She learns from experience

Delegate vows to keep on trying

A week before the Democratic Na-tional Convention in New York, Joanne Smith made a statement which turns out to be almost prophetic in the light of Senator Ted Kennedy's Monday

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"If your issue doesn't win the first time, keep at it. It has to grow," said the one-time Farmington Hills: City Council member and a delegate pledged to Kennedy for this convention. The process of picking up after a defeat to conditine working for a cause isn't a new experience for Ms. Smith. In 1968, she was an opponent of the Viet Nam war working for Sen. Robert Kenderly's presidential earmpaign.
"It was a rough way to get into politics," she said of the campaign which ended with Kennedy's assassination.
"You had two options — to drop out or to work for the test Candidate." She opted to work for Thieter Humphrey although she said its stand on the standard of the campaign which is the said of the campaign which ended with Kennedy's assassination.

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vern's forces to work against Richard Nixon's bid for the White House. She

said she feared voters wouldn't realize that Nixon participated in Joseph McCarty's hearings in the House Com-mittee on Un-American Activities in the early '50's.

INSTEAD of facing a victory, she witnessed the Democratic Convention in Chicago and a Nixon victory. "Chicago was anathema to every-body," she said.

In 1976, she said the convention as a charge that solvention the said.

In 1976, she sat out the convention as an observer but returned this year out of disenchantment with President Jimmy Carter's policies. Her local political involvement goes back to 1936 when she moved to the area from northwest Detroit. She was a member of the first homeowners group in the area, an association of different subdivisions. Eventually she moved to join the now defunct Farmington Citizens for Better Human Relations which was rechristened "New Farmington" at the inception of New Detroit. She was active in the Archdiocese of Detroit, participating in monitoring, tu-

Detroit, participating in monitoring, tu-toring and the metropolitan staff. "I've always tried to educate people

as to the changing world. I've kept at it because it was the way I was brought

up," Ms. Smith said.
Her mother was active in their home
town of Grand Rapids as a member of
the PTA, guilds and participating in gubernatorial races.
"We were always taught you have to
give something. You can't be a taker,"
she said.

"I KNOW I'm an idealist," she said.
"I much rather look at the sky than

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Her idealism led to her nickname as
"the Floater" during her years at Aquimass College in Grand Rapids.

"The honest truth is that I guess I always was on the tringes of politics. I
was interested in the issues surround
ing human right gasined the knowledge
that you don't really move anything except in the political mainstream."
Between 1974-78, she was a member
of the Farmington Hills City Council, a
post which she doesn't see herself resuming.

"But I haven't abdicated my responsibilities. I care about the city and my
for everyone in the community. I want
to be active, not apathetic."

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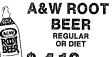




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