STREETS

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with storm sewers or other such improvement completed.

Following action on this section of the city came a request from residents of Henrietta street, between Lincoln avenue and 14 Mile road, asking for improvement of that street. The petition was accepted by the commission and a study of the needs of the street was ordered. The group of residents were promised quick action and will be notified as soon as the plans and estimates are ready. Considerable work will be needed on the grading part of this program, residents declared, for the present road bed seems considerably higher than the sidewalks. As a result it was reported the walks are mostly covered by water in both spring and fall seasons.

A recommendation of Manager Egbert that the curb and gutter and paving on the east side of Pierce street, from Maple to Martin streets be widened to conform to the remainder of the street, received immediate approval. On motion of Commissioner Wm. Coit Allee, supported by Commissioner Ralph I. Coryell, the manager was directed to make plans and estimates for a special assessment district for this improvement.

Mr. Egbert reported that considerable repair and renlacement of walks and curbs will be necessary this spring because of the building of the new McBride building, and that the present appears an opportune time to complete the widening of the street improvement program on the north end of Pierce street.

Torrence Oil Co. Is Building New Plant For Fuel Oil Storage

The Torrence Oil Company announced today that construction had been started on a new 420,000 gallon fuel oil storage plant at the east end of Holland avenue. The company plans to move all of its present facilities to the new location in the near future.

The added facilities will give the company over a half million gallons of fuel oil storage.

"While our present plant is large enough now," said William Torrence, "it would not be adequate for the growth of the community that is expected to come in the next few years." The company now operates ten fuel oil trucks.

THIS & THAT

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da's cattle aren't as big and tender as western beef.)

We got as far as little Moore Haven that day, tying up to a small dock; I remained aboard that night, while the Furstenaus and Winsors found shelter in a picturesque little frame hotel nearby.

Lake Okeechobee

Next morning, Sunday, we started out for the portion of our trip that, we hoped, would bring us to Stuart, on the Atlantic coast side of Florida. The total water mileage from Ft. Myers to Stuart was 121. The day was warm and sunny, with not too brisk a wind blowing; so we figured we'd have easy going—but when we got into Lake Okeechobee at noon, we discovered that the wind had freshened, and the water was not like a millpond.

Our charted course took us along the south and eastern side of Lake Okeechobee, between channel stakes. We had to keep in the channel, so the boat took to dancing around and . . . I must of course, lamentingly, admit this; both ladies aboard decided to lie down. They were quiet about their dilemma, but later admitted they really got sick and that, despite food shortages, they couldn't do anything about conserving what they already had eaten that day.

Incidentally, I must tell you that, when we left Boca Grande the previous day, both women began tidying up the interior of the boat. Naturally, after three weeks of masculine care, some disorder was evident; clothes were scattered about, as well as numerous other items. You could find a pair of shoes, a shirt, packages of cookies, etc., etc., most anywhere—but, honestly, we men **knew** absolutely where everything was! But after a couple of hours of feminine activity, order was restored, and we hardly knew the boat! As "Windy," our pilot put it: "Gee, just when we got used to confusion you women change everything to order and now we have to start all over again!"

The St. Lucie Canal greeted us at one part of Lake Okeechobee, and just before we came down through our last lock, reaching Atlantic Ocean water level.

That night we remained at Stuart, an old and coming little city that boasts the best bass fishing anywhere. (Nothing like hometown loyalty!)

Fishermen Everywhere

As we left Stuart the next morning, we met and passed scores of yachts, cruisers, even rowboats with motors attached, whose occupants were fishing. But we wanted to reach West Palm Beach before nightfall; so kept on going down the lovely and picturesque Inter-Coastal waterway, through rivers, lakes and artificial canals, until we sighted the assortment of colorful cottages, homes and hotels at West Palm Beach, where we tied up to the municipal pier.

That evening we went over to Palm Beach, had dinner at the famous Taboo restaurant, walked up and down its swanky Worth Avenue, where are displayed merchandise whose price tags are synonymous with "Palm Beach," which latter name is also synonymous with multi-millionaires. (Nothing like the synthetic social position to increase prices, is there?)

Last Leg of Trip

Tuesday morning we set forth on the very last leg of the cruise; through more rivers, lakes (including Lake Worth), canals, we reached Delray Beach at noon; inquiry there, following lunch, proved that Mr. and Mrs. John B. Taylor, of Madison avenue, Birmingham, had not arrived as yet, though they did get there later in the day. So we continued on and fortunately found mooring space at Huss' Ft. Lauderdale dock, within four blocks of the Lauderdale Beach. Ft. Lauderdale is clogged with yachts of every size and description, many of them for sale.

The Furstenaus and Winsors went up to their respective cottages at Pompano Beach, and I remained aboard for 11 days, before coming home by train.

Just two blocks away were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd J. Miller; he publishes the Daily Tribune at Royal Oak. They are old friends and I was able to be with them much, using their apartment to change to and from bathing suit.

Thus endeth a brief description of 920 miles on a 32-foot Chris-craft from New Orleans to Ft. Lauderdale. It was a mixture of adventure, with some hazard and plenty of cold weather, the expected discomfort of a small boat for so long a time, of course. But I'm glad I made it, but don't ever expect to repeat the performance over the same global waters.

Fantastic Florida

As for the winter of 1946 in Florida . . . well, it's just as nutty as you read about. At times you'd think, from real estate prices, that most of the nation's population plans to live on this sun-drenched peninsula.

Homes pyramid in price; a house you could have purchased about three or four years ago for five thousand dollars would bring three to four times as much today. If the OPA didn't have some control over rentals, I honestly believe you would be asked to pay as much for a week as you actually do for a month.

Ft. Lauderdale has a year-round population of 26,000; this winter its population reached 65,000; thus, you can see what the law of supply and demand results in.

More money will be spent in Florida for both legitimate and illegitimate things than ever in its history; gambling runs rampant in many, many areas; some surface efforts are made to outlaw it, but many officials go on the theory that, "since Florida is the nation's biggest winter playground, why not let the boys and girls gamble, if they want to?"

So, while much of Florida today borders on the bewildering areas of those colloquialisms referred to as "crazy, nuts, screwy, etc., etc." . . . well, with the entire world in the condition it appears to be in, can one honestly say that Florida is much different?

Come back, Folks, in a couple of centuries and let the historians answer this question.

Total amount of park land under conservation department supervision on June 30, 1944 was nearly 43,000 acres including land in administered parks and recreation areas and in unadministered park sites.

If you've something to sell, buy or trade, let the Eccentric Classified Ads do the job.

GIFTS

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the parents of children in the twelve other schools outlying.

The schools participating in the drive, besides Birmingham's and Franklin are Annie Lathrup School in Lathrup subdivision, Bloomfield Hills School (Vaughn road); Bloomfield Village, Hickory Grove, Tuscarora, and Wing Lake. Private schools cooperating are: Cranbrook Boys, Brookside, and Kingswood Girls school of Cranbrook Foundation; Sherwood School, Holy Name and St. Hugo Country Day School.

The Retail Merchants Association of Birmingham wrote Mrs. Paul Penfield, general chairman of the drive, that they would gladly cooperate. The food stores, contacted by letter by Clarence Vliet, co-chairman with Mrs. Rust of stores, and through personal visit by Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Ion Hickwarth, gladly opened their doors as collection depots and the following stores are cooperating: A&P, Great Atlantic and Pacific, Virginia Market, Sepncer's Grocery, both Kroger Stores, Fisher's Market, Deep Freeze, Garret and Keener, Dayner's Market, Thurman's Grocery, Hill's Market, Birmingham Fruit, Erwin and Smith, Stroup's, Phil's Market, Sfire's, Maple Fruit Market.

Among those who assisted Mrs. Rust in obtaining cartons for collections were Frank E. Quisenberry and Mrs. Paul E. Cardell.

The Board of Education trucks are cooperating by taking the cartons to the schools, and will return the full cartons to the Board of Education offices.

Others Back Drive

The following organizations, not already mentioned, have signified their cooperation with the drive and have named these representatives: American Legion, R. H. Dewey; American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. C. Devitt; Baptist Church, Mrs. O. D. Hillman and Mrs. S. H. Knowlton; Boy Scouts, Amos Gregory; Community House, Mrs. H. D. McLeese; Embury M. E. Church, Mrs. Harold Phillips; Garden Club, Mrs. H. V. Spike; Girl Scouts, Mrs. C. B. Kass; Hi-Twelve, Mr. R. P. Cole; Junior League, Mrs. Fritz C. Hyde Jr.; Lions Club, Mr. Ralph Main; Mom's Club, Mrs. Ralph Hoefnagle; Present Day Club, Mrs. Isaac Kidd; P.T.A. Council, Mrs. Wm. Jackson; Retail Merchants, Foster Toothacker; Rotary Club, Forbes Hascall; Soroptomist Club, Miss Julia Kagin; U. of M. Alumnae, Mrs. L. B. Sappington; Metropolitan Club Auxiliary, Mrs. Donald Terry; Christian Science Church; Lutheran Church; Lathrup Woman's Club, Mrs. Roger Baker.

Several organizations have volunteered financial contributions to cover any expenses in the drive; amongst these are the Birmingham Musicale; the A.A.U.W., the Birmingham's Women's Club, the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the League of Women Voters and the Metropolitan Club.

According to Mrs. Penfield, if anyone wishes to contribute cash instead of food, checks should be made to the American Friends (Quakers) Service Committee, the distributing agency overseas, which will use such monies to purchase food wholesale. The Birmingham Square Dance Group has already sent in a check for $50.00 for this purpose, half of the balance in their treasury at the end of the season, and a member of the League of Wmoen Voters, contacted by their card to all members, sent a check for ten dollars.

It should be emphasized that no glass can be accepted and no home-canned foods for overseas shipment. Dry foods cannot be used because of lack of fuel for cooking. Most needed are meats and meat flavors, milk and other proteins.

EXHIBITION AT CRANBROOK

England, Russia, South Africa and Australia have already seen an exhibition dealing with the vital problems of war and peacetime housing which is being presented in a new and revised edition at the Museum of the Cranbrook Academy of Art. The new edition, revised for use in this country, is based on the exhibition "U. S. Housing in War and Peace" prepared last year at the request of the council of the Royal Institute of British Architects by the Museum of Modern Art, New York. The exhibition under the title "The Lesson of War Housing" will remain on view at the museum of the Cranbrook Academy of Art through April 3rd and then will continue its tour around the United States.

CONTEST

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stave off the Tigers' quick burst of points.

Birmingham	FG	FS	TP
D. Daeschner, f	0	2	2
Murray, c	5	3	13
Thurston, g	0	2	2
Davey, g	1	0	2
Gasser, g	1	2	4
Reynolds, f	2	1	5
Blauman, c	0	0	0
Grigg, f	0	1	1
Sutton, f	0	0	0
Filkins, g	0	0	0
B. Daeschner, g	0	0	0
Total	9	11	29

Fenton	FG	FS	TP
Harrison, f	4	1	9
Wegner, g	2	2	6
Torrey, f	5	1	11
J. Howe, g	0	1	1
Orthner, f	0	2	2
Kelley, c	0	0	0
Butts, g	2	0	4
B. Howe, g	2	1	5
Total	15	8	38

Win from Marysville

To open tournament play Birmingham trimmed Marysville handily last Wednesday night. The game was a runaway affair with the winners leading without any trouble all the way to a 53 to 27 count.

Birmingham	FG	FS	TP
D. Daeschner, f	0	0	0
Murray, c	12	3	27
Thurston, g	2	1	5
Davey, g	4	0	8
Gasser, g	0	2	2
Reynolds, f	4	2	10
Blauman, c	0	0	0
Grigg, f	0	0	0
Sutton, f	0	0	0
Filkins, g	0	0	0
Hardy, g	0	1	1
B. Daeschner, f	0	0	0
Total	22	9	53

Marysville	FG	FS	TP
Ross, f	0	1	1
Schofield, g	0	1	1
Smith, c	0	0	0
Bailey, g	0	1	1
Mills, c	2	3	7
Belleau, f	3	2	8
Auringer, f	2	0	4
Barber, g	0	2	2
Merithew, f	1	0	2
Total	8	10	26

HE MAKES HOLE-IN-ONE

Dain W. Milliman is reported the first hole-in-one golfer among the local contingent for this season. Milliman was out at Oakland Hills, his home club course, Saturday, for the first time this season, and scored his prize shot on number three hole, with a number three iron. It was his third such accomplishment during his golfing career. His first was in 1934 at St. Andrews, Toronto; his second at Stonycroft in 1943. With him was Al Roth, Detroit, while others witnessing the shot were members of a foursome coming up to the tee, Bill Higbie, Bill Terry, Hal Houghton and Lee DeGrant, all of Birmingham.

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Obituary

Robert B. Rogers

Robert B. Rogers, 915 Harmon street, died suddenly Monday night, March 18, at his home. He was born October 18, 1868, and married Mary Chambers of Murray, Ky., in Mayfield, Ky.

He had made his home in Michigan since 1925, coming to Birmingham in 1937. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was a retired realtor.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Frank S. Atkin of Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. N. B. Pritchett of Bowling Green, Ky., and Gladys Rogers at home; and a brother, Joe W. Rogers of Royal Oak.

The body was taken from the Bell Funeral home to Murray, Ky., where funeral services will be held this afternoon at four o'clock in the Presbyterian church.

Mary J. Reid

Private funeral service for Miss Mary J. Reid will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from the Manley Bailey Funeral home with burial at Woodlawn cemetery, Detroit.

She was born October 16, 1872, in Detroit and was a former resident of Birmingham.

She is survived by a sister, Harriet Reid of Detroit.

John J. McGirr

John J. McGirr passed away at the home of his son, Allen McGirr, 28145 Evergreen road, Friday morning, March 15. He was born in Thessalon, Ont., Nov. 22, 1858 and was married to Ellen Lewis at Bruce Mine, Ont., in 1887.

The family came from Canada in 1891 and settled near Alpena where Mr. McGirr made his home until four years ago when he moved to Birmingham to live with his son. He was a life deacon of the Greely Baptist church.

Besides his son, Allen, Mr. McGirr is survived by two other sons, Elmer of Hale, Mich., and Albert of Alpena, 19 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

The body was taken from the Manley Bailey Funeral Home to Alpena, where services were held at 2:00 p. m. at the Spratt Methodist church. Burial was in Spratt cemetery.

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