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## Tupper, Richardson, Hartsock Win Farmington Council Seats

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William Hartsock, 23, became the youngest man ever elected to the Farmington City Council, joining veterans Richard Tupper and Dr. John Richardson for the three open seats Monday.

The turnout was light, with about 24 per cent of the 6,500 registered voters going to the polls.

A proposition on the ballot, to renew the electricity franchise of Detroit Edison Co., passed easily, 1,162 to 185.

Tupper, a Farmington native, led the field with 1,008 votes followed by Mayor pro tem Richardson with 964.

Hartsock pulled a surprising 902 votes, some 314 ahead of fourth-running August Barbrick, who received 588. Willbur Purdy ran well behind Barbrick with 370 votes, leading only in his home precinct.

College student John McElroy pulled 296, and William Garden, who announced his withdrawal shortly before the election, received 147.

Tupper, Richardson and Hartsock finished 1-2-3 in most precincts, with Hartsock leading in Precinct 3 where he said he campaigned door-to-door in Bel-Aire Subdivision.

"I have a lot of friends here," he said following news of his victory. He credited his success to a well-organized campaign and "a lot of help" including people willing to pass out campaign literature all day at the polls - the only candidate to do so.

"Now I'd like to get to work on the council," he said. The campaign was marked with more than the usual amount of activity for Farmington's sedate, political pace.

Both Purdy and Hartsock took to the streets and knocked on doors, while the incumbents depended more on their past records and did less active campaigning.

Campaign signs became an issue early, with Purdy com-

plaining many of his were torn down and Hartsock posting his signs of allegiances on his supporters' front lawns.

Since campaign signs have not been widely used in Farmington campaigns before, the council is expected to review their use under the sign ordinance after the election.

Several of the contenders went into the campaign with political experience. Hartsock ran two years ago, and finished just behind John Courville, but still two places out of the winning.

Barbrick ran unsuccessfully against ex-mayor Willbur Brotherton for Oakland County commissioner when

the county seats were re-districted.

Garden, whose name was on the ballot, chose to withdraw during the closing days of the election, saying he did not have enough time to serve in the office.

Garden, an ex-Farmington policeman and owner-manager of the Stein Hausler, said he expects to devote some time to working on downtown development.

Richardson ended up campaigning until the election, making several appearances before civic groups.



WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK



JOHN RICHARDSON



RICHARD TUPPER

## Center's Christmas Concert Promises Pleasant Evening

Max Davey hopes to become something of an institution in Farmington.

A special benefit concert Dec. 7 at Ford Auditorium is aimed at raising \$10,000 for the Farmington Community Center.

The center, held the day before Davey's annual "Night To Remember" is expected to grow into a Christmas season social event for the Farmington Community.

"We are hoping a lot of groups - subdivisions, clubs, etc., will buy blocks of tickets and go as a group," Robert Amori, Community Center board chairman, said.

Aside from the community center would be able to furnish buses for these groups if they planned far enough in advance.

"It would be a great evening," Davey said.

Aside from Max Davey's Singers, the concert features guest star Calvin Marsh, who will also perform in "Rigoletto" with Detroit's Overture to Opera this fall.

"We will be the 21st concert by the Max Davey Sing-

ers since 1964. Performances are presented each year in December and April.

Organized in 1962 as a non-profit organization, the singers assist various missionary societies with funds raised from concert series.

A group of Farmington people concerned with the finances of the center met last week to organize this latest fund-raising effort.

General chairman is Mrs. Harry Stutz. Richard Prior and Mrs. Paul Braunstein are handling publicity; Mrs. Ewald

Dolibois and Mrs. Will Schwehr are working on tickets.

William Flattery is concentrating on the business community; Robert Douglas on churches and William Conroy on civic contacts.

Richard Sabatini and Mrs. Robert Orans are working on the program.

With their combined efforts, they hope to make the concert a success.

The main reason for the fund-raising is expenses incurred last year for renovations and changes demanded

in the center because of the increased activity, Amori said.

"New rugs, wiring, a parking lot expansion - they were needed because we were so successful," Amori said.

The center is aiming at a \$135,000 budget this year. Approximately \$20,000 was raised during a fund drive this spring.



BOB AMORI, chairman of the board of the Farmington Community Center, confers with Max Davey on plans for the benefit concert for the center. (Evert photo)

## Candice Mikula Killed In Expressway Crash

Two Livonia School District teachers were killed Sunday in an auto accident on I-96 near Howell.

Killed were Miss Candice L. Mikula, 22, an English teacher at Riley Junior High, and Miss Connie K. Shaw, 21, a student teacher in a second grade class at Coolidge Elementary School.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday for Miss Mikula and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday for Miss Shaw. Services for Miss Shaw will be at the McCabe Funeral Home, Grand River two blocks west of Southfield.

Miss Mikula is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mikula of Farmington. Mrs. Mikula is a teacher in Livonia's Holmes Junior High School.

Miss Shaw is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shaw of Detroit.

State Police said the accident occurred about 7 p.m. Sunday when a car driven by Miss Mikula swerved to avoid a deer standing in the roadway. State police said the car hit the median rail, then rolled over. Both were dead on arrival at a hospital.

## Mark Sitts Is Honored

Mark Sitts, former chairman of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, was honored recently by the Farmington Hills City Council.

The council sent a plaque in recognition of 25 years of

service to Sitts, who is now living in Alsop Junction, Ariz.

Sitts was also given similar recognition by the Farmington City Council a month earlier.

An agreement in principle to merge Observer Newspapers Inc. and Synercom Communications Corp. was announced today by the respective corporate heads, Phillip H. Power and Henry M. Hogan Jr.

The new company will be called Suburban Communications Inc.

The agreement is subject to approval of the boards of directors and shareholders of both companies.

SUBURBAN COMMUNICATIONS will have four operating divisions: DETROIT - which will consist of the seven Observer newspapers, headquartered in Livonia and with a total circulation of 108,000; the five Eccentric newspapers, headquartered in Birmingham and with a total circulation of 60,000; and Averill Press, a commercial printing firm.

The division will publish newspapers with mastheads of Rochester, Troy, Birmingham - Bloomfield, West Farmington, Southfield and Oakland County; Redford Township, Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City and Westland in Wayne County.

EAST LANSING - which will consist of four weekly newspapers: East Lansing Towne Courier, Meridian Towne Courier, Williamston Enterprise and the Enterprise Shopping Guide, with a combined circulation of 22,000.

CINCINNATI - which will consist of four weekly newspapers: Western Hills Press, Price Hill News, News Express and Valley North Press, with a combined cir-

ulation of 110,000 west and northwest of the city, and a job printing company.

INSTRUCTIONAL FAIR, an educational publishing company headquartered in Grand Rapids.

The two principals will be co-publishers.

Hogan, 40, of Bloomfield Hills, was a state representative from 1961-64 and became publisher of the Eccentric newspapers in 1965. He is president - elect of the Michigan Press Assn., a director of Suburban Newspapers of America and a former director of National Newspaper Assn.

Power, 35, of Ann Arbor, has been an editor in Fairbanks, Alaska, a foreign cor-

respondent, administrative assistant to a congressman, and since 1966 owner and publisher of Observer Newspapers. He is president of the Michigan Foundation for the Arts and a director of the Foreign Policy Assn. and Suburban Newspapers of America.

Power and Hogan said the merger will bring three main benefits: an improved team management approach in a new industry that has had phenomenal growth, an overall marketing strategy in high income, high growth suburban markets, and more efficient use of such capital facilities as automated printing and typesetting equipment.



PHILIP H. POWER



HENRY M. HOGAN JR.

## Signs Cause Council Split

The new sign ordinance passed last spring by the Farmington City Council ran into a few tests Monday.

The council denied a request for a variance coming from Alger F. Quast Realtors, who wanted to modify existing free-standing sign in the central business district.

The council took the hard position almost by default, with a 2-2 split preventing the passage of the variance.

Councilman John Allen and Mayor Ralph Yoder favored allowing the change. Copy changes are prohibited under the new law for non-conforming signs.

Yoder and Allen were partly swayed by the argument that the Quast sign shared a pole with several other businesses at the same address, and eliminating it would leave the others on the pole.

A second request from Standard Construction Co. was also trimmed, when the company asked for a permit for a second, temporary sign advertising its new condominiums.

A short-term permit was granted, with the agreement the company would seek a new location for a single advertising sign.

In other business, the council: Authorized the administration to check into the purchase of a 500 square foot parcel of land in the parking lot of the downtown shopping center. Adopted the Detroit Plumbing Code for the city.



NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH will be the site of a University of Michigan gymnastic Show and Shine on Wednesday, Nov. 7, starting at 7:30 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the North Varsity Club and will feature two former North all-state gymnasts on the U-M team in Rupert Hansen and Joe Neupswander. The latter is seen performing a regular cross on the still rings.

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