## Yosef Drenters restores old Academy

Academy, alma mater of was not for him. He worked has fashioned figures of railway magnate James J. as a cowboy in the west, as burnt, oiled wood which Hill: Ontario Premier A. S. a miner in the Yukon, as a have uplifted the human Hardy, Hon. Sir Adam lumberjack in British spirit and brought a demand Beck, United Church Columbia and then came for his work. player William Sunley is township. .

being restored. slowly as the years went by Child." when 29 year old Yosef Since that time his works Drenters' bought it for have catapulted Drenters \$8,000.

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into prominence as one of Drenters arrived in Canada's best known Canada from Belgium at the creators of art. Working age of 20, a student from with old farm implements the 'seminary who and objects which' people

The historic Rockwood concluded the priesthood have discarded as "junk" he

Moore and famous baseball his father's farm in Eramosa out. The CBC filmed a Now Yosef Drenters lives he's still a simple man,

the same satisfaction from on the bottom of the fashioning figures or Academy. restoring buildings.

Drenters opened part of the called them "totems." restored Academy to Moderator Rev. Dr. T. A. back to work as a hand on His debut exhibition sold visitors and they came from old Academy is gradually a wide radius to look at his bringing back to the grey documentary on him. But work and the sculptures he stone building the elegance has created. Since creativity it once had as a leading runs in the family it was Upper Canada school. only natural his father, . The old Quakers who the province a hundred and building founded by outskirts of Rockwood. His Joseph, a Rockwood founded the Academy some odd years ago, the Quakers with a love of labor on the old school has resident, and a brother would approve of the work large stone building has learning. Obsessed with a sometimes taken Andre from Alton should Yosef Drenfers is doing. It

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Last weekend Yosef without critics. Some have His laborious work on the

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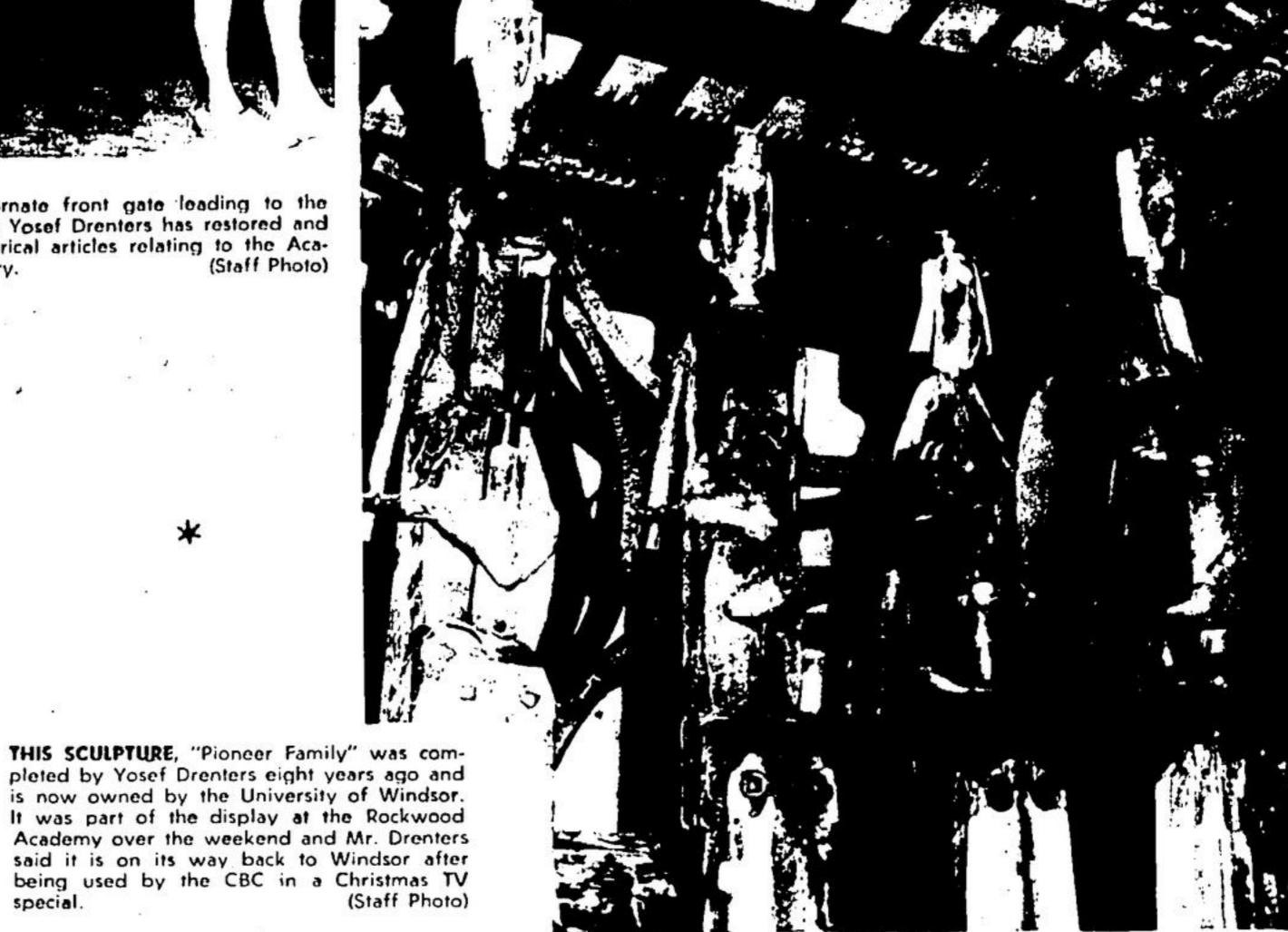
OBJECTS IN ONE of the restored school rooms of the Rockwood Academy are examined by visitors over the weekend. Included in the display were desks and ink wells used by stu-

(Staff Photo) demy's history.



dents, the ornate front gate leading to the school which Yosef Drenters has restored and various historical articles relating to the Aca-





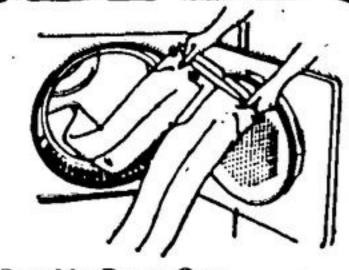
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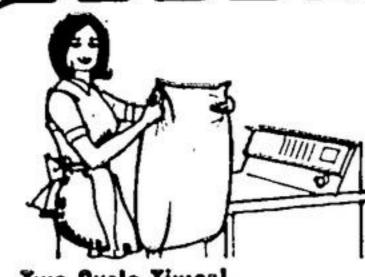
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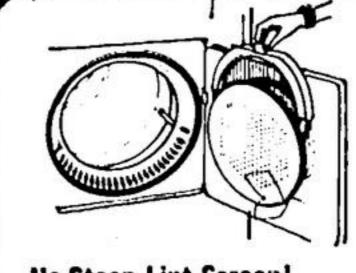
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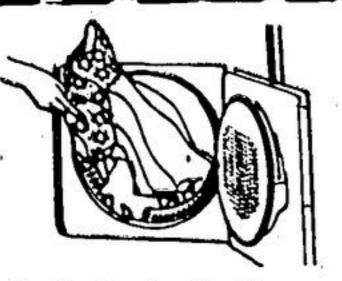
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