

Letters To The Editor

EDITOR REGISTER:

I am writing for SK2 Larry Marshall who is overseas again. We received a letter from Larry and he said he had received many letters and cards (also some snapshots) from so many folks whom he has never met, so he would like to thank The Napa Register for listing his name along with the other service men and to thank all the nice folks for taking time to write to him.

We are very thankful, too, and appreciate the thoughtfulness of so many people. Thank you again.

LLOYD and MARIE

MARSHALL

261 Homewood Ave.

The Napa Register

Page 4A

Thursday, August 1, 1968

EDITORIAL—

While mail charges also soar.

AMFAC IS planning a shopping.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

(To be published, letters must be of less than 250 words and bear name and address of writer.)

LETTERS TO EDITOR:

It seems that the only time I get motivated enough to write to the editor is when I suspect chicanery, and especially when it is being used to, "Fool the people some of the time." However, everyone's attention is directed to the ending of the above quotation: "But you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

The letter from John Futini is a perfect example. He (regarding the Napá County Unified School District special election ballot Sept. 17) "fervently hope the citizens of this area will follow this negative course," which very clearly asks you to vote no.

With this fervent hope I sincerely agree. But for a different reason. His reasoning is that five years from now the school board will be back for more. My thinking is that the entire education system is completely out of line when they actually want to load more taxes on the property

owner. And, in the second place, do all of you taxpayers realize that the \$2 1/2 million bond which you are asked to approve actually also authorizes the district to borrow \$8 million from the state?

If you vote yes you can depend on it happening, and you will also have to pay it back.

My opinion is that Mr. Futini's letter is a smoke screen to hide the vital points. It is intended to make you believe that you are getting a bargain at this time election bond issue.

HUGH G. ARNOTT
1010 Shady Brook Lane

EDITOR REGISTER:

Your July 27 editorial, "All is not well," speaks in cliches like those fostered by the lobbies for land speculators, auto and oil companies, banks, the construction industry, etc. I think your editorial should read, "California is reaching maturity," and tell it like it is.

I was born in California 42 years ago. Since then the population of California has increased five times while the U.S. population has barely doubled. I have seen millions of dollars made by the land speculators, freeway builders, oil and automobile companies, the lumber and cement industry, the banking industry, etc.

I have seen the rich farm lands of the Santa Clara Valley turn into a nightmare of freeways, tract homes, industry and smog, not to speak of similar 'progress' throughout our state. I think we are sick if we call for California's continuing and never-ending growth.

Like all healthy organisms in our world, when they reach maturity growth stops or nearly stops. Never-ending growth is like cancer. Who needs it?

Your editorial doesn't mention why our taxes are so high. The reason is that we are paying for sewers, highways, parks and recreational facilities, schools, water, public health, pollution

control, police and fire protection, etc. All the services needed for our large growing population. Now that California's growth rate is slowing, so will the need for more of these services slow, thus allowing the tax rate eventually to drop.

California is being raped of its fine, beautiful environment for the sake of short-term gains.

RUDIN M. JOHNSON JR.
2264 Summer St.
Berkeley

EDITOR REGISTER:

I strongly oppose the gun registration and licensing bill by Rep. Shoemaker. Those who favor registration cannot cite even one single case where it ever prevented a crime, nor can they truthfully guarantee it will save one single life. On the other hand, many cases can be cited where registration seriously affected law-abiding citizens. Based on the estimated cost of a national firearms registration (one or two billion) a California registration law could cost up to \$240 million. A rather stiff price for an ineffective law.

The question arises, do we need a new law? Sen. Kennedy's alleged assassin violated four or five existing gun laws, and there is certainly no indication criminals would comply with any new law, especially registration and licensing. However, it would certainly cause unwarranted inhibition of legitimate gun owners, nor would any problem be solved by the whim of a licensing official deciding whether or not a law-abiding citizen may own a gun.

What is needed is legislation directed towards criminal misuse of firearms and criminal conduct, and for such legislation to be enforced. The solution to the crime problem does not lie with harassing and inhibiting law-abiding citizens. My vote shall reflect this.

DONALD N. BAKER, SP6
Hq. Co, US Army Medical Training Center
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas

DON OAKLEY

Sprayed Bread

Newspaper Enterprise Association

There's nothing like the smell of fresh-baked bread, and now science knows why. It's all due to 1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2-acetopyridine.

At least, we have to take the word of U S Department of Agriculture researchers who say they have isolated the key ingredient in the odor.

The compound quickly undergoes changes when exposed to the air, which explains why the aroma of fresh bread is so short-lived. However, derivatives of 1,4,5,6-etc. are more stable. The USDA men found that spraying week-old bread with one of the derivatives restored the fresh-bread odor.

"The workers foresee commercial applications of their technique that will increase the marketability of bread," says Scientific American, reporting the discovery.

Science is wonderful. But no matter what they do, they'll never duplicate what the mothers of another generation used to take hot and steaming out of the oven.

BERRY'S WORLD



BARBS

The Napa Register

Page 3B

Saturday, August 3, 1968

EDITORIAL—

Letters To The Editor

EDITOR REGISTER:

Here is a really important question. What are the J.C. trustees going to do about "Levying the permissive override tax for matching funds, limited to what is required to match the state allocation to the local college for construction?"

Do you taxpayers realize that, "Funding of the priority items (by the Napa JC trustees) depended on the successful passage of the \$65 million state school bond issue" which you approved last June? Your approval of this bond issue gave the JC trustees an approval to levy taxes on you to equal the amount they get from the state.

However, you can depend on another smoke screen developing on this issue because it would not be cricket for the JC trustees to do anything about it until after the Napa County Unified School District special election of Sept. 17.

The really big question is: how will the marvelous California educational system continue to be able to grow without additional tax dollars?

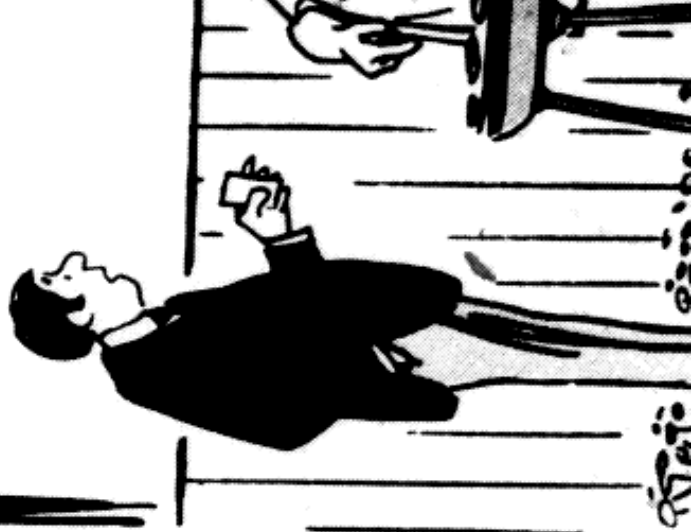
The answer is simple. First, and most important, increase our present schoolroom capacity by 33 per cent by merely admitting that the three-month vacation in the summer time is not needed to "harvest the crops" etc.

This is a carryover from the old rural days and is certainly fostered by every teacher and member of the school system. Wouldn't you like three months off each year from your primary duties?

In practically any other line of endeavor, additional education does not require only nine months work for 12 months pay.

HUGH G. ARNOTT
1010 Shady Brook Lane

BERRY'S WORLD



The Napa Register

Page 4A—

Monday, August 5, 1968

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

EDITOR, REGISTER:

Your newspaper is jammed with material about the school election, and it looks to me as though you are trying to snow us.

I raised a fairly a long time ago and am now not even a taxpayer, but I still think that you are putting up a smoke screen to fool us.

You have yet to say how much money per square foot this new school or schools will cost and how much fancy stuff will be included.

As soon as The Napa Register and the Napa school officials level with us, the voters, the sooner we will go along with school requests.

If all of the facts and figures are presented I will support the measure, if there is not going to be a series of unneeded frills.

When I went to school and when my son went to school we got good educations without all of the fancy classes. For physical education we ran and climbed ropes and performed on the field and not in costly gyms. We did not have fancy drama classes or teachers who only were in two or three classes a day.

And why not have school 12 months a year and let the present rooms get maximum use. The kids would get in less trouble if they were in school 12 months a year, 10 hours a day.

C. B. SMITH
Yountville

EDITOR, REGISTER:

The new master plan for the city of Napa was very well presented last Wednesday evening, but then why shouldn't it have been. They were hired as professionals.

I can hardly wait to help pay for this, but then, of course, the federal government will pick up a generous share of the bill and they must have plenty money. This should be obvious to anyone who compares their new withholding schedule now that we are blessed with a surtax.

As for urban renewal, neither Santa Rosa or Vallejo set a very good example. Those new apartments in the redevelopment area in Vallejo are supposed to be low rent, but check the rates advertised and a welfare case, heaven forbid, might actually have to work for wages to make enough to afford to live there.

How did they get blue water in the Napa River? The artist's brush must have slipped.

DARRYL W. KIVLEY
2626 Main St.
Napa

EDITOR REGISTER:

In Wednesday night's Napa Register a letter to the editor was written by a Napa resident. As I read over this person's letter I wondered to myself if this person had any children, and if he does he must certainly care very little for their future education. It interested me a great deal to note that he compared children to a wiper and a transportation problem. Children are people, teenagers are people, they deserve

the best the community and their parents can give them, and not patently obvious will be eliminated.

The program operated under the aegis of the Napa Valley Unified District last year was a Unified District last year when our district had its district Mr. Robey

Mr. Wells' wife as an office worker for \$4,500. (Dr. Payne justified this case of nepotism by saying that the Wells were married during the past year.) Mr. Wells' staff had an additional five employees to bring the annual cost of salaries for this project to \$52,388. . . . And all of this plus \$35,457 of administrative costs was spent on delinquency control for 20 students plus a lab for field trips and an attempt to grow unadapted biological specimens in an hostile environment!

If our real goal is to control delinquency, how much better it would be to give meaningful jobs to our youth and if \$37,000 is more than is needed . . . perhaps some of it could be returned to the public treasury for the relief of the harassed taxpayers.

I suggest that if others feel as I do that they express themselves to school board members or to the school district staff. Until now the district administrators have been impressed by the color film strips and the attractively festooned signs and other outward trappings of this project . . . perhaps it would be well if they heard from those who are paying the bill for this extravagance.

PHILIP M. BIEVER
2747 Atlas Peak Road
Napa

EDITOR, REGISTER:

A month ago I appeared at a meeting of the Napa Valley School District to ask the school administration to discontinue their sponsorship of the so-called Experimental Forest . . . a program which last year cost the taxpayers \$87,845 and in return provided instruction for 20 students and a field laboratory of the district school children.

But Alas, my plea has fallen on deaf ears. No word has come that the program for this coming year will be in any way curtailed or that any of its faults so

BERRY'S WORLD



"Don't hijack any planes that have passengers who are delegates to the Republican Convention—they've got enough troubles!"

The Napa Register

Page 4A—

Tuesday, August 6, 1968

EDITORIAL

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

(To be published, letters must be of less than 250 words and bear name and address of writer.)

EDITOR, REGISTER:

I'm in favor of the school bond election and will support it. I have a grandson who attended Napa High School last year and I know the rotten conditions there. It's a miracle that we haven't had a riot by now or a serious fire or an outbreak of disease.

L. D. BRADLEY
Yountville

EDITOR, REGISTER:

Again and again the question of irresponsibility of today's teen-agers has entered the minds of many people.

The question, "Are all teen-agers irresponsible?" is the one that deserves answering. TEAM's answer to this statement is a definite and unquestionable no!

Does the word TEAM bear any significant meaning to many people? No, in fact, few people know what TEAM is or what it does — the reason for our society being so uninformed of this youthful organization is because it isn't given public emphasis.

The word TEAM (Together Each Aim Mastered) is backed by responsible teen-agers giving their time and help to the physically handicapped and retarded children and adults of the area.

A number of teen-agers give their time and effort to help these less fortunate people. They help the handicapped with such physical exercises as bowling and swimming.

They show their maturity and adult responsibility by hosting numerous sales and parties. The teen-agers give their time, but also put their heart into helping those people. Each teamer has his or her own responsibility, with each trying to fulfill this task or those tasks designated. These teen-agers, such as myself, are proud to be able to give help to handicapped and retarded. So, you too can be proud by giving your support and encouragement to these teen-agers who help others. These are some of the responsible teen-agers that still can be found in our society:

Cindy Parmley, Jackie Hemming, Robert Henning, Charles Callahan, Bill Walhou, Donald Shroyer, Valarie Faulkner, Diana Lyons, Vicki Faulkner, Sheila Thompson, Lannie Lukas, Kennis Titon, Shirley Cruz, Debbie Iverson, Janet Guiducci, and myself Kathy Waldon.

Is your name on the above list? If not, please help put it there, join TEAM. Any interested, please contact either Mrs. Callahan 226-5919, or Mrs. Henning 224-0966.

Kathy Waldon
1060 El Centro Ave

EDITOR, REGISTER:

The Napa Register editorial about taxes in California was ridiculous.

Those who say taxes here are too high don't know what they are talking about.

About five years ago I moved here from Arkansas after retirement. I took an apartment in Napa and later moved to Los Angeles to get away from the cold nights.

I now live in an apartment here, buy all my things in Los Angeles stores and pay all other taxes like everyone else. I am certain that my apartment landlord pays many taxes and they are no doubt reflected in my \$98 monthly rent.

Frankly, I do not see how people can keep yelling about taxes. It makes me sick.

I vote for all bond issues. I want to see kids get what they deserve? If I still lived in Napa I'd vote for the school bonds and all other bonds too.

Tax critics make me sick.
G. W. WALLACE
Vermont Street
Los Angeles

EDITOR, REGISTER:

I wish to comment on the recent letters to the editor by John Futini and Hugh Arnott. These people do not favor the passage of the school bond in September.

Mr. Futini said that the present plan would be unfavorable because it doesn't look far enough into the future. He said we seen a plan that will solve the problem for 20 years instead of the five years he says the present plan will cover.

Mr. Arnott said that the whole educational system should be redone. He also said that the bond issue would authorize an eight million dollar loan from the state that will have to be paid back. I wish to bring up three points concerning the situation.

Point one: The loan that Mr.

Arnott talked about is very special. It doesn't have to be paid back. This makes the figure of \$2.5 million the true amount to be raised from the taxpayers. That is much less than Mr. Arnott made it seem.

Point two: I am a teen-ager. I just graduated from Napa High. All through teen-age career I have heard and read of teen-agers wanting a change. The call that echoed from the adult ranks was clear. "Don't try to destroy something unless you can offer a plan to replace it." I was surprised to see that neither of the above mentioned letters offered a plan to replace the plan they disapproved of. Actually, I wasn't surprised. That trait seems typical of all generations.

Point three: Attending Napa High for the last three years I have become accustomed to overcrowded classrooms, congested halls, inadequate eating facilities, the plaster falling from the walls and ceilings, having no place to go at lunch time when it rains, and the feeling you get when you walk into a building that has been condemned for several decades.

The overcrowding is possible to stand, but no person should be forced to receive his education in building that has been declared legally unsafe for occupancy. The year following the coming school year the classes are going to be thrown into double sessions — a condition which greatly lessens the value of a high school education. Double sessions impose a great strain on teachers, greater than they already have. The way to eliminate the pain of double sessions is to build a new high school the way to build a new high school is to pass the coming bond election. The people of Napa have been sitting on their chairs too long. Get out and vote for the school bond.

JAMES MUNGER
111 Hillton Ave.

BERRY'S WORLD



The Napa Register

Page 4A—

Wednesday, August 7, 1968

EDITORIAL—

Letters To The Editor

(To be published, letters must be of less than 250 words and bear name and address of writer.)

EDITOR REGISTER:

In Tuesday night's Editor's Letter Box, there was a letter which implied: "Conveniences and courses that have been added to the school buildings and curriculum in the last 50 or so years are 'unneeded frills' " and "The basic purpose of educational institutions is to keep the 'kids' off the streets and out of trouble."

If this sort of thinking is anywhere near typical of the voting public, why are teachers hired by this community? Certainly the OEO or the Unemployment Office can supply the community with less expensive babysitters!

I urge fellow voting taxpayers to think long and hard about the education issue. The problem is more complex than the financing of a new school.

1. Does education get a fair share of your tax dollar?
2. Of the money allotted to Napa County for education is enough of it spent on the buildings and classroom teachers?
3. Can a growing population expect to offer an education to an increasing number of students that is equal to other areas without increased cost?
4. Just how important is education to Napa Valley inhabitants?
5. Will delaying the construction of a new school save the taxpayer any money?

A. Lilleberg
2470 West Pueblo Ave.
Napa

The Napa Register

Page 4A—

Thursday, August 8, 1968

EDITORIAL—

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

(To be published, letters must be of less than 250 words and bear name and address of writer.)

not be unused for one-third of the time.

The time of schooling needed by each student will depend upon his own aptitude. Fair enough?

About the school teacher: I am absolutely in agreement with the idea of you getting a better pay.

EDITOR, REGISTER:

In response to the teen-ager, just graduated from Napa High, who wrote a letter in response to the letters from John Futini and myself.

Dear James Munger: First of all, dear James, please remember that a loan is a loan is a loan is a loan, with apologies to Gertrude Stein, but is absolutely true. And, a grant is a grant is a grant is a grant.

Loan: 1. Act of lending; permission to use, as the loan of a book. 2. That lent or borrowed esp. a sum of money lent at interest.

According to the telephone calls received by me regarding the first part of my letter, printed by The Register in two parts, the Napa County Taxpayers Association is actually printing almost exactly the same thing that I said, plus a lot more, on the "against" side of the Sept. 18 special bond election.

Please read this part very carefully, dear James, and all of the rest of you taxpayers.

Now, James, if you have already read the second part of my letter you will realize that it is truly possible to increase the usage of our schoolrooms by one-third without materially increasing taxes.

This does not mean that all of the students will have to attend 12 months each year. It merely means that the school will have to be staffed 12 months each year, and our buildings will

HUGH B. ARNOTT
1010 Shady Brook Lane
Napa

BERRY'S WORLD



"Not only does Henry worry do to the election—he w

The Napa Register

Page 4A—

Friday, August 9, 1968

EDITORIAL—

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

(To be published, letters must be of less than 250 words and bear name and address of writer.)

EDITOR REGISTER:

In my last letter I made the statement that the loan from the state for the new high school didn't have to be paid back. I have found that it does have to be paid back. After doing some research I found I was misinformed.

There are several alternatives for the voters in the near future. They are (1) to pass the bond issue in September, (2) To wait until a later date and then pass the bond issue, (3) Not to pass the bond issue at all.

If the voters pass the bond issue in September, several things will happen. To be authorized for a loan from the state, the secondary school district has to be bonded for at least five per cent of the assessed valuation. The district is already bonded for about two per cent. The 2 1/2 million-dollar bond, if passed, would make up the rest of the five per cent, thus authorizing a state loan. The taxes would not go up. There is already a 40-cent-per-100-dollar assessor's valuation tax. That is all that can be charged.

This 40-cent-per-100-dollar tax would pay off the bond first, then, as the payments started to taper off, the loan would begin to be paid off. We would also acquire a much-needed high school.

JAMES MUNGER
11111 Hilton Ave.

EDITOR REGISTER:

Unfortunately I was not able to read Mr. Hugh Arnott's letter which appeared in The Register recently concerning the forthcoming school bond issue and the fact that our educational system needs reforming.

In reality, this is the crux of the problem. Not just locally, but on a national scale do we need to improve our methods of educating ourselves. If we are to be a truly great modern society we must adapt to the times or perish. Constructing new, classrooms does not increase the quality of education; imaginative thinking attacked with verve does.

Too long have our educators been steeped in tradition and entrapped by federal, state, and local bureaucracy. Only when we realize that we must break away from the staid conventionality of schooling can there be any hope for a more learned populace.

As I asserted in my previous letter to The Register that a long-range plan of classroom construction is necessary so will I reiterate that piecemeal erection of school facilities will serve no useful purpose. In fact, neither will help until we solve fundamental education problems such as limiting enrollment in any one school plant so as to prevent overcrowding, screening high school applicants in order to re-

move those young people who are not interested in academics and diverting these to acquiring a useful manual trade, the discontinuance of high school subjects in high school, i.e. dancing, drama, most sports (substituting gymnastics), using school buildings a full 12 months, have teachers work 12 months for the salary they have been receiving for working approximately nine months, limiting tenure of office for school officials such as superintendents, principals, deans, the preclude the possibility of establishing their own political machines.

JOHN J. FUTINI
1012 Terra Verde drive
1109 W Salvador Ave.

EDITOR REGISTER:

Again we are about to vote in a school election on money. We also need to be able to vote upon the education, the curriculum and many other things.

The elected official responsible for education, money, buildings and building sites in all of the public schools within Napa County is the well-paid, elected County Superintendent of Public Schools.

Complaints about public education, the curriculum, money, voting and buildings and building sites within Napa County should be taken to the County Superintendent of Schools. I believe we need to have the County Superintendent of Public Schools to put on a ballot an opportunity for the people of Napa County to vote for countywide unification (of the elementary and high school levels) and under the direct responsibility and control of the well-paid, full-time, elected County Superintendent of Public Schools.

Then we could very much cut down the cost and we could get the education we need and want.

GERTRUDE SHIPP
1506 Banks Ave.

EDITOR REGISTER:

It is a blessing that the California Assembly has set aside

BERRY'S WORLD



© 1948 by NEA, Inc.
"Are you as surprised as SPIRO T. AGNEW was?"
Jim Biny

The Napa Register

Page 4A—

Tuesday, August 13, 1968

EDITORIAL—

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

(To be published, letters must be of less than 250 words and bear name and address of writer.)

EDITOR REGISTER:

Jehovah's Witnesses would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your news coverage of the "Good News for All Nations" district assembly at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa. We feel you rendered a valuable

service to the public by informing them of the event.

You will be interested to know more than 8,000 persons jammed the fairgrounds Sunday afternoon to hear the public Bible lecture: "Man's Rule About to Give Way to God's Rule."

The speaker, John O. Groh, a director of the Watchtower Society, said, "It is unable to survive his own human efforts without the help, guidance and blessings of the God that created

both man and all the laws that govern his environment."

Happily, he explained that God has provided a heavenly government in the hands of His Son Jesus Christ that will shortly replace the corrupt rule of man's governments.

We look forward to future pleasant relationships with you. Watchtower Convention
2233 Rutledge Ave.
Santa Rosa

EDITOR REGISTER:

One alternative to passing the school bond issue in September (waiting, then passing the bond issue at a later date) is not so pretty.

Almost three years the school district was unified. Following three years after unification a school district has to be bonded for five per cent of the assessed valuation of both the secondary and elementary districts before it can be authorized for a state loan. (We only have to bond for the secondary district if we pass it this September.)

This would approximately double the amount of the bond needed. This, in turn, would approximately double the tax which would be levied. Also added would be some taxes from several elementary districts that have unpaid bonds. This all raises the taxes approximately 150 per cent.

The consequences of the third alternative (not to pass the bond issue at all) are the worst of all. If no bond issue is passed, then a school can't be built. The state requires that all people under the age of 16 attend school.

This means that if we want to follow state law and if we don't pass a bond issue, first we go on double session, then triple session. Next we start setting up tents. We've got to keep the kids on the campus.

JAMES MUNGER
1111 Hilton Ave.

DON OAKLEY

Government By Lobby

Newspaper Enterprise Association

do better.

The Senate comes in for its share of lumps for having passed a bill opening the way for triple-trailer trucks — veritable trains on tires weighing up to 69 tons — on the Interstate Highway System.

The Budget Bureau says the bigger trucks will reduce the life of the highways, yet no new taxes or charges for them are included in the bill. The Bureau of Public Roads warns that such trucks will overstress bridges on the system by 23 to 36 per cent.

No one knows what congestive effect these monsters will have on passenger-car traffic, especially on long grades, yet no maximum truck length or minimum engine power requirements are included in the bill.

Nevertheless, the House Public Works Committee has approved it for House action.

Once more, the government can do better by the people it governs — but it won't unless the people make their voices heard.

Eternal vigilance is not only the price of liberty. It is also the price of a government that is reasonably responsive to the larger needs of the people it governs.

It is a rare law passed by Congress that is not a compromise — usually an imperfect compromise — between the welfare of the majority and the interests of some special, organized group. And it is a rare compromise that is reached without the constant vigilance of journalists, social critics and others who constitute the only lobby that unorganized majority has.

Three current cases in point: Four years after President Johnson called for the creation of a Redwoods National Park, the House Interior Committee has labored and brought forth a mouse of a bill setting aside 28,400 acres of remaining virgin redwood trees — 1800 acres of which are already protected in state parks.

Few not associated with the redwood lumbering industry are exactly ecstatic about this little — better — than — nothing sop to posterity.

To borrow a phrase from John F. Kennedy, we can do better — certainly at least as well as the Senate did last year when it passed a bill establishing a 64,000-acre park, which itself is far from the 90,000 acres wanted by conservationists.

Pleading to another lobby is House action in passing a \$12 billion highway construction bill that includes not one cent for billboard and junkyard control and landscaping.

Absent from the bill is a bonus to states which comply with federal safety requirements and with federal beautification standards, which have been on the books for three years, and a ban on slashing highways through parks, historic sites and wildlife preserves.

A companion Senate bill authorizes \$85 million for beautification, or one-140th of the total moneys involved.

Again, it would seem, we can

BERRY'S WORLD



"Thank goodness, all those convention looks are gone!"
© 1968 by NEA, Inc. *Jim Berry*

BARBS

By PHIL PASTORET

By the time a fellow gets a job where problems call for hair-tearing, quite often he hasn't any.

The Napa Register

Page 6B

Wednesday, August 14, 1968

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

(To be published, letters must be of less than 250 words and bear name and address of writer.)

EDITOR REGISTER:

Mr. Arnett made a suggestion in his letter. The idea was to use the school facilities in the summer months as well as the usual school months. This would increase the capacity of the high school by a whopping thirty-three-and-one-third per cent.

So what? The high school as it now stands has a theoretical capacity of about 1,200 or 1,300 students. Mr. Arnett's idea would up the capacity to around 1,600 students. Last year, 3,100 students attended Napa High. That's almost double Mr. Arnett's extra-efficient capacity.

Some voters have an affiliation to the high school through their children, through their be-

ing teachers or similar means. To most other voters, the high affiliation they have to the school is through taxes.

I would like to request that the voters of Napa look at this matter from the student's viewpoint. Instead of trudging through six feet of snow to get to school as some of our ancestors say they did, we have to trudge through six feet of students to get to our next class.

JAMES MUNGER
1111 Hilton Ave.

EDITOR REGISTER:

I should like to reply to a letter from a high school student and straighten out his abysmal ignorance of the terms of the state loan that will appear on the ballot on Sept. 17. One can only gather from his remarks that he was thoroughly indoctrinated by his instructor at the high school and that this shows

either incompetence or the surmountable pressure or ignorance of the subject matter on the part of the instructor. None of these are excusable. Let me quote from a letter received from the board of governors of the California Community Colleges dated July 3, 1968, and signed by Archie L. McPherran, acting chief execu-

The interest rate on school district bonds cannot exceed five per cent. It is extremely unlikely that there would be default on payment, since a tax is levied for the purpose and the revenue kept separately for that purpose. Districts on the state building aid program make payments to the state for 30 years and any unpaid balance is forgiven.

In reply to A. Lillieberg I should like to inform him that if he took a pencil and paper and his last two tax bills that with a little simple arithmetic he would find (if his rates are the same as mine) that his assessed valuation has risen 20.7 per cent in one year, thus making his tax payment slightly more by one-fifth than it was the previous year. He would also find that the portion of his tax going to education has become 66.1 per cent of his total tax levy.

From this he should be able to deduce that unification as the economy move that used as the argument that sold it to the voter is a failure.

M. E. BENSON
1134 Olive Hill Lane

DON OAKLEY

Need Population Control

Newspaper Enterprise Association

Pope Paul's long-awaited encyclical on birth control, insofar as it applies to members of the Roman Catholic faith, is essentially a private matter involving the individual, his conscience and those he looks to for spiritual guidance.

However, the pope's appeal to world leaders to disavow practices contrary to natural and divine law" is of concern to all men and all nations, for we all inhabit the same world. It is an increasingly crowded world and one which we are beginning to realize has a finite amount of resources and a limited capacity to heal itself of wounds inflicted by men.

Overpopulation is not an immediate problem in most so-called developed nations, where birth rates are falling or have stabilized at low levels. But in most countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America — countries which include about two-thirds of the world's peoples — not just overpopulation but runaway population is the specter that haunts mankind.

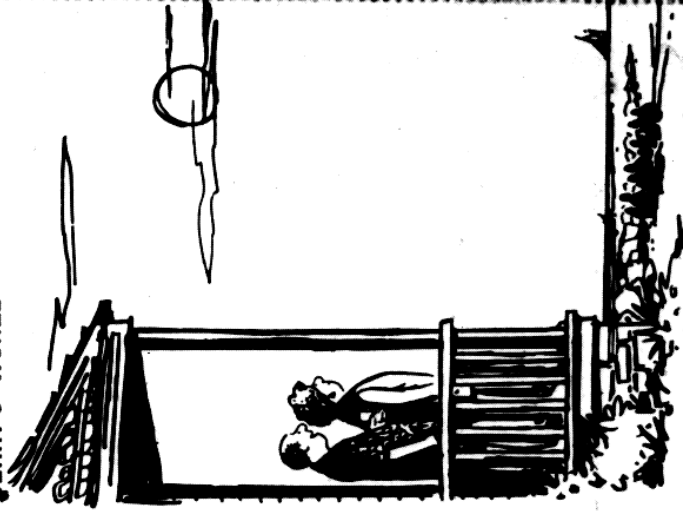
In Mexico, Peru, the United Arab Republic, Iran and the Philippines, for examples, current birth rates still exceed 40 per 1,000 population. By contrast, in the United States, the rate declined to a record low of 17.9 last year — yet still high enough to ensure that the problems of housing, education, congestion, pollution and just plain social friction will still be with us as far ahead as we can see.

Birth control, by whatever means it is practiced, is not the exclusive solution, of course. In underdeveloped countries, where agriculture-based economies have traditionally placed a premium on large families, the

availability of contraceptives too frequently means that people may now have large families by choice, not by chance.

Industrialization, or the social structure which industrialization fosters, would seem to be the key to curbing excessive population growth, if the history of the West is a guide.

BERRY'S WORLD



© 1968 by NEA, Inc. *Chin-Berry*
"Notice? It's been a lot more quiet around here this summer since, instead of drinking beer, they're smoking pot!"

The Napa Register

Page 4A—

Thursday, August 15, 1968

EDITORIAL—