

Youngsters meet Baby Middle C who lives in the musical staff

The Kelly-Kirby Kindergarten Piano Method for those from 5-7 years old introduces youngsters to the music staff through Susan Nuckolls, teacher in Farmington Community Center.

Classes run at various times on Saturdays, beginning May 3, led by the teacher who utilizes rhythmic movements, singing games, action songs, nursery rhymes and a rhythm band to teach the elements of music.

"Children love a story," Mrs. Nuckolls said, "and the Kelly-Kirby story is particularly charming. The story relates the goings-on of a family of sounds called the 'Sound People'."

"They are given personalities a child can relate to such as Daddy Bass F Clef or Mother Treble G Clef."

Edith E. George G and Baby Middle C are all members of the family who live in the staff.

The method of teaching was developed by May B. Kelly of Toronto Conservatory of Musical Arts and specifically designed to fit a small child's capabilities. It is a complete foundation for any music study a child may wish to pursue later in musical education.

MRS. NUCKOLLS said that students do not have to have a piano in their home to benefit by the instruction and there is no homework.

"Ear training is the basis of the course," she said. "Students are taught to listen and to recognize indefinite high and low sounds. Later they learn to pick out definite sounds."

The child learns to produce the definite sounds by first singing and later playing them on the piano. When the

unknown sound becomes familiar, the child learns its sign, which is the beginning of his or her understanding of musical notation.

The instructor is a Farmington resident who has a degree in the Kelly-Kirby Method and a piano degree from Detroit Institute of Musical Arts.

She has had extensive experience as a private piano teacher and as a children's choir director at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

In class, Mrs. Nuckolls uses four workbooks with large notations enabling the smallest child to learn with ease.

Registrations are being taken now by calling the center, 477-8494.



SUSAN NUCKOLLS



More than elderberry wine here

There's more than just elderberry in the glass for Winton McCall, of Birmingham, who is the unsuspecting victim in "Arsenic and Old Lace." Kathleen Monticello of Redford and Nancy Harrower of Southfield take the roles of the daffy aunts, while Steve Kachmarczyk of Farmington Hills tries to

prevent comic-disaster in the classic mystery. The Farmington Players production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" runs three weekends in the Players Barn beginning May 2. Tickets are available now through the box office, 477-1066.

Nursery sets open house

Family Life Cooperative Nursery hosts open house from 9:30-11:45 a.m. Monday, May 5, in the nursery in North Congregational Church, Northwestern Highway between Civic Center Drive and Lahser Road in Southfield.

The open house is scheduled as a get-acquainted program for potential members of the 1980-81 school year.

The nursery offers two sessions a week for 3-year-olds and three sessions a week for 4-year-olds. The program is diversified and concentrates on helping the child make a smooth adjustment

from home to school. It is non-sectarian, non-profit, and licensed by the state.

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