



### Folk Song from the Five Jacks

The Five Jacks, who are playing an unlimited engagement at The Raven Gallery, Birmingham, are Bruce Washburne, banjo; Bob Shoens, guitar; Doug White, bass; Milan Demeter, comic relief; and Don MacQueen, guitar. Their material ranges from folk to ethnic folk as well as popular ballads. The Jacks, from Dearborn, are collegians at

Henry Ford Community College, Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. They were winners of the Michigan State Fair Folkfestival this year. They are appearing Friday through Sunday nights at The Raven, 136 Brownell, and during the Christmas vacation will perform Tuesday through Sunday and New Year's Eve.

By Lydia King Frehse  
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

### NATURE NOW

## George Washington Grew Holly at Mt. Vernon Home

A study of the colonial gardens counted 14 of these trees, a remnant of Virginia shows that holly was a favorite in most of them. On a plantation in the south semi-remote visit to Mt. Vernon we circle at the rear of the mansion.

These he received in 1796 from Col. Henry Lee (father of Robert E. Lee) of "Stratford." At various times Washington transplanted small hollies from the woods to the plantation grounds.

### Potpourri

By JULIE CANDLER

Sex rears its head in the music world, according to a long-standing Potpourri generalization. For years, we have noted the matter of sex at school band and orchestra concerts. To Potpourri, drums are masculine because only boys beat them. Only girls seem to tout the flute, so they're feminine.

If you study this musical theme at school concerts, you, too, may discover this: Violins, cellos and female gender, while bass fiddles, trombones, trumpets and French horns are male.

At a symphony concert, who ever saw a male harpist? Or a female beating the kettle drums?

NOW WE NOTE another sexual phenomena in Birmingham musical circles—hootenanny-type. Only boys play the guitar and sing folksy songs. No Birmingham girl folk-sings, at least that we know of. Yet we know dozens of boys around town who can make beautiful sounds with a guitar. Not only that, they like guitar music better than "Woodwarding" and "mailboggling."

But getting back to sex, we must wonder why guitars, etc., are male, while harps and violins are female. Maybe everything in 1963 U.S.A. has to be that way. For example baseball bats are masculine. Dish pans are feminine. Stethoscopes are masculine. Hypodermic needles are feminine. Briefcases are masculine. Stenographers' notebooks are feminine.

Make up your own list. It's fun.

SPEAKING OF folk singers, a talented guitarist and singer from our Birmingham midst sang and played for the lady journalists of Theta Sigma Phi Tuesday night at the Detroit Press Club.

He is Skip Arthur, 18-year-old solo-folk-singer of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus W. Arthur, 15951 Lauderdale. Skip's performance included a new folk song, "The Ballad of Theta Sigma Phi." The song heralded the fraternity (founded in the days before the female word sorority was used).

"Ballad of TSP" is an original and zany 25th anniversary song written by Denise Scanlon Difazio, Mrs. William J. De-Grace of 2113 Yorkshire, and yer ole Potpourri outpourer.

TEN-YEAR-OLD Deborah Brooks, whose great-uncle Philip Brooks wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem" will recite it Sunday at St. James Episcopal Church.

A Merry Christmas party at the Village Players filled the playhouse with good cheer Saturday night. Their 17-year-old daughter, Vicky, painted on the sign a blissful lamb, happy in the arms of a contented lion. Over it she printed the big greeting, "Peace on Earth."

And that goes for everybody on the Potpourri pipeline, too, from me to you.

### Legal Notices

**CITY OF TROY.**  
NOTICE RECALLING FILING PETITIONS TO QUALIFY AS CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF REGISTER OF PROBATE OF THE CITY OF TROY.  
Notice is hereby given the following officers are to be filed by election in Troy, Michigan, on Monday, January 20, 1964 at 4:00 P.M. EST. is the final date for filing said petitions.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN.** — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland in the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM M. WHEELER, Deceased.  
At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1963.

**ORDER** appointing time for hearing claims.  
Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 2nd day of March, 1964, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the County of Oakland at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN.** — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland in the Matter of the Estate of RUTH M. LAUCHLIN, also known as RUTH M. LAUCHLIN, Deceased.  
At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1963.

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