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GRAB WILTON MANORS? NOT TODAY, COUNCIL VOWS

Our Own Homogenized

Hot Air

By CARTER HOLMES

It appears that the entire political structure of Wilton Manors may be altered by the revelation that Fort Lauderdale would like to reach out and take Wilton Manors and Oakland Park into its sandpile for its hungry little politicians to dig into. And Oakland Park may very well follow with some action of its own when its Council meets next week.



And it may mean, dear friends, that a little taxation for Village property owners is just around the corner. But don't get unduly excited, because that might not be so bad, at that.

Other words, 7 mills, say, would be better than, say, 17.

First step for these cities is notifying state legislators—Senator George Leaird and Representatives John Burwell and Ted David—that we want no part of Fort Lauderdale.

Next step for Wilton Manors is to get busy and draft a charter for introduction in the Legislature and later ratification by referendum. Presumably, we would have the mayor-commission or mayor-council type of municipal government. I say "presumably" because we hardly need a city manager setup.

City managers are a little bit expensive to start with, and, dag-nab it, they seem to have a way of getting expensiver.

Anyhow, regardless of whether Fort Lauderdale has a chance of annexing us, it seems there's no point in waiting two more years for a charter act.

Now about the taxation business. A lot of solemn and solitary thought and brow-wrinkling leaves me with the conclusion that sooner or later it is inescapable. Another conclusion is that money is needed now.

As we grow so rapidly, we are leaving many things undone or half-done.

Fort Lauderdale's tax rate, if my memory is right, is 17 mills. Probably if taxation came our way we could do well on less than half that rate.

We could build sidewalks, have better streets, hire added personnel we surely will need as time goes on, beautify the community, and so on and on.

On a tax rate of eight mills, a homeowner whose property is assessed at \$10,000 would pay a tax of \$40 a year, with homestead exemption.

Doesn't seem like very much, assuming that we could build one of the finest and most complete

Oakland Park Moves Again To Acquire Galt Ocean Front

Oakland Park will ask the Legislature to pass for the third time an act annexing the Arthur T. Galt property to its city limits to give Oakland Park ocean frontage.

The last such bill was passed in 1951. It was declared invalid by Circuit Judge Lamar Warren in a decision a few months ago. The decision is now under appeal to the Florida supreme court.

Mayor Dewey Hawkins appeared before Broward County's delegation to the Legislature this week and declared that Oakland Park considers the property in question should be brought within its city limits.

Ft. Lauderdale wants it too.

communities in Florida for such a sum.

On the other hand, our "No Taxation" point is a big drawing card. Well, who's to say? Not me.

It will eventually come to a vote and it may be sooner than we think.

As one individual, I'm not saying yet which way I would vote. I'm not sure but what we've got to have taxes, but I'm not quite dumb enough to be the first to run out in my front yard and start hollering for 'em.

Not lacking in courage, just watching for reaction.

It's something to think about, carefully.

Beating Charged To Oakland Park Men

Russell Daniel and Murray Bryan, well known ranchers, have been charged in criminal court at Ft. Lauderdale in the alleged beating of a negro field laborer.

Daniel, it was reported, has denied the accusations and told authorities in the sheriff's department that the laborer tried to induce other workers to quit work in Daniel's bean field to go on a drinking spree, and that the laborer got into a fight with a negro foreman on the ranch.

The negro, John Milton, 38, charged that Daniel grabbed him while Bryan hit him over the head with a hammer.

County Solicitor Otis Farrington said information will be filed and warrants issued against Bryan and Daniel. Bond, he said, will be set at \$500.

Oakland Park BUILDING PERMITS

GEORGE H. HIPPEL, two CBS residence on NE Second St., \$7,500 each.

PAUL WIMBERLY, CBS residence, NW Fourth St., \$5,500.

NOW EVERYBODY KNOWS FOR WHOM SIREN BLOWS

Ever wonder who toots the Wilton Manors siren every evening at 6 o'clock?

It's Eleanor Christensen, who operates a dry cleaning shop a couple of doors from Manor Market where the siren control button is installed.

About a year and a half ago, there were two occasions when firemen weren't called to a fire because the thing refused to work.

"Chris" Christensen volunteered to give the siren a "test run" every day at 6 p. m., which serves the dual purpose of determining whether it's in good working order, and notifying Village residents that feed-bag time is high.

Police Chief Dick Beaney says in all those months she's never failed, and another report says Chris may get an honorary fireman's appointment.

State Traffic Man Will Advise Village

A major change developed this week in the outlook of Wilton Manors merchants on traffic and parking regulations when the Village Council voted 5-0 to ask the Florida Highway Patrol for a traffic engineer's services in setting up new rules.

It had appeared previously that virtually all parking regulations would be suspended as demanded by the merchants during a confab with councilmen last week. In fact, the rules are suspended at the present time.

However, Council President Earle Middleton's instructions last week that angle parking lines in the 2100 block of Wilton Drive be left in place pending this week's Council session were not complied with.

And when the issue came up Tuesday night, Councilman J. Marvin Brown promptly moved that the Village hire a traffic expert to make a study.

Police Chief Richard Beaney said he believed the highway patrol would cooperate by furnishing a traffic expert without charge and was told to contact the patrol to find out.

Middleton was plainly irked over the action of merchants Les Bagwell and Bob Lewis in painting out the angle parking lines without authorization.

Lewis said he had misunderstood the instructions and that he had thought he was saving the Village money.

Bagwell said he had construed Middleton's instructions as a "request" made without full Council authority.

Council Moves Swiftly To Stall Any Effort Toward Annexing Community

Wilton Manors Village Council took serious note this week of reports published in The Sun that Ft. Lauderdale has fastened hungry eyes on this community. And the result was fast action to let anybody concerned know there's nothing doing if Council can help it. Or, as grandpaw used to say whe the kids asked for a quarter: "There ain't a pea on the vine."

The subject was first brought up by Councilman J. Marvin Brown who directed at Village Attorney Bill Miller the question:

"What chance has Ft. Lauderdale got of incorporating Wilton Manors as a part of Ft. Lauderdale?"

Replied Miller: "Not much. . . . but it's possible."

The Council agreed unanimously that steps should be taken at once to prevent any such move, as Brown declared that such a move definitely is in the offing at this time.

And it quickly began to appear that Wilton Manors will offer a bill in the Legislature in April to incorporate under a standard charter. The Village now is incorporated not by charter, but under the general laws of the state.

Miller was directed to attend a hearing at the court house this week where various local bills to come before the Legislature this year would be up for discussion.

And the recently-named long-range planning board was asked to make recommendations quickly on what form of municipal government Wilton Manors should have.

Council is expected to take up the matter further when it meets again March 10.

PLAN BOARD LOOKS AHEAD, ASKS EXPANSION OF MANORS

Wilton Manors 10-man planning board, set up only a few weeks ago to advise the Village Council on long-range moves, is letting no grass grow under its feet.

The board came up this week with concrete recommendations to the Council to expand the Village limits immediately by presenting requests to the Florida legislature when the lawmakers meet in April.

The planning board, in a letter signed by Chairman Alvar Hagen, noted a number of areas on almost every side of Wilton Manors which it said should be taken into the Village limits. The board pointed to these factors, among others, which make the step desirable:

Future developments, lack of police and fire authorities at present, and the board's belief that long-range advantages would far outweigh any disadvantages that might now be apparent.

Councilmen took the question under advisement, since the move would have close connection with some other matters now pending.

School Children "Hep" When It Comes To Flag

Norman Malcolm, 2310 NE Fifth Ave., is thoroughly satisfied with the patriotism and understanding of the American Flag shown by Wilton Manors elementary school students.

It so happens that Malcolm is punctilious and precise about displaying the Flag at his residence on each proper legal occasion. But twice lately he has been surprised by the youngsters.

Early on February 12, as he was putting the Flag in place, Malcolm stopped a six-year-old on her way to school and sought to add to her store of information.

"Do you know why I am putting the Flag up?", he inquired.

"Why, certainly," the little girl replied with some hauteur, "It's Lincoln's birthday."

On February 22, when Malcolm displayed his Flag on Washington's birthday, a youngster en route to Sunday School paused to observe that the Flag had slipped and was touching the ground, a violation, he pointed out, of Flag etiquette.

Council Receives Village Hall Plans

Plans for the proposed new Wilton Manors Village Hall were the subject this week of "ohs," "ahs," and "what about the moneys."

Architects drawing of the structure were presented to the Village Council during Tuesday night's meeting, and drew generally favorable comment from those who saw the drawings.

The building would be erected on a site in Middle River Estates at 26th Street and North Middle River Drive, a location set aside for that purpose by the developers.

As for the ever-present question of money, Mayor Perry Mickel commented that in his opinion "it can be financed all right."

The building would be T-shaped, and would include a fire hall, police headquarters and jail, space for city offices and other facilities including a large meeting hall.

Council will meet next Wednesday night to study the project further.

Broward General Hospital has announced the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Taylor, 2008 NE Third Ave., Wilton Manors.

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WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

From

Hugh Butler
U.S. SENATOR

WASHINGTON — Chairman Hugh Butler had a picture made the other day of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of which I am in my third year of membership. I looked around and discovered that I am now fourth from the top on the Democratic side. It was a pleasant feeling having three juniors below me. In our Capitol Hill system which operates under that magic word, seniority, we always work from the bottom up on committees and from the attic down in office assignments. A member of Congress starts from the inside of the building and takes several years to get an office with an outside view, but in the inner councils he stays on the outside at first and gradually works his way into the huddles to a point where he can hear.

If he stays long enough he may hope for one of the beautiful outside offices on the main floor and to an inside spot in the making of

policy. One member remarked facetiously the other day, "The trouble is that by then he is so old and decrepit he can barely totter to his charming suite and so deaf he can't hear what is going on anyway."

You may be surprised to know it, but things seem to be a little better than in the old days in the Senate. The seniority system still works and my staff and I are still in cramped quarters on the inside of the building. But I can hear all right and my walk is a shade above a totter to the Democratic councils.

ON THE Range

by Kay Paderewski

Today, we propose some nice, cool pineapple salad.

Actually, we have two pineapple salads, both using gelatin, but one with grated cheese and the other using cream cheese.

HOLIDAY SALAD

2 cups crushed pineapple
1 lemon (juice)
½ cup sugar (scant)
2 tsp gelatin
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
½ pint cream (whipped)
½ cup cold water
2 tsp pimiento, chopped
Soak gelatin in ½ cup of water.
Heat pineapple and lemon juice and sugar. Add gelatin and stir

until dissolved. When set, add other ingredients, stirring well. Place in mold in refrigerator until congealed. Serve on bed of lettuce with mayonnaise.

Pineapple Cream Cheese Salad

1 large grated pineapple
½ cup sugar
½ cup cold water
2 tsp gelatin
½ cup lemon juice

¾ cup sweet milk
2 pkg. Phila. cream cheese
1 pint cream (whipped)
¼ cup mayonnaise
Soak gelatin in cold water; heat the pineapple and lemon juice, add soaked gelatin, stir well and let cool. Mix sweet milk with cream cheese, add rest of ingredients and place in refrigerator. Serve on crisp lettuce. Delicious!

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A family reunion of substantial proportions and considerable merriment was enjoyed last week by members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Malcolm, 2310 NE Fifth Ave., Wilton Manors.

The Malcolm-Davis-Ross-Mace clan, as the gathering was described, held a reunion picnic in Hugh Taylor Birch State Park.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ross of La Jolla, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Claude Shafer, Cincinnati; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Davis, Lake Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Davis Mace; and S. Douglas Malcolm, New York City.

S. Douglas Malcolm, wintering here, is retired general manager of the American Express Co.'s advertising department; Mr. Ross is a retired railroad executive; Mr. Davis is a retired bank and RFC official; and Mr. Shafer is chief editorial cartoonist for the Cincinnati Times-Star.

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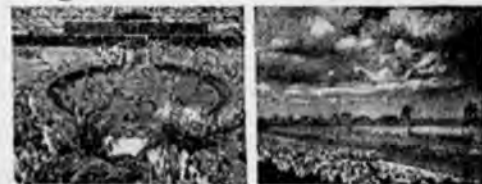
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By Martha Lynn Davis

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When we finished that, we had contests to see who had the most becoming hair style. Prizes were given to Judy Dillard for the prettiest short bob, Bonnie Oras for the cutest pony-tail, and Carol Chabot for the most becoming long style.

After the refreshments were served, Mrs. Newton gave each one of us a miniature flag of a different country. As we placed our flags in their stands, we took little candles and lighted them from a candle that was called a candle of giving and was used at the Girl Scout International Encampment. As we did this, each one of us made a wish for the flag represented.

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Wilton Drive Drainage Plans Being Studied

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Village Council President Earle Middleton said Tuesday night that Brown had volunteered to work with Dunton on the proposal, at no cost to the Village.

Middleton expressed the Council's appreciation for Brown's action in volunteering his services to study the possibilities for such a project.

Gulfstream Park to Open Wednesday

The 1953 racing season opens officially in Broward County next Wednesday with the opening of Jimmy Donn's Gulfstream Park track at Hallandale, improved to such a point that it now is considered one of the most fabulous racing plants in the world.

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day afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Village Hall. All members have been urged to be present for this important meeting.

No nominations have been announced to date.

Officers previously have served for two years. However, a recent change in by-laws has reduced the term of office to one year.

Present officers of the Woman's

Club are:

President, Mrs. Maby Thomas; first vice president, Mrs. Perry Mickel; second vice president, Mrs. Clayton R. Leaver; third vice president, Mrs. Arthur Morey; recording secretary, Mrs. Alvar Hagen; financial secretary, Mrs. Matthew Mattmuller; treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Cain.

Three members of the present board of directors will retire this year, and the two remaining members will continue to serve as directors for another year.

Directors whose terms are ending include Mrs. James Bell, Mrs. Edward Weseloh and Mrs. James Boyd.

Mrs. Raymond Axford and Mrs. John Mullock are holdovers on the board.

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Specifically I call your attention to the following taken from Section 177.10 of the Florida Statutes which covers the duty of the Board of County Commissioners in regard to the approval of subdivision plats: ". . . Such approval shall not bind the County Commissioners . . . to open up and keep in repair any parcels dedicated to the public in any map or plat. . . ."

This letter is being written in the hope that this information may be given to any citizens of Broward County concerned in this matter.

Yours very truly,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

(s) TONY SALVINO, Chairman

WILTON MANORS SCHOOL NEWS

Wilton Manors school news
FIRST GRADE (Miss Meredith): We have been drawing pictures of George Washington. Today we wrote a little verse about him and our Flag.
 Our class received an air mail special delivery letter from a First Grade class in Kalamazoo, Michigan Saturday. One of our former members, Lyle Gerresh is in this class. They are studying mail and mail transportation and wanted to find out how long it took a letter from Kalamazoo to Wilton Manors.
 We are going to write them.

SECOND GRADE (Miss Welker): We have begun to study animals of the woods. So far, we have studied about the rabbit and the

squirrel.
 We will learn about the beavers next. When we are finished, we plan to make a large mural showing all of the different animals of the woods.

SECOND GRADE (Mrs. Cavell): We celebrated Washington's birthday by coloring his cherry tree and hatchet on paper. We then cut out the tree and hatchet and pasted it on a large poster of colored paper.
 Jon Winters has left our classroom to go back up north to Ohio.

We now have a large play clock in our room, and everyone is learning to tell time by setting the clock at different times of day.

FOURTH GRADE (Miss Robertson): Our class has saved \$1.25 during the past week in our piggy bank. We are saving to buy a Flag for our class.
 In our room we have helpers that are to keep the room clean, such as duster, flowers, milk, ice cream, trash, erasers, boards, straws, napkins and news.

—Marilyn Joslin and Kathleen Woodward
SIXTH GRADE (Miss Murphy): We have been studying geography.

We are studying about France. Last Friday morning, we drew hand maps of France.

That afternoon, we voted on the maps. Bonnie Oras' won first place. Betty Ann Halliday's won second place. All of the maps were very good.

Recently, we have been making reports on other countries and famous people.

Last Friday Mr. Robinson's room challenged us to play a baseball game. They won 4 to 3. This is the 4th or 5th game we have played.

—Mary Smith

SIXTH GRADE (Mr. Robinson): We have begun a study of the knights in the days of old. A castle made of cardboard is being planned by the pupils.

Gra-Y time has been changed from 9-10 to 11-12.

Mike Walsh has brought us an oil painting of a house.

—Donna Henderson

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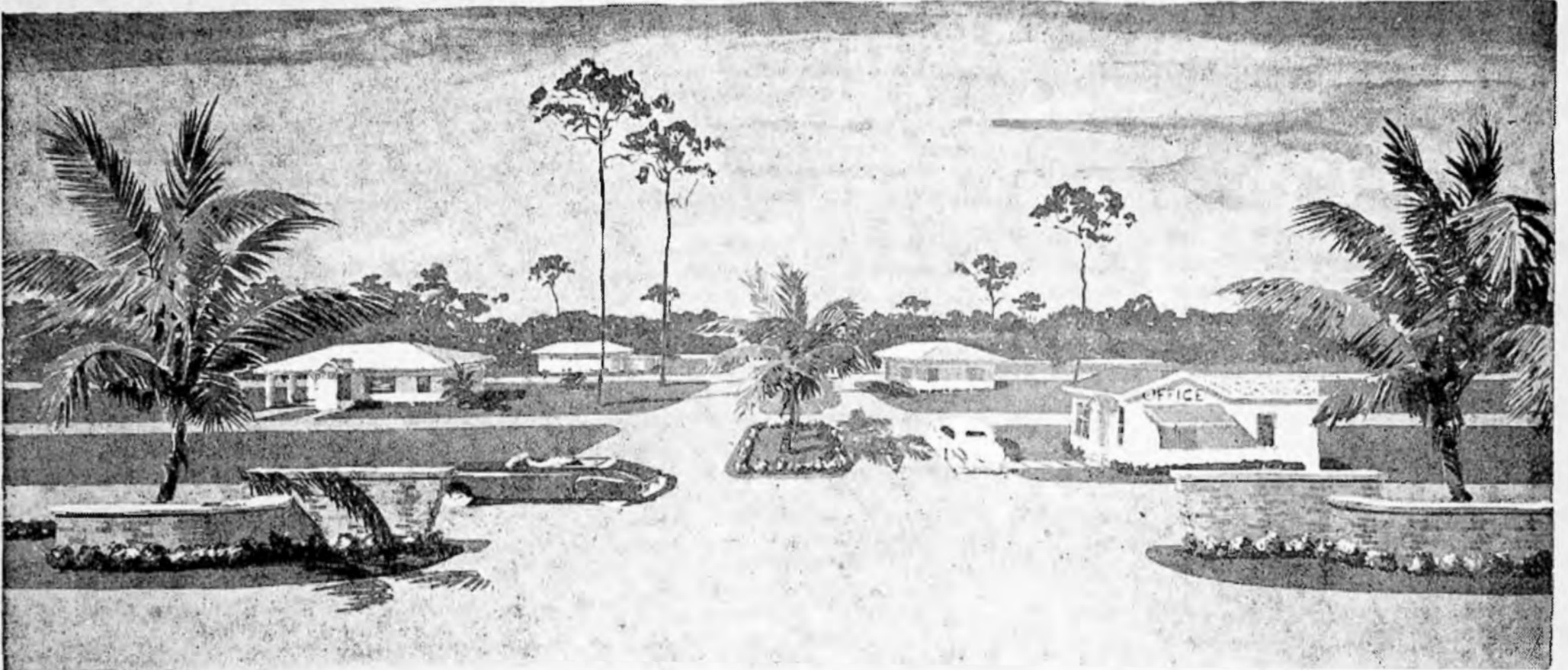


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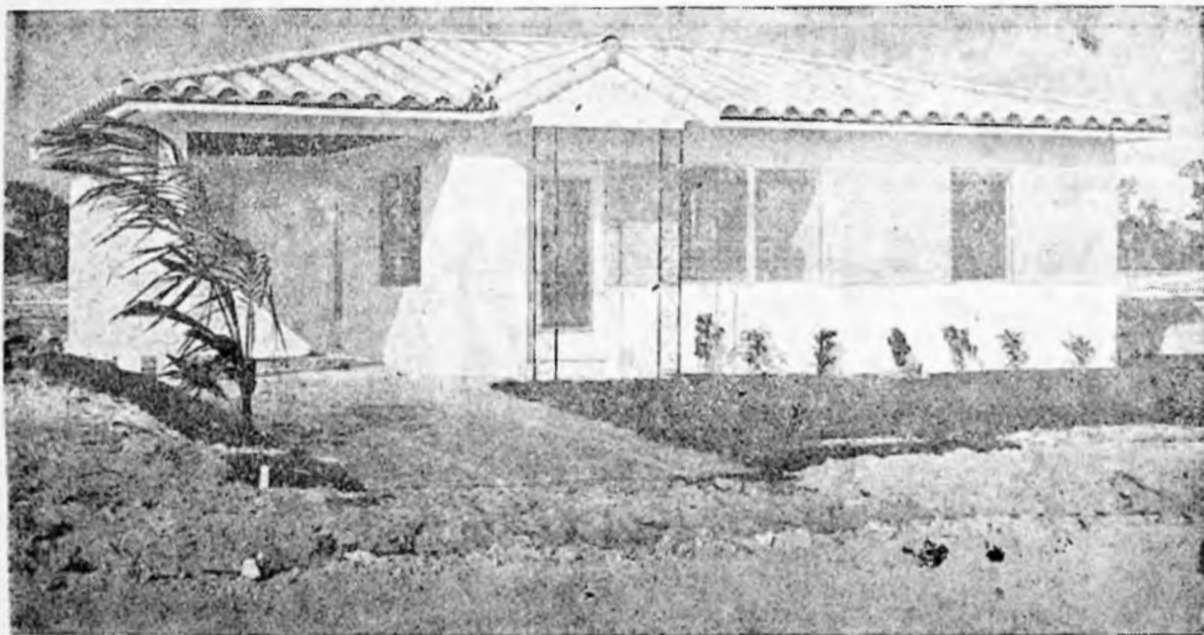
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