

# Father and son combination dedicate 44 years

By MARY GNIEWEK



BAYARD TUPPER

Bayard and Richard Tupper are the closest thing Farmington has to a contemporary dynasty.

Together they have spent 44 years shaping city politics. Their clout has been subtle.

Bayard, the father, wrote Farmington's first building code, was the first chairman of the city planning commission, the zoning board of appeals and was the school board president during the baby boom years.

At 76, he's still chairman of the board of review, which meets once a year to hear appeals of tax assessments.

Richard, the son, was appointed to the Farmington City Council in 1972 after a stint on the planning commission.

He's serving his second four-year elected term.

Their legislative paths have never crossed, but they've been business partners for more than 40 years at Tupper Associates, a hardware selling firm just outside the city limit in Livonia.

The senior Tupper has a simple philosophy.

"If you're going to live in this town, you've got to be a part of it. You can't stand around on the side."

He befriended Mayor Howard Warner when he moved his family to Farmington in 1936 to manage the Farmington Lumber Company.

"After a few months, I noticed we were selling materials to contractors who were building homes and there was no control."

"I SAID to Howard, 'we need a building code.' He told me to write one. I did."

Warner, the son of Fred Warner, Farmington's resident state governor from 1904-10, made Tupper chairman of the zoning board of appeals.

"I was interested in the building industry — how the houses were put together, the yards, the space between homes. The intent was to make Farmington a good place," he said.

Tupper went so far as to sneak around construction sites of new school buildings accompanied by another school board trustee to make sure the structures being erected were following code.

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board, we built a school," he recalled. "We'd go to the site at 5:30 in the morning, before the workers got there. At Bond (elementary school) the brick was so badly laid we tore it off. They never knew who did it."

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## Hills plans agenda

Following is the agenda for the Farmington Hills Council meeting to-night at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile, corner of Orchard Lake.

• Consideration of water improvement for Cora Street (necessary). Resolution 3.

• Consideration of water improvement for Cora Street (cost). Resolution 5.

• Consideration of notice of intent to issue bonds for Cora Street. Resolution 6.

• Consideration of introduction of amendatory ordinance 62-203. Location: 28830 West Eight Mile, between Roosevelt and Pearl. From RA-3 to B-3 and P-1.

• Consideration of amendatory ordinance 62-204. Location: lots 569 through 575; 650 thorough 662 of Grand River Crest II and acreage at 21225 St. Francis. From RA-4 to SP-2 or RC-3.

• Consideration of introduction of amendatory ordinance 62-205. Location: 8.6 acres on west side of Halsted, between Howard and 12 Mile. From RA-1 to LI-1.

• Consideration of request for final preliminary plat approval for Farmington Place subdivision in section 7, 91 lots, 12.90 acres of open space. Escrow set at \$17,500 and completion by 9/30/82.

• Presentation of general fund budget for fiscal 1980-81.

• Consideration of agreement with Farmington Ridge Homeowners Association for entranceway sign in the public right-of-way.

## Student joins honor society

Randall J. Amis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Amis, of Farmington Hills has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa national honorary scholastic society at Albion College.

Amis, a physics major, is a 1976 graduate of North Farmington High School.

The Beta Chapter of Michigan was established at Albion in 1940. Members are usually seniors who have attained a 3.5 average or better in the liberal arts.

• Consideration of request from the Jewish Community Center for permission to use Drake between 13 and 14 Mile and use 13 Mile between Drake and Halsted on May 18 for their third annual Chai long distance run.

• Consideration of establishing special assessment district (sewer improvement) for Omenwood, Middlebelt to westerly terminus of Omenwood. Resolution 1.

• Consideration of setting date for necessity hearing for Watt and Canfield water improvement. Resolution 2.

• Consideration of resolution requesting Wayne County Road Commission to accommodate the city of Farmington Hills by honoring Oakland County Road Commission policies of allowing storm drainage to enter right-of-way of adjacent properties.

• Consideration of introduction of amendatory ordinance C-2-80, section 80-630, re: trespassing on residential property.

• Consideration of introduction of amendatory ordinance C-3-80, section 20-325 — residential driveway slopes.

• City manager recommends fee change schedule for utility permits, residential improvement permits and soil erosion permits.

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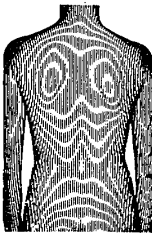
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## obituaries

VIRGIL CORNWELL

Mr. Cornwell, 74, of Farmington died April 16 in Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

He was born Sept. 6, 1905 in Platteville, Wis. Mr. Cornwell was a home



DR. PHILIP ADLER

builder. He was a member of P&AM 151.

Survivors include: wife, Eileen; daughters, Mrs. Alvina Farley, Mrs. Diane Hamilton, Mrs. Dorothy Goehring; sons, Robert, David, Del; brothers,

## Botsford physician named to state health council

Philip Adler, D.O., has been named by Gov. William Milliken as a member of the Michigan Health Coordinating Council for a three-year term.

Adler is director of medical education and head of the department of OB-GYN at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

A past president of the American Osteopathic Association, he currently sits on several local and national committees and boards which concern themselves with the quality of health care. He is clinical professor of OB-GYN

at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and is a diplomate of the National Board of Osteopathic Medicine and the American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Adler is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has been in practice for 30 years. He is a Franklin resident.

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