

## To Scatter Seeds of Wild Flowers, Trees, Near Here

Albert Servais, who Makes a Hobby of Collecting, to Seed Immediate District with Flowers, Shrubs, Trees Gathered in his Travels. Has Over 600 Varieties. An Unusual Hobby.

Five years from now if you happen to be out walking in the bush near Timmins and discover a young chestnut tree, a walnut tree, a few wild apple trees, or some oaks, or even some strange wild flowers—don't be surprised. Almost anything is likely to spring up from this Northern soil. At least the district is going to be given some sort of chance at having a little variation in its flora.

Hundreds of varieties of seed will be scattered around the countryside within the next short time by a man whose great hobby is collecting. Arthur Servais, of 111 Pine street north, has something like 600 varieties of wild flowers, wild fruits and hardwood tree seeds; all of them he will scatter on the soft spring soil of this district. They have been carefully preserved and are quite capable of growing, Mr. Servais believes.

Easily the most enthusiastic collector in Northern Ontario, Mr. Servais' activities in this hobby run to almost anything you can imagine anyone collecting. If it's odd, then the most likely place to find it in Timmins would be in his boxes and trunks of treasures. He's had more than an average chance to indulge in collecting, for his work has taken him through most of the Eastern United States and Canada. A gunsmith by trade, he has a mechanical aptitude that can be applied to almost anything and he has the patience of a real artisan when it comes to working in metal, wood or ivory.

Carefully identified His seed collection, soon to be thrown to the four winds, is contained in 600 little boxes, bottles and tins, all containing—inside, so there is no danger of getting them mixed—identifying slips of paper that tell him not only what the seed is but where it was obtained. A healthy interest in botany over a large number of years has brought to the collection (to name a few of the varieties): wild flowers, balm, lilies, walnuts, chestnuts, horse chestnuts, hickory nuts, acorns, beech nuts, sassafras, grapes, locusts, Osage oranges, wild plums from Lake Huron, wild cherries, blackthorns, hawthorns, wild crab apples, wild apples, lily maples, blue and black beeches, southern hazels, sumac, elderberries, brambles, raspberries, May apples, vine patches, Vermont loganberries, black climbing raspberries.

The North is supposed by many to have too rigorous a climate for plants and trees of this kind. Doubtless many of the seeds will die. But if even a few varieties live and are healthy, it will mean a great deal to horticulture in the North. There are many kinds of trees that will grow here, but it is claimed they are too slow in reaching a decent size.

Still Lots Left When Mr. Servais' collections are reduced by the throwing away of the seeds, he still has plenty to occupy his attention. He can tell the whole history of every one of the 300 firearms in his display that carries the development of pistols, revolvers, rifles and shotguns through from early muzzle-loading days to the most modern types.

Key winding watches, of French, Swiss and American makes, make another interesting division in his treasures. Old silver spoons, knives, swords, bayonets and razors contribute to another section. Sea shells, fossils and agates, gathered through a lifetime of travel and intelligent interest in surroundings are side by side with ivory carvings, some of which have been done by himself. A hand made cabinet contains many of the smaller items of the collection.

Then there is a collection of old coins and medals Mr. Servais does not keep with the rest of his collections. They are rated high in catalogue value. Coming back to natural things again, Mr. Servais has four hundred species of wood, many of them grown in extraordinary shapes. Some have been made into canes to take their place in a collection of old walking sticks.

## Orillia Handles Peddlers Without Any Kid Gloves

The Simcoe Reformer in an editorial note last week says:— "The town of Orillia does not handle peddlers with kid gloves. The Orillia council has doubled its rates for non-resident peddlers. The fee for local peddlers remains at \$125, covering one truck and one salesman, but for non-residents the fee is now \$250. To establish residence under the by-law one must live in Orillia for one year. Peddlers selling wares for 25 cents and under on foot must pay a \$25 license if they live outside the town and \$5 if they are residents. Simcoe Town Council might well take heed of Orillia's example. The peddler problem has become a serious one, especially to local merchants, who deserve every possible protection. The only way to curb this menace is by the imposition and collection of stiff fees."

## Pembroke Observer:—Rumours that Germany has floated a loan of \$425,000,000 in Great Britain would not indicate that a war is expected between these two powers in the near future.

## Sudbury Star:—Spring greeting:— "Here's mud in your eye!"

## Wins Stage Fame



EVA LANGBORD  
Ambition realized, pretty Eva Langbord, who left Toronto six months ago to seek fame on the stage, returns in triumph to her native city playing in Maxwell Anderson's prize play, "Winterset."

## Children's Health Clinic at Schumacher on May 15th

The Children's Health Conference will be held in the basement of the Public School, Schumacher, Ont., on Friday, May 15th, from 3 to 5 p.m. All mothers with their babies and pre-school children are invited to attend.

## Suggests Broadcast Station at Amos, Que

Frank Blais, M.P., Complains About Powerful Mexican Station Stopping Reception in North.

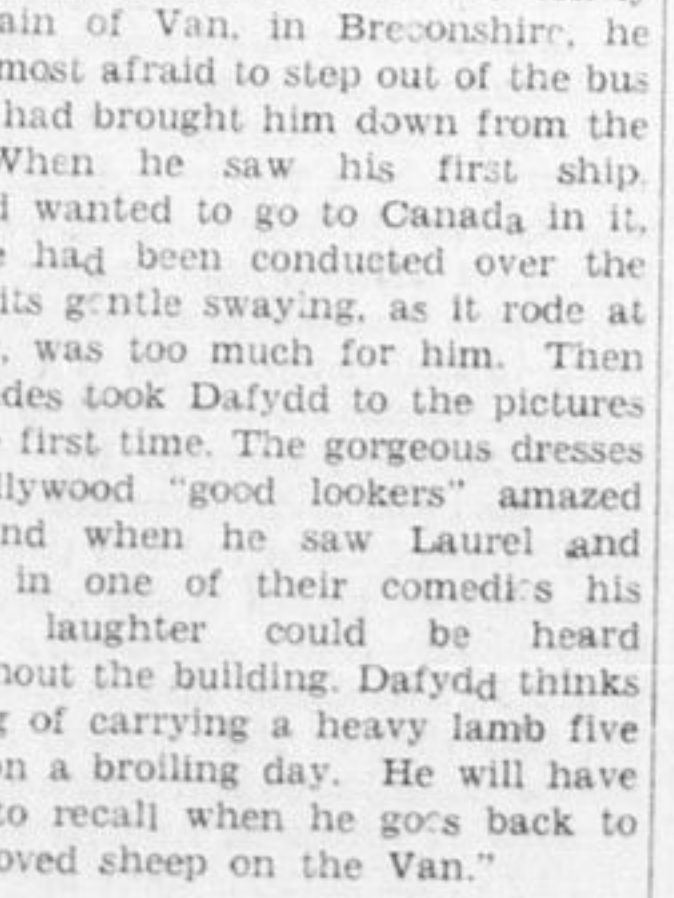
One of the features of the sittings last week of the House committee on radio at Ottawa was an address by Frank Blais, M.P., for Chapeau riding, Northwestern Quebec. Mr. Blais is an Independent Liberal and resides at Amos. The chief point he made was that when a powerful Mexican station is on the air the northern areas of Ontario and Quebec are unable to hear Montreal or Toronto stations. The remedy he proposed for this was the establishment of a broadcasting station at Amos.

Mr. Blais said there was a wide area covered by his riding and the population was rapidly growing. His fellow-members in the North, he said, had told him the same conditions prevailed throughout. Radios he suggested were in many cases the only means of daily contact with the world for a large section of the North. This was especially true of the mining centres of North-western Quebec. However, when the 500,000-watt Mexican station was on the air listeners in these districts could not get Canadian stations. They could hear United States stations all right, but wanted a link with the Canadian stations so that a constant service from radio networks would be available.

## Eighty-Year-Old Gentleman Amazed at Ladies of 1936

From the "Chronicle News Bits," written specially for The Huntingdon Gleaner, the following paragraph in last week's collection is taken:— "Eighty-year-old Dafydd Jacob, lonely Welsh mountain shepherd, has a lot of shocks when he paid his first visit to a town for sixty years. But the biggest shock of all was when he saw women bathers at Swansea. "I'd like to smack them," he said in Welsh—he cannot speak English—and then his indignation turned to wonderment that people, especially women, dared to venture into such a mass of water. When he arrived in Swansea from the lonely mountain of Van, in Breconshire, he was almost afraid to step out of the bus which had brought him down from the hill. When he saw his first ship, Dafydd wanted to go to Canada in it, but he had been conducted over the vessel its gentle swaying, as it rode at anchor, was too much for him. Then his guides took Dafydd to the pictures for the first time. The gorgeous dresses of Hollywood "good lookers" amazed him and when he saw Laurel and Hardy in one of their comedies his hearty laughter could be heard throughout the building. Dafydd thinks nothing of carrying a heavy lamb five miles on a broiling day. He will have much to recall when he goes back to his beloved sheep on the Van."

## DOG GONE IT ANYHOW, WHAT KIND OF A BIRD IS IT?



KING, THE POLICE DOG, AND THE "WHAT IS IT?"  
King, a police dog in Chicago, has a new friend—a bird. But the trouble is no one seems to know what kind of a bird it is. Even the ornithologists admit they're stumped. Perhaps these few facts may enlighten you. The bird has a very long beak, very long toes, virtually no tail, is gray-brown in colour and shows a decided tendency to eat apples. Now guess what it is!

## Golf Directors are Re-elected at Meet

E. N. Ward is Captain, A. W. Pickering Vice-Captain for New Season.

Timmins golfers organized for the season on Thursday evening when the annual meeting of the Timmins Golf Club was held. Directors of last year were re-elected: John Knox R. J. Ennis, W. H. Pritchard, Dr. H. H. Moore, and W. R. Rinn. The directors will meet to choose their own officers.

E. N. Ward is captain this year and A. W. Pickering is vice-captain. The action of the club in engaging William Spittal as professional for the year was approved by the meeting. Mr. Spittal arrived in town Thursday night.

Fees are to be the same as last year: family membership, \$50; married couples, \$45; men \$35; ladies \$20; juniors \$3.00.

Membership dues are payable by May 21st, it was decided at the meeting. Former members of the club will be given first chance up to that time. After that they will have to take their chances along with new members. The club has now almost as many members as it can well provide proper accommodation for.

## May 21st and May 22nd the Dates for "Sunshine Lane"

With rehearsals nearing their close now, those who have to do with the producing of "Sunshine Lane" at the United Church hall on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 21st and 22nd, are looking forward to a big success. The three-act play will be even more amusing than the one put on last year by the Young People's Society, it is predicted.

Tickets may be obtained from any member of the society.

## T. & N. O. Time Table to be Revised, Effective May 17

Changes in the T. & N. O. time table that were to have gone into effect on May 10th have been set on to May 17th, it has been announced. The morning "local" to North Bay will leave 35 minutes later than previously, except on Sunday, when it will leave at 8:30 a.m. for convenience of those travelling on Sunday.

The Toronto trains will remain on their present schedule.

Ottawa Journal:—A New York murderer has been identified by a piece of string left on the scene of his atrocious crime. Not all the sound detective work is in the fiction magazines.

## T. & N. O. Adding Two Up-to-Minute Engines

New Passenger Locomotives Latest Type. Similar in Detail to Those Just Placed on Big U.S.A. Railway. T. & N. O. Engines Canadian-made as Usual. Specially Adapted for Conditions.

When the T. & N. O. accepts delivery of two new passenger engines, it will have the best power equipment possessed by any railroad on the continent. More speed, and more power, together with greater operating economy, will feature the new engines, now under construction.

Similar in almost every detail to five "4-8-4" type locomotives placed in service on the Chesapeake and Ohio within the past few weeks, they will be by far the biggest and fastest ever to operate in the North. The C. & O. engines haul express trains over two mountain ranges from Hinton, West Virginia, to Charlottesville, West Virginia, a distance of 175 miles. Certain mechanical details of the design will be modified to suit Northern railway conditions.

Total weight of one engine is 447,000 pounds; each tender weighs 381,700 pounds, making a total of 828,700 pounds. The eight drivers are each six feet in diameter. Boilers are built to operate at 250 pounds. The tender carries 22,000 gallons of water and 25 tons of coal. Expected cylinder horsepower development is 5000.

One of the most important features of the new type locomotives is the boiler. "It has the most liberal boiler proportions of any locomotive built on this continent," an article in Railway Age stated recently. Superheater and feedwater heater are included in the specifications.

When railway authorities placed the order for the two passenger train locomotives, they also contracted for air-conditioned coaches. When the new equipment is all in use, the T. & N. O. will be second to none on the continent in the matter of comfort.

## Noted Canadian Choir to Tour Britain and Continent

Canadian singers will be heard this summer in some of the leading Spas of Europe, and Canadian tourists to the number of several hundred will accompany them, according to plans now completed for a European tour of the famous Canadian Choir of Brantford, a unit of 60 trained voices, under the baton of its founder-conductor, Frederic Lord.

The choir, which a few years ago undertook a trip to Blackpool, England, and acquitted itself with distinction in the Musical Festival of that city, completing with a great concert in Royal Albert Hall, London, under the patronage of His Late Majesty, King George V, has had a notable career. In the Province of Ontario they have presented many concerts, as well as radio broadcasts over the Canadian Radio

Commission's coast-to-coast network. They have also been heard over the Columbia Network through Station WGR, Buffalo.

The 1936 tour will include engagements in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland, with radio broadcasts from London and Paris, and the itinerary will include Chester, Leamington, the Shakespear Country, London, Brussels, Cologne, the Rhine Valley, Wiesbaden, Heidelberg, Baden-Baden, Lucerne, Interlaken and Paris. The choir and tourist party, travelling at specially reduced rates, will sail from Montreal July 25th on the C.P.R. liner Montcalm, returning from Cherbourg August 18th aboard the S. S. Duchess of Richmond. Many reservations from different parts of the country have been made with the secretary of the Canadian Choir in Brantford.

Ottawa Journal:—Horseless vehicles should be run with horse sense.

## Highways Minister to Tour North Roads

Hon. T. B. McQuesten Expected to Inspect Roads Recently Added to His Department.

Word from Toronto this week was to the effect that Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways, will come North this week to tour the roads of this country. With the recent abolition of the Northern Development Department, affairs in the North have been transferred to the various other departments handling such work. Agricultural matters in the North will be dealt with by the Department of Agriculture; and the roads of the North come under the Department of Highways. Crown lands, timber and allied lines remain under the Department of Lands and Forests, which remain as before.

It is understood that the tour this week of Hon. Mr. McQuesten is to familiarize himself with the roads and road problems of the North. He will inspect highway construction, now in various stages of completion, including those in which the province and Dominion are sharing the costs. It is understood that Hon. Mr. McQuesten will be accompanied by R. M. Smith, deputy minister of highways, and by engineers representing the Dominion Government. This would suggest perhaps that the chief attention on this trip is to be paid to highways and main roads. It would be too bad if settlers' roads were neglected. All attempts at settlement of the North will be useless as long as roads are not provided for the settlers. It might be worth Hon. Mr. McQuesten's time and trouble to make more trips to this North, with all the time and thought and study devoted to roads for settlers. The settlers have no organization and no way of making their needs known in emphatic way. Other interests have influence and opportunity to explain their cases to the powers that be. The Advance and other newspapers of the district and the various boards of trade have in the past attempted to impress on the government the vital need for special attention to roads for settlers, but the result has not been as wide as it should be. It would be well, indeed, if the Department of Highways would approach this part of Northern roads from a separate and special angle. It might be a good idea to take the matter of settlers' roads into special consideration with the Department of Agriculture, and particularly with the representatives of the Department of Agriculture, as a past representative of the Department of Agriculture, should be able to give particularly valuable assistance and advice in this line.

In referring to Hon. Mr. McQuesten's visit to the North, one despatch from Toronto last week said that highway engineers under Mr. McQuesten were busy preparing, with the aid of Ottawa engineers, a complete "picture" of unfinished roads in the North. Once this is available, and the federal authorities decided upon the amount of financial co-operation they can give Ontario this summer, Queen's Park will announce its road building programme for both the new and old sections of the province.

Word from Toronto is also to the effect that plans for a complete overhauling of the old Northern Development staff have been developing rapidly under the direction of Mr. McQuesten, and it was expected that announcement of changes in this regard would be ready to be announced before Hon. Mr. McQuesten started on his projected tour of Northern roads

## New Locomotive Shed to be Erected in Timmins

Part of Broad Construction Programme to be Carried out by the T. & N. O. This Summer. Bunkhouse to be Moved. Main Line to be Ballasted. Other Work to be Done.

## Amnesia Victim



Mystery still shrouds the strange disappearance and discovery of little Marilyn Miller, 10 years old (ABOVE), of Canton, Mass. Missing eight hours, she was found near here home, dazed, and with her legs scratched and bruised, in a small storage house which had been thoroughly searched only a short time before.

Construction will be begun soon in Timmins of a new frame locomotive shed, designed to house six additional engines. Surveying of the site, to be immediately east of the present shop was done last week. The bunkhouse is to be moved further east before building is started. The Advance learned. Present capacity of the railway shop is too small to house all the locomotives that have Timmins as one terminus of their run. The six more stalls will bring the accommodation up to where it should be.

As a part of a broad construction programme announced last week by the T. & N. O., the local job will employ at least 12 men for four months. "Our plans provide for four bridge and building gangs of approximately 12 men each, working generally on maintenance of bridges and railway buildings and renewal of culverts," A. H. Cavanagh, general manager of the T. & N. O. said. "We will also have employed two extra gangs of 40 men each on track maintenance, such as handling ballast, and changing out of approximately three miles of rail on the Temagami sub-division. There will be one gang known as the "welding gang" of approximately 12 men, welding or building up rail joints where the rail has become battered at the ends. These gangs should be out for approximately three months.

Ballast Main Line "It is the intention to distribute in the neighbourhood of 15 miles of ballast on the main line and branch lines, and fill four wooden trestles on the Kirkland Lake sub-division, using approximately 5000 cubic yards of fill in each trestle. In addition to the above gangs, we will also employ one line gang of about 12 men, maintaining and repairing our telegraph and telephone lines, for about two months.

## Unsuccessful Plan to Blow Charlton Dam

Six Sticks of Dynamite with Fuse Attached Found at Charlton Bridge.

What is believed to have been an attempt to destroy the dam between the bridges at Charlton was discovered last week when about 20 feet of fuse and six sticks of dynamite tied to a pole and placed against the dam was found. Fortunately the fuse for some reason or another had gone out before it had burned its full length. In this way the dam escaped injury. Effort is being made to discover who was responsible for this evil work. The water is high in the dam but certainly not high enough to justify anyone using dynamite to destroy the dam. Had the dynamite done the work that it was intended to do, it is very doubtful indeed if sufficient evidence would be left to show what caused the dam to break. In such a case some people at least would be convinced that it was simply destroyed by the force of water. Likely it would be useless to argue with them about the strength of the dam and the improbability of the water forcing such a structure. The ruined dam instead would be pointed to as affording itself full evidence of the weakness of the dam. The answer to any suggestions that the dam could fully withstand the assaults of spring floods, would be met by the reply: "Well, the dam is gone, anyway, isn't it? That proves that the talk about the dam being safe is all rot. The dam is gone, isn't it? Well, there you are!"

Fortunately, in the case of Charlton, the attempt to dynamite the dam was discovered and any damage thus avoided.

## Kirkland-Bidgood Still Opening up High-grade Ore

In a wire to local interests of Bidgood Kirkland Gold Mines, Ltd., it is stated that stopping of the 520 vein at the company's property in the eastern Kirkland Lake section continues to open high-grade ore. Sections of slope faces for May 1 ranged from \$7.70 to \$295.40 per ton across widths of 18 to 36 inches. Average grade for all faces exceeded \$70 per ton in gold. May 2 sections ran from \$1.40 to \$105 across 12 to 24 inches. May 3 sections gave \$9.10 to \$308 per ton across 18 inches to two feet; May 4 gave \$28.70 to \$385 across 24 to 31 inches; and May 5 sections gave \$3.20 to \$55.30 across 20 to 40 inches.

For the month of April the company milled 2353 tons of ore with recovery of \$35,034, a new all-time high production record for the mine. Recovery was at the rate of approximately \$14.46 per ton.

Announcement also is made that sinking of the winze from the 500-foot level is proceeding to establish and open two more levels. The winze is going down 400 feet south of the main shaft.

## Tributes to Mothers at Last Meeting of Lions

Singing of "Mother Machree" Featured Lions Meeting Here Thursday. Committees Report and Other Business Dealt with at Regular Meeting of Timmins Club.

"The happiness of all the world 'Is cupped within her hand, So here's to yours and here's to mine— The Mothers of the land!" That was the toast drunk at the Timmins Lions Club meeting on Thursday night, as proposed by President F. H. V. Ball. The singing of "Mother Machree" was another part of the evening's programme, since it was the closest meeting to Mother's Day.

As the first meeting of the month, the time was taken up in discussion of the club's business. President Ball spoke of the approaching nominations and urged every member to spend some time in considering nominees for offices in the club. He stated that the second

year would doubtless be harder than the first. Committee reports were heard from Alex Allen, finance; Jos. Disley, attendance; Fred Hall, membership; S. G. Fowler, boys' and girls' work; Fred Stock, health and welfare; Ben Spence, programme; Wm. Wren, publicity; Wm. King, civic improvement. Mr. Wren announced that he had attended a meeting of the Schumacher Lions on the previous night and had concluded arrangements with them for the holding of a joint Charter night in Timmins on May 21st. Mr. King announced that the instruments had not arrived here yet for the boys' band.

Chas. Yates was tall-twister for the evening in the place of Dr. M. J. Kelly.