

G. Irving Latz

1888 - 1947



Born in Baltimore, G. Irving Latz moved to Fort Wayne in 1917. He joined the famed Wolf & Dessauer Store - which then was recognized as the largest retail store in Northern Indiana. By 1920, Latz, in company with several associates, bought the store with Latz assuming the post of Secretary & Manager.

The annual Christmas decorations in and outside the edifice attracted national acclaim. His giving and sharing is best exemplified by the Community Chest which was an annual party for the youngsters in the city's three orphanages.