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### Ballot Measure No. 10

Although there will be 12 statewide ballot measures to be considered on the November 2 General Election, one appears to be generating the greatest share of public interest. It is Ballot Measure No. 10, that calls for the repeal of statutes coordinating land use planning. It would eliminate the Land Conservation & Development Commission, more commonly known as LCDC.

A solid clue to public interest in this issue became apparent early in July when petition bearers seeking signatures for the initiative proposal succeeded in obtaining nearly 66,000 names, some 20,000 more than were required to achieve ballot status. Of the single referendum and four initiatives on the ballot via the petition route, Ballot Measure No. 10 attracted the greatest number of supporters.

Citizen interest in the subject has been clearly evident for several years, with many lawsuits concerning land use regulations carried to the Court of Appeals, and some as far as the Supreme Court.

Locally, city officials in Nyssa and other small Eastern Oregon cities oppose LCDC, saying that its requirements are too severe and not necessary in thinly populated areas. City Manager Henry Schneider has written letters to this newspaper in favor of the repeal.

On the other hand, Schneider and most responsible city leaders agree that planning is most necessary, but think it should be under local control and conform more along county lines rather than statewide.

Gov. Bob Straub is deeply committed to LCDC, as was his predecessor, Tom McCall. The business community, particularly in Western Oregon, is also a staunch supporter of the land use planning concept. The fact that it was implemented so fast, and with such an "iron hand" is what has turned people off, and particularly in the smaller cities.

Now the governor, and many legislators, are suggesting proposals to amend the law during the next legislative session. They fear that outright repeal would set back land use planning for a least a decade.

The most practical suggestion we have heard is that the legislature set planning requirements to actual conditions, and not force a rural area to comply with planning standards as complicated as those required in a large city. Almost everybody agrees, that if LCDC is to continue, it should act as a planning coordinator rather than as a dictator.

Support for the legislative amendment process seems to be growing. Gov. Straub and legislative leaders will lend influence to the campaign for an amendment process, as opposed to outright repeal.

As far as our area is concerned, outright repeal and elimination of a bureaucracy that is already very costly, will probably be favored. On the other hand it is recognized that land use planning is very necessary in the more populated areas of Western Oregon. It is important here too, but we would prefer to do it ourselves, cognizant of our own needs.

In any event, voter interest in Ballot Measure No. 10 seems to be leading all other issues on the ballot. Repeal will end LCDC, and if it squeaks through, the governor and legislature recognize and promise to make some needed changes in the law.

It should be remembered that Oregon's three major industries are forestry, agriculture and tourism. All are dependent upon sensible land use planning. If LCDC is defeated, city and county governments will have a greater than ever responsibility in this important area.

### Journal Classifieds Bring Results!



### The Light Touch

By Ernie Metcalf

Trouble with gourmet cooking is, by the time your children are old enough to like it, nothing in the recipes is on your husband's diet.

The only one who should have faith in a rabbit's foot is a rabbit.

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### LETTERS TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:  
 Recently the Oregon Journal carried an article stating Governor Straub seeks cash to aid L.C.D.C. fight and yet the article indicated the ballot measure to repeal SB100 appears headed for defeat!

If the defeat of the measure is such a foregone conclusion, why the urgency to raise the additional funds? Staff writer, Doug Yocom, starts out with a news story concerning the Governor's activities, then digresses into an editorial stating the measure will be defeated and then Yocom attempts to explain what people will be voting for with a yes or no vote because he feels the ballot title is confusing.

Governor Straub now has indicated he plans to propose amendments to SB100 before the election.

Such a decision is rather late. This is something he should have considered a year ago instead of backing L.C.D.C.'s dictatorial stance and the brash remarks made by its former chairman.

And there can be no denial that L.C.D.C. has not in the past taken an arbitrary, dictatorial stance. I was present at a meeting in Vale, Oregon, when our Governor said that there would be no appeal from L.C.D.C. nor any of its decisions.

It appears to me the Governor will either have to deny what he said to that audience or admit that L.C.D.C. is an entity which will brook no response to its decisions.

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Editor, The Journal:  
 The overburdened taxpayers of Oregon need the Land Conservation and Development Commission like Job needed another bull!

Not content with an organization presently having 36 authorized staff positions empowered to spend six million dollars, the Department of L.C.D.C. has now announced an authorization for a new budget with an increase of eleven more staff members and an increase of \$5 million dollars over the current biennium.

Most Oregon cities are finding it impossible to keep their budget expenditures under the mandatory 6% limitation yet here is a Department we could well do without, which is authorizing an increase of expenditures in excess of 80% during the next biennium.

Interwoven into the verbiage of the Department's announcement is the "Carrot" for compliance with "funds and grants" to be furnished to communities which complete the State's goals.

There are approximately 277 cities in Oregon. Divide that number into the \$11 million to be expended and the people of each community could reduce their tax load by \$39,711.

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### Understanding Yourself

Helpful Ideas From The International Lutheran Laymen's League

#### FINDING DIRECTION

Life is a procession. Everyone follows someone or something—the procession of earning a living, joining the labor force, buying a home, providing for financial security, and planning for retirement.



Most people, despite hard knocks, look for some cause that will make the procession meaningful. And, whether we like it or not, we proceed through life following many illusions. We often turn that illusion into a god. Or we proceed through life with a lot of twisted goals and distorted values and warped standards. There is One who did not go that way, with all the pres-

## Church Directory

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church News



Rev. Thomas Stevenson

The Rev. Thomas Stevenson will be celebrant and preacher at the 11 a.m. Eucharist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church this Sunday. Father Stevenson, rector of St. Matthew's Church in Ontario, is part of the Malheur County Team Ministry of the Episcopal Churches in this county.

We welcome Father Stevenson to St. Paul's.

### Lutheran Ladies Plan Rummage

The American Lutheran Church women are having a rummage sale Saturday, October 9, in the church basement. The church is located on the corner of North 5th Street and Park Avenue. The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There are winter clothes and lots of miscellaneous items for sale. The proceeds of the sale will help purchase choir robes for the church choir.

### Bible Study Held Tuesdays

The Neighborhood Bible Study group will be meeting each Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Frank Byers. The study will start at 9:30 a.m. and everyone is welcome to attend.

### Park Avenue Baptist Church

Everyone is welcome to attend services at this Bible teaching church.

Sunday, October 10 - Sunday School for all ages, 10 a.m.

Morning Worship by Pastor Dale Mitchell, 11 a.m.  
 Tuesday, October 12 - Youth Group. Fun for all ages including painting, singing and worshipping the Lord. All young people invited. Meet in the church basement 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 13 - Business meeting, 7:30 p.m.

A friendly smile, a warm handshake and the words of the Lord await you at Park Avenue Baptist Church, on the corner of North Third Street and Park Avenue.

### United Methodist Church News

The United Methodist Church and the Rev. Jim Monroe welcome you to all church activities.

Sunday, October 10 - Special prayer, 9 a.m.  
 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service, "Caring Through Sharing," by Rev. Monroe, 11 a.m.

UMYF meets in the youth room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 12 - Bible Study at the church, 5 p.m.

Thursday, October 14 - General Meeting, church parlor, 7:30 p.m.

### Conservative Baptist Church News

Sunday, October 10 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
 Evening Service, 8 p.m.  
 Hi/Time, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1 - Bible Study and prayer, 8 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 13 - AWANA, 6:30 p.m.  
 Choir Practice, 8 p.m.

### Nazarene Church News

Sunday, October 10, Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.

Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m.  
 Children's Church 11 a.m.  
 Morning Worship with message by Pastor Russell, 11 a.m.

Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.  
 Evening service with message by Dist. Supt. Grady Cantrell, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 12, Ladies Bible Study at the home of Sheila Larkin, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 13, Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m.

Midweek service for Caravan children, Teens and Adults, 7:30 p.m.

"Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12.

### First Southern Baptist Church

The Finance Committee of the First Southern Baptist met Monday evening and prepared the budget for the coming year. Lee Brown is the chairman with Mrs. Glen Raby, Mrs. Dennis Fowler, and Mrs. Jerry Thompson serving on the committee. They will have a special meeting October 10 at 8 p.m. for members of the church to help make some of the plans.

The W.M.U. will hold its meeting October 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. The ladies will give a Kitchen Shower to help supply the Church Kitchen.

Good Neighbor Sunday will be held November 7. Each person is to bring as his special guest, a neighbor. The one who brings the most will receive a gift. A neighbor might be anyone who lives within a twenty mile radius of the church.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to thank my many friends and relatives for the plants, flowers, and cards. I especially want to thank Dr. Kerby and Dr. Danford and also the nurses of Malheur Memorial Hospital for their patience and kindness during my recent stay in the hospital.  
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## OBITUARIES

### Emma L. Singer

Services for Emma Louise Singer, 90, New Plymouth, who died Wednesday, September 29, 1976, at Malheur Memorial Nursing Home, were conducted Saturday at the New Plymouth Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Bishop Glenn Kofoed. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Gooding on Saturday.

She was born June 13, 1886 in Freedom, Ohio, and moved at a young age to Chicago and later to Salt Lake City. She then moved to Canada. She moved to Hailey where she married Adolphus Singer, January 4, 1904.

They moved to Gooding, until 1953 when they moved to Ontario. In 1956 they moved to New Plymouth. In 1969 she moved to Nyssa.

She was a member of the New Plymouth LDS Church.

Surviving are seven children, 24 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and seven children.

### Chester Stephensen

Chester Stephensen, 84, former resident of Nyssa passed away Tuesday, September 21, 1976, in Ogden, following a long illness. Funeral arrangements and burial were September 24 in Ogden.

Mr. Stephensen was assistant superintendent at the Nyssa Amalgamated Sugar Company at the time of his retirement sixteen years ago. He then moved to Ogden where he and his wife Lucy made their home.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy of Ogden.

### Ruth Simon

Services for Ruth Simon, 80, Adrian, who died Monday, October 4, 1976, at the Malheur Memorial Hospital, were conducted Wednesday at the Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa, by the Rev. Chester Kelley. Final rites were in the Mountain View Crematorium.

She was born July 30, 1896, in Iowa. She lived in the area with a daughter for two years, and moved to Adrian from Colorado.

Surviving are a son, George Simon, Boulder, Colorado; a daughter, Esther McCormick, Adrian; two brothers, Vern, Westminster, Colo., and Paul Stephen, Denver, Colo.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Since portable gas and oil heaters use up oxygen as they burn, you must provide proper ventilation when they are in use.

The Veterans Administration treats more than 1.1 million patients in 171 hospitals each year. Domiciliary and nursing home care is provided for another 30,000 patients.

State individual income taxes, the second largest source of state tax revenue, totaled \$18.8 billion in fiscal 1975, up 10.2 per cent over 1974, according to the Bureau of the Census.



MRS. PAULINE WOODARD, kitchen aide, left, and Mrs. Teresa Bingham, food supervisor, at Malheur Memorial Hospital, just finished filling trays for Meals On Wheels, to be delivered by volunteer drivers. Served in insulated trays, the recipients receive a nutritious hot meal at their doorsteps. Meals consist of meat, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, bread and butter, salad and dessert.



MRS. JESUS LOPEZ, left, receives a hot nutritious meal from volunteer worker of the week, Mrs. Edna Lowrance. The Meals on Wheels program delivers meals to nine Nyssa residents Monday through Friday. See story.

## Meals On Wheels

Meals-on-Wheels is a program that provides a hot noon meal, five days a week, from Monday through Friday to persons who are unable to prepare a nutritious meal for themselves. In some cases, this might allow individuals to live in their own homes rather than a nursing home. This also enables senior citizens and homebound persons to have contact with other persons, which is an important factor.

The meals are presently being delivered by volunteers from local churches. Meals are prepared at the hospital and are picked up at noon each day. At present, nine meals in styrofoam disposable trays are delivered each

week in Nyssa. Special diets can be accommodated for those who require them. The Meals on Wheels program is not limited only to senior citizens but is available to any person who has difficulty preparing a nutritious meal for himself.

For information concerning receiving meals, call the Malheur County Information and Referral Service at 889-7651.

Local churches volunteering services are Faith Lutheran, United Methodist, St. Paul's Episcopal, St. Patrick's Catholic, Nazarene and Missionary Baptist. Any organization or church wishing to help with deliveries may call Pastor Walter Schmidt at 372-3331.

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