

# Among Community Leaders Are These Birmingham Men

Working on community activities takes the combined efforts of many, but there are an energetic few whose names keep cropping up whenever the project is Birmingham.

Following are capsule reports on the men who help maintain Birmingham's high standards of accomplishment.



WILLIAM H. BURGUM

Mayor William H. Burgum manages his mayoral job in addition to a full-time occupation as vice president of the George A. Bass Construction Co. on Maple.

A resident of 1133 Westwood Drive, he is a former city commissioner and mayor pro tem.

William E. Roberts, in the insurance business with the Seed-



WILLIAM E. ROBERTS

Roberts Agency, Inc., in the Wabeck Building, has been serving as a member of the Birmingham city commission since 1954.

**HE WAS MAYOR** in 1957 and 1958, the youngest man to hold that post. Roberts is also president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. He lives at 745 Abbey Road, Birmingham.

E. Ross Hanson, 966 N. Glenhurst, Birmingham, serves the community as president of the Board of Education. He has been a Birmingham resident for about nine years and a member of the board of education for three years.

Hanson is employed as department manager, administrative department, Ford Division, Ford Motor Co.

**ROBERT A. THOM**, founding president of the Birmingham Art Association, was re-elected president of The Community House for 1963-64. He is also president of the Birmingham Rotary.



ROBERT A. THOM

**ARTIST THOM**, a resident of 6160 W. Surrey, Bloomfield Township, recently began executing a commission to portray Michigan history in a series of original oil

paintings. Robert L. Kilpatrick lists the board of directors, The Community House; board of management, Birmingham YMCA (he is 1963 membership chairman); and board of directors, Rotary.

Kilpatrick of 183 Hupp Cross Road, Bloomfield Village, is district manager of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

William H. Beck, 512 George, Birmingham, works as executive director of the Birmingham YMCA.



WILLIAM H. BECK

He belongs to the Citizens Action Committee and Rotary.

**HARRIS O. MACHUS**, immediate past president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, is also a member of the Citizens Action Committee. Machus, whose restaurant and bakery on Maple bears his name, lives at 1178 N. Glenhurst, Birmingham.

Wilber R. Mason, Jr., manager of Jacobson's is active in the Chamber of Commerce and is chairman of the Central Birmingham District Development Plan Committee founded in 1961 to plan the downtown of the future for Birmingham.

His home is at 3622 Bradford Drive, Birmingham.

## Quality Toy Trade Invaded by Europe

The trend in toys is moving towards the unique, the imaginative and the finely crafted, according to buyer Charles Viers of Jacobson's Children's Shop.

"There has also been a wide acceptance in the Birmingham area of imported toys, known for high quality at a comparable price," said Viers.

"The trend is returning to 10 years ago when the originality of European toys, especially those made in Germany, was highly regarded by both parents and children," he said.

"Jacobson's is trying to stay away from the over-priced TV toys with a short life span. The finely-crafted imported toys must be displayed carefully in order to really appreciate their value," said Viers.

**MOST OF THE** imported toys come from Germany because the quality and price are compatible, he said.

"We also import toys from Scandinavia but the amount is limited since they're constructed of cast iron, which because of their weight, is very costly to import," said Viers.

Imported toys are also popular with buyers because of the marked sales increase on a few toys, such as a mosaic tile set and a tumbling clown, that American manufacturers do not carry.

One of the most popular toys, according to Viers, is a "build-your-own medieval city" that includes forts, castles, knights, Normans and Vikings that faintly remind parents of the now-passed

cowboy-Indian-fort game.

**AN ELECTRIC FISH** pond is one of the most unusual toys. A motor vibrates the water surface giving a competitive spirit to a young man's fishing spree. Miniature poles are also supplied.

For youngsters who like to tag along with Mom to the store, there is a make-believe super market, measuring 2 by 3 feet, that includes fruit bins, cash registers and shelves stocked with food boxes.

One of the most striking toys that's come all the way from Germany is a large-sized rocking horse, gaily trimmed in Oriental red and black.

For pint-sized publishers, there is a printing set that includes a miniature press which really works.

A last toy, remarkable because of the ingenuity involved in creating an unusual game at a low price, is a small mesh bag that opens to reveal a complete toy village.

### 'Big Top' Comes Alive for Kids

The Fisher-Price Junior Circus beginner set of 22 equipment and figures, includes the grooved Center Ring to support ladders, posts, and figures and shows ingenious design and quality construction. Instruction booklet shows preschooler how to build circus acts. Stimulates the imagination, develops coordination. For boys and girls three to six.

## What to Give? How About A Fur Coat?

Nary a lady alive wouldn't be delighted with a gift of fur for Christmas — especially in the rainbow of shades featured this winter to match her most enchanting, techni-colored dreams.

Colors run the gamut of the spectrum, completely transforming such perennial favorites as beaver, sheared raccoon, Persian lamb, muskrat and mouton. White has taken the spotlight for Yuletide gifts.

News is not only in their surprising new hues, but in the processing of furs, which has given them a much longer life span. They may appear wonderfully impractical, but they're more wearable and durable than the furs of yesteryear.

**FOR THE** generous impulse, combined with the almost bottomless pocket, full-length, heart-warming luxury coats still rate tops on the feminine Christmas gift list.

However, she won't love you any less if you give her a little jacket, a cape, or a stole, depending upon the extent of your budget.

Even low-cost furs have been adeptly handled to achieve the elegant effect so important this season.

A little bit of fur luxury can be low in cost and high in fashion.

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