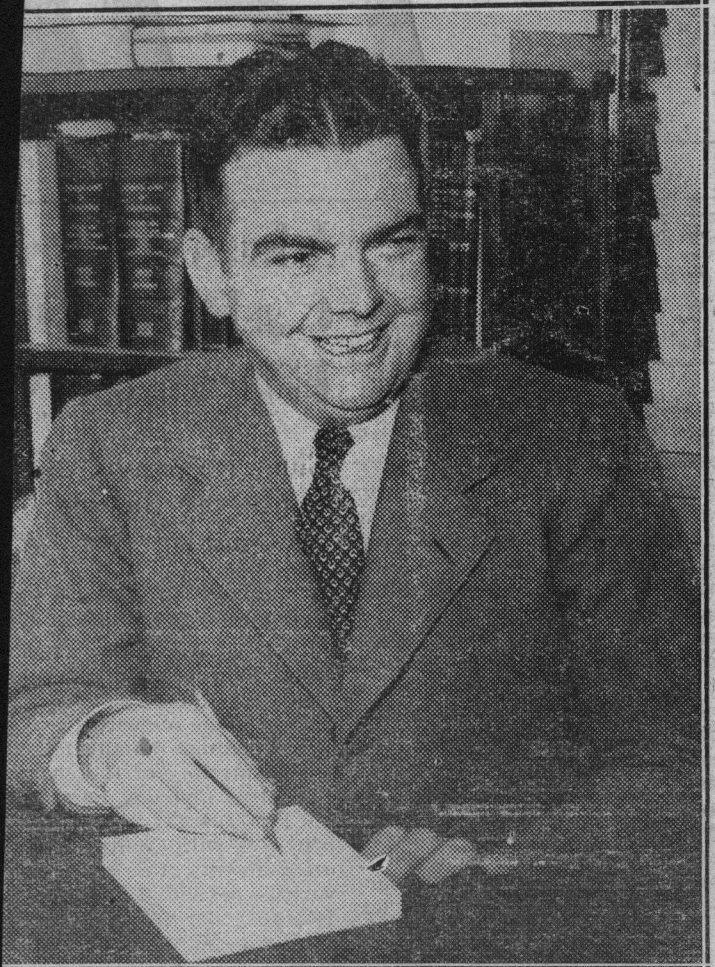


GOOD GUY OF THE WEEK



DONALD YOUNGER

"... Why Not Jim Farley?"

When the late Charles B. Younger Sr. and F. A. Hihn came to California back in '49, both were in a fair position to take advantage of the opportunities offered the new state.

That they succeeded is attested in records of the former as a jurist, and the latter as an early developer and civic figure of Santa Cruz. Charlie Younger's name still is a byword in California courts, and Fred Hihn's descendants control much of this city's real estate today.

Not that Donald Younger, Santa Cruz attorney who at 23 was justice of the peace, and who at 35 can look back on an eighteen years' membership on the Democratic State Committee, holds a brief of this "First Family of Virginia Stuff," as he chose to term it this week.

Stocky, hearty in his laugh, Donald Younger undeniably claims a well known legal name, as uncontrovertably has accrued a far-reaching influence on his own.

Prominent among state Demos, Younger on many an occasion has championed the cause of highway improvements, on many another has carried the word to Garcia when WPA appropriations for city projects seemed dubious or delayed.

Other Santa Cruz services have been many.

To Donald Younger the city owes its colorful birthday party, a yearly pageant of the town's beginning and growth. Conceived by the attorney in '29 and chairmaned in that year, the celebration is being revitalized today to restore to it the plaudits and freedom from commercialism that it enjoyed in its earlier days.

Too, it was Donald Younger whose encouragement and active participation did much to boost along such groups as the Santa Cruz Yacht club, Rod and Gun club and 20-30 club in the lean days of organization. Past president of 20-30, Younger also held the post of Yacht club commodore, still gives much of his time to its activities.

Labor Day week-end will find him chairmaning the Santa Cruz end of the revived Windjammers' race from the St. Francis Yacht club, an event in which 26 boats finished last year in a blaze of northern California publicity.

Continually busy in such promotions, Younger is a good friend to newspapermen who can always count on him for a story, and who gleefully reproduce in full his sallies as toastmaster—A frequent assignment at dinners, civic, convention, or convivial. Ex-correspondent himself, Younger is an inveterate newspaper clipper and memorandum scribbler, his pertinent notes and penciled paragraphs bringing many a gleam of humor to friends, as well as pointing out a frequently overlooked item of civic portent.

The contacts Donald Younger has achieved for Santa Cruz, the youngish, twinkling-eyed attorney goes out of his way to maintain for the community. His home, his time, and his hospitality are frequently at the disposal of the city's important guests and its official greeters. And so it happens that entertainment such as would put severe dents in a limited chamber of commerce budget is often "on Donald Younger."

It's this same chap who couldn't figure Riptide's coming around to snap his picture. "Say, if it's a democrat you want, why not pick a good one?" He suggested waving a hand around his picture-lined office. "Here, wait a minute. Why not Jim Farley?" And an autographed likeness of the democratic national chairman was by way of parting with its frame.

But it was just a rib, protests developed, and we're happy to call Donald Younger our "Good Guy of This Week."