### Prescription for a Township

If you are looking for a platitudinous reminder that November 8 is voting day and every good citizen is urged to exercise his franchise, this week's editorial is not for you. The apathy in this campaign is too appalling, Only 35 people turned out to hear the candidates of both parties when they were presented by the League of Women Voters at Clarenceville High School.

Then, too, you may have noticed a striking similarity in names between a local candidate for trustee and that of the Enterprise editor. We must admit that we are related by marriage (ours to each other).

that we are related by marriage (ours to each other). With this in mind, those who are quite satisfied with the status quo need not read any further. Only the brave or the foolish will proceed beyond the asterisks.

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Admittedly, editorship is frequently uncomfortable, and it was a temptation to completely ignore the subject of local politics. A paragraph read during he course of the week, however, leapt out of the page with startling clarity and, since a newspaper's function is to act as the conscience of the community, the issue was forced.

These were the words: "One of the most insidious maladles of our time (is) the tendency of most of us to observe rather than act, avoid rather than participate; the tendency to give in to the sty negative voices that constantly counsel us to be careful, to be wary in our approach to this complicated thing called living." So I emerge from behind he mask of the editorial "we" and explain what has led to my current point of view.

When our family completed a home in Farmington Township in 1983, my husband and I were delighted with the prospect of being part of a community with such a grass roots type of government after leaving the teeming city where participalion must be minimal. He attended meeting after meeting of the Township Board and gradually became aware that very few cilizens shared his enthusiasm for seeing their governing body lat work unless there was a particular issue affecting their own interests.

What is more, on a few occasions when he ventured to ask a question or

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proffer a tentative suggestion, he was coldly rebuffed by the incumbent officials. They even went so far, (remember that these are public meetings) as to require anyone who wished to speak to sign in before the call to order. Another aspect of the Board Meetings disturbed him mightily and continues to bother both of us. The Board never reached anything but a "unanimous decision." This could only mean that either the public meeting was farce and all of the problems had been smoothed out in "executive sessions" or else there was a serious lack of individual leadership among the elected officials.

Subsequently when we had opportunities to visit other official bodies in the community such as the Board of Education and the City Council, we found refreshing areas of healthy diagreement and were relieved that a least the rest of the community was not afflicted with this malaise.

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He gradually became more involved as people do and became the president of the Farmington Council of PTA as well as chairman of the Farmington Democratic Club. When he was awarded the. Largest number of votes for Charter Commissioner last August, this was at least an indication that his vigilance through the years has not gone unappreciated. He is thoroughly conversant with techniques of government. What to me is almost equally important, through all the slings and arrows, he has not lost his sense of humor.

For the reasons outlined above, I feel that the reins of Farmington Township government should be placed in his capable hands and those of his colleagues. Whenever they begin to "gee and haw" simultaneously or fail to listen to the voices of the rest of the wagon train, then it will be time to "throw the bums out" including the husband of —

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# Public Letterbox

The defense attorney called for a recess to present a monexation of land in Farming from Township to the city frankly saserts it wants the area to improve its tax base. It can only improve its tax base and residents a commeration and suitable balance between residential, commercial and light in the reason for the dismissal manifest of a reasonable and suitable balance between residential, commercial and light in the reason for the dismissal manifest and a reasonable and suitable balance between residential, commercial and light in the reason for the dismissal manifest and residents in the area. Can the city be expected to do likewise? I don't be reason for the dismissal manifest and the gave no explanate the prosecutor to determine the description of assault as the prosecutor to determine the prosecutor to determine the prosecutor to determine the description of the distribution of the prosecutor to determine the distribution and the reason for the dismissal and he gave no explanate the termine the description of the prosecutor to determine the pros or more because or unoccanable zoning in the surrounding
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city limits, The city of Livonia, we note, is presently
considering an income tax.
Concerned Resident

To the Editor

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\*\*Postscript\*\*

On Annexation

In this space on September 14 there appeared an editorial outlining the details of the matter of annexation which will come before the voters of the City and the affected areas on November 8. Since the editorial was a comprehensive pee, a short P.S. at this time must will come before the voters of the City and the affected areas on November 8. Since the editorial was a comprehensive pee, a short P.S. at this time must will engender incurable bitterness between two physical areas which, in fringe upon the territory of their Township neighbors until a thorough study can be made of the further of the property of their Township neighbors until a thorough study can be made of the further of the property of their Township neighbors until a thorough study can be made of the further of the property of their Township neighbors until a thorough study can be made of the further of the property of their Township neighbors until a thorough study can be made of the further of the property of their Township neighbors until a thorough study can be made of the further of the property of their Township neighbors until a thorough study can be made of the further of the property of their Township is property of the propert NOVEMBER 8, 1961

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from 1:45 to 7:45 p.m.
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Olive Lathrup, GR. 4-5035, or
Mrs. Marry Leng, GR. 4-5332
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only source of blood there is.
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or someone very close to you
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To the Editor:

During November, for the eighteenth consecutive year, the Catholic bishops of the United States are appealing to help alleviate the minery and destitution of the militors of men, women and children who inhabit the world's vast areas of need and distress.

This annual nationwide appeal is known as the Catholic Bishops' Thanksgiving Clothing Campaign. Your cooperation, so generously given in past years, is once again

demands.

Do your part November 8.

Mary Lenz
21620 Hamilton

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Farmington Friends of the
Library board of trustees met
at the library October 28 to
plan for the annual meeting to
be held Wednesday evening.
November 30 at the library.
At that time members will
vote to fill flour vacancies that
will occur on the board at the
end of the year.
The names that have been
placed in nomination are Mrs.
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and Charles Hebler. Colony
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mention of the price of the services of the
Library will be Ernest E.
Sauter, president of the Famington District Library
Board.

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If that person died you would never forgive yourself, would you?

Well, don't say it can't hape no because it can.

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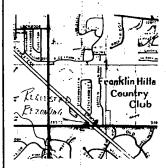
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