

Singer and arts director earn top awards



MARLOWE BELANGER

GEORGE STILL

By MARY GNIEWEK

North Farmington High music teacher George Still and Marlowe Belanger, coordinator of the Oakland County Cultural Council, are winners of the 1979 Artist in Residence grant and Art Service award, respectively.

The two will be honored at a reception in the Farmington Hills city council chambers at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 10. Former Detroit TV personality Rita Bell will present the awards.

Still, 36, is a baritone singer with the Kenneth Jewell Choral and was formerly a soloist with the Third Church of Christ Scientist in Detroit.

He is director of Musical Youth International, a 50-member high school chorus that draws its members from across the state. This year, the group is

planning a five-week tour of Sydney, Australia, Disneyland, San Francisco, and will wind up with a concert at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

A vocal music and music theory instructor who also directs three choirs, Still will complete his 10th year of teaching at the Farmington next month. In September, he will begin a three-year program of study for a doctorate degree, at the University of Southern California.

Still plays piano and string bass "as a hobby, not professionally."

He said the \$500 cash award will help defray the cost of moving and preparing for school out west.

"I was very surprised," Still said of his selection from a field of 12 entries. "I think this is the first time a musician

has won the Farmington Artists award."

Still is a Detroit resident.

MRS. BELANGER, who will receive a commemorative plaque for service to the arts, was one of the founders of the Farmington Arts Council and served as its president from 1970-77. Last year, she left Farmington to accept a job as first coordinator of the Oakland County Cultural Council.

"I'm trying to incorporate on a broader scale some of the programs we have here in Farmington," Mrs. Belanger said.

The Farmington Hills resident helped establish art councils in Lake Orion, Oxford, northwest Oakland County, Franklin, Troy and Mt. Pleasant.

She has acted as consultant for the Michigan Council for the Arts and has served on the boards of the Michigan Ballet Theater, Oakway Symphony Orchestra, and the Farmington Community Band.

A former singer with the Madrigal Club of Detroit, Mrs. Belanger is still choir director at St. Fabian's Church in Farmington Hills.

"I'm tremendously grateful. I have no product but service to artists in their development. I elected long ago not to be a performer, but an organizer," she said. "Artists don't want to promote themselves. They just want to do their artwork."

The fourth annual awards program is designed to recognize talent by local artists in any medium.

This young organist proves practice can make perfect

Heidi Holz is a winner. When the 12-year-old musician sits down to play the organ, her notes win recognition from teachers around the state.

Recently, she placed first in the Michigan Music Association's competition, performing on the instrument that has taken up half of her life.

She began taking organ lessons when she was 6 years old. Although she doesn't remember the reason she chose

the organ, she does know that it began a love affair with music.

The music she most enjoys are the sounds she creates on the keyboard and using the violin and guitar. When she's riding in a car, she'll tune in to country western music.

Music takes up 1½ hours of her free time daily. She practices piano for 45 minutes before school begins, because the organ is too loud to play at 6 a.m. After school, she spends time practicing

the organ. Music practice times for Heidi and her brother, Richard, 8, and sister, Anita, 10, are scheduled in shifts. "So they don't fight over who's next to practice," said their mother, who is also named Heidi.

"There's always music in this house. There's not an hour without music until the children go to bed," Mrs. Holz said.

ALTHOUGH SHE wants her children to practice, the sounds aren't always music to her ears.

"Sometimes I don't think I can stand it. But I don't want to discourage them."

Far from being discouraged, the Holz children enjoy both playing and practicing their music.

Heidi entered her first competition at the age of 9. She won the state championship then, and, three years later, now holds the title again.

Within that three-year span she has collected 16 trophies from competitions and school music contests. After attending Highwood Elementary School, she went to Warner Junior High School, where she continues her award-winning ways under the direction of music teacher Kenneth Kokowicz.

Music doesn't stop and start with a new contest. At age 3, she sang songs to her mother.

On Sundays, she plays the organ and violin for the German Church of God in Sterling Heights.

Suspect faces court for double slaying

The pre-trial hearing of Dorchester Harris, charged with the double slaying of a West Bloomfield couple March 13, continued today (Thursday) in 48th District Court.

"The exam has been completed," reported a spokeswoman for District Judge David Breck. Legal arguments to determine whether Harris, 49, of Detroit will be bound over for trial on the charges will be heard at today's hearing.

Harris is charged with four counts of first degree murder in the case, thought to be drug-related by West Bloomfield police.

The bound and slashed bodies of Don-

ald and Mary Louise Freedman were discovered in the living room of their comfortable Horseshoe Drive home, along with drugs and apparatus for using them.

Harris was arrested March 15 by police in Toledo, Ohio on a misdemeanor charge. A search of his car revealed identification and credit cards allegedly taken from the Freedman home.

Harris initially refused extradition to Michigan, but changed his mind as extradition proceedings approached the final stages.

He was formally arraigned on the charges April 19.



Playing the organ is fun for Heidi Holz, 12, of Farmington Hills. Miss Holz has won 16 trophies within the previous three years for her musicianship. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Council hopes to shorten meetings

In an effort to shorten meetings that often drag on for several hours, the Farmington Hills City Council passed a resolution Monday establishing time limits for council agenda items.

Council unanimously passed the set of rules introduced by Mayor Earl Oppert-Hausser. They set a maximum time limit of one hour on any agenda

item, 10 minutes for a speaker representing an organized group, such as a subdivision association, and three minutes to others.

If more than 12 people request to speak on any item, the number of participants will be divided into 60 minutes to determine the time limitation. Also, discussion of new items will not

begin after 11:30 p.m., and adjournment will be no later than midnight.

In his support of the measure, Councilman Keith Deacon said he had participated in meetings that lasted as long as 4:30 a.m. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings at city hall. Eleven Mile at Orchard Lake Road.

THE INSIDE * ANGLE

ANGLES WANTS TO SQUELCH any rumors about Warren Buckler having a secret twin brother sitting in for him on the Farmington City Council. There's no such council member as William Buckler. Honest. Even if Angles' boss, the Farmington Observer editor, did call Warren, William Angles heard the boss mutter something about an after-meeting conversation at the Village Inn.

ALL THOSE PERSONS doing what appear to be toe touching exercises on May 19 in the City Park in Farmington are actually cleaning up the town. Among these dedicated paper-pickers will be 40 young men from the Michigan Dearborn Mission, 35411 Grand River, Farmington, who have volunteered 200 hours of clean-up time to the city. The Mormon Elders came to this area to work as missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They hail from about a dozen midwestern states. Angles suggest everyone pitch in for this clean-up effort by pitching a stray paper into scrap into the waste basket.

THAT COUNCIL MEETING watcher around town, Aldo Vagazzi, editor of the Cy Aaron Publication Co., has been honored by the United Way of Michigan, recently. He was selected for the organization's 33 member Communications Committee for 1979. The committee will be responsible for developing a comprehensive communications program for informing the state on human problems and needs.

FORWARD, MARCH will be the call during Walk for Mankind on June 2. The walk is sponsored by Project Concern, an international medical and dental assistance program which hopes to raise \$500,000 this year. Registration for the walk will begin at 7:30 a.m., June 2. It will last until 9:30 a.m. at several walk locations. Farmington area residents who want to get some exercise and earn money for a cause can show up at one of these walk starting points: Plymouth Salem High School on the corner of Joy and Canton Road in Canton; Belle Isle in Detroit; Bentley High School, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia; Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia; Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile in Livonia; Northville Downs, 301 South Center in Northville.

THINGS ARE JUST DUCKY at North Farmington High School. Principal Clayton Graham is tending to a small flock of 14 ducklings born last week. The ducks and their mama made their public debut this Monday and can be seen enjoying a plastic swimming pool installed in the high school's courtyard for their wedding pleasure. Angles figures it's time to strike up a chorus of "Animal Quackers in the Soup."

ATTENTION! FLOOD PLAIN RESIDENTS A flood insurance study has been completed for Farmington. This study includes plain maps of areas which would be inundated by a 100-year flood, flood elevation profiles and flood insurance rate maps for the use of financial institutions and insurance agents in determining who should purchase flood insurance and the cost of the policy. Final issuance of the study will change the city's status in the National Flood Insurance Program from emergency phase to regular phase. At that time, the amount of flood insurance available in Farmington will increase. The additional amounts of insurance will be subject to actuarial rates instead of the federally subsidized rates which are presently available. Farmington will be required to adopt and enforce a flood plain management ordinance to regulate all new construction and substantial rehabilitation in the flood hazard areas, of the upper branch of the Rouge River. Persons living near this area can attend a meeting to see the study results at 1 p.m., May 23, in the City Council chambers, 23600 Liberty in Farmington. Questions about the study will be answered. The study was funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

TRAVELING SENIORS are eligible for the Golden Age Passport, a free, life-time permit to national parks, monuments and recreation areas managed by the federal government. It also provides a 50 percent discount on federal use fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, boat launching, parking. The Golden Age passport is issued free to citizens and permanent residents 62-years-old or older. It is available at most federally operated recreation facilities.

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