

Lloyd Thompson



Lloyd Thompson, is seen handing over the Mamiya-RB-67 camera to new owner and town photographer, Jim Terry. Jim will be the new owner effective tomorrow, Sat Oct. 1. Mr. Thompson well known in his trade will be remaining as a consultant to the new owner. See story for details.

Picton's famed photographer sells out

By RODDY TURPIN

"A portrait hangs in Buckingham Palace, others hang in embassies and still others in the county" said, Lloyd Thompson recently prior to handing the ties of his business to its new owner, James Terry.

Mr. Thompson, a member of the Picton community for the past 17 years, winds up the business at closing time tonight. Tomorrow, a new era will dawn for the photographer, one of consultation with the new owner, and later, he'll have a book published of pictures of Anglican Churches in Ontario.

"Not all the churches will be photographed" said Mr. Thompson. He plans to do more of the rural churches, which have an interesting setting to them, but some other churches will also be photographed.

The book, which will be in black and white, will be published by a Belleville printing firm. Mr. Thompson would not say who the printer would be. He is not being provided with funds from the church but is applying for a Canada Council grant. "So far, I have invested \$2,000 in the project" he added.

During the press conference, the new owner, Jim Terry, of Kingston, was introduced. The 28 year-old native of Belleville has had no formal training in photography but rather "I have trained myself" he adds.

Although he does not anticipate too many changes he does hope to improve the dark room, put in new window displays and remain open every day of the week but Sunday.

"I intend to do all aspects of photography and in the future learn how to do color processing". At present the photographer has been developing his own black and white, but, sending away color film.

It is also Mr. Terry's intention to later repair cameras and make a sideline out of it. At present he does not intend to sell camera supplies but will continue to sell frames as does the present owner.

Terry has another partner in the firm, who was not present during the Tuesday afternoon meeting. Joe Waymark, 27, of Belleville, although not active in the business at present, will share the business on a 50/50 basis. At present the partner is with Bell Canada in Belleville as an installer. He is married and has a daughter.

The owners plan to retain Linda Haight as secretary. Linda has been with Mr. Thompson for the past five-and-a-half years.

Mr. Thompson will continue as a broadcast correspondent for Belleville CJBQ radio station for the present.

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