

The News Bulletin

The Ventura Democratic Club proudly presents this NEW news bulletin for the benefit of all Democrats in Ventura County.

We have all wanted county wide Democratic news for years. We certainly understand the value of communication. We are tired of having Charlie Teague's newsletters unchallenged and we realize the potential of a county wide bulletin. Think what this will mean for your club membership if it is received and read by hundreds or even thousands of registered Democrats in your area. Think what it will mean to the Democrats in this election year if it is in the homes of many thousands of Democrats in Ventura County. Think of how well this will help you get your message to your neighbors.

This is our plan: We have sent this first issue for your inspection. We believe it is both attractive and readable. Therefore, we intend to sell subscriptions at \$1.00 per year for 12 monthly issues. Incidentally, until we have 2,000 subscriptions, we expect to lose money. We have mailed over 500 complimentary copies to club members throughout the county. If each of you send in your dollar to **Myra Deihl, subscription chairman, 333 Howard Street, Ventura . . . NOW**, we will have the first 500 subscriptions. Knowing Democrats, we feel you won't be satisfied with just this much. You will want to either sell or buy subscriptions for your friends and neighbors, especially those who are considering active membership in your club. Help us neutralize Teague's letters, and help us make Nixon's retirement from political office permanent. **Dick Arnold**

Ventura Democrats Meet

All Ventura Democrats are urged to save February 20th which is the date of their second general meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Buena High School Cafetorium.

Mike Shanahan, program chairman, has arranged to have Kitty Constandinidou, exchange student from Rhodes, Greece and Kathy Poulous, exchange student to Germany last summer, as speakers for the evening. A representative from the American Field Service will also be a guest for the evening.

Bring your friends; this should be an interesting meeting.

Membership

"Get 2 in '62" is our new membership motto. If every member brings in two new members we shall be well on our way to winning future elections. All plans for membership activities must recognize that "personal contact" is the key to success. Individuals will not join of their own accord. They must be approached and asked. Help build the Democratic Party—"Get 2 in '62".

How To Subscribe . . .

Send your name, address and \$1 to **Myra Deihl, 333 Howard Street, Ventura.**

A Dedicated Democrat

Mrs. Daniel M. (Jane) Tolmach

"A dedicated and hardworking Democrat"—these five words sum up thousands of words which can be written about the political personality of Jane Tolmach, wife of Dr. Daniel M. Tolmach, Oxnard pediatrician. Since 1952 she has been an energetic and tireless worker in Ventura County for the Democratic Party. She is a member of the Oxnard Democratic Club, the Ventura County Women's Democratic Club, and others.

Jane was raised in Ventura County. She graduated from St. Catherine High School in 1939, U.C.L.A. (A.B.) in 1943, and Smith College, School for Social Work (M.S.S.) in 1945. She served with the American Red Cross as a psychiatric social worker at the Corona Naval Hospital until September of 1946, when she and Dan married. They have five children.

In 1952 she gave a coffee for the Democratic Congressional candidate. That coffee was the beginning of an enviable record of service and accomplishment in the political arena. Thereafter, she was elected vice president of the Ventura County Democratic Club. Democratic voters and party leaders recognized her drive and abilities by electing or appointing her to important offices such as: County Central Committee—appointed in 1953 and elected in 1954, 1956, 1958 and 1960; Vice chairman of the Ventura County Central Committee from 1954 through 1958, and Chairman of that committee from 1959 through 1961; State Central Committee—appointed in 1958; Congressional District Co-chairman—elected at the State Convention in 1958; Delegate to the National Democratic Convention—appointed by Governor Brown to the 1956 and 1960 conventions.

Veteran Democrats will tell you that she has always pitched in to do every type of political work. In primary and general elections she addressed envelopes, registered voters, recruited workers, organized dinners,

passed handbills, and did every other type of job that has to be done in a political campaign.

Last month she resigned as Chairman of the Ventura County Central Committee, and was succeeded by able Leslie H. Maland. She remains a member of the Committee and will continue her active participation in politics.

The Democratic Party has cause to be grateful to Jane Tolmach for giving so much of her time and energies to it, as well as Democratic candidates, so willingly and unselfishly.

Suggested Readings

Be sure to check your local library for these excellent books concerning political activities of the state and nation:

Report of the County Chairman by James A. Michener.

The Making of the President by Theodore H. White.

The Killing of the Peace by Alan Cranston.

The Facts About Nixon by William Costello.

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Personally Speaking

Sufficient words have been expressed concerning the idiosyncrasies of our Ventura County system of formal organization. Far greater wisdom than mine, far greater daring and fortitude than mine have attacked the results achieved in the last Senate Race . . . yet to date no remedy has been achieved. It is not necessary to point fingers to determine blame. There is but one blame . . . the Democrats of Ventura County. We and no one else are at fault and the correction of this mistake is our responsibility.

It is my feeling that the following amendment would be most beneficial in order to remedy the problem.

Endorsement of Candidates:

1. No person shall be endorsed for candidacy for any office who is not a member of a Democratic Club or Democratic Party equivalent.

2. No person shall be endorsed for candidacy for any office who has since January 1, 1962, run against or otherwise opposed a candidate who has been endorsed by Democratic Party authority.

3. No person shall be endorsed for candidacy for any office who has since January 1, 1962 opposed and/or actively campaigned against a candidate who has been duly endorsed by Democratic Party authority.

4. The chairman of any body, duly authorized to endorse candidates for any office shall take action to determine whether or not one submitting himself for endorsement by the Democratic Party meets the above requirements. It is my feeling that our county organization should be one of mutual purpose, effort and trust . . . I, therefore submit, this proposal in the interests of Party harmony.

Andrew J. McDuffie, Jr.
President, Port Hueneme
Democratic Club

Special Tribute

Les Maland started his work in politics early in life. He was elected to City Councilman and County Supervisor in the first Boy's State in Sacramento. Les served as student body president while attending Santa Paula Union High School. While attending the University of California at Berkeley he was president of the Student Engineer's Council.

Les considers himself initially swayed toward a liberal political view by his admiration of F.D.R. He worked actively for Truman in 1948.

The two year period of service during the Korean War kept Les away from politics, but with his separation at Fort Ord he was again free to work in this area of his life. By 1956 Les says, "I was hooked". For he had decided to dedicate himself to the principles of the Democratic Party and to work actively for its success.

In 1957 the Santa Paula Democratic Club was chartered and Les Maland was elected as its first president. He served in this capacity until 1959 when Ralph Bain succeeded him. In that year Les was elected vice-chairman of the Ventura County Central Committee. In 1960 he was elected to the presidency of the Ventura County Democratic Council. At this time he also handled the job of treasurer for the 13th Congressional District Democratic Council.

This is only a partial list of Les Maland's many political activities.

Les has said of himself, "I prefer to be called a working Democrat, who realizes that precinct work and good people willing to be identified with the party are necessary for success. I love the Democratic Party, the party of principle, the party interested in people, a party not afraid to try new ideas."

We congratulate Les Maland, newly elected chairman of the Ventura County Central Committee and wish him much success in this very new position.

Hey Kids!

How would you like to organize a Young Democrats group? Anyone between the ages of 16 and 21 is eligible. Let's get together, have some fun, and do our part for the Democrats. If you want to join or have friends that are interested, call them and then call Mrs. Florence Gregory, MI 8-4418, to get started.

DO IT NOW — LET'S GET GOING FOR "62".

Let's Help Santa Barbara

Have you seen Santa Barbara recently? You can tour the city and help distribute tabloids supporting Alvin C. Weingant Saturday, February 10th, or Sunday, February 11th. It's a lot of fun and we'll have a chance to visit our fellow Democrats in the rest of our Congressional District.

Let's have each club designate a member to get their members to turn out for this event. We will meet at the County Democratic Headquarters, 1533 E. Main at 9:00 A.M. February 10th and 11th. For further information contact Les Maland, 811 Teague Drive, Santa Paula, JACKSON 5-5325.

On election day, February 13, the Santa Barbara Democratic Headquarters needs some help in their "Get out the vote campaign." They need people to work all day or part of the day, especially the last two hours. If you can help, contact your local club president or the Santa Barbara Democratic Headquarters, 816 State Street.

Save these dates—volunteer now—let's show our friends in Santa Barbara a really vigorous neighbor.

The Legislative Process

In California all laws are enacted through the medium of "bills". A bill is a draft of a proposed law. It either proposes a new law or changes or repeals an existing law. When a bill is introduced in the Assembly or Senate, it is referred to a committee for study. Sometimes identical bills are introduced in each house. After committee action, the bill is reported back to the house with whatever recommendation the committee finds appropriate. The bill is then placed on file and read the second and third times on separate days. Upon its third reading, a bill is either passed or refused passage. Most bills require 41 votes in the Assembly and 27 votes in the Senate. After a bill is passed in the house of origin, it is sent to the other house where the same procedure is followed.

After a bill passes both houses, it is sent to the Governor. He may sign it or veto it. A two-thirds vote of each house is required to override a veto.

While the Legislature is in session, the Governor has 10 days to sign or disapprove of any bill. If any bill is not returned within 10 days after it is presented to the Governor, it becomes a law just as if he had signed it, unless the Legislature, by adjournment, prevents such return, in which case it becomes law only if the Governor signs the bill within 30 days after such adjournment. After the final adjournment of the Legislature, the Governor has 30 days (Sundays excepted) in which to approve bills. If he fails to approve any bill during this period, the bill dies. This is known as the "pocket veto".

Jim Basile

Santa Paula Demo Club

Joe Paul, Jr., editor-columnist, and Jack Holt, reporter-columnist for the Ventura County Star-Press were guest speakers at the January meeting of the Santa Paula Democratic Club. Those attending the meeting also heard Stanley Mosk's report to Pat Brown on the John Birch Society.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers: President, June Maland; 1st Vice-President, Joe Ricards; 2nd Vice-President, Henry Vela; Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Praire; Treasurer, Jimi Schwindt.

The next general meeting of the Santa Paula Club is tentatively set for February 15th at the Santa Paula High School cafeteria. Mrs. Charlotte Yarbrough, Coordinator of Exceptional Children for the Ventura County Schools, will speak. All Santa Paula Democrats are invited to attend this meeting.

Candidate's Position

George Holgate, the only candidate in the county presently announcing for a partisan office, stated recently that when the people of the Thirtieth District are given the facts concerning Teague's voting record, they will know why they must vote for a Democratic candidate. In a letter to the Ventura County Democrat, Holgate stated: "Teague's record is about as contrary to the principles of the Democratic Party as it is possible to be." Holgate struck out at what he termed "Teague's complete lack of initiative in seeking solutions to the problems of our times . . . his (Teague's) opposition to the Peace Corps, his vote against Edward R. Murrow and the United States Information Agency . . ." Holgate, presently a high school instructor in Oxnard, suggests that an explanation of Teague's voting record to the voters of this district will help turn him out of office.

Women's Club To Meet

The next meeting of the Ventura County Democratic Women's Club will be February 10, 1962. This luncheon meeting will be held at the Redwood Lodge in Thousand Oaks. The charge for the luncheon is \$1.75. Call Jean McKee, Santa Paula, JA 5-8233 for reservations.

The Woman's Club generally meets the second Saturday of the month. The annual dues are \$2.00. All women interested in being informed of and working for the Democratic Party are encouraged to join.

The officers for 1962 are Maxanna Freie, Ventura; Jean McKee, Santa Paula; Inez Bain, Santa Paula; Nicky Conklin, Oak View; Mel Arnold, Ventura; Jan Hilton, Oxnard; and Juanita Day, Ventura.

Special Election

Have you heard that over in Santa Barbara County a special State Senate election is being held, Tuesday, February 13, 1962? Our candidate, Alvin C. Weingant, seeks to fill the vacancy caused by the death of State Senator John Hollister, a Democrat. He is being opposed by incumbent Assemblyman, James L. Holmes and William D. McKillop, both Republicans. (Sounds familiar?)

Al Weingant needs our help, so the Ventura Democratic Club has volunteered to address 5000 envelopes. Contact Joe Schwenk if you can help.

The Democratic Headquarters in Santa Barbara could use more help in addressing envelopes. If any of the other Democratic Clubs can help, please contact Mrs. Winnie Reynolds, Democratic Headquarters, 816 State Street, Phone WOODland 4-5192.

Govenor Brown Reports

"California is expected to be the most populated state by January 1, 1963", according to Governor Pat Brown. "More than ever, California will be in the world spotlight as the testing ground for American freedom and enterprise. Our voice in Washington will carry new authority. Our responsibilities will increase considerably."

Californians should well note the prosperity that our state attained throughout the four years of Governor Brown's administration. Our actions in the "60's" will determine the opportunities for our children in 1970. Another term of office for the present State Democratic administration will assure California of continued harmonious relationships with the Democratic administration in Washington.

"GET 2 IN '62"

Camarillo News

The Camarillo Democratic Club wishes to congratulate the Ventura Club and its President, Dick Arnold, for the forward step they are taking to keep the Ventura County Democrats well informed through their new bulletin.

The Camarillo Club met January 8th at the Community Center to elect the following delegates to the Fresno Convention: Andrew Habecker, Tweedy Rounce, and Robert Hernandez. Alternates to this convention are Lorena Habecker, Irene Hernandez, and Lillian Stiegelmeier.

The Camarillo Club meets the first Monday of the month at the Community Center. Club President Andrew Habecker welcomes members from other clubs to their meetings and hopes that inter club exchanges can be arranged to build closer relationships between county members of the Democratic Party.

Political Education

This first article about a new committee, written by someone whose writing talent is at best questionable, may impose somewhat of a hardship on the reader. However, the sparkling new media in which this appears is hopefully suggested as compensation.

The Committee for Political Education, once known as the Political Action Committee, was formed to propagate and unite the Democratic Party in Ventura County, and to encourage and support progressive political leadership.

We hope to accomplish this by: (1). Disseminating relevant information of interest to the Democratic voter in Ventura County. (2). Providing candidate research in conjunction with the "Committee for Legislative Action". (3). Distributing information concerning the mechanics of elections to the general club membership and other interested parties.

This month's activities of the chairman have been taken up by the many organizational aspects of the Committee for Political Education, letter writing, telephoning reports to the club president, arranging a meeting place, etc. Next month, however, we shall become a truly active and productive committee dedicated to the task ahead.

Our heartiest congratulations to Les Maland, our new County Central Committee chairman and to Jane Tolmach, our sincere gratitude for the tremendous effort you have expended in our behalf.

Al Winslow
Chairman

Our Thanks

Our sincere appreciation goes to Ben Martinez, Ventura Democratic Club, who did such a magnificent job of arranging for reservations for our county delegates to the Fresno Convention.

Deputy Registrar's Class

Bob Hamm has announced that a Deputy Registrar's Class is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th, 7:30 p.m. at the Board of Supervisor's Room in the Ventura County Court House.

Remember . . . our registration drive starts February 1st and ends April 12th. All good Democrats will want to make certain that they attend this special class.

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Mosk Fights For Water

California Attorney General Mosk battled Arizona before the U. S. Supreme Court recently, to prevent a reduction of California's share of Colorado River water. The increasing demand for this water and the uncertainty of California's share indicates the value of the Feather River water plan put through by Governor Brown and the Democratic legislators.

California Legislature

The State Legislature is composed of an Assembly of 80 members, elected every two years, and a Senate of 40 members elected for four years. Assemblymen are elected on a population basis. Senators are elected on a geographical basis. The Legislature fixes the boundaries of the districts. One Assemblyman and one Senator are elected from Ventura County.

In the 1961 session the Democrats had 47 Assemblymen and 30 Senators. The next local election for State Assemblyman is in 1962 and for State Senator in 1964. Our Assemblyman, Rex M. Cunningham, is a Democrat. The Senate seat is **temporarily** being occupied by someone from another political party.

Women's Club Delegates

Delegates for the Fresno Convention from the Woman's Club are Maxanna Freie, Goldie Kennedy, Nicky Conklin and Juanita Day. The alternates are Mary Ellen Arnold, Catherine Evans, Maggie Marble, and Maxine Vela.

Deadline

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

The Great Seal of California has 30 stars, one for each state in the union at the time of its admission. The Seal was adopted at the Constitutional Convention in 1849.

Teas For TV

A project of the Woman's Division of the Democratic State Central Committee is "Teas for TV". The object of this project is to get all Democrats acquainted and to **make money** so you can support your candidate on TV. Here is what you do. Have a "tea, coffee, or cocktail party", invite your personal friends, put out a dish for a silver, or even better, paper offering. Then have fun! Juanita Day, Ventura, is chairman for Ventura County. Give her your support. Call MI 2-1060. In this way, each time you see a Democratic candidate on TV you will know you personally helped put him there.

The California Golden Trout was adopted as the State Fish in 1947.

College Education Bill

President Kennedy's college education bill will be the first major legislation in the Senate. This bill authorizes 25,000 scholarships (\$1,000 maximum) for the first year, 37,500 scholarships the following year, and 50,000 for each of the next three years. Democrats expect this bill to pass with a large majority.

Women In Politics

In 1918, four women were elected to serve to the Assembly. They were the first women to serve in our legislature. From then until the present there has always been at least one fair lady in the Assembly. (The present Assembly-woman is a Democrat.) No woman has ever been elected to the State Senate.

The Golden Poppy was selected as the official State Flower by the Legislature in 1903. It is claimed that a golden poppy is blooming somewhere in the Golden State on every day of the year.

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H.R. 4222

One of the most important bills to be brought to the floor of Congress in 1962 is the King-Anderson "Medical Aid for the Aged" bill. Because the well-financed opposition will be using all the methods of modern public relations to defeat the bill it is necessary for Democrats to inform themselves of the facts.

Specifically the bill provides for:

1. Full hospital costs for up to 90 days in a single spell, subject to a deduction of \$10 a day for the first 9 days, with a minimum deduction of \$20.

2. Skilled nursing services following hospitalization for up to 180 days.

3. Home health services for up to 240 visits a year, including nursing care, therapy, and part-time home-maker services.

4. Full costs of needed out-patient hospital services for diagnosis, tests, X-ray and laboratory services subject to a \$20 deduction for each diagnostic study.

This health insurance for the aged would be financed entirely by an increase in social security tax contributions of $\frac{1}{4}$ of one percent each for employers and employees, (maximum of \$1.05 per month for a wage earner), and $\frac{3}{8}$ of one percent for self-employed persons, both to be effective as of January 1, 1963.

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