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Chief Clerk Malcolm McBeath in his first term in that office. McBeath had been a member for District Forty-Two from 1953 to 1957

McBeath Finds Job Smooth as Glass

By ELDON BARRETT

OLYMPIA (UPI) — Malcolm McBeath, a Bellingham businessman, has found that his first term as chief clerk of the House is running as smooth as glass.

But McBeath, who operates glazing businesses in Bellingham and Mount Vernon, doesn't take credit for this himself; he gives that to his staff, which has weathered several political changeovers in control of the House.

His staff, in turn, says McBeath is "one of the most considerate men" in the Legislative Building.

McBeath, a Republican, was a member of the body for whom he now works from 1953 to 1955.

"I enjoy being clerk more than I did being a legislator," he said. "There is a slight possibility that I may have to eat those words before the session is over, but if things continue to operate as smoothly as they have so far, I will be grateful.

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"With people like those on my staff, how can I go wrong?"

He singled out for special praise Sidney R. Snyder, his chief assistant, who is a Democrat from Long Beach; Phyllis Mottman, McBeath's secretary and receptionist; Lucille Rohrbeck, assistant clerk; Charlotte Fuller, accountant; Millie Olsen, who runs the House workroom, Aggie Murray, who runs the House message control center, and Eugene Prince, the sergeant-at-arms.

However, they are just a few of the 238 employes under McBeath's jurisdiction. Others range from legal advisers to car parkers.

McBeath, 53, a native of Bellingham, was a highly regarded basketball player during his high school and college days. He attended Western Washington College for two years before transferring to the University of Washington. But at the university he was ineligible to play for the Huskies so he and some of his buddies started a "city" team that took on all comers

with great success.

His favorite sport these days is golf, and he has a seven-stroke handicap. His brother, Scotty, is a professional out of San Jose, Calif., and makes part of the PGA tour.

Few persons are more civic minded than McBeath. He is former city councilman and now is a member of Bellingham's Planning Commission. He is a past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and was the first to receive the Bellingham Jaycee "Man of the Year" award. Recently he was designated a JC senator, the highest honor in the organization.

Currently, he is active in a \$300,000 fund-raising campaign to build a new Bellingham YMCA, another organization he has been associated with since his youth.

It was back in the days when he first started going to the Y that he got his nickname, "Dutch." The haircut his mother gave him then resembled those of a Dutch boy depicted on a can of paint.

"You might say I was a walking advertisement," said McBeath, "because my father ran a paint and glazing business at the time."

Of course Dutch McBeath doesn't wear his hair in a bob any more but his quiet, efficient, friendly manner in dealing with the business of the House makes him one of the outstanding personalities in the legislature today.

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Sergeant-At-Arms Eugene Prince in his first term in that office. He served two more terms as Sergeant and later as a House and Senate member from District Nine.

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