

CHARLES A. STORKE FOR CONGRESS

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Born in Santa Barbara, 1911, eighth generation Santa Barbaran, English Spanish ancestry. Forbearers include many prominent in the economic development, civic affairs, public and political life of this area. Among them are: Jose Francisco Ortega, first Commandante of the Presidio; Daniel Hill and T. Wallace More, cattle ranchers in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties and on Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands; Charles A. Storke (grandfather and namesake), Democratic Assemblyman in the 1880's and member of the State Board of Education; Edwin F. Smith (maternal grandfather), Secretary of the State Senate and of the 1896 Constitutional Convention; and T.M. Storke (father), former U. S. Senator who is still active in public affairs and a publisher emeritus of the Santa Barbara News-Press.

Married in 1935 to Barbara Bullard; five children - a married daughter living in New York, an unmarried daughter working in San Francisco, a son at UCSB and a younger boy and girl at public school in Los Olivos. Three grandchildren.

EDUCATION

Public schools in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.
Cornell University; B.A. in 1932.

Bilingual Spanish and English.

Mr. Storke considers an important part of his education his associations from childhood with prominent political figures: President Kennedy, Chief Justice Warren, all of the Governors of California since James Rolfe, among the most distinguished of these.

PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Formerly:

Worked for Santa Barbara News-Press from time of college graduation to 1959.

At time of resignation was Associate Editor and Publisher.

Manager KTMS

Chairman, Associated Press California Members Association.

Chairman, Associated Press Nominating Committee -- New York.

Director, County National Bank.

Member, American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Accredited correspondent (1958) with Defense Department for purpose of touring SAC facilities in Europe with Lt. General David Wade.

First newspaperman to inspect and write about missile installations in England.

With General Wade:

Inspected SAC installations in Spain and Germany, SAC Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Elgin Air Force Base, and wrote series on missile fire power.

Assigned to an Aircraft Carrier (1956) under auspices of Navy League, and wrote series on night landings of jets.

Presently:

Advisory Board, Crocker Citizens National Bank.

Vice President and Secretary of Noble and Associates, Inter-American S.A. Mexico.

Vice President and Secretary of Noble Advertising Co., S.A. de C.V. Mexico.

Owner-manager, small ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member: Santa Barbara County Probation Committee. Exercised leadership in correcting and improving facilities of detention during 1930's.
Purisima Mission Advisory Board. Under leadership of Pearl Chase assisted in project of restoring Mission Purisima with CCC.
Vandenberg Airforce Base Citizens Committee. With Captain Alan Hancock was instrumental in securing emergency housing for Base personnel.
Citizens Committee for Cachuma Water Laguna Blanca School Board
Native Sons of the Golden West
Rotary Club

Director: Channel City Club
Community Chest
Mission Council Boy Scouts
Red Cross
Los Rancheros Visitadores
Los Adobes
Retail Merchants Association
Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
Santa Barbara Historical Society. Re-organized and vitalized this group as part of a program to put Old Spanish Days on sound historical basis.

President: 19th District Agricultural Association. Under Charles Storke's leadership site for Earl Warren park was chosen, showgrounds developed, and adjacent land secured for a municipal golf course, a school, Army Reserve Unit, and a park
El Presidente, Old Spanish Days Fiesta
Advertising and Merchandising Club of Santa Barbara
Advertising Association of the West
Santa Barbara Committee for the University of California (now the Affiliates). Charles Storke organized and served several years as the first President of this group, working successfully for better community understanding of the University, initiating the visiting lecture program with Aldous Huxley as first lecturer, lobbying in Sacramento for appropriations for construction for the University, access roads, etc.
Sociedad Hipica del Valle de Mexico.

Leader: Serving without title, simply as an energetic private citizen; successful leader in bringing research industries to Santa Barbara. Motivated by determination to transform the city from a one-economy city dependent upon tourism and retirement to a city which could be the hub of a growing area with a sound economic base, Storke worked with industrialists, the University, city and county zoning agencies, land owners and appealed to the public for support through editorials, speeches.
In the establishment of the oil sanctuary, Charles Storke again led by uniting, meeting with groups, calling upon legislators and officials in Sacramento, working closely with officials here.

Honored: Man of the Year for the year 1956
Governor's representative to Washington for the National Probation and Parole Association.