

## Farmington Musicales Gives Music Awards

FARMINGTON The Farmington Musicales has awarded a total of \$225 in scholarships to first and second place winners of its recent scholarship competition.

First place winners were Cindy Strey of Farmington Senior High in the vocal class; Mary Stolberg of Farmington Junior High, playing a violin in strings; Daniel Hall of Farmington Junior High in drums; Jerra Gorell of North Farmington High in piano; and Debbie Tomchak of Farmington Senior High, playing a French horn in winds.

The first prize winners will perform in the National Music Week Festival May 3 in the Farmington High School auditorium at 32900 Shawassee beginning at 3 p.m.

Other winners included: Vocal - Second place to Deborah Watson of FHS and honorable mention to Christa Tesner of FHS and Marcia

Dames of Power Junior High. Strings - Second place to Martha Kubitsky of East Junior High, playing a viola, and honorable mention to Barbara Stolberg of Farmington Junior High, playing a viola.

Piano - Second place to Carol Clark of Our Lady of Mercy High School and honorable mention to Sandra Toton of Our Lady of Mercy and Marcia Wake of Farmington High.

Winds - Second place to Kenneth Braunstein of Farmington Junior High, playing a euphonium, and honorable mention to Ellen Plummer of East Junior High, playing a trumpet, and Mary Miller of Farmington High playing a clarinet.

### LILM Names Three Local Insurance Men

Three Farmington men have qualified for 1970 membership in the Life Insurance Leaders of Michigan, a state-wide organization affiliated with the Michigan State Association of Life Underwriters.

They are: F. Robert Dwyer, Lafayette Life Insurance Company; William G. Clancy, Canada Life Insurance Company; and George Steinberger, Franklin Life Insurance Company.

### LOWREY PIANO SALE

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STAMPEDE—Farmington City Park looked like this Easter weekend with dozens of children running madly across the terrain hunting for the Easter eggs the Farmington Joyces had hidden for their annual Easter egg hunt. (Ever photo)



By W. W. EDGAR

## The Stroller... We're All Fools Today

Be careful! This is All Fool's Day. This is the day that by some strange custom handed down through the generations people play practical jokes on each other—and one can't trust his own neighbor lest he be made the butt of a prank.

This is the day when you have to think twice about picking up a purse lying on the sidewalk—or trying to kick a box from the pavement—or even accepting a message to return a phone call.

Like as not you'll find as you stoop to pick up the purse that a prankster has a string attached to it and will pull it away from you, then let go with a good laugh. Or you're apt to find that the simple little cardboard box on the pavement contains a brick—after you've kicked it. And you are just as apt to be talking to someone at the county jail—or to Mr. Fish at the Aquarium or Mr. Lyon at the zoo when you fulfill the message to return a phone call.

### What An Answer

How did such a silly custom start? Well, The Stroller attempted to find out, and for a time he thought he, too, was being made the victim of a prankster.

Calling one of the main sources of information, The Stroller asked—

"Could you please tell me the origin of All Fool's Day—and I'll wait?"

The sweet young thing (at least her voice seemed to be that of a young lady) came back on the line in a couple of minutes and answered—

"It all started about New Year's Day."

Taken aback, The Stroller countered—

"Listen, young lady, you don't do those things until April 1. I'm not interested about New Year's Day. I want to know about All Fool's Day or April Fool's Day."

"That's what I'm trying to tell you," she answered. "It's written right here in the book."

Then she proceeded to tell The Stroller that the origin of the custom has been lost in the mist of antiquity, but that it is supposed to have started in France.

minington Joyces had hidden for their annual Easter egg hunt. (Ever photo)

### Getting Even

According to the word handed down, the custom began at the time of the adoption of the reform calendar during the reign of Charles IX in 1564, making the year begin on Jan. 1. At the time it had been the custom to exchange gifts and calls on April 1 under the old calendar.

The conservatives of that day objected to the change and wags (pranksters) sent mock gifts to the reformers on April 1 and followed with more calls of pretended ceremonies.

The sweet young thing at the Bureau of Information continued to explain that the custom didn't cross the English Channel into England until the 18th century and came to America with the early settlers.

The Stroller recalls an occasion years ago when a promising young fighter named Phil McGraw set his goal on fighting in Madison Square Garden (the day of the Metropolitan to the opera star) and was denied the chance because of April Fool's Day.

It so happened on the evening of April 1, McGraw's manager, the late Archie Sillman, received a telegram offering a bout in the Garden and it was signed by Tex Rickard, then America's greatest promoter.

### Not On April 1

"Oh, no," chuckled Archie, "they don't catch me with this one—not on April's Fool's Day."

He never answered the wire and young Phil Graw came to the end of his career without attaining his goal.

But the best April Fool's memory is of a day down in the Dutch Country when Bud Searfuss, an attendant on one of the coal barges that plied the Lehigh canal between the furnaces and the coal mines, came into the little eating establishment operated by The Stroller's parents.

Bud was a quaint character. He was born on one of the barges and never went to school a day in his life. His only contact with persons other than his own crew came while the boat was going through the locks.

At that, he met a girl on one of the other boats, and was quite thrilled on the opening day of the boating season when he walked into our little restaurant for his lunch, with a letter in his hands.

Acknowledging that he couldn't read it, he asked The Stroller, then a teenager, "Will you read it for me?"

Taking the letter in his hand, The Stroller was about to read when Bud placed his hands over The Stroller's ears.

When the reading was finished, Bud started chuckling and glanced toward the calendar. Sure enough it was April 1.

"That's the time I fooled you," he said.

"If you only knew what was in that letter."

Well, happy April Fool's Day and be careful.

### NOTICE OF HEARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET IMPROVEMENT GRAND RIVER HOMES SUBDIVISION FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP

The Oakland County Road Commission has tentatively designated the following special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed, lots 21 and 22, 49 thru 102, 125 thru 128, 24 thru 26, 28 thru 30, 32 thru 34, 36 thru 38, 40 thru 42, 44 thru 46, 48 thru 50, 52 thru 54, 56 thru 58, 60 thru 62, 64 thru 66, 68 thru 70, 72 thru 74, 76 thru 78, 80 thru 82, 84 thru 86, 88 thru 90, 92 thru 94, 96 thru 98, 100 thru 102, 104 thru 106, 108 thru 110, 112 thru 114, 116 thru 118, 120 thru 122, 124 thru 126, 128 thru 130, 132 thru 134, 136 thru 138, 140 thru 142, 144 thru 146, 148 thru 150, 152 thru 154, 156 thru 158, 160 thru 162, 164 thru 166, 168 thru 170, 172 thru 174, 176 thru 178, 180 thru 182, 184 thru 186, 188 thru 190, 192 thru 194, 196 thru 198, 200 thru 202, 204 thru 206, 208 thru 210, 212 thru 214, 216 thru 218, 220 thru 222, 224 thru 226, 228 thru 230, 232 thru 234, 236 thru 238, 240 thru 242, 244 thru 246, 248 thru 250, 252 thru 254, 256 thru 258, 260 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