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Amateur Painting Exhibit Draws Crowds In Acton School

Acton played host to the second annual exhibition of amateur painting sponsored by the Five Counties Art Association. Over the week-end the town became a mecca for artists from a 25 mile radius.

The public school was transformed into an impressive art gallery, when close to 300 paintings were on display. The exhibition represented the work of local artists as well as that of painters from a wide surrounding territory, within the counties of Halton, Peel, Dufferin, Wellington and Waterloo.

Local amateur painters assisted at the door Saturday and Sunday when a steady stream of interested people circled the attractive display in the public school auditorium. Recorded music and bouquets of flowers added to the pleasant atmosphere.


Since all the work was original, it was interesting for viewers to spot local scenes among the landscapes. Invitations to participate in this exhibition were sent to over 600 artists. Each was invited to send two paintings. During the winter season, these people have studied painting in close

to 30 organized classes in the district, including the night school classes here in town. Many artists have also been working on their own or with private tuition, out of reach or independent of such community classes.

The annual district exhibition brings this work into focus where individuals have an opportunity to compare progress, exchange ideas and study techniques. Last year the initial exhibition was held in Orangeville High School and 256 pictures were displayed by 143 artists. The quality and quantity of work there was an astonishing eye-opener to the many visitors.

The second exhibition proved to be even more exciting than the first. A new condition that all work exhibited must be original, produced an improved quality of workmanship.

During 1954 the Five Counties Art Association sponsored two district sketching trips. The first trip to Conestoga attracted 71 painters and the second project at Erin was attended by 78. This summer two more such projects are planned. A sketching week-end is under consideration and a Leader's Institute on oil paint is to be held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.



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Old Racket, New Twist Orangeville Chimney-men

A group working as a family is swinging an old racket into operation in the Orangeville district according to OPP officers here.

The act is composed of a man, a woman who is believed to be his wife, and one or two children. After scouting out a likely prospect, the woman who is described as "looking hungry" goes to a house to ask for salt to put on her sandwiches.

The house selected is usually occupied by an elderly person of means. The stranger has a short chat and then signals her male accomplice to move in. Pretending to be strangers to each other, the man and woman persuade the houseowner to have the chimney repaired at a cost of about \$50 or \$60.

They take the cheque, then leave separately and then go to work copying the signature on the cheque onto forged cheques. The chimney, of course, is never repaired.

The OPP officers say the racket is not new. Last year an 85 year old woman was fleeced of \$4,000, her life savings. The swindle was worked last week in the district.

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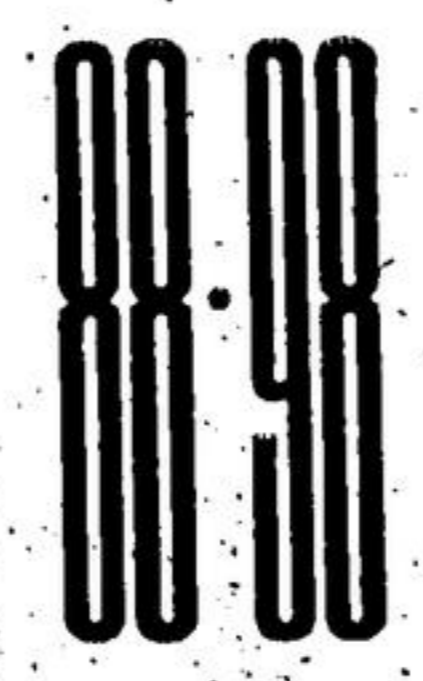
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Ontario Premier Booked Oakville Political Rally

Halton County Progressive-Conservative headquarters has announced that arrangements have been made to have the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Leslie M. Frost, speak in the county at a political rally during the present provincial campaign. Premier Frost will speak at a rally in Oakville, and the date has been set for next Monday, May 30th in the Pine Room of the Oakville arena. Premier Frost, one of the country's most popular political figures, is expected to draw a big crowd for this affair.

It was also announced that Ontario's attorney general, the Hon. Dana Porter will address a meeting in Burlington on Monday evening, June 6th. Details of this meeting will also appear in this paper later.

AT ESQUESING COUNCIL

Township Purchases New Dump Truck

Meeting on May 16th, Esquesing Council opened tenders for a new dump truck and decided to purchase a Ford truck from Thompson Motors, Acton at a price of \$4038.

The clerk was instructed to prepare a by-law to assess the township at the rates set out in the auditor's recommendation.

A by-law is also being prepared under the Livestock Protection Act to include poultry. If passed, this will pay compensation for poultry killed by dogs, in similar fashion to the present compensation for sheep killed.

Halton Health Unit was asked to report on a proposed subdivision... A by-law was passed providing for additional expenditures on bridges and culverts... the road superintendent will purchase the necessary chemical weed spray to spray township roadsides this year.

Golf Steward, Wife Injured in Accident

Mrs. Andrew Moodie, Georgetown, received head injuries last week when the car driven by her husband went out of control and rolled over. The accident occurred at noon on No. 15 sideread, a mile east of Speyside.

Mr. and Mrs. Moodie, who are employed at North Halton Golf & Country Club as stewards, were en route to Georgetown in his '50 Chev panel truck when the vehicle went out of

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