

# Solon's 'Hard Oak Seat' Proves Very Comfortable

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL, Assemblyman, 46th District  
 The new 25th Senatorial District consists of the 60th Assembly District, represented by the Hon. Robert S. Stevens, Attorney-at-Law and a Republican, and the 46th Assembly District, which I have represented continuously since I first took the oath of office on the first Monday of January, 1951. I am a Republican, as most people know. Assemblyman Stevens' predecessor was the Hon. Harold K. Levering, a retired automobile distributor and also a Republican. Since Harold K. Levering always has been a modest but powerful force in the Re-

publican Party, a few facts about his distinguished career are in order. Levering was first elected to the Assembly in 1948, and was re-elected continuously until he chose to no longer remain in office in 1962. He was never defeated for any public office. During the sessions of 1953 and 1954, Harold K. Levering was the Republican Floor Leader of the Assembly, also known as the Majority Party Leader. In the June primary election of 1962, Robert S. Stevens received the Republican nomination and he was elected at the November general election that year. He was re-elected to the

Assembly in 1964, hence he is now in the middle of his second two-year term in the Assembly. My immediate predecessor or Member of the Assembly from the 46th Assembly District was the Hon. Glenn M. Anderson. In 1950, he received the Democratic nomination for State Senator from Los Angeles County at the June primary election. However, at the November general election of 1950, Anderson was defeated by the then Republican Senator from Los Angeles County, Jack Tenney, attorney-at-law. Glenn remained active in the Democratic Party but did not seek of-

ice, as far as I know, until he was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of California in 1958. That was the year that the Democratic Party had its great "landslide victory" and elected all of the State's Constitutional officers except the Hon. Frank M. Jordan, Secretary of State, who has served continuously in that office since he was first elected in 1942. In that same year, 1958, the Democratic Party elected a majority of all Members of the Assembly and the majority of all State Senators. I was re-elected by a very substantial majority of all votes cast that year, probably because I manage my own campaigns, write my own weekly "Sacramento Report," and write my own campaign folders.

Some people have asked me to name my favorite constituent. This is a personal question which I have not answered before, but here it is: My favorite constituent is my wife, Dorothy. I think she is beautiful, but this is not an adjective used by the ladies of the 46th Assembly District. They describe her as "stunning," "smart looking," and sometimes as "charming" but never as "beautiful." However, they tell me that they believe that she is very intelligent, which is correct. I think she votes for me, but in view of the fact that we have a secret ballot in California, I simply take it on faith that she does. Returning to the new 25th State Senatorial District, it is absolutely impossible to predict what Republican and what Democrat will face each other at the general election in November, 1966. Also, at this time, I am unable to predict who will be the Republican candidate for the Senate from the 25th District at the June primary election of 1966. At this writing at least five Republicans have told me that they are "thinking about" being candidates.

Personally, I am not making any announcement or statement of candidacy at this time. It is quite possible that I may later announce that I shall be a candidate for re-election to the Assembly. Since this is a very fast moving world, anything can happen. However, I do hereby announce that I shall not and will not be a candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Controller, or Secretary of State, in 1966. Also I shall not and will not be a candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives. One reason for this firm announcement is there is no public demand for me to run for any of these offices. Another reason is that I like the majority of the people of the 46th Assembly District and I find my seat on the floor of the Assembly quite comfortable. It is a hard oak seat, but it has no splinters.

## TO LEARN OF COMPUTERS

### College Faculty, Staff Go Back to Classroom

What can a computer do on a college campus? El Camino College staff are learning about some of the educational uses of man's new electronic brains in an in-service training program. Instruction in the workshop provides the equivalent of a semester course in computer education, according to Irwin Boxer and Sidney Bingham, instructors for the program.

STUDENTS enrolled in the special class are members of the El Camino staff, including instructors, administrators, and non-teaching personnel.

"Computers are rapidly becoming important to all our staff," Henry Mansfield Jr., dean of the division of mathematics and engineering, said. "Instructors can make use of the computer's capabilities in the analysis of tests and other data for improvement of instruction. Administrators can use the computer for analyzing data, preparing reports, and improving some phases of communications."

Non-certified personnel, serving both administrators and teachers, are being asked to work more with computer data, Mansfield added.

THE COLLEGE presently is using an IBM 1620 computer. The unit includes a card input, two disk drives, and a high-speed printer. The

1620 has been in use at the college for about a year. Techniques used to teach the class include lectures on problem analysis and programming and the solution of problems, followed by laboratory experience in the operation of the computer. The class is taught to communicate with the machine in at least two or three computer languages. These languages include machine language, symbolic programming system language (SPS) and formula translation (fortran).

PRESENTLY, 27 students are enrolled in the class. Many more of the staff would have enrolled had there been no time conflict with other assignments, according to a survey of the staff. "An additional class during the spring semester is planned for these people," Bingham said.

Use of the 1620 computer has increased so rapidly that scheduling problems already are beginning to develop. Some 500 students now receive instruction in either business data processing or scientific computer application.

Although the student personnel department has utilized data processing equipment for some time, the computer continues to extend capabilities in that area. Mrs. Fran De Benedictis, long as-

sociated with machine tabulation work on campus, is among those learning new techniques which complement previous experience.

"TEACHERS in the program are doing all of the work on their own time. The course is intended to give the staff a working knowledge. This requires a considerable amount of time. In spite of this the teachers are quite enthusiastic about their progress to date," Mansfield said.

The computer presently is rented from IBM with matching funds provided under the Vocational Education Act of 1963. The act provides that the national government share funds with school districts for the cost of computers and similar machines. The only restriction is that the school must use the equipment 50 per cent of the time for classroom instruction, and no commercial use is permitted.

"If the instructors make good use of the computer and the computer techniques are taught in the class, it will be one of the best investments made by the college," Boxer said. The computer may be used by instructors to further research in their particular fields. Also, by using the computers, instructors may improve techniques in their teaching specialties," he added.

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