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That's Art, Folks

What Are They?

Sculptures are for museums, right? And if you touch one, you get your hand slapped, right?

Metal sculptor Robert Taplin of West Haven and poet Daniel Wolfe have produced nine sculptures that you have to touch to enjoy. And they are right out on the streets of New Haven!

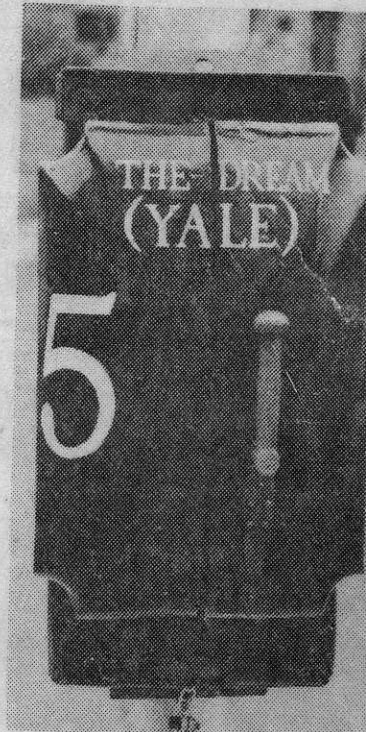
You crank the handle of the sculpture outside City Hall on Church Street and you get a poem and two drawings in sequence. The sculpture at Elm and York (photo on right) resembles an emergency telephone box, and you "dial-a-picture." Each sculpture includes a poem by Wolfe.

Taplin has even provided an empty milk crate beneath each sculpture so the small fry can see the pictures. The sculptures are mounted on poles.

Taplin has displayed other larger works on the New Haven Green. He works out of the artist colony at 75 Daggett St.

The other seven sculptures are at the Kings Department Store on Boulevard, College and Crown, Dixwell and Shelton, State and Lawrence, the Post Office at Grand and Atwater, Howard and Congress and Long Wharf Drive.

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An unusual work of art.



Youngsters check display Thursday at Elm and York.
(Staff Photos by James Meehan)