



JOHN SOMMER VIEWS ART EXHIBITS (Herald Photo)

## 'What's Modern Art?' Homage To The Sun

Each person has his own views on modern art. Some people follow certain art movements and trends as enthusiastically as a heavy better follows the progress of various horses. On the other hand, some people couldn't care less about modern art. The latter person usually sums up his views in the sentence, "I know what I like, and I don't like that."

John Sommer, operator of the Gallery House Sol in Georgetown has some interesting views on the subject. The very fact that he, along with his wife Gisela, runs an art gallery indicates his interest in the subject.

"All art done today by people who live within their time cannot help but show the particular problems of the times," he says. "This ac-

counts for the confused tastes in art today.

"Going to an art gallery tells people something about the times they are living in," he continues. "We have found out all kinds of things about the ancient world through the artifacts we have found. Their art reflected the world they lived in. So, looking intelligently at contemporary paintings, you can see what's wrong with our times."

"I try to make people aware of this, that art is not something to be afraid of, to be in awe of," he added.

"You have to get in the habit of going to galleries to understand this. Let's face it, most people buy two or three paintings in a lifetime. Most people come to look. And what they will see is the times in which they live."

This week marks the final few days of Homage To The Sun, a show of Canadian art with the sun as its central theme. The display is being shown at Gallery House Sol in Georgetown.

John Sommer, who operates the gallery with his wife Gisela, noted some 50 Canadian artists had been asked to submit works for the exhibit. As a result, the gallery is showing some 90 works by

both local and national artists.

"We started to prepare the show last fall," Mr. Sommer said, "and we've had a fine response. The high quality of the works, especially those by local artists, makes this a show worth seeing."

"We left it up to the artists what they would submit," he said. "We're very pleased with the results."

The show closes this Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

## Land Appraisals Centre Of Debate Before Council

Members of Halton Hills Council continued their arguments concerning the appraisal of a Shelley Street lot in Georgetown during their special meeting last Tuesday night.

Coun. Dick Howitt offered a resolution to the council for a new appraisal of the lot as two half lots rather than the whole one. "Before we can offer it for sale, to abutting landowners, we have to fix a price based on an appraisal," said Coun. Howitt.

Both Councillors Hyde and Morrow added that more than two appraisals may be needed because all the abutting landowners were not contacted.

"We have land owners on the other road and the back of their lots may be abutting this property," said Coun. Hyde. "They will have the right to purchase part of the land too."

The resolution for two new appraisals was carried by the eight members of council attending the meeting.

His resolution allowed Councillors Ern Hyde and Ric Morrow a chance to continue their complaints from Monday night's meeting. Both men believe the fixed price should be \$8,000 based on an appraised value of the whole lot at \$18,000.

"The resolution says that the value of the half lot may be only \$1,000," argued Coun. Hyde. "Later, if the land is reassembled in one lot size by the owners, it may retail for about \$20,000 as a building lot."

At Monday night's meeting, Coun. Howitt explained that the town was not "land speculators and the price was too high for half lots. He told council members that the town could enter an agreement disallowing the property to be reassembled."

Afterwards, Coun. Hyde pointed out that any agreement only binds the original purchaser of the property.

"Our agreements only bind the original buyer of the land," he said. "Either the town sells the property as a whole split in two half lots for the money or the new buyers can later sell it for at least three times what they pay for it now."

Coun. Ric Morrow did not want to see more of the taxpayers' money spent on appraisals of the property since one was finished for a \$18,000 value.

"We've spent money to get the original appraisal and now we'll spend more to have two new appraisals for the two half lots. We should sell the property for what it's worth," he said. "It's ridiculous for us to give away something for less than it's worth. The taxpayers will be very upset."

Coun. Len Cole agreed with Coun. Howitt. He noted that "until the land is assembled into one lot, it's not worth the \$18,000 appraisal."

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## Rash Of Fox Sightings

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Fred Meadows of 245 Alma Street in the village leads a posse of four or five men through the area every day searching for the animals. Each man, including his nephew Carl Meadows, Bill Wingate, and Wayne Nightingale, is armed with a rifle.

"We shot one so far and sent it to the department of animals," related Mr. Meadows. "But you might go out 50 times and never see one."

During the past week, five separate fox sightings were reported in the downtown area of the village. Mr. Meadows strongly believes that "no way a sane fox would do that, they have to be rabid."

Recently, an English building, owned by Alan and Betty Eastwood of 194 Station Street, was destroyed after fighting a fox who had saliva covered fangs and jaws. Another sighting had a fox

running close to Rockwood Public School and the surrounding homes. "I'm really concerned about the safety of the children in the area, but I don't believe other people are concerned enough about this dangerous disease," said Mr. Meadows.

While living in the village all his life, Mr. Meadows never remembers hearing of foxes in the village. The last time they "were really bad was six or seven years ago."

Mr. Meadows could not understand why dog owners did not tie their dogs up. This, he felt was part of the Rockwood problem and he hoped it could be corrected.

"There's about 10 dogs running loose in the north section of the village. How do the owners know if their dog gets bitten by a rabid animal?" asked Mr. Meadows.

He did not believe higher fines for dogs running at large would correct the trouble because the owners would disclaim ownership. "This type of person wouldn't even

pay for a tag for the dog, let alone a fine. He would probably deny owning the animal," said Mr. Meadows. Mr. Meadows had a warning for area residents to keep their

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guns handy, and near a door if possible. "My gun is always within reach now, and I'll continue to go out everyday to hunt the animals," he added.

"I love fishing but this year whenever I go, I'm taking my gun with me for protection. This is a serious problem here."

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## Hospital Inquiry Commission on Employee Wages, Salaries and Benefits

The Minister of Labour has established a Hospital Inquiry Commission to investigate ways of providing the current process of hospital negotiations with an improved basis for the determination of employee wages, salaries and benefits. It is composed of R. E. Aiden, A. S. Tirrell and J. S. Dupré (Chairman). The Commission is seeking the views of the public as they relate to its terms of reference.

The Commission has as its terms of reference the duty to inquire into and report on:

- The standards of compensation applicable to employees of hospitals under The Public Hospitals Act and the relationship of these standards to comparable work in other categories of employment in Ontario.
- The appropriate criteria which should be applied to the determination of such compensation.
- The feasibility and desirability of collective bargaining being conducted on a level other than an individual hospital.
- The desirability of establishing a resource centre for developing and publishing statistical data relevant to such bargaining.

### Submissions Invited

Persons or groups wishing to make a written submission are asked to:

- Notify the Commission by April 9, 1974 of their intention to make a written submission.
- Make written submissions as soon as possible to be in the hands of the Commission by May 6, 1974.

The Commission may request a subsequent oral review of any submission.

Submissions and inquiries should be addressed to:  
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