

Johannes Spreen, Kuhn Win In Oakland Races

George Kuhn, 47-year-old former state senator, has a good chance to be the new Oakland County drain commissioner after November's general election, based on results of Tuesday's party primary.

Kuhn led a field of four Republicans in the drain commissioners race and will face Democrat William Richards, incumbent commissioner, in November.

Kuhn ran a surprisingly strong race, finishing more than 4,000 votes ahead of Delos Hamlin, who had been considered the favorite after serving 12 years as chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

IRONICALLY, Kuhn lost his State Senate seat in 1970 to Carl Pursell, whose reform plank for county home rule includes abolishing the job of drain commissioner as an elected position and merge the office with the DPW. The DPW would have a director appointed by a county administrator who would be named by the county board of commissioners.

During the campaign, Kuhn promised to merge the drain commissioner's office with the county DPW. And looking at the Aug. 8 ballot totals, he will probably have that chance.

The four Republican candidates received a total of 61,450 votes compared to the 21,985 votes received by Richards. Richards, former county board chairman, was appointed drain commissioner after Republican Daniel Barry was removed from office.

Barry ran a distant third in the drain commissioner GOP contest with Fred Whitcroft placing fourth. The final vote totals were: Kuhn, 24,335; Hamlin, 19,871; Barry, 10,362; and, Whitcroft, 6,145.

Barry was indicted by a citizens grand jury two years ago for misuse of public funds.

Last December, he was convicted of conflict of interest for receiving free fill dirt from a county drain project in Pontiac.

Barry is awaiting trial on charges of misuse of public funds, bribery and conspiracy, and obtaining money by false pretenses.

IN OTHER county races, Johannes Spreen of Farmington captured the Democratic nomination for sheriff and will face Republican Leo Hazen in the fall.

Spreen got 27,761 votes with his challenger, Ruel E. McPherson, trailing far behind with 7,657.

Hazen received 23,103 votes and the votes of his Republican challengers were: Donald K. Kraft, 17,085; Herbert R. Cooley, 13,796; and, William Kish, 6,192.

County Prosecutor Thomas Plunkett won nomination easily with 22,371 votes with Democratic challenger Anthony Renne getting 7,375.

But Plunkett may have a much tougher race in the fall when he faces Republican L. Brooks Patterson, who received 47,888 votes Tuesday running unopposed.

Patterson, who was an assistant prosecutor until fired by Plunkett, has remained in the news during the past year as legal counsel for Irene McCabe of Pontiac's NAG anti-busing organization.



GEORGE KUHN



JOHANNES SPREEN

THE TOP county vote-getter was Republican Clerk Lynn D. Allen, who tallied 49,227 votes as an unopposed candidate.

Area AAA Manager Backs No Fault Law

FARMINGTON C.A. Spencer, manager of the Farmington Automobile Club of Michigan (AAA), this week said he supports no fault auto insurance legislation.

Spencer's office serves Farmington, Redford and the Milford and Lakes areas to the west of Farmington. AAA officials have called the Farmington office one of the fastest growing offices in the state; new quarters for the firm are being built at Twelve Mile and Farmington Road.

Spencer lives in Redford.

STATE NO FAULT auto legislation allowing the immediate payment of medical expenses and lost wages without lawsuit but still permitting suits where medical costs are above \$1,000 is needed for Michigan, according to Spencer.

"As the largest insurer of automobiles in Michigan, we are vitally interested in improving the present method of compensating persons injured in auto accidents through a no fault approach," Spencer said.

Spencer added that the Auto Club is concerned because some bills in the legislature do not allow transferring losses to the at-fault driver while other bills include property damage as part of the no fault concept.

The local Auto Club official says that transferring the accident cost to the insurance company of the person

causing the loss-called subrogation-should be part of any no fault system.

"This allows the good driver to enjoy lower rates while the accident-causing driver pays higher rates," Spencer added.

If the no fault concept is extended to property damage, it would result in a motorist paying all deductible insurance costs from his own pocket even if he is blameless in an accident, Auto Club states.

"FOR EXAMPLE," says Spencer, "if you were legally

stopped for a traffic light and a drunk, speeding or careless driver hit the back of your car, you would pay the deductible—usually \$100—since the at-fault driver could not be sued.

We are in favor of no fault reform which improves compensation for injured victims of auto accidents, but retains the present system of handling property damage and rewards good drivers with lower rates," Spencer said.

The Farmington office of AAA insures about 16,000 members.

All 'A' Honors For 3 Students

FARMINGTON Three Farmington residents were among the 475 students from Michigan State University who received a straight 'A' average during the spring term.

Ronald Czajkowski, of 35263 Edythe, a sophomore, achieved his 'A' status in civil engineering. He was previously a student at Our Lady of Sorrows High School.

Also previously from Our Lady of Sorrows High School and achieving all 'A's was Robert Hoard, of 22437 Floral, a sophomore. He earned the honor through the Lyman Briggs college at the university, which specializes in science and mathematics.

Sally Sietloff, of 28310 Harwich, a senior, earned her



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By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Douglas of Rorie St., Farmington, are happy to announce the birth July 16 of their first child a daughter Kelly Lynn, at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. Weight was six pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William McHutchison of Farmington; paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Douglas also of Farmington.

Diane is a 1967 graduate of North Farmington High. Tom

also is a graduate of North Farmington, class of 1968.

Mrs. Eva Lee of St. Clair Shores spent two weeks with her daughter Betty (Mr. and Mrs. Foster Walker) and her two granddaughters on Forestville, last week. She also visited other relatives and friends in Farmington area.

Mrs. Fronie Lukefahr of Haggerty Rd. was recently a patient at Plymouth General Hospital, but is expected home this weekend.

at 2566 Walton Blvd., Rochester.

Marcellus and his wife Katherine were members of the Pioneer Golden Age Club which is affiliated with the National Council of Senior Citizens, Washington D.C.

MR. AND MRS. HAZEN J. Karp and children Timothy Tracy, Lynn, and Stephanie Susan, of Argonne Rd., spent a long weekend in Canada attending a church conference.

Hector McGregor of Redford really did a fine job of getting the honeybees out of the chimney of my house, I am happy to say.

McGregor, who is employed at Ford Motor Co., doesn't like to destroy bees.

He inherited his respect for the honeybees from his mother, who would call to the bees, and they would light on her arms and head.

I think McGregor knows more about bees than most of us.

Capt. Margaret Schreiber flew home from Thailand last week to spend some time with her father, Paul Schreiber, on Oakland, until she will return to her new base in Virginia.

Marcellus Lyons formerly of 11 Mile Rd. has moved to the Danish Old People's home

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