

Ekstrom, Crouse take Eagle Awards

Lee A. Ekstrom and Richard J. Crouse, both students at North Farmington High School, took their Eagle Scout awards in ceremonies hosted by Troop 253, sponsored by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Ekstrom, 15, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Merlin E. Ekstrom and holds two awards given by the Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit. He is a member of North Farmington's Northern Choral and Northern Lites and has won regional honors from the Michigan School Vocal Association. He has sung in musicals staged by Covenant Baptist Church, where he is a

senior high school spokesman for the church's Youth Committee.

In scouting, he achieved Arrow of Light and Order of Arrow status while he was a Webelos Scout.

Crouse, 16, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Crouse. He plays guitar, sings, and golfs and played football at North Farmington in his freshman year. He has been a member of Kendallwood's swim team.

He said he intends to carry on with scouting by becoming a scoutmaster while he pursues careers in law or government service.



Lee Ekstrom



Richard J. Crouse

Scottish orchestra displays strong skills

By Avigdor Zaromp
special writer

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit (CMS) has presented several rewarding programs this season. The latest of these was the appearance of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

The event, which was heralded for the past several weeks, drew a large crowd that filled the main floor and most of the balcony.

To provide an authentic Scottish flavor, people were encouraged to wear kilts — free admission to those who did. While the majority, including myself, didn't quite muster the courage or the resources to do so, some did.

Dr. "Tiny" Konikow, president of CMS, had initially promised to wear

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the usual costume, but to some people's disappointment, he settled for a cap.

In addition, members of the St. Andrew's Pipes, in Scottish uniforms, played bagpipe music starting at 7:30 p.m. While a prolonged exposure to bagpipe music can get on one's nerves, this short presentation provided fun without aggravation.

THERE was nothing Scottish about the program itself. The Scottish Cham-

ber Orchestra is a group of serious and extremely capable musicians, who appeared on the stage dressed in conventional attire. The conductor was the distinguished violinist-conductor Jaime Laredo.

The program consisted of Concerto for Two Violins by Bach, Symphony No. 29 by Mozart and "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi.

Laredo, soloist in the Bach and Vivaldi compositions, conducted the group only in a nominal way.

In the Mozart Symphony he was seated with the violinists, playing the violin part with the rest. This, however, didn't detract from the quality and precision of the performance.

In the Bach concerto, Laredo was joined by concertmaster John Tunnell, who played the second violin solo. This turned out to be a very enjoyable performance of this masterful composition, one of which Bach himself could have been proud.

The themes came through with clarity, presenting an unambiguous manifestation of the fine structure. The two violins, which play similar themes, came through nevertheless as distinct voices, not as mere duplications, so common in many performances.

THE MOZART symphony sounded more subdued than in most performances with a full orchestra. However, there was no compromise of form and structure. The crescendos were bright and effective, yet not overblown.

The one "overblown" feature was one of the horn players, who literally "blew his top" and played several wrong notes toward the end of the final movement, which proved to be more amusing than damaging to the overall performance.

The second portion of the program consisted of "The Four Seasons." This was the second time that "The Seasons" have been performed here this season. Misha Hachlevsky, founder of Renaissance Concerts, which performed this group previously, was also in the audience to compare notes.

TO JUDGE between the two performances would be futile. As far as the present performance goes, it was most ingenious and articulate, the only exception being the opening movement of the Winter concerto, in which some of the passages were blurred and imprecise.

The second movement of this concerto was among the best. All this being said, it is hoped that this work won't be scheduled here again for some time. Otherwise we might end up with some heavy snow storms this winter.

To cap a very rewarding program the group responded to the tumultuous applause by playing a movement from a Serenade for Strings by Elgar, possibly suggesting a composition that deserves to be more frequently scheduled.

Scholarships offered for MSU College Week

The Michigan division of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association will again provide scholarships for some Michigan residents to attend College Week, four days of informal learning at Michigan State University.

In 1982, the association contributed more than \$6,000, providing scholarships for more than 65 persons to attend College Week.

College Week, an annual event sponsored by the MSU Cooperative Extension Service Family Living Education program, and held on the MSU campus in East Lansing, attracts about 1,500 persons, who come from every county in Michigan. This year, it's scheduled for June 20-23.

While at College Week, participants attend classes and workshops, sleep and eat in a residence hall, have the opportunity to go on tours, attend the theater.

"This year, more than 60 classes are being offered," says Wilma Miller, MSU College Week program coordinator. "Topics cover such subjects as microwave cooking, handling stress, financial estate planning, solar and other energy options, family communication and leadership development."

Dr. Wayne W. Dyer, psychologist and author of "Your Erroneous Zones" and "The Sky's the Limit," will give the keynote address. His topic is "How to Be a No Limit Person." There will also be an outdoor barbecue and a variety of after-class programs such as color selection and energy efficient homes.

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