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Dr. Einstein (Marc Shreeman) and Elaine (Judy O'Connor) run through "Arsenic and Old Lace" before the actual performance. The play will be put on at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 15-17, at Harrison High School, 29995 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)

Sessions make kids at home in school

FARMINGTON—A child's first step into the alien environment of an elementary school can be scary and traumatic. It may set the tone for the student's approach to the rest of his educational career.

Recognizing this, the staff at William Grace Elementary School has originated a program designed to make the child comfortable and happy with the anticipation of starting school life.

The sessions acquaint the prospective students with "his" school and "his" teacher. Half-hour experiences with music, art, stories and more are arranged.

Parents are not forgotten, however. While the child is attending his class, parents meet with staff members who describe developmental learning activities which can be strengthened at home with parental assistance.

"It is not an effort to pressure the child to learn," Principal Nicholas Abd said. "It is an effort to develop an awareness of the learning process and how valuable common everyday kinds experiences can be for a child."

Just to talk about daily experiences is most enriching to the child.

Parents discuss the learning process, health matters and normal speech and language development. They also talk with the school social worker and the school psychologist about special programs which are available.

Actual registration for the preschoolers who will be attending kindergarten in the fall will be held during the "Round-Up" activities on May 15 and 16.

Nearly 56 children have attended the introductory sessions at William Grace.

North students win music competition

FARMINGTON HILLS—Music students at North Farmington High School have won honors in several types of music competitions recently.

Natalie Headlee competed in the annual National Association of Teachers of Singing competition at the University of Michigan. She took first place in the state-wide competition and is eligible to represent the state in national competition.

Lori Greenman received a 99 percent rating in the Michigan Music Teachers Association piano competition. She placed second and will be one of three to compete on a state level.

North students placed first, second, fourth and fifth in the Farmington Musicale scholarship competition. Sue Ann Fleas won first place, Lisa Vining took second and Jane Kinsey and Tom Williamson received honorable mentions.

IN THE INSTRUMENTAL division, Doug Schultz placed second in brass and Tom Benesh received an honorable mention. Gail Gruenwald took an honorable mention in winds. Lori Greenman placed first in piano and Kathy Schadt placed third.

Bachelors Four, Barb Headett and the Bachelors Four received superior ratings at the Michigan School Vocal Association held recently at Fraser High School.

Bachelors Four is a barbershop quartet consisting of Rick Sharette, Dave Sharette, Bob Reed and Andy Elsworth.

Students thank 'yes' voters for 4 mills

FARMINGTON—Showcased inside a front window at Highmeadow Elementary School is a large orange and black sign which says "Thank You!"

The sign is for voters who approved the district's four-mill proposal and kindergarten registration.

FARMINGTON—Children who will be five years old on or before Dec. 1, 1975, are eligible to register for next year's kindergarten on Thursday and Friday, May 15 and 16.

For further information, call your local elementary school.

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