

## Diary of a Vagabond

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Being a nooover in oils, or what is sometimes called a weekend painter, I never miss an opportunity to visit an art gallery. It is a form of sweet torture I inflict on myself in case I might ever become conceited enough to think I have produced a work of art.

Only those who have experienced the excitement of watching their brush mould a faint likeness of their subject, will understand the thrill I felt recently when viewing the collection of paintings by Canadian artists in the National Art Gallery at Ottawa. To the uninitiated, the mountains in a Lauren Harris landscape might look like igloos, he has such a severe, bold handling. But when I saw his 'Ice House', which had been loaned to the gallery for a special showing on view while I was there, I fairly felt the radiant glow of the sun's rays on the side of the building.

Canada's interpreters in oils, among them Varley, Thompson, Jackson, Kreighoff, Carr, Milne are as individual in their handling of their inspiration, as the artists themselves. Yet they have captured with their points on a flat canvas surface, the very spirit of this nation from the Rockies to a French Canadian village scene.

If we often wonder why fortunes are spent on acquiring such works of art, we should stop for a moment and assess our heritage. We have been called a nation without culture, too young to have acquired an artistic individuality or background. The National Gallery's Canadian collection certainly belies this, for it compares favorably with those paintings by the Europeans' old and new masters, owned by the gallery.

There has been a great deal of publicity during the past several months given to the uproar over the proposed purchase of a Brueghel and a Monaca to the tune of \$445,000. The story is old hat now, but it certainly stirred up a mare's nest in the capital city. Our prime minister, John Diefenbaker, stood his ground right in the middle of the argument. He maintained that it was no time to be spending that kind of the taxpayers' money on two paintings. Alan Arvis, the former director, was just as adamant that such bargains are few and far between on the art markets of the world today.

As a tourist at large but nevertheless a Canadian citizen, I feel Mr. Diefenbaker was right. For one thing the people of Canada must pay for the new six million dollar gallery now under construction in downtown Ottawa. After my visit to the old gallery some few weeks ago, I thoroughly

## Official Opening Of Park School Will Be Held Possibly In November

After almost a full term of operation Park Public School will have an official opening possibly in November. The problem school which was delayed almost two months by poor weather and labour problems opened in early November last year.

The fact that the doors had never been officially thrown open was pointed out at a meeting of the public school board Wednesday night, October 7th by the principal Harold Catling. Mr. Catling and board member Herb Arnold are arranging the night.

The new George Kennedy public school on Weber Drive will probably hold a similar ceremony either in the latter part of the same month or early next year. They will combine their opening with an open house.

Some 98 pupils from Chapel Street, Wrigglesworth, Harrison and Park, the winners in a contest to name the fifth public school will receive silver dollars from the school boards as prizes. The name of the town in one grade at Harrison where all 35 pupils submitted George Kennedy public school.

The recent steady rains revealed a drainage problem at George Kennedy school where small lakes dotted the playground and will probably remain until evaporated because of the non absorbent clay soil. The situation will be remedied by

## Woman Associates Form Bowling League

The recreation club at Vancian Associates launched a bowling league last Wednesday night.

Ken Lovell's team got off on the right foot with 5 points to take the lead followed closely by Charlie Jensen's crew with a 285 by Ernie Smith was the best of the men's high singles and Wally Magdy nailed down the second spot with a respectable 252.

Ladies' high singles were Pat Barr's 181 and Jean Graham's 1077.

## Hospital Fund Tag Day Well Received

Georgetown's hospital is inching its way closer to reality. The fund was considerably bolstered by a very successful tag day on 'fair day' sponsored by the Georgetown Hospital Association under Mrs. Alex Taylor.

Mrs. J. Harrison, Mrs. Cliff Stacey, Mrs. Perc Chaplin, Mrs. Fred McCartney, Mrs. Alex Taylor, Darryl and Kathy Chamberlain, Alice Wilson, Anne McGilligan, Jackie Louth, Cheryl Tucker, Susan Dick and Joe Treventers did the selling.

A bingo held in conjunction with the tag day was also successful. A draw was made, at the bingo and prize money awarded the holders of tickets, 1052, 805 and 1145. The 'bigger and better' club sponsored the draw.

## Terra Cotta Realtor's Son Marries Brampton Girl

Joan Winifred Wedgwood and William John Hunter were married in a pretty ceremony at the home of the bride on September 19. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wedgwood, R. 5, Brampton, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hunter, Terra Cotta. Mr. Hunter operates Hunter's Real Estate on Guelph Street and is a former sponsor of the local intermediate hockey club.

Pink gladioli formed the setting for the ceremony, which was conducted by Rev. T. D. ones of Streetsville. The pianist, Miss Audrey Parkinson played 'Bless This House' before the ceremony, and 'O Perfect Love' during the signing of the register.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a pale blue ballerina-length gown of crystaletta and a matching bandeau. The fitted bodice of the gown was fashioned with a sweetheart neckline and three quarter length sleeves. She carried a cascade of white carnations and pink roses.

Miss Joan Smith, maid of honor, wore a waltz length dress of rust crystaletta and matching feather hat. She carried a bouquet of bronze mums and white carnations.

Hugh Hunter, brother of the groom was the best man.

The bride's mother wore a brown crepe dress with matching accessories and a corsage of pink roses. For the reception, and the groom's mother wore a dress of black sheer over pink

graduating at the cost of between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

A stamp which handled fruitage from the buffet room also posed a problem when it bucked up during the downpour and caused minor flooding in that room. The secretary was instructed to confer with Utilities to see if they will share the cost of the very necessary sewer

Principals reported on their enrollment which now total 1770. The first 360 at Harrison 418 at Wrigglesworth, 322 at Chapel 271 at Park and 208 at Kennedy.

Five schools will be competing for the first time when the annual inter-school track and field meet is being held in the park on Friday.

The teachers addressed the class on their contribution in their home room outlining the school policy and the responsibility of each to be followed by their children this year. The parents were also allowed private consultations with their child's teacher. Refreshments were served.

In an informal home and school meeting, Mrs. Gordon 'Fitt' took over the session, from Mrs. A. Macintosh who held the position on the past year and a half ago. Mrs. Fitt stressed the importance of the parents' role in the child's education and the school's responsibility to the parents.

Attendance in school was the first time in five years that a woman has been elected president of the association.

## 300 Attend Harrison Home & School Meet The Teachers' Night

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