

## Art Gallery Returns Home



Dear Elmer, How can one thank you adequately? Thank you for your efforts this past term in office of government. Thank you for your sincerity, for your loyalty to your constituents and for your courage to carry on even after sustaining an auto injury.

Those of us who have had the opportunity to work with you during the campaign share your anguish in having lost the election. But we

*while the new art exhibit is on the walls, Heather Rennie watches Dietrich Jost paint the door.*

By Stewart Smith missed among the series of moves. The Bancroft Art Gallery is finally back to its old location - in the old Railway Station near the centre of the town.

The Gallery had to leave the building hurriedly this past winter, when a fire destroyed the upper floor, and did considerable damage to the Art Gallery below.

The Art Gallery had moved first to spacious quarters below Posies, at the corner of Hastings Streets and Bridge Street, thanks to the generosity of Bob Stanistreet.

From there they moved to the Dunganon Township council chambers, in L'Amable. Only one show was

missed among the series of moves. The schedules had to be rearranged because no showing was possible in June.

On Friday evening, June 30, the Art Gallery celebrated the opening of its July show featuring hanging works, and ceramics. We are expecting a report on that for the July 20 Courier.

The Art Gallery - now called the Art Gallery of Bancroft - will be open 7 days a week, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Assisting Heather Rennie is Sarah Brown, a student at North Hastings High School, Bancroft, who has already been a featured artist for Ducks Unlimited.

## Open Letter to Elmer Buchanan

hope the loss does not leave you disillusioned, Elmer.

Those who chose the "mean machine" of change represent only 37% of the electorate. And now more than ever, a need to stand on guard for Ontario by people like yourself is crucial. We hope you will continue to dedicate yourself to bringing truth and a philosophy of caring to the benefit of this riding's citizens.

The New Democratic Party of Ontario opened government to consensus seeking such as no party before. It proved that partnerships between

employers and employees does work.

It offered work and workable programs through Jobs Ontario. These programs took people off Welfare rolls while adding capital assets to the province. It created partnerships between business and government taking into consideration the welfare of the working man. While spreading the pain of the economic change caused by the industrial/technical revolution, it held to its policies of helping the disenfranchised, the elderly, the sickly, and the

poor children.

You and the New Democratic Party have worked very hard for us, Elmer. This area has reaped the benefits of having you as a representative at Queen's Park - heading two portfolios, one of which was Minister of Agriculture.

We wish you well, Elmer. We thank Gesina for her support and hope that you and she will enjoy this time renewing your family life.

GOD BLESS YOU.  
- Tom & Patricia Carlos, Apsley.

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## The Village Playhouse

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cony - which can be reached by no other means.

This awkwardness, we believe, was to accommodate more seats. There are soft chairs for about 200 people. So far, 162 of these have been "paid for." More were "purchased" during the evening, including one in honour of the late Bill Reed-Lewis.

Betty Lambeck was announcer

"We needed a sponsor," she recalled. The Algonquin Arts Council became the sponsor. Yes, President Jocelyn Downing agreed, one of the most commonly voiced needs of the community was for "a permanent performance space."

The Building, the Town Hall in the

1920's, is owned by St. Paul's United Church, which is leasing it to the A.A.C. St. Paul's Church Choir sang.

Next came Jobs Ontario money to match money raised locally. Each must come to \$82,000. Part of this is coming from the sale of the Theatre Guild building to the Switch Yard youth centre.

The performance centre was named, and Susan Freeborn - Malloy, of Bancroft, won the Name the Theatre contest with the name, "The Village Playhouse."

This is now a community performance space. The North Hastings Community Choir, directed by Lynn Watson, sang several numbers. They will meet again in the fall on Wednesday evenings.

This summer The Village Playhouse will be the setting for three plays presented by Theatrics. Donna Forth and Bill Tomlinson presented a few scenes from the first, "Little Shop of Horrors."

The Chairman of the Bancroft Playhouse Project, Barry Lambeck, was introduced, and received an enthusiastic, standing ovation. He spoke of Architect Matt Poray-Swinarski, and Project Manager Knowlton Hunter.

The evening closed with Don Davy singing, "Bless This House, O Lord We Pray." Yes, indeed!



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We had to borrow heavily to keep this newspaper (let alone ourselves) alive this past winter. Now the banks want their money back. We need your help.

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St. Paul's Church Choir sang as their Christian Education Building became "The Village Playhouse."

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