

Community Music School opens class registration

The Detroit Community Music School at Cranbrook will offer group and private lessons for all ages beginning Thursday, Sept. 8.

They will be given at Cranbrook Middle School, 1960 Vaughan Road, Bloomfield Hills.

The group programs for preschoolers are: The Orff-Schulwerk program for age three — introduction to creative musical expression using song, movement and special instruments; Suzuki group violin and cello classes from age four — emphasizes listening, playing, repetition and parental involvement.

There are two types of instruction for school-age children: Group instruction in Orff, Suzuki, contemporary piano, music theory and children's choir for ages 7-12; private lessons available in strings, piano, brass, woodwinds, guitar and voice at all levels.

For adults the first of two 12-week chamber music sessions with coaching begins on Oct. 3. Music theory as well as private lessons in all instruments and voice are also available.

Registrations will be accepted throughout the school year. Pre-registration will be held at Cranbrook Middle School 2-5 p.m. Wednesday and 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Personal interviews for new students are encouraged. For an appointment or information regarding classes and fees, call Shirlee Harden, registrar, 831-2870.

retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Hurdle becomes bridge

My big retirement hurdle is turning into a beautiful bridge between generations.

I knew, as my husband and I slowly moved toward a decision to retire and move to Florida, that it was going to be really tough to leave Aunt Helen.

My father's sister is 93, blind, in failing health but in marvelous spirits. She had no children, so I had been the one to help when she realized a few years ago she could no longer live alone.

I helped her sell her home and disperse her treasured belongings to family members. I chose a nursing home for her and was her main visitor there. My husband and I handled her business affairs.

Aunt Helen's gracious acceptance of my decision.

SO A NEW relationship grows, and there are rewards all around.

It hasn't been simple for Barb, whose life wasn't exactly uncomplicated before.

She has done some extra things for Aunt Helen, like taking her to the dentist for repair work, locating a store that could provide a new pair of orthopedic shoes, procuring a wheelchair, when it became necessary. Recently she's had to see her great-aunt through a stay at the hospital.

But she reports happily on how Katie brightens the days for everyone at the nursing home as she wanders from room to room.

She tells me Katie shares cookies with Aunt Helen and now climbs up onto her lap. She knows the visits are adding an important dimension to the life of a tiny girl as well as to that of an aged woman.

AUNT HELEN misses me, I know, as I miss her. She tells me sometimes when I telephone her that she's "sorry" I like Florida so much, making sure I know it's a joke.

But she has a faithful helper and a little visitor who can't help spread happiness. And I, representing the generation so often caught between the old and the young, can only be grateful that for us age differences can fade, and it's just family.

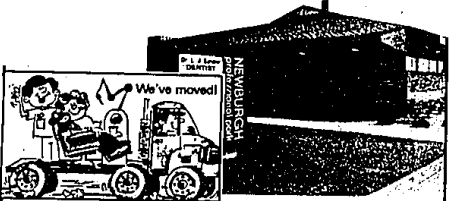
SO IT WAS a real wrench to decide to leave her, even when every other consideration pointed to retirement being the right course.

I knew she would be getting good care. I knew there would be other visitors. I knew we could continue to do her paper work and could call her frequently.

But it was because of daughter Barb and granddaughter Katie that I was able to leave without tremendous guilt.

Barb assured me she and Katie would be glad to make regular visits to Aunt Helen and take her the Kleenex she needs and the cookies she loves. She was sure it would be a good thing for Katie to get better acquainted with her great-great-aunt.

And it was the prospect of more visits from these two that helped a lot in



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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, A CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OAKLAND SCHOOLS, AN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special election will be held in Farmington School District, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, on Tuesday, the 20th day of September, 1983 for the purpose of submitting the following proposition:

In order to renew the five (5) mill operating tax increase which expires in 1983, shall the limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX, of the Constitution of Michigan, for a period of ten (10) years from 1984 to 1993, both inclusive, by five (5) mills on each dollar (\$5.00 per \$1,000) of assessed value of property as finally equalized, for the purpose of defraying a part of the operating expense of the school district?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the polls for said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, and that the voting places will be as follows:

Precinct No. 1: Farmington Training Center
 33000 Thomas Street

Precinct No. 2: Dunckel Middle School
 32800 Twelve Mile

Precinct No. 3: Warner Middle School
 30303 West Fourteen Mile

Precinct No. 4: East Middle School
 25000 Middlebelt Road

The following statement has been received from the County Treasurer as to previously voted increases in the total tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the school district, to-wit:

Local	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
Farmington Public School District	5.00	1974 to 1983 Incl.
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	4.00	1976 to 1985 Incl.
	4.00	1977 to 1986 Incl.
	4.00	1978 to 1987 Incl.
	1.75	1979 to 1987 Incl.
	5.00	1983 to 1992 Incl.
Township of West Bloomfield	1.00	Unlimited
	.25	1980 to 1984 Incl.
County School District of Oakland County	.50	Unlimited
	.50	Unlimited
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.25	1982 to 1988 Incl.

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1931 AS AMENDED

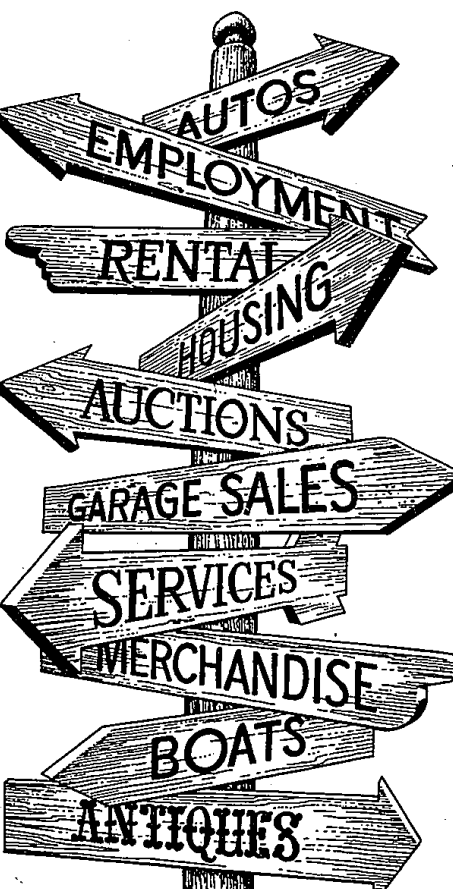
I, C. Hugh Dobany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of July 8, 1983, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 15 mill rate established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, is as follows:

C. HUGH DOBANY, Treasurer
 Oakland County

EDMUND S. HARKINEN, Secretary
 Board of Education

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