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CHICAGOAN LAKE PAVILION

Chicagoan Lake, Iron County

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1925], page 2, column 6

Dance Pavilion To Open Tonight

Formal opening of the Chicagoan lake pavilion will be held this evening with music by Okie Anderson and his seven piece jazz band of Pittsburgh, Pa. Dances will be held at the pavilion every Wednesday and Saturday night for the balance of the summer season and a number of high class orchestras have been booked.

Chicagoan Lake will be a haven for dancers this summer, being cool and pleasant, the board walk out into the lake providing a novel attraction. Free orchestra concerts will be given Sunday afternoons during the summer months.

THE EAGLE'S BALLROOM

North Side, Iron Mountain

THE GREEN LANTERN

Aurora, Wisconsin

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, Year
_____, Number _____ [Sunday,
October 4, 1925], page 2, column 2
[probably Monday, October 5, 1925]

FIRE DESTROYS GREEN LANTERN

Wisconsin Dance Hall Burned With Loss of \$7,500

The Green Lantern dance hall, just across the Wisconsin boundary line in Aurora, was destroyed by fire of an unknown origin at 4:30 o'clock this morning.

Otto H. Brumsted, 1107 West B street, owner of the place, today estimated the damage at \$7,500, part of which was covered by insurance. Brumsted left the dance hall at 1 a.m. [*sic – difficult to read number*], and said that at that time everything appeared secure.

Brumsted did not know of the fire until notified at 8 o'clock this morning.

The fire is attributed to one of three causes, a short circuit in the wiring, a cigaret [*sic – cigarette*] butt or incendiarism.

The Green Lantern when opened several months ago was housed under a large tent. A month ago a roof was erected and extensive improvements made on the inside, including decorations. Brumsted was undecided as to whether he will rebuild.

HEMLOCK HALL

Breitung, Kingsford

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Complaints Bring Arrests At Dance

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There probably will be no more Sunday night dances at the Hemlock hall, Breitung, Sheriff Cleveland said today. The sheriff received several complaints from residents of Breitung last night that disorders were taking place at the dance. In company with deputies, Cleveland visited the dance and took two men, said to have been drunk, into custody. Both were released on bonds and will appear for hearing at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

"I do not believe the place is being run right," Cleveland said. "I guess the only thing to do is step in and close them up on Sunday nights. We have been getting too many complaints about this place and warning seems to help none. So I guess we'll close them."

LAKE MARY RESORT

Hamilton Lakes, Waucedah Township

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 130 [Wednesday, September 12, 1923], page 3, column 3

HAMILTON LAKES RESORT CLOSED

Improvements Will Be
Made There For Next
Year, Manager Says

The last dance of the season at the Hamilton Lakes, [sic] resort will be held Sunday with Cavi's Five, of Iron Mountain, playing the program of dances.

Charles Juliani, manager of the resort, declared today that the season has been

successful and in a few weeks improvements will be started on the grounds and buildings which will make the resort next summer one of the best in the upper peninsula. Removable windows are to be installed around the pavilion which will take place of the canvas in use now, making it possible to conduct dances there in cold and inclement weather. Plans will also be made to slightly enlarge the hall while a balcony will be built on the rear end of the pavilion for spectators.

Work on a camp site will also begin this fall. The manager has had innumerable tourists call at the resort this summer for camping space.

The road running into the resort will be repaired and made larger. The thoroughfare at present is too narrow.

Juliani is planning on a two weeks vacation soon, when he will visit some of the resorts in Wisconsin to get ideas for improving bathing and swimming facilities. He has a toboggan slide in mind and indications are that it will be built next summer.

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HAMILTON LAKES RESORT IMPROVED

Pavilion Enlarged; Plan
Water Carnival Pro-
gram for Fourth

Improvements at the Hamilton Lakes resort make it one of the best in the district.

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The dance pavilion has been enlarged to accommodate 200 couples. The grounds surrounding the pavilion have also been improved and the parking place increased in size.

Dances, which are held by Charley [*blurry name and another word follows*] Juliani, manager and proprietor of the resort, are conducted in such a manner as to make them free from confusion or disturbance. Undesirables and persons under the influence of liquor are not admitted into the dance hall, it is claimed.

A spot-light dance will be the feature at the Hamilton Lakes' pavilion tonight. The Valley Country club orchestra, featuring Clare Arnold, will play the program. This is the first of a series of novelty dances to be held throughout the season.

Many Norway and Vulcan people are expected to attend the fourth of July activities at the summer resort in view of the fact that the city is to have no celebration. The program will be in the form of a water carnival, consisting of motorboat and boat races, tub races and swimming contests.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 42 [Friday, May 29, 1925], page 7, column 2

PAVILION WILL OPEN SATURDAY

Hamilton Lakes Resort Has Been Remodelled And Decorated

Dancers are due for a surprise tomorrow night when the remodelled [*sic - remodeled*] and redecorated dancing

pavilion conducted by Charles Juliani at the Lake Mary resort, Hamilton Lakes, will be opened for the first time this season.

One of the new features of the pavilion is a promenade around the pavilion. The west side extends into the water front of Lake Mary. The promenade is partitioned off by a railing of lattice work.

The checking room, which heretofore had been located apart from the pavilion, is now under the same roof as is also is [*sic*] the refreshment booth. The orchestra stage was especially designed with a sounding board arrangement that will direct the music towards the dancers. Special lighting novelties, for feature dances, have also been installed.

The tourists' camp site, which the management will conduct this year, is also in readiness. Camp stoves and picnic tables have been arranged on the grounds and several acres cleared for playgrounds and other purposes.

Work will be started in putting the beach in first class condition and a diving apparatus will also be installed. The beach is considered the best in Dickinson county.

Music for the opening dance tomorrow night will be furnished by the Wisconsin Serenaders, of Marinette. The same orchestra will also play at the pavilion Sunday afternoon and night. The feature of Sunday night's dance will be a double orchestra, the Serenaders and Cavi's Seven Harmony Kings, of Iron Mountain both playing.

Dances will be held on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights and also on Sunday afternoons.

**LIBERTY
THEATRE/DANCE HALL**
Channing

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Iron Mountain Daily News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 11 [Friday, April 22, 1921], page 3, column 2

NEW THEATRE AT CHANNING OPENED

With a dance attended by 160 couples, the Liberty theatre at Channing was opened this week. Dancers were in attendance from all parts of Iron, Dickinson, and Marquette counties, according to Ed. Vermullen, manager. Johnson's orchestra, of Escanaba, furnished music.

The new theatre is a large one, 800 seats being provided. The seats are removable, allowing the floor to be cleared for a dance hall, as was done at the opening. Several late motion picture features have been booked for showings in the near future, Mr. Vermullen declared.

MARION THEATER/HALL

Iron Mountain

The Iron Mountain Daily News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 160 [Monday, October 17, 1921], page 2, column 2

MARION HALL NOW ATTRACTIVE PLACE

New Floor Has Been Laid,
and Interior Completely
Refinished.

Those who have attended dances at Marion hall since it has been remodeled

declare that it is now one of the best, if not the best, dance halls on the range.

Remodeling was started over a month ago and completed within the past two weeks. A new hardwood floor has been laid, the stage enlarged and extended, the entire interior whitewashed and repainted and dressing rooms equipped for ladies and gentlemen. Storm doors have been installed at the entrance for cold weather.

The interior walls are finished in blue, as is the proscenium arch. A balcony, finished in gold, adorns each side of the stage. The latter has been enlarged sufficiently to accommodate an orchestra.

The new floor, large enough to accommodate 50 couples comfortably, has been surfaced and waxed until it has been pronounced the best in this vicinity. Chairs are provided around the sides.

The balcony provides a place for those who do not care to dance but to watch those who do. It, too, has been provided with chairs. A passageway leads from the balcony to the dressing rooms, which are located on the second floor of the building next to the theatre. The partition which was formerly under the balcony has been removed, allowing considerably more space on the dance floor.

Furnishing of the new hall has been attractively done. Cretonne curtains cover doors and windows. An illuminated sign to the left of the stage announces the different dances, while a more or less lifelike representation of the moon furnishes illumination for the "moonlight" dances.

Three dances have already been held in the new hall, and the Mason school of dancing and expression has sessions every Monday, under the direction of Miss Frances Mason.

THE NIGHTINGALE

Badwater Lake, Breitung Township

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NIGHTINGALE RESORT, IRON MOUNTAIN, MICH.

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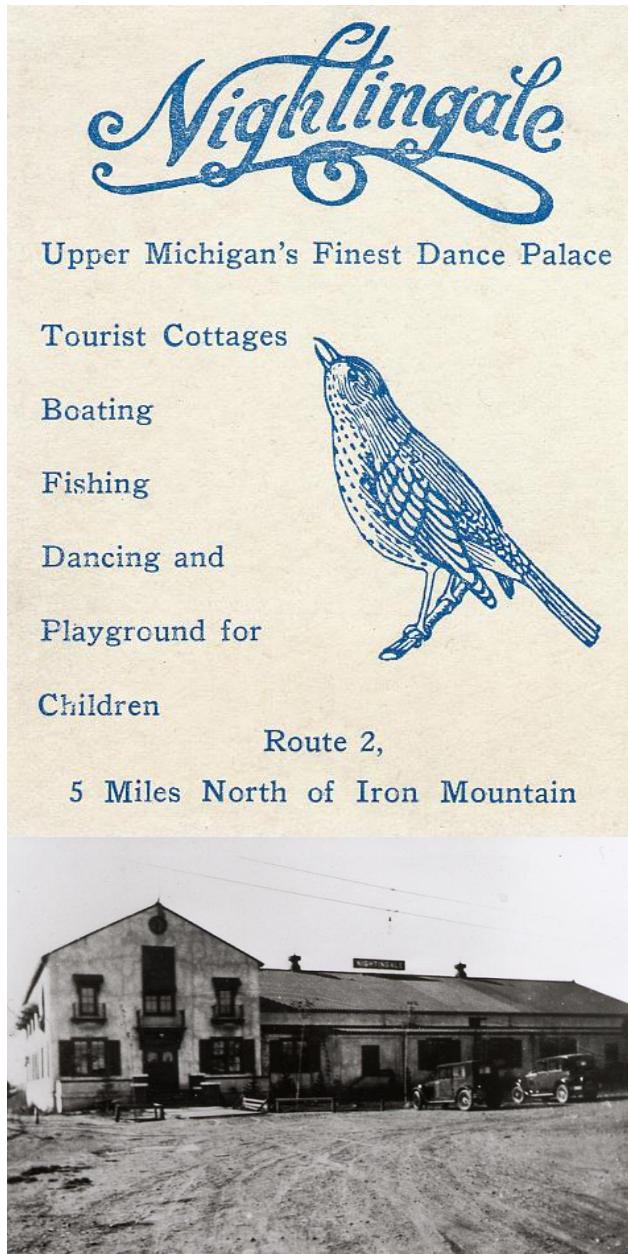
The Nightingale, showing ball room overlooking
the Menominee River at Badwater, mid-1920's



This interior printed postcard view, identified as
“Nightingale Ball Room, Finest North of Chicago,
Iron Mountain, Mich.” below the photograph and
“Dreamland of the North” above the photograph,

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The Nightingale, showing dirt parking lot and early automobiles, mid- 1920's

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February 17, 1925], page 6, column 1*

PARMELEES WILL ERECT CLUB HOUSE

Plans Completed for Es- tablishment at Bad- water Lake

Excavation for foundation has been started on a site overlooking Badwater Lake, where Claude and Gale Parmelee will construct what they expect to be one of the finest club house and dance pavilions to be found in the state. The site for the club house is just north of the Badwater picnic grounds.

The building will be of steel and concrete construction with a cream colored stucco surfacing and red tile roof. Spanish architectural lines will be followed.

Plans for the building drawn by Gale Parmelee, [sic] call for a roof garden large enough to accommodate private and special parties and dinners and will afford ample dancing space. The roof garden, about 175 feet above the level of Badwater Lake, will afford an excellent view of the surrounding country for miles.

Equipment will be installed for a complete dining room and grill, while the owners declare every convenience will be available to bring the clubhouse up to the requirements of resorters and tourists.

A large fleet of specially designed boats and canoes will be operated by Claude Parmelee for sportsmen and persons desiring to make the Menominee river trip. Special cruising craft will be motor-equipped, Mr. Parmelee announces.

The building, to be known as the Nightingale, will be dedicated to the late Indian chief, Jerome Dakota, who held council with his braves on the site.

Construction of the building will be under the supervision of E.D. Parmelee.

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SPORTSMEN ARE OFFERED SITE

Can Build Clubhouse On Property At Badwater Lake

An offer of a site adjacent to the large clubhouse, The Nightingale, being erected at Badwater Lake by Parmelee brothers, was made to the Iron Mountain Sportsmans [*sic* – *Sportsmen's*] Association today following its announcement that it proposed building a clubhouse for members.

The offer is for a site on the shore line of Badwater Lake, on the Parmeles' property, overlooking a beautiful expanse of water containing some of the best fishing to be found in the upper peninsula.

A ground rental fee of \$5 a month would be charged, to help pay for the services of a watchman and for taxes, according to the offer, which outlines the following conveniences:

Electric light, running water, an abundance of fire wood, the advantage of having a watchman on the grounds at all times, excellent fishing, bathing beach, rifle, pistol and trap ranges, boat house with a complete fleet of boats and motors for river trips, open roads all year, and accessibility [*sic* – *accessibility*] – a 10 minute drive from the city.

A.G. Buchman, president of the sportsmen's association, regards the offer favorably and said he would advise a committee named at a meeting Monday

night to go into conference with the Nightingale proprietors.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 21 [Tuesday, May 5, 1925], page 2, columns 2-3

Nightingale Dance Hall Will Be Opened On May 15

One of Most Beautiful Structures of Kind In The Northwest.

With the opening of the Nightingale dance hall on May 15, the realization of a dream of years will come true for Claude Parmalee [*sic* – *Parmelee*], Michigan sportsman, whose fame as a crack shot for the Winchester people, [*sic*] has spread over the entire United States. Parmalee, who has foreseen [*sic* – *foreseen*] the development of upper Michigan as the real playground of the tourist, has for years been planning on utilizing a large tract of land he owns at Badwater Lake, near Twin Falls. The building of the Nightingale dance hall is the first step as it is planned to develop other preparations for sportsmen before the season sets in.

Is Place of Beauty

The new Nightingale has one of the most beautiful dance floors in the northwest and is not excelled north of Chicago. Of Spanish architecture, finished in a white stucco cement with a tile roof, the dance hall is imposing and looks more like a sumptuous summer house than a dance hall. The building is 148x80 with a dance floor 96x80. A mezzanine floor which is to

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be used for private parties and serving lunches is 36x80.

All modern conveniences are to be found in the hall, a men's smoking room and ladies' rest room being located at each end. A large stage has been placed at one end and plenty of seats will be provided for patrons on the other two sides of the hall. There are four exits from the main dance floor and French windows run the length of the building on both the north and south sides, providing plenty of ventilation. A modern heating system, such as is used in the city schools, has also been installed.

Have Roof Garden

Entering the main door there is a large lobby with a ticket window on the right and check room on the left. The lobby leads directly to the soda fountain, tables and booths, accommodations being provided for a large number. To the right a stairway leads to the roof garden which is prettily furnished with wicker settees and chairs, and tables for serving of chicken and steak dinners as well as lunches. Private parties will also be catered to in the afternoon from 1:30 until 7 o'clock, a number already being arranged for the month of May. Floor lamps are used for the lighting arrangement.

The dance hall itself is spacious enough to take care of the largest crowds, and will be attractively decorated for the opening night. The orchestra can be seen from all parts of the hall. Benson's orchestra, of Chicago, has been engaged for the opening night and a number of high class attractions will also be presented.

A novelty will be the projection of motion pictures during the dances. The pictures will be thrown on a screen in the hall, short topic reels being secured.

Plan Sportsmen's Store

Upon completion of the building this week work will be started on a modern tourist and sportsmen's store and gasoline

filling station. Mr. Parmelee has for years been connected with the Winchester people and is well equipped by experience for the sporting goods business. It is planned to handle a complete line of hunting equipment, fishing tackle and motor boats. A fleet of five motor boats equipped with Caille motors, especially adapted for use in a river such as the Menominee, has been ordered and will be rented out for excursion parties.

A landscape gardener is also to start work on the grounds within the next two weeks. It is planned to plant a number of shrubs and trees, build a driveway leading to the dance hall and arrange a parking system. With the improvement of the grounds a complete amusement park is to be built.

Mr. Parmelee wil [sic – will] also put in a fully equipped shooting grounds, and his years of experience in shooting on the best grounds in the United States will also prove valuable in installing this project which is his pet hobby.

Plan Other Halls

The Nightingale was designed by Gale Parmelee, architect in the firm of F.E. and G.F. Parmelee, and will be managed by Claude Parmelee. It is planned to open two more places in Wisconsin of the same type as the Nightingale, one to be located in the central section of the state while the other will be built in the vicinity of Milwaukee.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 26 [Monday, May 11, 1925], page 2, column 1

Nightingale Nearly Ready

Work on decorating the Nightingale or [sic – for] the grand opening on Friday, May

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15, is nearly completed. All of the wiring has been finished and final touches will be made tomorrow. The roof garden is also ready. Benson's orchestra of Chicago has been booked for the two week opening.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 26 [Monday, May 11, 1925], page 2, column 3

Kluxmen In Robes Burn Cross at Hall

Six robed Kluxmen accompanied by about 18 other men, also supposedly Kluxmen, burned a fiery cross in the cleared land back of the new Nightingale dance hall on Saturday evening. The flames attracted some attention but the Kluxmen soon disappeared.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 30 [Friday, May 15, 1925], page 9, columns 4-5

NEW DANCE HALL TO OPEN TONIGHT

Nightingale Represents
Investment Of
\$50,000

Tonight marks the opening of the new \$50,000 Nightingale dance hall at Badwater lake. Everything is in readiness for the opening, the large hall having been beautifully decorated and the roof gardens furnished with attractive wicker overstuffed

furniture. The color effect and decorations are something entirely new. Claude Parmelee, one of the owners and manager of the hall[,] has carried out a sportsman's idea in decorating the hall, even to flower vases which represent some kind of wild game.

Benson's orchestra, which has just completed an engagement at the College Inn, Sherman hotel, Chicago, will furnish [sic - furnish] the entertainment, being engaged for two weeks. A number of novelty features will also be presented.

Chicken and steak dinners will be served on the roof garden and soda fountain service and light lunches will be afforded the dancers on the lower floor. Vallenette [sic - Vellenette] and Zanabas are in charge of this service and will cater to special dinner parties. A Sunday chicken dinner will also be served.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 31 [Saturday, May 16, 1925], page 2, column 3

NEW DANCE HALL IS WELL LIKED

2,200 Attend Opening Of
Nightingale Last
Evening

Dancers were treated to a surprise last evening at the opening of the new Nightingale dance hall on Badwater Lake. The opening was attended by 2,200 persons. The hall was beautifully decorated and the varied array of lighting effects, including a large crystal ball, was a pleasing spectacle.

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Benson's Ramblers, a Chicago orchestra, pleased the large gathering with its program of music. Little Miss Dorothy Waters also scored with the audience with her toe dances, answering a number of encores at both her appearances.

Represents Large Investment

The Nightingale, which was started in February, was designed by Gale F. Parmelee and represents an investment of \$50,000. Claude Parmelee, a brother, is manager. The new hall is complete in every detail, having a large dance floor, beautiful lighting arrangements and a roof garden. Concessions were opened last evening and work on the amusement park is going rapidly forward. A large sporting goods store and tourist camp site are also under construction. As soon as warmer weather arrives boat excursions will be started, a fleet of five motor boats, one of which was on display in the dance hall last evening, have been purchased.

Soda fountain and grill service in charge of Vellonette [*sic – Vellenette*] and Sanabas, who have a large space on the main floor and also on the roof gardens.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 37 [Saturday, May 23, 1925], page 2, column 4

Nightingale To Have Restaurant

Dining room service for guests at the Nightingale will be the latest feature of the new pavilion, the management announced today. Within ten days, a restaurant, fully equipped and ready for business, will be opened there.

Dinner party and banquet service will be afforded by the café, while special menus

for tourists and commercial travelers will be arranged.

The restaurant is to be managed by George Vellenette, manager of the Liberty Candy kitchen [*sic – Kitchen*] here[,] who now conducts the Nightingale grill.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 44 [Tuesday, June 2, 1925], page 2, column 2

BUILD VERANDA AT NIGHTINGALE

Work Started on Addi- tion; Tea Room Also to Be Opened

Work has been started on the new promenade veranda at the Nightingale dance hall and it is expected that it will be completed some time [*sic – sometime*] next week. The promenade is to be erected on the east side of the dance hall and will extend the entire length of the building, which is 112 feet. The veranda will be enclosed with screens and will be 12 feet wide, affording ample room for a lounge for the dancers.

The roof gardens are also to be converted, Wah Sing, formerly connected with the Canton café, having made arrangements to install a Chinese tea room, serving American and Chinese dishes.

With work on the promenade going rapidly forward and plans started for the large sporting goods store, which is to be erected, only completion of the summer playgrounds is needed to fulfill the original program.

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With the warm weather, fishing trips will be started on Badwater Lake, a complete line of motor boats, canoes and row boats being placed at the service of the public.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 46 [Thursday, June 4, 1925], page 3, columns 2-3

CHAMBER DINNER AT NIGHTINGALE

Big Gathering Will Be Held There on Mon- day, June 15

Plans for the large open forum which is to be held for members of the Iron Mountain Chamber of Commerce are nearly complete and the dinner and meeting will take place at the Nightingale on Monday evening, June 15. Members have been asked to meet at the headquarters of the chamber of commerce at 6 o'clock, arrangement being made to provide transportation for everybody.

Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 o'clock in the new Chinese restaurant which is being installed in the roof gardens of the Nightingale and following it will be an interesting program.

Have Outside Speaker

According to present plans at least one outside speaker will be obtained to talk to the members, and several of the more prominent members of the local chamber will also address the meeting. Kenneth K. Corbett, the new secretary, will also be introduced.

Invitations are being sent to all the merchants and a large attendance is being

urged. A number of important matters, among them the financial situation, are to be brought up for discussion in an effort to bring the members face to face with the present problems of the chamber.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 48 [Saturday, June 6, 1925], page 2, column 3

Shooting Range On Nightingale [sic] Grounds

A modern pistol and trap shooting range is being constructed in the vacant lot north of the new Nightingale dance hall, it was stated today by Claude Parmelee, manager.

Parmelee is now engaged in organizing a club which will be known as the Nightingale Gun club, with headquarters at the resort. It is the purpose of the manager to give instructions relative to the proper manner of shooting either pistols or rifles.

The first shoot may be held within two weeks. The range is expected to be completed sometime next week.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 50 [Tuesday, June 9, 1925], page 2, column 3

CASEY DANCE TO AID HOME FUND

Plan Entertainments To Finance Part of Building

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Arrangements have been completed by the Knights of Columbus Building association [*sic – Association*] for a carnival dance to be given at the Nightingale, Thursday evening, June 11.

Peterson's nine-piece orchestra will furnish the music for the evening and every effort is being made to make this an event of the season.

It is the plan of the committee to give at least one dance every month and the proceeds will be placed in the building fund of the association which is to be used to erect a clubhouse on the site purchased across from the Milliman hotel.

The Knights of Columbus Building Association is incorporated under [*sic – under*] the laws of the state of Michigan for \$100,000 and is selling stock at \$100 per share. A large number of shares have already been sold out as most of them are being paid in monthly installments, sufficient money has not as yet been collected to start building. It is the hope, however, that the time is not far off when building can be started.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 54 [Saturday, June 13, 1925], page 2, column 2

EXPECT MANY AT FORUM DINNER

Transportation Will Be Provided For Cham- ber Members

A large attendance is expected at the forum dinner of the chamber of commerce

to be held Monday evening at the Nightingale pavilion.

An advance sale of tickets has been started among the members and indications are that the turn-out will be encouraging.

The program will include several talks as well as musical entertainment. The future of the chamber is to be considered in addition to its policies and work. The new secretary, Kenneth Corbett, also is to be introduced to the members.

Transportation will be provided for all the members, cars leaving the chamber headquarters in the Jacobs building between 6 and 6:30 o'clock. The meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 54 [Saturday, June 13, 1925], page 6, columns 4-5

OUTDOOR DANCE FLOOR PLANNED

Large Addition to Be Built at Nightingale Pavilion

Plans are being made and construction work is to begin immediately upon one of the largest open air dance pavilions in northern Michigan and which will be connected with the main dance floor of the Nightingale pavilion, it was announced today.

The open air floor will be built on the east side of the Nightingale, and will overlook the Menominee river and Badwater lake. It is to be 70x146 feet and with the main floor will give a dancing surface of about 50,000 square feet.

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A feature of the plan will be that dancers can use both floor [sic – floors] if they desire.

At the front or south end of the building a two-story screened in porch is to be erected for the convenience of those who do not care to dance but wish to enjoy the music and the view. The porch can be reached from the main floor and the roof garden.

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GAS STATIONS ARE FLOURISHING HERE

Large Number But All Are Thriving Upon Heavy Traffic

Gas stations seemingly out of all proportion to the city's population, [sic] flourish in great numbers in and about **Iron Mountain**.

The motorist who runs out of gas or oil has not far to seek in almost any direction to replenish his supply.

Though operating in great numbers, the business does not languish in any of these service stations which cater to an almost incessant traffic not only of the city and surrounding towns and villages, but to tourists.

The youth of the neighboring towns and country places congregate almost nightly at **Pine Gardens and The Nightengale** [sic – *Nightingale*], largest dance halls in the upper peninsula, and the number of cars parked outside these two large

neighboring amusement places, [sic] is scarcely fewer than the number of dancers inside.

Crystal Falls, Iron River, Ironwood, Escanaba, Channing, Witch Lake[,] Sagola, Humboldt, Champion and Republic, [sic] are represented, as well as the city and villages of **Iron Mountain**.

The **week-end** [sic – *weekend*] tourist procession through Iron Mountain and the villages represents the entire upper peninsula, aad [sic – and] creates the heaviest demand on the service stations.

All of the trade, however, does not come from outside. The number of cars owned and operated in Iron Mountain and the villages is probably greater than in any other city in the upper peninsula.

An extraordinary heavy bus traffic having its nucleus in the city also contributes to the gas business.

5,800 Licenses Issuel [sic – Issued]

New licenses issued a the county court house since the first of the year numbers about 5,800, and showed a turnover of about 700 used cars.

Three oil companies are represented in this district, namely the **Standard Oil, Union Oil, and Wadham Oil**, the latter represented by **G. Bertoldi and Sons**.

The **Standard Oil company** has four filling stations. These are located at Stephenson avenue and "B" street, the North Side, Carpen- [sic – Carpenter – evidently a line missing here] Norway [sic]. It ha stwo [sic – has two] leased stations at Kingsford and Norway, rents out about 25 pumps, and supplies between ten and fifteen dealers.

The **Union Oil company** operates four owned stations and supplies about 25 pumps, operating at stragetic points throughout the Iron Mountain district.

Bertoldi and Sons own four stations, which are located at 901 Stephenson avenue, Flesheim [sic – Fleshiem] street

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and Stephenson avenue, Norway, and Niagara, Wis. They **rent out about 15 pumps and supply about the same number of dealers.**

Each of these companies has a new station in process of building and will go on building as long as the heavy demand exists, representatives of the companies say.

The gas, oil and accessories business handled by **Bertoldi and Sons** during the last year showed a fifty per cent increase over that of the year before, and the business of the year before, in turn, showed a ninety per cent increase over its predecessor, Mr. Bertoldi said.

Union Oil and Standard Oil representatives say that their businesses show a similar high tide of prosperity.

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Assistant Manager Of Dance Pavilion

William Brandt, of Manitowoc, formerly with The News, has accepted a position as assistant manager at the Nightingale dancing pavilion. During the past few weeks, Mr. Brandt has been booking the orchestras of the Nightingale. The owners of the Nightingale, is [*sic – it*] is reported, are contemplating the erection of a similar pavilion at Madison, Wis., and Mr. Brandt will have charge of the new place. The assistant manager recently returned from a trip to the east where he obtained new ideas on dancing pavilions.

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TO SHOW FANCY DANCING STEPS

Pair From Chicago Will Exhibit "Charleston" At Nightingale

Carolyn Goss and Jimmie Hilton, White City Steppers, winners of scores of Chicago dance contests, favorites in the \$5,000 Herald-Examiner contest now going on in Chicago, demonstrators of correct dancing at national exhibitions, and finally, exponents of the latest dance craze, the "Charleston" will appear at the Nightingale Saturday and Sunday nights to introduce the new dance, which is sweeping over the country.

These professional dancers, wearing the colors of the White City ballroom, will teach Iron Mountain how to dance the new steps which are being taught in almost every metropolitan ballroom

40-Piece Orchestra.

Music for the exhibition, and for general dancing[,] will be provided by the Elks' full convention band of 40 musicians, arriving here from the Elks' convention in Superior for the occasion. Sunday night will be Elk's night at the ballroom.

In addition there will be two full orchestras, including Weidneir, the famous Carlisle Indian football star, as singing baritone.

The Nightingale, overlooking from its steep cliff, innumerable little islands, set amidst a chain of pretty lakes, with its roof garden opening to ever-changing vistas of moonlight or storm on the lakes, its dining

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tables between the ballroom and outside promenade in full view of the lakes, proves, to thousands of frequenters and tourists, a fascinating pleasure place.

Ballroom Decorated.

Holiday decorations, flickering colored lights, interior moonlight effects vying with the real moonlight a bit beyond, up-to-date music by imported orchestras, boating on the surrounding lakes, and trapshooting, all contribute to the lure which, [sic] nightly surrounds the Nightingale with many cars, and on special occasions, such as will be Saturday and Sunday nights, with thousands of machines.

The hall is one of the largest in the upper peninsula, and its capacity is almost unlimited for any gathering from the district.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 107 [Saturday, August 15, 1925], page 3, columns 2-3

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR DANCE EVENT

New "Charleston" To Be Introduced at Night- ingale Tonight

Five entertainment features will contribute this evening to make the introduction of the new dance craze "Charleston" a memorable dance occasion.

The ball will be one of carnival with a balloon dance a notable feature. Weidner's Chicago band and Si Mahlberg's Tempo Teasers will furnish the music. Jimmie Hilton and Miles Goss, a professional team from Chicago's White City, will give exhibitions of the Charleston and free

lessons. Tootie Slagel, widely known radio entertainer of St. Louis, and Chief Kline, singing and dancing Indian football star, will entertain.

Sunday night will be Elks' night. A 40 piece band playing this week at the Elks' convention in Superior will play at the Nightingale in addition to the two full orchestras.

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RESORT WILL BE OPEN IN WINTER

Make Preparations to Use Nightingale Year Around

In order that the Nightingale may remain open the year around as a pleasure resort, a heating plant is being installed and other improvements are planned.

The roof and walls will be reinforced within the building to assist in protecting the dance place from winter winds. Outdoor sports will also be provided with the construction of toboggan slides, ski jumps and an ice rink.

The summer roof garden has been remodelled [sic – remodeled] into a dance hall which will be conducted after the cabaret system.

A colored chef formerly employed on a railroad diner has been hired in the cafe.

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FOOTBALL DANCE AT NIGHTINGALE

Special Musical Program Arranged for Wed- nesday Night

The Iron Mountain city football fund is expected to be materially increased by the proceeds from a football dance at the Nightingale Wednesday night.

A special program of dance music has been arranged, and a gross of novelty footballs will be given away to the dancers.

Parmelee brothers, who operate the Nightingale[,] will turn over the gate receipts, above the cost of the music, to the football fund. A large crowd, it is believed, will attend the dance.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____
Year, Number _____ [Wednesday, October 7, 1925], page 3, column 1

FORM ORCHESTRA AT NIGHTINGALE

Installation of New Heat- ing Plant is Near Completion

Organization of a special Nightingale orchestra that will play at the pavilion during

the winter months, *[sic]* was announced today by Claude Parmelee, manager.

The orchestra is under the leadership of Barth St. Denis. It is planned, Mr. Parmelee said, to also form another orchestra and *[the]* two will alternate every week, the orchestra that is not playing at the pavilion being available for other engagements.

Special rates for hiring the orchestra will also be given for charitable, educational or civic purposes, Mr. Parmelee said.

The modern double heating plant being installed at the Nightingale will be ready Friday, said Mr. Parmelee. The system is of the latest type, the hot air being forced through the building by a large fan.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 212 [Friday, December 18, 1925], page 2, column 2

RADIO PLAYERS TO BE FEATURE AT NIGHTINGALE

Langdon Brothers Scheduled For Engagement of Two Days

Dancers will have an opportunity to hear and see the famous Langdon brothers orchestra, of radio broadcasting fame, which has been engaged by the management of the Nightingale for tomorrow and Sunday nights.

The brothers are featured in the playing of Hawaiian guitars and are capably assisted by other musicians. They have been heard by thousands of radio fans.

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The Nightingale has been re-decorated into a winter garden and plans are being made to make it a center of winter activities. It is also planned to have an ice rink and skii [sic – skij] jump on the grounds.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 124 [Saturday, September 3, 1927], page 2, columns 6-8 [Advertisement]

THE NIGHTINGALE
TONIGHT
The Famous Rainbow Aces
Rhythm–Swing–Pep–Harmony
Featuring the Latest Song and Dance
Hits!

Coming Sept. 7 and 10
Glen Geneva's Marigold Serenaders
From
W.H.O. Bankers Life Sttaion
[Station], Des Moines, Iowa

Sept. 21
Roy Kipp and His Iowa Collegians
10–Artiusts–10

Don't Forget!
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS DANCE
Labor Day Night

NOTE – Take our FREE Bus at
9:15 at Cudlip's Drug Store. This bus

is for the patronage of the Nightingale only.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 21 [Saturday, May 4, 1940], page 3, column 1

Fire Destroys Nightingale Pavilion

Only the chimney rising from the center of the still smoking ruins remained today of the Nightingale dance pavilion, situated about four miles north of the city, and which was destroyed by a fire of unknown original [sic – origin] shortly after 3 o'clock this morning.

The fire department received the call about 3:05 a.m. Chief Mike Scolatti was notified and called the Riverside club in Wisconsin to verity the report. He was told that flames and smoke were pouring from every section of the building.

Because there were no facilities for fire fighting at the Nightingale and as no read is available to the edge of the nearby Menominee river, Scolatti did not order out his equipment. He drove to the scene, however, and when he arrived the west wall and roof had already collapsed.

The entrance to the structure was the last to crash into the flames, less than half an hour after the blaze was reported.

Built in 1925

The Nightingale was constructed in 1925 by F.E. Parmelee and Sons and was a popular dance resort. The construction cost was variously reported at from \$40,000 to \$50,000, including equipment.

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It was the second dance pavilion fire in that area, Pine Gardens, almost directly across the road from the Nightingale, [sic] having been destroyed several years ago. Pine Garden [sic – Gardens] was owned by Joe Andrews, who still lives near the site.

The fire is believed to have started in the kitchen and travelled along the west wall. The blaze was reported shortly after the building was closed, following a meeting of Standard Oil dealers and officials. It was the annual spring conference of the district and local oil salesmen, with officials of the Green Bay branch.

Although Parmelee could not be located this morning, it was reliably reported that the loss is covered by insurance.

The building was of frame and stucco construction. Paper trimmings on the ceiling provided ready fuel for the blaze, which travelled rapidly before a brisk wind.

NORTHERN BALLROOM

100-102 West Brown Street
East Brown Street and Merritt Avenue
Iron Mountain

[NOTE: The Northern Garage and the Northern Ballroom are at the same address, 100-102 West Brown Street, in Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1925, page 177: NORTHERN BALLROOM THE (George Jacksin, George Davich), Dancing and Public Entertainment 100-102 W Brown (See back cover).]

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 190 [Saturday, November 22, 1924], page 6, column 5

DANCE HALL WILL OPEN NEXT WEEK

Special Decorations In New Northern Ball Room

The Northern ball room, located in the new garage building being erected at the corner of West Brown street and Merritt avenue, will be opened Thursday evening, it was announced today.

The dance floor is 66x100 feet in size. The hall is decorated in an attractive manner, special decorators having been secured to execute the design. A Duluth orchestra has been secured for the opening night. Dances will be held every evening except Sunday.

Construction work on the entire building, which is 68-120 feet in size, has been practically completed, the finishing touches now being put in the interior. The building is owned by Jacksin and Davich, former owners of the Iron Range Transportation company.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 302 [Monday, April 6, 1925], page 2, column 4

NORTHERN BOOKS BIG ORCHESTRAS

Biese and Victor Record- ers Among Those Now Scheduled

Several well known [sic – well-known] orchestras have been booked for the spring and summer season, beginning Easter

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Monday, at the Northern ball room, it was announced today.

Among them are Paul Biese and his Victor recording orchestra, Ernie Young's orchestra of Chicago, Coon Sanders, the Original Kansas City Nighthawks, the Southern Serenaders and others.

Biese and his group of 16 artists are recognized as one of the country's best dance orchestras and have been featured in many hotels, theatres, cafes and dance palaces. The orchestra was awarded a prize for its dance work and a diamond studded saxaphone [*sic – saxophone*] was presented to Biese. The total value of the instruments carried by the orchestra is \$50,000.

Ernie Young's orchestra is the first big attraction being offered at the Northern, its engagement opening Monday and closing Thursday night.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Tuesday, August 11, 1925], page 3, column 2

FROST PICTURES TO ADORN WALLS

Artist Will Paint Series of Scenes at Northern Ballroom

Harry King, lightning artist, will paint a series of six pictures, 12 feet by 20 on the walls of the Northern ballroom, this week after concluding a successful week of exhibition work in a display window of the A. Sackim store.

The large ballroom paintings will all be representations of snow scenes in keeping

with the fir trees used for decorative purposes, and the significance of the name chosen for the dance place.

Mr. King has traveled through the United States for the past 20 years doing his work in public on theatre platforms and in display windows. He will leave for a leisurely trip south, painting enroute [*sic – en route*], upon conclusion of his contract in Iron Mountain.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 212 [Friday, December 18, 1925], page 2, column 3

WARM'S UP FOR 24-HOUR GRIND AT BALL ROOM

One Woman Guesses Maher Will Do 180 Miles in Test

Frank Maher, Iron Mountain dancing instructor who will attempt to establish a record for mileage covered during 24 hours of continuous dancing Monday night and Tuesday, December 21 and 22, in the Northern ball room [*sic – ballroom*], "worked out" for four hours at the Northern this afternoon, in preparation for the grind ahead.

Maher will begin his test during the general dancing Monday night, some time between 10 and 11 o'clock, and will dance continuously until the corresponding hour on the following night. The pedometer which he will carry in his pocket as he dances will register every step so that at the

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close of the test he will know the exact mileage he has covered from the start.

Bring Guesses In Person

The instructor has asked that guesses as to the probable mileage which he will dance be submitted to the Northern ball room [*sic – ballroom*]. This may be done either by filling out a coupon appearing in The News tomorrow night or by writing the mileage on any slip of paper, signing it and taking it to the Northern ball room [*sic – ballroom*] at any time before the start of the test Monday night. It is requested guesses be submitted in person to avoid possible delay in receiving them through the holiday congestion at the postoffice [*sic – post office*].

Already numerous guesses have been received. One woman said he would cover 20 miles during the 24 hours and another made it 180. "I'd have to ride a horse to make 180 miles in 24 hours," Maher said today, "and horses are barred from the test."

Maher invites any others who may care to accompany him in the test to come Monday night prepared to start with him. He also asks any who wish to act as partners during the test to report at the hall Monday night. The instructor plans to dance with partners if a sufficient number can be secured to provide frequent changes throughout the 24 hour period. If that cannot be done, he will dance alone. The test is being sponsored by the local post of the American Legion.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 214 [Monday, December 21, 1925], page 8, column 3

MAHER IS SET TO START LONG

DANCING GRIND

24-Hour Mileage Test Will Get Under Way This Evening

At about 10:30 o'clock tonight Frank Maher, dancing instructor, will "shove off" on his 24 hours of continuous dancing, with the purpose of establishing a record in mileage covered during that time[.] The test will be held in the Northern ballroom, under the auspices of the Thomas Uren post of the American Legion.

There will be general dancing at the Northern beginning at 8:30 o'clock and Maher will start his long grind while this is going on. A committee representing the American Legion will be in constant attendance to check up on his progress and to take hourly readings from the pedometer which Maher will carry in his pocket as he dances.

Guesses as to the probable mileage which Maher will cover during the 24-hour period continue to come in to the Northern. Already about one hundred persons have estimated the distance and their guesses range from 20 to 180 miles. No guesses will be accepted after the start of the test tonight, Mr. Maher said this morning, and persons wishing to submit estimates up to that time are requested to bring them to the Northern in person today or tonight.

It is not likely, Mr. Maher said, that he will be able to obtain enough partners to make frequent changes. However, several have volunteered to start with him and when they have finished the instructor will dance alone. An orthophonic Victrola will provide the music while Maher is at work alone.

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The instructor is still looking for competition. "I'd like to have at least one or two start with me," he said today. "It would help a lot, for it would provide an incentive, and also they act as 'pacers' for me."

Tomorrow morning the Northern will open for those who wish to witness the test.

Tomorrow night there will be general dancing beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The "Masked Marvels," the new orchestra at the Northern, will furnish the music.

PINE GARDENS

Badwater Lake, Breitung Township



The Pine Gardens, located about a mile north of the Twin Falls Bridge on Badwater Lake, opened September 1, 1924.



The Pine Gardens, Badwater, mid-1920's

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 96 [Saturday, August 2, 1924], page 5, column 1

NEW AMUSEMENT PARK IS PLANNED

\$20,000 Roller Coaster Among Equipment To Be Installed

Work will be started next week on an amusement park to be located at Badwater lake, it was announced today by Joe Andrews, of Iron Mountain, owner of the site. Approximately \$75,000 will be spent, it was stated by Andrews.

The park, Andrews declared, will be the best equipped in the upper peninsula. Chicago and Cleveland manufacturers have already had representatives on the ground and are making ready for the shipment of several riding devices to be installed. These will include a modern roller coaster, which will be 3,000 feet in length, Andrews said. Its cost is estimated at nearly \$20,000.

Brumsted Is Partner

Associated with Andrews in the enterprise is Otto Brumsted, also of Iron Mountain. Brumsted, Andrews said, has had considerable experience in the management of amusement parks and other public places of recreation.

A dancing pavilion, which will be completed by Sept. 1, also will be built, Andrews declared. The estimated cost is placed at \$25,000. This will be situated just across Highway M-12 about a mile north of the Twin Falls bridge.

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"We plan to give Iron Mountain and the neighboring towns a first class amusement park," Andrews stated. "Badwater lake is daily growing more popular, not only with residents of the Iron Mountain district, but among tourists as well. It is our intention to provide a place where our people and visitors can enjoy good, clean and healthy recreation."

*The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain,
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Year, Number _____ [Saturday, August
9, 1924], page 2, column 3*

WORK STARTED AT AMUSEMENT PARK

Begin Construction Of Large Dance Pavilion At Badwater Lake

Construction work has been started on the dance pavilion at the new amusement park to be built at Badwater lake, it was stated today by Joe Andrews, one of the park promoters. The pavilion will be rushed to completion[,] Andrews said, and when finished, will be the largest in the upper peninsula.

The building is to be 80x100 feet in size. A carload of roofing materials will be used in covering it. It will cost approximately \$25,000.

Roller coasters and other riding devices also will be installed, Andrews asserted, to give Iron Mountain the most modern park of the kind in the upper peninsula.

*The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain,
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Number 115 [Monday, August 25, 1924], page 3, column 6

Work On Pavilion Is Moving Ahead

Work is progressing rapidly at the Pine Gardens, the new dancing pavilion at Badwater lake, said to be the largest in the upper peninsula. It will be completed and ready for the opening on September 1, when the American Legion Auxiliary will serve a chicken dinner.

The building, 80 feet wide by 100 feet long, is now virtually complete. Carpenters were working all day yesterday laying the hardwood dancing floor and preparing the walls for wainscoting and plaster board. The orchestra stand is practically finished. It will be of the bell variety. Work on the rest rooms *[sic – restrooms]* and check room was begun yesterday.

*The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4,
Number 122 [Tuesday, September 2,
1924], page 6, columns 6-7*

LARGE CROWD AT RESORT OPENING

1,000 Couples Attend Dance at Pine Gardens Last Night

What was described as a record breaking crowd attended the opening last night of the Pine Gardens, upper Michigan's largest dance pavilion, at Badwater lake. The crowd that attended the opening affair

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sponsored by the Iron Mountain American Legion Auxiliary, was estimated at 1,000 couples.

The dance was attended by people from several states who reached Iron Mountain yesterday while touring the middle west. New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California, Washington and Wisconsin machines were among the hundreds of automobiles that were parked for blocks along the road leading to the big pavilion.

An orchestra stand of special design, built after the fashion of a phonograph sound box, throws the music to all corners of the big hall. The dance floor proper is of hardwood, and is bordered by an attractively decorated space for observers.

Music was furnished by Heyn's Sing College orchestra, made up of six college students. The orchestra, which recently broadcasted its programs from a Cedar Rapids, Ia., radio plant, is under contract to play here for the next three weeks.

Dances will be held nightly, Monday night excepted, and a Sunday afternoon matinee dance will be arranged for.

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17, 1924], page 3, column 3

CONTRACTS LET FOR NEW PARK

Amusement Devices Will Cost \$35,000, Is Statement

Contracts aggregating \$35,000 have been let to the C.B. Brenning company, of Rockford, Ill., to install equipment in the

new Pine Garden amusement park, it was announced today by Joseph Andrews, one of the owners. Work will be started at once.

Six acres of land will be cleared for use as an amusement park, Andrews declared. The equipment to be installed will include a merry-go-round, a seaplane and a whip. The latter is a riding device somewhat similar to the roller coaster.

On November, 1, Andrews stated, work on a grill will be started. The estimated cost of this addition is \$12,000. It will be built on to the present Pine Garden building, and will be 50 feet by 65 feet in dimensions. The dining room will be one of the most modern in the upper peninsula, Andrews said.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4,
Number 305 [Thursday, April 9, 1925],
page 2, column 1

NEW ADDITION TO DANCE PAVILION

Pine Gardens to Open Dance Season On Monday Evening

Although it was opened but last September, a newly remodelled [*sic - remodeled*], enlarged and repainted Pine Gardens dance pavilion will be formally opened for the season on Monday night.

The hall, located at Badwater lake, will be open on Easter Sunday for inspection purposes and the management has invited the public to visit it at that time.

Perhaps the biggest feature of the pavilion is a new addition which will contain the Pine Gardens fountain grill. Twenty-two

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booths are a new soda fountain have been installed in this addition. Another smaller addition is annexed to the room and will contain a kitchen where light lunches will be prepared.

A new counter at which fountain drinks will be served to those not wishing to enter the grill room has also been built.

The entire interior has been redecorated and repainted, a color scheme of pale blue and dark green having been carried out.

Largest in U.P.

Pine Gardens today is the largest dance pavilion in upper Michigan. The main hall is 80x140 feet with a dance floor 60x115 feet. The floor can accommodate more than 800 couples. The pavilion also has modern equipment, including electric lights. A special air power pumping system supplies running water direct from a well, no storage tank for gravity flow and surplus supply being required.

Among the new attractions this year will be a large area that has been brushed out for use as a free picnic grounds. Benches and tables are to be built and other conveniences offered for which no charge will be made.

The Easter ball Monday night will open the season at the pavilion. Bus service to the gardens will be available from 7:30 p.m. on. Eli Rice's Dixie Cotton Pickers will be the opening orchestra, its engagement lasting two weeks. The pavilion is booked with a Chicago circuit of orchestras for the entire season, which will close next November.

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Many at Opening Of Pine Gardens

Fifteen hundred couples attended the opening at Pine Gardens last evening, marking the beginning of a two weeks' engagement by Eli Rice, colored singer, and his Dixie Cotton Pickers. The hall was taxed to capacity despite the large addition which has been made to the Gardens by Manager Joe Andrews, who has inaugurated a table and soda fountain service.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 5 [Thursday, April 16, 1925], page 3, column 2

FEATURE WALTZ DANCE.

Waltzing, which, according to male dancers[,] is listed among the "lost arts", will be the feature at the Pine Gardens dance tomorrow evening. Elie Rice and his Cotton Pickers will furnish the music. "Lonesome and Blue," one of the hits of the 1924 dance season, will be the number featured by the colored tenor in accordance with a number of requests.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 26 [Monday, May 11, 1925], page 2, column 1

Start Second Week

Earl Park's Tunesmiths opened their second week at the Pine Gardens last evening with a large crowd attending. The orchestra is the best booked by Manager Joe Andrews to date and an effort will be

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made to bring it back for a return engagement later in the season.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 27 [Tuesday, May 12, 1925], page 2, column 2

Piano-Orchestra Installed in Grill

A Wurlitzer orchestra costing approximately \$2,000 has been installed in the grill room of Pine Gardens. The instrument contains pipes, drums, piano, Cymbals [*sic - cymbals*] and other orchestral effects and was installed by the McLogan-Pearce Music company.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, June 5, 1925], page 1, column 3

FIVE INJURED IN AUTO COLLISION

Bad Accident Occurs Last Night Near Pine Gardens

Miss Iola Linderman, of Channing, is in a serious condition at her home, suffering from the loss of blood and a possible fracture of the skull, as the result of an automobile collision on the Twin Falls road last evening about four miles north of Pine Gardens. Three other occupants of the Channing car, a sedan, in which Miss Linderman was a passenger, were also

hurt, one suffering serious injuries. Henry Hood and Leo Perron, both of this city, occupants of the Ford coupe which also figured in the accident, were also injured. Perron is suffering from deep cuts caused by flying glass and is confined to his bed at his home, 606 Van Buren street, being unable to walk.

The accident occurred shortly after midnight last night. Leo Preisler was driving the sedan, which belonged to Arthur Starrs, and was returning to Channing. Four miles from Pine Gardens, according to the story told by Starrs, the party met a coupe. The coupe remained on the proper side of the road until the cars were just a short distance from each other when Henry Hood, driver of the coupe, suddenly swung to the wrong side of the road. Preisler, in an effort to avoid a head-on collision, pulled over to the extreme left, the front of the coupe hitting the Starr [*sic*] machine directly in the center and then turning over.

Blinding Lights Blamed.

According to the story told by Henry Hood and substantiated by Leo Perron, the other occupant in his car, the blinding lights on the sedan caused him to pull over on the other side of the road. Hood claims to have had his dimmers on, stating that it was impossible to see against the blinding lights.

Arthur Starrs, who was an occupant in the rear seat of the sedan with Miss Linderman, was also badly hurt, suffering several cuts in the scalp and on the leg and also a severe sprain in his right arm. Preisler, and Miss Dulcine Gohr, who were riding in the front seat, suffered only minor cuts and bruises.

Perron Worst Injured.

Leo Perron was the most seriously injured in the Ford coupe, being cut by flying glass and suffering severe bruises. Several stitches were required to close the large cuts in his head, under the chin and

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on the right arm from where a large piece of glass was removed.

All of the injured members were given first aid treatment at the General hospital here, two members of the Channing party remaining in the city while the two girls were rushed to their homes. Both cars were damaged beyond repair.

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RIDING DEVICE IS INSTALLED

First Unit of Summer Playground at Pine Gardens

Pine Gardens has installed the first unit of a summer playground for residents [*sic – residents*] of Iron Mountain and tourists, a chair plane, with a capacity of 30 persons now being in operation.

The concession is conducted by Chicago firm and is of the usual sea-plane type operated at large fairs and carnivals.

A new lunch stand has been erected on the outer grounds for the benefit of tourists. Next week the Ohian Marigold Serenaders, termed the exponents of artistic jazz, will open a two weeks' engagement at the gardens. They will also play for the baseball booster dance to be given on Thursday evening, Manager Joe Andrews donating his hall to the management for that night.

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Number 50 [Tuesday, June 9, 1925], page 2, column 2

Baseball Dance To Be Held Tomorrow

Another booster dance will be staged at Pine Gardens for the benefit of the Iron Mountain Baseball association tomorrow evening, Manager Joe Andrews donating his hall to the team for the evening. Music and entertainment will be furnished by the Marigold Entertainers, the famous Des Moines broadcasting orchestra.

This is the second benefit dance staged at Pine Gardens to raise money for the team.

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DANCING ----at---- PINE GARDENS TONIGHT Music by The Marigold Serenaders

**The Red-Hottest Band that has ever
played at the Pines.**

[Large advertisement with additional information which was not copied.]

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GAS STATIONS ARE

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FLOURISHING HERE

Large Number But All Are Thriving Upon Heavy Traffic

Gas stations seemingly out of all proportion to the city's population, [sic] flourish in great numbers in and about **Iron Mountain**.

The motorist who runs out of gas or oil has not far to seek in almost any direction to replenish his supply.

Though operating in great numbers, the business does not languish in any of these service stations which cater to an almost incessant traffic not only of the city and surrounding towns and villages, but to tourists.

The youth of the neighboring towns and country places congregate almost nightly at **Pine Gardens and The Nightengale [sic – Nightingale]**, largest dance halls in the upper peninsula, and the number of cars parked outside these two large neighboring amusement places, [sic] is scarcely fewer than the number of dancers inside.

Crystal Falls, Iron River, Ironwood, Escanaba, Channing, Witch Lake[,] Sagola, Humboldt, Champion and Republic, [sic] are represented, as well as the city and villages of **Iron Mountain**.

The week-end [sic – weekend] tourist procession through Iron Mountain and the villages represents the entire upper peninsula, and [sic – and] creates the heaviest demand on the service stations.

All of the trade, however, does not come from outside. The number of cars owned and operated in Iron Mountain and the villages is probably greater than in any other city in the upper peninsula.

An extraordinary heavy bus traffic having its nucleus in the city also contributes to the gas business.

5,800 Licenses Issuel [sic – Issued]

New licenses issued at the county court house since the first of the year numbers about 5,800, and showed a turnover of about 700 used cars.

Three oil companies are represented in this district, namely the **Standard Oil, Union Oil, and Wadham Oil**, the latter represented by **G. Bertoldi and Sons**.

The **Standard Oil company** has **four filling stations**. These are located at Stephenson avenue and "B" street, the North Side, Carpen- [sic – Carpenter – evidently a line missing here] Norway [sic]. It has two [sic – has two] leased stations at Kingsford and Norway, rents out about 25 pumps, and supplies between ten and fifteen dealers.

The **Union Oil company** operates **four owned stations and supplies about 25 pumps, operating at strategic points throughout the Iron Mountain district**.

Bertoldi and Sons own **four stations**, which are located at 901 Stephenson avenue, Flesheim [sic – Fleshiem] street and Stephenson avenue, Norway, and Niagara, Wis. They **rent out about 15 pumps and supply about the same number of dealers**.

Each of these companies has a new station in process of building and will go on building as long as the heavy demand exists, representatives of the companies say.

The gas, oil and accessories business handled by **Bertoldi and Sons** during the last year showed a fifty per cent increase over that of the year before, and the business of the year before, in turn, showed a ninety per cent increase over its predecessor, Mr. Bertoldi said.

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Union Oil and Standard Oil representatives say that their businesses show a similar high tide of prosperity.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Tuesday, December 1, 1925], page 2, column 4

FIRE LADDIES ARE PREPARING FOR BIG DANCE

Promise Some Time At An- nual Hop At Pine Gardens

Put the matches on the top shelf Saturday night, December 12. Clean the chimney before Saturday night, December 12. Throw away the oily rags, hide the kerosene, bank down the furnace and keep everything under control, because you're apt not to get too much attention if you start a fire Saturday night, December 12.

It's the night of the annual firemen's ball.

They're shining up their buttons, oiling up their joints and limbering up their "dogs" for the big event.

The firemen's ball this year will be given at Pine Gardens. The hall will be attractively and appropriately decorated. Cavi's Cats will deck the guard rails and grind out the serenade. There will be old dances and new - from the graceful, sweeping curves of the quadrille to the shuffling, sliding, slipping antics of the Charleston. It will be a night of nights, and the next day's Sunday.

Already over 150 tickets have been sold by the firemen, and there are 11 more days to go.

"We want to pack 'em in this year and we'll guarantee that once they're in, they won't want to get out," said one fireman this morning.

Tickets can be secured from members of the fire or police departments.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 124 [Saturday, September 3, 1927], page 2, columns 6-8 [Advertisement]

PINE GARDENS
Sunday Night
Carolina Collegians
Presentation Band from Ringling
Theatre, Baraboo, Wis.

LABOR DAY, SEPT. 5

Annual Anniversary Ball
*Chicago Blew Blowers
Of Chicago*

A Whirlwind of Jazz From the Shores of
Lake Michigan.

Famous for their successes at the Aragona and Trianon Ballrooms, Chicago. Also played for a number of University functions, including Northwestern and the Washington Prom, University of Chicago, as well as various country clubs and ballrooms throughout Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

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Don't miss this opportunity of hearing one of the best orchestras in America. The admission price is the same as usual.

LADIES FREE GENTLEMEN \$1.00

BUS AND TAXI SERVICE SUNDAY
AND MONDAY

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 49 [Monday, June 8, 1931], page 1, column 1

Pine Gardens Dancing Pavilion Is Leveled By Blaze

RESIDENCE OF OWNER SAVED AFTER BATTLE

**Loss Is Estimated To Be
Between \$30,000 And
\$35,000**

CAUSE IS UNKNOWN

**Flames Were Noticed At
About 3 O'Clock
This Morning**

Fire of unknown origin, starting at about 3 o'clock this morning, levelled the Pine Gardens dancing pavilion on highway U.S.-

2, five miles north of the city, with a loss estimated at from \$30,000 to \$35,000.

Nothing remained today but two battered, brick chimneys, rising out of the smouldering ruins, the charred spires of what once were two wooden pillars, and the short concrete posts which supported the floor of the dance hall.

Residence Is Saved.

Diligent work on the part of [*the*] Iron Mountain fire department and volunteers saved the new residence of Joe Andrews, proprietor, near the pavilion, although a small section of the roof was burned away and the north wall was seared by the heat.

Andrews, with members of his family and others who learned of the blaze, worked until about 8 o'clock this morning protecting nearby property.

Pine Gardens was open last evening with one of the several free dances that have been given there during the last few weeks. Two orchestras were on hand and a capacity crowd attended.

Tells of Fire.

Mrs. Andrews, wife of the proprietor[,] this morning told what she knew of the fire.

"My husband and I were in the pavilion until after the dance last night," she said. "We locked up the place at about 2:30 o'clock and went directly to our house.

"It was shortly after 3 o'clock, as nearly as I can recall, when some orchestra men who have been staying in one of the Nightingale cottages, across the road, came over and told us that our place was on fire.

"Mr. Andrews called the Iron Mountain fire department, but even then the blaze seemed to be spring [sic – springing] up all over the pavilion. Within 15 to 20 minutes the flames and smoke were pouring from every corner of the building, and the firemen, who had arrived in the meantime, centered their attention on our residence.

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"My husband tried to get into the dance hall to save some valuables, but the firemen would not let him in. By 4 o'clock this morning nothing more remained of the building than you can see right now."

Glass Is Melted.

The intense heat of the fire was evidenced by a mass of molten glass which marked the location of the corner of the building where the soft drinks were stored.

Around the glass, still glowing red with the undiminished heat, lay the twisted wreckage of what were once the counter fixtures, and other equipment in the soft drink annex on the south side of the pavilion. Only a few blackened bits of metal represented the somewhat elaborate array of booths in the annex.

The wood stove, used on cool evenings, lay bent and glazed in the smoking embers, while loose bricks, baked white, were scattered over the ground. A small supply of coke stores at the east end of the building still burned brightly at 8:30 o'clock this morning, but the rest was only dust and charcoal.

Destruction Complete.

Perhaps the best description of the complete demolition caused by the blaze was given by one bystander, who said: "one man could cleanup this mess with a rake." It was true, for aside from the cement floor supports, the few remaining heaps of brick, the stove and other metal objects, nothing whatever remained.

Pine Gardens was built during the summer of 1924 and opened early that fall. According to Mrs. Andrews' statement this morning, the original structure with later additions and improvement, represented an investment of between \$30,000 and \$35,000. Mrs. Andrews said she did not know the exact amount of insurance carried by her husband, but it is believed the loss is fairly well covered.

The Pine Gardens pavilion had enjoyed a consistent patronage, particularly for its Sunday night dances. Almost any Sunday night would find the parking space about the pavilion crowded with cars, and a crowd of dancers inside.

Mrs. Andrews did not indicate whether or not her husband plans to rebuild the structure.

SPREAD EAGLE DANCE PAVILION

Spread Eagle, Florence County,
Wisconsin

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 26 [Monday, May 11, 1925], page 2, column 1

NEW PAVILION IS OPENED SUNDAY

Many Inspect Enlarged Dance Hall at Spread Eagle

Informal opening of the new Spread Eagle dance pavilion was held last evening. Peterson's orchestra of Green Bay, featuring Rudie Koch, former radio entertainer from the Gimbel station of Milwaukee[,] playing the program. *[sic]*

The pavilion, which has been built on the island south of the old dance hall, is expected to take care of increased patronage according to Robert Dennis, son of the owner. The old hall proved too small. Some delay has been experienced in getting the windows and no date has been

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set for the formal opening, although another dance will be held next Sunday.

A large crowd inspected the hall last evening.

UNIDENTIFIED DANCE HALL

Harding Avenue, Kingsford

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, September 11, 1924], page 2, column 6

VILLAGE TO HAVE NEW DANCE HALL

\$20,000 Building Is Now Being Erected For Ishpeming Men

Construction work on a two-story building to contain a pool room and dance hall has been started in the village of Kingsford by Edward Ulseth, Calumet contractor, for Dennis brothers, of Ishpeming.

The building, which will be located on Harding ave., is to be 28x86 feet in size. In addition there will be a wing in front 20x38 feet that will contain a store room.

On the first floor will be located the pool room and the second floor will be given over to the dance hall and lounging rooms. The building will be of frame construction and is to cost approximately \$20,000. It will be completed about November 1.

UNIDENTIFIED DANCE HALL

Shady Island, Lake Antoine

The Daily News, Iron Mountain Centennial Edition [Friday, June 29, 1979]

John T. Jones was one of Iron Mountain's leading pioneers and early mining superintendents. Adjacent to the Jones home is a building that at one time or another has been a sewing factory, a dance hall and meeting room of the Eagles and currently headquarters for the Brauman Paper Co.

The Jones launch provided transportation to young people to the dance hall that was on the island. After Jones discontinued this service, Domenic Negro & Sons store continued providing this transportation along with a confectionery stand as an added feature.

[NOTE: Excerpted from *Scrapbook Memories of Dickinson County, Michigan – “A Tour of the North Side” by John Meyer and Lawrence Negro, pp. 244-258, ca. 1993]*

Dancing

Ann liked to dance and remembers at a popular dance hall called Benzo's Hall on sixth Avenue (now Fifth Street) and also at a dance hall on the island in Lake Antoine where it was fun getting there by boat.

Notes from presentation by Don and Nancy Bugni on Bugni's Island in Lake Antoine at the March 22, 2012 meeting of the Dickinson County Genealogical Society:

The dance hall was located on the north side of the island about two-thirds of the way down from the bridge. There are poplar trees there now which are different from the other trees on the island. Don

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mentioned that the launch to the island was from a flat rock or rock ledge where Charlie (Joyce) Peterson's house is now located. He said that Koffman, the owner of the outlet store (Peter Koffman's father) operated the launch in later years.

UNIDENTIFIED DANCE HALL

Quinnesec

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, _____
Year, Number _____ [Monday, April 28,
1924], page 1, column 6

Prosecutor Threatens To Put Ban On Sunday Dances

Drinking Orgy at Quin-
nesec Last Night Results
In Closing of Hall.

A ban may be placed on Sunday night dances throughout Dickinson county as a result of an orgy of drunkenness at Quinnesec last night, which resulted in the closing of the dance hall by Sheriff Frank Cleveland, it was stated today by Prosecutor Ray E. MacAllister.

The Quinnesec dance was closed after the views of several prominent residents of the town had been solicited by the sheriff and these men and women were found to be in hearty approval of the step.

Two Iron Mountain girls, described as about 20 years of age and attractive, figured in the alleged drinking bout which caused the closing of the dance. Cleveland, said [sic - Cleveland said,] ["These young women who attended the

dance with two youths about 15 years of age, were found in a drunken condition in the rear seat of an automobile parked back of the dance hall."] Several bottles of liquor had been spilled in the car, Cleveland said.

The sheriff stated than [sic - that] an investigation showed that a large number of dancers also were under the influence of liquor in varying degrees.

"We are going to try to put an end to affairs of this kind," declared Prosecutor MacAllister today. "We are going to go ahead and put the damper on all Sunday night public dances all through the county."

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, _____
Year, Number _____ [Monday, May 5,
1924], page 1, column 8

No Dance Last Night At Quinnesec Hall

Members of the sheriff's staff visited the Quinnesec dance hall last night to learn whether a dance was being staged. The hall was found dark and deserted, Sheriff Cleveland said. The dance was stopped a week ago last night following the discovery of two Iron Mountain young women in a drunken condition. The residents of Quinnesec informed the sheriff the dances were not approved of by them and the sponsors were ordered to discontinue them.

SANDSTROM DANCE PAVILION

Crystal Falls, Michigan

The Diamond Drill, Crystal Falls, Iron
County, Michigan, Volume 35, Number

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35 [Friday, September 8, 1922], page 8,
column 1

PERSONALS

A dance was given at the Sandstrom pavilion last Monday night and many were attracted there. The music was good and the order perfect. Mr. Sandstrom says he is going to insist on perfect deportment on the part of those who visit his pavilion.

The Diamond Drill, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, Volume 35, Number 36 [Friday, September 15, 1922], page 1, column 2

SANDSTROM BURNED OUT

House and Contents Devoured by Flames Early Sunday Morning

The house and household effects of Charles Sandstrom[,] who lives north of the Bristol mine, were burned last Sunday morning [*September 10, 1922*] about one o'clock. The family, with the exception of one small child, was in the pavilion near by [*sic – nearby*] where a dance was going on when the fire caught so it is not known definitely just how the fire originated but it is thought that a gasoline lamp exploded in the house.

Neither is the time of the fire's commencement known exactly, but it must have been just about the time that the dance ended for the flames were discovered by the dancers when they came out of the pavilion to go home.

The child was rescued and a few minor articles but everything of value in the line of furniture, clothes and supplies were consumed with the house.

The fire department was notified and the truck went to the scene of the blaze after much difficulty in getting the right information. The house was pretty well burned when the truck arrived on the scene but its presence insured the saving of the pavilion. The family took refuge in the pavilion which has been fixed up for living quarters.

There was but a small amount of insurance upon the building and its loss hits the Sandstrom family very hard.

WINTER GARDENS BALLROOM

[formerly the Northern Ballroom]

100-102 West Brown Street

East Brown Street and Merritt Avenue

Iron Mountain

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 180 [Tuesday, November 8, 1927], page 2, column 2

MANAGEMENT OF NORTHERN BALL ROOM CHANGED

Parmeles To Conduct Hall; Opening On Sat- urday Night

The management of the Nightengale pavilion, which is owned by the Parmeles, has taken over the Northern ball room [*sic – Ballroom*], corner of Merritt avenue and East Brown street, and will conduct it during the winter months, it was announced today.

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The ball room [*sic – ballroom*] will hereafter be known as the Winter Gardens and the opening has been set for Saturday night, with a special masquerade ball as the feature.

The hall has been re-decorated [*sic – redecorated*] and other new arrangements made for the convenience of the dancers. A number of social functions and parties have already been booked and several well known [*sic – well-known*] orchestras scheduled for appearances.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 220 [Tuesday, December 27, 1927], page 2, column 1

THREE HURT AS BALCONY RAIL IS BROKEN IN RUSH

Dancers Precipitated To Floor As Section Gives Way

Three girls were injured, two seriously, and several persons were stunned and escaped with only minor scratches and bruises when a section of the wooden railing on the balcony check-room [*sic – checkroom*] at the Winter Garden [*sic – Gardens*], formerly the Northern ballroom, gave way before a holiday jam, as the climax to a Christmas eve party hurling about 10 of the merrymakers to the floor below and throwing the home-bound party into confusion.

The injured, later removed to General hospital, were:

Miss Esther Korten, Kimberly avenue, left wrist fractured.

Miss Frances Kascin, 511 Quinnesec street, Iron Mountain, injuries to head, the extent of which have not yet been determined.

Miss Mildred Lindstrom, 156 Withworth avenue, East Kingsford, cut on head.

Miss Rena Manifor, South Stephenson avenue, landed on both knees, sustaining bruises and scratches.

Others caught in the fall were Thomas Hardgrove, 737 Cass avenue, Leo Mascotte and Homer Cayo. Several whose names could not be learned scrambled out of the melee, after the fall, and disappeared in the crowd before their identities could be learned.

Dances Had Finished.

It was as the strains of "Home Sweet Home," concluding the Christmas eve festivities, were dying away that the crowd which almost packed the dance floor surged towards both stairways leading to the balcony and checkroom, laughing and pushing their way as they scrambled for their wraps. Meeting in front of the checkroom [*sic – checkroom*] window, the two lanes of jostling humanity struggled for a place at the window, weaving back and forth as the departing ones, laden with wraps, elbowed their way out of the oncoming mob.

Suddenly there was a crash and a thud, as eight feet of the center section of the railing gave way and the first of the victims struck the floor about 10 feet below. There was a moment's tense silence, then screams as one after another of the 10 or more who had been jammed against that part of the railing fell to the ballroom floor.

Some leaped to their feet or rolled away from the center of the mix-up. The Misses Korten and Lindstrom were helped to their feet, Miss Korten gripping her broken wrist and Miss Lindstrom visibly in pain from the

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cut on here head. Miss Kascin lay quite still on the floor.

The injured girls were assisted into waiting automobiles and taken to General hospital, as others stood about rubbing their bruises and nursing minor injuries. Police assisted in quieting the crowd.

Injury Not Critical.

Miss Kascin was still unconscious when she arrived at the hospital, and did not revive until early Sunday morning. Although it is known that she received a severe blow on the back of her head it is not believed that her skull is fractured.

Miss Lindstrom, with a cut on the back of her head, left the hospital shortly after her injury had been dressed. Miss Korten stayed overnight and was taken to her home yesterday noon.

Miss Kascin seemed comfortable this morning as she lay in her bed at the hospital, relating her experience to friends.

"It all happened so quickly that I really don't remember very much of it," she said. "I know that I was standing right against the wall, near the check-room [*sic – checkroom*] window. I can remember being suddenly pushed away from the wall towards the railing, and I can't recall anything after that. I don't remember being taken to the hospital, and the first I knew, after having been pushed, was when I awoke here Sunday morning."

Miss Kascin was emphatic in declaring that the crowd was pushing and jostling as it surged toward the check-room [*sic – checkroom*] window, and that the men and girls were bumped back and forth between the railing and the wall of the check-room [*sic – checkroom*].

Thomas Hardgrove, 21, employed at the Triangle Gas company's station on South Carpenter avenue, told much the same story.

Landed On Side.

"I guess I was one of the first to go over," he said. "I landed on my side and rolled over quick, to get away from the others that were falling around me. I saw Leo Mascotte on the floor, and saw someone tumble right down on him. Then I got up and when I turned around again others were picking themselves up and scrambling out of the way. Although I do not know the exact number who fell, I would say there were about 10."

Miss Manifor, who escaped with only minor bruises, landed on her hands and knees.

Gale F. Parmelee, of F.E. Parmelee and sons [*sic – & Sons*], owners and managers of the Nightingale dancing pavilion and who have leased the Winter Gardens for a five-months season, from the Worden-Allen company, gave his version of the accident this morning.

"The platform and railing at the Winter Gardens is a substantial wooden structure," he said. "The railing is bolted to the steel girders supporting the walls and roof of the building, and is further strengthened by angle irons bolted to the uprights supporting the balcony floor.

"No ordinary pressure could have broken away any part of that railing," Mr. Parmelee continued, "but the crowd that rushed into the narrow passageway, pushing, laughing and apparently unmindful of the scramble that resulted, was more than enough to tax the strength of an even stronger support. There must easily have been 75 or 80 people on the balcony and they were all pushing about in effort to get their wraps and get out."