

Education Through Fine Arts

Fine Arts Training Important Part Of Over-All Education Goal

This is the third in a series of articles on the forthcoming "Education Through Fine Arts" program to be presented by students in the Farmington Elementary Schools. This week's article deals with the over-all music training offered students and the numerous ways in which it helps them in growth and development.

The fine arts program in the Farmington elementary schools is designed so that it may help the most important benefits of artistic and musical experiences are obtained. This will be shown in "Education Through Fine Arts" program to be presented on April 20 and May 4.

Our program in Farmington is divided into these four areas of study:

1. The arts are experienced for the enjoyment and relaxation they bring.

2. The arts aid the development of individuality so that each child may find himself and feel his importance.

3. The arts aid the development of the child's ability to understand and appreciate the art of others and other subjects including countries, races, religions, science, numbers, etc.

4. The arts aid in the development of a group feeling of cooperation, fairness, sharing, honesty, and group unity.

According to Wava Vineyard, elementary music consultant, the isolation of an experience to just one of the four areas is almost impossible. In the program, experiences with rhythm band and other band instruments are shown. This is placed in the first area, for the experience is enjoyable and relaxing, yet the discovery of different techniques in the playing of the instrument expresses the individuality of the child.

Counting the numbers of instruments needed for the child's number games. The observation that large and small instruments of the same type have different sounds actually develops the child's scientific understanding. Discovering that they must share instruments and must control themselves, children are not likely to make a wild dash to grab the instrument they want. This teaches them the important lessons in fairness and cooperation.

Many teachers, use songs and singing games as an important part of their school parties. If the weather is bad and children cannot go outside singing games are played to relax tensions.

Experiences of many different types are given so that each child may have the feeling of success in music. Not every child has a beautiful voice, but his sense of space and position may be such that his experience with a xylophone or piano may be successful. Some children are very imaginative and the stories they think of as the result of listening to records gives them a feeling of accomplishment. Experimentation with instruments of various types and techniques used in playing them appeals to some children. Often we find children who can compose tunes, words, or both.

The discovery that people of every race and religion sang songs to make their work easier develops a feeling of kinship between a child and the children all over the world. The fear of the unknown causes strange reactions in people so the music of the American Indian is studied and discussed to show what he believed in and why he used the dance as an important part of his religious service.

The observation of the fact that songs often contain valuable history lessons proves that they are an outgrowth of the people who wrote them. A valuable addition to the study of sound in science is the study of musical instruments and the scientific reasons

behind their functioning as they do.

Singing as a member of a group develops a strong feeling of unity among its members. Square dancing must be done as a group, for if one person decides to express his individuality at that time the entire pattern is upset. Each child learns to appreciate and recognize the taste and selection of other members in his group. He sings the songs and waits for his turn so that his favorite may be sung and enjoyed as well.

Musical is not taught to merely develop a child's musical ability. The focus of attention is centered rather on the child himself. Talent and accomplishment is not neglected but main interest is centered around helping a child to become happy, well adjusted and capable in all fields. Mrs. Vineyard concluded.

Next week a discussion of art as it concerns students in the Farmington elementary schools will be discussed.

PLAN GREAT LAKES COMMISSION MEET IN CHICAGO MAY 1

The Great Lakes Commission, with representatives from Michigan and four other states, will hold its first general meeting on May 1, probably in Chicago.

The new Commission is designed to solve Great Lakes problems through cooperation and exchange of information. It has no authority to pass laws or enforce its opinions.

Michigan, planted square in the middle of the Great Lakes basin, has a leading part in formation of the Commission and Thomas M. Kavanagh, Michigan's attorney general, was named first chairman at an organizational meeting held recently in Chicago.

Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana are other member states, but Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York are all currently working on legislation to give their representatives a place on the Commission.

Gerald E. Eddy, Michigan's Conservation Department director, is a member of the water uses and rights committee and Milton P. Adams, executive secretary of the state's Water Resources Commission, is in charge of the pollution control committee. Committees on the St. Lawrence Seaway, lake levels, fisheries and resolutions and legislation were assigned chairmen from other member states.

Bits Of News From Clarenceville Area

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The Women's Society for Christian Service of the Clarenceville Methodist Church will meet on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:45 p.m. The program will be in charge of Miss Margaret Field, chairman of the Marion Shaw Circle.

On Thursday, April 12, at 8 p.m., an organ recital will be given by Mrs. Paul Arensman. Afterwards an open house at the new Fellowship Hall and the new kitchen will be held.

On April 20 a Christian movie "Angel in Ebony" will be shown. This film was produced by Taylor University and will be sponsored by the Builders Class.

Mrs. Louise Reniff and Mrs. Lorna Rice attended the V. F. W. Auxiliary Officers School on Monday night at Weyerline Post 171 in Redford.

On March 22 Mrs. James Forbes was guest of honor at a baby shower given at the home of Mrs. Earl Brooks of Albion Street. She was assisted by Mrs. Ann Garden.

Games were played. Mrs. Forbes received many lovely presents for her baby daughter, Beth. Refreshments were served to the following ladies present: Lil Hines, Dolores Cooke, Lorna Rice, Sue Trainowski, Rosemary Zoloth, Elsie Burkman, Dolores Bassett, Wilma Forbes, Theresa Tucker, Ann Garden, and Betty Brookes.

Easter Day dinner guests at the Ronald Courtney home on Waldron Street were Mrs. Kate Lamb, Bill Lamb and Harry Courtney. On Sunday evening a "buffet supper" was served to Mr. and Mrs. Al Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McIlraith.

Easter Day dinner guests at the David Godfrey home on Albion Street were, their sons, Walter, Fred and Robert, and their families of Detroit; James and family of Farmington; and their daughter, Mrs. Laistall, and family of Livonia and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spicer of Detroit.

S. E. Michigan Water Problem To Be Discussed

One of Oakland County's most basic problems is to be discussed at 8:15 p.m. Friday, April 6, when Cranbrook Institute of Science presents Dr. Andrew Mozola in a talk on "Water Resources and Water Problems of Southeastern Michigan." The talk will be held in Cranbrook School auditorium.

Dr. Mozola, who is assistant professor of geology at Wayne University, he wrote his doctor's thesis on the water problems of Oakland County. In 1948 he worked with the U. S. Geological Survey on the water problems of the Finger Lake district in central New York state, and his published studies in water and waste disposal problems are the most recent and complete for the Oakland County area. In this connection, he has cooperated with the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission.

Since the problems of water and of waste disposal are of vital concern to every industry and resident of southern Michigan, the April 6 meeting has been thrown open to the public, without charge. Dr. Mozola presents his subject on a popular, non-technical level.

Be sure to take an interest in the future. That's where you'll spend the rest of your life.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hicks and son John of Eight Mile Road spent the Easter week end at the home of Mrs. Hicks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ball in Levering, Michigan.

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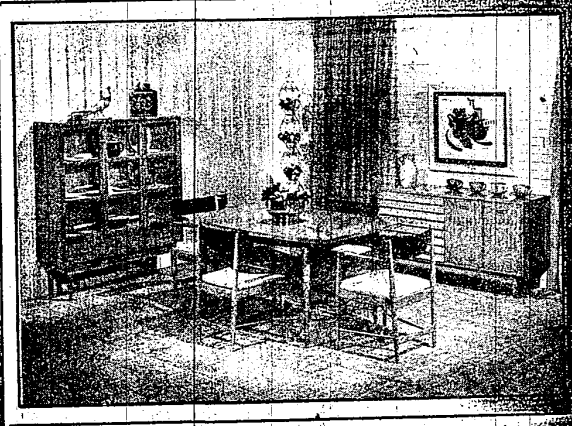
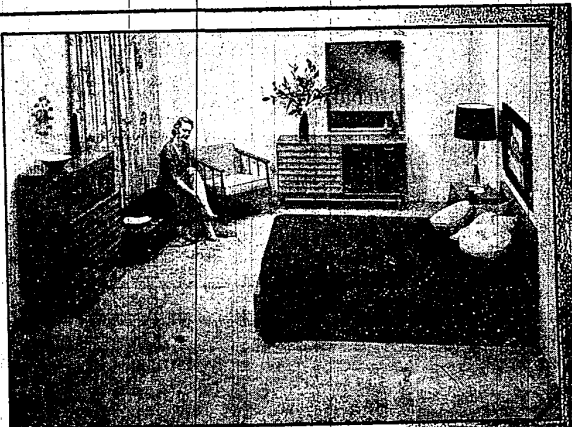
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Family Symphony Concert Tickets Now On Sale Here

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will present a concert here April 22 for the enjoyment of all Farmington area families. The concert will be presented at the Farmington High School auditorium on Shawwassee Road at 4 p.m.

The program of concert music has been planned to appeal to both adults and children.

Farmington members of the American Association of University Women are sponsoring the concert. It will be presented solely for the community's entertainment and not for financial gain, officials stated.

The 85 piece Plymouth Symphony is composed primarily of talented amateurs with a few professionals at key positions throughout the orchestra.

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