

DELUXE CLEANERS LTD.

When the founders of Freeport decided to develop this forest of Australian Pine or Casuarina into a modern fast paced Metropolis, they had to complete a number of requirements. One of their duties were to recruit Businessmen from Nassau to be pioneers in what at the time seemed an impossible dream.

One believer in that dream was Mr. Robert D'Arville, founder of Deluxe Cleaners Limited, which was established as a family owned business in New Providence in 1939.

He came to Wallace Groves' Freeport in 1961, when the Port Authority had strict zoning laws. A laundry was considered industry, therefore he was encouraged to set up in the industrial zone, along Queens Highway. The policy is different today, however.

And nineteen years later it still stands, three times the original size. Most certainly the largest plant on Grand Bahama. The initial staff of ten has grown to twenty-five.

Mr. Robert D'Arville past president of the Freeport Rotary Club is retired from the business, and his youngest son Brian, "who was born into it" is the present owner.

Just as he is energetic, Brian or "Buck" as he is popularly known, concedes that with the upturn of the economy and influx of new residents from the Family Islands, the schedule of a laundry plant has changed.

Now, each day they have to meet a 10:00AM deadline, to insure a twenty-four hour service. The plant is outfitted with the most modern equipment, and 'Buck' a member of the International Dry Cleaners Convention, attends the two-yearly conventions just to be informed on the most recent developments in that industry.

Deluxe Cleaners Limited is reputed to be a community minded company. There are three locations on Grand Bahama. One in Eight-Mile-Rock; Queens Highway and in the Malboro Building, downtown Freeport/Lucaya.

'Buck' D'Arville, past president of Freeport Lions Club and

sports enthusiast, has kept his father's tradition of supporting the local charities and amateur athletic teams. And his company, Deluxe Cleaners is an historical land mark in this business community, which plans to be a perpetual part of Grand Bahama for a long time to come.



Buck Darville, proprietor of Deluxe Cleaners, can be best described as hard working, determined and always willing to chip in and help his staff cleaners and wherever possible.



Known by his staff and friends to be a Jack of all trades when it comes to his business, Deluxe Cleaners. Very often he can be found either inspecting tire work, or helping out. 24 Hr. Service is not an easy job.