

Artist Robert Thom Speaks to Exchange

Taking his audience step by step through research and travel which precedes one of his paintings on the history of pharmacy, artist Robert Thom, of Bloomfield township, spoke and showed slides to the Birmingham Exchange club last week.

Arrangements for the program were made by Hilmer Carlson, Thom's slides described trips to Europe, to museums all over the

United States, and interviews preceding the paintings he has been commissioned to do for a pharmaceutical firm.

In Washington

Mr. Marvin O. Feldmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feldmann of Delmore avenue, Birmingham, is preparing for tests of his artillery battalion to climax a year of intensive training.

People's Column

Man Compliments Fire Department

To the Editor:

I have read on various occasions residents' complaints regarding the Birmingham fire department.

We unfortunately had a fire in our home on Monday, March 17 at 5:30 a.m. The flame was confined to the basement.

The Birmingham fire department arrived at our home within a matter of minutes after I had telephoned, and in the course of which the telephone wires burned out and I was not quite sure whether they had received the address.

I just want to compliment the fire department on its excellent handling of the situation involved, and compliment them on the speedy service and wonderful cooperation in all matters pertaining to this particular fire.

This compliment goes to all members of the Birmingham fire department from the fire chief and inspector on down.

Birmingham

Humor Helps Ease Life's Problems

People who can use and enjoy humor may be better adjusted psychologically and more able to meet life's problems than those who cannot appreciate humor, indicated a researcher at Michigan State University.

Allen F. Roberts used cartoons to test 25 mental patients and 25 tuberculosis patients in Veterans' hospitals. He was investigating theories of Sigmund Freud and George H. Mead that humor is important in mental and psychological adjustment.

He found differences in the way his subjects laughed at certain cartoons—which were typed according to the problem involved.

"I found," he said, "the persons who were psychologically stronger and had more resistance to frustration rated cartoons funnier."

Roberts feels humor has an important place in man's makeup, enabling him to relax and better understand himself and others. By developing enjoyment of humor, the researcher believes, a person may be more able to adjust to change and solve complex problems.

Speaks to Teachers

A number of elementary school teachers from the Birmingham area heard John Furby, director of TVA's worldwide educational program, when he spoke recently at a banquet in Royal Oak. The event was sponsored by the South Oakland county association for child education.

Aboard Flagship

PERSIAN GULF—Kenneth I. Freeman, firman, USN, of 519 Colledge, Birmingham, is serving aboard the small seaplane tender, USS Valour operating as flagship for the commander of the Middle East Force in the Persian Gulf.

Rho Gamma Initiate

Alice J. Sawyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Sawyer, 16023 Elizabeth, Birmingham, was recently initiated into Rho Gamma chapter of Chi Omega sorority at Hillsdale college.

She graduated from Birmingham high in 1957.

Machus in Missouri

FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON, IND.—Robert J. Machus, 1128 North Glenhurst, Birmingham, began six months of active duty training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Machus is a member of Company D, 270th Engineer Battalion, army reserve, Ann Arbor.

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