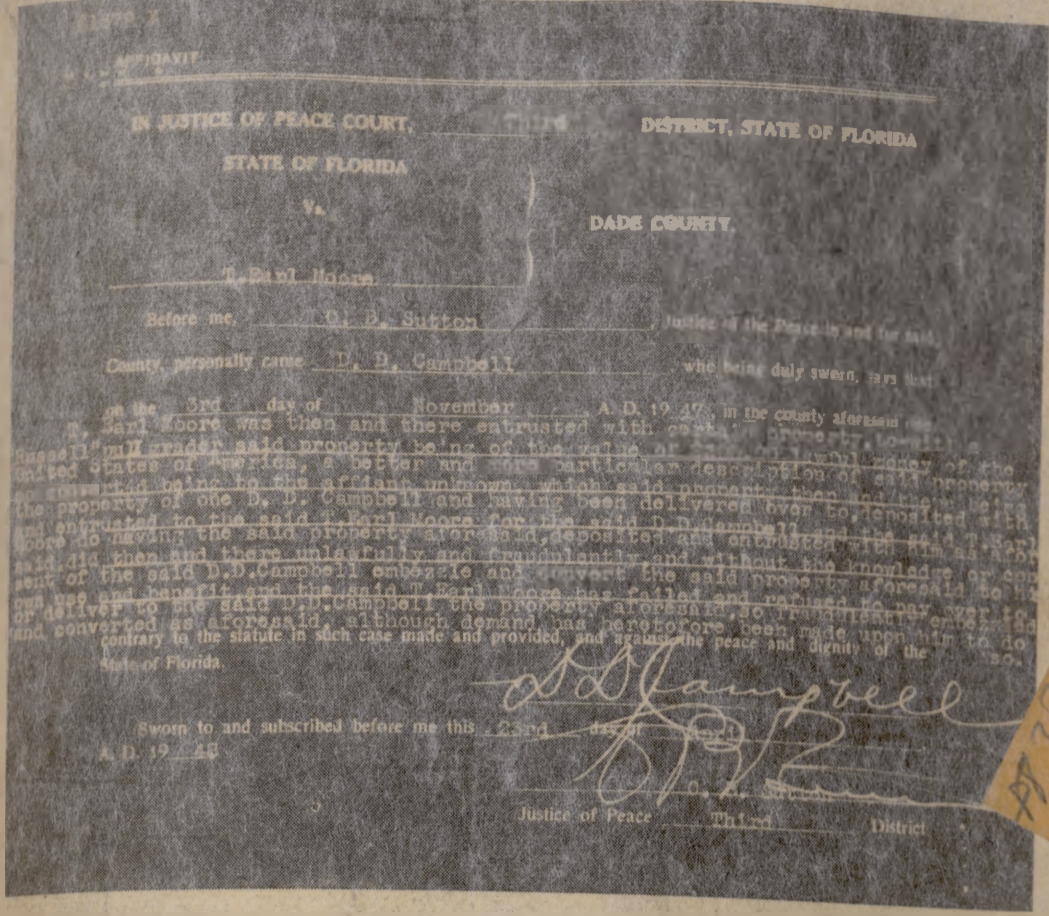


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GRAFT IN FHA PROJECTS?

THE Herald's main Page-One story last Sunday (besides the picayunish Gen. Vaughn "freezer-scandal" story) was headlined: "Dealers Get Jitters—Uncle Sam Soon May Be In Rental Business Here."

columns to the "miscalculation in Washington as to the real proportions of the housing shortage" and the fact "that Miami—like much of the rest of the nation—is seriously overbuilt in some types (Continued on Page 8)



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HOOVER... His Clay Feet!

You Have to Forget His Record If You Try to Make Superman Out of The Great Flop of '29 Here Are Some Random Quotes

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HIS SPONS:

In his capacity as mining en, in the Hoover was said to have made \$6,000,000. ("America's 60 Families," by Ferdinand Lundberg) Long before he became wartime Food Administrator the am- tious Hoover had moved in the Morgan orbit. For more than twenty years he had promoted British mining enterprises in Africa, Australia, and Asia, working in associat- ion with British banks that were attuned with Morgan, Grenfell and Company of London; Hoover, according to contracts on the record, drew \$95,000 a year salary for his promotional work and \$5,000 a year for his engineering advice. In 1909 Hoover reached the turning point in his career when he met in London William Boyce Thompson, then a partner of Hayden, Stone and Company, New York investment bankers. Thompson, a stock-market cron- y of Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan and Company, was also primarily interested in mining promotions. He brought Hoover into a number of Hayden, Stone and Company enterprises.

There has been some mystery made of the way in which Hoover came to the fore as Food Administrator in the Wilson Administra- tion; but there is really no mystery. It was the influential Thomp- son who introduced Hoover, long absent in foreign lands, to the leading figures of American finance and politics. The Wilson Ad- ministration, as we have seen, was in the grip of the "copper crowd," and with the members of this group Thompson was on in- timate terms... It was Thompson, when the presidential bee was buzzing seductively around Hoover's head, who turned him into the Republican Party... and brought him into close touch with such figures as Charles Hayden, Albert H. Wiggin, Harry F. Sinclair, E. L. Doheny, and Thomas W. Lamont...

(Thomas L. Stokes, in "Chip Off My Shoulder") Only five days after he had taken office (as Secretary of Commerce under Harding) the Foreign Trade Information Service began to pour out that stream of propaganda that was to make Herbert Hoover a veritable god, an impossible legend, in time.

(pp 162-162, "America's 60 Families")

Immediately after the (Pres. Harding) Inaugural the piratical poker-playing crew in charge of the ship of state scrambled for the strongbox with the unerring instinct of cranksman seeking the family heirlooms. Hughes negotiated agreements for the payment of the inter-Allied debts and a general reduction in naval armaments; these were, relatively, "clean" jobs, although of tax benefit to the millionaires. Mellon cheerfully took over the job of manipulating the public exchequer. Fall and Denby, with the President's explicit consent, permitted the ravishment of the naval oil reserves by the Sinclair-Doheny-Standard Oil Syndicate. Daugherty quashed prosecutions of war profiteers and other spoilsmen of Wall Street and waged vigorous warfare against labor organizations. Hoover ex- panded the Department of Commerce at great public expense and used it as a marketing agency for the big industries, which were given its valuable services free of charge.

But most significant of all, Hoover used the Department of Commerce to foster monopoly on the most complete scale ever seen outside a Fascist state. The antitrust movement had collapsed completely during the war; even the pretense of enforcing the Sherman and Clayton Acts was discarded. Under Hoover the trust movement

ADMIRATION FOR FALL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Washington, March 12, 1923. Hon. Albert B. Fall, Three Rivers, N. M. My dear Fall: This note is just by way of expressing appreciation for the many kindnesses I had at your hands during the last two years in the Cabinet. I know that the vast majority of our people feel a deep regret at your leaving the Department of the Interior. In my recollection, that department has never had so constructive and legal a headship as you gave it. I trust the time will come when your private affairs will enable you to return to public life, as there are few men who are able to stand its stings and ire, and they have got to stay with it. Yours faithfully, HERBERT HOOVER

ALLIANCE WITH MUNITIONS MONOPOLY In 1925, when a disarmament conference was planned in Geneva, Herbert Hoover, American Secre- tary of Commerce under Pres. Coolidge, sent tele- grams to all the munitions makers, including the Du- Ponts, to come to Washington for a secret confer- ence with him to form a program of joint action AGAINST proposed international disarmament at Geneva! Be- fore any word of the conference became public, Hoov- er had organized them into a bloc to BLOCK peace!

HOOVER OPPOSED TVA ("A New American History" by Dr. W. E. Woodward) When the war came to an end there remained the problem of what to do with the Muscle Shoals plant, which had cost one hun- dred and forty-five million dollars. Congress passed a resolution to operate the plant as a government-owned property. It was to be used to generate electric light and power which would be sold to local power companies for distribution in neighboring communities... President Hoover killed the resolution by a pocket veto. Under the leadership of Senator Norris of Nebraska, the res-

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## LIFE lines-LIFE lines

Among the places where Mayor Floyd is seen least is Miami. He sure gets around—like Truman and Churchill.

Now that the big conventions are here, it is hoped the rains will hold off and the breezes hold on.

Planes and buses seem to be competing for first place in accidents.

The weather bureau never reports the squalls heard on our radio in the homes.

What is the age but...

If there is any...

Yet the newspapers themselves—including the Miami Herald—and the Crime Commission are strangely silent now about it!

So it looks like if we're ever again to have a tourist-enticing liberal policy in Miami Beach, it will continue to be under the aegis of the same Syndicate group—though possibly under another name—OR NO GAMBLING AT ALL—Crusading Councilman Melvin Richard, to the contrary, notwithstanding!

## Fight That Tax Case

That combination brought Irving Adelberg into court after once forfeiting a bond. He was charged by Officer D. E. Hunt with unlawful parking at a meter. Adelberg denied staying over time at the meter in question, but did indicate he had moved his car around from meter to meter in the same block, but explained at one point he was delivering \$20,000 in jewels.

Adelberg asserted that Traffic Officer Hunt had first consulted with nearby parking lot attendants before putting a ticket on his car. In other words the parkers, wanting business, was helping to keep tab on motorists who use the meters instead of paying the higher fee on the lot. This might raise the question as to whether there is such co-operation or collusion between the police and private parking lots in the effort to boom the business of the latter.

The judge explained that the limited time on downtown parking meters was to make the parking spaces available for others instead of letting any one stay several hours or a whole day.

Adelberg said he had parked at the meter in question only 15 minutes. He was fined \$5—which was suspended.

ANOTHER peculiar case for the traffic court was that against Sid Reiser, used car dealer, who was accused of selling a car without the city inspection sticker. Reiser admitted the carelessness, blamed it on employees. But the purchasers claimed the car was represented as being in perfect condition, carrying the usual guarantee. But after making a down payment of \$125 and driving off, the buyers said things began to go wrong and the auto to disintegrate—the pump, then the lights and finally the rear end.

Reiser was fined \$25 and the purchasers were told to hire themselves a lawyer if they wished to recover payment or damages in a civil court suit.

GENERALLY speeding and reckless drivers, escaped with light fines before Judge Dubbin, plus a possible temporary revocation of license, and an order to attend

## Quick Response To Life Appeal To Clear Walks

IT IS amazing what results we get with MIAMI LIFE. We don't always realize our own power. Almost before the paper is on the streets and in the homes, we begin to receive the telephone calls and see the officials going into action.

For example in last week's issue we printed an editorial article saying Miami should clear off the sidewalks now existing before building new ones. Immediately Welfare Director Knox Eldredge announced through the public press the purchase of five new power sickles to mechanize the work formerly done by jail crews. The machines are adjusted to cut the tall grass. Work crews, said Eldredge, usually clear only three or four blocks daily.

It will be news that anything much had been done in clearing of sidewalks as most of us know of walks, even in heavily traveled sections, which have been impassable for years. Those crews never did get around, it seems.

We are delighted to know that machines have been ordered and that the buried sidewalks will be dug up and revealed to the public. We congratulate Miami upon the prompt response to our appeal. Next we shall look for the walks.

the night police school in driving. Little George Gibson, Negro, was the exception when arrested and charged with reckless driving and causing an accident at N. W. 36th street and 17th avenue, where he bumped into another car, causing a nominal \$5 damage. He denied that he had left the scene of the accident but had pulled over to one side.

Unfortunately George had a previous record—and that amazing Miami police file turned up his offenses. The 1948, of reckless driving, forcing him out of the car.

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## HURRY—HURRICANES MAY BE COMING, SO IT IS MUCH BETTER TO BE PREPARED

Here is a special message from your Dade County Red Cross. We are now entering the period of possible tropical storms. Residents of this section should take inventory of their emergency supplies and not wait until the last moment before replenishing these supplies.

Fresh batteries may be needed for flash lights. Extra candles may be needed. It might be well to see that you have kerosene, sterno heat and canned foods. Families depending on the frozen food locker should bear in mind that a power failure might spoil these foods.

Without electric power, the radio receiver may not work. If you own a battery-operated radio, have it checked to see that the batteries are still alive, as well as to see if the set is operating satisfactorily.

Thought should be given to means of removing or securing awnings. Old shutters may need repair or new ones made.

When a storm warning is received there is usually an immediate run on all emergency supplies and in many cases store stocks are soon exhausted. Household items should keep in mind, also, that just before a storm, man-power is hard to find. Your Red Cross urges you to arrange NOW for your complete safety and comfort in the event of a storm.

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## Lee Mason Admits Birthday No. 54

LEE MASON of MIAMI LIFE had a birthday last week and, of course, the story of his party wound up in the hell box with the rest!

Lee admitted to 54 years young on August 9 in a get together in the Brigadoon Room of the Hyde Park hotel on Miami Beach, his nightly broadcasting post for "Mason at Midnight."

On September 12, Lee will celebrate his 27th year in radio, his career including a turn with every network and many firsts on the air. Author, lecturer and commentator, he is known for his dramatic program, "Broadway After Dark," his "Criminal Court Notes," and "Lee Mason's Circle of Friends," with the slogan that's a household word, "Don't Be Late for Work and Don't Be Late for School."

Probably outstanding in his work is that everything is "ad lib," gaining him the sobriquet "man with the encyclopedic mind." Questions from every field—science, literature, law, sports—are answered from cards submitted in the Brigadoon Room and in reply to telephone inquiries during "Mason at Midnight" over Radio Station WINZ.

Lee is a lieutenant colonel in Gov. Fuller Warren's staff. He is a leader in labor circles, being a member of Central Labor Council, executive secretary here for American Federation of Labor Artists, and chairman of the local branch executive committee of American Guild of Variety Artists.

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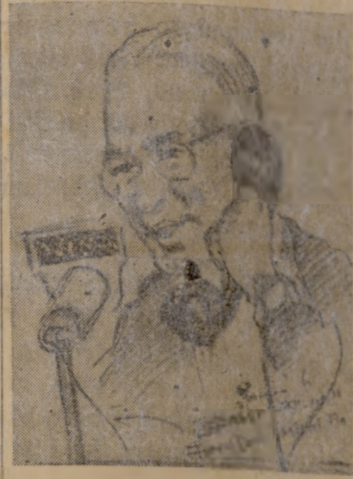
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# MASON at MIDNIGHT

Lee Mason is heard nightly in his own program, Mason At Midnight, from 11 p. m. to 2 a. m. through Radio Station WWSB, 740 K.C., broadcasting directly from the air-conditioned lounge room in the Hyde Park Hotel, 41st street and Collins avenue, Miami Beach.

By LEE MASON  
Jack Goldberg who has the Goldberg Motion Picture and Television Company, has a host of friends before his plant is opened. One phony on the Beach has been an around town claimant to be Jack's co-acting director. The wife from Jack has it that

the only person with any authority in town to talk about anything is Angelo Sands who will take charge of Labor Relations. Angelo is a member of the Stage Hands Union. The way things look the studio will be in operation about the first of November with shooting starting sometime



around December 1. The payroll looks good with about three to

five hundred set for steady employment.

They tell me that Dick Stern is doing a great job with his late show at the Coral Regis out on Coral Way; should bring a lot of business in the place because the good folks of Coral Gables have not had any entertainment of that type.

Phil Spitalny and the lovely Evelyn at the Hyde Park Hotel are the most gracious of the top flight entertainers. It is worthy of note, however, that Phil is no better at gin rummy than he was

when he came in.

The de Castro Sisters are now learning Yiddish and if you want one of the biggest boots you ever had, get them to translate English-to-Spanish-to-Yiddish for you.

Charlie's Inn always a favorite late spot is doing far better than usual with the new Bop Trio. According to the very many stay-up-laters, this is the music that sends.

It looks as though the Club 36 on 36th Street opened at a cost of too much money is on the way out. Certain building

deficiencies, temporarily overlooked to enable a club to snake the necessary alterations have not been cared for according to the building inspectors, and the renewal of the license as a Night Club when the period ends September 30 is very much in doubt. As I understand it, in an effort to make peace with the neighbors, shows have been temporarily cancelled.

The Club 22 seems to be the scene of more action in the last few days than it ever did when it ran as a going business. All that you have heard this past season about bad business has not altered the feelings of a lot of

people who imagine that they have the magic touch that will bring dollars into the till, no matter what prior experience may have been. It will fall in a few days—and then the club will re-open for a few weeks at least, before the new owners close it down for improvements. Three groups, each of whom has a different idea, are in the lead—but there may be a fast deal as this is on the press.

New Orleans, as far as the peckers are concerned, is on the march to Miami. In town at the present time are about a dozen or more of the girls who have been favorites in the

cafes there for quite a while. Business in New Orleans is holding up—and one of the big attractions there is Carrie Finnel, she of the bubbling bounce. In the Show Bar for eight weeks, Carrie held up the business so well that the bosses outbid all offers, and topped her salary by a hundred dollars a week for a new twenty-six week contract, that will hold her there till March, when she starts for Paris. This sets Carrie for the next year—and at the biggest money that the act has earned.

Into the Paddock came Rita Dee, another six footer from the delta city, (which may explain why New Orleans girls first thought of "G" strings) while Dolly Logan starts for Tampa and the Frolics. Big Annette, in from Key West, opens at Mel Murray's Life Bar, with Alice White and a holdover of the balance of the bill. Myra Davis will be on the bill at the Frolics in Tampa, and Marie Stowe, so long at the Red Barn, returns to the Beach at the Paddock as MC.

There was an important get-together of owners and the board of A.B.V.A. (the actors union) last Tuesday. The purpose was to straighten out several points as to minimum wages, auditions, and other matters of operation in the cafes. Because of the season and the necessity for co-operation, several concessions were made by the union, and the operators, on their part, agreed that several things complained about by the union would cease. This action follows on the heels of the board's in relation to the lowering for the summer of the club date minimum, in an effort to make more work for the local acts.

A part of the story about the gent under investigation has taked out—it concerns a girl allegedly only fifteen years of age, who has appeared on smoker haws. It was her story according to the information that I get, that put the steam in the current probe. Also mixed up is a girl character who is known as a scion of nobility—at least that is how she is billed. A number of well known names are mentioned—and if it is not headed off, this is liable to turn into a very sorry mess.

Look for a clean up on the Beach of the female impersonators who are working behind bars, and doing far too much

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DOES LIGHTNING FLASH MORE IN MIAMI NOW?

Whether lightning strikes twice in the same place was not mentioned, but Grady Norton, chief forecaster for the Miami weather bureau and veteran in that service, was somewhat put on the spot Tuesday when questioned by members of the Miami Exchange club at the El Comodoro hotel.

Several old timers asked as to why thunder and lightning storms seemed to have increased here. They recalled that when they first came to Miami back in boom times there was an absence of lightning, which was quite noticeable to folks from the north. But in recent years such thunder showers have increased in this area, so that severe lightning is now experienced, life and property have suf-

fered. Inquirers wanted to know if this was true and why, whether the expansion of electricity had any effect. Well, Mr. Norton did not know.

With the weather bureau moved to Miami from Jacksonville in 1943, more attention has been given to chasing the hurricanes and sounding warnings, he said, with a resulting decrease in casualties and property damage. Better construction and preparations have curtailed losses, but if another 1926 hurricane should hit, no one knows what the consequences might be. The hurricanes of late years have been, more mild.

Despite the extent and importance of the weather, Norton said the United States spent less than other nations on it—only 16 cents per capita, and just one-seventh of one cent for hurricane warning service. However, aid is furnished by the navy, Red Cross, radio and press.

NIGHT COPS HATE DAY COURT

One factor that discourages law enforcement is the requirement for night duty cops to appear in court the next morning to offer their testimony when they make arrests. Weary from the all night job, they are not anxious to hang around for their cases to be called. Hence in Miami or at Miami Beach, or elsewhere, the cops may well hesitate to issue the summons.

Another growing habit in both cities is to assign one detective or police officer to a specific task, that of checking bars or juke joints, skipping by the rest of the force.

Honest cops, too, may become pessimistic at times when they note how certain officers manage to flaunt big new limousines, mansions and other luxuries, knowing full well they could not be acquired on a cop's salary.

Mason At Midnite

(Continued on Page 5) Mort Rosenthal, attorney for A.G.V.A., in town on a flying trip, sunbathing at the President Madison, and helping with the headaches of Jerry Hirsh and the local committee.

Went to see Allen Gale at his club, the Celebrity, last Tuesday. There is one man and one spot that gives the public more for their dollar than any place that I have ever known. From Jack Mitchell at the front door, thru Teddy King on the band stand, to Allen and Freddy Stewart on the show—it is one unit that is

working to please the public, with waiters and bartenders falling in line and playing no small part. It was the first show that nearly made me late for work—I didn't want to miss a single laugh. If you can only visit one club on the beach, by all means make that club the Celebrity.

With Jackie Paul back at the Red Barn, Tiny as ringmaster, and Saint Satan and Penny Art as anchors, with ten acts in between, Muxie Capp is in good shape for the rest of the season.

The Tam-Miami Strip—S. W. 8th Street, greets two new shows—one at the Hall and Chain, where Phil Zwill has added black face to the act, and the other at the Monte Carlo, where Sam Brooks has an all new set of girls to dazzle the public.

Met Hal Wayne—he of the lovely music—who tells me that the Saxony management are going to send him on tour as an ad for the hotel, with a much bigger band. Hal might be just the thing to make the Saxony's room tick—remember what he did at the old Five O'clock?

B. S. Pulley has made the momentous announcement that he is moving from the Coral Reef hotel to cut in with Ruby Strauss in the Pine Room of the Bancroft Hotel at Fifteenth and Collins; should be a good move for both of them, and here's wishing them a lot of luck.

This is about all for now. Any night that you can, meet in the Brigadoon Room at the Hyde Park—we'll have fun. I'll meet you here next week.

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At Tampa, at Orlando and here in Miami, the informal committee has met an overwhelming sentiment for better administration of the state government and an attempt to get along with present revenues.

Among baits held out to tempt the taxpayers into "standing for" new taxes is the question of relief for the cities. However, even the Florida League of Municipalities secretary admits that members of the House of Representatives are not very enthusiastic about sharing state revenue with cities and towns.

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# Graft In FHA Projects?

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of rental units, and, with a continuing recession from post-war business peaks, the financial structure on which this 'landlords' empire' is based grows shakier day by day."

We went through the several columns. Sad to relate, we could nowhere find the really lamentable features of this overbuilding even hinted at:

(1) THAT, although this area is frankly overbuilt, huge developments are even now being furiously rushed to completion just as if thousands of immigrants were crowding the railroads, busses, planes, and ships headed for Miami and demanding a place to live!

(2) THAT the deadening, stultifying "tenement sameness" persists in all these "developments"—just as if we hadn't been forewarned . . . as, for instance, by those sickening cheap-housing developments that took place up around Edison Center during the depression and which at the time were protested by city planners.

(3) THAT most of this development housing is tremendously over-priced—and, consequently, the suspicion grows of monumental graft in the local . . . under Title 608—the latter suspicion . . . that some of these mammoth developments are so well planned and so well financed that they are well equipped enough to make money, whether . . .

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