

# Potpourri

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Special Writer

Rumors circulating through Potpourri pipelines hint that showman George Jessel will marry a Birmingham girl in June. She's a local hair stylist.

**WE'RE PROUD OF** our autographed copy of "About a 100 Hillbilly Poems" by photographer Joe Clark, hbs, who lives over thataway. The humor and philosophy of the hillbilly poems prove what a great guy Joe is. He says he's reviewed the short film starring Joe Clark, shot last fall in Wyoming. The movie should be showing in local theatres soon.

The sight of hbs himself, projected in wide-screen color, prompted Joe to say, "Geeeee, if I'da known they were going to blow it up that big, I woulda combed my hair!"

**GO TO SEE** "The Contrast," at Vanguard Theatre through April 4, and you will be proud of two Birmingham actors, Robert V. Bates and Martine Alligre.

Both of these talented young people are enthusiastic about the show. It was the first comedy written by an American citizen, quilled in 1787 by Royal Pyle.

Says 23-year-old Bob, "It's a funny show, done as an example of early Americana."

Bob plays a major role in the charming view of our nation's 18th-century way of life and theatrical contention.

**THE YOUNG ACTOR** inherits his love of show biz from two enthusiastic parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bates of 443 Greenwood. Bob's father, who once performed in summer stock, is organist and choirmaster at Christ Church Cranbrook.

Bob joined Vanguard two months ago, loves the chance it gives him to get a variety of acting experience. He rehearses by day for Vanguard's next, an avant garde "The Firebugs." He plays by night in "The Contrast."

For three years, Bob has summer-stocked at the Barnstormers Theatre in the delightful town of Tamworth, N.H., near his parents' summer home.

**SINCE GRADUATING** from Cranbrook School, Bob has studied drama in New York, divided three years of college among the universities of Michigan, New York and Wayne State, and "grabbed theatre experience" wherever he could.

Like Bob, 21-year-old Martine loves theatre, but is torn between acting and determination to continue her studies in political science, philosophy and international relations.

Along with brains and talent, Martine has what it takes to be a photographer's model. She's size 9, has brown hair and brown eyes and radiates the excitement in living of a three-year-old on Christmas morning.

**SHE'S THE DAUGHTER** of the Richard E. Alligres of 269 Southlawn, and a 1960 graduate of Seaholm High School.

These days, Martine's zest of living leads her to senior-journal classes at Wayne State University each morning, editorial assistant's work on a politico-intellectual magazine each afternoon and performances at Vanguard nightly.

The actress credits her intellectual curiosity to Seaholm instructor George Miller, now doing graduate work at Michigan State. It was when she took Miller's course in international relations, she says, that she began to care about the world around her.

"I THINK IT'S" the responsibility of every person in this society to know what's going on, and I get very angry with people who don't bother to," says Martine. She saw some of the world for herself in 1962 and '63 by hitchhiking around Europe with another girl.

"When we came to some place we liked, we would stay for a while."

Martine plans to study drama in California after graduation from Wayne. But she's determined to pursue her studies in philosophy and political science as well. It should be a full life, said we.

"But that's the way I like it," said Martine. Meanwhile, you can add to your own fullness of life by seeing her as the ingenue in "The Contrast."



## They're in the Band "Business"

Four members of an unusual Junior Achievement company gather outside Bloomfield Hills High School where they rehearse on Saturday mornings. The boys are members of The Amtones, an 11-member band whose "business" is performing at social events—many of these Junior Achievement activities. A band spokesman said The Amtones are, to their knowledge, the only JA band in the United States. The Amtones include (from left) Gary Fischer, treasurer,

on trombone; Charlie Schwartzberg, trumpet; Craig Halverson, president, saxophone, also clarinet; and Mike Ware, founder of the company, drums. Other band members include Tim Cowen, vice president in charge of sales, trombone; Phil Gaubis, trumpeter; Fred Trost, vice president in charge of production, bass; Steve Lyman, guitar; Karen Nichols, secretary, piano; Marsha White, vocalist; and Jeff Keith, vocalist.

## Movie Guide

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MOVIE Green Sheet National Legion of Decency

The Cardinal A-MY A-3  
The Misadventures of Merlin Jones GA A-1

\* recommended as superior entertainment especially for children

### CODE

### GREEN SHEET

These audience symbols are intended as broad guides to selection, and do not indicate either recommendation or non-recommendation of the films to which they are applied.

A Adults

MY Mature Young People

Y Young People (12 years to 16 years)

C Children (unaccompanied by adults)

GA General Audience

NATIONAL LEGION OF DECENCY

A-1 Morally Unobjectionable for General Patronage

A-2 Morally Unobjectionable for Adults and Adolescents

A-3 Morally Unobjectionable for Adults

B Morally Objectionable in Part for All

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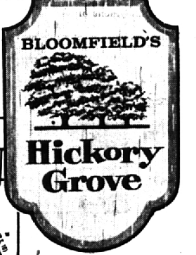


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### Cranbrook Enrolls Young People for Spring Art Term

Registrations are now being taken for the spring term of art classes for young people at Cranbrook Academy of Art Galleries, Bloomfield Hills. The term, for youngsters ages 7 through 19, begins April 7 and continues through June 13. Classes are divided according to age and are held in the Young People's Art Center located beneath the library. Three classes are held Saturdays with others scheduled for after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each group meets for 90 minutes. Instructor is Glen Michaels who received his MFA degree from Cranbrook Academy of Art.

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