

SKY RAY

HOOKSETT'S DRIVE IN MOVIE THEATRE









A HISTORY

- **OWNER- ARMAND BOURQUE**
- **OPENED MAY 7, 1949**
- **CAPACITY- 500 CARS**
- **CLOSED CIRCA 1985**
- **ONE SCREEN WITH SNACK BAR, KID'S PLAYGROUND AND MOTEL**

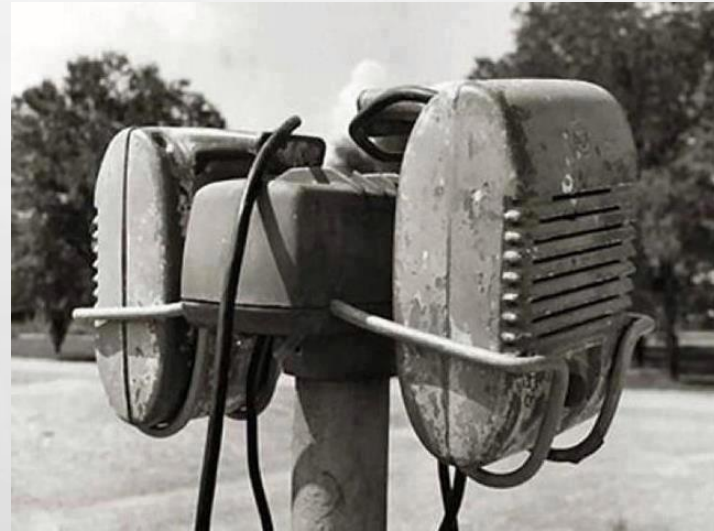
AMENITIES

TRAIN RIDE



Courtesy Photo
SKY-RAY patrons were always welcome aboard the free train ride that circled the outdoor "autatorium."

SPEAKERS



SATURDAY NIGHT

May 7, 1949

THE
NEW

SKY-RAY

OUTDOOR THEATRE

Daniel Webster Highway, Hooksett, 5 Miles North of Manchester

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S NEWEST DRIVE-IN THEATRE

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED

BETWEEN

MANCHESTER

and

CONCORD

on the

DANIEL WEBSTER HWY.



J. ARMAND BOURQUE, popular Manchester resident is the operator of the new SKY-RAY Outdoor Theatre in Hooksett. Mr. Bourque promises a season of high grade movies to be shown in the cool atmosphere of his new theatre.

ENJOY POPULAR MOVIES

EVERY NIGHT

At This Cool Location

Clear Vision of the
Mammoth Movie Screen

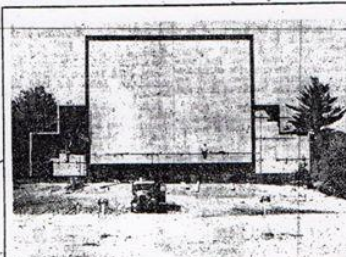
From All Points of the
Parking Area

COME ON OUT, BRING THE FAMILY!

EQUIPPED
WITH LATEST
RCA
"IN-CAR"
SPEAKERS
VOLUME & TONE
CONTROLLED
IN YOUR OWN CAR

REFRESHMENT
STAND
ON THE
GROUNDS

HOT DOGS
ICE CREAM
SOFT DRINKS



This photograph was taken as work neared completion on the new Sky-Ray Theatre in Hooksett. The gigantic new outdoor screen is 50 feet by 45 feet to provide enjoyable movie reception in your own car.

AMPLE
PARKING
SPACE
FOR
500
CARS

ADMISSION
50c Tax Incl.

CHILDREN
UNDER 12
FREE

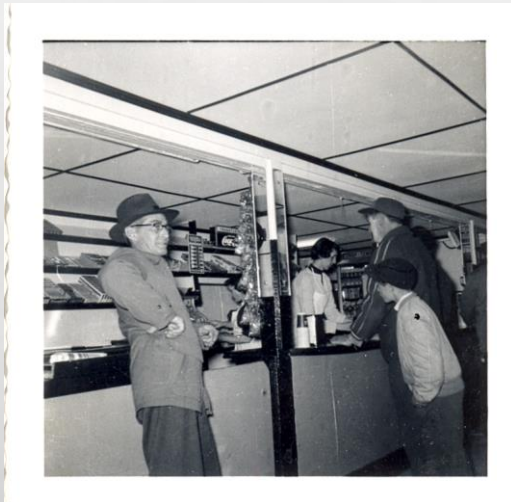
BOX OFFICE OPEN AT 7-P. M. NIGHTLY

FIRST SHOW AT 8 P. M. — SHOW CHANGES SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY

MOVIES EVERY NITE - Rain or Shine

SKY- RAY 1328 HOOKSETT ROAD

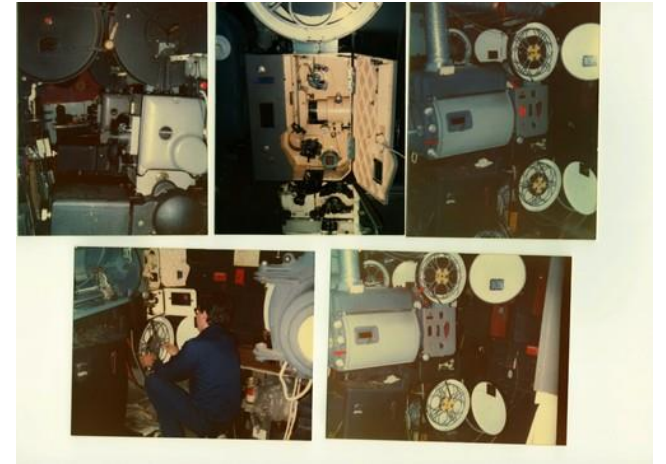
SNACK BAR



PLAYGROUND



PROJECTORS



Manchester (NH) Free Press - April 20, 1961

SKY-RAY

WED. THRU SAT.
**"Dark at the Top
of the Stairs"**
Robert Preston
Dorothy McGuire
— plus —
"The Crowded Sky"
Dana Andrews
Rhonda Fleming

STARTS SUNDAY
"SUNDOWNERS"

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Sky-Ray

DRIVE IN
Rte. 3 HOOKSETT
JUST SOUTH OF CONCORD
TEL. NA 2-4122
NOW! NOW!
FRANK SINATRA
THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE
—2nd Hit—
"WAR HUNT"

SKY RAY

DRIVE-IN Rt. 3, Hooksett

NOW

*This movie has heart, soul,
blood, guts, perspiration and
plenty of muscle.*



Pumping Iron

PG

with Arnold Schwarzenegger



A group of Holy Name Society members from St. Patrick parish here succeeded in getting the management of the Sky-Ray Drive-In in nearby Hooksett to withdraw what they branded as an "objectionable" co-feature of a two-film program. The group picketed in front of the airer on the night of April 22. The picture was "She Shoulda Said No," which was advertised on the Sky-Ray marquee under the title, "Girl Wouldn't Say No," while the other screen attraction was "Because of Eve," with title changed to "All About Eve" at the Hooksett outdoor theatre. Approximately 200 automobiles were at the airer during the two-hour picketing period. Three town policemen and a state trooper were on hand and the only incident was a few remarks made to the pickets by a bystander leaning on a police car. The Holy Name Society members carried signs reading "This Picture Condemned" and "Do Not Patronize This Movie."

Controversies

But the theatre made news in 1969 when John Laughlin, Jr. — then manager of the Sky-Ray D-I — was the first person in the state to be charged with violating New Hampshire's newly crafted pornography rule for showing Russ Meyer's Vixen. Laughlin was found innocent





SKY RAY MOTEL *we stayed on the X*
 BEAUTIFULLY MODERN
 Route 3, Hooksett Rd., Manchester, N.H.