

Bellefontaine Theater Sold To Corporation

BELLEFONTAINE — Sale of the 38-year-old Holland theatre building at the corner of E. Columbus av. and Opera st. here by United Cinemas, Inc., a New York City-based organization, to the Vic-Kel-Mar Corp. of Bellefontaine, was announced here Wednesday by Richard Vicario, Attorney John B. Kelley and John R. Martin, the Bellefontaine business men who comprise the corporation. The building houses the theater, which was built in early 1930's by Schine Enterprises of Watertown, N. Y., one of the largest in the Schine chain, plus several suites of second floor offices. The new owners plan to renovate the 1,132-seat theater, convert the inner lobby to a lounge area, and make other improvements.

Schine had controlled the theater until 1966, and Mr. Vicario has been the manager here on a part-time basis the past 18 months. The new owners said all present personnel will be retained. After the remodeling, including the exterior of the theater portion of the building, there will be a grand opening and announcement of a revision in the type of shows being booked, to include more "family type" movies, they said.