

Our 175th Year · 1833-2008

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST

1896-1897

As we celebrate 175 years, we take a look at our history and the world around us through News-Sentinel archives.

1896

◆ Robison Park, originally called Swift Park in honor of the family who owned the land, formally opens 7 miles north of the city at the end of a new streetcar line.

◆ Henry P. Scherer becomes city mayor.

◆ Utah becomes the 45th state.

◆ Athens, Greece hosts the first modern Olympics.

◆ Wolf & Dessauer department store is founded by Sam

Wolf and Myron Dessauer.

◆ Architectural design competition held for present-day Allen County Courthouse. Brentwood S. Tolan of Fort Wayne won the competition.

1897

◆ William McKinley inaugurated president.

◆ James Atwell Mount elected Indiana governor.

◆ Footbridge placed across the St. Marys River to connect Swinney Park with Nebraska neighborhood.

◆ The federal government ends the tribal recognition of the Indiana branch of the Miami.

◆ Construction begins on the new Allen County Courthouse; building was completed in 1902.

◆ First Jell-O is introduced in Le Roy, N.Y. Raspberry, lemon, strawberry and orange were the first four flavors.

◆ H.W. Meyer brings the first automobile to Fort Wayne.

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