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The Gazette yesterday morning printed a striking photograph by Chief Photographer Sid Brown that struck a note of nostalgia in us and we are sure in many other Schenectadians. The photo showed a panoramic view of northern downtown Schenectady through a large hole in the Plaza theater backstage wall where once was the enormous movie screen.

We well remember 1931 when the Plaza opened its doors to the movie-going public. It was the "largest and finest" it had air conditioning and the most comfortable seats yet designed for patrons. It had scrolls and curlicues and lots of gold leaf on the ceiling and it was big, 2500 hundred seats in all.

Now, thirty-three years later, the Plaza theater is being demolished to make way for a motor inn. Thus the Plaza is going the way of so many other theaters in Schenectady's past — the Van Curler Opera House, the Cameo, the Barclay, the Hudson, the Happy Hour and the Erie.