

**B'field Group Plans Japanese Art Show**

Kokeshi dolls, small painted wooden characters ranging from the emperor and Admiral Perry to comic cannibals, will be the subject of the Japanese Folk Art Show that opens Jan. 15 at the Bloomfield Art Association, 361 North Woodward, Birmingham.

The show will be open until Jan. 29 with gallery hours from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Appointments can be made for groups or classes.

An illustrated talk on "Japan through Folk Art" will be given at 8 p.m. Jan. 20 by Professor Robert Hall of the University of Michigan. Professor Hall is a representative of the Asia Foundation.

**Broomfield Asks Change In Electoral System**

WASHINGTON — A proposed constitutional amendment to permit popular election of the President and Vice President was introduced at the opening of the new session of Congress Tuesday by congressman William S. Broomfield (R-Oakland County).

Broomfield said the present indirect election of the top two positions of the federal government is "indefensible" and "long ago outlived its usefulness."

He urged quick approval of the change by Congress and early ratification by state legislatures. Three-fourths of the states would have to approve the proposed constitutional change before it would become law.

BROOMFIELD SAID the closeness of the last presidential election, in which Senator Kennedy won over Vice President Nixon by only 112,000 votes out of more than 68 million cast, shows that "it is possible for a man to be elected President of our nation, even though he may trail substantially in the amount of votes he receives."

"This is not democracy, in my opinion, and I believe we ought to make it more responsive to the will of the people," said Broomfield.

Broomfield said abolition of the electoral college and replacement by direct popular vote "would eliminate the changes that selection of our President would be thrown into the House of Representatives, where such selection could be subject to all sorts of political pressures and deals."

UNDER THE TERMS of the joint resolution introduced in the House of Representatives, states would forward their official election returns on presidential and vice presidential candidates to the president of the Senate within 45 days after the election. On Jan. 6 of each presidential election

year, the vote certifications would be opened, at a joint session of Congress.

The proposed constitutional amendment would also permit Congress to pass a law to establish a "Line of Succession" in case a President-elect or a Vice President-elect would die before he takes office.

**New Laws Liberalize Tax Filing**

U. S. Internal Revenue Service calls attention to important changes, provided by a recent legislative enactment, liberalizing the requirements for filing declarations of estimated income tax form 1040-ES, for 1961 and later years.

Under the provisions of the new law, declaration of estimated income tax will not be required if the estimated tax liability can reasonably be expected to be less than \$40.

THE NEW LAW also changes the gross income tests applied in determining whether a declaration must be filed. The changes are:

(1) Increase in the non-wage income test (income not subject to withholding tax) from \$100 to \$200; (2) Elimination of the test which required a taxpayer whose estimated non-wage income exceeded \$100, to file a declaration of estimated tax where his gross income was expected to exceed \$400 plus \$600 multiplied by the number of exemptions to which he was entitled; (3) Revision of the \$5000 and \$10,000 tests, which previously applied only to gross income received from wages subject to withholding tax and not more than \$100 of other income, so that they now apply to total gross income regardless of the source.

UNDER THE NEW law it will still be necessary for a taxpayer to compute his estimated tax if his estimated gross income:

- (1) Exceeds \$5000 and he is single (not a head of household or surviving spouse), or married but not entitled to file a joint declaration;
  - (2) Exceeds \$10,000 and he is a head of household or a surviving spouse;
  - (3) Exceeds \$5000 and he is married and entitled to file a joint declaration and the combined estimated gross income of the taxpayer and his spouse exceeds \$10,000; or
  - (4) Includes more than \$200 of income not subject to withholding.
- After having computed his estimated tax, the taxpayer must file a declaration if his estimated tax is \$40 or more.

**Scout Council Honors Kilmer for Promotion**

Boy Scout Council Deputy L. Robert Kilmer, 1825 E. Maple, Birmingham, was surprised at last week's executive board meeting with a presentation of two life cadets in recognition of his promotion as Scout Executive of the Inlandhead Council at St. Paul, Mich.

Kilmer leaves for St. Paul this week. His wife and two children will follow shortly.

**Mercy College Plans Extension Program**

In an effort to bring higher education within the "driving" reach of a great many local people, Mercy College will open its Extension Program in this area on Feb. 8. Classes will be held at Our Lady of LaSalle school, 2339 Harvard Street, Berkeley.

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