

Photo of the Month

Historic Lane Hotel
(Now Peachtree at the Lane)



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Built in 1928 as the Lane Hotel for Little Rock owner S.A. Lane, this five-story structure was advertised as the first fireproof building in Arkansas. John Parks Almand designed the Spanish Colonial style building, which cost \$150,000 to build. One-time occupants of the Lane included aviator Amelia Earhart, boxer Jack Dempsey, and actor Errol Flynn.

In 1935 Earl Harris of the Harris Bakery bought the building and changed the name to the Harris Hotel, which was known as the "Palace of the Ozarks." The Orchard Room, added to the back of the hotel around 1939, was a popular restaurant.

From 1948 to 1963 Warren Felker and the Arkansas Hotel Company ran the property as The Hotel Arkansas. In 1967 the Defenders of the Christian Faith bought the building and opened it as The Defender's Townhouse, beginning the building's use as a retirement home. In 1977 Joe and Dera Keen bought it and renamed it the Rogers Townhouse. Since 1999 it has been known as the Peachtree at the Lane.