

Moonlight Cruise Offers Alternative

PRESIDENT HARRY Truman's famous expression "If you can't stand that heat, stay out of the kitchen" applies to many who complain that the distractions available to modern youth compete with the worthwhile things they should be doing.

But the Rev. Dr. Jamie Buckingham, pastor of Harbor City Baptist Church in Eau Gallie is not one of them. The aggressive minister set up a moonlight cruise for young people who preferred the wholesome atmosphere of a gay outing to the potentials of a school prom.



IT'S NOT THAT there's anything wrong with a prom as such, Buckingham agrees, but unsupervised youths have added such adult activities as before-prom dinners and after-prom breakfasts. Alcoholic beverages are sneaked in contrary to rules and the sharp eyes of overworked chaperones.

The cruise from Port Canaveral, through the locks, down to Eau Gallie and return was the kind of youth activity many of these kids' dads and moms enjoyed in a quieter but still exciting generation. Everybody had a ball and most of the young people look forward to another activity of this kind in the near future.



WE APPLAUD DR. Buckingham for his courage in meeting a problem head-on with a workable solution. If our young people are threatened by overpermissiveness and flagrant opportunities to stray from the straight path, they will certainly not be saved by head shaking and shocked clucking. The direct action method holds far greater promise.