



## **Motion Picture News (K1422)**

**Collection Number:** K1422

**Collection Title:** Motion Picture News

**Dates:** 1929

**Creator:** Motion Picture News

**Abstract:** *Motion Picture News: Theatre Building and Equipment Buyers Guide* is a magazine that published advertisements for movie theater equipment and articles on movie theater architecture. There are also photographs and drawings of movie theaters designed by the Boller Brothers across the country.

**Collection Size:** .1 cubic foot  
(1 oversize folder)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-kansas-city). If you would like more information, please contact us at [kansascity@shsmo.org](mailto:kansascity@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

**Restrictions on Use:** The Donor does not own copyright or intellectual rights for the gift.

**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Motion Picture News* (1422); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Kansas City].

**Donor Information:** The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Jane Lehman on April 3, 2022 (Accession No. KA2569).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Motion Picture News can be found in the following collections:

*Boller Brothers Architectural Records* (K0065)

**Processed by:** Processed by intern Sarah Herndon, June 2023

**Historical Note:**

The Boller Brothers were architects that specialized in designing movie theaters in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Carl Boller started out as a scenery artist for his brother Will's vaudeville troupe. The first movie theater Carl designed was the La Belle Theatre in Pittsburg, Kansas in 1903. By 1905, Carl opened his own architectural business called Carl Boller, Architect. His younger brother Robert joined the business as an apprentice draftsman in the same year. The business was renamed Boller Brothers around 1920. Originally based in Kansas City, the Boller Brothers opened offices in Los Angeles in the 1920s as movie theaters grew in popularity. They designed movie theaters throughout the Midwest and Southwest. In Kansas City, the Boller Brothers designed the Midland Theatre and the Plaza Theatre among others in Kansas City and throughout Missouri.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in one folder.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This issue of *Motion Picture News: Theatre Building and Equipment Buyers Guide*, Section Two published on June 22, 1929, consists of advertisements for movie theater equipment and articles on movie theater architecture. The articles focus on how movie theater buildings will have to evolve to accommodate air conditioning and the advent of sound films. The issue also celebrates the work of the Boller Brothers, who were Kansas City-based architects specializing in movie theaters across the Midwest and Southwest. The magazine includes photographs and drawings of movie theaters designed by the Boller Brothers as well as interviews with them.

**Container List:**

Box 001   v. 1                      Motion Picture News, 1929

**Index:**

Index Term	Medium
Architecture--United States--History--20th century	v. 1
Boller Brothers	v. 1
Boller, Carl, 1868-1946	v. 1
Boller, Robert O., 1887-1962	v. 1
Kansas City (Mo.)--History--20th century.	v. 1
Los Angeles (Calif.)--History--20th century.	v. 1
Motion picture theaters	v. 1
Periodicals	v. 1