

# Tupper Named To Council; Ralph Yoder Elected Mayor



RICHARD TUPPER

Richard L. Tupper was appointed to the Farmington City Council Monday, replacing Wilbur Brotherton, recently elected to the Oakland County Commission. The first action taken by the new council was to elect Ralph Yoder mayor and John Richardson mayor pro-tem.

He is a member of the city planning commission, has worked on the Downtown Redevelopment Committee and Farmington Founders Festival, and was vice chairman of the Future Farmington Area Study Committee.

Accepting the post, Tupper said, "I am honored by this chance to help the community. I am willing to work on any

committees you want to appoint me to." He was sworn in immediately.

Yoder, now mayor of the town where he grew up, said, "This is quite an honor for me." Manager of a trucking firm, and now in his third term on the Farmington Council, Yoder has devoted a lifetime to civic activities in Farmington.

Dr. Richardson, ending his first term on the council, has earned the reputation of being a thoughtful, and easily the most articulate member of the council.

A veterinarian, he has lived in Farmington more than 12 years, is a member of the Exchange Club, and has chaired numerous community projects since 1964.



RALPH YODER



### Puppet Show

A PUPPET LORE presentation will be made by Mildred Berry beginning Jan. 24 in the Farmington Community Center. The 10 lesson series

will include puppet construction, play production, costuming and dialogue.

## City Sticks Federal Money Under Mattress

The Farmington City Council sited a bit of its shared federal funds away under the mattress, as it authorized spending \$12,500 on new equipment for the DPW.

The first check from the federal government was \$42,540 - which left \$30,000 to

be accounted for in next year's (1973-74) budget.

THE COUNCIL approved the purchase of a new gasoline storage tank, a wood chipper machine and a four-wheel drive vehicle to plow snow.

The council also discussed purchasing a leaf vacuum

"strong enough to suck up dogs, cats and everything," but decided it would be too expensive to maintain.

A report from City Manager Robert Deadman indicated some federal grants, particularly the emergency employment program, were

due to expire soon, and indicated the federal money might go to sustain those salaries.

He also mentioned a grant for a traffic safety program due to expire, as well as anticipated salary increases for city employees.

## Harrison's The Forum For Charter

The public debut of the proposed charter for the City of Farmington Hills is Thursday, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. in the North Farmington High auditorium.

Complete text of the 63-page document is now available in the Township Hall.

The North Farmington hearing is the first of three, to be followed by one Tuesday, Jan. 23 and another Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Harrison High.

The hearings are expected to test public sentiment for the proposed charter, which will be put to a vote May 8.

WHILE MANY sections of the document are "standard charter" lifted intact from other cities, some were written by the charter commission with the local scene in mind.

"Our community derives from a semi-rural tradition," reads part of the preamble.

"Our residents sought and wish to maintain this tradition within a community which recognizes that the old can exist and thrive with the new.

"Home rule and government need not mean urban life and urban strife. Commerce and industry can be part of a tranquil suburb, and each, in concert with our citizens, can contribute to the quality of community life which we all seek."

THE CHARTER defines a city with a city manager and a non-partisan seven-man council, elected at large.

Petitions for the first council are due March 20. No primary will be held, and the highest vote-getters will get the longest of the staggered terms.

A council election will be held the same day as the charter vote.

The organization of the new city would create three departments: finance, public safety and administrative, with the possibility of planning and special services added later.

Public safety is broken down in three divisions: police, fire and rescue.

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A Farmington doctor performed the first kidney transplant at Detroit's Mt. Carmel hospital recently. For a story of the operation and the patient, see:

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#### New Development

The first developer to try a planned residential development in Farmington Township has all "green lights" so far from the township board. For an outline of the project, turn to:

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#### No Contest

Usually, a political party reorganizes with much sound and fury. But when Kathy Moran covered the 17th Congressional District Democrats, she found things almost dull - and suburban members happy with their strength on the executive board.

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#### A Noisy Ghost

That's what "poltergeist" means. One haunted a young lady in Observerland recently, but it was a mild case as these things go, and it now seems to be over.

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#### Extra Production

The Livonia-Redford Theater Guild is staging an extra production this year. A comedy, it can be seen Friday or Sunday evening. Better get your reservations in now.

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### William Paterson Hangs Up Hat

## A Compulsive Fire-Eater Retires

By STEVE BARNABY

The scream of the siren and call to emergency that stirs fire and crime fighters have been in the veins of William Paterson, 65, of Farmington, for more than 40 years.

Try as he might to get away from the profession that has threatened his life numerous times, Paterson never could resist the urge to go back and try again.

THE RECENTLY retired fire chief of the Farmington Township fire department has served as a deputy sheriff in two counties, a police officer in Traverse City and Royal Oak and as

chief of security at General Motors for 30 years.

"Every kid wants to be a fireman and a policeman. It's something that gets in your system and never leaves," said Paterson.

Starting out as an employee of a vending machine company, he fell into his first law enforcement job in Traverse City. After a close call from an explosion, he decided to come back to Detroit and play it safe in the vending machine business.

It wasn't long before he got the itch again, finally winding up at GM.

IN A MATTER of three years he

worked his way from a patrolman to chief of security. After 30 years of encounters with explosions and fires in the Cadillac Fleetwood Plant, he decided to take an early retirement at 62.

He was retired for 1½ months when the bug bit him again.

While watching a training session of the Farmington Township Fire Dept., he was talked into lending his knowledge.

"I don't intend to be here forever," he told the chief. Three years later he retired as chief of station No. two.

This week Paterson will be moving to Florida to retire. For his sake it had better be a long way from a fire station.



WILLIAM PATERSON