# HISTORY CENTER

### SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

## We won't tell you how to vote, but make sure you DO vote!

	ELECTION RESULTS.
Mayor—	Pet. 1 Pet. 2 Pet. 3 Pet. 4 Pet. 5 Totals
Luchessa	
Sinsheimer	

Election Day is November 8th, in three and a half weeks, though as a vote-by-mail state, Election Month in California started over a week ago. Throughout American history, there are a number of elections that have a major impact on the course of our country, and San Luis Obispo County is no different.

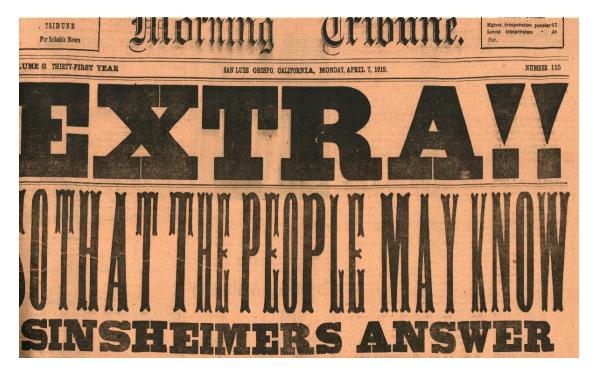
In 1919, San Luis Obispo had two newspapers, the Telegram and the Tribune. They would eventually merge to become the Telegram-Tribune, before changing its name to the Tribune that we have today, but in 1919 they were fierce rivals. The mayoral race had two candidates, and the two papers each picked a side. The Telegram backed Antone Luchessa, while the Tribune supported Louis Sinsheimer. And the competition between them became ferocious.



The Tribune printed a statement from Mr. Sinsheimer along with an editorial endorsing his election on its front page on Sunday, April 6 - the day before the election. In his statement, Sinsheimer responded to many of the criticisms that had been leveled against him along the course of the campaign. The Tribune didn't publish on Mondays at the time, so this was his last chance to have his message distributed widely.



The next day, thinking that they would get the last word, the Telegram printed an edition blasting Sinsheimer for waiting too long to respond. They accused him of dishonesty in his statement published the day before, and claimed that he had shown himself to be unfit for duty.



The publishers of the Tribune would not let this broadside go unanswered. They printed a special extra edition of the paper on Monday afternoon - remember, this was a day that they didn't usually print - responding to the Telegram's claims.

Congratulations to the New Mayor

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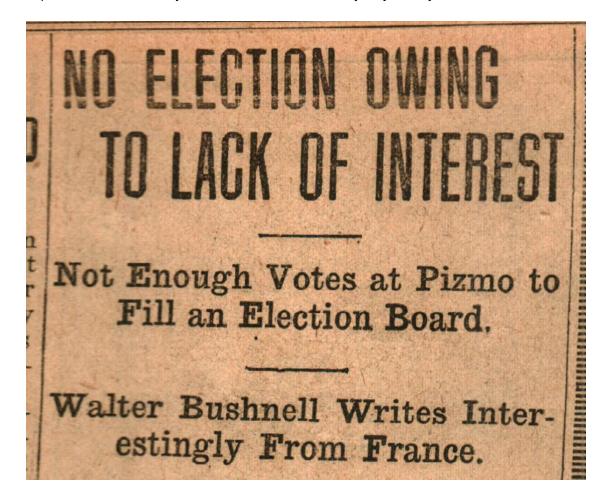
Mr. Sinsheimer will have the unqualified support of The Telegram in any worthy effort to advance the best interests of San Luis Obispo. He will have ample opportunity to carry out his assurances that he stands for propress and improvement.

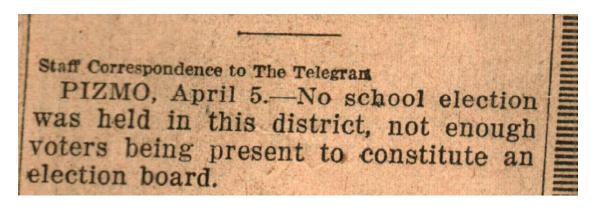
In politics as in every game there must be a winner and a loser. It will never be said of The Telegram that it is a poor loser, nor is there ever a time to dwell on how it happened.

More than a handsome majority of the voters yesterday decided at the polls that they want Mr. Sinsheimer for Mayor. The Telegram gracefully yields to the expressed will of the majority, and wishes Mayor Sinsheimer a successful administration.

San Luis Obispo is certainly a fair field for earnest endeavor along progressive lines. It is hoped that the new Council may accomplish much.

In the end, Louis Sinsheimer won the election and would go on to serve as Mayor for the next 20 years, the longest-serving Mayor in San Luis Obispo's history, making a profound impact on our community that we can still feel in many ways today.





Compare this level of civic engagement in SLO to Pismo, which on the same day had an election called off because there weren't enough voters to constitute a Board of Election. To be fair, Pismo was much smaller than it is now, but not so small that the lack of an election didn't make the papers.

So please, we wouldn't tell you how to vote, but be sure to return your ballot. The county is better served by an engaged, active voting base - where every ballot is cast and counted, and every voice is heard.

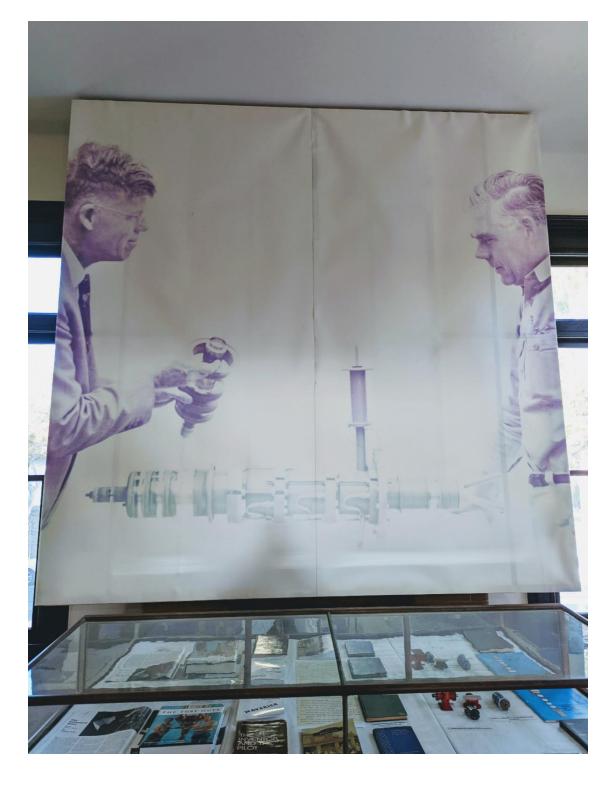


### **Celebrate the Dallidet Heritage!**

The season of events at the Dallidet continues on Saturday October 22nd as we celebrate the Spanish and Mexican heritage of Sra. Acension Concepcion Salazar Dallidet - also known as Mama - and the influence that she and other Latino and Latina people have had on San Luis Obispo.

Food, music, art, culture, and mucho más will be yours to discover. ¡Esperamos verte allí!

Click here to learn more or to by tickets.





not pay a visit this weekend?

696 Monterey Street
Open every day except Tuesday
Hours: 11 to 5

Come and see our latest exhibit, The Varian Brothers. Sigurd and Russel Varian were raised in Halcyon before going on to invent the Klystron tube, a necessary prerequisite for such technologies as radar, satellite communication, medical scanners, guitar amps, and much more. Without the Klystron - without the Varians - the technology that makes up our modern world would not be possible.

Learn about Sig and Russ, from their early days in San Luis Obispo County to their success in Silicon Valley.

Has it been a while since you visited the museum? The History Center Museum is housed in the historic Carnegie Library building across the street from the Mission and is open from 11 to 5 every day except Tuesday. Admission is free, donations accepted. Why

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