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NAME DON A. ALLEN,

Occupation City Councilman

Address 3887 So. Deegan Blvd., L. A. 43

Birth (Date and Place) Atlanta, Iowa

May 13, 1900

FATHER Thomas J. Allen

Birth (Date and Place) Allendale Stansburg, Missouri

If Deceased, When deceased

MOTHER Lillian M. Allen

Birth (Date and Place) Potosia, Wisconsin

If Deceased, When

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Margaret E. Rogers

Birth of Same (Date and Place) 8-27-04
Detmold Lippe, Germany

If Deceased, When

When Married

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

1 son - Don A. Allen, Jr., U.S. Marines

ANCESTORS OF DISTINCTION OR LOCAL INTEREST

(Please include names of local interest as "forty-niners," or any one connected with the affairs or development of the state or city, as officials, professional men, merchants, etc.)

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Public Schools of Iowa and Nebraska - civil engineering. Completed courses in Engineering Science and War Training at U.S.C. and Cal. Tech.

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Comdr. Belleau Woods Post 1035, V.F.W. - 2 terms

Elks 299, Rotary, United Commercial Travelers, Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Protestant
McCarty Memorial Christian Church

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE About 23 years

SKETCH

(Please make this as full as possible, giving business affiliations, positions of honor or trust with dates if possible.)

Elected to State Assembly 1938; re-elected 1940,
1942 and 1944 . Member, State Council of Defense and
State War Council. Senior member, Military Affairs
Committee. Chairman, Public Utilities Committee.
Elected to Los Angeles City Council from 7th District
May 27, 1947



COUNCILMAN'S SWAN SONG. City employees, including some retired ones, joined with the ACEA, Mayor Poulson and other members of the City Council in saying farewell to Don A. Allen (holding the package) upon the occasion of his retirement from the Council. Mrs. Allen is seated (right). Mayor Poulson talked of his long association in politics with Allen. Between him and Allen is Councilman Ernest Debs, who was Chairman of the Council Committee that arranged the reception held Sept. 27 in the Council Chamber. And that girl at the left of the Mayor is Councilmanic Secretary Betty Wilson who didn't even know she was in the picture. His colleagues presented Allen with luggage (a one-suiter) and the secretaries gave him a nifty train case as a remembrance. —Police Dept. Photo.

Employees Take Part In Tribute to Allen

When the City Council convened in regular session on the morning of Oct. 1, a familiar face was missing. For years when the roll was called in the Council, the first name on it was that of Don A. Allen of the 7th District. But his resignation as a City Councilman, after nine years, became effective on that date.

In the June Primary Election, Allen was elected to fill an unexpired term in the State Assembly from the 63rd District. He is a candidate for a full term in the Nov. 6 Election. Before becoming a Councilman in 1947, Allen served four terms in the State Assembly, where he was a colleague of Councilman Ernest Debs and Councilman Gordon Hahn.

The All City Employees Association joined with Mayor Poulson and the other members of the City Council in arranging for a reception in honor of Allen, held at 11 o'clock on Sept. 27, in the Council Chamber. Scores of City employees turned out to say farewell to the colorful legislator and to wish him well. Councilman Debs served as Chairman of the Reception Committee.

Mayor Poulson and fellow Council members lauded Allen for his service in the Council. The retiring Councilman responded, saying he was reluctant about leaving City service, where he had made many friends. He was Chairman of the Council Finance Committee and a member of its Personnel Committee.

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Don A. Allen, Councilman, 7th District

A former member of the California State Assembly, Councilman Don A. Allen now represents the seventh councilmanic district in the Los Angeles City Council.

Allen was born at Atlanta, Iowa, May 13, 1908. He attended public schools in Iowa and Nebraska and later completed courses in engineering science and war training at the University of Southern California and California Institute of Technology.

The 48-year old legislator entered politics in 1938 as a state assemblyman and was re-elected to that position in 1940, 1942 and 1944. He became a councilman in 1947.

Allen is a past commander of Belleau Woods post 1035 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a member of Elks Lodge 99, Rotary International, United Commercial Travelers and the Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce. He is a member also of the McCarthy Memorial Christian Church.

Councilman and Mrs. Allen live at 3867 South Deegan boulevard, Los Angeles 43. His son, Don, Jr., is a member of the Marine corps.

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