

## In Memoriam

### John Churchill Chase (1905-1986)

John C. Chase served as editorial cartoonist for New Orleans daily newspapers from 1925 to 1964. Most famous of his cartoon characters was the "Little Man" who represented the ordinary person, beleaguered by government and political quandaries. Chase also caricatured every major political figure of his lifetime, including Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Huey Long, down to such present-day figures as Mayor "Dutch" Morial and Governor Edwin B. Edwards.

In recent years, Chase continued to be active as a cartoonist, author, speaker, and television guest. His last program dealt with the Louisiana Purchase, April 1, 1986, just two weeks before he died. He also continued publishing books, his most recent one being *New Orleans: Yesterday and Today* (1983). He lectured on New Orleans history at Tulane University for some thirty years, and in recent years he gave courses at the University of New Orleans.

Among his many books are *The Louisiana Purchase* (last ed., 1982), *The History of Holmes is the History of New Orleans* (1942), *Forty Cartoons in Wartime* (1945), *New Orleans Story* (1967), *Of Time and Chase* (1969), and several others. His cartoons appeared in *The Morning Tribune*, *The Item*, *New Orleans States*, *The Sunday Item-Tribune*, and *The Saturday Evening Post*, for which last he was a regular illustrator.

Chase was past president of the American Association of Editorial Cartoonists, a founder of the National Cartoonists Society, a founder of International House, and of the Escargot Gourmet Society. Among his numerous awards is the Order of St. Louis medallion for service to the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

His interest in names led to his long-time membership in the American Name Society and to his incorporating aptonyms into his cartoons and writing.

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