

# The Artist's Point of View

## Two Extremes in Mural Art: Mitchell Siporin, Maurice Sterne



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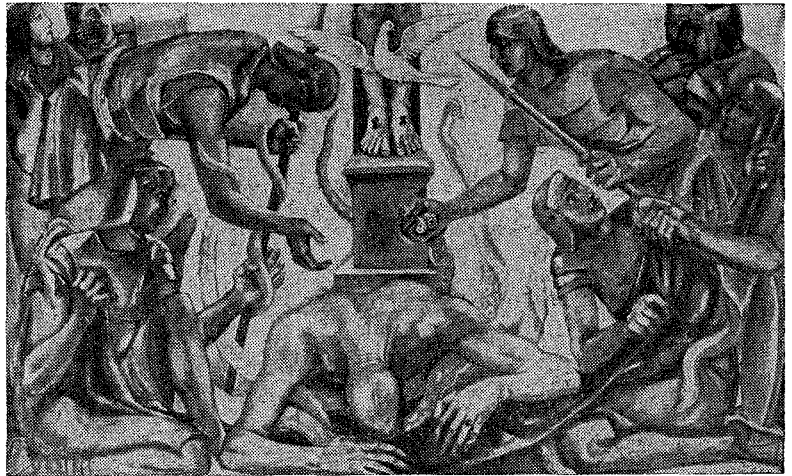
*Veterans' Hospital*, by MITCHELL SIPORIN.

An ink drawing, from his recent exhibition at the Downtown Gallery, which indicates his powerful characterization, his original style, and his strong sense for functional design.

Young, alert, and keen-thinking, Siporin is oppressed by the tragedies of war, strikes, refugees. He expresses these tragedies as one who identifies himself with them — always with a fresh vision and an interpretation which roots healthily in the character of specific subject. Never does he fall into the easy cliché, the average, characterless symbol.

*The Struggle for Justice, "Greed,"*  
by MAURICE STERNE.

This is romantic art typical of the decadence of the nineteenth century at its worst. It is allegorical symbolism expressed in conventional stereotypes of both subject and design. It is remote from life and reality — a fairy tale for adults. It is moralistic, idyllic, uplifting. And, since ordinary humans refuse to be uplifted by such pretentious preaching, it becomes pretentious sham.



**H**ERE ARE ILLUSTRATED typical works by two artists who have recently received government mural commissions. Mitchell Siporin, in collaboration with Edward Millman, has won the open national competition for \$29,000 to paint seventeen fresco murals for the new post office in St. Louis, Missouri, the award having been made by the Section of Fine Arts of the Federal Works Agency. Maurice Sterne has just finished twenty murals (one of which is shown above) for the Department of Justice Building at Washington, commissioned four years ago by the Section of Fine Arts of the U. S. Treasury, now absorbed by the Federal Works Agency. That two important government murals should be at such op-

posite poles — realism and romanticism — is a matter of profound concern, the values involved being what they are. Awards were democratic in each case, a jury of artists making the decisions, so responsibility or blame cannot be concentrated; they have a wide base.

The issue is concrete. Which school do we want to decorate our public buildings — the school of romantic escape, with its stereotyped concept and design, or the school based on the realities of human experience and on fresh visioned, functional design? I pose the important question; there is no space to argue it here.

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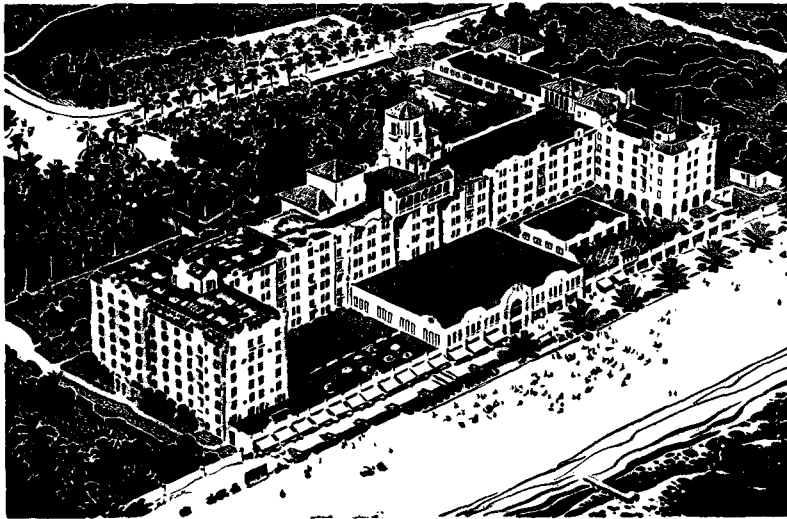
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**V**IRGINIA hospitality, famous almost from the beginning of our nation at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607, is being extended these days to new and larger fields of interest. As important as are the Old Dominion’s historic possessions, the Commonwealth is becoming widely known also for her mountain and seashore playgrounds, parks, and resorts. One may now vacation in Virginia at seashore resorts amongst pleasant company or go far from gay boardwalk life to mountainous areas where only the birds, animals, and occasionally the wind break the natural silence.

Chief among the recreational attractions of Virginia is the Shenandoah National Park in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Opened just a few years ago, this new national playground is not as expansive as some of the larger national parks of the West, yet from the standpoint of patronage it has been the most popular of all, from the time it was first opened. Each year now, it is averaging about a million visitors, though the area is so large that at no time and at no place is it ever crowded.

The Shenandoah’s principal bid to fame is the Skyline Drive, a broad, smooth, and safe mountaintop boulevard which runs along the crest of the mountains from Front Royal on the north to a point near Waynesboro on the south, a distance of slightly over one hundred miles. Located at strategic points along the Drive are a number of parking “overlooks” where one may stop for long, gorgeous views of the hills, hollows, mountains, and valleys. Atop the mountains are picnic areas, complete with tables, pure drinking water, and sanitary facilities, adding to the pleasure of picnicking in the Shenandoah — though a concessionaire provides modern facilities for dining and lodging for those who, preferring these accommodations, plan to stay a day or a season. Recreational motoring, therefore, is to be enjoyed to the fullest in this choice section of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The horseback rider and hiker will find the Shenandoah a paradise. Miles of foot and horse trails radiate through many sections of the park, leading in some instances to mountaintops and in others to valleys and hollows, where waterfalls and canyons paint new and thrilling pictures to the traveler. At Big Meadows is one of the best equipped camping areas in the



## Virginia

East for tent dwellers and trailerites. Nature lovers will find a host of unusual flowers, shrubs, birds, and animals in this unspoiled land. When the cares of the day are over, dancing and other indoor sports are available at Skyland, the mountaintop resort on the Drive.

### II

**T**O THOSE who prefer a seashore vacation in Virginia — and there are literally thousands each year, coming from practically every State in the nation — the Virginia seashore serves the most versatile of moods and gives one a choice of many sports in the tonic salt air: surf bathing and swimming in the Atlantic Ocean or Chesapeake Bay; golf on tempting fairways; dancing; riding; hiking along picturesque trails; tennis on fast clay courts; archery in natural galleries; deep-sea, surf, and fresh-water fishing; yachting and hydroplaning on sky-blue-mirror water; and duck shooting in season.

Virginia Beach is eighteen miles east of Norfolk, directly on the Atlantic Ocean, and is one of the most notable of the seashore resorts of the East. The lure of the sea naturally makes water sports the most popular of the recreational activities at this famous beach. A moderate temperature, with a summer average of about 75 degrees, lends zest to the pleasure of bathing and swimming. Beach clubs, providing dancing beside the ocean, *cabañas*, and parties add to the gay life at this resort.

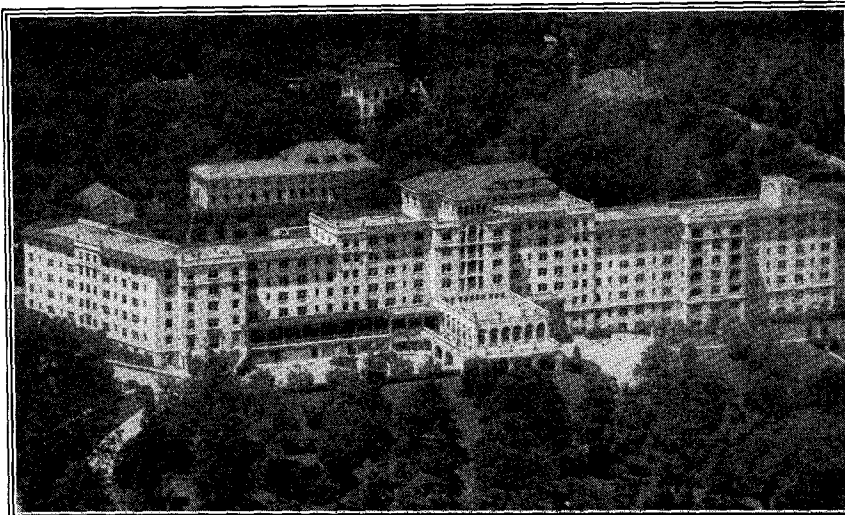
Aquaplaning is growing in popularity at Virginia Beach, and surfboard riding is another sport for those seeking a new thrill. Sailboating on nearby inland lakes is popular, too.

Golf is an outstanding attraction here, and is played the year around, two courses being open. Horseback riding and hiking are diversions in which interest never lags. Miles of bridle paths through woods and over sand dunes, along inland waters or within sight of the ocean, beckon to those who enjoy horseback riding. Spirited hunters of thoroughbred strain are available for the horseman; and for the novice there are mounts requiring only a snaffle rein to guide them.

Virginia Beach, too, offers exceptional facilities to fishermen. Those who fancy surf casting or who are partial to angling for deep-sea game fish will find their liveliest hopes gratified. Others, inclined to fresh-water fishing, will discover plenty of opportunities in the numerous nearby inland lakes.

The beach at Ocean View, which fronts on Chesapeake Bay, is of hard, smooth, clean sand, shelving gently into the bay. The average temperature in the summer is about 70 degrees — ideal for bathing and swimming.

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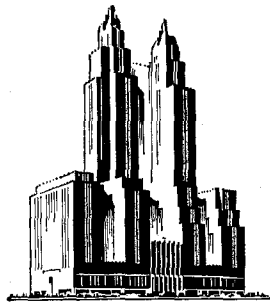
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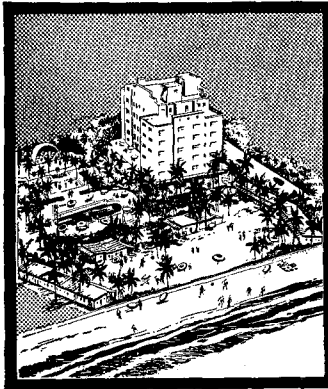


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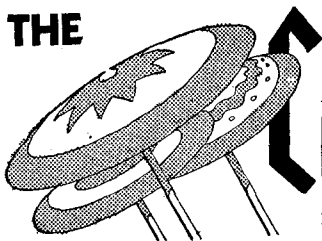
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**S**UPPLEMENTING Shenandoah National Park and the seashore resorts are other recreational opportunities in Virginia which are gaining in popularity. Virginia has six State parks, located in various sections of the State, where bathing, swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, horseback riding, and other outdoor sports may be indulged in. There are three mountain parks, another one along the Potomac River, and still another along the Chesapeake Bay, near Virginia Beach, with seaside atmosphere and facilities. One is in the rolling Piedmont area between the mountains and the sea. Each park has cabins, fully equipped and furnished, which may be rented for a minimum period of one week and for a maximum period of two weeks. There are guest lodges in two parks for overnight or week-end visitors. Moderate accommodations for tenters and trailerites are in each park, and each has complete facilities for picnics.

For those who enjoy the wilds of mountainous areas, who like to "rough it" close to nature, Virginia has developed in more recent years two national forests, the George Washington and the Thomas Jefferson. Millions of acres are included in these areas, which are operated by the United States Forest Service. Mountain lakes and streams make bathing, swimming, and fishing a joy, while miles of foot and bridle trails, as well as hard dirt roads, lure the traveler to places of unique scenic beauty. Hunting in season is becoming more and more popular each year in the national forests.

Added to these recreational assets in the Old Dominion are a number of wayside sites, located along the main highways. These areas, small in size, might be termed "resting places," where motorists may stop for a picnic lunch or just to stretch a bit. Each site has pure drinking water, sanitary facilities, picnic tables.

Unique among the new recreational areas in the Commonwealth are the developments at Yorktown, most widely noted as the scene of Cornwallis' surrender in the American Revolution. The beach at Yorktown, which fronts on the blue York River, is ideal for bathing and swimming, while the fishing is also good. A golf course has been developed among the restored fortifications, occupied originally by Revolutionary soldiers.

Whether one desires mountain or seashore sports, in parks or forests, Virginia has them.