

Marked by Arrival of VITAPHONE

BIRMINGHAM Pride of Its Name

HERE! THE FIRST SOUND-PICTURE

...ne this Theatre places itself
...d most beautiful theatres in
...world

Information on Prices
...all inquiries, there will positively be no
...prices.
...matinee Saturday, with musical comedy try-
...all the big pictures ever made bought and
...this theatre, and are equipped to present them
...in fashion. Get the Birmingham habit—see

SUNDAY AND MONDAY
Samuel Goldwyn
presents

Donald Crisp and Vilma Banky
in
"TWO LOVERS"
A FRED NIBLO PRODUCTION



...the novel "Leatherface" by Baroness Orczy

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY



George Bancroft
in
"THE DOCKS OF NEW YORK"
WITH BETTY COMPTON
and BACLANOVA
A Paramount Picture

All
Musical
Arrangements
Made and
Played By
Morgan
Gareau

THEATER BLDG. TAKES PLACE IN SOCIAL LIFE

**Birmingham Uses Kunsky
Theater, Shops As Social,
Business Center**

OPENING IS RECALLED

In one year, the village of Birmingham and its people have come to use the Kunsky Birmingham Theater building as something of a social and business center.

Constructed at a cost of more than \$100,000 and opened in a place of glory Nov. 22, 1927, the theater itself and the stores on the first and second floor soon found a place in the life of the community.

Villagers will long remember that opening night. Color and pomp made the occasion a gala one. Surrounding it was a Prosperity Week. During that time Birmingham dressed in its gayest. The stores were decorated. The streets were attractive with bunting and fancy lights and flags.

Few villagers will forget the thrills given them the final day of Prosperity Week, by Harry Brooks, Birmingham's well known pilot who later met death.

Then came the opening of the theater. It was a great night. Full dress was in order and Birmingham looked its best.

The shops in the building and the offices located soon after the completion of the structure and have had great attraction for the villagers, since that memorable day a year ago.

Nine of the ten stores of the theater building have been rented. Most of the offices in both wings of the building are occupied. A howling alley is operated in the basement under the north end of the structure.

The building is almost a distinct shopping center in itself. There seems little hesitancy in serving the needs of Birmingham from practical every angle of merchandise demands. Its short distance from the intersection of Woodward and Maple avenues makes it readily accessible and this has been the greatest reason for its popularity as a shopping district.

Career of Theatre Owner Is One of Constant Success

The Kunsky-Birmingham theater is observing its first anniversary with the presentation of the first Vitaphone sound picture.

The career of John H. Kunsky, who now operates 13 Detroit and suburban theaters, dates back to the real cradle days of the movie industry.

Kunsky was born in Detroit. His first job was a minor one with the Caille brothers, manufacturers of coin-operated machines. He eventually became a partner of the late A. Arthur Caille, in the operation of a coin-vending machine.

Five Cent Show
A five-cent theater with about 200 seats was opened at 28 Monroe avenue, Detroit. A penny Arcade still flourishes on the spot.

TWO 'FURORS' ARE REVIEWED

First Projection Machine Reviewed by John Kunsky Is Recalled

Announcement that the Kunsky-Birmingham will celebrate its first anniversary with the presentation of the first sound picture, brings to attention an interesting comparison between the furor now being caused by "sound pictures" and the attention given to the first motion picture.

Today, the idea of "sound pictures" is being eagerly grasped by public and theatre men alike. There seems little hesitancy in taking hold of this "new thing."

Back in 1905, when John H. Kunsky heard of the first practical demonstration of a motion picture projection machine, there was no such ready acceptance of new ideas. Mr. Kunsky went east to see this new thing. He came back to Detroit and opened what

We wish to commend the Kunsky Theatre for its latest Progressive move.

We sincerely hope the theatre may thereby gain the greater popularity it deserves.

The Devoe Paint & Art Shop
In the Theatre Bldg.

**THE
IRENE HAT SHOP**

congratulates its neighbor -

The Kunsky Theatre
on the eventful First Anniversary and the installation of VITAPHONE

TO THE
**Kunsky
Birmingham
Theatre**

May all your future birthdays be marked with such a splendid and remarkable record.

BERTINE BLEAZBY GARRETT
Lingerie - Gifts - Children's Wear
In the Theatre Bldg.

Hearty Wishes!

We think that the installation of the new Vitaphone is a truly splendid accomplishment and a fitting climax to your first year in Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM RECREATION
Exclusively Bowling
In the Theatre Building

a worthy anniversary

A SHORT history, but born of a policy of basic measure — led by the desire of real service. Congratulations, neighbor.

BRAUN LUMBER CORP.

Greetings:
We are indeed happy to extend greetings to our tenant — The Kunsky Birmingham Theatre — on the occasion of their first anniversary.

Congratulations:
on the policy of our tenant which has given Birmingham the remarkable Vitaphone so soon after its introduction in the larger cities.

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