

## 4 New Exhibits Open at Cranbrook

Four new exhibits, featuring the work of the Michigan artists, opened at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Tuesday. They show work in progress by the students of Zoltan Sepeshy, drawings and paintings from the museum student collection and African art, also from the museum. The latter is supplemented by a primitive wall hanging which is painted on millinery bark. This was loaned to the academy for this exhibit.

The drawings record impressions or ideas and frequently reveal a spontaneity not always found in more formal and finished works.

Among those whose work is shown are Carlos Lopez, Gerome Kamrowski and Jagan Slusser of

the University of Michigan; C. Howard Church and Charles Pollock, Michigan State College; Sarkis Sarkisian, director of the Detroit Arts and Crafts society and Charles Culver, former student at Cranbrook.

Culver has three drawings on display, two in charcoal. Several of his water colors are currently displayed at the MacBeth Gallery in New York.

Other exhibiting artists are Frederick Papendorf, Sepeshy and Clifford West.

The current exhibit, which may be seen daily from 2 to 5 p.m., will close Nov. 7.

## Scouts' Fellowship Dinner November 6

James R. Buchanan, 940 Hendricks, and William Barr, 1930 Pine, are handling tickets locally for the annual fellowship dinner

meeting of the Boy Scouts of America, District One, which is located in southern Oakland County. Dinner will be served Saturday, Nov. 6, in the new lodge of the Charles Howell Scout Reservation near Brighton. Paul Wilson, 962 Puritan is chairman of the 1948 arrangements. Glenn M. Emory, 543 Frank, is also a member of the committee.

Charles P. Olmstead, director of education for the Great Lakes Steel corporation and holder of the Silver Beaver award for his distinguished services to youth, will be the guest speaker. The meeting will be open to scoutmasters, cubmasters, senior leaders, all assistants, Cub Scout and senior committee, district Scouters and Commissioners and their ladies, interested den mothers and parents, and members of institutions sponsoring Scouting.

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## Crop Princess



Two pretty sights at the Los Angeles County Fair are prize samples of southern California's multi-million-dollar vegetable crop and Crop Princess Lila Kiser. She represents the major crops that make the district one of the world's richest farming areas.

## BIRMINGHAM VETERANNEWS

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A savings in insurance is available to World War II veterans who still are paying their G.I. insurance premiums on a monthly basis. Insurance officials at the Veterans Administration Branch Office in Columbus, Ohio, report. Pointing out that approximately 90 per cent of the veterans are currently paying premiums on a monthly basis, VA officials explained that by paying on a quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis they receive a three per cent discount annually. In addition, the

fewer premiums due lessens the chance of a policy lapsing. Veterans can take advantage of this savings by visiting any VA office or writing to the VA Branch Office insurance service in Columbus, requesting the type of premium payment desired.

More than half of the World War II veterans holding converted National Service Life Insurance policies have selected 20-payment life plans, Veterans Administration reports.

The 20-payment life policies accounted for \$32,190, or 55 per cent of the \$58,150 permanent NSLI policies in force at the beginning of the current fiscal year. Permanent NSLI policies amounted to more than \$6.5 billion worth of insurance.

Nearly 5,000,000 veteran-holders of NSLI have not yet converted their term policies to permanent forms of insurance. The term policies in force represent more than \$31 billion.

For the first time in the history of the Naval Service, women from civilian life will be commissioned as officers in the Regular Navy, it has been announced by Lt. Comdr. A. J. Schultz, Jr., USN, Officer-in-Charge of Naval Officer Procurement in Detroit.

Applications are now being accepted from interested women, in Room 949 Book Building, who are college graduates, between the ages 21 and 25. Accepted candidates will be commissioned as Ensigns in Line or Medical Service Corps, the latter as Dietitians and Physical Therapists.

Twelve women from the Detroit area began naval careers at the Recruit Training School, Great Lakes, Illinois last week. Additional women will be enlisted for the next class November 16.

Former Waves who served in the reserve during World War II may apply for enlistment in the Regular Navy. Others who may not meet requirements for enlistment may apply for extended training duty. Billets are open for yeomen, storekeepers and other rates.

Notice has been received by the local U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station, 100 E. 3rd St. Royal Oak, that, effective immediately and for the duration of the month of October, an unlimited number of veterans of any of the five branches of the armed service will be accepted for enlistment into the U. S. Air Force provided they qualify for enlistment according to current regulations.

Also according to local recruiting chief Sgt. Steve Laveigne, men who have received orders from a draft board to report for pre-induction physical examination are not eligible for enlistment into the U. S. Army or U. S. Air Force.

## Chip on Old Block



Chipper, a trained chipmunk, munches a grape while sitting atop Judy Nichols' head. The 8-year-old Phoenix, Ariz., girl has trained her little pet to do various tricks, including pulling

## Around The Cracker Barrel

All of us have two businesses. One we pursue constantly and avidly. It gives us our bread and butter, our daily living. We study it, work hard at it, and strive for success in it. The other business we all have is handled by us in a most casual manner. We shun it, we don't understand it, and we're not making too much of a success at it. This second business of ours is government.

So far there have been three general types of government in this world. There is government by suspicion; government by power, and government by reason. Let's just take a few minutes to examine our own position, to see where we are right now.

There aren't many governments today which keep their power through suspicion. There was a time when only the priests could read, when the priestly elements imposed their hierarchy upon an ignorant and unthinking populace. This tyranny led to the complete separation of the Church and State, even though there is some evidence from time to time that certain clerics still try to sway their followers in matters of government.

Government by power is far from dead. Through all the ages strong tyrants have seized power for the love of power. The pages of our history books are filled with the exploits of power rulers. Our children, today, are reading about the Caesars, the Genghis Khans, the Napoleons of history. They spend years in the study of "history," which is made up largely of the exploits of these conquerors. They read of the glories which, attached to the victorious. They read nothing of the misery suffered by the vanquished.

Government by reason cannot seem to gain a foothold in our world, unless it is coupled with power. This seems like a paradox, yet it is true. No nation in history has come closer to having a government by reason than has our own country. Yet we cannot live by reason alone; we must also be powerful in arms.

Government by reason is the ultimate for which we all yearn, yet it will not come about without active efforts in its behalf. We are in real danger of losing our cherished form of government unless we all take a part—a very active part—in this other business of ours.

Even though an argument may be provoked, let us take a glimpse at today's events and try to see where they lead. We have no ally, no enemy whose thoughts are not our own. We have no ally, no power or wealth, of these insidious agents against a disillusioned world, a world which cares little for us or our success. We have made some attempts to deal through reason; we are almost ready to resort to arms.

How can this thing be, when almost every man, woman and child in this world wants peace? How can such a thing as another war be possible when so many governments are earnestly striving for peace?

For one thing, the people don't know what is going on. They are not being told; they have not been told for years. How can we expect peace when the world is carved up among the conquerors at Yalta and Potsdam? Why do we now learn, piece by piece, of these insidious agreements? Our servants have broken faith with the people. They have assumed that the people cannot understand; we have let them assume it.

Why can the responsible heads of governments, including our own, engage in diplomatic double talk of a sort they don't understand themselves? Why are these governmental heads permitted by the people to make agreements, verbal or written, which can have two or more meanings? National security, they tell us. And we, like so many sheep, and wisely and ask no more.

If you and I conducted our own businesses as our diplomats conduct the government's business, we would all be in jail. Our common law says that contracts made while under the influence of liquor are voidable. Yet our diplomats can drink vodka toasts all night and come up with a perfectly wonderful international contract. If we, as businessmen, don't pay our debts we are soon out of business. Yet governments not only repudiate their debts without a qualm, but boldly step up to the bank for more. And in such cases, the banker is just as guilty as the borrower.

We are in a world where reason apparently only can be enforced by power. We are gaining in that power. But while doing this we are not gaining in wisdom or reason. We allow ourselves to be represented to the world in many ways. This is natural, because one great predominant trait does not stand out. We don't stand for one thing above all others. Even among ourselves we don't quite register. And until our people force our government to stand for one thing always, we will face more wars.

And that one thing we should stand for, above all others, is Right. Our government, in all of its dealings, should stand only for Right. Its representatives should always speak the truth; it should stand for Truth and Right are plain. What can a foreign newspaper, a propaganda agency, do with a simple and right statement? Nothing, except not publish it. But they can work miracles with the cloudy and ambiguous statements made by our diplomats.

Truth isn't complicated. It's quite simple. Yet we, the people, will continue to fight bloody wars because our own servants won't speak and act plainly and honestly. There's a reason for all of this guarded diplomacy which is simple, yet alarming. If things are made simple so that we all can understand them, then mistakes, too, can be as easily detected. And if mistakes are made we will change the personnel of our government. And that personnel doesn't want to be changed. For many of our foremost politicians are a bit concerned over that thing called Power—their own.

America is in danger from within as well as from without. Both dangers will increase if we don't take better care of that other business of ours. We will be in more and more danger until we insist that our government business be conducted on the same plane as we run our individual business. We must insist that all government employees are our agents; they are not our masters. We must insist upon them running our other business as we want it operated. We'll all be in danger only if we unite in a mighty crusade for Right in government. Then, perhaps, we may have government by reason, and some chance for peace on earth.

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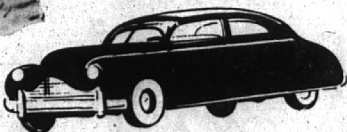
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