

EDITORIALS

Election - - Nothing New!

There's nothing new under the political sun and Tuesday's election proved it. Editorial writers are struggling to evaluate the results of the general election nationally and in California in particular.

It is traditional with the electorate to oppose current office holders in a so-called off year. But we do think the republicans got more than a normal treatment this time as evidenced by the climbing pluralities hung up in California this last week.

The man who, by his record and by every other consideration, laid down a bed of roses for his opponents was Senator William Knowland. Had he sought re-election to the Senate, an office which he has held with distinction and credit to himself and California, we think his path would have been easy.

He was defeated by a formidable candidate and make no mistake about that. Pat Brown would be a good candidate on any political ticket and we expect that he will make a very good governor.

The HERALD wasn't guessing wrong when it endorsed Sen. Knowland and the things he stood for. There wasn't a soul around these quarters who would not have put his money on the Democrats at odds before last Tuesday.

We are very sharp in our criticism of the sort of gang voting that voted out such tried and true public servants as Robert Kirkwood and Donald Burton. How any thinking electorate can accept the mediocrity and inexperience of their successful opponents will forever pose an unanswered question in our minds.

But, California and America will go on. The people have spoken with a clear mandate to those who will guide our destinies. And they cannot resort to the excuse of divisional weakness. This state and this nation are in the hands of the Democratic party.

We think the Americanism inherent in the Democratic party will transcend party affiliation. America will come first!

Officials are elected to do business for the public. They are expected to have the ability, the mentality, and the courage to solve public problems. Theoretically, if they don't face up, they should be taken care of at the ballot box.

Let's have less of this shuffling of job responsibility in the future. At least one result would be a simplified ballot.

Safe Driving is Imperative

Each month, nearly 4000 California drivers are summoned to hearings. Interviews or re-examinations before driver improvement analysts. There are some 100 analysts throughout the state handling problem drivers.

These drivers are traffic law violators, alcoholics, drug addicts, physically and mentally disabled drivers and accident repeaters.

STAR GAZER... Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. Includes a table with dates and astrological signs.



THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

Life in the 'Good Old' Days

A clipping sent along from the Lindsey Gazette gives us a picture of life in the "good old days," as it was put down in the employe rules and regulations by Carson, Pirie and Scott department stores in Chicago in 1858.

- REGULATIONS TO EMPLOYEES: 1. Store must be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. 2. Store must be swept, counters and base shelves dusted, lamps trimmed, filled and chimneys cleaned, a pail of water, also a bucket of coal brought in before breakfast, and attend to customers who will call.

FROM OUR MAILBOX by Our Readers

Family Grateful

Dear Editor: We hope this message will reach all our many friends who gave so generously of their time, effort, and material in our time of need. It is wonderful to know that people have not forgotten the value of kindness and friendliness.

LAW IN ACTION

Jurisdiction Rules

For many years California law makers have made progress in making the rules that govern law suits both simple and adequate. Yet the courts must still decide how to proceed when two otherwise sound rules are in direct conflict.

Drivers are made to realize that socially and economically, safe driving is imperative if they are to retain their driving privilege. This process actually results in noticeable improvement in the records of the majority of probationary drivers.

Tracing Torrance History

Title to Rancho Firmly Established by Nephew

(This is the fourth in a series of articles relating the history of the early title-holders to the land, which now comprises the general harbor area of Los Angeles County, including the area occupied by the city of Torrance.)

Avila family were running cattle and in the harbor area Augustin Machado was grazing still another herd. Apparently the neighbors in the surrounding ranchos took it for granted that the Dominguez family no longer had any interest in the Rancho, and this also was assumed in the public records.

Like his uncle, the record as to the earlier life of Cristobal Dominguez is extremely limited. He was born in 1758 at the Presidio of Loreto in Baja, California. Following the example of both his father and his uncle, Cristobal also was a soldado de cuera, eventually attaining the rank of sergeant of his cavalry troop.

In 1795, Cristobal was ordered north with his company in Alta California. For almost 25 years thereafter he was in continuous service at the missions and presidios, principally in the south.

Unlike his uncle, Cristobal was married soon after coming to California. His wife was Maria de los Reyes Ylancz, daughter of a government commissioner in Mexico. Of his marriage there were four sons and four daughters, two of whom died in early childhood.

For eight years after the death of his uncle in 1809, Cristobal Dominguez made no serious effort to take possession of the huge tract which he had inherited. He apparently had no direct contact with the Rancho, and received no financial benefit from its operation.

As a result of this neglect, the Rancho, to all intents and purposes, was in full control of the mayor domo and executor, Gutierrez, who, as the years went on, assumed that he was the actual owner.

in 1862, California came under Mexican rule, which forced all landowners to get their lands confirmed under the new regime. Cristobal thereupon addressed a second petition to Pablo Solis, who continued as governor.

This time he was more successful. On Dec. 31, 1822, one of the last official acts of Governor Solis before going out of office was a decree approving the Dominguez claim. This amounted to a grant of title to the Rancho, and the first definite confirmation of the "permission" given to Juan Jose Dominguez in 1784.

Thus it transpired, more than 43 years after the death of his uncle, that Cristobal Dominguez finally acquired full rights to the Rancho San Pedro. The long delay prevented the aging sergeant from taking personal control of his inheritance.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1-Expat, 4-Refuge from grapes, 8-Butcher, 12-Preach, 15-Don't produce anything else, 18-Every time people cut down on what they do for a dollar, they cut down on what the dollar will do for them.

THE OLD TIMER... The girl who lays all her cards on the table, will usually be left playing solitaire. Includes a small illustration of a woman.