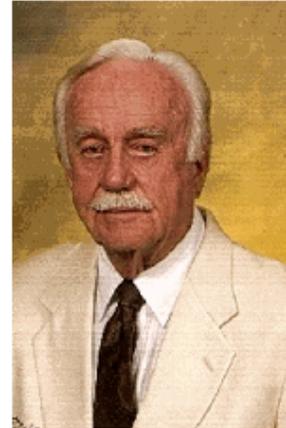


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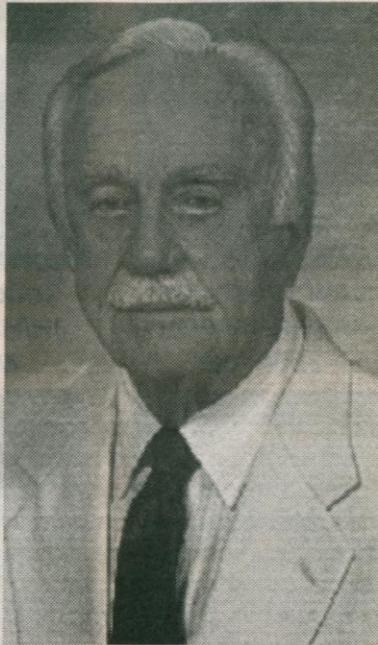
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- "The seasons change, the winter winds drift cold dry snow over them. In summer, the alternating wet and dry periods some how nurtured the coarse prairie grass that forms a benevolent blanket over the graves of the people resting there forever under the pine trees."

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In lieu of flowers donation can be made to Faith Lutheran Church or The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast Moss Feaster - Dunedin Chapel, 727-562-2040.