

EDITORIALS

Maybe There's Hope

With the general election a little more than one week away, it is discouraging to report we have seen little evidence that the rank and file citizenry are thinking beyond the bonds of rank partisanship.

Several of the more important propositions to be considered are receiving a lot of attention, but, unfortunately, from minorities whose ranks include bigots, hate-mongers, and strictly selfish interests. We find little evidence of sane, independent thinking or consideration for the future welfare of California or our beloved United States.

The almost total absence of sincere, objective thinking is exceeded only by the apathy of the people who should be active in helping to frame an enlightened public opinion.

But, if we may be permitted the indulgence of some wishful thinking, there may be some pleasant surprises come Tuesday, Nov. 4. Maybe there are a lot of people who are keeping their thoughts to themselves and whose consciences will bring them to the polling places prepared to make decisions unswayed by the propagandists, rabble-rousers, and demagogues.

'YES' on Six

To protect your right to know, vote "YES" on Proposition C at the Nov. 4 General Election.

This is the recommendation of proponents of Proposition C who point out that for many years the people of California have been properly informed through mandatory public notice in newspapers about state spending, particularly in the case of state bonds.

Two years ago this century-old proceeding was interrupted by an additional constitutional amendment, narrowly adopted, which was primarily designed to reduce the statutory period of state bond issues from 75 to 50 years. Included in this amendment was a section which repeated the provisions of mandatory public notice, specifying that the only notice required was the pamphlet sent to voters prior to elections.

The 1957 State Legislature, with only six dissenting votes of its 120 members, recognized the error of this repeal, adopted Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 33 which appears on the Nov. 4 ballot as Proposition 6.

This would re-establish a mandatory public notice of state bond issues but on a reduced basis to meet the objections of state government economists. It would re-assert the sound principle of an informed electorate at a much lower cost than previously.

Because adequate, advance knowledge of the scope and purposes of any proposed bonded indebtedness can be guaranteed only by passage of this proposal, proponents of Proposition 6 urge all voters to go to the polls and protect their right to know by voting "Yes on Proposition 6."

This principle of public notice by mandatory publication as assured by Proposition 6 has the endorsement of American Legion, Department of California, in regular annual convention, representing the greatest number of beneficiaries of the Veterans Farm and Home Loan Act, which has been one of the outstanding examples of the submission of such state bond issues over the past 30 years.

Vote for Kirtwood

In the wild detours down which the California election campaign has been taken, it is conceivable that the voters might forget certain candidates of proved performance. Among these is State Controller Robert C. Kirtwood.

As California's chief elective fiscal official since 1953, State Controller Kirtwood has more than justified the confidence of the big and little people who comprise California's 15 million population.

Administration of this very important office under Mr. Kirtwood has been characterized by efficiency and integrity. Red tape has been cut wherever possible with a constant goal of progressively improving service to the public.

There are many sound reasons for persons of both political faiths to vote for Robert C. Kirtwood for State Controller. Certainly every conscientious voter will want to reward faithful, conscientious public service of the type that has been given by this fine official since 1953.

We unreservedly recommend Mr. Kirtwood for reelection.

Opinions of Others

It is our duty to report happenings of a public nature, and we will do so in spite of criticism or pressure. However, as it is our duty and our right to report and interpret the news to the people of the community, so it is the right and the duty of people to make their beliefs known. . . . As we stand on our right to present and interpret news, we offer the readers of this paper the right to agree or disagree through the medium of a signed letter to the editor. The bona fide letter to the editor is your opportunity for expression. Use it.—Cape May Court House (N.J.) County Gazette.

It becomes a little disgusting to have some bureaucrats who never attained any success in a business venture of their own, telling someone else how they should run their business.—Camona (S.D.) Herald.

STAR GAZER** By CLAY E. FOLLAN. Your Daily Activity Guide. According to the Stars, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

World's No. 1 Good Joe



THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

It's the Opposite of Vanilla

Don Perkins, who is bowing out as public relations director for the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council, reports as a parting gesture that a great many accidents happen in the kitchen.

"Unfortunately," he reports, "with the high cost of food, we have to eat most of them."

Don also claims the two most dangerous groups of drivers are persons under 21 driving over 65 and persons over 65 driving under 21.

We owe it to the American Dairy Assn. for reporting that a little boy, asked to describe the taste of chocolate ice cream, replied,

"It tastes just the opposite of vanilla."

Workmen began to wonder the other day if the South High gymnasium would get opened on scheduled when a construction worker crawled into the gym's attic to do some work and found an inquisitive skunk inspecting the premises.

Auto Club Urges No Vote on 17

"California's vital highway development program would be endangered if Proposition 17 on the Nov. 4 ballot passes," warned Norman P. Thompson, Automobile Club of Southern California executive vice president, today in urging a "no" vote on the measure. "Proposition 17 would probably lead to use of gasoline tax revenues for General Fund purposes."

The proposed constitutional amendment would reduce the sales and use tax rates from 3 per cent to 2 per cent and prohibit the legislature from making any change in that rate. It would also change rates from one to six per cent of taxable income to a schedule ranging from one-half of a per cent to 46 per cent, again prohibiting the legislature from making changes.

"It is estimated that net loss to the state would amount to \$200 million or more every year, should this measure pass," Thompson said. "With this substantial loss in income to the state's general fund, there would be a proportional loss of funds available for the public school budget. Other sources of revenue would have to be found."

Since the constitution gives schools first call on state funds, it would be permissible to resort to the gasoline tax and motor vehicle fees to meet the shortage.

but fast, and called the humane society officers who dispatched the intruder with a pistol.

And, they report, the skunk did not retaliate, for which all are thankful—especially the guy who was scheduled to crawl back up in the attic to complete his work.

A 1909 Model T Ford came rolling down the assembly line at the company's modern Mahwah, N. J., plant this week, probably the last Model T ever to be assembled.

Company officials embarked on the project some months back after deciding to build "just one more" Model T to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first such auto to come off the assembly line in October, 1908.

The 1909 Ford which came off the line 50 years ago was the first of 15,000,000 Model T Fords (Flivvers) to be built.

Finding the components for the old car was not easy, according to a run-down of the operations sent out this week by Ford Motor Co.

A body and chassis were located in Flint, Mich., and the aid of antique dealers from coast to coast was enlisted to supply the rest of the auto.

Some parts were not available. They had to make new wheels; a shop in San Luis, Obispo, Calif., made fenders, and a custom shop near Detroit did the reupholstering job and came up with a touring top.

The ancient car, which came off the line sandwiched

LAW IN ACTION

Jurisdiction

What happens when the same case is brought before two different courts? Under California law, usually the court which first takes jurisdiction holds it and no other California court will have jurisdiction to hear the same case.

How does this work out? Well, a "Quixote" county court named Bill guardian of his mother. She was ill and could not look after her affairs. Later with the court's approval his mother went to "Pancho" county to enter a nursing home.

But Sam, another son, sought to return his mother to Quixote county by a court action in the Pancho county court. Bill blocked the return though he had to go to a court of appeals to do it. This court stressed the importance of the first court's jurisdiction, saying:

"In carrying out his duty, the guardian acts under the first court. To it he must render account and may ask for

instructions. To it he is subject to liability or removal for misconduct.

2. The court's power over the guardianship goes on even though there is no further proceedings. No other court can take over that control. No other court can receive and approve the guardian's accounts or tell him his duties, even though it may sit in the county in which some of the guardian's activities are carried on.

Lawyers look upon problems of court jurisdiction as among the most technical they have to deal with. For people travel a great deal these days and own property in many places. And because of California's many millions of new citizens, its courts must deal with especially complex problems.

Which is all the more reason to keep the lines of jurisdiction in courts strongly defined and simple.

The Texan was telling the Alaskan about fish in the Lone Star state.

"Why man, down in Texas we got fish that measures 10 inches or more."

"Ten inches isn't much for a fish," the Alaskan chided.

To which the Texan said: "Between the eyes!"



BOYS AND THE RED FEATHER . . . Nick Trani (left) director of the San Pedro Boys' Club, welcomes Dick Winn (right) teacher and coach at North High School, for a discussion of this year's Community Chest campaign. In the background, Raymond Martinez, coach at the club, works with members of his team.

Coach Raised in Boys' Home Grateful for Chest

The only home he knew. During summers he gave his entire time, working as a counselor at the Big Pines recreation camp. There he met Marilyn Eiert, a Camp Fire Girls counselor from Long Beach.

Sixteen years ago the Community Chest began a very remunerative investment when it made possible the placing of young Dick Winn in the McKinley Home for Boys. Today Dick Winn's story is one to please every person who has been a contributor to the annual Community Chest campaign.

This week Winn, who teaches English and social sciences in the North Torrance High School, as well as coaching the "B" basketball team and the golf team, stopped by the San Pedro Boys Club to renew acquaintance with Nick Trani, its executive director and an admired "pro" in the field of juvenile welfare.

They had first met in the fall of '51 when Trani's San Pedro Boys' Club footballers, just starting on its successful year as champions in the southern California league, had defeated the team from the McKinley Home for Boys. Winn, still in his teens and still living in the McKinley Home, had been an assistant coach for his team.

In 1942, as a small boy of seven, and already a problem child because there had been no place but the city street for him to play after school while awaiting the return of his working mother, Dick was fortunately sent to the McKinley Home. He lived there

for fourteen years except for a few weeks each summer and week ends spent with his mother.

He attended Woodman Ave. public school, became a Boy Scout, then an Eagle Scout, and developed a keen interest in athletics. With the companionship of so many boys he began to take a brotherly interest in the younger ones as they came to the home. As an assistant scoutmaster he helped to organize athletic groups which, while they might never qualify for first string teams, could nonetheless enjoy participation in the sports.

He graduated from Van Nuys High School while still living at McKinley and working as a coach at the home he was able to help himself through four years of college while continuing to live at the home. They were married in '55 when he took his degree from the Ramona campus of Los Angeles State college. They now have a small daughter, Susan, and Dick is beginning his third year on the faculty at North Torrance High School.

While yet in the McKinley Home, Dick Winn decided that he wanted to work with young people. Teaching and coaching them is to be his

life work. Now that he is living in Harbor Area he takes a keen interest in the Community Chest agencies and their work down here.

For years another Red Feather agency, the San Pedro Boys' Club, has been turning out well trained lads who have established reputations as stars of high school and college gridirons. Some have developed into professional athletes playing on such nationally known teams as the Baltimore Colts. However, of the hundreds of boys who have used the facilities of the Boys' Club, most have merely gone ahead to become happy, well developed individuals interested in sports and with all of the desirable character qualities and good sportsmanship which develop on carefully supervised playing fields.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Positive part, 2. Positive, 3. Boat, 4. Conversation, 5. Boy in Asia, 6. Heavy work, 7. Title of respect, 8. Instrument for measuring waiting, 9. State type, 10. Case by water, 11. Loughlike castron, 12. River in Italy, 13. Number, 14. Man's name, 15. Factory, 16. Unit of energy, 17. Preposition, 18. Governance, 19. Mountain, 20. Relationship, 21. City with volcano, 22. Street name, 23. Road, 24. City, 25. Written, 26. Mental image, 27. Name, 28. Name, 29. Name, 30. Name, 31. Name, 32. Name, 33. Name, 34. Name, 35. Name, 36. Name, 37. Name, 38. Name, 39. Name, 40. Name, 41. Name, 42. Name, 43. Name, 44. Name, 45. Name, 46. Name, 47. Name, 48. Name, 49. Name, 50. Name.