

IT'S HISTORY

This is a 1930s photo of the DuPage Theatre recently donated by a Lombardian. The 1400-seat theater was built on the southeast corner of Main and Parkside Streets in 1928. It was a lavishly-decorated space with a memorable twinkle-star ceiling. The "Dupe" as it was called, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987, however, after a lengthy debate in the community on its future, it was ultimately razed in 2007. Photo courtesy of the Lombard Historical Society

A WINDOW INTO LOMBARD'S PAST



Ask the historian

What was the first theater in Lombard?

The Parkside Theater on east Parkside near Park Avenue was built in 1916. It featured silent movies and occasional live entertainment. Alice Gray, the local piano teacher, played for the pack audience during the movies for added sound effects. The Parkside was popular until the DuPage Theatre was built in 1928 and talking movies were soon introduced to Americans. The DuPage Theatre was built on the grounds of the home of "Mae-Tinee" the first of the famous Chicago Tribune movie critics and a resident of Lombard.
-- Information from the Lombard Historical Society

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