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By Mrs. J.W. Smith

When people think of an Art Club, if they stop to consider it at all they think of them as a group of people interested in sketching, crumbling houses in Cobalt, and trying to gain comfort from each other and promoting their own skills and interests.

An Art Club is all that but much more. Each Art Club in the North, federated into the Northern Ontario Art Association have as its purpose and aim the promotion, interest, and understanding of art. This purpose in the last five years, the local Art Clubs in conjunction with the Northern Ontario Art Association, have brought numerous Exhibitions to the northern towns from the National Art Gallery of Toronto, and also individual artists. In doing so they have made available to the public, especially to children the best in current Canadian Art.

In October the local Art Club is sponsoring the showing of the Graphic Arts Travelling Exhibition for 1954 from the National Gallery Ottawa. In large

er places where there is a larger membership, this service occasions no hardships to anyone. In Haileybury where the Art Club has restricted membership the service to the community represents considerable work to very few people.

It is not necessary to be a painter to participate in this worthwhile organization. The local group would welcome associate members and patrons who would render their assistance and financial aid to this and other projects.

Sometime this fall the Haileybury Art Club hope to launch its first one man show and so give the community the opportunity to see local talent. They would like, with sufficient support to be able to offer weekend and summer courses for young people.

Art is not, a passing thing for the participant, such as sports. It is an open road you may follow all your life regardless of your proficiency. The urge to create is the greatest of the human soul. Here man comes the closest to God. Here he learns to see the beauty and worth of common things, the interweaving of life itself. Surely this is something worthwhile projecting into the lives of our young people.

NORTHERN ONTARIO ART ASSOCIATION

The annual executive of the Northern Ontario Art Association was held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Smith last Saturday with a record attendance of fourteen, delegates from Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, North Bay, Haileybury, New Liskeard, Kirkland Lake, Timmins and Noranda.

Plans were completed for the circulation of the Graphic Arts Exhibition through the North during October and November. Further plans were made for an Exhibition from the Ontario Society of Water Colour to start on circuit in March.

Much discussion centred around a proposed Arts and Crafts training centre for the North.

It is hoped that the Leadership Training course in Art Teaching held in Haileybury this summer under the sponsorship of the NOAA and the Community Programme Branch may eventually be expanded into an Arts and Crafts Institute to serve the Northern Area.

Representatives were requested to determine the interest in beginners courses in Lapidary work and ceramics, etc.

Anyone who is interested in such courses should contact their local Art group as soon as possible.

Mr. Ed. Pearse was elected president for the ensuing year, succeeding Mrs. Nellie Lowe of Sudbury. The next meeting of the Executive will be held in North Bay next May.

A buffet supper was served by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. F. W. Thompson was hostess to the local Art Club and the executive in the evening.

Several visiting artists remained to paint the fall colours in the Lorraine Valley and explore Cobalt. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burton, Cobalt, entertained these at tea on Sunday afternoon.

The Haileybury Art Club met at Mrs. Thompson's home on Tuesday, September 27th.

While some developed weekend nature sketches, others were busy with still-life, aluminum etching, and oil sketching of members in activity.

The club is pleased to hear that Muriel Smith has been invited to give a showing of her works in Noranda.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. Tuer's home on Latchford Street, on Tuesday evening, October 11th. Those interested in joining the club will be welcomed.

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During the whole of last year 50,176 claims were recorded throughout Ontario's mining areas to create a new record for this province and any other province in Canada.

The number of Miners' licenses issued so far this year is also well above the record established in 1954. At the end of the eight month period 14,466 licenses

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