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THE UPTOWN is Wichita's newest and most beautiful theater, located in the rapidly growing shopping district at Hillside and Douglas avenues.

In the Uptown Wichita has a theater the Grandeur of which surpasses old world beauty. The architecture is unequaled for its ideal and harmonious splendor. Its coloring is gorgeous and the atmosphere is restful.

# Greetings and a Hearty Welcome From The New Uptown Theatre

A significant chapter in the social and business history of Wichita has begun. A good suburban theatre is socially an institution and commercially an asset to the community it serves.

In the UPTOWN you will find a splendid structure, a theater unsurpassed artistically, architecturally and mechanically. And you may feel confident that the atmosphere of refinement you now discern will always be found here. We believe our knowledge of your tastes and desires has

enabled us to select entertainment worthy of your patronage. In dedicating this theater to you and in extending our most cordial welcome, we want you to feel that this is YOUR theater and will be operated and maintained for your recreation and enjoyment.

MAY THE GREATEST PLEASURE OF IT ALL BE YOURS The Management



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### THE WICHITA EAGLE, SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 15, 1928.

**UPTOWN THEATER OPENS TO PUBLIC** Uptown theater. MONDAY, JULY 16

One of Finest Show Places in Southwest Ready for Its First Play

#### FIRST SUBURBAN SHOW

The doors of the new Uptown theater, Wichita's first suburban play house, beautiful, artistic and a monument to the east side of the city, will open its doors Monday, July 16, to all Wichita and surrounding territory. It is a beautiful building, and reflects credit to the city and ability to the men behind the new move. The new Uptown theater, dazzling in its amazing architecture and interior beauty, is located in the heart of the community center at Hillside and Douglas. The handsome structure stands out as a thing of beauty both on the outside and particularly on the inside, and is an ideal spot, away from the busy rush of the downtown crowds, to spend an hour or two enjoying the best plays that are to be had.

Sam Rich, President

The Uptown theater is lavish in decoration, rich and refined in furnishings, enormous in size, and ranks with the finest and most beautiful, in this section of the country. The owners, who have made it possible to give the city this magnificent structure, have sensed the long felt want of man of the people for a suburban theater, and are proud to join with them in invisible lights, carrying out the idea with imported silver cloth drops. the opening of this magnificent play house. The elaborateness, beauty and magnitude of this theater are invisible lights, carrying out the lidea of the light of looking at the garden further in borders and tormentors are of heavy the distance. surpassed by few if any other theaters in the entire country. The main floor of the auditorium, Keystone effect. Heavy and massive fringe of black and yellow. in itself is greater than the average in its construction and resembles the theater of the bigger cities and with entrance to an old barbaric castle. design of five or six colors, laid over the seating capacity of the balcony. On either side is a balcony hung with half inch felt. the total seating capacity will be 1,- heavy drapes of Rayon silk plush

500. To comprehend the true size of this theater one must visit other. cities, which give some magnitude of the size, beauty and grandeur of the The structure is of brick and concrete, built by the George H. Sied-

hoff Construction company, at a total cost, together with equipment, of \$250,000. It is absolutely fire proof, and as solid and safe as it is possible to make any building. There are seven exits to the massive structure entering into courts on either side, together with the front exit, makes it possible for comfortable exit or departure to the theater.

Although the theater is entirely fire proof, a packed house can be emptied in less than three minutes. thus eliminating any and all danger under any and all circumstances. It is possibly the only theater in the entire country where the crowd can get into the streets in three minutes time. By this rapid exit the long delay so often experienced when a play is is avoided at the Uptown theater

The atmospheric architecture of the Uptown theater is a new departure in theater building. All over the they are spending millions of dollars on this type of theater, and the new Uptown theater in Wichitaranks with the best in the larger

The side walls represent Venician garden scenes, with the blue sky in the offing. Twinkling stars and floating clouds bring out the general designed by a hand wiser than that stitute the organ grills.

The Uptown Theater Auditorium with its comfortable seats, wide aisles and roominess between rows o seats, is one of the prettiest setting in the entire city .- Photo, by Dan Wiley.

feeling of the great outdoors. And bordered with heavy Bulyon fringe. and design, enabling the operators years ago, Mr. Siedhoff's company has there is nothing more beautiful as a Statues, vases, vines and flowers to carry out effect on the stage that built more than \$25,000,000 worth of picture setting than natural scenery adorn these openings, which also con- is most desirable. Wichita buildings, more than one of The new Uptown theater is a won- which Wichita might never have had The stage settings, scenery and der show house, and the management but for the fact that he saw the need In these Venician walls are recessed draperies are the finest money can invites the public to visit the opening and gave to such the impetus of his openings with garden effects, and buy, consisting of Rayon silk plush, show Monday and see the house. city building spirit. As a Kansas City contractor, the

Old Firm in Wichita Puts the Trimmings on New **Uptown Theater** 

'As frequently happens when new The Western Glass company also buildings are erected in Wichita or manufacturers art, glass for churches the city's trade territory, the Western and buildings throughout the country. Glass company furnished the glass "We have enjoyed a very satisfac- town theater, placed there by the and made the many mirrors for the tory business this year, so far," said Wichita Neon company. new Uptown Theater. All of the plate W. S. Leu, assistant manager. "Our glass and double strength window business has not been exceptionally admits Sam Rich, president of the glass used in the theater proper and big, but it has been steady. Though company, "but it is one of the brightin the store fronts, came from the this ordinarily is our dull season, we est. It has a blue border all the way Western.

company furnished all Kawneer cop- ishing up a couple of nice jobs in letter is 18 inches tall. per for the store fronts, and an es- Tulsa this week and one at Lyons. Mr. Rich is also president of the pecially constructed ticket booth, Kan. As a matter of fact out uot-of- company providing programs for the supported by Kawneer bars, which are town business this year has been very new theater. He promises something steel backed, thus taking care of an good, and there is enough business exceptionally nice in the way of a exceptional amount of weight.

The Western Glass company has continuing through the usually dull theater. been in business for the past 20 years season.'

during which time it has built up a The Western Glass company's plant large trade through the entire South- is one of the most complete business west. Started on a comparatively and manufacturing institutions in the small scale nearly a quarter of a cen- city. The equipment is new and modtury ago by Fred Leu, still at the head ern throughout, and impresses the of the business, it has made a growth visitor even though he may be unacin keeping with the growth of the quainted with the glass business in territory in which it's products are to itself. There is an air of efficiency be found. It now occupies commodious about the place, from office to ware quarters in its own modern building room, that attests its standing as a at 243 North Water street, Wichita. | successful business built on a firm The company is equipped to make, foundation

and does turn out the finest mir-rors in the Southwest, whether the or- BRILLIANT SIGN. MIRRORS FROM der be for a large number as one of 2,600 which is now going through the **WESTERN GLASS** plant for a Wichita business house, or for a single glass. It retins hundreds of mirrors every year, while automobilists who chance to meet with accidents which destroys windshield of door glass, find the Western promptness itself in making replacements.

> One of the most brilliant neon . signs in Wichita graces the new Up-"It isn't the biggest in town,

have not yet laid off a single man around, and the letters are red. The In addition, the Western Glass because of lack of work. We are fin- sign is 14 feet high over all, and each

now in sight in Wichita to insure its souvenir for the opening of the

**GRACES THEATER** 

Blue Border with Red Letters

Makes. Exceptionally

**Brilliant Light** 



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144 North Market Paul M. Lobaugh, Sec.-Treas.

Another Big Step in the **Progress of Wichita** of Which We Are All **Justly Proud** 

The Pescemin arc style at the en- Rayon silk plush in gold and Ameritrance is of old stone structure in old can beauty, with borders of deep

The carpets are of very barbaric

The arrangement of the 1,500 seats ing company, 249 North Main street, are so constructed that every seat is in perfect line of vision of the stage,

and staggered on the sides so that This company is recognized as one there will be no obstruction from perof the leaders in its line, in Wichita sons in front. The main auditorium and has completed several of the is 100 feet wide by 110 feet deep, is biggest jobs in the city as well as in bowl shaped, with perfect incline. other cities in the Southwest. It

Five spacious aisles will allow comfortable exit or entrance. One thousand two hundred and fifty of the seats are on the main auditorium The small balcony is so well floor. situated that seats on the balcony will be as desirable as any seat in the house.

The huge organ is one of the main features in equipping the new theater. It is a three manuel, special made Reuter, operated on hydraulic lift, to be used with special presenta-The console is gold, high lighted with red and green, which harmonizes with the general atmosphere of the theater. Mr. Floyd Richmond, the organist, was secured from the Capital theater at Chicago, comes with a wonderful reputation as a specialty man. His abil-

ity is of such high character that his services are sought by the leading theaters of the country. The projecting room is as fine as

can be found anywhere in the country. With heavy transformers to regenerate the current carried to the powerful projecting machine, equipped with the latest Hall & Cowlev high and low reflector arcs, will

make the picture seem so realistic that you can almost walk into the scene. Walter Roberts is chief projectionist, assisted by Lee Pickel.

The Vitaphone, movie tone and non-schyncromist attachments have been installed and tested and declared

**JOHNSON AMONG** by Steve Welch of the Electrical Re-

Siedhoff Construction company was given the contract for erecting the Standard Oil building in the north IN THE OFFICE end. From there it went to the Midco tire factory on Thirteenth street, now the Wichita home of the Bemis Bas company.

The Johnson Plumbing and Heatinstalled all of the plumbing in the new Uptown theater.

FIRST VITAPHONE

The first electrical concern in recently was awarded a contract in Wichita to install a vitaphone was Oklahoma City, though its bid was the Shelley Electric company of 123 considerably higher than that of local South Main street, Wichita

companies. It previously had install-"We didn't know what a Vitaphone ed a job for the same company, and was," said Ray G. Shelley, head of its work was so highly satisfactory, the company, "to say nothing of inthat the builder preferred to give the stalling one. They gave us a blue contract to the Johnson company, print, showing installation of enough

though its figures were much higher. wires to carry current to a city, and As has been its practice on other asked us to figure on the job. We buildings, the Johnson company in- submitted our bid, got the job, and stalled the plumbing in the new completed the work. It proved satistheater in a manner that brought factory, in every detail, and proved many compliments from the general our contention that we were electricontractors and owners of the build- cians who knew our business. When ing. Materials and workmanship were the Uptown Theater Vitaphone was of the best, and the contract was to be installed, it was natural, I supcarried out to the letter. R. P. pose, that our previous experience Johnson, head of the company, holds should get us the contract."

to the old fashioned theory that a The Shelley company installed the satisfied customer is the best adver- Uptown Vitaphone and initial trials tisement, and is proud of the fact have proved that it was done propthat any customer he does not sat- erly.

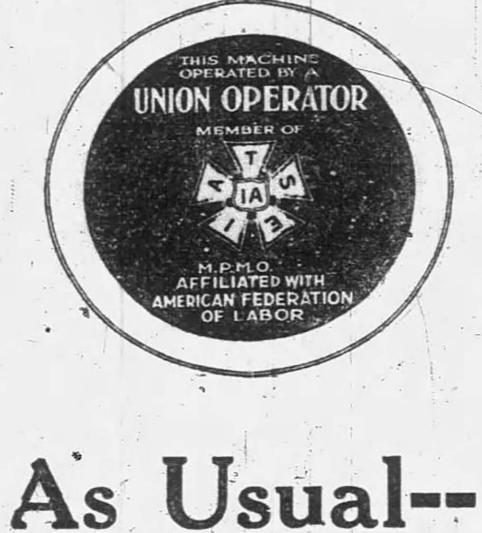
isfy is pretty sure to be hopeless. Bats have such large wings in pro-The part which the Johnson Plumbers played in the building of Wichitas portion to their bodies that man, to newest theater may not have been equal them, would have to develop as large nor as important as that ten-foot-long fingers with . webbing of other contractors, but it was just

as important and equally satisfactory. At its North Main display room the Johnson Plumbing & Heating company has one of the most complete lines of plumbing fixtures in the city.



## **Uptown** Theatre

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Wichita Projectionists Local No. 414

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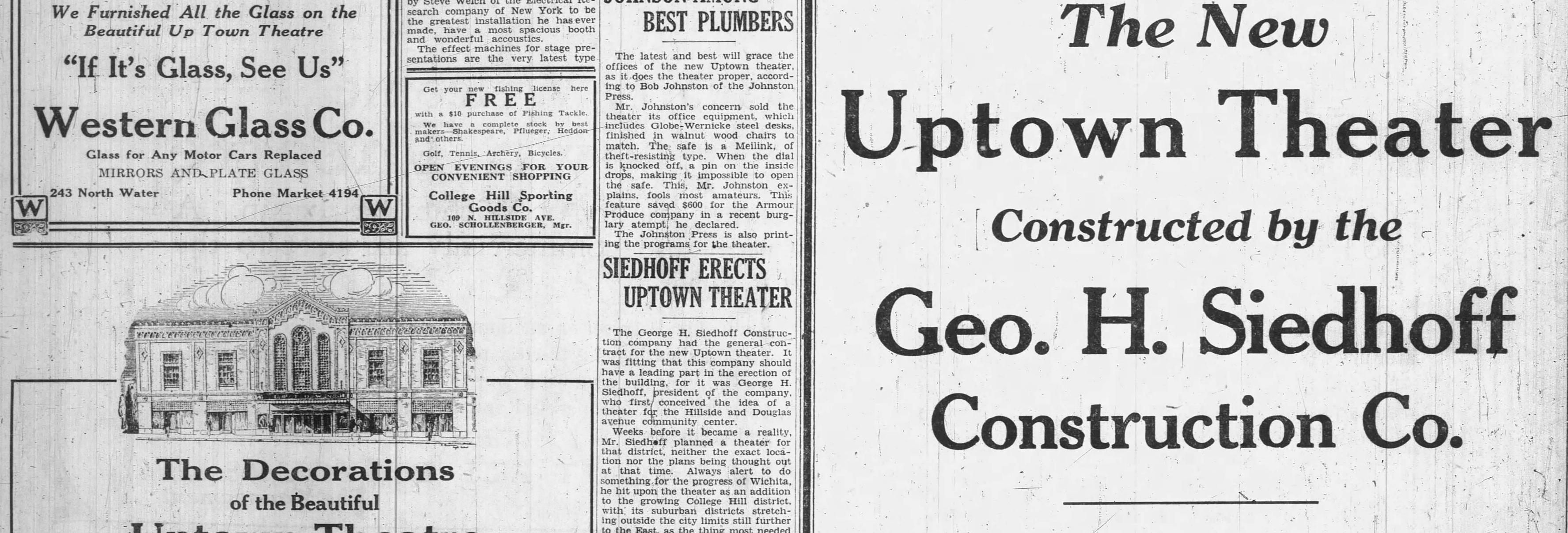
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116 S. Chautauqua Market 3863 to the East, as the thing most needed at this particular time. With Mr. Siedhoff, to get an idea that is right, is to act upon it. Once convinced that the eastern part of the city was ready for a theater of the Uptown type, he lost no time in interesting the necessary capital and theatrical men to put it across. He started the project off by subscribing for a big block of the stock himself, and thus gave evidence of his faith in it as a paying investment. Since he came to Wichita, nine GREETINGS To Our Beautiful New Theater-The UPTOWN Bon Marche Just Across the Way

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### Union National Bank Building

**Brown Building** 

Fourth National Bank Building

**Elks Building** 

First National Bank Building

**Broadview Hotel** 

**Innes Building** 

Wheeler Kelly Hagny Building

Wesley Hospital

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**Opening Show** Monday 7P. M-

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**EVERY LINE IS** 

#### munity Center That Is City in Itself a ANDREWS LEADS WAY

SOLD IN CITY

There is an old saying that "there is more peace, happiness and contenment in a cottage out where the pavement ends, than there is in all of the big city," and Charley Andrews, proprietor of the Andrews Drug store, evidently had this in mind 18 years

far as population and business in- at Douglas and Hillside. community center in the city.

old-timers in the neighborhood tell him out,' but when I ran down and us, if business was dull and times a gave him a chance to talk, he exlittle hard, Mr. Andrews could always plained the matter by saying,

it was practically all prairie. I a few days."

block just east of the store, and chase it straight down Douglas avenue for four blocks without meeting anybody or anything to turn it off the street. In the fourth block the rabbit turned north, and I never learned whether ON EAST SIDE the dog caught it or not." In the early days of Wichita, during what is referred to now as "before the boom burst," this section of Hillside and Douglas a Com- Wichita was a community center, and

possessed a three story building, under which was an exclusive restaurant, so much so that after six o'clock no man was admitted unless he wore a full dress suit. Then the boom burst and the restaurant, like the buffalo and the Indian passed on toward the setting sun. The building was later torn down by its owners to avoid the taxes, as it would not rent for enough

to keep the taxes paid. But the suburban district was desago, when he moved out at Hillside tined to again take its place in the and Douglas and opened his store. At city of Wichita, and with the passing that time Hillside and Douglas was of the years business men with a "out where the pavement ends" so vision saw the benefits of the district

dustries were concerned, and the same "On one occasion," Mr. Andrews was practically true ten years ago. says, "about ten or twelve years ago, But the past ten years have wrought I ordered some straws for the soda many changes at Hillside and Douglas. fountain, and the wholesale dealer What at that time was almost a failed to get them here that day. barren prairie today is the liveliest was 'pretty hot' and next morning called him over the phone and repri-When Charley Andrews opened his manded him for his negligence. He drug store at Hillside and Douglas, listened attentively while I 'bawled

take his dog or his gun and have didn't think there was any rush a jack rabbit for dinner. And even about the order. Out there where Mr. Andrews himself, tells this story. you are you ought to be able to get "When I first opened the store here plenty of grass straws to run you for account of the parking advantages,

counted the trade territory to include But the suburban district was des- draws trade from practically every eight blocks in all directions from the tined to again come into power as section of the city, many men and store, and had a mailing list of 500 Wichita grew and expanded, and women driving across the city on acnames in that entire territory. To- other business men with a vision fol- count of the parking advantages, and

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Officers of the Uptown Theater and high class business men. They are, left to right: Harry J. Stockman president; George H. Siedhoff, vice-president and J. C. Hartman promotor and manager .- Photos of Stockman and Hartman by Larson, and Siedhoff by Fred H. Reed.

account of the parking advantages, too, the district is prospering. It COMPANY MADE UP OF BUSINESS

Wichita when the theater opens the public Monday night, and presents the first show in the new house The Uptown Theater company is

composed of Harry J. Stockman,

general manager, who will have full charge of the management of the new show house is a man with years of experience in the show business from every angle. Beginning at the bottom a number of years ago, Mr. Hartman has come from the bottom round of the ladder to the highest points in the show buisness, and is recognized as among the leading men in the. moving picture industry in the South-

He was one of the first men in the country to operate picture houses. when the industry was in its infancy. He has been connected with the game in all its stages, and was for a time connected with the S. A. Lynch enterprises, subsidiary of the Paramount people in the south, and at one time owned and operated seven theaters of his own.

Mr. Hartman has had experience in every angle of the show buisness, from the publicity department of the Triangle people of Culver City, from the selling of films and building theaters to operating legitimate shows, and the fact that this beautiful and magnificent theater is completed and ready for operation is a monument, not only to the city, but to Mr. Hartman's ability as a show man and business man of the highest type-a monument which is one of the most beautiful in the show line in the entire Southwest. The manner in which he has promoted and handled the new theater building, and the men connected with him in this enterprise show that his ability, integrity, sincere work and knowledge the theater hand moving picture profession has not been neglected.

Devised for deaf people who can-

a joiner of Bavaria has invented a

HARRY DOCKUM SAYS:

All Wichita can well be proud of the beautiful new Up-Town Theater just across from our new store No. 5 at the Corner of Hillside and Douglas.

George Siedhoff, Harry Stockman, J. C. Hartman, C. Hamilton, and Chas. Smythe, Jr., as directors have certainly given a beautiful present to College Hill in this new theater and YOU are going to be surprised by its wonderful beauty when you see it.

DOCKUM DRUG COMPANY

George Siedhoff gave me a personally conducted tour thru the entire building last night and I was truly amazed by the beautiful settings, the comfortable chairs, the grand pipe organ, the thick gorgeous carpets, all of which go to make this "The Theater Beautiful."

George told me they would have the very best first-run films besides the Vitaphone and the Movietone and with their excellent equipment I predict that they will play to a filled house every hour.

The Grand Opening is tomorrow (Monday) night. DON'T MISS IT.



