

# THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

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## EDITOR REGISTER:

It is very heartening to notice that the young people of Napa County have interest enough in our local Sept. 18 special bond election to write to The Napa Register. This is a very good omen of their ability to think and express themselves. In particular, James Munger must be commended for admitting that he "was misinformed."

With this in mind, I sincerely hope that both James Munger and Arletta Kelley remember that not all of what you hear from your adult friends (including teachers)

is entirely unbiased with regard to personal gain. This is especially true when it means getting hit in your pocketbook or resulting in losing some other personal advantage. (Even if it is for the advantage the greatest majority of the taxpayers.)

One thing, I think all will agree, is that 65 per cent of our county tax bill being spent for the schools is enough. Especially when we already know that the Napa Junior College Trustees are already going to increase the property-owners tax as soon as the time is auspicious. (But not before Sept. 18 you can bet.)

John J. Fufini's letter states it very succinctly when he stated, "Using school buildings a full 12 months, have teachers work 12

months for the salary they have been receiving for working approximately nine months, etc."

However, I repeat from my previous letter, "The time of schooling needed by each student will depend upon his own aptitude. Fair enough?" And, "I am absolutely in agreement with the idea of you getting a better pay" for more work hours. (To the teachers.)

HUGH G. ARNOTT

1010 Shady Brook Lane

## EDITOR REGISTER:

If, as the California Teachers Association would have us believe, all teachers are professionals rather than journeymen, why does it take so much expensive administration and so many educational specialists to supervise and instruct these professionals how to conduct their class rooms.

I maintain that most of the fault lies in the refusal of classroom teachers making themselves and their needs heard at their union meetings, for no matter by what other name you call it the California Teachers Association is one of the most powerful labor unions in the state and had been ever since the thirties and the depression years.

Maybe it is easier to hang hams on the right door than it is to stand up and be counted. Perhaps with a little gumption on the teachers part the old adage that "It's not what the school room is made of, it's what's in it that counts," will come to pass again and the competent instructor will receive the merit salary she deserves. But she should know by now that the tax bite is as heavy as any property owner is going to put up with and it is going to take action on her part to get rid of this top-heavy administration burden and put the money back in the classroom where the taxpayers and parents know it belongs.

M. E. BENSON

1134 Olive Hill Road

**DON OAKLEY**

## Upping Pay Of Congress

**Newspaper Enterprise Association**

It is one of those little oddities of history that the first two amendments to the Constitution submitted to the states for ratification were rejected. They were part of a bundle of 12 amendments passed by the First Congress in 1789. The states accepted numbers 3 through 12 (now numbered 1 to 10), which we know as the Bill of Rights.

The first of the two that were turned down would have limited the size of the House of Representatives, the second would have forbidden both representatives and senators to raise their salaries.

How the nation's original congressmen came to place such a temptation as the latter amendment before the electorate and how the temptation could have been resisted must be a story in itself. But resisted it was, and in the 169 years since then, congressmen have not hesitated

— well, not very much — to raise their salaries a couple of times. The last time was in 1964, when the solons upped them-

selves from \$22,500 to \$30,000 a year. The rumor is that they would now like another hike but, according to some cynical observers, are too chicken to do it themselves. Instead, they have foisted the job off on a special commission they authorized at the end of the last session.

The commission, made up of nongovernmental leaders, has until Jan. 1, 1970, to make its recommendations to the President, but it is expected that it will do so by the end of this year and that it will call for hefty increases not only for congressmen but cabinet members, Supreme Court justices and federal judges.

For congressmen, the talked-about figure is \$45,000, which would be a neat 50 per cent increase over their present salaries and add up to a 360 per cent increase since 1954, when they were paid a modest \$12,500. This is somewhat more than the rise in the cost of living in that period.

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Friday, August 16, 1968

# Letters To The Editor

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## EDITOR REGISTER:

The present dynasty of the education system has a mind to perpetuate itself (and increase our taxes) with the assist of the most powerful lobby known to me, and the only way to stop them is to clearly see through their shenanigans, and stop them now.

Your approval of the Sept. 18 bond issue will also mean an interest bill of \$357,500 per year on the \$6½ million which they

**KARL KOVAC**

## Watchful Saucers

will borrow. And, on top of that, you will still have to pay back the \$6½ million, plus the \$2½ million, plus interest.

Vote no on Sept. 18.

HUGH G. ARNOTT

1010 Shady Brook Lane

## EDITOR REGISTER:

I am writing in behalf of my son, Sgt. Donald Marshall, who is stationed in Vietnam. He has very little time to write, but wishes to express his thanks to the American War Mothers for all they are doing for the boys out there.

The packages are very much appreciated; and it really gives the boys a boost to know that they are remembered back home.

CATHERINE M. MARSHALL

3130 Jefferson St.

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DEBBIE HOPKINS

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Saturday, August 17, 1968

# THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

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## EDITOR REGISTER:

The Napa County Taxpayers Association exists to help every taxpayer better understand the problems of government, especially applicable to your money.

Did you know that upon your back Mr. Taxpayer, there is carried through higher and higher rents or higher and higher property taxes, a very heavy, disproportionate and inequitable load of the cost of education? Education for almost every conceivable purpose?

We are for these programs, make no mistake about it, when common sense and reason are brought to bear and the extent of such programs planned accordingly. But we also are for the common man in the street who pays the massive load in taxes and who wants his children given a sound education that will prepare them for the battles to come in their lives ahead.

The citizen in America today no doubt likes to think of himself as a "king." If you are earning less than \$7,500 annually, the "king" idea may as well be forgotten. You are just a "peon" paying the freight. You are being exploited, and you are paying for the exploitation too.

Education in Napa County takes about 67 cents of every tax dollar. Others areas are similarly being hit. So much so that school bonds are being turned down all over the country at the ratio of about 244 to 220. There is nothing sacrilegious about turning down school bonds.

For the current situation locally, we have information that our teachers are being pressured, or convinced, they should enter the arena of bond politics support, and cooperate with entrenched lobbying. We believe this to be against the intent of Section 1073 of the Education Code.

CAPT L W CEASE  
(USN Ret.)  
1011 Rowena Lane

## EDITOR REGISTER:

Regarding the proposed high school building and modernization program I'd like to present a couple of observations. It looks to me like we are from three to five years behind the need for adequate public school facilities in this district now. Failure to pass the issues in September will mean that we will be a couple of more years behind.

We only need to look at what is happening to labor costs and costs of construction to know what will be the result of further delay. And we are going to have to foot the bill whenever we recognize our responsibility and vote for further, necessary school buildings.

There is a great deal of money involved in this project and I realize that we are going to have to pay it, whether bonds or loan. I was opposed to the last bond issue because I felt it was not a sound package. It appeared to be more or less a blank check for the district. But with this proposition, with all the safeguards put in by the state, I know this money will be used for the purpose so stated.

I intend to vote yes on both proposals and hope you will too.  
ORVILLE A LEMKE  
130 Hickory St.

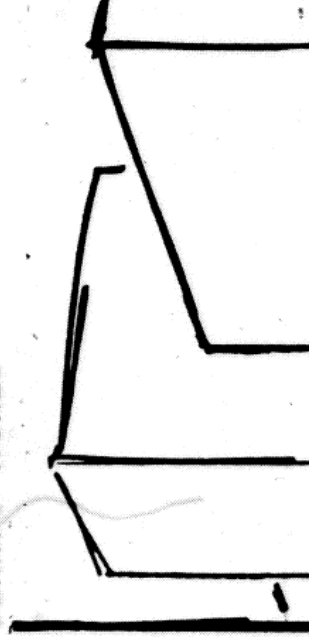
## EDITOR REGISTER:

How is it that any reasoning individual could deny the need for a new high school? Perhaps the argument is against the method of raising revenue.

Taxation is as distasteful to everyone as a large dose of cod-liver oil. However, I've heard better and more realistic arguments against the taking of "oil" from pre-schoolers than were those negative positions of M E Benson and John Futini.

PGF MCKENZIE  
1423 Sierra Ave.

## BERRY'S WORLD



## EDITOR REGISTER:

Running through all the letters on the high school bond issue is a theme obviously as a scarlet thread. It is the old song and dance about increased taxes. Or it is the related fixation on some vaguely-defined suspicion relative to the veracity of school district administration officials. In any case, the penurious and suspicious letter-writers have done little more than to inject into the issue a negative element which resolves absolutely nothing.

Suppose we ask the individual who is afraid of paying \$7 to \$10 more a year on his residence property tax for the benefit of a new high school in Napa, what do you propose as a solution to the overcrowded, deteriorating high school of which we now boast?

Suppose we turn for advice to the suspicious doubters of school administrator credibility and ask, how will you go about to provide Napa's young people with the quality education to which they are entitled? In all of these cases the positive, constructive elements are obviously lacking.

The people who will vote negatively on the high school bonds will undoubtedly be those who have no children in the home. It is difficult to conceive how people with children could vote against their education, so let's talk to the citizens who figure they owe nothing to educate other people's children. What crass irresponsibility. Do such people not live within a community that is full of youngsters? Do they have no concern that such young people are the future leadership of their community?

ROBERT HAMPEL  
2459 MacLennan St.

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Wednesday, August 21, 1968

On the occasion of the centennial year of the University of

children on weekend outings.

son to be proud of today's university students.

STAG (Student Tutorial Aid

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EDITOR REGISTER:

Those of us who have been associated with the Head Start Center in the Yountville School would like to thank the many people and organizations that have helped make the program a success. We have had rewarding experiences with so many, including Dr. Glen Bissell, Stornetta's Dairy, the Town and Country Fair, Barbara Mercer's Peppettes, Safeway Stores, the Napa County Library Youth Services, the U.S. Post Office, Food Land Market in St. Helena, the California State Department of Forestry, the Napa County Sheriff's Office, the City of Yountville, the Veterans Home, the parents of our volunteers for their transportation, our fellow teachers, nurses, cooks, aides, etc.

DON OAKLEY

## Schools Financial Pinch

Newspaper Enterprise Association

For the nation's 2,300 colleges and universities, it is both the best of times and the worst of times.

On the bright side:

More than 300 new colleges and universities have been found

We have had a wonderful group to work for and to work with.

MARY FRYER  
LORETTA HULP  
1130 Main St.

EDITOR REGISTER:

It may be of particular interest to your readers that the Citizens United for Racial Equality (CURE), an inter-denominational organization concerned with the black-white crisis and the implementation of the Kerner Report, are meeting every two weeks in Napa.

During their last meeting on August 8, "Housing and the Black-White Crises" was discussed by three realtors. A lively barrage of questions was answered during the question-and-answer period that followed.

On Thursday, Aug. 22, an integrated camping experience sponsored by the Napa-Solano Ecumenical Parish will be described. This meeting is open to

all people concerned with the plight of their fellow man. It will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 3875 Jefferson St. at 8 p.m. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

DOROTHY MENZEL  
68 Forest Drive

EDITOR REGISTER:

It would be nice for users of property now subject to frequent floods to know that they have been reduced to blueprint specifications named "standard design flooding" and that it is decreed that this shall occur "two to three feet deep" in a triangular configuration of land north of the intersection of the Napa River and Milliken Creek.

This seems to be predicated on having a width of bottom channel 400 feet at Kaiser narrowing to 100 feet north of Lincoln Avenue. It would not take much of a slip of the slide rule to bring out such wisdom which may not take into account the laws of hydraulics including Bernoulli's principle. The rip-rap south of Lincoln would fall into the river from the increased velocity of water in a constricted channel. Also, how about an incoming high tide?

And from the information we now have it seems probable that the same areas would be flooded as before. Sorry to wake you up.

ORRIS McCARTNEY  
44 Franklin St.

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Thursday, August 22, 1968



# THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

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## EDITOR REGISTER:

A school teacher friend gave me a letter she received from Dr. J. Wm. Payne, superintendent of Napa Unified School District, addressed, "To all school employees."

The letter urges all employees not only to vote "yes" on the school bond and state loan September 17th, but "by taking every opportunity to influence those about us to do likewise . . . a successful bond issue can set the pattern for future improvements all along the line."

A four-page "bond campaign presentation" was enclosed, also a five-cent postcard, addressed to Napa Unified School District, for employees to indicate in which capacities they would serve: clerical, election-day transportation, endorsements, finance, poll-watching, publicity, speakers bureau, telephoning. My friend knows the state ed-

ucational code does not authorize preparation or dissemination of information by any school district governing board member or administrative officer for purposes of influencing electors voting at any school district election or upon any proposition affecting the district's public schools.

It does not prohibit any school district governing board member or administrative officer from appearing before citizens groups which request his appearance to discuss reasons for an election or issuance of bonds or increased tax rate, or to answer questions put to him by any taxpayer concerning cost of such proposal.

My teacher friend disapproves of this pressure to influence voters and does not wish to participate in it. She said, "I am afraid to refuse. I might lose my job."

Are voters generally aware of this unusual pressure? If so, do they approve?

EDITH R. GRIFFITHS  
2463 Atlas Peak Road.

EDITOR REGISTER:  
On Sept. 17 a school bond election of significant importance to the residents of the Napa Valley Unified School District will be held.

Much has been said at meetings within the district, and in the press, both for and against this bond election. No one likes the thought of an increase in their property taxes and I am sure you will agree that during my term as a Napa County Supervisor I have attempted to guard against unreasonable expenditures of tax money.

Despite the reluctance to vote an increase in taxes, I urge the voters of the Napa Unified School District to approve this bond issue. The need for a new high school is readily apparent, and it would be unjust to allow our children to suffer because of our various differences with the administration of the school systems.

The present high school, from which I graduated 20 years ago, and which my own daughter now attends, is inadequate, overcrowded and unsafe.

Napa is showing itself to be a progressive community in many areas, parks, river development, agriculture preserves. We are creating a community that others are looking to for guidance in their future planning. We can do no less for our children. Be sure to vote on Sept. 17, and vote yes on the high school bond issue.

JACK L. FERGUSON  
4731 Linda Vista Ave.

## DON OAKLEY

# Exodus From Poverty

Newspaper Enterprise Association

The War on Poverty may not have recorded any spectacular battle victories, but it is far from being the mismanaged skirmish its critics have likened it to.

In 1967, 2.9 million Americans made it out of poverty. Reports the Office of Economic Opportunity, calling this "the greatest exodus from the ranks of the poor in the 10 years that records have been kept and possibly in the nation's history."

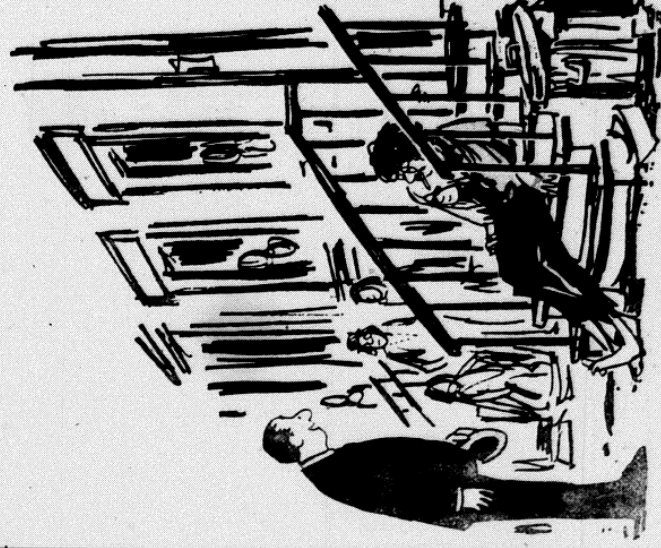
In the three years that the OEO has been in existence, seven million Americans have escaped from what is officially classified as poverty status, compared with 4.5 million in the previous five years. In those same three years, the proportion of non-white Americans living in poverty dropped from 47 per cent to 35 per cent and the proportion of whites in poverty fell from one in seven to one in 10.

Since 1959, the total number of poor people in the nation has declined from 38.7 million to 26 million at of December 1967 — 18 million white, 8 million nonwhite. Significantly, in the past three years, nonwhites have been moving out of poverty at about nine times the 1959-1964 rate.

The OEO does not claim full credit for these heartening trends. Undoubtedly, the very growth of the economy is responsible for much of the improvement. But it does claim that a substantial share of the accele-

rated movement out of poverty is the result of its War on Poverty programs.

# BERRY'S WORLD



"Son, your mother and I are a bit worried that you might be becoming a little too 'ARTSY-CRAFTSY!'"

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Friday, August 23, 1968

# THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

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## EDITOR REGISTER:

My conscience dictates that I must write this letter to the editor and invite the attention of the citizens of Napa County to a great book I have just finished reading: "Three Years Off This Earth."

To those interested in civilian and military aviation, the early and current history of our nation's air lines, world affairs prior to, during and after World War II, and the geological formation of the Napa Valley, its vineyards and vintners, once you start reading this thrilling biography you will be unable to put it down until you have completely digested every word and have mentally experienced every undertaking with the author.

The author, Mr. Alexis Klotz, lives right here in our beautiful Napa Valley and is, in my opinion, one of the most daring, qualified and experienced pilots in the United States, if not in the world. True, other pilots may be as good, but none are better. Every hair-raising experience written in the pages of this book is true, which makes

it so much more intriguing.

I have never had the good fortune or pleasure of meeting the author, the book was loaned by Capt. Leonard S. Bonham of the Napa County Sheriff's Aero Squadron for me to read while recuperating from surgery.

To those who have read this marvelous book, I am confident that you share my enthusiasm. To those who have not, you have a wealth of excitement and knowledge in store for you.

WILLIAM DALTON  
3200 Scenic Drive

## EDITOR REGISTER:

On behalf of the North Bay Soccer Football League, its officers and member teams, I wish

to express my sincere gratitude to the staff of The Napa Register, especially Messrs. Ross Game, Jim Olson, Bob McKenzie, Cal Hull and Ken Oku for the excellent newspaper coverage given our league program in its first year of operation.

It is certainly a tremendous boost to have a local newspaper which is interested in covering and does cover the great diversity of activities which are planned and carried out in the community.

Thanks are also due to our radio station KVON and Mr. Ron Greenslate for including our league results and activities in the newscasts.

CHARLES JEZYCKI  
Sectry. NB Soccer Lg.

## BERRY'S WORLD



DELEGATES  
WOOD - \$25

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Saturday, August 24, 1968

EDITORIAL—

# THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

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## EDITOR REGISTER:

How can the average citizen judge the merits of a school bond proposal - or any other proposition upon which we are entitled to or expected to vote? He can make every effort to become as fully informed as possible and many of us do just that. Many citizens, however, find themselves in the position of looking to others for guidance. We are either too busy with our own activities, jobs or businesses or just are unable - for one reason or another - to adequately digest all of the information necessary to make a logical decision or are just plain unable (or unwilling) to take the time and devote the energy to properly inform ourselves. What then is our only other course?

Depend upon the judgment and recommendations of the many citizens who have informed themselves and present recommendations to us. The men and women of the New High Schools Committee represent a cross-section of outstanding community leaders - many of whom are substantial taxpayers and many of whom have no youngsters in high school - and, if they say the propositions to be voted upon on Sept. 17 are sound and in the best interests of the community, I certainly am going to respect their very substantial efforts and endorse their recommendations. It would seem that anyone concerned with the future of education in this area might seriously consider the recommendations of this selfless committee and vote for this vital community necessity.

MRS. BETTY HUMPHREY  
2033 Sto. Terrance Drive

## EDITOR REGISTER:

Too often a normal person gets so wound up with a pet project he becomes irrational and does anything to put over his project regardless of consequences. This apparently is being done by the superintendent of Napa Unified School District, his staff and his captive school board.

The role of these people in a school bond election is clearly stated in the Educational Code, section 1073: "Nothing in subdivision (C) of section 1071 shall be construed to authorize the preparation or dissemination of information for purposes of influencing the electors in the district in voting at any school election or in voting upon any proposition affecting the public schools of the district."

Despite this, the school superintendent wrote a personal letter on school stationery to all 900 school employees not only urging them to vote for the bonds but also to take every opportunity to influence others to do likewise. He enclosed a four-page propaganda talk that he is giving wherever possible, and a return stamped card asking that they sign up in various assignments to help put over the bonds.

Students are being indoctrinated. Perhaps if the superintendent had his way all students would carry placards. Under this disturbing pressure, can teachers be expected to give their best efforts to helping students learn and students to give their full attention to studies?

Here are facts concerning these bonds. The election is for \$2,775,000, enabling the board to borrow from the state additional \$5,830,000. No mention is made of interest which is at an all-time high rate. Total principal and interest will be more than \$14,000,000 spread over a 30-year period.

This will not do the job. We can expect another request in some five years.

CARTER C. CAMP  
1200 Grand View

## EDITOR REGISTER:

I read with tongue in cheek Capt. Cease's letter urging defeat of the high school bonds published in The Napa Register of Aug. 21.

It appears incongruous that you berate the cost of education when taxpayers have invested at least \$100,000 in your navy career schooling and continue to contribute taxes towards your ample military retirement pension, plus all the goodies in fringe benefits for yourself and family, which we taxpayers also subsidize.

Your letter indicates bitterness concerning the dollar-and-cent cost of education. Surely, we are acutely aware that the value of an education is immeasurable by any monetary yardstick. We have an educational debt we owe the youth of our community, just as our parents provided adequate educational facilities for us, so shall we build schools for our children, and they in turn for theirs. This is a small and complex world we now live in and without education we are ignorant.

norant and host.  
You offer no solution for relief of the present overcrowded conditions existing in our high school but vent your complaints plaintively and without documented justification. You moan about the increased cost of education. I should like to cite the much higher rise in cost of gasoline taxation but this doesn't keep you off the highways.

We are fortunate to live in a democracy for you are able to state, "There is nothing sacrilegious about turning down school bonds," with which I emphatically disagree for the definition of sacrilegious is "injurious," which would be done by defeat of the bonds.

JOHN MINYETTI  
Veterans Home Station  
Yountville

## EDITOR REGISTER:

I would like to comment on a letter published in this column Friday, Aug. 23, in which it is alleged that "unusual pressure" was being used to force teachers of the Napa Valley Unified School District into supporting the coming bond-loan election. As immediate past president of the Napa Valley Educators Association representing nearly 600 of our teaching staff I would like to state emphatically that this assertion is absolutely false.

The communication referred to in Mrs. Griffith's letter was developed at the request of large numbers of our teachers who wish to be kept informed concerning the facts of the bond-loan election and the progress of the campaign. It was prepared, paid for and distributed by the Napa High Schools Committee, an independent group of community-minded individuals organized to coordinate the campaign. As a member of that committee I was co-author of the letter which is pictured on the support of teachers in this effort to promote better education in Napa. Our association along with other professional and classified groups within the school district have consistently supported forward-looking community improvements in the past and I trust will continue to do so in the future.

The "pressure" referred to came in the form of a request to return a postcard if a person wished to become active in the campaign. To date, many of our teachers have indicated a willingness to help in this effort.

PAUL D. SEIDENBERG  
1702 Raider Ave.

## EDITOR REGISTER:

I wish to take this method in thanking all the wonderful people in Napa who have helped make my unsolicited stay in the Kaiser Hospital more pleasant by sending greetings and cards and gifts.

It is truly amazing how little it takes to cheer an individual who must be confined. I hope I have learned to be a little more patient and understanding of my fellow beings during this time. It is strange that it takes personal hardship to jolt some of us out of our own small, selfish worlds.

LEONA LABARGE  
3140 Sonoma Highway

## TIMELY QUOTES

We must keep on open mind as to the possibility that among the wires and transistors of existing electronic computers, there already flickers the dim glimmering of the same kind of personal awareness as that which has become, for man, his most precious possession.  
—Scientist-writer Dean E. Woodbridge.

The solid citizen is a type who is needed today as never before. But he is derided and scorned and ridiculed and thrown on the defensive.  
—James E. Day, former postmaster general.

The thing I can't tell is whether cab drivers yield to each other out of fear or respect.

—Patrolman Jerry Batt, to taxi drivers on safety and courtesy.

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Wednesday, August 28, 1968

# THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

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**EDITOR REGISTER:**

What we need in regard to our schools is that our three junior high schools, our present senior high school and our proposed new senior high school should all be regular four-year high schools. The four-year high school course should begin at the seventh grade, not the ninth grade. The elementary level should still be kindergarten through sixth grade. All students from the fourth grade through high school should be required to attend school at least 11 months of the year. What we have been teaching in the seventh and eighth grades, junior high school, can some be taught in the first six years and some taught in the four-year high school level. The seventh and eighth grades, junior high school, got there in the first place as a substitute for high school. Now we

need to eliminate the seventh and eighth grades, elementary, and put the four-year high school down where it belongs, beginning in the seventh year.

High school should all be college preparatory, with some shops, home economics, art and music. Vocations, occupations and professions should then be taught in our junior college, beginning in the 11th grade and after high school graduation. We should expect all high school graduates to attend the junior college.

We are doing a lot of planning for a flood control project, new county courthouse complex, urban renewal, new streets, highways, overpasses and bridges. These things have to come out of our high schools, not just from money from Washington, D.C.

GERTRUDE SHIPP  
1615 Second St.

**EDITOR REGISTER:**

This letter is in regards to a letter written by a Mr. Arnold which appeared in the editors letter box column on Aug. 17. It is true that there will be millions of dollars spent on a new high school. These funds must be raised by the state and by the people of Napa. What you, and I'm sure many others, there is a dire need for a new high school and that eventually there will be a drastic need for more and better equipped space.

Everyone complains that the cost of living is going up. You speak of the millions needed to build a school now. If this bond is shoved down again it will be

a few more years before it comes up again. In these years don't you suppose that the prices will keep on rising? Meanwhile the students will be getting an even poorer education in overcrowded poorly equipped classrooms. I'm sure that many people are worrying about the extra taxes that will come about. But, think of the millions, that can be saved by acting now instead of two, five or 10 years from now. Please vote yes on Sept. 17 and help students and yourselves.

CHRIS BOOTH  
11116 LaHoma Drive.

**EDITOR REGISTER:**

I wonder if any of your readers can tell me why a supermarket chain here in Napa is boycotting California table grapes but selling Communist Yugoslavian wine?

Are we to assume that the California grape grower is more wicked than the despicable rulers of the Communist world? Are we to assume that the capitalist system (which built this great country) is more unfair to the masses than the Communist system which has enslaved millions of helpless peoples in this world?

Are we to assume that the Communist treat enslaved millions better than the California grape grower treats the farm workers and laborers that pick the grapes?

Wake up Napa shoppers. Look at the Communist wine. I wouldn't trade at such a store. How about you?

JOSEPH A. DIGIACOMO  
802 Windsor St.

**DON OAKLEY**

## Return To Bikini

(Newspaper Enterprise Association)

Like the American Indian and other so-called primitive races, the people of Bikini have been expendable pawns in a game called Manifest Destiny, as played by various allegedly civilized nations over the decades—the Spaniards, the Germans, the Japanese and, finally, the Americans.

Now, after 22 years, the Bikinians are to be allowed to return to their tiny ring of islands in the Pacific, whence they had been removed in 1946 to make way for the testing of nuclear bombs. Through no fault of our own, since the last nuclear blast in 1958, the amazing restorative power of nature has completed its work on the once-devastated atoll and it has been pronounced fit for human habitation once again.

Only 150 natives were taken from Bikini, though a total of about 500 Micronesians regard it as their traditional home. Most people would never have been aware of Bikini, or would long ago have forgotten about it, had not the name been borrowed for a swim-suit that shocked many sensibilities.

Such are our values.

## BARBS

Rat men who wear shorts while mowing the lawn have been watching too many Tarzan movies on the late-at.

An open mouth can be the hallmark of a closed mind.

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## BERRY'S WORLD



"I'm afraid you're allergic to politics!"

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