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## Letters to the Editor

### Support for soil/water district tax base

To the Editor:

Among the issues to be considered by voters at the May 20 election will be the proposed combined tax base for the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District and The Morrow County Weed Control District.

Both of these districts provide vital services to citizens of the county. The value of efforts to conserve the soil and curb water runoff, as well as control of noxious weeds is important not only to those of us living in the county today, but to future generations as well. The few cents per thousand of valuation required to fund the proposed tax base will be a good investment.

Currently these districts are funded by some tax monies and by other

sources which are not always reliable. This problem leaves services from year to year in a tentative state with very little real assurance of whether or not they can continue.

These districts need a finance system that allows them to plan a program of services that can be delivered each year.

The best approach is to approve the tax base on May 20. Let's join the fight to conserve our soil and water resources and protect ourselves from the invasion of noxious weeds with a "yes" vote on this important tax base measure.

Sincerely,  
(s) Matt Doherty  
Rt. 2, Box 38  
Irrigon, Oregon

### Commends Secretary of State

To the Editor:

I would like to publicly commend Secretary of State Barbara Roberts for her determination and hard work to bring Oregon's polling places up to standard. Oregon's handicapped and many elderly citizens will now enjoy the same privilege -- as do other Oregon citizens -- by having access to vote at their designated polling places.

The Secretary of State also announced an "Adopt a Polling Place" program to help in this effort -- Oregonians, can volunteer to join in

this worthwhile project to help make Oregon's polling places accessible to the disabled. Polling place alterations must be completed by August 1, 1986.

I hope Barbara Roberts' efforts will not go un-noticed and Oregonians will again show their support by participating in this worthy project.

Sincerely,  
(s) John Brown  
Executive Director  
Oregon School Employees Asso.

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## Fadeley will push for debates

To the Editor:

Now that I have met my opponent at the Salem City Club several things are very clear:

He has no plan for tax relief. I do, and I outlined it once again at the Salem "debate."

He has no plan to stabilize school finance. I still advocate the plan I outlined last October.

He made no commitment of any kind to utility ratepayers. I pledged three times to appoint a utility commissioner who would not be on the side of the utilities, but on the side of the customers, the side of almost every Oregonian.

The Salem appearance, however, helped the people it should have. I helped the voters. Such an event enables the voter to make an informed choice, and in this case the choice really is a choice.

I will continue to push for debates statewide so that all Oregonians can enter the public discussion in the Governor's race. There is a need for questions to be asked by more than just the Salem and Portland crowd.

Sincerely,  
(s) Edward N. Fadeley  
Candidate for Governor  
777 High, No. 350  
Eugene, OR 97401

## Favors soil and water tax base

To the Editor:

On May 20, the Soil and Water Conservation District is asking Morrow County voters to approve a Tax Base Proposal. Many people are, perhaps, not aware of this proposal, and maybe not aware of what the S.W.C.D. is and what it does.

The S.W.C.D., a legal division of the State of Oregon, is comprised of seven non-paid directors from throughout Morrow County, who are elected officials in charge of protecting and preserving natural resources in Morrow County. Efforts are coordinated with the Soil Conservation Service (Federal Government) who provide the technical assistance, and with Mor-

row County Weed Control program.

The approval of this tax base would stabilize: 1. a full time manager who will coordinate all of the agencies who work together on conservation, and who will pursue Federal and State funds that are available, 2. the protection of our Weed Control Program that is vulnerable every year to be cut from the Morrow County Budget.

I urge you to vote yes on the Soil and Water Conservation District Tax Base Proposal on May 20.

Sincerely  
(s) James L. Swanson  
Director Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District

## Restore integrity to election process

To the Editor:

Why is it that Oregon has refused to restore integrity to the election process by requiring a realistic cut off period for voter registration before elections? Is it because many of those who make our laws in Salem are being elected by fraudulent votes?

Many questionable voters take advantage of the lax Oregon process and register just before election day. When county clerks send out mailing to verify the existence of these voters, many cards are returned indicating no one by that name lives at that address. County clerks have these statistics, and collectively, the figure on phantom voters is staggering.

Forty-five states have a registration cut-off well before election day. Arizona requires 50 days advance

registration, and 29 days is the average for these states. In Oregon you can register until 5 p.m. the night before elections.

It is obvious that our legislature is not interested in solving the problem, so it must be done by the people. An initiative petition is being circulated for signatures which would require voter registration 20 days before elections. I ask you to help collect the 83,361 valid signatures needed to qualify it for the general election ballot. Petitions may be obtained from the sponsor, Oregonians in Action, 1533 E. Burnside, Portland, OR 97214; telephone 233-1231.

(s) Charles C. Richmond  
250 Main St.  
Imbler, OR 97841  
Tel: 534-2361

## Supports Joe Lutz for senator

To the Editor:

As May 20, 1986 draws near and Oregon's future is at stake, I am convinced more than ever that our next United States Senator should be Joe Lutz. Bob Packwood has worn out his time in public office, we are in need of a change.

I have personally attended several public meetings where we have been honored having Joe Lutz speak. Mr. Lutz knows how to relate to people, he takes time to answer carefully, in detail, any question you might ask. I have no trouble with Joe Lutz's background being that of a Baptist minister for 17 years. I feel we need moral and God-fearing people in our government who won't "rip us off" in some way or another, as our country has experienced in the past.

Our forefathers gave us a Constitution for the United States and so many of our present elected officials barely vote constitutionally correct. Joe Lutz believes in constitutional law, he has studied our constitution for hundreds of hours and has given seminars throughout the nation since 1983.

The most important fact about Joe Lutz is he wants to help Oregonians. He believes in me and he believes in you and for our generations to come.

He believes in the basic principals that our nation was built on. He believes that we have value and that our country, the United States of America, is the greatest country in the world.

I want to continue to be proud of America and our elected leadership. Joe Lutz is the man that will keep us proud and represent Oregon in the U.S. Senate.

You owe yourself a favor, get to know Joe Lutz and vote for him in the May 20, 1986 primary. You'll be glad you did.

Nancy Patton  
P.O. 3 Box 3625-A  
Hermiston, OR 97838

## Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:

Raymond Batty, Heppner - admitted April 16, discharged April 18.  
Colleen R. Anderson, Ione - admitted April 16, discharged April 18.  
Dean Robinson, Heppner - admitted April 16, discharged April 18.  
Mary Bristow, Ione, who was admitted to the Hospital April 21 was still receiving care Tuesday.

## Obituaries

### W. Vawter Parker

Memorial services were held April 12 for W. Vawter Parker, 78, of Hood River at the Hood River Valley Christian Church. Mr. Parker, who died April 9, was the senior practicing attorney in the firm Parker, Bowe, Jaques, Blakely and Phillips.

He was born March 8, 1908 at Union, to Frank S. and Gertrude C. Parker. The family moved to Heppner in 1912 where Vawter resided until 1941.

He was a graduate of Heppner High School, the University of Oregon and the University of Oregon Law School. After his graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army reserve and was called to active duty in January, 1942.

He practiced law in Heppner from 1933 to 1941, moving to Hood River after World War II and continuing his law practice there.

He married Alberta Barry January 23, 1935, who survives at the family home. Other survivors are a daughter, Cecelia K. Goodnight of Portland; a son, W. Vawter Parker, Jr. of San Francisco; two sisters, Frances Mitchell of Gresham and Kathryn Hoskins of Heppner, and two granddaughters.

Mr. Parker was a member of the Hood River Valley Christian Church, American and Oregon State bar associations, American Legion Post 22 in Hood River, Heppner Masonic Lodge and the Hood River Elks Lodge.

Memorials in his name may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Hood River Valley Christian Church.

### Francine J. Howard

A recitation of the rosary for Francine J. Howard was held at 7 p.m. Friday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

The funeral Mass, also at the church, was at 11 a.m. Saturday with concluding service and burial at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Officiating at the service were Monseigneur Raymond Beard and the Rev. Edward Recceconi. Carley Drake was organist.

Casket bearers were Bill Brannon, Mike, pat, and Steve Cunningham, Harry Snider and Jim Hams.

Mrs. Howard, 43, died in Hermiston Tuesday, April 15, 1986, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital.

She was born at Heppner March 24, 1943, the daughter of Helen (Cunningham) and Melvin Moyer. In 1961 she was graduated from Heppner High School.

On Oct. 1, 1961, she married William G. Howard of Fort Worth, Texas. The wedding was held in Heppner at St. Patrick's Church.

After her husband's retirement from the Air Force in 1984, they came to live in Hermiston, where

Mrs. Howard was a member of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church.

In addition to her husband, survivors include daughters Sherry and Stephanie Howard, at the home in Hermiston; sons Richard of Illinois, and Ronald of Indiana; brother Bruce Moyer of Lolo, Mont.; and two grandchildren. Her mother and father died in 1948 and 1983, respectively.

Those who wish may contribute to the American Lupus Society, 4433 N.E. 84th, Portland, OR 97220.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

## Correction

Part of the information was omitted from an item in last week's Lexington news. The corrected item is printed below.

Luella Taylor of Lexington and Cheryl Tucker of Stanfield spent April 11, 12 and 13 in Portland to attend the Northwest Regional Conference of United Ostomy. Tucker is with TLC home nursing of Hermiston and Mrs. Taylor is the Ostomy Care Coordinator at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

The winners of the second Wranglers' Playday Stickhorse Race were incorrectly listed in last week's paper. The correct winners follow: first - Shad Hisler, second - Jamie Garde, third - Hoss Sharp, fourth - Jerad Eckman. The Gazette-Times regrets the error.

## Births

Timothy William Ward - a son, Timothy William, was born on March 28 in Eugene to J. Walter Wood and Jean (Stockard) Wood. Timothy William joins a sister Beth, 6, and a brother Johnny, 4. Grandparents are John and Louise Wood of Heppner.

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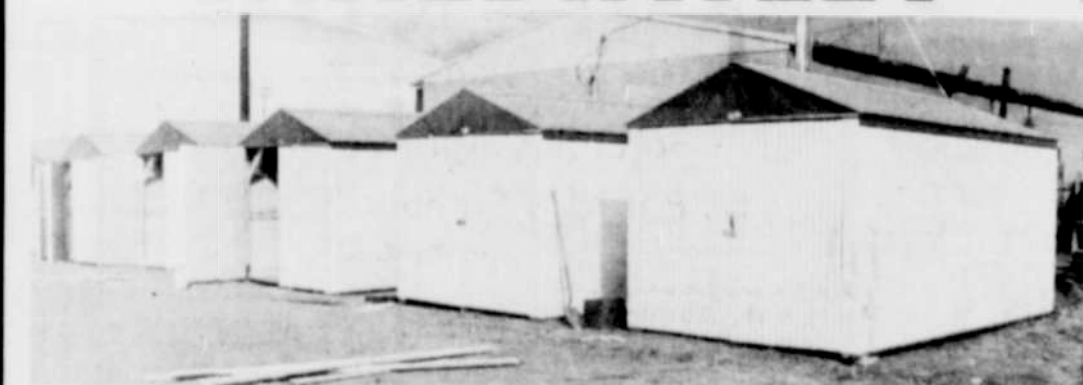
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