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In The Spotlight

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Robert Richardson, who, with Mr. Martin and Mrs. McGuffin must have given to the students a great many hours of patience and understanding.

For the second show I received an invitation to "A Unique Open House". This was a showing of portrait busts and paintings by John Goodmakers of Maple. One gets resigned to the fact that this is a cold, hard world, and it is truly delightful to meet people who radiate warmth of personality to the extent that I found in John and his wife Betty.

The Goodmakers came to Canada from England in 1954 with their three sons, a fourth being added to the family ten years ago. Having escaped from a prison camp during the war, John became an underground fighter in Holland, until he became a translator working with the U.S. Army. It was his contact with members of the Canadian forces in Europe that persuaded him to try his luck in this country.

John took his training in arts before the war, and had the good fortune to study under some of M.K.S. College of Art in Maastricht, Holland, and at the Logelain School of Master Painters, and was instructed by such notable artists as Charles Vos and Henry Jonas.

On meeting John Goodmakers it is evident that he is not "arty", but a man who loves art, while at the same time he has a practical sense of his responsibility towards his family. For this reason he spent many years after coming to this country in the interior decorating business, and has been sufficiently successful that he can now devote his time to the things he really wants to do, and for which he was trained.

The open house is his first public show, and though originally advertised as running from May 28 to June 3, the response has been such that it will now be extended to June 8. During the week the hours are from 7-11 pm, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 3-11 pm. The location is five miles north of Highway 7 on Keele Street, and the fact that the show is in the Goodmakers' home is part of its charm. Here is no stark gallery with studied lighting, but a relaxed atmosphere where one may sit and study the compositions and enjoy the company of one's hosts.

While the paintings have, to my mind, an almost primitive quality, the portrait busts have an entirely different style, capturing completely the personality of the subject. An interesting example of this could be seen by comparing a bust of one of the artist's sons as a child with one of him as a young man. The same characteristics were evident, but determination and maturity had taken over from the aggression of the little boy. John takes a particular interest in children, and the busts of his infant subjects are executed with insight and tenderness.

Students Want Green Bush "Slum"

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The borough, he said, is already committed to make a grant of \$100,000 to the university. By supporting the Green Bush Inn project it could show a permanent tie between the university and the municipality.

Provisions of services, roads, water, sewers, and money grants, he said, are soon forgotten, but an historical building on campus would be a distinctive and enduring reminder that North York was interested in the university, that it cared enough to "just do a small thing because we want to."

If the borough is worried about the money, he said, the \$95,000 could be reduced to \$5,000 passed over to the Green Bush Inn project.

He emphasized that no money should be turned over until the municipality was assured that the committee was in a position to go ahead with plans for restoration, that a site on campus was ready to receive the building.

Like Mr. Simpson, Mr. Chusid is not disturbed by a recent story in the Willowdale Enterprise which describes the building as a "shack," adding "The borough has no control over the conditions of this rundown slum because it is located on the Vaughan Township side of Steeles Avenue."

Many rundown ancient houses in downtown Toronto have been completely gutted and restored, Mr. Chusid pointed out, and now bring a fancy price.

Nor is he perturbed by the North York Mirror's editorial comment, "Proponents of the plan were unable to come up with any substantiation of a claim the building was of historical significance, and it is in such a state of disrepair it is estimated \$38,000 would have to be spent on getting it ready for the campus beer drinkers."

University students, do and always have had their share of drinkers, and they find a

place to drink. A very moderate social drinker, Mr. Chusid said, "If they do drink, they should learn how to handle it."

A graduate of the University of Toronto and a lawyer, Mr. Chusid recalls that many of his fellow students had their favorite drinking places around the campus, that the majority are now successful and respected business and professional men. He added that it is ironic that some of the borough council's heaviest drinkers are coming out strong against the York University pub.

Many of the university's student body live on campus in residence, but the nearest pub is about four miles away.

So far, Mr. Chusid has found only one ally on council who is prepared to publicly defend his stand. Controller Hunt told the board of control that, in his opinion, the students should be encouraged in their efforts "to inflate a sense of heritage among them."

"I don't know what the good burgers of North York think," said Mr. Chusid, "and I don't know what the board of control is afraid of."

Committee Chairman John Adams is not despaired at the attitude of the controllers, "I am amazed at the people who have given money, who have come forward in support of the plan. The University Board of Governors has approved the plan but demands a minimum of \$30,000 in the fund before we can move the inn, and we already have \$30,000 pledged."

A basement would have to be excavated and foundation laid, he said, heating, plumbing and washrooms installed. The committee would also like to re-construct the old wing which was a part of the original tavern.

When the old inn first came to public attention about two months ago, the Metro press and local politicians believed it was unoccupied, and from the outside it would appear to be

abandoned. Shutters are missing, and debris piled around the premises, but it has three occupants, including eight children.

Owner William Popovich was apologetic about the state of the building, which was occupied when he bought the property about a year ago, "It's pretty awful, isn't it?" he said.

The controllers, (the majority of them live in the Bayview-York Mills area), were horrified at what Controller Basil Hall described as "horrible squalor," but a supporter of the Green Bush project who had seen real squalor in other places described the interior as "sparsely furnished with cheap furniture — only the essentials, but the occupants are obviously making an attempt to keep it clean. The beds were neatly made, and the sagging floors were clean. The rooms are large, and only a storage room on the second floor showed signs of neglect."

The interior is shabby, and the only heat comes from ancient Quebec heaters and never space heaters. There are even a few bits of furniture that must have been left over from the heyday of the inn when it was a popular meeting place for farmers and merchants of the area, but the structure was built in the days when buildings were designed to last.

Members of the student committee and Mr. Simpson have investigated thoroughly the cost and effort involved in moving the old building.

"The place is really shot," concedes student George Orr, a member of the Green Bush Committee "It will need a tremendous amount of work, but we feel we can make a go of it with more financial backing."

Three one-night pub sessions were held during the spring term on campus to help the inn fund, and more are planned.

Mr. Simpson, who is vice-chairman of the Toronto Historical Board, consulted with Charles Doheny, Toronto houseowner, who said steel shafts would be used to support the frame of the building while the structure was raised onto a large truck. Steeles Avenue is wide enough to allow for moving of the inn, and the CNR has agreed to allowing the movers to cross the tracks, (which cut through the road between Dufferin and Keele Streets), with the aid of ramps.

The students are not deterred by the lack of enthusiasm shown by the board of control. Mr. Adams points out that the old Halfway House was moved successfully from Scarborough to Pioneer Village, restored, and is a popular attraction, serving cider and snacks to visitors to the Village.

On-campus pubs are operating successfully at three other Ontario universities — McMaster, Waterloo and Guelph.

The Liquor Licence Board is prepared to grant a permit for twice-weekly serving of drinks on campus for special occasions, however, "We are chartering as a club, the Green Bush Inn Club, and then we should be able to get a club licence to operate six days a week," said Mr. Adams. Yearly membership would be \$4 for students and \$10 for faculty.

Plans for reconstruction include \$1,000 for a bar, \$2,500 for a fireplace, \$7,300 for plumbing, \$2,500 for equipment, and \$15,000 for carpets, curtains, furniture, lamps, murals and pictures.

Furniture, said Mr. Simpson, would not be authentic antiques, but reproductions that would fit into the overall pioneer decor.

It is a problem to know how to preserve old buildings, said Mr. Simpson. This is a highly imaginative and suitable use for the inn. It is excellent to see young people taking an interest in their heritage, and wanting to carry it on."

Students Dig At Ground-Breaking For Nature School At Claremont

Construction of a third conservation field centre within Metro region moved a step closer to reality on May 28 when Energy and Resources Management Minister John Simonet presided at sod-turning ceremonies in the Claremont Conservation Area in Pickering Township.

The classroom for the field centre will consist of the 400-acre Claremont area located about seven miles north of Pickering Village. The area contains the picturesque Duffin Creek, two smaller flowing streams, artesian wells and ponds.

There are about 150 acres of natural woodlot containing both softwood and hardwood trees. A 39-acre land-use demonstration site illustrates the technique of strip cropping and grass waterways.

The proposed log building will serve as the operational headquarters for the program, providing in-residence accommodation, laboratory, lounge, kitchen, cafeteria, washrooms and field equipment storage areas.

Authority officials expect to have the field centre ready for classes next January 1.

Classes from Metro and suburban schools will study at the field centre for a week at a time.

The new field centre will also accommodate eight student-teachers from the College of Education who will be assigned for practice-teaching.

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