

Pen and Palette Art Show Draws Large Crowd Here

MITCHELL, BOYD, HAL, HARDMAN TAKE PRIZES

Scene of the sixteenth annual exhibition of the Pen and Palette Art club, the Horace H. Rackham Memorial Building, Woodward and Warren avenues offered a splendid background for the event.

Forty two works of art by members of the Pen and Palette club were on display. The group included water colors, oil paintings, lithographs and wood carvings.

Leroy Mitchell Takes First Prize
First prize of \$25 went to Leroy Mitchell for his water color, "Sunset" which was a study of a pool room scene. Mitchell, whose works drew much praise from patrons, was also awarded honorable mention for his lithograph, "Wheat Boy." Born in Detroit in 1924, the young artist attended Balch, Garfield and Cass schools. He was graduated from Cass in 1940. Under instruction at the school of Misses Davis and Stevens, Mitchell, in 1941, won the National Scholastic prize of \$30, and the National Scholastic ink drawing third prize of \$10. His lithograph was entitled "Street Scene," his ink drawing, "Gas Station."

In addition to these citations, Mitchell was awarded the Walker Outdoor Advertising award by the Walker Outdoor Advertising company for his design of Ignara Toothpaste and honorable mention in the national Meat Poster Competition. Three of the youthful artist's prizes have also been sold to George Sampson of Fortune Magazine.

Gerald Boyd Takes Second
Second prize was won by Gerald Rotan Boyd, a graduate of the University of Iowa, major in art, during his university years. He is the winner of numerous prizes in art and design. He also exhibited in the Texas Centennial Art Show and in the Fort Worth Art and first all state show, being the lone race exhibitor. Boyd also has numerous paintings hanging in Kansas City, Kansas, which he loved for several years.

Myrtle Hall Awarded Third
Third prize, the George C. Harshaw Memorial, went to Myrtle Hall for her oil painting, "Coal Shanty." Miss Hall, who for years was a professional model before she touched a canvas credits much of her interest and success in art to Paul Hurren, noted muralist for whom she modeled some years ago, and Zoltan Sephesy of Cranbrook Art School. She was for six years, president of the Pen and Palette club and took first prize in the exhibit of 1941. Her art career has netted her three grand prizes and two honorable mentions.

Ernest Hardman Gets Fourth
Fourth prize went to Ernest Hardman. Hardman was born in Konowka, Kas., attended the public schools of St. Louis, then moved to Cleveland, Ohio. He studied art in high school, attended art classes at the Cleveland Museum of Art, was given a scholarship to the Cleveland School of Art. He has sold a number of paintings and has recently completed an oil painting of Mrs. Christine Smith, former active Y.W.C.A. leader. Hardman also took honorable mention for his "Study of a Boy."

Honorable Mention
Honorable mention prizes also went to Sidney for his "Still Life" and Booker Helm for his wood carving, "Bigger." Helm's wood carving was a study of Biggs Thomas, character in the recently popular "Native Son" by Richard Wright.

Judges for the event were Mrs. George Kampman, Sarkis Sarkis and Dr. Ernest Scheyer. Sponsors included Mrs. George M. Black, Mrs. Earl J. Hudson, Mrs. George Kampman, Mrs. Edward

OPENS OFFICE



Dr. Frank Raiford, former president of Trinity hospital, announced last week that he will open offices in the Tobin building at 1208 Broadway. Dr. H. E. Tann will be associated with Dr. Raiford in suites 206-7-8. Dr. Raiford was head of the department of gynecology at Trinity hospital.

Michigan Elks Close State Conference

Highlighting the state convention of Michigan Elks held last Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Lansing, Mich., in the Lincoln community was the oratorical contest in which representatives from Michigan clubs participated.

Held Sunday evening the competition resulted in Margaret Lee Cornwell and Ernestine Sullivan, consolation prizes. Miss Lee completed the national grand prize of a \$1,000 scholarship in the regional contest which will be held July 8 at Chicago, Ill.

Directing the contest was Judge W. C. Houston of Washington, D. C., grand commissioner of the national organization. Mrs. Carrie Curtis, chairman of the State Education committee, was mistress of ceremonies. Judges included G. B. Williams, Lansing ecologist; Mrs. Neil Bloodgood, president of the Lincoln school, and Atty. Charles W. Jones, assistant prosecutor from Detroit.

Drill Contest Closed
Sunday afternoon was filled with color and drama as the drill teams of various temples throughout the

Sidights
The Pen and Palette club members trained highly the interest and cooperation which has been rendered the group by Francis de Erdely, noted European artist, who has been given volunteer instruction to the group for the past year.

Nine Paintings Sold
One of the 42 works exhibited were sold Saturday. Percentage of proceeds from sales will go to war relief. Officers of the club are: Gerald R. Boyd, president; Booker T. Helm, vice president; Ruth McIntosh, secretary; Aubree C. Aze, treasurer.

The club is sponsored by the Detroit Urban League, John C. Dancy, executive secretary. Paintings may be viewed daily 8 p.m. Saturday.

Suit

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case, according to Attorney William T. Patrick Sr. Dawson was arrested in Monroe, Mich., on or about April 20, 1940 for an alleged traffic violation and held by the police authorities. He was arraigned the next morning before Municipal Judge George S. Wright.

Brutally Beaten By Cop
While in court appealing the court for his release, according to the attorney's brief, Dawson was attacked by Officer Al Gesener and several others and reportedly brutally beaten. Patrick said Dawson collapsed on the floor of the courtroom.

Body Hung In Cell
The injured youth was reportedly taken to his jail cell and was later found with his tie knotted around his throat tied to the top of the cell. When an inquiry was made, it was reported that Dawson had committed suicide in his cell.

A suit for \$100,000 was filed in the Federal District court at Detroit by Atty. William T. Patrick Sr., representing the estate and heirs of the slain blackjacker.

Several Sued In \$100,000 Case
The Monroe police officers and the judge of the municipal court and the city of Monroe were made party defendants in the lawsuit.

However, a motion to dismiss the case for lack of jurisdiction by the defendants and a motion to add Judge George Wright as a party defendant was made by Attorney Patrick.

The motion to dismiss the case for lack of jurisdiction was granted and the motion to add Judge George Wright as a party defendant was denied.

Set Order Aside
The motions were argued before Federal Judge Frank A. Peard last week. He set aside the order dismissing the case for lack of jurisdiction and also set aside the order denying the motion to add Judge Wright as party defendant.

Amendment 'Protects' Man
Attorney Patrick contends that unless the defendants agree to go to trial he is prepared to appeal to the United States Supreme court, in that the large corporations of the United States, contrary to legislative intention have, with unimpaired consistency been protected by their fourteenth amendment. Why shouldn't a Negro man, whose life has been taken without due process of law and for whose the said fourteenth amendment was enacted to law, be protected under the above-mentioned to the Constitution of the United States?

Convicted For Mistake Slaying Youth On Bike, Struck By Auto
After deliberating more than 20 hours, a jury in the courtroom of Circuit Judge Lila M. Neunfeld found Thomas Hall guilty of second degree murder, last Friday. Hall will be sentenced June 19.

The defendant was charged with the fatal shooting of Joseph Lewinski, white, last winter. Hall had an argument with another man about a woman when he went to his home, got a shotgun and returned to the Hamtramck Cafe. He fired the gun with intention of shooting the other man, but hit Lewinski instead, the full blast of the gun striking the cased in the head.

Visits Parents



Norman J. Tabor, Jr., 2nd lieutenant Corps of Engineers, recently assigned to the Engineers' Replacement training center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., was in the city this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tabor. A former Fort Custer, Tabor was recently graduated from an officers' training school at Virginia. (See story elsewhere)

Lieut. Tabor Visits Family

Mrs. Norman Tabor of Chestnut avenue and former Camp Custer was in the city last week visiting his parents and host of friends. Tabor, quite sweet in his lieutenant's uniform came to the city directly from Fort Belvoir, Va., where he graduated this month from the Engineers Officers Training candidates course, Engineers school, United States army. Commissioned as second lieutenant, Tabor is the third Negro officer to be so commissioned and the third Negro to finish the school. He was at Camp Custer for a period of thirteen months during which time he held the position of administration and personnel sergeant.

Tabor left the city this week for friends. Other Detroiters at Fort Belvoir, according to Tabor's reports, are Alexander Smith, Jr., and Isaac Blocker. Isaac is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blocker, prominent Detroiters.

HUBBY SHOT IN BACK IN FREAK PLAY

An altercation between a wife and her mate ended when Cobram Whittaker, the husband, was shot in the center of the back at the base of the neck as, according to police, the couple were struggling for the possession of a revolver.

Testimony disclosed that Cobram Whittaker, 36, of 457 Hazie, had accused his wife, Addie, 38, of being too friendly with William Martin, a guest in their home, so police say.

It was further disclosed that Whittaker went to his bedroom, got a gun and threatened to kill his wife and Martin. Whittaker, then police say, fired three shots at his wife, missing her but leaving powder marks on her clothes.

Mrs. Whittaker grabbed the gun in the scuffle but her husband's gun went back until when the revolver discharged the bullet struck Cobram at the base of the neck.

He was rushed to get aid by Mrs. Whittaker. He was held a police prisoner pending a complete investigation of the altercation.

Headlines

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dressed a college alumni gathering in swank Hotel Warwick Astoria via radio from China last week and the spoke brave words of wisdom which America cannot ignore. The little lady said, "I have faith that from the crucifixion experienced in this war the democracy will find the lesson that prevention is better than cure; that it is better to prevent than to win wars. But war can only be prevented if the world society is so constituted that all races are given equal opportunity to develop their native genius, not hampered but aided by stronger and more advanced races."

REAPING TIME
When A. Philip Randolph got up on the floor of the A. F. of L. convention in Seattle last year gave his fellow unionists a smooth but bitter tongue lashing for their discrimination. Last week in Chicago, however, the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee cracked down on two A. F. of L. locals; had given them an ultimatum that if they clean house by June 18 or they would be cited to the President for punitive action. These locals that discriminate against Negro members are hurting the whole organized labor movement besides preventing Negroes from helping in the war effort. Of course, amounts to sabotage or treason. The words of Randolph must be ringing in their ears. These labor boys are reaping a harvest of very bad publicity which may end in some drastic action.

SINCE WASHINGTON
According to a news dispatch the police department in the nation's capital has issued a warning to parents which runs: "If your daughter is emotionally unstable keep her away from wartime Washington." There are more women than men in the big city and the girls are living on top of one another because of the housing shortage. There are more unmarried women in Washington than any other city of comparable size. The city chicks get desperate and the boys are roaming everywhere and good girls act left hand.

POLICE QUESTION
The police have been cracking down on a number of the black and tan spots and certain leaders are saying that the police are trying to wipe out all spots where Negroes and whites frequent together. The after hour places for whites are said to be going full blast. One critic contends that the cops might find some interesting things in the DAC after closing hours and a few other cultural establishments.

Job

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to follow the present program which is making progress. "We are dealing here with a long standing human problem that requires patience and education in tolerance if we are really to get better instead of indulging in empty gestures. The governor further expressed the opinion that sheer necessity will do much toward hastening the employment of Negroes in much larger numbers, saying: "It is my belief that great steps toward wiping out employment discrimination will come about automatically in the months ahead. Michigan faces a tremendous shortage. Negroes and other minority groups will be given work out of sheer necessity. It has been my observation that there

The 'Master'



The self-styled "old master" in affairs political will begin broad-casting in the columns of the Michigan Chronicle next week. The following introduction is from the pen of Mr. Fisher: "Louis Martin, editor of the Chronicle has persuaded 'The Old Master' the great Petry Fisher to view and review and give the political lowdown on the national, state, county and city governments. As to officers held and officeholders, their attitude and their fitness to serve the people and their relations to members of the colored race. Petry Fisher was formerly editor of the Michigan World and is now commissioner of the Athletic Board of Control and Deputy Sheriff of Wayne county. Mr. Fisher is known as an astute politician and an untiring worker for his people. This column will explain all amendments that shall be proposed; expose selfish sponsoring interests and make clear vague issues as they affect our group. Next week, Petry will begin with a discussion of Home Rule and Various Candidates."

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