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*The Venice Historic Preservation Board and the City of Venice take pleasure
in presenting the*

Venice Legacy Award

to

H.N. (Bud) Wimmers
1900 - 1975

in recognition of his contributions to the city

After serving in the 12th U.S. Cavalry overseas, H.N. Wimmers obtained a position as Assistant Editor of the first branch of the Union Trust Company in Cleveland, Ohio. He met his wife Mildred Cartwright at the Chicago Public Library where she worked.

In 1926 Mr. Wimmers worked for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (B.L.E.) in Cleveland and was asked to come to Venice to work in a real estate position to supervise the construction of retirement homes for B.L.E. officials. Bud and Mildred's first child was born in Venice after the city became incorporated.

Mr. Wimmers was instrumental in bringing the Kentucky Military Academy to Venice in 1932 and is credited as being the "shot of adrenalin" that saved Venice from the worst of the depression.

During the 1920's and 30's Mr. Wimmers negotiated the purchase of the Parkview Hotel that was used for Dr. Fred Albee's medical clinic and is now the site of the U.S. Post Office. The four major projects Mr. Wimmers was involved in were the city's sanitary sewer system, development of farm land, the inland waterway and the construction of the jetties.

Mr. Wimmers served on city council in 1927 and played a role in bringing the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus to Venice in 1959 while he was the president of the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce.



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Venice Legacy Awards are given to individuals or organizations in recognition of their contributions to historical preservation or significant historical impact in the Venice area.