

Pair loves dancing

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But, they did it and they brought it off. And they had a good mixture of people in the planning," he says.

It is because of this good mixture of cultures in the area that the Fronczaks feel folk dancing could be developed in here. IN THE BEGINNING the dances will be easy, carefree ones such as the Serbian kolo, the Napoleon two-step from Denmark, the polka, Gypsy's Roulé, a Norwegian square dance and the alreusli, a Rumanian kolo.

Later the Fronczaks will move the dances into the Austrian ländler, Hungarian csardas and the Russian troika.

Fronczak says, "I believe this little experience in dancing will help people become familiar and comfortable with each other's culture and we hope to get the people in class dancing at the festival."

A public school music teacher and now private piano teacher, Mrs. Fronczak has been teaching folk dancing to scout groups, in schools, churches and community groups since 1945. She says students in a school for the blind in Erie and a deaf group at a Detroit YWCA both did very well. Her handbook of festivals is used by many community agencies.

The couple believe folk dancing has a special significance in the bicentennial year. In the last few years, immigrants have become more proud of their ethnic backgrounds and each dance has a history and a story that add to the cultural heritage.



Music, folk dancing and the cultures of the world play an important part in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fronczak of Farmington Hills.

Students win math honors

Two Farmington Hills high school students have been named award winners in the Michigan section of the Mathematical Association of America. Alfred Jean, Harrison High, and Daniel M. Tognaschi of North Farmington, placed in the top 100 of 21,000 students participating in the 19th annual prize competition. They will be honored at the awards program at Western Michigan University, Saturday, Feb. 21.

At the program, sponsored by Michigan Bell Telephone, college scholarships totaling \$7,000 will be given to 40 winners. These scholarships are supported, in part, by Burroughs Corporation, which provides the scholarships for the two top students, the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Kuhlman Corporation of Birmingham.

Winter sports

Winter sports enthusiasts are discovering new sledding, tobogganing and cross-country skiing facilities at Willow Metropark, located near New Boston. For details phone 687-9181 in Belleville.

City endures winter

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the winter without much of a problem, but it's taking a lot more salt to keep our streets clear."

Brown says the department handles snow removal differently than other departments around the state, especially Oakland County's road commission.

The city has the street immediately after it begins to snow, continuing to salt and plow roads until the snow stops and the streets are clear.

Oakland County Road Commission, for example, will wait for the snow to stop before it salts the roads.

"WE DO IT differently because we don't want to see any major traffic tie-ups. If it snowed for an extended period of time and we waited until it stopped before we hit the roads, traffic could be tied up for miles by that time."

"Our method is to get on the roads immediately and keep plowing around the clock until it is safe. We just keep moving and at the same time keep traffic moving. Many times we help prevent those major traffic accidents."

Since the department has its 12-man crew out working the streets around the clock during snow storms, the city has added up more overtime than normal. And since it did not expect to record so much overtime this year, it now finds itself in trouble.

"Just because we do a little differently, it may cost a little more. The money we have caused us to add up more overtime than we anticipated," Brown explains.

The department is lucky because it has not had any major problems with its equipment this year. Usually, during the snow season, some of the trucks or plows break down. During this year's heavy snows, all

the trucks have stayed in good shape and the city has avoided most major expenses.

"To make a long story short, we are hurting on salt, we are hurting on overtime, but we are doing really good on equipment," he says.

THE CITY HAS three salt spreaders that can attach plows to the front of the trucks. It also has two front-end loaders and a grader.

After the department takes care of main roads in the city, it clears all residential streets, too.

Brown says that the department is considering using salt mixed with sand to see if it works in the city.

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