



THESE MUPPETS, Clyde and Albert, are stars of a new children's television series being planned by Dennis McVittie (left) and John Cummings of Plymouth. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Guild Hosts Nero, Shearing Recitals Share Spotlight

DEARBORN

Three young musicians, all students in the University of Michigan's School of Music, will be featured in the Fair Lane Music Guild's first Young Artists' Concert.

This will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 15, in the Fair Lane Center on the campus of the U-M-Deaorbn. Tickets may be obtained by calling the campus information center, 4901 Evergreen.

The recitalists will be Patricia McCarty, a violinist; Ronald Copes, a pianist; and Maria Merelles, a pianist. The concert is being supported through a grant from the Dearborn Community Arts Council.

Mary Kreason Gets Award

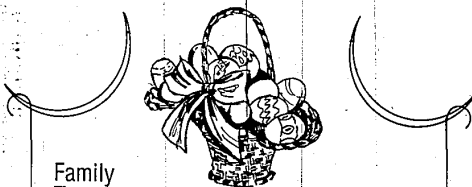
Mary Kreason of Eastfield Street, Farmington, has been awarded a \$300 scholarship in speech and theater at the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio.

Miss Kreason was one of eight students awarded Pixley scholarships for the academic year 1972-73. Awards are made to students of outstanding ability and promise in the fields of literature, music and speech from the Frank Pixley Memorial Fund.

Mercy Hosts Ballet Dancers

DETROIT The Christopher Ballet Company will perform at 1 p.m., Monday, April 16, in McAuley Auditorium, Mercy College of Detroit, 8200 W. Outer Drive.

The program is the last in this year's performing arts series and is free.



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They Hope To Entertain Kids

With the help of two muppets, Clyde and Albert, two Plymouth residents have put together a children's television show which they hope will both entertain and educate.

The two are Dennis McVittie and John Cummings.

"I thought most children's shows were either too educational or too entertaining," said Cummings. "Somewhere there was a happy medium."

Their answer is called "Corvillie Heights." The first film, in what they hope will be a series, was shot in and around Plymouth with the help of Northville resident, Art Cervi, more widely known as Bozo the Clown.

The characters in their show include Clyde, the not-so-smart, but helpful muppet, plus Alfred, the suave, sophisticated one. In-

identally, these muppets came from the same man who makes them for "Sesame Street," and the difference between a muppet and a puppet, is that the former is larger, and needs two people to make it work.

McVittie and Cummings are the two people. Cummings also plays John, the Corvillie banker and city commissioner, and Dr. Magie and writes the scripts. He has been a professional magician since he was 14.

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Could the boys at the fix-it shop help him? The solution came while Clyde was vacuuming the shop, and a visit to Stan Gill's farm near Plymouth, proved that a milking machine will work.

During the course of the show, which was videotaped at CKLV-TV in Windsor, there's also a minute's spot on manners, and a lesson in how to make a little boat.

If they can sell their show, McVittie and Cummings are planning future episodes based on problems with plan-

amusements

es that can't land at night at the Corvillie airport; cars that don't run; cereal that won't snap and crackle; and the Corvillie Huskers, a football team in trouble.

Both Cummings and McVittie are graduates of Plymouth High School, and met during a talent contest there. After graduation, Cummings attended the Ohio State Technical School for

radio and television broadcasting. McVittie attended Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C., and studied radio and television production in Chicago.

Both have worked at radio stations in Three Rivers, Jackson, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, and are now forming their own advertising agency, as well as planning future visits to Corvillie.

Arts Council Sets Workshop

Art enthusiasts will be treated to a watercolor workshop and demonstration this spring under auspices of the Farmington Community Arts Council.

The experimental painting techniques of Lyne T. (Bud) Shackelford of El Cajon, Calif., will be mixed with his interpretations of modern theory and served up with a sense of humor.

Shackelford's workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, April 27, in Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Ridge Road, Farmington.

Reservations must be made with Mrs. Dee Schoeneich, 3394 State, Farmington. The fee is \$10 per person.

Adults enrolled in the council's spring series, "Exposure to the Arts," will be invited to take part in the workshop.

"I want to meet as many people as I can during this tour," Shackelford told Sister Mary Kevin, vice-president of the Arts Council.

Last year, he covered 25,000 miles on his "watercolor tour" through western and southern states.

This year, he is taking in the eastern states, emphasizing the use of "aquarius" paper, which he claims can be loaded with water and pigment without buckling.

During the morning session, Shackelford will demonstrate experimental techniques and materials, with his students following along.

"We provoke accidents," he said, "and learn to control them. Then everyone loosens up and paints with freedom and gusto."

A lunch break is followed by a critique and slide presentation, showing step-by-step watercolors by Rex Brandt, Robert E. Wood, George Post and Bob Melzer. They also show step-by-step acrylics with Shackelford is creating on large canvases.

Shackelford's visit has been arranged by Sister Mary Kevin, of the art department of Our Lady of Mercy High School. Shackelford will also visit Mercy and Lawrence Institute of Technology during his stay in the area.



WINNERS in the annual juried art show of the Palette Guild were (from left) Mrs. Edward Tiedeman and Mrs. John Kilbourn, both of Redford Township, and Mrs. Milton Abramson of Oak Park.

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