## For Dehoco Lifers--New Hope, Friendship

By KATHY MORAN

They've been arrested, tried and convicted, but now they have been sentenced to hope.

Women serving life sentences at Detroit House of Correction now have a line to the "outside" would a line of communication and a line of thope.

It's in the form of a club called the "Lideliners" started by a few women in the Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women who are interested in prison reform. And it's the first program at Deboco for lifers and the first time they've been given any attention, say the inmates.

"We were always pushed in the background," one in market it.

"I think it has been valuable for them and valuable for us - we've learned so

Anyone looking for "hard-ened criminals" during a Li-feliners' visit to Dehoco would be surprised. The li-fers being visited are, for the most part, women who have made mistakes.

"Any rehabilitation that is done you've got to do yourself," one immate said. "What I've done, I've done on my own."

Another said the Lifeliners have done more to boost mo-

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Their AAUW friends often diffenses, they now are being go to Dehoco, too, so the inmates won't be alone. Recently one visited a lifer while she was in the hospital. having someone care."





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I read recently about a couple who had every bit of Christmas preparation complete by Thanksgiving.

Then a fellow - worker remarked with apprehension that she had purchased Christmas cands two weeks ago and still hadn't written any of them.

These were disturbing, but before - Christmas panic really threatened to set in when a card from an organized friend arrived the day alter Thanksgiving.

I had been feeling I had done pretty well -- bought a few presents last summer and accomplished before Thanksgiving what had to be done by then.

But most family presents are still to be bought, most of the cooking and a lot of sewing is still ahead and there will be a mountain of Christmas cards and notes to write when we get the cards we've ordered.

So it occurs to me that where Christmas preparations are concerned there's a law as immutable as the ones that say there will always be an extra sock in the wash and there will never be a pencil by the telephone.

Leab is sure that on matter what preparations I make when, I will always have exactly enough time to do what I really need and want to do before the big day.

That local benowledee should make my favoritie season.

## It's Back Home To Tokyo For Madonna Art Graduate

By MARGARET MILLER

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Tokyo.

Madonna was chosen,
Kelko added, because she
has an aunt and uncle living
in Garden City and because,
"though my parents are
Buddhist, they like Catholic
schools."

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At Medonna, Kelko studied under Sister Angeline to earn ber associate degree in art. "She kept saying that I should show my Japanese beedground in my work," this visiting student said. "But I have learned oil printing and that is a Western art form. Japanese art is not in oil. It's black and white, charcoal or pen and link."

white, charcoal works has some Japanese fla-works has some Japanese fla-wor, but the oil painting of colorful flowers seems defini-tely of the Western world. Kelko came to Michigan in

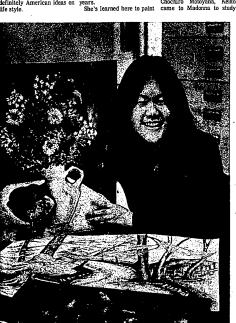
kello came to Michigan in 1971, and attended the University of Michigan to learn English before earolling in the Livonia school.

"I think I have learned on "I think I have learned to "I have learned better a better a better learned who attends Boston University, Keiko toured the western part of U.S. by bus."

The trip gave her a taste for travel and she bopes to visit Hawaii on her way back to Japan, where she expects she will join her father's art business.

But her two years here also have given her a taste for the American life. "Everything here is very "Everything here is very

for the American life.
"Everything here is very free," she said. "At home I have depended on my parents for everything. But her students live free and are so independent. I like that."



KEIKO MOTOYAMA shows some of the paintings she did during her two years of study at Madonna College. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

