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Mrs. Tolmach said that the issue of a four year college for Ventura County is a perfect example of one of the unmet needs of the County. "Ventura County is now one of the most populous counties in the state. Yet, our young people, if they wish to continue their education must either commute to Los Angeles or Santa Barbara or make arrangements to live away from home while they are in school. This adds an intolerable amount of expense to a college education, especially for low and middle income people." Mrs. Tolmach praised the efforts of State Senator Omer Rains on this issue, and pledged to join with him in working to make a four year college a reality in Ventura County.

At the level of state government, Mrs. Tolmach believes that the most urgent problem which California faces in the legislature and the Governor have begun, for the first time in fifty years, to bring some degree of equity and justice into the tax laws of California. We are beginning to move in a direction in which wealthy individuals and large corporations will have to begin paying their fair share for government services, thereby removing some of the burden from the backs of low and middle income people. This is a step in the right direction. We must be careful, however,

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to make certain that we do not allow a shift back to local property taxes which tend to be regressive and discriminate against people of modest means and those on fixed incomes."

Mrs. Tolmach also stated that she intends to be a hard working, independent assemblywoman. "My past experience in local government and in civic affairs has taught me that one cannot effectively represent people unless one is willing to commit one's life to hard work and serious study of the issues and problems. As an assemblywoman, I will not have any outside business interests to maintain. My only concern and my only commitment will be to listen to the people of Ventura County and to represent them effectively in Sacramento. My time, my energy, and my loyalties will not be divided between my duties as a legislator and my concerns for my own business affairs."

Mrs. Tolmach is married to Oxnard physician Dan Tolmach and is the mother of five children: James 28, Richard 26, Eve Alice 24, Adam 21, and Jonathan 17. She was born in Havre, Montana but has lived in Ventura County since the age of two. She attended elementary, high school and junior college in Ventura and holds degrees from UCLA and Smith College.

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