

Student's Report:

'I Eavesdropped For Artists'

Eavesdropping is an art. Perhaps not as appealing, disciplined, or productive as the works of art housed in Farmington's Masonic Temple last weekend, but nevertheless an art.

Like the painter's canvas this art requires a certain amount of patience, application and imagination. In fact, large doses of imagination are needed for both painting and eavesdropping. The painter requires it for creation, the eavesdropping artist for information.

THE ROLE of the imagination for the painter is obvious, but for the eavesdropper it takes the form of being inconspicuous when leaning sideways to pick up barely audible conversations while staring at a painting with what appears to be religious fervor. All this is followed by a running gait to the nearest crook or corner to record a few remembered words.

Random conversations were "recorded" and they say much about art exhibits and people who frequent them during the Farmington Artists Club Art Show.

In viewing a painting depicting an animal's skeleton with bird perched atop, one lady

EDITOR'S NOTE: The art show sponsored by the Farmington Artist Club drew a record number of people each year. We sent Chris Curylo, a journalism student of Madonna College, to discover the reactions of the crowd to the art on display. She's an expert eavesdropper and the following is her report.

remarked: "That's rather a bird's eye view!"

OTHER comments were: "This painting is so delicate. I wonder why she didn't get an award?"

"That one of all the animals is cute. I would have never thought of doing something like that."

"Mommy, my feet hurt."

"I like it. It's so precisely done, so photographic."

"Many of these artists changed their style. He didn't paint like that before."

"That one's not for sale."

"All the pictures are well-framed."

"Mom, is this the cross God died on?"

"Wouldn't this one look good over the mantle?"

"Here's another one she painted - you can tell by the style."

A CONVERSATION between a mother and child.

Mother: "Oh that's beautiful. I love it."

Child: "Is it for sale?"

M: "Yes."

C: "How much?"

M: "I don't know."

C: "I'll pay \$5 for it."

AND ANOTHER:

"Look at all the soft colors." "What's this - a sunset?" "You like that?" "Isn't that darling?" "All of them are beautiful."

TWO BOYS looking at painting with bridge in it. Smaller boy says: "Isn't that the Mackinac Bridge we saw up north last year?"

Older boy answers with authority: "No, it's the one we saw at Boulder Head."

"Look at the pattern in that painting - looks like they printed over a dolly."

"I enjoy coming here. I could spend hours at this exhibit. You really learn by looking."

"The paintings get better every year."

According to most of the conversationalists, Farmington artists are not only good but improve with every passing year.



VISITORS - This is part of the crowd that visited the Farmington Art Show last weekend. Did our eavesdropper hear your comments?

(Evert photo.)



JOHN A. McMANN, president of Holcroft and Co., Livonia, has been elected to the board of the Industrial Heating Equipment Association, which promotes better trade and management practices in the industry. McMann, who has been with Holcroft since 1945, is a graduate of Lawrence Institute of Technology and a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and the American Society of Metals.

3 Students From CMU Elected

MT PLEASANT Newly elected representatives to the Central Michigan University Student Senate include three local students.

They are: Mary Holcombe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Holcombe of 11385 Inkster Road, Redford Township, is a sophomore science major.

Peg Brown is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brown of 23215 Violet, Farmington. A junior studying history, she is secretary to the student governing body.

Chuck Mellas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mellas of 14161 Arden, Livonia, is a senior studying industrial management.

Representatives were elected from 17 dormitories on the CMU campus and from off-campus student housing districts. Total number of senators is 60.

Christmas Stamps Now Available

For the eighth consecutive year the U.S. Post Office Department has issued a Christmas stamp concurrently with Christmas Seals which are now in their 63rd year.

As in previous years, postal trucks are displaying Christmas Seal-Christmas stamp posters as they make their rounds to pick up and deliver mail. Additionally, post offices are displaying the posters in their lobbies.

The displays stress the importance of Christmas Seals and the role they play in fighting emphysema, tuberculosis and air pollution. They also appeal to the public for their cooperation in moving the tremendous volume of holiday mail.

This year's Christmas stamp is adapted from a painting by an unknown artist. The scene on the 1969 Christmas stamp depicts a rugged New England winter.

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