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Florence Bradford

OTHER NAMES

1. Marian Beebe, → Friends of Norma Handwehr Bowles
2. Joanne (Mrs. Jimmy) Brooks
3. Clarisse Van Donsburg

HOLLYWOOD STARS - Lax 30s - early 40s

- Pat O'Brien
- Virginia Gray
- Richard Arlen
- Dorothy Lamour
- Reagan (?)

ON HUSBAND A.W. TAHANEY'S COMING TO HFC

JP Kolla died in 1933. AW Tahaney, a CPA from Kalamazoo was brought in to make an audit. He found discrepancies with secretary. He was then hired by Board of Directors as secretary. He served as secretary until the late 40s. When he left the company, William Boer replaced him as secretary in 1949. Tahaney also served as a vice-president.

He died in 1955 when he left, he formed another business -- Consolidated Distributing with Henry Biersma. On 6th St.

EXTRA

- HFC had a very good reputation around Holland.
- Once a year, HFC would call in division managers and hired North or South American (ships) and take them out on a cruise.
- HFC built the Ukron Friend Tavern
- PT Cheff began to serve his sentence at Milan Federal Correctional Institute on 13 July 1966 (FB had a Sentinel clipping).
- Leisure Acres on 168th Avenue
- Organization

