

Tupper, Oldtime Farmington Firm, Moves Into New Quarters

FARMINGTON A family long associated with Farmington civic affairs opened a new plant during 1969.

Tupper Associates of 23220 Industrial Park Dr. in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park moved into a 7,000 square feet plant in December. The firm distributes architectural hardware and hollow metal doors and frames to construction projects throughout Michigan and in many parts of the nation.

THE PRESIDENT is Bayard Tupper, who served 10 years on the Farmington Board of Education besides operating a business in Farmington Township.

He operated a lumber and hardware company beginning in 1936. Tupper and his son Richard assumed full ownership in 1961 of the business on Orchard Lake Rd. They sold the lumber business in April of last year to devote full time to an expanding distributorship of architectural hardware.

Richard Tupper is following his father in service to the community. He is a member of the city planning commission, was active in the series of boundary election campaigns and has contributed much effort to downtown redevelopment.

The younger Tupper said Tupper associates is becoming "more diversified practically everyday."

Besides supplying the hardware for such construction projects

as the new Burroughs building in downtown Detroit, which will be the largest building in the city, the firm distributes tempered glass doors, fire doors, institutional bath accessories and Sargent locks.

Tupper Associates has over 25 major suppliers, including United Steel Fabricators, U.S. Plywood and Life Time Door Co.

F'ton Office Supply Business Up 6th Year

FARMINGTON For the sixth year in a row, the Farmington Office & Paper Supply Co. Inc. has shown sales increases over all previous years.

Robert Chapa, president of the firm, explains that the many services his firm is able to render over competition is the reason behind the successful record.

SOME OF HIS services are: a complete office machine service department offering contract work for calculators, adding machines and typewriters for all makes and models; printing; office furniture; safes and fire files.

The firm has exclusive franchises in Farmington for such equipment as Adlex typewriters, Remington business machines and Victor calculating equipment.

Chapa claims that even with

THE NEW PLANT has 3,000 square feet of office space and 4,000 square feet of warehouse space. Fourteen persons are employed by the company.

Projects in the Farmington area in which Tupper Associates has been involved include the Oakhill Nursing Home, the Livonia City Hall and Oakland County jails.

additional competition in the area, his firm is still No. 1. He attributes this fact to his firm's ability to outperform all others.

This year he plans to expand his operation again by adding new products and services.

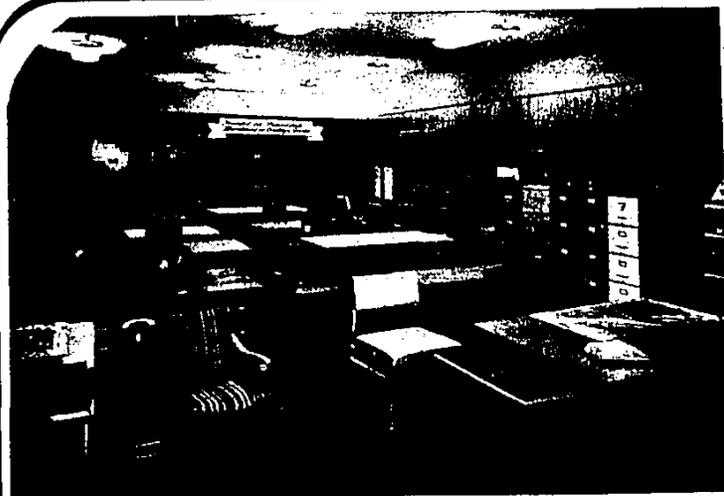
WHY DID CHAPA locate his business in the City of Farmington?

"Because it is a central hub for the outlying communities," Chapa answers, "and I can service the old city and the new influx of business moving into the area."

"I have great faith in our community and hope that the government leaders can merge our consolidation issue into a fair and lasting decision so that the community can get on the move again."



OPENING DOOR to their new plant in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park are (from left) Bayard and Richard Tupper. The Tupper and Associates building was officially in business at the Farmington site on Jan. 30, 1970. It is a distributor for builders hardware supplies.



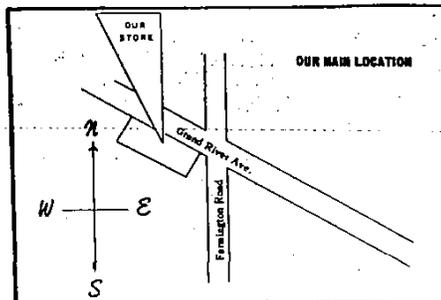
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