The municipal docks and terminals, as originally contemplated, were practically completed in the fall of 1916, when, on September 1, 1916, the Port Commissioners issued the first tariff sheet. The total cost of the project was in the neighborhood of $1,350,000, or considerably less than the amount authorized in the bond issue. It was an undertaking of great magnitude and will stand, regardless of subsequent enlargements, as a monument to the Jacksonville Board of Trade for inspiring it; to the judicious and economical handling of the project by the Port Commissioners, and to the engineer that designed the improvement.

The municipal docks began to show a profit in 1917, really sooner than anticipated. The rapid increase in domestic demands made necessary the building of an additional pier (No. 3), for which purpose a bond issue of $1,000,000 was authorized in 1921. In November, 1922, preliminary work upon the new pier was started and at the close of 1924 was in course of completion.

**Municipal Golf Course**

The necessity for a municipally owned golf course was stressed at a luncheon of the Jacksonville Real Estate Exchange August 28, 1919. As an outgrowth of that meeting committees were appointed and other meetings were held, terminating in a plan being presented to the City Commission for the purchase of land near the State Fair grounds for a golf course. Progressing through the preliminary stages, 146 acres of wild land were purchased by the city in April, 1922, from the Hall estate for $61,600. The work of clearing the property of underbrush was commenced at once, city prisoners from the Prison Farm being used for the purpose. Donald Ross, a well-known golf course architect, was then employed to lay out the course. The course was officially opened November 8, 1923.

The municipal course extends 3,040 yards out and 3,242 yards in. It is an 18-hole course; tees No. 1 and 10 are within 30 yards of each other in front of the club house. The total cost of the improvement, including the land and the club house, was about $112,000. A fee was instituted of 50 cents a day, which included locker, shower and a towel; a book of 30 tickets cost $10.