Unusual Features and Gadgets Make Theatre Unique In State

Automatic Water Fountain Is One Of Clever Ideas

There are several special features and gadgets which make the Bloomfield Theatre unique in Michigan.

There is the automatic drinking fountain which begins to flow when the patron steps into an alcove interrupting a beam of light. When the beam is not broken it strikes a photo-electric cell which transmits current to a magnetic device which keeps the valve shut. When the beam of light is broken, the valve opens, and water flows.

At the right and left front of the auditorium are two murals. They have been coated with phosphorescent paint. Source of light are two small recesses in the ceiling, but the ultra-violet rays are invisible to the eye until they hit the phosphorescent paint. Then comes a magic glow.

For the hard-of-hearing are special headphones to be procured on request.

Another special feature is the over-size amplifying system, so big that only a third of the power is used, doing away with distortion when the peak sound comes through.

Parking space at the rear is another convenience.

The MARQUEE SIGN On the New BLOOMFIELD THEATRE Was Erected By C. Le Vasseur BONDED SIGN ERECTOR Phone Lenox 0677

Cost of Building Rises 6.8% in Year

WASHINGTON — Home construction costs continued to increase in January but the force of the upward surge diminished somewhat during the month, economists of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board reported today.

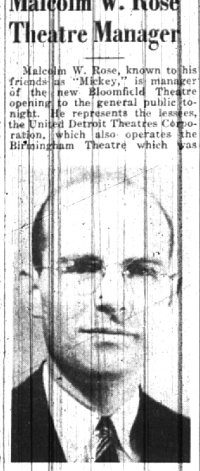
The increase from December to January was 1.1 per cent as compared with a rise of 1.7 per cent between November and December. Most of the increase in January was attributed to higher labor costs.

In the 12 months from January, 1940, to January, 1941, the cost of building a standard house in this country jumped 6.8 per cent, with the rise in labor costs being double that of building materials. Labor costs increased 10.1 per cent in the 12 months and materials 5.1 per cent, the net change being 6.8 per cent.

DRESSING ROOMS

You've seen moving pictures of stage life, with iron stairways backstage? Well, there are two such stairways in the new Bloomfield Theatre, one on the left and one on the right. Each leads to a dress-room for the attendants.

Malcolm W. Rose Theatre Manager



Malcolm W. Rose, known to his friends as "Mickey," is manager of the new Bloomfield Theatre opening to the general public tonight. He represents the lessees, the United Detroit Theatres Corporation, which also operates the Birmingham Theatre which was opened with much fan fare in 1927.

Rose will continue the usual double-feature policy with changes of program every Thursday and every Sunday. Efforts will also be made, he said, to show suitable Saturday afternoon pictures for the youngsters.

"I know how Birmingham people feel about Saturday afternoon shows and I will do the best I can to exhibit films which the youngsters will enjoy and which will be good for them," he declared.

The top flight pictures will be split between the two houses here.

Some Little Things Give House Charm

The little things about a house that put charm and individuality into it are the things that appeal to woman appeal, declares Irene Constance, Oklahoma City, for many years a successful operative home builder in her own right. And, addressing home-builders of the National Association of Real Estate Boards at a recent conference of the Association, she reminded her fellow home builders that in the United States today women handle 80% of the buying.

Outside of the obvious "musts," here are some things on her list for woman appeal:

1. Clever window treatment. "Today it is the corner window, picture window, bay window, or studio window that streamlines a house into the 1941 style," she said.

2. Two closets in the master bedroom. And shelves instead of so many drawers. Women prefer shelves, she says. But space them different widths to take care of large and small objects.

3. Window stool on window shelves at least five inches wide on south and east windows to accommodate plants. "These never fail to delight." The stool in steel casement windows can be used too as a window seat.

4. A motto over the fireplace, or a gay bit of Dutch tile in the kitchen. A spice cabinet above the stove. Mirrored shelves in a dressing room. Mirroring the mulls on twin windows. Mirrors create an impression of space.

5. Thoughtful things you can do with wallpaper. "Women prefer plain wallpaper but they love borders, gayly papered closets and beautiful ceilings. Women always look at ceilings—why, I don't know!"

6. A summerhouse in the backyard, if you want the house to be bought up in a hurry. "This will require a few yards of concrete, rough timber and screen. It will appeal better if you build a small fireplace in one end. Women love summer or tea houses. But remember they must be screened."

TWO STORIES

Because a big tarpaulin covered the lower half of the theatre building until last Saturday, the public did not know that there are two shop spaces in the front of the building.

There still is one little question that remains unanswered. What has become of Capt. Elliott Roosevelt?—Hutchinson News.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac in said County, on the 24th day of February, A. D. 1941.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of H. Kenrick Bingham, Deceased.

Carson C. Bingham, Executor of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 5th day of May, 1941, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ARTHUR E. MOORE
Judge of Probate.

(A true Copy.)
ETHELYN SMITH LUTHER,
Deputy Probate Register.
CLARENCE W. BLENMAN,
Attorney at Law,
Birmingham, Michigan.
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'Fantasia' in Fourth Week at Wilson

Walt Disney's newest masterpiece "Fantasia" which is now in its fourth record-breaking week at the Wilson Theatre, Detroit, features the new RCA Fantasound which brings sound and dialogue from all parts of the theatre, and therefore cannot be shown in any other theatre but the Wilson, within 150 miles of Detroit.

Tuesday night March 18 has been designated as "Lansing Night" with a special excursion sponsored by the Lansing Junior Chamber of Commerce coming to Detroit from that city. Many other "nights" are being arranged.

Extension Program Received By 73,706 Michigan Women

EAST LANSING—Goals for effects of the 1941 program in home economics extension service reach a new high level with a summary showing that in 1940 there were 73,706 rural women in the state who participated in the five projects of child care, clothing, home furnishings, home management or nutrition.

Staff members and home demonstration agents on the Michigan State College staff now are holding meetings throughout the state. These meetings permit groups to indicate which studies they want continued, with additional stress in 1941 on community problems.

Actual enrollment in 1940 projects numbered 25,803 women, says Miss Edna V. Smith, state leader on the college staff. But there were 39,357 non members who obtained information as visitors or from those actually enrolled. In all, the women found information that led them to make 139,376 changes in home practices.

In three counties alone, women enrolled in clothing projects estimated the dresses they made represented a saving of $3,419; in four counties, tailoring hints permitted savings of $1,001.

In 27 counties where home furnishing was a project, the women estimated they saved $25,020 by refinishing or re-upholstering furniture, caning chairs or making slip covers.

The work reaches into every county in the state. Specialists on the college staff, equally with the local leaders, who numbered 3,499 in 1940. In 32 counties there are special home demonstration agents. Other counties are served as a district or direct from the college.

Must Spend Money To Get Money

ANN ARBOR — If Michigan sales and use taxes are to be made more effective, an increased appropriation must be spent on their administration in order to overcome the legal and practical difficulties of enforcing such laws.

This is the conclusion of Dr. Robert S. Ford, director of the University of Michigan's Bureau of Government, and E. Fenton Shepard, research assistant, in the fifth Michigan governmental study made by the Bureau. The study, "The Michigan Retail Sales and Use Taxes," concerns administrative problems of the sales tax, comparative state practices, financial results, constitutional problems of sales taxes, and the Michigan use tax.

CANDY COUNTER

Some like to eat while enjoying the film, and for their convenience a candy counter is located in an alcove off the lobby in the new theatre.

STARS IN HIGH SIERRA

TWO AGAINST FATE—Ida Lupino as the gunmoll with a heart, and Humphrey Bogart as a dreamer with a gun, in W. R. Burnett's new story "High Sierra," which goes into the Bloomfield Theatre Sunday. Also on the program is "Six Lessons from Madame La Zonga."

Like Dumplings? Here Are Recipes For Seven Delicious Kinds

The serving of dumplings at dinner usually bears a thrill as well as a surprise for the family. One never knows whether it concerns a well flavored apple, cheese or cream, juicy chicken. There are many kinds of dumplings, plain dumplings, savory and dessert dumplings.

Foundation Recipe

1½ cups flour
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
¾ cup of milk (enough to make it the consistency of biscuit dough.)

Sift together flour, salt and baking powder. Add milk, then pat or roll on a board until half an inch thick. Cut out with a very small cutter and drop into the boiling stew. Cook 10 minutes without removing the lid of the saucepan. If the lid is lifted before the dough is cooked the rush of cold air may cause the dumplings to fall.

Boiled Fruit Dumplings

Make a dough by the recipe above and cut into squares about 3 inches. Put a spoonful of berries, plums or small pared and cored apple in the center of the dough with sugar to taste. Wet and press the edges of the dough firmly over the fruit so that they will enclose it. Tie each dumpling in a square of cheese cloth and plunge into fast boiling water. Cook from half to three quarters of an hour, according to the fruit used. Serve with a hard sauce.

Onion Dumplings

Use foundation recipe. Parboil enough onions for medium size, choosing white and mild flavored ones. Core the onions and quarter half way down and drop in bits of butter, with salt and pepper to taste. Fold the dough about them. Bake or steam 15 minutes. Serve with roast pork.

Cranberry Dumplings

For these dumplings use foundation recipe and cut on 3 or 4 inch squares. On each square place a tablespoon of the fruit drained from cranberry sauce. Pinch together and drop into the sauce itself. Cover closely and cook 15 minutes. Will serve with the dumplings. To make the sauce use 3 cups of water, 2 cups of cranberries and 1 cup of sugar and boil until the berries burst. These are delicious with a fresh baked ham or a roast chicken.

Egg Dumplings

1 egg
3 tablespoons milk
¾ cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt

Beat the egg light, add the milk and mix. Sift together flour, salt and baking powder and add the egg and milk to these to form a heavy batter, using a little more milk if necessary. Drop by spoonfuls into hot gravy and cook 15 minutes without removing lid from saucepan.

Cornmeal Dumplings

½ cup yellow corn meal
½ teaspoon salt
1½ cups boiling water
2 eggs slightly beaten
1 tablespoon finely chopped onion.
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley.

Combine cornmeal, water, onion and salt. Steam 2 hours. Add eggs and parsley. Shape in small balls, roll in flour and cook two minutes in hot soup.

Apple Dumplings

For the baked apple dumplings use a short or flaky pastry recipe. Place a peeled and cored apple of medium size on each square of dough. Fill the cavity with sugar, bits of butter and a dash of cinnamon. Pinch the edges closely together. Place in a buttered pan and bake in an oven for 20 minutes at 450 degrees, then at 400 degrees for 25 minutes. After they have been baking for 15 minutes pour around the dumplings a syrup. To make syrup boil for 5 minutes 1 cup of sugar, ½ cup of water, and 4 tablespoons of corn syrup.

Cherry Dumplings

Make a biscuit dough, using:
1½ cups flour
1½ tablespoons butter
3 teaspoons baking powder
¾ teaspoon salt
½ cup milk

Roll out and cut in large circle. Fill each with well-drained canned cherries. Bring in the sides and pinch the top of each dumpling together. Place in a deep baking dish. Cover with 2 cups of sugar and dot with 2 tablespoons of butter. Pour boiling water over all until the dishes half fill and bake 1 hour.

USE ALUMINUM

If the government really gets hard up for aluminum, the theatre marquee letters may go! Who knows? The letters used to advertise titles of the pictures are spaced in two sizes. There are 500 ten-inch letters and 500 12-inch letters.

CHECK ROOM AVAILABLE

Persons carrying packages may check them in the room facing the lobby. An usher will assist the patron.

Blues for Blonds

Blond Brenda Joyce, left, picked a fine shepherd's check woolen in dark blue and white to make this trim little suit for spring. Susanna Foster, right, Paramount star, chose a deep blue suede for her spring suit. The skirt has wide, deep pleats front and back and the wrist-length jacket is beautifully tailored with large patch pockets.

Widespread Effort To Reorganize State Governments

LANSING — Reorganization of state government on a business basis is becoming the order of the day not only in Michigan but in many other states, according to legislative reports received here.

In Michigan the first step toward this end is the proposed McCallum-Neller bill for consolidation of the state's revenue collection. In addition to consolidated collection of state revenues, rigid budgetary control, more efficient purchasing and progressive reorganization of state departments, boards and commissions has been advocated.

Central Purchasing

Many legislatures are considering complete reorganization of the state's fiscal operations. Proposals include the consolidation of departments and bureaus to bring about better and less costly administration and the setting up of effective state budgeting and centralized purchasing procedures.

In California, legislative and constitutional amendments are being sought, providing for the reorganization of the state's fiscal operations, including tax collections, pre-audits and post-audits of expenditures, and the handling and investment of state funds. Complete reorganization of state government by statute and by Constitutional amendment is being pressed in Colorado, including unified collection of revenue in the office of the State Treasurer.

Idaho is calling for elimination of certain state boards and commissions to improve administrative efficiency. It is being recommended in Iowa that all departments of the government be brought under same budget control and requirements as to administrative costs; also that an adequate system of bookkeeping and accounting be installed, giving the Comptroller the function of supervising state accounting and conducting the audit of state departments.

In Iowa

The creation of the office of central purchasing agent to coordinate and combine the purchases of various departments, and to "obtain for the state and the taxpayers a resultant lowering of costs," also is before the Iowa Legislature.

The establishment of a Department of Finance to coordinate the control and reporting of state finances is before the Kansas Legislature.

The Massachusetts Legislature is considering the establishment of a so-called Allotment System, whereby appropriations will be kept within the revenue receipts and the state will be on a cash basis as is the case of Minnesota and other states.

Movie Shows Life In CCC Camps

MUNISING—Many young men along the Atlantic seaboard and in the north central states are going to get their first impression of what life is like in a CCC camp from a motion picture filmed in Cusino state game area, east of here.

Taken by Walter E. Hastings, staff photographer of the conservation department, the picture traces the enrollment of an unemployed Detroit youth of 19, oldest in a family of six, to his work in the north woods in winter. The film will be widely used by the CCC organization to show the advantages of enrollment in the Civilian Conservation Corps, in a recruiting campaign to keep CCC camps at full strength.

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