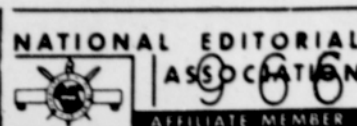


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Well... it's almost all over but the shouting... and that'll come after the votes are counted next Tuesday night. And maybe it won't be all shouting... at least in a couple of local races, namely treasurer and sheriff, the latter being the most closely watched.

It appears that Gladys Caughell is doing the only campaigning between her and opponent Ray Keen... at least in this end of the county, for the Republican treasurer nomination... and she'll no doubt wind up facing incumbent Evelyn Moir in November. The News hasn't heard even one little peep out of Keen... which leaves some doubt as to whether he wants the job or not... or maybe he's just forgotten there is a northern Curry county.

The same holds true with Sheriff's candidate for the GOP bid, Allen Boice. Outside of his first announcement, I haven't seen him back in town. And he knows there's a northern Curry... he used to live here... and besides, the day he stopped by with his announcement of filing he asked if the News was going to publish statements from candidates. I assured him we were... and he said he'd have one for us. But, so far... nothing.

Never could figure why Boice decided to try and oust his former boss anyway... after the sheriff was good enough to put him on the department as second in command in the first place. But I guess second best wasn't good enough for him... at least his quitting in mid-stream would indicate so. Thus go the political battles.

Which brings up another little item... little if you don't stop to think about it. That's the proposed cigarette tax of four cents per pack. Or, 40 cents per carton... roughly a whopping 20 per cent tax to be imposed against the poor souls who already have one foot dragging along the poor health path. The way I see it... such a tax would probably put more smokers close to the grave than the lung cancer scare.

You can also look at it this way: If a tax can be imposed against them that smoke... what's to stop putting a tax against them that drink milk... or Coke... or maybe them that read. But... they say you can't win 'em all. Maybe, though, we can go down fightin' 'em real hard.

I've been surprised at the numerous favorable comments about this feeble attempt at scratching out a column (thus the name)... both from local folks and out of area subscribers. I didn't quite know how to take the other night, however, when young son asked me if I had put his name in the SCRAP pad. Didn't know whether to fight or bunch it, so to speak.

Retain Gauntlett!

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WM. H. 'BILL' GAUNTLETT

Continued ACTION INSTEAD OF PROMISES!
Pd, Pol, Adv. William H. Gauntlett, Gold Beach, Oregon

LETTERS to the Editor

Students Speak Out TO THE EDITOR

This letter is directed to those people who believe that their personal opinions are those of the teen-agers. They're wrong! In a letter in a recent issue of the Reporter, it was said that "If our teen-agers could vote, there would be no question as to who would get their vote". To the authors of that letter, we say, SPEAK FOR YOURSELVES, NOT FOR US.

We don't appreciate a group of people speaking for us, when we are perfectly capable of speaking for ourselves.

We have been in the area long enough to appreciate the fair treatment given us by Sheriff Gauntlett and his staff. And we know that the welfare of the