

# Constrictor Causes Class Consternation

By MARTHA MAHAN

**FARMINGTON**  
When young David Hill sauntered into Kenbrook School, 32130 Bonnet Hill, with a boa constrictor draped around his neck, the delight of his classmates was no greater than the snake's.

For the boa, it meant rescue after a long tough summer.

The snake, it turned out, is the pet of a young man who left it in his parents' custody when he took off for college last January. Several months ago, it escaped and apparently had been finding survival a rough go ever since.

"IT WAS in bad shape," said Larkshire, Principal James Lanigan, a reptile fancier whose counsel was hastily sought by his Kenbrook counterpart, Richard Close. "I have a year

old baby and the boa was so much under the weather I'd have let him handle it."

Lanigan, in turn, contacted the curator of reptiles at the Detroit Zoo who came out to Kenbrook and tenderly carted the snake away for expert medical care.

David said he and his 11-year-old buddy, John Ferguson were "just fooling around" in the woods back of the school at lunchtime when John put his hand on what he at first thought was a log.

WHEN THE boys realized what they had at hand was a six-foot-long boa constrictor: "I just grabbed it by the head and put it around my neck," David said.

Then the pair set off gleefully for school confidently anticipating an attention-catching arrival.



THE SLOCUM FOUNDATION has presented Wayne State University \$105,000 for the institution of a journalism and advertising scholarship fund. Participating in the presentation are (from left) Harry Hopkins, a member of the Slocum Foundation Board; George E. Gullen, president of WSU; W. Sprague Holden, Farmington chairman of the journalism department; William Slocum; and Mrs. Harvey Whalen, member of the Slocum Foundation.

## Charter Draft Coming In 'About A Month'

**FARMINGTON**  
A spring election, and a charter completed in rough form by the middle of next month were predicted by Farmington Charter Commission Chairman Robert McConnell.

McConnell expects a complete rough draft to be finished "around Nov. 15. A meeting to vote on the last four paragraphs still unagreed on is expected by that time, he said.

The four items still outstanding are:  
• Tax limits  
• Council salaries  
• Representation  
• Borrowing limitation

DISCUSSION on these four items has yet to bring agreement among the nine-member commission, but McConnell is hopeful a vote at the last meeting will bring agreement.

Following completion of the rough draft, "three or four" public hearings will be scheduled, followed by a rewrite session.

Then the charter goes to the governor's office for approval before the election.

"I'm aiming at a spring date," McConnell says.

The victor in the primary election for supervisor, and running unopposed on the ballot in November, he says, "I hope to be the shortest-term supervisor in Farmington's history."

"I ran on trying to consolidate the villages and the township into a city, and I still feel that way."

## Sports Arena Hearing Set

How will the proposed ice rink affect Farmington?

The answer to this and other questions about the proposed \$1.2 million ice arena and sports facility hopefully will be answered at a public meeting Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington High auditorium, according to City Manager Robert Deadman.

The ice-sports building, proposed for a site at the corner of Farmington Rd. and Shiawassee, will be put before the voters on the November ballot.

### Hard Thrower

Leader in strikeouts in the 1972 Big Ten baseball season was Brad VanFelt, hard-throwing Michigan State right-hander who fanned 55. He's also co-captain of State's 1972 football Spartans.

### Offense Mark

The record for most yards total offense in a single game for Michigan State football is the 698 yards picked up by the Spartans in their 1971 game at Purdue.

### Pass Record

The record for most passes caught in a game by a Michigan State football receiver is nine, by Gene Washington in the 1964 Notre Dame contest.

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## Earth Alive Center Open

Earth Alive is collecting papers at their "paper-moblie" in the parking lot at Dunkle Junior High, 12 Mile and Farmington Rd.

But is not open every day, and some people have been leaving papers which then blow and create a nuisance, according to a spokesman from Earth Alive.

The hours of the paper-moblie are every weekend from noon to 2 p.m.

The local glass center, formerly at Oakland Community College, is closed, and people with glass to recycle are urged to use the Southfield center, Berg Rd. and 10½ Mile, or the Bloomfield center, 4200 Telegraph Rd., south of Long Lake Rd.

## Bids Out On Water Project

**FARMINGTON**  
Bids are being taken for the construction of some water lines in the "northwest pressure district" of Farmington Township.

The township board asked for the bids after being told by Clerk Floyd Cairns that four major developers with land holdings in the area were willing to put up a portion of the cost on a "payback agreement."

The bids will be on the first portion of the project, serving an area near Halstead Rd. and Nine Mile Rd.

The "northwest pressure district" includes most of the waterless northwest portion of the township.

The whole area will eventually include approximately from 10 Mile Rd. to 14 Mile and from Haggerty to east of Drake Rd. The whole project, when completed, is estimated at \$3 million.

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## Covensky To Speak

**FARMINGTON**  
Milton Covensky, professor of history at Wayne State, will be guest speaker at the Birmingham Temple, 12 Mile Rd. east of Middlebelt Friday, Oct. 13, at 8:30 p.m. His topic will be "Unity in Diversity," an exploration into the reality of a pluralistic society and what makes it possible.



**DR. DONALD HAMACHEK**, professor of educational psychology and child development at Michigan State University, will speak at the Oct. 18 meeting of the Forest Association of Parents and Teachers. His topic will be child behavior. The meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Forest School Gymnasium, 34545 Old Timber Rd., Farmington.

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