## Real Interest in Coming Elections Needed

**EDITORIALS** 

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Between now and the first part of April voters of both Farmington Township and the City of Farmington will have the job of deciding who they want to guide their rapidly growing and ever changing community affairs.

Township voters will first go to the polls in min-February to nominate candidates to run on the ticket of the party of their choice and then again a little over a moith later to actually select candidates. Since city offices are non-partisan, City of Farmington voters will go to the jebolis in April only to decide on City Council candidates and a proposition proposed to raise councilmen's

sition proposed to raise councilmen's pay.

Between now and election time we will try to gather and present as much information as we can about the candidates and proposals to be voted upon. As the only legitimate newspaper covering Farmington City and Township affairs, we likave an obligation to inform the citizenty on these matters to the best of our ability. If we have any good reason to believe that any candidate is not qualified to hold the office he or set will be seeking we will make this fact known to our readers.

But, what we put down in print about the candidates and their feelings with regard tol key community matters or about any proposals to be decided on, should not be enough for the really in-

terested citizen. You should make every effort you possibly can to do a little bit of digging for yourself.

We sincerely hope that some group or groups will step forward to arrange for public programs where candidates can be heard directly on key community issues and be subject to direct questions from the citizeury on matters they wish to know candidates! feelings on.

These should be community-wide programs rather than programs restricted to residents of this subdivision or that, in our opinion. There should also hore than one such program and on different days of the week so that no citizen who really cares will not have an opportunity to hear the candidates' views.

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Far too many communities today are being run by officials who have themselves and their own personal interests more at heart than the interests of the community's citizenty as a whole. It is a situation that has developed for only one really good reason and that is because of a lack of interest and concern on the part of the people.

Over the past few years we have witnessed an increasing lack of interest on the part of local citizens' groups in community affairs, Unless this trend is reversed in the years ahead the doors will be open here also for government by "special interest factions." Let's not let it happen.

### Exchange Club Dist. Governor Reappointed

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Elbert W. Wilmöt, of Pontiac, has been reappointed district governor of all Exchange clubs in the Michigan District 20 of The National Exchange to the National Exchange to the National Exchange to the National Exchange Clubs in the Second Control of Parmington, will be among the Seven clubs in his district. As district governor, Mr. Wilmot will maintain contact between the Exchange Clubs in his area and the National headquarters here. He will make periodic visits to the clubs, informing them of national preduces and policy plans and Mr. A. PASE, president of HE 18 A. PASE, president of

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# have to is questionable, however. Costs of living vary greatly in different areas of the state and we think that any minimum wage legislation adopted should take this fact into account.

Should A Minimum Wage Law Be Universal?

State of Michigan is again in the air and the establishment of the same now has the official endorsement of our newly elected governor, George Romney. There is no question in our mind that we should not have strong and enforceable legislation to protect working people of all classes and in all lines of work from being exploited by unjust employers. But, we cannot help but question whether a universal minimum wage for all areas of the state is not going to work some real hardships in some lines of work and for some areas of the state is not going to work some real hardships in some lines of work and for some areas of the state.

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The proposed minimum wage of \$1.15 per hour, for just about any type of work in this area of the state or other metropolitan type areas in Michgean is not at all tgo high. Even a young high school girl working part-time as a clerk in a store deserves this kind of an hourly rate in this area, in our opinion.

Whether or not a store owner in a rather 350 aloted rural community some distance removed from any metropolitan area can afford to pay a wage of \$1.15 per hour for this same clerk or should

take this fact into account.

In some distant northern communities we have heard about houses in pretty good shape and with two or three bedrooms selling for as little as \$1,000 or less or renting for as low as \$30.00 per month. The need for a car is almost nel because every home is within walking distance of town and the amounts required for clothing is exceptionally low since the dress of nearly all in town is year, commonlace.

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Under these circumstances and in this type of community should employers be required to pay the same minimum wage for workers as those employing workers in the Detroit area? We question whether they should.

In some sections of the state \$50 will go a lot further than it will in some other sections and we think this fact should be taken into account very seriously before firm wage "floors" for the whole state are established.

