

I Mrs. Jane McCormick Tolmach, (Mrs. Daniel M.)

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III Candidate for Trustee of the Oxnard Union High School District

IV Educational, Professional, Civic and/or Organizational Background

A.B. degree U.C.L.A. in 1943, Masters' degree Smith College, Northampton, Mass. in 1945. Worked for Amer. Red Cross, Social Worker 1945-46. Member Board of Trustees Camarillo State Hospital since 1959. Member Oxnard Planning Commission 1957-62, vice-chairman. Member 1958 Ventura County Grand Jury, Chairman of Tax Committee.

V Why I should be elected: I believe strongly in public education and I desire to see all our children get the best education for our investment in our schools. I have the time and the interest to study carefully and fairly all issues that will come before the Board. I will do this without losing sight of the goals of education.

VI My position on the following questions:

A. What is your view of the goals of education? To help every person to achieve as much as he is able and to prepare him to participate in a productive, meaningful life in a free society. The Philosophy adopted by the Board is similar to this.

B. What is your position on school financing? Should more or less money per pupil spent? What additional sources of funds might be sought? I would not want less money spent per pupil as this would require lowering teachers' salaries or level of services. Our expenditure of \$622.26 per pupil in 1963-64 was the lowest of high schools in the County despite the fact that we spent \$10. more per pupil on transportation. I think we should accept federal aid for some of our programs instead of insisting that local property owners pay for them. There is no reason why one segment of our population should pay the bill for education when all segments benefit. 30 years ago the State Sales Tax was levied to share the cost of education on a 50-50 basis with the local property owner. Gradually the local property owner has increased his share to 75%. Federal aid does have the advantage of relieving the local property owner and sharing the cost with those who have other types of financial holdings.

C. What, in your opinion, is the role of the school board in relation to the administration and instructional staff of a district? The superintendent is the chief consultant and executive officer of the Board and leader of all school personnel. He recommends course of study and kinds of teachers and workers and is responsible for seeing that conditions are proper for them to work effectively. The Board may approve or disapprove of his recommendations and has a responsibility to keep the administration informed of the kind of programs and people it wants.

D. What special services do you believe your school district should provide?

Do you believe present services are adequate, inadequate? I think all these special services should be provided and are being provided by direct employment of qualified personnel by the district or by contract with the County Schools office. We need to explore the need for a program for the Educationally Handicapped. We need to strengthen the vocational guidance to match the change in our non-college curriculum without weakening the total guidance program.

E. What is your position on unification? Oxnard Union High School Board 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. I have a long list of pros and cons on each of the 3 current proposals. I need many more questions answered still.

F. What do you think are the major achievements of your district? What do you feel are the major problems we face? The major achievement has been that we have met the extraordinary growth physically from 1 school to 7 by 1966. This has been without so far sacrificing our educational programs. Our major problem is to meet this continuing growth with the necessary aids to insure that we attract and retain highly qualified teachers and personnel and meet the program changes, suiting them to the needs of each school. Unification is another major problem. Unification must not hurt any of our high schools.

G. Other. I favor expansion of our vocational programs within each existing school rather than a separate vocational school. The programs would be more readily adjustable to the changing job opportunities.

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