

Capitol Theater In South Main To Open February 4

Formal opening of the beautiful new \$175,000 Capitol theater in the 1100 block, South Main street, will take place Saturday, Feb. 4, with the introduction of combined vaudeville and motion picture features, it was announced last night by C. B. Anderson and Theodore Ingrassia, owners.

Three special features of vaudeville, in act form and not by presentation, will be included with the latest of motion picture productions, it was assured by Mr. Anderson, who will manage the new amusement house, but who also will continue to serve as manager of the Dreamland theater.

Seats 1,000 Persons.

Seats for 1,000 persons are provided in the auditorium, which represents an outdoor Spanish garden. Mr. Ingrassia and Mr. Anderson stated that the latest overhead scenic effects have been employed to carry out the idea of gently drifting clouds under a blue sky dotted with stars. Final details of construction work are being completed, and it has been assured that the theater will be ready for opening Feb. 4.

Richly colored Spanish draperies will grace the walls of the auditorium, with mural paintings in harmony. A pipe organ and orchestra will provide music.

The new Capitol theater was designed by Wybe J. Van der Meer, Rockford architect, who also superintended the construction.

The Holmquist-Peterson building

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company were the general contractors for the theater building which is owned by Mr. Ingrassia and Anthony Domino. Swords Brothers installed the plumbing and wiring; while the American Heating and Supply company installed the heating fixtures.

The Capitol theater building, marking the extension of a greater South Main street business district, has space for four retail stores which will be opened soon. They are located on the ground floor fronting west along Main street. It also will house four apartments and three offices on the second floor in addition to the spacious foyer and interior of the theater itself. The building fronts 99½ feet along Main street and has a depth of 157 feet.

Beautiful Decorations

The street facade of the building is constructed of buff brick with blue mottled terra cotta trim. Part of the space over the main entrance is devoted to decorations symbolic of the theatrical world which add a pleasing touch to the already handsome exterior.

A large electric sign now is in place on the front of the theater and is ready for operation.

According to the specifications the building is of fireproof construction, with the most effective type of modern ventilation. Space has been provided for a cooling system, which will be placed in use this spring.

Five dressing rooms are provided adjacent to the stage for visiting vaudeville artists and special performers who will be billed in Rockford regularly from a nationally known agency. Restrooms are situated in the basement. Laundry and drying space for the use of apartment occupants in the building are being provided on the roof.