

Anson Barber Dies

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war, and accepted employment with the National Life Insurance Company for several years. He left the insurance business to accept employment as an automobile salesman, a profession in which he was outstanding.

In 1944, Barber also took on the duties of secretary to the Montpelier Chamber of Commerce and continued in that office through 1949. In this position, his affability, unfailing good nature and genuine interest in the welfare of the city and its people was a major factor in the post-war development of the Chamber.

As the Chamber's secretary, he was often called on to extend the city's welcome to visitors, and on these occasions, his geniality and good humor were among the city's greatest assets. It was while serving as secretary to the Chamber that he assumed the responsibility of chairman of the March of Dimes, took on the duties of clerk of the municipal court, and first entered the political circle which was to see him as mayor for seven terms and one year as Montpelier's City Representative.

Elected as mayor in 1949, he served the people under the city manager form of government. When the city abandoned this form of government in 1950, Barber became the head of the city government, and continued through 1955.

During his administration, be-