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# In Our Opinion . . . .

### Let's Show Equal Interest After the Election

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It has always amazed us to see how important it seems to be to politicians to get all find alleged bads and goods of a community's governmental operations aired publicly just two or three weeks before an election.

Those seeking to unseat incumbents and their supporters will go to great lengths to dig up long since past issues or anything lat all they can find to try to make the candidates who are in office look as bad las they can in the public's contract the incumbents also go to great lengths to paint their opponents as prefty incompetent and poor people to hold public office.

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Many of the statements made in these stories and, letters are so libelous that we would think the writers would be fearful of even putting them down on paper, let alone submitting them to a newspaper for publication. They don't get published by us because, whether most people know it or hot, a newspaper can be held equally as libelous as the writer of a letter or one submitting a story, for putting something in his paper that can not be backed up with facts.

But, my, how the situation seems to change after the election is over and the candidates favored by the majority of voters are in office. Interest in bringing to light alleged poor governmental operations or in challenging the actions of the elected officials by the defeated candidates and their supporters dips to a low ebb.

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an election date drawing near, often times show great reluctance about making statements to the press clearly spelling statements to the press clearly spelling the property of the property o

tween elections when there is ample time for study of them rather than bringing them all out right before an election when there is not enough time for a thorough pro and con study.



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# **Decisions at Local Level Often Best**

One thing that has always been of concern to us has been the apparent feeling of mecessity demonstrated by our local governing officials to always tolow the wishes and recommendations of the state lightway department and/or county road commission on road mat-

county road commission on road matters.

The Enterprise recognizes the fact that on many road matters the county or state has almost absolute jurisdiction and it must be accepted. We know too that there are well qualified men in road matters at the county and state governmental levels and that their recommendations and suggestion should be considered carefully.

We still feel, however, that on at least some occasions our local officials have not challeriged enough or folight hard enough for what they felt to be right and best, for the local citizenry on road problems and other matters too, but rather accepted, the recommendations and actions of state, and county officials without question.

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It was pleasing to us, therefore, to see the City Council last week override the state's contention that there is no need for a traffic light at the Grand River-Power Road intersection and de-

cided to "go it alone" with the installation of one there.

Too many traffic lights along any major route of travel are equally as annoying to us as they are to any other motorists. But, we feel as the councilmen and public safety director for the city do, that a break in the traffic flow on Grand River at about this point warnats a light.

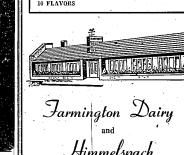
Our city and township officials aften times have a better grap of what local traffic problems and other local problems are than do state and country officials who only do spot checking now and then. The Enterprise would like to see our local city and township-officials continue to override county and state officials on occasion and take issue with them, not only on road matters, but also on other local problems that might crop up from time to time whenever they are strongly convinced that their positions on the matters of concern are sound ones.

Strength at the local level of govern ment is what we need a lot more of, rather than always turning to the higherups in county, state and national offices to get the answers.



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