

# TCAC Has Proven To Be One Of Town's Best Investments

Since its inception last February, the Timmins Community Activities Committee has already proven its worth in many and varied ways. It has favorably affected the lives of thousands of town residents through the wide scope of its activities.

While credit for the establishment in Timmins of the province's plan for municipal recreation activities must be shared among many members of the community, the one man most directly responsible for the TCAC has been Wendell B. Brewer, a public spirited citizen who after viewing the operation of similar plans in Southern Ontario became an indefatigable apostle of such a plan here.

Mr. Brewer hammered away unceasingly to get a program of community recreation and education underway, addressing the town council on the matter speaking before the town's service clubs and button-holing every person he knew to sell the plan to them. He got results.

Fromally the TCAC was an outgrowth of the old Youth Welfare council and it got underway last February 1, when R. E. "Bim" Sturgeon was appointed director of recreation. Town fathers set aside a budget of \$23,000 for the work and the province promised assistance by way of paying the salary of the director.

**12 Person Committee**

A twelve-person committee was set up to supervise the operation of the plan with representatives from the town council, the three school boards, four of the town's service clubs and the Legion.

These persons were: high school board George Knowles; public school board, Roy Hardy; separate school board, Jules Badeski; Lions Club, Wendell Brewer (chairman); Klansmen, Don Hardy; Y's men, Courtney Drew; Kiwanis, Jack Downey; town councillors Philip Pay, Hector Chateaufort and Leo Del Villano; Legion, "Gig" Carswell. To lend the feminine viewpoint to the group, Mrs. K. Johnston was appointed member-at-large.

The TCAC swung swiftly into action, but with discretion. In the eyes of those who already supervised organized sport in Timmins, the TCAC was something of an innovation and if its director had not acted judiciously in offering assistance, it is likely that he would have obtained little if no cooperation. However, the hurdles of distrust were quickly made when it became evident that the TCAC did not intend to adopt a high-handed role, but was genuinely interested in doing everything possible to assist groups which had already been established.

Thus the TCAC assisted in enlarging the boys' hockey league at the old Arena and up to the time the old building burned 94 teams of youngsters were playing in the league.

**Basketball Fostered**

In the meantime, efforts were made to interest the town's youth in basketball, with outstandingly successful results. The purpose here was to establish teams among non-players of the game at that time; it resulted in 12 boys' teams and 18 girls' teams, all of high school age, a total of 364 boys and girls in all, none of whom had played the game previously.

Primary school girls were also schooled in the game and by the season's end 68 girls were becoming familiar with the sport.

When milder weather came, "Bim" Sturgeon organized a Marble Tournament which was perhaps the outstanding success of the year. 4,000 primary school students in all competed and the finals were played in a Third avenue theatre and broadcast over the air.

However, some of the outstanding accomplishments of the TCAC last Spring were under the direction of the Adult Education Committee. This committee fostered classes in art, drama, parent education, crafts, music and weaving, all of which were actively attended and supported by town adults.

**Blatz And Kirkeconell**

Two noteworthy personages brought to Timmins under the auspices of the Adult Education Committee were Dr. W. E. Blatz, noted child psychologist, and Professor Watson Kirkeconell, outstanding anti-Communist speaker, in the community by both these visitors, unusual scenes taking place particularly when Professor Kirkeconell gave his address in a local theatre.

Another outstanding contribution of the Adult Education Committee last Spring was an art show from the National galleries which was brought to town under the auspices of the committee.

As Spring merged with Summer, the TCAC brought forward a specialized program of playground activities for the town's children. Four playgrounds were established about the town. Qualified instructors taught children archery, swimming, tennis and track and field sports in addition to regular playground games. Swimming, archery and tennis classes were held twice a week and a special session for track and field enthusiasts was held once a week. Particularly popular among the children was the swimming program at Gillies lake. Here lifeguards and instructors went all out to teach swimming and by the season's end more than 260 had been successfully taught to swim and some 600 in all had received instruction. Meanwhile 14 swimmers had become qualified as instructors, 65 obtained Red Cross awards and many passed the standard life saving tests.

Tennis was also well supported. Using the Hollinger courts 150 youngsters were organized into a community league.

On July 1 a track meet was held in which 200 youngsters took part in 72 events.

This Fall and Winter the two outstanding events sponsored by the TCAC were a special exhibit of handicrafts and the Christmas Carol Festival. Great public interest was evinced in

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Friday Jan. 16  
8 p.m. Combines vs Hollinger

Saturday, Jan. 17  
7:30 Sch. Lions vs Air Cadets  
9:00 p.m. S. Porcupine vs Moneta

Sunday, Jan. 18  
8:30 p.m. Week-end Skating Club

Mnday, Jan. 19  
8 p.m. Hollinger vs Combines

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## New Kind of Citizen Appears in West; "D.P. From Ontario"

According to Harvey Murphy, regional director for Western Canada of the International Union of Mine Mill and Smelter Workers, a new species of citizen has made his appearance in the gold mines of the West. He is a "D.P. from Ontario."

"700 of these D.P.'s from Ontario have come to the west to work in the mines," Mr. Murphy told an audience of 400 persons who attended Sunday's rally of the union in the Empire theatre. "They were residents here in Timmins who couldn't live on the wages here and who have come to the coast where the pay is better."

Both with the surprising total of 1,000 singers participating in the Festival. Meanwhile, both hockey leagues and basketball leagues are getting underway once more. Both will be greatly expanded this year.

For example, there were only four outdoor rinks in Timmins last year. This year the TCAC has established eleven. It is confidently expected that the number of players in the league will exceed last year's total by a wide margin. A great increase in the number of basketball players is also expected.

Who said that the TCAC wasn't giving its moneysworth to the town of Timmins?

## Meeting Already Finished But Vic Sticks To Rules

Clerk Victor Salomaa of the town of Timmins is a stickler for proper procedure.

When one sees the plump gent hurrying from department to department about the town hall with a rather harassed look on his face (said to have been induced by lengthy dealings with politicians and newspaper reporters) there is generally an old bylaw or two hanging out of his pockets, or a copy of Amendment 610, section 12(Z), of the Municipal Act or some such involved and highly legalized document in his hand or somewhere about his person.

For clerk Salomaa is the gentleman who steers unwary councillors along the paths of municipal rectitude and halts rash moves by fledgling politicians with lightning-like quotes from any one of the political almanacs which guide council procedure.

"Well, the well-liked town clerk rose to his feet at Monday's council meeting and announced: "Gentlemen, you have probably heard about this already but it is part of our municipal correspondence and I had better read it."

Whereupon the clerk read aloud an invitation to council to attend a meeting of the Timmins Kiwanis club on Monday, January 12, at noon.

By coincidence, council had attended this meeting of the Kiwanis club just four hours before it gathered about the council table and hence the invitation was to a gathering which had already taken place.

But procedure is procedure and Clerk Salomaa is sticking to it, through thick and thin and come what may. No one is going to point their finger at him and say he isn't on the job.

## Handicraft Classes Re-commence Soon

At the executive meeting last week of the Timmins Adult Education Group, it was pointed out that classes in leatherwork will conclude shortly, and now is the time to show what other handicraft classes are desired here to follow the leatherwork. Those interested in other handicrafts should get in touch at once with A. A. Rose, or Mr. H.R.S. conenor, at the High and Vocational School, Phone 299. Other classes in handicrafts will be opened as soon as it appears there is enough demand for them.

Classes in Interior Decorating, under the auspices of the Adult Education Group, will open in the very near future.

Mr. Markle, conenor, reported progress in regard to the proposed classes in public speaking.

A resolution was passed by the executive expressing special appreciation for the able efforts of Mrs. Armittage, conenor, Mrs. C. A. Wilkins, Mrs. Sturgeon, all who took part in the event, and all assisting for the notable success of the recent Christmas Carol Festival.

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Taxpayers may take advantage of our Budget plan involving 12 instalments. The first instalment must be made prior to January 31st, 1948, and subsequent instalments must be in before the end of each month. Discounts are allowed on prepayments made according to Plan No. 1.

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Your co-operation is requested to help maintain the stability of the Town's financial position.

V. SALOMAA, Treasurer.  
E. MARTIN, Collector.

**SUPERMAN**

BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN! WHAT A RELIEF—AFTER ALL THE EMBARRASSMENT I'VE BEEN THROUGH AS A BABY.

BUT—I'VE GOT TO GET MYSELF SOME CLOTHES, AND THEN—

WAIT—SUPERMAN!

YOU SAY YOU JUST CHANGED BACK TO NORMAL? WHAT'S THE SIZE ALL OF A SUDDEN? EH?

WHY? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

LOOK, MY BOY, AS I SAID, WE KNOW TOO LITTLE ABOUT THIS RADIATION TO BE CERTAIN, BUT YOUR RESTORATION MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY INDETERMINATE COSMIC FORCES, SO THAT—

—CERTAIN PHASES IN THE EARTH'S ORBIT MAY INDUCE A RELAPSE, I'M NOT SURE, BUT YOU OUGHT TO BE FOREWARNED.

YOU MEAN—I MIGHT BECOME A BABY AGAIN?

SORRY—BUT I HAVEN'T TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW, I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!

FIRST TO STOP HOME AND GET INTO COSTUME, THEN TO PUT AN END TO THE CAREER OF THAT IMPERATOR BY APPEARING AS THE REAL CLARK KENT!

SOMEWHAT LATER, AT THE DAILY PLANET...

WHAT'S THIS? A NOTE FROM LOIS!

Dear Clark— We took the afternoon off and by the time you get back from lunch you will be getting married. Love Lois

WHERE'S LOIS? I'VE GOT TO FIND HER!

WHY—SUPERMAN! YOU—YOU'RE FULL-SIZE AGAIN! BUT—BUT—WHY, THIS IS NEWS! WHAT A DAY OF SURPRISES! HERE—READ THIS!

GREAT SCOTT! I'VE GOT TO GET THERE—IF I'M NOT TOO LATE ALREADY!