

THE TRUTH ABOUT TOBACCO

(February Everybody's Digest)

THE MOST impressive figures about the effect of smoking of Raymond Pearl. He found, in studying 6,813 men, that "the smoking of tobacco was statistically associated with an impairment of life direction, and the amount or degree of this impairment increased as the habitual amount of smoking increased." Consider the following:

Classification	Average Age at Death
Non-smokers	67.7 years
Moderate smokers	65.5 years
Heavy smokers	57.7 years

Notice in the table that while moderate smokers paid with "only" 2.2 years of life, heavy smokers had ten years less of life than non-smokers. Some computations also show:

The moderate smoker pays with 12.7 minutes of life for each cigarette he smokes.

The heavy smoker pays with 34.6 minutes of life for each cigarette he smokes.

The pack-a-day smoker pays with 11½ hours of life for each pack of cigarettes he smokes.

HERE ARE 20 BOLITA SPOTS PROTECTED BY CITY HALL!

THE City of Miami didn't become virtuous overnight, as you might infer from perusing the daily newspapers ever since the upset election of Nov. 22 which removed (temporarily, at least) Commissioner H. Leslie Quigg from the political picture . . . the man who for so many years of public life has stood in the path of Herald stooges and pawns.

pers that have changed. Now, instead of magnifying the most insignificant incidents to make it appear that Miami, under an "independent" regime, becomes a sink of iniquity, these power-mad papers go into reverse. From now on, note how little the Herald tells you about gambling activities within the city limits! Already key positions are be-

ing held, or soon will be, by friends of the new heads of City Hall. The election of Mayor Bill Wolfarth, you know, is supposed to eliminate evil. We cannot help being skeptical. For instance, here's one evil that not only is rampant this week but will, we are told, grow to even greater propor-

tions. It is a GRAFT prize—the choicest "spoils"—tremendously important. We refer to the Bolita Racket in Miami's Colored Town. Its volume is so big, its ramifications so great, that the new "political tie-ups" are making overtures to its chief principals with the idea of either taking it over or cutting themselves in for

a big hunk. This racket is so entrenched that its elimination is all but impossible; it would be a Herculean task to even budge it. The bolita "take" in Colored Town is conservatively estimated at \$22,000 monthly in summer. During winter it practically doubles.



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Tracks Lose When Books Are 'Closed'

ALREADY we have EX-ORBITANT Electricity Rates, Milk Prices, Residential and Sales Taxes, by Official Decree. NEXT—and SOON—will be HIGHER Bus Fares! That request is already being prepared.

DEAR READERS: Please note: That racetrack attendance and betting is DOWN—although Miami Beach horse-books are CLOSED TIGHT! You know, from past years, when the Beach was OPEN, the papers (touting for the racetrack interests) always blamed the BOOKIES for the decreased play at the tracks. ("The bookies get millions that should be going through the mutual

machines so that the state can benefit from the taxes.' You now know their argument is PHONEY. You now have a glimmering of the real facts of the matter—namely, that the bookies actually BENEFIT the tracks by making the populace more "track-conscious" . . . In reality, a "closed-town" policy drives the Fun-Lovers elsewhere. (Fun-Lovers don't even like Blue-Noses as neighbors!) Listen: FIRST—let's get the tourists here! To be assured of getting them here, we'd better abolish this pre-season policy of announcing that the Miami area will be CLOSED! ALL do better—when ALL are happy!



Repeal-the-Sales-Tax Clubs To Be Started Over State

IF MIAMIANS' determination to get the Sales Tax repealed FALTERS, not only will they fail to obtain relief from this iniquitous tax but they'll likely have the SAME ANTI-PUBLIC legislative delegation foisted on them again by the newspapers—with a HIGHER Sales Tax possible two years hence. Why, County Commissioner Bird is already on record as having asserted that the people FAVOR the Sales Tax! He's almost 99 per cent wrong, but nevertheless he typifies the Biggie view-

PER CAPITA DEBT SOARS FROM \$15 TO \$2,000

HOUSEWIVES who anxiously furrow brows at the end of the month, and moan "where does the money go?" were given a realistic, if statistical, answer this week by MIAMI LIFE's Washington correspondent. Digging into federal figures on budgetary anticipations and appropriations for 1948, 1949 and 1950, he came up with startling news. National defense will take nearly 12½ billion dollars to top the list of expenditures for 1950. Close

behind is appropriation for veterans of more than 6½ billions for a combined total charged off to defense and payment for America's warriors of \$19,000,000,000. The per capita cost of running the nation will cost the American taxpayer approximately \$2,000 plus per capita during 1950. In a country that points with pride to a sprawling school system, and where sounds the clarion cry that an education is available to every man, woman and child, only two billions of dollars are tagged for educative purposes. And this amount is not for education alone, but is divided roughly between labor and housing activities of the administration. The education item is the third from the bottom low of appropriations for 1950, but still is almost four times as much as it was in 1948 and twice that of 1949.

Dear Lord, We Pray Thee-- Dear Lord, who hath wrought the miracle of life and created the heavens, the earth and the sea and provided them with the creatures for man's sustenance, we pray Thee: Restore to Betty Lou Marbury of Brownsville, Tenn., the happy and healthy childhood which has been blighted by disease that man's greatest skills and knowledge has not been able to cure. We are all children in Thine eyes, Dear Lord; but she is a child to us, cast in the Image of Another through whom we worship and praise Thee. Make her whole again, Oh Lord. Amen.

NATURAL RESOURCES GRANTS NEARLY SAME Significantly, appropriations for development of natural resources increased only slightly over 1949 and for next year stands at approximately two billions of dollars. "The figure could not be much larger," an administration official told MIAMI LIFE. "Most of the natural resources of the nation are in the possession of private interests. There just isn't much that the government can spend money on." Here's the way federal spending stacks up for the (Continued on Page 8)

Gas War, Mr. Watson, Mind?

The Dade County Retail Gasoline Dealers Association has asked for legislation to outlaw gasoline price wars. In other words, the Association doesn't like carrying the free enterprise idea too far. At least not far enough to force it to go to the extreme of selling a product at a reasonable price and win customers and business by service, price and reputation. The gasoline industry, according to Dick Watson, the association's executive secretary, "seems to be the only one where a person with either a great deal of capital or relatively no capital can throw chaos into a community." Wealthy dealers can buy locations, force prices down and wipe out competition, Watson avers. Well, Mr. Watson, isn't that the general idea behind free enterprise? The oil industry of all industries should be the last one to try "free enterprise" when laws are proposed or passed in the interest of the welfare of the masses. MIAMI LIFE doesn't know enough about Watson's proposal to express an opinion as to its merits; but we do believe that during the past, business has cried "protect free enterprise," when federal and state laws were proposed to put a little government control into actions and activities of big business.

CORAL GABLES SAYS EMPHATICALLY 'NO' CORAL GABLES gave a quick slap down to Dade county when the assessor offered to collect taxes for the city. "No, thanks," replied the city, "but we might offer to collect yours." Coral Gables wants no part of any move toward consolidation whereby the county may boost the assessments of the little fellows for the benefit of the Biggies. Neither does Miami.

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LIFE lines-LIFE lines

None so blind as some of the big capitalists in their methods of fighting socialism while their own acts are promoting it. Perhaps one may resume writing it as "City Haul."

Those sillies fighting the Bayfront library site pick out a \$200,000 location just as near the water and in the midst of worse traffic.

The telephone would be a greater convenience if folks would answer it or if they were ever home or not in conference. While educated Americans mourn the lack of opportunity, foreigners come to our shores and make a million.

Call The Next Case By BOND Harlots and Vagrants Both Get Pinched, Working or Idle; Taxi Driver Wins Acquittal On Procuring; Miami City Court Has Record Day With 400 Cases; Negro Cops Compete In Arrests; Doesn't Mind Jail

WHETHER you work at your profession or just lazy around, there is ever the danger of being arrested and appearing in court on some charge. A flood of vagrants, drunks and petty offenders poured into Miami municipal court Monday, which set a near record, showing that the season is here, or that the police are unusually active in picking up every suspicious person, especially in colored towns.

BUSINESS was not quite as brisk in the court of crimes, but there was an interesting jury trial of taxi driver R. D. Flanagan on the charges of procuring for prostitution. The chief witness was the lady principal but she told such conflicting stories, that disgusted Judge Wayne Allen directed a verdict of not guilty.

Furthermore, it is suspected, that this is not an unusual side business for cab drivers and porters here and elsewhere, and always has been. It has been claimed and alleged that many a man has inquired of taxi drivers if they knew where they could pick up a date. Now the driver may receive only the fare for delivering the passenger to the fair, and then again he may collect a commission on

the side. Taxicab business is not so thriving that the drivers will reject trade, even of a questionable character. One church council official deplored the presence of what he termed a cat house in his vicinity, whereas in contrast, a sightseeing director regretted there was no longer a real palace of pleasure to which he might send visitors for their edification and enjoyment—as in the good old days.

It is also noticeable in court that the arraigned prostitutes are apt to be a sorry lot—that they lack sex appeal. They are not the painted dames of fiction and other times. Painted lips and faces are the common practice of all the girls now and so, perhaps, just to be different the lasses of the light profession remain plain and natural.

Another reason for the decline in profitable prostitution is the general lowering of morals, where there is much freedom between men and women, young and old; and delightful associations are possible through mutual desire and agreement. It is not a nice situation. It reflects no credit upon civilization and advancement, but it is a fact.

PAA'S PLANES ARE REBUILT IN MIAMI A \$1,250,000 face-lifting project on the engines of Pan American World Airways' DC-4-type Clippers is giving these big four-engine aircraft more power, greater speed and a larger payload.

The program entails the virtual rebuilding of the Clipper's Pratt and Whitney R-2000-type engine—beefing it up with stronger cylinders and pistons and installing a new type supercharger. The \$5,000 modifications gives the engine 100 more take-off horsepower—an increase from 1,850 to 1,450 horsepower. This additional power enables the DC-4 to carry another half-ton of payload and steps up its speed about 11 miles an hour.

The rejuvenated DC-4s are also flying the 1,277-mile route non-stop between Miami and Panama in much less time than the timetable shows. The modernized Clippers cover the distance, southbound, in five hours and 45 minutes, compared to the former time of six hours and five minutes. Northbound, the flying time is 35 minutes faster than the previous six hours flat.

PAA has a fleet of 44 of these big four-engine Clippers in service in its Latin American and Atlantic Divisions. Two hundred-fifty R-2000 engines are being modified into the more powerful versions.

The work is being done at Pan American's Miami Overhaul Base, largest and most complete shops of its kind in the airline industry.

Turn-outs for football in Miami are believed to outrank those of any city in the South and will compare favorably with those of any place in the nation. Replies to 3,000 questionnaires sent out by the Miami department of publicity to determine sports and recreational interests of the city's year-round residents disclosed 63 per cent attend football games.

During the 1948 season, 280,026 fans watched the Univ. of Miami's Hurricanes tilt with eight opponents in the city's famed Orange Bowl, while six preparatory games in the Miami arena lured 200,389 fans to the

colored man or woman is frisked and found to have a knife of any kind, they may be tapped for arrest. Or if they do a fancy step, take an extra drink, or punch a brother in the face, the Negro cops are on the job. It must make the colored folks mighty nervous and mad—while also keeping them in order and suppressed, especially when they never know when they may be beaten up by the law—or shot and killed by "mistake"—as does happen.

One Negress had her man pinched for biting her. In court she forgave him—giggled. However, he was carrying a pistol. He was let off with costs of \$20. Carrying a gun, which may be purchased under the law without questioning, may bring fines of \$25 and costs—and loss of the revolver or whatever the weapon may be.

ELDERLY Harry McRae, 61, was back in court, this time on the charges of stealing \$11.25 worth of knives from the Quality China Co. He did not know why, but admitted the theft. "Do you know," asked Judge Curry, "you will be spending the holidays in jail." Harry guessed so and didn't seem to care. He might get better meals there than outside. He was sentenced to 60 days, returned to the hoosegow unworried. Some folks evidently like this free board and room security. The city will care for him—if not the federal government.

McRae is the man who was in the county criminal court some time ago on a minor charge, claimed he was not guilty, but pleaded guilty just the same in order to deprive his arresting officer, R. W. Emerson, of a witness fee.

Speaking of such fees, there are no such payments to officers appearing in the municipal court. However, if they are obliged to appear in court against a prisoner on their own time, they are allowed that time added to their vacation period. It counts up, too.

FASHION INDUSTRY FLOURISHES HERE North-bound trains and planes are loaded with garments from Miami manufacturers. South-bound trains and planes within the next few weeks will carry the same garments in luggage of visitors to Miami.

Items in beach and resort wear, which visitors prefer most, will set styles throughout the nation next summer. The Miami fashion industry, valued at more than \$40,000,000 annually at wholesale prices, is channeling its products into stores throughout the North as a result of an October showing in New York described as "superlatively successful."

The Miami market stayed in New York a day and a half longer than it had planned, and at least one manufacturer still was taking orders from buyers while assistants were packing sample cases for the return trip. More than several manufacturers hurried back home to expand facilities and enlarge plants already extended to capacity filling orders made previously by stores throughout Florida.

It will be garments worn by early winter visitors to Miami, according to trade authorities, which will set the styles for the late winter here and spring and summer in the North. Established years ago as a style center which sets fashions in winter for the coming summer throughout the nation, it has been only in the postwar years that Miami has blossomed into one of the country's leading garment-manufacturing cities, with more than 100 plants in operation.

well in advance of Thanksgiving continue to train at northern racing centers, but are ready to start south as soon as transportation can be arranged. When these are all on the grounds the normal capacity of the stable, 750 strong, will have been reached.

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Cabbages and Kings

BY now the casual observer must be convinced that a coffee-shop is a hazardous undertaking. During the last war—when more people wanted it more than ever before—coffee became too scarce for profit-taking. And now, when it and customers are plentiful, it suddenly goes so high that there's no profit in it!

Phonographic BLUES: the higher the fidelity, the quicker the devastating scratches—especially upon long playing discs, which appear to be made of slightly hardened butter! . . . The pen (of comic-strip artists) is mightier than the sword. Dick Tracy cartoons have most kids saying "my dad-burned pappy" . . . THIRTEEN shopping days before Santa rides a Gulf Stream breeze into Miami!

QUOTING William Wrigley, Jr.: "When two men in a business always agree, one of them is unnecessary" . . . and Bernard Shaw: "Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children."

IT'S an oldie, but it's always being misquoted, we'll again give you the "Parable of the Isms" as originally printed in Super-socialism:

- Socialism: If you have two cows, you give one to your neighbor. Communism: If you have two cows, you give them to the government and the government then gives you some milk. Fascism: If you have two cows, you give the cows and give the milk to the government; then the government sells you some milk. New Dealism: If you have two cows, you shoot one and milk the other; then you pour the milk down the drain. Nazism: If you have two cows, the government shoots you and keeps the cows. Capitalism: If you have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

IN some of our schools, from nursery through high school—(this is from Public Affairs Pamphlet No. 154, "How To Discipline Your Children," Page 29)—teachers in the classrooms are also learning to use the new ways to discipline. Mrs. Stanton, fifth grade teacher, is one. She knows that most children in this day and age of tense world-restlessness need direc-

Liberal Policy Increases Tourist

By MARK WELL THERE is a stock argument that legalized vice, particularly gambling, cuts into the revenue of merchants who have devoted time and money to building business enterprises. The argument appears sound but there is an astonishing lack of statistics on the subject. The argument can be answered negatively by year-to-year comparisons of business revenue in Miami.

How much money is diverted from commercial businesses, such as markets, department and clothing stores, theaters, real estate and other enterprises by state legalized horse and dog tracks? How much from illegal book-making?

Does anybody know? The question can't be answered by saying that legitimate tracks make this many millions, or that illegal book-making and prostitution make this amount of money. It is not good economic reasoning to assume that money spent on horse and dog tracks or in vice pursuits generally would have gone to general business. The sounder assumption is that money spent in non-general business channels is money spent after living needs have been met.

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"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



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