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The Paramount Theater

During the heyday of downtown movie palaces, the big Hollywood studios invested in theater construction in major markets throughout the nation. Few and Lorenz ran the 3,300-seat movie palace at 611 Main Street, which was later renamed the Paramount Theater and then as Fox Great Lakes. In 1931, Howell Shea, with Paramount in his partner, acquired the property group. As a result, a new theater was built. In the new downtown theater. The theater became the Paramount in 1947. Shortly thereafter, the era of the automobile and the rise of the suburbs was in full swing and downtown ceased to be a destination for movie-goers. The cavernous Paramount screened its final film for about 50 people in 1965. The interior was gutted, and the building was converted into the City Centre condominium complex in 1992.