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M O N T H L Y L E T T E R

NEWS & VIEWS OF CLUB ACTIVITIES AND CLUB PROGRAMMES

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

As President I would bespeak from all of you the utmost co-operation in all the activities of the Club. After all, we must have a content and aspiration which the ordinary club neither contemplates nor is capable of following. For that reason no talent must be buried, but should be brought into the light, remembering - no artist (I here speak broadly) however lowly but -- "Carries in his soul some images of magnificence."

GEORGE T. PEPALL.

A B O U T T H E N E W " M O N T H L Y L E T T E R "

For some time it has been felt that Club members would welcome some form of Monthly Bulletin Letter, which would keep them informed of happenings in the Club membership and of activities arising out of the Club programme.

So with the approval and blessing of the Executive, this venture is hereby launched.

If it serves its primary aim of making us better acquainted, one with the other, and of accentuating that informal kinship which is the true spirit of Arts & Letters Club membership, it will have succeeded in its purpose.

In succeeding issues of this letter, we hope to report interesting items on group activities and the accomplishments of Club members, believing that many of us run the risk of missing much that is happening in a Club which sponsors so many differing activities and achievements.

To do this with any regularity however, demands just one condition -- your personal co-operation and the assistance of all Committee Chairmen in supplying the editor with all contributions for publication before the 15th of every month. We know we can count on this.

R.C.A. SHOW AT GRANGE

PRESENTS INTERESTING VARIETY

With the President of the Royal Canadian Academy a Club member, and such familiar names as Frank Carmichael and A. J. Casson represented on the Council, the Royal Canadian Academy Exhibition now in full swing at the Grange, should be a "must" for every member. It certainly offers an unusual variety and is in every respect a "lively show". The suggestion has been put forward that an evening might be arranged, either in the Club or at the Grange, where members could get together and the artists "discuss" the pictures. More of this if anything definite is worked out.

Incidentally we have been informed that the O.S.A. are this year running a department for pictures relating to the war, with the purpose of Exhibiting these at their annual showing in March. The society and the artists concerned are to be congratulated for this visionary step. Opening Friday and for the next 2 weeks, the works of the late J. W. Beatty, R.C.A. will be on view at the Club. These are from the estate and have been loaned through the courtesy of Langs Fine Art Galleries.

EARLY CLOSING FOR "DURATION"
LEAVES ONE EVENING ONLY FOR DINNER SERVICE

War and restrictions generally, have forced the Club ruling of 5:30 P.M. closing for duration. Dinner will continue to be served on Thursdays only -- but special arrangements can still be made if the Chairman of the House Committee is notified in advance.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

PLANS WIDE PROGRAMME

Because each one of us benefit from Club membership in direct ratio to our individual contribution of interest and support of Club activities, the Entertainment Committee are planning a season of activities which will, as far as possible, have something for everybody.

At a preliminary meeting held at the home of J. E. Sampson, Committee Chairman, on Friday November 5th, we heard discussion on such projected items as Photography Nights, Dramatic Presentations, Musical Evenings, Artist's Forums, Literature, "Quiz Programmes", etc.

Certainly members can look forward to a "vital" and busy winter season.

THE DISCUSSION GROUP GOT OFF TO A GOOD START

Gordon Alderson and the members of the "Discussion Group" opened their season on Thursday, October the 29th, with the staged presentation of "Equinox", a provocative one act play by A. Sundgaard. This was read by members in costume and led to a spirited discussion on the play, its message, its merits and faults.

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

(Associate) Joseph A. Whitmore
27 Teddington Park
Trade Executive, General Manager,
Canadian Warehouseman's Association,
Canadian Correspondent, Musical Courier, N.Y.
Accomplished Violin and Viola player.

(Associate) H. Bishop
48 The Kingsway
Vice-President
Mail Order Department
The Robert Simpson Company
Chairman of the Board of Governors
Toronto Conservatory of Music

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"THE SERIES OF CRITICAL TALKS"

Books and Shows

Given By

John Coulter

over the National Network of the C.B.C. Tuesday evening 7:25
to 8:00 p.m. is to be resumed on Tuesday 24th November.

N O T E: Notification of members who are on the sick list and items of
interest to the Club membership, are welcomed, subject to
editorial discretion.

These should be submitted to Norman Sampson before the 15th
day of each month.

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THE EDITOR SAYS

IT HAS BEEN GRATIFYING TO LEARN FROM SEVERAL MEMBERS THAT THE FIRST OF THE "MONTHLY LETTERS" WAS WELCOMED AND THAT THE GENERAL IDEA OF SUCH A MAILING WAS APPARENTLY SOUND. A VERY NICE LETTER FROM HAMILTON GARDINER IS MUCH APPRECIATED SINCE HE HAS BEEN ON THE SICK LIST AND IS ONE OF THOSE ABSENTEES TO WHOM SUCH A LETTER AS THIS IS PARTICULARLY ADDRESSED. IT IS CHEERING TO NOTE THAT HE IS ON THE WAY TO RECOVERY AND HOPES TO SOON TAKE A FULL SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE CLUB AGAIN. AS A CLUB, THE PERHAPS "TOO OBVIOUS" FELLOWSHIPS OF OTHER GATHERINGS MAY BE THANKFULLY ABSENT, BUT A VERY REAL REGARD FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CAN BE GLIMPSED AT ANY TABLE AT THE NOON-DAY LUNCHEONS AND IN THE COMPANIONABLE LIBRARY GATHERINGS. SO IT IS THAT ABSENTEES FROM ANY REASON ARE VERY SINCERELY MISSED.

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO WILFRED C. JAMES WHO, AS ANNOUNCED IN THE GLOBE AND MAIL OF ~~DECEMBER 1942~~, HAS BEEN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

ART GALLERY "SOCIAL EVENING"

~~WITH AN ATTENDANCE~~ OF AROUND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY, THE "SOCIAL EVENING" AT THE ART GALLERY ON WEDNESDAY ~~EVENING, DECEMBER 2ND~~, MORE THAN FULFILLED EXPECTATIONS. MEMBERS, THEIR WIVES AND GUESTS, MET AND VIEWED ~~A VERY~~ A SIGNIFICANT EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS IN THE ROYAL ACADEMY SHOW.

~~WELCOMED BY~~ THE PRESIDENT, WHO INTRODUCED FRED HAINES, THE RETIRING PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY, THEY LISTENED ~~TO A~~ A BREVELY BRIEF, BUT THOUGHTFUL, TALK ON THE PICTURES. REG GODDEN AND GEORGE LAMBERT DELIGHTFULLY ~~ENTERTAINED~~ WITH PIANO-SELECTIONS AND SONGS, SINGULARLY WELL CHOSEN FOR THE OCCASION.

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ON ACTIVE SERVICE

~~FROM OUR~~ ALREADY IN HAND, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE ARTS & LETTERS CLUB HAS AN ACTIVE SERVICE RECORD OF WHICH ~~WE~~ WE CAN ALL BE PROUD. THIS CAN BE ITEMIZED AS FOLLOWS:

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AIR FORCE	<u>11</u>		<u>42</u>
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WHILE TWENTY NINE CLUB MEMBERS ARE THEMSELVES ON ACTIVE SERVICE, SEVENTY-FOUR OTHER MEMBERS HAVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN THE SERVICES. ONE HAS FOUR, THREE HAVE THREE EACH, NINETEEN HAVE TWO. A TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED AND ONE. THESE, TOGETHER WITH THE TWENTY-NINE MEMBERS MAKE A TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY, IN THE VARIOUS SERVICES REPRESENTING ONE HUNDRED AND ONE DIFFERENT FAMILIES.

ONE CLUB MEMBER HAS LOST HIS LIFE ON SERVICE - SIX OTHER MEMBERS HAVE LOST SONS.

SINCE WE ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE A COMPLETE RECORD, IT WILL BE APPRECIATED IF THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT YET RETURNED THE CARD SENT TO THEM SOME TIME AGO, WILL SEND IT IN RIGHT AWAY.

WE WISH COMPLETE DATA ON NAMES, ADDRESSES, SERVICE RANK AND NUMBER, WITH ANY DECORATIONS, OF ALL SERVING IN HIS MAJESTY'S ARMED FORCES. THIS APPLIES TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLUB, SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF MEMBERS AND GRANDSONS.

PLEASE SEND THIS INFORMATION TO C.A.G. MATTHEWS, 1189 YONGE STREET, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

O V E R S E A S B O X E S

FIFTY-TWO BOXES HAVE BEEN SENT TO MEMBERS AND SONS OF MEMBERS OVERSEAS. THESE INCLUDE BOXES TO THE TWO SONS OF A FORMER PRESIDENT, THE LATE C.B. CLEVELAND. ALSO TO TWO CIVILIAN MEMBERS OVERSEAS, ONE OF WHOM IS DIRECTOR OF TAX PRODUCTION.

IN A RECENT LETTER IT WAS STATED THAT WE HAD A FUND OF \$140.00 ON HAND AND NEEDED A FURTHER AMOUNT OF \$154.00. THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN MOST GRATIFYING. ALREADY OVER \$375.00 HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND MORE WILL COME IN. FURTHER PARCELS AT A LATER DATE ARE THUS MADE POSSIBLE.

N O O N - D A Y A F F A I R S

DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS THE CLUB HAS BEEN FORTUNATE IN BEING ABLE TO WELCOME TWO VERY INTERESTING GUEST SPEAKERS. A FULL TURN-OUT OF MEMBERS ENJOYED THE EMINENT ACTOR AND SHAKESPEAREAN, WALTER HAMPDEN, WHO TOOK TIME OUT FROM A BUSY WEEK TO GIVE US A GLIMPSE OF BACKSTAGE EXPERIENCES AND SOME WISE COUNSEL GLEANED FROM A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

FOLLOWING MR. HAMPDEN, WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF HEARING LACY AMY, AS A FELLOW MEMBER, TALK ON TUNISIA AND HIS TRAVELS THROUGH THAT COUNTRY WITH SOME REVEALING TRUTHS ABOUT ITS CUSTOMS AND PEOPLE.

AS THIS LETTER IS WRITTEN, WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING SUB. LIEUT. JAMES GEORGE, R.C.N., WHO IS TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS AT LUNCHEON ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH.

IT IS HOPED THAT COL. CECIL RAE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS, WHO RETURNED TO CANADA A FEW WEEKS AGO, MAY BE PERSUADED TO SPEAK AT NOON SOME DAY SOON BEFORE HE AGAIN GOES OVERSEAS. INCIDENTALLY, MEMBERS WHO HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR NOON-DAY TALKS OR KNOW OF INTERESTING SPEAKERS, ARE ASKED TO SEND THESE IN TO C.A.G. MATTHEWS - COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, 1189 YONGE STREET.

" D I E P P E "

FROM COL. ON THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10TH, SIR ERNEST MACMILLAN WILL CONDUCT THE FIRST PERFORMANCE OF "MARCHE HEROIQUE DIEPPE", BY THOMAS J. CRAWFORD. THIS HAS BEEN COMPOSED IN PROUD MEMORY OF ALL WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE HISTORIC RAID AND ESPECIALLY OF THE MEN OF CANADA. PROFOUNDLY MOVED BY THE SACRIFICE AND HEROISM DISPLAYED ON THE DIEPPE BEACHES, THOMAS J. CRAWFORD WROTE THIS MARCH COMPOSITION IN GRATITUDE TO AN IMMORTAL COMPANY.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR MEMO PAD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH: MONTHLY DINNER - POST-PONED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH. PHOTOGRAPHIC NIGHT: AN OPEN EVENING FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS CARRYING ON THE POPULAR PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOWINGS OF LAST SEASON. THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A SELECTION OF FAVOURITE KODACHROMES, SELECTED AND SHOWN BY C.A.G. MATTHEWS, ARTHUR HOLDEN, JIM WARDROPPER AND JOHN MORROW. COMMENTS WILL BE MADE ON SOME OF THE SLIDES BY ARTIST MEMBERS AND IN THE WORDS OF JOHN MORROW, WHO ARRANGED THE EVENING, "THE INIMITABLE FREDDIE MANNING WILL ENTERTAIN FROM THE STAGE AND SHOWER LARGE QUANTITIES OF HUMOUR ON ALL ASSEMBLED."

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28TH. C H R I S T M A S D I N N E R: DETAILS LATER.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND. - 5:00 P.M.

AND

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD. - 9:00 P.M. THE IMMORTAL "CHESTER MYSTERIES", PRESENTED FOR CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AT THE CLUB ON THESE TWO DATES.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH: PHOTOGRAPHIC EVENING: AT THE URGENT REQUEST OF MANY MEMBERS, LESLIE THATCHER WILL AGAIN SHOW HIS AMAZING FILM OF "THE GASPE". THOSE WHO WERE UNABLE TO SEE THIS FILM AT LAST YEAR'S SHOWING SHOULD BY NO MEANS MISS THIS SECOND CHANCE TO SEE A MARVELOUS PIECE OF WORK. IN ADDITION AND AS AN EXTRA ATTRACTION, THEY WILL HAVE THE ENJOYMENT OF HEARING SOME OF DOCTOR DRUMMOND'S FAMOUS FRENCH CANADIAN SKETCHES, PRESENTED BY DR. E. A. CORBETT, A FRIEND OF DRUMMOND'S. DR. DRUMMOND HAS THE GIFT OF PRESENTING THESE "HIGHLIGHTS" OF HABITANT LIFE AS PERHAPS FEW OTHERS CAN.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH: PHOTOGRAPHIC EVENING - FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. "TO CAPE BRETON AND THE SEA". KODACHROMES OF TWO VACATIONS SPENT IN NOVA SCOTIA, PRESENTED BY J. FLEETWOOD-MORROW. ENTERTAINMENT TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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T H O R E A U M A C D O N A L D

A LIFE WITH A CLUB PRESIDENT OF HONOURED MEMORY IS PROVIDED BY THE EXHIBITIONS OF PICTURES NOW HANGING IN THE CLUB. THESE ARE FROM THE BRUSH OF THOREAU MACDONALD, SON OF THE LATE J. H. MACDONALD. THE SELECTION OF PAINTINGS EXPRESS A PERSONALITY POWERFUL IN ITS RARE SINGLENES OF PURPOSE. TO QUOTE LORNE PIERCE, FRIEND AND STAUNCH ADMIRER OF THE ARTIST'S EXPRESSION, "IF GENIUS BE UTTER FIDELITY TO A NOBLE PURPOSE - IF IT IS PERDURING HONESTY TOWARD THE WORLD WITHIN AND THE WORLD WITHOUT - THEN THOREAU MACDONALD HAS IT".

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R E M I N D E R ! !

AGAIN WE ASK COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND OTHERS WITH NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE CLUB TO SEND THESE IN TO NORMAN GAMPSON - 1129 YONGE STREET.

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