

## Swiss Speaker Fine; Heart-Touching Shots

Anton R. Lendi, noted Swiss traveller and lecturer, was the guest speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club on Monday at the Empire Hotel. The visit to town of this distinguished speaker was sponsored by the Kiwanis and the Rotary Clubs.

### Scenes of Special Beauty

The address, under the title, "Switzerland, Pattern for Peace," was notable for its earnestness and information and the eloquence of the speaker. It was supported by a series of beautifully coloured slides of Swiss scenery, from photographs taken by the speaker. Views of Lake Geneva and Lake Lucerne were heart-touching in their beauty. Past President E. H. King operated the projector.

As the speaker explained, his purpose was to forge more closely together the ties between free and democratic nations, through the spread of wider information and deeper understanding.

### The Ties that Bind

There were many ties that should bind Switzerland and Canada. For 160 years Switzerland had been at peace with its neighbors, while Canada's record along the same line was almost as long. Switzerland was a small country but had to import most of its foodstuffs. Fifty percent of its wheat had to be imported, most of it coming from Canada.

### The Famous Swiss Watches

Despite its small size, Switzerland produced seventy-five percent of the watches of the world. Nearly ninety percent of the watches in Canada, the speaker said, were of Swiss origin.

The speaker dealt in most interesting and informative way with the economics and politics of Switzerland, making it plain that he was simply seeking to explain one democracy to another.

### Captain in Canadian Army

In introducing the guest speaker, Past President J. Beattie noted that Mr. Lendi had been born at St. Gallen, Switzerland, and was educated in Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy and Austria. He has been a Canadian citizen since 1930, and served from 1950 to 1946 in the Canadian active army, winning the rank of captain.

### Address Much Appreciated

Fred De Cruyenaere, on behalf of the club, thanked the speaker for the interest-holding address, and for the many beautiful pictures shown. Vice-President P. H. Laporte, in the chair in the absence of President Knowles, added his personal appreciation.

### Another Perfect Attendance Tab.

With Past Lieutenant-Governor P. T. Moseley officiating, a 2-year perfect attendance tab was presented to Claude Desaulniers.

Visitors for the day included L. H. Honlan, District Representative of Agriculture, Matheson and A. J. Raymond, of the Timmins Press.

Community singing was led by Ted Bartlett, with Secretary W. H. Wilson at the piano.

### Four New NCO's

Four NCO promotions in the reserve force of the Algonquin Regiment have been announced. They are as follows:

Eugene J. Thornton, to the rank of sergeant; Frederick Griffin, Leo Albert Morel, and Ernest Patrick Stack to the rank of corporal.

## J. Blackshaw Appointed Chairman of Library

The officers and book selection committee of the public library are announced this week. They are as follows:

**Board**  
Chairman—J. Blackshaw.  
Vice-chairman—F. Gauthier.  
Treasurer—F. Burt.  
Secretary—Miss Alice Habib.

**Selection Committees**  
Fiction—Mrs. Drew, Miss Habib and Mr. Burt.  
Non-Fiction—Mr. Blackshaw and Father Murray.

French—Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Beaulne, Miss C. Vachon.  
Juvenile—Mr. Beattie, Miss MacKeracher.

Periodicals—Mr. Stubbs, Mr. Gauthier.

Audio-visual—Mr. Stubbs, Mr. Beattie, Mr. Beaulne.

## Ex-Timmins Boy Earning \$40,000 A Year In H'wood

Larry Thor, ex-CKGB announcer, now earns \$40,000 a year supervising for CBS in Hollywood.

He began at Flin Flon, Manitoba, earning \$70 a month with station CFAR. Three years later he moved to Timmins, as an announcer, at \$108 a month.

Then followed CKCL in Toronto and CFCE in Montreal, where he replaced Christopher Ellis on a nightly newscast. He was paid \$20 a week at first, six years later, \$125 a week.

### Hollywood Bound

During the war he was retained by CFCE, which would not release him, to conduct a Canadian Navy show on the air. After the war he decided to go to Hollywood.

On the way he stopped off at Toronto and dropped in to see Jack Cook, whom he knew and who was then managing a Toronto station. Larry explained his intentions. Jack suggested that he work for him in Toronto.

"How much?" Larry asked.

"Fifteen thousand dollars a year," offered Mr. Cook.

"Don't talk peanuts, Jack," said Larry and left for Hollywood.

### Refused to "Slant"

His first job in Hollywood was with KFAC, a station devoted entirely to classical music. One week later he moved to 50,000-watt KMPC, for one year, until the owner ordered him to slant his newscasts against certain races and religions.

Mr. Thor refused, moved over to CBS as a summer replacement in 1947. He is still there, and is now under contract as network supervisor and special announcer.

Coast-to-coast audiences hear him several times a week, newscasting, and emceeing such attractions as "Rocky Jordan" and "It's Fun to be Young."

### Music Entries Wanted

A meeting of the executive of the Porcupine Festival of Music was held in Central Public School George Jenkin presiding.

Members were asked to interest as many adults as possible in entering the festival, which will be held from May 1 to May 5, inclusive.

The deadline for entry is March 15. Entries should be sent to Mrs. E. B. Weir, 33 Patricia Boulevard.

## Patients In Pain

BY DR. SAM J. JESSEL

Unless more beds are made available grave consequences may result. We are very concerned about the growing seriousness of the hospital bed stage. We should have a number of beds available at all times. As it is, a bed is hardly allowed to cool off from the body heat of one patient before another patient is in it.

There is a long waiting list.

Patients are being denied modern facilities and therapy. The resource of doctors is overtaxed in treating patients in unfavorable conditions.

It has been said that doctors are to blame for the shortage; that they keep patients in hospital longer than necessary. But what is the good of curing a patient if she is to be sent home in a weak condition, to a household of children, when she cannot afford to have help to look after them?

All too often the result is a relapse or a chronically ill patient. In fact, patients are discharged too early because we know that more serious cases await. We need a convalescent home and an old folks home and a community building. But the urgent requirements are hospital beds.

"The present hospital operated by the Sisters of Providence could easily be enlarged

with the addition of a wing to provide 50 more beds. I am sure that Sister Germaine Therese, Sister Superior, is fully aware of the critical shortage. But unfortunately the hospital is not controlled by the Sister Superior.

The hospital is controlled by the Mother Superior of the Sisters of Providence in Montreal; and on many occasions requests for enlarging have been turned down. Sister Germaine Therese is going to Montreal this week and she will have with her a direct appeal from the Porcupine District Medical Society for the construction of more beds. "If our request is turned down, the only alternative is to build another hospital."

"The present St. Mary's Hospital has 112 adult beds, 18 children's beds, and 30 bassinets. These serve a population of 32,000 in Timmins and Schumacher, and are also the centre for many thousands in the surrounding area. In addition, Timmins has a number of specialists who draw patients to town from as far away as Kapuskasing." It is obvious that the present bed capacity is insufficient.

(Dr. Jessel is president of the Porcupine District Medical Society).  
Timmins,  
February 15th, 1950.

## Films And Free Projector Offered By Public Library

Colored films and movie projectors, one of them free, are now offered to interested organizations for their own use by the public library.

The old projector is offered free. The charge for the new one is \$1.00 per evening. "Talkie" equipment is included.

The films on hand, loan charges varying from 25c to 50c, are as follows:

The Companions (10 minutes; black and white; 25c)—The description of a care-free day with thescouts in camp. They arrive at the country; tents are pitched; a meal is cooked over a log fire, and so on. The film also shows Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the movement that made this adventure possible for millions of boys all over the world.

"Heir To The Throne." (11 minutes; black and white; 25c)—The first story of the life of Princess Elizabeth to reach the screen.

"New Mine." (16 minutes; black and white; 40c)—A modern mine in Scotland, in unspoilt country; up-to-date machinery; the latest ventilation and safety devices. The surface buildings of this model mine are built on symmetrical lines.

"Picturesque Poland"—19 minutes; B & W; 25c—A record of the most picturesque parts of Poland.

Newfoundland—20 minutes; B & W—A survey of Canada's tenth province, its resources and how its people live.

"The Mother of Rivers"—10 minutes; color—A visit by the Jasper highway to the Columbia Icefield in the Canadian Rockies. Cramped climbers with guides are seen scaling the icewalls, skiing, sunbathing, and the most spectacular road in the world.



NOAH TIMMINS  
Noah A. Timmins, president of the N. A. Timmins Corporation, has been appointed a director of the Bank of Montreal.

## The YMCA Announces New Training Course

The Third annual Club Clinic and Training Course for Group leaders and executives is announced by the YMCA. As now planned the course will be held at the YMCA hall on five consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning on February 28 at 8 p.m.

The course will consist of lectures, discussions and assignments, and all are invited to register and to attend.

Topics to be covered include: "So you want to Work with People!"; Clubs, Groups, Gangs, and Why?; Order out of Chaos; and What to do and How to do it.

There will be no fee charged for this course. All registrations must be made to the YMCA office at 177 Algonquin Blvd., East, Timmins. Phone 3893.

## Kinsmen Offer A \$250 Prize; Give Scouts \$50 And Will Sponsor Play

The Kinsmen club will contribute \$50 to the local Boy Scouts and will sponsor a play for the Little Theatre Players, it was announced this week.

The club is also planning a "Mattagami Break-Up" contest. A sum of \$250 will be awarded the winner who gives the approximate time of the day, and hour of the "ice break-up in the Mattagami River this coming spring." The Kinsmen will complete plans this week-end for the introduction of this contest.

President Erick Lamminnen received reports regarding "Ladies Night," which was held at the Airport Hotel last Saturday, February 11.

On this occasion special gifts were presented to Dr. Malcolm Hill and Mrs. Hill, who will soon be leaving for London, Ontario, where he will assume a new position with the leading hospital there, as one of the X-ray specialists.

Suitable gifts were also presented to Ed. Bowser and Mrs. Bowser, who will be leaving for Peterborough where Mr. Bowser will be sales promotion manager for Radio Station CHEX.

The presentations were made by Erick Lamminnen. Over 70 Kinsmen, friends and Kinettes attended.

## Mr. Frank Chan Addresses Y's Men

The guest speaker at this week's meeting of the Timmins Y's Men's Club was Frank Chan, popular T.H. & V.S. student and member of the Hi-Y Club, who on his recent trip to China and six months spent there.

He mentioned that after reaching Hong Kong he had to travel 500 miles inland by river boat. He described life in the small rural Chinese villages and the customs there.

Though the people were not well-off by western standards, he said the majority seemed to get along well enough but were dependent upon the financial help that they received from their relatives in America. He himself managed to get back to Hong Kong one day before the Communists arrived and had had no direct contact with them.

The speaker was introduced by Gover Markle and thanked by the president, Basil Howse.

Glady Ray was the winner of this week's booster draw, conducted by George Metcalfe.

Bill Oliver was named chairman of the committee in charge of name bands, with the assistance of John Campbell and Russ Fortin. Bill Burgess, Graham Dunlop, Basil Howse and Gover Markle were appointed to help George Metcalfe on the Special Project committee.

### SNOWFALL DOUBLE

Town equipment conveyed 1,929 loads of snow during January, as against 1,109 for the same month last year. And so far this February 1,231 loads have been removed, in February, 1949, for the whole month, 708 loads were removed.

### REVISION COURT OPENS

The Court of Revision opens on Saturday, February 25, at 2:00 p.m. Those sitting will be Mayor Philip Fay and Messrs. E. Aube, J. Bartleman and L. Del Villano.

The Court of Revision has about 3,000 cases to deal with. Henceforth the Court will try dealing with 25 at each sitting.

## Lucien Pare Talks About A Pay Office

Members of the Hollinger Evening Classes at recent meetings held in the Hollinger Hall heard a discussion of "The Functions of a Pay Office" by Lucien Pare, Hollinger Paymaster. The meetings were under the chairmanship of Herb. Gridley and George Gedge.

Beginning his discussion with the member of the classes, Mr. Pare described the function of a pay office as "the paying of wages to employees, according to a schedule established by the Company, for duties performed." The Hollinger Pay Office, however, handles many duties and services in addition to the paying of wages and, according to Mr. Pare, has contacts with every employee from the time he is hired until his association with the Company is terminated.

The reason for these various contacts with employees, and the work entailed in each one of them, were then outlined by the speaker. Mr. Pare described the procedure followed in the hiring of an employee, the necessity for completing various forms and records, and what they meant to the employee.

The system and methods of tax and other payroll deductions, insurance and savings records, the handling of changes in company houses, annual vacations, war savings certificates and numerous other points, all having a direct bearing on the functions of the Hollinger Pay Office, were discussed.

## Organizations Often Impede One Another

### Agriculture Experts to Meet In Timmins: Feb. 25

A. H. Purdy, district representative of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce of Toronto, will address a meeting of the farm community in the St. John Ambulance Hall, Birch Street South, on Saturday, February 25, at 8:00 p.m. J. W. Spooner, chairman of the agriculture committee has announced.

Mr. Purdy has for some years represented the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in the west as their Agriculture Specialist. He has a Master of Science degree in Agriculture majoring in the Field Husbandry at the Agricultural College at the University of Saskatchewan and was for a time associated with the Dominion Department of Agriculture at the Swift Current Experimental Farm as a Cerealist and later as an Agricultural Supervisor at Agricultural Improvement Associations in South West Saskatchewan.

J. B. S. Ballantyne, commissioner of agricultural development for Northern Ontario, and L. H. Hanlan, will both be present also.

"We urge all our friends in the farm community to attend this meeting," adds Mr. Spooner. "We believe it will be most worthwhile. There will be no charge."

## Library Maintained By Drawing Reserve

"The library board spent \$856 more than it received," reports John Blackshaw, chairman. The estimate of expenditures to operate in 1949, passed by the board and submitted to the Town Council in February, was cut in an arbitrary manner by \$1475.21 in May, without previous consultation with the Board.

### Council Responsible

"Last year the Town Council was therefore responsible for the estimate of the amount of money required to operate the library. The municipality raised \$16,500 in taxes as its share in meeting the expenses of the library.

"This amount included \$2400 to cover the rental, heating, lighting, and cleaning of the library. This left \$14,100 of the taxpayer's money with which to pay wages, buy books and maintain the library in effective working conditions.

Other income, including a Provincial grant of \$1770.11, helped to keep the library in full operation. The deficit was made up by drawing on the reserve fund, that is, on the bank balance.

### Welcome and Thanks

"I welcome two newly appointed members, Mrs. Ross Beattie, and Mrs. W. Drew, and hope they will enjoy their work," says Mr. Blackshaw.

"On behalf of the Board I thank the head librarian, Alice Habib, for her diligent and conscientious attention to the operation of the library, and hope that she will soon be able to return to work in her usual good health. I also thank the head of the Children's Book Department, Miss MacKeracher, the head of the French Book Department, Miss Vachon, Miss Rogers, and the junior assistant librarians for their loyalty and accomplishments during 1949.

## Calling All Catholics

BY REV. H. J. MARTINDALE

The chief and central celebration of the Holy Year is of course the traditional pilgrimage to Rome, and the visiting of the four major basilicas there.

However, for the vast majority of Catholics, particularly those living far from the Eternal City, the making of such a pilgrimage is a physical impossibility. But the impossibility of making this pilgrimage does not excuse Catholics from participation in the Holy Year. Whether living near or far from Rome, whether able to make the pilgrimage or not, every Catholic is expected to share in the prayers and penance of the great Jubilee.

Archbishop Vachon of Ottawa, has suggested that Catholics throughout his archdiocese join together in practicing some particular form of penance or mortification. In other words he asks the faithful to abstain from certain things which are not morally forbidden, and to perform some work over and above that required by the laws of God and the Church.

His suggestion was that all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Ottawa abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages during the entire Holy Year, that smokers avoid smoking on Fridays, and that all Catholic families unite in the recitation of the Rosary each evening during the year.

These suggestions of course are not commands. They are suggestions of things that the faithful can do as a form of penance and mortification to expiate their own faults, and to beseech Almighty God to come to the aid of a troubled world.