

Editorial

Political Lies From the Same Sources

Residents of Palm Beach Mobile Home Park should receive curbside garbage pick-up as they have in the past. They should pay the appropriate rate, just as the other residents in Lake Worth pay. It is true, mobile home parks are classified as commercial since a 2009 resolution.

Enlisting a candidate for mayor to edit a letter to the editor, a letter that reads strikingly like her political platform, is not the way to get the city's attention.

None of the sitting commissioners or Mayor had any prior knowledge staff was issuing a letter to any mobile home park.

The insinuations in the letter have been issued by candidates for office long before the letter was even a consideration. This is just a political ploy wrought with lies that appear on a local blog. In fact the blogger has a hand in the efforts of the mobile home park to discredit elected officials who unseated her sweethearts years ago. Her sweethearts are the ones who ruled Lake Worth for a record "non-investment" era. The one who edited the letter, running for mayor, has been singing the songs of a previous commission, you guessed it, a commission who stalled Lake Worth for years and brought the quality of life down to the level they have been complaining about since they were unseated. They are the ones who brought PBSO to Lake Worth and now they have nothing but complaints about them.

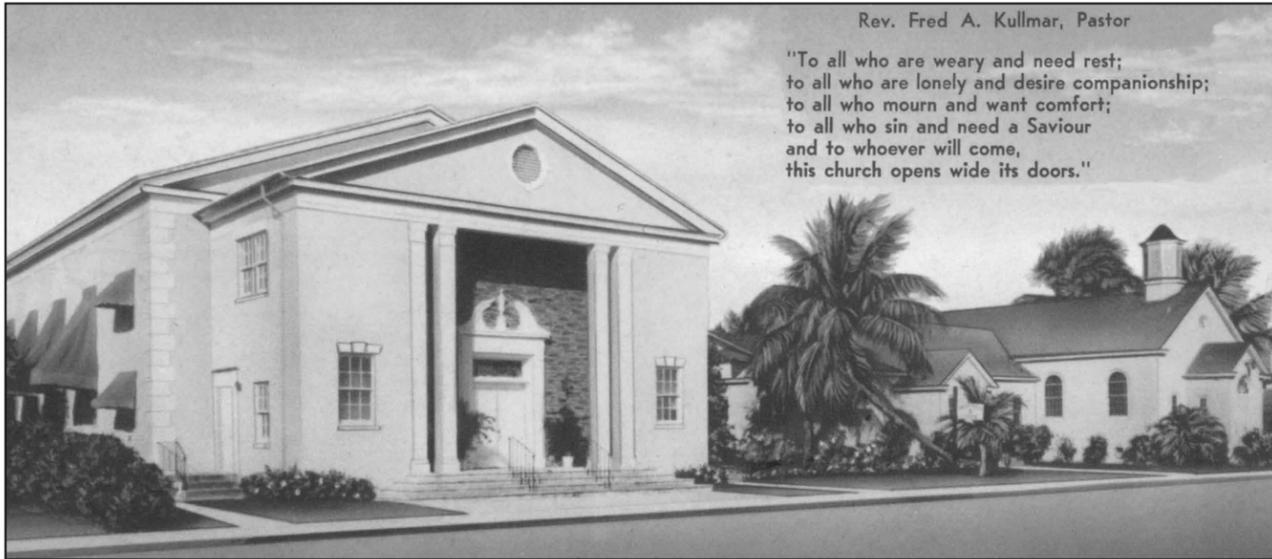
There are two sitting commissioners working hard to get a third voice on the commission so they can halt the progress Lake Worth has enjoyed the past couple of years. In their combined terms, McVoy and Maier have brought nothing of substance to the dais, and they are working extremely hard supporting candidates of their ilk.

If their candidates get elected, Palm Beach Mobile Home Park can count on worse issues than garbage collection.

There are many good residents in Palm Beach Mobile Home Park, but they are being led astray by somebody on their HOA and her political bent who listens to lies perpetuated by a blogger and her friends, a former mayor who doesn't live in Lake Worth and a couple of commissioners.

Wake up residents before you do have to sell out to get away from anarchy, the anarchy desired by a couple of commissioners and a couple candidates.

First Presbyterian Church A Centennial Legacy



Rev. Fred A. Kullmar, Pastor

"To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and desire companionship; to all who mourn and want comfort; to all who sin and need a Saviour and to whoever will come, this church opens wide its doors."

Organized on April 30, 1916, The First Presbyterian Church is celebrating its Centennial Legacy. Above is a 'time byte'. R/L is the second church - 'The Chapel', dedicated in April 21, 1929. (Following the destruction of the first church from the 1928 Hurricane.) The beautiful new Sanctuary was completed January 20, 1952. "Open wide the doors."

Picture courtesy from the files of the Historical Museum of Lake Worth

by HELEN VOGT GREENE

The First Presbyterian Church (FPC) will begin their 100th year of dedicated service to God and the community of Lake Worth.

According to the Rev. Joan Leroy Abell, "As we celebrate our centennial legacy, we move into the next century listening to God's active Word to guide us and to bring the good news of God's love to all."

The Centennial will be held on April 30 and May 1. The Centennial committee members are Rev. Joan Abell, John Powell, Mary Ellen Sapp, Tom Belez, Barbara Stanton and Phoebe.

The FPC is rich in history. In 1912, when Bryant and Greenwood platted the land for the Palm Beach Farm Company, their vision included a community of faith. The Union Church was formed of all denominations until the memberships could support themselves. Working together, these God-

fearing pioneers instilled in its people a love of God and a respect for each other.

Late in 1912, Mr. and Mrs. David Chambers came from Nebraska. Under their leadership they began meeting in the Hifner (or Hiffner) building on Lake Avenue. The love and spirit of the people made planks placed on kegs and boxes into a God-filled chapel. It was during this time that the FPC secured two lots in the 200 block of what is now Federal Highway. It would be sometime until a church could be built.

Services were held at the school, located between Lake and Lucerne Avenues, and Women's Club building. According to church records... "the unofficial organization of FPS took place on October, 1915 under the guidance of Rev. J.L. Skerritt. The official date is April 30, 1916. The charter membership was the 'Who's Who' of Lake Worth: Bonsteel, Brown, Chambers, Canadey, Cowan, Jones,

McKissock, and Pitton.

'Supply Ministers' were used until Rev. J.T.W. Stewart, D.D. was installed as the first minister on June 22, 1922. At this time, it was decided it was time to erect a church building. Nine thousand dollars in donations and a pledge from the Presbyterian Board of National Missions of \$5,000 made a dream a reality. The first building was built for \$17,000.

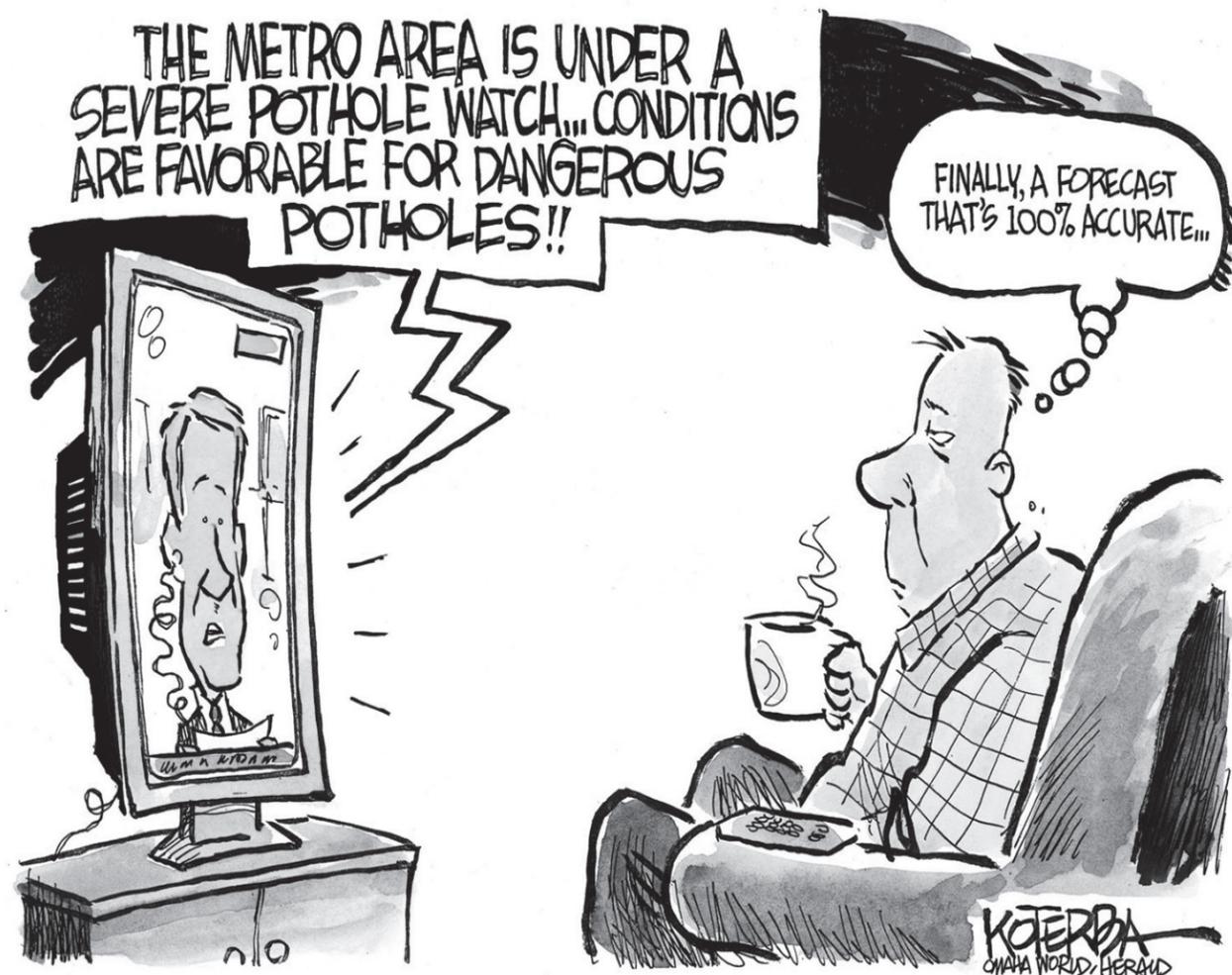
Of historical interest, "On February 25, 1923, cornerstone services were held at the new church site at 2:30 p.m. Elder William Jennings Bryan of Miami preached the sermon (Bryan, who wintered in Miami was a nationally known politician, orator and attorney. He is still remembered for the 1925 Scopes Trial.)

In 1928, the building dedicated in 1923, was completely destroyed by the 1928 hurricane. Rev. Carman reported, "Our church built by the efforts

of the few members then, was all gone in about fifteen minutes." With their faith in God, within a year, a second building was dedicated on April 21, 1929.

In 1937, Rev. Fred Adams Kullmar was installed as Pastor. He served as Pastor until his retirement in 1960. During his ministry and with dedicated members, they completed a new sanctuary (dedicated in 1952) and a new Christian Education Building (dedicated in 1957).

A wonderful, detailed booklet is being prepared by the Centennial Committee. Within its pages tells of FPC dedication to God, its history, and the names of the 20+ Pastors. Also shown will be a special sections of names of the faithful members and their dedicated service. They continue the mission and the uncountable number of community services. God... continue to bless the legacy of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Worth.



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