

# Student Wins National Award

FARMINGTON Steve Merritt, of 30681 Pearridge, has won 2nd place in the scholastic creative writing awards program.

A February graduate of North Farmington High, he was a member of English 5, and received placement in the scholastic creative writing awards program.

The informal essay was one of 16,000 entries judged on the basis of originality and creativity by a panel of experts in the literary field.

The scholastic writing awards program has been conducted annually for 49 years. Such esteemed writers as Joyce Kilmer, Bernard Malamud, Merle Miller and Jean Stafford, are past award winners.

Lynn Nutter, principal, voiced the school's pleasure at this honor when he said, "We are very proud of Steve's achievement as the first student in Farmington ever to win a writing award at the national level."

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**HAPPY WINNERS**—These six students from Dunkel Junior High won first place honors in the science fair at Cobo Hall. They are: (back row) Ray See, (left) Randy Amis and Gail Strom. Seated in front, are Greg Akey, (left) Daniel Togaski and Sherry Passfield.

# Hard Work Pays Dividends For Dunkel Science Class

FARMINGTON Long hours of hard work and study have paid dividends for the science students at Dunkel Junior High School.

Competing in the recent Science Fair at Cobo Hall, they established a record for the school when 17 of them won prizes and six of these were the top awards in their division.

It was the first time that the Dunkel students had fared so well in the words of their instructor, Haroune Alamadine. "It was a fitting reward for the long hours they put in at home."

The first place winners were:

Ray See, who won the ninth grade with a bit called "collections."

Randy Amis, the Eastman award and American Institute of Engineering.

Gail Strom, Graphic Art.

Greg Akey, 7th grade collections.

Daniel Togaski, eighth grade graphic arts.

Sherry Passfield, graphic arts seventh grade and the Copernicus Award.

"These students were so interested in the competition," Alamadine stated, "that they did most of the work at home. Of course, we teachers helped a bit along with their friends. It was just great to watch them."

## Firemen To Honor Trainees

FARMINGTON The Farmington Township Fire Department will sponsor a banquet and ball on June 1 at the Walled Lake VFW. The public is invited.

Costing \$10 a couple, the ball is in honor of eight Farmington Township volunteer firefighters who completed a training course during the spring, sponsored by the Michigan Firefighters Training Council and the West Oakland Mutual Aid Association.

Each man was required to attend two classes a week from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. from March through May. Besides the regular fire-fighters skills, they also had special sessions on electrical safety presentation sponsored by the Detroit Edison Co.

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## Curtain Falls On School Play

FARMINGTON The Farmington High School players will offer their final performance of "The Mouse That Roared" Saturday, May 19 in the school auditorium at 8 p.m.

Under the direction of Ves Spindler with Student Director Robinson, the play has been a success. Dave John and Judy Vanorne play the lead roles.

The other characters include Jeanie Crudginton, Co Wilkins, Peggy Williams, Kathy Blauvelt, Ron Denroy, Steve Morris, Carol Timmons, Kim Forester, Denise Weiss, Mike Brennan, Jeanne Beard, Barb Stoddard, Vicki Landsman, Joan Ciencola, Brad Allen, Kathy Berry, Dave Bruce, Beth Tuschak, Beth McKee, Tony Fernandez, Don Coleman, Judy Calla and John Ford.

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## School Boss To Get Better Car

FARMINGTON The Farmington School Board has given its approval for the purchase of a 1973 Oldsmobile to be used by Marinus Van Ameyde, superintendent.

Costing more than \$3,600, the automobile was mid-priced of those for which the board had received bids. Buying a less expensive Chevrolet offered would have saved the district \$350.

In his request, William Prisk, district business manager, said reasons for the purchase were that the dealership chosen was a Farmington concern and that "Van Ameyde preferred an Oldsmobile."

Van Ameyde is presently assigned a 1970 Dodge.

Prisk noted the budget had originally provided for two replacement staff cars, but because of the abolition of the deputy superintendent post a savings of \$4,000 was made which went to the purchase of musical instruments for Farmington High School.

## Await Degrees From Kansas

FARMINGTON Two Farmington residents are among candidates for graduation from the University of Kansas at commencement exercises May 20 and 21.

Margaret H. Coggins, 32040 Valleyview, is a candidate for a master of science degree in education and Michael J. McGuire, 29616 Middle Belt, is a candidate for a BA in psychology.

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