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### QUIGG AND PALMER LEAD IN MIAMI LIFE'S RUN-OFF POLL

	TWO YEARS AGO		NOW	
	(Primary)	(Run-Off)	(Primary)	(Primary)
QUIGG	13,682	18,091	QUIGG	16,521
FLOYD	13,145	29,193	PALMER	15,604
CHARLES	12,973	27,192	BANDEL	13,921
DUNN	10,262	17,006	THOMSON	13,260
FERGUSON	8,655	10,878	WOLFARTH	12,486
HOSEA	9,963	11,543	DUNN	9,126

# Thomson, Wolfarth, PLEDGE 30% Boost In Taxes On Homes!

MUCH has been printed by the dailies in their frantic efforts to detract from H. Leslie Quigg's spectacular showing for re-election to the Miami city commission. Their "comparison" with Quigg's race two years ago is sheer sophistry. A child can see through it.

In the first place, they disregard the fact that Quigg was a newcomer in the race two years ago. Their most obvious slip, however, is the fact that they disregard the entirely DIFFERENT set-up this time!

The papers point out that Quigg two years ago was high man and "slipped" to third in the final run-off.

This, they giddily assert, MUST be conclusive evidence that Quigg will do the same thing next Tuesday in the run-off election.

Let's see how silly their "reasoning" is. Now if the precedent of two years ago were followed out, Palmer would be high man, Bandel second, and Quigg third.

But the forces making these "propaganda" statements HOPE you won't see this!

They are attempting to elect their own political proteges to office, by fair means or foul. They still believe their readers are dim-wits, and will believe ANYTHING they print.

So they—logically, of course—loudly cry that last election's pattern will be followed as far as Quigg is concerned—but ONLY that far. The pattern WON'T be followed, they intimate, so far as the fourth and fifth candidates are concerned! For they're counting on putting Thomson and Wolfarth up in the top brackets!

### Two Years Ago The Voters OUSTED The Administration!

IF EVERYTHING were as it was two years ago, MIAMI LIFE might say yes, it's history repeating itself.

BUT—the REVERSE is true. Two years ago the incumbent candidates ran FOURTH and FIFTH. It was a revolution.

The people despised the former city administration. The people wanted a change.

THIS election, however, the INCUMBENTS ran ONE-TWO—receiving the highest number of votes in the first primary ever received by any two candidates.

This shows that the people—in spite of an unprecedented wave of scurrilous propaganda—the people are SATISFIED with their city commission of the last two years, the first INDEPENDENT commission in history!

Nor do the dailies point out that two years ago Quigg, in the primary, led the virile, up-and-coming, fighting Bob Floyd by only 237 votes, and Bill Charles, the third man, by less than 600 votes.

But in the 1949 primary we find Quigg leading Perrine Palmer, Jr., by a thousand votes, and the third man, Louie Bandel, by 2,600 votes!

### Quigg Gave The People A BETTER City Manager! Thomson's Record In Office Is Strictly Anti-People

BUT the most POTENT factor in this election is this: Quigg's bitterest critic, the Miami Daily News, who fought Quigg tooth and toe nail, charging him with everything in the book two years ago, said in last Sunday's paper, and we quote:

"Palmer and Quigg have been working hard, and because

## CUBAN PUBLISHER APPLAUDS US

EDITOR MIAMI LIFE:

I'm sending, under separate cover, my newspaper "ORIENTE," where you will find, on the front page, translation of the truthful facts published last October 22nd issue of "MIAMI LIFE," concerning the activities of Cuban Senator Aleman.

We thought that it was our public and civic duty to let our people know the true colors of Jose Aleman and we did translating your wonderful article.

I would like to have "MIAMI LIFE" every time it publishes something concerning our political thieves, now respected residents of Miami and other cities of Florida and so, I will thank you if you be so kind as to send me "MIAMI LIFE" as often as possible.

Hoping to hear from you in a short time, I remain,

Yours Truly,

CARLOS DELLUNDE.

Editor-Proprietario de "ORIENTE."

most Miamians apparently believe the present commission has been the progressive side, their opponents have been given little to shoot at."

That statement was published in a remarkably factual pre-election analysis by Charles Hesser, political expert for the Miami Daily News.

So the situation is NOT the same as it was two years ago.

And the people will not forget how these same WOULD-BE political czars attempted to ruin H. Leslie Quigg at the outset of his administration by fomenting a phoney recall, because Quigg had dared to supplant THEIR city manager with a BETTER city manager . . . they don't dare bring up the subject because the DIFFERENCE has been TOO OBVIOUS to the public and the public would quickly resent any implication to the contrary!

YOU MAY expect the forces of their FAIR-HAIRED boys, Leonard K. Thomson and Wm. Wolfarth to ATTACK, simply so they can evade DEFENDING Thomson's record in office.

There's plenty for Thomson to explain.

Thomson, mind you, FAVORS CONSOLIDATION with the newspaper-controlled county administration—with the latter, of course, as boss.

And Wolfarth is pledged to go along with him.

Thomson has always been the Powerful Few's mouth-piece, Monopoly's crony. This was proved first, in his political career, by his INABILITY to find sources of revenue other than those that oppress the masses.

While mayor and city commissioner prior to 1947, he put over the hated utility tax . . . the homeowner, you know, is charged TEN percent under this tax while the LARGEST users are charged ONLY ONE per cent!

Is this what Thomson means when he says he'll conduct the city's business "in a BUSINESS LIKE manner?" . . . and what he means when he says his platform is based on the fact that he is a BUSINESS MAN?

Under Thomson, the majority of the taxpayers seem to "get the business" all right!

### Proof That Thomson Is The Home-Owners' ENEMY!

Thomson has publicly expressed himself as being AGAINST the Homestead Exemption law!

He and Wolfarth have pledged themselves to go along with CONSOLIDATING the city tax assessor's office with the county.

This, you home-owners, means that county assess-

ments would rule hereafter.

Listen! Here's the Big Business conniving:

The county tax assessment is 30 per cent LOWER than the city assessment on DOWNTOWN BUSINESS property . . . included are the Miami Herald building, the Miami Daily News building, Florida Power & Light Co. building, the duPont Bank, the First National Bank, the Sears Roebuck building, the large movie houses—all huge advertisers with the Miami Herald.

BUT—the county assessment on RESIDENTIAL property is 30 per cent HIGHER than the city's!

Which means, in case of the election of Thomson and Wolfarth, an AUTOMATIC IN-

### TWO GOOD MEN STILL ON TOP



CREASE in taxes on YOUR HOME! . . . because the Dade delegaton to the last legislature, at the behest of the same powers (Miami Herald and cohorts) promoting the candidacies of Thomson and Wolfarth, got a bill passed making it possible for the City Commission to consolidate the two offices WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE! . . . that is why a 30 percent increase on residential property is a certainty if these two newspaper controlled candidates are elected next Tuesday.

In some cases, such residential taxes would MORE THAN DOUBLE!

For instance, if you're now paying the City of Miami on a \$6,000 assessment and receiving a \$5,000 Homestead exemption, you would be forced to pay tax only on one thousand dollars.

But in a 30 per cent INCREASE in residential assessment, that assessment would jump to EIGHT THOUSAND dollars—and you'd pay taxes on \$3,000—which would be a TWO HUNDRED PERCENT INCREASE!

### Sales Tax Promoters Back Thomson, Wolfarth

NO SMALL matter to be taken into consideration is the fact that the interests sponsoring Thomson and Wolfarth are the same interests who sponsored and elected the recent Dade delegation to the legislature who DOUBLE-CROSSED the voters of Dade county by SPONSORING and APPROVING the HATEFUL SALES TAX!

Although this Dade delegation knew it would be political suicide to pass this miserable legislation, they were FORCED to go along with the Miami Herald—which made it possible for them to win at the polls last year.

Moreover, Wolfarth has pledged himself to remove the city's control of the water board. Echoing the "Keep Politics Out of the Board" line that the Monopolists have used thus far to great advantage in getting their hands deeper into taxpayers' pockets, Wolfarth would DEPRIVE the people of a voice in such an important matter as their own water rates.

IF Wolfarth succeeds, you can expect an IMMEDIATE INCREASE of at least 30 per cent in water rates!

That's the rate this Wall-St.-Controlled Water Board wanted City Hall to approve recently—and which your PRESENT city commission prevented!

So when people try to tell you, now, that this INDEPENDENT commission headed by H. Leslie Quigg, will be replaced by people like Thomson and Wolfarth, DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT!

The issues in THIS campaign are CLEAR-CUT.

It is merely a question for the people to determine whether or not they want a NEWSPAPER-DOMINATED (and therefore ANTI-public) commission headed by Thomson and Wolfarth—

or an INDEPENDENT commission headed by Quigg and Palmer, re-elected to office.

Before you vote, ask yourself this question:

Will Thomson and Wolfarth be INFLUENCED by the Daily Press?

MIAMI LIFE Has LARGEST WEEKLY Newspaper Circulation In The SOUTH



THE SCANDAL SHEET

IT was a HERALD editorial that commented on Lady Nancy Astor's assertion that the common man is paying entirely too much attention to sex, with this statement: "She apparently is mixed up on exactly who the 'common man' is. However, she believes she's got him straight on this sex business. She thinks it's much too good for him."



WOMEN EXPOSE SALES TAX

EDITOR, MIAMI LIFE: It should be of interest to the sales tax harassed public to know that on Oct. 12 the Women's Better Government Club of Greater Miami voted on and unanimously passed the following resolution: "We, the members of the Women's Better Government Club of Greater Miami, are opposed to the illegal off-track betting which now prevails and has prevailed in Metropolitan Miami for many years, legalization of which was sought by the people but was ignored by the state legislature in its recent sessions, despite the fact that such legalization would have produced for the state a sum estimated at \$50,000,000."

"The sales tax which was passed by the state legislature as a means of raising revenue is considered by us a vicious measure, depressing the state's economy, burdening the small business, and hitting hardest those who can least afford to pay. "The Women's Better Government Club of Greater Miami is therefore resolved to wage militant war against illegal off-track betting because activity of any sort which is illegal breeds disrespect for all laws, fosters crime, corrupts law enforcement officers and elected officials and creates unfavorable publicity, and in this fight it enlists the aid of church members and their leaders. "The club also pledges itself to fight the oppressive sales tax measure until it is finally repealed."

Mrs. CHAS. T. LINDSTRUM, President

Miami Moonings

By TONDE LEYHO

WE CAN'T FIGURE IT:— Coffee goes to 7-cents in too many Miami eateries. Why? Because of a price rise to \$1.00 per pound? Nonsense! Even if it does go that high there are, as any housewife knows, approximately 40 cups in a pound. At a nickel that's \$2.00. Allow fifty cents for service charges and still there's a fifty cent profit on a pound over the counter.

Note to Fishermen— If you don't know it already, here 'tis... most rental boats are subject to Florida's 3 per cent sales and rental tax... The tax comes from the rental charge unless the boat is a transportation medium subject to the 15 per cent federal tax.

MEMO TO COUNCILMAN MELVIN RICHARD OF MIAMI BEACH:— You told the Amvet Robert Richter Post that you were offered \$50,000 to approve an exclusive punchboard concession on the Beach... Remind yourself to tell the taxpayers who made the proposition to you... and while you're about it look up the law on bribery of public officials.

EARLY PREDICTION: Barkley, the VEEP, will be the Jack-ass standard bearer in '52. And he'll stay in the news with that sweet little widdie he took on himself... Eisenhower will ride the Elephant for GOP... Taft's no chance. Labor is against him — and with justification.

NOTES ON A BUS FLOOR:— Two pieces of paper picked up idly from the floor of a Flagler street bus... One — "Are you as married as the ring you are wearing would indicate?" Answer (on the other slip) "Just wearing it, that's all." First note: "Answer my question, please?" Answer: "No, I'm not. Was once." First note: "I'm a stranger in Miami." Answer: "So am I." — That was all, but I wondered: Was this the start of a romance between a pair of nutes?

Pot Pourri:— Look for a stepped up police drive against illegal distribution of pentobarbital capsules... Mental competency — not age, qualifies a witness the Attorney-General has ruled. If a child of ten is thought competent his or her testimony is as valid as an adult's... There are 7,000,000 blind persons in the world, enough to populate a city the size of London... Tourists spend \$790,000,000 annually in Florida and account for 30 per cent of State's total income... Miami Junior Hadassah, Young Women's Zionist Organization of America, will help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Meier Shfeyah, the famed children's village in Israel... Your Feet Killing

You? They can, you know, for nearly 200 persons walked to their death in Florida traffic last year... The Young Democratic Club of Florida has gone all out for Senator Claude Pepper, not giving a smither for Smathers... A \$200,000 tourist attraction on Plantation Key, 70 miles south of Miami, has been announced by Sunken Treasures, Inc., whose hunting operations recently turned up real treasure... Charles J. McLennan will again be racing secretary for Hialeah... Look For Action on acquisition of right-of-ways for the Central and Southern Florida flood control district... W. Turner Wallis, FCD secretary, wants to use \$1,000,000 from 1949-50 estate tax rolls to finance right-of-ways. Already steps have been taken to acquire rights in the Kissimmee River valley and St. John's River areas... Jose Aleman, Cuban millionaire, who made his fortune bleeding his countrymen, has announced his retirement from politics... Rumor has it he is afraid of contracting lead poisoning... an occupational disease of painters, and politicians whose deprecations make them targets for angered triggermen.

Long Live Aimee! Miamians may soon have another ornament to put into the city's publicity bonnet. Out of the West has come The Reverend Marion Books, a junior edition of the late, great exponent of drama in religion — Aimee Semple McPherson of Los Angeles' Angelus Temple. Aimee and her 4-Square gospel helped put L. A. on the map. Marion, tiny as a whisper, brunette and brown-eyed, thinks the Lord has a harvest here and plans to build The Temple of the Lord's Word. "Whether you like it or not," the beautiful little Evangel said, "The Bible has it all." For modern minds, however, it needs streamlined interpretation and glittering productions.

"I am going to light the Word with neon, make it heard with music and give it life, color and movement with sermon extravaganzas," she declared. We can hardly wait.

Strain on Democracy:— Have sympathy for Fred Mayer, builder, of 1871 N.W. 37th St. His cup overfloweth and he's fit to head the revolution. Good citizen Mayer headed for town hall to pay his taxes. He parked alongside a rubbish-piled curb. Paid his taxes and came back to find a Loading Zone parking violation on his car. Puzzled Citizen Mayer scraped and scraped away at the debris, and uncovered a continuation of the yellow no parking line. What part of my taxes, he asks, goes for keeping curbs clean so that unwary citizens may know where is safe to park?

Paint Specifications Put School Board On Spot!

By DON SABRE

MEMBERS of Dade County School Board squirmed this week as opposition developed to specifications excluding all but oil paints for Lindsay Hopkins Technical High school at N. E. 14th street and 2nd avenue.

The limiting specifications, calling for three coats of oil paint, were challenged by distributors of cement-water decorative paints. Since the expensive gun-iting and sandblasting job of face lifting at Tech High, the structure has been allowed to weather in preparation to painting with oil-base paint.

Trade practices, MIAMI LIFE learned, is to permit open-textured masonry surfaces to age from six to 12 months before painting with oil paints, first being treated to prevent moisture infiltration. TAXPAYERS LOOK AT COST VARIATIONS

Taxpayers are interested in the Tech High deal since it has been estimated that the water cement process would cost approximately \$20,000 against the \$25,000 anticipated by use of oil paints.

MIAMI LIFE probing into the matter learned that the National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, favors cement-water paints on cost, wearability and moisture resistance grounds.

The bureau's rating for the cement-water product is "high" as compared to "fair" for oil paints, the cement-water combination being given nine out of a possible ten points for all around desirability and long-life, as against but 4½ points for the oil based paints.

It was learned, also, that if oil paints are applied to a wet wall or one that becomes wet through structural defects, early failure by scaling and flaking will take place.

The contention between the distributors and contractors for the two paint types was pointed up this week by results at El Comodoro hotel in downtown Miami which was covered with black emulsified asphalt.

This black coating is waterproof and so is the final coat of white STA-DRI which will complete the painting and waterproofing of the El Comodoro. The job is guaranteed for a minimum of seven years.

The Roney-Plaza hotel on Miami Beach recently was waterproofed and painted under practically the same conditions. The

Leamington hotel in Miami and the Walesbit hotel at Lake Wales are other examples of the asphalt-Sta-Dri waterproofing and painting jobs guaranteed for a period of years.

The school board, it was said, will not receive bids for this type of waterproofing and decorative coat because only two concerns are equipped to do this work—the Constal States Waterproofing Company and the A. C. Horn Company. The cost initially would be substantially higher than three coats of oil paint, but a guarantee for seven years offsets the long-term cost of the paint job.

Although "STA-DRI" has been tested on a wall of Tech High for more than a year, along with other paints both oil and cement, recent publicity given "STA-DRI" and its distributor at the time may have shut the door to the use of cement water paint on Tech High. James A. Henderson, member of the school board, was accused of indirect profit in connection with the use of "STA-DRI" on Booker T. Washington colored school, since the paint was sold by a "STA-DRI" dealer to the painting contractor on the job. Incidentally, this dealer was handling "STA-DRI" for many months before Henderson became distributor.

Henderson has sued the Miami Daily News for \$425,000 damages as a result of a front page story which said he had violated state law in connection with the painting of Booker T. Washington school.

Company officials think so well of the test showing at Tech High and at Booker T. Washington school that pictures of the sample tests comparing their product with other paint samples and the work at Booker T. Washington, are being used in sales promotion work.

Regardless of the alleged merit of "STA-DRI", it is noteworthy that the company gives a five-year guarantee of its product properly applied, as contrasted with a requirement that the oil paint job has to stand up for only one year under the school board specifications.

It is also estimated that the oil paint job may be done for \$25,500, school board figures. A painting contractor favoring "STA-DRI" is willing to take the job with three coats of "STA-DRI" for substantially

less than this amount, giving a bond for five-year performance and maintenance. Five years against a required one year—maybe less than \$20,000 instead of the school board estimate of \$25,500. Besides the Tech High project, the school board will have the problem of paints to use on the new Coral Gables High school and the buildings included in the \$10,000,000 school program recently approved by the State Board of Education in Dade county.



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## LIFE lines-LIFE lines

With the first primary out of the way, 19 candidates are convinced that they were mistaken about the call of the people.

Big business does not have enough sense to back its own friends.

America is in more danger from its own democracy and politicians than from conniving Russia and the Communists.

Even Ben Franklin could not have saved a penny in these days of the sales tax.

If all laws were strictly enforced, as urged by the churchmen, everybody would be locked up.

## Call The Next Case

By BOND

### Only Nine Cents

Chain Store Hauls Respected Citizen Into Court for Taking Can of Meat; Pay Food Checks and Tax or Else; Gypsies Gyped

**NINE** cents. That was the price of a can of potted meat. On the charge of attempting to steal this item, Sam B. Marr of the Margaret Ann grocery store, 1425 S. W. Eighth street, dragged an elderly man into the Miami municipal court Monday morning for petty larceny. It was petty all right—for the big chain store.

The accused was Gray Walters of 1140 N. W. Fourth street, long time resident, a man with a good reputation and commendable loyal service during the war.

Walters asserted that he picked out a chicken and during the course of his shopping had likewise selected this small can of meat. Either at that time or while waiting at the check-out counter he slipped the can into his pocket. He paid for the chicken, which was more than nine cents, and was leaving when eagle-eye stopped him, asked if he had forgotten something. Reminded, he remembered that can of meat. He had the money with which to pay for it. But no, the store insisted upon prosecuting its customer.

Judge Cecil C. Curry gave Walters a 15-day suspended sentence so he won't be forgetful in the future and so that he will remember not to patronize Margaret Ann's again.



The chain stores, with their self service, claim they are suffering heavy losses from thievery and they are using strenuous measures to detect and punish those who seek to pocket an item or two in the belief that nobody is looking. But you are taking big chances.

If you must steal, carry off a safe, but don't risk jail and fines for a petty item. These big stores are getting hard boiled.

IT IS the same with food checks. Don't skip out on them. Especially now with the sales tax. You are not only cheating private enterprise but you are likewise gyping the great state of Florida out of a few pennies. That is serious.

Frank Handley, 22, was charged with failing to pay a food check of 82 cents at Walgreen's, East Flagler and Second avenue. He was convicted of disorderly conduct and sentenced to 15 days to the city jail where he will be served food without cost and without sales tax. Perhaps, that is not such a bad deal after all. For 15 days he receives room and board. Where can you do better than that in these days—and in Miami!

George C. Murray, 56, a seaman, went voyaging in a

## Oldsters Room Appeal Backed By Our Readers

**EDITORS NOTE** — MIAMI LIFE expresses its heartfelt appreciation to the many home owners of Dade county who responded to its appeals for moderately-priced rooms for the indigent aged of this community. As a result of their sympathetic offers of aid, MIAMI LIFE is happy to report that all the old folks who came desperately asking for help, have been placed in better surroundings. There are still many comfortable rooms on file with MIAMI LIFE, and the old folks are encouraged to call or write in and they will be furnished addresses.

Feeble old women eking out

their pittance of state pensions by eating starch.

Others getting permission to pick through vegetables discarded by markets!

Old people tossing painfully on tattered porch couches wet with rain seeping through leaky roofs!

Human beings, men and women, suffering ills and fevers and too decrepit or exhausted to make the journey to relief clinics!

The foregoing are reports to MIAMI LIFE by spokesmen for the forgotten men and women of Florida!

The aged, whose only crime is that they have grown old and progressively helpless.

### THINGS I'D LIKE TO KNOW

What influences were used with what people to get so many bus stops at the big stores?

If Erna will finally agree to say "yes"?

Whether patrons of the dog tracks will be packed in buses like the downtown workers?

When Oscar will win the trophy himself?

Dismissed with a \$50 monthly check by the sovereign state of Florida, and left to their time-shrivelled resources.

Perhaps the state in a time of increasing expenditures has done all it can.

Yet, the oldsters remain a community problem wherever they are, particularly when then are alone and dependent only on the poverty-standard payments of the state.

### SUFFERING TOLD BY ONE OF THEM

The suffering being experienced by the majority of the old people was graphically related by one of their number this week, who reported that hundreds are being asked to vacate rooms so that the landlords can cash in on seasonal influx of tourists.

"Most of the old people have only the \$50 per month they get from the state," one blue-eyed 74-year-old woman said. "When they are required to pay more than \$5 per week, or two-fifths of their pensions, for a room they face privation."

"Yet, there are scores of cases that have been brought to my attention in which the pensioner has been told that room rent is going up—in some cases double the amount."

This woman, speaking for the 5,000 persons whose sin is that they have grown old in Florida, said investigations would show that most of them are having their deaths hastened by malnutrition.

"When one has to pay \$25 per month for a room, it is almost impossible to buy sufficient food and meet ordinary—even minimum personal needs like laundry and toilet facilities on the remaining \$25."

The aged's spokesman attacked the "predatory character" of the so-called "concentration camps", homes operated by private citizens who are "permitted to take each pensioner's check as it comes in" leaving the old person nothing for limited personal needs and simple recreation.

In most of the "concentration camps," she said, the old people are being slowly starved to death on unappetizing and non-nourishing diets.

### DEPLORES LACK OF CHRISTIANITY

The 74-year-old, a wage earner most of her life up to a few years ago, deplored the "lack of Christianity" among Miami and county church leaders, by their failure to complain against the treatment of the old.

Setting herself up as a one-woman committee to remedy the plight of the pensioners, she appealed to the "humanitarianism" of Miami's who have spare rooms.

"By renting at least one room in a building or home below rentals asked for the others, you would help an old person through this trying period."

Instances were told of oldsters suffering. Lacking money, one tried to subsist on corn starch alone. One woman, it was reported, lived for three days or starch before collapsing.

Many hundreds of the estimated 3,000 old people on pension in Miami live in damp porch rooms, in cheap, noisy and unsanitary rooming houses, and in leaking garage rooms.

Most of them, it was said, are insufficiently clothed, with hundreds of them wearing castoffs handed them by sympathetic persons.

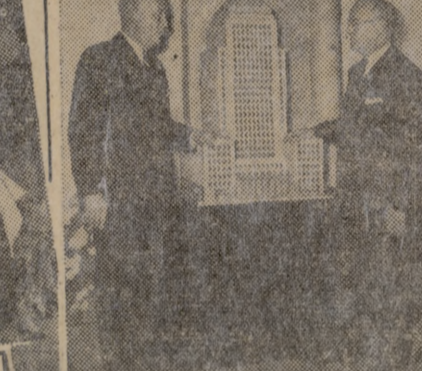
"We really don't expect much," she said pathetically. "We must live, however, and we do have a few creature comforts that must be provided for. There is no place for us in business or industry. Maybe, it is too much to ask that people help us. Maybe, we should just give up and die."

## WEEK'S NEWS



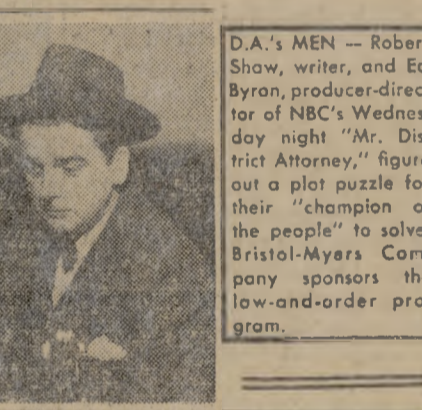
**REACH AGREEMENT**—Joe Larkin, Vice Pres. of Bethlehem Steel (left) and CIO United Steel Workers president Philip Murray (second from left) sign agreement ending the 31-day-old strike at Bethlehem. At the right is Dave McDonald, C.I.O. official.

**HAPPY COUPLE**—Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley and Vice-President Alben W. Barkley were in a happy mood, when Mrs. Hadley announced at her St. Louis home that they will be married this month.



**LAUGH TEAM**—Lucille Ball and Richard Denning at their regular Friday night stand before a CBS microphone in their radio roles as "Liz Cooper" and "George" on the comedy airer, "My Favorite Husband." The broadcasts are sponsored by Jell-O.

**NEW INSURANCE BUILDING**—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder (right) and Paul F. Clark, President of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., before a model of the new 26-story structure, during the official opening in Boston recently.



**D.A.'s MEN**—Robert Shaw, writer, and Ed Byron, producer-director of NBC's Wednesday night "Mr. District Attorney," figure out a plot puzzle for their "champion of the people" to solve. Bristol-Myers Company sponsors the low-and-order program.

Red Top cab and really ran up a taxi bill—\$9.19. Arrested, he posted a bond of \$50—and skipped. Now what does the taxi company get out of the \$50?

**WINTER** is on the way. So are the tourists. But don't arrive without visible means of support nor on questionable adventure.

Fifteen Gypsies had just rolled into Dade county in their cars, planning to settle down; perhaps advertise to tell your fortune and reveal all. But vigilant officers sighted them, and not being interested in fortunes nor Gypsy romance, they collared the lot as vagrants.

Judge Wayne Allen in Court of Crimes induced them to agree to shake the mud and dust of the county from their shoes and move on. They consented rather than inflict the expense of keeping them in jail.

IT IS the same in the city. If you just have a vacant stare or are sitting at a counter eating and drinking a bit, a cop may arrest you on some charge. Ben Ingram, a Negro, was nailed on the charge of vagrancy. His employer showed up to get him out, asserted that whatever Ben might be, he was not a vagrant at this time—he had a job and was working at it. He was released.

At times we are inclined to have our yardman arrested for something—such as butchering a bush, talking and arguing too much when he has had a drink or two. He's too smart for his own good.

**WOMEN** are funny. One stood before Judge Curry at the close of the morning trial cases. While a small child in her arms pulled her hair, she sobbed, asking leniency and freedom for her brute husband. On the complaint of neighbors he had been given a jail sentence for assault. The folks had told how he abused the wife, how they had seen her face a bloody mass. The judge warned that he might kill her next. It didn't matter, she wanted her man free to support her, even at the price of beatings. It might be love. Possibly sadistic torture was an exquisite thing which she enjoyed. Judge Curry was not impressed.

## 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

**O**NE of Confucius's best concerned popularity. It may well be applied to some newspaper-touted (for political or high finance purposes) Biggies. Tsekung asked Confucius, "What would you say if all the people of the village like a person?" "That is not enough," replied Confucius. "What would you say if all the people of the village dislike a person?" "That is not enough," said Confucius. "It is better when the good people of the village like him, and the bad people of the village dislike him."

**T**HE newspaper-reading public doesn't know how bad tobacco actually is. Not only is cigaret advertising an immense part of the American daily's income but cigaret manufacturers are, for the most part, Wall Streeters who control utilities, banks, stores, etc., who advertise and thus are in a position to ruin a newspaper that prints the truth about tobacco. There is a story about the suppression of a new medical report on the effect of cigaret smoking as a cause of lung cancer. Every girl and boy in America should know the risk taken in starting a filthy habit that is in no way necessary to a happy or healthy life but is, in the long run, a detriment. (Incidentally, it is almost wholly lacking in the very pleasant and very understandable reactions of vinous, maltous, and spirituous liquors.) Now this medical report, as pointed out, has been very much suppressed.

**C**OMING to our desk this week (continuing the tobacco theme) is a folder on Sexual Impotence by one of the Herald's ace columnists, Dr. George W. Crane, containing more blasts at tobacco—blasts, by the way, that we haven't encountered in his Herald column. Dr. Crane comments upon the manner in which tobacco restricts sexual desire—"the tiny circular muscles around the blood vessels in the extremities, often go into marked spasm within a few moments after a person starts sucking on his pipe, cigar or cigaret." He reports that the temperature drops as much as 15 to 18 degrees in the fingers, and that the reduced blood with its consequent diminution of the

oxygen and nutrition of the glands, affects the sexual desire. "Or possibly the alkaloid nicotine may exercise a specific inhibitory effect on the glands," he writes. "Maybe all of these influences operate together. But I am firmly convinced that tobacco inhibits sexual desire and helps produce impotence." Dr. Crane points out that this condition isn't felt so evidently during early adulthood because this is the time when a normal person's sexual urge is usually very strong. "But when men approach the fringe of middle age," he says, "then you can begin to see the 'tobacco-impotence' manifesting itself."

**I**N ALL this discussion of the library in Bayfront Park, one main consideration seems to have been lost sight of completely. The park has been a myth, as far as the general public is concerned. Few dare to risk their lives crossing the very wide and speed-rampant boulevard. Even in mid-season you'll find there only a smattering of people—even on Sunday afternoon—although close to half a million people populate the area. But a library there, at the foot of Flagler street, will change things, mark our words. Within a year or two public sentiment will force the city commission to bridge or tunnel Biscayne boulevard (preferably both) so that natives and tourists may cross safely. So far the park has only been a very nice lawn for Biggie hotels extremely expensive for the taxpayers, extremely inexpensive for the Biggie hotels! Messrs. Thomson et al want to keep it that way.

**E**VERY night around six, a tired-looking man used to board the 42nd Street trolley in New York—and each evening he would remark to the conductor that his feet hurt. One night the conductor asked him why he didn't buy another pair of shoes if the ones he had worn so long were uncomfortable. "Well, it's this way," the man said. "I have so little in life. A year ago my wife left me. My son is in jail. My daughter ran away from home. And the only comfort I have when I get home each night is to take off these shoes." (From The Sign).



Circus days are here again! Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus arrives in the city Wednesday, November 23, for a three day engagement. The Greatest Show on Earth, with more acts, more spectacular displays than ever before in its long illustrious career. Here's a composite view of a few of the animals, clowns and crowds. Following the Miami engagement the Big Show will entrain to its Sarasota winter quarters where, after a short delay, it will sail to Cuba where it will exhibit a month, the first Cuban engagement for the circus.

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# Let's Not Kid Ourselves About Grand Jury Report

THE political pre-election timed report of the Dade County Grand Jury is now past history. It asked for federal intervention here, citing crime and criminals as posing a problem beyond the ability of local enforcement to solve.

The intervention request was spurred by the U. S. attorney general who declared that crime in Miami "was not greater nor less" than in any other American city of like or larger size.

Succinctly the AG pointed out that federal action in crime matters is continuous, that Miami as well as other cities is subject to crime scrutiny by federal agencies.

The intelligent citizen by now has seen the tie-up between the Grand Jury and the Crime Commission of Greater Miami; an organization that has given Miami a great deal of unwanted and damaging publicity without proving the accusations it has made.

The jury report fails as a document. It is neither factual nor honest and does not meet the minimum responsibilities of a fact-finding body with inductive powers when crime is proved.

The report did not name the criminals whose alleged activities have made Miami "a crime capital."

It gave no names and address of persons and locations engaged in illegal activities.

It returned no indictments against any criminals of the stature that would make Miami "a crime capital."

**THE REPORT IS DEAD! LONG LIVE MIAMI!**

The jury report is dead. It was born, many believe, as the weak child of the Crime Commission and its agonized effort to influence, if not control, the political thinking of the citizen. The report died because it lacked the vitality to keep it alive. It posed no issues that seemed to the citizenry to warrant action.

It proved no points, except that it did say that bookmaking is "the greatest single problem affecting the citizens of Dade county."

Let's not kid ourselves about Miami; about Grand Jury reports and the bad national publicity Miami has gotten from the Crime Commission.

Bookmaking exists because it has patrons, people who want to place bets on horses, on football games, on dog sprints, on whether or not the next woman around the corner is a redhead.

It would appear that in the case of bookmaking the majority of citizens are completely disinterested.

This could be for two reasons: 1. The majority of everyday citizens are not interested in placing bets on races, and 2. Those who are interested have no particular desire to make their bets at tracks where betting is legal.

It would be absurd to contend that bookmaking does not exist. The fact it does, however, merely indicates that it has fairly widespread approval. The moral position of the Grand Jury and the crime position anent bookmaking hardly recommends either agency to advise the public on gambling dangers.

Gambling is gambling whether it is approved by the state or indulged in beyond the protection of law. Neither the Grand Jury nor the Crime Commission is on record as declaring that legal gambling is part of the asserted "crime capital" picture.

Let's NOT KID OURSELVES ABOUT MIAMI Let's not kid ourselves about Miami!

Miami is a city of homes, of church-goers, of men and women working out their lives conscientiously and responsibly in the best traditions of family life.

The majority of Miami's are not gamblers, frequenters of evil house, narcotic addicts, procurers, policy and numbers racketeers.

And, there is little proved evidence that there are any large number of criminals in Miami who fall into these categories.

A much-maligned Miami police department has kept major crime here lower than most larger

American cities.

The police department has a commendable record in suppressing crimes of moral turpitude, of burglary, robbery, prostitution, addictions and the like.

This is one Miami. There is another. This is the Miami that bids for a place among the top communities striving for supremacy in attracting world tourists.

This is the Miami trying to make itself an international playground.

The success of this Miami in attaining these objectives makes for a more stable economic life and greater employment for Miami's who are citizens of the other Miami.

However, this second Miami has to be a cosmopolitan city, for the obvious reasons that the millions who are and will be attracted here are cosmopolitans.

They come here—these millions, to spend money in sheer and luxurious enjoyment of life. They can afford to spend money because they've got it.

They come for fun. And fun can be anything from lazy hours on the beaches, time at racing tracks, gay cabarets, palatial gambling places or what have you for your money.

The two Miami's can live independently of the other. And, as a matter of fact, they do. The Miami of homes touches the other only when, as is happening more often, the man or woman in the home finds employment in catering to the fun and rest seekers who come to the other city.

It is the cosmopolitan Miami and its satellite communities that provides the strong economic pillar for the other Miami.

Yet, this pillar is in danger of crumbling and wrecking the opportunity of Miami to be a city among the top pleasure areas of the world.

It is being menaced by bigotry and puritanism over issues that do not affect the morals or welfare of the majority of the citizens and the homes they occupy.

Sniffers and snoopers, blue-law shouters, Sunday moralists and prejudice nursing political schizoids are undercutting Miami and sister communities.

They have forgotten that two cities exist in the one.

In the minds of increasing numbers of tourists, world travelers and potential investors, the word, with the help of the Crime Commission and the Grand Jury report, has gone widespread that there is less fun in Miami.

Narrow prejudices, fake morality and crime calamity howlers are diverting thousands from Miami to other world places which are also bidding for supremacy.

NOTE:—Follow Mark Well next week as he takes you on a quick reportorial tour of cities that are stealing the show from Miami. Succinctly, he reveals how cities, tolerant of the foibles and 'vices' of humanity, are making good financially at Miami expense.

Lamonte Graw, secretary of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, predicts that the lifting of Canada's dollar embargo will mean from five to ten million dollars to Florida growers, who will receive higher prices with Canadian markets open again.

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That Percy doesn't know whether it will be cheaper to stay married or get divorced.

That home eating is being promoted by the sales tax.

That Alma's poison pen is having its effect.

That the speaker who has nothing to say tells a dirty story.

### DIGEST OF OPINION OF ATTY. GENERAL

Attorney General Richard W. Ervin in an opinion to Mrs. Delcie C. Inglis, secretary-treasurer, Florida State Board of Examiners for Nurses, held that a citizen of Great Britain is not eligible to receive a certificate of registration as a trained nurse prior to securing a valid certificate of naturalization as a citizen of the United States, although first papers have been granted. It is noted that the statutes prohibit the issuance of a certificate of registration as a trained nurse to any person who is not a citizen of the United States. Under the acts of congress, no person may become a citizen of the United States of America, by naturalization, until all statutory requirements have been fulfilled and a final certificate of naturalization has been issued under the mandate of judicial decree. 049-440.

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# Pinball Mati Haris Trap Unwary Tavern Owners!

BWARE of the Mati Haris of the pinballs!

With commingled feelings of anger and amusement tavern, restaurant and hotel keepers this week greeted a grapevine report that two good-looking female city employees are out to trap unwary businessmen who "payoff" on the ubiquitous machines.

The payoffs can either be "free games" or a small cash award. The machine can be either the one-ball type or the five-ball or any combination of balls.

Either way a "payoff," whether in free games or for cash awards is illegal, according to the police department, an official of which quoted State Statutes 469:15-16 as the basis for the current anti-machine drive. And violations will result in confiscation and, possibly, in the arrest of offenders.

HERE'S WHERE MATI COMES IN

Nobody officially would admit, but the grapevine buzzed last week with warnings to machine locations to watch out for two—and maybe more—attractive girls, presumably city employees who are "making" the town to look for and, according to one cafe man, "encourage payoffs" in order to lay a foundation for confiscation and arrest.

The technique of these alleged Mati Haris of the rolling balls, the flashing lights and ringing bells is in the best Oppenheimer espionage tradition. Except, of course, there are no international repercussions and the elegant backgrounds of cosmopolitan salons are missing.

Instead we have the unsuspecting victim, face buried in a beaker of foaming beer. Like most tavern habitués, he stares admiringly at himself in the bar mirror, or gives a look at passing curves and shapely gams.

He is shaken out of his beery lethargy by excited squeals. The squeals come from a corner of the room where a pinball machine under the dainty-fingered manipulation of a "I'll be seeing you" blonde, has broken out into a crescendo of lights, bells, rasping gears, bumps and tinkles.

COME HITHER AND WATCH ME

He looks and starts! The blonde gives him the eye. He can't be mistaken. It's all for him—that look of ineffable surrender. He hastily wipes the foam from his lips and the tip of his nose and joins the girls.

"How many points do we have to get before we win?" The beer-ed up one squares his shoulders, almost cracking a clavicle. He is helpful.

"Hey, Mac! What's the payoff on this machine?" he shouts to the bar or counter man.

The smart proprietor shakes his head. There is no payoff. The unwary one to accommodate a customer may say "a free game, pal."

That's all the little Mati Haris of the pinballs want to know.

They are off for the next joint and a repeat of the act.

Presumably, between acts, they have tipped off the police, but officials deny employment of the girls for this purpose.

One restaurant owner complained bitterly.

"I've no doubt that girls are being used as informers. What gripes me is that like every man in business I pay taxes of many kinds just to remain in business."

"The machines provide amusement for people, in much the same way that darts are played in English pubs. Relatively harmless, they are now made to

appear to be morally and economically corrupting.

"Who ever heard of a man going broke on a pinball game, or, doing a Monte Carlo, commit suicide in a swank Beach hotel because he had squandered a quarter in nickels?"

Another wondered humorously if the girl operatives were not being groomed by the Greater Miami Crime Commission as candidates for the honor of being "Miss Penny-Ante of 1950."

AMONG the amusing sidelights at the convention of the Florida Press Association in Naples last week was the awarding of silver plaques to the outstanding newspapers and the manner in which the Miami Herald tooted its own horn by playing up the incident with front page publicity and photographs. The Herald just loves to see its own name in print. It bubbles with happiness when it can find an excuse to show a picture of some member of the staff. It boasts and glories like a child of an amateur when recognition comes its way.

The awards are furnished by the Florida Group of National Banks, not by the association, which is an organization of weaklings. In the big city category it was a neck and neck race between the Miami Herald and the Miami Daily News, with the former winning by a nose, 95 to 92 points.

George R. Hilly, of Sebring, formerly of Miami and long associated with the Florida Power & Light Co., was secretary of the contest, and several university professors did the judging.

Remarkd one weekly editor cynically: "Under these circumstances you might know who would win — and these duffers won't even co-operate with the weaklings in helping publicize our meeting problems and activities."

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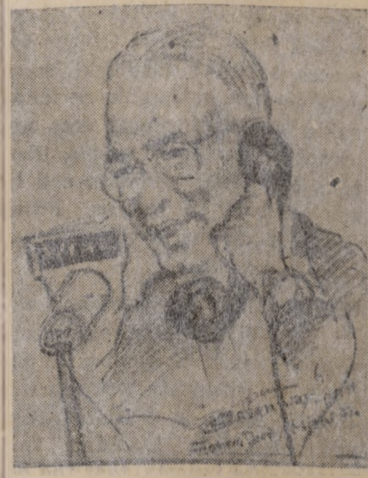
Lee Mason is heard nightly in his own program, Mason At Midnight, from 11 p. m. to 2 a. m. through Radio Station WINZ, 840 K.C., 304 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach.

By LEE MASON

This was supposed to be the day that the Miami Beach City Council would settle the "right to work" ordinance once and for all. In spite of the fact that there were twenty five or more acts that had made it a point for the ninth week to be on hand, the reading was once more postponed. The story

around is that Danny Davis has bragged that he has the situation so sewed up that the "actors can bat their brains out — nothing will help them" — and altho that story was laughed at for some time, it is no longer a joke. Next Wednesday is now supposed to be the day.

Labor's Political Committee



has endorsed for Miami City Council H. Leslie Quigg, Perrine

Palmer, and Louie Bandel. This was forecast by me some time ago, and I felt sure that Labor would not change its stand.

Met Martha Ray and hubby Nick Condos the other night, and after learning all over again that theirs was the most wonderful child in the world, they told me that they had abandoned California as a base and were looking for a house down here. Both Nick and Martha are in love with Florida, beside the baby and each other, so it looks as the another topper of the stage, screen and radio will be one of our freeholders.

Matter of fact, I met Martha at the Jewel Box, where she and her party had set thru two shows. Its a great compliment not only to Frances Renault and the cast, but to Leon La Verde, who staged the entire performance. The show is beyond doubt one of the most artistic ever to be presented in Miami, with scenes that would do credit to any Broadway production.

Max Capp, who won his spurs at the helm of the Red Barn, is now in person at the Gables Club. The club has a new lease on life, and the shows are doing much better. Shelia Ryan, back

at the old homestead is once again on her way to be the toast of the southwest side — pardon me, THE GREAT Southwest side — and it is very possible that Max will see some of the season's best grosses at the Gables.

Once again the Reisers have made a switch at the Big Barn. The new name is the Harem and the new sultan of the joint is Phil Zwill. All of that is according to the released stories but as I go to press, the passing of the title is still among the things that are to come. There are some stories of checks with a small amount of rubber that Phil will have to explain. Out-

side of that and a couple of other things. It might be a good move.

All of which puts Bob Himmel, owner of the Ball and Chain, in as the operator of the back, as well as the front room. I hope that by the time this is on the street Bob has found time to talk to AGVA about what is going on, as otherwise he may run into a snag as far as further shows are concerned.

As I said so many times, there was no cause to worry about the squabble between the Paddock and Niki Parker. She is by far the best draw that the Paddock

has had in a long time, and the Paddock has been a perfect spot for Niki. Added to all of this, Niki has a good and valid long term contract at the spot.

With the opinion of Richard Irwin, Attorney-General of the state now of record, some of the night spot owners or operators who have been giving Jerry Hirsch of AGVA the run-around in the matter of putting up the required week's salary in advance will find themselves not only without shows but the local branch executive committee may take the stand that such people are unfair employers and will give Hirsch orders not to service them. That, of course, would mean that no AGVA act would be permitted to play in their place of business. This action has not been unexpected in view of the fact that many operators, although every concession has been given them by local AGVA, have been most miserable in their relationships with the acts who work the houses. It will be impossible in the future for anyone operating a club and using AGVA acts to impose upon Hirsch, as the final judges in all matters concerning local conditions including the right to discipline all members of AGVA working in the territory now exists with the local branch executive committee. This last power was given to the local branch executive committees by referendum votes by the entire AGVA membership and passed by an overwhelming majority.

About this time of the year you begin to wonder whether or not your ears are hearing correctly. I had a long talk with Murray Weinger about the policy he was going to pursue at Copa City and he told me there would be a tab musical show in the main room and regular cafe entertainment in the small room. He said that under no conditions would he put in a radio show. "Columnists" talk has now named practically every commentator in town (including myself) as going in on the job and I for one know nothing about it nor does Mr. William Cohen who offices directly across the hall from me and as one of the heavy stockholders is very close to the situation. I'd ask Murray again but at the moment he is in New York and not one single performer has at this writing been booked for either place in Copa City nor have any arrangements for a show been made with AGVA.

As I go to press it looks like day and date for the opening of the Club Boheme and the Beachcomber — the date being December 22nd. While the capacity of the Boheme is so small that they must be packed it seems a shame that common sense can't prevail and one date or the other be switched. Ciro's will open for the season on December 16th; Mother Kelley's with the famous Ollie and Pete from the Hotel Devonshire in Chicago acting as co-plots about the sixth; Charlie and Sam Friedman will turn the heat on at Charlie's Inn on Twenty-third Street now known as the Downbeat with the Blue Flames, a top money colored act that has been breaking records all over the country; the Chez Paree just around the corner on Liberty off Twenty-third Street is scheduled for an early opening and already there are rumors that a certain well known and very popular band leader got caught in the switches regarding the band spot. Harvey Bell at the Club Ball looks like he is opening a new show about the fifth of December and, of course, the old man of the twin pianos, Bill Jordan, is in full swing for the season at Bill Jordan's Bar at Music with Dave Elliot again sitting opposite him. Old Heidelberg in town has opened with entertainment and the Chicken Hut in the Albion has shoved back its opening date to December first. And that winds this one up with something about the hotels on the griddle for next week.

The state road department and Pinellas county commissioners have teamed up to provide a chain of islands with an adequate north-south highway serving the Greater Gulf Beaches. The county is sponsoring the construction of a \$1,250,000 Belvoir causeway to be financed by a bond issue.

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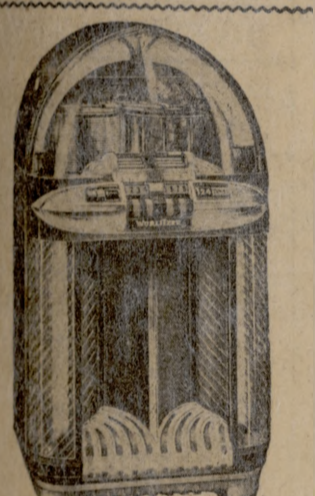
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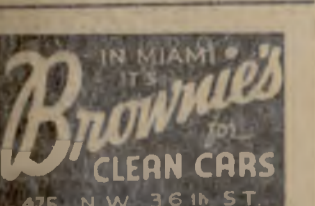
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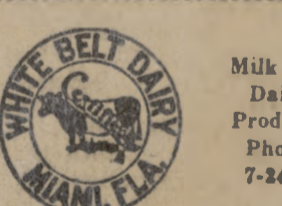
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about everything. Patricia has custody of the children and he is willing to let them remain with her until he can provide for them. The barrister is David B. Newsom.

NANCY Smart wants to divorce Albert Mark Smart because he let the garbage accumulate behind the house for days so it became the haven for rats. They were united when sweet-smelling flowers bloomed in Saranac, N. Y., July 13, 1946, and now he withers in Bloomingdale, N. Y. They separated July 19, 1949, and have two children.

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Nancy charges cruelty, lack of interest; that he failed to buy clothing for the children, did not take her out or pay the bills. Rohan & Ready is the law firm.

IT WAS the proximity of parents and not garbage which led to the breakup of the marriage between Margaret George, 1517 N. W. 32nd street, and George George, 2185 N. W. 31st street, Miami, where they were wed Nov. 27, 1946, parted last month. George George, complains Ms. George, refused to leave his parents, George. He insisted upon living next door to them; ate at his mother's home several times a week, leaving Margaret all alone. When she protested, he said it was none of her business and as man of the house he would go and come as he pleased. If she did not like it she could get a divorce.

The home was owned by the parents and George said his family could do anything they wished there. George George operates a barber shop and has a good income, but, unlike so many suing wives, Margaret does not want to trim the defendant. She asks only costs and fees and he can go back to mother. Frank Clark, jr., is the lawyer.

THIS affair was brief and violent. Vivian Hutchinson seeks to free herself of Tommy Hutchinson, to whom she was married Jan. 1, 1949, in Folkston, Ga., and split Oct. 1. After four months, she reports, that the defendant began to display violent temper.

Vivian owns a restaurant, beer and wine bar in Miami and he seemed to resent her being in business, accused her of having secrets with patrons. He became so jealous that he smashed his hand through a window and she alleges that he attempted to kill her with a command knife, being saved by a third party. He refused to submit to a psychiatric examination at the Post hospital. A peace warrant was issued by Justice of Peace Edna Lee Mason and he was placed under bond. Charles Guttman is the attorney.

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girl friends. He showed a lack of interest and said the marriage was a mistake. He was not employed and Gloria earned a living. Her health was affected and she came to Florida to be with her mother. She asks restoration of her name of Horn. Hugh Clinkscals is the solicitor.

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# I Was Just Thinking

By AL KIRK

El Dorado, Venezuela.

I had to come to Venezuela to see and sweat through a lot of gold in order to come into the jungle in the search for gold. It is the ideal racket and I have visions now of a future life of ease and luxury. In order to make a success of this venture, I will have to give it publicity so just as well start now.

Probably should not make this statement but happen to

know that there are plenty of cockroaches in the kitchens of Miami. Last night I entered our kitchen, which is by way of being a thatched roofed shanty behind the house, with a dirt floor and chicken wire around the upper walls. As the light went on I saw a spider about three inches in diameter with legs about half that long. A very fierce looking fellow he was and I was about to swat him one when I noticed that he had a very peculiar look-

ing body. Closer examination proved that he was making a late snack out of a large cockroach. We have a lot of cockroaches and very few spiders like that, so I let him live.

Now, the point is, that anyone who wishes such a spider may obtain one through MIAMI LIFE provided they are subscribers. There will be a small fee, which, of course, ties in with my dream of wealth and luxurious living. Allow about three weeks for

catching and delivery.

Here on the Cuyuni is again the time of the full moon. Everyone lives for night time. The days are hot, the nights beautiful and still. An artist could do things with the moonlight on the Cuyuni; palm trees in the foreground and the twinkling lights of the settlement on the other side of the river. Blue sky, stars and drifting clouds; a song writer or lover could find no more perfect setting for the fulfillment of dreams. Natives sitting in front of mud huts, guitars and kids playing in the streets. Dark comes quickly. There is no twilight. The jungle is close and the tones of night

birds and frogs blend with the sounds of contented humans. Hell, why don't I write a song. If only there were not the lonely tomorrows, heat and dirt, Venezuela in this section would be paradise.

The water in the Cuyuni is receding and the tributaries are gradually drying up. Soon the natives, men, women and children will be scraping under the stones of the dry river bed of the Venamo, Akribise and other streams to find the gold that is always there when the rains stop. An annual harvest in which all hands participate and few fail to extract something of value.

## THE FLORIDA EDITORS MEET

By B. B.

IMPORTANT and pleasant was the 70th annual convention of the Florida Press Association, held at Naples Beach hotel Nov. 11-13, and attended by more than 200 newsmen and women, representing two score weekly papers throughout the state.

The meeting in growing Naples was a distinct triumph of and tribute to Stuart Rabb, the aggressive editor and publisher of the Collier County News. The record attendance

was largely due to the generosity of the Tamiami Trail Tours Co., which furnished free transportation to and from the convention as a means of publicizing Collier County. Special buses were operated from north and central Florida, while just a Press bulletin afforded a pass from this east coast across the Trail in those speedy, on-the-time busses, with courteous and helpful drivers. Leaving Miami in the afternoon we saw the sun sink in the Gulf of Mexico that evening.

Cocktail parties, feasting, the first annual and historic swamp buggy parade were features of the convention. The Humble Oil

& Refining Co. was not a bit humble in playing host at a noon luncheon, which turned out to be an elaborate two-hour banquet at the hotel. In fact it was so prolonged and sumptuous that Humble got a late start in taking visitors in special buses for a tour of the Sunniland oil field, showing several wells flowing; and the 18th well now being drilled. It was visible proof that Florida has an expanding oil development in which millions of dollars have been poured. A talk by T. J. Burnett of Humble at the dinner outlined the history of prospecting in Florida and indicated optimism as to the future.

Sales tax questions were discussed by Kenneth Ballinger, formerly of Miami and now legal representative of the association at Tallahassee, and even Ken was puzzled by some of the issues raised over the complicated mess.

MOST fire at the Saturday morning session was raised by an unusual appeal made by Lt. G. E. Baldwin of the Miami police, representing Chief Healey, and Virgil Stuart of St. Augustine, who asked the press for better co-operation in supporting the law, deploring the sensationalism, especially in civil rights and racial troubles by which Florida has been given a bad name in the north. It was he police who needed protection and consideration, they said; that they stood between the public and lawlessness; that they risked their lives; and yet they might be prosecuted by federal officials if they over-stepped the bounds in self defense. They requested the newspapers not to play up stories against the police; charged that Communist disturbers were trying to arouse the colored race, creating a feeling against the whites. The police lack social security and protection. They must enforce state laws and yet the state gives them no aid in return.

In response, weekly editors declared that the police were coming to the wrong place; that he weekly press was not the offender but that it had often offered the law its service and help and was rejected. They complained that the sheriffs and police would not co-operate with he newspapers; that they often refused information; sought to let the editors' what to print.

It was suggested that the two groups get together and try to work out better co-operation. It was admitted that the North has seen given a wrong idea as to mistreatment of prisoners in Florida with the result that other states may deny extradition.

Lieut. Taylor, Tallahassee, late highway patrol, thanked the weekly press for help in promoting safety, said traffic fatalities had been reduced 10 per cent.

Russell Kay, secretary of the Press Association, was very much on the job supervising the whole convention show. After the Sunday morning business session, ye editors went back to the job, scattered to all parts of Florida.

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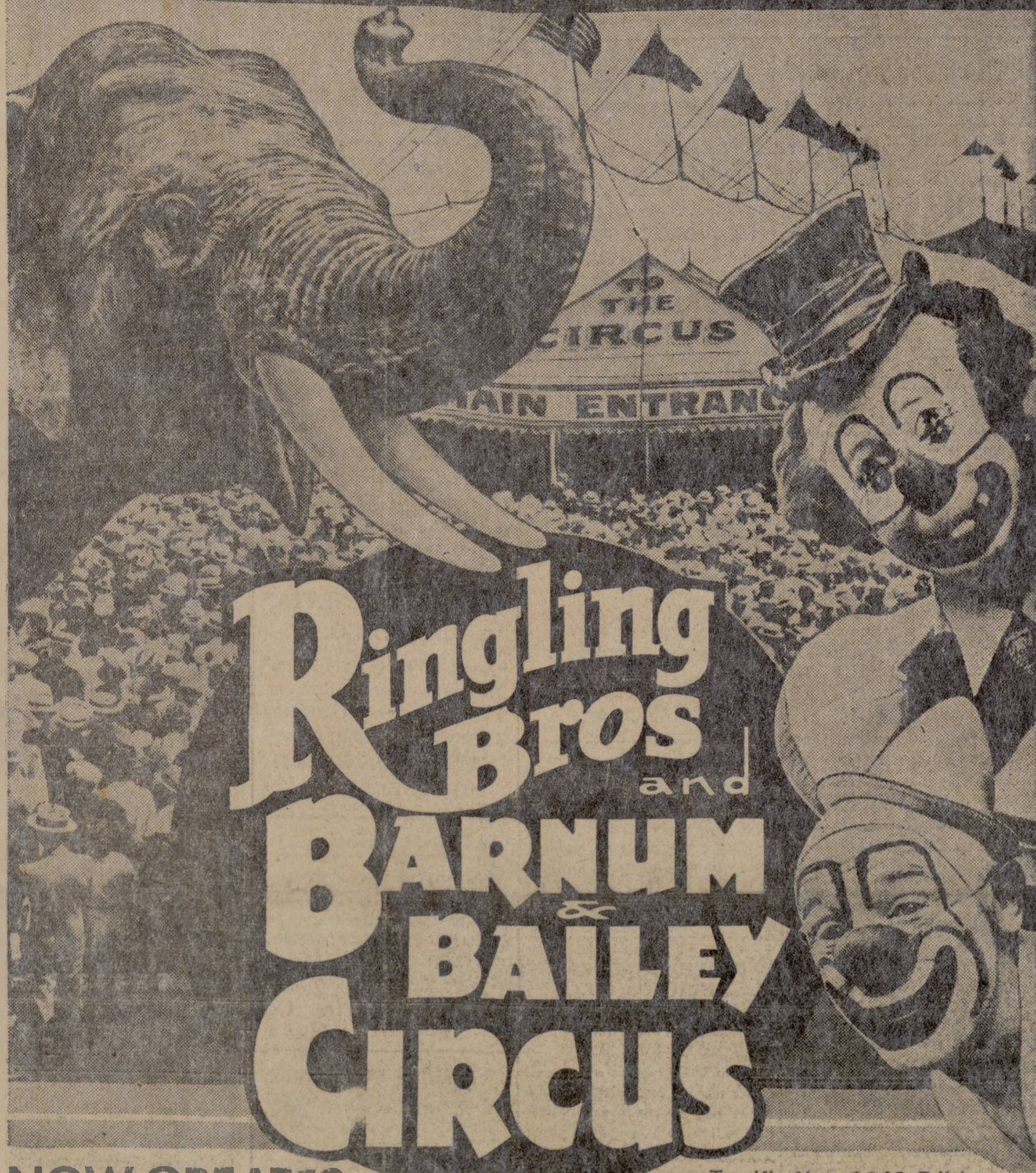


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By ROD

Most anything may happen to us, and usually does, even when staying home. The telephone rings early one morning and we answer. A man's voice informs us he is the internal revenue department and he is investigating.

Immediately we begin to quake. Now what? Did we forget to add that last dime of income in our return? And the poor government certainly needs that dime to help provide billions of dollars for Europe and for joy riders and five-percenters and to hold up the price of eggs.

"Do you send your laundry to the Riverside?" was the next question, and then we wondered if the Riverside had overlooked adding up its income right.

Well, fortunately, we didn't, at least not this year. Otherwise we might be lodged in the penitentiary charged with operating illicit stills.

It seems these vigilant federal searchers had discovered a towel at a hooch still secreted in the Dade wilderness. Somebody had been manufacturing liquor without paying a tax on it. That's a crime—not paying the tax. To heck with the booze.

That towel bore laundry markings that indicated it might have dried the face of several persons, among them being us.

Now ain't that wonderful. Just like a murder mystery on the radio. The sleuth traces the crime by a laundry mark or a footprint. So out of a half million folks they ran us down to the telephone. But we pleaded not guilty, not having sent laundry to the Riverside, not having a towel, not having the slightest knowledge of turning corn into intoxicants.

That cleaned us up. The puzzled officers had to go on with their hunt for the missing owner of a towel. So if you engage in crime don't send your laundry to a laundry or else it may turn up at the scene of the slaying. Keep your shirt on.

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That the parties interested in said business enterprise are as follows:  
**J. Hilliard Clein**, sole owner.  
 Dated at Miami, Dade County, Florida, this November 19, 1949.  
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**WILLIAM L. BOWLER,**  
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**DAVID GLASGOW,**  
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