

Resident W on \$50,000 From Michigan Lottery

Rosalyn McCormick's friend Marge called her three weeks ago with the news that she had just won \$25 in the Michigan lottery. Marge had the numbers 592 on a winning ticket.

"That's fantastic!" Mrs. McCormick told Marge.

Mrs. McCormick had bought a couple of lottery tickets for that drawing also, so she thought she'd check the numbers while Marge was on the phone. Mrs. McCormick pulled the tickets from a drawer, and checked the numbers, but there were no winners.

But she was holding one of the tickets in her hand while she looked. That ticket had a winning combination.

"We were jumping up and down over the phone," Mrs. McCormick recalled. "We were so excited about the \$50."

Then Marge read off another number. Mrs. McCormick told her friend that she had that number, too, and it was on the same ticket as the first. This time there was silence from Marge.

"Rosey, Rosey, you've got \$10,000!" Marge cried.

Livonia resident Rosalyn McCormick indeed won \$10,000 in the Michigan lottery — plus \$40,000 more. She was the second grand prize winner in the Dec. 14 drawing.

Mrs. McCormick, who lives near Schoolcraft and Farmington Rds., was only a 50-50 chance away from the \$200,000 top prize.

After Mrs. McCormick's friend told her she had won \$10,000, Rosalyn called her father in Cincinnati, since her husband Jim was on a business trip to Denver, Colo. "Crying and screaming, she told her father the news. Mrs. McCormick's father told her to call her husband.

After several tries, Mrs. McCormick reached her husband in Denver. What was his reaction on learning that his family was \$10,000 richer?

"All he said was 'Call me back in an hour when you've calmed down,'" Mrs. McCormick recalled.

Mrs. McCormick took her winning ticket, which she bought at the Farmer Jack supermarket at Inkster and Schoolcraft, to the Secretary of State's office on Six Mile.

"They were flabbergasted," Mrs. McCormick commented. They checked through a large loose-leaf binder on what to do about the winning ticket, but couldn't figure it out from the instructions. So they called state lottery officials in Lansing.

They instructed Mrs. McCormick to go to Grand Rapids for the Dec. 14 Super Drawing. Mrs. McCormick called the week from Dec. 7 to the

big drawing the "longest week of my life."

"You're really way out," by the time the big drawing comes, Mrs. McCormick said.

Mrs. McCormick said she had no hopes of winning a bigger prize.

"I just went up to get my tea," she said.

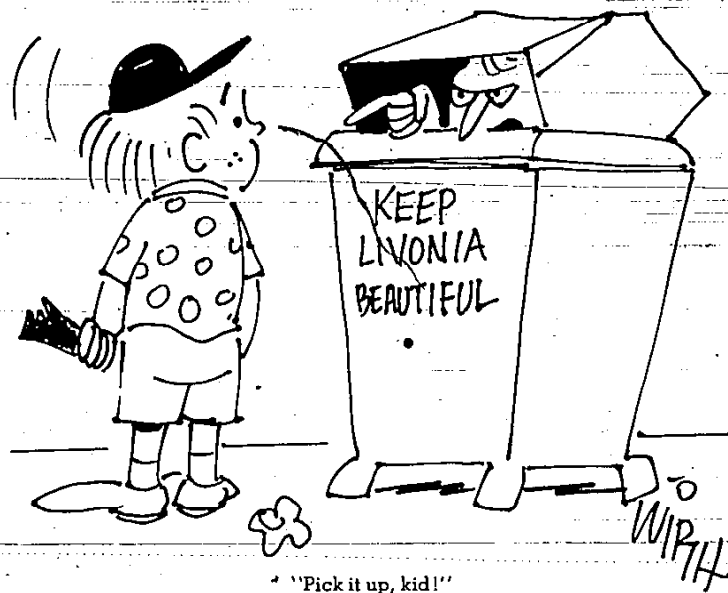
However, the drawing almost gave the Livonia family \$200,000. The \$10,000 winners are drawn first, then the \$50,000 winners. At the end, only two numbers remain — one gets \$50,000 the other \$200,000. Mrs. McCormick got the \$50,000.

Mrs. McCormick was impressed with the lottery drawing operation, despite a recent mixup in the final numbers.

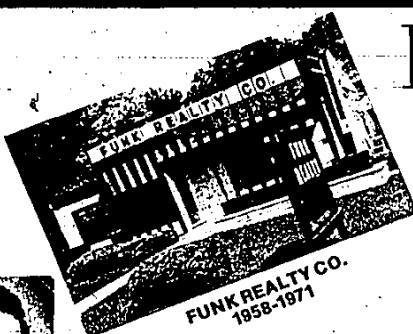
"There's no way you can walk away from the drawing and feel cheated," she said.

She noted about 500 people, plus various dignitaries, witness the drawing.

But Mrs. McCormick seemed satisfied with her \$50,000, which she will receive in \$10,000 checks for five years.



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