

The Universal motion picture theater interests awarded last week a contract for the completion of the Uptown theater at Valentine road and Broadway. The Universal interests bought the site and the partly built theater a little more than two months ago from the Valentine Realty Company. Subsequently plans for the building were revamped by John Ebersson, Chicago architect and specialist in theater design, who enlarged the balcony and increased the originally designated seating capacity from 1,800 to 2,300 persons. The Fleming-Gilchrist Construction Company, to which the contract was given, will begin work on the theater this week. The contract price for completion of the building was \$90,000, this figure not including, however, the ornamental decoration, electric wiring, heating and ventilating system nor the equipment such as seats, organ and the like. The building now is merely a shell, the sidewalls alone having been erected.

The theater occupies the rear or west side of the Uptown building, which fronts on Broadway at the southwest corner of Valentine road. The theater entrance will be at the immediate corner, with a foyer leading to the theater section. The Broadway unit of the Uptown building was brought into use last winter.