

Scholtz Honored

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown recently announced the appointment of Walter Scholtz, well-known Ventura builder and civic leader, as Ventura County chairman of his re-election campaign.

Scholtz, president of the Walter Scholtz Building Corporation, said he was "deeply honored" by the appointment and promised to mobilize the biggest task force of door-bell ringers in the history of Ventura.

"The Democratic team in Sacramento, headed by Governor Pat Brown, has achieved an outstanding record of constructive legislation, careful administration, and sound financing for our state in the past three years," Scholtz said. "The resulting benefits have been felt equally by labor, agriculture, business, and the individual consumer and have brought unparalleled prosperity and growth to the entire state. We hope to acquaint every voter with this record and will demonstrate convincingly why Governor Brown should be returned to office for another four years."

Scholtz has been active in Democratic party work since 1948. He has been President of the Ventura Democratic Club; he is Co-Chairman of the 13th Congressional District; he has been a member of the State Central Committee for 10 years; and a Ventura County Central Committee member for 4 of Commissioners, Ventura Port District, a member of the Board of Directors of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Home Builders Association of Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura Counties.

To All Democratic Clubs

Democratic Headquarters in East Ventura needs attention. The Ventura County Democratic Women have donated a sign. Phil Day was responsible for the excellent workmanship. The Women's Club is in the process of ordering an American flag and outside banners for decoration. There are many things that still need doing. Can any of you help get the Headquarters ready for the coming elections. Why not make it a club project?

APRIL CALENDAR

April 2	Camarillo Club meeting	7:30 p.m.	Community Center
April 9	Ojai Club meeting	7:30 p.m.	Nordhoff High School Cafeteria
April 10	SEND A NEWS ITEM FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE DEMOCRAT		
April 11	Conejo Valley Club	7:30 p.m.	1519 Fremont Dr., Thousand Oaks
April 12	Simi Club	7:30 p.m.	Mrs. Glenn Costin 976 Reiss Rd., Susana Knolls
April 12	LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR PRIMARY		
April 14	Ventura Co. Women's Club Luncheon		Las Posas Country Club
April 17	Ventura Club	7:30 p.m.	Buena High School
April 17	Port Hueneme Club	8:00 p.m.	150 Pomona St., Pt. Hueneme
April 17	Santa Paula Club	8:00 p.m.	Santa Paula High School
April 17	Central Committee	7:30 p.m.	1535 Main St., Ventura

Santa Paula Club News

The April meeting of the Santa Paula Democratic Club promises to be unusual and informative. We expect a big crowd.

This meeting will be Tuesday evening, April 17, at 8 p.m. in the Santa Paula High School Cafeteria. Our speaker comes from the Governor's staff of the Consumer Counsel. His name, William Cole. He is a Special Field Representative from the Office of Consumer Counsel. Anyone who has ever been swindled in any way, shape or form will find a lively representative from the Governor's staff who has a very sympathetic ear.

Bill Cole is crammed full of information about devious means that are used to swindle the public. He is not only a good Democrat with a sense of humor, which helps in his particular job, but he knows his business. Mr. Cole has spoken in this county before to a group of Democrats and the response was so good we decided we would like to have him here.

Since Mr. Cole's trips have to be planned and he, like so many others, is on a tight schedule, we are extending a special invitation to all members of Democratic Clubs to attend and hear this outstanding program. Stay for coffee and refreshments too. Mr. Cole has a question and answer period that is as good as the program.

June Maland, President

The News Bulletin

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Democrats Begin Work

Walter Scholtz, Ventura County Chairman of Governor Brown's reelection campaign, held an organizational meeting at his home on Saturday, March 17, 1962. Robert Chick, Field Representative for Brown's Southern California campaign, presented materials and some of the statewide plans for the campaign.

Jane Tolmach, Coordinator for the Brown campaign, developed plans for area chairmen and area headquarters. **Jane has requested that anyone interested in working in Brown's campaign contact her at HUter 3-8520.**

Also present were: Andy Habecker, Chairman of Ventura County Democratic Council; Carlos Diaz, President, New Frontier Club, Oxnard; Andy McDuffie, President, Port Hueneme Democratic Club; Jim Browning, President Oxnard Democratic Club; Maxana Freie, President, Ventura County Democratic Women's Club; Dick Arnold, President, Ventura Democratic Club; Dana Marble, Jim Basile, Tony Garcia, and Louis Beattie.

Certainly every Democrat will want to be active in Governor Brown's campaign.

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Political Education

Reference in last month's issue was made to resolutions emanating from city councils, etc. Perhaps it would be timely this month to elaborate on this particular subject.

The Ventura City Council, The Ventura County Board of Supervisors and The Ojai City Council all passed resolutions with regard to President Kennedy's plan for Urban Renewal, therefore, it is suggested all Democrats inquire of their respective representatives on these bodies to determine how they voted — and — why.

There is another related point which should be made at this time, keeping in mind Supervisors and Councilmen are elected on a NON-PARTISAN basis! During the recent special election for State Senator for Ventura County, the Ojai City Council endorsed the Republican candidate. No one will dispute the right of any individual acting in his own behalf to announce his own endorsement for one candidate over another, HOWEVER, when an official NON-PARTISAN City Council makes a political endorsement — as a City Council — they lend the name and dignity of that office to a partisan candidate to do with as he will. In doing so, they violate the city charter, the intent of the legislature and demonstrate an utter disregard for the voter of opposite political beliefs. This story does have a happy ending however, as the Ojai city voter left no doubt as to what he thought of the City Council's endorsement by voting more than two to one against the endorsed candidate. Perhaps these councilmen will now seek the sanctuary of the NON-PARTISAN rock to crawl under — come election time. It will be interesting to watch the first partisan, non-partisan councilman again try to seek the confidence of the voter come April 10. It is doubtful that the true Democratic voter will be twice fooled.

The recent orbital flight of Col. Glenn was magnificent indeed. The Ventura County Democrat congratulates Col. Glenn and all who participated in this historic project . . . we are all most proud of your efforts. Perhaps even Mr. Teague is proud too, although he voted AGAINST the House Appropriations Bill for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration — which, incidentally, was approved 354 to 59!

Al Winslow

Anderson's Message

Three Presidents of the United States — Eisenhower, Truman, and Kennedy — have been moved in recent months to speak out against what looked like a revival of Rightwing hysteria, purportedly over the question of anti-communism. In essence, all of these great Americans have said the same thing: America is faced with a profoundly serious challenge by the forces of international communism.

But our presidents have also warned us that nothing could be more dangerous than to adopt, in the midst of this great struggle, the tactics and techniques of the enemy. As men of vast experience in dealing with this question, they know that nothing could serve the international communist conspiracy better than a divided, frightened America which, for want of faith in our system and our ideals, seeks to fight with weapons chosen by the enemy.

What is it that has sparked this sudden furor? Obviously there are a great many factors involved. One is that the pathway, particularly in international affairs, is not clear and easy. This is not television. The good guys do not always win. We are playing for real stakes with real people, and we are playing against an opponent who is very formidable indeed. And so sometimes we lose, and naturally when we lose, we are disappointed and there are those among us

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ANDERSON'S MESSAGE

who would cry "foul" — who think we shouldn't ever lose; and that if we do, it is because someone on our side has played false. Thus you hear these wild and foolish charges about treachery in our schools, in the State Department, on the part of the president himself.

Harry S. Truman once said, "If I'm a traitor, God help America." The same, I believe, could be said for Dwight D. Eisenhower, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Chief Justice Earl Warren. Indeed it is impossible to even discuss this subject in public without feeling somewhat unclean. And as a patriot, I resent those who drag the level of public discussion down to this point.

Another aspect of this problem, it seems to me, is the desire on the part of some of our citizens to return to an older and simpler time (a time which is usually pictured in terms of neat, white frame houses with shady streets — but which in reality was also a time of sweat shops, child labor for the young, and poverty for the old). In all the literature I have read, and in the speeches that have been reported from these so-called anti-communist "schools" and the super-patriotic secret societies, the subject sooner or later gets around to the New Deal. F.D.R., they argue, provoked the war with Japan in order to fasten the New Deal on the country and open the floodgates of Europe and Asia to communism.

Dwight Eisenhower stole the G.O.P. nomination, they charge, from its rightful claimant Robert Taft in order to crush Joseph McCarthy. They claim Chief Justice Warren maneuvered the desegregation order through the Supreme Court in order to destroy states rights. And so it goes. What does this come down to? Simply that the entire trend of American history since 1932 — growth of Social Security, Unions for the working people, government guaranteed housing loans, racial equality, widespread free education

with teachers enjoying full rights of tenure and academic freedom — all of these things are seen, not as a normal and healthy development of specific solutions to meet real problems of an increasingly industrial and technical society — but as part of a socialist plot to communize America one step at a time.

Let me simply say that I reject this doctrine totally and completely. I reject its fundamental premise — that the way to fight communism is by impugning one another's patriotism, by organizing emotional rallies allegedly in the name of education; I reject its tendency to encourage those who would bully and frighten our teachers and ministers into silence on the controversial issues of the day. This is a most serious matter. For there is nothing more useless than a frightened school teacher who will not speak his convictions. And I reject, of course, the absurd and baseless charges of treachery imputed to high ranking officials of our government, our schools, our churches, our newspapers, and our radio and television stations. All of whom are — according to some — presumed to be puppets of the Kremlin.

Finally, I have confidence in the people of California. And I invite those who come into our state to lecture us on how to fight communism, to redirect their energies, enjoy our climate and our unparalleled prosperity, admire our well-staffed colleges and prosperous industries — and rest assured that the American people are not fools.

Glenn M. Anderson
Lt. Governor

The Speaker and the Speaker pro tempore are the presiding officers of the Assembly. They are chosen by a majority vote of the Assembly. The Lieutenant Governor is President and presiding officer of the Senate. The Senators elect a President pro tempore from their membership.

Politics In Venezuela

A report by Ronald W. Lopez, Caracas Representative for ACCION

Probably the principle difference between politics in Venezuela and the United States is that almost everyone in Venezuela is politically oriented and activities of partisan political origin occur constantly whether there are elections or not. This political atmosphere has existed since the dictator, Marcos Perez-Jimenez, was ousted in January, 1958. This also contributes greatly to the apparent lack of political sophistication in Venezuela. It must be noted, however, that many of the leaders of the political parties, notably President Betancourt, are extremely refined and capable politicians.

Presently, there are six political parties in Venezuela. The newest one is the Popular Republican Movement, a conservative party. The party in power, Democratic Action (AD), is the oldest party and has the largest membership. AD maintains its control in both chambers of the legislature with the help of the Social Christian (Catholic) Party. The opposition has formed a coalition of the three left-wing parties, MIR, URD, and the Communist Party.

Campaigns, whether for elections or various issues, are carried on by means of rallies, mailings, and distribution of literature, and also by painting slogans on sidewalks, buildings or wherever space permits. Spontaneous demonstrations are common. Handbills flutter about like moths around a streetlight. They are generally tossed out of windows of cars which race through the streets. It is not unusual to see main streets covered with such literature.

The influence of student opinion on the people is considerable. The students take a very active part in all levels of politics. Some work as "ward bosses" and one is now a member of the legislature. Most of the mass demonstrations are organized by students whose political participation is strong down through the high school level.

The important role of international politics in the life of a Venezuelan is interesting considering the many complex internal problems in Venezuela. An acute awareness of world affairs prevails strongly among people in the cities, especially the students. The degree of interest in United States political activities among Venezuelan citizens is very high. Perhaps more knowledge of Venezuelan political activities on the part of U.S. students would lead to better mutual understanding.

Simi Valley Club News

Dr. A. D. Krems, a general practitioner from Santa Monica, spoke in favor of the King-Anderson Insurance Benefit Act before the Simi Valley Democratic Club at their March meeting. Dr. Krem said that although this bill is opposed by the American Medical Association, many state governors and nurses associations favor its passage. He advised all those who are interested in the passage of this bill to write to Congressman Cecil King, Washington, D.C., A hearing on the bill will be held soon, and letters written to King might influence the result.

The next meeting of the Simi Valley Club will be held on Thurs., April 12, 7:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Glen Costin, 976 Reiss Rd., Susana Knolls. A tentative program featuring a speaker on registration of voters and precinct organization is planned. Watch the newspapers for further details.

Barbara Forbes

The California Constitution was adopted in convention on March 3, 1879, and ratified by the people on May 7, 1879. At the time of its adoption the State Constitution contained 16,000 words. After 443 amendments it has over 75,000 words.

The Democrat

We were very pleased to receive the following letter from Governor Brown:

"After reading the first copy of the Ventura County Democrat, I intend to become a permanent subscriber. This little paper is big in its content of the good news which the Democratic Party is bringing to the people of Ventura County and of the whole State.

"Its brisk presentation and attractive format are, to me, expressive of the vigor of our party and the people who are our party.

"Congratulations to the Ventura County Democrat, its staff and its readers! And please keep my copies coming."

Edmund G. Brown
Governor

Women's Club Luncheon

The next meeting of the Democratic Women's Club will be at Las Posas Country Club, Saturday, April 14. We hope to have a celebrity and a very interesting program. All Democratic women are invited to this luncheon.

Juanita Day

State Revenues

Despite introduction of many taxes in recent years, the general property tax is still the largest source of local government revenue in California. Currently, the annual property tax bill in this state amounts to \$2 billion.

Producing annual revenue of more than \$62 million, the tax on cigarettes ranks sixth as a state revenue source.

Alcoholic beverage taxes have been an important source of state revenue since 1933, when prohibition was repealed. Currently they are yielding about \$40 million a year.

By Senator Clair Engle

In a Los Angeles speech on February 22, Richard Nixon attempted to stir up a political issue by suggesting that President Kennedy wants to award Federal defense contracts to areas of high unemployment, thereby hurting California industry which now gets these contracts because it can do the best job at the lowest cost to the nation.

In doing so, Mr. Nixon distorted the President's remarks.

He ignored or was unaware of the continuing Federal policy of keeping politics out of our nation's defense by awarding contracts strictly on the basis of cost and ability to produce.

He ignored or was unaware of the fact that in the past year — under the Kennedy Administration in Washington and the Brown Administration in Sacramento — the State of California has increased its share of Federal defense contracts to approximately 25 percent of the total for the nation.

Co-Chairmen Named

Tony Tinajero, staff member of the Brown for Governor Southern California Committee, met with a committee of prominent Ventura County Democrats recently to organize a county branch of the committee. Carlos Diaz, Oxnard, and Tony Garcia, Ventura, were elected co-chairmen for the county branch of the committee to Re-elect Governor Brown. Anyone desiring to join the committee or help in any way should contact Mr. Diaz at 539 South B Street, Oxnard (Hu 6-6711), or Mr. Garcia at 49 West Park Row, Ventura (Mi 3-8015).

Deadline

All copy for our next Ventura County Democrat must be sent to Dick Bean, 344 Mono Court, Ventura by April 15th. Please submit all copy typewritten and double spaced.

Engle Praises Brown

Clair Engle, California Democratic Senator, recently was named chairman of the Executive Committee of the state-wide Committee to Re-Elect Governor Brown.

Governor Edmund G. Brown, announcing the appointment, said the executive committee will co-ordinate his Northern and Southern California campaign and assist in top-level strategy and planning.

Engle predicted an overwhelming Democratic Party victory on all fronts in November.

"Californians aren't going to be fooled by any whitewash slapped on the tired, old Republican elephant in an effort to change its negative image," Engle said.

"Under Pat Brown's leadership, California has moved ahead to the point where it has the best social insurance and social welfare programs, the best educational system, and the most favorable business climate in the nation," Engle said.

"He has demonstrated, through four consecutive balanced budgets, the fiscal responsibility that is attracting more and more business and industry to the fastest growing state in the nation."

The Senator added that "for his water program alone Governor Brown will go down in history as the man who ended years of deadlock in the State Legislature to solve California's grave water problem and pave the way for future progress and growth."

Engle also praised Governor Brown for the co-operation he has extended the California Congressional delegation on matters of vital concern to the people of the state.

"We have been able to co-ordinate our efforts in a manner that has not previously been possible," Engle said.

"On many occasions, where it was essential, Governor Brown has flown to Washington to testify before committees and help in any way he could."

Ventura Democratic Club

The next general meeting of the Ventura Democratic Club will be Tuesday, April 17th at the Buena High School Cafeteria.

Plans for future meetings will be discussed with the membership. A social hour will follow the business meeting.

Program chairman, Mike Shanahan, suggests that all club members save Saturday night, May 19th for the Ventura Democratic Club's annual Spring Social. Plans are now being made to make this one of the club's highlights of the year.

Conejo Valley Club News

Delegates to the county-wide endorsing convention, held in Santa Barbara, Sunday, March 18th, were elected at the last meeting of the newly organized Conejo Valley Democratic Club. The announcement was made that George Wagner, club president, and Jim Parker were appointed to handle Les Maland's campaign in the Conejo Valley area.

Following the regular order of business, Carl Huettner, (Thousand Oaks), and John Montgomery (Simi), candidates for supervisor in the Second Supervisorial District, addressed the gathering. A lively question and answer period followed the speeches by the candidates. John Chamberlain, candidate for the office of County Sheriff, also presented his views.

The next meeting of the Conejo Valley Democratic Club will be Wednesday, April 11th, at the home of George Wagner, 1590 Fremont Drive, Thousand Oaks. Guest speakers have been invited to the meeting which begins at 7:30 P.M. All interested members of the Democratic Party are welcome to this meeting.

Jim Parker made an announcement of his candidacy for the Central Democratic Committee from the Conejo area.

Joe Jodoin

Committee Report

Although both Republican candidates for Governor are from Los Angeles County, the Democratic Party there continues to maintain a strong 3 to 2 advantage in new voter registration.

Eugene L. Wyman, Democratic State Chairman-South, quoted the following figures from Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hite:

In the period from January 2 to March 8 of this year, there were 14,513 new Democratic registrations against 9,406 for the Republicans in Los Angeles County.

"Actually, the gain is much larger," said Wyman. "It is common knowledge that many voters are registering Republican only to vote against Richard Nixon in the primary in the hope of retiring him permanently from public life.

"This same bloc of votes will go Democratic in the fall," Wyman continued.

According to Hite, there were 1,570,544 Democratic voters on March 8 against 1,074,666 Republicans.

"When former Governor Goodwin J. Knight was still in the race late last year, many Democrats and independents switched their registration to Republican to vote for Knight and against Nixon," said Wyman.

"We fully expect that a majority of them will go for Pat Brown in November.

"But the most significant factor in the new figures," Wyman continued, "is the failure of either Nixon or Joe Shell to arouse much registration enthusiasm in their home county and in their own party.

"Both have been campaigning most intensively here but haven't been able to make a dent in the Democratic ratio. It is significant, too, that the Republicans will have bitterly contested races in the primary, but no Democratic candidate for high state office presently faces major opposition.

"This, of course, is a tribute to the high level of performance by Democratic incumbents. But one normally would expect a decline in Democratic registrations in such a primary.

"This simply hasn't taken place — proof that Democrats are enthusiastic and united in their determination to write finis to Nixon's political career."

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