

There are many men who played an important and vital part in Miami Beach. Among these pioneers are the Lummus Brothers, who did the first filling; John Collins, who built the first bridge across Biscayne Bay; his son-in-law, Thomas J. Pancoast, who started the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce; John Levi, oft-times mayor of Miami Beach; C. W. "Pete" Chase, Jr., head of sales for the Carl G. Fisher Company; August Geiger, Carl's architect. He and the Mead family and William Taradash were the first to build on Lincoln Road. They still own those original office buildings. J. N. Lummus became Miami Beach's first mayor. With his erect carriage and handsome demeanor, he still goes daily about Miami. His legion of friends greet him affectionately.

I shall also clear up the "mystery" of Carl's income during his last few years on earth. Also, the facts of the matter surrounding the erroneous report of my refusal to contribute to a fund for Carl Fisher. There was only one fund solicited and that was done by the committee of citizens to build a monument for Carl Fisher. We all contributed.

If I have left out anything it is without intent. Perhaps you, the reader, can supply something else—that imagination necessary to define a man's life within the compass of an era, an era of turbulence and speed and feverish building.