



A TRIO OF HOMETOWN ARTISTS view some of their work which is on exhibit this month at the Farmington Library on 12 Mile Road. Selecting paintings to include in the three-man show are (from left) Joseph Gach, Alice Nichols and Allen G. Mrock, current president of the Farmington Artists Club of which all are members. (Evert photo)

## Speakers To Provide 'Exposure To Arts'

"Exposure to the Arts," an adult class to be offered for the third year, will be given from March 27 to May 22 under sponsorship of the Farmington Fine Arts Council in cooperation with the Farmington adult education program.

Eight speakers will participate in the series.

Dr. Ted Mann from the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College will present a program on music for the opening session (March 27). Christopher Flynn, director of the



"THE COMPLETELY Skewed-Up Cook Book" illustrator John Davenport (left) and author, Irving Levinson, will autograph copies of their book on March 23 and 24 at Gallery of Books and Arts Bookstore in Farmington. Both Davenport and Levinson are faculty members on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.

## Author, Illustrator To Sign Cookbook

Both the author and illustrator of "The Completely Skewed-Up Cook Book" will attend an autograph party on Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24, at 1 p.m. in the Gallery of Books and Arts Bookstore, 30882 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington.

Irving J. Levinson, director of special services on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington of Oakland Community College, wrote the book, and John A. Davenport, chairman of the college's art department, completed the illustrations.

The bookstore is owned and operated by Irving Katz of Orchard Lake and his wife, Sylvia, who teaches English at Orchard Ridge.

The book, at \$4.95, is a complete guide to skewer cooking in oven, roaster or hibachi, and indoor and outdoor cooking.

Levinson has worked at Orchard Ridge since 1964 and previously was professor of mechanical engineering for 17 years at Lawrence Institute of Technology. A resident of West Bloomfield, Levinson has also written five engineering texts and numerous articles.

Three of his books are being translated into Spanish. He is

also a consulting editor for Prentice-Hall.

Davenport, also of West Bloomfield, has been with the college since it opened and has been active in metropolitan Detroit art circles since 1952. During the Korean War, Davenport was a U.S. Army propaganda leaflet illustrator in Japan.

He worked in Detroit art studios for 13 years as a designer-illustrator. Among his projects was the design and illustration of the General Motors information booklet for the New York World's Fair of 1964.

## Hospital Will Be Renovated

PONTIAC Plans for a \$1.5 million renovation of the aging Oakland County Hospital will be submitted to the state by the end of March.

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners last week voted unanimously to earmark funds for the 129-room facility. Money to finance the project will come from 1973-74 federal shared revenue, \$580,860 and \$420,140 in advance, 1975 federal revenue sharing.

Other money includes \$22,000 from the sale of the old county jail; \$180,000 from the county hospital repairs reserve; \$150,000 from the hospital 1973 building fund, and \$137,000 from jail demolition.

Tarapata, MacMahon and Paulsen Corp. will draw plans for the renovation at a cost of \$25,000.

In other action, the board voted unanimously to appropriate funds for a southeastern Oakland County service center satellite. It's number nine on the priority list.

The board also awarded \$40,000 for the second phase of Children's Village. The \$4.3 million project will be financed with federal revenue sharing funds.

## Rabinovitch Discusses Art

Dr. Ralph Rabinovitch will present color slides on the art work of adolescents during a joint meeting of the Hawthorn-Northville and Oakland County chapters of the Michigan Assn. for Emotionally Disturbed Children on March 28.

The meeting is at 8 p.m. in Fairlawn Center on the grounds of Pontiac State Hospital, north of Elizabeth Lake Rd. and east of Telegraph in Pontiac.

Reservations should be made by contacting the MAEDC office at 668 Fallister in Detroit.

# Oakland Health Dept. To Get \$30,000 Operations Review

PONTIAC The Oakland County Board of Commissioners may hire an efficiency expert for a \$30,000 review of health department operations. But some officials take a dim view of the proposal.

According to Commissioner Fred Houghton (R-Rochester) chairman of the finance committee, who originated the idea, time is of the essence in order to evaluate the health department before preparation of the 1974 county budget.

The board, however, voted 14-10 to refer the matter to the health committee before making a decision. Letters have already been forwarded to a number of management consultant firms to determine interest.

Among those voting in favor of referring the proposal to the health committee were Southfield Democrat Lawrence Pernick; Lillian Moffitt, Republican representing Southfield and Farmington; and Lew Coy, Walled Lake Republican representing Farmington.

Patrick Nowak (R-Farmington), Wilbur Brotherton, Republican representing Southfield and Farmington, and Lawrence Pernick (D-Southfield) voted against referral.

"I never heard of a finance committee recommending criteria for an operations ap-

praisal," said Niles Olson (D-Pontiac). "This is a new twist. Can any committee do anything it wants without coming to the full board? Is this review so critical?"

"You've already mailed letters to prospective

contractors, and you've lost a day in your timetable."

Dale Burley (D-Hazel Park) said the board of auditors and finance committee "totally ignored" the board of health and health committee. "How do they tell about spending

\$30,000 for an efficiency expert? This may be done for every county department at a cost in excess of \$100,000.

"If you're spending money to measure efficiency, why don't you measure the efficiency of department heads

and the board of auditors?" Houghton said he suggested the review for the health department, because it is one of the largest in the county, operates on a \$3.5 million budget and hires 275 employees.

The health department has no director since the election of Dr. Bernard Berman (D-Oak Park) to the commissioners' board.

Dr. Berman said he would encourage the study as did Dr. Joseph Montante (R-Orchard Lake), chairman of the health committee.

The argument of Henry Hoot (R-Bloomfield Hills) was that an investigation by an outside operations consultant would ultimately save money for the county taxpayer.

"Output from one of the largest departments in the county could be increased. It's essential we approve this review today so it will be useful in our budget."

Wallace Gabler (R-Royal Oak) called the action "premature." "Hiring outside experts, we'd have the same old drips coming in and reviewing our health department. We don't need an outside firm telling us what to do. I fail to see the urgency."

## Self-Supports

The famous University of Michigan Men's Glee Club is entirely student-run and raises its own money for tours.



THE NOVI JAYCEE auxiliary is sponsoring an art exhibit and auction on Sunday, March 25, in the Holiday Inn of Farmington, 38123 W. 10 Mile. Showing some of the paintings which will be sold are (from left) Mrs. James Lindsay, auxiliary vice-president; Fred Grossman, auction co-ordinator; and Mrs. James Deamud, project chairman. The show will feature original oils, graphics, etchings and water colors. Tickets will be \$1 each and will be sold at the door. There will be a champagne preview from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and the auction will follow.

# PAINT-UP FIX-UP

READ ABOUT IT MARCH 24

## FOCUS: Suburbia

SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT

Paint-up, Fix up. That's the name of the game for most suburban homeowners every spring. But how far do they go? Would you tackle a garage construction job? How about a basement remodeling project. We found a couple of your neighbors who did both! Read their fascinating stories—and more—in this weekend's FOCUS: Suburbia "Spring Home Improvement" section.

observer newspapers

Publishers of The Farmington Express & Observer, Garden City Observer, Livonia Observer, Plymouth Mail & Observer, Southfield Observer, Eastland News & Observer, and Westland Observer.