

## 'Wizard of Oz' to play Feb. 1-3

Combining the efforts of the Instrumental Music, Vocal Music and Theatre Arts departments of North Farmington High School, "The Wizard of Oz" will be staged at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday in the school auditorium, 32900 13 Mile Road.

Featured students are Carrie Adams as Dorothy, Ben Spector as the Scarecrow, Jason Lowe as the Tin Woodsman, Josh Rintamaki as the Cowardly Lion, Kelvin Chou as the Wicked Witch and Heather Underwood as the Good Witch.

Participation in this play is at an all-time school high, with students

performing as the "Jitterbugs" and instrumental students making up the pit orchestra.

The production stems from the efforts of Dean Cobb, Adele Bosler and Carl Gippert. Many outside sources have been used for special effects and sets.

The musical version of the L. Frank Baum story actually precedes the film by 30 years, and stays true to the 1902 script.

There is reserved seating only. Ticket prices are \$5 for general admission or \$3 for children under 12 by calling Bosler in the school, 489-2535. Bosler will also give information on group rates.



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Ben Spector (at left) and Jason Lowe in dress rehearsal counting down to an 8 p.m. curtain today that opens "The Wizard of Oz." The show continues Friday and Saturday in North Farmington High School's auditorium.

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North Farmington High School students who are Off to See The Wizard are Ben Spector as the Scarecrow; Carrie Adams as

Dorothy; Josh Rintamaki as the Cowardly Lion; and Jason Lowe as the Tin Woodsman.

## Mayfair

### Co-op nursery now in its 35th year

Self-esteem, social skills and learning through play is what children experience at Mayfair Co-op Nursery Pre-school in Farmington Hills.

As a co-op, Mayfair provides parents the opportunity to be involved in their child's early education and to observe their growth.

Mayfair, in its 35th year, is staffed by director and full-time day teachers, Maxine Flagg and Sandie Neeley. Both live in Farmington Hills.

MAYFAIR, which has one adult per four children in the classroom, is a development preschool. The school is set up in stations such as a quiet area for reading, puzzles and manipulative skills, creative art and science center, building block center, kitchen play, dough sensory experience center, a work bench area, craft center and (rotating weekly) is a large motor equipment area.

The children are encouraged to go to each center. Group play and plenty of exercise is encouraged each day at Mayfair.

THE 4-TO-1 child-to-teacher ratio helps provide each child with the extra amount of individual attention he may need in his first school experience, Flagg said.

"I believe that a happy, loving and caring environment produces self-esteem for the children and self-esteem is one of the most important things in an individual's life."

REGISTRATION for the 1990-91 school year starts Feb. 1.

Classes include two 4-5-year-old

classes, which meet 9:15-11:40 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The afternoon class meets 1-3:25 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The 3-4-year-old class meets 9:15 to 11:40 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. A kindergarten readiness class called ESP meets 1-3:25 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and is a non-co-op enrichment class.

An open house to observe the classroom will be each school day the week of Feb. 12. School hours are 9:15-11:40 a.m. and 1-3:25 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Friday.

FOR AN APPOINTMENT, call Pat Davidson at 661-0772 or the school at 626-2759.

The school is at 30450 Farmington Road. It serves members from all the surrounding communities.

Flagg, a former co-op mother of Mayfair, is in her 14th year of teaching at the school. She is an early childhood specialist, who graduated with a degree in science from Wayne State University and is a state certified specialist in early childhood education.

Neeley, who began teaching at the school this year, is a graduate of Utah State University with a degree in elementary education and a minor in library science and children's literature.

FLAGG and Neeley provide direction and role models for the parents who work with them in the classroom.

"I think co-op is such a unique experience for the families," Flagg

said. "It is a time that parents can share with their children. By the time they get into kindergarten, first, and second grade they are on their own as much as parents hate to acknowledge that they really are be-

coming very independent children.

"When parents come into the classroom they can see where their child is at, what the child is doing and how the child interacts with others."

## Arguing for every taxpayer in the U.S.

Less than one percent of the attorneys in the country ever get an opportunity to appear before the U.S. Supreme Court. Robert B. Pierce is one of that small number.

Pierce represented a man and wife in Kalamazoo whose case had reached the highest court in the land,

and was arguing "for every taxpayer in the country," he said.

Pierce is a partner in Pierce & Pierce in West Bloomfield and a long-time resident of Farmington Hills who was active in turning the township into a city.

The Paul Menges, Pierce's client,

had given a gift of \$300,000 and had paid the gift tax that was due.

The IRS, in turn, decreed that the \$300,000 was income for the recipient of the gift, and asked for that amount to be taxed as income.

The case was lost in the U.S. District Court in Michigan. Pierce won

the case in the U.S. Appeals Court in Cincinnati, Ohio. The case was declared important enough nationally to be brought before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It will probably be weeks before we get an answer on this," Pierce said.

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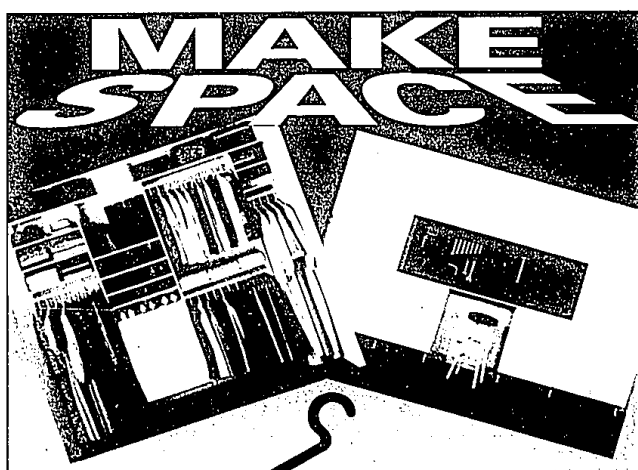
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