EDITORIALS

THE FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE

Our Opinions on the Proposals, Candidates

This coming Monday, April 1, voters of both the City and Township will have exceptionally good reasons for getting out to the polls. Yet, we have some pretty sound basis for predicting a turnout of under 50 percent. There are there important propositions to the decided and we are urging that all them he approved.

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BOTH CITY AND TOWNSHIP voters, along with other state voters, will be deciding whether we stay with the old or adopt a new state constitution. Although there are a few parts of the new constitution that we are not 100 percent in accord with, we feel that for the most part it is a far superior document to what we now have.

Township voters will be asked to approve a 50c per \$1,000 (equalized valuation) tax levy to provide a proportionate amount of funds with the city to get a year-around recreation program going in the community. In our opinion such is badly needed and were sure that the police and most school authorities as well as others working with youngsters locally are ein accord with us on this Adults in the community need some supervised local leisure-time activities to horticipate in also. It will cost most homeowners less than \$5 a year.

City voters will be asked to approve an increase in annual pay for councilment \$500 a year A sum of \$2,500 a year is very little to pay to be sure of having the best possible men we can get to make important decisions for the city.

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Unfortunately, the Township contest is along partisan lines and this makes it difficult for some, because of their party affiliations, to decide on candidates strictly on the basis of their own individual merits for the offices they seek. Remember, there is nothing wrong with voting a split ticket and we urge that you do if there is any candidate on the other party's ticket that you feel is better qualified than the candidate on the ticket of your preferred party. For supervisor we have a re-match of the contest of two years ago between GOP incumbent Curt Hall and Democratic party leader Harold Shpiece. While we are not in total agreement with Supervisor Hall on many things we feel he has and can continue to do a good job as Township head. Shpiece has some good qualities too but his strong party-line activities and attitudes would be a disadvantage in this position, in our opinion.

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Incumbent Mrs. Elise Avery will be pitted against Mrs. Marie Mutschall for treasurer and we lean in favor of Mrs. Avery. Neither seems to have a whole lot of really strong background experience for this important money handling job but Mrs. Mutschall may have a slight edge here. Ours is a very personal reason for favoring Mrs. Avery and that is that we feel anyone with four young children such as Mrs. Mutschall cannot devote full time to the township treasurer's job.

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THE FOUR TRUSTEE candidates all shave some good qualifications and we feel you should weigh those of each of them carefully, trying to forget party affiliation.

Incumbent Art Bassette does not demonstrate some of the strong personal convictions we like to see in any political office holder and we've had the feeling at times that he goes with the majority's thinking too readily. Yet it has also seemed that he studies things over that he must decide on pretty well and serves as a check against hasty decision by the Board.

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Walter as we would like to but looking at his record of activities before moving here and since coming if Farmington 24 years ago it appears that he is an active community worker. He lasto has a good educational background.

While Harty Zuchlinski has lived here ten years we know nothing about him. To the best of our knowledge he has not been exceptionally active in community affairs.

WELL LET YOU DECIDE on whom you want for justice of peace, a position that's going to be abolished anyway if the new state constitution gets approved. Robert Nelson and Gerald Freedman are both qualified attorneys and that's much more than most townships can say for their justice of the peace candidates. In the City of Farmington Council race, selecting the best hree will be no easy task since all the candidates have some good qualifications. They can be selected on their own merits also since there is no partisan pullities to be concerned with to cloud things up.

Incumbent Howard Thayer has demonstrated to us that he has a real interest in the city's affairs and will continue to devote a substantial amount of his time and energies to coincil work if relected. He has personal convictions and does not always "follow the crowd." This is a quality we like.

Councilman Henry
Forrest, it is the he has made some good proposals for community beterment and has worked hard for the brograms he favors. Qur one big critticism of Forrest is that he has an interest injent only his done a commendable job as a councilman. The jeact that he is much too quick to publicly ridicule people or proposed programs and sometimes, we feel, before he has all the facts.

HUGO PETERSON, also seeking relection, has done a good job on the Council and has shown that he has an interest injent only may only the problems but also in the smaller problems called to his attention by individual citizens. At times he has not shown as much forcatuness as we like to see but still we feel in an overall consideration that he has another) plus qualification.

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community matters and some have been critical of him for it but perhaps this is the kind of man we need on the Council to fire-up redevelopment and economic improvements.

Ralph Yoder is a native Farmingtonite and has shown interest in community affairs and the city government for as long as we can remember. A member of the city planning commission and a real City jof Farmington booster, he is in attendance at neatily every Council meeting. Yoder has a real grasp of what the city's makeup and problems are and also what limitations exist.

BOB "DUTCH" SCHULTE, like Yoder, is a native of Farmington and the Schulte name is well known to most older residents of the community. We feel that Schulte is quite well abreast of what conditions in Farmington are and has some feelings on what needs to be done to make it a better community. He has not provided the control of th

PUBLIC LETTER BOX

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