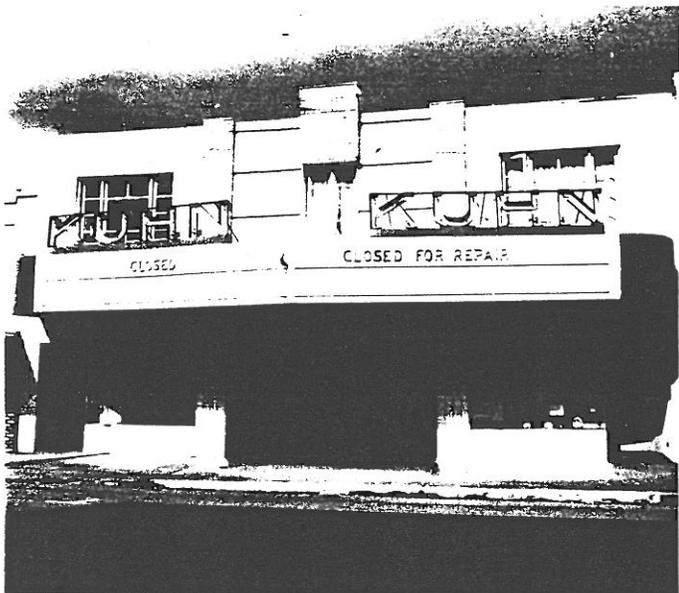


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County Linn  
Ranking \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
(Common) Kuhn Theater  
(Historic) Kuhn Theater  
Address 660 Main Street  
Present Owner Kuhn Theater  
Address 660 Main Street  
Original Use Movie Theater  
Date of Construction c. 1930  
Map Reference Number 76

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Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Kuhn Theater is a two-story, stucco, Art Deco building. There is a store on each side of a recessed entry to the theater in the center and apartments on the second floor. The store entries are on the north and south ends of the facade. Between the theater and store entries there are single-light display windows set in low glazed tile walls. The ticket office is located in the center with doors at each side. The theater marquee is rounded and has a fluorescent sign for "KUHN". At the second floor there are multi-light metal casement windows on each side and a narrower one in the center. The stucco in the center bay is divided into panels and there are pilasters on each side with decorative stripes carved at the tops. The large neon sign that rose above the center of the parapet has been removed.

History

R. Kuhn operated the Gem Theatre just to the north before building this theater in the 1930's. The owner was known as Cap Kuhn because he was a captain in the Salvation Army, devoting much time to charitable organizations and community affairs.

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Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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