

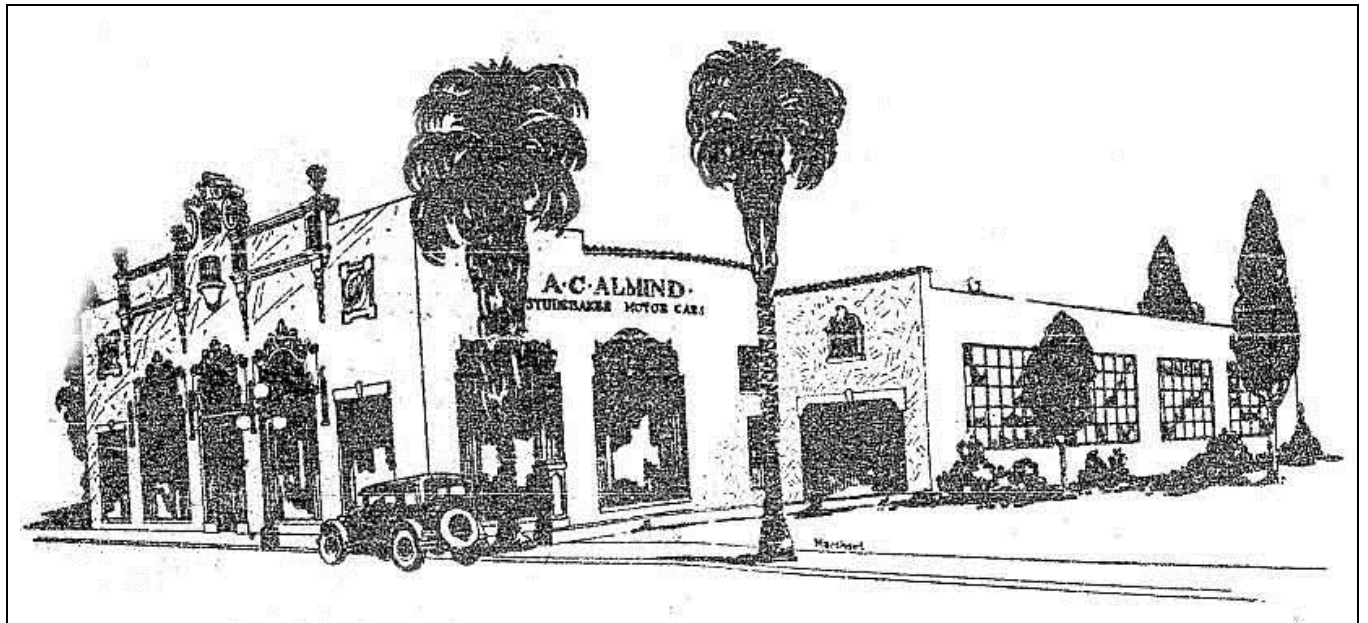


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SAN BERNARDINO'S STUDEBAKER BUILDING OPENS IN 1927



Architect's rendering of Arthur C. Almind's Studebaker agency.

On March 12, 1927, it was announced that Arthur C. Almind's Studebaker dealership had built a facility at Seventh and E Streets in San Bernardino. He had owned the dealership for some time previously. The building had the Spanish-influenced architecture typical of that era in Southern California. The frontage on E Street was 100 feet, and the depth 150 feet. The sales room windows and doors had large, arched panes of glass, and the lighting system was indirect, presenting a striking effect. The rooms in which the salesmen met with their customers were said to be "elaborately" furnished. The service department was of the "modern shop" type, and was constructed in such a way that supporting pillars were not necessary, so there were no unsightly poles in the building.

The architect was Eugene K. Martin, a graduate of the University of Berlin, University of Paris, and the University of California. While in Paris he studied under Jean Louis Pascal, one of the world's masters of architecture. He designed several major buildings in the San Francisco and Oakland area.

The Studebaker building was thought to be a fine addition to San Bernardino. The dealership does not appear to have survived the Depression, as it is not listed in the 1940 San Bernardino City Directory. Almind, who lived in Redlands, later had a Toyota dealership in that city.

HISTORICAL AND PIONEER SOCIETY WEBSITE

This is a reminder to all that the City of San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society has a website, titled "San Bernardino History Central," currently under construction by board member Joe Fondy. A calendar of upcoming events is on our site, but check out the other pages, too.

There is a tab entitled "Links to the Past," which connects you to some great sites, including local history books available on line.

We receive many questions about former residents of San Bernardino, and we are in the process of indexing the Mary L. Lewis genealogical collection of what she called "Family Sheets." This program will allow descendants to contact us for detailed information.

Be sure and bookmark our website: http://www.sbhistoricalociety.com/Site_2/History_Central.html

OTHER WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Some of the newer recipients of this newsletter are not aware that the City of San Bernardino keeps about 12 months of back issues on its website:

http://www.ci.san-bernardino.ca.us/about/history/historical_n_pioneer_society/library_news/default.asp

Find a grave site in Pioneer Memorial Cemetery:

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=8282&CScn=Pioneer+&CSentry=4&CSst=6&CSsr=21>

Abandoned and little-known airfields of western San Bernardino County:

http://www.airfields-freeman.com/CA/Airfields_CA_SanBernardino_W.htm#san

Nice map of Southern California:

<http://contueor.com/baedeker/unitedstates/southerncalifornia.htm>

Omnitrans history, with pictures, beginning in 1885:

http://www.omnitrans.org/about/fleet_timeline.shtml#1885

Roosevelt Bowl at Perris Hill Park:

<http://newdeal.feri.org/library/g09a.htm>

THE CHALICE WITH THE PALACE HAS THE BREW THAT IS TRUE



DOES ANYONE KNOW IF THIS CHALICE IS A 1910 CENTENNIAL MEMENTO?

Yes, I know that is not actually how the line goes, and that is not exactly a palace on the cup, but rather a representation of Arrowhead Springs Hotel, which was the closest thing San Bernardino had to a palace.

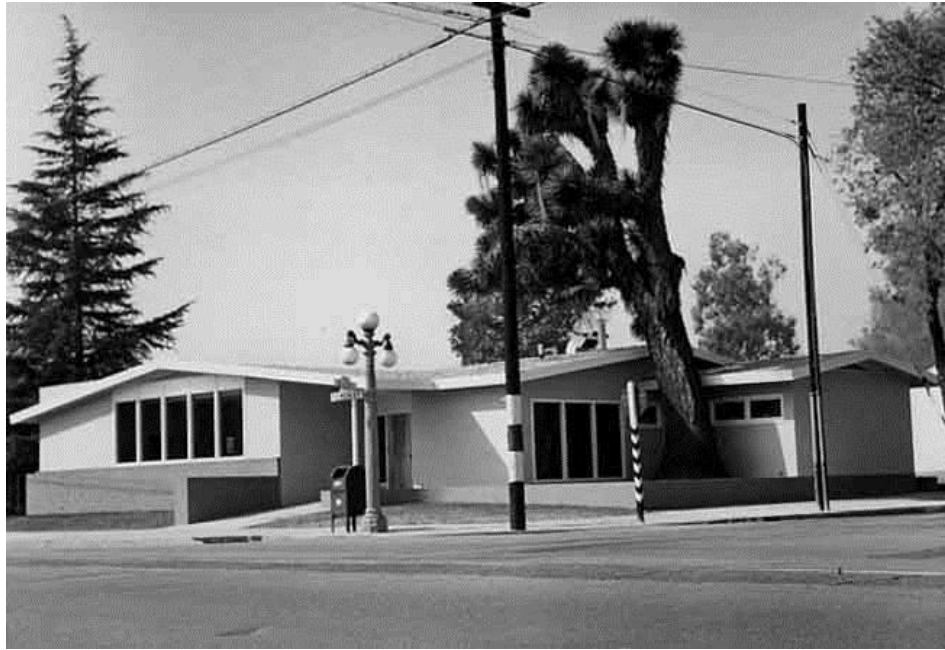
You will notice that the representation of the hotel even has the natural arrowhead-shaped landmark behind it. On the bottom of the pedestal is "C. M. Hanf, San Bernardino." Hanf earned his living as a jeweler in the early 20th Century.

The cup belongs to Dave Rutherford, who thinks it might date back to the Centennial celebration held by San Bernardino in 1910. There were a number of mementos from that year, and perhaps this is one.

Dave asks anyone with information to contact him.

DONATION

The following two photographs were donated to our Society by Dave Rutherford. They were taken by Clarence L. Jarvis in the 1950s. Thank you, Dave, once again.



This building, on the SW corner of Tenth and D Streets, housed the AAA auto club



Calvary Baptist Church, 18th and E Streets

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