



A SATURDAY CLASS—At Larkshire Elementary School each Saturday, Farmington youngsters are taking classes offered by the Detroit Institute of Arts. Instructor Pat Moy gives a pointer to Robert

Kuhn Has Districting Amendment

Tax Reform Does Little To Aid Cities--Dinan

State Sen. George W. Kuhn, of West Bloomfield, has today introduced a proposed constitutional amendment restoring to the Legislature the responsibility for reapportioning itself every 10 years.

If the Legislature failed to reapportion itself within the first 150 days of the start of its regular session every tenth year, the task would be turned over to a five-member, non-partisan commission appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, Sen. Kuhn said.

AT PRESENT, under the constitution adopted in 1963, reapportionment is carried out by an eight-member, elected commission, four of whom are chosen by the two major political parties.

"The present, evenly divided, politically oriented commission is grossly inadequate to reapportion the state in an orderly manner," said Sen. Kuhn.

"We must not get into ourselves again to allow a situation like we went through when the stalemate on the commission wound up in the eight-man State Supreme Court."

"The proposed amendment, if adopted, would insure against another chaotic situation in 1970."

"Being non-partisan and of an uneven number, the special apportionment commission would have a much better opportunity to produce a fair, well-reasoned apportionment formula if the Legislature failed to act in the allotted time," said Kuhn.

Skelrik, 21450 Birchwood; Roberta Anderson looks over. Enrollment for grades 5 to 12 will be open until April 15—call the Art Institute for details.

DINAN IS DUE to present a budget to the City Council April 10.

He offered no estimate of the new budget's size except that it "looks tight." General operating budget for the current fiscal year is \$563,000.

Current tax rate in the city is \$11.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Dinan said the city's goal is to lower the rate, because it is raising the assessment level from the current 45 per cent of cash value to 50 per cent for next year.

The city tax rate has been stable for six years, he added.

OBITUARIES

MRS. SARAH ANTIS
Mrs. Sarah Rhoda Antis, 76, of 2124 Cass, Farmington Township, died March 20 in Botsford General Hospital.

Services were held Wednesday in Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home with the Rev. David Frederick of Galilee Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Born Aug. 16, 1890 in Alma, she was married Sept. 5, 1912 in Legrand to Finley Alfred Antis Sr. He died in 1960. Mrs. Antis had been a Farmington Township resident three years.

Surviving are four sons, Frank E. of West Lafayette, Ohio; Clifford C. of Farmington Township; Finley A. Jr. and Elmer L., both of Livonia; a daughter, Mrs. Arlene Hamilton of Farmington Township; a brother, David S. Mock of Taylor Township; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

REYNOLDS INFANT
The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds of 2010 Floral Avenue, Livonia, died March 18 in Botsford General Hospital.

Township Moves On 4 Sewer, Water Projects

The cost of sanitary sewer construction in Richland Gardens has risen by a third in just one year, residents learned from the Farmington Township Board.

The board Tuesday approved a special assessment roll affecting 230 units in Sec. 38 of the township after a public hearing in Grace Elementary School.

Cost of the project will amount to \$202,000. A year ago, the cost had been estimated at \$155,200.

Two things happened in the meantime, township officials said. First, prices went up. Second, soil complications discovered by test borings sent estimates up.

The board last year advertised for bids, but all 13 responses came in well above estimates.

Construction is expected to begin in May or June for the affected district, located on Grand River, Hancock, Waldron, Averhill, Collingham, Oxford and Independence.

THE BOARD HAS instructed Supervisor Curtis Hall to proceed on an assessment formula for a water district on Rhinewood Street west of Gill Road.

The board acted Monday night after a public hearing of three-quarters of an hour on necessity of the \$24,200 project. Clerk Floyd Cairns reported owners of 59 per cent of the square footage in the three-dozen lot plat had signed petitions favoring the project.

Hall said a second hearing would be held, probably in about four weeks, on the assessment formula, a matter that bothered many of the residents who wanted to know immediately what the cost breakdown would be.

A point of disagreement between a few property owners and the supervisor was whether some of the 140 foot lots would be divisible into two smaller lots, hence able to derive a double benefit from the water line.

"You'll be fortunate if your water is in by December," Hall told the residents.

WOODCROFT SUBDIVISION'S proposed sanitary sewer project will be subject of a public hearing on necessity next month before the Township Board.

The hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. in Dunckel Junior High School.

About 111 lots in the area south of 14 Mile and west of Drake would be served if the project is finally approved. No firm cost estimate was immediately available for the entire project.

THE COST OF the Walnut Lake sanitary sewer arm has gone up, the Oakland County Board of Public Works has told Farmington Township.

Because the township's share of the project is less than one per cent, the cost increase is minor—a total of \$1,794 instead of the previously approved \$1,526. The Township Board approved the increase Monday night.

Total cost of the project, most of which is in West Bloomfield Township, will be \$1,975,000 instead of \$1,737,000.

The Oakland BPW blamed the increase on rising construction costs.

Farmington Township's share of the project, in the 14 Mile-Inkster area, will be passed on to ultimately-benefitting property owners.



POLAR BEAR CHAMPS—The Bunny patrol, composed of star, life and eagle scouts in Troop 118, sponsored by Flinders School PTA, took first place among 61 Ottawa District patrols at this year's Polar Bear Derby. It scored 1191 points of a possible 125

In such skills as first aid, compass, tree and animal track identification, fire building and tent inspection. The boys, who recently received their trophy, are (from left): Kim Jaske, Dave Sherpits, Dave Duncan, Doug Lawsh Jr. and Tim Begoske.

School Board Names Three New Principals

Several administrative appointments were announced at a Board of Education meeting Tuesday evening although the appointees have not yet been assigned to specific schools.

At the same meeting, the resignation of Warren McKenzie was accepted contingent upon location of a suitable replacement.

David A. Coffin and George Donald Cowan were named as elementary school principals.

Robert A. Brown was promoted to the position of junior high school principal. William Martin and William Mason were appointed as junior high assistant principals.

McKenzie's resignation was submitted as a result of an opportunity to become principal at Big Rapids High School. He has been serving as assistant principal at North Farmington High.

Goffin is presently teaching sixth grade at Shiawassee Elementary. He has a B.A. in elementary education from the University of Michigan at Flint, an M.A. in education

Beautification Group Formed

A newly created committee on beautification will hold a meeting at 8 p.m. in Township Hall on Wednesday, March 28. Formed to preserve and enhance the beauty of Farmington Township, this committee will implement the work done by the planning commission.

Mrs. G. Sam Zilly, president of the Beautification Council of southeastern Michigan, will guide the discussion and present information on work being done by other communities in the area.

All civic organizations in the community have been requested to send representatives to the meeting which is also open to the public.



'SNIFFLES', the dancing rabbit, will appear at Stouffer's Northland Restaurant and the Coach and Four Easter Sunday to distribute plastic Easter eggs filled with jelly beans and other treats, including tickets eligible to win a cute, baby rabbit. Don Roberts helps fill out the 6-foot-4 bunny suit.

AUTO SERVICE

Intensely Dependable

Whether you need a new muffler or any other quality part for your car, we install it fast and efficiently.

BOB ROZENBOOM SERVICE

32410 GRAND RIVER 474-7446

AVOID SPRING Planting RUSH

Call Now For Free Personalized Plan For Your Home

GreenwayAcres Nursery

23100 W. 8 Mile Rd. (1 Mile W. of Farmington Rd.) KE. 4-2342 GR. 6-2330



THE ANNUAL Beauty Rama sweepstakes at Jean's Bel Air Beauty Salon on Orchard Lake Road ended Monday with Councilman Howard Thayer drawing the names of the lucky winners. Mrs. Ann Perry, of Eastbrook, Farmington, walked off with the first prize, a wig personally styled for her.

Marie Schotten, of Rockycrest, won the second prize (wiglet). Winners of \$5 gift certificates were Fran Lesperance, of Wildwood Trail; Kay Ruana, of Novi; Mrs. W. Kinski, of Springfield; Mrs. L. E. Warriner, of 11 Mile Road; and Rosemary Bradley, of Folkstone, Farmington.