

J. C. RALSTON, ATTORNEY, DIES AT HOME HERE

Son of Former Senator Is
Taken by Death After
Long Illness.

Funeral services for Julian C. Ralston, attorney, who died last night at his home on W. 48th-st, following an illness of six months, will be held at the residence at 2 tomorrow. The body will be taken to Lebanon for burial. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Jean S. Milner, Second Presbyterian Church pastor.

Active pallbearers will include John Balch, Paul E. Leffler, Heber D. Williams, Dr. John R. Porter, Dr. Okla Fox, Dr. J. Kent Lease, Donald D. Crowder and Raymond L. Walker.

Honorary pallbearers will include Senator Frederick Van Nus (D., Ind.), Gov. Paul V. McNutt, Mayor John W. Kern, Federal Judge Robert Baltzell, Supreme Court Judge Michael L. Fansler, Appellate Judge Posey Kime, former Superior Judge Russell J. Ryan, Probate Judge Smiley N. Chambers, Superior Judge Herbert E. Wilson, Circuit Judge Earl R. Cox, Superior Judge Joseph R. Williams, Superior Judge William A. Pickens, Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker, Circuit Judge A. J. Stevenson, Circuit Judge Paul E. Layman, Edgar E. Blessing, Rep. Louis Ludlow (D., Ind.), James W. Noel, George M. Barnard, Edward E. Gates Sr., Elmer W. Stout and Eugene Iggleheart.

Mr. Ralston, who was 39, was the son of the late former Governor and Senator Samuel M. Ralston and Mrs. Ralston. He had been secretary of the Citizen's School Committee until his illness.

He was graduated from Indiana University and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. He also was a member of Pentalpha Lodge, 564, Free and Accepted Masons.

He was affiliated for some time with the law firm in which his father was a partner with Senator Frederick Van Nus, and later opened his own law office in the Chamber of Commerce Building.

Surviving are the widow, his mother, Mrs. Samuel Ralston; a brother, Emmett G. Ralston, and a sister, Mrs. Stewart LaRue, Indianapolis.

George Newton Dead

Services for George H. Newton, 30, of 266 N. Belview-pl., who died at his home following an illness of more than two years Saturday, will be held at 2 tomorrow in the home, with burial in Floral Park Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Thelma Newton; his mother, Mrs. Mary Vibber; a daughter, Lorna Jean; three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Combs, Mrs. Nora Atkins, French Lick, and Mrs. Cora Cook, Birdseye, and three brothers, Rudolph and Ralph Newton, both of Indianapolis, and John Newton, Vincennes.

Mrs. Buchman Passes

Funeral mass for Mrs. Theresa Buchman, 31 N. Tremont-st., who died Saturday night after an illness of five weeks, will be offered at 9 tomorrow in St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, of which she was a member. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Mrs. Buchman, who was 64, had lived in Indianapolis 11 years. She was a member of St. Anthony's Altar Society.

Surviving are the widower, August J. Buchman; three daughters, Maria, Cecelia and Wilma Buchman; three sons, Francis, Walter and William Buchman; three brothers, William J., Harris and Grover Harris, both of Indianapolis, and Matthew Harris, Decatur, Ind., and two sisters, Miss Elizabeth Harris and Mrs. C. C. Branson, Indianapolis.

Dean Funeral Tomorrow

Services for Miss Marjory Dean, who died Saturday night in her home, 2246 N. Alabama-st., following a long illness, will be held at 2 tomorrow in the McNeely Funeral Home, 1828 N. Meridian-st., conducted by the Rev. Richard M. Millard, Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church pastor. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Miss Dean, who was 16, was a graduate of School 45, and attended Shortridge High School. She was a patient at the Marion County Tuberculosis Sanitarium about 16 months, returning to her home two months ago. She was a member of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal

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Church, and a former member of Girl Scout Troop 28.

Surviving are her father, Walter F. Dean; two sisters, Mrs. Richard F. Keeney, and Miss Mary Annette Dean, and a grandmother, Mrs. Augusta Michener.

Pioneer Resident Dead

Services for Mrs. Isabelle Johnson, 1662 Park-av., who died yesterday in her home following a short illness will be held at 2 tomorrow in the Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Home, 25 W. Fall Creek-pkwy. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mrs. Johnstone, who was 73, had lived in Indianapolis 40 years. She was a member of the Fletcher-av. Methodist Episcopal Church.

Surviving are three nieces, Mrs. A.

T. Byers, Indianapolis; Mrs. William H. Coers and Mrs. Harry Shelb, both of Shelbyville, and three nephews, Harry T. Harold and Spencer Harold, both of Shelbyville, and Walter Sedgwick, Castalia, O.

Requiem mass for Patrick Callahan, retired railroad worker, who died yesterday at his home in Anderson, will be offered at 9 Wednesday in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Anderson. The body will be brought to Indianapolis for burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mr. Callahan, who was 85, is survived by a son, John Callahan, Calumet, Ill., and two daughters, Miss Mary Ann and Miss Ann Callahan, both of Anderson.

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HEADS COMEDY CAST

TOWNSEND PLAN TO BE LAUGHED OUT OF CAPITAL

Congress Sure to Put K. O.
Punch on Doctor's
Pension Scheme.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The Townsend plan for old-age pensions will be laughed out of Washington and many old hearts probably will be broken in the process.

On the other hand, scores of bright young stenographers on Capitol Hill will be darned glad when the old folks stop hoping for that \$200 a month.

You find them working into the dinner hour, night after night, monotonously typing off letters advising constituents that the Senator or the Representative has received their communication about the Townsend plan and is giving intense consideration to old-age pension proposals.

No one quite remembers when so many letters and postal cards were coming in support of a bill. Locking over batches of them, you're chiefly impressed by what seems to be the desperate character of a large portion.

Threats in Letters

PLEAS of need are interspersed with solemn assurances that the recipients will be able to spend the money, as the Townsend plan would require—and how!

More than every other letter bears a threat—"We voted for you in the last election and, if you stand with us now, will do so again."

Few barrages of organized pleas are quite as crude about that as these Townsend letters, so often written by shaky hands.

So many threats are bound to have some effect. You will find a substantial—but ineffective and in many cases insincere—bloc of congressmen who will tell you they're in favor. Few of them ever expect a chance to vote on the measure, though Congressman John S. McGroarty of California, who introduced it in the House, already claims 95 pledged to back it.

It May Do Some Good

Although the high hopes of many of the aged will be dashed, the Townsend agitation may do some good.

The Administration and Congress may consent to a more liberal old-age pension system than they would

have considered if there had been no Dr. Townsend, even though they refuse to stand the whole economic system on its head at the behest of the doctor and his followers.

No one can be quite sure what would happen if the Townsend plan were adopted, but any economist you meet will assure you it would be pretty awful.

When the plan seemed to comprehend a 10 per cent retail sales tax, it was quickly pointed out that, even on 1929 business, that would amount to but a fourth of an estimated \$20,000,000,000 a year needed to pay the pensions.

Somebody else carefully figured out that the plan would mean a 70 per cent tax on everything you bought and one simple way of criticizing the plan is to say it would take half the present national income and give it to 8 or 9 per cent of the population.

Lately, Dr. Townsend has been talking in trillions—proposing a 2 per cent sales tax on a trillion dollars and more of sales such as he

says we had in 1928 and 1929.

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