

W. D. Peat Chosen To Judge Exhibit

For the first time in its history, the fine arts section of the Michigan academy of science, arts and letters will present a juried, prize-money art exhibition at its 80th annual meeting at Ann Arbor, March 23 and 24.

Outstanding Birmingham artists-members expected to submit works include Mrs. Vinton Birch, Malje Gredal, Mrs. Ralph Skinner and Mildred Williams.

Also on the academy roster are John S. Coppin, Marshall Fredricks, Arthur Lougee, Mrs. Rocco DiMarco and Zoltan Sepesky.

In past years, the exhibit has been so large that it presented a difficult hanging problem.

With this in mind, and as a means of providing an incentive for members to send their strongest work, the board of the section instituted the new policy.

WILBUR D. PEAT, director of the museum of the John Herron art institute, Indianapolis, Ind., will act as juror for the show which will include paintings, sculptures, ceramics, drawings, prints, weaving, metalwork and graphic design.

Top prize money, presented on behalf of the fine arts section board, is a purchase prize, the winning work going to the Hackley museum, Muskegon.

Music Student's Compositions Played at Forum

ANN ARBOR — Among three music students who heard their own compositions presented at a composers' forum at the University of Michigan Monday was Jerome Neff, 916 Kennesaw.

A graduate student, Neff received a bachelor of music degree from Eastman school of music in 1951.

He composed documentary film music in the U. S. Air Force, 1951-55 and an orchestral fantasy performed last spring by the Springfield, O. symphony orchestra.

Last summer he composed and directed incidental music for the Antioch college Shakespeare festival in Yellow Springs, O.

Architect Hired To Plan Changes In Municipal Bldg.

Two study suggestions in the proposed remodeling of the Birmingham municipal building are the moving of the commission room to larger facilities in the present police garage, and the conversion of the vacated fire department wing into three floors.

These ideas were passed along this week to architect Linn Smith, whom the city commission hired to recommend building alterations.

Preliminary plans are expected within 30 days.

Petitions Rezoning On 9 Woodward Lots

Rezoning of nine lots at the southwest corner of Woodward from present Business A to a Business C class has been requested by owner Samuel Franken.

He desires to build a professional office there, with parking at the rear, he said in his petition, which was referred for study by the city plan board.

Area Taxpayers Assured Prompt Refunding Action

The internal revenue service urged taxpayers in this region to refrain from inquiring about refund checks until after July 31.

Telephone and written inquiries at this time only delay the receipt of refund checks, Regional Commissioner D. L. Olsen stated.

Olsen said this region, which includes Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, has already issued approximately 450,000 refund checks. Additional thousands are processed daily and will reach taxpayers shortly, he added.

Approximately eight million individual income tax returns are filed in this region from January to April 15, confronting district offices with processing a substantial number of returns in a short time.

Olsen emphasized taxpayers can benefit themselves, speed refunds and reduce government costs by avoiding common mistakes such as:

- A) Failure to sign the tax return, both husband and wife's signature in case of a joint return.
- B) Failure to attach copy of W-2 (withholding tax statement) to the return.
- C) Illegible writing, returns cannot be identified.
- D) Inaccurate figures, mistakes in addition, subtraction, and tax computation.
- E) FAILURE to indicate names of dependents claimed.

Olsen said taxpayers in this region can be assured every effort will be made to expedite issuance of refund checks and handling of amended returns and claims.

The Ghorbals Got It Garbled . . .

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Nearly 800 Lots Rezoned to Single

In the city's largest rezoning, nearly 800 lots were changed this week from income bungalow (2-family) to single family use.

All but 12 of the improved lots already are single homes, the city commission emphasized.

The area is in the southcentral part of the city.

Twenty-five large lots immediately abutting the alley behind the south Woodward frontage were left income zoned as a sort of buffer strip. Commissioners also refrained from rezoning the property on the south side of Lincoln, in the first block west of Woodward.

They believe these may be some justification for rezoning this strip to business, which it was in the original 1937 zoning ordinance.

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