Memorial Monument, funeral, mausoleum, etc.

RESOLUTION NO. 4588

WHEREAS, it is our desire to perpetuate, honor and revere the name of our late friend and pioneer, Carl Graham Fisher, who was taken by death on July 15th, 1939, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed fitting and proper that some parcel of the very land created by the hand of this genius, for the enjoyment of his fellow man, be named for him, so that posterity might more readily remember that this paradise was made available by him for habitation, and

WHEREAS, that certain tract or parcel of land bounded on the south by West 49th Street, on the southwest by Lake View Drive, on the west by Alton Road and on the east by Delaware Avenue, was deeded to the City of Miami Beach for park purposes in the year 1926 by Mr. Fisher through one of his development companies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, that the tract or parcel above described be and the same shall hereafter perpetually be known and designated as "Carl Graham Fisher Memorial Park".

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of July, A. D., 1939.

(Signed) John H. Levi
Mayor

ATTEST:

(Signed) C. W. Tomlinson
City Clerk

(SEAL)

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TELEPHONE 3-1412 ESTABLISHED 1913 POST OFFICE BOX 907

WOODLAWN PARK CEMETERY COMPANY
AND
MAUSOLEUM

502 CONGRESS BUILDING
111 NORTHEAST SECOND AVENUE
MIAMI, FLORIDA

July 24, 1939

Mrs. Margaret Fisher
650 West 51st Terrace
Miami Beach, Florida

My dear Mrs. Fisher:

In response to requests from crypt owners we have arranged a service for keeping fresh cut flowers at all times on crypt fronts for a reasonable charge. Fresh flowers, according to this arrangement, are placed in each vase by the attendant in charge of the mausoleum, two or three times a week, more often in summer when the weather is warmer.

As a personal service to those owning space in the mausoleum we have arranged to do this at a reasonable charge of $20.00 a year for flowers in season. Should roses be requested the charge is somewhat higher, depending upon the number of roses to be placed in the vase and on the kind used.

This service is given the personal attention and supervision of the Superintendent and of the attendant at the mausoleum.

Yours very truly,

WOODLAWN PARK CEMETERY COMPANY

By: H. Beaures

CARL G. FISHER CORPORATION
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
U. S. A.

August 25, 1939.

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher,
Montauk, Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Margaret:-

I received your wire, asking that I arrange for sending of floral remembrances in connection with Mrs. Hoerger's funeral, and as requested I arranged with the Exotic Gardens to send one as coming from you (at a cost of $10.00) and one as coming from Garrett (at a cost of $5.00).

We all have a great deal of sympathy for Fred Hoerger, because, with a family of four children, it is going to be very difficult for him to find anybody to supervise the bringing up of the members of his family as they would have been taken care of had Mrs. Hoerger lived.

I also received your telegram, approving the payment of certain bills as referred to in my letter of August the 22nd; and, with one or two possible exceptions, I have adhered to the plan as outlined in my letter to you. The exceptions are:

1. One of the notes at the Bank was for $1550.00, so instead of paying $500.00 on account of that note, I drew a check for $550.00, reducing the unpaid balance to an even $1,000.00.

2. The second exception is that I did not specifically mention the payment of the Combs Funeral Service bill, for as of that date, i.e. August 22nd, it had not been received. However, it has since come and as it is exactly the amount which was stipulated, i.e. $762.00, I have today issued a check in payment of the bill.

So that you may be fully informed as to just what the receipts and disbursements have been as of today, I have had a statement made up, showing the amounts which have been deposited to the credit of the Estate Account, and checks which have been drawn against the Estate Account, and am enclosing copy herewith.

We have no unpaid items on hand with the exception of those which I shall refer to later on in this letter.

There are three checks drawn payable to The Miami Beach First National Bank: the first for $180.00, as you will recall, was to pay the interest on the mortgage on the house, which mortgage was in the amount of $6,000.00. That paid the semi-annual interest up to August the 2nd. The second check for $550.00 is the check to which I have referred previously as having been drawn, instead of $500.00 which I mentioned in my letter of August the 22nd. The third check for $1800.00 is for the payment on principal of note for $6,000.00 which was due to be made on August the 2nd. This reduces the amount of principal on the mortgage on the house at 650 West 51st Terrace to $4,200.00.

The check drawn to C. L. Clements, Agent, is payment of premium for one year on fire and windstorm insurance on the residence property at 650 West 51st Terrace.

You will note that as of today the balance in the Bank, after having made the deposit of the dividends received from the Carl G. Fisher Corporation, amounts to $6,338.12.

As I think I told you, I have stipulated and have so written Mr. Chase, who has been looking after the affairs of the Key Largo Yacht and Fishing Club, or the Caribbean Club as it is now called, that the $650.00 which the Club received as dividends on the 130 shares of the Fisher Corporation stock which Mr. Fisher gave to the Club and on which they borrowed (with his endorsement on the note) $6500.00, should be made use of to reduce the principal of the loan. I also talked to Mr. Arthur about this so that I think there will be no question about this being done quite promptly.

Your particular interest personally, and we as Executors of the Estate, is of course that inasmuch as Mr. Fisher endorsed this note, the Estate is contingently liable for the amount of the loan until the loan is paid.

The unpaid bills which we have on hand are as follows:

1. Beach Boat Slips, $860.65 (for work done on Mr. Fisher's boat in accordance with his instructions and therefore is properly chargeable to his account even though he subsequently conveyed ownership of this boat to Mr. Chase).

2. Bill of W. D. Horne & Co., Inc., Homestead, Florida, for work done and materials furnished on instructions from Mr. Fisher. As of June 1, 1939, there was a balance due Horne of $895.86. Subsequently, either by payment of cash or credits, that amount was reduced to $464.65; but, in the interim, additional work was performed and materials were furnished which amounted to $225.48, so that, as of July 15th the balance remaining unpaid was $690.13.

3. There is a bill which has been rendered by the Western Union, amounting to $44.17. I am having this bill divided into two periods, i.e. for the period ending July 15th, and the balance for the period subsequent to July 15th. These separate bills have not as yet been sent in. For the period ending as of July 15th we shall attempt to make use of in reducing the amount of the net value of the Estate. Anything subsequent to July 15th will undoubtedly be considered by the taxing authorities as an expense of the administration of the Estate, Although the amount involved is not material, nevertheless we are adhering to the principle that all indebtedness incurred prior to July 15th should be used in the reduction of the value of the Estate, when used in the determination of taxes due, etc.

4. The 1938 Income Tax payments amount to $684.43 (one-half, $342.22, required to be paid by September 15th; and $342.21 required to be paid December 15th).

5. Social Security Taxes, $3.32.

6. After making payments on notes and mortgage as above referred to, the direct liabilities are:

Balance due on note which was originally $6500.00,	$1,000.00
Balance due on $6,000 mortgage	4,200.00
Balance due on note given Miami Beach Bay Shore Company	7,500.00
and Contingent liability on Key Largo note endorsed by Mr. Fisher, after payment of $650 is made,	4,850.00

plus 130 shares of stock?

by pay - 1931-32 income taxes -

I also have a bill from the Woodlawn Park Cemetery Company for $30.00. I believe it is your wish to remit this personally and direct; therefore I am enclosing the bill herewith.

I believe that this will give you quite complete and up-to-date information as to what funds have been received and how disbursed, and known and unpaid bills which are outstanding.

I had hoped to get away from here tomorrow, but last night I suffered quite considerably from the toothache, and am going to have two or three treatments in an effort to remove the cause. This will probably necessitate my remaining here until Monday night - I hope it will not be longer. However, I will keep you fully informed.

I presume ere now some of your guests will have departed and you will be able to get some rest - at least, be able to relax somewhat.

Please remember me to everybody.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Fred

F. R. Humpage.

FRH:AVM
Enclosures.

HEADQUARTERS 38TH DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIVISION COMMANDER
THE ARMORY, 711 N. PENN. ST.
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

December 29, 1939.

Mrs. Margaret C. Fisher,
5013 Delaware Ave.,
Miami Beach, Fla.

My dear Margaret:

Dean and I were very much pleased to receive your and your little house guest's Christmas Card.

You are very fortunate in being down there. While I like the 5½ inch snow fall that we just had, I don't care for the coal soot that's going to lay on top of it.

From what I hear everyone who has the price is making an effort to get into Florida this year and I believe this is the time to do business and get while the getting is good. I hope your properties are a good return this year and if you have something to sell that you will sell it.

I've been wating to hear if the city of Miami Beach has gone ahead with their plans to place Carl's body on the Beach as was originally intended. I think this would be the proper compliment to him, but if there is any hitch in this plan I don't want you to forget that he is appreciated in this town much more than he knew. I was out past his mausoleum, which is now yours, a couple of days ago, and as you know it is in the same district with James Whitcomb Riley, and we will all be anxious to have his body brought here in case plans change down there. Of course, this is all up to you, but I want you to know that I stand ready to assist at any time.

Wishing you and yours a happy New Year and all the good things in life, in which Dean joins me, I am

Sincerely yours,

Bob

Robert H. Tyndall.

MRS. CARL G. FISHER 650 FIFTY FIRST TERRACE MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Jan 8th, 1940

Dear Bob:

Nice to hear from you again. Was beginning to wonder what had happened to you.

Yes, I suppose I am fortunate in being down here, but, it seems to me, I would rather be almost any other place. First, I never realized just how strange this place would be without Carl - even the palms and the ocean seems to have changed - then, I'm very weary of this opening and closing seven or eight houses twice a year. So far, this season, I've leased one at 5013 Delaware - thought the one on corner was taken last week - but no check. Then, have one side of my dock leased; and inquiries for other side, but not yet taken. Unusually good year with boats. Real estate is very good too; not many sales yet, but indications of later ones.

Are you going to get down this winter? Hope you can. Would like to talk to you about Carl's final resting place. So far nothing has been done, except John Levi has been here several times. He and Dan have been talking and Dan wants to talk with me, but, nothing has happened yet. Opinions are quite divided and I would like to hear others, before we give consent to a plan. Jack just came down. I have not yet seen him. Bill Anderson may be here the latter part of this month. Yes, I know Skip had lots of friends in Indianapolis and I would like to talk with them too, about this plan here. The mauseleum here is very pretty, but I'm not at all happy about him being out there any longer than need be.

Page two:

Have been wondering about the mausoleum at Indianapolis. Do you know what arrangements, if any, have been made for the care of it? I have always thought some sum had been given at the time it was built for the perpetual care, but have never seen any correspondence on the subject. Next spring, when I go North, will likely stop by Ohio and Indianapolis and find out more about it and see what the condition is inside. I have a key here. I do not know if there may be others.

Best wishes to Dean and the family, and hope you get down before long -- but, for heaven's sake, don't FLY - I still don't like the idea.....

Sincerely,

to Robt Tyndall from Margret Fisher

Tyndall

April 10th, 1940

Dear Bob:

Have your letter this morning. The prospects of a grandchild and war questions is enough to upset anybody's applecart .... just hold on tight. I think you will pull thru!

Ziggie decided three or four years ago that he needed money instead of the land certificates he got in lieu of salary, so he engaged a lawyer who helped him along with the idea. Art explained the whole thing to both Ziggie and the lawyer, who seemed satisfied with the explanation - and all was well until another lawyer found Ziggie. They waited, but Skip did not come North for two years, so, about two weeks after the Long Island hurricane, one evening I was having dinner by candlelight with Lafe Page and Garrett, when the Sherriff arrived with a summons for me. He was apologetic, but of course there was the fifty cents he would collect for his trouble. Lafe was highly indignant that I should have been subjected to additional troubles "right after going thru the storm" and was a mind to clean up on the Sherriff, "if he had not been such a little man"..... Went to see Mr. Wysong and turned the matter over to him. That is the last I heard until a letter from Mr. Wysong last week. It seems because of the length of time, Ziggie's lawyer is compelled to make a move of some kind and wants to know if there is not some way to make settlement..... I have turned the whole thing over to Fred to handle, and he is writing Wysong. Hope I don't getin jail the first thing when I arrive at Long Island - I have work I should do.....

Uncle Vic is comparatively much better the past two days; has been eating steak, etc. and had a little champagne. He has bum kidneys too, that flare up every now and then, so I don't see how he is going to stay very long. Have not seen him but once; they do not allow anyone in but the family, and they only

JOHN OLIVER LAGORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 5, 1940.

Dear Margaret:

Thank you so much for yours of September 4th which clears the way for us to get really started. Also let me say that I think it is a very sound decision in view of the practical conditions with which we were confronted.

I am glad to have the information as to Skip's love of Royal palms and have made reference notes so that it wont be forgotten.

I understand that Pete Chase is having a well-earned rest at Montauk and as a letter of authority from you is necessary it would expedite matters if you would be kind enough to write it and give it to him to take South. Also, I am writing him to day asking that he take charge of that procedure and feel that it would be agreeable to you to have him do so.

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I can't tell you how much it helps my humble part in this to have the points cleared up so that we can really get going on the important conclusion.

The Weather Bureau here feels that there was a narrow escape from what might have been a very destructive hurricane last week along the middle-Atlantic coast but fortunately it turned out to sea before bringing death and destruction to the Jersey, Long Island, and New England coast. Thank the Lord that the last three of four days have been sunny and pleasant here, for throughout August we only had eight days in Washington without rain or low clouds.

I envy you all the lobsters and soft clams that you have within easy reach of Montauk and to which you no doubt gorge your visitors. Such things never taste so good as when right out of the water.

If you see Pete Chase will you tell him that I have written him "% of Postmaster" Montauk, since I don't know any other address and tell him to inquire for the letter.

With best always,

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Sept. 9th, 1940

Dear Jack:

Stopped by to see Pete Chase Saturday, after receiving your letter. He also had your letter. He said he would make arrangements for the cremation. I am very much pleased that he will do this for us. I would like to know if there is any particular type of receptacle that will be required, or may I make a selection that I would prefer, also, is a formal note all that is necessary in my letter of consent. I will give this to Pete and presume it should be addressed to the undertaker.

Did you know that Pete has been quite ill this summer? He was home when I was South this summer, and now he is able to be around some, but still does not drive the car. He plans to stop by Hopkins on his way South, which I understand will be about the 15th.

Fred Humpage is sick too. Has shingles, this time. Has been at his home in Mass. for a couple of weeks. Talked with him by telephone last Wednesday and he was just out of bed.

Yesterday, was the most beautiful of all days at Montauk - I have never seen the air so clear, the Conn. shore and islands looked like they were just next door.' The native food supply is at its best - cranberries, beach plums, blackberries, grapes, clams, fish, oysters, lobsters - the Montauk Indians certainly picked a swell camp! Next thing for me now, is hunt up the old diet book!

Sincerely,

Miami Beach, Fla.
Dec. 17th, 1940.

Dear Bob,

Finally, some of my fall work is done, and, I managed to get myself a bit "done" too. It is the same old complaint of last summer, high blood pressure and pulse - along with a bad disposition! The doctor has me in tow again, with a nurse trailing on twenty hour duty. They are generous in permitting a few liberties - still cannot do as I please ----- but, who does?

Have the two Delaware Avenue houses leased to nice tenants. Mr. Reddington, original owner of Outdoor Advertising, who formerly stayed at the Flamingo and Nautilus (also goes to Montauk) - one season had the big cottage at the Nautilus. Skip knew him, Mr. Reddington liked his big hats - the panama - and ordered one for him, remember? I think you may have been with him. This is his first season for leasing a house here. His yacht, fishing boat, etc. are at the Nautilus. Then, the other house is leased to Fred Smite's daughter, Mrs. Dillon, who is almost happily located for the season - except, she wants a screen on the front door and an opening somewhere to get her brother thru in his breathing apparatus. Mr. Barbour, of Manhassett, is back again at the old Shadow K dock, which had to have an entire set of new fenders this year. Now, I'm about to commence remodelling at 5812 Alton Road, with the idea that it might be sold soon.

Talked with Fred yesterday. He said the representatives of the Riley claim had been here, and I believe he said they left yesterday, presumably for Indianapolis. You may run into them them some of these days, and if you happen to do so, I believe the least discussion of anything pertaining to the Riley claim would be best. They undoubtedly noticed the tremendous number of buildings under construction throughout this entire section of Florida, and, of course, the Beach looms up as the most attractive spot of all, at least it seems so to me - but, perhaps I'm prejudiced! As you well know, however, Skip's holdings are small, and not of the type of "on the up and down market value" - the representatives who were here might have gotten an entirely different idea the from looking over the general building growth. So, if you happen to be talking with any of them, I think it would be best to assume a know-nothing attitude.

The working sketches for Skip's mausoleum have been submitted to me for approval - I have four definite objections, that I feel are very reasonable and justifiable. It may take a little time to work these objections out to the satisfaction of everyone, but I think it can be done. I'll tell you about it as the work goes on.

Skip has been cremated. I will tell you more about that later. I understand it is more or less generally known here, and while there is no reason for secrecy about the matter, I have mentioned it and talked with only four people - two of them my doctor and nurse, because I was up-set and wanted them to understand why.

I have no idea when the dedication will be, but hope you can can come - if you find it convenient and wish to do so. Will have a room for you, if you would like to stay here.

My very best to Dean and the family,

Sincerely,

How is that little Bob?

From Margaret Fisher

THE ARLINGTON HOTEL

FIRE PROOF - 560 GUEST ROOMS

HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK

ARKANSAS

Six clippings enclosed.

Please return to -

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher
Montauk, N.Y.

Fisher's Gift Asked In Suit

$50,000 Sought For Riley Hospital

Suit to collect $50,000 which the late Carl G. Fisher, pioneer developer of Miami Beach, assertedly promised to pay to the James Whitcomb Riley hospital for children, was filed Tuesday in Federal court by the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association of Indianapolis, Ind.

The suit charges Fisher on May 17, 1926, gave a promisory note for that amount to the association and stipulated the money would be payable within one year after his death. Fisher died in Miami Beach July 15, 1939.

Named defendants are F. R. Humpage and C. W. Chase, jr., executors of the estate. The note was given when efforts were made to raise a $1,500,000 fund for a children's hospital in memory of the author.

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
INCORPORATED
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

JOHN H. LEVI
MAYOR

February 11, 1941

Mrs. Margaret C. Fisher
P.O. Box 961
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Margaret:

I have put in considerable time going over the Memorial Park situation with Mr. Russell Pancoast and Dr. Jack LaGorce. Jack has been in touch with Dan Mahoney. I believe that if Mr. Pancoast had sent you the latest drawings of the layout instead of the little sketch you would have been satisfied with the arrangement. I did not see the new drawings myself until yesterday, and I am mailing you one.

Mr. Mahoney and Dr. LaGorce seem to think it is the best arrangement, and I understand that they are beginning preliminary work. The City is to put in the entrance. The little island in front of the plot is to be in grass with a curb around it. The street east of this little parkway island, as you will notice, is about twenty feet wide, and a grass plot from there up to the steps is eighteen feet six inches, and then about ten feet up to the west side of the structure. The bust is to be placed fifteen or twenty feet still east of that, so you see that it is still a considerable distance from the roadway. I believe after you study this it will be satisfactory as you know this is not a shaft. If you put a shaft in the middle it would look like a cemetery. With the proper planting and foliage I am sure it will make a beautiful setting.

The committee who have worked on this have given it considerable time and thought, and I am sure they know more about it than I do. I am inclined to agree with them and hope that you will.

Kind personal regards.

Yours very truly,

John H. Levi
xxx

JOHN H. LEVI.

JHL:mk

Dear John - Have looked over sketch of Memorial you sent. The layout is much more attractive and dignified than the first one submitted. From a practical standpoint, if the whole structure ~~were~~ ~~was~~ could be moved back another ten feet, it should not be architecturally or logically incorrect, and might eliminate a further difficulty of providing for a road of more than fifty feet — that I understand does just permit a four car free pass. Considering the amount of shrubbery space left in park, there would seem to be no sure reason that it should not be provided for now rather than in later years trying to solve the problem by the possibility of widening the street ~~or~~ removing the little parkway in front of the Memorial, ~~and~~ leaving the ~~same bare spot we are now trying to cover.~~ Memorial out in the curb where it was first proposed to place it.

What has been done about the resolution of dedication? Plan to come back to Beach next week end - ~~until then~~, address Sunday.

Margaret Fisher

PO 961 N.P.

February 24th, 1941.

W. H. Combs Company,
M i a m i ,
Florida.

Gentlemen :

Within the next week I shall call and give you definite instructions regarding the inscription for the Urn I selected some time ago.

I am writing now to remind you that Mr. Fisher's ashes are not to be released without a written order from me. Kindly see that members of your staff are conversant with these instructions from me.

Very truly yours,

Margaret C. Fisher

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher

MCF:aro

COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Scene at the dedication of the Carl Graham Fisher Memorial Monument, April 10. From the left, Monsignor William Barry of St. Patrick's Parish, Miami Beach; former Governor of Ohio James M. Cox; Dr. John Oliver LaGorce, vice-president of the National Geographic Society, who presided as chairman, and Mayor John Levi of Miami Beach.

Carl G. Fisher Memorial Dedicated

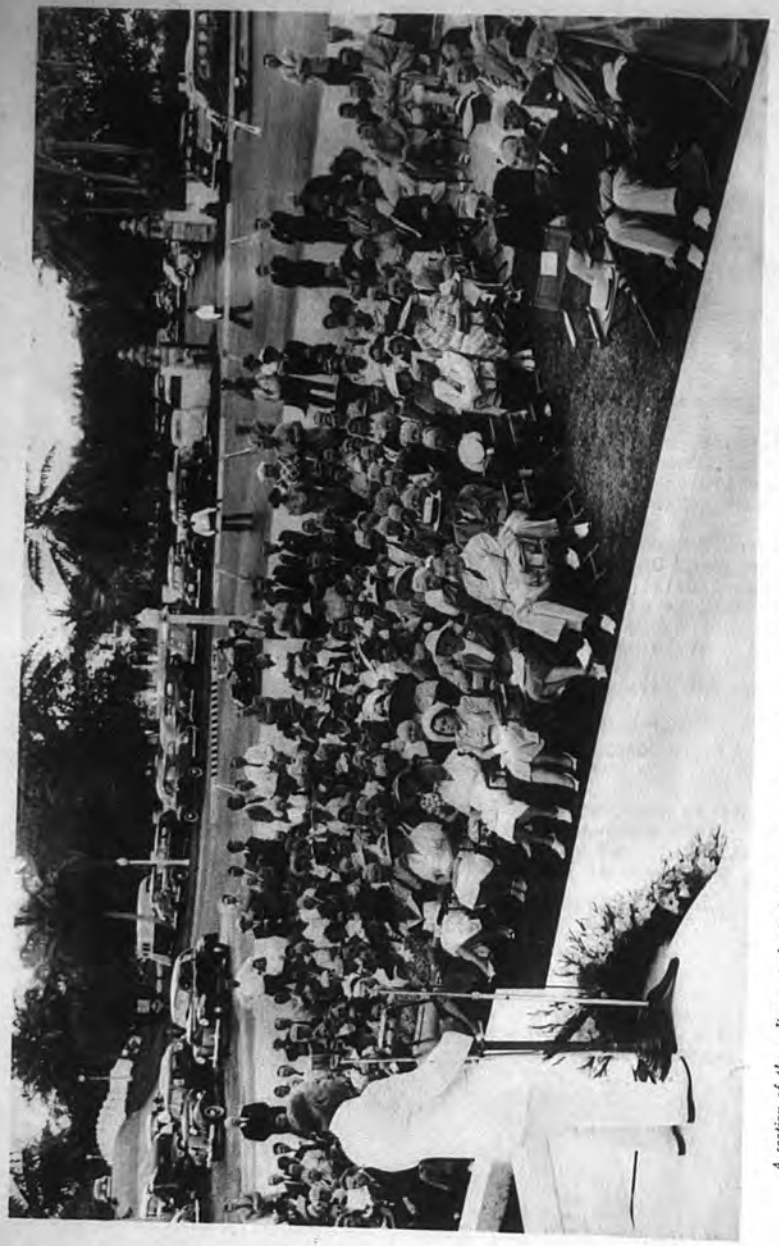
400 Hear Major Eliot At Annual Southern Dinner

Reports of Talks by Richard Finnie and John W. Maloney

The Indian Creek Golf Tournament and Jamboree

Extensive Plans for 1941 Christmas Festival

History of Early Years of the Committee of One Hundred Recorded on 15th Anniversary



A section of the audience at the Carl Graham Fisher Memorial Monument dedication, listening to the address of former Governor James M. Cox. In lower right corner, Monsignor William Barry and Dr. LaGorce. Behind them, Victor H. Ehrbart and F. Lowry Wall. In aisle seat opposite, wearing hat, George Ade, with Hon. Jesse C. Andrew. Behind Mr. Ade, James H. Bright. Five seats to his right, in large hat, Mrs. Peter W. Miller. Behind her, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Buswell. To Mrs. Miller's right, Mrs. Charles W. Beeching, Mr. Miller, Mr. Beeching. In front of Mr. Beeching, Mrs. John Oliver LaGorce, and to her right, Mrs. Alberto Santos and Mrs. A. Frank Katzenline. In fourth row on aisle, William Tavedaib, with Guy W. Ellis and J. Arthur Pancoast. In sixth row on aisle, G. Scott Findlay, and behind him, Walter B. Wilson. At extreme rear on aisle, C. W. Chase. Standing at rear, under the striped road barrier, J. A. Turrell.

COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

P. O. Box 1097
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Volume 10 Number 4

NEWS LETTER

April 1941

Dear Member:-

This issue, reporting the closing events of our 1940-41 season, has been held on the press to include an account of the dedication on April 10 of the Carl Graham Fisher Memorial Monument, under the chairmanship of Dr. John Oliver LaGorce.

As this is the end of the fifteenth year in the life of the Committee of One Hundred, it has also seemed in order to include a brief history of the early years of the club, which will be of interest to the many new members who have joined our ranks during recent years, and will doubtless recall many happy memories to our older contingont.

As the poet says,

> "We've been long together
> Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;
> 'Tis hard to part when friends are dear."

But part we must for a time, and go our separate ways, awaiting the good occasion when we shall all foregather again in the fellowship and comradeship that is the central purpose of the Committee of One Hundred.

We should like to issue another News Letter during the summer, and can do so if you will provide the material. We'd like to receive during the next two months at least fifty letters, telling about your doings, your travels, your experiences, or your comments on events. Just address your letter to the Committee of One Hundred, 1673 Michigan Avenue, Miami Beach. Meanwhile, here's wishing you a pleasant, a healthful and a happy summer.

Sincerely yours,

Franklin Ford

Editor

DR. LaGORCE PRESIDES AT DEDICATION OF CARL FISHER MEMORIAL

Before an assembly of some 1000 friends and admirers of the late founder of Miami Beach, the Carl Graham Fisher Memorial Monument was dedicated with impressive ceremonies on the afternoon of April 10 at five o'clock, at the new park at 49th street and Alton road, on land donated as a public park by Mr. Fisher some years ago. Dr. John Oliver LaGorce, chairman of the committee which gathered the contributions which made possible the erection of the monument, presided, and the other speakers were the Rt. Rev. William Barry and Hon. James M. Cox, former governor of Ohio.

These three close friends of Carl Fisher were visibly moved by the occasion, and paid tribute to his character with much feeling. Standing before the veiled monument, Dr. LaGorce said:

"We are prone to use the word genius lightly, but surely Carl Graham Fisher had the unusual qualities that go to make up a genius. We who have homes here and the thousands of visitors to Miami Beach owe him their lasting thanks. In proof of his genius let me remind you that from his brain came the first thought and action leading to the first transcontinental motor road from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and for the famous Dixie Highway. From his mind also came the Indianapolis Speedway, the great testing laboratory of automobile construction.

"On a fortunate day and chance, he came to South Florida and was conquered by its charms. Though he was then the first citizen of Indianapolis, if not of the State of Indiana, he threw his entire efforts and fortune into the building of Miami Beach.

"Carl Fisher's grandparents left the Blue Ridge Mountains for the west in a covered wagon. They settled in Indiana. The family met reverses, and Carl did not have early opportunities, nor did he go beyond the fifth grade in a small one-room country school. But he loved books--history, geography, and the stories of the lives of men--and studied them so closely that he damaged his weak eyes. I knew him well, and am proud that through a quarter of a century he called me friend. I introduce to you now a clergyman who has won the affectionate regard of all South Florida, Monsignor William Barry, pastor of St. Patrick's parish."

Monsignor Barry said:

"We are here to do honor to a man who never sought an honor and never thought that he was great, but looked upon himself as a simple member of the community. He was the greatest man in the community, and greater than the community.

"This City of Miami Beach is his creation, with its wonderful palaces lapped by laughing waters, its villas, waterways and shimmering strands, its flowers and palms, set in a southern sea like a beautiful gem. Today we pay gratitude to him for what he did. He lived here and he died here, and his ashes will rest here in this monument. We all miss him. We loved him.

We want him here. So his intimate friends, headed by John Oliver LaGorce, his closest and nearest, formed the group that will keep Carl Fisher here with us always. And when the evening sun will flash upon the enduring bronze that perpetuates his smile, and when we pass by here, we shall salute him and smile with him.

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'Farewell, comrade true,
Born anew!
Your soul shall be where heroes are,
And your memory shine like the morning star
Your shield is here,
Brave and dear.
Farewell---Carl Graham Fisher.'"

After thanking Monsignor Barry, Dr. LaGorce introduced former Governor James M. Cox, who spoke in praise of those who had constructed the memorial, and especially of Dr. LaGorce, who, he said, "knew the soul of Carl Fisher as no other man did, and is as true in death as in life in seeking to preserve the memory of a great man.

"George Ade's presence gave philosophy to Carl Fisher, and Jesse Andrew, the inimitable wit and story teller, brought him lightness and cheer. It was Col. Frank B. Shutts who offered the then newly arrived Fisher an opportunity to buy some bonds in the old Collins wooden bridge to Miami Beach.

"'Where does the bridge go?' Fisher asked.

"'It goes to some swamps and the Atlantic Ocean,' he was told.

"Fate spins the threads that make the fabric of life. Fisher bought the bonds; but if he had not, it is possible he would never have become interested with John Collins in the development of Miami Beach."

Governor Cox paid tribute to John S. Collins, his son Irving Collins, and his son-in-law, Thomas J. Pancoast, for their share in the pioneering work. He added many comments on the character of Carl Fisher,--his kindly spirit, his devotion to his mother, his freedom from cynicism, and his reverence for spiritual values that impelled him to help Monsignor Barry, because he did not want here a godless community. In closing, the former governor said:

"In dedicating this monument, we give this pledge: This granite shaft shall stand here, a challenge to the elements, and about it shall be a memory born of the gratitude of countless thousands who have and who will flock here to find health and happiness. The memory of Carl Graham Fisher shall be kept alive as long as civilization lasts."

Dr. LaGorce then said that he wanted publicly to thank the 200 friends whose voluntary contributions had made the memorial possible, and whose names, inscribed on vellum in a hermetically sealed box, rested in the foundation of the memorial. He also expressed gratitude to Russell T. Pancoast as the architect who had designed the granite structure, to the gifted sculptor, Gustav Bohland, for an amazingly life-like bust of Carl Fisher, and to the City Council of Miami Beach for their encouragement and cooperation.

Dr. LaGorce then called forward Mayor John Levi, who was responsible for Carl Fisher's original visit here, shook his hand, and said:

"As Chairman it is my duty to present this memorial to the City of Miami Beach. It is debt free. I know that in the years to come the city fathers of Miami Beach will tenderly care for it."

The monument was then unveiled. On it are inscribed the words,

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EXTENSIVE PLANS MADE FOR THIRD CHRISTMAS WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

Before some of them left for the north, several informal conferences were held among members of the committee in charge of the Christmas Waterfront Festival, with a view to making the 1941 observance the best and most impressive of the series.

Leslie Buswell, chairman, and several others of the festival committee, were given a number of suggestions by President Mark C. Honeywell relative to the boat pageant, and to the lighting of the shore line along the route of the parade, especially the stretches of unimproved property which has been dark during the preceding festivals. It is planned to secure a larger number of amplifiers so that there may be more music, and the technical matter of providing ample power for the lighting of the boats is being given careful study.

A number of home owners made arrangements for their Christmas lighting before leaving the Beach for their northern residences. After the marine pageant on December 25, it is planned to organize additional boat trips along the route where the waterfront is illuminated, during the evenings between Christmas and New Year's, and it is hoped that the home owners will cooperate by maintaining their lighting and decorations until the night of January 1, 1942, so that the public may get the full benefit of the beautiful spectacle, as seen from the water.

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MARCH 4 - RICHARD FINNIE, "NORTHWEST PASSAGE PATROL"

Mr. Finnie, who is official photographic historian to the Canadian Government, presented to a full audience a series of documentary films, with explanatory comment, showing the rapid development of trading posts and mining communities along the Mackenzie River.

The discovery of gold deposits, and of a pitchblende mine, from which radium is obtained, has brought to this remote region in late years a horde of engineers, miners, and navigators, who have struggled to overcome natural difficulties that would have discouraged less resolute pioneers. Rapids in the river south of the mine made boat transportation impossible, so a truck road had to be built through wild country from the upper to the lower reaches of navigable water.

Views of the mines, new schools, hospitals, Eskimos and Indians were shown. The pictures, with Mr. Finnie's comments and explanations, served to present a striking phase of contemporary industrial pioneering.

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400 HEAR MAJOR ELIOT AT SOUTHERN DINNER ON 15TH ANNIVERSARY

A feeling that the Committee of One Hundred was celebrating an important anniversary was in the air on March 11, when some 400 members and guests assembled at The Surf Club for the Annual Southern Dinner. At today's tempo of living, fifteen years is a long time, in which a great deal of history can be made, and some of the men present whose memories went back to the days of the club's origin in the disastrous year of 1926, and who have seen it grow to its present position of national prominence, were living over again in their memories the many happy times of comradeship and inspiration they had gaimd from association with fellow members, including those who have gone from us, as well as the new ones who have filled the ranks.

After about half an hour of foregathering in the patio, those attending were seated in the large dining room, dinner was served, and conversation, stories, and reminiscences provided a most pleasant accompaniment to a delicious menu. Toastmaster Charles W. Beeching then called the assembly to attention, and presented the gentlemen at the speakers' table. He then introduced Ross Beason, member of the Board of Governors.

"It was in 1926," Mr. Beason said, "after the collapse of the real estate boom and amid the debris of the great hurricane, that twelve men met at Jim Allison's house to plan an organization to combat the effects of the disaster. Carl Fisher and Pete Chase were among the twelve. One hundred men were invited to attend a second meeting, and it was Pete who suggested calling the group 'The Committee of One Hundred.' Eighty came to that pioneer meeting, including John Oliver LaGorce, Harvey Firestone and Charles F. Kettering, these three being called upon to speak.

"Boss Ket, with his usual optimism and pungency, said, 'Miami Beach is not wiped out. You still have all the important things

you had before the big wind. You still have your palm trees and your Gulf Stream. You have your warm sunshine. All you need is courage. Now let's get together and sell courage.'

"Of that group, eight are still members of the club, and seven of them are here tonight,--Hugh Larrick, J. P. Simmons, August Geiger, F. Lowry Wall, Thomas J. Pancoast, C. W. Chase, Jr., and John Oliver LaGorce."

Mr. Beason recalled the tenth anniversary dinner, held March 10, 1936, the last attended by our late founder-president, Clayton Sedgwick Cooper, and paid tribute to the distinguished members who have passed from us since that occasion. He then presented former Governor Myers Y. Cooper of Ohio, who was to introduce the speaker of the evening.

Governor Cooper said that Major George Fielding Eliot had been born in the United States, but his family had moved to Australia when he was eight years old. Entering upon a military career in that country, he attained the rank of major and in World War I served at the Dardanelles, at the Somme, before the Hindenburg line and in other engagements, including bayonet fighting. He was gassed twice. After the war, he returned to the United States, of which he is a citizen, and was for eight years a reserve officer in the Military Intelligence. In recent years Major Eliot has written several books on military topics, and spoken almost daily on the radio as an interpreter of the war situation. His topic for the evening was "If War Comes to America."

Turning to a large reproduction of the obverse of the United States shield at one end of the dining room, Major Eliot said:

"The eagle on our shield holds in his right talons the olive branch of peace, and in his left the arrows of war. In this heraldic device is the whole story of our position. We hope to maintain peace, but the decision does not rest with us alone. If we resort to the arrows of war, it is not the habit of the American people to come off second best.

"Our greatest interest is in maintaining peace. We covet no other territory. We want to solve our problems of domestic affairs and of trade, and go on building for the future. We hope to give our children a better America than we received from our fathers. But we cannot, by ourselves, make a peaceful world. We shall never see a peaceful world, so long as war is to anyone's advantage.

"The instruments of war are increasing in range, speed and destructive power. Today it is a question whether mankind and civilization can withstand the effects of modern warfare. Invention and science have advanced, but the nature of mankind has not improved. In our past, we too have been aggressors. Now that we are a satisfied power, we think it immoral for others to seek expansion by conquest.

"We should rest our opposition to war on the ground of expediency. We shall never have peace till we have set up a force to restrain

malefactors. It has not been possible to create an international police force. Nations will not give up enough sovereignty to create a superstate to govern in the sense that our Federal Government does over our States of the Union.

"This truth reduces you to one of two remaining alternatives! if you cannot have an international society with force to restrain aggressors, you must (1) continue the old system with each State a law unto itself, or (2) accumulate enough power in a single State to control and restrict the scope of war. We first had the Pax Romana, when a single State controlled the known western world. Then we had the Pax Britannica, when for 100 years after Waterloo British sea power was the keystone of the European balance and prevented the spread of European wars.

"It is a serious question whether civilization can stand many more such cataclysms as the present one. Our highly organized economy, dependent upon material things, seems unlikely to survive year after year of air bombardment, sea blockade, and economic warfare.

"If civilization is not to perish, some means must be found to give it a breathing spell. This is a worthy objective for the American people. We do not rise to a negative objective, such as 'Stop Hitler,' as we do to a positive one, that 'We must have a better world to live in.' Our country, for good or evil, is faced with the responsibility of leadership. We have become the greatest of the great powers without realizing it except during the last few years. Yet we have taken the steps suitable to this position, almost unwittingly, owing to the political instinct we have always had. In 1900 we were last among the large powers in naval strength. Now we are first.

"We fought in another great war to 'make the world safe for democracy.' We did not succeed. We retired behind our two oceans and washed our hands of responsibility, except for the effort to set up a League of Nations. The time had not come for that, and it has not come now. But we have learned that we need force to maintain peace. We have also learned more recently what happens to those who deny the existence of danger until the danger is upon them. We have learned the value of time, and that total warfare is political and economic, as well as military.

"The machinery of total warfare as devised by the Germans is terrible on the offensive; but when it is on the defensive and loses the initiative to its foe, then the cracks and seams appear. Being more rigid and tightly integrated, damage to a part weakens the whole, while a loosely integrated people like the Chinese or Boers are hard to conquer. There is no central vital heart to strike.

"Let's not deceive ourselves with pretty words; we are in the war now. Aid to Britain is wise for us, for practical reasons. The search for secure frontiers is common to all nations. Britain was secure against sea attack and invasion. But the rise of air power put her in danger, and her vital centers

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Prince Paul, the recently deposed regent of Jugo-Slavia, showed Mr. Maloney plans for 100 hospitals, to be used if and when war came. "Where shall you get the funds?" asked the Red Cross investigator. "Oh, that's your job," said the regent. "Get it from America."

"In Finland, where I arrived three weeks before the peace treaty was arranged with Russia," continued Mr. Maloney, "the people thought they were winning, and when the radio announced that the war was lost, there was an awful hush over the country. The treaty extorted one-tenth of the Finnish territory, which in proportion to our country would include Florida and all the southeastern group of our States. The people had to move out, some on 12 hour notice, and none had more than 32 hours. They tried to take their cows and farm machinery, but the houses and their contents had to be left. There was nothing to transport goods. The area comprised the best dairy section of Finland. Deep snow covered the roads. When the people could not move their cattle, they had to slaughter their stock, developed during generations, and I saw thousands of carcasses piled along the roadsides, hoping that army trucks would come. The feeling of the Finns was such that out of 670,000 people in the lost area, only 2,000 elected to remain and become Russian citizens. I saw no rowdy or disorderly acts, and as the refugees arrived in the free provinces, people came forth and invited them to live with them until they could establish their new homes. The spirit of cooperation, hopefulness and patriotism was inspiring.

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Mr. Maloney described conditions in Norway, Germany and Czecho-Slovakia, and said that in the occupied lands, resentment is rising rapidly, so that there are guerilla raids at night, sabotage of German activities, and bootleg papers published to stir up anti-German feeling. Since occupation, a scientist in Czecho-Slovakia has invented a radio sending set so compact that it is easily portable by hand. It was smuggled out of the territory and is in use by British bombing planes. A radio transmitter concealed in the blade of a windmill on the Zuider Zee, and which operated while in motion, sent military information to Britain for five months, before the Germans could locate it.

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The weekly bridge games have continued at the club house each Thursday afternoon after the close of the lecture season, and will probably continue into May. Among the die-hards are George Elkins, Henry Nuckols, Dr. Charles G. Mueller, Dalby Stonebraker, John McKenna and your editor. An extra meeting was held on Saturday, April 12, to give Mr. Nuckols one more game before leaving for his northern home in Greenwich, Conn.

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SAMUEL H. BOWMAN DIES

Another member whose passing is mourned by his hosts of friends here is Samuel Henry Bowman, who died at his residence, 6420 Allison drive, Miami Beach, on March 30, following a brief illness. He was a retired lumber dealer of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and maintained a northern home at Wayzada, Minn. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jessie Steven Bowman.

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FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED
A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION

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For the benefit of our newer members who have joined the club in recent years, and to recall happy memories to our older members, it seems fitting at the close of our fifteenth season to present a condensed account of the history of the early years of this organization.

THE GREAT HURRICANE

It was on September 18, 1926, that the most terrific storm ever recorded in South Florida roared across boom-time Miami and almost blew the city off the map. The extent of the disaster, with many hundreds dead and many millions of property damage, shocked the nation. Many then thought that Miami and the Beach were through. But not all. Carl Fisher, who had invested millions in the development of the Beach, still retained his chief asset--his high personal courage.

At his suggestion, twelve men met in the home of James Allison on Star Island in the fall of 1926, to see what could be done to restore morale and to serve the civic interests of Miami Beach. It was decided to hold a second meeting, to which 100 men were invited and 80 responded. It was C. W. Chase, Jr., who suggested the name, The Committee of One Hundred. Among the speakers were Dr. John Oliver LaGorce, Harvey Firestone, and Charles F. Kettering. The organization was formed, and the late Clayton Sedgwick Cooper was chosen as first president, in which post he served until his passing ten years later.

CLAYTON SEDGWICK COOPER

Clayton Cooper was a man with a special genius for making and keeping devoted friends, and for creating a mood of friendliness, geniality and comradeship, which spread to all associated with him. He began life as a minister, and later wrote books of his travels in many parts of the world. He was a man of deep and thorough culture and distinguished appearance, and as a public speaker had few equals. During his years of service, his warm personality and congenial leadership formed the foundation stone of the club, to which he gave his entire time.

FIRST EXECUTIVE OFFICES

These were in rooms over the First National Bank Building at the corner of Alton and Lincoln Roads. The meetings were held about once each month during the season, in the homes of the members. The first regular meetings of this sort were held during the season of 1927-28, when Carl Fisher entertained the members one evening in January at his large home on North Bay Road, followed on February 28 by I. C. Elston, Jr., by Harvey S. Firestone on March 13, and by James A. Allison on April 10.

Names from these early News Letters: William F. Whitman; John McEntee Bowman; Arthur Brisbane; Frank W. Bradsby; A. R. Erskine; Uncle Ed Thomas; Edsel Ford; Robert C. Graham, Dr. Joseph H. Adams and sun-ray research; Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard; E. Mead Johnson; John D. Hertz; Albert D. Lasker; Roddey Burdine; Col. E. H. R. Green; John Henry Strongman; Alexander Winton; W. L. Mellon; Nunnally Johnson.

September 1931: "Many men, winter residents of Miami Beach, deplore the necessity of attending the many parties of all kinds during the somewhat breathless social season. It is getting to be a real problem for some to get through the strenuous winter season without being worn down nervously by too much going about. . . This is a question too big for mere man to settle. The women must be called in, or they will come in anyway, and what they want we shall probably, one and all, continue to do."

Fifty telegrams of protest were presented by John G. McKay and J. Julien Southerland against the proposed building of a race track on filled land north of the 79th Street Causeway.

SECOND NORTHERN DINNER, WITH GAR WOOD IN DETROIT

This memorable affair was held on October 15, 1931, with 225 members and guests present. Excerpts from the report: "Synthetic chimes arranged by the Radio Corporation of America...The Venetian-like Wood home, nearly surrounded by water, on the shores of the Detroit River, was rimmed with lights along the water's edge...a salute from the air squadron...brilliantly lighted planes flew over the home... the wonderful organ, around which the castle-like home was built, was played by Archer Gibson...reception in the drawing room, which is 100 feet long and 75 feet wide, with ceilings two stories in height...dinner served by Statler Hotel staff...guests included William Scripps, Prince Louis Ferdinand, William B. Stout, Charles E. Sorenson, Edgar A. Guest, Mayor Frank Murphy, William B. Mayo, Sir L. C. Hallett-Hughes, Count Alfred Von Niezychowski...telegrams from President Hoover, Vice-President Curtis, Dr. John Oliver LaGorce, John M. Bowman."

After greetings by President Cooper and a response from host Gar Wood, those present heard Governor Brucker, Mayor Murphy, and then the amplified voice of Harvey Firestone over long distance telephone from West Orange, N. J., where he was watching at the bedside of Thomas A. Edison. After this came Congressman Clancy, James I. Malcolm, member of the Canadian Parliament, Dr. Morton S. Rice, Detroit minister, and finally the fireside poet, Edgar Guest.

Movies of Florida fishing and alligator hunting came next, then the guests moved down to the swimming pool to see a diving exhibition.

On the same evening, wives of members had dinner at the Detroit Athletic Club, followed by a theater party. The following day, members and their ladies visited the Greenfield Village at Dearborn, a museum of Americana assembled by Henry Ford. Luncheon was served at the Dearborn Inn, the president calling for impromptu speeches. "It was then that Uncle Ed Thomas, seated according to his taste between two beautiful ladies, was called upon to make a memorable address." The majority of the celebrants left for their homes that night.

SEASON OF 1931-1932

The acquaintance meetings, for members only, began in President Cooper's home on November 10. The first home meeting was in the Fred B. Snite residence at 5111 Pine Tree Drive. The grounds and foliage were specially lighted for the occasion, and the banquet was held in a large tent on the lawn, with more than 300 in attendance. The speakers were Dr. V. S. Gavernitz, professor of economics, University of Freiburg, Germany; Hugh Bancroft, president of Dow, Jones & Co., and Harvey S. Firestone.

The second home meeting had Mr. John H. Ware, of Star Island, president of the Eastern Power Company, as host. Again there was special lighting. About 250 men sat at dinner on the wide lawns, under a full moon, and the principal speakers were Joseph E. Widener, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, and Ernest F. Coe.

THE NEW CLUB HOUSE

It was on January 2, 1932, that the Executive Committee voted to purchase a club house, which we still occupy, at 1673 Michigan Ave. The first meeting in the club house was held on January 19, 1932. The lounge was then used as the meeting room, and the News Letter expresses thanks to many members for gifts of furniture, rugs, draperies, and books to start a library.

On January 27, Gar Wood, in his Miss America IX broke the world's speed record, roaring across Biscayne Bay at 110.785 statute miles per hour. The new Hialeah Park opened on January 14.

The third general meeting of the Committee of One Hundred was held on February 23 in the Surf Club, with Byron D. Miller as host. Entertainment was given by Tod Shawn and his troupe of male dancers. Speakers included Governor O. Max Gardner of North Carolina, W. C. Kelley, "the Virginia judge" and famous humorist, and Edgar A. Guest, poet. More than 400 members and guests were present.

On February 9, 16, and 23rd there were more open night meetings at the new club house, with about 100 men at each gathering. Speakers included Carl Fisher, Webb Jay, A. R. Erskine, Irving J. Reuter, Edward N. Hurley, Frank E. Gannett, and Claude Ashbrook.

On February 5, Gar Wood was at it again, this time doing 111.712 miles per hour, and again exceeding the speed of Kaye Don.

Another host to the club in a home meeting at this time was William Taradash, of 5225 Collins Avenue. March 15, 1932, was the first "Book Night" meeting, the principal address being made by Dr. L. O. Bricker. The speaker on March 22nd was Arthur Brisbane, famous editor, who spoke of Florida's great resources, advocated a ship canal across the State, and said we should be alarmed "at the present tendency of Congress." A big game hunter, who was to speak on the same program, got stage fright and disappeared, leaving a tigerskin behind.

GOLF TOURNAMENTS AND SOUTHERN OUTINGS

During these early years of the Club, there were southern outings at Cocolobo Cay, and golf tournaments at LaGorce Golf Course. Eighty-three members and guests took part in the fourth tourney on March 23, 1932.

The last monthly meeting of 1932 was held in the new club house on March 29, with 225 men present. A tent was placed on the lawn to seat the crowd. A. Harry Heermance spoke on aviation; George Harrison Phelps' topic was "Our Financial Stake in Europe," and at the close of the meeting, beautiful silver trays were presented by the treasurer, F. Lowry Wall, to the men who had entertained the members during the season. A buffet supper followed in the club house.

On April 19 there was an informal meeting in the club house. The issue of April 25 News Letter said that a collection of photographs of guest speakers had been made, and would be framed and placed on the club house walls. An article in the Miami Herald by George Harrison Phelps on May 7 deplored the fact that the United States Government had run up "an operating cost of about $5,000,000 a year." On April 23, Charles F. Kettering contributed one of his pungent articles to the Saturday Evening Post, entitled, "The World Isn't Finished."

Inspired by the great depression, President Cooper wrote in the News Letter of May 27, 1932: "When these black years come to an end there are many of us who will be grateful that they have taught us one thing at least, namely, that greater than money, more satisfactory for happiness than power or fame is the unutterable value of friendship, without which man's life here on earth is bleak and dreary, even in marble halls."

In 1932 Rosie, the famous Miami Beach elephant that was the pet of all the children, was sold to Asa G. Candler, the soft drink king of Atlanta for his private zoo, and began a second career of giving rides, this time to Atlanta kiddies. On September 20, Gar Wood made 124.91 miles per hour on Indian Creek Waterway.

MR. WIDENER HOST AT THIRD ANNUAL NORTHERN DINNER

On October 11, 1932, some 250 members and guests of the Club met in Philadelphia for a memorable northern meeting. Festivities began with a luncheon given by Cyrus H. K. Curtis, head of the Curtis Publishing Company. As Mr. Curtis was ill, his son-in-law, John C. Martin responded on behalf of the host. Speakers included Mayor J. Hampton Moore of Philadelphia, Governor Doyle E. Carlton of Florida, and Hugh Bancroft.

After luncheon the visitors went to the Curtis publishing plant, where they were guided by George Horace Lorimer, famous editor, and our present executive secretary Charles W. Beeching, on tours of inspection. Then in buses they rode to the Curtis home, Wyncote, for a reception and greeting to their invalided host.

At 6:30 the members and guests left for Lynnewood Hall, the Widener home, one of the most beautiful in the country. Tables for the diners filled the banquet room of the great Georgian house and extended to the terraces adjoining. In addition to our distinguished members, there were present a host of nationally known men, including E. T. Stotesbury, General W. W. Atterbury, Professor Irving Fisher of Yale, George Horace Lorimer, Dr. William T. Ellis, and Judge Joseph Buffington.

After brief remarks by Mr. Firestone and Judge Buffington, President Cooper introduced Mr. Widener, who made an impressive talk about art and the manner in which his famous collection had been assembled. This address was followed by an inspection of the art galleries, where the host interpreted and described the pictures, tapestries, rare books and other objets d'art.

WIVES OF MEMBERS ENTERTAINED

About 70 ladies who had accompanied their husbands to Philadelphia were being entertained meanwhile under the chairmanship of Mrs. Christian R. Lindback. They viewed the Widener galleries at the owner's invitation while the men were at the Curtis luncheon, followed by a tea at the Philadelphia Country Club. In the evening they formed a number of small dinner and theater parties. Reports of the Philadelphia meeting were carried in 272 newspapers.

1932-1933 SEASON

The opening meeting in the club house was held on November 1. Judge Halsted L. Ritter spoke in appreciation of Mr. Widener's hospitality, and about the VanDycks, Rembrandts, the Mazarin tapestry and other priceless art treasures on view (most of which were recently listed for inclusion in the new National Art Gallery in Washington).

Meetings continued at regular intervals, and on December 27, Mr. Peter T. Potts was host to the Committee members and guests at a beautiful Christmas party at the Surf Club. Two hundred and sixty men were present. Addresses were made by Ray Lyman Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior, Governor Carlton of Florida, George Harrison Phelps, Harvey S. Firestone, Henry L. Doherty and George Ade.

Beginning with January 3, there were meetings every Tuesday in the club house, with addresses on current topics by our own members. Dr. Will Durant, philosopher, spoke on January 17, also Governor Pollard of Virginia. On the 24th, a reception to Mr. Widener brought out 250 members and guests. The host for the Third Northern Dinner was presented with an inscribed silver plaque, in token of appreciation for his hospitality.

At this time round table discussions by smaller groups of members were held in the club house on Friday evenings. The fifth annual golf tournament was held on January 27.

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First Annual Norlbern Dinner of the Committee of One Hundred, held in the fall of 1930 at the Hotel Biltmore, New York City. Dr. Robert Norwood, D. D., the principal speaker, is at the right of President Cooper.

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1929-1930 SEASON

The opening meeting in the club house was held on November 1. Judge Malcolm R. Pitter spoke in appreciation of Mr. Widener's hospitality, and among the Vandyks, Rembrandts, the Gainsboroughs and other priceless art treasures on view (some of which were recently lifted for Italians in the new National Art Gallery in Washington).

Meetings continued at regular intervals, and on December 27 Mr. Peter T. Poole was host to the Committee members and guests at a beautiful Christmas party at the Art Club. Two hundred and sixty men were present. Addresses were made by Guy Lyman Milbur, Secretary of the Interior, Dr. Henry Cochran of Florida, George Barkalow Phelps, Harvey S. Firestone, Henry L. Doherty and George Ade.

Beginning with January 6, there was a meeting every Tuesday in the club house, with addresses on current topics by our own members. Mr. Will Irwin, newspaper, spoke on January 17, also Governor Pollard of Virginia. On the 24th, a reception to Mr. Widener brought out 280 members and guests. The host for the Third Northern Dinner was presented with an inscribed silver plaque, in token of appreciation for his hospitality.

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A picture of the members of the Board of Governors who were present at the first annual Ladies' Day, January 25, 1933. Seated, from the left, Dr. Joseph H. Adams, President Clayton Sedgwick Cooper, F. L. DuBosque, Fred B. Snite, Webb Jay. Standing, Philo M. Gelatt, Peter T. Potts, Thomas J. Pancoast, F. Lowry Wall, Raymond T. Jones, C. W. Chase, Claude Ashbrook, Nelson H. Gildersleeve, Robert W. Gifford.

The first meeting in the new club house, held in the lounge on January 19, 1932.

The News Letter of January 31 remarked that the average attendance at the club house meetings was 150 men. In February, Carl G. Fisher was made an honorary member of the club. At this time the total membership of the club was 350. Among the speakers heard was Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, of the "Merrimac" fame. On February 21, Irving J. Reuter entertained 200 members at his home on North Bay Road, with a supper party on the lawn. The three men who had spoken at the foundation meetings of the Committee in 1926 addressed this gathering,--Messrs. Firestone, Kettering and LaGorce.

At the Southern Dinner at the Surf Club on March 7, 340 members and guests were present, the hosts being Mark C. Honeywell, E. R. Thomas, George W. Mead, C. R. Lindback, and William J. Weller. Speakers included E. C. Romfh, Opie Read, Charles M. Newcomb, and Dr. A. F. Sheldon. The last regular meeting in the club house was on March 28, the speakers being Joseph E. Widener, Carl G. Fisher, Gar Wood and James H. R. Cromwell.

CHICAGO SCENE OF FOURTH NORTHERN DINNER

Under the chairmanship of Fred Poor, heading a committee of Chicago members, the Fourth Annual Northern meeting was held in the Windy City on October 3, 1933. Headquarters were at the Drake Hotel, and the early comers visited the Century of Progress World's Fair exhibits, and attended various parties at the homes of Mr. Poor, Fred Snite, W. G. and Peter Potts, William Gilman and William F. Whitman.

The first event of October 3 was a luncheon given by Fred Poor to the officers and governors of the Committee of One Hundred at the Century Club on the exposition grounds. Taxicabs were delayed by an American Legion parade, and Clayton Cooper wrote later;--"Perhaps I should not mention the exciting game of craps that was indulged in by such distinguished and dignified members as Cal Bentley, Dewey Page and others on the sidewalk in front of the hotel, while we were getting loaded into the taxicabs." Governor Dave Sholtz was a guest, and was at that time made an honorary member.

At this luncheon, the club's officers decided to build an auditorium in connection with the club house. The suggestion was made that members contribute to the cost by buying chairs at $25.00 each. DeWitt Page said he would buy ten chairs, and within ten minutes 90 chairs were purchased by the directors present, and before the day was over, fifty additional chairs had been subscribed, thus pledging $3500 toward the estimated cost of $10,000.

DINNER AT THE DRAKE HOTEL, WITH 250 MEN PRESENT

The dinner was held in the grand ballroom. An orchestra played southern airs, and the Miami Drum and Bugle Corps added its stirring music. Governor Sholtz greeted the Miamians, and kissed the pretty girl mascot or drum major. Speakers included Mayor Kelly, Governor Sholtz, General Robert Fechner, and Dr. Glenn Frank.

Fred A. Poor, Fred B. Snite and Charles A. McCulloch bore the brunt of the burden in organizing this affair. Wives of members to the number of 125 joined in a garden party and reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Firestone, at the exhibit grounds at the World's Fair,

and in the evening attended a reception in the Hotel Drake, followed by a theater party to see "Dinner At Eight".

SEASON OF 1933-1934

The first meeting was held on Tuesday evening, November 7, with informal talks by Edgar A. Todd, Thomas J. Pancoast, Frank B. Shutts, and Judge John P. Stokes. On November 21 the members heard Arthur Brisbane and Mayor LaGuardia of New York. The informal meetings were held at intervals of two weeks, with the third annual Book Night on December 19 increasing the library to more than 1000 volumes. The gift of original drawings for the Cartoon Room had reached a total of 250, through the work of Johnny Gruelle, George Ade, Frank Shutts, Frank Gannett and other friends of the Committee in the newspaper publishing business.

On January 23, the new auditorium was dedicated, with addresses by Governor Sholtz, Dr. LaGorce, George Ade and Carl Fisher. The second Annual Ladies' Day reception and dance occurred on January 26. The annual golf tournament was held at LaGorce Golf Course on February 2, and on the 9th the members went to Cocolobo Cay for the Southern Outing. On March 2 Mr. and Mrs. H. Sayre Wheeler entertained the club at Miami Springs with golf in the afternoon, followed by a dinner at the Wheeler estate. The Southern Dinner at the Surf Club was held on March 20, the hosts being DeWitt Page, Walter S. Hammons, George Crandell, Calvin P. Bentley, Byron D. Miller, and Ross Beason. Motion picture projection apparatus was installed in the new auditorium as a gift from Mark Honeywell. On March 23 Col. Robert H. Montgomery received the club members at his estate in the afternoon for an inspection of rare trees and plants. At a meeting of the Board of Governors, it was voted to close the membership at 400. Among the speakers heard at this period were Robert Lincoln O'Brien, head of the U. S. Tariff Commission, Arthur Brisbane, Robert Jackson of the New Deal administration, Lowell Thomas, B. C. Forbes, Senator Royal S. Copeland, Paul V. McNutt, and Phillips Lord.

FIFTH ANNUAL NORTHERN DINNER AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Frank E. Gannett was host on this occasion, the date being September 7, 1934. His estate on Sandringham Road was specially lighted in a color scheme of blue and white. The dinner was held in a large marquee on the lawn adjoining the house. Among those at the guest table, in addition to our members, were Archbishop Mooney of Rochester, Daniel Willard, Henry R. Luce, and Walter C. Kelley, the "Virginia judge." President Cooper being ill and confined to his rooms at the Sagamore Hotel, Mr. Firestone opened the meeting by presenting Mr. Gannett. W. C. Kelley told some of his famous dialect stories, followed by Governor Sholtz and Charles F. Kettering. "Sir James Alexander," a dignified bewhiskered Scotchman, made a serious speech that had a queer and suspicious flavor, at the end of which his whiskers were pulled off, and he was revealed as a Bostonian, Mr. John E. Daniels. This denouement came after he sang "Annie Laurie" in terribly discordant fashion. Owen D. Young was another speaker.

Meanwhile Mrs. Gannett was entertaining the ladies at the Genesee Valley Club. The following day a complimentary luncheon was given to the members and their wives by the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, followed by a trip to the Centennial Grounds to witness the pageant, "Century on Parade."

It was announced at the Rochester meeting that George Gale Foster had donated a concert grand piano to be placed in the Club's auditorium.

THE 1934-1935 SEASON

The first program meeting was held on November 13, with regular Tuesday meetings beginning December 11. Among the speakers of the season were Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, James M. Beck, Dr. John R. Mott, Governor Joseph B. Ely of Massachusetts, Col. Robert McCormick and Donald R. Richberg. Beside the usual events, such as the golf tournament, the Ladies'Day reception and Cocolobo Cay Outing, there was a visit by the club members to the city of Key West, as guests of the city. More than 200 men made the trip on a special Pullman train. Mayor Malone of Key West acted as host, and luncheon was served at the Casa Marina Hotel.

At Cocolobo Cay the members were entertained by an old-time bartenders quartette, stunts by Johnny Gruelle and Romie Turrell, negro egg races in the pool, boxing matches and a battle royal, and were served a shore dinner of stone crabs and "fixin's." An inscribed silver tray was presented to High Admiral Pete Chase, "whose unsurpassed genius has made our annual outings memorable." Through the assistance of Mark Honeywell, the Club secured an amplifying public address system for the auditorium.

The Annual Southern Dinner was held at the Surf Club on March 19, the hosts being Marshall W. Alworth, Ross Beason, Samuel J. Brendel, Leonard C. Feathers, Arlington C. Hall, Earl C. Sams, and George A. Steiner, with 450 men present. Speakers included Samuel O. Dunn, editor of "Railway Age," Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., and George H. Dern, Secretary of War.

In the News letter of that period is a colorful paragraph about the late beloved pioneer of Miami Beach. Mr. Cooper wrote:

> "We were sorry to miss Carl Fisher at our home recently when we invited him to meet some of our new members. The following letter in Carl's characteristic vein explains why he was not there:
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> 'My dear Clayton:
> I have to make an apology. I thought that meeting was to be held tonight, and I had gotten out my tuxedo, killed all the millers and moths, and had it pressed, got a hair cut and was all fixed to come tonight when I was informed that the affair was over--that it was held last night. I really am very sorry to have missed being there.
>
> Carl G. Fisher.
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> P.S.--Sorry as hell--no kidding.'"

One of the members at this time sent a copy of a certificate of marriage from the archives of Fulton County, Illinois, 1840:

State of Illinois)
Peoria County)SS

Know Ye that John Smith and Poly Myers is hereby entitled to go together and do as all folks does anywhere inside Coppers precinct and when my commission comes I am to marry em good and date em back to kiver accidents.

(Signed) O.M.R., Justice Peace.

SIXTH ANNUAL NORTHERN REUNION IN BOSTON, OCTOBER 3, 1935.

Under the leadership of J. A. Turrell and a committee of New England members, a memorable meeting was held at the Copley-Plaza Hotel, where an old-fashioned turkey dinner was served. At one moment the dining room lights were turned off, followed by a procession of waiters each bearing a huge turkey with a lighted jack-o'-lantern in front. Large bean pots, and individual bean pot souvenirs, labeled "100", featured the decorations.

Speakers included ex-Mayor Nichols of Boston, George Van Santvoord, headmaster of Hotchkiss School, Governor Sholtz, Governor Brann of Maine, Harvey Firestone, Gordon MacCreagh, then adviser to Emperor Haile Selassie, former Senator George H. Moses, "Captain Angelo de Lucca, ace of the Italian flying corps," who was decorated with a broad red ribbon across his shirt front, and made a tearful address in broken English. He was later disclosed as an entertainer named Cook, from Newtonville, Mass. An hour of the speaking program was broadcast over N.B.C. through 94 stations.

THE BUSWELL LUNCHEON AND SHORE DINNER

The day following the dinner about 100 men left in buses for a trip along the north shore, ending at Stillington Hall, the beautiful estate of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Buswell at Gloucester. After a delicious buffet luncheon the men gathered on the terrace, and heard Leslie describe his efforts in behalf of his theater, which forms part of his home. The members then went on another sightseeing trip as far as Swampscott, where their wives met them for a real New England shore dinner.

Meanwhile the ladies of the club had been entertained on the evening of the men's dinner by attending the opening of "The Great Waltz" at the Boston Opera House. An informal party at the Copley-Plaza, given by Mrs. J. J. Lannon, preceded this, and on the following day, the ladies enjoyed a sightseeing tour of Harvard University, and then to the New Ocean House at Swampscott for the shore dinner.

With this account of the Boston meeting, we conclude this condensed history of the early years of the Committee of One Hundred. The events of more recent seasons are familiar to all but our newer members--the memorable Northern Dinner in Maine, the two seasons at White Sulphur, and the New York reunion at the Waldorf-Astoria, the

passing of Clayton Cooper, the short incumbency and death of Dr.Frank E. Jaynes, the appointment of Executive Secretary Charles W. Beeching, with the direction of the club in the hands of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors, headed by Mark C. Honeywell as president and Dr. John Oliver LaGorce as chairman of the board. The auditorium, dedicated in 1934, has now become so full on many evenings of the season that its capacity is often taxed, and Boca Chita has replaced Cocolobo Cay as scene of the southern outings.

With the close of this fifteenth anniversary season, it is a pleasure to realize that the Committee of One Hundred, with such a notable record of civic and social achievement behind it, looks forward to the years to come, maintaining its traditional activities and adding such new ones from time to time, as the Christmas Waterfront Festival, which next season will reach its third birthday.

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MRS. LOUISE FULLER COLLINS

No history of the Committee of One Hundred would be complete without mention of the coming to its service on November 27, 1930 of Miss Louise E. Fuller, now Mrs. James A. Collins. Since that date she has headed the office secretarial staff, devoting her full interest, her unfailing efficiency and her winning personality to the welfare of the club and its members. It would seem that the date of November 27 should be appropriately celebrated each year as a fortunate and happy anniversaryin Committee history.

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Although space in this issue of the News Letter was not available for the inclusion of the usual quota of Personalia, it is hoped that our summer issue will consist mainly of items of personal news. Please be sure to write to the club offices during the summer, with news of your activities, and about other members whom you have seen during the off season.

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At the garden party for the Committee of One Hundred given by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Firestone at the Firestone Exhibit in the Century of Progress World's Fair, during the Fourth Annual Northern reunion in Chicago, October 3, 1933.

The home of Gar Wood on the Detroit River, scene of the second annual Northern Dinner, Oct. 15, 1931

YOU ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND THE
FIRST MEETING
OF THE
"COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED"
AT A
DINNER
TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY EVENING
MARCH 3RD, 1925, AT 7:30 O'CLOCK
AT THE
MIAMI BEACH CASINO

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO BEGIN A SURVEY OF THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM OF THE ENTIRE MIAMI DISTRICT.

THERE WILL BE SPEAKERS CONVERSANT WITH TRAFFIC SITUATIONS AND THEIR SOLUTION IN OTHER CITIES, AND DISCUSSION BY REPRESENTATIVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE LOCAL CIVIC AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS.

YOU WILL BE A GUEST AT THIS DINNER THROUGH THE COURTESY OF A MEMBER OF THE "COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED." YOUR PROMPT ACCEPTANCE WILL BE APPRECIATED.

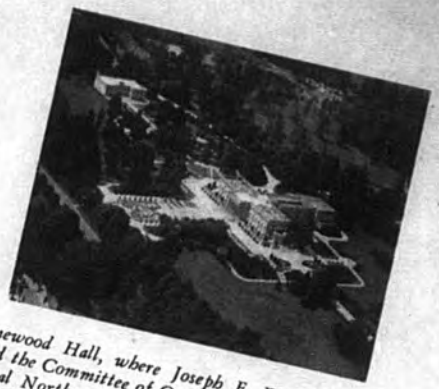
Dinner Committee

CRATE D. BOWEN, *Chairman*

CARL G. FISHER	GASTON DRAKE
BEN SHEPARD	WILLIAM N. URMEY
FRANK B. SHUTTS	E. B. DOUGLAS
JAMES GILMAN	CLAYTON SEDGWICK COOPER

To The Town of Lord L.H. Ellis 4/13/51

Facsimile of invitation to the first meeting of the Committee of One Hundred.



Lynnewood Hall, where Joseph E. Widener entertained the Committee of One Hundred for the Third Annual Northern Dinner on October 11, 1932, in Philadelphia.

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P. O. Box 2491,
Ocean View Station
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dec. 18, 1942.

Mrs. Margaret C. Fisher,
5812 Alton Road,
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Carbon Copy mailed to P. O. Box 136,
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CARL G. FISHER CORPORATION
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
U. S. A.

July 22, 1941.

Mrs. Carl G. Fisher,
Montauk, Long Island,
New York.

Dear Margaret:-

It was nice to have your letter of July 19th, which arrived yesterday afternoon - best of all, to know that even though the weather at Montauk has been cold and rainy, etc., that your arthritis is improving - that's fine. Keep up the good work. It looks as if you have gotten the best of that ailment, and I hope that, with it all, your blood pressure remains normal.

You are right - I did miss that Wednesday train. The best I can see now is this coming Saturday - "mebbe" Friday. However, I think sure Saturday. Of course I have got to stop off at Philadelphia, and I don't know very much as to what is going to happen until after I have had a session or conference with Dr. Jackson. I am hoping for the best and preparing for the worst. It is because of this uncertainty as to what may happen that I am unable to more definitely plan for the immediate future. If I do not leave here until Saturday, that will be the 26th, and I don't think I could possibly arrange to get to Montauk by the first week in August; and if I do have to go back to Philadelphia for an operation, that will mean a two or three weeks' session in the hospital.

So, it would seem to be best for you to go ahead with your plan of leaving for Ohio about August 4th. In the meantime, let me know just where you will be during the month of August, so that if anything develops, I can promptly get in touch with you; and in the event anything special does happen, I can and will write you every ten days or so and let you know in a general way what, if anything, new has taken place or is contemplated.

Now, in connection with the matter you particularly referred to, namely, arriving at a decision as to the final resting place for Carl's ashes: I think you will recall my telling you that some of the members of the Carl G. Fisher Memorial Committee, and primarily Dr. LaGorce, thought it would be a very fine thing for the Park and Memorial to be transferred from the City to Trustees, but there were some very serious objections to that plan - one of them being that in order to have definite assurance that both the Memorial and the Park would have perpetual care, funds would have to be provided for the purpose, and there was no practical way of setting up a trust fund which would definitely and/or positively assure of that being accomplished and/or done; secondly, that where you have trustees, and those trustees are individuals, they would have to arrange for substitutes or the election of a new trustee in the event of the death of any one of the trustees; and as the City comes the nearest to being here for the greatest length of time, it was the consensus of opinion of those of us who were asked to express an opinion, that the property should remain as a part of the City property and that some stipulation should be entered into so as to provide that the Park should be known as "The Carl G. Fisher Memorial Park", and that the City should assume the responsibility of the maintenance and care of that Park, etc.

It so happened that because of the fact that when that particular

piece of property was originally deeded to the City, it was provided, among other things, that it should forever be used for park purposes only, and no buildings or anything else of like kind should be erected in that park area. However, as the Memorial was erected there, some step has got to be taken to avoid the possibility of anybody, at any time, raising the question as to the legality, propriety, etc., on that which was done. And so, in order to definitely and positively provide that Carl G. Fisher Memorial Park, together with the Memorial as erected, should be forever protected and properly maintained, etc., it was suggested to Mr. Robillard (who was then the City Attorney) that the City deed back to the Miami Beach Bay Shore Company that property, with the same restrictions, etc., as prevailed at the time the Miami Beach Bay Shore Company deeded it to the City. Then the Miami Beach Bay Shore Company should re-deed that park to the City, reciting in the deed that in the conveying of same to the City, that the City should be obligated for all time to maintain the Memorial and the Park - in other words, provide perpetual care for all that is there. A paragraph particularly dealing with that phase of the situation could be inserted in the deed, so as to eliminate any possibility of that Park being use for any other purpose than as is.

Now, of course, Mr. Robillard was not re-elected as City Attorney, but Ben Shepard, who succeeded Robillard, has been interviewed. He is in accord with the views as expressed by some of the rest of us - that is, he does not believe the property should be placed in the hands of trustees. He says if this is done, the day may come when some taxpayer will bring up the question of why should the City pay for the taking care of, cutting the grass and maintaining a piece of property that does not belong to the City. This point of view coincides exactly with that which was expressed by Robillard, and, therefore, it seems to be merely a question now of getting the thing done. Ben Shepard is very busy, being a new man on the job, but the last information we had from him was to the effect that the matter has been discussed and that he is going into it more thoroughly with Mr. Renshaw, and they will let us know very shortly the results of their conferences, etc. My last correspondence with the "powers that be" on this subject was June 27th. I will check again before I leave and see if I can find out what progress, if any, is being made.

If we can arrange to handle this matter as has been suggested, (and it can be very definitely and positively fixed) so that nothing that we can possibly foresee can happen to prevent the Memorial and the Park receiving perpetual maintenance and care, then I am of the opinion that you would be perfectly justified, and, in the final analysis, I think it would be quite the proper and best thing to do, to acquiesce in the suggestion that the final resting place of Carl's ashes be in that Memorial.

You haven't said anything in your letter about your having rented or leased either one of your houses at Montauk. I hope you have been able to negotiate a seasonal rental of at least one of them.

As I receive daily reports from Montauk, from each one of the operating units, i.e. Manor, and Gold, Surf and Yacht Clubs, which reports state the weather conditions prevailing each day, I notice the prevalence of rain, fog, etc. However, I know you will be interested to know that the Manor, and, in fact, all of

the operating units, are, as far as gross income is concerned, considerably ahead of last year.

I have tried to make an appointment with Mr. Milner on several different occasions, but he hasn't been at all well - in fact, I went down one day to talk with him but he was in such pain that he wasn't thinking very clearly or straight, so I didn't go into the matter very thoroughly then. I now have an appointment with him, for the purpose of discussing your Corporation matters, tomorrow (Wednesday) at 10:00 o'clock. If he is all right and able to talk, we will settle that matter, and I will write you about it tomorrow or Thursday.

With continued good wishes, etc., I am

Sincerely,

F. R. Humpage.

FRH:AVM

P.S.—The final mortgage payment, amounting to $2400.00, plus accumulated interest of $72.00, on the property at 650 West 51st Terrace, becomes due August 2nd, and I am planning to pay that off on the due date. That is according to the agreement made with the Miami Beach First National Bank at the time they loaned the money on that property, and I assume you have no objection to our making that payment and getting that piece of property cleared up.

FRH

Mtg

Margaret Fisher to Fred Hunzage

Mon. Aug. 21, 1941

Dear Fred:

Thanks for your letter regarding Rutherford-Collier, In and Carl G. Fisher Memorial Park.

Am certainly glad you seem to be getting some action on that Park matter. I have worried more over this than any other one thing in my whole life. Besides determining what protection might be given to the perpetuation of the Park and Memorial, there are other angles for consideration that stands in the way of deciding to place Carl's ashes there. First, in conversation with Russell Pancoast, he told me "he had not made provision for an urn, because he understood I did not favor it" - so, I do not yet know whether or not any such provision was actually made. Secondly, if there is a space provided, and it is where I believe it might be, I would not consider it secure enough for anything of a permanent nature. Thirdly, opinion seems to be divided as to the fitness of placing the ashes there. Another point of objection I had when I first saw the plan, or design thereof, was the material to be used. Jack LaGorce told me a portion of it would be of granite, or some material other than the quarry key, which I had questioned the durability of. In so far as I can see, the native stone was used throughout. There has been so much delay and dissension about this, that I sometimes feel perhaps it might be best to place the ashes in the family mausoleum, where there would be no question of propriety and other disturbing points.

Am anxious to learn if there is going to be money available thru divends, or otherwise, before launching, anything to find myself a little close, before because of my real estate is not very likely. This is mostly [illegible]

Form NCR-County No. 12
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North Central Division

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of Expenses For Personal
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County Madison
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(Name of Claimant)

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PHONE RILEY 1336

November 20, 1942.

Mrs. Carl Fisher,
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Margaret:

Very glad to have your letter of the 16th. I am rushing off to the East now to see my grandchild.

Whether you know it or not, the last time I talked to Carl we discussed his will and I advised him to give everything to you and not mess around and cause complications and lawsuits like Jim had to go through. I think if you will look at the will, I have not seen it, you will find that everything was left to you and, naturally, that would include the mausoleum. If you will send a copy of the paragraph that shows this to the Crown Hill Association with the instructions that no one could enter except under your orders I dont think you would have anything to worry about. I must say that things do seem complicated down there with two people carrying the name of Fisher.

I am sorry to hear that Garrett did not pass his physical but I imagine that you are not mad about it as he is good help around the house. I do not imagine the Bay Shore will pay a dividend for sometime so I am out of luck.

As soon as you make up your mind what you want to do about Skip's ashes let me know and I will handle this end. When you have nothing better to do than clean house write me again. Please give my best regards to all the old timers.

Sincerely yours,

Bob

ROBERT H. TYNDALL

RHT:gt

927 West 41st Street,
P. O. Box 2491,
Ocean View Station
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Jan. 4, 1945.

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I am enclosing herewith the duplicate deposit ticket, which was omitted when mailing to you my letter of December 31st.

Sincerely,

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F.R.H.

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