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# It's Our Opinion:

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### The Oualified Electors . . .

of the Farmington Public School District are present by engaged in the difficult task of deciding which candidate to vote for in the coming School Board Election, June 11. For the consciencious individual this is no invested to each of the consciencious.

candidate to vote for in the coming School Board Election, June 11. For the consciencious individual this is an important responsibility and one that can not be taken too lightly.

Unfortunately, factors are being injected into this campaign which, in our opinion, have little to do with the actual ability and qualifications of the individual candidates. It is not our intention at this point to attempt to influence any qualified elector on how to vote. We do intend, within the next week, to bring as much factual information as possible to the public regarding the various candidates. With this assistance, we are confident that the electors can and will make a sound decision.

However, we think it is especially important that the individual candidate's qualifications and basic principles be clearly understood. Throwing smoke screens in the paths of the voters only leads to confusion and bitterness and denies the electors their just right to make an intelligent decision. If ever there is a time for honesty and fair play it is during an election campaign. The very foundation of our democracy depends on it.

Out of respect to the voters and in the best interests of the entire community, we sincerely hope that a code of conduct will be maintained which will allow the individual elector, an opportunity to make, his decision on the basis of merit and with confidence and conviction.

### An Important Step . . .

in behalf of the future well-being of the entire community was taken by the Township Board last week when it authorized the hiring of a fourth police

officer.

It is a recognized fact that as the Township grows more and more police protection is required. While the services of the State Police and Oakland County Sheriff's Office are available, they too are limited in personnel. Thus if adequate, close-in protection is to be provided, it must originate at the local level. It is probably impossible, both from an administration and financial standpoint, to obtain all of the protection necessary at any given time. However, the Board is moving in the right direction.

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The important thing is not just the hiring of an additional officer, but rather the expansion of an existing police force. Through the building of a department, greater efficiency and improved services can be provided. Under the new organization, vacation and swing-shift schedules can be adjusted more easily, officers can work in pairs more readily, and increased patrolling can be accomplished more efficiently. In addition to this, greater use can be made of the equipment and facilities which have been bought and paid for out of Township funds.

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The hiring of an additional officer may also lead to the realization of another service which has long been demanded in the Township... namely the handing of dogs. Whether this problem can be taken care of by the Police Department is a matter of policy and administration, but we believe every effort should be made to furnish the service even if only on a partial basis. It would do much to satisfy a recognized pub-

## The Optimistic Outlook . . .

cited by Henry Ford II at the First Annual Stockholders Meeting of the Ford Motor Company last week is in sharp contrast to the haze of doom and gloom that is being promoted in many quarters across this nation of ours.

this nation of ours.

Some may say that Ford has an ulterior motive in his outlook, which is undoubtedly true. His motive is to re-sell the American people on the idea that imgenuity, resourcefulness and hard work can spell prosperity even in our complicated society. There will always be ups and downs in our economy, and want have to meet them objectively whenever they we must have to meet them objectively whenever they appear, but to throw up our hands in despair at every reversal is just another way of burying our heads in the sand.

Too often we become side-tracked by the hangers of the erepe. It is refreshing to hear an optimist for a change.





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