

# The end of the Kallet Genesee Theater



Kallet Genesee Theater at Westvale Plaza, Geddes, 1952 (OHA)

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17 years ago: In June of 1997, the Kallet Genesee Theater along West Genesee Street was demolished to make way for an auto parts store, despite a petition signed by 2,000 theater friends to keep the movie house in Westvale Plaza. The auto parts store went out of business in less than a year and the building remains vacant today.



Interior of the Kallet Genesee Theater in 1951 OHA

The theater opened on February 14, 1951, and enjoyed many years of success under manager George Read. Some of the films that were shown there include "Doctor Zhivago," "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "The Love Bug" and "The Aristocats."

-- *Daniel Connors of the OHA*