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### Vote on November 2

We keep hearing about voter apathy, lack of interest, and all the other excuses that pass for insolence and laziness. How can anyone not be interested in who will be our President for the next four years? Or who will be our County Assessor, or who will be on the County Court, or who will be our Justice of the Peace, or who will be our City Councilmen?

There are indications that voter turnout on election day will be extremely light. The very act of participation says more about the health of our system of government than the outcome does. Good men and women can and do disagree on who is most fit to lead our country, our states, our counties and our cities. But the very act of contributing to these decisions helps the best candidates to rise above the less worthy ones.

Who to vote for? After all the debates and presidential oratory, some trends seem to become clear. Carter, as President, would turn the ship of state in a course relying more and more on federal government intervention to solve the nation's economic and social problems. Ford, on the other hand, almost certainly would continue to place greater emphasis on private industry and institutions to solve these problems.

Overlooked, but perhaps more crucial, is the Congressional election. They are the people who appropriate and spend our money. Some say that the current Congress is one of the worst in the nation's history, unresponsive to national needs and incredibly greedy in demands for its personal comforts. If you believe your congressman has followed this majority trend, then vote against him.

Perhaps of most importance to our area is Ballot Measure No. 13. If approved, it would establish a tax base for Treasure Valley Community College.

We believe that TVCC should have a tax base, the same as our other schools in this area and throughout the state. A tax base does not mean an increase in spending, in fact, approval would probably put a damper on spending for at least the next few years. The college board and administration have agreed that they will live within the 6% limitation for next year, and for the immediate future. Past that, increased expenditures can only come with voter approval, the same as now.

The 6% limitation does not mean that the budget will go up six percent each year. It only means that the school budget board can increase the tax base by six percent under statute. The tax base is about one third of the college budget, which would mean at the most a two percent increase. Compared to the average 11% increase of the past several years, this is small indeed.

The college deserves and needs the stability provided by a tax base. TVCC will increasingly educate our children past high school as the costs of higher education keep rising. These students and their parents need to know that the college will remain on a secure financial footing. Ballot measure No. 13 should be approved.

But remember—however you intend to cast your ballot, the most important thing is still that on November 2, you do it!

#### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the effective education of the youth of our community is dependent upon their environment and the total efforts of all members of the education system, and

WHEREAS the classified school employees have the responsibility of providing the services to facilitate the educational process, and

WHEREAS the classified school employees in Nyssa have faithfully provided these services for students and teaching staff, and

WHEREAS it is proper that all citizens join with me in saluting the dedicated men and women who are the classified school employees of our school district; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Thursday, November 4, 1976 be designated as "Classified School Employee Day" in recognition of the vital services these school personnel have provided for the educational structure of our community.

MAYOR  
 /s/ Donald L. Oldemeyer



## The Light Touch

By Ernie Metcalf

Lawyer: a person who helps you get what's coming to him.

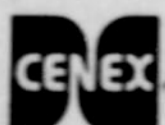
Don't push your son through school too fast. What if he arrives at college too young to grow a beard?

Girl to date: "Gosh, it's just like Romeo and Juliet—my father hates you!"

Bore: one whose shortcoming is his long staying.

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## Letters to the Editor

Editor, The Journal:  
 In response to Adriana Kunkel's letter of October 20, we hope that we can change her "mixed emotions" to "Yes" on the tax base by clarifying the questions she asked.

Mrs. Kunkel was concerned that if the base is voted in, the taxes "will only increase" and that if state funding is increased "we can't roll back" on local contributions.

Actually, the tax base would establish a 6% limitation on increases, without a vote. Even with a tax base, the budget must be prepared for the Budget Committee and the Board of Education, and open hearings must be conducted before it is accepted. These 14 local representatives can reduce the budget, but cannot increase it beyond the 6%.

Mrs. Kunkel thinks the Legislature might increase state support to 48%; this has been tried year after year and we have no real hope that it will occur in the 1977 session. But if it does, we, the board, feel that we would not hesitate to go below the 6% if the college operation warranted that action. The 6% is not "automatic," as suggested.

Mrs. Kunkel refers to food and salaries in her letter, but should examine the tremendous increase in fixed costs: equipment, supplies, and utilities being but a few examples.

College officials may have to struggle and work hard, operating within a base; but the Board feels that the stability that will result is the best thing for the local students and parents and concerned citizens. We hope you feel the same and will vote "Yes" for Ballot Measure 13 - the Treasure Valley Community College tax base.

TVCC Board of Directors  
 Wayne Ball, Max Barlow, John Easley, Jake Fischer, Ernest Sewell, Skip Thayer, Aranka Trenkel.

Editor, The Journal:

It is very obvious that the news media, especially the National TV stations and the democrat controlled congress are out to kill the Republican party and the two party system and make us a one party people's democrat system like our communist neighbors all over the world. The republicans amount to only about 25% of the people of the United States but I guess they are terribly afraid of that 25% or are determined to make a Communist state out of us.

The latest is the dragging out of John Dean and Watergate again to cast a dark shadow on President Ford. Haven't we had enough of Watergate? Sure it wasn't good but from the beginning with all the publicity that it got it was only a peanut stand deal compared to the enormous seriousness of the blackmail Lyndon Johnson, Bobby Baker deal and the murder, sexual immorality implications deal of Teddy Kennedy at Chappaquiddic.

Why weren't these deals pushed to the nth degree with even a fraction of the intensity of Watergate? It is too obvious! The liberal democrats in Congress and the liberal people that control the mentioned news media are socialist communist or-

iented in their thinking and if the people of America don't wake up and elect constitution minded Republicans or Democrats to the Congress and the White House we will be just what the liberal Democrat Congress and news media want us to be—a Peoples Democratic Republic State of the Soviet Union, with no two party free republic system that we have enjoyed all these years.

Let's elect people who will vote to cut spending and cut taxation and balance the budget! Let's elect people who are for all people and not just for the minorities. Let's elect people who do not promise everything for everybody and then steal from one group of people to give to another group of people via the tax method! Let's vote and elect those who are for the free enterprise system!

If you want to know who in Congress from this area that will vote this way, and not just talk this way, they are Symms, Hansen, and McClure from Idaho. We don't have anyone, Republican or Democrat to be too proud of in Oregon. Hopefully we can elect Tom Mercer in Oregon to replace Al Ullmen.

People of America-it is up to you whether we want a two party system, a free government, a Republic for all the people or a one party socialist government like all the rest of the communist world.

Yours truly,  
 D. A. Erickson  
 1131 S.W. 6th Ave.  
 Ontario, Oregon 97914

Editor, The Journal:

Along with a great number of other citizens in Oregon, I share a great concern over Ballot Measure #6. I would like to have my concern stated "via" a letter from Bishop Jack Tuell, the United Methodist Church leader for Oregon and Idaho.

"State Measure #6 would amend the constitution to allow charitable, fraternal and religious organizations to conduct bingo games for profit.

I was surprised to hear this measure was on the ballot, and I strongly oppose it for three basic reasons.

1. Such an exemption opens the door wide to commercial gambling interests coming into Oregon on a wide scale under the guise of alleged "charitable" organizations. The destructive influence of such professional gambling activity is well known, and almost universally opposed by law enforcement officials.

2. Such an exemption contravenes a basic constitutional principle—that of equal justice under the law. Why on earth should certain organizations be allowed to do an act which is criminal for all other organizations and people? We have just come through Watergate which re-affirms the idea that "no person is above the law", and now comes this amendment which proposes to do just that—put certain groups above the law.

3. Such an exemption is not desired by many of the groups that would receive it, namely the great bulk of the churches. If an organization can be maintained only by the use of an activity which is illegal for everyone else, and which appeals solely to the desires to get something for nothing, then one has to

question whether such a group deserves to exist. To put it another way, if the members of an organization believe in it, they should be willing to pay for it.

I would urge Oregonians to vote against State Measure 6.

Jack M. Tuell, Bishop... The United Methodist Church

We live in a society where for \$50 you can be ordained in the Universal Life Church, and qualify for consideration as a "religious organization". Under the proposed law, 2710 people in Nyssa could open up a bingo parlor, and remain within the scope of the law.

I agree with Bishop Tuell. I also encourage all Oregonians to get out and vote "No" on 6.

James P. Monroe, Pastor Nyssa United Methodist Church

Editor, The Journal:

Enclosed is my check for another year's subscription to the Gate City Journal. I don't want to miss any papers.

I enjoy reading the paper. I lived up around Adrian almost all my life and went to high school in the old square high school then in Nyssa.

Always  
 Mrs. Phil Bockus  
 1380 Oakhill Drive, sp. 9  
 Escondido, Calif. 92027

Editor, The Journal:

In the upcoming general election, the voters of Nyssa will be electing a Justice of the Peace. As a previous resident of the area, it is my personal belief that the people of Nyssa desire the highest quality of individual character and integrity in the people elected and appointed to represent them in city and county government. Nyssa has an outstanding department of law enforcement, and highly skilled and qualified personnel in the medical field and education system.

Why should the citizens choose a candidate for Justice of the Peace who is not skilled in the judiciary; who has no law enforcement background; and no prior formal legal education? Through examining his qualifications and working with him, I have reached the conclusion that Don Engstrom is not the man to satisfy the community's desire for a strong, accurate, and fair court system.

Look at the candidacy of E. Otis Smith. Scrutinize his employment and educational background. Ask your friends who are in law enforcement. Then ask yourself, "Who is the best candidate for Justice of the Peace?" I hope you will support E. Otis Smith with your vote on November 2nd.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,  
 Ron Barbee  
 P.O. Box 135  
 Lakeview, Oregon 97630

#### CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this means of showing my appreciation and thanks to all who called, sent cards, flowers and gifts to me while a patient at the Holy Rosary Hospital. Your kindness will always be remembered.  
 Ida Miner

## OBITUARIES

### Roy J. Shaw

Services for Roy James Shaw, 81, Fruitland, who died Wednesday, October 20, 1976 at home, were conducted at 11 a.m., Saturday at the Fruitland Shaffer-Jensen Chapel, by the Rev. Hardy Thompson, Fruitland United Methodist Church. Interment was in the Park View Cemetery, New Plymouth.

He was born November 20, 1894, in Midvale, and was reared in Council, and attended the Middle Fork schools. He began his career in the apple industry by working the Mesa Orchards.

He entered the U.S. Army August 8, 1918, and served during World War I and was discharged April 5, 1919. He married Lula B. Jackson, June 20, 1920 in Weiser. They moved to Fruitland in 1922 where he managed the Hogue and later the Arata packing houses and orchards as well as his own orchards.

He later married Edna Ashbaugh, December 9, 1959 in Winnemucca, Nevada and returned to Fruitland where he farmed. He was a member and commander of the American Legion No. 107; Oddfellows Lodge, New Plymouth, and the Washoe Lodge No. 28, AF&AM, and attended the Fruitland United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Leroy J., New Plymouth; two daughters, Mrs. Fred (Vernida) Crowley, Fruitland and Mrs. Les (Wanda) Parr, Ephrata, Wash.; four stepsons, Floyd of Othello, Wash., J. A. Payette, C. W., Astoria, Ore., and Robert Ashbaugh, San Jose, Calif.; three brothers, John J., Conway, Wash., Enos A., Ogden, Utah, and Chester M., Nyssa; a sister, Mrs. Gladys Garner, Eugene, Ore. eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, six step grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four sisters and three brothers.

### Park Avenue Baptist Church

Sunday, October 31 - Sunday School for all ages, 10 a.m.

Morning Worship with message by Pastor Dale Mitchell, 11 a.m.

Church Halloween Party - Hay ride and fun time with costumes and chili feed at Rehart home. Meet at the church, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2 - Youth group. Fun for all young people. All ages invited to participate. Church basement, 7 p.m.

Prayer meeting and Bible study, 7 p.m.

### Elizabeth House

Services for Elizabeth Alene House, 62, Nyssa, who died Tuesday, October 19, 1976 in the Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario were conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday at Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa, by the Rev. Erdene Johnson. Interment was at the Nyssa Cemetery.



She was born November 3, 1913, in Sedalia, Missouri. She attended schools in Colorado Springs and Colorado College. She married Paul House, August 24, 1933, and lived in Colorado and Washington before moving to Nyssa in 1947. They moved to Quincy, Washington in 1967, and were moving back to Nyssa at the time of her death.

She was a member of Gleaners Chapter No. 130, Quincy, and Golden Rule Chapter 131, Eastern Star, Nyssa; past matron of Eastern Star; member of Daughters of the Nile; Nydia Club, past guardian of Jobs Daughters, member of the Garden Club and the Homemakers.

Surviving are her husband, Paul, Nyssa; a son, Capt. Paul L. House Jr., U.S. Army, Seoul, Korea; five daughters, Mrs. Glenn (Patricia) Marcum, Nyssa, Mrs. Roger (E. Ann) Lewis, Martinez, Calif., Mrs. Richard (Mary Jean) Herriman, Richland, Wash., Mrs. Ray (Nancy Barnes) Vale, and Bonnie House, Hermiston, Oregon and 15 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sarah Elizabeth Shotts and Daniel C. Shotts.

The family suggests memorials to the Heart Fund.

### Artie Robertson

Artie Robertson, 81, longtime Nyssa resident passed away at Malheur Memorial Hospital in Nyssa, Tuesday, October 26, 1976. Services are pending at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa.

## Nazarene Church News

Thursday p.m., Friday p.m. and Saturday, "Here's Life America" Seminar to be held at the Ontario Church of the Nazarene, 7 to 9:40 p.m.

Sunday, October 31, 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, 6:45 p.m. Evening Gospel Service with Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Hill from NNC, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2, Ladies Bible Study at the home of Mrs. Nancy Derby, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 3, Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m. Midweek service for Caravan children, Teens and Adults, 7:30 p.m.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom." Psalms 111:10

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### Marcella Alto Whitcher

Marcella Alto Whitcher, 41, a former area resident, of Sitka, Alaska, died suddenly Saturday, October 23, 1976, while vacationing in Hawaii. Services were conducted Monday at Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa. Interment was at Nyssa cemetery.

She was born to Ben and Martha Morris, March 7, 1935 in Lisco, Nebraska. The family moved to Idaho when Marcella was very young and they moved to Nyssa when she was five. Nyssa has been regarded as the family home ever since, even though the family has scattered to all parts of the country. She graduated from Adrian High School where she was Valedictorian of her class. Shortly after graduation she began to work in the bank and has continued to work in banks wherever she has lived. She was on vacation from her job at a Sitka bank when her death occurred.

She married Carol Underwood in the mid-fifties. To this union was born one son, Rocky. She married Dennis Whitcher in 1972 and they have made their home in Sitka since that time.

Surviving are her husband Dennis of Sitka; son Rocky Underwood, Sitka; three sisters, Lucille Wood, Ontario, Oregon, Eunice Heldt, Summerville, Oregon, and Peggy Long, Anchorage, Alaska; three brothers, Victor Morris and Arland Morris, both of Elgin, Oregon and Roger Morris, Portland.

As a property owner, have you received the proper cooperation from the Malheur County Assessors Office?

You shouldn't have to leave the assessors office confused. As your Malheur County Assessor, I'll guarantee personal, open, frank communication with property owners in Malheur County.

I respectfully ask for your vote on November 2

FLOYD HOLTON FOR ASSESSOR

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