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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

OMB Approved
No. 1024-0009

REVIEW SHEET

T-627

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: AYALON THEATER, 40-42 DOVER ST., EASTON, MARYLAND Project No.: _____

Historic District: EASTON
11-30-87 date initial application received by State _____ date(s) additional information requested by State
11-30-87 date complete information received by State _____
_____ date of this transmittal to NPS _____
Inspection of property by State staff? no yes date(s): _____

There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.
 There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

NUMBER	This property involves:
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Extensive loss of historic fabric <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial alterations over time <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary determination of listing <input type="checkbox"/> _____ for district <input type="checkbox"/> _____ for individual property <input type="checkbox"/> Significance less than 50 years old <input type="checkbox"/> Obscured or covered elevation(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved property <input type="checkbox"/> State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation different from the applicant's request

NUMBER 2 Complete item(s) below as appropriate.

(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as 18TH, 19TH, 20TH

(2) The property contributes does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in:
 location design setting materials workmanship feeling association
 Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section _____, page _____.

(3) For properties less than 50 years old:
 the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution.
 the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.
 there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.

(4) For preliminary determinations:
 A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district:
 Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within _____ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.)
 Nomination was submitted to the NPS on _____
 Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months.
 Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months.
 Other, explain: _____

B. Evaluation of the property:
 Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation
 Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation: A B C D
 Criteria Considerations: A B C D E F G

(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and:
 appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation.
 does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.

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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

BUILT IN 1922, THE AVALON THEATER IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE FIRST "STATE-OF-THE-ART" MOVIE HOUSES ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND. THE THEATER REMAINS VIRTUALLY INTACT EXCEPT FOR A FEW CHANGES WHICH INCLUDE THE REMOVAL OF THE CORNICE, ALTERATION OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND TICKET OFFICE, THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ORIGINAL MARQUEE WITH THE CURRENT NEON AND METAL MARQUEE, AND ON THE INTERIOR, THE SUBDIVISION OF THE ORIGINAL SECOND STORY BALLROOM INTO OFFICES. DETERIORATION IS MINIMAL THROUGHOUT.

IT IS THE OPINION OF THIS OFFICE THAT THE AVALON THEATER CONTINUES TO BE A FINE EXAMPLE OF AN EARLY 20TH CENTURY MOVIE THEATER.

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State Official Recommendation:

- This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAY, a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.
- The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
 - potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
 - registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
- The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
- Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

Detailed NPS review recommended Precedent-setting case Forwarded without recommendation

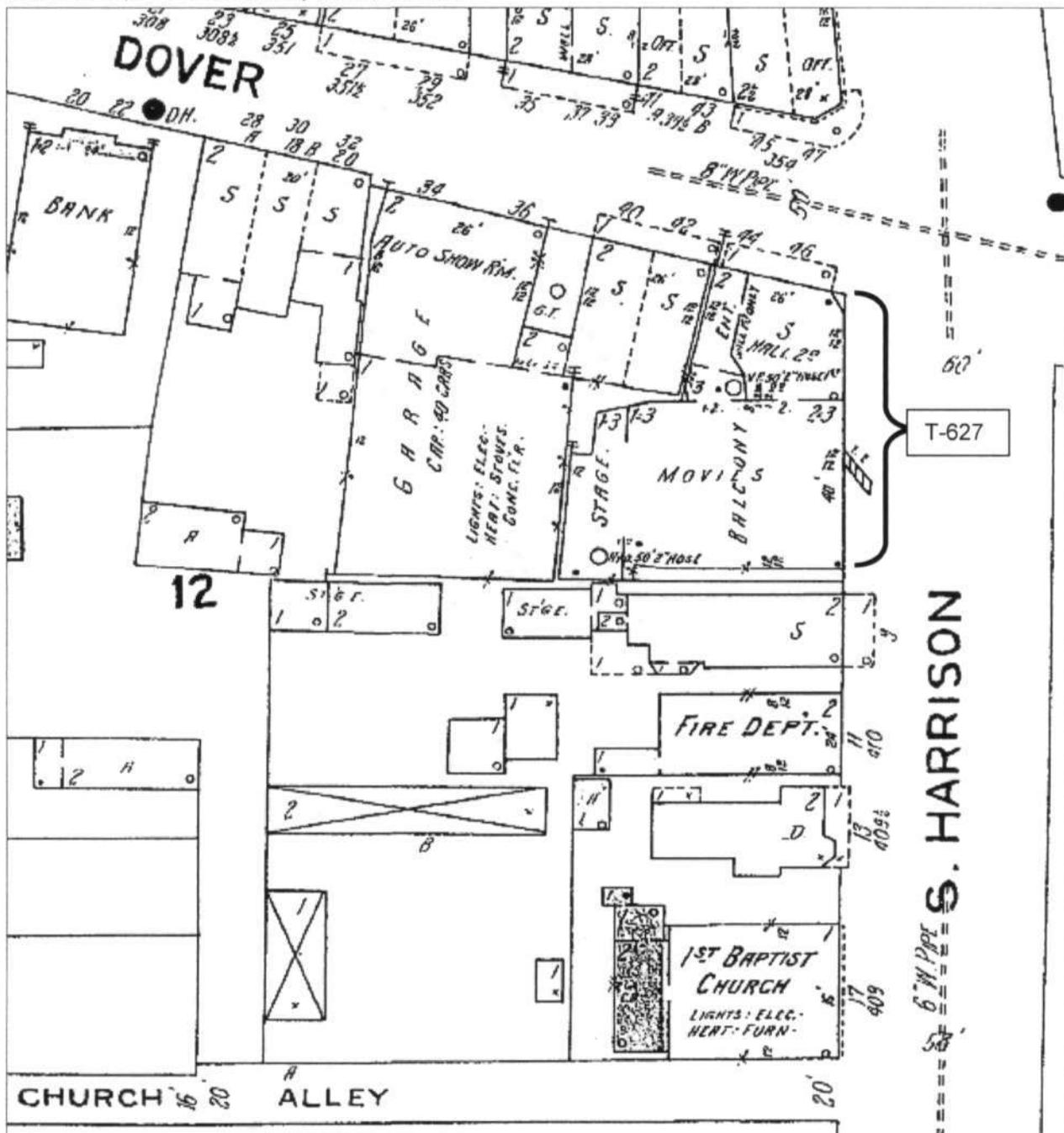
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State Official Signature

See attachments:

NPS Comments:

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Avalon Theater
40-42 E. Dover Street
Sanborn Map, Easton, January 1927, Sheet 2



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Avalon Theater
40-42 E. Dover Street
Easton Quadrangle

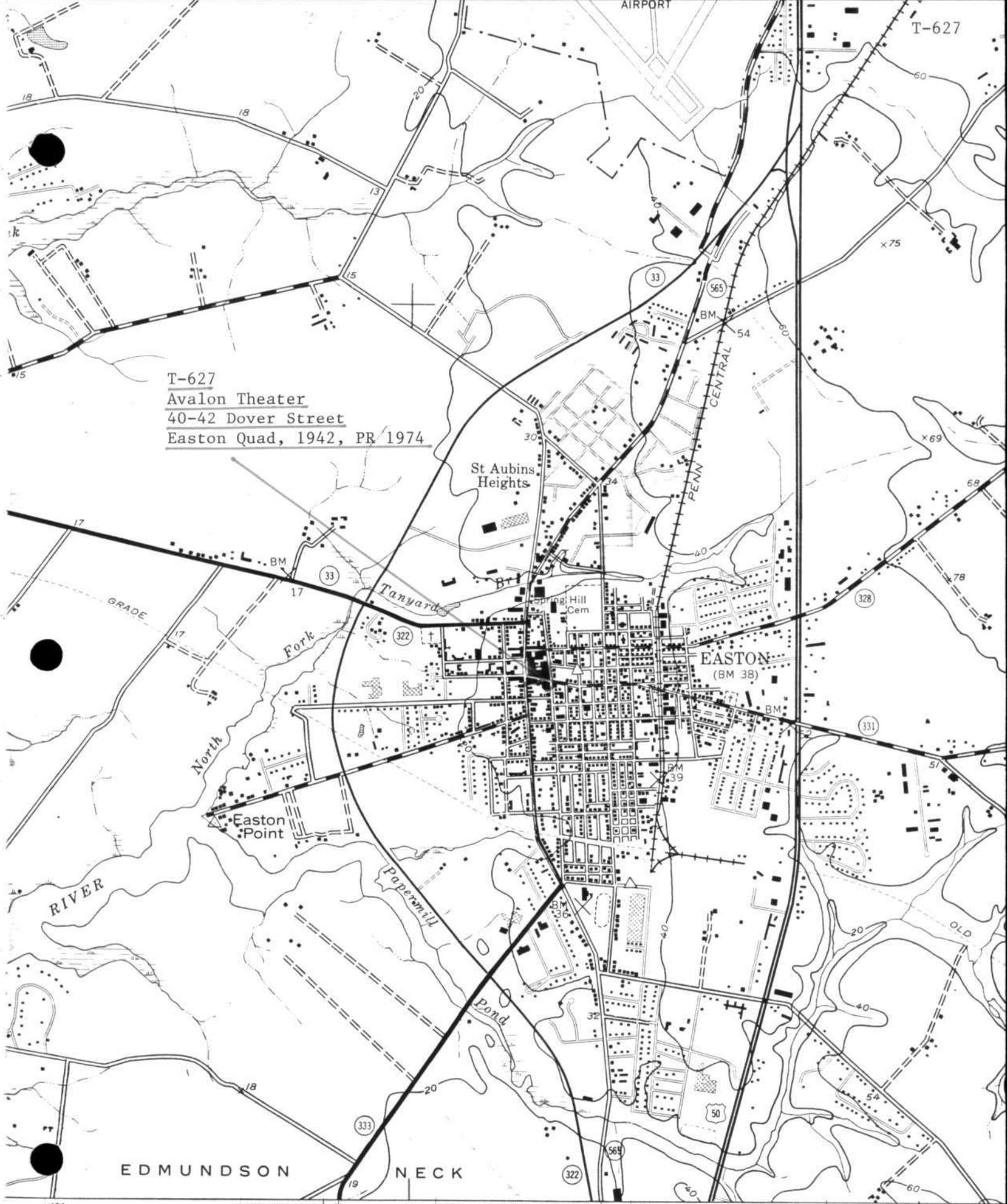


National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2007-08



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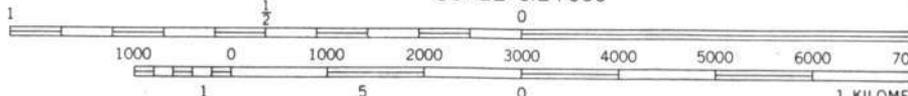
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Avalon Theater
40-42 Dover Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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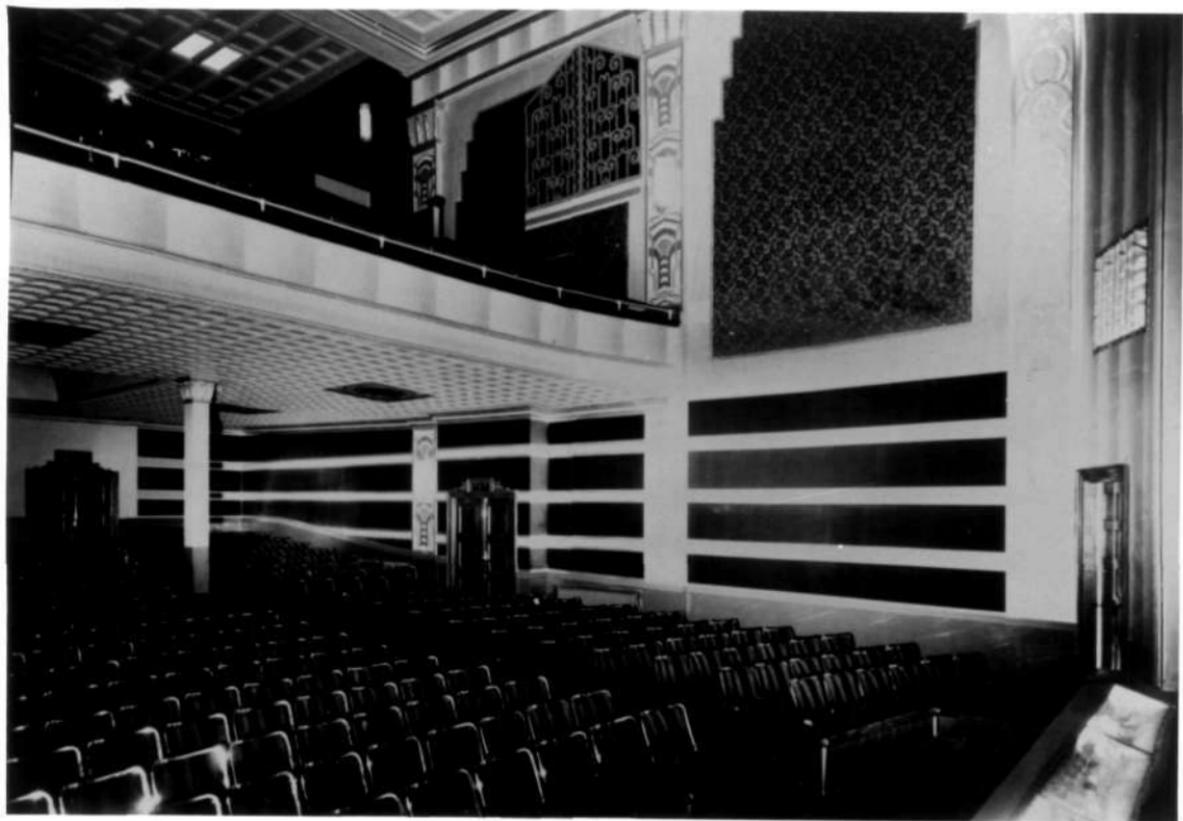
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