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Well, the uncertainty is over and the Lyric Cinema is at present being demolished. Since its closure in the mid-seventies, there were hopes that it would again re-open as a cinema, but to-day the scaffolding and the demolition team reveal that this famous theatrical landmark will be no more.

In its hey-day in the late '20's and '30's, the Lyric Cinema and the ballroom (over the cinema) were extremely popular. When the talkies came, the cinema provided a feast of entertainment with such classics as "All Quiet On The Western Front', "Frankenstein", "The Mummy", "King Kong", "Captain's Courageous", "San Francisco", "The Great Ziegfield", etc. etc.

• These are titles which have remained fresh in my memory but there were many, many more, like the Wallace Beery classics ("Big House" and "The Bowery"), the Greta Garbo films like "Mata H-ari", the "Fu Manchu" series, etc.

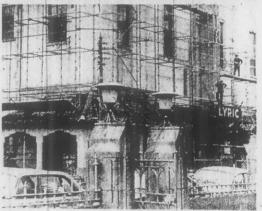
 This was also the home of famous newsreels like Paramount's "Eyes And Ears of the World", The Pathe News, comedies from Laurel and Hardy, Buster Keaton, the Marx Bros, and the Universal films - mostly musicals.

• Frank O'Donovan (best remembered as "Batty Brennan" in "The Riordans" TV series) was a regular visitor with his revues, and there were early RTE broadcasts from the stage of the theatre, plus operas, musicals, Sunday concerts, etc.

Just a few weeks ago I published a long-lost picture of the Lyric Dance Band which revived memories of the many great occasions which were held in the spacious ballroom.

With the passing of the Lyric, a famous landmark disappears. It would not cost too much to erect a plaque there to commemorate the Lyric - a venue which meant a great deal to thousands of cinemagoers, theatregoers and dancers for well over half a century.

Goodbye, Lyric.



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At the age of 87, Harry Warren, one of the most successful composers of popular film making, and winner of three Academy Awards.

He received Academy Awards for "Lullaby of Broadway," "You'll Never Know" and "On the

At the age of 77, Robert Montgomery, screen major dramatic series.

• At the age of 82, actor Harold Bennett, who played young Mr. Grace in the TV series, "Are You Being Served?" He retired at the age of 65, but then began working as an extra in films. He was rediscovered by television producer David Croft and was rarely out of work in recent years.

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Atcheson, Topeka and the Santa Fe."

 He composed for such memorable movie musicals as "Forty Second Street." "Gold Diggers of 1933" and "The Barkeleys of Broadway" as well as such songs as "Chattanooga Choo Choo" and "The More I See You".

star of many big hits of the '30's and '40's, including "Night Must Fall", "Here Comes Mr. Jordan", and "They Were Expendable". He went on to become a stage and screen director, a pioneering television producer, and launched one of TV's first

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