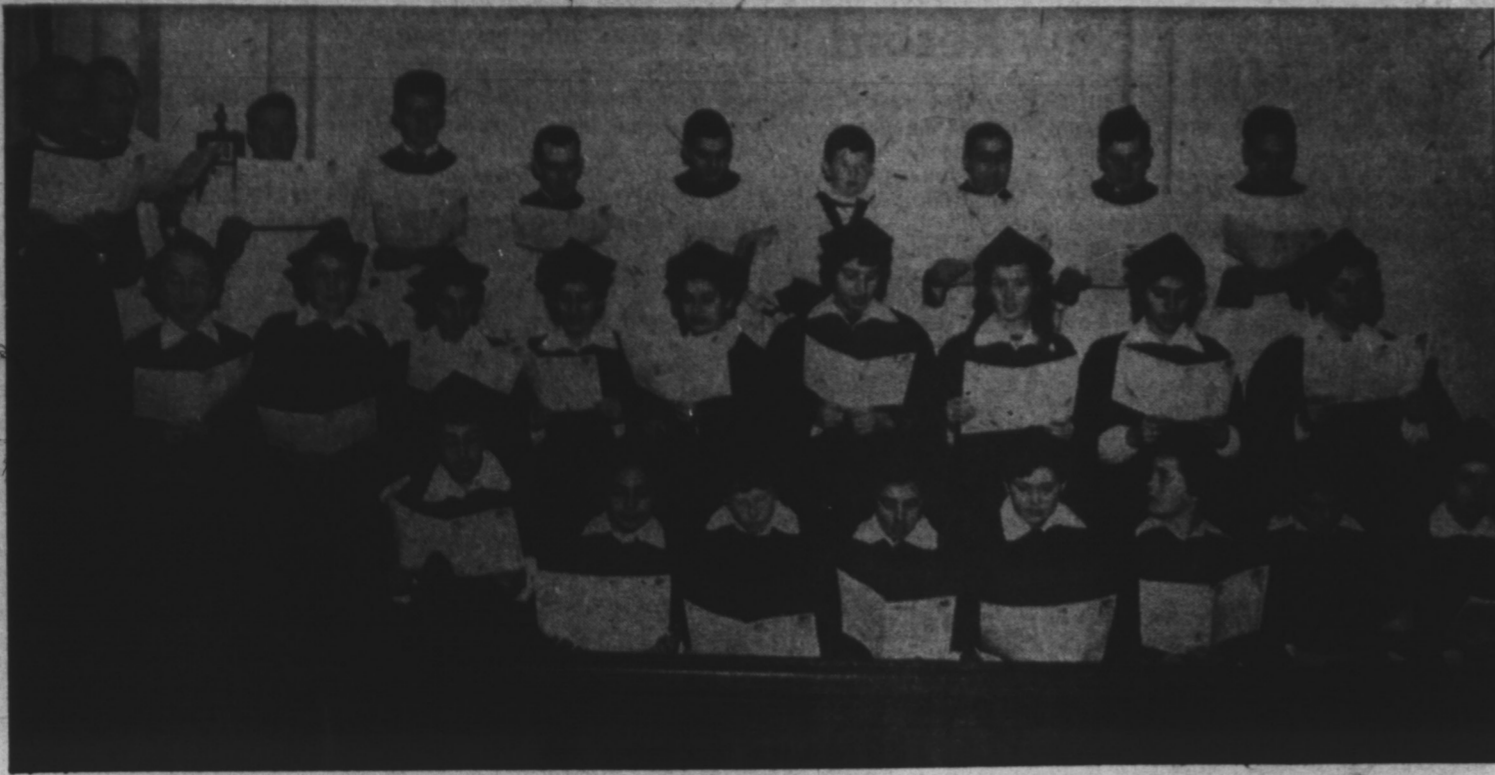


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Shimmy Queen Dies in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Shimmy queen Gilda Gray, sex symbol of the giddy roaring twenties, died of a heart attack Tuesday while visiting a friend.

She collapsed at the apartment of Miss Gilda Rialo on Hollywood Boulevard and was dead when an ambulance arrived.

The dancing star of Shubert musicals, Ziegfeld Follies and the silent screen was always coy about her age. Friends said she was 60.

Like bathtub gin, near beer and other phenomena of the jazz age, Miss Gray was a symbol of that wild and woolly era — dancing in a short, spangled dress atop a speakeasy table.

And like those symbols, the

five-foot, four-inch blonde passed into obscurity as the depression made more and more people feel less and less like dancing on sa-loon tables.

She talked frequently of stag-ing a comeback. As late as five years ago she talked of a night club act, saying: "It will be a

big act, honey, something big." But it never materialized. She was living in a furnished room when she died.

Al Jolson called Miss Gray "queen of the shimmy dancers." She originated the dance in a Milwaukee cafe.

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RCAF Maritime Air Command Saw Rapid Expansion In '59

HALIFAX (CP)—Maritime Air Command, the RCAF's defensive arm against submarine attack, expanded faster in 1959 than in any other year in its 21-year history.

A year-end review issued here Tuesday said a \$14,500,000 building program saw new facilities established at the three east coast bases at Greenwood, N.S., Summerside, P.E.I., and Torbay, Nfld.

About 4,000 airmen, airwomen and civil servants now serve in RCAF anti-submarine forces on the Atlantic coast and at Comox, B.C.

New aircraft were introduced during the year. The giant 148,000-pound Argus submarine hunter came into use at Greenwood. Neptune patrol bombers replaced venerable Lancasters at Summerside and Comox.

**NEW HANGARS**  
The bulk of the construction money was used to build new hangars to house the larger planes at Greenwood and Summerside. Work at Greenwood also included 100 housing units for married personnel, three trailer courts, school and water and drainage facilities.

Returning from a goodwill trip to Australia, an Argus from Greenwood set a Canadian distance flying record. It flew 4,900 miles from Hawaii to North Bay, Ont., non-stop without carrying extra fuel or refuelling in flight.

Maritime Command also carried out its usual search and rescue operations on the Atlantic coast. During 1959 pilots and crews took part in 196 missions involving ships, planes, air evacuations and miscellaneous emergencies.

The year's largest search was that for the ill-fated Danish ship Hans Hedtoft, which struck an iceberg and sank south of Greenland Jan. 30. Ninety-five persons

perished and no trace of them was found. The week-long hunt was directed from the RCAF base at Torbay, Nfld.

Planes of the U.S. and Danish air forces and the U.S. Navy joined RCAF aircraft in the search, assisted by German, Danish and U.S. ships.

**MUSEUM DESTROYED**  
LUENEBURG, Germany. (AP) Fire Tuesday night destroyed the old trading house here, built more than 300 years ago by the medieval Hanseatic League of merchants. The museum was established after the war and included priceless hunters' trophies and a collection of valuable paintings.

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