



JORDANUS VAN DER VLIET

Jordanus van der Vliet, Dutch Canadian artist, and resident of Terra Cotta, announces this week a summer course of art classes which will commence on June 1st. The introduction of art classes under professional guidance is an asset to the cultural life of the Georgetown district. Mr. van der Vliet is seen above sketching a district scene which finds a ready market for sale in Ontario art centres.

SUMMER ART SCHOOL AT TERRA COTTA

Something new in the district is the announcement this week that Jordanus van der Vliet, a professional artist, is opening a summer art school in Terra Cotta, with a special course of outdoor painting on Thursday afternoon.

Jordanus van der Vliet was born in Amsterdam, Holland, and started his studies at the Quillinius Academy of Art at Amsterdam under the management of Henry Van Dyk, foremost Dutch designer. After two years he became the pupil of A. Van der Ven, painter of flowers and still life. In 1910 he met Gerard Van Vliet, who inspired him to study landscape. With Van Vliet he travelled through Holland painting and sketching. In 1911 he became a member of the St. Lucas Guild, where he met Jan Sluyters, from whom he took lessons in figure drawing and illustrating. He married in 1916 and has two daughters. In 1919 he worked in the Latin quarter in Paris. In 1927, he came to Canada and his family joined him in 1928. In 1929 the Montreal Star offered him a position on the staff of the Family Herald and Weekly Star, for illustrating Canadian farm life. He then moved to Montreal. This was a great opportunity, and he spent much time studying Quebec scenes, and painting in the Laurentian Mountains. He was made President of the Independent Art Association of Montreal in 1931. In 1937 he moved back to Toronto, now free lance, but when in 1939 war broke out, he soon found himself, doing war maps for the Globe and Mail and Toronto Daily Star. During the last year of the war he worked for the Toronto Star Weekly. In 1946 he quit newspaper work entirely giving all his time to fine arts.

Canadian scenery has a great charm for this artist and he has done a great deal of travelling throughout the country.

There are a number of his oil paintings in private collections all over the country including portrait work. Toronto, Galt, Brampton and

other cities had exhibitions of his work and a large painting, a copy of Leonardo de Vinci's "Last Supper" is permanently hanging in the Wesley United Church in Galt. In 1944, he bought a property in Terra Cotta and has been sketching and teaching around the Credit River. In the meantime he fixed the old house and in 1947, the house was overhauled by McNally Wood Products of Georgetown, to the white house with the red shutters, called "River Valley Home," a well-known landmark in Terra Cotta, where now Mr. van der Vliet has taken up permanent residence. A large studio is erected on the river side and starting the first of June, Terra Cotta will be enriched with a summer art school.

There is a pamphlet available free to those who are interested in art at the Herald Office or Phoenix House. We are sure that many of our town folk would like to join the art classes on Thursday afternoons and wish Mr. van der Vliet success with his enterprise.

IMPERIAL VETS MEET

The Imperial Section, Canadian Legion, held their meeting on Sunday, April 26th, with Comrade Charles Parton in the chair. Donations were made to the Building Fund and to Food Boxes for Britain.

It was arranged to give Comrade Thomas Goodlet a gift before he left on his visit to Scotland. This was done the next evening, Mr. Parton making the presentation. Branch President David Bowman also spoke a few well-chosen words.

Arrangements have been made to hold the election of officers on May 16th and it is hoped to have special speakers.

STEWARTTOWN

(last week)
The W.I. had a quilting meeting last Friday evening in the school. W. A. Meeting was held at Mrs. C. Smith's home.

HORNBY

A guest from England, Miss Nita Dawson, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clayson and family.

Hornby School won three firsts at Esqueving Music Festival, the honours going to Mickey McCannan, Doreen Howden and the choir.

Alf Bridgen and Bill Bailey were prizewinners at a meeting of the Hutton Sportsmen's Association at Milton.

Ashgrove School visited Hornby School last week to see National Film Board pictures.

Hornby A.Y.P.A. had a good crowd at their dance at Palermo.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Learmont on the birth of their daughter, a sister for Jimmie and Bonnie.

ASHGROVE

(last week)

Last week the farmers took advantage of the nice weather and tractors were hard at work preparing for the spring seeding. Lawns are being raked and soon gardening will be in full swing.

The Women's Institute held its April meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Nurse with a good attendance. Roll Call was answered by a joke or conundrum. Mrs. W. Brownridge gave the motto, "Giving, not getting, makes life richer." Our school teacher, Miss Ismay Kean, with her Viewmaster projector showed coloured pictures of her trip last summer of the private tour for Ontario teachers through Eastern Canada and the United States. Mr. R. S. Heatherington who had been showing pictures at Hornby school also came and presented to the ladies the pictures of the fiftieth anniversary of the progress of the Women's Institutes held in Guelph last June. Mrs. R. Cunningham thanked both Miss Kean and Mr. Heatherington for giving such a treat. Mrs. Horace Barnes presented the slate of officers for 1948-49 which is as follows:

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Our school children took part in the Musical Festival held at Norval last week. We congratulate Barry Archer on winning first in the solo class.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wilson and sons Herbert and Billie attended the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Wilson in Milton on Sunday, April 25th.

In the old days there was considerable shaking of fists by people who became angry, but now everybody shakes hands.

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Canadian Youth Commission Publishes New Report.

(by A. G. M. Bruyns)

The Canadian Youth Commission is a private group, organized in 1943, to study the problems of young people between 15 and 24 years of age. It has already published reports about job, education, religion, health, recreation, citizenship, marriage.

Now, Hodwen Davies, one of the ablest of Canadian writers, has made a compilation of these reports in "Youth Speaks Its Mind" (Ryerson \$2.50).

It is not a dry summing up of the nine publications. The author has mated and spiced it in such a way that it reads like a thriller. It discusses the vital problems, which not only young people but older people as well are trying to solve, not only in Canada but everywhere. The book is interesting from the first to the last page, whether one agrees or not.

The ultimate solution of the Youth question may have to be found beyond the scope of the publications of the Youth Commission. We cannot dissociate the youth movement from the entire economic and social structure. The Y. C. may have stressed the "How" a bit too much at the expense of the "Why", although the last is the more important. They may have somewhat confused education with schooling — many people may have far less schooling than we have but a better education. "To get a job" may be an ideal for many, but it is perhaps more important to find out why the independent and small workshops or businesses are gradually disappearing.

At present the very best brains in the world are planning and studying and talking, but are still looking into a long and dark tunnel. If the Canadian Youth Commission can show some daylight at the end of the tunnel and if it is only small and diffused, it would mean hope for the future for youth as well as for everybody else.

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