



Yosef Drenters and his art. —(Photos by Lorraine)

Yosef Drenters exhibits at Gallery House Sol

To know him is to understand his quiet strength and tremendous tenacity; to see his collective art on display is to recognize his amazing prolificacy and versatility.

Mostly, his friends in the village and area of Rockwood, associate Yosef Drenters with his prodigious effort to save and preserve the famed Rockwood Academy, one of Canada's oldest centres of early education.

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Last Friday marked the completion of yet another showing of Yosef Drenters' achievements when his latest works were exhibited at the Gallery House Sol in Georgetown. Hundreds of viewers had attended over the three week period to see his accomplishments and enjoy his creations of which, from the whimsical to the sublime, there were pieces to match every taste.

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A man who is constantly aware of the sheer delight of being alive relates his bird depictions of creatures soaring off in rhythmic flight to human souls fading into mere dots on the horizon. He mentally correlates humanity with divinity and applies such qualities in his mode of everyday living, zealously working to accomplish, believing that much of his work is inspired motivation.

Reeve will check pig farm complaint

Reeve Anne MacArthur of Nassagaweya intends to personally check out the operation of a pig farm located on Appleby Line, north of Steeles Ave. The Reeve made the promise to a two man delegation at the Monday night meeting of Council. Basil McDonald and Bob Clarke of R.R. 8 Milton said the odor from the farm was extremely bad. "I wish council had a whiff tonight," stated McDonald. Other landowners felt the same way, the delegation indicated. Spreading the waste deposits of the animals on nearby fields might be a possible reason for area wells being damaged and polluted, the two men seemed to indicate.

Council had asked the province some time ago to investigate the matter. McDonald told members he thought the reason for the delay was the Air Management Branch of the government, which has taken over such duties, was just in its initial stages. Members of Council decided it was a good idea if a letter were written to the province asking them to move on the matter. Reeve Mrs. Anne MacArthur felt added weight would be given if she personally checked out the farm. "I think it would help if my personal opinions were included in the letter," she suggested.

Has commissions He received a Canada Council Grant in 1961; was the subject of C.B.C. documentary film; and was accepted as a member by the Ontario Society of Artists. In 1965 he was commissioned by the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce to create a sculpture for the Ontario Pavilion Expo '67 and he was commissioned as well to create a "giant toy" for the La Ronde.

Immediate appeal "Drenters work," Toronto art critic Robert Fulford once wrote of the Rockwood sculptor, "Makes an immediate appeal to most people who have looked seriously at contemporary sculpture." Fulford said: "Its total impact is a combination unique in my experience of the primitive and the sophisticated" and he compared Yosef's works to that of an expert African carver who had somehow wandered through the Louvre and then come back to carve his impressions. "Like a backwoods Henry Moore" said the critic. Putting aside his artistic endeavours temporarily, Yosef is presently applying himself to the job of building a stone wall at the Academy which, composed of the stone foundations of dismantled historical district schools will add another bond for Canada's posterity and Rockwood can be proud to have a man with such vision as one of her residents.

Comin's and Goin's

Hey, it's congrats to the Rockwood Trail Riders this week. They participated in the Caledon Competitive Trail Ride last Sunday, May 28 and took top laurels when Morris McGinnis was second in the heavyweight division, Ray Ellis third and Agnes McGinnis took a third as a middleweight. Nice going, gang, no one's going to nag you for those results!

Well, a happy, happy, birthday to one of Rockwood's most delightful celebrants. Mrs. Mary Scott on May Street was birthday mother, grandmother and great grandmother, when four generations of her family picnicked at the Stratford Festival Park in Stratford with a birthday cake, presents, and all the trimmings. The date of the big event? Tuesday, May 23 of course, and even the weather worked in "just fine."

Lookee here folks. Want to get back into shape and look your old glamorous self? Check in at the McLaren bicycle rejuvenation shop situated behind the Saunders bakery at what is more familiarly known as the "Lloyd Thomas egg house" and see what Murray can do with your old replica. Maybe it'll be summertime escapades and slimmer waistlines for you and a savings in effort if you "let Murray do it" tomorrow.

Just shows that you can be pretty and clever at the same time. Carol Thomson of R. R. Rockwood and last year's Miss Erin Fall Fair queen has been winning other awards all year. Her latest effort was the Women's Institute District Scholarship for 4 H girls who intend continuing their education. Carol's plans are for nursing and the \$50 she won will be applied to her new career. Nice going Miss Scholarship winner, it couldn't happen to a nicer girl and we're pleased.

Check now! If you are a lady who's missing a pretty watch ever since last week's variety show nite at the Rockwood Centennial Public School, don't get alarmed — just check in at Pearl's Variety, identify your jewellery and zap, you'll get it back again safe and sound. Remember Pearl's motto "Honesty is the best policy and the customers should not be frightened." So get it back this very night.

Isn't it terrific? The Rockwood Centennial school library will be on tap again for Eramosa area residents to catch up on summertime reading bouts, and, according to those in the know, there'll be over 6,000 books available for pre school children to the level of grade 10 reading. More extensive material can also be available if those interested would indicate the nature of the books requested, and the Eramosa Recreation Committee in conjunction with the Wellington County Board of Education hope this will be a good year for you to enjoy literary absorption. Just call Mrs. D. McPhedran or Mr. G.

McKae if you have requests and the library will be ready to roll come announcement time.

We're living in an age of cynics. Just because we've had a few weeks of tremendous weather folks are complaining that it must mean that our summer will be cold and damp. Silly, isn't it? Why not just enjoy it as it comes and let tomorrow take care of itself!

Sure now and it's th' land o' the little people that she'll be seen' during the next three weeks when Mrs. Robina Peacock of Harris Street, her daughter Fiona, and her little grandson take off for Ireland the land o' the green. And it's us here at home wishin' her all the luck in th' world fer a wonderful trip and that's no blarney from her friends here in Rockwood either.

Sidesteps by-law

An amendment to the Eramosa zoning by-laws prohibiting establishment of used car lots in Rockwood has been circumvented by one proprietor.

Jack Sheehy of Shamrock Motors told the Free Press he would obey the township by-law aimed specifically at his business and establish a leasing agency on the Alma St. property instead of a used car lot. He intends to line cars up on the property but any actual buying and selling will take place at his R. R. 5 Rockwood lot.

Eramosa council passed an amendment to the by-laws at the May meeting to prevent a car lot on the Alma St. property because it is adjacent to the Conservation park. They felt a lot would spoil the appearance of the area. One neighbor also objected in writing.

Authority to employ 53 students

Fifty-three students, (male and female) will be employed this year on the SWEEP (Students Working in an Environmental Enhancement Program) for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Projects to be completed during the season are: Nature Trail layout and marking at Meadowvale, Limehouse and Orangeville Conservation Areas; repairs to landslide area at Erindale; pre-development work on public use areas at Limehouse and Orangeville; demolition of a cottage at Terra Cotta Conservation Area; survey of park users; general clean up of Lakeshore parks; fencing and a concentrated clean up for Fletcher's Creek in Brampton.

The work load will also include some assistance to the Chinguacousy Parks Dept. to install gabion baskets in Eldorado Park. This will give more stability to the river banks in this area! Roadside clean up in all townships in the watershed will be done, as it was last year.

Also included this year is a weekly education program for the 10 weeks of the project. This is to enlighten the students on government involvement in

pollution control, wildlife extension programs, through films and lectures on various aspects of the history and function of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Senior Supervisor Scott MacIvor has hired Janice Hartwell of Port Credit, a third year student in Environmental Studies as his Technical Advisor for the Program and divided the work force into five groups with either male or female foremen. Ford Motor Company is supplying five trucks for the program.

DECORATION Day Sunday.

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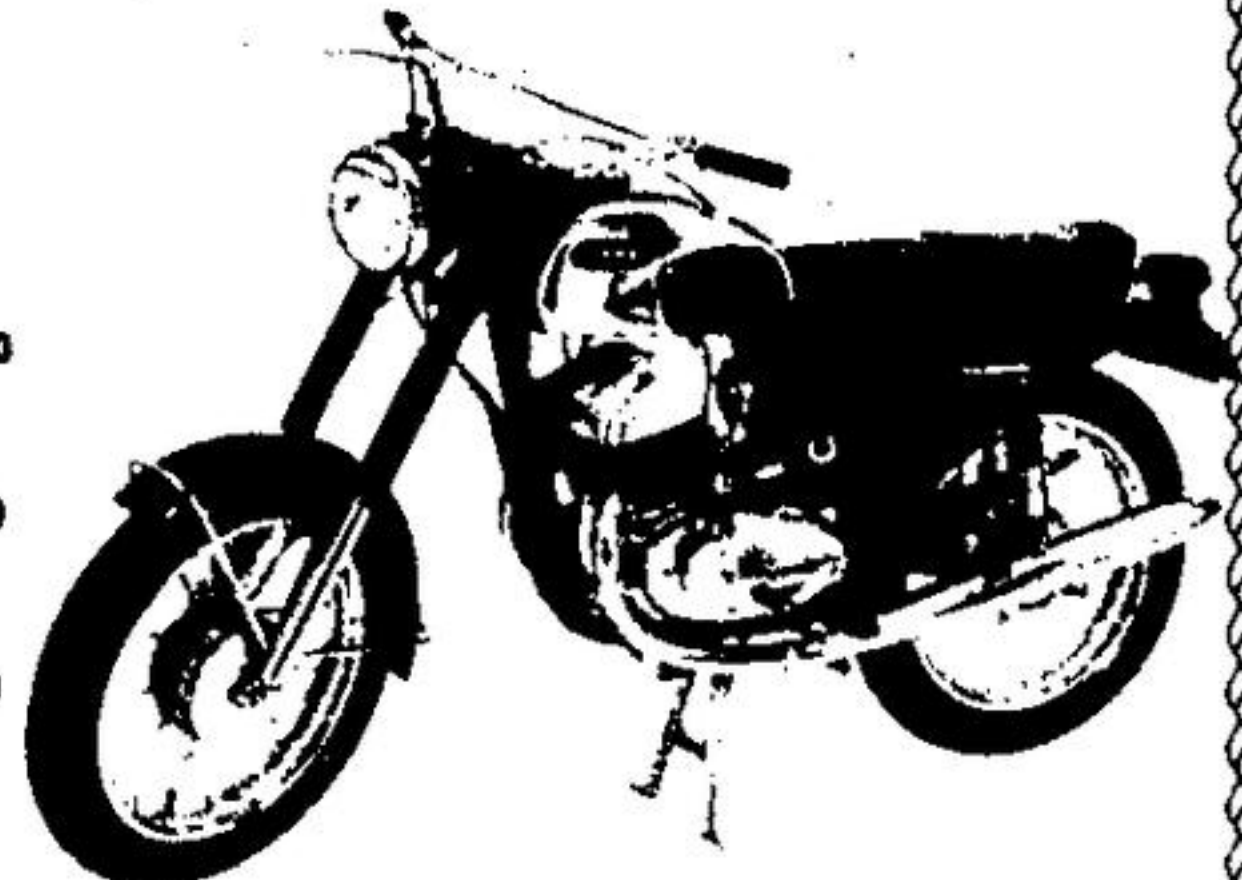
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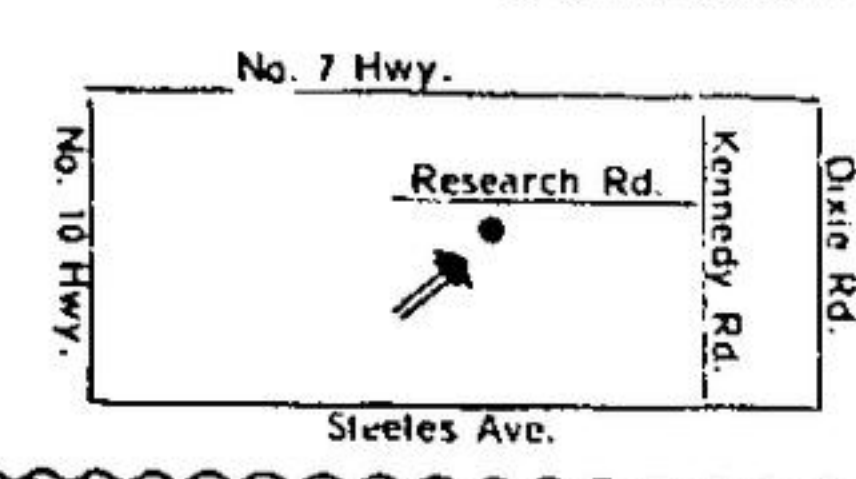
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