

Island Fashion Revue Intrigues Eyes



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Spirit of Catalina and Her Attendants

A Catalina fashion revue before the throne of King Neptune was a feature of yesterday's Casino opening. A huge "Pleasure Chest" was opened and the first beauty to emerge was the Spirit of Catalina, portrayed by Miss Tyrene Crouch. Her attendants were Miss Dorothy Barnett and Miss Florence Gillette.

CATALINA CASINO OPENED

*Thousands Visit Island for Dedication of Great
\$2,000,000 Theater and Dance Building*

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AVALON, May 29.—The gala opening of the \$2,000,000 casino commemorating ten years of the ownership of Catalina Island by William Wrigley, Jr., today brought to this paradise isle 10,000 preholiday visitors. The memorial casino, which had its formal opening this afternoon, is one of the unique structures of Southern California.

The dedication ceremony was pre-#ball in the dance room of the new pavilion.

CIRCULAR BUILDING

The casino is said to be the only theater building erected on a complete circular plan, receiving patrons at its doors from seaplanes, yachts and motor cars. It is twelve stories in height, yet comprising but two. It has 20,000 square feet of circular dance floor and accommodates 3000 couples. A series of ramps affords access to the ballroom on the upper floor, with a promenade deck overlooking the sea and encircling the entire building. Submarine scenic murals are painted directly on concrete. Dancing is free to the public, for the building has not been built for investment or to pay expenses.

Tonight the grand ballroom saw the entrance of the leading members of the motion-picture world. Shortly before the dedication dance began the steamer plying between the mainland and Catalina brought over 200 of the most prominent members of the Hollywood motion-picture colony, who joined in the dedication ceremonies.

BUILDING INSPECTED

Following the address the hundreds of visitors were given their first view of the structure erected on Sugar Loaf Point by the chewing-gum magnate, and during the afternoon viewed the theater, the expensive ballroom and the various features designed to accommodate the vacation public.

Tonight thousands of colored lights focused from points on the mountain side shed multicolored beams across the bay, as visitors to the island attended the opening