



Margaret Bourke-White taking photographs on the Chrysler Building 1930

NEW YORK SKYSCRAPERS PART TWO

OFFICE BUILDINGS 1921-1933

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Photograph by Lewis W. Hine of Empire State Building steelwork mooring mast



Lewis W. Hine photograph: Checking to see if the Empire State Building is "true"

NEW YORK OFFICE SKYSCRAPERS

Dates Built and Architects.

1921-CROWN BUILDING, Warren & Wetmore.

1924-STANDARD OIL, Carrere & Hastings.

1924-AMERICAN RADIATOR, Raymond Hood & Andre Fouilhoux.

1927-BARCLAY VESEY, Ralph Walker of Voorhees, Gmelin & Walker.

1927-FRED F. FRENCH, Sloan & Robertson, H. Douglas Ives.

1927-PARAMOUNT, Rapp & Rapp.

1928-NEW YORK LIFE, Cass Gilbert.

1929-CHANIN, Sloan & Robertson.

1929-HELMSLEY, Warren & Wetmore.

1930-BANK OF MANHATTAN, H. Craig Severance & Yasou Matsui.

1930-120 WALL STREET, Ely Jacques Kahn.

1930-LINCOLN, John E. R. Carpenter.

1930-CHRYSLER, William Van Alen.

1930-DAILY NEWS, Raymond Hood & John Mead Howells.

1931-BANK OF NEW YORK, Ralph Walker of Voorhees, Gmelin & Walker.

1931-CITY BANK FARMERS TRUST, Cross & Cross.

1931 EMPIRE STATE, William F. Lamb of Shreve, Lamb & Harmon Associates.

1931-GENERAL ELECTRIC, Cross & Cross.

1931-500 FIFTH AVENUE, Shreve, Lamb & Harmon Associates.

1931-McGRAW HILL, Raymond Hood, Godley & Andre Fouilhoux.

1932-70 PINE STREET, Clinton & Russell, Holton & George.

1933-METROPOLITAN LIFE NORTH, Harvey Wiley Corbett.

1933-ROCKEFELLER CENTRE/30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, Rockefeller Centre Associates.

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CROWN BUILDING 1921

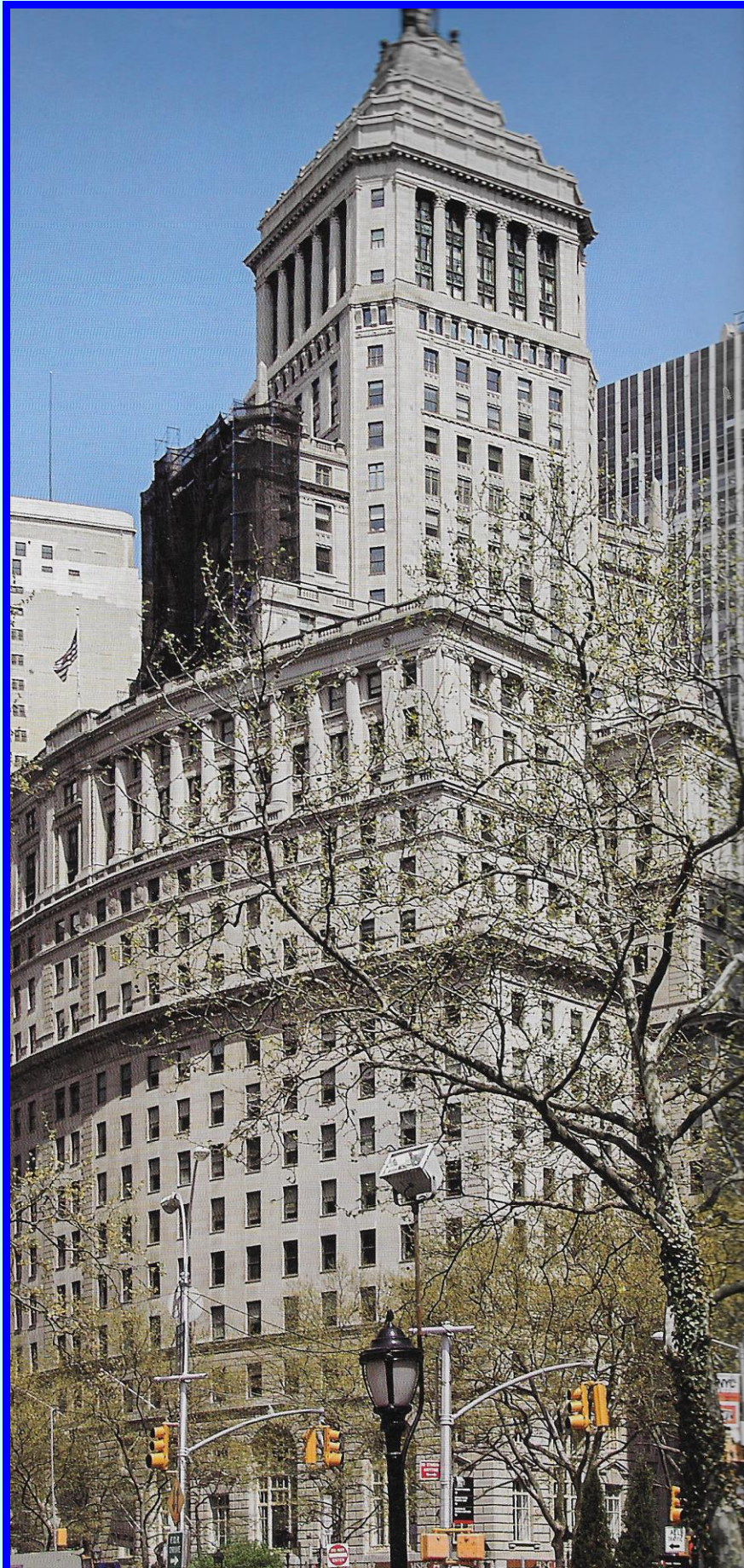
Formerly Heckscher Building- Height 416 ft- Floors 25



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STANDARD OIL BUILDING 1924

Also known as 26 Broadway- Height 520 ft- Floors 31



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AMERICAN RADIATOR BUILDING 1924

Also known as the American Standard Building- Height 338 ft- Floors 23. Now a hotel



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BARCLAY-VESEY BUILDING 1927

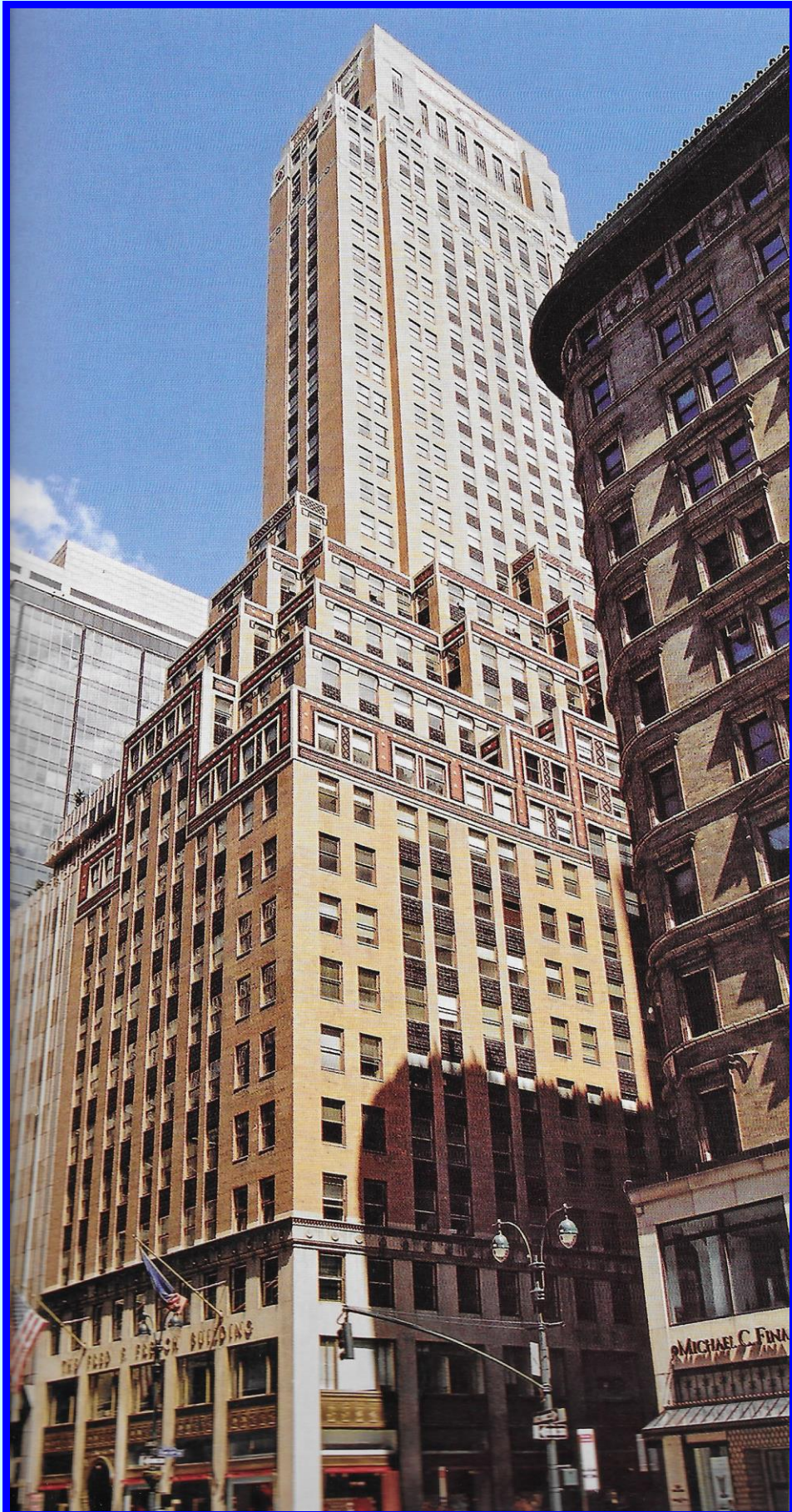
Also known as American Telephone, then Verizon Building- Height 498 ft- Floors 32



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FRED F. FRENCH BUILDING 1927

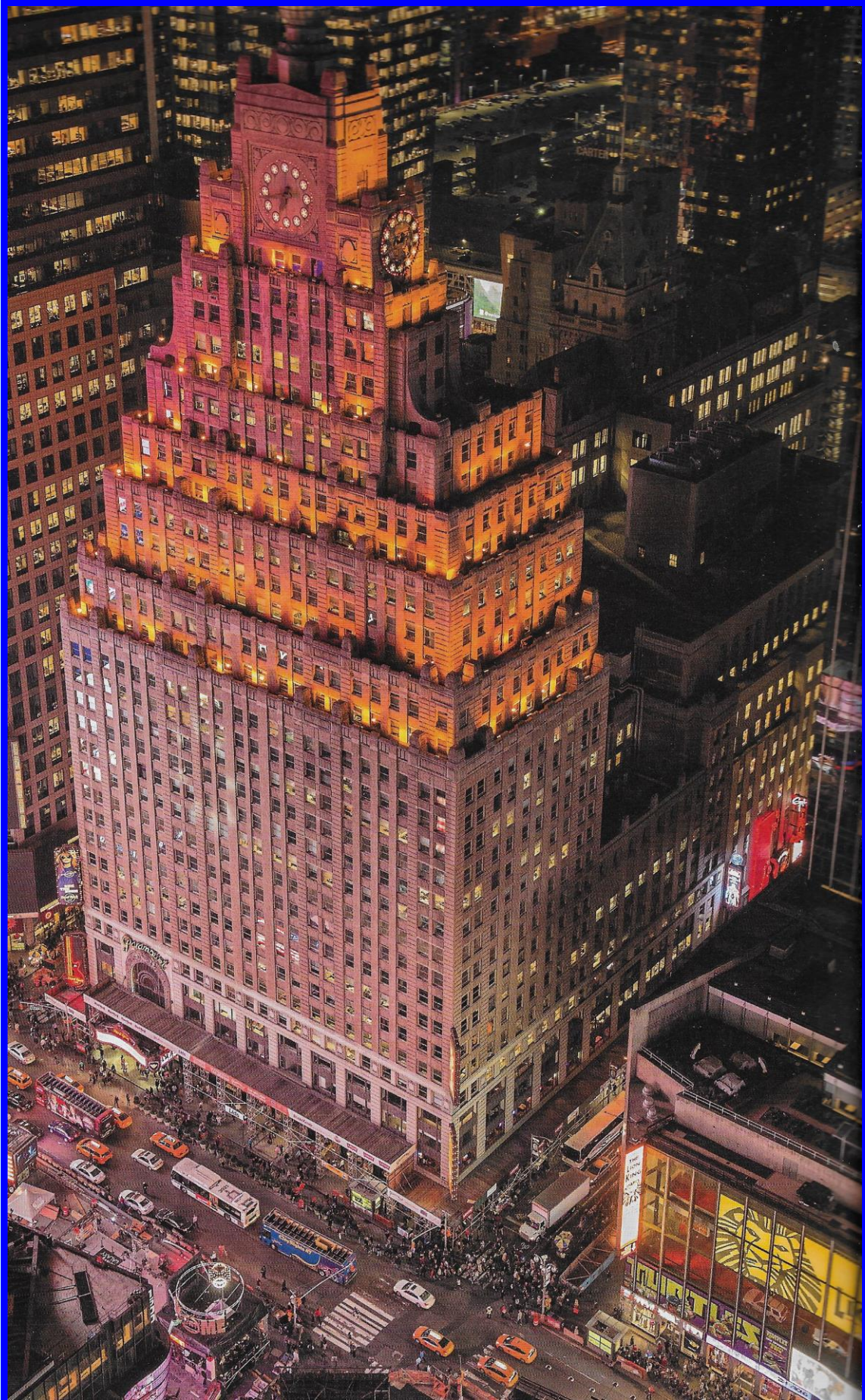
Also known as 551 Fifth Avenue: Height 430 ft- Floors 38



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PARAMOUNT BUILDING 1927

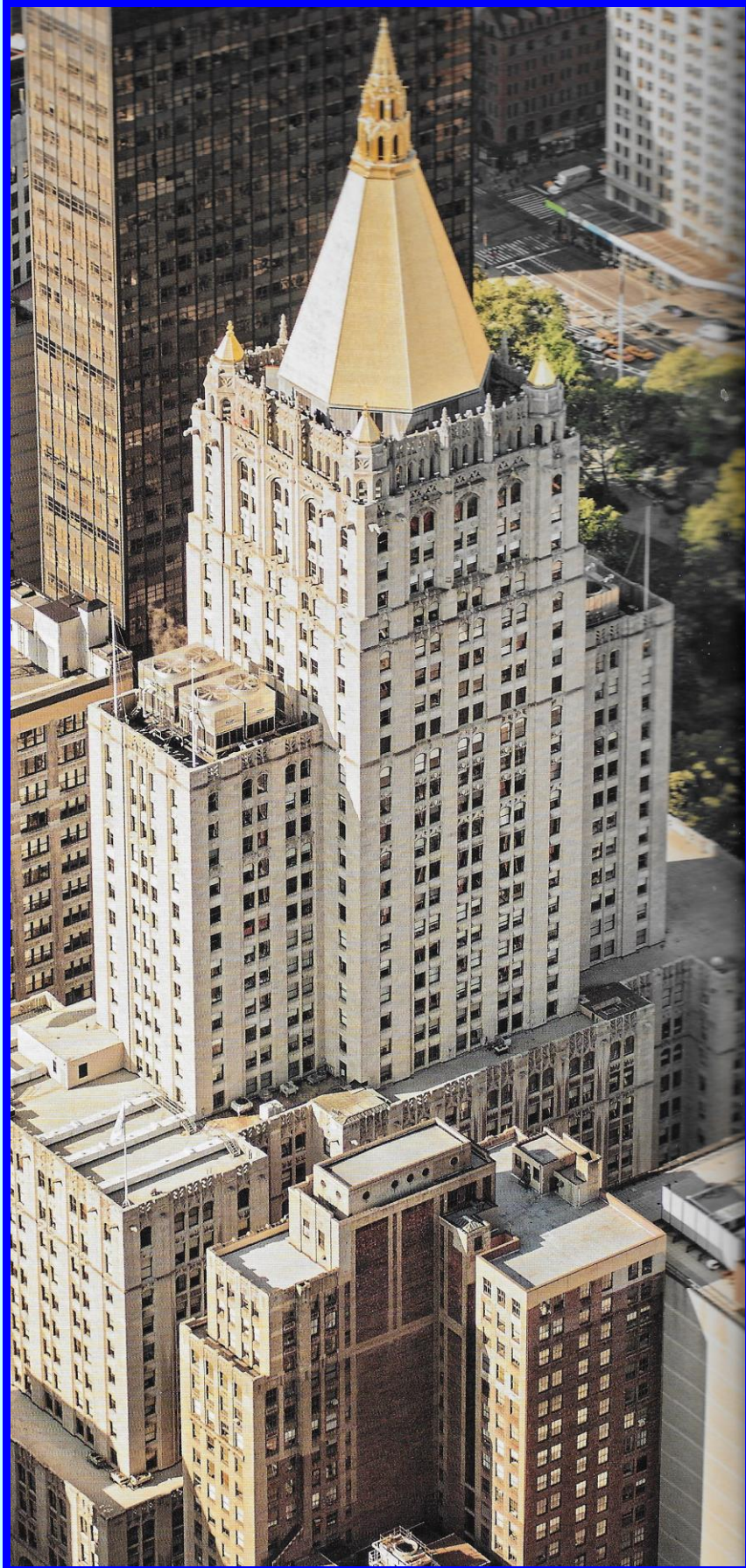
Also known as 151 Broadway: Height 455 ft- Floors 33



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NEW YORK LIFE BUILDING 1928

Also known as New York Life Insurance: Height 615 ft- Floors 40



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CHANIN BUILDING 1929

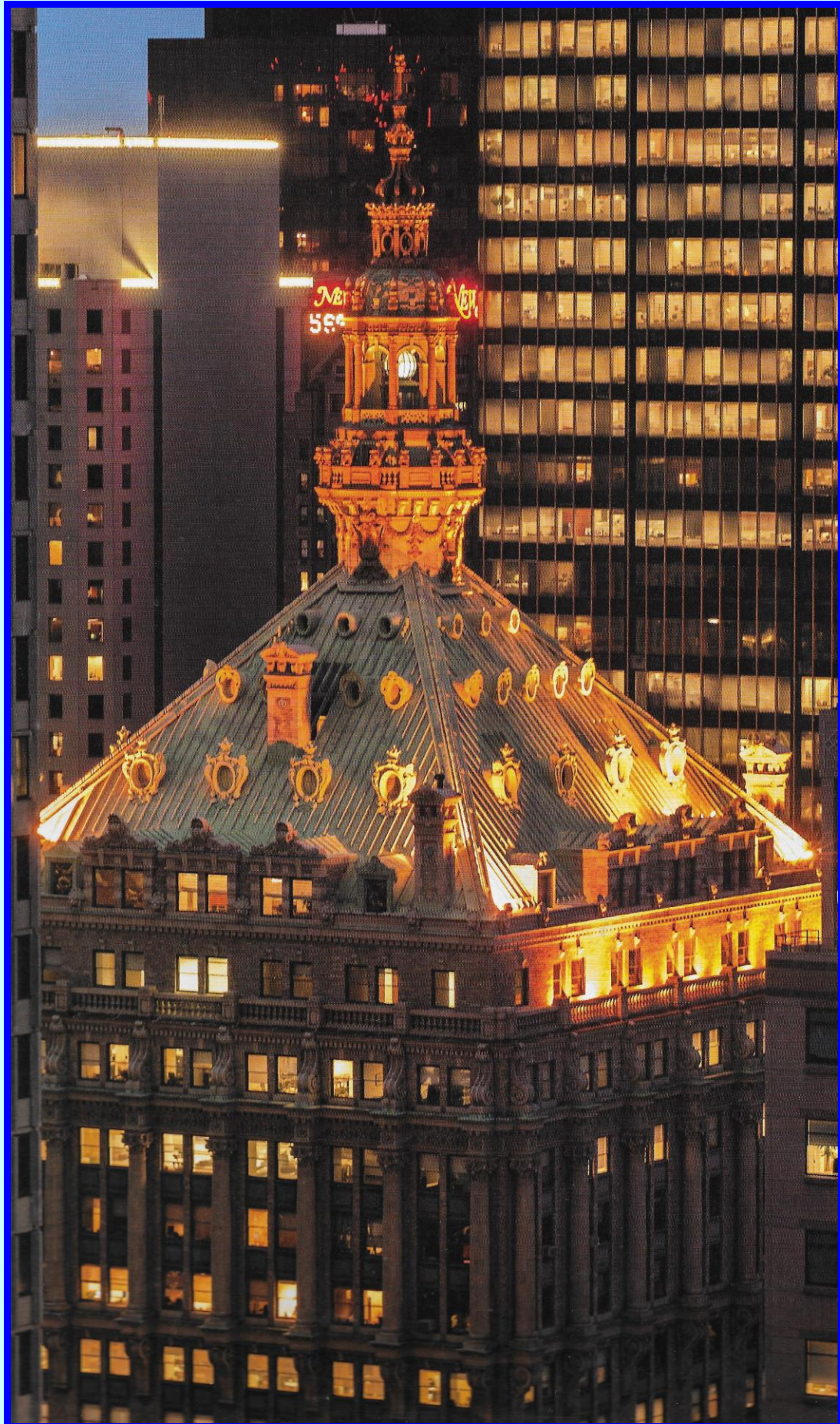
Height 649 ft- Floors 56



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HELMSLEY BUILDING 1929

Also known as 230 Park Avenue, formerly New York Central: Height 565 ft- Floors 35



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BANK OF MANHATTAN BUILDING 1930

At 40 Wall Street, now Trump Building: Height 927 ft- Floors 70



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ONE-TWENTY WALL STREET 1930

Height 399 ft- Floors 33



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LINCOLN BUILDING 1930

Now One Grand Central Place: Height 673 ft- Floors 53



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CHRYSLER BUILDING 1930

Height 1046 ft- Floors 77. First structure taller than the Paris Eiffel Tower



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DAILY NEWS BUILDING 1930

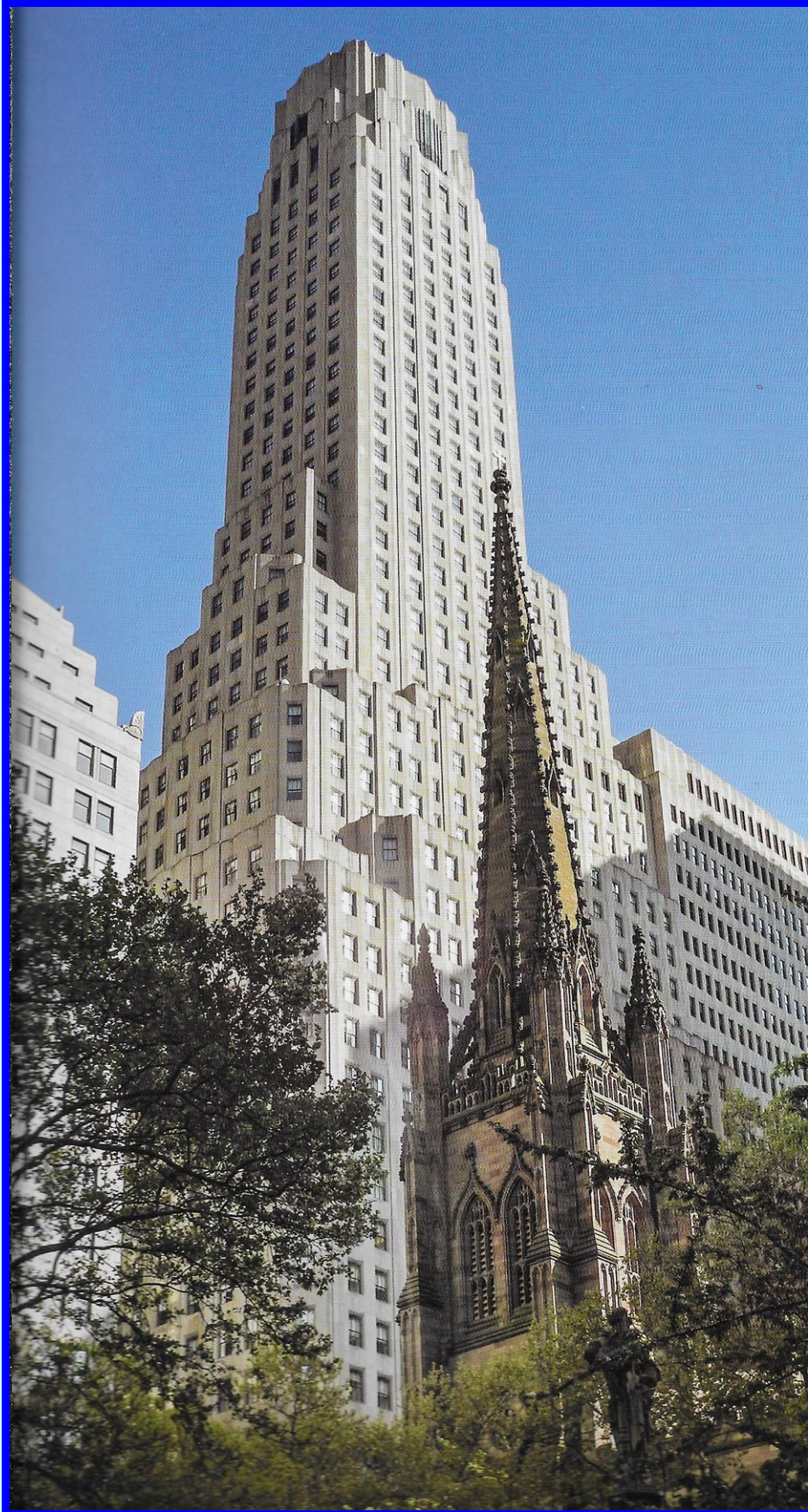
Also known as the News Building: Height 476 ft- Floors 36



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BANK OF NEW YORK BUILDING 1931

Also known as One Wall Street, formerly Irving Trust: Height 654 ft- Floors 50



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TWENTY EXCHANGE PLACE 1931

Formerly City Bank Farmers Trust: Height 741 ft- Floors 57



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EMPIRE STATE BUILDING 1931

Height 1250 ft- Floors 102. World's tallest until Twin Towers, World Trade Centre 1970s



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GENERAL ELECTRIC BUILDING 1931

Now 570 Lexington Avenue: Height 640 ft- Floors 50



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FIVE-HUNDRED FIFTH AVENUE 1931

Height 709 ft- Floors 59



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McGraw-Hill Building 1931

Height 485 ft- Floors 33



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SEVENTY PINE STREET 1931

Formerly Cities Service: American International: Height 850 ft- Floors 67



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METROPOLITAN LIFE NORTH 1933

Also known as Eleven Madison: Height 451 ft- Floors 30



ROCKEFELLER CENTRE/ THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA 1933

Formerly RCA: GE Building: now Comcast Building: Height 850 ft- Floors 70



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Lewis W. Hine photograph of Empire State Building stonemasons at work

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