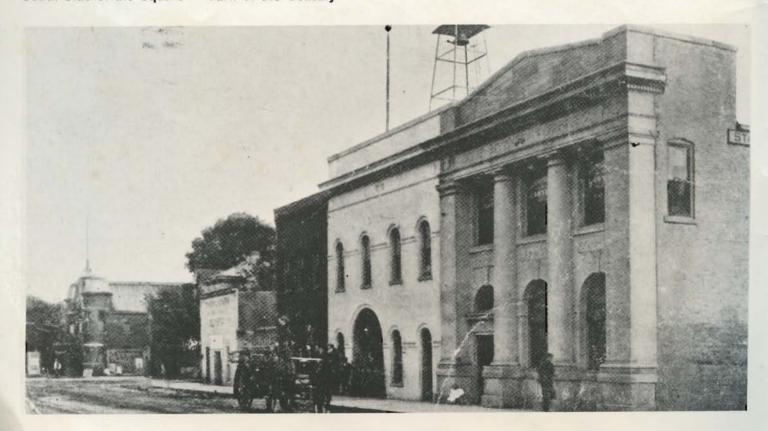


Photos of Our Past . . .

North Side of the Square - Turn of the Century



South Side of the Square - Turn of the Century



Photos of the Present . . .

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West Side of the Square - Turn of the Century



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West Side of the Square - 1976



A PHOTOGRAPHIC STORY OF VALPARAISO

"THE VALE OF PARADISE"

Photographs of Valparaiso from the Turn of the Century to 1976

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WITHOUT THEM, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE.

It is an honor to present this pictorial history of Valparaiso in accordance with the nation's 200th birth-day.

We, the residents of Valparaiso, an official Bicentennial City, celebrate this occasion by participating in events such as a Bicentennial Ball, a Wagon Train and "the biggest parade Valparaiso has ever seen." These events will culminate in the burial of a time capsule at Bicentennial Park July 4, 1976.

This capsule will contain memorabilia and will be buried at the dedication of Bicentennial Park on city's north side. It is to be unearthed 100 years later. Urschel engineering team decided capsule should be cylindrical with main body fabricated from half-inch thick 304 stainless steel. Inside diameter is 12 inches.

length 30 inches. Cover will be held in place by 16 screw fasteners made by Urschel. Each fastener has tensile strength to support weight of three full-size cars. Urschel metalurigst Art Hill contacted Christine Danziger of Chicago's Field Museum to review materials plan and to discuss filling capsule with special atmosphere of Argon gas to eliminate corrosion or oxidation affecting contents of 200-pound unit.

This book is not an attempt to catalogue Valparaiso's history. Pictures are uncategorized to show history as a continuing process. Likewise our city is marked by steady growth and progress.

We dedicate this booklet to those who have worked to make the Vale Paradise what it is today and will continue to do so in the future.

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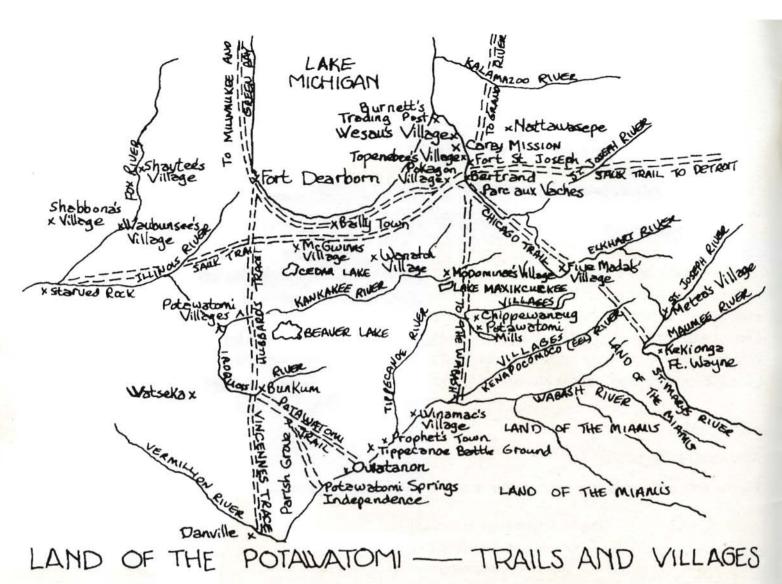
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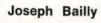
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Once a village of bark wigwams, Valparaiso was first settled by the Potawatomi Indians. Named in honor of a Potawatomi chief, Valparaiso was then known as Chiqua's town.

A French-Canadian, Joseph Bailly, established a thriving fur post on the shore of Lake Michigan. Bailly became the area's first white settler. For 11 years, he remained the sole non-Indian resident.

The purchase of the Potawatomi land by the U.S. government in October 1832, paved the way for additional settlers. Many followed the Indian path, known as the Old Sauk Trail, which passes near Valparaiso's present public library.

J. P. Ballard was the first to erect a house on the site of Valparaiso during 1834.

By an act of the General Assembly in 1836, Porter County, consisting of the present Porter and Lake counties, was formed. Chiqua's town, now the county seat, became known as Portersville.

Residents laid out plans for the town July 7, 1836. That same year, on October 31, the plat was officially recorded.

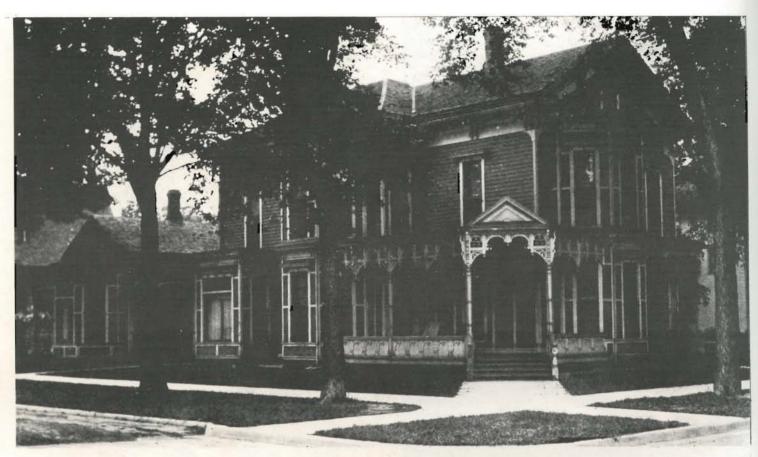
The Indiana legislature, in 1836, moved to separate what is now Porter County from LaPorte County. At this time residents voted to name the new county after War of 1812 hero, Commodore David Porter, and the county seat after Valparaiso, Chile, where Porter had waged war while in command of the frigate Essex.

Thus, in 1837, Portersville became known as Valparaiso or the Spanish, "Vale of Paradise."

With a population of 520, in 1850, Valparaiso was incorporated as a town. The official papers incorporatting the city of Valparaiso were signed Dec. 2, 1865.

Valparaiso, located 15 miles south of Lake Michigan and the deep water Port of Indiana, is 55 miles southeast of Chicago and 140 miles northwest of the state capitol. The city encompasses approximately 7.5 square miles and has a population (1975 estimated census) 23,000. It lies on a moraine at an altitude of 784 feet above sea level.

Valparaiso, a 3rd class city, ranks 24th in city population. It is the governmental, cultural and economic center of Porter County, the 12th largest and fastest growing county in the State of Indiana.



Valparaiso homes around the turn of the century . . .



THE AMERICAN LEGION - CHARLES PRATT POST #94



Homes Today - 1976



ANDERSON COMPANY



Valparaiso's first police officer. Former marshall Mat Brown (left).



Valparaiso Police Officers - 1934

JAMES D. CHRISTY, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS



Valparaiso Police Department - 1976

Today's police department has 32 men, six civilian clerks, eight radio cars, two motorcycles, five special officers and two metermen.



Dressed in cowboy garb for Bicentennial are 1976 County Sheriff's Officers.

COSTAS FOODS

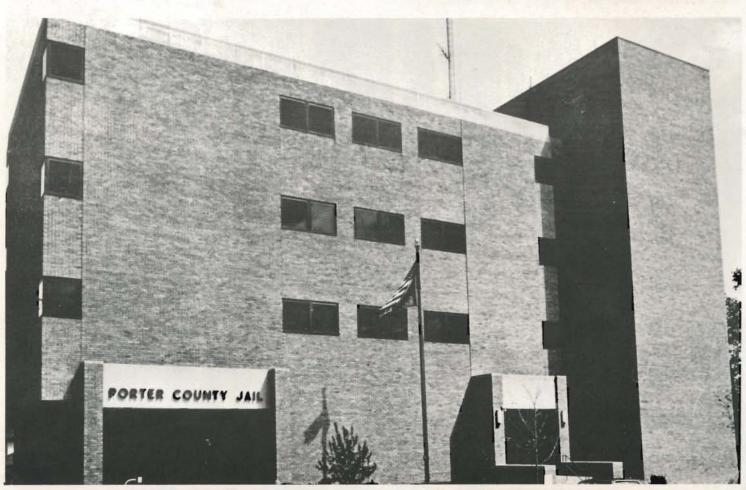


Another jail, completed at cost of \$50,000 in 1873, now serves as historical museum.

A new facility costing \$1,960,000 was built in 1972. The jail, one of the most modern in Indiana, is a three-story structure, with seven times the cell capacity of the old jail. Designed for future expansion, the jail now houses five county offices.

In 1837, \$1,250 was raised by subscription for courthouse and jail. First jail, built of white oak logs with brick foundation, was completed southeast of public square in 1838.

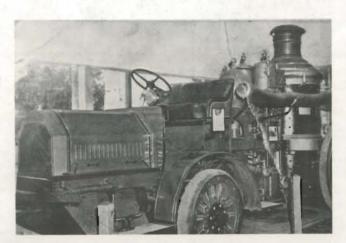




FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION OF VALPARAISO



Horse-drawn fire wagon early 1900's



Vintage fire truck



Fire department - Turn of the Century



Fire department - 1976

Today's (1976) fire department has 28 fire fighters, two stations and eight pieces of motorized equipment, including snorkel.

The old Christian Hospital, still standing at 106 Jefferson Street, opened in March 1906, with seven beds. Maintained by the Christian Church, Porter County's only hospital, could accommodate a maximum of 25 patients.

A new unit was built on LaPorte Avenue in December 1939. Today Porter Memorial Hospital is a 340-bed, County owned General Hospital. The hospital has a medical staff of over 75 physicians and 900 employees.

An expansion program, under way at the present time, will increase the emergency room facilities, laboratory services, the physical therapy, pharmacy and central supply departments, respiratory services, coronary and critical care departments.

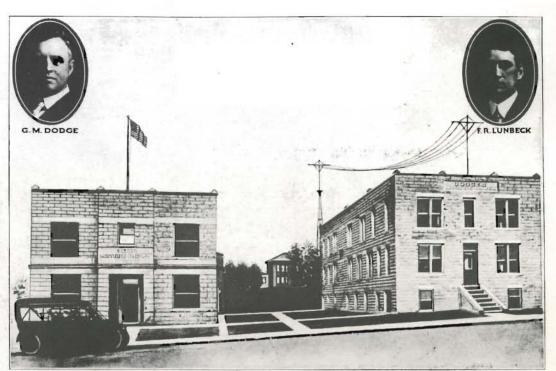


Christian Hospital and Training School for Nurses



Aerial view of PMH. Three-story parking facility was completed in 1976.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF VALPARAISO



Dodge's Telegraph and Railway Institute

Dodge Telegraph and Railway Institute was established in 1874 as a department of the Northern Indiana Normal School. The largest railway instruction school in the country, it was the only institution of its kind where a student could become a qualified wireless telegrapher or station agent.

The school became known as Valparaiso Technical Institute when property was acquired on West Lincolnway in the 1940s.

Today Valparaiso Technical Institute, with a student body of approximately 350, offers specialized training in automation, computers, missile guidance and control systems, television, industrial electronics, communications and broadcasting.

The old buildings of the institute have been converted into the Court Yard apartments on Monroe Street.

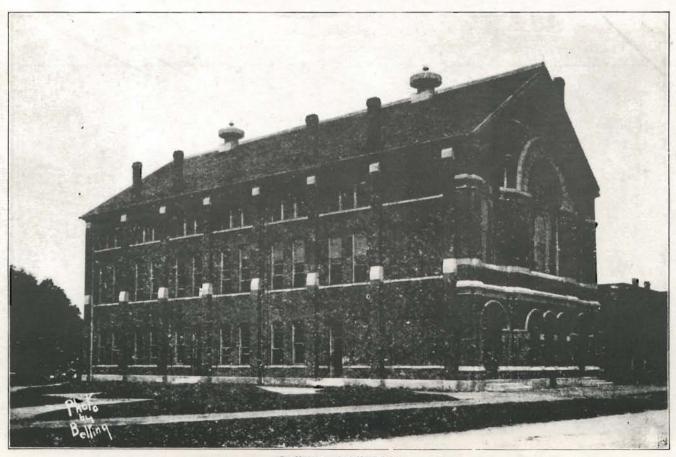


Valparaiso Technical Institute - 1976
INDIANA GENERAL



Lembke Hall

Valparaiso University - Turn of the Century



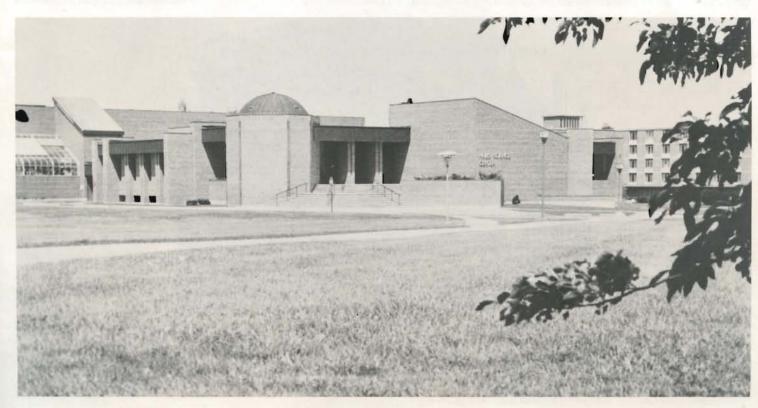
College Auditorium

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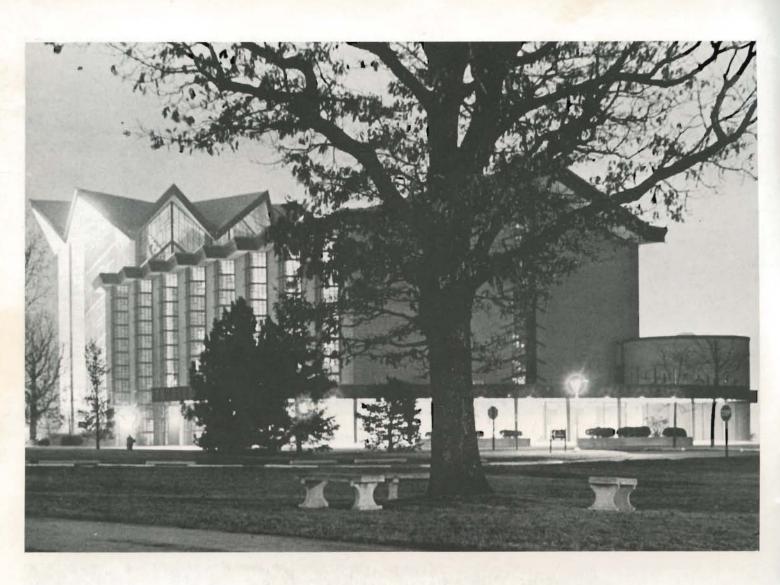


LeBien College of Nursing

Valparaiso University - 1976



Neils Science Center
KIWANIS CLUB OF VALPARAISO



Chapel of the Resurrection - Valparaiso University
World's Largest College Chapel

Valparaiso University was established in 1859 as Northern Indiana Normal School. It had the largest normal school enrollment in America in 1876. The Lutheran University Association purchased the school and named it Valparaiso University in 1925. Today more than 5,000 full-time and part-time students attend the university.

The photo editors and committee members acknow-

ledge the important role of the churches in the growth of Valparaiso. In a conscientious effort not to over look any denomination, individual church pictures were omitted.

Twenty-seven churches, representing eighteen denominations, are actively supported by Valparaiso's church-going community.

DID YOU SEE THE OPERA HOUSE WHEN IT WAS NEW? Turn of the Century



FROM THE INSIDE



FROM THE OUTSIDE

"Dedicated to soldiers and sailors of 1861 - 1865," the Memorial Opera House was built in 1893. Well-known actress, Beaulah Bondi, once graced the opera house stage. Restored, it is now the home of the Community Theatre Guild.



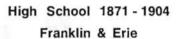
Valparaiso has always been a leader in progressive education. Highly rated and fully accredited, the public school system encompasses eight grade schools, two junior high schools, and one new high school.

In addition, Catholic and Lutheran schools provide private education at the elementary level.

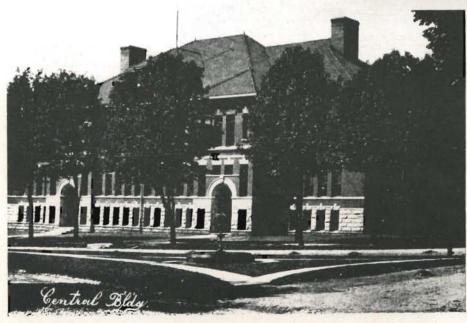
Gardner School

Turn of the Century

Jefferson & Campbell Streets







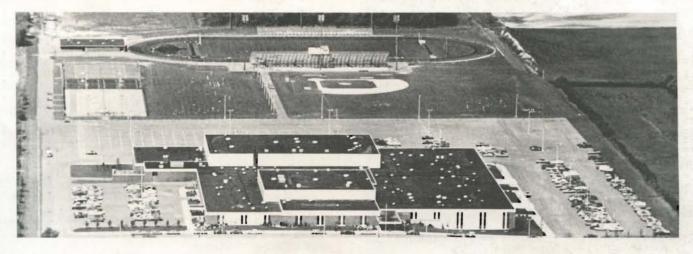
Central High School - 1905 Franklin & Erie



Thomas Jefferson Jr. High School - 1976 Roosevelt Road



Benjamin Franklin Jr. High School - 1976 Campbell and Park



Valparaiso High School, North Campbell Street - 1976

MENS CLUB OF ST. PAULS CATHOLIC CHURCH

VALPARAISO HIGH SCHOOL - 1975 STATE AAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
10	Chuck Oliver	ТВ	6-1	172	11	66	John Goodenow	G	6-0	187	11
12	Mark Allen	ТВ	6-1	182	12	67	Larry Dehnart	G	5-10	157	11
14	Arden Anderson	ТВ	5-9	165	11	68	Greg Trowbridge	G	5-8	155	11
15	Mark Erichiello	DB	5-7	148	11	71	Steve Shevick	Т	6-0	202	11
16	Mark Dofka	DB	5-9	151	12	73	Damon Sundin	T	6-4	207	12
21	David Thiele	DB	6-0	140	12	74	Mike Gesse	T	6-1	191	12
23	Tom Velchek	DB	5-10	162	11	75	Brian Stombaugh	T	6-0	191	12
25	Bob Johnson	DE-F	6-0	177	12	76	Jim Smurdon	T	5-10	177	-12
26	Doug Nisley	DB	5-10	169	12	77	Bob Scott	T	5-11	215	11
27	Fred Koberna	BB-LB	6-0	171	11	78	Jeff Snodgrass	T	6-2	209	11
28	Bob Malackowski	DB	5-8	156	12	79	Mike Merle	T	6-1	248	12
32	Tom Selby	FB-BB	5-10	185	12	80	Kurt Jamison	E	6-0	171	12
34	Aaron Curtis	WB	5-10	170	12	81	Brad Smith	E	6-2	180	11
36	Jack Wellsand	WB	5-10	160	11	82	Gil Clifford	T	6-2	176	12
38	Efres Belmonte	FB	5-11	186	12	83	Randy Robinson	DB	5-10	154	11
45	Willie King	FB	5-6	158	11	84	Don Raschke	FB	5-10	166	11
47	Ross Marshall	LB	5-11	177	12	85	Don Maiers	P	6-0	156	11
48	Kurt Gesse	LB	6-1	187	11	86	Rick Hill	E	6-0	176	11
49	John Poncher	K	6-1	151	12	88	Tom Smith	LB-E	6-0	171	12
50	Brian Brown	C	6-2	164	12	89	Brian Doane	E	6-0	190	11
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52	Jeff Zulich	C	5-11	140	11	94	Tim Kennedy	T	6-0	170	11
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SUPERINTENDENT - R. James Risk
PRINCIPAL - Garth Johnson
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR - C. J. Doane
HEAD COACH - Tom Stokes
ASSISTANT COACHES - Chuck Stanier, Mark Hoffman,
Fred Mitchell, Sid Reggie, Pat Murphy
CHEERLEADER SPONSOR - Patricia Rhinehart

CHEERLEADERS - Kristin Manatrey, Beth Wilson, Barb Mieczenkowski, Michele McGaffic, Paula Brown, Kate Bartelmo
STUDENT MANAGERS - Jay McDaniels, Greg Kenworthy SCHOOL COLORS - Green and White
NICKNAME - Vikings
SCHOOL SONG - Green and White Arise to Glory

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR JULY 3, 4 and 5, 1976

Saturday, July 3, 1976

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Fairground Activities:

- Quarter Finals of Valparaiso Almost Anything Goes Contest
- 2) Firefighters' Exhibit
- 3) Square Dancing Exhibit
- 4) Viewing of permanent displays
- 5) Drawing for Soap Box Derby positions

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Grandstand Program —
Country and Western Show featuring
"The Country Styles"

9:00 p.m.

Fireworks at Fairgrounds

Sunday, July 4, 1976

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bicentennial Park:
Dedication Ceremony
Display and demonstration of playground
equipment (crafts)
Reception - Cake and Punch

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interdenominational community celebration at University Chapel

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Fairground Activities:

- Semi-finals of Valparaiso Almost Anything Goes Contest
- 2) Viewing of permanent displays
- 3) Traditional contests night

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Grandstand Program — Musical presentation by "The United Sound"

9:00 p.m.

Fireworks at Fairgrounds

Monday, July 5, 1976

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Fairground Activities:

- Finals of Valparaiso Almost Anything Goes Contest
- 2) Viewing of permanent displays
- Award presentation to winner of Soap Box Derby

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Grandstand Program —

Musical Salute to America presented by
City Band and All City Bicentennial
Choral Group

9:00 p.m.

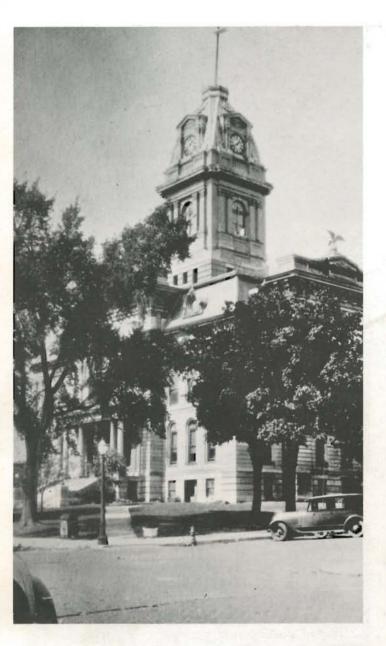
Grand Finale Fireworks at Fairgrounds











Porter County's first court house, a frame structure, was built in November, 1837. Nearly 30 years later, a new brick court house was erected on the public square.

Around midnight, December 27, 1934, fire raged through the court house, destroying the clock tower, public documents, and the law library. By morning,

only a shell remained. A white limestone, four-story structure, the court house was rebuilt from the remaining foundations and dedicated on October 30, 1937.





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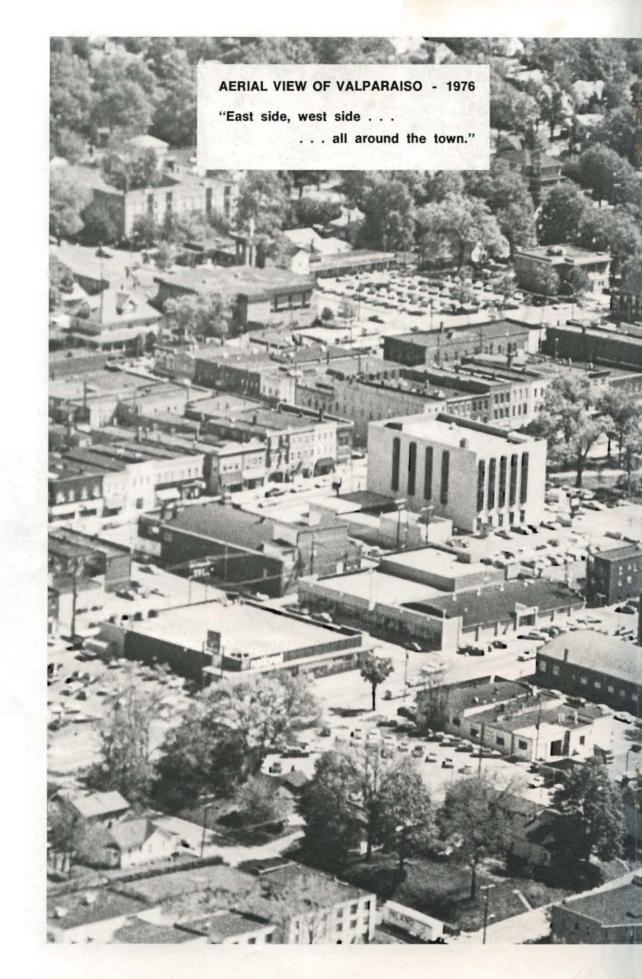


Porter County Courthouse - 1976

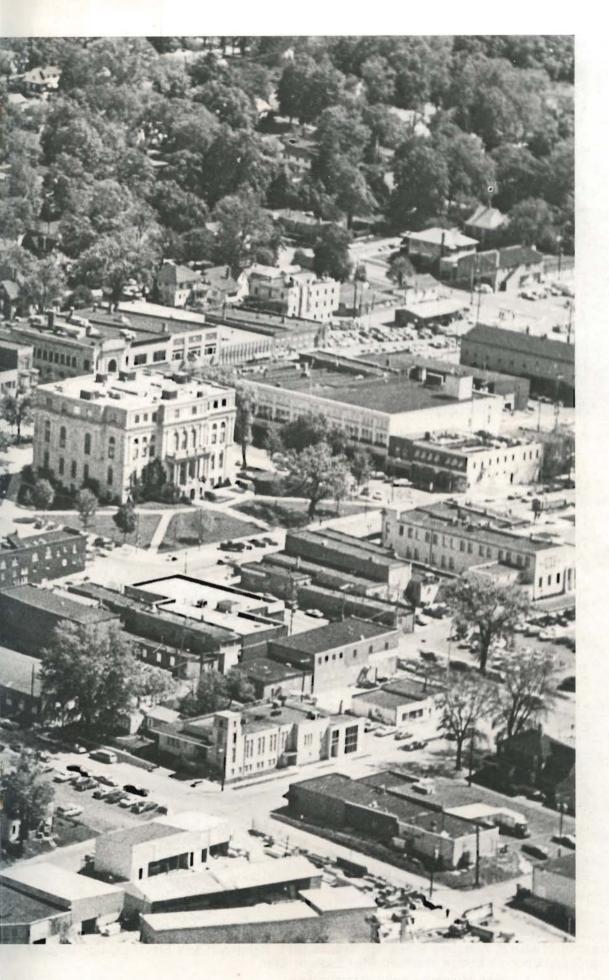
Clocks on all four sides of the building have replaced clock tower, destroyed in fire.



PORTER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION



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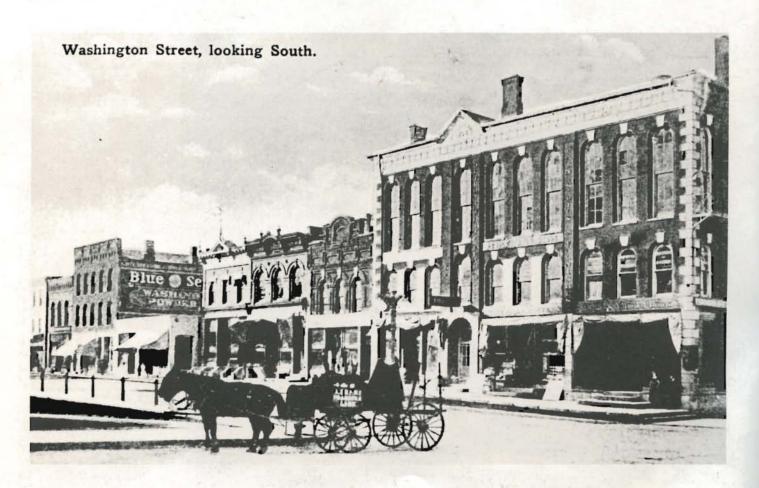


VALPARAISO ELK'S LODGE #500



Downtown Valparaiso -Turn of the Century

Specht-Finney, a well-known department store, became known as the Specht - Finney - Skinner Company in 1899



Known for the famed Academy of Music, Academy Block housed, in 1911, Heineman and Sievers Drug Company, Farmers National Bank, and the Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star.



Downtown Valparaiso - 1976

Valparaiso's trade area covers 650 square miles and has over 350 retail establishments. Included in this area are a locally-owned department store, several neighborhood shopping centers, a number of national chain stores, two well-established banks, and one savings and loan association.

A stable economy contributes to an unusual effective buying income (\$15,700 per household - 1974 figure), relatively little unemployment, and high wage rates. Coupled with the area's rapid growth, this adds to rapidly expanding retail sales and many new businesses.



East end of town - 1976 VALPO BEVERAGES, INC.



Interior view of jewelry store, owned by George F. Beach

Known as "the Big White Store, J. Lowenstine and Sons was established in 1885.





Szold's Department Store

V.F.W. HAYES POST #988



Lowenstines — Valparaiso's locally-owned, downtown, department store.



"Szold's" Corner - 1976, Lincolnway & Washington
VIDETTE-MESSENGER



Horn Block - 1911

Between Franklin
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Windle Block
Lincolnway & Franklin



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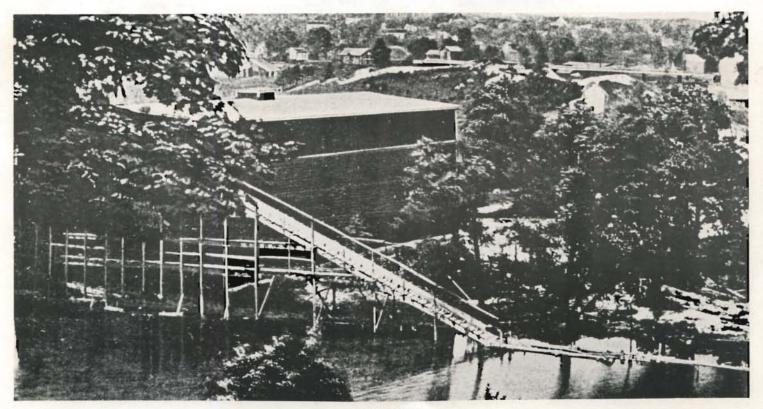
East Lincolnway Shopping Area - 1976

Early Industry



Old Crosby Mil

Industry in Valparaiso began in 1866 and 1867 with the establishment of woolen mills and a paper factory. In 1873, the only pin factory west of New York was built on a tract north of Crosbys.

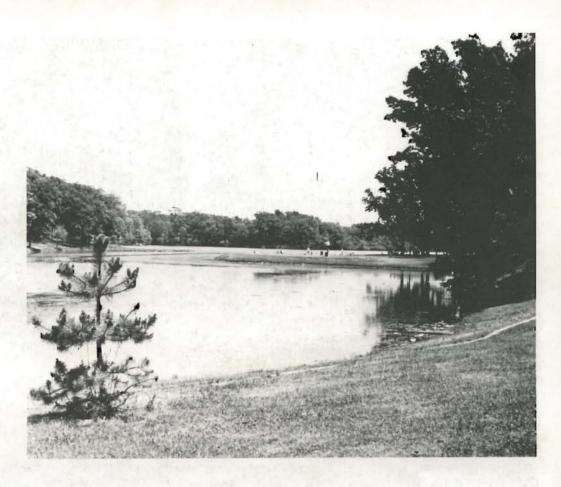


Sagers Mill

Local farmers once brought wheat to Sagers Mill to be ground in flour.

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JAMES and CATHERINE DOUGLAS, CHARLES and SUSANNE





Sagers Lake - 1976



The McGill Manufacturing Company was established in 1905.



William Urschel's factory, built in 1910, manufactured gooseberry snippers which removed both stem and blossom ends from berries.



McGill Manufacturing Co. - 1976

Today, McGill's has plants in both Valparaiso and Culver, Indiana. Valparaiso's largest local employer, it manufactures anti-friction ball and roller bearings, electric lamp guards, switches, and other electrical equipment.



Urshel Laboratories & Indiana Information Control - 1976

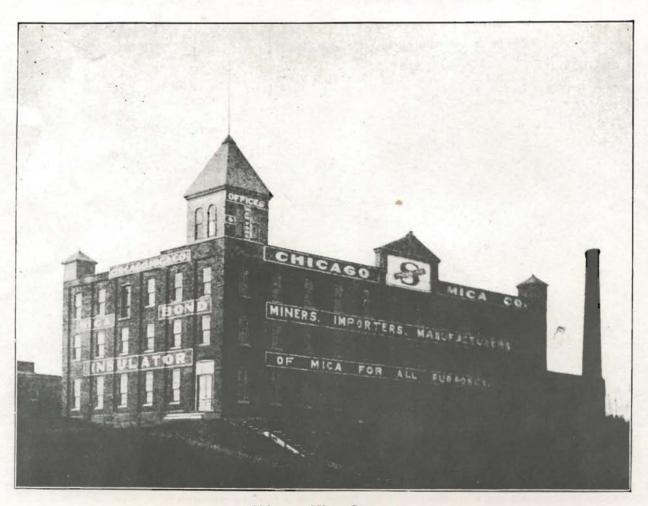
In 1957, Urschels moved their expanding operation to headquarters on N. Calumet Road. Today, the food processing equipment plant covers 90,000 square feet. Known world-wide, the plant also includes a food laboratory where food processors work to develop new foods for a hungry world.

Branching out, Urschels opened a computer service business, Indiana Information Controls, in 1967. In 1969, Urschel Development Corporation was established to develop 250 acres of land on N. Calumet purchased by William Urschel. High quality construction in a setting of green lawn and trees is proceeding as planned.



Chautauqua Manufacturing Company

Chautauqua Manufacturing Company, located in the Chautauqua Park sector of Valparaiso, made educational specialties, including desks, scrolls, nature study charts, and loose leaf albums and binders.



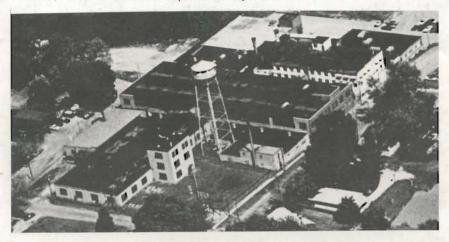
Chicago Mica Company

The Chicago Mica Company was once Valparaiso's largest and most prominent manufacturing industry. Electrical insulating materials were manufactured here.



Industrial Park - 1976

Today, Valparaiso has 29 local manufacturing industries and shops, employing nearly 3,000 workers. Products run the gamut from bakelite products, food processing machinery, permanent magnets, ball bearings, electric lamp guards, electrical switches, to automobile parts, aprons, machine tools, refined metals, fiberglass tanks, fruit juice cans, steel rollers, and automatic sprinkler systems.



Anderson Company - 1976

Makers of windshield wiper blades for cars, trucks, planes, etc.



Indiana General - 1976

Indiana General, with two plants in Valparaiso, is the world's largest manufacturer of permanent magnets.



Construction of Hotel Lembke early 1920's.

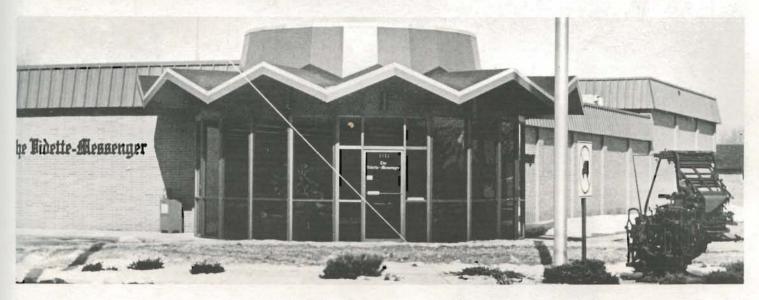


Lembke Motor Inn - 1976



The Messenger Building - around 1911

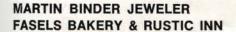
In 1843, William C. Talcott, having brought the first printing press to Porter County, launched the first newspaper. Before the turn of the century, two newspapers, a weekly, the **Porter County Vidette**, and a daily, the **Evening Messenger**, existed.



Vidette-Messenger - 1976



WAKE-WLJE-FM - 1976





WNWI - 1976

JESS BOWMAN & ASSOCIATES ELECTRICAL SUPPLY GRIEGER MOTOR SALES, INC.



Sagers Lake was once the ideal place for fishing, boating, and camping.

Flint Lake was once one of the largest and most popular summer resorts in Indiana.

Sigmund Freund, a retired manufacturer from Chicago who was impressed with the natural beauty of Flint Lake, purchased 47 acres east of the lake and founded Sheridan Beach. Here, he built cottages, a hotel, a dancing pavillion, and a park for picnics. With reduced railroad fares to and from Chicago for summer visitors, many flocked to this area for rest and relaxation.





HAYES AUTOMOBILE SALES, INC. HOLIDAY INN, INC.

M & M LIQUORS, INC.
NORTH AMERICAN PHILIPS CO., FERROXCUBE CORP.



Lakewood Park 1976

Valparaiso's Newest
Park (1976)
Bicentennial Park
North Side of Valparaiso





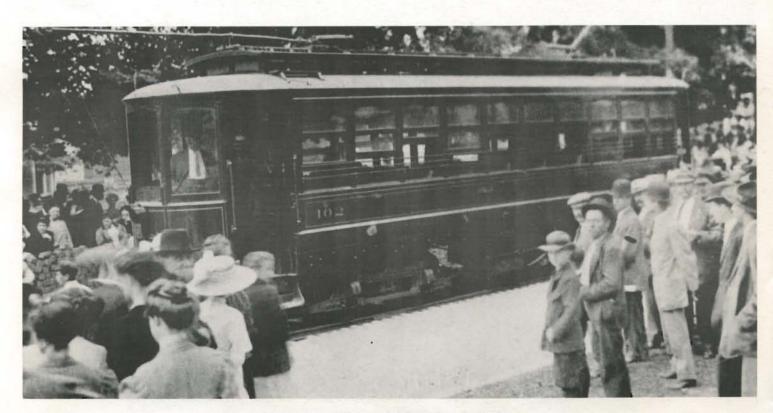
Forest Park Golf Course - 1976 Harrison and Yellow Stone

VALPARAISO LIONS CLUB

P.B.M. INDUSTRIES, INC.
PORTER CO. FARM BUREAU INSURANCE



Pennsylvania Railroad Station - Early 20th Century



Interurban between Valparaiso and Gary First Run July 4, 1910

HARLEY SNYDER CO. STRONGBOW TURKEY INN, INC. THORGREN TOOL & MOLDING CO., INC.
ART TUESBURG REALTY, INC.



Amtrak - 1976

Today over 10,000 county residents commute daily via ConRail to the Calumet region and Chicago. Amtrak also offers services to the East.



The city is also served by three bus lines: Greyhound Lines East, Trailways Southeastern, and Continental Trailways.

VALPARAISO SERVICE AGENCY, INC. VAN NESS ELECTRIC, INC.

CHUCK WHEELER VALPARAISO RESTAURANT, INC.
CASBON ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.



Old Highway 130

Today, Valparaiso is directly in the path of all traffic east from Chicago. Near one of the largest industrial areas of the nation, it is served by an outstanding highway network. Major highways include the Indiana Toll Road; Interstates 65, 80, 94; U.S. 6, 12, 20, 30; and Indiana 2, 49, 130.



More than 500 pieces of baggage were loaded out at the end of the 1906 college year.

BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION





Today, air transportation is the mode. Porter County Municipal Airport, with two runways, provides excellent facilities, such as modern radio communication, beacon lights, nine storage hangars, and a shop and administration building. Commuter and air charter service, as well as rental planes and cars, are also available. In addition, commercial airline service is available at Chicago and South Bend.

URSCHEL LABORATORIES, INC.



Hauling goods - Turn of the Century







Early gas stations sold gas and repaired automobiles.



In addition to providing traditional services, today's service station sells groceries and sundry items.



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Following the lead of William Urschel, who moved his factory to its present site in 1957, many Valparaiso businesses are expanding north of the city.



Pioneer Apartment
Building, erected on
the old Marks corner
in 1908 by Perry L.
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today.



Valparaiso is widely known as a residential community. More than 65 per cent of the people own their homes. Over 600 modern apartment units have been built here since 1960. Several thousand more have been approved or are under construction to help meet Valparaiso's growing needs.



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