

Meet Ted Craig, Our Man in Sacramento

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SACRAMENTO — For 46 years, Edward (Ted) Craig of Brea has been carrying on a love affair that borders on an obsession.

But it should be hastily added that the object of Craig's affections is the inner workings of state government.

Ever since he first came here in January, 1929, as a freshman member of the Assembly from Orange County, Craig has devoted his life to his work, first as a legislator and speaker of the Assembly, then as a lobbyist.

Now 78, he is still at it.

Since 1964, Craig has been the chief legislative advocate — the current euphemism for lobbyist — for the Orange County Board of Supervisors, a job that pays him \$1,500 a month plus expenses. For 28 years before that, he was the head lobbyist for Pacific Lighting Corp., the parent company of the Southern California Gas Co.

From 1929 to 1937, he was a member of the Assembly, serving as speaker in 1935 and 1936.

Even today, those who know him — and that includes almost every official, legislator and clerk in the capitol — call him "Mr. Speaker," a title he is quick to admit he is proud of.

Even the new treasurer, Jess Unruh, who held the speaker's rostrum for six years and earned the nickname of "Big Daddy," unhesitatingly addresses Craig as "Mr. Speaker" when he sees him.

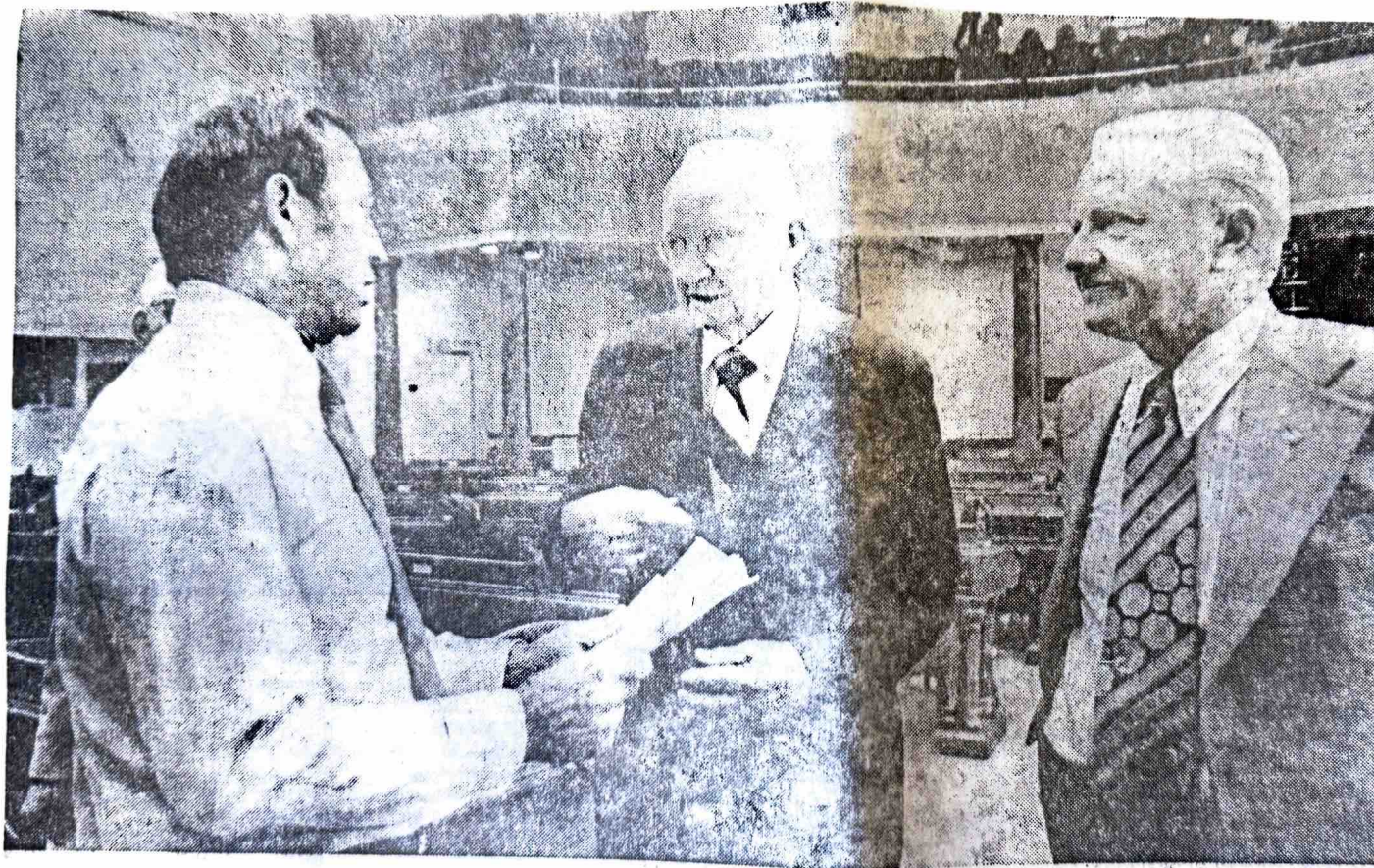
Craig proudly tells visitors that it was under his reign that the Assembly's electric vote tallying system was installed.

"That was the only improvement they've made in this place in 100 years," he recently told a group of guests while standing on the empty floor of the Assembly chamber.

Craig, who may be the only lobbyist to have a county regional park named after him — the Edward (Ted) Craig Regional Park in Fullerton — also holds the distinction of being the only man in California to serve as speaker of the Assembly and mayor of his home town at the same time.

But being a state legislator was a bit different in those days, he says.

"We only got \$100 a month for being



PERSONAL TOUCH—Edward (Ted) Craig, Orange County's chief lobbyist, discusses pending legislation with Assemblyman Robert Badham (R-Newport Beach), left, on floor of Assembly chamber in Sacramento. At right, Joe Irvine, Pacific Telephone representative from county.

Times photos by Larry Anderson

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ON THE PROWL—Craig, while prowling the halls of state government, buttonholes a legislator. "I have to know what's going on," he says.

only served about four months out of every two years. That's why I was able to serve in the Assembly and be on the Brea City Council at the same time. It's a lot different now, with the full-time salaries, the per diem, the leased cars and all the rest."

Craig, who was succeeded by Thomas Kuchel when he left the Assembly, spent the next 28 years with Pacific Lighting before retiring to his home in Brea in 1964.

Three months later, he was back in Sacramento.

"I couldn't stand getting up every morning with nothing to do," he explains. "Luckily, the county had a

problem about that time and came to me to see if I could help."

The problem, as Craig calls it, was a bill which had been introduced by then State Sen. John G. Schmitz (R-Tustin). The bill was aimed at eliminating the county's new \$1.6 million electronic vote tallying system.

Armed with a contract paying him \$75 a day for every day he worked, plus expenses, Craig packed his bags and headed back for Sacramento as a lobbyist for the county.

"I got that bill killed," he says, "and I've stayed there ever since working for Orange County."

Staying there, for Craig, means

maintaining a room at the venerable Senator Hotel, just across L St. from the State Capitol. Just as he has from the first time he went to Sacramento in 1929, Craig commutes every week to his home in Brea.

From Monday through Wednesday — and occasionally on Thursday — Craig prowls through the halls of state government, dropping in on legislative committee hearings, stopping to chat with legislators or other lobbyists in the halls, checking with each of the county's eight legislators (six in the Assembly, two in the Senate) or with the various administrative offices in the Capitol.

Craig calls it "keeping in touch," and it is the only way he knows.

"It's hard work," he told a panting reporter who was trying to follow him around, "but it's the only way I've ever worked. I have to know as much or more about what's going on up here as anyone."

Since coming to Sacramento, Craig has worked with hundreds of individuals legislators and nine governors, starting with C.C. Young.

"I told the kid (Craig's affectionate title for governor No. 9, Edmund G. Brown Jr.) the other day that there were only two governors I'd known who had done anything — C.C. Young, who built the Bay Bridge, and his dad, Pat Brown, who put through the state water plan," Craig said. "All the rest were just housekeepers."

But Craig admits that he, like many in Sacramento, considers California's newest governor something of an enigma.

"I don't know what he has in mind — I don't think anyone else does at this stage," he says. "But, so far, I think he's done a pretty good job. Some of his appointments have been excellent ones. I sure don't count him as against us yet."

Craig says he finds greater acceptance from legislators than when he was working for Public Lighting.

"You're almost like another public official in this job," he explains. "I can walk into almost any office and get right in, while the private lobbyist is cooling his heels in the anteroom."

come under the new \$10-a-month limit but I guess they just don't want the names showing up on my monthly reports."

Having disposed of the Schmitz bill after going to work for the county, Craig's next effort was directed at getting legislation through to allow the county to finance a new courthouse with a nonprofit corporation and revenue bonds.

"I managed to get the bill through," he says, "and it was a good one at the time. My only regret is that I wasn't smart enough to include a time limit. I'm afraid it might have been misused since then."

But his efforts really paid off in 1970 when Craig pushed through a bill allowing the State Department of Finance to provide a population estimate for the county in a federal census year.

"That one wasn't easy," he says. "I had to persuade the other major counties in the state to look the other way because it meant taking some money away from them. But they finally agreed not to oppose it and the county wound up getting an extra \$325,000 in state funds."

There is no easy way to get a bill through the Legislature, Craig maintains.

"You have to get a good bill, then find an author, push it through the various committees, the amendments and the floor votes, then get the governor to sign it."

But Craig doesn't work alone. He has Anderson, who is responsible for the legal aspects of legislation, including much of the drafting work, as well as making committee appearances. He also works closely with two members of the County Administrative Office staff in Santa Ana, the Board of Supervisors and a county legislative planning committee which meets every Friday in Santa Ana.

Both Craig and Anderson attend every session of the legislative committee to brief the members on the Sacramento scene, the progress on county bills and what is happening to other legislative bills that might affect the county.

Anderson reads each piece of legislation introduced in Sacramento and provides a brief summary to county officials on any that might affect the county.

Once a decision is made to support or oppose a bill, Craig and Anderson divide the committee appearance chores between them.

On county bills introduced by one of the county's legislative delegation, it is up to Craig or Anderson to make sure the author is on hand to testify when the measure comes up for hearing. If he is too busy, one or the other will handle the job providing the author has given his written permission.

Craig says the secret to getting a bill through the Legislature lies in knowing the committee members' individual viewpoints.

"One thing I've learned is that none

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Craig maintains a deep respect for the legislators, most of whom, he says, are hard-working.

"I always try to help them, especially the young fellas," he says. "They've always been good to me, but that may be because I've been here so long and because I'm an ex-speaker."

"You see some things from time to time that are wrong or short-sighted but you remain friends and keep working with them."

"We've got a lot of new members this year and there's a lot of enthusiasm to get things done. A lot of them are ex-supervisors, so they've seen the problems at the county level already and they know how government works. They just have to learn that there are two sides to most questions and you can't always change things overnight."

The respect works both ways.

Assemblyman Robert Badham (R-Newport Beach), Orange County's senior member in the Assembly, says Craig is "everyone's favorite uncle."

"He makes life up here a bit less complicated because he is always ready to help us be more effective," Badham said. "Until he came up, we barely had a liaison with the Board of Supervisors. Ted is so well known that he helps just by being there."

Assemblyman Paul Carpenter (D-Cypress), one of the newest members, is just as impressed.

"He's a very savvy, experienced and straight guy," he says. "Ted's been quite helpful to me and I've learned to benefit from his accumulation of experience and wisdom. I've never seen any feeling of resentment toward Ted. He's a highly respected man who is willing to go out of his way to be constructive."

"He sure hasn't lost any of his mental quickness. In fact, I'm carrying a couple of bills for him right now."

On the other side of the Capitol, State Sen. Dennis Carpenter (R-Newport Beach) calls Craig a highly respected, low-key worker who knows all the ropes.

"He never wastes your time," Carpenter says. "He always knows precisely what to talk about and when to do it. If he has an enemy, I don't know who it would be."

Craig's assistant, 49-year-old Dep. County Counsel John Anderson, calls him "a real tiger. He prowls those halls in the Capitol all the time and I honestly think he'd go nuts if he wasn't up here. Even when the Legislature is in recess he gets kinda itchy after a couple of weeks or so at home."

"He's been here so long he knows every little nook and cranny. I still get lost occasionally but he always seems to know just the right place to go at the right time."

Knowing where to go and when is Craig's trademark. Despite his age and a bad knee, he flits through the Capitol corridors with a vigor that would wear out most other men.

"I've watched him walk down a flight of stairs and actually winced," one legislator said, "but he never lets it bother him and he's still going strong at the end of the day."

The respect that Craig has earned was demonstrated recently while he was showing a group of visitors through the empty Assembly chamber.

In the galleries above, a group of schoolchildren were listening to a guide explain how the Assembly works. Down below, a few clerks smiled as Craig went through much the same thing, then watched tolerantly as he stepped onto the speaker's platform.

"Hell, who's going to stop him?" one clerk noted with a shake of his head. "He was standing up there before most of us were even born."

Despite his long-standing love affair with Sacramento Craig has always maintained his home in the Brea-Olinda area of north Orange County, the place to which he retreats every week.

"We came there by train in 1900 from Los Angeles," he said, "and took a horse and buggy to Olinda. In 1912, when they moved everyone off the oil leases, we moved to Richfield, which later became Brea. There's an old saying that the pioneers moved to Brea, the rest went to Anaheim or Fullerton."

Craig's father became a councilman when the city incorporated in 1917, and Craig, who had gone to work as a mechanic in the oil fields at the age of 15, went into the service.

Later he became commander of the Orange County American Legion Council and, in 1928, was elected to the Brea City Council. That same year, Dr. C.D. Ball gave up his seat in the Assembly and Craig was drafted to run for the post. As a Republican in a Republican district, he won

handily and was reelected every two years, often in the primaries under the unique cross-filing system then in effect.

Craig says his greatest personal pleasure as speaker was serving as a member of the University of California Board of Regents.

"I was just a small-town boy," he said, "but it gave me a chance to meet men like A.P. Gianinni, the head of Bank of America. I found out they were also nice people and it's something I've always remembered. You don't have to be a bastard to get by."

After taking the lobbyist job with Pacific Lighting, Craig found himself working the other side of the street — as a member of the so-called "Third House." It was there that he developed his habit of constantly moving through the Legislative halls, "keeping in touch" as he calls it.

With Pacific Lighting, Craig says his biggest achievement was getting a bill through Congress in 1953 to exempt the gas company and the El Paso Natural Gas pipeline from the requirements of being a common carrier. The bill, he claims, was necessary because the pipeline had to cross federal lines and a common carrier designation would have put the company under the control of the Federal Power Commission instead of the State Public Utilities Commission.

"We probably couldn't get a bill like that through today," he said, "but we managed to do it then just by persuasion and facts. I never fooled around with spending a lot of money trying to buy votes."

With the county, Craig says he has never had an opportunity to spend a lot of money. "My biggest expenditure is the weekly breakfast we put on for the Orange County members," he laughs. "That comes to about \$1.76 apiece every week."

"But, with Proposition 9, we don't get as many to breakfast as we used to."

HE'S OUR MAN IN SACRAMENTO

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SACRAMENTO — This time of year, the towering Montezuma cypress and the bronze statue of the Spanish-American War soldier at the east end of the state Capitol are dripping with moisture from the tule fog.

The fog will drift in and out, even as politicians come and go at this center of state government, but the cypress, the bronze monument and Edward (Ted) Craig have a permanence about them.

Craig, now 82, is the lobbyist for the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

This month, he is marking his 50th anniversary of service in Sacramento as a lobbyist and legislator, having come here in 1929 as the newly elected assemblyman from Orange County.

It was a big year for news, and the former oil tool machinist from Brea didn't really make that much of a splash in the capital. After all, he had to compete in 1929 with, among other things, Trotsky's expulsion from the Soviet Union, the St. Valentine's Day massacre, Herbert Hoover's inauguration as President, and the stock market crash that launched the Great Depression that fall.

In the tumult of these events, nobody probably guessed that Craig would still be around, nine governors and hundreds of legislators later.

The Orange County delegation of legislators paid tribute to Craig last week by presenting him with a resolution of commendation.

The resolution praises him for his "outstanding record and personal and professional achievements over the past 50 years."

Although starting his second half-century in the business, Craig is still going strong. Already the dean of Sacramento lobbyists, he seems likely to compile a record before he's through that will be as unassailable as Joe DiMaggio's consecutive hitting streak.

Craig said he has given no thought to retirement. He tried that once, way back when he was 67, but gave it up after three months.



Edward Craig relaxes during break from lobbying.
Times photo by Cliff Otto

"I like to work," he confessed in an interview last week. "I'm a damned fool."

His self-deprecation is one of several qualities that sets Craig apart from the hard-drinking, back-slapping, money-dispensing stereotype of a lobbyist.

"I never drank," said Craig. "The goddamned cocktail hours are a hazard in this line of work. I don't criticize anyone for it. I'm no Carry Nation (the temperance crusader), but I just like to stay healthy."

As for scattering money around to buy votes, that was never his style either.

"If a bill doesn't stand on its merits, I don't want anything to do with it," he said.

However, since back-biting is also foreign to him, he doesn't even have a harsh word to say about the late Artie Samish, who controlled the Legislature in the 1940s and '50s with hand-outs from his clients in the liquor and other industries.

"Samish was a creature of his times," said Craig. "He was a lobbyist

when what he was doing was accepted practice. Of course, he was a little stupid to boast of it to Collier's Magazine, and he eventually went to McNeil Prison."

Although he looks frail at 6 feet and 145 pounds, Craig said he is in good physical condition.

"He's looking better than ever," said Victor T. Bellerue, a deputy Orange County counsel who works with Craig from an office in an aging, ornate building across the street from the Capitol.

Craig served in the Assembly from 1929 to 1937, then worked for 28 years as a lobbyist for Pacific Lighting Corp., the parent company of Southern California Gas Co. He retired in 1964 to take life easy at his home in Brea, but couldn't stand the inactivity and soon was back in harness as the Orange County lobbyist.

He was speaker of the Assembly in 1935 and 1936, and many people in the Capitol still address him as "Mr. Speaker." Craig concedes that the title makes him feel good.

"That's quite a deal for a guy that just got through the eighth grade," said Craig, grinning. "As Speaker, I sat on the University of California Board of Regents with A.P. Gianinni, the head of the Bank of America. I told him, 'You follow my vote.' He said, 'why?' And I told him, 'I only went through the eighth grade, but you only went through the seventh.'" " "

Craig even filled in for the governor in 1935, in hosting former President Herbert Hoover's visit to Sacramento and a tour of the San Joaquin Delta by boat. Both the governor and lieutenant-governor were out of town, so Craig, as Speaker, was next in line to entertain Hoover.

Posing for pictures in the Assembly chamber, a temporary building which is being used while the old Capitol is being made earthquake-proof, Craig confessed:

"It's been a long time. Everything has changed."

But the Assembly desks are the same, and Craig found the one he occupied.

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TRIBUTE — Richard Robinson (D-Garden Grove), left, and Bruce Nestande (R-Orange), right, present a resolution of commendation to Edward Craig, 82, Orange County's lobbyist in Sacramento.
Times photo

Man in Sacramento Marks 50 Years' Service



MEMENTO—A photograph, signed by Herbert Hoover, marks the occasion in 1935 when Edward Craig filled in for governor in hosting former President during a tour of San Joaquin Delta.

He also pointed with pride to the electronic vote-tallying board on the wall. As speaker, he played a key part in the switch to push-button voting from the cumbersome voice-vote system still used by the state Senate.

One of the biggest political changes since Craig's days in the Assembly is in the conduct of campaigns. Craig, a Republican, said he spent \$500 to get elected in 1929, when Orange County had a population of only 200,000 and was an agricultural area dotted with a few small towns. Today, the population is 1.8 million and an Assembly campaign can cost upwards of \$200,000.

In 1929, Orange County only had one Assembly district.

"It's the computer letters that cost so much these days," said Craig. "Campaigning was a lot different when I was elected. The only expenditure was on ads that I put in the weekly and daily papers.

"In those days, I'd go see Ole Hanson, who was laying out San Clemente. Then I'd stop and see an attorney in Laguna, talk to Lew Wallace in Newport Beach and Bry Williams, a banker in Santa Ana. I'd go to the Rotary Club and meet all the guys. It was personal contact. You didn't send out any letters. Now, you have to spend a fortune."

Craig is still relying on personal contact. Every morning, Monday through Thursday on the days when the Legislature is in session, he crosses the street from the Senator Hotel where he stays and begins working his territory in the Capitol.

Wearing an embroidered orange in his lapel as the identifying emblem of his client, Craig is like Arthur Miller's Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman."

Like Willy, Craig relies on "a smile and a shoeshine" as he spends all day lobbying through the Capitol halls in the true sense of the word.

"The only way I can work is by personal contact," he

explained. "I do better that way than speaking at committee hearings."

But unlike Willy Loman, the softspoken salesman from Orange County hasn't worn out his welcome in the territory, even after 50 years.

Craig describes the nine governors he has known, starting with C.C. Young, as "all fine gentlemen." Pressed for his favorites, he finally stated:

"The two most friendly and outgoing were Goodie (Goodwin J.) Knight and Pat Brown."

As for the biggest change in government during his half-century here, Craig chooses the impact of the Jarvis-Gann Initiative (Proposition 13).

"In my 50 years, the passage of 13 is the first thing that ever happened to make the political machine change directions a little bit," he said. "Not much, but a little."

The Orange County legislators with whom Craig works closest in Sacramento are effusive in their praise of him.

"He has no enemies and he has a unique understanding of the Legislature," said Assemblyman Richard Robinson (D-Garden Grove). "He's easy to work with and very effective. Ted is a catalyst on solving differences like the Orange County judges wanting more judges, and the Board of Supervisors opposing any additions. Ted gets caught in the middle but he does a great job of working out a compromise, and the legislative process is based on compromise."

Assemblyman Bruce Nestande (R-Orange) maintains that Craig is proof of the fallacy of making retirement mandatory at a certain age.

"You retire when you're tired of working," Nestande said. "Ted isn't tired of working. He's a great resource of knowledge. You always know you're going to get a straightforward answer from him and no hassle, I think he

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does a very good job for Orange County. He's very alert.

Orange County Supervisor Thomas F. Riley was chairman until recently of the legislative planning and policy committee that works closely with Craig and Bellerue in deciding what to promote or oppose in the Legislature.

"Ted combines a sense of humor with common sense," said Riley. "We get totally impartial advice from him and he doesn't have a mean bone in his body. I'm enthused about the man. I call him Mr. Ambassador."

State Sen. John Schmitz (R-Newport Beach) said Craig is "a legend" in Sacramento.

"He's got such a nice style," Schmitz said. "He's sharp — old in years but quick. He remembers and he's smooth. He's the grand old man of the third house."

Both Schmitz and the man he beat for the state Senate last fall, former Assemblyman Ron Cordova, agree in principle with those who have from time to time raised their voices in protest against spending county funds for a lobbying operation in Sacramento. A similar debate is now in progress over whether the Board of Supervisors should

employ a Washington lobbyist, at a minimum cost of \$100,000 annually.

The current budget for the county's lobbying operation in Sacramento is \$122,000. This includes the pay of Craig, Bellerue and the office secretary, Karen Hetherington, plus expenses and \$40,000 paid to the County Supervisors' Assn. of California for general lobbying.

Craig is currently paid \$1,500 a month plus expenses, or a total of about \$25,000 annually.

"I take exception to the idea that governmental entities should be lobbying other governmental entities," said Cordova. "It creates a vicious circle of governmental perpetuation, both in Sacramento and Washington. Orange County lobbies Sacramento, Sacramento lobbies Washington, and the idea is to get more governmental money — money that comes from local taxpayers.

"But the problem of revenue-sharing is not solved by refusing to receive the money. It's solved by refusing to the next highest level of government. I'm always amused by municipalities that say they're not going to take any federal revenue-sharing. It just makes it available somewhere else.

"I would prefer that lobbying not occur, but I understand the justification for it. There is a pie, and to get a piece of it, you have to participate in the cutting. Do you get rid of the evil by removing one lobbyist from the feast? You don't. You cancel baking the pie."

Schmitz said he also opposes using "taxpayers' money to lobby for more taxpayers' money," but he adds: "Since it's going to happen, I'm glad Ted has the job."

Robinson said he regards Craig as "a communications link."

"I picture him as a link between two levels of government," said Robinson. "The Board of Supervisors has a different role to

play than the Legislature."

Shouldn't the county's nine elected legislators be able to handle the lobbying?

"Orange County has unique problems," said Nestande. "I can't be aware of all of them. You need a person like Ted to focus on them. It's more important now because of Proposition 13. Local government has to rely heavier on the state for money. And I'm on the Ways and Means Committee. A lot of decisions roll through rapidly. I can call Ted and ask how something affects Orange County. He'll get an answer."

When in Sacramento, Craig stays at the Senator Hotel, a habit he has kept for 44 years. However, he still spends every chance he can in Brea where he owns a ranch house set in the middle of five acres of grapefruit trees.

Explained Craig of his preference for Brea: "When you've lived in a place for 79 years, you like it."

TED CRAIG: 'HONEST, FAIR'

County's Top Lobbyist Eulogized

BY DON SMITH
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FULLERTON — Orange County's best-known man in Sacramento, Edward L. (Ted) Craig, was buried Monday after a simple graveside service not far from his longtime Brea ranch home.

The service drew an estimated 75 mourners from among friends, colleagues, acquaintances, city government representatives from north Orange County and county officials.

Among them were Rep. Robert E. Badham (R-Newport Beach) and former U.S. Sen. Thomas Kuchel (R-Calif.).

Noticeably absent from the brief service were representatives of the county's Sacramento delegation.

Craig, who spent 50 years in Sacramento as an Orange County assemblyman, Assembly speaker and lobbyist, died Friday night at the age of 82 after a long illness.

The last 15 years of his life were spent as the chief lobbyist for Orange County, shepherding county programs through the Legislature and keeping an eye on any action that would affect the county.

Larence Schwartz, a close friend, eulogized Craig on Monday afternoon, not as the county's advocate in Sacramento but as a man.

"He was truly a man of many

facets; one person to his family, kind and loving; another to his associates: honest, fair and trustworthy, and yet another to his friends: loyal, witty and sincere," Schwartz recalled.

"He was a man for all generations, the young and old all respected him. And I never heard an unkind word about him, or from him.

"Ted Craig hobnobbed during his lifetime with Presidents, governors

'I never heard an unkind word about him, or from him.'

and legislators but was just as well known to field workers, clerks and the man on the street," Schwartz added.

Craig was addressed as "Mr. Speaker" by those who knew him in Sacramento — including former Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh.

The Rev. R.C. McFadden of Brea, who officiated, called Craig a concerned friend who would not be forgotten.

"All the good things he did for Orange County, he did with good faith and integrity," he said. "Some people would rather give their dollars than themselves; Ted always gave himself."

Craig had lived in Brea since his family moved there in 1912. He was elected to the Brea City Council in 1928 to succeed his father. The same year, he was elected to the Assembly.

He was speaker from 1935 until he left the Assembly in 1937 to become a lobbyist for Pacific Lighting Corp., a job he kept until retiring in 1964. A few months later, he returned to Sacramento as the lobbyist for the county.

His reputation was such that when the county established a regional park not far from his home in Brea, the only name that was seriously considered was Craig's.

Badham, who had known Craig since he served in the Assembly, was the only congressman to attend the service. Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Fullerton) sent Roy Knauff as his representative. Former Rep. Craig Hosmer (R-Long Beach) also attended.

Kuchel, a member of a pioneer Anaheim family, replaced Craig in the Assembly, spending two terms there before moving to the state Senate, the office of state controller and, eventually, to the U.S. Senate.

Among other officials at the service were County Supervisors Ralph Clark, Edison Miller and Harriett Wieder, County Administrative Officer Robert Thomas, County Counsel

Faigin, but I know of people in the private sector who are filled with despair, too, but then they don't have such secure jobs, they don't have as much time off, they don't have the peace of mind that secure, generous retirement pensions must surely give the Faigins, and some of them don't even make as much money.

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A TRIBUTE TO TED CRAIG

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A living legend in Brea has died, but his memory lives on.

Craig, 82, died in Placentia-Linda Hospital after being hospitalized there since June 10 with emphysema. The long-time Brea resident was the youngest speaker of the California Assembly and affectionately still called "Mr. Speaker," former mayor of Brea; and legislative advocate for Orange County and the City of Brea.

Flags have been put at half

mast at City Hall, Ted Craig Park, and the Hacienda Country Club, where Craig was a member, in his honor. The Board of Supervisors shortened their meeting Tuesday in his memory by briefly going over routine matters. Brea cablevision will televise his hour-long interview on the "About Town" show filed at Ted Craig Park.

Who was Ted Craig?

When we visualize Ted Craig we see a politician, a lover of life, the perfect gentleman, a man without enemies, a brilliant human being, and a man with a fierce pride in his city of Brea and his country. He always had a twinkle in his eye.

"I miss him already," Ray Rhoads, a neighbor for 20 years, said. "He was the finest man I ever met, and in many ways the greatest gentleman I've ever known. He let my kids steal the cranefruit from his trees."

Dean Millan, long-time friend, felt Craig was loved by all. "Democrats and Republicans both listened to Craig for information and vice-versa," Millan added.

Ralph Barnes said, "He is one of my oldest friends, having met him in 1925, 54 years ago.

"In 1926 we were on the Oilfields National Bank Board of Directors together. In all those years I could not have found a more loyal

friend. Kind, thoughtful, helpful and always considerate of his fellow man.

"He will be greatly missed and always remembered as one of our most outstanding citizens."

Don Fox said, "My wife, Pat and I have lost a longtime friend."

"Orange County had lost one of its greatest politicians. Ted's contributions to Brea and Orange County through political channels in Sacramento has been truly fantastic.

"His love of his city, county, and his state was well known to all. He was a constant Brea Booster - all of us will miss his great wisdom and wit."

Clarence Schwartz, a friend for 33 years, said, "Ted was a man of great wisdom, excellent judgement and personal integrity. He could not be compromised. Above all he

was a fine human being whether a neighbor, friend, colleague or associate. We are much richer having known Ted."

Craig once said, "There's an old saying that the pioneers moved to Brea, the rest went to Anaheim or Fullerton."

Frank Schweitzer, former mayor, said Craig was dedicated to the growth and welfare of the city of Brea as well as the state of California. He helped to guide much of the growth of Orange County.

"In his services to the people Craig placed their welfare foremost in his actions, doing everything possible for them. His passing will surely be felt and he will be greatly missed not only in Brea, but in Sacramento as well," Schweitzer said.

City Manager Wayne Wedin said Craig was the kind of person who will be missed having given so unselfishly to the whole county. One of the great tributes to Craig was the naming of the 130-acre park, the Ted Craig Regional Park, in 1974.

"Ted was very proud to be the only living man in Orange County to have a park named after him, and he marveled, 'how in the world can I ever thank the people,'" Wedin said.

Wedin visited Craig many times in Sacramento and said he was the greatest door-opener of them all. Elevator operators all the way to the top loved Craig.

"If one theme runs through the life of Ted Craig, it would be his deep devotion and love for Brea, a feeling that has not diminished in all his 82 years," Wedin said. Ted himself has dubbed Brea as the City of Oil, Oranges and Opportunity, and he had done much to give it this title. Craig contributed to the end."

Craig was host to President Hoover in 1935 when Hoover visited Sacramento since the Lt. Governor and Governor were out of town at the time. Vi Alexander of Brea was Craig's secretary then.

"I will never forget the visit. I went on the river boat trip with them," she said. Alexander, a friend of Craig's forever, said "I don't have enough words in my vocabulary to say what a generous and intelligent man he was."

Madelyn and Leo West, former Brea Mayor, called Craig the greatest man to ever serve the state of California. He was "Mr. Brea-Orange County. Craig was perfect, a friend to all. He was a super person and number one," they said.

Vince Jaster, close friend, who took Craig to the airport went he went to Sacramento, took care of his yard. Jaster said Craig didn't want to go and fought to stay alive until the end. The former school superintendent often had him come to the classrooms and tell the teachers about the latest legislation. "He

always told about the pros and cons of the legislation," Jaster said.

Craig, the man who had the unique experience of serving on the council and the assembly at the same time, was Brea's number one citizen and advocate, according to Leonard MacKain, friend for 24 years and former mayor. "To Ted there was no place like Brea. He was truly number one and the finest gentleman I've ever known," MacKain said.

Tom Craig, his son, said, "He was a great family man and he loved his children and grandchildren. We thought of him in those terms."

Craig was the youngest assemblyman, which was pretty good since he only went as far as the eighth grade. Two years after being elected speaker of the assembly, Craig left politics and worked for Pacific Lighting for 35 years. He loved returning to

Sacramento as the county's lobbyist. Craig returned to his Brea home on weekends. "There is no place better than Brea," he often said.

Craig belonged to the Hacienda Country Club and Jonathan Club. He was on the Board of Directors of the Oil Fields National Bank, and a member of the Elks Club and American Legion.

Brea's elder statesman received many honors while he was alive. On his 80th birthday Carol Weddle, then mayor, presented him with a Ted Craig Alley sign in lieu

of tagging something more grandiose, like a throughfare, as a joke honoring Craig's longtime devotion to county government. Craig loved it and later wrote a note thanking the City Council, saying the sign was one of the highlights of his life. He loved to show people the alley with the sign, which runs from Date Street to Birch Street on the east side of Brea Blvd.

Craig lived close-by the park named after him and spent many hours there.

Craig participated in the dedication of the Walter Johnson Athletic Field, consisting of ten ball diamonds. He was a long-time friend of Johnson's, pitcher for the Washington Senators and all-time Hall of Fame recipient. They were boyhood friends, having grown up together in Olinda.

A rose garden was established in the park, honoring Craig's wife,

Peggy, and she participated in the dedication. She died a few months later in 1975.

State legislators passed a resolution honoring Craig, who had served the city and Orange County for 50 years, a few years ago.

Alan West, chairman of BREAL, the senior citizen housing project, visited Craig often in the hospital.

The last conversation they had, West said, "Get up out of bed and back to Sacramento!" Craig's response was "Kid, they may not need me up there, but I need them - I'm going back soon." West kissed his hand and said good-bye.

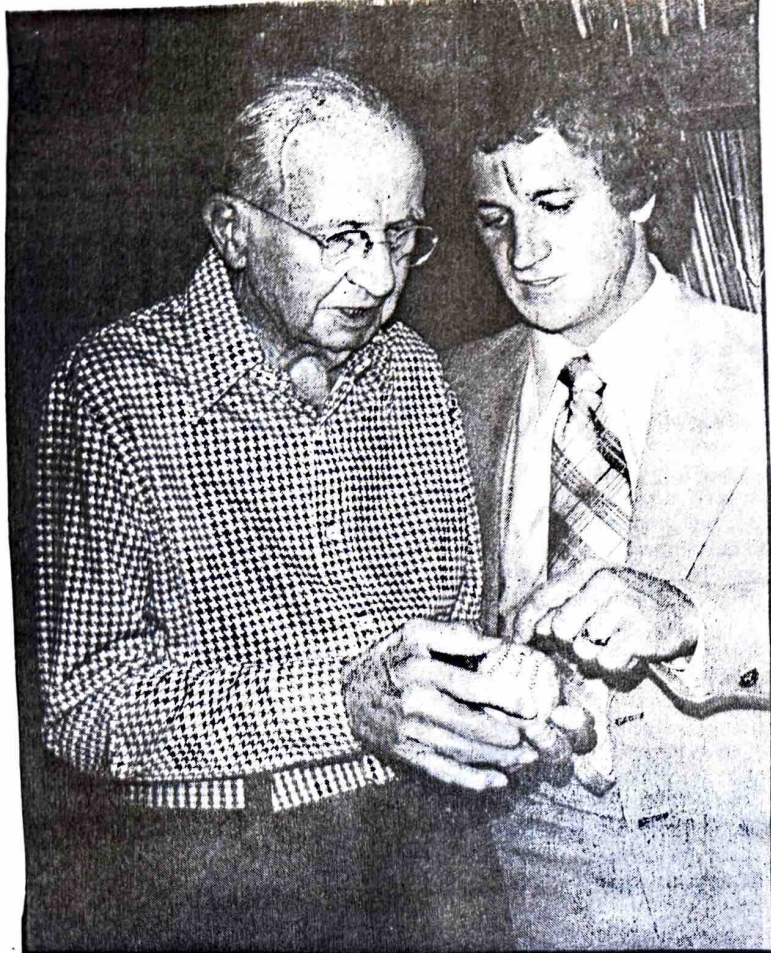
"He and I knew he wasn't going back," West recalled.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to BREAL. Craig is survived by a son, Thomas, of Wichita, Kansas, and four grandchildren, and sister-in-

law, Lillian Craig. In service by Neels Mortuary at Loma Vista was held Monday afternoon. Rev. R.C. McFadden officiated the graveside services at Clarence J. Schwaenke.

Some dignitaries in attendance were Congressman Robert Badham, Craig Hosmer, Congressman for 22 years and nephew of Craig, former senator Tom Kuchel, County Supervisors Harry Wieder, Edison Miller, and Ralph Clark. Mayor Ben Grahm of La Habra; former Brea mayors, Carol Weddle, Leonard MacKain, Frank Schweitzer, Leo West and Rex D. Gaede, Councilmembers and former mayor Sam Cooper, former mayor at Mayor Pro-Tem Don Foster and current Brea Mayor S. Gambina.

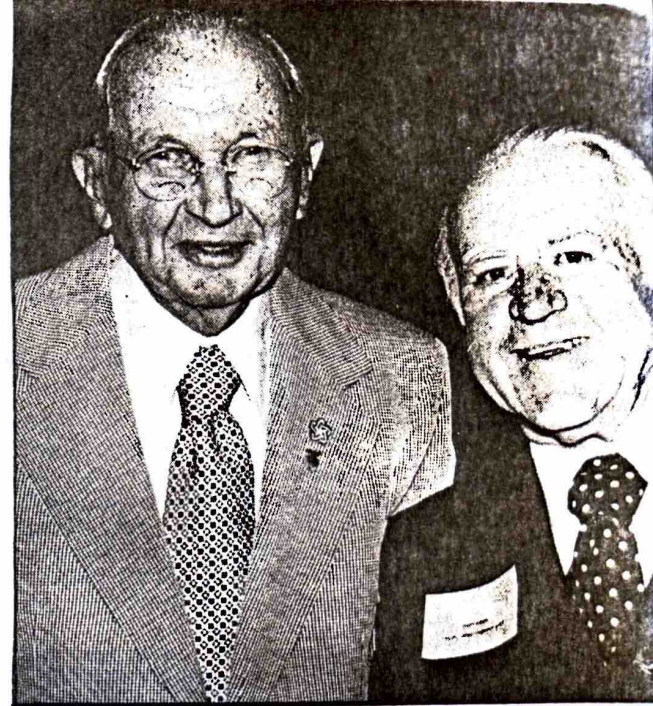
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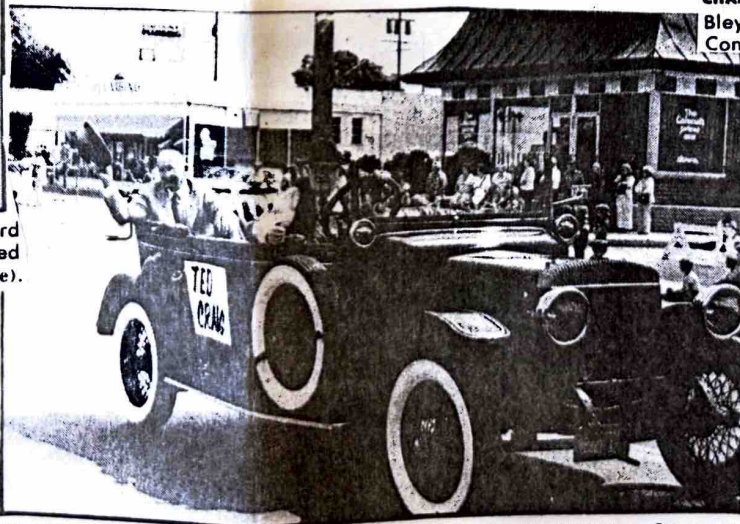
BABE RUTH'S SIGNATURE - Ted Craig had Padre pitcher Randy Jones, Cy Young award winner and former Breaan autograph his ball. Babe Ruth signed it when he played in Brea. (News-Times photo by Susan Gaede).



CRAIG PARK - Ted Craig poses at the entrance of the park that bears his name.



CHAMBER HONORS - Ted Craig and his friend Ralph Barnes are shown at the Bley Golf tournament where they were honored by the Brea Chamber of Commerce last year. (News-Times Photo by Susan Gaede)



CRAIG IN PARADE - Ted Craig waves to the crowd during the 1977 Brea Bonanza Day parade. Judge Roy Thompson is driving the old time automobile.

County Lays Ted Craig To Rest

By SUSAN SOLOMON
DSP Staff Writer

Orange County laid to rest favorite son Edward (Ted) Craig Monday afternoon at Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton. The brief graveside service honored the respected Brea resident and state Assembly speaker who died Friday at the age of 82.

Approximately 75 mourners came to pay Craig their final respects, honoring the man not only as a politician, but also as a respected family man and friend. Local leaders from the present and past put politics aside as they gathered together to remember a man still known as "Mr. Speaker" by those in Sacramento.

Although many who attended the funeral rites worked with Mr. Craig in the political arena, eulogies were delivered by Rev. R.C. McFadden of the First Baptist Church in Brea and Clarence J. Schwartz, a close friend of the man who spent 50 years in Sacramento as an Orange County representative.

The two men spoke briefly about Ted Craig, addressing a group that included Rep. Robert E. Badham, former U.S. Sen. Thomas Kuchel, and Former Rep. Craig Hosmer. From county politics, County Super-

visors Ralph Clark, Edison Miller and Harriett Wieder were in attendance. Local representatives included La Habra Mayor Beth Graham, Brea Mayor Sal Gambina, Brea Councilman Carol Weddle, La Habra City Manager Lee Risner and Brea City Manager Wayne Wedin.

Schwartz spoke of Craig as "a man of many facets," kind and loving to his family, honest to his associates and loyal to his friends. Craig was also remembered as a "great conversationalist and a good listener." Said Schwartz, "He listened with his eyes and ears, and mostly his heart."

Rev. R.C. McFadden also spoke of "Mr. Speaker" as a compassionate man. "It was good to have someone like that to talk to," he said. McFadden may have been referring to Craig's loyal concern for state government, and his frequent discussions with state legislators. Or, in a more personal sense, Craig was also remembered as an understanding family man to his son Thomas, four grandchildren, and late wife Peggy.

Shortly before the grieving family was presented with the flag that draped Craig's coffin, the Reverend concluded his eulogy. He reminded mourners that Ted Craig was "the kind of person we need in this world." Later, he added, "We are not going to forget him."

2 legislators honor Craig

Ted Craig, Orange County's venerable statesman of governmental affairs, was honored last week by a State Legislative Resolution to commemorate his 50 years of service to the citizens of Orange County. The Resolution was presented to Craig by two County legislators, Richard Robinson and Bruce Nestande.

Ted Craig, 82, is the County's legislative advocate in Sacramento where he lobbies for important bills which would impact Orange County. Craig has been the County's lobbyist since 1964.

He first went to Sacramento as an Assem-

blyman in 1929. Craig served in that capacity until 1937. From 1935 to 1936 he was the Speaker of the Assembly. Interestingly enough, at the same time he was Mayor of Brea and is the only one to have held the concurrent titles of Speaker of the Assembly and Mayor of his home town at once.

In 1936 Craig went to work for the Pacific Lighting Corporation, which owns Southern California Gas Company. He lobbied for them until 1964 when he retired. Not one to sit and do nothing, Craig soon helped the County with a bill and was hired as its full time legislative advocate. He is

paid \$1,500 a month plus expenses.

Along with his 50 years of governmental experience have come many other tributes as well. The county has named a 125-acre park in Fullerton "Ted Craig Regional Park." He moved to the area in 1900 when his family settled in the oil town of Olinda, recently designated as a State Historical Landmark. He now lives in Brea on a 5-acre ranch along State College Boulevard.

Orange County's grand old man has no present plans to retire. "I can't stand doing nothing," said Craig.

Former Assembly Speaker Edward Craig Dies at 82

BY LESLIE BERKMAN
Times Staff Writer

Edward (Ted) Craig, active in Sacramento for half a century as a legislator, Speaker of the Assembly and lobbyist died after a prolonged illness Friday night at Placentia Linda Community Hospital in Yorba Linda. He was 82.

During the last 15 years, when he was employed as Orange County's chief lobbyist in Sacramento, Craig still was addressed by almost every official, legislator and clerk there as "Mr. Speaker."

Associates praised him as someone who could "open doors" at the state Capitol because he was well-liked and trusted.

"He did an effective job in a very quiet way," said Orange County Superior Court Judge Bruce Sumner, who was an assemblyman when he became acquainted with Craig, then a lobbyist. Craig's style, Sumner said, contrasted sharply with the flamboyant, high-spending image of old-time lobbying.



Edward Craig

Times photo

Although Craig was a Republican, he worked in harmony with members

weathering the administrations of nine governors. He is remembered as a good friend of both Ronald Reagan and Pat Brown, whose son Jerry he fondly referred to as "the kid."

"He was the greatest door opener in Sacramento that the county will ever have. I don't think we will ever replace him," said Orange County Administrative Officer Bob Thomas.

Craig rose in politics despite having only an eighth grade education.

He began his political career in 1928, when he was elected to the City Council in his home town of Brea, filling a seat previously held by his father, who had just retired. The same year he successfully campaigned for the Assembly.

He had the distinction of serving as mayor of Brea and Speaker of the Assembly at the same time, a feat that was possible in those days, he explained, because assemblymen then worked fewer months of the year.

From 1929 to 1937 Craig was a member of the Assembly, serving as a Speaker the last two years, when he was responsible for installing the electronic voting system that is still in use.

Like many legislators of that period, Craig finally had to give up elective politics because he could not afford to support his family on his Assemblyman's salary of \$100 a month.

In 1936 he was recruited as a lobbyist for Pacific Lighting Corp., a job he kept until retiring in 1964. Just a few months later, however, he returned to Sacramento as Orange County's lobbyist.

One of Craig's important coups for Orange County, Thomas recalled, was getting a legislative amendment enacted to allow the county to use revenue bonds to finance the construction of public buildings.

A widower, Craig leaves a son, Thomas, of Wichita, Kansas.

A graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Loma Vista Cemetery in Fullerton. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to Brea City Hall for a senior citizens/housing project. Checks should be addressed to BREAL, a nonprofit corporation formed by the city of Brea and the Brea Rotary Club.



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