



ROBERT S. SWANSON
With modern radio-phonograph combination.
(Eccentric Photo)

Graefelder Designs, Builds Hi-Fi Cabinet

New on display at Merchandise Mart in Chicago is a Hi-Fi cabinet built and designed by Robert S. Swanson, 1906 Graefelder road. Designed in two evenings' time and built in 30 hours, the cabinet is unique in the simplicity of modern design.

Made of plywood, the exterior is painted with several coats of black lacquer and the interior is painted a lacquer red. At one end of the cabinet, space has been allowed for record storage. The cabinet is supported on four V-shaped wrought iron legs which are painted to match its interior.

Swanson became interested in acoustics while working for an acoustical firm in Boston at the time he was studying for his Master's degree at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

HE FIRST bought matching components and then in order to prevent them from collecting dust, decided to design and build a cabinet.

Swanson, who lives at Graefelder with his wife, Jan, and 2-year-old son, Bing, submits his artistic talent and originality in design from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert F. Swanson of Bloomfield Hills, and his grandfather, the late Elliot Saarnen, noted for his architecture.

In our area Saarnen is best known for his architecture of Cranbrook while his father is well known for his design of all types of buildings and most recently for the architecture of the Birmingham high school.

HIS MOTHER, known professionally as Pippa Swanson, designed the fabrics and selected the color schemes used in the furnishings of the school.

Robert S. Swanson is a partner in the firm with his parents, Swanson Associates, Inc., architects, located at West Long Lake road.

William Gordon Named Chairman At YMCA Again

William C. Gordon, 2562 Pembroke, in a simple ceremony last Monday evening was continued as chairman of the Birmingham YMCA Committee of Management.

Assisting Gordon as vice-chairmen elect for 1955 are William Roberts, Wayne Mortimer and Del Ingram with Mrs. Elaine Jones as Recording Secretary and Edwin F. Kirbert as corresponding secretary.

Appointments to the class of 1955 included James Baldwin, William Basse, Arthur Blakeslee, Ralph T. Cowan, Reverend Robert Graham, Mrs. Edwin Hewitt, Harold M. Kallefisch, A. John Neill, Cecil Nickel, John Slater, Tom Ward, Colin Campbell.

In the class of 1956, those serving are George Barrie, Mrs. H. E. Greene, Robert Harvie, Del Ingram, J. H. Mason, Wayne Mortimer, Warren Neville, William Roberts, Mrs. Leslie Schaefer, Mr. J. Robert Smith.

THE NEW class of 1957 includes Everett Allen, Ted Appel, Mrs. John C. Cowen, David Curry, William C. Gordon, Frank Hardy, Miss Elaine Jones, Robert Kirkpatrick, Carl J. Nepper, Ernest Robinson, Wayne Stettbacher, Charles Thurston, and emeritus ratings to Dr. John C. Ormond and Y. Smith.

The Committee adopted as its immediate goals a membership of 2000 people, continued work toward a permanent facility housing a swimming pool and gymnasium, continued cooperation with the churches, a parking available to groups in the community, the facilities of the YMCA and continued concern about the youth problems of the area in which we reside.

We Heard It Said By:
MAXWELL FEAD, Foxcroft resident just back from a year's trip around the world.

"There's a richness about the things you can buy in foreign markets. The natives put such an intrinsic value on handiwork—they may bid the equivalent of thousands of dollars on just a ceremonial tea cup. A merchant from Europe or America wouldn't think of bidding against such collectors, so the real cream of the foreign artists doesn't appear in stores elsewhere."

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Detroit motion picture industry at the annual meeting of the organization last week.

Vice-president in charge of service operations for Jam Handy, Schaffer has spent his entire business career with the firm.

He joined the company in 1929 as an assistant librarian in the slide-film department. In 1947 he was appointed to his present position as vice-president.



We Heard It Said By:
ROLLIE REESE, Birmingham's acting postmaster.

"The average parent today is mostly a taxicab driver, whether he realizes it or not—he's got to drive the kids here, pick 'em up there."

Magazine Article Cites Local Work

Architect J. Warren Platner, A. I. A., 2219 Yorkshire, received cover and story recognition by the French magazine, L'Architecture D'Aujourd'hui, in its September-October, 1954 edition.

Platner's solution to the problem of transforming a two-car garage, gardener's house and chauffeur's quarters into an independent habitation for his clients, the Robert H. Taylors, Oriskany Ridge road, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., was featured in the magazine, with an article describing the successful work, and color pictures showing the completed project.

The Tudor style of the main house and gate lodge of the estate was not hampered or contrasted by the contemporary exterior and interior design used in the alterations.

Pack B-22 Cubs Learn Railroad

Thirty-five members of Cub Pack B-22, Adams school, toured the D. T. and E. railroad yards in Flatrock Saturday, Jan. 22.

Cubmaster Emmet Judge with 15 dads directed the tour that took the youngsters through yard operations and railroad equipment. Railroad officials treated the boys to refreshments after the inspection.

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