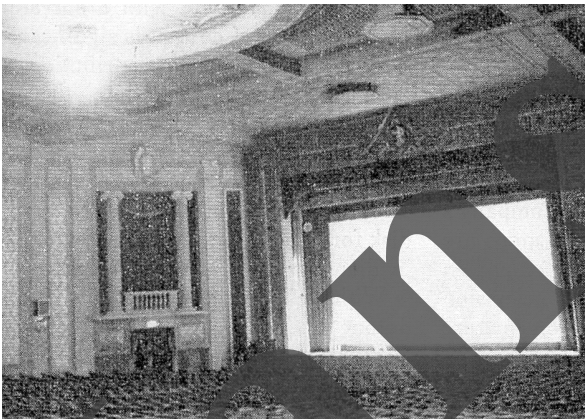
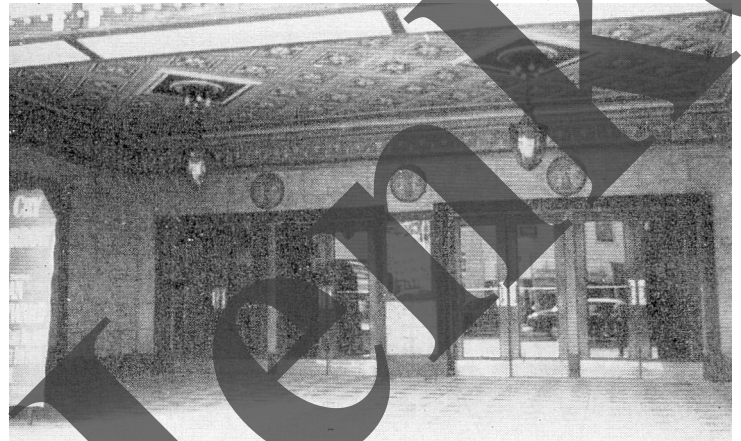


The theater was remodeled in 1955. These pictures show the theater prior to 1955.



**T**HIS is a case of selective remodeling to produce effective modernization at a cost warranted by location. Patchogue is a city of some 20,000 on the south shore of Long Island. The Patchogue theatre, a Prudential Theatres operation, has been a prominent playhouse of the region since its erection about 30 years ago. Comparison of pictures on this page of the property before remodeling, with those on the opposite page taken afterward, show the areas chosen as critical and how they were treated. The marquee was rebuilt on the existing frame, with lamp sockets retained above an "egg-crate" diffuser. Terrazzo replaces mats on concrete. Plaster covers the ornate vestibule ceiling, with suspended receptacle downlights. Reconstruction of the balcony was a major change in the auditorium. Though resealed with Heywood-Wakefield "rocking chairs," on 42- instead of 36-inch platforms, it has 90 more seats than before. The original metal auditorium ceiling was retained as not too invasive with its central chandelier cut off. Downlights were installed with receptacles having removable tops for relamping (R-40 reflectors) from above. In place of balcony soffit luminaires are flush receptacles with wide-angle Holophane lenses. The old auditorium walls and arch were obliterated as noted on opposite page.

