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## Pensions Looming For City Employees; Mayor On Record

### Disney Whistler In "Snow White" Schools Here

Diminutive Marion Sevier Darlington who whistled the captivating bird songs in Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," pursed up her lips this week and showed Santa Cruzans how she went about it.

It's not work, but fun, the Southern California school

### Firemen and Policemen Cheered as New City-sharing Method is Adopted By Last Session of Legislature

Santa Cruz municipal employes—notably police and firemen—were this week expectantly eyeing the city administration for first indications of the inauguration of retirement benefits.

Although enabling legislation had been passed and signed by Governor Culbert L. Olson more than three weeks ago, full import of the measure in its relationship to Santa Cruz municipal employes had not dawned upon city hall circles here until this week.

### New Evidence To Aid Boggs

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Passed as amendments to the State Employees Retirement Act, the new legislation clears the deck for action promised by Mayor C. D. Hinkle last February during the agitation surrounding the deep slash in the salary of former Assistant Fire Chief Fred Lewis, who had grown old in fire department employ.

#### GOAL REALIZED

Looking forward at that time to passage of Assembly Bills 1057-58-59, Mayor Hinkle said their enactment would provide Santa Cruz with the means of setting up adequate police and fire department pension funds and thus "do away with the possibility of further regrettable cases such as that of Assistant Chief Lewis."

Passage of all three amendments has now been accomplished. They enable city councils to enter into contracts with the State Retirement Board to make the state act's provisions apply to whatever municipal employes the city sees fit to designate in its contract.

#### MATCHING REQUIRED

Certain matchings of state funds by municipal funds is required under the measure, although provisions of the legislation are designed to prevent the city's burden from at any time becoming too large to handle. Under its provisions members of city fire and police departments would receive the same benefits now provided for the members of the California Highway Patrol.

Queried yesterday on possibilities of making the act promptly effective in Santa Cruz, Mayor Hinkle again declared himself favorable toward its adoption by this city, although expressing some doubt that a state-city contract could be signed by Santa Cruz during the current fiscal year.

#### CITES EMERGENCIES

"Of course, everyone by now knows the emergencies with which we were faced at the outset of the July fiscal year," the mayor explained, "and I would not be surprised if we found ourselves in a position of having to cancel planned expenditures all down the line. Just as I was early this spring, so am I now heartily in favor of introducing employe retirement pay in city government, and I think the new state amendments will make this possible here. The only question is how soon we will be able to get it going."

Despite the mayor's intimation of delay, firemen and policemen were hopeful the system could be inaugurated within the immediate future.