

# Remap Helps Suburbs—Sladek

Suburbs will gain representation after the Wayne County Board of Supervisors is re-apportioned, says county Republican Chairman Henry Sladek.

Sladek, himself a candidate for the GOP nomination for supervisor in the 26th District, bickers Democrats for "their reactionary opposition" to the 26-district plan.

Voters will nominate candidates for the reapportioned county board in the Aug. 6 primary. Candidates must run in single-member districts and have until July 2 (Tuesday) to file nominating petitions.

IN HIS PARTY post, Sladek helped draw up the reapportionment plan and considers it a good one.

Suburbs, which now have one-fifth of the representation, will find their share increased to two-fifths. Livonia, for example, which has three supervisors under the present 130-member board for 2.8 per cent, will see its share of the power increased to 3.8 per cent under the new 26 district plan, Sladek argues.

Inner city Negro areas, too, will be able to get fair representation on the new county board, Sladek said.

He was critical of Livonia city officials for intervening in an unsuccessful law suit to nullify the 26-district plan. In that suit, Democratic Mayor John L. Canfield of Dearborn

Height tried to get a 35-member board instead.

Circuit Judge James N. Canham ruled against Canfield's suit, charging the plaintiffs were guilty of "laches," a legal term meaning they "slept on their rights too long" before going to court.

Sladek added that Livonia had never been represented at any of the county apportionment commission's public meetings when it was discussing the 26-district plan.

SLADEK SAID that Democrats preferred a 35-member board because they would be able to win 32 or 33 of the districts. A 26-district plan, he said, would result in a more bipartisan county board.

Because the suburbs had 40 per cent of Wayne County's population in the 1960 census, said Sladek, they will be able to elect 40 per cent of the county board members. The district in which Sladek is running includes Livonia, Plymouth, Northville and Canton Township.

Reapportionment was brought about by a 1966 state law which applied the "one man, one vote" principle to county boards. The Michigan Supreme Court was never able to come to a clear decision on its constitutionality, but the U.S. Supreme Court earlier this year did uphold the principle, and the law is being applied in Michigan for the first time this year.

## Floods Cover C'Ville Bridge

Kids in the Botsford Park Subdivision in northeast Livonia, who are used to using a foot bridge across the Rouge River, found the bridge gone Wednesday morning, and a rolling full-blown river in place of the creek.

The bridge was installed three years ago to link students to the Botsford Elementary School, part of the Clarenceville School District.

The bridge and the causeway leading to it were under several feet of water after torrential rains of last week.

"Mainly, we want to call it to the attention of all concerned," Clarenceville Superintendent David McDowell said.

THE CITY BUILT the bridge and causeway after the district gave the land to Livonia. A city park is immediately adjacent to the school.

The bridge allowed 350 kids from the other side of the river to get to school without being bused.

Wednesday's rain was the second this year that shut it down. McDowell said he was concerned for the safety of students; had school been in session, students might have foolishly tested the bridge or walkway.

"We are not in any way registering a complaint with the city," McDowell emphasized. He pointed out the city had agreed to improve the grade and walkway leading to and from the bridge with pavement. The work was planned for this summer but the flood brings on questions of the bridge's adequacy.

When normal, the creek is no more than 18 feet wide and quite shallow. But spring thaws and heavy rains send the river over the bank.

THIS YEAR in the spring the same thing happened and the district had custodians at the bridge placing students on buses and taking them down to Seven Mile Rd. and over.

"Nobody has ever been quite satisfied with the condition of the bridge," McDowell said. Parents in the area protested this winter because the grade leading to the bridge was too steep, making it very slippery and dangerous. A meeting was held, and the city began action, which culminated in contracts being let this April for paving and grade reduction.

After the waters drop, the causeway leading to the bridge will probably have to be rebuilt, or the question of a larger bridge explored.



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The classes to be held in Farmington will be governed by total enrollment. Workshops offered include: Modern Dance--six-week session for grades 7-9, July 1 through Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to noon, limit 15 students; fee \$20;

Dramatic Arts--six-week session for grades 9-12, July 1 through Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to noon, limit 40 students; fee, \$60; Music Composition--four-week session 9 a.m. to noon, limit 15 students; fee \$40; Creative Photography--four-week session for grades 9-12, July 1 through July 30, 9 a.m. to noon, limit 20 students; fee \$40.

More are Painting and Drawing--two three-week sessions for grades 9-8, first session July 2-July 23, second July 23-

Aug. 16, 9 a.m. to noon, limit 15 students each session, fee \$30; Sculpture--six-week session for grades 9-12, July 1-Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to noon, limit 15 students; fee \$60.

Also offered is Creative Drama for Children--three two-week sessions for grades 1-6, first session July 1-July 31, second July 18-July 31, third, third Aug. 5-Aug. 16, 1st and 2nd grades 9 a.m.

10:30, 3rd and 4th 10:30 a.m.-noon, 5th and 6th 10:30 a.m.-noon, limit 15 students each group, fee \$20.

A Puppetry Workshop is also planned--two three-week sessions for grades 1-6, first session July 1-July 31, second July 20-Aug. 16, 1st and 2nd grades 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 4th through 6th grades 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., limit 15 students each group, fee \$30.

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