

# Election Day May Catch Legislators in Session

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The Legislature is still operating two special sessions, technically the First Extraordinary Session and the Second Extraordinary Session. These sessions came into being as the result of proclamations by the Governor. When the Legislature will actually adjourn and go home is difficult to predict. One guess is that we may adjourn on Monday, June 13. This means that we probably will be in session on the day of the Primary Election, Tuesday, June 7.

I hope that I will be able

to go home in order to vote at the polling place in my neighborhood but to be certain that I can vote I have requested an absentee ballot from the Registrar of Voters of Los Angeles County. If I can get home to vote, I merely give my absentee ballot to the officers of the Election Board and vote in the regular manner.

All Assemblymen and State Senators are not seeking re-election to the Legislature. Three of the Assemblymen will become Municipal Court judges and at least two Senators will become Superior Court judges by reason of ap-

pointments which will be made by Governor Brown, probably in July. One Assemblyman is a candidate for Congress. Several Assemblymen and Senators are not seeking re-election because of our low salary, which is \$500 per month minus deductions.

Many Assemblymen are running for election to the State Senate. Several Senators are running against each other for the same seat in the Senate. All of this has made it very difficult to keep enough men on the floors of both houses of the Legislature to pass bills.

In the Assembly it requires 41 votes to pass a bill which does not contain an appropriation, direct or implied. When a bill contains an appropriation or an implied appropriation, 54 votes are required to pass a bill to the Senate.

Although this is an election year and I am a candidate for re-election, I have had to make a choice. I could either stay on the job in Sacramento or absent myself from my duties and go home to campaign. I have done what I believe the people of the 46th Assembly District

wanted me to do. I have stayed on the job.

I do not regret my decision because staying on the job in Sacramento has made it possible for me to effectively legislate for not only the people of the 46th Assembly District but for the people of California in general. Many of my bills have been enacted into law and others are awaiting the signature of the Governor.

EVER SINCE the United States of America came into existence, the political party in power has pointed with pride to its accomplishments

and the party out of power has viewed with alarm.

Those who are in public office are the targets for those who want to replace them. In California a man in

an elective office is frequently described by his opponents as either too young or too old. He is either a callow, inexperienced youth or a doddering, senile old man who is about ready for the glue factory. Such attacks on incumbents may be entirely false but the hunger for public office seems to

bring out the worst in some men.

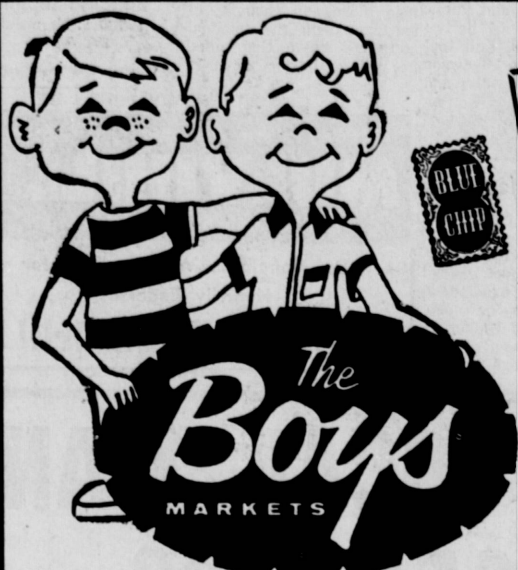
ONE DIRTY trick is to hint that an incumbent is suffering from some mysterious, incurable disease, such as leprosy or cancer of the big toe. In my case I do have an advanced case of alopecia. If

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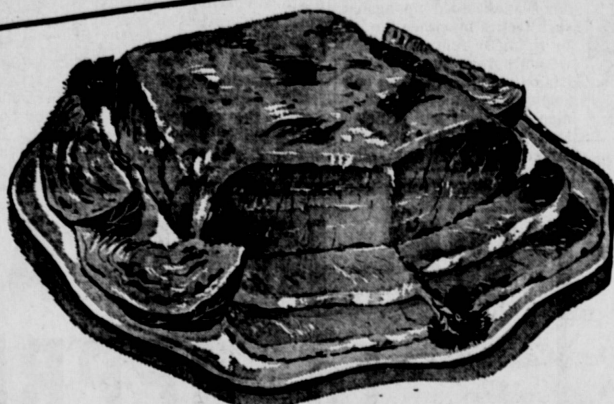
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