

California Politics

Editor's Note — This is the second of a series of articles discussing the measures found on the California State Ballot for November 6. Information and recommendations are taken from many state organizations, a few of which are: Farm Bureau, PTA and Teachers Association, County Supervisors Association, Federation of Labor, Taxpayers Association, League of Women Voters, Agricultural Council, and California Chamber of Commerce.

By ROSS RAGLAND
 Proposition No. 4 is an Oil and Gas Conservation Initiative. The basic aims of this act are to make possible unit operation of oil pools in order to increase the amount of recovery of oil and gas, to prevent waste, to provide for well spacing in new pools and to create a Conservation Commission appointed by the governor, approved by the Senate. Those in favor of the initiative declare that present regulations result in a waste of one-half of the oil in an average pool and therefore the recovery of more oil would increase not only the income of California but add to the tax revenue of the state.

Opponents claim that the oil industry has a good record of voluntary control and conservation, that similar measures have been rejected twice by voters and that competitive free enterprise is the best guarantee of increased production and lower prices. The Agricultural Council recommends a Yes vote while the Federation of Labor recommends a No vote. No other organizations made any recommendations.

Proposition No. 5 is a Senate Constitutional Amendment which would permit the Legislature to license the sale of alcoholic beverages in public bars with no requirement that foods be on sale also. It would also write into the constitution a direct prohibition against furnishing alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 years.

Proposition No. 6 is an Assembly Constitutional Amendment which would extend the tax exemption for church property to any parking area provided that the area is used exclusively for parking while attending religious worship in a church building and only when this parking area is used to meet recent laws requiring establishments to furnish parking areas. Proponents claim that any additional off-street parking would benefit the general public. Opponents state that additional exempt property throws further burden on other taxpayers.

merce, Federation of Labor and County Supervisors Association recommends a Yes vote on proposition No. 6.
 Proposition No. 7. This Assembly Constitutional Amendment would change the name of the lower house of California Legislature from "Assembly" to "House of Representatives" and the names of members from "Assemblymen" to "Representatives." This proposal would bring California into conformity with 40 other states. Most groups recommended a Yes vote except the Federation of Labor which recommends a No vote on proposition No. 7.
 Proposition No. 8 is a Senate Constitutional Amendment which would require the Budget Session of the Legislature to convene in February instead of March in even-numbered years. The purpose is to permit recess of session not to exceed 30 days after introduction of the Budget Bill and would provide expenses of the committee considering the Budget Bill during said recess. The measure would give the Legislative Committee time for formal hearings on the budget during recess and permit payment of committee members during the recess.

There is no organized opposition to this proposition. Vote Yes on No. 8.
 Proposition No. 9 is an Assembly Constitutional Amendment to give authority for inclusion in county charters provisions for establishing boroughs in part or all of the unincorporated county territory. This is designed for "growing-up" period of urbanized areas not ready for incorporation.

Proponents claim: The legislation is permissive, any proposal for boroughs would have to be referred to voters, a borough set up could help solve complex problems of urban populations in unincorporated areas.
 Opponents state: A borough form of government would further complicate and hinder working out a simplified pattern of metropolitan government. The Taxpayers and County Supervisors Association recommend a Yes vote. The Farm Bureau recommends a No vote on No. 9.

Benefit Card Party Planned

BONANZA—A benefit card party and candidates "rally" is planned by the Big Springs Park Association for Saturday, October 27, at 8 p.m. in the Bonanza School Auditorium. Bridge and pinocle will be in play, and there will be refreshments and prizes. Candidates for various offices will be introduced but will make no speeches. Money raised at the party will be used to finish the tennis court which was started this summer.

ARCTIC STREET
 VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (UP)—Pic Burton Boyer returned from three months duty with the Army near the Arctic Circle and found his family a new apartment—on Arctic Ave.



CLYDE R. CALDWELL

Here's Your Candidate

Clyde R. "Hap" Caldwell is a Democratic candidate for the office of Klamath County Assessor. He is 41, a native of Blair, Nebraska, and has lived in Klamath County and Klamath Falls for the past 17 years.

His primary and secondary education was completed in Nebraska schools, and he is an accounting graduate of Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls. Caldwell is currently engaged as a construction worker, has been employed as a truck driver, and for four years was in the real estate and appraisal business.

He is an active Klamath County Granger, was chairman of the board of directors of the Community Building Association during 1955, and has been and is active in working with Klamath Basin drainage and sewage problems. He is also a suburban league member and is a member of the board of directors of the OTI Alumni Association.

He is married and has two daughters attending KUHS. "I have been a resident of Klamath County for 17 years," he adds. "I have seen it grow and am aware of the many problems growth involves. I am vitally interested in helping to make Klamath County a better place in which to live. If elected as your county assessor I assure you the office will be conducted with courtesy and efficiency."

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Southerners Deny Charge Of Anti-Negro Vote Trend

WASHINGTON — Southern leaders have challenged a Justice Department official's statement that a mass campaign to deny Negroes the right to vote is under way in the South.

Police Arrest Wanted Man

Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon said Thursday that Leo Raymond Hatfield, 35-year-old salesman, who is alleged to have rented a station wagon here and then abandoned it in Southern California, has been arrested by the Los Angeles sheriff's office.

Mattoon said it was doubtful if Hatfield would be returned to Klamath Falls at this time because he is wanted in Los Angeles on three bogus check charges.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Warren Olney said yesterday investigations already are under way in sections of five states, and criminal charges will be filed where Negroes are deprived of voting privileges because of their race.

"Disfranchisement of colored voters is going forward on a mass basis," Olney said, in some areas of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and North Carolina. This is being accomplished, he said, by what he called "systematic" revisions of registration rolls, frequently on the basis of challenges by White Citizens Councils.

Mississippi's Gov. J. P. Coleman replied that "on its face this is a political move designed to get votes from the Northern Negro." He said he personally will join in defending any Mississippian in-

dicted on what he called "these trumped-up charges."

Earl Echols, chairman of the Pierce County (Ga.) board of registration, said 150 Negro voters were removed from rolls there after "failing to appear to meet the challenge (of their eligibility) at a board hearing." Of others who did appear, he added, "only three, four or five" were removed, two of them because of felony convictions. Olney had said Pierce County was one of those under investigation.

Denials came from several officials in Alabama.

State Sen. Sam Englehardt, head of the Alabama Assn. of Citizens Councils, said that organization "hasn't done a thing" about trying to get Negroes off voting lists.

Potluck Dinner Set By Group

A potluck dinner, followed by a Halloween party for children, was planned for Friday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the business meeting of Women of the Moose, Chapter 467, held October 15 at 8 p.m. at the Moose Hall. Senior Regent Eris Fairchild presided, with 38 members present.

The Academy of Friendship will sponsor a smorgasbord dinner and dance November 3 starting at 7 p.m. for members and guests. Tickets may be purchased from any friendship member or from the steward at the hall.

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