

Historical Research Contest is under way

The Farmington Historical Society announces the opening of the 1990 seventh annual Lee S. Peel Historical Research Contest titled in honor of a prominent local educator, historian and author, the contest encourages original research and writing on Farmington and Farmington Hills history.

The winning entry for 1989, a videotape and paper "The Warners of Farmington," was produced by Mark Bennett who received \$100 as well as a certificate at the Farmington Historical Society Annual Dinner last spring.

Bennett's video presentation contains an interview with Jean Fox, author of "I Went to the People," Fred M. Warner Progressive Governor and an interview and tour of the Farmington Historical Museum with Dick Carvell. Through these interviews additional insight is gained about the former governor, the political climate in Michigan at the turn of the century and the Warner family.

Through the preservation of this tape, future generations can learn about earlier and simpler times in Farmington.

The award winning video tape has been edited for broadcast by Metro-Visio Cable Network. Future repeat airings are planned.

THE SECOND prize entry was a paper, "History of Fashion in Farmington" by Debbie Burdick who was awarded \$50 and a certificate.

Her paper traces the changing trends in women's fashion over the years by showing various magazine and newspaper advertisements as well as family photographs. Of particular interest is her documentation of recent student clothing styles which will very quickly be replaced by new fads. The originality and research done for this paper were exceptional.

The Best-In-Age award for the college and adult category was given to Aileen Layland for an audio tape interview, "Childhood Memories," with Ray Briggs. A \$25 prize and certificate were presented to Layland for her documentation of typical childhood activity in rural Farmington Township on 13 Mile Road 70 years ago. The warmth and happiness of those days comes shining through brightly as you listen to this tape.

The Best-In-Age award for the middle school, grades 6-8 category, was given to both Shivani Kaura and Erin Scheffler who each received \$25 and a certificate for their tying entries.

Shivani's paper, "One of Farmington's Earliest Houses, 36709 Nine Mile Road" consisted of an interview of the home owners as well as commentary and a photograph. Of particular interest was a reference made to a Civil War era letter found in the house which mentioned Abraham Lincoln. Some of the difficulties and joys of owning a historical home were described in the paper.

Erin's entry consisted of a paper called "153 Years of the Botsford Inn" which included a large well done photograph album of features and antiques inside the inn. This paper gives information concerning the 19th Century activity of an important traveler's overnight stopping point.

Copies of these papers, along with the previous years award winning entries will be preserved in the Farmington Library History Room.

PEEL, NAMESAKE of the contest, taught English and Journalism at Farmington High School for 30 years, retiring in 1980. During his tenure he taught an advanced English class 1959-1969. One of the writing options assigned in this class was an original research historically ori-

ented paper similar to the requirements of this contest.

Peel is a past president of the Farmington Historical Society and remains active in the society. He has also authored a book, "Farmington: A Pictorial History" originally published in 1970. This was the first major work on this topic.

The 7th annual contest is now open for entries which may consist of a wide range of audio, visual or written formats concerning original re-

search in Farmington history. All age groups are encouraged to participate and will be judged separately. The primary intent is to get people to dig into their attics, cellars and family records to put together a vignette of life in former times in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Some suggested topics are: street and place names; dairy and cheese industries; flour and lumber mills; merchants and town center development; North Farmington; English and German settlements; orchards;

Detroit United Railroad; Inns; the Winery; schools and churches; Indian history and trails.

Additionally, Peel has a number of topic ideas he would like to make available to researchers. Interested persons may contact him by calling 476-2073.

IT IS IMPORTANT for contestants to understand that items of historical interest can concern people, places and events of all time periods including the very recent past, so newcomers to this area should not feel excluded.

Sources for the entries may be personal recollections, interviews, family diaries or letters, and old photographs, paintings and sketches.

Entries should be mailed to: Lee S. Peel Historical Research Contest, 33309 Shawwassee, Farmington 48024. They will be accepted through April 2, 1990, and winners will be announced at the society's annual dinner meeting, May 11, 1990.

Award winner

Florence Smith, past president of North Farmington Garden Club, took the second place award for the wreath she decorated for Festival of Trees in Cobo Hall. All proceeds from the sale of the trees and wreaths were given to Children's Hospital.



around Farmington

All announcements for this column must be mailed to Around Farmington, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. Deadline is noon Monday for the Thursday publication and noon Thursday for the Monday publication. Requests for announcements will not be taken over the phone.

candlelighting
Thursday, Dec. 21: Christmas candlelighting service at 7:30 p.m. in Unity Church, 28600 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

birth of Jesus
Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 21-24: The story of the Birth of Jesus told in words and music by members of Orchard United Methodist Church 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and after the 5 p.m. service Saturday, surrounding a life size crèche set up on the church's front lawn, 30450 Farmington Road.

special christmas
Friday, Dec. 22: "A Very Special Christmas," produced by Marquis

Theatre Children is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 23, Wednesday, Dec. 27, and Thursday, Dec. 28, and at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23 in Marquis Theatre, Main Street, Northville. All tickets are \$4.10 available through the box office, 340-8110 with Visa, Mastercard or American Express.

breakfast with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 23: Breakfast With Santa at 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. in Orchard Cafe, Novi Hill, 21111 Haggerty Road. Fee of \$6.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children includes visit with Santa, picture with Santa and a horse and buggy ride. Reservations taken by the hotel, 349-4000.

survival camp
Thursday, Dec. 28: "Winter Survival Camp" conducted by the Living Science Foundation from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Campers must provide their own sack lunch. Beverages provided in the \$44 fee. Registrations taken by the center, 477-8404.

high school completion
Thursday, Dec. 28: Registration for free high school completion class taken from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily and from 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday in Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawwassee. Inquiries taken by the school, 489-3333. All classes begin the week of Jan. 22.

live on stage
Thursday, Dec. 28: "Live On Stage," a Crossroads Production of holiday music at 7 p.m. in The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Tickets are \$4 or \$15 for a family which includes dessert after the performance. Reservations taken by the center, 477-8404.

Mercy's next term opens

Mercy Center's next term of swimming and fitness runs from Jan. 4 to Feb. 21 in the facilities at 28600 11 Mile Road.

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More than 40 million homes across the nation have already received the familiar Yuletide stamps that have grown to represent the spirit of giving and helping others.

Remarkably, the Christmas Seal has been around for 82 years. This illustrates the American Lung Association's commitment to eradicating all lung diseases, including lung cancer, emphysema, asthma, chronic bronchitis and tuberculosis.

A Christmas tradition that has become popular as gifts under the Christmas tree, Christmas Seals have been dressing up holiday cards and gifts since 1907. What started out as a fund-raiser to save one small T.B. hospital, continues to this day to support the fight against all forms of lung disease nationwide. From that auspicious beginning, the power of Christmas Seals has continued to grow.

Christmas Seals have already reached homes in Southeast Michigan and the Lung Association asks everyone to use the seals on all their holiday mail - and to give generously to help the battle against lung disease. It's a matter of life and breath.

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