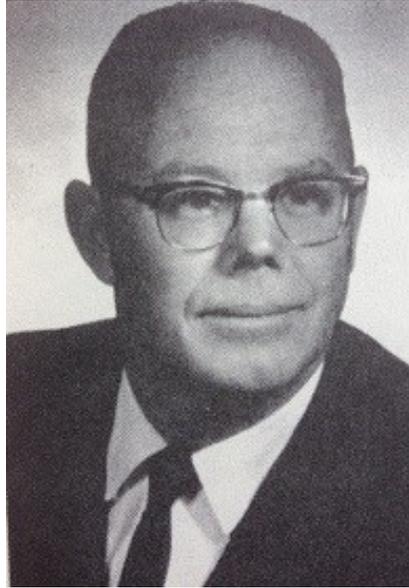# QUICK FACT FRIDAY

Coleman Boulevard
Named for Francis F. Coleman, Mayor 1946-1960

Coleman Boulevard, site of our town's Farmer's Market, our annual Christmas Parade, and the starting point for the Cooper River Bridge Run, is Mount Pleasant's main street. In the Colonial period, this road, receiving ferry passengers to and from Charleston, was the southern end of the King's Highway, continuing north to New York. Locally, the two lane dirt road was also known as the Old Georgetown Road. The completion of the Cooper River Bridge in 1929 greatly increased traffic, and in the administration of Mayor Francis F. Coleman (1946-1960), the road was widened from two to four lanes, with the addition of sidewalks. In tribute to his role in enabling this public works project, this stretch of Old Georgetown Road, from the Cooper River to the intersection leading to Sullivan's Island, was renamed Coleman Boulevard in 1958.

Mayor Francis F. Coleman's administration was an active period of public works and annexation. Our population grew from 1500 to 5000. The Edmund Jenkins housing project was built in 1952. Alhambra Hall was improved; and in 1949 the Town took title to the Cove Inlet causeway from Charleston County. As the Town annexed land to the north and east of the original tracts hugging Charleston Harbor, Mayor Coleman added more land to the Town than it had when he first became mayor in 1946. You can read about the Town's current Coleman Boulevard improvement project here: Coleman-Boulevard-Improvement-Projects.

For more information: colemanboulevard.com, Historical Marker List (#23) and Map (#23), Historical Timeline (1958) and mountpleasanthistorical.org.

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