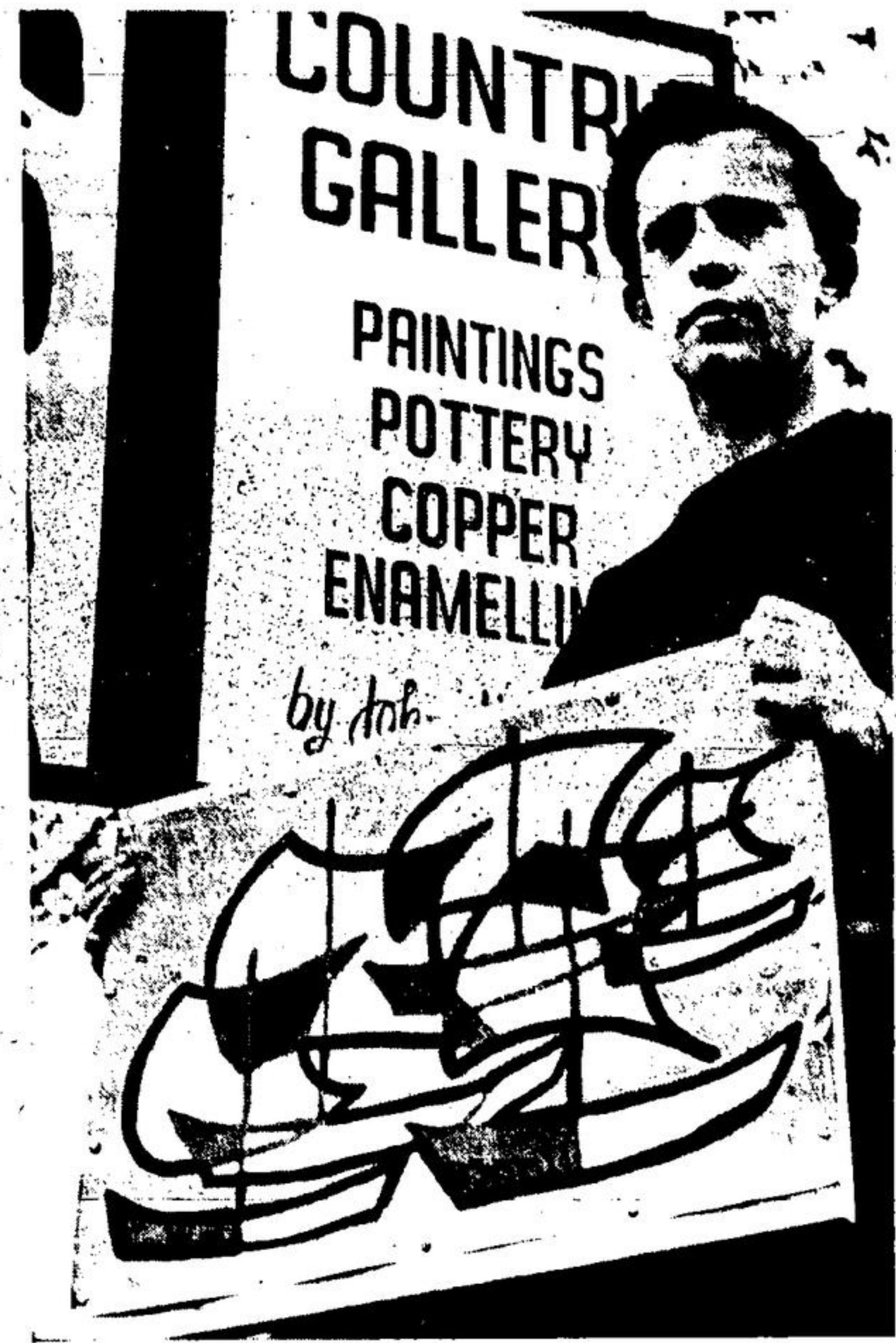


TERRA COTTA ARTIST



Peter Jones Photo

AGG COMMISSIONED TO DO "VALHALLA" MURAL

TERRA COTTA ARTIST John Agg has been commissioned to paint a mural for the new Valhalla Inn on Highway 27. Above, the Country Gallery proprietor holds the original painting, a modernistic conception of old Viking ships. The Country Gallery is on the main road through the village, just west of Terra Cotta Inn.

GREEN THUMB CORNER

Garden Raiders Can Be Repelled

By Gordon Lindsay With

A good healthy lawn, based on high quality grass seed, and reasonable care, will take a lot of traffic if it is not necessary to baby, by staying off it. But where there is extra heavy wear, like a shortcut in the garage or vegetable garden, a path of regular building materials is advisable. For this we can use flagstones, brick, cinders or gravel. But one should be careful with the latter two. If they are loose there is bound to be trouble with the lawnmower. If combined with some thing to bind them and then rolled or tampered down, they may be satisfactory. Flagstones or brick, however, are most attractive.

REPELLING RAIDERS

Bugs and disease are not the only enemies the gardener may have to guard against. Sometimes there are flocks of starlings, grackles, or other birds, and concentrated attacks by rabbits around hedges or trees or deer. But the smart gardener can outwit all these as well as most bugs and diseases. Treatment for the last named will be left for another article.

To scare birds there are all sorts of fluttering things that shine in the sun and spin on wires or strings. There are also scarecrows and, even shotgun for crows. We can also plant special fruit and nut trees that the birds will prefer to the garden and will give us hours of pleasure watching them. For the rabbits, some people surround the vegetable garden with a row of glass bottles with no tops and standing them in just an inch or so of soil. The wind blowing across the open tops makes a noise that alarms the rabbits or so it is said. For ground hags, come and deer, sometimes an electric fence will be necessary and will be successful and it will also keep out the rabbits. W. coons, however, like fresh water, have to include a foot or two of poultry netting reaching right down and into the soil and the electric fence wire on insulators on top. With a little care a battery will last several years. Another plan is to run an extension wire into the garden and turn on a large electric light for a few hours each night or if one has a dog move his kennel into the corn patch when trouble is expected.

GIVE THEM SOME SUPPORT
Practically all big plants like cosmos, delphinium, hollyhocks and climbing things like sweet peas will benefit with some firm support. For the tall straight plants and also tomatoe, five or six foot stakes are

Rogation Visitors Give Seed Packets

Rogation Sunday May 19th was celebrated in St. John's Church with the regular 9:30 a.m. and a special 7:30 even service. Years ago it was the former Smartswaide property and later while preparing for further competition he had the misfortune to break his ankle.

This year Bob is preparing to compete in the Ontario High School Championships to be held in Austerlitz on Saturday May 25th. Best of luck from your friends in Stewartstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hunter

and family recently purchased

about a tenth of the

land of the neighbouring

farmer and have

planted a garden

and a few trees. St. John's has made

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