

## ■ ALBUM OF YESTERYEAR

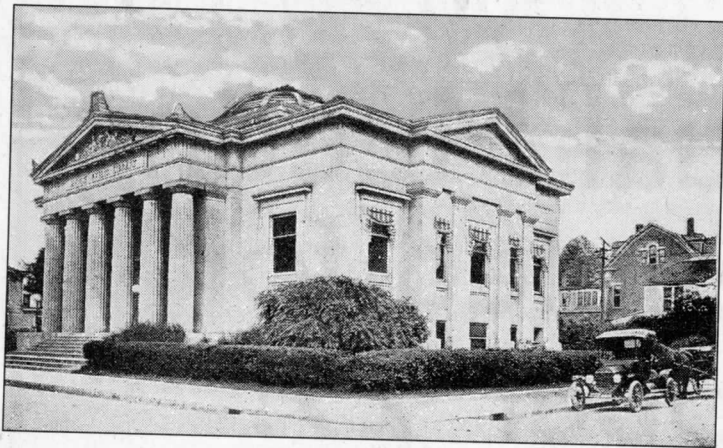


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**IN 1901, THE COMMERCIAL CLUB** of Muncie heard Andrew Carnegie was willing to assist towns to equip libraries, so the group sent a letter to the steel magnate asking for help in Muncie. Within a week, the response was favorable. Carnegie would give \$50,000 - if the city would provide the land and maintain a free library at a cost of \$5,000 a year. The Fort Wayne architecture firm of Win and Mahurin was hired, and on Jan. 1, 1904, the new library (seen above) was dedicated. Designed in the Doric order of classic revival style, the building recently was renovated, and a new local history and genealogy center was built to the south. A dedication is planned for 2-4 p.m. Aug. 17. Anyone with questions or comments for the Album of Yesteryear can contact Mike Mavis at 288-3307 or at [features@thestarpress.com](mailto:features@thestarpress.com)