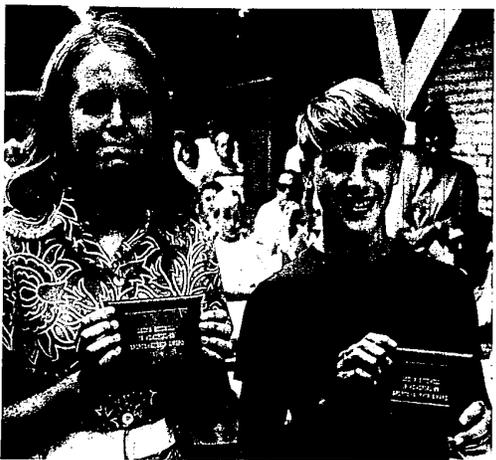


Farmington High Schools Get New Sounds Of Music

Three teachers assigned to Farmington high schools this fall plan to add new dimensions to the sound of music.

One of them, George Still, in charge of vocal music at North Farmington, once lived at the castle where "The Sound of Music" was filmed.

During his junior year at Oberlin, he went abroad to study at the Mozartium Academy of Music. While there, he was director of the Oberlin-In-Salz-



FIRST AWARDS - Tern Mustard (left) and Rob Jenks (right) recently were awarded the first United States Sportsmanship Award by the Farmington Gun Aquatic Club. The award is in memory of Mrs. Stowell who passed away early this year. Mrs. Stowell was a great booster of competitive swimming. The award is to be given annually.

Woodshop For The Ladies

Building a hi-fi cabinet isn't really difficult.

"If you can follow a road map from here to Chicago, you can build anything in an electronic kit," says Thom Mose, High School Industrial arts instructor.

To prove his point, especially to women, Mose is offering an adult education class at Clarencville for women only entitled "Powder Puff Woodshop." Registration will be Sept. 16-18 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Clarencville High. Classes begin Sept. 22.

WITH A HIGH school shop that contains all the equipment a normal cabinet shop would contain, Mose will provide women a chance to refinish that antique chair that has been stashed away in a basement corner, make lamps with a Tiffany kit, or even design plastic jewelry.

Mose, who successfully ran similar courses during his teaching years in the Gibraltar system, says that most women have some idea of what sort of thing they'd like to build but seem "shaky" about actually starting.

burg choir which toured the continent giving concerts.

High points of that year, Still recalls, were singing for Pope John just two weeks before he died and having classes in the home once occupied by Mozart.

Still's musical-drama experience was acquired one rigorous summer on Cape Cod when he was chorus master for Oberlin's Gilbert and Sullivan Players. They gave nine shows in nine weeks.

AT NORTH Farmington, Still is already looking forward to the student production of "Oklahoma" for which he will be musical director next spring.

During his senior year, Still visited Russia and Rumania as student conductor of the Oberlin College Choir under the direction of Robert Fountain.

For a year after receiving his bachelor degree in voice performance, he was admissions

conductor for Oberlin's school of music.

While obtaining a master's degree at Ithaca College, he taught voice and was an assistant conductor of the Gregg Smith Singers (the Gregg Smith or "2001 Space Odyssey" fame).

Following that experience, Still directed a touring choir at Kenka College, a girls' school in New York state.

His wife, Jan May, begins this fall as a music consultant at Beechview and Highmeadow.

Her training as an organist was with Frederick Swann at New York's Riverside Church.

At North, Still will be directing the mixed choir and the girls' glee club, teaching music appreciation, also music theory if enough students are interested.

FROM FIVE years of teaching at Novi High School, Keith Rolston has joined the staff at North Farmington. When he arrived at Novi, there was no music program at all.

When he left, there were two high school bands, two at junior high, one at elementary, plus a string class. What's more, they were getting first and second division festival ratings.

Rolston has a bachelor degree in music education from Central Michigan University, and a master's from University of Michigan. During his college

years he was playing clarinet as a member of the marching and symphonic bands.

Rolston's wife teaches elementary band in Novi, and they live in Plymouth with their two-and-a-half-year-old daughter.

Both bands and the orchestra will be expanded under his direction this year, Rolston hopes. He also wants to get them involved in competitions and festivals which he considers most valuable.

For his marching band, Rolston will combine the styles of both alma maters plus some ideas of his own.

THE MARCHING band at Farmington High is bound to acquire that University of Michigan flavor as George N. Heller takes over its direction.

Both of Heller's degrees, bachelor and master of music, were earned at the Ann Arbor school.

He has taught in high schools at Petersburg and Haslet, Mich. Three of his post-graduate years were spent in Europe as assistant conductor, staff arranger, and tuba soloist with the United States Army Band.

With that organization he traveled to Norway, Belgium and Germany. Twice they played for de Gaulle in France and for 15 weeks toured Russia and the Middle East.

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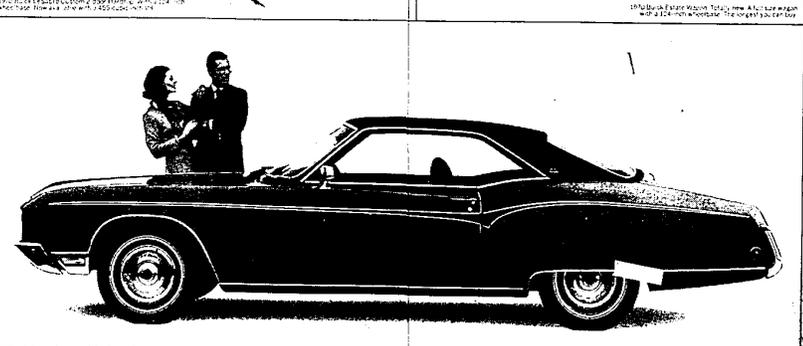
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