

NEWS & VIEWS OF T.H.&V.S

(by Nore Flynn)

Well, here we are again, all recuperated from that formal last Friday evening. In case you weren't there I'll tell you a little about the dance.

The crowd was not too numerable, but it was enough to make things cozy. The decorations have been described before, except that we did not mention the several easy chairs and two Chesterfields put at the back of the dance floor. (We wanted to get there early and monopolize them.)

The band under the direction of I. U. Vecchini was good, but rather a small unit, only having three pieces. However, we liked the piano stylings of Johnny Jones very much. He carries a definite beat that makes dancing much easier and infinitely more enjoyable than the hazy rhythms we have had to dance to. A propos, the dance floor was in good shape. This is small wonder as our immitable typewriter-undi' buddy Carlyle Dunbar souped the floor under with everything from Johnny's Baby Tale to the more conventional waltz. When we arrived, before the dance got under swing, the auditorium smelled like a perfume. One false step and you were walking in an aromatic cloud. (Don't get us wrong. Dunbar "dun" a good job just the same.)

What really made the night a success was the balmy summer weather attending. We watched a few couples on the perilous journey from taxis to door. It seemed rather ludicrous to see a girl in a chic shorty coat or evening cape struggling with one flight-booted foot after the other through the drifts, her filmy gown caught up from the slush.

Weather like this (Monday) I always have to mention when I'm writing. I'm constantly being made a liar by our little breezes — is an abominable. These are two birds sitting dejectedly in tree outside my window. Mr. and Mrs. I, suppose, emitting now and then a plaintive "Kee, kee, kee" they seem to be looking at our lawn half green, half white in the twilight.

By the way, folks, has some chap by the name of Tyrell come to you about the latest dig he has made at this innocent writer and his companion for the evening of the spring Prom? Hear him through, he's not a bad chap and we have a lot of fun feuding. Tyrell M. C.'s program knowing as Hi-Beat, along with Baby Powder Dunbar and I guess they find news hard to pick up these days.

Take heart, choristers and instrumentalists of T.H.&V.S. in but two days we'll be treading the winding streets of Iroquois Falls. Gee, but the anticipation of a trip out of town looks

delightful. And great plans are afoot we hear, in the dark corners of (taking a lead from the Ed.) Ye Olde Place of learning concerning this artistic embaskation come Saturday. I'll have some dope on this (past tense) next column-ame.

Well, we must note that Frank Hohman, our brand-new drugstore proprietor is certainly fitting in well. Tolerance, stamina and sense of humour is what a man needs to fill the niche of Tommy Bird in running the campus rendezvous, and as far as we can see, Mr. Hohman fits the bill. We like him; hope he likes us.

Another point that struck us (as means those who were with me at the moment) was the fact that we noticed quite a good number of junior students at the Spring Prom. This is a very good sign, and we hope that the tradition Jytte Hansen, in her capacity as minister of entertainment, has established of this year, will continue to function after the upper-formers no longer refer to the school as "that blasted hole", but as "that great old school of mine". By entertainment tradition, I mean more dances, better dances, and cheaper dances, the continuation of an Annual Spring Prom and the invitation system. There is one dance a year which is necessarily expensive — the Grad Dance, but this is restricted to the upper forms, who can generally afford it — once a year. The Spring Prom, however, suffers little from loss of grandeur (corsages, big band etc.) and what it loses in pomp it makes up for in friendliness and coziness. I certainly think they should be continued. Perhaps, in the may if every year. (Come rain, sleet, hail or high water.)

Cute Porco and Gay Martel make a joke couple at a dance, as all who saw them at the prom bear out. But they both seem to have a lot of memories of other dances behind them. But we'll keep an eye open for further developments.

John Vintar, in "Anchors Aweigh" points out the course of true puppy-love to a fellow columnist. I stab out the retort that I can't see how John gets time to give advice. Maybe he figures out his advice while walking through the separate school-yard on the way to school. But your lovelorn chum agrees as to the attractiveness of the girl in mind, John. (Trouble is, he has other "things" on his mind.)

Well it won't be long now till we start looking for those summer jobs again, fellows. And something tells me that they won't be as easy to find this time. Eit, a few months will tell and there is, I suppose, no use in precipitating thought on such a gruesome topic as work.

Now to sign off once more. It is with deep regret, I assure you, that I cover the typewriter, light up, put my feet on the desk and relax. But aside from sarcasm, I'll enjoy pounding out next week's product as I imagine this choir-orchestra trip, concert and party at Iroquois Falls should be a paradise for a nondescript lad with a pocket full of copy and the generous leeway of a column.

Completion of the main road to Red Lake in 1947 has opened up vast possibilities for the tourist industry as well as materially aiding mining operations. This was an achievement of the Ontario Government which saw in the area a great potential recreation community.

The present Ontario Government now extends grants to over 118 public General Hospitals; 13 Sanatoria for consumptives; 25 Red Cross Hospitals, ten Hospitals for Incurables, and five Convalescent Units.

44 Gold Mines Report On High March Output

With 44 gold mines reporting, Ontario's production of bullion for the month of March showed definite signs of improvement when production rose to the highest figures reported since May of 1947.

Notwithstanding a drop in the average grade of ore treated, \$8.50, the lowest since October, 1947, bullion containing 169,660 ounces of gold and 32,888 ounces of silver valued at \$5,960,787 was produced during the month under review.

Figures for the first three months of 1948 also are better than those for the comparable period of 1947. During this first quarter, the mines milled 1,969,179 tons of ore and recovered 486,979 ounces of gold as well as 101,840 ounces of silver for a value of \$17,110,019. The increases are equivalent to 1.8 per cent in tonnage milled, 1.82 per cent for gold recovered, 61.54 per cent for silver recovered and 1.93 per cent for value.

Employment figures for March, 1948 were reported at 12,766 against 12,540 in 1947. Daily average statistics gave 22,376 tons milled, the highest since June, 1943, gold recovery 1.061 ounces, the lowest since January, 1948 and a value of \$192,283, the highest since June, 1947.

Naybob, (1945) Gold Mines, Limited, in Porcupine began reporting production in January. In the case of Berens River Mines Limited, no return was received for March so the figures for that month were estimated by the Statistical Branch of the Department of Mines.

Ontario producing gold mines by fields for the month of March follow:

Table with 4 columns: Field Name, 1947 Milled, 1947 Value, 1948 Milled, 1948 Value. Fields include Porcupine, Kirkland Lake - Larder Lake, Matachewan - Sudbury, and Northwestern Ontario.

MISCELLANEOUS table with 4 columns: Field Name, 1947 Milled, 1947 Value, 1948 Milled, 1948 Value. Fields include Aunor, Bonetal, Broulan, etc.

TOTAL FOR ONTARIO table with 4 columns: Month, Milled, Value, Ounces. Totals for January, February, March, and Grand Total.

Production of Ontario Gold Mines During First Three Months, 1948

Table with 4 columns: Field Name, 1947 Milled, 1947 Value, 1948 Milled, 1948 Value. Lists all 44 gold mines and their production for the first three months of 1948.

MISCELLANEOUS table with 4 columns: Field Name, 1947 Milled, 1947 Value, 1948 Milled, 1948 Value. Lists various small mines.

Improve Farm Life With Research Plan

Victoria B.C. — Scholarships for the study of farm plumbing and heating are being sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating in conjunction with the Ontario Pump Manufacturers. It was announced at a three-day meeting of the Institute's Wholesale Division.

J. H. Stevens, London, Ont., told the meeting that arrangements have been completed to offer scholarships at Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. Other scholarships will be offered in Quebec, Western Canada and the Maritimes.

"Research is one of the most important phases of the present move to improve farm home life," explained Mr. Stevens, commending the research and informational work being carried on under the Prairie Rural Housing Committee, the B.C. Rural Housing Advisory Committee, and other such bodies.

The supply of plumbing and heating materials may increase during future months, providing the industry can overcome the handicaps of shortage of raw materials, particularly iron, reported J. L. Demers, Levis, Que., president of the Institute.

Cost of plumbing and heating materials has advanced only 30 per cent since 1941, much less than most other building costs, stated W. G. Hodgson, Toronto. In relation to the total cost of a home, the cost of plumbing and heating materials had dropped nearly 40 per cent. Mr. Hodgson pointed out that today the materials cost about 9 per cent of the total value of the home, compared to 15 per cent in 1941.

J. T. Crowder, Toronto, secretary-manager of the Wholesale Division, said that a ten-year home-building program in Canada would help forestall another depression. Emphasizing the importance of the government house-building plans and budget appropriations to assist construction.

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