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Letters to the Editor

Measure 13 may be Roberts' albatross

To the Editor:
The recent incident in which Barbara Roberts chastised the county clerks for supporting Ballot Measure 13 will not set well with Oregon voters.
Ballot Measure 13 will require voter registration cut off 20 days before elections. This measure has been endorsed by 33 of the 36 county clerks of Oregon, including 23 of the 24 elected county clerks of the same party as Barbara Roberts.

From her loft in the State Capitol, Roberts is far removed from the problems faced by the county clerks and election boards. The recent poll showing 79% of Oregonians support Ballot Measure 13 indicates that the people strongly disagree with Roberts on this issue.

It is possible that this will prove to be a political albatross around her neck when she comes up for reelection.

(s)Barbara Grey
83 S. Foothill Road
Medford, OR 97504

Measures 11 and 12 stop sales tax

To the Editor:
Measure 7 the 5% sales tax is just another tax. Measure 11 guarantees tax relief for homeowners and renters. Measure 11 exempts from taxes \$25,000 of the value of owner-occupied home. This would reduce the average Oregon homeowner's property tax bill by \$500 to \$740 per year, renters would receive equivalent relief.

Measure 11 also stops the sales tax by prohibiting the Legislature from ever enacting or putting a sales tax on the ballot.

Measure 12 makes income taxes fair: Measure 12 raises additional revenues to fund the property tax relief by (Closing Loopholes) and reforming Oregon's income taxes so

that large corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share. But, Measure 12 is not a general income tax increase. Over two thirds of Oregon families and 90% of businesses would see their income taxes reduced. Only the wealthiest would pay more. And isn't it about time?

Stop the sales tax. Vote "yes" on measures 11 and 12.

According to the Oregon Legislative Committee the sales tax will shift more than \$34 million on Oregon families, and big corporations will pay \$31 million less.

Margaret Wilson
Chairman, C.O.S.T.
223 Conestoga Way
Eugene, Or. 97401

Measure 14 will close Trojan

To the Editor:
I would like to comment regarding measure No. 14, which we will vote on election day November 4.

If we vote in measure 14, we will essentially shut down the Trojan power plant at Rainier. This plant furnishes as much power into the electric system as Bonneville Dam for a cost of 2.6¢ per kilowatt hour, which is very little more than hydro power produced at one of the dams. This is really low cost energy for our Northwest use. To replace it with coal power such as at Boardman would cost three times as much per KWH.

There is no use worrying about storage of spent rods for the future. They are already there and will be until the Federal Government comes up with a central storage area

somewhere in the U.S. The storage of these spent rods is under strict supervision of the Federal Government and are not a hazard to anyone.

A vote in favor of this measure will eventually raise considerably the cost of our power. The closure of Trojan, I feel, would be a step backward on the road to Oregon's economic recovery, since it is one of our most inexpensive sources of electricity.

Closure of Trojan, I am convinced, would be very damaging to the well-being of the people of our state. I believe it is only common sense to vote "no" on ballot measure 14.

Sincerely,
(s)Herb Wright
P.O. Box 466
Fossil, OR

Register to vote in upcoming election

To the Editor:
Oregon Common Cause urges all Oregonians who are not registered to vote or who need to update their registration to do so for the upcoming election. We remind those who want to register that they have until Monday, the day before election day, at 5 p.m. to do so. Anyone registering in the 12 days before election day must register in person at their county elections office and must provide some identification with their current address on it, such as a driver's license, rent receipt, or utility bill receipt.

Oregon law provides that in order to vote, a person must be a U.S.

citizen, 18 years of age, and a resident of Oregon. If anyone is denied the right to register to vote for any reason, they should immediately call any one of the following for information about their registration rights: the elections division of the Sec. of State's office, Phone 378-4144; the American Civil Liberties Union office in Eugene, phone 345-6162, or in Portland, phone 227-3186; or the Oregon Common Cause office in Salem, phone 371-1106.

Sincerely,
Executive Director
Oregon Common Cause
840 Jefferson NE
Salem, OR 97303

Measure 9 will force tax cuts

To the Editor:
Back in 1984 when the property tax limitation was known as Ballot Measure 2, our state's officialdom predicted ruin if I voted for the tax cut. Jobs would be lost, industry would flee the state, and I would see homes being repossessed. Yep, that's what they said.

I have to admit that I ignored their cries of doom and gloom and voted for the property tax limitation anyway. Much to my dismay it failed by a whisker.

The thing that really confuses me

is that despite ballot measure 2's failure at the polls, many of these political and bureaucratic predictions came true anyway.

I guess I'm going to have to ignore their scare tactics once more and vote for the only measure that would force tax cuts instead of shifting taxes, Measure 9. Should it pass, I'm willing to guess that just the opposite of what these officials predict will come true.

(s)Samuel R. Mortelette
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Eugene, OR. 97402

Vote for McElligott is a vote for Morrow county

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter to voice my opinion about a man that I found I was wrong about. So many times we gripe about people in office because we are on the outside looking in and never get in and get involved to find out the real inside story. I admit I'm guilty of griping about our Judge, Don McElligott in the past. But, after this summer of working so closely with this man, my opinion of him has totally changed.

He is a very brilliant and hard-working man, working all hours of the day, night and weekends to help solve the problems in this county. I feel he is doing a good job on all the things I was involved in and is working for the good of the people in Morrow County.

Supports Louis Carlson for judge

To the Editor:

We want to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about the candidate we support for Morrow County Judge, Louis Carlson.

Louis was a 4-H club leader for many years and he enjoyed working with young people. He devoted much of his time to this work and helped mold the lives of many of our

Judge McElligott has raised 11 children and his understanding and discipline of the youth in trouble is really outstanding. Being Director of the Summer Youth Employment Program, I found out first hand how he handles the kids and their parents and I feel he is doing a great job. The kids like him but, believe me, they also have much respect for him. He's fair, and he's compassionate. Also, I know of many other projects that the Judge is working on and truly hope the voters re-elect him to give him a chance to complete them. I feel a vote for Don McElligott is a vote for Morrow County.

Sincerely,
(s)Charlene Papineau
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Lexington, OR 97839

Forests need good management

To the Editor:

In light of the impact of the new government farm conservation program that would reduce our local economy by some \$5,000,000 (Gazette-Times, Sept. 24, 1986) we need to examine the collection of other county resources with respect to the future. In particular we need to examine the condition of our forest and our wildlife. Well-managed they can help support our county's economy and be preserved for future generations. Living in these beautiful mountains we have opportunity to experience the priceless blessing they are to those that call Morrow County home. No such mountains outside of the Pacific Northwest offer such magnificent tall pines and firs giving sanctuary to elk, deer, bobcat, bear, eagles, trout in the streams and numerous wild animals. The history of other lands (even in the U.S.A.) is they did not appreciate their heritage and they used it up. Unless many current governmental, industrial, and private practices are reversed our forests and wildlife are in danger of irreparable damage. Our forests are being destroyed by pestilence. Our forest service grows larger and larger yet our forests grow smaller and smaller. The coyotes proliferate (because of government restrictions) while in our area (Madison Butte) the few surviving deer are pummeled by hunters from September (archery) to late October (doe hunting). So many doe hunters (out of county) seek the few remaining deer that the wet does are killed also leaving the fawns to go through the winter alone. The only bucks left to the hands of out-of-county hunters are a few immature spikes and forked horns. One day we may need these precious animals for our own families. Our elk are pursued just as relentlessly from September through November giving them scant time to build strength to get through the winter. Clear-cutting logging practices takes more and more of their sanctuary. Local hunting practices further endanger our elk. Many

hunters use one tag (cow) to claim many animals. Increasingly airplanes are used to determine the location of elk herds especially when the snow drives them into accessible areas. Stalking game is the heart of hunting and to do so from a plane is dishonest and unfair. Hunters must police themselves and take responsibility to respect and protect as well as harvest these magnificent animals. We appreciate our local game commission but question state policies that appear more interested in selling tags (700 doe tags for Heppner unit) than managing our wildlife.

We also question the vast amount of timber that is pouring out of our mountains. Every day the streets of Heppner are lined with Washington plates taking our timber out of state. We also question the prudence of burning up to 240 cords of wood per day for electricity that isn't even needed with our current power surplus. If the forest were on fire we would save it at all cost yet tens of thousands of cords of timber go up in smoke each year to feed the local electricity generator.

We believe God has given Morrow County a priceless heritage to enjoy, maintain and preserve. If man's laws violate God's laws which must we serve? When man's laws and regulations violate our forests and wildlife are we bound to obey them? These forests and wildlife are essential for our serenity, recreation and livelihood. Our timber is meant to be harvested (at maturity not five inches) not stripped in a few generations. In like manner our wildlife is meant to be harvested not stripped by those that do not even live here. The decision our generation makes will determine the future of our greatest heritage. Man's laws may allow this desecration but that does not make it right. We are not against logging or hunting or our mill or wood cutting. It's our heritage. Let's enjoy it, maintain it, take control over it, use our fair share and pass something on to the next generation.

(s)Rev. Stuart and Julie Dick
Heppner

Vote 'no' on marijuana initiative for all our sakes

To the Editor:

As one who survived the Sixties, I find the argument that there is no relationship between marijuana use and other drugs both deceiving and deadly. Twenty years of watching friends and relatives give up productive life-styles and life itself is enough for me; it's time to stop it.

Please don't try to tell someone

who has been personally touched by nearly 15 deaths from murder, suicide, hepatitis and other drug related maladies that there is no relationship between weed and other drugs because I know better.

I urge your "no" vote on the Marijuana Initiative for all our sakes.

Sincerely,
(s)Art Oakes
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Carlson is a strong leader

To the Editor:

Our vote for Morrow County Judge will be cast for Louis Carlson. We have known Louis for over 14 years. During that time we have seen his ability to lead many times.

Louis is a strong leader in church. We find that whether planning for a 100-year celebration, which takes numerous hours, or planning for smaller events, Louis will be there to provide the leadership necessary to get the job done, and get it done right.

We appreciate Louis' leadership ability. We also appreciate his support of the educational system here in Morrow County. Although there

have been no Carlson children attending schools for some years now, Louis continues to be a strong school supporter. He is concerned about, and works toward quality education for the young people of our county.

We are confident that a vote for Louis Carlson will be a vote for the betterment of Morrow County. Please join us in voting Louis for Morrow County Judge.

Sincerely,
(s)Steve and Nancy Brownfield
Rt. 1, Box 3490
Heppner, OR 97836

Carlson, a fine man, for judge

To the Editor:

Come all you editors if you want to hear, the story about a man with a great career.

Now you know we have trouble getting the people out to vote on Election day, because they don't know who to vote for, so they go to town the next day and do their main-street voting after the election is over, so please take note of what I have to say.

Louis Carlson is a mighty fine man, with a great future. He is honest, upright and square, a leader with the right spirit and attitude. The dream of his childhood has been, "what he can do for Morrow County, and not what Morrow County can do for him".

He comes from a strong, hard-working family with lots of energy

to do things on time. He has a long case-history of successful activities in the community, county and state. He will work to keep Morrow County united, prosperous and growing. That also means he has a good wife by his side. She is a leader also. They are not strangers to the intricacies of doing business in Washington D.C., or at home.

You know it is time for a change, and Louis Carlson can handle that change, so let's all give him our vote on Election day,--not the day after.

Vote Yes--Louis Carlson for Judge.

Respectfully yours,
(s)Ralph S. Crum
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Ione, OR.

Re-elect Ray French Dist. 59

To the Editor:

The 1984 campaign for District 59 Representative was conducted by Ray French and his opponents in an honorable manner, based upon the issues of the day.

As a life-long Democrat and resident of Eastern Oregon, I am angered and embarrassed by the campaign now being waged by Stan Rasmussen. Obviously, Rasmussen has been unable to find any legitimate issues to argue. His recent mailing to District 59 voters is loaded with half-truths and innuendo and reeks of the dirtiest of campaign tactics. Interestingly, the mailing was not sent to voters in Morrow Coun-

ty were Ray French is especially well-known and respected.

Ray French is an honest, hard-working man whose voting record as a freshman legislator can certainly stand up to the closest scrutiny. His only loyalties and obligations are to the voters of District 59. This attempt by Mr. Rasmussen to smear Mr. French's reputation and impugn his integrity prompts me to urge Democrats and Republicans alike to re-elect Ray French on November 4.

Yours truly,
(s)Pat McClintock
P.O. Box 158
Boardman, OR 97818

Oregon's great possibilities discussed

To the Editor:

Governor Victor Atiyeh's Council of Economic Advisors and the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve Bank have mailed 25,000 invitations to Oregon's business and community leadership, inviting them to take part in a major conference this month (Oct. 23-24) that will focus on Oregon's future potential.

The conference will discuss the significance of our basic industries in shaping not only our economic future but our cultural quality of life. Creating a climate of ideas and optimism to encourage growth and expansion of our state's economy will be high on the agenda. Represent-

tatives of industry, communities, labor, education, government, media and the arts are being called together to help shape an outline for our state's future.

The conference will focus primarily on Oregon's forest industry, our basic moneyearner the accounts for 45 cents of every dollar that comes into the state. We intend to explore the full range of what a strong economy means to us in education, music and the arts and the overall livability that we have come to prize in Oregon.

Very truly yours,
(s)Pat Amedeo
Conference Co-Coordinator

'Yes' on property tax limitation

To the Editor:

I need help. I'm buying a home, a building for my small business and a rental. Taxed as though their value increases every year, truthfully, none of my properties appreciated or earned income enough to keep pace with tax increases. Money saved for my family's future is siphoned to people and programs unaware of our needs. Sometimes I feel like a dying patient, examined, then charged for every treatment except the one that would remove the potato stuck in my throat.

Ten years in Oregon has shown that investing in property here made a mess of my retirement plan. I underestimated the crushing economic power of Oregon's cumulative property tax.

With your help, there's reason to continue investing my life here. If Measure 9 passes, I will fairly con-

sider each levy -- two per year. I will support schools and other public programs that make sense. But I need to know my neighbors agree that property taxes will be reduced and that automatic increases can be stopped. Passing Measure 9 communicates that no one has money to pay automatic annual increases. Candidly, the education lobby would do well to acknowledge and accept the benefits found by other states who have approved property tax limitations.

Thanks to whoever has voted for property tax limits. Will you help now? Reduce the total tax burden; reduce unemployment; increase personal income and productivity. Learn about its benefits for everyone and vote "Yes" on Measure 9.

(s)Byron Baker
824 Martin
Eugene, OR 97405

Re-elect McElligott as county judge

To the Editor:

I am not a resident of Morrow County, but as a concerned taxpayer of aforesaid county I feel it is to everyone's interest that Don McElligott be re-elected as Morrow County judge.

I have known Don since our school days in Ione, and have served on many boards and committees with him. His service and dedication is exemplary.

Even in the lean years the State of Oregon has been through, Morrow County has forged ahead with a good economy. The roads are in good shape and taxes are low in comparison to the balance of the State.

I feel Don is the man for this office and urge you to cast your ballot for him on November 4, 1986.

(s)Foster A. Odom
1100 South Main
Arlington, Oregon, 97812

Challenges Smith to debate Tuttle

To the Editor:

I wonder if everyone in U.S. Congressional District 2 shares my frustration. It is my firm belief that voters should have the right to see Congressional (or any other) candidates face-to-face, yet Bob Smith has refused to publicly debate Larry Tuttle again.

Bob Smith has spent three times as much as Larry Tuttle to get the vote, which leaves voters with nothing more conclusive when

deciding who to vote for than which one of them has the slickest ad campaign.

Let's get politics back to elections that are based on issues and not Madison Avenue sell. I call on Smith to accept Tuttle's challenge and give us the opportunity to decide for ourselves.

Sincerely,
(s)Robert Collins
1235 North Mountain Avenue
Ashland, Oregon 97520

Tracing family's history

To the Editor:

I am trying to reconstruct my family tree and history and my search leads to Heppner. I would appreciate it if you could publish my letter in the paper.

I am searching for relatives on my father's mother's side (grandmother's). Her name was Mable (---) Wright and she was born in Heppner in the mid-late 1890's and lived there until her father (? name) was killed in the flood. She then moved to Lake City, California where she remained until she died in

Alturas, California in 1962.

I never knew that until this past weekend when I was searching history with my sister in the Lake City/Alturas area. That is really strange as I lived in Heppner from 1958-1964 when I graduated from high school.

Any information can be sent to: LCDR John F. Cole, P.O. Box 461, Ft. Ord, CA 93941 or Anna D. Jelley, 300 Plum St. No. 52, Capatola, CA 95010.

Thank you,
(s)John F. Cole

Measure 9 is by and for the people

To the Editor:

I'm writing to reach the hearts of people who love freedom. People who don't want to tell other people what to do and also don't want anyone deciding what should be done with their money. There are things we need government to do for us but government has gone too far--there are too many politicians, too many public services and too many laws. Ballot Measure 9 is strictly by the people and for the people of Oregon; we want to reduce taxes. Please open your mind and heart to everyone, not just your special interest group.

If you live in Oregon, you pay our high property tax. This is true whether you rent or own. If every piece of property in the state can't be taxed enough to fund one year's state budget, the problem isn't that

government has to raise taxes to cover their costs, but rather that they spend too much.

I came from Massachusetts in 1963 because of high taxes. Politicians tried a 3% sales tax to supply state government with enough money. They increased that tax to 5%. Still not enough. Then they put in a lottery. When even the lottery didn't provide enough cash for government, that's when people brought their tax question to a vote. They passed property tax limits in 1980 and today, Massachusetts has a vigorous economy and a budget surplus. We need Measure 9 in 1986. Please vote yes on Measure 9.

(s)Carmen Antosh
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