Thomas B. Martin

Class of 1947

Thomas Martin was the vice president—public affairs of the S.C. Johnson & Son Co., in Racine, Wisc. He also was an officer of the company.

He began his career as a salesman in Philadelphia following his graduation from Grove City. Subsequently, he was named sales training director in Racine and progressed through the ranks of public relations director, president and general manager of Johnson Wax Centers and vice president—public and personnel relations. He also was president of the Century Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary.

Many professional organizations received Martin’s guidance and counsel, including the Racine Art Association, the Racine Urban League, and Johnson Wax Fund, where he was a trustee. During the New York World’s Fair exhibit, which included the Academy Award film “To Be Alive,” he directed the Johnson exhibit and directed the U.S. tour “OBJECTS-USA,” a crafts collection. The Samuel Curtis Johnson award was presented to him in 1964 and he also was listed in both Who’s Who – Science and Industry and Who’s Who – Midwest Edition.

He passed away Nov. 16, 1993.