

Architecture and History of Local School Buildings

Vincennes, Indiana

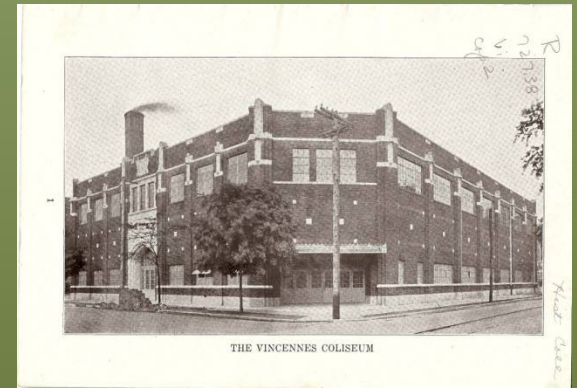
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VCSC Historic District



Adams Coliseum



- ◉ “desiring to relieve Vincennes of it’s embarrassment in not having an auditorium of consequential size” the Vincennes Public School Athletic Association was formed February 19,1926
- ◉ \$100,000 was borrowed from the local savings and loans for the purpose of building and equipping this auditorium
- ◉ Sutton and Routt were selected as architects , March 31,1926 final drawings were approved

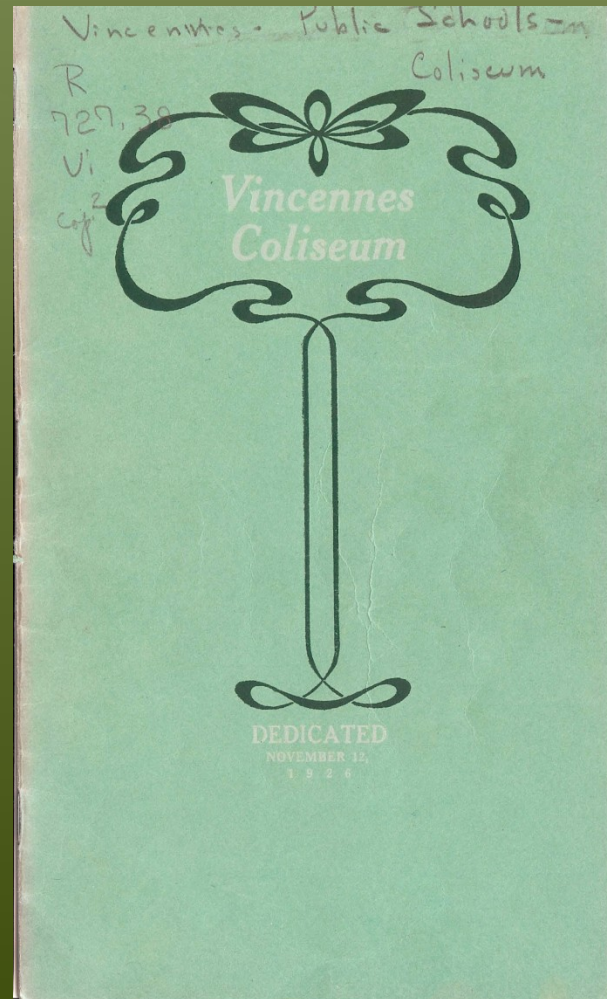
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- ◎ April 20, 1926 contracts were awarded
- ◎ T.J. Edwards and Son were General Contractors
- ◎ Originally dedicated November 12, 1926 as the “Vincennes Coliseum”
- ◎ 176’ in length x 140’ in width - 24,640 s.f.
- ◎ 6,000 total seating capacity
- ◎ 414 opera chairs
- ◎ Originally a portable stage and pipe organ, donated by the Vincennes Kiwanis, were installed

Adam's Coliseum - cont.

- ◎ Bricks- A collection of significant bricks are enclosed in the wall, off the main Buntin Street entrance. Collection includes historical sites. Grouseland, Fort Knox 1788, Monticello, Williamsburg Va., and 50+ cities from sports writers covering the state of Indiana.
- ◎ Architectural Style - Twentieth Century Gothic Revival, 1926 (C)

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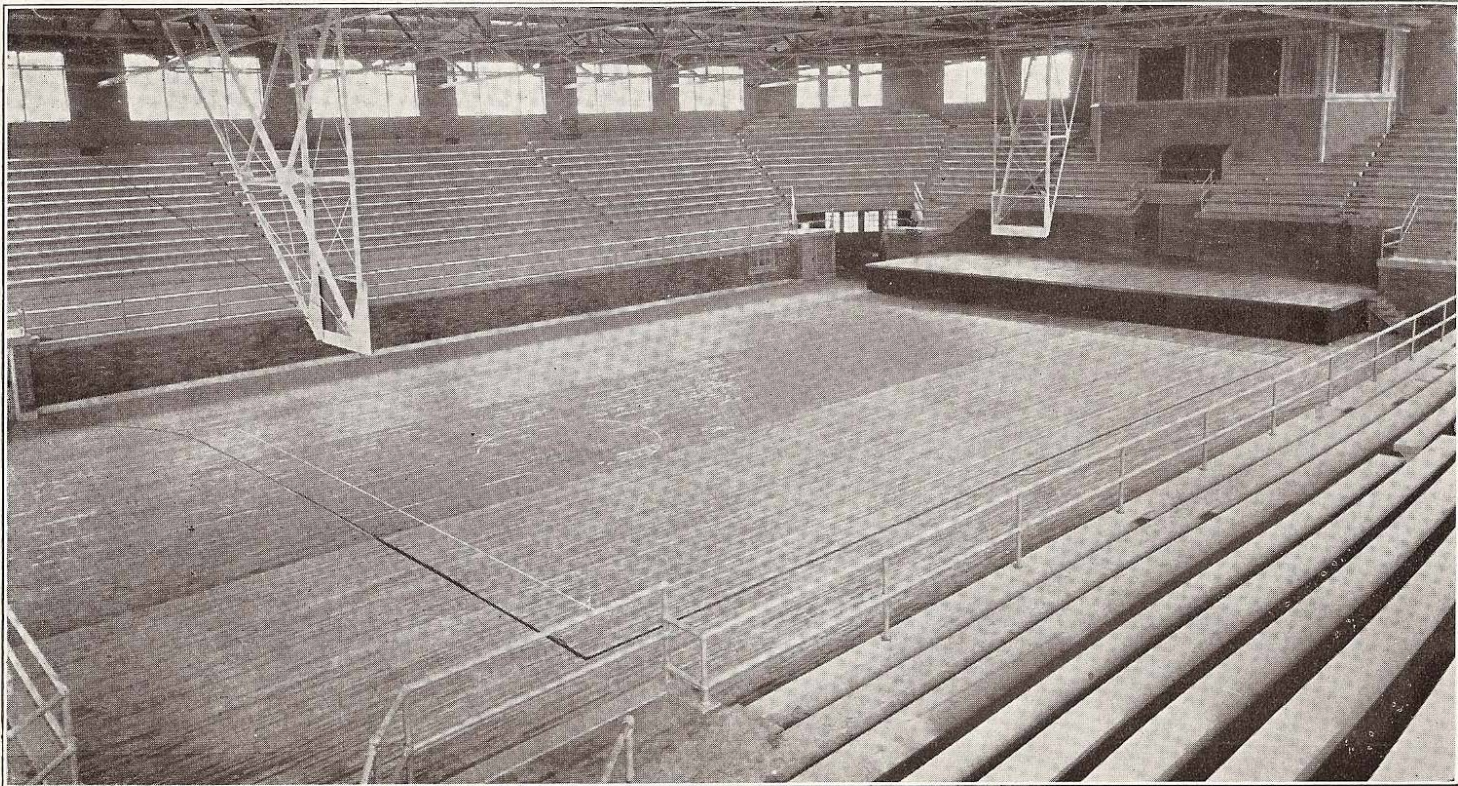
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THE VINCENNES COLISEUM

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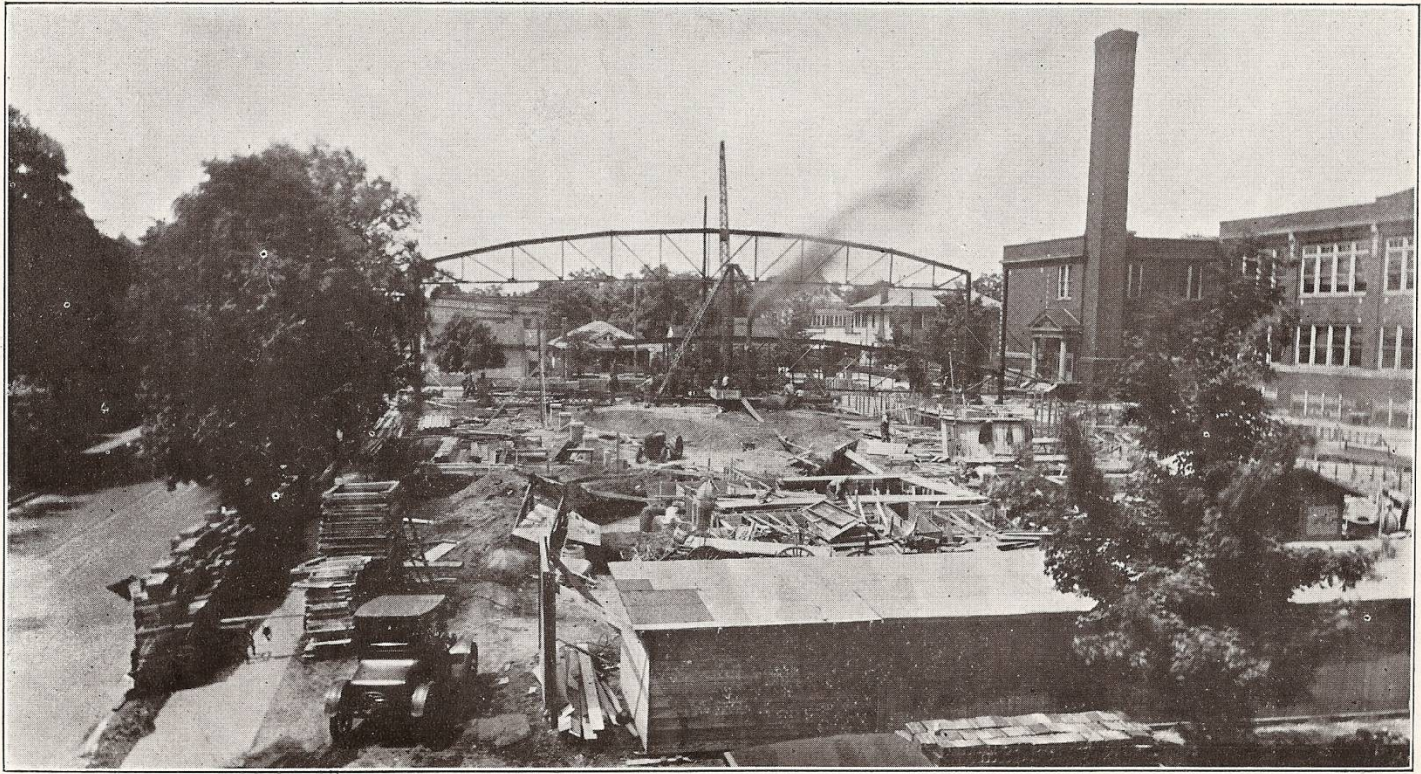
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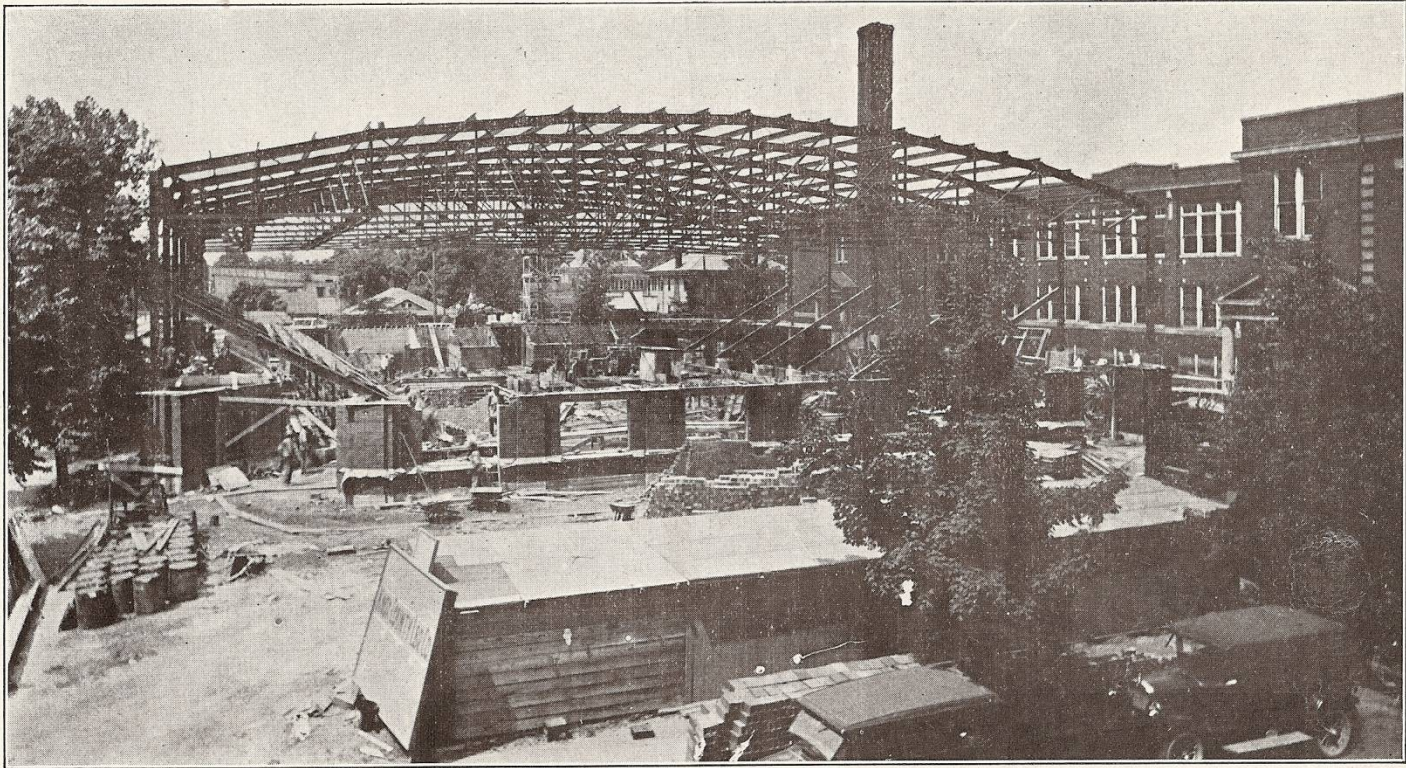
INTERIOR VIEW OF VINCENNES COLISEUM

Adams Coliseum



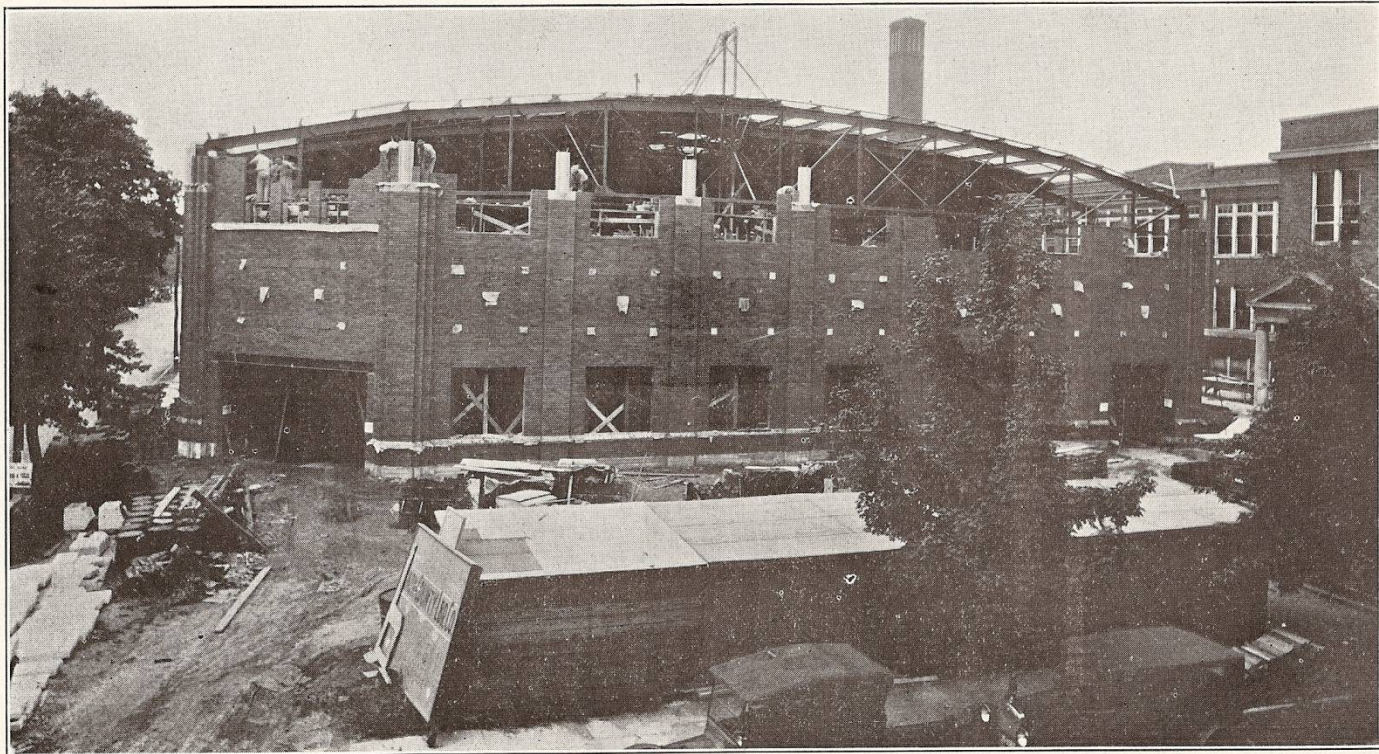
JUNE FIRST—VINCENNES COLISEUM

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JULY FIRST—VINCENNES COLISEUM

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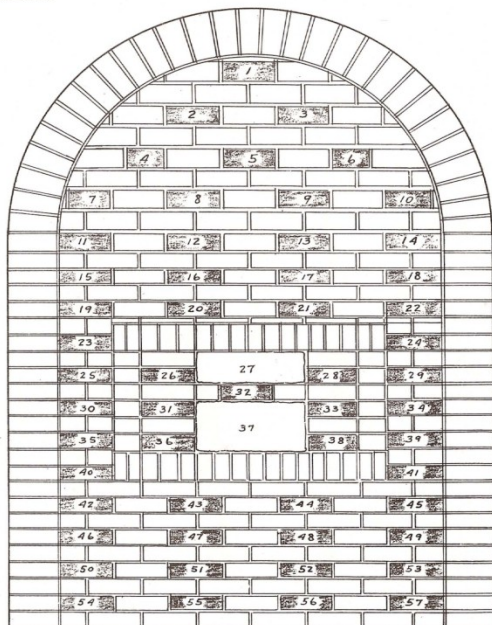


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AUGUST FIRST—VINCENNES COLISEUM

Adams Coliseum

The history of the bricks, with the correspondence which came relative to them has been preserved and gathered together in a scrap book, which has been deposited in the Trophy Room of the Coliseum.



Brick Panel--Vincennes Coliseum

The names of the towns represented by the bricks, together with the historical bricks in the design are as follows:

ORIGIN AND DONOR

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Marion | Vern M. Boxell |
| 2. Gary | Norman J. Werry |
| 3. Washington | Herbert Harris |
| 4. Michigan City | Irvin S. Nieman |
| 5. Richmond | Palladium |
| 6. Bedford | R. B. Dye |
| 7. Bloomington | Jean Graffis |
| 8. Mitchell | Lloyd Sanders |
| 9. Basket Ball World | L. D. Cissell |
| 10. Seymour | Seymour Tribune |
| 11. Charleston | Joseph W. Morrow |
| 12. Sullivan | Curtis O. Bridwell |
| 13. Evansville | Mark Wakefield |
| 14. Thorntown | 1915 State Champs |
| 15. Valparaiso | Fred Lepell |
| 16. Shelbyville | Tim Campbell |
| 17. Brazil | George H. James |
| 18. Frankfort | E. Drew Cissell |
| 19. Jeffersonville | Forrest V. McCord |
| 20. Union City | James J. Patchell |
| 21. East Chicago | Emerson Varner |
| 22. Attica | J. Frank McDermond, Jr. |
| 23. Bluffton | F. Buckner |
| 24. Kokomo | J. M. Best |
| 25. Sandborn | J. J. Brown |
| 26. Monticello Jefferson's Home | Catherine L. Radspinner |
| 27. Yorkstown 1781 | Catherine B. Radspinner |
| 28. Gibault | Rev. James Gregoire |
| 29. Anderson | The Bulletin |
| 30. Oaktown | S. A. Smith |
| 31. Williamsourg, Va. Jail 1705 | Robert S. Radspinner |
| 32. Vincennes | Francis Vigo Chapter D. A. R. |
| 33. Fort Knox 1788 | W. B. Purcell |
| 34. St. Simons, Washington | E. G. Brouillette |
| 35. Emison | Slater Bartlow |
| 36. U. of Virginia History Laoratory | John A. Radspinner |
| 37. Ind. First State House | Lew O. Bannon |
| 38. New Harmony | A. G. Thomas |
| 39. Rushville | Louis G. Hiner |
| 40. Monroe City | Anna M. Wallace |
| 41. Linton | Gerald Landis |
| 42. Decker | Lloyd Allen |
| 43. Decatur | J. P. Blair |
| 44. Greensburg | Kenneth N. Rinker |
| 45. Muncie | Vernon Winder |
| 46. Freelandville | R. R. Miller |
| 47. Logansport | Sam H. Williams |
| 48. Crawfordsville | Jack Cory |
| 49. Martinsville | Lions Club, Frank Good. |
| 50. Bruceville | James Adams |
| 51. Terre Haute | Franklin Hunt |
| 52. Connorsville | E. I. Higgs |
| 53. Princeton | Ruskin Swan |
| 54. Decker Chapel | Charles Barney |
| 55. Tipton | F. N. Ramsay |
| 56. Indianapolis | W. F. Fox, Jr. |
| 57. Owensville | H. T. McCullough |

Recent Administration Bldg. – Former Clark Jr. High



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- ◉ Constructed 1916
- ◉ John W. Gaddis – Architect, Louis H. Osterhage listed on the plans
- ◉ Architectural Style-Neoclassical (O)
- ◉ Approx. 75,000 s.f on three floors
- ◉ Newspaper article referred to a “Modern Building”
- ◉ Designed as a new concept in teaching: “ Junior High School ” grades 7,8 and 9.
- ◉ Designed to accommodate School District # 1 grades 1-6 and the new “Jr. High”
- ◉ Located on the lot where Central school stood.
- ◉ Tunnel – Architects - Bixby and Schucker

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Current Clark Middle School – Former Lincoln High School



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- ◉ Original Building constructed 1897
- ◉ First addition Constructed 1910 and stood until 1955
- ◉ The second addition was constructed in 1927 and the 1957 addition was connected to this addition
- ◉ Architect for the 1927 building was John B. Bayard
- ◉ Architectural Style: Collegiate Gothic 1927/1963 (N)
- ◉ During the 1957 addition, classes met in the old portion of the building the junior high ,Public Library, YMCA, and the Coliseum
- ◉ 1957 addition architects: Lester Routt and Associates
- ◉ 1957 addition-General Contractors: E.H Montgomery, Vincennes, Plumbing Heating and Ventilating: Herman Heinz Inc. Vincennes, Electrical : Cannon Electrical Co. Vincennes
- ◉ New addition: 59,019 s.f. total cost, \$728, 814. Cost per s.f. \$11.48

Clark Middle School – Lincoln High School- cont.

- ◉ Completely fire resistant building, acoustical ceilings, clock in rooms, 600 lockers, new HVAC system, A-V room.
- ◉ 1967 Industrial Arts Addition, 3 story, includes a cafeteria, kitchen, industrial arts area, library.
- ◉ 125,685 Total Building square footage
- ◉ 8 different floor levels
- ◉ 1988 cafeteria remodeling



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1957 addition



Limestone Detail

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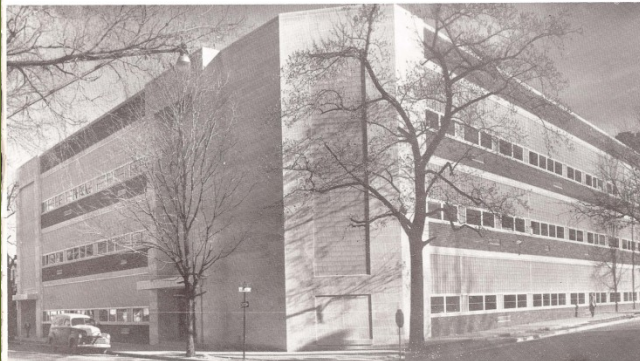
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A New
Addition
1957



Lincoln
High
School
Vincennes
Indiana

HISTORY

The New Look



Wide, well-lighted corridors with acoustically treated ceilings and asphalt tile floors create a pleasing effect.

This new addition to Lincoln High School is the first major public school project undertaken in Vincennes in the past thirty years. It represents the third addition to Lincoln High School. The original building was constructed in 1897. In 1910 the first addition was built and it stood until the summer of 1955 when it was torn down to make way for this latest addition. The second addition was constructed in 1927 and is the building to which this newest addition is attached.

It truly can be said that the initial steps toward the planning of this new addition began on July 17, 1946, for it was on that date that the Board of School Trustees initiated action by establishing a Post War Building Fund.

A Community Advisory Committee was selected in 1954 to work with the Board and the Superintendent "on all phases of preparation of plans for the addition to Lincoln High School." The architect was named shortly thereafter and actual plans began to take form.

Construction contracts for the new addition were let in mid-May 1955, demolition of the old building began the day after the close of the school year, and actual construction on the new addition began the latter part of September 1955.

During the construction period high school classes met in the older portion of the present structure, in some rooms in the Clark Junior High School, and in improvised classrooms in the Public Library, the YMCA and the Coliseum.

The completion of this new addition to Lincoln High School marks a great stride forward in providing the necessary building facilities for an improved and expanded secondary school program for the pupils of this community.

Clark Middle School – Lincoln High School- cont.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Cost of the Building

General Construction - - - - -	\$483,694.93
Plumbing, Heating and Ventilation - - - - -	88,618.74
Electrical - - - - -	66,559.77
Architectural and Engineering - - - - -	38,346.93
Attorney Fees - - - - -	850.00
Wrecking Old Building - - - - -	7,577.00
Total Cost of Building - - - - -	\$685,347.37
Classroom Furniture and Equipment - - - - -	\$ 43,467.00
Total Expenditures - - - - -	\$728,814.37
Gross Area of Building - - - - -	59,019
Cubical Contents - - - - -	\$11,238
Cost Per Square Foot - - - - -	\$11.48
Cost Per Cubic Foot - - - - -	.835

Financing the Building

Bond Issue (Interest Rate 2%) - - - - -	\$326,000.00
Post War Building Fund - - - - -	395,841.99
Budget Appropriation for Furniture, 1956 - - - - -	5,972.38
Total Funds - - - - -	\$728,814.37

Outstanding Features

1. Completely fire-resistant building provides maximum protection with minimum insurance cost.
2. Classroom lighting planned according to best standards.
3. Intercommunication system services new addition, old portion of building and all rooms in Coliseum making it an integral unit. Includes radio, record player, and remote pick-up.
4. All ceilings are acoustical tile for sound insulating.
5. Administrative suite for principal, vice-principal and counselors includes general office, conference room and health area.
6. Automatic signal system with synchronized clock in every classroom and automatic day-night control of heating system.
7. All classrooms and offices warmed and ventilated by a modern heating system.
8. Six hundred new individual lockers built in corridor walls for pupil use.
9. Audio-visual room on ground floor seating over one hundred pupils.
10. Portable stages for Audio-visual and Language Arts rooms.
11. Green chalkboards with ample bulletin board space in every classroom.
12. Modern-fold doors in two study halls and home economics area enable division into smaller work sections.

A NEW ADDITION



ATTORNEY
Matthew E. Welsh, Vincennes

ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
Lester W. Routt and Associates, Inc., Vincennes

CONSULTANT
Dr. Paul Seagers, Indiana University, Bloomington

CONTRACTORS
General Construction—E. H. Montgomery Construction Co., Inc., Vincennes

Plumbing, Heating and Ventilating—
Herman Heinz, Inc., Vincennes

Electrical—Cannon Electric Company, Vincennes

Washington Elementary School



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- ◉ Constructed 1925
- ◉ Gymnasium / Kitchen/ Classroom addition 1966. Lester W. Routt & Associates-Architects
- ◉ Total Building - 27,513 s.f., Three floors
- ◉ 1966 Addition one level
- ◉ Architectural Style: Twentieth Century Gothic Revival (N)



Washington Elementary School



1925 Building



1966 Addition