

German-Born Artist Opens New Art Gallery

A bearded man brimming with vitality and excitement, plans to bring a little bit of Greenwich Village, or the Left Bank to Georgetown.

Surprising as it may seem, you too can now have the opportunity of browsing through an art gallery, just like the cosmopolitan city dweller, since at the end of the month German born artist John Sommer will open an art gallery in his home at 45 Charles Street.

With the opening of this gallery, a dream will be realized for the artist, who with his wife and two children came here eight years ago as farm labourers. The youth and friendliness of the farm neighbours to them, was and is a constant source of joy to the German couple.

At the time of his arrival in Canada he was disappointed at the state of art in Canada, but now is wildly enthusiastic. "The last few years have seen a tremendous upsurge in Canadian art," says the artist, "and now the young Canadian artist is of top flight status." He went on to say that twenty years from now this will be looked back on as the time of Renaissance in Canadian Art. "An exciting time in art," he described it.

Traditional, Impressionist, or Abstract art are all welcome in his gallery, the only requirement is quality. But how do you, the ordinary people, know quality? Only by looking and looking at all different forms of art. Herein lies the reason for art galleries, he explained.

"The artist has to recapture the innocent outlook of the very young," he felt. Reminded by his own remark of the recent public school children's art show, he spoke with delight of the work of the younger children. "Later on, they tend to copy the accepted form and lose their fresh approach," he said regretfully.

He was lavish in his praise of art teacher Bruce Mackison, whom he felt has the ability to inspire originality in his pupils. To the ex-Torontonian it may come as a bit of a shock to know that Toronto is now looked upon as a mecca for the artist, an exhilarating, exciting place. What has happened to stand old Tory Toronto? The new city hall seems to be the symbol of the change in the minds of the artist at least. Mr. Sommer is deeply impressed with the design, and feels it is the first big step toward bringing Canada's architecture into its proper time.

He was somewhat less than enthusiastic about the average housewife's house. While he decried their design, he was emphatically approving of the fact most of them are occupied by the ordinary worker. "In this sphere, Europe is behind Canada," he stated.

Your reporter left with the picture of this bearded artist, dressed in Jamaica shorts painting, but not with canvas and palette, with an ordinary paintbrush and house paint. He was up a ladder giving his house a coat of paint before the gallery opening. Mr. and Mrs. Sommer have purchased the former Perc Coffin home on Charles Street.

FARM NEWS

Arthur Lawson High In Land Judging

By J. A. P.

Arthur Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lawson, Milton, was high contestant in the 11th annual Land Judging Competition held on July 12th. Arthur was awarded a trophy by the Credit Valley, Sixteen and Twelve Mile Creek, Conservation Authorities. This year's competition was held on the farm of Hilda Harris, located on the Appleby Line, Burlington.

High Senior in the competition was Russell Murray, Acton, who was awarded a one week Scholarship to a Soil Course at the Ontario Agricultural College.

The Land Judging competition is held under the direction of J. A. Francis, Agriculture Representative, and J. Douglas Burnside, Assistant Agriculture Representative, in co-operation with the Soil Department, O.A.C. and under the sponsorship of the Credit Valley, Sixteen and Twelve Mile Creek Conservation Authorities.

Forty-two contestants took part in the competition. Each contestant classified 4 soil types; rated each for the growing of four different crops; and gave reasons for their selection.

The Land Judging competition was started in 1958. Since that time 115 Junior Farmers and 411 Members have received training in Land Judging. In addition, 111 farm operators were instructed in land use through this competition.

Prize winners in the competition were as follows:

Novice

Tom McDonald, 70, Ed Van Hockelen (placements) 60, Larry (Gaul) 60, Margaret Hunter (placements) 60, Thera Trysman 60, John Aiken (placements) 67, Margaret King, 67, Doreen Carney, 64, Murray McGaig, 63, Murray Harris, 62.

Juniors

Art Lawson (Top Contestant) 80, Trophy winner, Bill Alexander, 70; Ken Wilson, 75; Mildred Martin, 74; Don Fetherstone, 72; Alex Finnie (placement) 71; Jeff Nurse, 71; Maureen Sweetman, 70; Larry

New Veterinarian Joins Staff of Animal Clinic



Dr. Brian Footman, B.V.M. and R., M.B.C.V.S., a graduate of Royal Dick Veterinary College of Edinburgh, Scotland, is now associated with Dr. Vicki Zavitz at the Georgetown Animal Clinic, 108 Guelph Street.

Dr. Footman whose wife is the former Jennifer Brocklesby of Scotland, has been in Canada for only five weeks, but has been in practice in London, England and in Lincolnshire.

He will assist Dr. Zavitz particularly in the larger animal work. Dr. and Mrs. Footman are residing with Dr. Zavitz until such time as they locate an apartment in Georgetown. Dr. Footman has had considerable experience with medicine and surgery of animals.

"Doctor, do hurry! My husband is at death's door!" "Don't worry, lady. I'll pull him through."

She: "Don't lie to me! You were seen playing around with a blonde on the beach in Florida."

He: "Well, what did you expect me to play with at my age — a pail and shovel?"

Garthouse (placing) 60; Harold Thompson, 60.

Seniors

Russell Murray, 76, (Winner of Soil Course at O.A.C.); Bill Sinclair, 72; Marilyn Sherwood, 71; Marion Hunter, 60; Hodgen Barnes, 66; Bob Merry, 65; Bill Robertson, 58; John Stull, 51.

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MISS BETTY JEAN ANDERSON, a teacher at Chapel St. Public School, is currently enlightening New Hampshire junior farmers same time learning the ways of the New England ruralists. Its all part of an exchange program worked through the States. Betty Jean joined Doris Mellett on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mellett near Woodstock, New Hampshire, until early August when the hostess becomes the guest on and Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDonald accompanied Betty Jean between the Glen and Terra Colla.

Surcharge No Excuse Domestic Price Rise

OTTAWA (Special to the Herald) — There is no reason for Canadians to curtail their purchases because of the government's new tariff surcharges. This view was emphasized here by a spokesman for the Department of National Revenue in discussing the possible effects of the government's action in boosting import duties on some goods.

"It must be remembered that the new program covers only some goods and there are many other imported articles which are not affected," the revenue official said. "The goods which are included will have either a 5, 10 or 15 per cent surcharge added, the higher or lower depending on the non-essential luxury items."

He explained that the plan has two basic purposes. To put a brake on imports in order to improve Canada's balance of payment position and, secondly, to stimulate the manufacture and sale of more Canadian goods.

The official admitted, however, that the aim of the plan could be defeated if Canadian manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers used the surcharges to an excuse to increase their own profit margins.

Any undue boost in the price of Canadian goods, to bring them closely into line with the new prices of imported products, might cause some consumers to prefer the imported product. It is acknowledged that while many Canadian-made goods are of comparable, or even better quality than imported goods, some Canadians are influenced by the fascination or snob appeal of a foreign label.

DISCOUNT RUMOURS

Rumors and some newspaper articles that suggest the cost of goods is going to skyrocket in the next month or two, were discounted here. One press report suggested that a \$100 man's suit might cost \$140, by September.

National Revenue points out that the suit material and lining, if imported, will face a surcharge of only 5 per cent. While extra charges tend to pyramid as goods pass from importers to manufacturers to wholesalers and to retailers, the official said he would be "verifiably surprised" if the additional cost is anything like the 40 per cent suggested.

An example of how the surcharge works is given in the case of an item imported direct to him of \$100. The normal 20 per cent tariff would add \$20, to the cost and if the item is in the luxury class, the 15 per cent surcharge would increase the price to \$135. When the federal sales tax of 11 per cent is added, it brings the total cost of the item to \$149.85 under the new schedule, compared to \$133.20 under the previous rate. A 40 per cent retailer's markup on top of this would result in a total price to the consumer of \$209.79, compared to \$188.48. Provincial

Some Canadians have been misled, it is believed, by actions such as that taken by the British Columbia government last week when it used the surcharges as a signal to boost imported liquor prices. A bottle of Scotch, for example, was increased by \$1.35 even though the surcharge of 15 per cent and the devaluation effect of 25 cents, would create an actual cost increase of only 40 cents. B.C. simply took the opportunity to add an extra 95 cents a bottle to its own provincial profit.

Many dealers are not worried about the effect of the surcharge on their sales. They say there is a large volume of good Canadian products to sell — products which will not be affected by either devaluation or the surcharge.

And, if as hoped, the move stimulates the manufacture of more Canadian-made goods, the total effect for the nation can be beneficial, officials say.

Work Continues on Mosquito Control

OTTAWA (Special to The Herald) — The day may come when mosquitoes are wiped out in Canada — but don't bet on it. Scientists at the Department of Agriculture's research branch say they hope that some day the Canadian summer pest will be as uncommon as a rattlesnake bite, but they admit that day may be far off. The major difficulty is the immense size of Canada with its myriad streams, pools, marshes and other favorite mosquito breeding grounds.

They found that as more land is cultivated more swamps drained and more low land filled in, the mosquito may be forced further back from settled areas. But there are offsetting factors. Unless properly planned, every new irrigation project tends to create new areas of sluggish water which invite an increased crop of the tiny buzz-bombers.

And then, of course, there is the wind. A community or an area can spend several hundred or thousands of dollars on a spraying program, only to have winds blow thousands of the pests into the area from "outside."

But the agriculture department believes that communities and tourist areas should continue to do battle. They say there is no question that a proper anti-mosquito program does pay dividends in added comfort for people.

MODERN MEYHODS

While some communities, such as Oshawa, Ontario, gained early recognition for a concentrated program of oiling swamp land in the early spring, the more modern methods are now favored. These include spreading granulated DDT — on the snow; throwing plastic capsules of insecticide into stagnant

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