

PRESS TO TEAR GOV. WARREN APART! Successful Oil Field Is Seen For Dade County-- Well Is Being Drilled

THE Daily Press has treated Gov. Fuller Warren very nice since Inauguration. Editorially, that is. Under cover it has privately directed the subservient legislators to wreck his fine legislative program and to benefit the Special Interests, force an iniquitous sales tax on the masses that in time will arouse the people of Florida to a fury.

Warren in desperation went along.

But now, watch that good press that's been Warren's good fortune these past months COME TO AN END! . . . and tear him apart at

every opportunity!

For he's outlived his usefulness to the Special Interests.

Fuller Warren will learn to his sorrow how deceitful papers like the Miami Herald can be . . . appeasing such newspapers is out of the question for any conscientious, upright public servant who works in behalf of the people.

To gain their support, a public official must sell out to them, body and soul, and be ANTI-PEOPLE on every VITAL ISSUE!

Unhappy days are ahead for our governor, we're afraid.

COASTAL Petroleum Company, an oil company affiliated with Pantepec (Standard Oil of Venezuela), has spudded in a deep test oil well on Grossman Hammock about 18 miles southwest of Coral Gables. The company has acquired a large block of leases on what is known, in wild cat terms, as a "hot prospect".

This is the fulfillment of a prophecy made weeks ago by MIAMI LIFE that a well would be started in this particular location.

Drilling has been contracted to Luffin Brothers of Tulsa, Okla., one of the largest oil well drilling concerns in the world. A giant diesel electric rig has been brought in from the Sunniland oil field in Collier County. This is the same rig that brought in the discovery well for Humble Oil and Refining Co. and many of the producers in the Sunniland field.

The contract calls for drilling to 11,500 feet or to the Sunniland Lime, a strata of limestone bearing oil in Collier County, unless oil is found in commercial quantities at a lesser depth. The producing horizon in the Sunniland field is at about 11,600 feet but due to the tilting upwards of the oil bearing strata towards the southeast, producing in Dade County is looked for at a more shallow depth, possibly between 10,000 and 11,000 feet.

Oil is not found in pools in the earth as is commonly supposed but is trapped in saturated strata of sand or porous rock such as limestone, under tremendous pressure.

Millions of years ago these strata were ancient sea bottoms (Continued On Page 8)



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Miami Retreat Continues Old Hobby--Killing!

AN AUTOPSY was ordered upon the body of Mrs. Kay Ann Metz, 38, Hendersonville, N. C., who died last Saturday in Miami Retreat, where she had been sent by Miami Beach police. Sheriff deputy Claude High, who ordered the autopsy, said her death occurred 45 minutes after Dr. Andrew J. Leon, acting Beach city physician, tapped some of her spinal fluid for examination purposes.

She had complained of a pain in her neck, and was not in dangerous condition when he left her, Dr. Leon reported. Police had found her in a stupor at the Somerset hotel, 335 Ocean Drive, on Sept. 21. High said there was evidence she had been drinking excessively.

This was a news story published last week. Yet, strangely, there has since been no public outcry against the action of Miami Beach police officials in sending a woman in such condition to the Miami Retreat--of all places!

There is no question in OUR mind that the woman died from LACK of medical attention at the Miami Retreat.

This institution is notorious for criminal negligence. It has been notoriously exposed. Even in recent months. It seems that by now, with all MIAMI LIFE—as well as the daily press—has said about the cruelty and torture practiced there, everybody would be warned against it.

If this woman was too ill to remain in jail—for, after all, she had committed no offense and was not serving time in jail—she should, in the name of decency, have been sent to a hospital and placed under a doctor's care. Certainly she shouldn't have been incarcerated in a pit of iniquity such as the Miami Retreat!

Miami Beach as a municipality is as culpable—even more so—than a private citizen would be for thus contributing to her death.

A suit against the city for negligence would stand a good chance of winning in the courts if the Metz family instituted such a procedure.

But meanwhile the Miami Retreat like some other institutions, enjoys powerful political connections. We predict that nought will come of the autopsy or the investigation.

MIAMI JCs PICK GABLES GIRL TO HELP DELUDE US VOTERS

IN ASSUMING to tell the voters of Miami how they should vote, to say nothing of dictating to newly elected commissioners how they should conduct the city's business, the Miami Junior Chamber of Commerce essays an importance that it doesn't deserve. The only reason it SEEMS to be important is because the wily newspapers, frantically trying to elect again a subservient commission (like most of the past ones that have almost bankrupted the city and at the same time enriched Wall St.), can USE its notoriety-conscious officers to hoodwink the public — and USE them CHEAPLY — for all it takes is a little free publicity.

These certain JC officers (they're "junior" all right, men-

tally, morally, and, in most cases, physically) earned their publicity-pay two years ago, before the present city commission majority had scarcely got their seats warm by instituting recall proceedings and otherwise trying to hamstring the efforts of Commissioners H. Leslie Quigg, Bill Charles, and R. C. Gardner to carry out their good-government pledges to the people.

Their sponsors—the daily newspapers—sicked 'em onto the commission majority—the first "independent" majority in a decade — and they obeyed by snapping and barking noisily.

Now, after all, the JCs follow a propaganda pattern that is

routinely carried out by the Utility Trust and other predatory Wall St. forces in various key cities over the United States where it is necessary to stem revolt among the people.

Why should we be too concerned about them?

As we have said, the newspapers have excited them all out of proportion to their actual worth or relative importance.

Thus MIAMI LIFE is compelled to protest to its readers that this highly touted aggregation is, in truth, a group of ill-advised and misguided juveniles who, FOR A PRICE, are allowing themselves to be used by the VERY FORCES that are responsible today for practically bankrupting what could have been one of the nation's richest municipalities!

They are ambitious and greedy.

Why they have even confessed to us the reason they're taking part in these activities . . . They confide it's the only way a young man can get his name before the public. They don't care what happens, just so it'll mean pushing them forward!

Let's Annex Biscayne Key!

NOW THAT Biscayne Key's promotion is (as we long ago predicted) assuming a magnitude second to none in Boomtime Miami's history, why do not our officials go ahead and do what MIAMI LIFE has long proposed: ANNEX BISCAYNE KEY?

If we don't watch out, a request is going to be made by its developers for a SEPARATE municipality—although by every good argument it should be part of Miami. Instead of being an asset to Miami, it could be a DETRIMENT. As other coastal municipalities have become.

They'd use us for their burial ground, servants' and laborers' quarters, garbage disposal (so their own scenery won't be marred)—they'd wear out our streets and worse still, pay no taxes for Miami's upkeep!

Why this has not become a major scandal locally, we cannot understand.

Certainly, property owners and taxpayers should

realize that properly assessed as City of Miami property (which it is, by every fair argument) the added revenue would materially slash our present ad valorem rate.

How else will Miami ever get relief?

The supposed \$500,000 tax reduction that the city of Miami will get through the added revenue from the cigaret tax, is a myth.

That, good folks, will NEVER happen.

Pat Perdue's OK In OUR Book!

SO MANY people have criticized MIAMI LIFE for what they call our "stand" on the Pat Perdue situation in Miami Beach that it calls for an explanation on our part. It seems that we have given our critics the impression that we believe Pat Perdue is not honorable or not a good police officer.

We want to clarify that.

We believe that Perdue is an able, diligent police officer. We do not believe it'll cause any harm if Pat is kept on as detective and given permanent status as such. In fact, it would show that the present administration in Miami Beach CAN lift itself in the opinion of the public by refusing to play politics and give promotions based on an officer's record in police work instead of upon his political friendships. Above all, we want the public to know we have no personal animosity against Pat.

PAGE POLICE, GAMBLING BOOMS NOW ON LINCOLN ROAD AT MIAMI BEACH

HUSH—don't tell anybody but gambling is going on at Miami Beach right on Lincoln Road, and in the open.

The Crime Commission has decried such lawlessness. The daily newspapers have vigorously fought gambling in any form whatever. The Miami Beach City Council has gone on record as opposed to gambling. Chief of Police Albert Simpson has issued the edict that there must be no gambling at the beach.

These great forces of law and order have cracked down on bingo parties conducted by churches, fraternal and service men's groups, until the Beach council put a stop to this by resolution. Card games for money or prizes are not permitted. The lid has never been tighter.

But all of these organizations, groups and citizens do not, of course, have the prestige of the big chain stores—which do some advertising. Gambling—a lottery—is being carried on at Liggett's store at the southwest corner of Lincoln Road and Washington ave. When a patron makes a purchase, he is given a cashier's receipt on which to write his name and address. These are deposited in a box at the entrance. In a later drawing the winners will be notified whether he won a 1949 Chevrolet car, a television set or other prizes.

This is gambling. But the council, the police, even Melvin Richards apparently dare not interfere with this operation. It is big business and too respectable.

It is not our wish to stop this lottery. We admit it is harmless, but so are the other games. It is our intention to point out the hypocrisy of such a policy on Miami Beach. When is gambling not gambling or when is it condoned and overlooked by the authorities?

Now will the Crime Commission raise a yell over this? Don't be silly.

They're, as we've said, "juniors"—they're emotionally im-

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HERALD READIES PEPPER ATTACK

"FLORIDA LAGS IN GETTING FEDERAL WORKS PROJECTS" was the headline of Radford Mobley's Washington-Bureau story the other day.

Then follows a very unclear story, in which political students see a prelude to attacks on Sen. Pepper, whom the Monopoly Press of Florida is desperately but futilely attempting to defeat for reelection next year.

The Mobley article tries to deplore the fact that not a single Floridian is on the National Planning Association's new study on state planning and economic development in the South—and that the federal government gives less aid for Florida airports than those of the other ten Southern states.

This above could be a stum at all Florida officials, but it hurts Pepper more than anyone else as his race is the first one coming up.

We admit we don't know the facts in this case, but we'd nevertheless bet that the heading over the Mobley article will be found to be UNTRUE and MISLEADING.

We hope to have a report as to Florida's federal projects—a TRUTHFUL report — SOON.

Tropical Dress For Tortured Cops At Miami!

WE DON'T see why the local police here are tortured during the nine or ten months of extremely warm weather we invariably have here, by being forced to wear heavy woolen trousers—trousers that would suffice in frigid zones—to say nothing of the long-sleeved shirts and neckties that are also the vogue.

Not so many years ago the Miami city commission dramatically made it a point, for comfort as well as publicity purposes, to forswear coats at commission meetings. Six, too—and instead, they flaunted open collars and short-sleeves.

We've seen Miami cops stand out in the boiling sun, hour after hour, sweating, uncomfortable, and as the day wore on, actually become dirty looking!

No wonder, at the end of a hard stretch under such conditions, they become irritable and bark at minor traffic offenders!

If they were tropically clothed—light trousers, open collars, with helmets—we believe they'd be more efficient, more comfortable, and more courteous. They wouldn't lose in dignity. In fact, a comfortable cop is more dignified than one suffering from prickly heat and chafe.

Surely, economy shouldn't even be considered, for the attendant good publicity we'd receive from snappily dressed police officers would more than overcome any increase in expense.

The SHAPE of Things

A TELEVISION SET has a dual personality. When it is operating, it is a moving picture; when it is not, it is an object—a piece of furniture, and a rather large one, too. When a program is on, you see only the picture, the rest of the time you see only the cabinet. The set is usually too large to be placed casually on the living room table or tucked in a bookshelf; it must be well placed for viewing. Wherever it ends up in the house, it is sure to be conspicuous. So although you buy a TV set to look at programs, not the cabinet, it is the appearance of the cabinet that may determine which set, among equals, you buy.

The impact of TV on furniture design, on furniture grouping, and on architecture is already being felt strongly. New furniture at the markets this summer included swiveling or rolling chairs and sofas, tables and turn-

table tops, and the like, all designed to cope with TV's invasion of the living room. The August House Beautiful devoted several pages to actual and theoretical installations of TV, to show how to place sets to work well when turned on and to look well when off. Some were elaborately built-in; others were stock table or console models. One difficulty involved was quietly avoided in the House Beautiful examples by the omission of a fireplace; for a great many living rooms have a fireplace, and furniture is usually grouped around it. This problem of dual points of focus was emphasized and not solved in the modern house built in the garden of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Marcel Breuer, the architect, designed and featured in his house a TV cabinet with remote controls in a coffee table at the sofa. The design is simple

and uncluttered but was worked out on such a massive scale that the whole room would have been much more pleasant without it.

It might seem that cabinet design would not concern you at all during a program, but most viewing is done with partial light or even in the daytime. Anything on the case which distracts or detracts from the effectiveness of the picture then is surely a design error. Simplicity and subordination of packaging elements to the screen are most important, though often overlooked in the design of television receivers.

As with radio, the urge to dress up or decorate a TV cabinet results mostly in an over-complication of forms, as can be seen on the sets rated this month in the pages that follow.

What you see on the screen is a picture; therefore the cabinet is commonly treated as a pro-

scenium or frame. On the Emerson table model, for example, the entire face is a series of moldings which build up rather heavily to surround the area of the picture. Some of these framing moldings are painted, others remain mahogany, and the edges between are somewhat messy. The overall effect is ponderous and a little shoddy.

Crosley and Stromberg-Carlson show more sensitivity in design and better handling, achieving rather different results from chassis having similar layouts. On the Stromberg-Carlson the cut-outs for the tube at the left and for the speaker and dials at the right are both large and compete in size and proportion. The Crosley comes off better, the tube dominating as a large element and the dials reduced to a smaller and different shape.

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LIFE lines-LIFE lines

Remember, now, to hold your nose whenever you encounter a Dade county legislator—they all voted against you—the people.

It is possible that the name of Florida's chief executive will be changed to Gov. Emptier Warren.

Washington gets so excited when it announces what everybody else already knew or suspected—such as Russia and the bomb.

With oil developments extending to Dade county, look for another local boom.

Anyway, the Miami parking meters are still doing a pretty good business.

Call The Next Case

By BOND

Petty Larceny

Or Grand; Autumn Arrives, Along With Vagrants; Drunks, Thieves, Battlers Crowd City Court Dockets; Two Ladies Go Shopping.

PETTY larceny—or grand. Based upon the sentences handed out to certain persons for minor shoplifting, the Florida legislators and governor ought to be given life terms in the penitentiary for the grand larceny committed upon the merchants and people of the state. If you steal a dollar you go to jail. If you cop millions of dollars from the pockets of the citizens you are a successful politician and statesman, highly acclaimed by the daily newspapers. And this is justice, or so-called.

For example there was Carl Johnson, 41, Negro laborer, of 1806 N. W. Third court, charged with taking empty citrus boxes at the Farmers' Curb Market, to the estimated value of \$6. The complaint was filed by Nicholas Pavlides, with the arrest made by J. E. Dowling and B. L. Martin. Johnson was sentenced to 60 days.

James Miller, 115 N. W. 17th street, Negro, was convicted of the theft of five gallons of paint, worth \$19.45, and he got off with a fine of \$60 or 24 days. Petty larceny is costly.

THEN there were the two Miami ladies who went shoplifting together. Strangely they picked up identical articles in the same two stores. They didn't show up in court.

They are Elbie G. Gverin, 43, housewife, of 141 N. E. 67th street, and Sylvia M. Katz, 43, 6000 N. Bayshore drive. There were two cases against each for which each was fined \$60. At the Grant Company store they were charged with helping themselves to a sprinkler and a novelty piece, total value \$1.68. At Burdine's they got into more expensive stuff: a cup and saucer at \$4.50 and celery dish at \$2.

Of course, after the state sales tax goes on, there will be more incentive for such larceny. When the state grabs needlessly, why not the private citizens? Except that the merchants should be paid.

The ladies were arrested by Police Officers H. W. Fouts, Vivian Walsh and G. D. Fox.

CITY Judge Cecil C. Curry was fully aware that fall had arrived this week as he became the unwelcome host to a score of vagrants, many of them picked up loitering in Bayfront park. The bums' specials are beginning to come southward already, and the idle are fleeing the north in hope of finding jobs and certainly warmth. But the vigilant police are on watch, realizing that men without work and without funds are apt to turn to robbery. These early tourists are arraigned in court and usually given 15 days in jail. After that, if they have no employ, wife is ill, a paranoid, who keeps her nurses awake while ment or financial prospects, they are warned to get out and stay out. Miami has enough to do in this period of recession to care for its own.

SOME folks have friends who seek to use their influence on behalf of the convicted. Francis Marion Whaley may be listed in that category. Various lawyers had appealed on his behalf at different times. His driver's license was revoked for five years. Most recently he was serving 60 days on the charges of driving while under the influence. A letter was received by the court from Dr. James

Inequities In New Sales Tax

NON-USERS of newspaper advertising were handed an arbitrary profit under the new sales tax law which was boosted by the Miami Herald and the Miami Daily News.

Merchants who use newspaper advertising bitterly opposed the sales tax and will lose business because of lessened customer buying income. They also will have only three per cent of the taxes to cover their collection and bookkeeping expense.

This is how it works: Dime stores do not advertise in newspapers.

Articles selling for from 9 to 40 cents call for a one-cent tax payment by the customer. This makes the customer pay from 11 per cent down to 2 1/2 per cent sales tax in this price bracket.

Tax payments by the merchants to the State of Florida are figured at 3 per cent of the gross sales of articles subject to tax, less 3 per cent of the tax due for collection and auditing.

On articles selling for 10 cents the customer pays one-cent tax. BUT—the merchant keeps 7 mills of this one cent, plus 3 per cent of the 3 mills going to the State. Thus, when the merchant sells 1,000 ten-cent articles, he collects \$100 as the selling price, \$10 as sales tax. Of the tax collection, he keeps \$7.09 and sends

\$2.91 to Tallahassee as the net tax remittance.

Thus, although the article costs the customer 11 cents instead of the ten cents for which it sold prior to the sales tax levy, the dime store merchant keeps \$7.09 of the \$11 collected for tax purposes and sends only \$2.91 to the state. Of this \$2.91, another 3 per cent (\$.0871) is deducted by the Comptroller for his administrative expense.

Further, since dime stores are arranged by counter departments, the customer buying five ten-cent articles at five separate departments must pay five cents in taxes, of which 3 1/2 cents automatically goes to the merchant. On the other hand, the customer who buys one article costing 50 cents or five articles at ten cents each on one sales slip pays two cents for sales tax, of which 1 1/2 cents goes to the State General Revenue Fund, less the three per cent collection allowance to the merchant and less the three per cent collection expense of the State Comptroller.

AND THAT'S NOT ALL—the dime stores will benefit again by removal of the inventory tax which amounts to \$785,000 per year.

ANOTHER CASE OF THE LITTLE FELLOW PAYING THE FREIGHT!

Digest of Recent Opinions of The Attorney General of Florida

Attorney General Richard W. Ervin in an opinion to George Vathis, Supervisor, State Board of Conservation, advised that the Supreme Court has held that "A commercial fisherman is not a retailer unless he sells his catch direct to the consumer. Neither is he a wholesaler unless he buys and sells to the wholesaler. The mere fact that he sells his catch to the wholesaler does not make him a wholesaler." A person selling only smoked fish would be required to purchase a retail or wholesale seafood dealer's license; unless if a smoked fish is also a cured fish, which is a question of fact to be determined, merchants paying a license imposed by law upon dealers in merchandise would not be required to pay a retail seafood dealer's license.

The Attorney General advised Ernest A. Ramsey, Manager, Florida Keys Aqueduct Commission, that the Florida Keys Aqueduct Commission is a state agency created for the further-

ance of a state function, and its employees are state employees and are eligible to participate in the State Officers and Employees Retirement System.

In an opinion to Thomas D. Bailey, superintendent of public instruction, the attorney general held that a county school board may buy and lay water pipes beyond the school property to connect with the city water supply, the school being within the city limits, in the event the city refused to lay the pipes; and bond construction funds may be used in the purchase and installation of such water pipes if the bond issue included the construction of the school building in question. It was also held by the attorney general that there is no authority for a county school board to grade and resurface six blocks of city streets leading to a school property; it was noted, however, that the board would have authority to grade and surface roads on school property.

Help For Seminoles

Before the United States embarks on a world program to provide pants for the backward peoples in Africa and far lands, it should first consider the long neglected Seminole Indians of South Florida. They have never sought help like nearly everybody else. They are truly free and independent. But as the original American natives they are entitled to aid, decent surroundings, sanitary facilities, health protection, and land which they could till and by which they could support themselves.

L. Anderson seeking his release on the grounds that his she looks for concealed wiring. The doctor believed Whaley could help the wife if he was free.

Whaley had just been turned loose. A day later he was arrested as drunk. This week he forfeited the bond of \$15.

ATTO Borz did not fare so well. This 51-year-old iron worker, was convicted of disorderly conduct on the complaint of Gertrude B. Ewing, and was assessed a term of 60 days at "hard labor." This used to mean work on the rock pile. Inquiry divulged the information that Miami had no rock pile or pit at present. Hard labor just meant labor—work on parkways, vacant lots, Dinner Key, places where prisoners could perform services for the municipality.

PAUL B. Ziemann, 43, of 9 N. W. Ninth street, was found guilty of being a Peeping Tom at 840 N. E. First ave. He was given one day in jail. It might be worth it—at that.

AMONG the hardest working judges are the justices of peace, who preside over a large variety of important and minor cases, ranging from murder to petty differences over bills, civil suits on dental charges, doctors' and grocery payments. J. P. Thomas Ferguson has transferred his offices and court to West Flagler and 17th avenue, where he holds forth in a small, hot, noisy room, crowded with contenders. He tries to bring them together, settle the difficulties, or decide to whom the \$6.98 is due. It is to snap and you need patience—with more than a hundred such cases weekly.

Sales Tax Scandal

NOW it is coming out. And the scandal will develop as the light is turned on the needless Florida state sales tax. It was put over solely to institute the idea of such a tax, so that the people would gradually become accustomed to this method of financing the high costs of state and city government in order to relieve the burden upon big property owners, such as the Miami Herald, the Miami Daily News, the duPonts and other powerful interests.

The smokescreen was partially lifted by Henning Heldt, the Herald staff writer, when he revealed that the huge gouge actually will leave Tallahassee little more than it would have under a continuance of the old taxation system.

He wrote that it is estimated that the new sales taxes will produce \$40,000,000 a year. From this must be deducted \$2,000,000 as the extra expense of collecting. You must be taxed to pay the tax collectors and provide more jobs for politicians.

Then from 16 to 18 million dollars more must be used to replace the cigaret and gasoline tax revenue diverted to the cities and counties under the new stupid setup.

In other words, according to the Herald (the chief booster for more taxes) Florida will only receive about \$20,000,000. But the state was already getting virtually that much from the cigaret and gasoline levies, which are now turned over to compliant communities.

This cigaret tax money, heretofore kept by the state, and now raised to five cents a pack, will be awarded to the cities on condition they reduce their ad valorem taxes on property. Get it. The Herald will save some money. And so will the rich big business and big property owners. And the workers will make up the difference. Little merchants will suffer the consequences and more will be driven to the wall.

Perhaps, the Herald's writer did not realize how thoroughly he was exposing the farce of this sales tax, sought by Gov. Fuller Warren after his pledge that he would oppose all such additional taxes.

A dispatch from the Florida Press Association by J. Kenneth Ballinger frankly admits that on Nov. 1 Florida will abandon real estate and spot taxes as major sources of public money for the sales tax and aid to the cities. That is the purpose—not the raising of additional revenue to pay the increasing bills of lavish government.

State Comptroller C. M. Gay in an official statement pleads with the press, the radio, the merchants and everybody to co-operate and help him make the collections as easily as possible. Make known the basic facts, he asks. That MIAMI LIFE is doing. But there is no reason why we should urge submission and compliance to taxation without representation, which is exactly the same cause for which the Revolutionary war was fought and this nation established.

And remember that all of your Dade county misrepresentatives voted for the bill—Gautier, Okell, Stockdale and Lantaff. And never vote for them again for any office. MIAMI LIFE will not let you forget.

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FROZEN JUICE IS BOOMING INDUSTRY

TAMPA (FNS)—Popularity of frozen concentrated orange juice is increasing so fast it may soon be listed as the national fruit drink. To keep Americans supplied with enough frozen juice, between 9 and 10 million gallons of orange juice were packed during the 1948-1949 citrus season, according to figures compiled by American Can Company. The company's plant here is a major supplier of the six-ounce cans in which the greater part of the frozen concentrated orange juice pack goes to market.

With the demand for juice in this form increasing so rapidly, conservative estimates place the pack for the 1949-1950 citrus season at 20 million gallons. Since one box of oranges produces a gallon of concentrated juice, this

pack would make use of 20 per cent of Florida's orange crop and would require the storage of 400 million six-ounce cans. An indication of how much America's taste for frozen concentrated juice is growing is indicated by the fact that the pack of the new product five years ago, totaled only 10,000 gallons.

Another Florida product is gaining favor with a juice conscious nation is frozen concentrated grapefruit juice, which is newer to the market than orange juice. The American Can Company estimates the product will be packed at the same rate as frozen orange juice two years ago, indicating a pack of about 1,000,000 gallons, requiring more than 10 million cans of varying sizes.

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OFFICIAL ORDER HOLDS EASTERN TO BLAME FOR AIR CRASH—PRESS SILENT

In a decision just released by the Civil Aeronautics Board, full responsibility is placed upon the Eastern Air Lines for the collision with a Universal Airline plane over Maryland December 19, 1946. Every effort was made at the time by Eastern and by the daily newspapers to indicate that the non-scheduled airline was to blame. President Eddie Rickenbacker of Eastern was quoted to that effect, with big headlines, as he was eager to drive the competing smaller companies out of business, and the press was glad to co-operate.

But now that the official truth is revealed there is nary a word in the Miami Herald and the Miami Daily News. They, as usual, are not interested in the facts when they reflect upon their advertisers and big business. Their news stories and headlines are colored by their policies and profits, and this is one of the most glaring examples of it.

There were 84 passengers on the two planes in this sensational accident but the skill of both pilots landed the planes safely without death or injury.

The C. A. B. instituted an investigation, which was delayed from time to time. The examiner's and board's report found against Joseph B. Kuhn, the Eastern pilot. Among the witnesses for Universal was its president, John N. Yandell of Miami. Since the accident the Universal has gone into receivership. The order suspending the pilot's license for 40 days was issued on February 9, 1949, and was appealed by Eastern. The unanimous verdict of the board announced a few days ago and received by Miami Life sustained the original findings against Eastern, and was filed by D. W. Rentzel, administrator of Civil Aeronautics.

The board found that the respondent—Kuhn on December 19, 1946, piloted as captain a D-C 4 aircraft on Eastern Airlines out of Newark, N. J., bound for Miami, Fla.

He was authorized to fly at 2,000 feet at 210 miles per hour. He was informed that Universal Airline DC-3 had departed 15 minutes earlier authorized to fly in the same direction at the same altitude at 160 miles per hour. It found that the Eastern plane collided with the Universal in the vicinity of Havre de Grace, Maryland—"and that the collision was due in whole or in part to respondent's failure to take due and proper measures to overcome the visual deficiencies of his aircraft, and to maintain a proper lookout for such aircraft—that he operated his aircraft in a careless manner so as to endanger the lives and property of others—that he flew within 500 feet of another aircraft without prior arrangement." Hence, the license was ordered suspended for 40 days.

This was the opinion and order of the federal bureau, which is not and cannot be influenced by powerful interests, and whose sole concern is safety of the public and obedience to the regulations.

Mr. Yandell was president of the Contract Air Carriers organized in June, 1946, comprising independent companies formed principally by ex-service men. The non-scheduled planes must abide by all the same regulations as apply to the big companies—with this difference—they must pay their own way. The large companies, like Eastern, are subsidized by the government, being paid 75 cents a mile for carrying mail, whether there is mail or not; and their rates are usually higher. The contract or charter lines have a good record of safety, and such an award was given Yandell several years ago.

THE SHAPE OF THINGS

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both set against a fabric panel. The RCA is a large table set, and tries both to achieve impressiveness and to minimize bulkiness by overlapping two shapes, one of somewhat lighter and the other of darker mahogany. The intersection of these forms on the front doesn't relate very well to the gilded wood frame of the picture area, and doesn't express at all the fact that the face is removable as a single panel. At least it avoids the fussy little moldings which creep into other designs. However, the urge to be decorative has spawned a tasteless and distracting piece of brass, vertically striped, placed like a keystone over the center of the picture.

Of the two consoles, Emerson is the winner over Admiral. In contrast to the table version, the Emerson console is a comparatively clean shape with few applied moldings or decorative elements. The transition between mahogany cabinet and picture tube is simply and smoothly handled. To reduce the depth of the cabinet, the tube is allowed to project at the back for three and a half inches. The Admiral also strives for less apparent depth, making a protruding frame for the tube which tilt upward slightly. The framing elements are somewhat heavy and the protruding jaw is a little aggressive. The effort to remain rather formal at the same time doesn't quite work out.

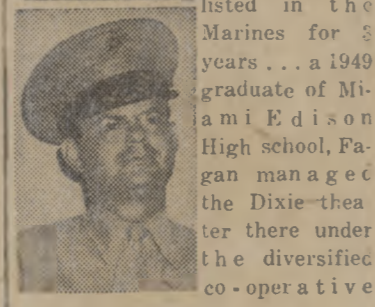
In theaters, a curtain can be exciting and full of promise, while a blank movie screen is bare and dull. In TV sets, a blind empty tube end is somehow rather unattractive. It seems that some of the effort and expense given to decorative treatment on these sets might have been better assigned to finding a method of closing the face and covering the tube when it's not in use. This is done in some models, but not on any of the regular sets covered in this month's report.

FLORIDA LEATHERNECK NEWS

By M/Sgt. Walt Swindells, USMC DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

The Marines have fought in every war the United States has waged since the Revolution? WELCOME ABOARD . . .

William L. Fagan, 17, 630 N. W. 51st street, Miami, has enlisted in the Marines for 3 years . . . a 1949 graduate of Miami Edison High School, Fagan managed the Dixie theater there under the diversified co-operative



raining program . . . HERE AND THERE . . . Private First Class Edward I. Orlin, 235 Collins avenue, Miami Beach, and Robert J. King, Verc Beach, and Private Douglas E. Underwood, 1704 N. E. Miami court, Miami, are all serving with the Eighth Marines aboard the USS Coral Sea in the Mediterranean . . . the Eighth Marines are serving as the fleet marine force for Vice Admiral Forrest Sherman's Sixth Task Fleet . . . JACK TO CIVILIAN LIFE . . .

Cpl. Conrad R. Nemeth, 315 S. N. Ninth street, Fort Lauderdale as been discharged from the Marines at Cherry Point, N. C. . . he's a radio-radar repairman. SHIPPING OVER . . .

Cpl. Emilio Diaz, 1361 N. W. 11st street, Miami, has re-enlisted in the Marines at Camp Pendleton, Calif. . . a radio operator, Diaz is serving with the First Marines division there. JUR FLAG . . .

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That crime has increased since the Crime Commission has been functioning.

That Tom has quit staying home to listen to jackpot quiz shows.

That the governor is so much under the influence of his young California bride he doesn't care what happens to Florida.

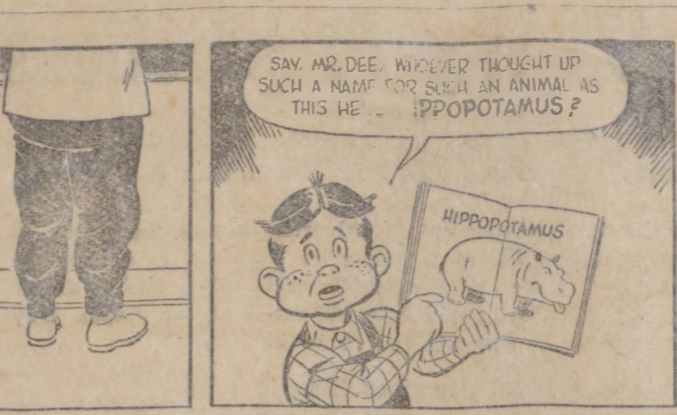
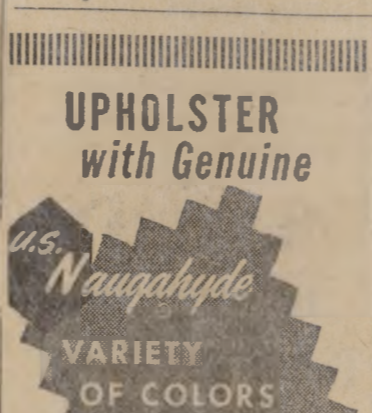
National Guards Launch Campaign

In an effort to bring all existing National Guard units up to near-authorized strength, Florida is joining with other states in a major recruiting campaign.

Although Florida currently boasts its largest National Guard in history, an effort will be made to recruit at least 700 additional members during the two-month drive which ends Nov. 19.

The present strength of the Florida military is 5,295 officers and men, of which 4,929 are in ground troops and 365 are airmen. Prior to World War II the National Guard had 3,941 in the state.

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I Was Just Thinking

By AL KIRK

Derado, Venezuela means the lower diamond producing for the most part, covered by jungle growths ten to thirty feet and the use of a machete in the river boats. Diamonds do not, unfortunately, be on the surface but may be hidden in the gravel clays for thirty feet below the surface. The fact that the dry stream beds are thickly covered with heavy jungle growth brings the first problem of how to determine where they are located. This is done by using a long thin rod, which is thrust into the earth at regular intervals, in likely places along the former stream bed. Where to thrust and what could be a likely stream bed is determined by nothing more than hard earned experience.

In the hands of an experienced

the next step is to cut away jungle growth and sink a shaft to the depth indicated by the rod test. Upon reaching this location, a portion of the material, usually a granular cemented clay, is carried to the nearest stream for washing. A good prospect may not have any diamonds, but may have the minerals that are always present with the diamonds. In this case it is necessary to clear more jungle growth and dig more shafts until diamonds are actually discovered. After a discovery, the digging of a larger pit is then undertaken and the pay gravel which may be from a few inches to several feet in thickness is removed for washing.

This is accomplished through the use of a circular screen. The diamond bearing material is dumped into the screen which is held under water. A peculiar circular motion of the screen, similar to that given a regular gold pan, washes all clay and fine material through the screen, while the coarser material is thrown to the outer rim. The diamond minerals and diamonds are thrown to the exact center of the screen. As the weight of a screen load of gravel is from 40 to 50 pounds the job is tiring and from twenty-five to thirty-five minutes is the average time required to wash out a screen load of gravel. The diamonds are then removed

by hand or in the case of smalls, with a pair of tweezers. The above method is the most primitive and the one most used by the jungle diamond miner in the Guyanas and Savannah areas of Northern South America.

Bush buyers make regular trips into the interior to purchase the diamonds and gold. The price varies; small diamonds bring an average at present of about \$24 per carat depending on color and shape. A good one carat diamond uncut will bring about \$80. The largest diamond I have seen in this area was discovered in British Guiana in a tributary to the

Mazaruni river. This diamond weighed 48 carats. The first owners, or discoverers received \$12,000 for their find. It was later sold in New York for \$40,000. Since it was an excellent stone the price received after cutting may well be imagined. The majority of diamonds of course are small, but fine jewel stones of good color, weighing from one to five carats, are not rare. The principal diamond producing areas are in the extremely isolated areas that are adjacent to the international lines of Brazil, British Guiana and Venezuela.

Warn Of X-Rays In Shoe Fitting

THE Florida State Board of Health is making a study of the possible dangers associated with the use of X-rays in shoe-fitting, Dr. Wilson T. Sowder, state health officer, said.

The study is being made in this state as a result of a recent account by two Harvard physicians which stated that improper use of X-rays was dangerous, particularly to children. It may even result in stunting of bone growth.

"At the moment, stated Dr. Sowder, "it is impossible to say whether or not any shoe-fitting X-ray machines in this state are injuring the health of persons exposed to them."

"However, according to reports of studies made in Detroit and New York, it is possible to eliminate any danger from use of these machines by taking proper precautions."

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Thanks From Senator

EDITOR MIAMI LIFE:
I certainly do appreciate all those good things you have been saying about me and doing for me for so long.
I have just written to Bob Crossland, copy of which is enclosed, thanking him for the very fine letter of August 15 to you, which you carried in LIFE. Bob is a fine fellow and a great friend.
I hope to get to see you soon.
With kindest regards to you, and always sincerely,
CLAUDE

Law Persecutes People To Extort Money For Cities

EDITOR MIAMI LIFE:
Being an old timer that has traveled back and forth in these United States for the past 46 years, I have experienced times in the good old days when people could have a little fun and pursue happiness without running the risk of being arrested and fined as in Miami, New Orleans and Los Angeles today.
I read in MIAMI LIFE about the daily newspapers hypocritical campaign against so-called vice, a name given pleasures that the majority of people enjoy, but denied by groups of bigots who enjoy and practice such pleasures behind guises of respectability and law enforcement.
It seems like cities of today can not find ways and means to finance their growing budgets, so they have found a lucrative way to do it by extorting money (fines) from victims of snoopers and peepers, and decoys, employed by police who are goaded to act by nosey minority groups and newspapers whose ethics are questionable. Here in L. A. yesterday, two gamblers playing craps, were arrested by cops who had been snooping and peeping through windows for three weeks to snare their victims.
Blue noses do not realize that they are creating petty law-breakers, fine grabbing municipalities, dishonest police, as exposed in Los Angeles, besides filling jails and prisons with petty offenders to such an extent that parole boards have to parole felons so as to make room for prisoners that should be free and could be free if justice were not blinfolded by bigotry and municipal greed.
CART G. LUNDIN.
Box 6341, Los Angeles 14, Calif.

P. S.—I wrote the above after reading the opinion of the late U. S. supreme court justice O. W. Holmes who said, that it were better for a few guilty to escape than that the law should stoop to underhanded methods in attempting to detect alleged offenders. Too bad a judge like that has to die; but his opinion will live on forever.

Indianapolis Won!

EDITOR MIAMI LIFE:
Another baseball fan and I recently made a heavy wager on the outcome of the pennant race of the American Association, between the two leading teams, Indianapolis and St. Paul.
The following league standing was clipped from the Miami Herald Monday, Sept. 12, showing Indianapolis as the winner, and I the winner of our wager.
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Final Standing
W. L. Pct. W. L. Pct.
Indianapolis 93 61 .604 St. Paul 92 61 .601
Then in the home edition of the Miami Daily News for Monday, Sept. 12, the St. Paul nine is shown as the pennant victor, and my opponent the winner of our wager.
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Final Standing
W. L. Pct. W. L. Pct.
St. Paul 93 60 .608 Indianapolis 93 61 .604
Since our two daily newspapers do not agree on which club copped the American Association flag, we would like to have the staff of the MIAMI LIFE enlighten us as regards the actual winner of the Association pennant chase. In other words, which newspaper is right, please, and who did win? Or were there two winners and duplicate pennants awarded? Many thanks.
JOHN S. ABERCROMBIE.

Why Any New Taxes

EDITOR MIAMI LIFE:
One of our legislators had the audacity to mention in public that California had a state income tax—which we haven't—he bragged. It has a high inheritance tax, which we haven't in Florida—he went on—and also a sales tax.
Mr. Politician, why didn't you suggest that we try to get the income tax and inheritance tax here, before you shoved that sales tax on us poor people?
Why should people with sizeable incomes and inheritances be exempt, while the poor Joes and Joans chip in to pay the recent hikes in salaries for public officials all down the line.
California is a much richer and larger state than Florida, and if that bigger state can find it necessary and justifiable to tax incomes and inheritances, why can't our legislators do so?
They ought to be ashamed to double-cross their own people—and load us common guys with a sales tax.
We can't understand why these officials, especially right down

here, have backed the sales tax more than the others in smaller or poorer counties.

Our leaders are in the habit of griping that we down here already are paying much more than our share of taxes to the state, and those very persons are doing their best to make the situation worse by backing the sales tax.
Oh, well, what's the use of saying anything about it—they've already done what they intended to do from the very first. Still, it's a little comfort to blow off steam once in a while and let Mr. Big know somebody is dissatisfied with things.
JOHN AND JANE DOE—Miamians.

Excuse It—That Item Was Quoted From Daily Press

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA
Public Service Department
Office of Director
P. O. Box 1861
Zone 30
September 27, 1949

EDITOR MIAMI LIFE:
In your September 17, 1949 edition of MIAMI LIFE, under the heading "TREES JUMP ON MOTORISTS, THEY MUST BE REMOVED," you state in part:
"However, if Preston and Commissioner Hugh Peters and MIAMI SAFETY DIRECTOR RAY WILLIAMS wish to get rid of dangerous obstructions, etc."

To get the record straight, I never advocated the removal of the Coral Way trees, nor did I participate in any way in any discussion on the matter.
I wrote a letter requesting some county co-operation in street maintenance problem on Coral Way, but it did not involve trees, nor were they mentioned.

Although I have no authority, or jurisdiction, over the trees and plantings on county-controlled Coral Way, I, personally, am against the removal of these trees, and can not see where they constitute any traffic hazard.
I do not write this in a critical tone but merely to inform you that I was mistakenly placed on the list of those favoring the removal of the Coral Way trees.
Very truly yours,
A. R. WILLIAMS.
Director of Public Service.

MIAMI JCS

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mature—undependable—greedy and ambitious.
They're in the limelight again. They're stirring. They're very obviously to be used in the desperate attempt of the Power-Trust Press of Miami to RECAPTURE City Hall.
These newspapers for the last couple of weeks have had us believing the coming election is a "crucial" one for the dear people, that something "dire" is going to take place if the hold of this "independent" commission isn't broken.
And now the newspapers have summoned their "shock troops"—the very-willing JCS—for the coup.
However, there's a ray of hope on the horizon.
The "Junior" is already showing through the tinsel, it's already heard above the fanfare the newspapers have given the spectacle. For they've already pulled a BONER.
They've chosen a girl, after a lot of publicity, To Get Out the Miami Vote.
But it turns out that this publicity-produced beauty who is going to get out the MIAMI vote is NON-RESIDENT! She actually lives in CORAL GABLES!
Oh, "Juniors"! . . . You IMMATURE "Juniors"! . . . Why don't you GROW UP?

Electricity Too High Here For Industries

ALL of this hullabaloo by civic leaders for more and more "light industry" is so much hogwash. They all ignore the basic reason for our shortcomings in this field.
Miami with its nearness to the South American markets and center of Eastern U. S. population is a "natural." It is especially desirable because of its freedom from labor troubles.
But the excessively high electric power rate make it industrial development too much of a gamble.
That point is suppressed by our boosters. They dare not expose it, for they realize that if they did, there would be no help and no publicity from our subsidized daily press.

Successful Oil Field

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and they still contain the salt water of those seas. Oil being lighter than water is found only where these stratas have folded or pushed up above the water level. Geologists must first find such a likely condition of the earths sub stratas before a drilling location can be made.
It is estimated Coastal Petroleum will spend \$300,000 drilling the first well and many millions more would be required to develop the area into a producing oil field.
Interest is running high in the Grossman Hammock area. A check of the Dade County Court House records reveals heavy purchases of royalties by prominent Texas oil men under the leases held by Coastal. Several other major oil companies are financially interested in the operation.
The well is located in the center of a forty-acre tract owned by the State of Florida legally described as the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25 Township 55 South Range 37 East.
The well site is at the end of Grossman Drive about 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Krome ave. Grossman drive jogs westerly from Krome ave, about one-half a mile south of the intersection of Eureka Drive and Krome ave. in the Red-land District.
Coastal Petroleum is also drilling a well on Plantation Key in Monroe County and has staked out a location on Key Largo.

MASON AT MIDNITE

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everybody for making it one of the most pleasant engagements I have ever known. Meanwhile until I tell you differently, the program will be from the studio.
Thanks again for being with me and I will see you here next week or on the air every night.

'Undesirables' Breathe Easier

WHEN Att'y Ben Cohen of Miami Beach successfully defended Mickey Grasso, a convicted felon, on a charge of trespassing and forced Municipal Judge Galen to turn him free, he did a lot of upsetting.

For one thing, the ruling nullifies that much-publicized resolution Beach council adopted recently directing the city manager and chief of police to rid Miami Beach of "undesirables." And it renders still more obnoxious the intense publicity campaign that the Crime Commission has carried on with the aid of the newspapers to run out everybody their sponsors don't like.

Miami Beach can no longer legally ostracize someone because of the color of his eyes or the curl in his hair, etc. (It wasn't just former convicts that were on the pan; many publicized had never been convicted of any crime!)
Now Mickey Grasso can roam the streets of Miami Beach all he wants to, so long as he doesn't break any law and gets caught at it. Yet he has been wanted for the last two years, both chiefs of police in that time having issued pickup orders against him for his alleged brutal beating of a woman entertainer in a nightclub, said to be his sweetheart.

In fact, so can anyone else who has money enough in his (or her) jeans to hire a capable attorney.
All of this will, of course, make it even a deeper mystery as to why the Crime Commission can continue to persecute people who have already paid their debt to society and are now leading honorable lives.

'Guilty Flee When—'

"THE GUILTY flee when no one pursueth" . . . The Missouri Pacific RR inserted huge ads, spent untold thousands in papers throughout the nation recently to presenting "their side" of a strike of their employees.
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Impressed with these cleverly worded ads, you could scarcely help feeling sorry for the POOR millionaires who owned the railroad, and you felt like chastising the RUTHLESS employees who're trying to take such a mean advantage over such kindly but hard-pressed employers.

But here is the really funny part of it:
No one had accused the railroad of any wrong doing.
In fact, Americans throughout the country weren't interested. Most Floridians didn't know there was such a railroad in existence.

So it looks to us as if, in reality, the railroad was terribly ashamed of its position. It was compelled to defend itself, although no one was really attacking!
Of course, there's another factor: It was a way to strike another blow on the weakened back of labor—a blow that might help break that back. That's what our biggest "malefactors of great wealth" are intent on doing.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AND MARCH 3, 1933, OF MIAMI LIFE, published weekly at Miami, Florida, for October 1, 1949.
STATE OF FLORIDA ss.
COUNTY OF DADE
Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared A. B. CLEIN, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the owner of the MIAMI LIFE, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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A. B. CLEIN, Business Mgr.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of September, 1949.
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