



Bird house winners

The first place winners in the Kiwanis Bird House contest demonstrated pride in their work. The contest, held recently at the Farmington Community Center, attracted several hundred. From left: Deanna Miller,

Paul Markham, Greg Howard, Mike Klusowska, Larry Lewand, Lisa Green, Jim Goetz, Meg Paul and Paul Toffoli. (photo by Ralph Evert).

Kelly reinstated following 3 days of trial hearings

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tor, though perhaps not in a lowering rage, was clearly angry with Lt. Kelly.

Following the meeting, the investigation was assigned to Lt. Conway.

Kelly's report was later that day recorded on the log with a new number. At the hearings, Kelly was insistent he was ignorant of the location of his report, or of what the new "confidential" number indicated.

The board report concluded, however, "Kelly understood a new case number had been assigned to

the file and that Lt. Russell Conway was in charge of the investigation."

THE REPORT VINDICATES Kelly for going to Majors, rather than reporting the shortage directly to the director.

Following the suspension, Kelly hired Norman Lippitt, an attorney well-known for his handling of controversial Detroit police cases. Lippitt took two members of the Farmington police officers' association, a reporter from a downtown Detroit daily newspaper, and Kelly to the State Police, where a

report on the case was filed.

"Lt. Kelly went to the State Police, accompanied by a representative of the media, and reported not only the fact of the suspected embezzlement, but also reported at length concerning his grievance at being suspended and asked the State Police to investigate the embezzlement and 'the alleged cover-up' of same."

"The board finds such conduct to be reprehensible."

"The board finds that he was angry and bitter about the suspension, and that this undoubtedly led to his further actions, but this fact does not justify those actions."

Hearings zeroed in on publicity

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The board would later conclude "his mental state was not that of the confused, emotional individual, or that of the 'honest cop' who believes that something is amiss back at headquarters."

Instead, the board concluded, "Kelly's actions were a deliberate and vindictive attempt to strike back at the director."

The hearing, and a parallel hearing on Mrs. Debbie Roberts, the clerk who originally discovered the

shortage, resulted in the longest such hearings since Detective Earl Teeples was involved in another police hearing several years ago.

The suspensions which resulted were some of the stiffest ever given for any police or employee infraction.

The city employee's union, AFSCME, is already appealing the 25-day loss of pay, the letter of reprimand and the restrictions placed on Mrs. Roberts after she was reinstated.

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62 teachers notified of layoffs next year

By NANCY STEIN

Farmington School teachers will receive 62 pink slips this week.

This is the administration's insurance against the possibility of not getting an increased millage when they ask for it.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Farmington Board of Education, Vice President Gary Lichtman became extremely angry with Superintendent Marinus Van Ameyde when he discovered that a letter dated April 11 had been sent to the 62 teachers telling them that their contracts would not be renewed in the coming year. The letter also said the board would so vote at the April 16 meeting.

Lichtman objected strongly, "to anyone saying in advance how we will vote."

Van Ameyde said, "teachers must have this early notification of cancelled contracts or they must be rehired in the fall regardless of whether or not there are funds.

This is state law."

The board did approve, the pink slips, by a vote of 5-1 with Lichtman dissenting.

AN OPEN STUDY session was set for April 30 at the Farmington Senior High School at 8 p.m. The public is urged to attend.

At that meeting the public is being requested to discuss with the board the hows and whys of increased millage and the amount.

A final decision on how much millage will be asked for will be determined at the May 7 school board meeting.

A date of Sept. 9 was approved by the Oakland County special election committee as satisfactory for the millage special election for Farmington. An alternative is to ask for the money at the June 10 election, the same time three members to the board of education will be elected.

Reward offered in horse damage

Mrs. Karen Kelly, sponsor of the "Denim Dudes" 4-H club in Farmington, said she is offering a \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest of the individuals who injured some of the club horses Sunday.

"They cut pieces off the electric wire and laid it so a horse would

run through it," she said.

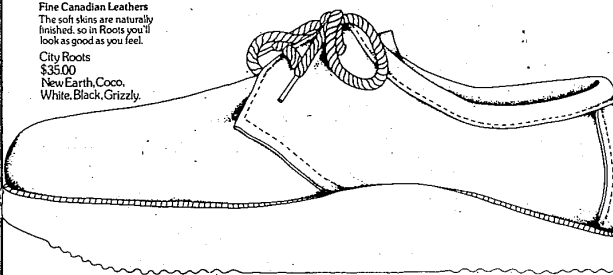
Mrs. Kelly keeps the horses at her farm at Power Rd. and 11 Mile. She said vandals cut the wire Sunday afternoon, and two horses were badly cut.

The farm is the home of 10 horses belonging to the newly-formed 4-H group.

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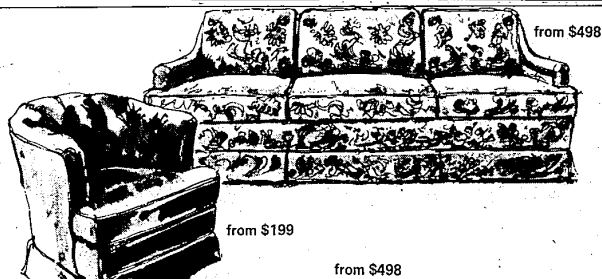
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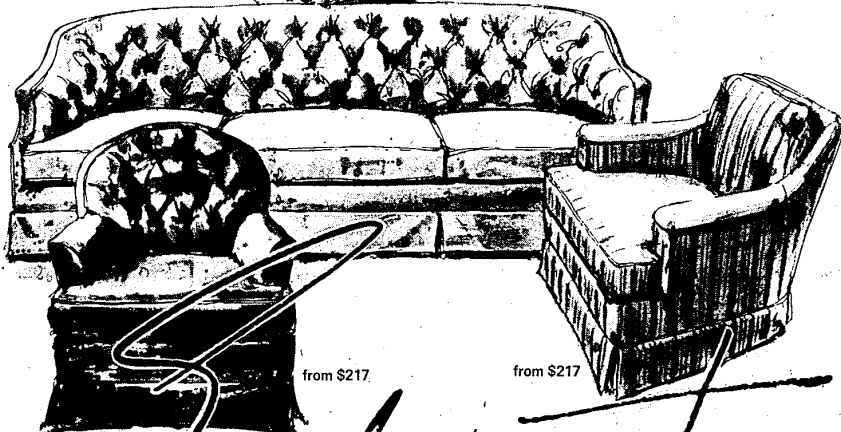
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