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LYNN M. BURROWS

(1884-1944)

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Lynn Moore Burrows was born in Saginaw, Michigan on June 17, 1884.

He was the son of Lorenzo and Julia Louise (Moore) Burrows. His family had recently moved to Saginaw, but they returned to Albion shortly thereafter, where they lived the remainder of their lives.

The Burrows family came from Connecticut to Western New York in 1824. Their activities in political, financial, commercial and civic life had much to do with the development of Western New York.

Mr. Burrows received his early education in private schools and later attended Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute, Troy, N.Y. from which he graduated in 1907 with the degree of Civil Engineer.

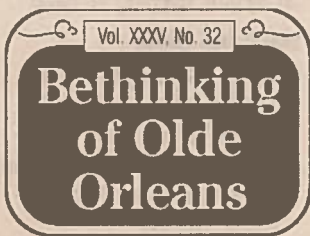
Immediately thereafter he took charge of sewer construction for the Village of Medina. At the time, the State of New York had just begun to enlarge the Erie Canal into what became known as the New York State Barge Canal. This project was to employ many new methods of construction which brought out the ingenuity and talents of the engineering profession.

Mr. Burrows started work during the year following his graduation as assistant engineer in charge of construction of one of the large sections of the Barge Canal. This had a broadening influence on his engineering life, which was later very valuable to him.

During this period he was in close contact with many men and many problems connected with this large project, as it was then considered. He knew how to make friends and to get along with his peers, and this brought him very successful results.

Likewise, after the years on the Barge Canal project that broadened Mr. Burrow's outlook in engineering matters, he applied his talents to the development and opening of large areas of rich virgin lands for intensive agricultural use. These large areas amounted to a little less than 15 square miles and were the remains of prehistoric swamps, referred to as muck lands.

Mr. Burrows spent considerable time and



engineering and drainage from April 1909 to December 1924.

He became a director of the Niagara Falls International Bridge Company at Niagara Falls, but still resided at Albion.

Also during this period greater demands were made on Mr. Burrows, as he had considerable versatility and aptitude; and when called upon, he undertook the work of designing and supervising the construction of the sewer extension and disposal of factory wastes for the Village of Albion. Concurrently, he made surveys for subdivisions of property for city planning in the greater region of Western New York.

In addition to his duties connected with the office of director, he was chosen as president of the Niagara Falls International Bridge Company and filled that position with honor and success, although part of that time illness interfered somewhat

with his activities.

An ardent yachtsman, his love for yachting was a great help in maintaining health and spirits, and he took delight in annual cruises in his yachts. He was the first commodore and organizer of the Oak Orchard Yacht Club.

Mr. Burrows was a member of the Rensselaer Society of Engineers; the Officers Reserve Corps (Captain of Engineers); the University Club of Rochester; the Rochester Yacht Club; the Town Club of Albion; Renovation Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Albion; American Red Cross (treasurer of the local chapter); the Board of Commissioners of Mr. Albion Cemetery (treasurer); Albion Chapter of Rotary and the Board of Directors of Arnold Gregory Memorial Hospital. He was a Republican and belonged to Christ Episcopal Church at Albion.

On July 24, 1907 Mr. Burrows was married to Beatrice Signor of Albion.

NOTICE: County Historian Lattin will conduct one hour tours of Mt. Albion Cemetery every Sunday in August at 6:30 p.m.