other is "Doc" Chester A. Moore, who owns and operates a drug and sundries store.

Strangely enough, their two establishments are opposite each other on the same street. Dr. T. Earl Moore's office is at 4835 S. W. Eighth street, while the store of Doc Moore is at 4854 S. W. Eighth street, or just across the street, and on the corner. "Doc Moore's" name is emblazoned on his building where it can easily be seen, and as a result he is often mistaken for the other Dr. Moore. Whether this fact brings more folks in out of curiosity or keeps them away in anger and fear may be a toss up.

However, there is no connection between the two Moores.

Doc. Moore had his shop for drugs and sundries in the old postoffice building at Coral Gables for 11 years, and some two years ago established his new store on Eighth.

To avoid confusion, please remember Doc Moore's place, with his drugs, sundries, newspapers, etc., is on the south side of the Tamiami Trail in the 4800 block, and Dr. T. Earl Moore is in the same block on the north side of the street.

FUNDS AMPLE IF—

TALLAHASSEE — (FNS) —

Will the governor call a special session of the legislature? If so, when. These are the questions everyone is asking. Statements by administrative leaders, bureau heads, school officials and legislators only seem to further confuse the issue.

Cost of governmental operations have been dragged out into the limelight and economy-minded legislators have been stumping the state telling the people that if certain economies are effected all functions of state government can be maintained without the need of additional revenues or a special session. On the other hand an equally energetic group warns that unless many additional millions are provided all governmental operations will be severely crippled.

Representative Leo Wotitzky, chairman of the house educational committee, is calling for an immediate session, contending that the state cannot make both ends meet with available funds.

Representative Butler Dowda, of Putnam, disagrees and contends that funds now available are ample if expended intelligently and economically.

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