Local artist prefers to chose her own subjects

topic which is "creative and

will sell to people if they like

it" rather than do commission-

ed work which brings

"pressure that stifles creativi-

Ellen Melton's artistic flair

came from her mother who

paints in oils. Her brother as a

child drew animals and Mrs.

Melton says, "he was the one

who nurtured my interest in

animal study". This same

brother had talent for sculpt-

A sister, Julie, a resident of

Georgetown, works in

ceramics and has a craft

boutique in town. Mrs.

Melton's children are interest-

ed in the arts as one daughter,

Cheryl, is a dancer and

specializes in jazz and tap. She

studies dance at the Brian

Foley Studio in Toronto. A son,

Larry, is a singer starting with

a group called Blue Steel and

he is now vocalist with a group

called "Exit", who rehearse at

a Milton home. Another

daughter, Laura, is a crafts-

person who is a sociable young

woman and an avid reader. A

younger daughter, Kim, has

been involved in dramatics at

school and her sister Diane is

ing which he never pursued.

· ARTISTIC FLAIR

By ENID WILLIAMS ELLEN MELTON, a native of Toronto, became interested in art at an early age by drawing all the time. Encouraged by teachers from grade 11 on, Mrs. Melton went on to study art in high school and later took night school courses.

While studying at Sheridan College, this artist studied life drawing, an interest which lay dormant until her children were older. Now with more time to devote to art, Mrs. Melton has developed life drawing oil and water color

The artist's interest in oils was stimulated at night school while living in Brampton. Now a resident of Georgetown, Mrs. Melton enjoys the quieter atmosphere of this locale and would "love to live right out in the country".

Mrs. Melton has taught a beginners' oil course in Bramalea which she enjoyed but found time-consuming. During one winter, Mrs. Melton taught an oil class for beginners at our local craft

shop, Col-craft. This artist's creative nature needs time to expand mental concepts and she says, "I am possessive of my time in order to devote myself to my own art form" The self-expression exuberated through Mrs. Melton's art work, keeps her a happy, fullfilled personality.

Mrs. Melton has been a member of the Georgetown Palette and Pencil Club for nine years. She enjoys a regular night out with fellow artists, which she feels stimulates her art style. This communication with other artisans is a "worthwhile sharing of knowledge".

GROWTH EXPERIENCE Frank Black, fellow member in the Palette and Pencil Club and well known artist, is a close friend of Mrs. Melton. The featured artist took lessons from Mr. Black in water color technique for four years. She considers this to have been a meaningful growth experience and very worthwhile as her work is seen

several places in the area.

Along with family responsi-

bility, Mrs. Melton does not have time to take courses now, but does include sketching sojourns with a group of artists. These sketch trips are set up by Laura Dittrich from Acton, who arranges these jaunts once a week in the summer and autumn. Sometimes they view old mills, secnic spots near Terra Cotta or a gallery where they view the art show then sketch outdoors. When on holiday, Mrs. Melton rarely sketches, but she takes photographs which she uses later as subject matter for her hobby. As an artist always interested in nature, Mrs. Melton looks forward to the day when she can have a "sketching holiday, to acquire material to work

Coupled with the artist's flair already mentioned, Mrs. Melton enjoys crocheting while watching "the box". Sculpting is also a new interest which she hopes to develop further. She finds this an exciting new dimension and the membership of Pulette and Pencil Club may now avail themselves of the Credit Valley Artisans' kiln, as their club is newly affiliated with Credit Valley Artisans who have the facilities to work in clay.

from over the winter months."

While the writer visited,

FOR SALE

Mrs. Melton showed her portan avid tap dancer and has aspired to the super-advanced folio of pen and pencil sketchclass under Monique Augustini es, water color scenes and flowers and an abstract of Bramalea. acrylic nude, the latter a commissioned work. This Discussion ensued regarding artist likes to develop her own

large secnic design in the field of theatre, which Mrs. Melton considers "a completely different art form", one she may explore some time in the future.

Mrs. Melton is an associated member with Halton Hills Arts Council through her membership in Palette and Pencil Club and she hopes, "the Art Gallery will become a reality as part of the Library-Theatre-Gallery complex." Mrs. Melton went on to say, "it would be nice to have one place in town designated to show art from many artists on a rotating basis".

"Money could be made by renting such space out to other artists for art shows," she added. As her enthusiasm built, Mrs. Melton went on to praise the Art Gallery at the Civic Centre in Bramalea. Mrs. Melton would like to see "permanent sculpture as part of the outdoor decor of the proposed Arts complex".

ENCOURAGEMENT Her views regarding the Arts Council of Halton Hills included great encouragement to those working to bring a stronger awareness of art to this community. Mrs. Melton was very supportive by saying,

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"the Arts Council can create a stronger voice among the arts people in Halton Hills and will offer all artisans an umbrella under which they may meet

during the year in this area." An interesting conversationalist, sensitive artist and a community-minded resident, Mrs. Melton made her art

and her water colors intrigued me as they are developed with soft muted tones and interesting shading. Watch for this artist's art work wherever you



Ellen Melton works at the finishing touches for a water color in the studio of her Moore Park Crescent home.

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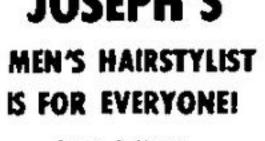
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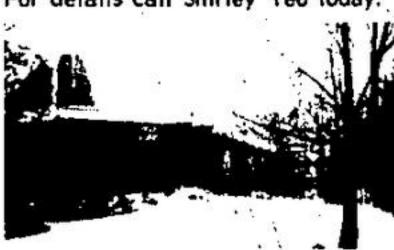
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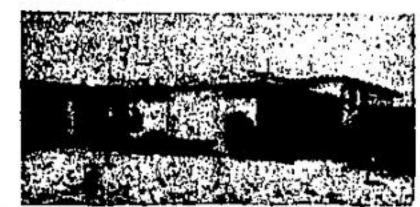


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