Councilman announces retirement

ported the present council make up, persons close to him say he is frustrated with the ever-growing power of the conservative faction.

Unlike previous years, he has been unable to form any sort of coalition to fight the

fight the majority or to form his own majority to pass issues.

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on the other side of the fence, behind a guard with a machine gun in a tower,"

His father had been successful in the farm realty business prior to intern-

Voters to decide on EMS

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"The council should look ahead to the future." said Alkateeb, who sponsored the motion.

He felt in years to come the service would cost more than the initial one mill.

"The wording of the proposition should provide for covering of additional costs," he said.

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THE LONGEST-SERVING member of the council, Opperthauser paid tribute to many of his former colleagues, including Robert McConnell, Fred Lichtman and Keith Deacon — all

Hughes is considered to be of that

Hight the majority or to form his own majority to pass issues.

"It's not an easy decision, but I thin the thin the tod oit. I hope the council will continue on in the manner council will continue on in the manner."

city has grown but still retained a semi-rural atmosphere.
"We have the lowest tax rate for any city, our size in the state of Michigan," he said.

Much of the credit for a low taxes. he said was due to a system of paid volun-teers for the fire department. Opper-thauser has been one of the most vocal supporters of the volunteer system throughout the years.

ment. In camp, he earned \$12 a month performing menial chores.
"They lost most of their possessions, their jobs and their earning power for four years," he said.
Testimony from survivors, Army personnel, former Justice Department officials, legislators and civil rights activists is expected during the hearings. "It's a tough issue, similar to rape," said Ronald Regiari, JACL representative in Washington, D.C. "The internees were victims of a crime, but not the perpetrators. After 40 years, the social and psychological content of the period of

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After making his announcement, several council members praised him for his service to the community.

"I've always respected his profes-sionalism," said Councilman Jack Burwell. "Whenever he says some-thing, we all listen."

roughout the years.

During his 18 years on the council,
"Our volunteer fire department is Opperthauser served as mayor twice.

"Until you lose your freedom, you don't know what it's worth."

LOBRYING EFFORTS by the JACL led to the creation of a presidential commission by President Carter on July 31 of last year. Serving on the commission are a former ambassador, four former congressmen, a judge, a doctor and two priests. The commission will probe the constitutionality of interning Japanese Americans in the absence of martial law. The JACL is asking for a public apology and a form of monetary redress for the victims of America's concentration camps.

The commission will draft its report to be submitted with recommendations to Congress in February 1982.

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