

# Midland's pride will be showing works of local artists to be shown in Toronto

by Shirley Whittington

October is a month for Midland to take pride in its artistic talent. Two local artists are being featured in two separate Toronto exhibits.

In both cases, the artistic inspiration was local, and unique to this area.

The work of William Wood, a nationally recognized painter and etcher who painted Midland's streets, parks and people will be on exhibit at the Art Gallery of Ontario from Oct. 21 to Dec. 4.

At that time the works go on tour to major cities across Canada for one year.

Wood who died in 1954 was an associate of the Group of Seven and expressed their modern feeling in his depictions of the people and life of Midland in earlier days.

The Art Gallery of Ontario has designated Oct. 27 as Midland Day at the AGO. On that day, a PMCL bus leaves the Midland terminal at 9 a.m. and will arrive at the Art Gallery of Ontario in time for a special guided tour of the Wood exhibition.

The cost of \$11.50 includes bus transportation and admission to the gallery. The bus leaves for Midland at 3 p.m.

The planning committee for the Wood exhibit includes Fred Hacker, John Hartman, Walling Ruby and Jean Hartman.

Artist John Hartman is exhibiting his most recent works at the Gadatsy gallery, 43 Stephanie St., about one block south of the Art Gallery of Ontario.

John describes these paintings as "land-

scapes from a high point of view which have a specific reference to this area." Hartman was educated in Midland and graduated from McMaster University in Art and History in 1971.

For a time he lived and painted in Northern Ontario. His return to Huronia was marked by a renewal of interest in local history as well as the natural beauty of the area. He re-read the Jesuit Relations and began using his paintbrush to interpret the local landscape in the light of that reading.

This collection of paintings was recently exhibited at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. **Spectator** art critic Grace Inglis says "Hartman's works should be seen by educators, churchmen and women and by anyone looking for paintings that mean

something."

She calls Hartman's work "metaphorical...using the landscape of the Penetanguishene area with its Martyrs' Shrine and especially the flat plain known as La plaine de Lafontaine as a launching point for what are essentially spiritual recreations of those terrible early days in Huronia."

John Hartman's Toronto exhibit opens Oct. 23 and runs until Nov. 12.

It is a happy coincidence of dates that see the Wood and Hartman exhibits running almost concurrently little more than a city block from each other. It is a highly appropriate coincidence too, since the younger artist is an ardent admirer of W.J. Wood and his work.

## AT KNOX: 10-part film series slated

Western civilization has two choices - either return to Biblical

principles or face the loss of freedom under an authoritarian regime.

This is the thesis of "How Should We Then Live" a new 10-part film

series in progress at Knox Presbyterian Church, Midland.

The series, subtitled *The Rise and Decline of Western Thought and Culture* is the work of Dr. Francis Schaeffer, an American scholar living in Switzerland.

Dr. Schaeffer is widely known for his intellectual defence of Christianity and the view that the Bible contains propositional truth about God and absolute values for living.

### husband and wife team

Francis Schaeffer and his wife, Edith, went to Europe after World War II and established a retreat-type home to minister to students.

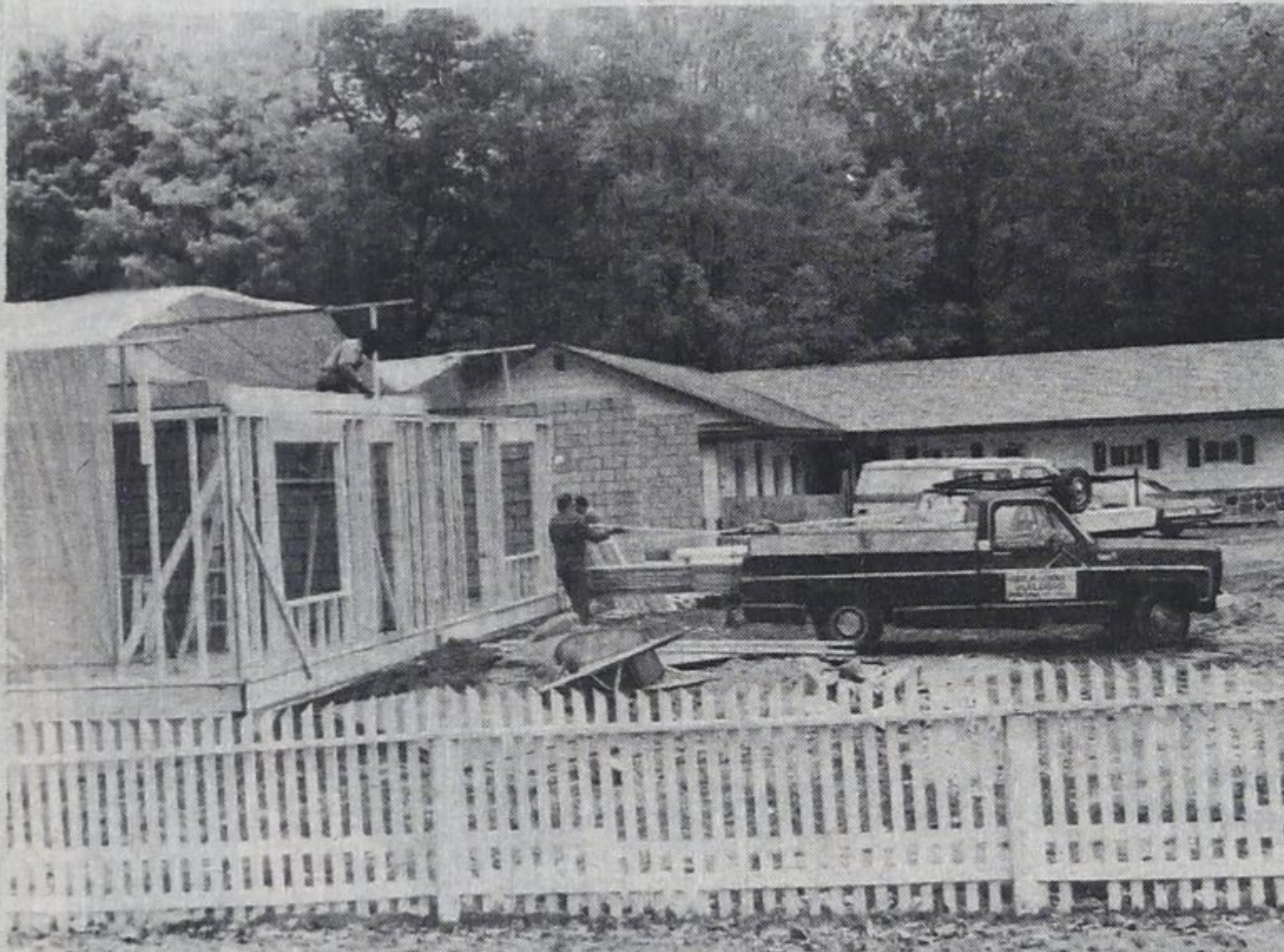
Time magazine called him a missionary to the intellectuals, and thousands of searchers have spent time with the Schaeffers and their staff discussing and studying Christianity.

In a documentary "you are there" style, the films begin with the death of the Roman culture and civilization and trace the development of the West up to our own day before considering the choices we have for the future.

These 30-minute films with discussion following are shown Each Wed. evening at 7 p.m. until Dec. 14 (excluding Oct. 26).

Public is cordially invited. Admission free.

## Midland Haven expands to meet need in town



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For Midlanders caught in the current rental housing crunch, there's some good news on Yonge Street where eight new units are being added to Bernard Desroches' Midland Haven.

The 12 existing units built in 1969, are fully occupied and several of the units under construction have been rented already.

The new units will be completed by the end of November. The lowrise development on the edge of Little Lake is often mistaken for a motel by travellers and this has led owner Desroches into another construction decision.

"I think, he says thoughtfully, "I may have to erect a bigger sign when the construction is completed.

"Midland Haven is definitely not a motel!"



### A time to be thankful

Last Friday was a very special day for students of Kindergarten and Grade 1 at Victoria Harbour Public School. With the help of their teachers and many of their mothers, the children celebrated Thanksgiving a little early with a full thanksgiving dinner (the 6th annual) on their noon

hour. It was noted that there were several specially dressed Indians and Pilgrims in attendance for the festivities. We're sure everyone enjoyed the meal thoroughly, but oh those calories.

-Photos by Bob Murray

## October is 'Canada Export Trade Month'

Geo. Taylor's report from Queen's Park

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October has been designated the first "Canada Export Trade Month" by federal and provincial trade ministers in an effort to make Canadians aware of the importance of export trade.

One of the basic benefits of increased exports is more jobs.

Close to two million Canadians—one in five of the labour market—work in areas directly or indirectly related to export trade.

According to these figures, there is a good chance that every Canadian has a close connection with export trade, whether it is

through family or friends.

I hope that during this month, the consciousness of the general public and the business community will be raised to the importance of export trade to the Canadian economy. Here in the Barrie area, there are a great number of businesses which are dependent on exporting.

Our high standard of living in Ontario requires the luxuries which our exports allow us to afford. We are able to buy such imported goods as orange juice, fresh vegetables in the winter months and TV sets, cars and computers.

The joint business labour government

initiative has a national theme. It is being implemented, however, on a regional basis to allow people to identify with local export endeavours. During the remainder of the month, I hope to see people's awareness of the tremendous capability of Barrie's business people and manufacturers heightened through the local activities.

In addition, as part of this export drive designed to reduce unemployment in Ontario, the province will spend \$1 million over the next six months. The Export Success Fund will help companies start exporting or break into new markets.

An export consulting group is being established by the Ministry of Industry and

Trade in the Trade Development Branch to assist Ontario companies in developing export strategies and overcome the various barriers to selling abroad.

As well, offices devoted to trade development and attracting new investment are being opened in Boston, San Francisco and Philadelphia. The total number of ministry international offices will be raised to 14.

Exporting contributes substantially to local, provincial and national prosperity. Through the various initiatives taking place during Canada Export Trade Month, we can all become aware of the extent of that contribution.