

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

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This letter has a direct bearing upon a chronic reason for dissident opinion concerning bond issues and related assurances from administration officials that never seem to come to pass. All but two of the following statements are from Napa Register reports:

1—On Oct. 27, 1965, the old Shurtleff School was gutted by fire.

2—That was unified district property, leased to the county superintendent of schools for TMR classes. Following district insurance settlement, the presiding official at the NVUSD board gave assurance that the intended use of the settlement was for the burned-out program. (Early December, 1965.)

3—Until about May of 1966, it was presumed that the unified district would provide housing for the TMR program for two reasons: a — the district, in all probability would have to assume responsibility for the program within two years, and, b — the district had the pledged insurance money. Around May, the county schools board was notified that the NVUSD would not provide the anticipated housing.

4—In June of 1966, the Register reported an administration quote before the county schools board: "This amount of money is firmly committed to the TMR program and will not be used for anything else." (The settlement was to be \$48,352 when the building was replaced.)

5—On May 27, 1968, administration officials again reaffirmed that the money was being kept in trust for the TMR program,

this time before the TMR parent and faculty group.

6—In the Register dated June 19, the NVUSD found a most worthy use for the Shurtleff School insurance money. In that Sacramento would not approve funds for an administrative complex in the new school plant, the above committed insurance money would be used for this purpose.

RALPH ROSE
507 Jefferson St.

EDITOR REGISTER:

Your two-page spread Aug. 13 showing proposed Napa High School building program is gorgeous. This \$9 million creation would cost the property taxpayers \$14 million, including interest.

Compare this elaborate plan with modest, practical buildings and grounds of various parochial schools in the valley: Catholic, Seventh-day Adventist, Lutheran, etc.

The people who build these schools and pay tuition to send their young to them also would have to pay toward the elaborate public school buildings and grounds which they will not use.

These modest, practical parochial schools educate some 14 per cent of our young, and, according to a national survey by Carnegie Foundation, they do a better job of education than do public schools.

Parochial members spend their own money wisely and carefully.

School administrators spend property taxpayers' money with a free hand.

The gorgeous high school plan will be good for a firm of architects, some few contractors, suppliers and insurance men, also for a stock broker. Naturally, these people are working hard to put the plan over. But it is not in the best interest of the student or the taxpayer

who will have to foot the bill. Yes, more and better education is needed, but just spending more money and building elaborate buildings is not the answer.

The ability of each student to learn should be recognized and used. The teacher should be freed to help him, it is understood that a change is in the making and relief is on the way.

CARTER CAMP
1200 Grandview

EDITOR REGISTER:

A neighbor told me he was informed that Napa County Taxpayers Association endorsed the high school bonds and loan to be voted upon Sept. 17. Knowing I am recording secretary of the Association, he asked if this is true.

It definitely is untrue. A paid advertisement in The Napa Register July 26, 1968, by the Taxpayers Association stated:

"Napa County Taxpayers Association does not support or oppose the September Napa Unified School District high school bond and loan election. But Napa County Taxpayers Association is critical of the schools' governing board and district administrators."

"Why? Napa County Taxpayers Association feels this special election should be delayed pending the outcome of the Watson Amendment on the Nov. 5 general election ballot.

"We trust the school board of trustees will reconsider their action for a special school election. The Watson Amendment will set a property tax limit of one per cent of property market value. Funds for welfare and education would be raised by other taxes then on property. Revenues raised by property taxes could be spent only on property related services."

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EDITOR REGISTER:

In Chicago, Illinois, it is now 1 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 29. In the Chicago Hilton, Senator Eugene McCarthy explains that he lost because, "The system doesn't listen to the people." Part of Mr. McCarthy's suite has been converted into a hospital where young peace demonstrators lie wounded, battered and beaten.

On the street below more demonstrators are being gassed and beaten viciously. Members of the press have been beaten, carried away and otherwise silenced so America would not know of Mayor Daly's "Gestapo." As the gas rises, it reaches Hubert Humphrey's suite. Inside, HHH has showered off the effects of tear gas and closed his window (symbolism?) to be congratulated for his victory.

He stands on "what's good enough for Lyndon's good enough for old hubie." Forty per cent of his party voted against the Vietnam plank he stands on. As hundreds of delegates screamed, "No, no, no," the vote of his election was made unanimous by the chairman. If HHH can't unify

DON OAKLEY
Over Governed
Newspaper Enterprise Association

How many governments do Americans live under? Most people, thinking of the federal, state and city or village governments would answer three. Others, remembering counties and townships, would say four or five. The fact is, it takes seven

his party, what can he do for the nation's unity?

Why? Why the "Gestapo tactics?" Why were the news media silenced? Why were the banners and posters of candidates other than Humphrey banned from the floor so that they had to be smuggled in?

I don't know. Ask Mayor Daly if it was in his plan of "control." Or was the hesitant resident president in tele-control? God help democracy.

JOE LILLIS JR.
1021 Rose Dr.

EDITOR REGISTER:

Education is big business. Education is not merely more buildings, more teachers, more money, but rather new systems to motivate students to learn and progress at their full ability to acquire knowledge, skill and aptitude so essential not only for their well-being but also for the well-being of the nation.

Right now we need to develop the educational tax burden in such a manner as to maintain the solvency of all Napa people including the property owners bearing the lion's share of the school expense burden.

Governing officials must be brought to realize that the property taxes are at their upper limits. These officials, including school board members must realize that times have changed and unless they do their share to hold the line, the minority tax groups have the alternative available that the whole country is being made so painfully aware of: rebellion against laws.

The voters should carefully study the coming bond election and seriously vote their responsibilities to preserve the American ideal of fair tax burdens

for all.

The Watson Initiative Amendment appearing on the November ballot should be passed by an overwhelming majority. Holding the line on massive school expenditures until the tax laws for schools and junior colleges are changed to apply fairly to all the people and not so overwhelmingly on property owners.

S. S. ELSTER
2272 Mount Veeder Road

EDITOR REGISTER:

After the recent invasion of Czechoslovakia the administration in Washington did nothing but wring their hands and bemoan loudly that there was nothing that the United States could do to help. First and foremost the thing that we can and should do is to cut off all trade with communist countries. The United States under United Nations sanction is engaged in an economic boycott of Rhodesia because of their so-called "white rebel racist regime." If we can engage in trade sanctions against anti-communist Rhodesia because of their segregationist policies, how in the world can we justify continued trade with the totalitarian police states of Russia and her eastern European satellites? We have a good example of such fuzzy thinking here on the local level when the citizens of Napa apparently condone the actions of the chain market that is actively engaged in a boycott of California grapes, while at the same time is selling wine imported from communist Yugoslavia.

How much longer will the American people allow this hypocrisy to flourish?

C. B. SMITH
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Thursday, September 5, 1968

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EDITOR REGISTER:

I am sure that every resident of Napa County is aware of the coming bond election to provide desperately needed high schools. I wonder if people are also aware that a large number of the voters are also Catholic parents whose children reap no benefits from our school taxes. We Catholic parents who send our children to Catholic schools pay tuition and yet our children have to walk long distances to school or mothers have to drive them all the while we are helping to support the public schools and the bus transportation which brings the public school students to school.

This seems to me a gross injustice. If we Catholic parents

are expected to pay school taxes our children should at least be allowed to ride the school buses which go right by our homes. The students at Justin and Siena High Schools particularly need bus transportation since they come from all over Napa just as the Napa High students do.

Even if they were not taken to Justin and Siena but dropped in a body at one place, perhaps Napa High, it would be a big help to many parents and taxpayers.

MRS. WELDON CROW
3186 Piedmont Ave.

EDITOR REGISTER:

Once more the Napa County Taxpayers Association is attempting to spike the attempt of our educators to provide Napa with the necessary environment in which to educate our young citizens.

If they are to be completely honest with the voters, why do

they not advise them that the Watson Initiative, even if it is passed in November, is not fully effective for five years? What will the condition of our high school plant be by then? Furthermore, it is still our responsibility to educate our young. Even if the Watson Initiative succeeds, Napans must still foot the bill for education. The money will simply have to be taken from some other pocket. For instance, a city sales tax could be the answer. So What's the difference?

Napans must face up to this responsibility, painful though it may be. It will never cost them less.

MRS. K. R. McMILLAN
1182 Kansas Ave.

EDITOR REGISTER:

Sunday, we all had a picnic in Fuller Park. It is a beautiful spot to relax, watch the kids on the recreation swings, etc. We were four families and nine grandchildren. There were possibly 100 persons over the whole park. (Just guessing)

At 4 o'clock one of the grandchildren had to make a "quick trip" and grandfather took him over. Do you know what happened? The rest room doors were all tightly locked. We couldn't believe it.

Over the door is printed "5 o'clock closing. In a public place. Seven or 8 I could believe, as the park clears usually, but 4 o'clock?

The mother had to then find a gas station in the car, but by then it was too late.

Park superintendent, can you do something about some different hours? If you are worried about vandalism there is another job for an attendant.

MRS. E. P. DESROSIERS
607 Third St.

BRUCE BLOSSAT

Negroes Need Suburbs

Newspaper Enterprise Association

WASHINGTON (NEA) — The morass, first with the aid of New Deal programs and then with a boost from long-continuing post-war prosperity, they are being asked to turn back and share a good part of their new-found gains with the poor who took their place in the cities.

There is not much early sign that many suburbanites are presently in a mood to undertake these fiscal and other burdens.

Word from Congress is that the recent spate of urban Negro riots has enlarged and toughened lawmakers' resistance to heavy federal spending on the racial front.

This source suggested that the Democratic party, to be consid-

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EDITOR REGISTER:

The subject of the school bond-loan election coming up in September has omitted one very obvious fact. This is that the bonds and the state loan will take a very long time to be paid off at the rate of increase as outlined by the Napa Unified School District. According to some sources it will take approximately 33 years to liquidate them, including interest.

If the above is so, how are you going to get additional revenue for the additional school rooms which will be needed during this 33 years? The answer is self-evident.

With the above in mind, the voting public has cause to become alarmed at the apparent attempt to lull them into the thought that this election is the complete answer to all of the needs for the NUSD and that dire consequences will result if it is not passed.

The actual fact is that the complete source of revenue for the support of the schools, and for welfare, can no longer be only from property taxes.

Let us all remember that any increase in property taxes is immediately reflected in a proportionate increase in rents or in the cost of operating your home, if you are buying a home.

A state-wide referendum is now being circulated which will help take care of this injustice,

Let us all hold the line on our present taxation rate until we see the results of this referendum. Vote no Sept. 16 on proposition number one (bonds) and proposition number two (state loan)

CHARLES R. GEORGE
1820 Spencer St.

EDITOR REGISTER:

Since I am a student of Napa High I was very interested in the plans which The Register printed outlining the new high school. I was very pleased to see that Dr. Payne expressed the thought that the additions to Napa High will help save students the misery of trudging between buildings in foul weather, but my hopes fell soon as I saw that in certain cases students attending the new school will be required to walk quite a distance unprotected.

One will find that the average student is satisfied without miles of sparkling glass and special additions to his school which cost extra money. In general, students are happy if they have good lighting, comfortable desks, a few windows to daydream out of and a door to walk out of when the bell rings. I ask the school board not to overlook that bit of light which they have discovered.

Please cut down on certain costs and improve your plans by providing some type of protection to Napa County students. It is much easier to concentrate when one's feet aren't wet and water is not dripping from one's hair onto that homework paper

which took half the night to complete. Just maybe if some protection is provided for students the winter attendance won't drop off quite so steeply.

CAROLYN THOMAS
6304 Silverado Trail

EDITOR REGISTER:

I am a sophomore student at Napa Junior College. Being a student as everybody knows is not easy. You have to be able to stretch those dollars pretty far in order to pay the rent, eat and just plain exist.

The purpose of this letter is to ask why? Why doesn't the college have used books? Where are they hiding them? My first semester I was in trouble just like I am now. I had to buy all brand new books. The final figure was in the forties. This total was just books, it doesn't count my pen, pencils, paper and lab equipment.

It might give some people real pleasure to be the first to use a book, but it doesn't make one bit of difference to me. When the school buys it back, new or old, the price is the same.

The next semester a few used books were on the shelves and my books only amounted to \$30. A savings of \$10 doesn't seem much, but to a college student it is a great amount.

I am writing to the paper in hopes that maybe someone can do something about this problem. Is it fair?

ELLEN HOEFT
3638 Newark Drive

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FRONT PAGE

material and fixed some stew for ahead.

are working toward that mission.

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EDITOR REGISTER:

We are in another year in which we must elect a president. This year we must examine the candidates and even more closely we must examine the future of our country. We must elect a leader and find a place for him to lead us. We must look further than tomorrow or next week, we must look at the nation that we want to build and the nation in which we want to live. We must examine our time, our candi-

dates, our personal beliefs, our standards and our goals.

We must ask ourselves, what do we stand for? And when we can answer that, we must ask ourselves why we stand for it. People must stop their daily tasks and ask themselves these questions. We must search for a purpose to live. We must decide whether we will act against crime and its causes. We must stop all violence in our nation. We must find an end to wars like Vietnam. We must take power from Washington and return it to the cities and states in our nation.

To meet and master these challenges will take great effort and persistence. There will be a hard road ahead for all Americans. If our nation is to improve, we must combine the efforts and talents of all Americans. All Americans must give their direct and personal contribution.

Only we can help America rebuild herself. We must search for answers. We must set a goal to work for.

STEPHEN OWEN
1006 Berry Lane

EDITOR REGISTER:

I read an article in the Register recently stating that new industry is not attracted to a community where the school facilities are so over-crowded that the quality of education suffers.

How can we expect to lower taxes in Napa County without the help of new industry? Under these circumstances, how can we afford not to vote yes on the school bond-loan election Sept. 17.

M. J. WILLBACK
3512 Jomar Drive

DON OAKLEY

Pill Has Dangers

Newspaper Enterprise Association

British doctors have discovered that a "statistically significant" number of women using birth control pills have developed inflammation of the veins or a blood clotting disease, which is usually fatal.

The British studies led the U.S. Food and Drug Administration last May to order drug manufacturers to include stiffer warnings on the dangers of the pills in advertisements and other information provided to doctors. Physicians, and women, are cautioned to carefully weigh the possible risks of the pills against the emotional, social economic and physical consequences of unwanted pregnancy.

So far, according to one drug industry source quoted by the

EDITOR REGISTER:

On Thursday of this week the development committee of JFK Park will meet to decide what part of the park will be developed next. It will be necessary for the people of Napa to pass on their wishes to them if they are to make a correct decision as regards the needs of Napa.

I feel it is absolutely essential that the very next item to be developed in the park be the model plane airport. The men responsible for the planning of the park in the beginning had the vision to include such an airport in the over-all plan. The location of it has been designated at the north side of the lake just north of the golf course.

I feel the time is now for this part of the park to be developed. My reasons for thinking this are based on the fact that all the school grounds in the city are closed to model planes. At the present time there is absolutely no place to fly model airplanes in the city of Napa. Yet, despite this fact, the sale of model airplanes and the accessories necessary to fly them are increasing daily. Recently, one of Napa's large department stores opened an entire department dealing exclusively with models. This in itself indicates the scope of the hobby in Napa.

The people who build and enjoy the hobby of model airplanes need a place to fly them safely and without the noise from them bothering anyone else. Such a place could be built at the park. The cost of development of the necessary circles would be very small indeed; about \$500 to \$750 for the entire job.

PHILLIP J. BORETTO
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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

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quarter a month to help educate our youth in Napa. Join me, friends.

MRS. VIRGINIA M. FORLOINE
347 So. Hartson St.

EDITOR REGISTER:

Are we as adults of the Napa Valley selfish? Indeed, it has been said Americans are the most generous people of the world. Yet are we generous to our children? Will we vote yes on the high school bond election? We must each search our hearts. Will this small tax increase cost us so much? If we vote no, I'm afraid it will.

We know, young and old, parents and grandparents or not, an obligation to every child in this community, and that is to provide the best education we can. We know our children deserve our love, our sacrifices. We know of this and yet we hear on all sides of the spiraling cost of living, the tax hikes. Yet, how many of us drive a nice car, watch a colored television set, live in comfortable homes?

We have seen in the paper that taxes for this new high school will only increase very slightly. John Kennedy said: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Here's an opportunity to do something for our children and our country. Let's make this bond election unanimous.

MRS. WILLIAM HARRISON
1473 Sherman Ave.

EDITOR, REGISTER:

It's election time and again we are hearing an old familiar record: wait, don't support your schools. There's money just around the corner. The same record was played in 1954, 1962 and 1966 by the same people. But now it's a little worn and the people who care are wiseing up. It's only a few selfish vocal men who are suggesting that we turn our backs on our youth. Not me. I know the need is there, the price is as good as I can expect, and it looks like the time is right now. I'm willing to spend less than a

made by supporters of the coming school-bond, state-loan election that I think need clarification. Mr. Peatman states: "I strongly favor passage of the school bond state loan election. At least we have a proposal that will shift the cost of the class rooms off real property, off the retired, off the rancher, and onto the state, which derives its revenue from income taxes and sales taxes."

Will Mr. Peatman please explain how a state loan is going to be repaid by the state to itself? A few weeks ago I raised the same question in a letter to you and again I will quote from a letter to me dated July 3, 1968, from Archie L. McPherran, acting chief executive, the California community colleges where he states: "The interest rate on school district bonds cannot exceed five per cent. It is extremely unlikely that there would be a 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."

The sad part of this statement is that Mr. Peatman was president of the Unified School District and should be well versed in school financing and being an attorney should be able to understand it far better than a farmer like myself who had to write to a state authority for clarification.

Also, Mr. Peatman will be one fifth of the County Board of Supervisors who administer the largest budget affecting the citizens of Napa County. I hope his fiscal judgment will be better on county affairs than it appears to be on schools.

M. E. BENSON
1143 Olive Hill Road

EDITOR, REGISTER:

It seems all things cost more and take more effort these days. For less than a cent a day, Napa could have a new high school now that would cost dollars more later.

As a parent I consider the need of my children's education in a building suited for modern techniques. Other children now are being educated to be leaders in your community. Even if you don't have children or property tax, please vote yes the 17th to insure not only their future, but yours.

HAL G. HOBERECHT
221 Los Altos
Vallejo

EDITOR, REGISTER:

It is of utmost importance that the citizens of Napa vote yes on the high school bond issue. I feel that we owe the youth of our community the opportunity for a meaningful basic, all-important high school education. These are the people that will be our future leaders and they will need every advantage we can give them to help cope with the problems facing the nation. With increasing costs of land and of new construction it makes sense to acquire the necessary land and to start construction on Napa's second high school as soon as possible. I urge all citizens to vote yes on propositions number one and number two Sept. 17.

ROY S. WAGNER, M.D.
1 Hazelwood Dr.

EDITOR, REGISTER:

In your issue of Thurs., Sept. 5, you have some statements



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EDITOR REGISTER:

It's time for the public to again make a major decision about our school building needs and again we have the same men with their selfish interests suggesting we forget about our youth. The high school building is about 30 years old and can't withstand a serious earthquake. What happens to the 3,200 students inside the building in the event of an earthquake? It will be our fault and not nature's if we permit our students in Napa to suffer serious injuries under those conditions. I think it is about time we do something about the present conditions at Napa High School. I'm encouraging my friends to vote yes on the 17th of this month.

JACK M. JACOBSEN
3254 Main St.

EDITOR REGISTER:

In 1962 and 1966 they told us to wait for the state to solve our school building needs and now it's wait for Watson to do the job. Anyone who reads that bill carefully soon realizes that it's a big hoax. It would reduce our property taxes but could increase our personal state income tax about 300 per cent or raise the sales tax to 12-15 cents on a dollar. It just isn't fair to the working man who works from 8 to 5 daily in order to make a living for his family. Why is it that a few always try to mislead so many? What I read and hear leads me to believe that now is the time to take care of our local high school building needs. Why wait until the cost is so much greater? Let's assume our responsibility for educating the youth of Napa by supporting the bond-loan proposals on election day.

MRS. A. J. BORDERS
1111 Simpkins Road

EDITOR REGISTER:

Parents who send their children to private schools do so at their own expense and should not ask for assistance. Certainly it seems unfair that a child walking to private school is passed by a public school bus in the same direction, but that is the choice the parents make for their child. The first reason parents send their children to private religious school, we hope, is to learn of Our Lord, love of fellow man and their religion; but is that not better learned at home from parents at religious classes and church? The second reason is individual attention and smaller classes.

The majority of students at Napa public school and our first concern should be our public school system. Attractive pay for teachers, an awareness of our board of education, school programs and building facilities are some of the concerns needed. Napa is in extreme need of a second public high school and it is well to remember that some of our civic leaders and others less known in our community helped by their contributions to build Justin High School.

Many of these good people are publicly favorable to the passage of our school bond. Of particular concern at this time should be the gathering of knowledgeable facts in the coming school bond election so we may vote wisely and not the time to question what assistance our public school system can give children attending private schools.

MRS. J. W. McDERMOTT
3569 Palomar Way

EDITOR REGISTER:

It will please me very much to see this article published in your daily paper. Its subject will be taxes and the school bonds. Taxes, the article in your editor's letter box a few days ago, by a man who is a Catholic and

sends his children to a parochial school and has to pay tuition. He claims his public schools taxes should be eliminated. Why not eliminate school taxes for those people that have no children? Not only do we pay taxes for other people's children, but we also provide buses to transport their children to the schools. All that costs us plenty in taxes.

My way of thinking is that families with children should find a way to get their children to the schools at their own expense. People are never satisfied, the more you give them, the more they want, at our expense. I recommend an emphatic no vote on the coming school bond issue. We have adequate schools for another few years. Don't vote the unborn generation into bond indebtedness.

Education promotes discontent. The educated can never get enough. The more you give them, the more they want. High education should be selected from the best grade students only. Teach the others to think for a living. People seem to work that food grows in the grocery store. Don't get us farmers too angry, or else we will resist. ~~Some of us are carrying costs.~~

JOHN R. HEID
2230 Laurel St.

EDITOR REGISTER:

I think that people urging us to wait to build our new high school until the Watson Amendment is passed are asking Napa taxpayers to give up a bird in the hand for one in the bush. This is our last chance to build schools in Napa for only one cent on the tax rate after the first year. We know that a yes vote on the bonds can get this bargain for us. Nobody knows what other kinds of tax relief may ever come.

Concerned taxpayers ought to vote yes for this opportunity, and then work with their legislators for other favorable measures.

MRS. WARREN SIMMS
21 Oak Grove Way

EDITOR REGISTER:

I'm confused. Why is the state taxpayer association against the Watson Amendment and our local taxpayers association in favor of it? I also understand that the Watson Bill will not solve our school bond-loan situation even if it did pass and its chances of passing are slim. A bill like the Watson amendment also was defeated by the voters in the state in the year 1933.

If I owned over 1,000 acres of choice land and an apartment house or two, I might well be in favor of increasing my state income tax and the sales tax to 12 cents on the dollar so that most of the property taxes could be reduced; but I only own a modest home in Napa, so I stand to lose a lot. Fortunately, it has a very poor chance of passing in the state.

I hope the voters of Napa give all of this some serious thought before voting on Sept. 17. There's no community resource more important than its youth.

MRS. GLENN WALL
2300 Foster Road

EDITOR REGISTER:

I've been reading with interest comments on the Napa school situation. Let me give you some information. Our children have been going to Brown's Valley School for the past six years. This year, due to our overcrowded condition, our sixth-grader must be transferred to Westwood, away from her brothers and sisters, away from all the advantages of being a sixth-grader in "her" school, and must spend much time on the school bus. Our third-grader needs in one corner of the multi-use room. This makes it impossible for the proper use of the Family Club Library, which is in this room, by all classes in

the school.

Our friends in Phillips school area (as those in McPherson, Napa Junction and Pueblo Vistas) have their children involved in double sessions. One half the first, second and third-graders go early in the morning. The other half get home about 5 p.m. Many elementary schools desperately need those portable classrooms presently used by the high school, and some people wonder, "Should I vote yes for the school bond?"

Just how important are our children? Could you look a 10-year-old in the eye and say, "You're just not worth \$8,500-a-year increase in my taxes, no sirree."

My grandparents homesteaded on the prairies. They lived in dugouts first. Then in small homes with no plumbing or electricity. Poor, deprived people you say? They had schools.

Schools for everyone.
MARLENE K. LARKIN
1030 Sunset Road

EDITOR REGISTER:

It seems inconceivable that the growing and prospering community of Napa can or will allow the overcrowded and unwieldy senior high school conditions to continue any longer. On Sept. 17 the school bond-state loan election will be held to provide voters with an opportunity to update the school facilities at the senior high school level of education in Napa. This opportunity comes after many arduous hours of deliberation and hard work by the members of the school board, the school district personnel and the citizens advisory committee.

This plan is a sound one and this conservative in its approach. Two senior high school campuses, each to house 1,800 students, will be accomplished. The usable portion of the present campus will be utilized by adding only the necessary facilities and a new campus will be created in the growing and developing northern area of the community.

The cost to the local taxpayer is nominal. The added cost for the first year will be less than the \$20 for the average homeowner. This is less than the cost of a new hat, a new automobile tire, a pair of skis or a night out. After the first year, the tax rate for bond-loan repayment will return to its present level and remain there until the loan is repaid or forgiven. Evergreen seems to be in agreement that the present conditions must be changed and that a student body of 3,200 students in the present facility presents unsurmountable handicaps to the education program at the senior high.

MRS. TED PIERCE
3984 Browns Valley Road

BARBS

Our Girl Friday says her boy friend is a proofreader; he checks all the small print on the whisky bottles before he makes a purchase.

One of the barrettes things about giving up cigarettes is that you have to turn down requests for a smoke from the secretary with those large, lovely, doe-like, pleading eyes.

An optimist is a pessimist in the making.

The thing that goes best with pizza is a cast-iron digestion.

The plant foreman says attention to production would increase dramatically if he could get the gals out of tight slacks and into loose overalls.

If you want to exercise some real pull in the community, yank the voting machine lever come election day.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

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EDITOR REGISTER:
Paul Gore, whose picture and remarks appeared in the 415-416 issue of the Register, is a resident of Napa, Calif.

Mr. Gore, you stated that the cost of building a new high school in Napa would be "less than a penny a day." Is this what it will cost a taxpayer with an assessment of \$30,000 to pay a day or will some pay much more than others.

Assuming that this flat increase did apply to every person in Napa County, approximately 71,000 persons would pay \$30,000 which would net \$2,100,000 annually. This figure is a very generous estimate since not everyone in Napa County would be paying on the loan. But even at this rate, how low would the rate be if the school would be built for less than seven-million dollars, plus interest?

Mr. Gore, would you please examine your figures more closely and give Napaans a more detailed estimate of the cost of a new high school?

WILBUR STEWART
1105 Milford Road

EDITOR REGISTER:
I am a custodian in one of the schools of Napa Unified School District. I have a question in position to see what goes on at least one school.

In all my life, I have never come across a group of women that are so dedicated to duty as are the teachers employed in the schools of Napa County. I know and understand the quality of women, as at one time I was a group supervisor on Mare Island and supervised 22 women, more than what are in the school where I am.

About 50 years ago that the Communist regime took over all of Russia. It also has been about 50 years since Napa has had a new high school. Is the legacy that you who vote no for school bonds going to be a legacy of selfishness and petty light heartedness that neglects the future of those we should love and help instead of making a fine new high school a beacon of brotherly love and progress.

Please vote yes on school bonds!

YOUNG ELMANUSSE
DORIS ELMANUSSE
2152 Monticello Road

EDITOR REGISTER: Sometime ago, a large group of citizens organized a committee to bring the deplorable conditions existing in the Napa County Jail to the attention of the local electorate. Despite the misinformation and many rumors we hear, let's not lose sight of the clear facts:

- 1 - Double sessions are necessary due to the lack of classes.
- 2 - An unsafe school building with a depressing atmosphere.
- 3 - 2,200 student body in a 50-year-old building designed to hold 600 students.
- 4 - Our last chance to secure a suitable bond.

Let's get the taxpayers of Napa County to vote yes on bonds that has been a penny a day.

6 - All building expenditures subject to the approval of the state allocations board.

Please, Mr. and Mrs. Napa, do not lose sight of the clear, simple facts that are before you. It is our fine community and its youth. Now is the time to act by supporting the school bond loan proposals on election day. It's our last chance to solve a very serious school problem at a slight extra cost.

BEVERLY EISENHOFF
961 Windsor St.

EDITOR REGISTER:
When her children are threatened the mother bear will stop at nothing to help them. Maybe in the human species this instinct is somewhat less pronounced but we must not have to go to such great lengths to make the community realize the necessity for a new high school. The same instinct nevertheless forces me out of Napa County to the community in the light of my own responsibility. I am glad to say myself to Mr. James Jerome Smith who in his recent efforts to sustain the Napa Boys Club must have realized the importance of keeping young minds continually occupied, also the fact that the Napa County Board of gentlemen who formed a citizens committee that recommended the present plan which led to the upcoming bond - and - state - loan election.

My hope is that Mr. Smith, does not allow to endear to the public that already is insecure by using the taxpayers association title slogan that they will neither fight nor endorse the issue and that urges a defeat of the issue with the answer to wait. Enc-

ed by passing the school bonds. The high school is already overcrowded and by time a new school can be constructed and in use, the need will be acute.

Education is the greater desire for our young people to insure their ability to meet the challenges of the future. We have been residents of Napa, and taxpayers, since 1942, and have a sincere interest in the welfare of Napa. We were educated in Napa schools, and my wife and I would like to see the children of the future generation have at least an equal opportunity.

We urge a yes vote on the bond issue.

DR. BERNARD MATZEN
2010 Jefferson St.

EDITOR REGISTER:
On August 27 I had need to call upon the law services of Napa City and County. I was informed of flooding my beloved husband dead. Officers Joe Ramas and Stg. Charles Holden responded to the call. Soon, deputy coroner Mike Chouard and Henry Wiggler arrived. I want to say that I was very pleased with their great kindness which helped to ease the pain and shock.

With people such as these, Napa should put its faith and trust in its police department.

MRS. JAMES H. HILL
420 Piawada Drive

EDITOR REGISTER:
"Tax relief for property owners." This used by Napa County Administrator Alber J. S. Heberger in article in Boss/Gum's editorial column Sept. 2, in the Napa County Record.

Property taxpayers are overburdened.

2 - Present basis for property tax is outdated.

3 - Most important need at present is some type of property tax relief.

4 - Property tax can only be accomplished with participation by the taxpayer in public.

5 - In Napa County it is important that there exists stable government, churches, schools, etc.

6 - While seeking property tax relief, we must maintain adequacy of services.

What a splendid article. We all fullheartedly agree; and if our citizens who go out so fullheartedly to get more bonds on the home and farms would give some support to backing the property tax relief, we could to a shopping center that caused have had this long ago. Gov. W. T. Grant stores to close? errors Brown and Reagan and other stores in the complex are struggling for their economic health.

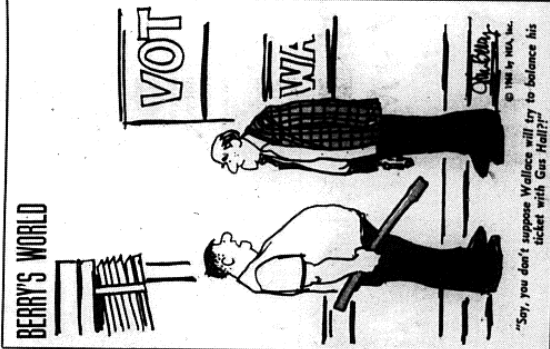
I think it is about time the local residents have something to say about the kind of 'improvements' we get from the all-powerful highway commission. I am stressing this trouble spot here but something should and pain in publicizing the need for Fabricating centers.

Let's get the Napa County Board of Directors, or perhaps thousands of workmen take their lives in their hands twice a day entering the very short time my children will be attending a school that is overcrowded and of unsafe construction.

If this school bond issue is not passed, there may as well adopt the slogan of the day: 'No school, no future'.

The needs of the community will be desperately need the added school facilities which could be provided.

MRS. JOYCE BREELAND
2480 Creekside Ave.



"Sry, you don't suppose Wallace will try to balance his ticket with Gas Healt?"

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Friday, September 13, 1968

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

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EDITOR REGISTER:

Sept. 17 is the day you parents and grandparents will have the opportunity to vote yes on the school bonds. We cannot have this fail. Our children must have adequate facilities. Double sessions won't provide this for them. We have a great country. To keep it great and make it greater, we must provide the best in education.

The fate of our country lies in the hands of our young. They will be our future leaders. Let's not say that Napa failed; rather, let's say Napa cares.

MRS. JOSEPH F. KESSLER
1512 King Ave.

EDITOR REGISTER:

I am appalled by recent statements made by the Napa County Taxpayers Association that educators, administrators and teachers should somehow not be involved in the promotion of the upcoming bond election. Both the district attorney and the county counsel have pointed out the association's classic misreading of the education code. I know that

everyone involved in the welfare of Napa students will ignore the irresponsible statements of the association. I know that honest people of sincere purpose will see the bond and loan as the best solution to a difficult problem.

ERNEST A. FLY
1601 Ranier Ave.

EDITOR REGISTER:

I sure hope we get a new high school. I'll be out of high school by the time it's constructed, if the bill passes, but a new high school is badly needed now and will become more necessary as time goes on. Some of the buildings are falling apart. Some examples: the portables leak during a rain storm, the ceiling tiles are beginning to loosen in the portables and several are already sagging. The portables belong to elementary schools anyway who will probably reclaim them when the need for extra classrooms arises. For every portable moved there's one class with no place to go. Also, the plaster is beginning to fall from the ceiling of the main building.

But what's worse is the crowding. The halls in the old JC and main building are literally packed between classes. The paved walkway between the main building and the old JC is also very crowded between classes. It is easier to walk on the grass, which can be rather unpleasant right after a rainstorm when the lawn is flooded or even after it has been watered. The walkway itself is only six or eight feet wide, with traffic traveling both ways at the same time. The P.E. locker rooms are miserably crowded, and there are more people every year.

RICK PROTZ
2157 Atlas Peak Road

EDITOR REGISTER:

For the record, I'm a homeowner with four children in public schools. I voted down the previous school bonds because they were nothing but blank checks. Voters should realize school bonds are contracts to pay, and that a contract should state exactly what is being purchased and to what amount is to be repayed.

I have never seen a bond issue printed that stipulated how much floor space would be built of a certain type of construction on a certain designated area for a certain amount of dollars.

The McPherson fiasco and the Napa County Veterans Memorial fiasco still leaves a stench in the air. The contractor of the McPherson fiasco was never prosecuted for grand larceny of taxpayers' dollars.

When the leaders of Napa can show proof of decency and honesty to taxpayers, then I will vote for school bonds, etc., willingly.

Why can't Napa have a decent structure of concrete and steel high-rise for a school? It is far more cheaper to build, it takes less ground floor area and leaves unlimited space for future expansion at minimum cost.

The Queen of the Valley hospital, to me, was an honest endeavor and the public received their dollar's worth. If the public will entrust their bed-ridden loved ones to a concrete and steel high-rise against a once-in-a-million earthquake, I'm sure a school building of concrete and steel would be substantial for healthy teenagers who need lots of exercise for physical fitness.

THEODORE R. DAVIS
1407 Sumner Ave.

DON OAKLEY

Genes Hit By LSD

Newspaper Enterprise Association

If throwing a scare into the public hasn't made much of a dent in the nation's tobacco habit as yet, the tactic appears to have had sudden and dramatic effect in another area of considerable

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Saturday, September 14, 1968

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

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EDITOR REGISTER:

I am writing to urge a YES vote this Tuesday for the School Bond and to voice a few opinions. I have just learned that the enrollment at Napa HI School this year will be approximately 3,200 students PLUS. It seems to me that one of the finest things we can do for our young people is see that they have the opportunity for a thorough and satisfactory education. There are several good reasons why the School Bond must not fail to pass—

1. The old HI School is hardly adequate to educate 3,200 students. There will be an overcrowded situation which can only hinder, remember, there are more students on the way.
2. We may be forced into double sessions and this must be avoided. We cannot guarantee complete education by taking away the time to teach or learn.
3. The HI School is old and needs remodeling. A NEW and 2nd HI School could only add to our community.
4. This could be the most important reason of all—The student of today will be the leader of tomorrow. In research, government, labor and education. We must give our students the opportunity of a first class education, good teachers and good surroundings. A new HI School will not only make teaching more pleasant but learning more rewarding.

I urge everyone (with or without children) to get out and back the School Bond — VOTE YES — Take a positive stand for positive action. Let's build a bridge of understanding across the generation gap and give our kids a chance.

SHERMAN E. ALLEN JR., D.C.
1845 Jefferson St., Napa

EDITOR REGISTER:

Every voting citizen in Napa who has any doubt about the fact that a new high school is desperately needed should go to our high school and follow just one student back and forth across the campus for ONE day. Our high school campus is no ordinary campus, it is as much as two blocks from one end to the other.

Many students, for instance, have their lockers in the old Junior College building (now referred to as the North Campus). A student may pick up books in his locker on North Campus and then have to walk two blocks to the southwest corner of the campus on Lincoln and Marin for a one hour class, then all the way back to North Campus (another two-block walk) for the next class, and so on—back and forth across campus the entire school day. Some students cross the campus in this manner as many as eight times a day. You may say they are young and the exercise does not hurt them, that you had to walk 3 or 4 miles to school when you were young—But did you have to wear a heavy coat or jacket and rain boots and carry an umbrella ALL DAY? This is what our young people have to do in the winter. Try walking across the campus on a rainy day! I feel that as a voting citizen of Napa, the city belongs in

BOB SCOTT,
2129 Euclid Ave., Napa

some part to me—and when I can get \$8,000,000 worth of property for \$8.10, I for one will vote to buy it!

MRS. ROBERT J. WINSLOW,
2073 West Park Ave., Napa

EDITOR REGISTER:

It has been interesting to read the many letters pro and con on the school bond election. There are those people who are against new money outlay in any form. Then there are some who are willing to vote for bonds if a reasonable economical building plan is presented—say on the order of El Cajonro school. Together with abandoning such administration "frills" as bowling, golf lessons, etc., something even the rich school districts like San Francisco can't afford.

We have also the type of letter from people who have never attended a board of education meeting in their life even though they have a flock of school-age children and therefore say "the sky's the limit" on spending and nothing is too good for our children! (An expression of the latter sentiment I have also heard from some school board members.)

The people who write letters of the last category classify any opponent, be he rich or a poor pensioner homeowner, just getting by on his meager income, as a pernicious skintuit trying to deprive the children of their birthright. So, Mr. Editor, where is the "Fairness" you mention in your Sept. 4 editorial?

JOHN KNUDSEN,
2462 Merced St., Napa

EDITOR REGISTER:

The quality of a community goes hand in hand with the quality of its educational system. It is folly to expect to attract high quality business and industry to our community, to help the home owner's tax base, un- less we can offer their management a first rate educational system for their families and employees. Help yourself by improving the total environment of this area with a yes vote on the school bond.

A major responsibility of all Americans is to provide a good education for the next generation, children or no. Someone from the past has provided each of us with that privilege. Now it is our turn!

WILLIAM A. GARNETT,
1286 Congress Valley Rd., Napa

EDITOR REGISTER:

Let's hope that Napa votes on September 17th! Here's the chance of a lifetime! A second high school and a modernized present high school mostly paid for on a long term basis with negligible effect on the tax rate. What more can we ask? It's almost a gift.

You can forget the opposition argument on your sample ballot! That's the usual pie-in-the-sky argument. Remember in 1967 when they promised the 1968 legislature would solve our school financing problems? But it didn't happen! Nor will the Watson amendment solve anything. It will only create a financial crisis.

We can solve one problem in Napa right now with a "yes" vote on September 17th. Let's do it!

EDITOR REGISTER:

I have listened to the pro and con regarding our coming school bond election. I have also tried to evaluate each side of the question objectively and would like to focus the thinking voter on a few facts as I see them.

Good education costs; yes; but it also pays off by providing a better informed citizenry, more employable workers and young members of society.

More modern school buildings would help attract the kind of industry that Napa needs to broaden the tax base which would decrease property taxes regardless of any legislation in the hopper at present.

It is just good business to take the lowest bid for an equal product. If Napa fails to approve this bond election, a new high school will cost even more in the future and a tax increase somewhere is inevitable.

The need is now
The time to qualify for a state loan is now.

Let's be far-sighted, look beyond the immediate slight increase in taxes and approve the bond election.

JOHN L. MURDOCK,
Businessman and Taxpayer
34 Chapel Hill Dr., Napa

EDITOR REGISTER:

I am appalled at the distortion of facts being presented by the Napa County Taxpayers' Association concerning the role of school administrators in the forthcoming school bond issue. The District Attorney's answer to the "Investigation" was printed Wednesday, Sept. 11, and stated: "There were no violations on which Dr. Payne and his committee could be criminally prosecuted and there were no violations of the penal code." As a taxpayer, I would hesitate to admit that an organization which deliberately prints such a falsehood is representing my interests.

It seems to me that the issue, as far as the Taxpayers' Association is concerned, should be how the passage of the state loan-bond proposal will affect taxes. All information I have studied clearly points out that the cost absorbed by the taxpayer now, is far less than it will EVER be. In addition, it is my understanding that the STATE Taxpayers' Association urges defeat of the Watson Amendment because it doesn't, in fact, live up to the claims the local association implies.

What kind of Taxpayers' Association representatives do we have that would advocate an inevitable (and sizeable) raise in income and-or sales taxes (to keep from paying a penny a day now and having adequate high school facilities). AND ignore the issues in an attempt to discredit the acts of school administrators?

Taxpayers, please think for yourselves — vote YES on BOTH state loan and bonds September 17th.

MRS. KEITH PAHRE
1008 Terra Verde Dr., Napa

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