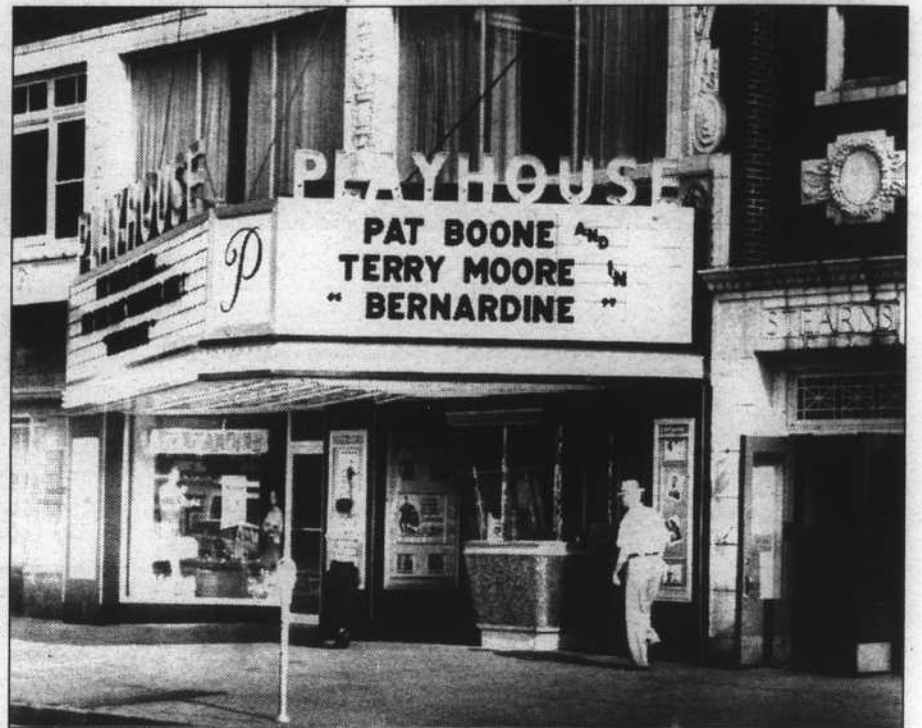


Those were the days



Theaters from the Past



ALMOST A YEAR AFTER THE DEC. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, the country changed but the grand old Playhouse Theater in Statesville just kept pulling the people in. This façade points out how unique it was because, along with movies, there were stage performances. This three-act play of "Outward Bound" was by the Baxter Theater players. The curtain went up at 8:30 p.m. Don't you wish you could watch it today in the Playhouse?

THE SECOND PHOTO, above, made years later, shows the modern design front with the new streamlined ticket cage. The Playhouse was part of the Stearns Building and the doors on the right led to a small lobby where you could ride an elevator to the upstairs offices.



AT LEFT, THE CRESCENT THEATER STOOD, about two blocks up the street, on West Broad. There, if you were a kid, ten cents would buy you a ticket but the adults would have to shell out twenty cents to see cowboys like Tom Mix and Buck Jones apply their six-gun justice to the bad guys. Notice Brady Printing Company on the right and Woody's Grocery Store on the left. The picture was probably taken in the early 1930s.

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