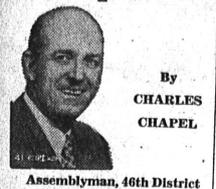


# Sacramento Report



By CHARLES CHAPEL

## Adult Education Trimmed, But Not Destroyed

Proposition No. 2, passed at the November election in 1952, fixed about \$87,000,000 into the 1953 budget of the State, and into all future budgets, by increasing the State's contribution for education from \$120 to \$180 per pupil per year.

In order to meet these additional costs, members of the State Senate looked for some way to cut other costs. They offered a rather stringent restriction on adult education subsidized by the State, but the outcome was less drastic. Folk dancing and courses in appreciation of motion pictures were thrown out the window but adult education was left fundamentally as it was before. However, I do believe that those who conduct adult education classes will be more careful in the future to eliminate courses in whistling, jack-knifing, and how to cut out artistry (whittling), and how to cut out blommers on the bias. Of course, school districts may offer these courses, but they must be paid for out of local funds.

## Heart Attacks Trim the Legislature

During the recent 1953 session of the Legislature, Assemblywoman Kathryn T. Niehouse, Republican of San Diego; Assemblyman Willis W. Bradley, Republican of Long Beach; Assemblyman Jonathan J. Hollibaugh, Republican of Huntington Beach; and Senator Jesse M. Mayo, Republican of Angels Camp, all had heart attacks. Assemblyman Mayo, Assemblywoman Niehouse and Assemblyman Bradley were incapacitated during most of the session and probably will never return to duty in the Legislature, although I hope they can. Although heart attacks may appear to be a Republican ailment, I have heard of Democrats dying from them. The cause is overwork, emotional tension, and general heckling.

In the odd-numbered years, such as 1953, we are in session about six months. In even-numbered years we are officially in session only during March, but we have interim committees, and must attend many meetings of boards of supervisors, city councils, etc.

When we are in session, we are actively working from about 8:30 a.m. until 11 p.m. or sometimes 1 a.m. During the lunch and dinner hours, people come up, actually pull our sleeves, and demand attention while we listen to their troubles. Our working day is therefore about sixteen hours per day during the six months session. Even at home, we get telephone calls and telegrams that demand immediate attention. I am surprised that more Assemblymen and Senators do not have heart attacks. The remedy is to have longer sessions and shorter working hours, more like the National Congress. This would enable us to pass better bills because we would have more time to consider them.

## Why I Prefer Letters to Telephone Calls

Whenever a person is really sincere about wanting my help in passing a bill, killing a bill, or running an errand for him or her, she or he is willing to write a letter expressing the problem, and the desired solution. The person who wants to telephone me but does not want to commit his ideas to writing is motivated by one of the following very human factors: (1) He is not too proud of his idea; hence does not want to sign his name to it; (2) It is merely a passing fancy; (3) He is afraid I will publish it. Nevertheless, anyone who has a sincere, honest request, will commit it to writing and sign his name.

## Cats and Dogs

There are two ladies in Hawthorne. One loves cats and one loves dogs. Both write to me. They live next door to each other. One tells me that she loves dogs and warns me that cats are dirty, bothersome creatures that should be killed. The other writes that she loves cats, and regards dogs as cruel, sadistic, horrible little creatures that should be given to vivisection laboratories. Fortunately, neither lady lives in my Assembly District, hence I can write them polite, non-commit-

# Heart Attack Takes Life of S. E. Anderson

A heart attack while he was at work took the life of Sylvester Eugene Anderson, 59, Tuesday, and funeral services will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Stone and Myers Chapel.

Anderson, who lived at 1743 Andreo, was employed by Rubercraft Corp., 1800 W. 220th St. The Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church will conduct the funeral services. Interment will follow at Green Hills Cemetery.

Anderson had lived in Torrance for 12 years. He is survived by his widow, Marie; a son, Raymond D., of 2013 Border Ave.; three daughters, Mrs. Clovers Fowler, 2607 Border Ave.; Mrs. Arnold Hansen, of Van Nuys, and Mrs. Ernest Milligan, 1510 W. 249th St.; and nine grandchildren.

Anderson was a member of the First Baptist Church and a member of the Green Hills Cemetery.

## What George Jeys Told Me

George Jeys was at one time in charge of the Printing and Binding Department of Pacific Union College, Angwin, California, up near Napa. That is a college run by the Seventh Day Adventists. Students must get an education and learn a trade at the same time, some of them print and others bind books. I am not an Adventist, but I contracted with them to print and bind some books for me many years ago. When they turned out well, I told George Jeys how much I thought of what he and his young people had done. This is his reply: "Charlie, when anyone throws a bouquet at you, do not stoop over to pick it up or some nosy person will hit you in the head with a brick while you are leaning over. Go down the highway, paying no attention to either bouquets or bricks, but doing the best you can to do what is right."

## The Truth About the Old People and Their Pension

It is always difficult to obtain the full truth about any social welfare problem. Those who have sympathetic hearts for the old people, the blind, the deaf, and the lame, exaggerate in one direction, and those who do not have unfortunates in their families exaggerate in the opposite direction. The following facts were obtained from the Honorable Charles J. Schottland, Director, Department of Social Welfare, State of California, 616 K Street, Sacramento. If you doubt my statements, please write to him.

## Average Age of People Receiving Old-Age Pensions

The average age of persons applying for the old Age Security in California is about 72 years. The average for the United States is almost the same. The average age of those receiving Old Age Security in California is about 76 years. The national average is about 76 years, which means that Californians average one year older than the national average.

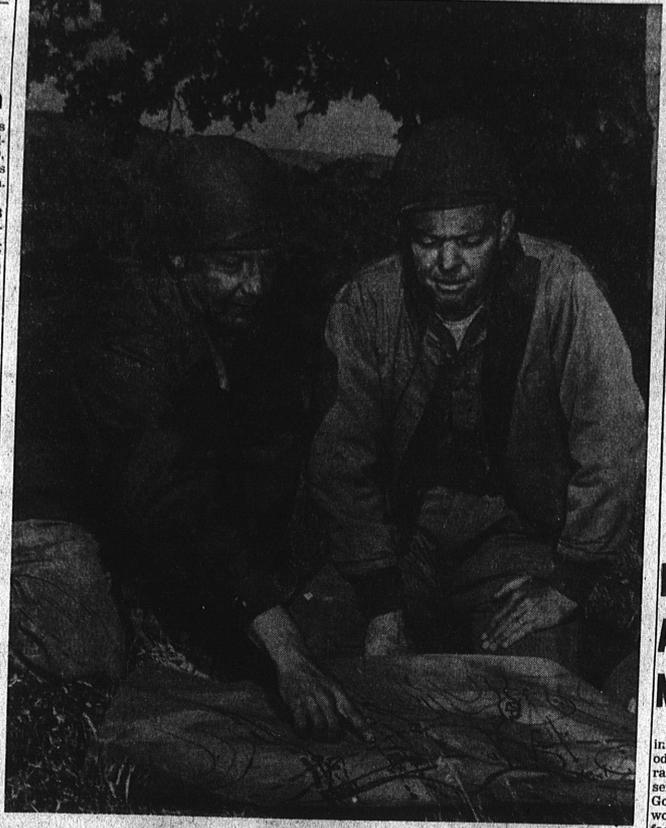
## California Old People Are Proud

The above figures show that many aged Californians do not apply for the Old Age Security as soon as they reach the age of 65, as provided by law. Instead, they apply, on an average about six years after reaching the legal age. A study made some years ago in California indicated that the reason so many people did not apply for assistance at age 65 is that they had available support from their children, savings, or income from property. Then, too, there is always present the strong desire to remain independent as long as possible.

## How Long Should Old People Wait for the Pension?

The present law provides that people must wait five years before they can apply for Old Age Security. This means that if they come to California on their 60th birthday, they can start drawing the pension on their 65th birthday. In a like manner, if they arrive on their 67th birthday, they are old (67) but they must wait until they are 70 years of age. Some people say, "Why not make them live ten or fifteen years in California before drawing the old age pension?" The answer is that the official statistics of the State of California show that there does not appear to be any advantage in increasing requirements for Old Age Security. At the present time, the average length of California residence of those receiving Old Age Security is about 28 years! Let me repeat that: 28 years is how long the average person drawing Old Age Security has lived in California!

Another reason for not changing the five-year requirement is that the United States Government would not participate in the program, hence the State of California would lose more than \$100 million per year by changing the residence requirement.



STRIKE HERE . . . Capt Joseph Campazale, 2762 Sonoma Ave., center, is shown the objective of a tactical problem by Major John O. Horton-Billard of Temple City, left. The officers are among 80 reservists from California, Nevada, and Arizona who are presently undergoing 15 days of intensive field training in the Infantry department of the Army Reserve School at Camp Roberts.

# Retail Clerks In Harbor Get 2 1/2 Cent Raise

Clerks of retail stores of the Harbor area affected by the mercantile agreement of Retail Clerks Local 905 will be paid 2 1/2 cents per hour more, effective Aug. 1, 1953, as a result of settlement of the contract.

The \$1 per 40-hour week increase was agreed upon by the Harbor Area Employers' Council and the union's negotiating committee headed by Barclay Mitchell, secretary-treasurer, and accepted by the union membership at a meeting Thursday night.

Chain variety stores also agreed to the 2 1/2-cent-per-hour increase for their employees who work under a separate contract with the Union, it was announced.

The clerks were granted \$1 per week in February, and the contract specified that there be a wage review as of Aug. 1, 1953. The government was re-moved as of April 30, 1953, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council.

In the initial negotiating meeting, the union presented demands for increases ranging from 10 cents to 20 cents per hour. These were immediately rejected by the Employers' Council committee and later the 2 1/2 cents per hour was agreed upon. No other changes could be made under the reopening clause, and the contract runs to Feb. 1, 1954. Exempted from the increase were furniture and appliance salesmen, who work on commission basis, with \$74 per week guaranteed.

# Carelessness In Crossing Streets Scored

Careless crossing of highways is listed as the most frequent action of pedestrians killed in traffic accidents outside of incorporated areas, according to a recent report made by the California Highway Patrol.

"Too many pedestrians seem to forget that crossing a street or rural highway where fast moving cars are traveling is a hazardous move and calls for a lot of caution if it is to be done safely," said Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell.

"We must remember that a car traveling 55 miles an hour carries ground about 15 times faster than the average person does when walking."

"You can't control the speed of the oncoming cars but you can be extra alert and look both ways carefully before crossing any roadway. Give yourself plenty of leeway and don't take chances." The commissioner continued. "The slogan 'Wait a minute and save a life' is well worth practicing and could help you save your life."

"Another pedestrian practice which causes a large number of deaths is walking on the wrong side of a rural highway," Caldwell added.



# Wired for Sound

Shapely screen actress Vivian Mason has been named "Miss FETV" by more than 1000 television dealers at dealer conclaves in Los Angeles to demonstrate newest innovation, Full Fidelity 360-degree sound for TV sets.

# Gas Company Picnic Set

Southwest Division employees of the Southern California Gas Co. will hold their annual picnic Saturday at Redondo City Park, Redondo Beach, at 1 p.m.

Earl M. Quibell, district service foreman at the Yukon operating base, is serving as general chairman of the outing and is being assisted by a committee of six employees.

An outstanding program has been arranged to include games, kiddie rides, candy and popcorn, contests, and a barbecued beef or ham dinner.

Members of the picnic committee working with Quibell include: J. D. Kelly, assistant chairman; Joan Ulrich, chairman; Frank Pond, games; William Mazyer, prizes; and Jewell Marshall, and D. J. Hingley.

# Board to Receive Bids On Street Improvements

Plans have been approved and bids for improvements along Crenshaw and Lomita Blvds. will be received by the Board of Supervisors on Sept. 9. It was decided this week.

Curbs, gutters, walks and paving will be installed along Crenshaw between Lomita and Sepulveda Blvds. and along Lomita Blvd. between Narbonne Ave. and Crenshaw Blvd.

# 10 Join Taxi, Hitch Hike or Walk It Club

A group composed of 10 residents of the Torrance area had their driver's licenses taken away by the Department of Motor Vehicles during the period July 20-24.

They were Marion Blackwood, 2333 Park St.; Don Franklin, 2066 W. Carson St.; Ingrid Gray, 26333 Belle Porte, Harbor City; Martha Hawks, 923 Teri Ave.; Howard Holder, 1735 W. 266th St. Lomita; and Joseph M. Cright, 22609 Leyte Dr. All suspended following an accident for failure to meet the requirements of the financial responsibility law.

Others were Robert Copeland, 1837 Regina Ave., revoked because of use of vehicle in a felony; Disnon Holden, 374 Camino de Las Colinas, Palos Verdes Estates, order of probation arising from bad driving record; Arthur Hollington, 4330 W. 176th St., suspended on a first drunk driving charge; and Georgia Jackson, 21608 S. Vera St., suspended on a drunk driving and injury charge.

Driver's licenses have been reinstated to Jess Alvarado, 1233 1/2 256th St., Harbor City; Richard Rogers, 1614 W. 216th St.; H. P. Osborne, 24665 Woodland Ave.; Earl Perry, 4928 Hickman Dr.; Basil Rogers, 23929 1/2 Ocean Ave.; and Betty Watson, 24630 Eshelman Ave.

# Band Tryouts Slated Today

Tryouts for different assignments with the Torrance High School band will begin at 9 a.m. this morning with flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, and cornets on the schedule for Room 125 at the high school.

Supervising the tryouts will be John M. Baum, 26510 January Dr., director of bands at Torrance High who is replacing Patton McNaughton.

Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock the trombones, baritones, French horns, tubas, and percussion instruments will be heard. Other band and orchestra instruments will be heard Saturday morning at 9 a.m. said.

# Buddies Meet

(Continued from Page 1) a copy, and by the time he was 18 he was working in the gold mines. Three years later he was running underground mines.

Watson and Shay shared much the same experiences in the gold country — each went up about 1900 and returned about 1917.

Watson earned his membership in the Adventurers' Club by spending two years in the Arctic prospecting and "just adventuring." He was also the youngest member of Igloo No. 1 of the original Pioneers of Alaska.

To be a Sourdough, Watson said, you have to have been in Alaska long enough to see the ice break up at least once.

A complete program for the four-day convention opening today includes harbor tours, trips to beach cities, dinner meetings, dances, and a picnic. The convention will close Sunday evening with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," Watson said.



GOODRICH CREW . . . Members of the Brown and Stewart firm which will handle the Goodrich Budget Term tire sales are, left to right, Aubrey H. Brown, Ben D. Stewart, Harry Hughes, Leon Anderson, and Glenn Brown. Hughes is the budget manager for the new Goodrich outlet.

# Brown & Stewart Adopt Goodrich New Credit Plan

In line with the latest trends in retail merchandising methods, Brown and Stewart, Torrance Blvd. at Madrid, representatives here of the B. P. Goodrich Company, one of the world's largest rubber manufacturers, has just put into operation. Announcement of this new service was made by Ben Stewart, co-owner.

"We feel that in adopting this new credit plan we have taken a big step forward in the further development of our retail merchandising program," said Brown. "B. F. Goodrich was the pioneer in the rubber industry to establish a budget-buying program for customers, and now we can also offer credit as an additional service. Our prices will be the same regardless of how a purchase is paid for; however, there will be a small carrying charge when goods are purchased on budget terms. This credit service will thus enable customers to purchase items in our line for as little as \$1 down and on terms as long as 12 months."

Stewart said that "our first responsibility to our customers has always been to offer quality merchandise at reasonable prices, and now we can also offer credit as an additional service. Our prices will be the same regardless of how a purchase is paid for; however, there will be a small carrying charge when goods are purchased on budget terms. This credit service will thus enable customers to purchase items in our line for as little as \$1 down and on terms as long as 12 months."

# MacMichael's Feted On 25th Anniversary

Much joy was spread around a full house this week-end when a 12-year-old's ideas for a celebration took shape. Mr. and Mrs. MacMichael celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in their home at 4710 Ave. B. Thirty-six guests included mother, Mrs. M. L. Franks of Lakeport, Calif.; Mrs. Mattie McPike; Col. and Mrs. Arthur J. Lund; Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Todd; Mrs. James Cunningham; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stone and daughter; Mrs. Katherine Von Rosen, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stewart; Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Porter; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Longyear; Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Brandymer; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith; and Mrs. Roy V. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Schoener and daughter; Mrs. Anna Herslet and son; Mrs. Pamela Grubb; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ryan; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Woodford; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fauchard; and Mrs. Virginia McHenry.

Flowers bedecking the home were beautiful long-stemmed red roses and giant white chrysanthemums. Mrs. MacMichael wore an orchid, sprinkled with silver dust and spangles for the occasion. The point of attention was the huge sheet-cake decorated as the map of the United States with tiny flags set into the different states in which the MacMichaels have lived. Gifts were conventional silver gifts for silver wedding anniversaries.

We know everyone must have enjoyed themselves, but I'd like to take this space to thank a dear little niece, MacMichael, for such a kindness shown to his Mom and Dad.

The Brieners, "John and Mary," took a short trip to Mt. Wilson Aug. 9. On their way they stopped at Brookside Park for a little picnic. They all commented on a lovely time, especially the children, Dorene, Kathy, and Mike, who were terribly excited over the whole trip.

Sympathies go to the Garrett Eustace home of Blandwood, W. Va. Dinner served golden brown drumsticks and potato salad with cake, coffee, and tea. Mrs. Eustace suffered a heart attack early on the 8th of August and was taken to a hospital immediately. Her condition is not known at present, but wishes for a speedy recovery are at hand.

We have a report that Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chomnie and family are moving to Carlisle, Penn., on the 28th of August. Sorry to know you are leaving but know you will find a new experience in living in the White of Pasadena.

Visitors for Mr. and Mrs. Buzz White of Zakon were Ralph and Betty White of Playa del Rey and Mrs. Jim Fennell of Redondo Beach, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Renz, and Mr. and Mrs. Buz White. Dinner served golden brown drumsticks and potato salad with cake, coffee, and tea. Mr. White is also an astrologist and it is real fun to get him to tell different ones just what makes them tick as they go through life. You could also find out a certain career or just plain, hard-working John Doe.

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East. We understand you have never lived in the East before, so we are quite thrilled knowing you will write us all about it.

Also, by the grapevine, we hear that Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Doris Way have sold their home to a young couple who will be married this week and move in after their honeymoon. James and Doris have lived with us for about a year and a half and we're sorry to see them move away. However, they aren't going far, and we shall be able to see them again for they are moving into Torrance. The daughters are Sandy and Debby Sue; one is two, the other is new. Good luck goes with you, kids, from all your many friends.

A visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Middlebrook of Doris Way is little 9-year-old Helen K. Lewis (niece) of Chula Vista who is here for a week while the Middlebrook boy, Billy, is with Almada's brother, says Almada, "for a week only, though." She says she just couldn't do without her son any longer than that.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Brady of Doris Way was Lil and Rose Brady of South Pasadena. Pat's sisters are both graduate nurses and are working at L. A. General Hospital. Both say they like the beach, but seldom get out this way because of their work.

Well, the cure for that, girls, is to take a real nice long vacation and just settle down out here. We feel sure everyone would like to have you as a neighbor.

Company, too, for Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Burk of Zakon this Sunday. First, a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jeff Poor of Playa del Rey, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Treay of Yuma, Ariz. Then, a surprise birthday party was given in honor of Mr. George Hillert, a teacher in Beverly Hills. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fennell of Redondo Beach, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Renz, and Mr. and Mrs. Buz White. Dinner served golden brown drumsticks and potato salad with cake, coffee, and tea. Mr. White is also an astrologist and it is real fun to get him to tell different ones just what makes them tick as they go through life. You could also find out a certain career or just plain, hard-working John Doe.

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# Coming Events

AUGUST	Queen Contest Finals	Civic Aud., 8:30 p.m.
18	Walteria BMA Picnic	Walteria Park
22	"Miss Torrance" Coronation	Club Alondra
22	Rotary Kiwanis Picnic	Torrance Park
27	Chest X-Rays	Safe Dental
28	"Turn-On" Carnival	Jim Dandy Market
28	Chest X-Rays	Safe Dental
31	Chest X-Rays	Health Center
SEPTEMBER		
1	Kids Day	Kiwanis Club
10	"Bloomer Girl"	Redondo High Auditorium
11, 16, 17	"Bloomer Girl"	Redondo High Auditorium
NOVEMBER		
7	Good Neighbor Breakfast	Civic Auditorium