

## Editor Talks About Poetry At Town Hall

Birmingham Town Hall will present Prof. John Ciardi at 11 a.m. Feb. 20 and 21 at the Birmingham Theater. He will answer the question "What Good is a Poem?"

Prof. Ciardi is the editor of Saturday Review and host on the CBS-TV network weekly show "Accent." He is a graduate of Tufts College with an honorary degree of doctor of literature and has received many awards for his contributions to the literary world.



PROF. JOHN CIARDI

Prof. Ciardi will be introduced by Mrs. O. F. Pearson, president of Town Hall. Mrs. Pearson will also announce the program for the 1964-65 season.

Following the lectures there will be celebrity luncheons at the Village Woman's Club, Bloomfield Hills.

Birmingham Town Hall is sponsored by St. Anne's Guild of St. James Church, Birmingham.

## ART FOR ART'S SAKE

# Western Sense of Beauty Inheritance from Greeks

What is beauty? People have puzzled over this question, defining and redefining beauty, for as long as people have been able to define their senses.

The search is for some absolute criteria, a set of tests or rules by which to define what is beautiful. "Can't be done" is the logical conclusion, but even those who know this keep on trying.

Surprisingly enough, much of Western man's sense of beauty has been culturally inherited, along with the Olympics, from the Greeks. The ancient Greeks were a sensitive and creative people. They sculptured handsome statues of their gods and then built exquisite temples to house them.

THEY IDEALIZED YOUTH, health and stylized features. (Sound familiar?) They made many construction discoveries. None of the temples are simple squares but elaborate and complex marvels of building. The ultimate effect was one of repose.

Amazingly enough, there are no "straight lines" in Greek buildings apparently consisting of nothing but straight lines. The columns bulge and narrow like a plant stalk. They are closer together at the ends of the building to look

more stable, and they incline inward as they go up.

These factors correct optical illusions and temper geometric regularity for the best effect.

What is more amazing is that such an intelligent and creative people should have limited themselves so much. The Greeks built architecture down to a few basic forms, called orders such as Doric and Ionic. Their sculptures say so much about the heroic beauty of mankind but so little about man.

IN TOTAL REACTION Dubuffet, a contemporary French painter, says, "I find this kind of beauty a meager and not very ingenious invention, and especially not very encouraging to man."

He continues, "It is disconcerting to think about people deprived of beauty because they have not a straight nose, or are too corpulent, or too old."

"I find even this idea that the world we live in is made up of 90 per cent ugly things and ugly places, while things and places endowed with beauty are very rare and difficult to meet. I must say I find this idea not very exciting."

"IT SEEMS THAT the Western man will not suffer a great loss if he loses this idea. On the contrary,

By CAROLYN HALL

## Volunteers Gather At Oakland Cancer Foundation Meeting

Newly-recruited volunteer workers who will fill key posts in the South Oakland unit of the Michigan Cancer Foundation were introduced at the regular bi-monthly meeting of the unit at the Birmingham Community House.

Mrs. Henry Palles, of Berkeley, has been appointed unit transportation chairman and will be responsible for securing drivers to transport cancer patients in the South Oakland area to and from medical centers for treatment.

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Bandit of Zorro	—	—
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Y Young People (12 years to 16 years)  
C Children (unaccompanied by adults)  
GA General Audience  
NATIONAL LEGION OF DECENCY  
A-1 Morally Unobjectionable for General Patronage  
A-2 Morally Unobjectionable for Adults and Adolescents  
A-3 Morally Unobjectionable for Adults  
B Morally Unobjectionable in Part for All  
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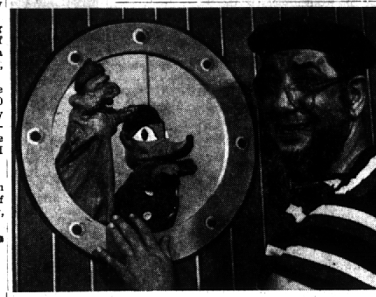
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