

# Athletic Club Corner-Stone Laying Marks New Era in Indiana

**(W)**HEN the Indianapolis Athletic Club building, now under construction at the southwest corner of Meridian and Vermont streets, is completed and ready for occupancy, Indianapolis will have a new landmark, a new show place, a great and wonderful new building and one of the finest and most complete athletic clubs in the United States.

With fitting and impressive ceremonies the corner stone of the new building was laid this afternoon, with thousands of persons in attendance. Various business and civic clubs, realizing the importance of the athletic club movement, were present at these ceremonies, for which officers and special committees of the club had planned for many weeks.

When the clubhouse is completed it will not only be one of the finest and most complete athletic club buildings in the United States but will combine the best features of all athletic clubs in the country, yet distinctly different from any other. The Indianapolis Athletic Club began with an idea which occurred almost simultaneously to a small group of Indianapolis business men. The idea soon grew into an ideal and these men, animated with a common purpose, set out to create "the best possible sort of club a man could belong to; a club that knows no group or class or interest; a club that draws its membership from the best men of all groups."

Facing the broad and stately Memorial Plaza, now in process of realization, the Indianapolis Athletic Club will rise to nine stories in height, its beautiful and imposing facade looking squarely across the plaza to the

east. Simplicity and beauty of the Italian renaissance architecture will mark the new clubhouse, the architect's sketch for which appears on this page. The exterior of the building will be brick with stone trimming. The doorway to the main entrance on Meridian street is characteristic of the renaissance period architecture with its fineness and simplicity, yet massive and stately. The Vermont street entrance will be sheltered by a decorative metal and glass canopy.

The balcony and tall windows with the rounded casements shown in the sketch, mark the main dining room. Just below will be the billiard and pool room. Above it are the three stories of sleeping rooms, each floor with more than fifty sleeping rooms. Topping the structure will be the enclosed roof garden. The garden will be enclosed in glass which may be removed during the summer months. While the building will be flush with the sidewalk a patch of lawn between the sidewalk and curb will add a touch of beauty to the club house setting.

The club house will really be divided into practically three sections. The west end of the building from basement to sixth floor will be occupied by the athletic section. The front part of the building from the basement to the sixth floor will be devoted to the social features of the club while the sixth to the ninth floors will be occupied by sleeping rooms.

Officers of the club point out that the gymnasium, swimming pool, bowling alleys, rifle range, handball and squash courts, billiard room and indoor golf course will provide unrivaled facilities for wholesome and agreeable exercise. Theodore Roosevelt once said that many men who do not succeed in life have no one to blame but themselves. They fail to keep themselves physically fit.

Henry F. Campbell, president of the club, during recent months has received letters from the presidents of athletic clubs in all parts of the United States giving praise to the Indianapolis project. In addition the Indianapolis

Chamber of Commerce took official cognizance of the project by sending to the members of the club an attractive brochure as an appreciation of the efforts of those Indianapolis men who made the organization of the club possible and to those who enjoy the privileges of membership.

F. L. Stein, president of the Athletic Club of Cleveland, Ohio, in a letter to Mr. Campbell, said: "I am confident in the assertion that you and your associates as well as the citizens of your good city will be everlastingly grateful to those who have assisted in making the Indianapolis Athletic Club all that you would have it."

J. M. Hays, president of the Milwaukee Athletic Club, in another letter to Mr. Campbell, said: "Every business man of your city, whether a member of your club or not, will be a sharer in the benefits and privileges of your new building and should take an active interest in the project financially, as well as give it their moral support at all times." Similar letters have been received from all parts of the country.

One of the important committees of the club has been the Committee of Sixty which has had a leading hand in

the movement. While it is known as the "Committee of Sixty," there are less than sixty members on the committee. It received its name one day when one of the officers of the club, Wallace O. Lee, remained that the committee members certainly "were working like sixty" for the success of the club. Thereafter the committee was named and the name still remains. Carl H. Wallerich is president of the committee while the other officers are Carl J. Prinzler, A. H. Adams and A. E. Davis. Other members of the committee are Will H. Brown, Charles L. Buschmann, W. H. Barrere, Jr., D. C. Braden, H. C. Barber, J. G. Brannum, F. W. Buck, H. L. Bass, Dr. C. B. Blakeslee, Paul Donald Brown, R. O. Bonner, C. R. Brannan, Robert J. Campbell, T. E. Carson, Henry F. Campbell, T. E. Crabb, Ralph L. Coiby, R. M. Cotton, F. A. Doebber, I. C. Dillaven, R. F. Daggett, Ralph H. Edgerton, C. R. Eglington, Tracy W. Ellis, P. D. Frawley, J. R. Fenstermaker, Howard T. Griffith, Fred Grunne, E. R. Hisey, W. Gage Hoag, William M. Hershall, F. D. Hatfield, O. B. Hiles, Wilbur Johnson, Dr. G. B. Jackson, Wallace O. Lee, Dr. C. D. Lewis, A. J. Lauth, Fred Mills, Dick Miller, Dick Miller, Frederick E. Matson, T. E. Myers, E. J. Marsh, R. L. Mellett, W. H. Montgomery, J. Edward Morris, L. B. Mosiman, J. G. Mott, H. G. May, D. S. Menasco, J. D. Maris,

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The club members will hold a banquet and justification in the Elroy room at the Claypool Hotel at 6 o'clock this evening. Members of the committee who have had charge of arrangements for this event are L. S. Rosenmann, chairman; Meredith Nicholson, Hugh McK. London, William J. Mooney, Jr., Governor Warren T. McGraw, Samuel M. Ralston, Frank D. Staninsker, G. H. Wallerich, A. E. Davis, Carl J. Prinzler, A. H. Adams, Wallace O. Lee, Paul Donald Brown, Carl G. Fisher, Fred Hoke, Charles W. Jewett, B. F.

Lawrence, William M. Hershall, O. B. Hiles and Felix M. McWhirter.

Members of the committee who had charge of the corner stone laying are Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch, chairman; Harry B. Smith, Rolland Eggleston, John B. Reynolds, C. Z. Mutrie, Samuel B. Sulphur, Tracy W. Ellis, Meredith Nicholson, Ralph L. Coiby, Harper J. Ransburg and Ralph E. Edgerton.

Harry C. Stutz is chairman of the building committee of the club and T. A. Wynne, A. M. Glassbrenner, E. W. Steinhart and Samuel E. Rana are members. Dick Miller is chairman of the club finance committee and members are Ralph A. Lemcke and Frederick E. Matson.



**T**HERE is no limit to the possibilities of such an organization as the Indianapolis Athletic Club. Its influence will be felt in every activity, every phase of every activity in the city. When men of ability, ambition, friendliness and civic enthusiasm unite so closely together there can not be a limit to their combined accomplishments.

"The Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, and all Indianapolis is proud of the Indianapolis Athletic Club and its members. It is a priceless contribution to the life of our city, one of the greatest of all the mighty achievements in the past century of continued progress. Congratulations to those whose vision and enthusiasm have made it possible and to those who enjoy the privilege of membership!"

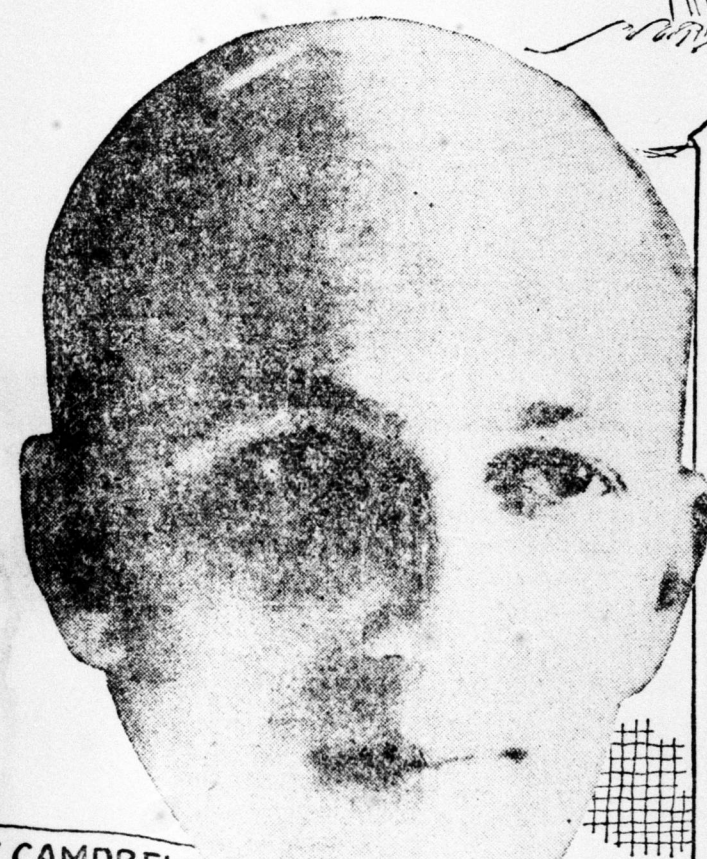
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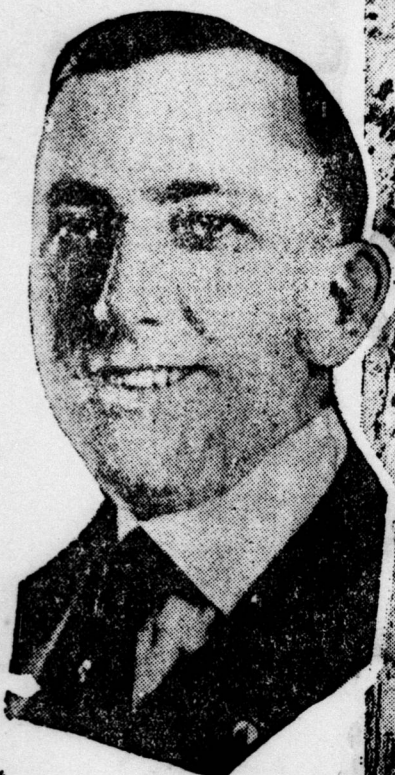
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