

I am seeking election to the Oxnard Union High School District Board of Trustees because of my strong belief in public Schools. The goal of education should be to help every person achieve as much as he is able, thereby preparing him to participate in a productive, meaningful life in a free society.

Our high schools are good now but we cannot coast. It will take time and effort to keep ahead of the problems in this fastest growing area.

I have the time and the interest to devote to meeting the needs of our continually improving and growing school system.

Many issues, such as teachers' salaries, are so complex and so basic to the entire school program they cannot be solved with routine formulas. They require extensive study with year-round board participation and direction. The attracting and retaining of highly qualified teachers is the most important problem our rapidly growing district faces. How successful we are in this effort will determine the reputation of ^{and quality} our schools for years to come. It may even determine the sort of community we live in. The ~~kind~~ of industry we attract is dependent upon the reputation of our schools.

Each of the current important issues that the Board must face will require much time and study. Oxnard Union High School ^{Board} trustees should be offering leadership in unification studies because it is the only group that represents the entire district being considered. The Board has a responsibility to see that the best plan is presented to the voters.

Oversimplification and use of labels is unwise, and again study is vital in viewing programs involving federal aid. In the past 30 years the local property owner has increased his share of the cost of education from 50% to 75%. Education benefits all segments of the population. All segments should share the cost, not just the property owner.

Expansion of our vocational programs within each existing school is preferable to a separate vocational school, and ^{is} more readily adjustable to changing job opportunities.