

COUNCIL PASSES RESOLUTION ABOUT RADIO

Auspicious Opening of Beautiful Palace Theatre

Leo Mascioli and Associates Showered with Tributes on Occasion. Capacity House Delighted with Theatre and Programme. W. O. Langdon, the Chairman for Evening. Theatre Formally Declared Open by Mayor Bartleman. Others Speakers.

"A perfect opening of a perfect theatre" would be a fair summary of the interesting and pleasing features that marked the formal opening of the new Palace theatre on Monday evening. There was a well-planned programme for the opening and everything went smoothly and efficiently—not a single hitch in the whole evening.

In the first place the theatre was filled to capacity and a hundred or two had to be turned away. It was the largest gathering ever seen in the North for any similar event. It is estimated that there would be over 1300 people in the theatre.

Crowd Pleased with Theatre

The hundreds who came for the opening expected to find a beautiful theatre perfectly equipped in every respect and they saw on entering that no description of the Palace theatre has adequately described its beauty and artistic taste, while later in the evening it was found that the modern equipment and the up-to-the-minute utility of the new theatre had not been over-emphasized despite the showers of praise given. The Advance in a special section on Monday gave detailed description of the Palace theatre, but despite word pictures and illustrations the reality was found to exceed all expectations. Compared to the theatre itself, it is trite to describe it as the best in the North or the equal of the finest in any of the large cities. To appreciate the Palace theatre and to fully realize how appropriate the name is all who have not done so should visit the new Palace theatre at Timmins on the earliest possible occasion.

The doors were opened at seven o'clock, but long before the crowds had begun to gather. Long before the hour appointed for opening the theatre was filled to its capacity of over 1200 with others still seeking admission.

Orchestra—Special Feature

During the time before the actual ceremonies began the audience not only had the beauty of the Palace to delight their eyes, but there was also a programme of most attractive music by an orchestra of 14 pieces. This orchestra, directed by Gordon Achibald, included some of the most gifted orchestra players in the district, South Porcupine and Schumacher being represented, as well as Timmins. Among the musicians included in the orchestra for the occasion were such well-known artists as F. J. Wolno, Tommy Stephens and Mrs. C. M. Boutin (at the piano). The orchestra included three talented violinists. The music was exceptionally well presented and delighted all.

W. O. Langdon in the Chair

Sharp at 8.15 p.m. the formal opening of the theatre was commenced. W. O. Langdon, president of the Timmins Board of Trade, and president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, was the capable chairman for the evening. In a brief but effective address Mr. Langdon referred to the beauty and superior equipment of the Palace theatre, pointing out that it was a very decided asset to the town. He spoke also of the enterprise and public spirit of Leo Mascioli and his associates and the value their progressive attitude had proved in the upbuilding of Timmins. He also read telegrams of congratulation sent to Leo Mascioli and associates on the occasion.

Telegrams of Congratulation

Some of these messages were as follows:—

"Success and best wishes on the opening of this beautiful showplace of the North"—I. K. Pierce.

Toronto Ont.—"The following individuals wish to extend to you and your associates personal greetings and felicitations in the opening of your new Palace theatre to the public of Timmins and its environs—Geo. Arliss, Robt. Donat, Jessie Matthews, Walter Huston, Victor McLaglen, Norma Shearer, Clark Gable, Robt. Montgomery, Jean Harlow, Wallace Beery, William Powell, Myrna Loy, Joan Crawford. We wish you and yours and your patrons much success and health during the lifetime of this theatre and beyond." (Signed Gordon Lightstone) Regal Films Ltd.

Toronto—"Every member of Canadian Columbia organization, as well as Grace Moore, Frank Caple, Gary Cooper, Ronald Colman, Irene Dunne, Edward Arnold, Claudette Colbert, join me in wishing that Palace theatre will be source of much pleasure and pride to you and your associates. Abe tells me it is a theatre Timmins may be proud of. Every success!" Sincerely Louis Rosenfeld.

Toronto, Ont.—"Congratulations on the opening of your new Palace theatre. You and your associates deserve a great deal of credit for giving Timmins such a beautiful theatre. We wish you every success."—Julie Jay and Herb Allen.

Timmins—"Congratulations, wishing you success upon your colossal enterprise." (Continued on Page Eight)

To Select Queen at Annual Purim Ball

Preparations Being Perfect for Event Here on Wednesday Evening, Feb. 19.

One of the outstanding features of the annual Purim Ball to be held at the Riverside pavilion on Wednesday, Feb. 19th, under the auspices of the Hebrew Congregation B'Nai Israel of Timmins, is the selection by popular vote of a "Queen Esther" for the year. The Purim Festival, a great occasion in the Jewish year, is to commemorate the memory of "Her Exalted Majesty Queen Esther," and the service given her to the Jewish people whose lives she saved and whose progress and prosperity she assured by her goodness and talent. Queen Esther is the historical model of all that is beautiful and good and truly noble in womanhood. The whole Purim Festival being centred round her character and personality, it is only to be expected that the choice of a modern Queen Esther by popular vote is a matter of special interest.

There will be special favours and novelties at the Purim Ball and Queen Esther particularly is usually fortunate in the beautiful and valuable gifts that go with the honour of being chosen for this role. The music at the Purim Ball is another feature of particular interest, as is also the special refreshments provided for the occasion by the ladies of the Hebrew Auxiliary, the ladies having a reputation as culinary experts of unusual gifts. At the Purim Ball, "Rebecca at the Well" never fails to attract pleased attention from all.

The Purim Ball was inaugurated here six years ago by a committee headed by Bernard Sky. Each year the event has grown in favour and popularity until to-day it is recognized as one of the outstanding events of the year.

Council Urged to Help Improve the Cemetery

Delegation Reports on Undesirable Condition at Town's Burial Place. Relief System Criticized. Delegation from Council to go to Toronto on Relief Matters. Other Council Business.

The cemetery in Timmins is in woefully bad condition, the council was told at yesterday's meeting by a delegation of men representing all the churches of Timmins.

"A disgrace!" and many other expressions were flung at the burying ground to which nobody seems to have a title and which many have tried to improve at times but have met with strange obstacles.

"We ask for a grant for the building of a new fence for the cemetery from one end to the other," said the first delegate, A. Desroches.

"Organizations will look after the inside work, but in the beginning we need a respectable fence. Every church, every nationality is concerned. We leave it to your discretion. A town like Timmins with a cemetery like we have is not up to much. We request the inclusion of a grant for the cemetery in your estimates for this year."

"These plots—are they given away for nothing?" asked Mayor Bartleman. "Is there no possibility of the cemetery authorities getting money of their own?"

"They pay for the digging of the graves only," A. C. Chenier said.

"We had that matter of the fence under consideration," the mayor explained.

"Should be Cleaned up" "I think we should spend money inside cleaning it up suggested Councilor Cousins.

Ab Wright, asked to speak on the cemetery question, stated that following a bereavement some years ago he found himself in possession of a plot 16 feet by 10 feet. "How I came by it, I do not know," he said. He had done a considerable amount of work in trying to clean up the little plot but "the place was in bad shape in those days. The burying was done and nobody seemed to care about it." A group of men had gone out there, underbrushed the land and had done their best to make the place respectable. The gate was not very secure and at times cattle had got in and destroyed graves. Another bad feature of the place is that there is no water supply at hand. Mr. Wright said.

Town Has No Title

"We're in an awkward position ourselves," the mayor reminded the delegates. "We haven't a title to it."

"Suppose we haven't a title to it," said another of the delegates, "Why should

Temperature Last Night was 22 Below

Cold Weather to Continue, Says the Weatherman. Absence of Wind Helps a Lot.

Although the temperature dropped rather suddenly last night to a low of 22 below zero and it showed few signs this morning of moderating, the cold was not felt as badly as some of the recent weather because there was little or no wind.

It will be fine and cold again tomorrow, the weatherman predicted this morning, but he believes it will begin to moderate during the week-end.

There have been only traces of snow-fall this week, light flurries on Monday from four in the morning to 4.30 in the afternoon and again on Tuesday from four in the afternoon to six. Highs and lows have been: Monday, max. 4, min. 6 below; Tuesday, max. 3, min. 9 below; Wednesday, max. zero, min. 14 below; last night's minimum 22 below; eight o'clock this morning, 22 below.

Form Men's Club at St. Matthew's Church

New Club to Meet Every Second and Fourth Monday of the Month. Officers Elected.

The organization meeting of the St. Matthew's Men's Club, held on Monday evening in the parish hall, brought together a large number of the men of the parish in an enthusiastic gathering. Definite plans were launched for the continuance of the club and evenings of regular meetings were set as the second and fourth Monday of each month at eight o'clock.

Officers elected are S.G. Fowler, president; F. Burt, vice-president; G. Gedge, secretary-treasurer. All men of the parish are invited to join the club which has as one of its main objects to get the men better acquainted with one another. With this end in view, varied programmes will be arranged, including short lectures on interesting subjects, possibly debates, music, games and so on.

NEW SENATOR LONG



MRS. HUEY P. LONG
Mrs. Huey P. Long, widow of the late Senator Long, was appointed by Gov. James A. Noe to serve at least part of her husband's unexpired senate term. She will serve in the upper house until a general election in April fills the seat for the remainder of Long's term expiring next January. It was believed, however, that the Louisiana Democratic state committee would also designate Mrs. Long for the remainder of the unexpired term at its Feb. 5 meeting.

Small Fire Caused by Can of Gasoline

Fluid Ignited When Carried Past Stove. \$155 Damage Done. Other Fire Calls.

When a small can of gasoline caught fire yesterday morning in a garage at 97 Commercial avenue, the resulting blaze did \$125 damage to a truck owned by A. Chengler and \$30 damage to a building owned by M. Therbault. The truck had just been overhauled and the mechanic was about to prime it with gasoline. He was carrying a small tin of the liquid past the stove when in some manner or other it caught fire. He escaped without injury. Box 47 was rung in and the fire department was able to control the blaze in short order.

That was only one of four calls received yesterday at the fire station. The others were for chimney and stove pipe fires at 6 Wilson avenue, 262 Elm street north, and 54 Birch street south. A passerby noticed what looked like smoke coming from the uncompleted Helperin block on Third avenue near Elm Tuesday evening and telephoned the fire department, who found that the "smoke" was in reality steam. Monday's only call was for a chimney fire at 32 Sixth avenue.

Annual Campaign of Rangers and Tuxis

"Shares" Being Sold to Public to Carry on the Good Work for Boys.

With the slogan "Invest in Boys" as their "selling" point, local Trail Rangers and Tuxis boys embarked this week on a campaign for funds to further the good work they are carrying on. The camp at Night Hawk Lake is just one of the many activities that are made possible through the yearly campaign.

Anyone can buy a "share" in the "company" of those who are aiding the Tuxis and Trail Rangers. Any price may be paid. Shares are now available through any of the members of the Excelsior Tuxis Square and their younger brothers, the Trail Rangers.

Thirty-five per cent. of the proceeds of the sale of shares remains in Timmins to help the work here. The rest goes to the provincial board. The money is spent to supply programme helps and free literature; to have the help of a field secretary available to all groups; to aid the 7,572 boys in the 600 Trail Ranger and Tuxis groups; to support 25 boys' camps, three leader's camps, 65 district boards, and schools for leaders.

Timmins has given generously in the past. The leaders of the local Tuxis Boys and Trail Rangers expect at least equal support in their present effort.

LADY RECOVERED FROM THE EFFECTS OF OPIATE TAKEN

The lady who recently took a large quantity of opiate and had to be removed to St. Mary's hospital, is now practically recovered from the effects.

Masquerade Dance at Badminton Club

Event on Friday Evening, Feb. 21st, to Include Grand March of Masqueraders.

The monthly dance of the Porcupine Badminton Club, for members only and out-of-town guests, will take place on Friday evening, February 21st, at the clubhouse in Schumacher. The dance this time will be a masquerade and all members are requested to come in fancy dress and mask if possible in order to make the affair a success. It is, however, suggested that no costumes be rented for the occasion, but that they be such as the members may have or can make. No member will be barred who does not come in costume. Dancing will start at 9.30 p.m.

There will be a grand march or parade of the masqueraders at 10.30 p.m., when the costumes will be judged and prizes will be given for the most artistic, original and comical costumes. Dancers will unmask at midnight, when refreshments will be served and prizes awarded, after which dancing will be resumed.

Welsh Miners' Choir Banquet on March 2

Annual St. David's Day Event Always of Special Interest in Timmins.

Announcement is made this week that the Porcupine Welsh Miners' Choir will again hold their annual St. David's Day banquet in the Legion hall, Cedar street, on Monday, March 2nd, commencing at 8 p.m. sharp. Tickets for the event may be obtained from Harold Hopkins, president, at Feldman's Grocery, Pine street, south, or from any member of the choir. As the seating accommodation is limited, those intending to be present should procure their tickets before Saturday, Feb. 22nd, so that arrangements for catering may go forward. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Legion will again have charge of the catering, which is assurance of the excellence of the menu and service. All are advised to secure their tickets early and so avoid chance of disappointment.

STUDENT FROM TIMMINS ADDRESSED QUEEN'S CLUB

Leonard McFadden, of 28 Floral Park, student at Queen's University, recently addressed the Mathematics and Physics club of Queen's University on the subject of "Modern Cosmologies" according to word received here to-day from Kingston.

N.O.H.A. Delivers Result of Inquiry into Hockey

Timmins-South Porcupine Unfinished Game of January 20th is Ruled "No Contest" but Will Not be Re-played. All Concerned Made Mistakes, Executive Finds.

The game at South Porcupine on January 20th when the Timmins team left the ice after playing a few minutes of the second period is "no contest," the N.O.H.A. has ruled in a concise, carefully worded and logical judgment of Timmins' protest.

Haq it made any difference to decide which team would enter the playoffs, the game would have to be re-played at South Porcupine, but since South Porcupine and Noranda are the playoff teams regardless of the result of that one game, things will be left as they are and South End and Timmins end the season each having officially played 17 games instead of 18. A summary of the N.O.H.A.'s decision, as given in a letter addressed to E. Menard, secretary of the Timmins Hockey Club is as follows:

All Made Mistakes
"In our opinion:
"Referee Burton erred in over-ruling Referee Shea when the latter called an offside.
"Referee Shea erred in leaving the ice before the full playing period of 60 minutes had expired and in advising the Timmins team to do likewise.
"The Timmins team erred in leaving the ice without the permission of Referee Burton and the South Porcupine team.
"We find that this situation arose owing to a misunderstanding between two referees as to their respective rights and obligations but entirely absolve the referees and the Timmins team and its coach of any intentional wrongdoing. This regrettable incident was the result of mistaken but well-intentioned ideas on the part of those called upon to make decisions in a hurry under extreme nervous tension and strain.
"Under these circumstances we declare it to be 'no contest' and the game will be re-played at South Porcupine with the referee or referees appointed by this Association from outside the Porcupine camp, if that game is neces-

Council Asks for Radio Relay Station for North

Also for Better Methods to Stop Interference. Resolution Passed by Council on Suggestion of Sid Wheeler. A. Houle Asks Enquiry into St. Anthony's Fire.

Teachers' Classes for Sunday Schools

First of Series of Classes in Instruction Opens This Evening at St. Matthew's Parish Hall.

Classes in instruction for Sunday school teachers of the Porcupine open this evening at St. Matthew's parish hall at eight o'clock when Rev. W. J. Bradbury, field secretary of the Church of England in Canada, and a well known authority on Sunday school work, will open a series of lectures.

Afternoon sessions will be held at 2.30 to-morrow and Saturday, while evening classes will be held on the same days. Organized under the sponsorship of the Porcupine Ministerial Association, the Sunday school teachers of the Protestant churches of the district have formed an organization of their own with the object of furthering knowledge of teaching. All interested in the work are invited to attend the series of meetings.

It is expected that Rev. Mr. Bradbury will deliver the sermon at the morning service at St. Matthew's Church on Sunday.

ANNUAL MEETING OF TIMMINS BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED

The annual meeting of the Timmins Building Company Ltd. will be held in the I.O.O.F. hall on Monday evening at 7.30, according to notices mailed this week to members of the company.

Timmins Young Set to Hold Dance on Wednesday

The chief topic of discussion at a meeting of the Timmins Young Set held on Thursday night was the dance which is being sponsored by the club on Wednesday, February 19th, tickets for which are now available from any of the club members. Refreshments will be served and everyone who attends is assured of a good time. Music will be supplied by the Hillbilly Boys, who will play both old-time and modern dance music.

The dance committee, with Miss St. Pierre at its head, is active these days in making arrangements for the affair.

Urging the Federal Government to erect in Northern Ontario a powerful enough radio broadcasting station to cover the whole of Northern Ontario and Quebec; and to pass legislation to make it possible for radio inspectors to clear up interference, the Timmins town council passed a resolution yesterday that will be forwarded to the department of marine at Ottawa and to Jos. A. Bradette, member of Parliament for Cochrane riding.

The condition of radio reception in the North was brought forcibly to the attention of the council by Sidney Wheeler. "I have recently received a letter convincing me that if we press the matter sufficiently, the department will do something to stop interference. I have received a visit from a representative of the department, spent two hours with him and convinced him that we have had reception. We can seldom get the commission programmes at all.

"I thought if the council would back this thing up we might get some kind of action. If sufficient pressure is behind the department they could pass some legislation with teeth in it to ensure that when the inspectors find interference, they can go into a place and tell them to fix the machine to stop interference," said Mr. Wheeler.

"Build New Powerful Station"

"If the council will back up the radio owners of the North, I am convinced that the government will build a brand new powerful radio station to serve Northern Ontario and Quebec. I ask you to communicate with the department of marine asking them to take action in this matter or get authority to pass a by-law in the town itself—perhaps both could be done."

"We couldn't do anything about passing a by-law," replied Mayor Bartleman, "since we operate under provincial law and that is under Dominion law. The only thing we could do is communicate with the department."

"You might get in touch with Mr. Bradette," suggested Councillor Len Cousins.

"I've been in touch with Mr. Bradette for years but he can't do anything by himself. If there were some resolution from this council, the department would see the need," replied Mr. Wheeler.

"If you care to put a resolution through, we could send a copy to the local member as well," said the mayor.

Later on in the meeting the required resolution was moved by Councillor Brunette and passed by Councillor Brunette and seconded by Councillor Brunette.

Ambulance Brigade Asks Help

Appearing on behalf of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Ambulance Officer G. Gibson and Corporal B. Ash, treasurer, applied for a grant from the municipality. "We own our own place on Birch street," Mr. Gibson told the council, "and we would like some money to carry on. We used to raise money by whist-drives and dances, but we can't do that any more. We're in the hole now.

The amount owed on the building is \$230, Mr. Ash said.

"Could you let us have a financial statement?" asked the mayor.

"Yes," replied Mr. Gibson. "I feel that they are doing very good work in town," Dr. Day said, "If we could get the statement, I think we should support them."

Asks Inquiry Into Fire

"I request a public inquiry into the fire at St. Anthony's church," were the words with which A. Houle opened a criticism of the fire department.

"Have you any reason for that inquiry?" asked the mayor. "You know you have to have something definite before you can demand an inquiry."

"I think, in fact I'm sure there was gross negligence on the part of the fire department," he replied.

"In what way?" queried the mayor.

"Well the fire was noticed at five o'clock. At 6.30 the fire was supposed to be under control. At seven o'clock the flames were coming through the roof."

"You know these things of your own knowledge?" asked Mr. Bartleman.

"I wasn't there myself at five o'clock. I take the word of the Porcupine Advance," replied Mr. Houle.

"I wouldn't take anybody's word on that," the mayor advised him. "I'm sure the council would be very glad to have an inquiry so long as it had the facts to go on."

"I was there myself at 6.10," went on Mr. Houle, "and stayed there seven minutes, looking at both sides of the building. There was lots of smoke, but no flame."

"You must realize the difficulty of fighting a fire like that," the mayor told him.

"I've been in lots of other places before I came to Timmins. I've seen them break in and go into places. I don't think our local fire department did break in. I think a public inquiry would satisfy myself and others."

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