

APPLICATION
ELGIN BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM
HERITAGE COMMISSION
CITY OF ELGIN

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name Michael & Patrice Carmichael Phone _____
Address 309 Wing Park Blvd.
City Elgin State IL Zip 60120

Subject Property Address same
Owner _____ Phone _____
Owner's Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DOCUMENTATION

1. Original Owner John Kienzle
2. Building Name "Sunset Tower"
3. Date of Construction 1930
4. Architect _____
5. Builder _____
6. Architectural Style (to be supplied by Heritage Commission)

Description of Present and Original Physical Appearance:

The House is UNMODIFIED SINCE 1930.
IT IS A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE OF FRENCH-NORMAN
ARCHITECTURE. IT IS MOST UNUSUAL IN THE ELGIN AREA.

(Please attach a narrative if additional space is required.)

Statement of Significance: (please check the appropriate categories and attach a narrative describing the historical and/or architectural significance of the property.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	_____ Education
_____ History (Local, State, National)	_____ Religion
_____ Commerce	_____ Social
_____ Industry	_____ Government

Representation on Existing Surveys:

- National Register of Historic Places
 - Illinois Register of Historic Places
 - Illinois State Survey of Historic Places
 - Other Surveys or Studies (Please List)
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Building Condition:

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Building Modification (please check appropriate category);
List or describe, if known, any modifications or changes
that have occurred to the exterior of the building:

Unaltered Minor Alterations Major Alterations

ATTACH A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BUILDING NOMINATED FOR A BUILDING PLAQUE.

Please check the sources used in your research: At least one original source documenting the date of building construction is required. Attach photo copies whenever available.

- Recorder of Deeds, Kane County
 - Sanborn Maps at City of Elgin Planning Department
 - Subdivision Plats at City of Elgin Planning Department
 - City Directories/Gale Borden Public Library
 - Building Permits at City of Elgin B.I.S.
 - Newspaper Building Reports (see attached)
 - Other (please list source)
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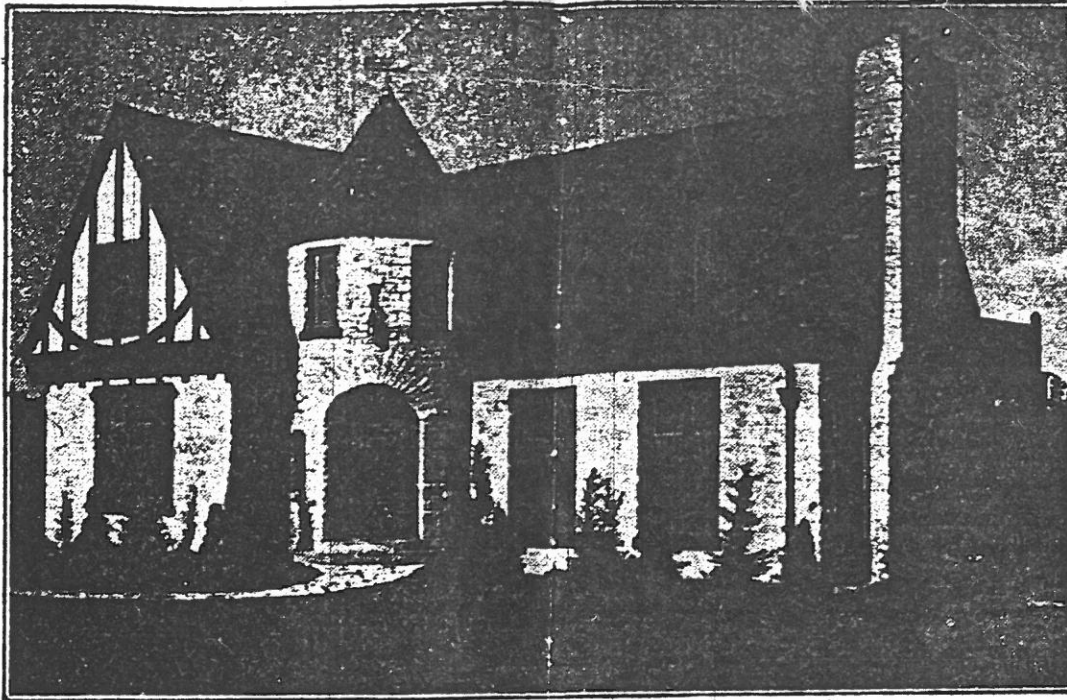
Permission is hereby granted to the Elgin Heritage Commission to edit and publish all information contained in the submitted building plaque application. The granting of this permission does not prohibit the applicant's use of the submitted material in any way.

I verify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature Ms. Regine Stepha Date 2/21/91

For assistance in completing this application please contact the Elgin Planning Department, City of Elgin, 150 Dexter Court (695-6500 ext. 235).

Public Welcome At "Sunset Tower"



The friendly and beckoning atmosphere of this charming new French-Norman home of John Kienzle, located on Wing Park boulevard, will be open to public inspection tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, to remain open until 9 o'clock in the evening, the same visiting hours to prevail each day during the guest period, which closes at 9 o'clock the evening of Sunday, August 10.

"Sunset Tower," the imposing new residence of John Kienzle, located on Wing Park boulevard, has been completed, and will be in readiness for public inspection tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

The Kienzle-Courier-News Model Home, as it will be known during the guest period, will be opened each afternoon at 2 o'clock, and guests will be received until 8 o'clock at night, this schedule to prevail each day up to and including Sunday, August 10.

The exhibit will be sponsored by The Elgin Courier-News, through the courtesy of Mr. Kienzle, and with the co-operation of Elgin merchants, Miss Dorothy Phillips, 392 St. Charles street, expert interior decorator, will act in the capacity of hostess during the guest period.

General Public Is Invited

Those interested in home building, of learning more about construction of fine dwellings and of the "latest" furnishings which adorn such residences, and again of the tasteful arrangement of fine furnishings, are invited to come and see for themselves this new idea of what a model American home should be. The exhibit is educational in purpose and its primary object is the promotion of a still greater interest in the art of making a home.

All visitors will be requested to register their names and addresses, and at the conclusion of the exhibit, three guest prizes will be awarded. These consist of scenic panels and of richly inlaid wood, imported from Germany.

Is Innovation in Construction

"Sunset Tower" is something of an innovation in dwelling construction in this vicinity, embodying as it does the features of simplicity, durability, utility and charm. It is of the French-Norman style of architecture.

considered one of the finest examples in this section of the state. Not only a work of art, it is a remarkable example of workmanship in which has been incorporated an exactitude as to detail.

The house is of Lannan stone, quarried at Beaver Dam, Wis., a hard, beautifully cut material, with roofing of creo-dipped shingles in a four-tone color scheme. There are casement windows, which, with its massive door, and its unique tower, combined with tasteful landscaping, lend an air of sincere hospitality.

Interior Is "Treasure House"

Within are treasures which will prove a revelation to visitors, treasures in construction detail which will delight the contractor and the prospective home-builder, treasures in the little secrets of home furnishing, treasures in kitchen utilities which the housewife will marvel at, and treasures in the painstaking craftsmanship of general construction.

The visitor will note the various woods employed: Bruce oak, pine, walnut, bird's eye maple, mahogany and Mexican walnut. There will be rich draperies and rugs, fine china, the latest from the furniture marts. To state more would be to rob the visitor of the element of surprise. To go will be an adventure and an education, to see and believe.

Cooperating Merchants Listed

Following are the names of the local dealers whose work and wares figures in this magnificent model American home:

- Kienzle Brothers company—Mill-work, sash, doors, cabinets.
- Ackemann Brothers—Furniture, interior decorating, draperies, window shades, linens, bedspreads, floor coverings, glassware, china, kitchenware.
- Elgin Washer and Poultry Sales

company—Sparton radios, Hamilton Beach vacuum cleaner, Brammer washer.

McBride Brothers company—Bulck automobile.

Elgin Softener corporation—Elgin water softener.

Hawthorne Hardware company—Norge electric refrigerator.

A. C. Juby and Son—Laurel gas range, Toridheat oil burner.

Nelson Brothers—Ferdell food products, Swift's meats, fruits, vegetables.

Elgin Baking and Ice Cream company—D. and W. bread, rolls, pastry.

Crane company—Crane plumbing fixtures.

Ziegler-Rauschenberger company—Builders hardware, guns, fireplace fixtures.

Coleman Miller—General carpenter work.

Boroco Store—Pictures.

Rovelstad Brothers—Vanity Fair silverware, Seth Thomas electric clocks.

Sherman Morgan and Son—Flowers.

Crown Metal Products corporation—Electric light fixtures.

Ernest Marchant—Tile, installation.

Sills and Sills—Fire and tornado insurance.

Frank L. Deits—Fire and tornado insurance.

Keeney's Drug Store—Drug necessities.

West Side Hardware company—Copper gutters, flashing, tin roof.

Elgin Painting and Decorating company—Woodwork finishes, enamels.

Marylin Wallis—Burglary, household goods insurance.

Melahn Electric Shop—Electric wiring.

E. T. Matters—Well drilling, pump installation.

MAN HEAVIEST CANDY BUYER

Manufacturer Reveals Some Figures.

Chicago, July 25—(UP)—Men buy two-thirds of the candy purchased in the United States each year, but how much of this they consume themselves is another matter.

That was the opinion expressed by a prominent candy manufacturer of confectioners. He added that indications based on last year's sales would point to the fact that John will shove in the neighborhood of \$650,000,000 across the counters to satisfy Mabel's sweet tooth this year.

"It is the men who buy the most expensive varieties of sweets," he said, "although the women ultimately receive them."

As the man progresses with his affairs of the heart, it seems his purchases of sweets decline in proportion. For example this estimates that the young man in love will buy more than \$250,000,000 worth of candy this year; while husbands of all types will expend about \$199,600,000 for the same purpose. Employers, seeking to placate their ruffled secretaries will spend around \$110,900,000; and sons will confine their buying to \$98,400,000 worth of candy. The rest, the manufacturer believes, will come out of the family budget.

Pearsall Co. Products In Neat Window Display

One of the finest and most interesting window displays in Elgin, may be observed at the headquarters of the Elgin Association of Commerce, at the Professional building.

In the large window space may be seen the numerous products of the B. S. Pearsall Butter company, a series of packages neatly arranged by Secretary O. B. Pratt and his assistant, Miss Mabel Tuck, of the commerce association.

This window will be devoted to display of Elgin-made wares, as one means of boosting local products. The first display contained an assortment from the Illinois Watch Case company factory.

DENNIS HANNA DIES

Chicago, July 25—(AP)—Dennis Hanna, 83, associated with the business department of the New World, official publication of the Chicago Catholic archdiocese, for more than 30 years, died today at his home. He was born on a farm near Waukesha, Wis.

Shoes — \$2.90 Sale

Of our entire line of women's and misses' novelty slippers—patent—satin—calf and suede. Come early for size—very special, \$2.90. Witte's—23 Douglas Avenue.

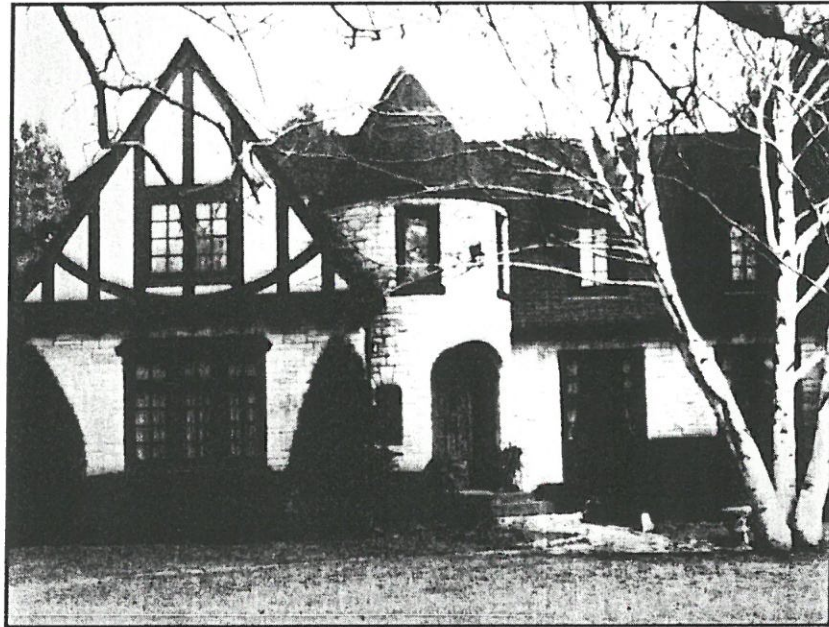
Vollman's Cash Grocery Shield of Quality Store Saturday Specials

Creamery Tub Butter, pound, 39c. Fig Bars, 2 pounds, 25c. Coffee Cakes, home made, 2 for 25c.

of the Byrd Antarctic expedition. Mrs. and Mrs. H. S. Pratt are among

Brother-In-Law Of Mayor

309 Wing Park Boulevard



Once Upon a Time

This is the newest old house on the tour this year - built in 1930 by Elgin builder and woodworker John Kienzle. But in terms of the pictures it brings to mind - it's the oldest, a Norman Cottage reminiscent of medieval England.

If you're an imaginative type, this house will conjure up scenes from fairy tales in distant lands, with its spectacular round limestone tower and heavy arched wooden door. If you're a less romantic type, then just step inside and let the splendors of this house cast their own spell on you.

Patrice and Michael Carmichael have had their home toured 5 times. And all 5 were different homes! No wonder, when they came to Elgin from Texas, they bought 309 Wing Park Boulevard. They know a "tour house" when they see one!

The house incorporates details from French and English cottages, castles, and grand manor houses. The front facing half-timbered gable end and large elaborate chimneys pierced with second story windows (the chimney adjacent to the drive is decorative only) are favorite Tudor style details. Carefully carved wood lintels, pointed-

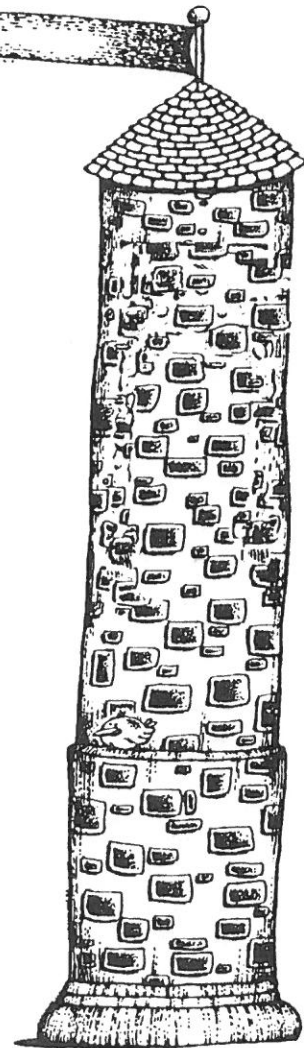
arch casement windows and heavy, pegged wood rear porch timbers are based on a variety of late medieval English prototypes.

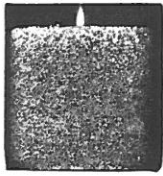
Inside, the rich use of natural wood highlights the curved staircase of mahogany with contrasting bird's-eye and tiger maple treads. The dining room is elegantly panelled in mahogany. Stepping down into the living room allows a high, wood plank and beam ceiling with a stately fireplace on axis that recalls, in miniature, the formal great halls of medieval times.

Upstairs is the "tower room", along with a magnificent master suite, complete with dressing room and balcony — a chamber fit for a king, or queen. And when you pass through the breakfast nook downstairs, notice the lattice windows on the built-in cabinet. These were found in the basement and replaced just this summer. Take a peek at the powder room before you exit to the backyard - the floor has an interesting woven tile pattern.

Each room throughout the house is designed to have its own unique quality. The craftsmanship, attention to detail, and carefully scaled spaces

make the contemporary neo-eclectic Tudor and French styles that dominate many of our suburban developments seem sadly impoverished by comparison.





**BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM
PLAQUE CRITERIA RANKING WORK SHEET**

Applicant Name _____

Address 309 Wing Park Blvd

Telephone Number _____

Address of Building Under Consideration _____

Average Scores

1. Architectural Significance	<u>18.50</u>
2. Maintenance of Building	<u>19.25</u>
3. Conservation of Details	<u>18.75</u>
4. Historical Significance	<u>13.00</u>
5. Age of Building	<u>10.00</u>
Average Total Score	<u>79.50</u>

*Note: To qualify for a plaque a building must receive at least 65 points for a total average score.

Voting Record

J. Kienzle
1930

Members

Criteria

	1	2	3	4	5
1. Arthur Allen	17	19	17	16	—
2. Barbara Evans	20	20	20	7	—
3. Janice Gendreau	—	—	—	—	—
4. Marianne Gilliam	19	20	18	16	—
5. Heather Hunt	18	19	19	10	—
6. Pat Quillman	A	A	A	A	A
7. John Roberson	19	18	19	12	—
8. Barbara Uecker	A	A	A	A	A
9. Jerry Turnquist, Chair	18	19	19	14	10
TOTAL SCORES	174	77	75	52	—

Note: Voting can only take place if 5 or more members of the Elgin Heritage Commission are present. The high and low scores in each category will be dropped prior to determining the average scores by category and total average score.

$$\begin{array}{r} 18.5 \\ 4 \overline{) 74} \\ \underline{4} \\ 34 \\ \underline{32} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 19.25 \\ 4 \overline{) 77} \\ \underline{4} \\ 37 \\ \underline{36} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 18.75 \\ 4 \overline{) 75} \\ \underline{4} \\ 35 \\ \underline{32} \\ 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ 4 \overline{) 52} \\ \underline{4} \\ 12 \\ \underline{12} \\ 0 \end{array}$$