

## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

A SHORT WHILE AFTER those 13 Jackson inmates had been returned to Jackson Prison, Mrs. Laura C. Mullins, 2775 Delmore, took pen in hand and sent to Gov. Williams some of her thoughts on how rehabilitation of Jackson inmates might be greatly increased. "Perhaps we could see that more teachers and ministers were encouraged to aid these prisoners, for I don't believe that just keeping a man locked up and physically at work will reform him," she wrote the state's chief executive. The day before Christmas, Mrs. Mullins received a reply from Gov. Williams, who wrote: "Thank you very much for your recent letter containing the suggestion that a greater effort be made to provide the inmates of our state penal institutions with educational and spiritual instruction. You are certainly right about the benefits to be derived from such a program. Our existing program, which is one of the best in the nation, has certainly demonstrated that time and time again. Progress in expanding the present program has not been as fast as I would like to see it. There is always a great deal of reluctance on the part of many who object that money should not be appropriated for 'frills'. As a consequence, our efforts in the past five years have been to provide greater opportunities for the more youthful inmates where rehabilitative efforts have a greater chance for success. I am confident that the establishment of a Youth Division within the Corrections Department will help in doing even a better job in this area. It was certainly kind of you to take the time to write me with an expression of your views. You may be sure that I will do what I can to promote the goal you describe." (Signed) G. MENNEN WILLIAMS.

HIS FELLOW ROTARIANS finally caught up with Art Blakey, local manager for Consumers Power Co. Monday noon Club Sheriff George Markley, at the insistence of the club, fined Blakey twenty-five cents for eating more than one dessert at most club luncheons. "I admit technically I am guilty, but I also think all those guys who didn't eat theirs and instead forced them on me should be fined, they are equally guilty," Blakey confessed later to a friend.

IF THEY SO DESIRE, University of Michigan students and alumni can claim the new colors for the state's 1954 license plates—yellow and blue—represent their alma mammy. But Michigan Secretary of State Owen (Pat) Cleary's official answer is: "Remember that the state's official flag has a blue field with yellow border. The reason for new colors this year, according to Cleary, who spoke Monday to the Birmingham Rotary club, is an attempt to prevent some people from illegally re-using auto plates from two years previously. "We found some people saved their old plates and used them again when the state's alternating the black and silver color," he revealed, will be green and white in recognition of Michigan State College's 100th anniversary.

SANTA CLAUS, this year, is getting "thank you" notes from Birmingham youngsters who feel their Christmas toys were pretty special. Marilyn Cooper of 544 Wallace sent one note. Another came from the same address so we presume is from Marilyn's brother or sister. The third note to Santa was sent him by Carol Hill. All three youngsters agree that their presents are "wonderful".

BETTER VENTILATION for the city commission room is the aim of Commissioner V. B. Watkins. "I think we should provide some other sort of ventilation than merely opening windows, which causes a lot of drafts," he commented Monday night to his colleagues around the table. City Manager D. C. Egbert immediately informed Watkins that the room does have an exhaust system, "but it has an old, noisy fan." Egbert promised to see if a quieter fan can be installed.

AT LEAST THREE HARDY ROBINS find our weather mild enough to forego their annual trip to the southland, according to Bob Brookman, 2420 Bradbury boulevard, and George Metelski, 407 Tibury, Bloomfield Village. The two boys reported they saw the three "red-breasts" together in the yard of the Metelski home on Tuesday.

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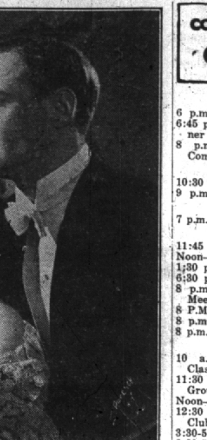
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VIRGINIA MORLEY



LIVINGSTON GEARHART

## American Duo-Pianists Appear in SOC Concert

Versatility is the keynote of the highly successful and happy career of Virginia Morley and Livingston Gearhart, the duo-pianists who will appear at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, in the Royal Oak high school auditorium.

The young couple, Mr. and Mrs. in private life, show an enthusiastic acclaim in the fields of both serious and popular music. The range of their activities includes engagements as soloists with symphony orchestras, vocal concerts, regular radio and television appearances, air recordings, arranging and composing as well as their annual tours in their unique "concerts with commentary."

Miss Morley is a native of California. She began her studies with the greatest of teachers, then went on to win highest honors in both piano and composition at Mills College.

GEARHART was born in Buffalo, N. Y. His mother, who had been a pupil of the great Leschetizky, began his musical education. After he had completed his elementary schooling he won a scholarship to the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia where he studied piano, oboe and composition. Then he went to Paris to continue his studies at the Fontainebleau Conservatory. A scholarship enabled her to work with the eminent French artist, Robert Casadesu.

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Success followed the Gearharts back to America. In New York they appeared in recital in Town Hall and in concerts sponsored by the League of Composers and the New York Philharmonic-Symphony League.

For nine years Morley and Gearhart have been featured on Fred Waring's popular radio and television show. Gearhart, who is also a composer and arranger, has provided many of the highly distinctive arrangements for these programs, including the well-known "Dry Bones."

Not content with merely composing and arranging music, Gearhart has also written about music. He is the co-author of a book for violin students published under the title of "Fabled Sessions."

In order to facilitate traveling and to insure that they have the best of instrumentalists for the presentations of their concerts, Morley and Gearhart have acquired their own pianos and have had them fitted into a specially designed truck. Whenever Morley and Gearhart can spare time they enjoy vacationing at their home at Shawnee-on-Deleware, in the Delaware Water Gap country of Eastern Pennsylvania, with their seven-year-old son, Paul.

Three Flags DAR Unit To Plan Colonial Tea During Jan. 11 Meet  
A Jan. 11 luncheon and business meeting has been planned by Three Flags chapter, DAR, at the home of Mrs. Lyle Brown, 17570 Meadowood, Mrs. Conrad Bloom and Mrs. Bodinus are co-chairmen of the affair.  
At this meeting, final plans for the February meeting will be made. It has been announced that the meeting will include an exhibition of antiques by various members and will be highlighted by a Colonial tea.

## COMMUNITY HOUSE CALENDAR

- THURSDAY, JAN. 7
  - 6 p.m.—Family Buffet Supper
  - 6:45 p.m.—Business Women's Dinner
  - 8 p.m.—Birmingham Republican Committee
- FRIDAY, JAN. 8
  - 10:30 a.m.—3:30—Senior Workshop
  - 9 p.m.—Quadrille Dance
- SATURDAY, JAN. 9
  - 12:30 p.m.—Christ Women's Dinner
  - 7 p.m.—Senior Activities
- MONDAY, JAN. 11
  - 11:45 a.m.—Altrusa Club Luncheon
  - 12:30 p.m.—Ladies Club Luncheon
  - 1:30 p.m.—Ladies Club Luncheon
  - 6:30 p.m.—Hi-12 Club Dinner
  - 8 p.m.—Community House Board Meeting
  - 8 p.m.—Stamp Club
  - 8 p.m.—Little League
  - 8 p.m.—Senior Activities
- TUESDAY, JAN. 12
  - 10 a.m.—International Relations Class
  - 11:30 a.m.—Oak Co. Curriculum Group Luncheon
  - Noon—Exchange Club Luncheon
  - 1:30 p.m.—Christ Church Men's Club Luncheon
  - 3:30-5 p.m.—Troop 363
  - 3:30-5 p.m.—Troop 409
  - 6:30 p.m.—Kiwanis Dinner
  - 7:30 p.m.—Master Painters
  - 8 p.m.—St. James Annual Meeting
  - 8 p.m.—Michigan Sports Car Club of Oakland County
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13
  - 10:45 a.m.—A.U.W. Board Meeting
  - Noon—Lions Club Luncheon
  - 3:30-5 p.m.—Needlework Guild
  - 3:30-5 p.m.—Troop 362
  - 3:30-5 p.m.—Troop 368
  - 8 p.m.—Brownie Troop Meeting
  - 8 p.m.—B-1 Scout Meeting
  - 8 p.m.—Rehearsal
  - 8 p.m.—Duplicate Bridge
  - 8 p.m.—Unitarian Women's Alliance
- THURSDAY, JAN. 14
  - 9:30 a.m.—Musical Practice
  - 10 a.m.—Moms Club Board Meeting
  - Noon—Oakland Co. Principals' Luncheon
  - 2 p.m.—Birmingham Musicale
  - 3:30-5 p.m.—Troop 378
  - 3:30-5 p.m.—Troop Meeting

## Nancy E. Howell Tells Betrothal To Harvard Grad

An open house on New Year's Day at the home of her parents announced the engagement of Nancy Elizabeth Howell to Hastings Kemper Wright. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Howell, 640 Lakeside Drive, Hastings' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wright of Winchester, Mass., formerly of Bloomfield Hills.

Nancy was graduated from Baldwin high school in 1950. She is a senior at Ohio Wesleyan University where she is affiliated with Alpha Chi Omega. Her fiancé was graduated from Cranbrook in 1946. He is now in his senior year of medical school. He is a Phi Beta Kappa. Plans are being made for a June wedding.

Brother, Sister Have New Year's Eve Party  
Barbara Herthing and her brother, Lee, entertained 30 of their friends with a buffet dinner on New Year's Eve party in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Berthing of Ardmore drive.

Barbara was escorted by Andy Summers of Detroit and Sharon Cummings on 8 p.m. drive. Barbara returned to Penn Hall Junior college in Chambersburg, Pa., on Sunday and Lee is resuming his studies at the University of Michigan.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.  
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## House to Start Winter Hobbies, Crafts Classes

Registrations are now being taken at the Birmingham Community House for the winter sessions of Craft and hobby classes, programs to get underway the week of Jan. 18.

Course will include bridge, ceramics, creative writing, drawing, first aid, gardening, interior decorating, millinery, mixed chorus, music appreciation, painting, sculpture, sewing and silver work.

For youth groups there will be classes in drawing and self-improvement.

## Reese Home Is Opened For Children's Parties

Holiday highlight at the R. W. Reese home, 1847 Webster, were parties given for school friends by their son and daughter.

Reese home is open for children's parties. Registration is urged by the Community House board. All must be in person, and class fee paid in advance.

Programs of games, dancing and refreshments were held in the basement recreation room.

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MARY ANNE FOSTER

## Engaged To Dr. Williams

Engagement of Mary Anne Foster to Dr. Charles Robert Williams is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sparkman Deats Foster of Bloomfield Hills. Dr. Williams' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Williams of Detroit.

Miss Foster was graduated from Handolph Macon Woman's college in Lynchburg, Va., and is attending Wayne university graduate school. She is affiliated with Chi Omega.

Dr. Williams attended the University of Michigan for pre-medical training and was affiliated with Sigma Chi. He was graduated from Wayne University college of medicine where he was a Phi Rho Sigma.

Wedding date has been set for Feb. 20.

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