

TWO MILLION DOLLAR THEATRE TO OPEN IN SCHENECTADY, FRIDAY

SCHENECTADY, Aug. 25—The new two million dollar **RKO Plaza** Theatre which has been under construction here for the past several months will be opened on Friday, August 28, according to an announcement by RKO officials today. Last minute preparations for a gala week celebrating the opening are now being made and Schenectady and surrounding towns are to be treated to a regular Hollywood premier with all the attractions of visiting stage and screen stars, officials of Radio Keith Orpheum, financiers and visiting luminaries of the stage and financial world.

RKO officials have announced that the entire receipts of the first night's performance will be given to the special committee now being formed to be distributed among the needy and unemployed in the city. For this purpose but one performance will be given on the opening day which will be the premier or pre-view of the new theatre. All seats will be reserved for that night at a higher price

than will later prevail in the theatre. The regular policy of the theatre which is to be first run pictures, will be inaugurated on Saturday, August 29, when the continuous run policy of six shows a day will begin.

The booking department of RKO has announced that the opening attraction will be the premier showing in this section of the popular stage and radio star, Maurice Chevalier, in his latest picture, "The Smiling Lieutenant," Ernest Lubitsch's greatest picture.

The picture shows the smiling, charming Maurice as a lieutenant in the Austrian army in the days when Vienna shed its glamorous glow over all the world and the "Blue Danube" was whistled from the Arctic to the sub tropics of the globe. In support of the famous French star will be seen Claudette Colbert, Charles Ruggles, and Miriam Hopkins. The story is based upon "The Waltz Dream," by Leopold Jacobson and Felix Dorman, the music is by the Vienna waltz

king, Oscar Strauss. Both Maurice and Miss Colbert appear to great advantage in this picture and critics say that Maurice's voice was never better as he puts across a complete new line of songs.

Visitors to the new **RKO Plaza** are in for one of the surprises of their lives. The new theatre is one of the six of its kind in the whole world. It is of the most modern atmospheric type, in Spanish architecture and design and is completely wired and controlled for the latest and best atmospheric lighting. All equipment, wiring systems, and the huge main switchboard from which all lights in the theatre are controlled are made and engineered by the General Electric Company, most of the equipment being built in the Schenectady plant so that the new **RKO Plaza** is as nearly as possible a home industry.

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PENNY STARTS TREASURE HUNT

ROCKY HILL, Conn., Aug. 25. (UP) Discovery of an early American penny dated 1838, in a tavern being dismantled, precipitated a treasure hunt. Albert Morgan, ornithologist, discovered the coin and believes it was part of a cache. The tavern was constructed in 1780, when this village was a shipping port.