

# Young writer earns national recognition

By LORRAINE McCLISH  
 A short story called "The Great Duel" has won a Power Junior High School student first prize in a Detroit contest and an honorable mention in competition judged nationally.



MARC JACOBS

Mary Wildt, the young man's English teacher, believes it is the first time a 14 year old from Farmington has earned national recognition in a writing competition.

Marc took the Gold Key Award in the Junior High Short Story Division sponsored by the Detroit News early this year, then took an honorable mention in the 1975 National Scholastic Creative Award program, sponsored by Scholastic Magazine, Inc.

"THERE WERE MORE than 10,000 entries from students in grades 7-12 in all 50 states and U.S. sponsored schools in foreign countries," Mrs. Wildt said. "We're very proud of him."

"The Great Duel" was originally a class assignment for Marc, that was entered into both competitions by his teacher. It is the story of a champion duelist in one country challenged by an unknown in another country.

The 1,300 words carry a little bit of action, a lot of suspense, and closes with a surprise O. Henry-type ending. Mrs. Wildt describes Marc as "an all around kid."

He earns straight A's in school, has won recognition for his first entry in his school's science fair competition for a display on solar energy; does drawings for his shop teacher when "he (Rick Morsehead) doesn't have the time" and says his favorite subject is algebra.

He has "three shelves full of bowling trophies" in his home and will cover second base for the Angels Little League team this summer.

At the end of the school term, Marc says he will bring the Gold Key Award and his certificate out of the display case in the school and make a place for them on his trophy shelf at home.



## Senior crafts

The art and craft exhibit by Farmington area seniors included a variety of gift items and wall hangings as well as oil paintings.

## At Farmington library

# Register June 9 for 'action'

As the school year ends, the library programs for young folks swing into action. Registration for programs with limited enrollment will be held at the Farmington Hills Branch on Monday, June 9.

Residents of both Farmington and Farmington Hills have preference over others. Because of space, the Twelve Mile branch is offering a wider variety of programs. Both will have a summer reading program with the theme, "Scale the Five Steps" taken from the old mystery thriller, "The 39 Steps."

For the first time all children who can read a book will be welcome in the program. In addition to the regular oral reports of books the young readers choose, the branch library will have mini classes on things such as secret codes, breaking codes, figuring out clues and a treasure hunt.

The two libraries will have a joint party at the end of the program.

The branch will also offer a program for four and five-year-olds on alternate Wednesdays beginning July 2. Registration is required for these five programs which are titled "An Un-story Hour" and include crafts, dramatics, a nature walk and painting a mural.

With the addition of Mrs. Susan Morell to the branch staff, another type of program is being offered this year. Called "Lights - Cameras - Action," it is a creative-dramatics program which Hills children's librarian, Jill Locke, says, "is a real creative kind of thing—making us aware of ourselves and using imagination."

The enrollees will be divided into three age groups of 10 each and will meet twice a week every other week.

Miss Locke and Mrs. Denise Moll will work with Mrs. Morell in the program.

There will also be a series of four programs for preschoolers and schoolagers at the branch. No registration is required for these.

Preschoolers are invited to join the open programs held every other Tuesday beginning July 1. Held from 11-11:30 a.m., the entertainment ranges from skits by the library staff to movies and a magic show.

Open programs for older youngsters are scheduled for alternate Thursdays beginning July 3. The first of these from 3-3 p.m. will be a patriotic painting with the one-color mural to be displayed in the children's room. There will also be films and skits.

Carole Hund is children's librarian at the downtown Farmington library.

# Helen Milliken addresses beautification representatives

By LORRAINE McCLISH

Helen Milliken told a gathering of beautification-minded people in Farmington this week to "respect the land."

## Summer swimming program offered

FARMINGTON—Our Lady of Mercy High School will be offering a summer swimming program beginning June 18. Instruction will be provided during four 10-day sessions.

Registration for the program will be from 9 a.m. to noon, June 14. Classes will be available for beginners (ages two to six years old) at 9 to 9:45 a.m. Intermediate and advanced swimmers will receive instruction at 11 a.m. and adults at noon.

For further information, contact Mrs. DeLoris Yager at Our Lady of Mercy High School, 2850 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

There is no other way for us to survive."

The First Lady of Michigan addressed representatives of the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan who were guests of the Farmington Beautification Committee for the group's quarterly meeting in Botsford Inn. Her topic was land use in Michigan.

Mrs. Milliken advocates "striking a balance between the ecological radicals and the realists who know we can't tear down factories and grow roses," but admits her own feelings "are more on the side of the roses than the gross national product."

The speaker, who once studied landscape architecture, painted a bleak picture of a new level of low the state may reach with an apathetic attitude.

She said that some of the beauty "of our north lands is eroding under a flood tide of developers that has brought gray strips of hamburger joints, neon signs, billboard and asphalt," particularly to the entrance of Traverse City.

SEVERAL TIMES she stressed the importance of balance that has

come out of the new generation of activists, who, when they lose their fervor, must gain new maturity to see realistic land use plans put into effect.

She advocates a bill before the legislature she called the "Mide Land Use Bill," which provides all the guidelines," she said, "but it requires understanding, support and sacrifice from each of us."

She is troubled by those who wait to act until there is a crisis, but adds wryly, "maybe that crisis is already here."

Organization, a knowledge of the law and a willingness to use it were the three criteria she listed for those whose concerns are such for them to do something about conservation of land now.

"We need a searching examination of values," she said. "What gives you pleasure? Is unrestrained growth to be the be-all end-all? Ask yourself, what do we want? Then choose."

What is done with the land, she said, "affects the quality of your life as well as your economic health."

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