

Hollywood's Gigi—Charming and Colorful

The film version of Colette's Gigi, currently at the Adams, has been wrought by several of the same talented people that launched the meteoric "My Fair Lady"—namely Lerner and Lowe who were responsible for lyrics and music; and Cecil Beaton whose costumes and sets grace both productions. Gigi, however, does not match, in charm of word of music the delightful affair between Liza Doolittle and Professor "Ippolit."

Most of the time both in Gigi and My Fair Lady the lyrics are exclaimed rather than sung. Somehow Roy Harston carried this off convincingly with his own irascible charm. In Gigi Louis Jourdan doesn't seem quite as at home in this technique.

LESLEY Caron is suitable enough as the spiteful "training

every grime and creak of the light breaks volumes.

SPECIAL kudos go to Cecil Beaton whose sets and costumes for Gigi are elegant and beautiful. These provide an enchanting backdrop to the Paris of the film de siècle when all the romantic philanderers in Gigi take place.

THE STORY is given a typical Hollywood treatment; virtue is made to triumph over the libertine morality of that day. True, it was

Gracfield Paving Passes Necessity

For the second time in four years, Birmingham city commission has decided necessity for paving Gracfield road the rest of the block and a half north to Derby road.

This estimated \$1,500 project Monday night met opposition of half a dozen property owners, who said most of the street's use was made by Gracfield area residents to the south.

All other streets in this north-south area are improved. Original necessity was determined in 1964, then got "lost" in city files until recently. A new survey was thought advisable as a means of getting the project's need explained to many new residents who will have to pay the bill.

Cancel Right Turns On Red Signal at Willets, Woodward

Better traffic and pedestrian safety will result from removal of the right-turn on a red light of Willets onto Woodward, traffic consultant T. M. Vanderstempel recommended this week to city officials.

City commissioners followed this Monday night by ordering removal of the red arrow signal at the corner.

Vanderstempel reported the state highway department is going to re-time US-19 signals for better progressive traffic flow. He said this will come after the state revamps the hazardous Lincoln-Hunter-Woodward intersection, scheduled for completion this summer.

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Check Passer Gets Prison Sentence

A state admonishment Monday from Judge Clark J. Adams went along with his pronouncement of a sentence of one to two years in Jackson prison in the probation violation case of John M. Bell.

Bell, 29, formerly of 523 Townsend, Birmingham, was charged with issuing a check without account at a Birmingham store. Police said he had cashed five other checks in other Oakland county communities.

At the time of the offense, Bell was on probation from Jackson prison.

Young Republicans Name Elaine Warren To Teen Committee

A Birmingham girl has been named to a state level committee of the Michigan Federation of Young Republicans.

She is Elaine Warren, 878 W. Lincoln, named recently to represent the 18th congressional district on the teen-age Young Republican committee.

At the same time another Young Republican from the 18th district, Martin Wolfe, of Pontiac, was named co-chairman of the Wayne-Macomb-Oakland tri-county regional district of the federation.

Paul N. Averill Re-Elected VP Of Family Service

Paul N. Averill, business manager of the Birmingham Eccentric, has been re-elected a vice president of the Family Service Association of America, the national federation for 274 family service agencies in 245 cities which provide professional aid to needy families.

Re-elected by a mail ballot taken among local agencies, Mr. Averill has been a member of the local Family Service of Oakland County and chairman of the national Association's Development Committee, which is striving to strengthen the family service movement through the United States.

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Accident Victim Shows Improvement

Now conscious at times, a 27-year-old Detroit girl critically injured in a two-car collision in a William Beaumont hospital spokesman said Wednesday.

The victim, hospitalized with cerebral concussion and a fractured leg, was taken to the hospital at 22 at Hunter boulevard near Oak. The car in which she was riding, a white 1967 Ford, was the "Birmingham" and "Detroit" signs.

To Pave Firemen's Training Ground

With the city commission's approval Monday night for the \$115,000 paving of a training ground behind the Adams station, Birmingham firemen will get up to three months of signal and apparatus training a year, Fire Chief Frank Smith said.

Drills now have to be conducted on busy streets unless the field west of the station is perfectly dry and able to support weight of fire trucks.

Bham Woman Hurt In Hunter Crash

A Birmingham woman suffered a fractured hip and pelvis last Thursday in a two-car collision on Hunter at Forest.

Martha Sue Gilbert, 34, of 976 Chestnut, is in fair condition at William Beaumont hospital, following the accident she was ticketed by police for failing to yield the right of way. The car she was driving collided with a vehicle driven by a Pontiac motorist.

YMCA Picnic

Next event for the young adults of the Birmingham YMCA will be on Sunday, July 20 when they meet at 400 E. Lincoln, at 12:30 p.m. to go out to Metropolitan beach. Bring yourself, a picnic lunch and a picnic holding it at the beach. All single men and women between the ages of 20 and 40 are cordially invited.

Collect Fireworks

A number of complaints were phoned to Birmingham police last weekend about boys shooting fireworks. Police followed up on the reports, confiscating the fireworks whenever they found the culprits.

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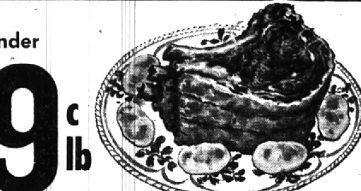
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