

Indianapolis Bicentennial: Amazing photos from 1900-1910



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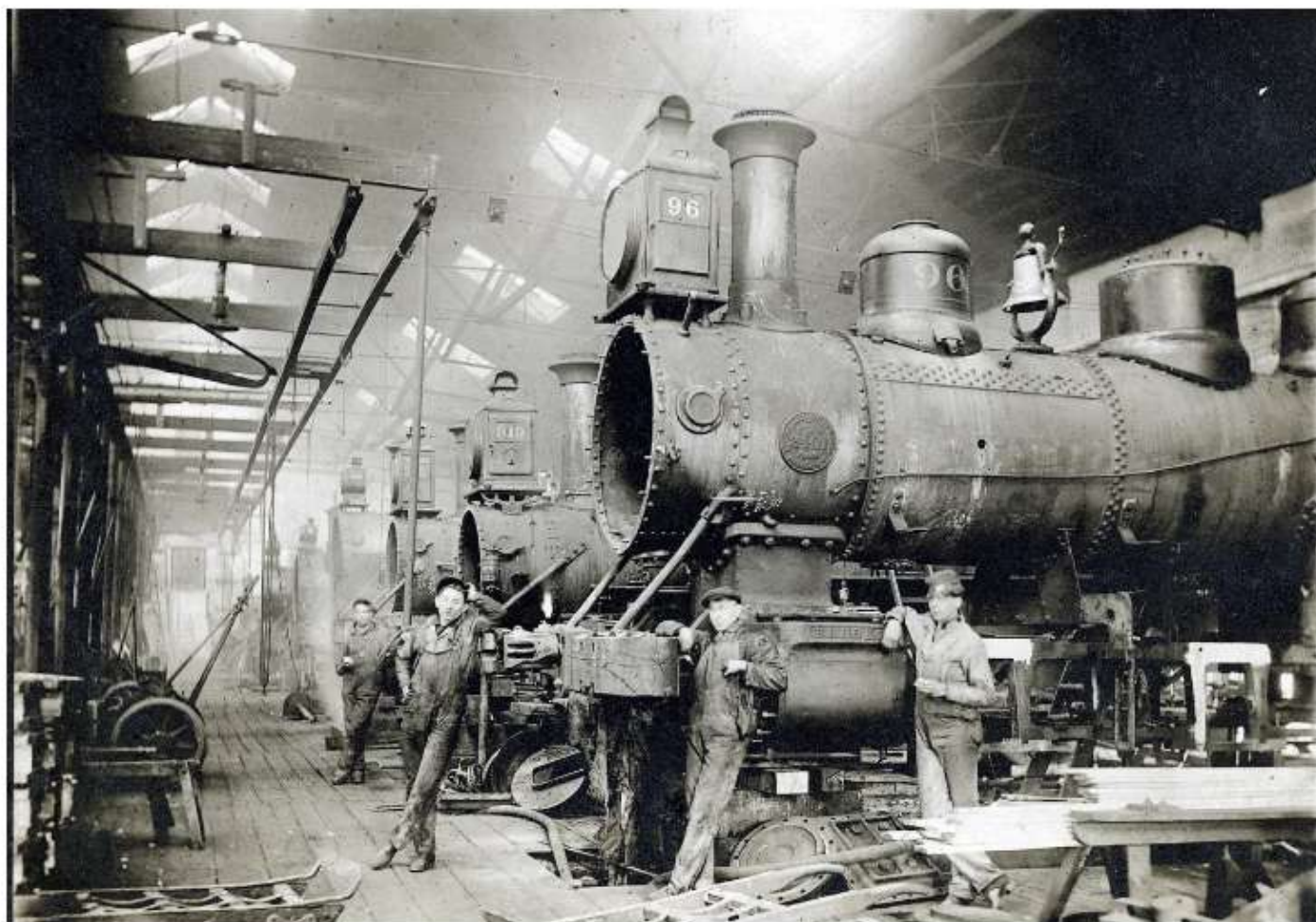
The Claypool Hotel was built in 1903 on the northwest corner of Washington and Illinois Streets, on the site of the old Bates House, where President Abraham Lincoln addressed a crowd in 1861. Many political decisions were made in the hotel's smoked-filled rooms. It was razed in 1969.

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Indianapolis Western Union messenger boys on Monument Circle. August 1908.

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Massive engines were all in a day's work at the Beech Grove train shops near the start of the century. The rail yard, which once employed about 5,000, began in 1908 as shops for the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway.

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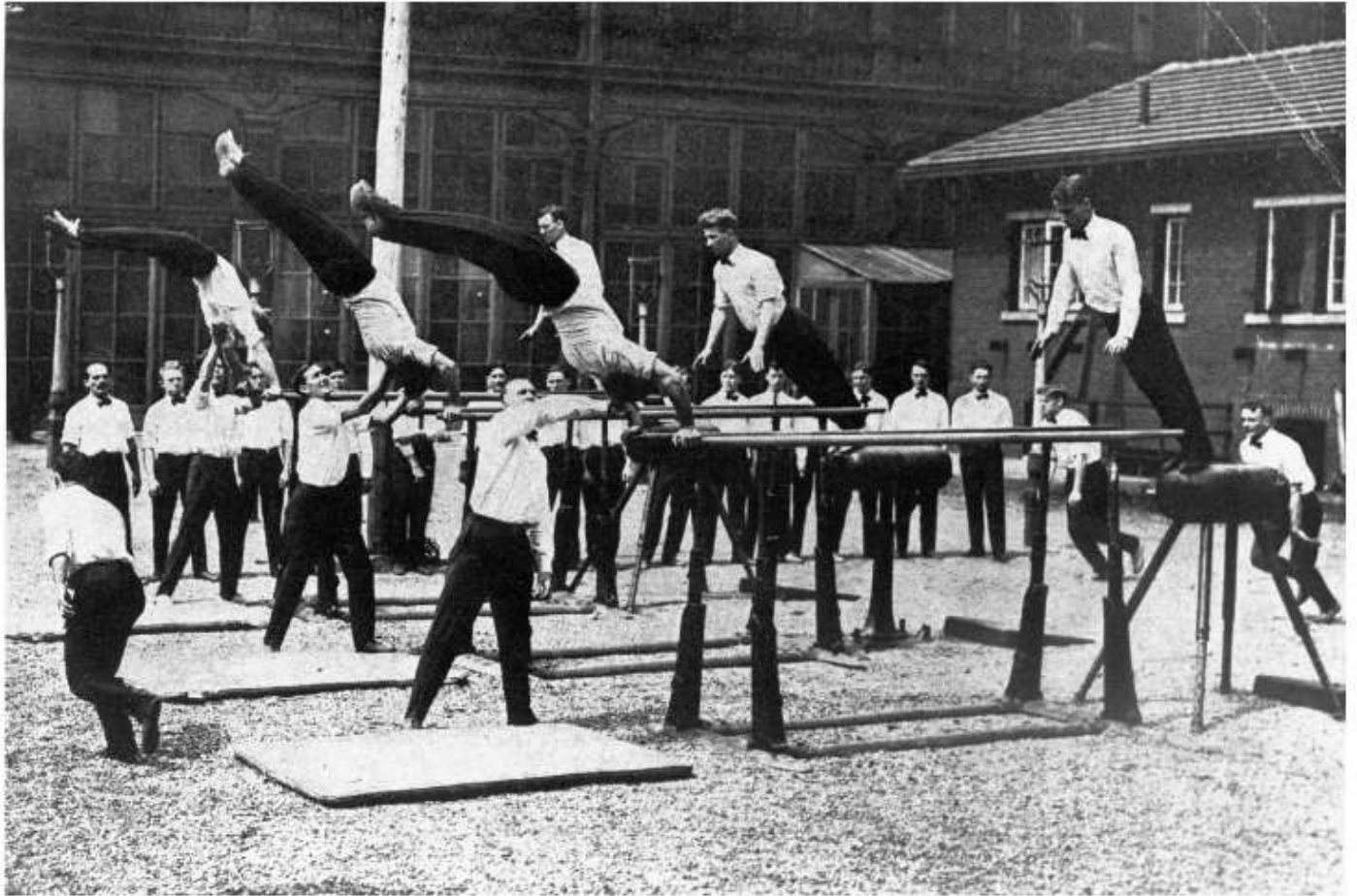
City Market in view looking northwest on Market Street (from Alabama) circa 1906. Farmers and their horse and wagons peddle produce from the street.

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The Ayres Tea Room, circa 1905.

Photo Courtesy Of The Indiana State Museum.



Men demonstrate use of the parallel bars at Normal College in the early 1900s (in what is now the beer garden at the Athenaeum). Normal College of the American Gymnastics Union was the collegiate training school of the North American Turnerbund.

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L.S. Ayres building, around 1900, looking SW at the corner of S. Meridian (on left) and Washington St (to the right).

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The Indianapolis News library/newspaper morgue in 1903.

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Two locomotives bearing the name of The News are crashed head-on in this file photo from October 30, 1908. We're not sure why they were doing this; perhaps it was a publicity stunt sponsored by the newspaper at which it hoped to sell newspapers or subscriptions.

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A busy thoroughfare today, Illinois Street was bustling just after the turn of the century, too. This 1905 view is looking south toward Union Station (background) from the Washington Street intersection. The Grand Hotel is the light-colored building on the southeast corner of Illinois and Maryland, one street south of Washington Street. The Claypool Hotel, built in 1903 at Washington and Illinois Streets, is at right in the foreground.

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he building on the southeast corner of Meridian Street and Monument Circle (right), stood from 1860 until 1924, when it was replaced by the building that is now home to the Indianapolis Power and Light Co. (IPALCO). This 1905 photograph shows a sign above the doorway (lower right) announcing the building "Will be occupied by Western Union Telegraph about Nov. 15th." The building's first tenant, in 1860, was The Indianapolis Journal, followed by other printing and publishing companies until Western Union moved in. The building next to it, constructed in 1879, was the Rhodius Building (left), owned by Mrs. Maria Rhodius. At the time of this photo, it was the Circle Park Hotel and featured a popular restaurant and bar with a floor of inlaid silver coins. Later, it was the Kingston Hotel. The building next door (not shown) was torn down in 1916 to make way for the Circle Theatre, today the premier feature of the Circle's southeast quadrant.

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The Victorian brick house at 119-121 E. Ohio Street that was The Indianapolis Star's birthplace in 1903. Six months after it started, The Star had 70,836 subscribers.

FILE PHOTO



The Indiana Statehouse from the top of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in 1908. The round building to the right is the Cyclorama, a 42-foot tall, 358-foot wide painting depicting the Civil War Battle of Atlanta.

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STAR BLOOMER GIRLS BASE BALL CLUB

627 W. MICHIGAN ST. INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Star Bloomer girls base ball club 627 W. Michigan St. Indianapolis, Ind. circa 1905. "Bloomer Girls" took to the field on barnstorming tours. They weren't in a league, and teams didn't play each other, but rather challenged semi-pro men's teams such as the Indianapolis Reserves, Indianapolis Grays and amateur company teams. The teams were considered a novelty act and in some instances had men dressed as women.

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The newly constructed U.S. Post Office and Court House building on E. Ohio Street in the middle of this photo taken circa 1905.

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The first Hook Drug Store was at the intersection of Southeast and Prospect Streets in 1900 until it was razed in 1941.

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Harry Houdini and unidentified man pose before advertising posters in Indianapolis, Indiana
"Houdini was in Indianapolis from December 29, 1907 to January 4, 1908. Time enough to enjoy his own image presented between an advertisement for The Terre Haute (Ind.) Brewing Co. and one for The Famous Pluto Spring."

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Coburn Store and Warehouse Fire, January 28th, 1908.

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Whalebone corset in 1907

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June 6, 1903 - first edition of The Indianapolis Star

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Balloons: Chicago, Indiana, and Hoosier netted down to ground prior to the National Balloon Race in 1909 starting at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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A scene from the wreckage of the train carrying the Purdue University football team in 1903. The team occupied the first car, resulting in the deaths of 13 players as well as an assistant coach and trainer. The second car (right) jumped the track and went down an embankment.

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Boat house at Fairview Park along the Central Canal in 1903.

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This view of the Star building, 301 North Pennsylvania Street, was taken shortly after it was built in 1907.

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The Indianapolis Public Library was located at the southwest corner of Meridian and Ohio Streets circa 1905.

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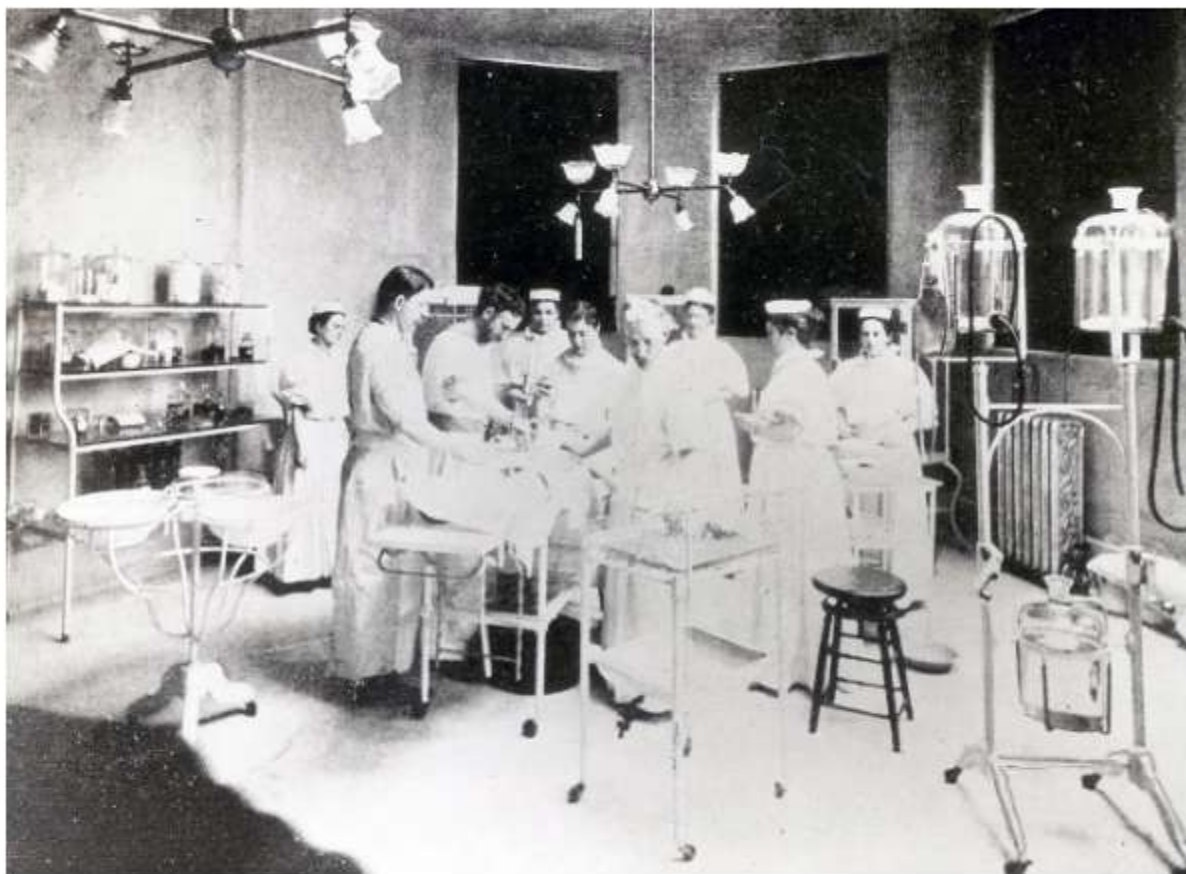
The Carnival arch on the south side of Monument Circle was erected in October 1899 in preparation for the festivities surrounding the turn of the century.

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Downtown Indianapolis in 1906 at Illinois and Washington streets looking east was a confluence of pedestrians, horse and buggy and trolleys.

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Operating room at the Marion County General Hospital (now Wishard), 1906.

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view from the stage of the Majestic Theatre on South Illinois Street in 1907.

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1905 Indiana State Fair from the Midway looking east along the main street of the fairgrounds.

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The Park Theater on Washington and Capitol was the city's first building constructed as a theater (named the Metropolitan in 1858). The date on the photo indicates it was circa 1905.

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This was the Knights of Pythias building circa 1906 and newly constructed. That's Pennsylvania Street on the left and Massachusetts Ave. on the right. The building's "flatiron" design was one of several in Indianapolis at the time. The "K of P" building was torn down in 1967 and this section of Massachusetts was eliminated so that the entire block could be used for the new Indiana National bank tower (later to become Regions Bank).

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Masonic Temple, Washington Street and Capital in 1906.

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Shortridge High School football team in 1900.

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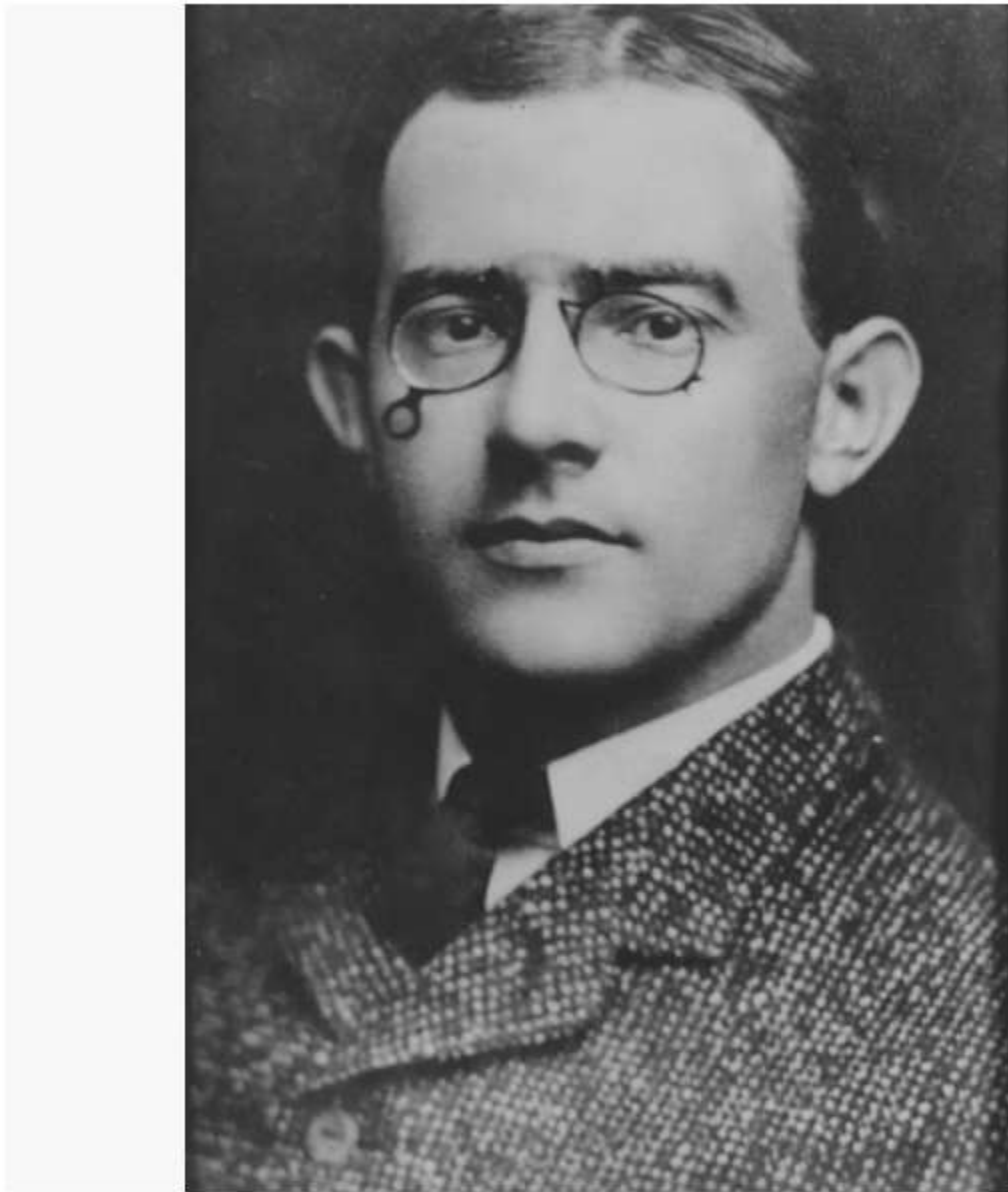
This 1903 photo shows the building at the corner of Market on the northeast quadrant of Monument Circle housed Vories's Business College, Inter State Life Assurance Company and Marion Trust Company.

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President Theodore Roosevelt addresses an Indianapolis crowd gathered for the 1907 dedication of the Lawton Monument at the old Marion County Courthouse.

Carl Bretzman Collection/Indiana Historical Society



Carl Fisher in 1909. Fisher made and lost several multimillion-dollar fortunes throughout his life. In Indiana, he's best remembered for founding the Indianapolis 500 race. He's also remembered as the builder Miami Beach, the coast-to-coast Lincoln Highway and the Dixie Highway from Chicago to Miami.

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Lewis Strang surveys the 1909 layout of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Strang became the first entrant in the Indianapolis 500 on Oct. 22, 1910, which was significant because that determined the starting lineup for the inaugural race.

[Indianapolis Motor Speedway Photo](#)



1909 photo of the resurfacing of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with bricks.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Phot



The rededication ceremony of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Dec 17, 1909. A silver gold-plated brick was chained and cemented in its place at the start finish line in front of the judges stand. Gov. Thomas R. Marshall had the honor of placing the brick in place.

File, Indianapolis Star



Johnny Aitken in National Car 8 grabs an early lead in the 10-Mile Race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway August 19, 1909.

Indianapolis Star, Photo



16,000 people witnessed opening races at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on August 19, 1909.

Charles Bretzman