



Brant County Museum

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Dear James:


It has been some time since we have talked but you may remember me as the person who put together the cartoon exhibit at Hart House many years ago.

I am presently putting together a small tribute to another cartoonist who was in that exhibit: Walter Ball who did RURAL ROUTE in the Star Weekly from 1956 to 1968 when it ceased publication. Walter has been in rapidly declining health over the past year and now resides in the continual care unit at the York Central Hospital.

For the tribute, an exhibit at the Brant County Museum in Brantford from June 25th to September 18th, I would like to request from you the loan of twelve originals of Jasper including some Sunday features that you did. In particular, I would like to borrow the piece that you did of Jasper running through the paintings of the Group of Seven. These would be included in the section of the exhibit entitled THE THREE GIANTS OF CANADIAN CARTOONING IN THE 1950'S and 1960'S. I am of course referring to you, Walter, and Doug Wright. The other two sections outline Walter's career as a cartoonist and illustrator, and place him in a thread of Canadian cartooning that traces through Jimmy Frise, Doug Wright, and Lynn Johnston.

I hope you will be able to help us. I will telephone you in about a week's time to further discuss this request. If you wish to contact me before hand, please call me collect at (519) 752-6250.

Yours truly,


Robert MacMillan