

Ventura Cheers Brown

Governor Brown scored a hit in Ventura County during his recent May campaign swing to bring the DEMOCRATIC RECORD to the people. Enthusiastic crowds greeted the Governor at a box luncheon in Ventura, at dedication ceremonies at the Ventura School for Girls and at Camarillo State Hospital. Veteran political observers remarked that the turnout of 300-400 Venturans for a box luncheon on a weekday was remarkable since many people cannot obtain leave of work or just wont interrupt shopping or housework to go someplace to hear a candidate.

In a stirring, hard-hitting talk, Governor Brown emphasized the record of achievements during the past three and a half years of his Administration. California's business climate and economic outlook are the best in history—positive proof of Governor Brown's sound fiscal management and vigorous economic planning. The Governor won legislative and voter approval of the massive water project after years of wasteful boondoggling in earlier administrations of the Republicans. The water program insures water for Ventura County and Southern California, while protecting Northern California water rights. In the past three years there have been increases in unemployment benefits, job retraining for industrial employees displaced by automation, accelerated school building and planning, creation of the office of Consumer Counsel to assist buyers and protect them against phony and crooked selling practices, increases in the basic old age pension and aid to the needy—not the greedy, tougher penalties for

narcotics peddlers, the creation of the Fair Employment Practices Commission to insure equal work opportunities . . . plus other programs and progressive legislation that have made a difference in California for you and the future of your children.

Jim Basile

Help Wanted

The Democratic Party has more registered voters in Ventura County than any other party. Nevertheless, there are hundreds, or probably thousands, of unregistered Democrats. In addition, there are unknown numbers of people who have no idea which party offers the philosophy, programs, and candidates that appeal to their desires for a better place for them and their children. It is up to each of us to bring the Democratic Message to them. We must educate ourselves so that we can educate others. Abundant material is available at **Democratic Headquarters, 1525 East Main Street, Ventura MI 3-7088).**

Your help is needed before the primary election on June 5th and during the months before the general election. Contact Democratic Headquarters in Ventura to get people registered or to offer your help, even if you can spare only a few hours of typing, telephoning, or passing Democratic literature.

Let us dedicate ourselves to do something on behalf of Governor Brown and the other Democratic candidates. If everyone of the more than 40,000 registered Democrats in Ventura County gives at least 8 hours of his spare time, a Democratic sweep of offices in November is an absolute certainty.

Political Education

At the time this copy of the Democrat reaches the hands of our readers, a number of political issues will have been resolved by the voters in the June 5th Primary. Anything written now with regard to the issues of the Primary Election would most certainly appear anti-climatic when read after the election. Therefore, space this month is devoted to the clarification of the article appearing in the April issue. Perhaps the statements contained in the article inferred something not intended by this writer, and in the interest of fairness to those persons involved, correction should be made:

Correction

Any inference or statement in the April, 1962 issue to the effect that the Ojai City Council made, during any of its meetings or as the Council, an official endorsement of the Republican candidate during the recent special election for State Senator is retracted and corrected, and there was no violation of the City Charter by the Ojai Council. It appears that the members of the Ojai City Council were members of a committee of city councilmen from cities in the County and that this committee was formed to support the Republican candidate.

It is most certainly a policy of the Ventura County Democrat and this writer to be fair and as objective as possible. For this reason, the above is submitted for your consideration.

Al Winslow

The Democrat

Be sure that you share your copy of the Ventura County Democrat and then get him to send in his subscription so that we can keep our fellow Democrats informed of Ventura County Democratic activities. The subscription rate is \$1.00 and should be sent to P. O. Box 1144, Ventura, California.

Conejo Valley Club News

The Conejo Valley Democratic Club continues its policy of inviting candidates for office to speak before members and guests.

At the last meeting the group listened to Pat Sullivan, incumbent, and John Fay, candidates for the office of County Coroner and Public Administrator. Sharing the speakers platform were Martin Miller, Thousand Oaks and Vernon Keene, Simi, candidates for the office of Supervisor for the Second District. Most of the discussion centered around Mr. Keene's proposal for a Supervisor's Citizens Committee in areas where the population warrants it. The purpose of the committee, according to Mr. Keene, would be to keep the Supervisor posted on local problems. There was a brief exchange of views on this point when Mr. Miller pointed out that such committees were already in existence.

The next meeting of the club will be on Wednesday, June 13, at Kover's Redwood Lodge, Thousand Oaks. We urge all interested Democrats to attend the meeting which begins at 7:30 p.m.

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Guest Editorial

Between June 6 and November 6 we have eight elections to win. We do this by assuring that more voters vote for our candidates than vote for opposition candidates. Our candidates and their managers will provide the grand design—WE DO THE WORK IN EVERY WAY WE CAN AND AS MUCH AS WE CAN in order to deliver these votes November 6.

What is the groundwork for November 6?

1. Providing votes through registration of voters. Through your club you can learn how to become a Deputy County Clerk for registration. The work is done in assigned areas or in public places, on your own time or with a team. As the latest statistics show, we must add Democrats to the list of registered voters—the deadline is the first week in September.

2. The organization of precincts so the Democrats vote. You may work on precinct lists, by typing dupli-stickers for mailings, the only way we have of reaching all the Democratic voters. Or you may rearrange precinct lists for walking or telephoning, both now and on November 6. Both of these jobs may be done at home or at headquarters. When lists are completed, people are needed to walk or call precincts to find election-day workers and others interested in our Party or clubs.

3. Present our candidates (and raise money for campaign expenses.) Accept calls to help organize dinners or what-have-you for our candidates. This involves mundane activities like selling tickets, creating publicity, selling tickets, setting up and cleaning up the site, selling tickets, and, lastly, as Bob Shaw knows, taking tickets.

4. Create the victorious spirit. Help with bumper stripping and distribution of other campaign literature and gadgetry. Youngsters are excellent at this, especially door-to-door work. Recruit one high school helper

now. Promise him or her cokes, et cetera.

5. Inform voters so they vote, and vote for our candidates. KNOW THE RECORDS OF ALL OF OUR CANDIDATES . . . AND WE START NOW!

Jim Browning

Rose Names Chairmen

Don Rose, Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, announced the appointment of Kenneth Gressett, Ventura, and Mrs. Betty Davidson, Oxnard, as Co-Chairmen of the Ventura County Committee for Don Rose. Anyone wishing to contribute to the county campaign for Don Rose or to assist in the campaign may write or phone to: Mr. Gressett, 115 Armstrong, Ventura (MI 2-2086), or Mrs. Davidson, 447 North M Street, Oxnard (HU 3-6193).

Mr. Rose was feted at a bar-b-que in Santa Paula on May 20th. The Santa Paula Democratic Club is commended for the fine turnout and a wonderful time. Mr. Rose has a business background and has spent many years in Los Angeles County working for local, state and national Democratic candidates. He has been chairman of the L. A. County Central Committee for 8 years. For 12 years he has been a member of the executive committee of the Democratic State Central Committee. He has been endorsed by CDC, the L.A. County Central Committee, and the AFL-CIO COPE.

Brown Sees State Boom

Recently Governor Brown said that the reason California will soon rank as the first state in population is because it has "the finest schools, the healthiest business climate and the best toll-free highways." "The State is booming," said the Governor. He asked that no one be misled "by any talk to the contrary." Readers will recall that during the past few months an unemployed Republican politician—you know, the one who has no political office—has been a false prophet of doom who offers nothing, but tears down everything.

Richards' Campaign

Richard Richards campaign for U. S. Senate rolled into high gear last month and gives every indication of carrying Richards to Washington. He has been campaigning throughout the State. An office for his committee has been opened at 5504 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Cal. Richards ability to win popular support is shown by the record. In the State Senate race of 1954, he carried L.A. County by 17,000 votes. But in 1958 he won by more than 700,000 votes. The Richards Reporter states: "Despite what you may have read in the daily press, Kuchel is vulnerable. And do not be misled by those vocal, far-right Republicans who cannot abide either Nixon or Kuchel. Remember, there are NO independents in the Republican party. It is our job to get across to the voters a resumé of Kuchel's record. You may have heard someone say that Kuchel really isn't a bad Republican or that he usually votes with the Democrats. Well, don't believe it. Just check his record. **Example:** Kuchel voted AGAINST federal aid to education a number of times in committee, but when the emasculated bill finally came up in the Senate, he publically voted for it. Does this make him a proponent of federal

aid to education, as he claims? This is a single example of his many BAD votes in committee. . . he co-sponsored the notorious Bricker amendment.

How can any intelligent voter equate having a senator (Kuchel) of a party whose philosophy and goals for our Congress and Federal government differ from those of our President, with a candidate, Richards, whose philosophy and goals of government follow those of our President? Democrats in Ventura County are asked to join with COPE in endorsing and supporting Richard Richards for U. S. Senate and Governor Brown and all of the State Democratic candidates. Labor knows and supports its friends.

Jim Basile

Santa Paula Club News

The next meeting of the Santa Paula Democratic Club will be held sometime in June. This will be a closed meeting, Santa Paula club members only. No announcements will be sent out. Members will be notified by telephone as to time, date and place. The meeting will be held at a private place.

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