

NAVY CAPTURES ITALIAN ISLAND

Students of Timmins High and Vocational School Present Comic Operetta

Stage Settings and Costumes Outstanding in Presentation of the Operetta, "Moon Maiden." Many Attractive Musical Numbers. List of Those Taking Part.

Beautiful stage settings, dainty costumes, clear-voiced vocalists, and fine music combined to make the presentation of "Moon Maiden," a comic operetta in two parts, one of the outstanding performances of the year. "Moon Maiden" was presented on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings at the Goldfields theatre by the students of the Timmins High and Vocational Schools, and the large number who attended the performances were especially pleased with the talented portrayals given by the students.

Week-End Will See More Snow

To-day's Fine Weather Will Have Short Run Says Hollinger Observer.

The clear, cold weather pervading in the Porcupine to-day will change to cloudy with light to moderate snow over the week-end it was predicted this morning by Sydney Wheeler at Hollinger observatory.

The temperature for the past three mornings has been well under zero and this morning at eight o'clock the mercury stood at fourteen below. Maximum and minimum temperatures since last Sunday are: Monday, 30 above and 2 below; Tuesday, 8 above and 12 below; Wednesday 10 above and 14 below.

Outstanding work was done in the preparation of the costumes and the stage settings, and the students and staff of the school are to be complimented on their fine work. Special note should be made of the costumes worn by the "Moon Girls" which were made of layers upon layers of pale green and yellow net, and created a misty and dream-like appearance necessary to the production.

Stars of the presentation were the "Moon Maiden" (Beulah Wood), Evelina (Lucette Hanson), the Moon Witch (Daphne Gay), the Captain (Jorma Kallikoski), the Poet (Hart Drew), and the four moon maidens (Barbara Honey, Gertrude Teitso, Barbara Barry, Cecile San Carter), with other character portrayals by Irene Gravelle as Peggy, Mary Zudel, as Miss Aurelia, Robert Wheeler as the radio-man, Jim Welsh as the Moon Man, Glen Tansley as Jack, Mario Pellizzari as Sam the sailor and Georgette Clement as the Stewardess.

As the curtain rose on the first act of the operetta the orchestra, directed by Mr. E. Wallace Young, played a softly whispering melody suited to the dimmed setting of the moon desert. The background was a midnight blue, with a sprinkling of bright silvery stars and the ghost-like appearance of darkened trees. The Moon Girls—(Soprano—Sonia Bada, Jenny Boby, Julie Spisak, Audrey Duggan, Ellen Fairbank, Elizabeth Curtis, M. Kriack, Annie Rybak, Helen Synos, Annie Matuch, Laura Young, Catherine Jardir, Dorothy Carriere, Peggy Wetmore, Lido Nastasuk, He'en Buvala, Alto—Lionore Freyer, Ruth Quinn, Helen Mills, Lillian Thomas, Annie Stefanick, Gerry Miller, Stella Rothwell, Thora Engley, Ruth McDonald and Merle Tripp)—stood spotlighted on the stage softly singing about a "Mystery in the Moonlight."

Upon the arrival of the moon witch the girls begged her once again to tell their fortunes, and in her song, "Gathering Fagots," the old and wrinkled witch told her own love story—a courtship with the man in the Moon for over forty centuries. Once again, the old witch said that earth folks would arrive on the moon, and as she spoke a disabled airship was seen to land in the distance.

Cecile San Carter, a moon girl, was happy to learn that the witch forecast a happy future for her, and in her happiness, Cecile sang "Dear Eyes." Cecile has a very lovely voice, and throughout the programme, her selection (Continued on Page Three)

Poll Tax Decision To Be Appealed By Timmins

Decision of District Judge in Action by Municipality Against Pamour Mines Concerning Statute Labour Tax to be Carried to Court of Appeal, Council Decides.

The Town of Timmins will carry its statute labour case against Pamour Gold Mines to the Court of Appeal, it was decided at a special meeting of Council yesterday afternoon.

In the original action heard before District Judge Rene Danis, His Lordship held that the Municipal Act confines the jurisdiction of taxing authority to the specific limits of the municipality. The Town was seeking authority to force the Pamour Gold Mines to deduct statute labour tax from the salaries of employees residing in Timmins. The company refused and the matter went to court more or less as a test case. It has been hinted that the Act may be changed in the near future to the extent that companies will be forced to make poll tax deductions from their payrolls for employees living in municipalities other than that in which the industry is located.

ed by stores in the same classification. The matter will be taken care of in a general revision of the closing-by-law.

Permit Is Refused
The request of A. Patent for permission to operate a wood yard at the corner of Hollinger avenue and Mountjoy street was refused.

Parking Meters
The City of Sudbury informed the Council by letter that the six-month test period for parking meters there had expired on February 14 and that it has now been decided to retain them. The clerk was instructed to write Sudbury, requesting additional details with regard to revenue and other data in connection with the meter parking system. The question of adoption of parking meters is to be fully discussed and considered at a general meeting of Council in the near future.

Acting Mayor Presides
In the absence of Mayor J. E. Brunette who is attending a meeting of Ontario Mayors with Premier Hepburn on the matter of relief grants, Councilor William Roberts, acting mayor, presided.

Local retail jewellers sent a unanimous petition to Council requesting that in future trade auctioneers not be granted licenses to conduct business in other than the regular hours observed

WEARING THEIR NEW RED CROSS UNIFORMS



North Loses One of Its Outstanding Pioneers In Death of Col. Mac Lang

Member for Legislature, Member for Dominion House, Prospector, Lumberman, Mining Man, Chairman of T. & N. O. Commission, Passes On. Had Worked for the North for Forty Years.

In the death in hospital at Toronto on Tuesday of Col. Malcolm Lang, the North loses one of its most useful and popular citizens and literally thousands of people here lose a personal friend. Col. Lang had been in ill-health for a year or so, and his death was not altogether unexpected, though it came as a shock to the hosts of friends he had made in a long and useful public life.

The late Col. Lang spent forty of his 67 years in the North. He was prospector, lumberman, mining man. He was the very popular member for this riding in the Ontario Legislature from 1914 to 1923. He resigned in 1923 to contest Temiskaming South for the Federal House. He was elected to the Dominion House for Temiskaming south in 1926, and served for four years. In 1934 he was appointed chairman of the T. & N. O. Commission and held that post with credit to himself and advantage to the country until last year. He was always an ardent advocate of the North and its possibilities and gave good service working for the progress of the country.

The late Col. Mac Lang went overseas in 1916 joining the 159th Battalion as a private. He served through the whole war chiefly with the Canadian Forestry Company, returning with the rank of Major. He had been a good friend of the local militia and was officer Commanding the Algonquin Regiment from 1924 to 1928. He retired with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

The late Malcolm Lang was born in Eagle, Elgin County, on Feb. 25, 1874 son of Daniel and Anne Jane (Graham) Lang, both of Eagle, Ont. He was educated at Eagle schools, and forty odd years ago moved with his father to Sturgeon Falls where they engaged in the fishing industry. He did not remain long at Sturgeon Falls, moving to Halleybury, where he made his headquarters for many years. During this time, however, he spent much time in the Porcupine area, where he prospected and had other business interests. He was one of those who went through the 1911 Porcupine fire and his long association with the country gave him a complete knowledge of its people and its needs.

In August 1906, he married Miss Lillian Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Douglas, of Sturgeon Falls. In addition to the bereaved widow, three daughters—Miss Christina Lang; Mrs. Richard Jacks (Isobel), and Mrs. Arthur Cook (Florence). There are also three brothers—A. Wilson Lang, Timmins, Dan Lang, prominent Toronto barrister, and Hector Lang, mayor of Medicine Hat. One sister, Mrs. Mary Ferguson resides near St. Thomas.

The funeral is being held this (Thursday) afternoon at Halleybury, Col. Lang's love of the North tempting him to express the wish before he died that he should be buried in this country to which he had given so much of his heart.

ANNUAL ST. DAVID'S NIGHT
St. David's Welsh Society of Timmins are holding their annual banquet Saturday evening, March 1st in the Hollinger Hall, commencing at 7 p.m. A most interesting programme has been prepared.



THE LATE COL. MAC LANG

NEW AND STRICTER RULES FOR RATIONING IN BRITAIN

London, Feb. 26—Britain has laid down new drastic food rules. A person who eats two eggs, or both fish and meat, at the same meal will be liable to two years in prison or a \$2,000 fine. The penalty also goes for hotels, restaurants or boarding houses serving such meals.

The law, which goes into effect March 10, is designed to meet criticism that persons dining out escape rationing.

FORMER TIMMINS MAN IS CRASH VICTIM



Sgt. J. W. Butcher, a brother of Mrs. D. A. Campbell, of Schumacher, and a former employee of the McIntyre-Porcupine Mines, was the pilot of an ill-fated R. C. A. F. training plane that crashed at Oak Lake in Manitoba on Tuesday and carried four Air Force members to

The group pictured above was photographed this week while working at the Red Cross room in the basement of the A. J. Shrage store, and are shown wearing the new uniforms which were recently sent to the workers by the headquarters of the Red Cross Society. From left to right are Mrs. W. J. Carroll, Mrs. J. Kinsey, Mrs. J. McClesney, Mrs. G. Loom, Mrs. G. Moore and Mrs. R. R. Stevens, some of the members of the surgical department, who were busy working on a rush order of two hundred bandages for the Red Cross.

Gamblers "Mugged" by Police Camera Sitting at Tables

Two Raids Photographed by Local Officers—Nineteen Men are Charged.

A flash-camera picture of two alleged gambling joints will provide a portion of police evidence when two local men appear on separate charges of keeping common gaming houses in police court here on Tuesday. The accused are Oscar Karppinen, manager of a Finnish Club at 53 Fourth ave., and Stanley Pietrzyk, of 42 Kirby ave.

Five officers raided the Finnish Club and an astonished group sitting around a table sat spellbound as the police camera in the hands of Constable George Archambault flashed with fatal precision. Six men are charged as "found-ins" from this address.

Similar tactics were used when the officers called at 42 Kirby ave., where Pietrzyk is alleged to have been in charge. Eleven men were booked as "found-ins" as a result of this raid.

World Day of Prayer to be Observed Here Feb. 28

To-morrow (Friday) Feb. 28th, the World Day of Prayer service conducted all over the world, will be held in St. Matthew's Anglican church basement. The women of the town and vicinity are cordially invited to share in this event by their attendance to-morrow.

Naval Attack Precedes Fall of Castel Oritzo, Used As Seaplane Base

Troops Landed on Tiny but Important Island Following Bombardment by Three Destroyers, Assisted by Planes. Capital of Italian Somaliland Captured by British. Germans in Libya?

Invasion Ports Blasted

R.A.F. Carry Out Devastating Raid on Cologne Area During Last Night.

British planes of the bomber, coastal and fighter commands rained bombs on the Cologne area of the German industrial Rhineland, the submarine base at Flushing, the invasion port of Boulogne and German airdromes in occupied France in a series of raids last night, the air ministry said today. Many heavy bombs were dropped at Cologne on targets on both sides of the Rhine and large fires were started. Four British bombers and two fighters were reported lost in the various operations.

German bombers struck hard at the south half of England during the night, concentrating mainly on London and South Wales. A communique said the German nocturnal assaults were on a considerable scale but added that there were very few casualties.

New Night-Fighting
The British Air Ministry news service disclosed today that two-man British night fighters are patrolling German air lanes to shoot down British-bound raiders as they take off. Describing last night's attacks in Northern France, the service said one crew flew down from the dark at two airdromes and claimed a probable victim, at each a taxing German plane was hammered with two full bursts of gunfire and then bombed and one in flight was forced down and appeared to crash.

Malta Is Attacked
German bombers unleashed a terrific attack on the Island of Malta yesterday and it is reported today that seven and perhaps thirteen of the raiders were shot down.

British destroyer crews have seized the Italian island of Castel Oritzo after a three-hour bombardment and a battle between British and Axis warplanes, it was reported at Ankara, Turkey today.

According to the information received in Ankara, three British destroyers appeared off the small island, which lies close to the Turkish coast, and opened a heavy bombardment which lasted until Italian or German planes arrived and started to attack them. The destroyers then withdrew from the island but a few hours later British planes appeared and protected the warships from aerial attack. With the protection of the air force, the destroyers moved in again and forced a landing on the island, which had been used as a seaplane base.

Further reports from Cairo announced the British capture of Mogadiscio, capital of Italian Somaliland.

On the Libyan front, advanced British forces have driven back armoured fighting units believed to be German, in a clash west of Agheila. From Rome came the unconfirmed announcement that Italian and German soldiers are battling the British in Libya for the first time.

From Vichy it was reported that Free French forces are now threatening to close all Red Sea ports and cut off more than 350,000 Italian troops and colonists.

Supper Event by W.A. of the Presbyterian Church

The members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church were hostesses on Tuesday at a very successful hot supper held in the Oddfellows hall. Conveners were Mrs. Falkner and Mrs. Conley. Lovely flowers, donated by Mrs. Shephard, were used in decorating the supper tables, and a very large number attended the event. Steak pie was the main course and was a delicious dish thoroughly enjoyed by each and every one.

Timmins Man Is Found Frozen To Death Here

William Patrick, 49, Perishes from Exposure After Going to Sleep in Woodshed at Rear of House on Cedar Street. Body Discovered by James Daley This Morning.

William Patrick, 49, well known local citizen, was found frozen to death in the woodshed of a house occupied by James Daley on Cedar street between First and Kirby avenues this morning.

The gruesome discovery was made at eight o'clock when Daley visited the shed to get firewood. The body was sprawled on the floor and frozen stiff.

Police were immediately called and Coroner Dr. L. H. Minthorn commenced an investigation into the affair. After viewing the remains the coroner decided that no inquest will be held.

Daley informed police that Patrick, in company with his brother, Thomas Daley, visited his home Wednesday afternoon. The two men left about six o'clock last evening and Thomas Daley told police that he left the deceased on Pine street in the downtown section a short time later.

The Daleys retired about 10.30 last night, leaving the kitchen door locked. A small porch was open and the door of an adjoining woodshed was also unlocked. Through the night no noise was heard that would indicate that anyone had entered the premises and Daley was astounded this morning when he found the frozen body of Patrick. There appears at the moment to be no person who saw the man in vicinity after leaving the house early in the evening.

The deceased has been a resident of Timmins for a number of years and is a native of Scotland. Mr. Patrick, at one time during his residence here, was engaged in the laundry business and is well known to the older residents of the Camp. Funeral arrangements had not been completed this afternoon.

Police Force Members Ask Salary Increases

Request for Additional Wages Sent to Council by Police Commission. Two New Constables Appointed. Purchase Two Cars. Higher Estimates Approved.

In a signed petition presented to the Timmins Police Commission at their regular meeting on Tuesday night, the entire staff of the police department made a request for pay increases and one day off per week. At the present time officers are granted two days off each month.

With respect to the application for salary increases, the Commission referred the matter to the Council. The question of one day's holiday each week will be dealt with at the next meeting.

Two new constables were appointed to the force, Arthur A. Harvey and Marcel Perreault, both Timmins men. Recent revisions in the police staff

created three vacancies but the Commission was not disposed to appoint three new men and accordingly the force will be one less than the previous full strength.

Purchase New Cars
Authority was granted for the purchase of two new cars from McDowell Motors, one a Ford and the other a Mercury.

Estimates Higher
The departmental estimates were approved and sent on for consideration by Council. The total for this year which provides for salary increases is \$49,811.50, as compared with \$47,872.64 in 1940.