

DID YOU KNOW?

Historic Ft. Wayne Built by The Hagerman Group



LINCOLN TOWER

- **Broke ground in August 1929. Despite the stock market crash** on Black Tuesday, October 29, construction continued on the \$1.3 million structure.
- **Completed in November of 1930.** It took only 12 months because everyone needed work during the Depression. There were six to eight people available for every one laborer needed. Laborers worked six days a week on the tower.
- **Tallest building in the state** until the 1960s, and tallest in Fort Wayne until One Summit Square, five stories taller, was built in 1981.
- **German American National Bank became Lincoln**

National Bank in 1918 because anti-German sentiment ran high during World War I. German Shepherd dogs became "Alsations," sauerkraut became "liberty cabbage" and Syracuse, NY banned the German card game pinochle.

- **"Lincoln" was chosen** in part because people were excited about the Lincoln Highway, "the main street of America", that passed through Fort Wayne to be the first coast-to-coast highway in the US.
- **William Hagerman's** business partner and cousin, Frederick Buesching, was the cousin of Lincoln National Bank & Trust president, Charles Buesching.



FORT WAYNE INT'L AIRPORT

- **Built in 1941 as a WWII military base** at a cost of \$10 million.
- **"Fort Rain Windiana"** is what the WWII pilots stationed there called the city.
- **After WWII**, the City of Fort Wayne bought the airport from the federal government for \$1.00, renaming it Fort Wayne Municipal Airport. Hagerman built the new terminal.
- **Lt. Paul Baer Terminal** was named after

WWI Ace Aviator Paul Baer, a Fort Wayne native. A 16-victory ACE, he flew with the Lafayette Escadrille and the 103rd Aero Squadron AEF Air Service during WW I and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Honor, and the Croix de Guerre. He continued to fly after the war, opening air mail routes in South America and participating in many aviation experiments. He died in 1930 while flying mail and passengers, when his Loening C-2-H amphibian crashed on takeoff in Shanghai, China. He is buried in Fort Wayne.



CITY-COUNTY BUILDING

- **Built in 1969** across the street from a cable car transfer corner.
- **Indiana limestone** was used instead of the usual precast concrete.
- **Two small cranes were hoisted** onto the roof by larger cranes. The cranes set the limestone from the lofty perch.
- **Mementos were placed into the cornerstone** of the City-County Building by Ted Hagerman, president of Hagerman Construction. *Photo is from the News Sentinel, December 16, 1969.*



WAR MEMORIAL COLISEUM

- **Built in 1952** for \$3 million.
- **Seated 8,000 for hockey or 10,240** for basketball in original facility.
- **Steel frame was the longest span**, all-welded, rigid, steel frame ever used in that construction technique at that time in 1952.
- **Home to the NBA's Fort Wayne Pistons** from 1952 until the team's move to Detroit in 1957 and saw two NBA Finals, in 1955 and 1956, as well as the NBA All-Star Game in 1953.
- **Roof was raised** 41 feet by Hagerman in a

major renovation and expansion in 2002. Arena's seating capacity increased to nearly 13,000 with luxury suites and greater accessibility for guests with disabilities.



NORTHCREST SHOPPING CENTER

- **Constructed in 1958** by Hagerman Construction.
- **Pete Hagerman** (man to the left in photo) is standing in front of the construction of the shopping center.

Downtown Ft. Wayne Projects Built by The Hagerman Group

1. City-County Building
2. Freimann Square
3. Performing Arts Center
4. Fort Wayne Museum of Art
5. Allen County Courthouse Park
6. Standard Federal Plaza Building
7. Container Corporation of America
8. Three River Apartments
9. Fort Wayne Filtration Plant
10. Saint Joseph Medical Center (Addition & Renovation)
11. Hagerman Corporate Office
12. Lincoln Towner
13. Trinity English Lutheran Church – Krauss Wing
14. First Presbyterian Church – 2005 Improvements
15. Grand Wayne Center (concrete & masonry)
16. Hilton Hotel
17. Convention Center Parking Garage
18. Renaissance Square Parking
19. Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory
20. Anthis Career Center (former Central High School)
21. United States Post Office
22. Fort Wayne Medical Building
23. Indiana Bank Building and Parking garage
24. Foellinger Foundation Building
25. Downtown YMCA
26. Patterson Fletcher Building
27. Lincoln Tower Parking Garage
28. Salin Bank
29. Perfection Biscuit Company
30. First Wayne Street United Methodist Church
31. Verizon Building (Formerly GTE)