

HENRY M. HARREN

46th District

Stearns county

Class 1955

Majority Group

Congressional District 6

Senator Henry M. Harren is the youngest of the senate's small group of newspapermen.

The lean 35 year old Harren has been in the business from the time he was 12 when his father showed him the "back shop" work on the Albany Enterprise. He and his five brothers were trained in the printing and editing business and "Dad" still keeps his eye on the operations at Albany although the senator is in charge as editor.

Harren had three years of service in World War II before returning home to go to St. John's university at nearby Collegeville. He roamed a while after graduating, working on weekly newspapers in Texas and New Mexico.

He took over the Enterprise in 1950 and two years ago launched a weekly at St. Joseph, the Dispatch.

Harren has been active in the Albany Lions club and is a director of the Stearns county agricultural society.

In 1955 Harren's first session, he was a member of the committees on agriculture, game and fish, labor, public welfare, soldier's home and soldier's welfare, and towns and counties. He also served on the interim commission studying withholding taxes and plans for the state centennial.

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Sen. Henry M. Harren has printer's ink in his blood. The 33 year old editor of the St. Joseph Dispatch started work on his dad's weekly, the Albany Enterprise, when 12, and has been at the trade since. He is one of six sons of H. B. Harren, all of whom were trained in the printing and publishing trade.

After nearly three years in the service in World War II with an engineers battalion (Normandy invasion, service in France, Belgium and Germany) Harren returned to edit the Enterprise and attend St. John's university, Collegeville. In 1949 and 1950 he worked in various capacities on weekly papers in Texas and New Mexico. He returned in 1950 to take over the Enterprise and this year started the St. Joseph paper. Its first issue was July 16.

Meanwhile he held a job as news commentator on Albany's radio station KASM. He is secretary of the Albany Lions club, director of the Stearns County Agricultural Society. As senator from the forty-sixth district (Stearns county) Harren will caucus with the Conservatives in this, his first term.

He is a member of various Catholic groups. He and his wife, Katherin married four years, have three children.