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A status quo goal is Tupper's trademark

By LYNN ORR

Richard Tupper may have reached the peak of his political career last month, after being elected mayor of the City of Farmington by city council colleagues.

The fact that he topped the balloting in November when he was elected to his second four-year term as councilman had nothing to do with his election as mayor. That's pretty much a seniority, take-your-turn position on the five-member council.

But the mayor's post is the peak of the 31-year resident's aspirations at the moment. He merely shakes his head when a political future is mentioned. Farmington is simply his kind of city.

And maintaining the lifestyle and atmosphere is the council's job for the future, he stresses.

"Our challenge for the next six to eight years is to maintain the present quality of our community, an atmosphere in which people will take care of their homes and businesses," he says.



RICHARD TUPPER

new business had to be shelved in the 1970's when the recession hit.

He's also changed his mind about the city's boundaries. In the late sixties, he was behind the annexation of township areas south of Ten Mile, but he's convinced Farmington is a good size now, and sees no value in consolidation with its neighbor.

"WE'VE different sets of problems," he says. Combining services, such as parks and recreation, in which Farmington Hills supplies most of the money and manpower and Farmington provides the land, is economical, he says. But consolidating the two cities wouldn't save much.

"You'd still need the same number of men on the DPW crews," he says.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS), however, is one service Tupper feels the cities can work together to provide.

Tupper, 45, considers himself a con-

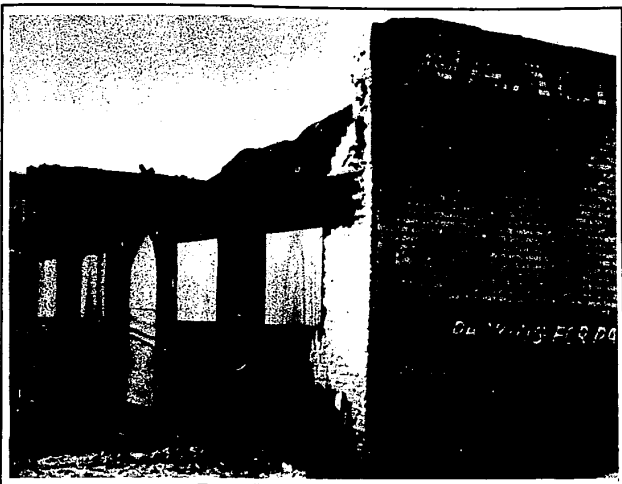
servative, especially regarding government controls, which is one reason he faces his biggest battle as the major opponent to the recently introduced mandatory smoke alarm ordinance for single-family homes.

"To design an ordinance you can't enforce is folly," he says. And he's convinced the ordinance can't be enforced. "I don't think we can do an effective job in making it mandatory, and it puts people on the defensive—the long arm of city hall coming down on them again."

His politics, he says, have been strongly influenced by his father, who moved the family from Redford Township to Farmington in 1936. Father and son share a construction business as well.

Community involvement is another attribute passed down from the older generation, he adds. His father was active as a member of the school board, board of appeals and held other offices. But he never held the job of councilman or mayor.

He's also active in Goodfellow's and shares a home on Cass with his wife Donna and ninth grade son. Two other children attend college.



Landmark burns
Long time Farmington Hills landmark Waack's bar, on Grand River near Middle Belt, known for its colorful history was sold recently. (Photo by Cynthia Abatt)

Botsford trustee heads MSU

By PATRICIA LACROIX

In his admitted "see-saw" career between business and education, Edgar L. Harden has again opted for the latter.

Harden, a three-year member of the Botsford General Hospital Board of Directors in Farmington Hills, is also president of the Lansing-based Story Inc. firm.

Now, a long-term liaison with Michigan State University tipped his career toward education with his appointment as acting president of MSU.

"This comes as the culmination of a 30-year love affair with Michigan State," he said. "MSU has been very good to me and my family, and I feel this is a good way to repay the institution for those many good things."



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For MSU, Harden recommends additions to the medical facilities.

A student activities building also is badly needed, he added. The building would be used for rock concerts, convocations, and some athletic events. It could house graduation ceremonies as well, so "every time it looks like rain we don't have to run for shelter."

Last spring, many graduates' guests were shut out of the ceremonies when rain moved the program from the football stadium to cramped indoor quarters.

HARDEN speculated on the type of person who might head the largest university in the state.

"Some combination of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost," he quipped.

The new president, he continued, must be able to offer leadership in academics and be conversant with the business world, since these two factors are becoming "increasingly inter-related."

The person also must be familiar with state political processes to insure adequate funding for the university.

Harden first became associated with MSU in 1946 as an associate professor of counseling, guidance and testing. He became involved in continuing education while at the university and helped to break ground for the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education in 1951. In 1952, he was named dean of Continuing Education.

After a year in business out of state, Harden returned to education in 1956 as president of Northern Michigan University. Under his 11 years of leadership, student enrollment swelled from 800 to 8,000. Harden has been president of Story Inc. since 1967.

He is also associated with Alma College, Capital Savings and Loan Association, Michigan Manufacturers Association, Sparrow Hospital in Lansing and Win Schuler's, Inc. He is president of the Automobile Club in Lansing.

He and his wife have a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Winter blues hit hard after Yule

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

PERSONS who work in shops are faced with more customers and hectic days before and after the holidays. Some office workers, accustomed to working steadily, can find it difficult to adjust to a slower holiday pace, according to Patton.

Workaholics, who find themselves without an assigned task during the holidays, might be at a loss to fill their free time, added Ms. Gouth.

Even if they overcome the immediate feelings of depression, the post-holiday blues could cause problems.

"It's anti-climatic. They're back to living their everyday lives," Ms. Gouth said.

Although they may think thoughts of suicide, potential victims can be successful at hiding their feelings from their families. Often they become withdrawn and shy away from family activity, according to Ms. Gouth.

They should be encouraged to take part in group activities, but some families look upon a depression as just another one of that member's moods, according to Ms. Gouth.

Sometimes employers are better at spotting a serious depression through a lag in work production or in changed behavior, she added.

Almost everyone but the very young are susceptible to holiday time suicides, according to counselors and police.

OLDER persons who are sick or living alone are prone to holiday blues, according to Maier.

"They don't want to burden anyone and to them it seems the easiest way out," he said.

Some of the younger suicides are accidental drug overdoses, according to Maier.

"I wonder what goes through their minds. I don't think anyone knows," he said.

The aftermath for the family and friends of the victim may be a factor that goes unconsidered by the suicide, according to Farmington Public Safety Lt. Tom Daniels.

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Returning to everyday life after the holidays can be a let-down for persons who were revelers just a few days ago.

To some, the temporary inconvenience of re-adjusting to non-holiday life can magnify itself into thoughts of suicide.

Problems between family members or financial and job pressures are amplified during the holiday season, according to Farmington area counselors and police.

These problems hang on after the holidays and take on an added dimension of disappointment for the sufferers. Financial pressures, which were expected to dissipate after the holidays, re-exert themselves as creditors ask for payment.

"There's the Bank Americard blues. There's no money to pay for the holidays. That's when a lot of problems start," said Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC) counselor Debbie Gouth.

"There's financial stress where people can't afford things or don't have the money to do the things they would like to," said Farmington Hills Police Lt. George Maier.

"They get in over their heads financially to buy things," he said.

"PEOPLE are expected to put out a lot of money," said Ms. Gouth about holiday spending habits.

Those spending habits, combined with heightened expectations from relationships with family members and friends can lead to disillusionment after the holidays.

Expectations of being together with loved ones and finding them more compatible or loving can outshine real life.

A woman who finds her husband making passes at other women during the New Year's party instead of being attentive to her can view the incident as taking the glitter out of her holiday dreams.

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THE PROBLEMS are similar to those faced by Botsford Hospital employees. Additional space and funding for new equipment are the most



Farmington's first baby

Edward John Chope took his time, but at 5:48 p.m. he was still the first baby born in Farmington in 1978. The birth of 6 lb., 7 oz., 18 1/2 inch Edward in Botsford General Hospital is the second time parents Edward and Emilia Chope have spent a holiday stint in Botsford. Their first child, Reana Louise, 3, was born on a Christmas Eve. The family lives in Detroit. (Staff photo by Cynthia Abatt)

Ma Bell's Hills customers dial direct around the world inside

Telephone customers in Farmington Hills with "553" and "661" numbers can now dial direct to 36 countries around the world, Michigan Bell reports.

Exchanges are being added periodically to the International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD) network, said Robert Hunter, customer relations manager. Service can be offered only in exchanges served by electronic switching systems.

Customers can call Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China (Taiwan), Costa Rica, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel and Italy.

Other countries are: Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Republic of South Africa,

San Marino, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican City, and Venezuela.

IDDD service was introduced in Michigan in 1973. Since then Bell customers have dialed direct more than 150,000 calls a year to overseas nations. The United Kingdom heads the frequently called list, with Germany and France next. A three-minute IDDD call to the United Kingdom costs only \$3.50 day or night.

Customers can call to Western Europe countries costs \$6.75 for three minutes; in most cases rates are lower at night.

More than 60 communities in Michigan have IDDD service; it will be offered to more customers in other cities as Michigan Bell replaces older switching systems with new electronic ones.

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