

Exhibit Works at Cranbrook

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This and That
by George R. Averill
My appreciative thanks (a and you, too, of course) to Birmingham's Mayor Henry L. Woodford, Bloomfield Township Supervisor Arno Hulet, and Village of Beverly Hills' President Marvin E. Cline for their generous and informative articles in this column during the past four weeks. Yes, I did get a letter from Florida inland fishing while "down south" ... ditto some swimming ... abundance of sunshine ... though from Feb. 9 through 12 I found it more comfortable to wear long cotton slacks and a jacket against the visitation of northern cold winds.

Caution Advised
Here are a few observations I have made concerning the Florida political and economic situation. Florida certainly is destined to increase its population at a rate faster than any other state, with the possible exception of California. With continuous U.S. population "explosion," more people retiring from work, more people finding the ever-inflated dollar requiring them to seek out least expensive home-sites, more people desiring cold winters, many of them are bound to either vacation or become home owners in Florida. Already hundreds of thousands of acres of former cheap southern pine—spanish bayonet—desolate sand areas have been transformed to subdivisions. Some of them are obviously cheap "built by the mill and sawed off by the narrow lot"; others are more expensive, but are sure to get most of them sold at prices considerably higher than one would expect to pay for a building to do the same type of job. One important reason for high prices in Florida is the high financing charge accompanying practically every home that is sold for "a little down, a little each month" ... etc., etc.

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Will Do the Job for You

A comprehensive exhibition defining the role of 13 architects will open at Cranbrook Academy of Art Galleries March 21 and continue through April 10. The exhibition, "Forms Given at Mid-Century," is sponsored by Time, a weekly magazine, and organized by Cranbrook Jones, associate editor of Time, in cooperation with the American Federation of Arts. The exhibition is being circulated throughout the United States by AFA and has been or will be shown in 17 of the country's most important museums during a two-year tour.

WITH THE opening of the new exhibition the new hours of the galleries go into effect. They are 2 to 5 p.m. daily except Mondays and major holidays. Admission is free.

The realization that architecture — what the exhibition is — was conceived by Frank Lloyd Wright, or a cultural confluence of architects and artists — factors — has reached a stage of high fulfillment in the United States, the opening of Cranbrook Jones' exhibition is a significant event. Significant form has been achieved and can be judged, new problems both of form and function now loom on the horizon, according to the sponsors.

The American Federation of Arts asked Time, as its contribution to AFA's 25th anniversary, to sponsor this exhibition and assist in assembling material that would convey the achievements of architecture at mid-century, it was explained.

AMONG THE architects and buildings featured in Cranbrook Jones' exhibition are Eero Saarinen, of Bloomfield Hills, and his TWA Terminal, Idlewild, New York City; Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, of Chicago, and his Eiel Saarinen, was first president of Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Other architects and buildings featured are: Frank Lloyd Wright, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York City; Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, House of Seagram, New York City; Walter Gropius, the United States Embassy at Athens, Greece; Marcel Breuer, Pier Luigi Nervi and Bernini Zabrus, UNESCO Secretariat, Paris; Skidmore, O'wings & Merrill, Architects, Brussels; Wallace K. Harrison, First Presbyterian Church, Stanford, Conn.; Edward D. Stone, the United States Embassy at New Delhi, India.

PHILIP C. JOHNSON, Glass House, New Canaan, Conn.; and R. Buckminster Fuller, the Union Tank Car Company Round-House, Baton Rouge, La., are also featured in the exhibition.

The exhibition focuses on one major work by each of the featured architects and includes models, both color and black-and-white photographs and drawings in plan and elevation, accompanied by brief text.

Around the buildings are grouped previous designs to elucidate the main work and place it in historical perspective.

Actual construction materials, glass, grilles, bronze Mullins, concrete bricks and other elements are included.

ARCHITECT Pietro Belluschi, dean of the School of Architecture and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and trustee of AFA, has written the preface for the exhibition catalog.

The exhibition was designed by György Kepes, professor of Visual Design at M. I. T. and author of "The New Landscape in Art and Science" and "The Language of Vision."



Rear Fins of a Car? No, It's Eero Saarinen's TWA Terminal

Isn't it quite true that, so often, one doesn't need to be taught something about something as merely to be reminded? One may do something, think something, and want to do it or think it, or do it, or have been made aware of how not to do it, or those things yet forgotten, and then reminded again? That's why I now and then write myself a brief note, placing it where I may see it often.

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SECTION A
30 PAGES
MARCH 16, 1961
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Choic Clinic Monetary Aid Recast Gaining Support

Statistics Prove Values of Sports

Art Center Decision Expected by Monday

ALTHOUGH YOU and I know that a request has been made of the Board of Auditors of the County and the Ways and Means Committee of the Board of Supervisors, the public apparently does not know that this request has not yet come to the Board of Supervisors for action.

"My attempts at explanation to interested and concerned people have failed miserably and my position of wanting information has been interpreted as being in opposition to the request for funds.

"In order that our respective positions will be clearer to each other and so that I may be informed as to the background of the request, I would appreciate being furnished with information concerning the operation and needs of the clinic, and would be most pleased to receive this either by correspondence or a personal meeting with you and the Director of the Clinic."

INGRAHAM A. M., Commissioner of the County, and Harry Denyes, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, discussed the clinic's budget at Monday night's commission meeting. All spoke of reviving letters urging commission action.

"Some people seemed to think that all we have to do is pass a law to continue this clinic, and it's not that way at all."

Page contended that commissioners were not "getting much information" to indicate that the clinic's budget for the local branch was being discontinued.

Ingraham and Denyes explained that the board of supervisors budgeted money to the clinic, then the clinic budgets its appropriation for the various branches.

INGRAHAM SAID the board's allocation of \$32,500, decided upon two years ago, has not been discontinued.

What has happened in the meantime is the loss of contributions from the Junior League of Birmingham (which had been granted for a demonstration project) and from schools.

Ingraham explained that the clinic has asked the county for a \$27,000 increase in its present budget to offset the deficit, the money to come from the county's contingency fund.

"Can you justify an allocation of these county funds to this agency?" Ingraham asked. "This is not easy to answer, as some of these letters we've received would lead us to believe."

HE SAID The legality of the use of tax funds for the clinic, a private organization, is also "a very real problem."

Said Page: "I don't want to see any more road, strong arguments to continue the branch in Birmingham."

To which Ingraham replied: "I suggest you take it up with the clinic. The board of supervisors has nothing to say about operating the Birmingham branch."

PROBATE JUDGE Arthur E. Moore, in a letter to Westmaas and Wallaeger, offered a three-point plan to solve the clinic's problems:

- 1) Continue temporary support
- (See CLINIC, 7-A)

J. Jay Myers, retired coaching and social studies instructor, has compiled a book of statistics on sports participation in Birmingham for 18 years and in the state for 12 years.

Some vital and significant information for parents and educators has been uncovered. The information concerns delinquency of juveniles in Birmingham.

In the nine years 1952 thru 1960, during which the juvenile Division of the Police Department has been keeping records, there have been approximately 1,800 arrests of children under 17.

Of these, only five boys have been involved who were members of Birmingham high school interscholastic teams. This is a percentage of about two-twentieths of one per cent.

SUCH A RATIO is even better than the most ardent supporters of interscholastic sports would have thought possible.

L. Robert Schaul, head of the juvenile division, estimates, however, that about 25 per cent of pre-high school age boys are involved in sports. This still means that the number of athletes involved in interscholastic sports and arrests amounts to less than four-tenths of one per cent of the arrests made in the age group.

Frank Whitney, director of physical education and athletics for the Birmingham Public School System, stated that in those nine years there were approximately 400 boys who participated in the interscholastic program at Birmingham School and Seaholm High School.

THE FIVE boys involved with the juvenile division would make up less than one-half of one percent of the participating athletes.

Schaul's records show that three of the five athletes did not actually participate in wrong-doing. The three were boys who were guilty of one case two of the boys were with a group which broke some school windows, although the school members did get out of the car in which the miscreants were riding.

A third athlete was driving some acquaintances home from drinking where they had been drinking.

SCHAUL POINTED out that the remaining two athletes did nothing for which the juvenile division would even consider putting them in jail.

Schaul expressed the opinion that the most critical time of the day relating to delinquency is "between the closing of school and the family's dinner time."

He went on to say, "The kids have good, close supervision all day in school and in most homes during the evening, but many of them are 'on their own' in the afternoon."

This is the time when the youngsters congregate on the corners or in their favorite hangouts, and the parents and educators to conclude that a boy is least likely to become involved in trouble by being in the company of a worthwhile activity after school.

For some boys a part-time job will supply the necessary activity for the Birmingham area. Several potential dangers.

A boy with too much money to spend on cars, clothes and entertainment can be headed for trouble. Cars are noted sources for breeding unsocial behavior.

For some too often, a car and a decline in academic accomplishments go hand in hand.

THE STATISTICS, then would purport to indicate that interscholastic sports and athletics is the safest bet for keeping a boy beneficially occupied during the critical after-school hours.

(See SPORTS, 3-A)

Support for Oakland County Child Guidance Clinic's request for more money gained momentum this week.

City and county officials were deluged with letters urging support of the clinic's request for a deficiency appropriation of \$27,000.

Unless this money is forthcoming the clinic is faced with the prospect of closing its Birmingham branch April 7.

The powerful Ways and Means Committee of the County Board of Supervisors will meet March 23 to consider the request, which will affect this year's budget. It will submit a report and recommendation to the supervisors.

At their annual meeting April 11, supervisors will act on the committee's suggestion.

MEANWHILE, THESE results have developed:

Birmingham City Commissioner Carl C. Ingraham wrote a letter to Dr. William J. Westmaas, clinic president, for more information on the needs and operation of the clinic.

A meeting was set up for Tuesday between Ingraham, Westmaas and Robert Wallaeger, clinic director.

Ingraham's letter read: "I have been concerned that many of the people writing to me in my capacity as a member of the Board of Supervisors are uninformed as to the present status of the request of the Child Guidance Clinic for funds from the County."

"It is clear that many of them believe that the Board of Supervisors, rather than the Advisory Board of the Oakland Child Guidance Clinic, is responsible for the proposed closing of the Birmingham branch.

"The plan board came to these three significant conclusions:

- 1) BAA's program qualifies as recreational use. Instruction of art is considered the same as instruction in any arts and crafts field.
- 2) The art center would be open to the public.
- 3) The proposed use "could be the spark to light the fire for a planned program of recreational activities." Other recreational, educational and cultural activities could be located on the property if 100 per cent recreational use is not needed in the future.

BAA has proposed a long-term lease arrangement, with a nominal rental, it would pay for all interior improvements to the building, with the city's participation would include filling or covering open tanks on the outside, extending sewer service, providing a surfaced parking area.

BAA's improvements would include deodorizing, rest room facilities, covering inside tanks, erecting parking and providing a water sewer.

BAA decided to request use of the treatment plant after it could locate no other suitable property except in Bloomfield Township. It desires to remain closely associated with Birmingham.

"Another reason was given as the 'intriguing challenge' of developing this one-purpose structure into 'an attractive and community-wide art center.'"

Community House Nears Half-Way Of Drive Goal

Contributions to the Birmingham Community House 1961 fund drive neared the half-way mark today with \$24,086 of the \$50,700 goal collected through Wednesday.

Drive Chairman John K. Stevenson said he was confident the goal would be reached "if the number of individual contributions received daily at the Community House continues at its present high rate."

STEVENSON REMINDED area residents that contributions are tax deductible.

"Tax time is fast approaching," he said, "and because of the numerous calls received each day on this question, we thought it important to remind area residents that the Internal Revenue Service has ruled that contributions to the Community House are deductible."

The drive continues through March 20.

Ford Recognizes Power For Community Service Hop a Jet Plane And You're Off To the Caribbean

You leave Detroit on a jet clipper Saturday morning and a couple hours later you're in Miami. A brief stop and you're on your way again—this time, bound for Montego Bay, Jamaica.

After landing, you are transported to your hotel, with first class accommodations. You enjoy a luxurious, relaxing dinner; then spend the rest of the evening at your leisure.

This is the first day of your 15-day trip to the Caribbean—15 days that would pay an still enter (as many times as you wish) by obtaining an entry form at any of our participating travel stores.

(See advertisement, page 1-B.)

The second day of your free time is spent as you see fit, in Montego Bay, with breakfast, lunch and dinner all included.

On the third day comes a three-hour Sandy Bay tour, covering various scenic and historic points of interest.

You tour the complete island of the "intriguing challenge" of developing this one-purpose structure into "an attractive and community-wide art center."

CFM Con-Con Rally Next Week at Groves

Birmingham Groves High School will bustle with activity next week as the Citizens for Michigan hold an Oakland County rally to promote the proposal for a constitutional convention.

Music, entertainment and a lineup of guest speakers will highlight the program which starts at 8 p.m. The county-wide rally will provide an opportunity for all citizens to air their views on the proposal of the constitutional convention that will appear on an April 3 election ballot as Proposal No. 1.

"THERE IS STILL considerable confusion about the purposes and intent of a state constitutional convention and this rally is planned to clarify the issues at stake," David F. Breck, chairman of the Birmingham Chapter of CFM, stated.

Principal speakers include George Romney, state chairman of Citizens for Michigan, and Leonard Woodcock, U.A.W.-CIO vice president. Howard "Hopalong" Cassidy, Detroit Lions' backfield star, will be master of ceremonies.

Both Democratic and Republican state candidates have been invited to present their views on the constitution.

THE PROGRAM will begin with band music and a group "sing along." The general public is invited to the program.

According to Breck, high school students are especially welcome to attend in order that they may become better informed on state government.

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Full Page Devoted To Seaholm Swim Team Achievements

Birmingham Eccentric Sports Editor Joe Cadarin went to East Lansing Saturday expecting to find Seaholm High School to win its division in the state swimming meet. Results weren't exactly as Joe expected.

Seaholm's swimming team, tops in this area, placed third, why this happened. He gives interesting, humorous insights to the contest. His articles are supplemented with photos graphically portraying the action.

For a full page of pictures and comments, turn now to page 8-E.

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