

Gormley artist

Displays skill

By Jim Thomas
GORMLEY—It resembled an artists' hall of fame—household names in the art industry like Robert Bateman, Marc Barrie and George Baran. And among them, Pie Menger of the Menger Gallery, Gormley.

This talented mother of four was asked to participate in a wildlife focus on Canada's Endangered Species at The Kortright Centre for Conservation near Kleinburg, Thursday evening. She placed two exhibits in the show, one entitled "Spring Awakening", a West Virginia White Butterfly and the other called "Delicate Lady", a Southern Maidenhair Fern. There were 72 entries in total.

Main difficulty, Mrs. Menger explained, was obtaining sufficient information on each subject. The fern was done to exact measurements. Before she was satisfied, Mrs. Menger completed three paintings of each. Flowers,

plants and landscapes are her specialty.

An artist of considerable skill, Mrs. Menger operates her Gallery out of the former Gormley Post Office between Woodbine Avenue and Hwy. 404 on the Stouffville-Gormley Road.

She was invited to participate in the Endangered Species exhibition by show organizers, Tim and Yvonne Sheppard. A large crowd attended with many expressing enthusiastic interest in Mrs. Menger's work. One of her two paintings was sold.

Pie, a former Home Economics teacher and, for one week, last month, an art instructor at the King Campus of Seneca College, says she has no trouble concentrating on her work, even with activities going on around. She admits receiving tremendous co-operation from husband Wally, three daughters, Dana, Shelley and Tracy and son Gary.



Pie Menger of Gormley rubbed shoulders with some of the top artists in Canada with two entries in an 'Endangered Species' exhibition

at the Kortright Centre, Kleinburg, Friday night.

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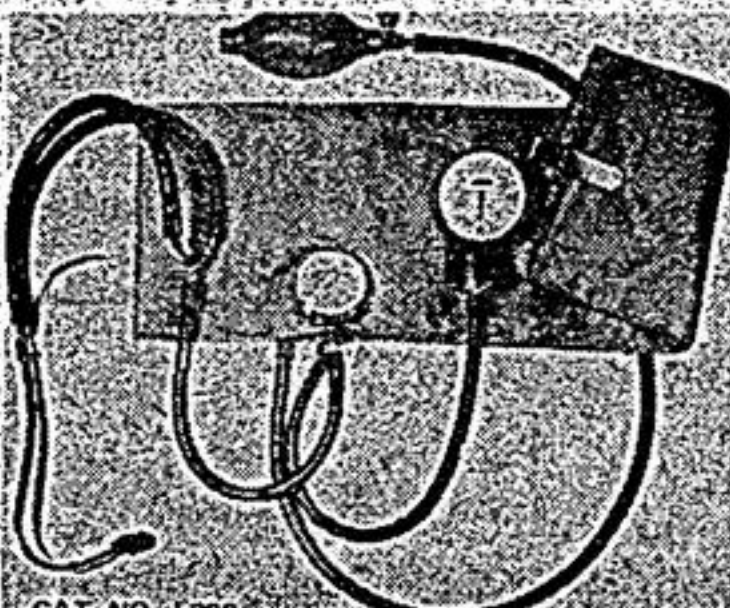
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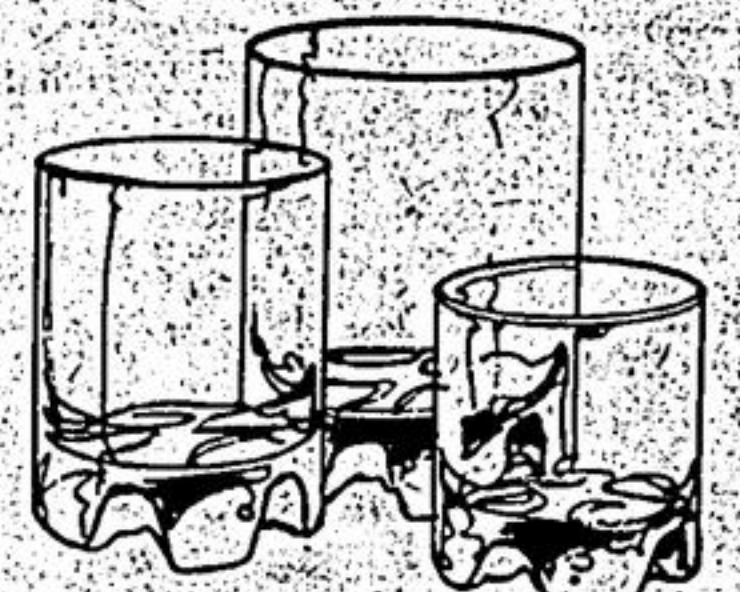
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