

New Regal Theatre Opens

Mayor Presides at Ceremony

Offers Congratulations of Gosford

Opening of the new Regal Theatre in Mann and Donnison Streets on Tuesday night was a gala occasion for Gosford and district, the magnificent building being filled by a most appreciative gathering. The formal opening was performed by Mrs. E. J. T. Brennan, after the Mayor, Ald. W. C. Grahame, had congratulated Mr. Brennan on his courage and enterprise.

Standing out effectively in the radiance of soft flood lights, its big two color neon sign facing north and south, the Regal Theatre was majestic and impressive. The merry music of the Gosford Band gave the festive touch fitting to the occasion.

Long before the opening hour hundreds of interested sightseers were thronging the foyer, the grand staircase, the spacious lounge, the roof garden, the "Crying Room," and all the other novelties. They admired the rich blending of colors, the perfect unseen and channel lighting, the costly soft carpets, the luxurious seating, the clear view from all parts of the interior. The clarity and wonderful reproduction of the R.C.A. High Fidelity projection and sound equipment afforded further proof of absolute modernity. This equipment brings out the entire range of frequencies and creates the illusion of actual voices of real actors.

A thoughtful feature was the provision of "Sonatone," deaf-aids in certain seats which proved a great boon to those hard of hearing.

"A Star Is Born," a full technical film, proved a triumph of reproduction and sound. Janet Gaynor and Fredric March were the co-stars. It would be hard to imagine a finer or more ambitious film to serve as a demonstration of the sound, lighting, and comfort facilities of the Regal.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Mayor of Gosford, Ald. Grahame, expressed his pleasure at taking part in the opening ceremony in connection with the new theatre, the finest building in Gosford and the best in any country town in New South Wales. The citizens of Gosford had been gratified at the spending of such a large amount of money in the town, and they appreciated the courage shown by Mr. Brennan in such a big investment of capital which also demonstrated his confidence in the future of Gosford. He, the Mayor, believed that Mr. Brennan would undoubtedly reap his reward in the future, possibly not for 12 months or even three years, but certainly thereafter. They had only to remember the future of this glorious district, the abounding possibilities in Brisbane Water and Tuggerah Lakes, to realise that it was marked out as the unsurpassed playground of the State. It was only a matter of wise judgment in the future and the judicious spending of the money at the disposal of those in control of the town and district to bring about a splendid result. Even judging from the progress made during the last two or three years, fears that there would not be room in Gosford for two picture theatres were unjustified and there was reason for believing that both would be prosperous.

Continuing, the Mayor pointed out that they had been promised the commencement of the bridge at Peat's Ferry early next year and a high railway official had stated that the electrification of the railway line to Newcastle, with Gosford as the first section, would also be begun. Electrification would bring them within an hour of Newcastle, and make them practically a suburb of the great metropolis, Sydney. It was the part of the people to make the best possible use of the magnificent opportunities in store for Gosford and district. With the erection of the bridge and the electrification of the railway, it would be impossible to foresee the possibilities which would open.

"I congratulate you, Mr. Brennan, on the courage you have shown in the erection of this theatre, and the great capital outlay it represents. I have visited the Capitals of the different States and I can assure you that it will bear comparison with their finest theatres in comfort and in its absolute up-to-date character in every way." (Loud applause.)

BUILDER'S TRIBUTE

Mr. W. Drinkwater, who was in charge of the building of the theatre, expressed his appreciation of the tributes received on the new building, but emphasised that the credit must be shared by all the workers, collectively and individually, no matter how much or how little their effort had contributed. To each he owed a great debt of gratitude while recognising that the whole achievement had been made possible by the capital invested by Mr. Brennan. In the beginning of the work, Mr. Brennan had instructed him to employ as many local men as possible and to buy the materials in the town and district. The whole of the building had been carried out on those lines. Mr. Drinkwater then mentioned various firms who had supplied materials.

R.C.A. PROJECTION PRAISED

Mr. Mowand, representing the R.C.A. projection and sound equipment, said that other speakers had congratulated Mr. Brennan on the new building. But he wished to congratulate the people of Gosford on having such an addition to the town. Mr. Brennan had shown himself a man of vision and courage. This was the second occasion on which he had spoken at the opening of a new Brennan theatre in this district, the other time being at the opening of the Astra Theatre in Wyong.

He agreed with the Mayor's remarks regarding the possibilities of prosperity for both theatres in Gosford. The establishment of Gosford as a centre of amusement created a

desire and brought people in to enjoy the facilities. Bondi Junction provided an object lesson in this regard. A new picture theatre was built opposite an existing theatre, and people predicted that the old theatre would close in six months. But not only had the new theatre proved incapable of holding all its would-be patrons, but the old theatre had drawn more business than ever before. Nothing kept visitors in a town more than the provision of entertainment. Good hotel accommodation and adequate attractive theatres built up both town and district. Mr. Brennan had provided the means of keeping people in Gosford.

"SECOND TO NONE IN WORLD"

As the representative of the R.C.A., he wished to assure them that in the new theatre they had an equipment second to none in the Commonwealth or in the world. In order to illustrate that fact, he could tell them that the same equipment was installed in the Radio City Theatre in New York, which seated 6500. It was also used in another American theatre which held 4600, in the Empire theatre in London, in the new Metro-Goldwyn theatres in South Africa and in Brisbane. The R.C.A. used in the Regal Theatre was the highest possible sound reproduction. (Applause.)

Mr. Brennan, who was loudly applauded, briefly expressed his thanks to the speakers and to all present for their support that night, and in the past.

Mrs. Brennan then cut the cord and declared the theatre open. Flashlights flared out and bouquets and baskets of beautiful flowers were heaped in profusion on the stage.

TELEGRAMS AND FLOWERS

The Mayor said that he held telegrams of congratulations to Mr. Brennan from the eleven film distributors in Sydney.

The floral tributes were afterwards placed in the lounge and were surrounded by admirers. A superb basket of blossom, with the word "Regal" on it, had been sent from

Scenic League

GOOD PROGRESS SHOWN

Meeting of the Coastal Scenic Road League for September was held at Mr. T. B. Newson's cottage, MacMaster's Beach, on Saturday, Sept. 11. The President, Mr. T. Humphrey, was in the chair. Mr. Humphrey proposed and Mr. D. Chalmers seconded, that the Secretary write Woy Woy Council and request them to affiliate with the Scenic Road League, as it would be to the mutual advantage of both bodies, also to write Mr. R. B. Walker, M.L.A., and request him to use his influence re the construction of road from Patonga Beach along the Northern Shore of the Hawkesbury River, and from that shore by vehicular ferry to Brooklyn.

A letter from Mr. Wallent, President of Wamberal Progress Association, was read, re suggestions of uniform road signs and after discussion it was decided to bring the matter up at the next meeting.

Mr. Humphrey proposed and Mr. T. Newson seconded, that copies of the Constitution be sent to each Progress Association, and that any suggested alterations be brought forward at the November meeting.

Re resumption of land at the Maitland Bay Lookout, Mr. A. Newson proposed and Mr. D. Chalmers seconded, that the Secretary again write the Council, to see if steps had been taken to secure the suggested site.

The Scenic Road League trusts that all members and friends will turn out to make the Social and Dance on Saturday at Avoca Beach a great success.

Sydney by special messenger from the Film Distributors. Beautiful masses of flowers bore cards from the staffs of the Prince Edward Theatre, The Entrance, and the Astra Theatre, Wyong. Among the other bouquets and baskets were those from Mrs. Akhurst, Misses Warner, Rose, Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Scott, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Seargent, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bate-

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