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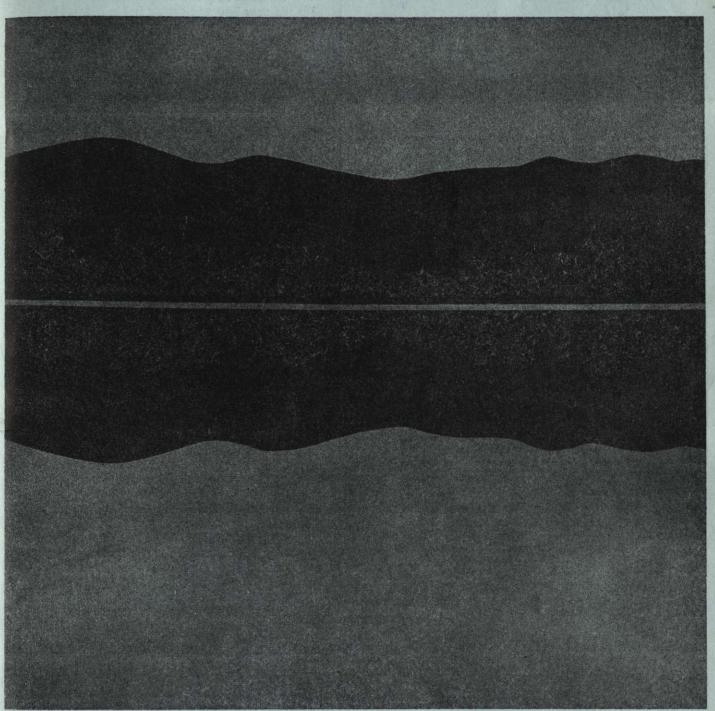
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- 13 February

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Cranleigh Barton Philip Trusttum

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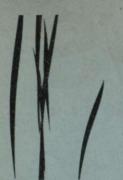
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#### **President's Comment**

I write this as your new, green as grass president much aware of the series of distinguished and talented people who have run the Society in the past and wondering if I will be able to measure up to them. I am quickly beginning to appreciate what it means in time and involvement. Fortunately the Society is in the expert hands of its famous Tweedle-dee and Tweedledum, the secretary and the treasurer who kindly help the new boy and gently tell him what to do. As some of you will know my first pleasant duty at the annual general meeting was to propose a vote of thanks to the retiring president John Oakley. The usual small attendance at the meet-

ing allows me to repeat myself.

John Oakley became our president after the death of Mr Stewart Mair. It was no easy task to follow a man of such energy and drive who had done so much for the Society but under Mr Oakley's leadership the steady increase in the Society's activity did not slacken. The number and quality of exhibitions improved and so did the Society's income. Mr Oakley's very special contribution during the year was the organisation of the fair which he did almost single-handed with somewhat sceptical support from the Council. As you can see from the accounts the fair was an enormous success making a profit of \$1,200.00. But we thank Mr Oakley not only for the year's presidency but for more than ten years continuous service on the Council and on the artists committee. He gave sound advice and help to many members. I looked back through the minutes and found his name again and again proposing this and organising that, back to the old days of Mr Baverstock when the Society ran one exhibition a year. It's a far cry from that now. We will expect to see his red jacket and twinkling smile at the opening nights to come and I am sure he will continue to give a great deal to the Society.

The exciting thing right now is that the ten big paintings are hung and what a fantastic exhibition they make. The gallery has a new scale and dimension, a new and exciting space. I hope the architects for the gallery see the exhibition. They will be proud of their building. For the first time the paintings hold and dominate the space. I have been a rather bewildered admirer of Colin Mc-Cahon until now but after seeing this exhibition

Miles Warren

## **New Members**

I begin to see what it is all about.

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Miss Esther Archdall Miss Cushla Bennett Mr and Mrs George Bostwick Miss J. B. Buckhurst Mr and Mrs J A. Chisman Mrs E. de Keyser Mrs K. J. Dickie Mr John M. Duncraft Mr and Mrs S. G. Erber Mrs Marilyn P. Heine Mr and Mrs R. W. Hlavac Mrs C. M. E. Little Mrs Ian Mackenzie Mr J. T. McNeill Miss E. J. Maciver Mr J. E. Millichip Mrs Inge Moore Mrs A. Muling Miss Patricia Reilly

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## **Gallery Hours**

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## Cranleigh Barton

Retrospective Exhibition

Cranleigh Barton was born in 1890, and was educated at Wellington College and at Victoria University. He practised law for a period but drawing and painting had become an engrossing hobby. He was introduced to Australian artists and was advised by them to take a course at the Slade School of Art attached to London University. Here he was under Professor Tonks, Mr Wilson Steer and others.

His intended stay of a year lengthened into four and besides having pictures accepted and hung at leading London institutions, he held two one-man exhibitions. From then on, painting has been his occupation.

Mr Barton has painted extensively in Europe, and this exhibition will cover a wide field.

The exhibition wil be opened at 5.30 on 28th January, by Mr John Oakley.

## **Philip Trusttum**

Philip Trusttum will be exhibiting relief constructions and paintings in the ground floor gallery from the 14th of February to the 29th of February. Until recently employed part time as a postman he is now one of Christchurch's few professional painters.

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#### Fleece to Garment

At least one team from Australia, and about 12 from New Zealand, are expected to take part in next year's Fleece to Garment competition in New Plymouth.

The Manager of the Royal Agricultural Society

of New Zealand, Mr R. E. Lawrence, said today that entry forms had been requested by several Australian spinning and weaving organisations. "Australian entries for our Open Skein Wool competition have grown considerably", he said. "But so far we have not managed to attract a team of spinners and weavers across the Tas-

Entries for the Fleece to Garment event ,sponsored by the Rothmans Cultural Foundation, had also gone out to spinners and weavers all over New Zealand.

"This year in Dunedin there were 12 teams", said Mr Lawrence. "With New Plymouth's geographical advantages we expect to do even better next year."

The national Fleece to Garmnt comptition, now in its fourth yar, is a novel one involving teams of four who must spin and knit 1lb of fleece wool into a ski cap and a pair of mittens.

Teams comprise mainly women, but men have been included. The four to finish first score 100 points and every other team loses a point for each minute it finishes behind the fastest four.

Points are also awarded for correctness and presentation.

The Pothmans Fleece to Garment competition is

The Rothmans Fleece to Garment competition is one of several the Society will include in the New Plymouth Winter Show scheduled from May 5 to 13. It carries prize money of \$700 and there is no entry fee.

Other spinning and weaving competitions in New Plymouth include the New Zealand Open Skein Wool competition (\$00) and a Spinning and Weaving Display Contest (\$150).

#### House Visits - October 30th 1971

The Editor, C.S.A. News,

Dear Sir,

As one of the owners of a house viewed by your members I would like to say how well organised the visit was.

When I returned at the end of the afternoon I found the house and garden in perfect order. The minders had done an arduous job most graciously and the visitors had shown every consideration.

I was very pleased to hear that this was a financially successful occasion.

Yours faithfully, A. Muling.

Dear Mr Editor,

How gay and charming they all looked in my house and garden. The irises, unfortuately, were not properly out, but, no matter, when a beautiful purple shirt and my orange trouser-suit was there and a jolly-pink hat. And how delicately they trod — the house looked as if a few fairies had been there, no more. So "The Tussoks" was happy with its visitors and the patient helpers. So glad the C.S.A. made money. It was my pleasure.

Olivia Spencer-Bower.

#### JUNIOR ART CLASSES

The Society will be running its usual Saturday morning classes this year. The first term commences on 5th February. All particulars are available at the Gallery.

## London's Showcase for Foreign Artists

By Marjorie Bruce-Milne

Two Canadians, Helen Duffy and George Rackus, are among the artists whose work was shown last autumn at the Commonwealth Institute in London. This institute does a remarkable job. Since 1962. when it opened its new art gallery, one of the finest in London, it has mounted more than a hundred exhibitions. Thes are designed to offer a platform from which young sculptors and painters from overseas can show their works to a wider audience, to an audience outside their own country.

#### **ENCOURAGING TALENT**

Artists (they run into hundreds) have come from as far afield as Nigeria, Ghana, India, New Zealand, Australia, Canada. Some of the shows are mixed, others feature the work of an individual painter or sculptor. John Hutton, the New Zealand engraver on glass, whose great screen is one of the wonders of the new Coventry Cathedral, is only one of the now-famous artists who had their first one-man show at the Commonwealth Institute. Lui Shou-kwan of Hong Kong was first seen in England at this gallery; the Victoria and Albert Museum bought a painting.

Donald Bowen, curator of the art gallery, explained how the arts are discovered. Either the institute is approached by a local government department, anxious to promote one of its own artists, or the curator hears of a promising sculptor or painter and makes

the approach.

It can take as much as two years to organise an

exhibition; there are bookings as far ahead as 1974. But the gallery likes to be flexible to keep a space for an unusually gifted artist. Once accepted, he gets everything free. Publicity is taken care of, there are neither rent nor handling charges. Sales do result, but this is not the immediate object

To have his or her work seen in such favourable circumstances perhaps by several thousand people, gives an artist great encouragement. The very fact that he is part of an important exhibition in a world capital enlarges his vision, helps his development as an artist. It also enhances his reputation in his own country, and this is important. Naturally the quality varies; on occasion modern techniques are attemted before they are fully understood. But provided the work satifies a required high standard, it can be ab-

stract or figurative.

#### **ESTABLISHED ARTISTS**

The best results are achieved when the artist speaks out of his own experience. Such a man is the sculptor Vincent Kofi of Ghana, now known far outside his own country. The institute gave Mr Kofi his first oneman London exhibition. He attended the Royal College of Art in London, and was later awarded a United States Grant to study sculpture at Columbia University, but his work has flowered out of his own culture. He heads the arts and crafts department at Winneba

Training College in Ghana.

Miss Duffy and Mr Rackus are two established Canadian artists who have developed new techniques. She now designs wall hangings from P.V.C. tubing on linen or hardboard. Mr Rackus, whose "Terre et Ciel" series of lithographs are collectors' items, has succeeded in fusing colour on sheets of aluminium, a prowhich is admirably suited to large-scale surface application. Now works by these two artists are to be seen at an exhibition which opened at the institute on September 30 and will run through October 25.

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#### **Potters Notes**

With the National Exhibition now over, disbanded, paid-up and paid out, I, for one, have sat back with a heart felt sigh of that's that. One felt that little else was required of the year, but I found little bursts of activity popping up in the aftermath of the Big Effort. Here in the Group Show we have had an Yvonne Rust fountain. Nature herself could not have desigued anything so simple, so effective, so pleasing to the eye and ear. We hope Yvonne is not serious in saying that this is her final presentation in the South Island, though she will of course be fully occupied for some time "settling in" at Whangarei. All potters and friends in Christchurch will join me in wishing Yvonne many years of happy and relaxed(!!) potting in her retirement. A visit to the Pompallier Gallery to see a very neat Art Show, was made doubly worthwhile by the presence of some pots by Rosemary Perry, Freda Ernsten, Denise Welsford and Michael Trumic. Also some splendid pottery manifestation by Barry Brickel, unfortunately very limited in number owning to prev-

A highly professional little exhibition of decorative glazed tiles was shown recently in the Bank of New Zealand building by artist-potter Genny de Lange. This excellent little display was the more welcome as the artist was so poorly represented (numerically) in the National Exhibition, two other fine pieces not being shown. This traditional tile decoration is seldom seen in New Zealand and one can make an interesting comparison between Miss de Lange's work and that of Anneke Borren, each artist trained in a different country, and different tradition.

An enterprising exhibition has been mounted at Parrott's Paint Shop at Rangiora, where local artists combinded with the Potters Group to show their work. Other local groups, Halswell, Mt. Pleasant, and Leeston, have also had small exhibitions and sales of work, where necessary funds are raised, and patrons can

often find excellent pots at bargain prices.

The Rangiora Group arranged a highly

The Rangiora Group arranged a highly successful Christmas barbecue for members of the Canterbury Potters Association at their workshop at Rangiora. Our new Secretary, Mr Dennis Higgs, 49a Memorial Avenue, is now handling our correspondence aided when pressure neccessitates, by Mrs Betty Ivin, Maffeys Road. The Committee wishes all members the compliments of the season, and good potting in the coming year.

Doris Holland.

## **Anneke Borren**

POTTER PICTURESQUE

Anneke Borren, guest exhibitor in the recent Group Show, was born in Eindhoven, Holland, in 1946, and emigrated to New Zealand in 1962, where she set up a studio in Upper Hutt. She worked briefly at the School of Fine Arts in Christchurch (1966), then went on a two year study visit to Europe and America. She has exhibited extensively in Europe, and is represented there in many museums and private collections. She has held several one-man shows in New Zealand, where her pottery clearly shows its origins in Holland and Scandinavia, and remains gayly apart from N.Z. stylistic concepts.

Miss Borren defines her theories, and approach to her work in this brief statement:

"The natural in visible objects is whatever is ordinarily presented to the senses; the picturesque is that which stands out and catches the attention by some striking peculiarity; the ideal is that which answers to the preconceived imagination and appetite for love and beauty. The picturesque depends chiefly on the principle of discrimination or contrast; the ideal on harmony and continuity of effect; the one surprises, the other satisfies the mind; the one starts off from a given point, the other reposes on itself; the one is determined by sometimes an excess of form, the other by a concentration of feeling."

This quotation from William Hazlett seems to me apt in describing the difference in outlook of my work and that of New Zealand potters in general. Placed in the lush and overpowering influence of the landscape here, the N.Z. potter creates his ideal out of the natural environment-blended and adjusted to his own perception.

This closeness is not in me-my affinity is with the picturesque-that which catches the attention, out of the memory of my mind, one-lined horizons with features-man made-standing out: a sense of control. The control to make out of a natural substance something that rebels against precisely that natural image; in the use of colours particularly, and in form, within the limits of clay, as far as they exist.

Fascination also lies in the chemical knowledge, and the result in the posibilities of a never ending palette. To apply this to a three-dimensional form, using flat surfaces, overglaze, decoration becomes a technique in itself. Creating something that has its own characteristics, with the makers personality inbued, into an image of its own. Thus the fantasies, the whims the similies of life can be transformed into sculptures, forms, architectural ideas, negating the utilitarian background of the substance used-clay.

These thoughts have grown in the Dutch and Scandinavian ceramic environment I lived with during my study years-grown and fed by a sympathetic tradition, and now stimulated by contact with todays world

-this is the challenge I now work with.'

## C.S.A.-Guthrey Travel Award for Art

The object of the Award is to enable a promising or established artist to visit and study in Australia.

The award will take the form of an economy class return air passage from Christchurch to Sydney by Air New Zealand plus a sum of \$100 towards the cost of travelling within Australia. The winner will be required to meet all other expenses and stay in Australia for not less than four weeks.

To be eligible applicants must be resident in Canterbury or must be working members or associate members of the Canterbury Society of Arts. For the purpose of this regulation Canterbury is defined as the territory bounded by the Clarence and Waitaki Rivers. Applications from eligible persons must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Canterbury Society of Arts, P.O. Box 772, Christchurch, and in the Secretary's hand by 4.00 p.m., on the last Friday of January in each year and should be made on the proper form obtainable from the Secretary. Four photostat copies of the application for the use of the Selection Committee should be sent to:

> Secretary, Canterbury Society of Arts, P.O. Box 772, Christchurch.

The Travel Award will be granted by the Council of the Canterbury Society of Arts on the recommendation of a committee which shall consist of:

- (1) The President of the Canterbury Society of Arts or his Deputy.
- (2) Mr A. R. Guthrey or his nominee.
- The Professor of Fine Arts, University of Canterbury, or his Deputy.

Provided that no award be made should the committee so resolve.

The name of the winner shall normally be announced on the third Friday of February and the successful applicant must undertake to visit and study in Australia within a period of six months of the award being made or it will lapse.

Successful applicants must submit a brief report of their study tour within thirty days of their return to

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On returning to New Zealand the winner will be required to present a full report in duplicate to the Canterbury Society of Arts, giving a full account of the time used, the studies made and any conclusions reached or impressions formed which are held to be of value for New Zealand artists.

concerning some of the facilities available in Australia for study and research, and introductions will be

arranged where possible.

The winner will also be required, if requested by the Council of the Canterbury Society of Arts, to write a brief account of his or her visit for publication in the Canterbury Society of Arts' "News" and if the nature of his researches is suitable to give a lecture or to participate in a discussion, the object of which will be to make available the benefits of the award to members, students and others interested. Such lecture or discussion will be arranged by the Canterbury Society of Arts.

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## Print/Pac

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This year it was decided to extend our support to those artists who are intimately involved in the processes of printmaking.

Since the late fifties and particularly over the last decade printmaking in New Zealand has undergone new and surprising developments and new techniques and new artists have appeared.

The stimulation and encouragement provided by the Print Council of New Zealand through their exhibitions since 1967 have done more than anything else to make the public and printmakers aware of the exciting posibilities open to this art form.

It is hoped that this year's Prize which for the first time consists of three equal awards, will help to maintain and reinforce the impetus provided by the Print Council in the past and augument their activities planned for 1972."

From Christchurch the following Artists are showing a number of works

Barry Cleavin Kathryn Madill Eileen Mayo

Also showing are

Hazel Berryman
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Roy Cowan
Betty Curnow
Neil Dougan
John Drawbridge
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