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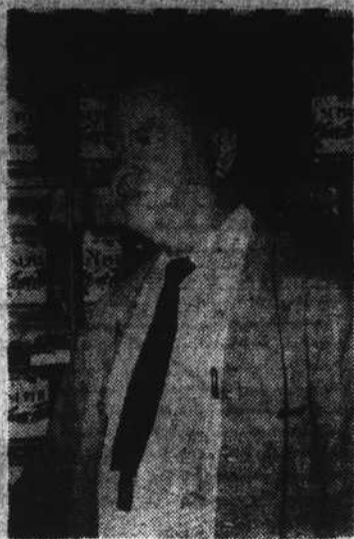
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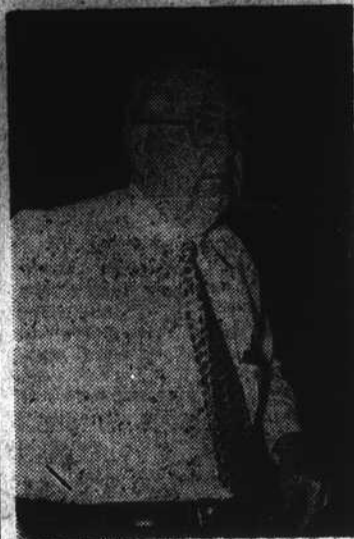
Incumbents Appear to Have Edge in May 5 City Election

On May 5th those eligible persons in Kinston who have remembered to register under the new registration which ends at 6 Saturday, April 25, will have the opportunity to cast a ballot for the five aldermen and mayor they want to conduct the affairs of the city for the next two years. Two men seek the spot of mayor and 10 men are out for the five jobs open on the city council.

In the race for mayor the incumbent, Guy Elliott, a veteran at the political wars is given a commanding edge over Roy Wooten, a relatively new name to local politics, who has had only one dash of the political pepper pot back in 1951 when he ran eighth in a field of 12 for the board of aldermen. This time Wooten has raised his sights after striking out in the



Ed. P. Johnson



Charlie W. Sanders

ernment after "bucking in harness" for several years and tossing a few well-aimed monkey wrenches that were caught just in time before they messed up the city manager system locally.

Elliott is an excellent presiding officer who conducts the meetings of his board with speed, courtesy and efficiency. His ability to make a speech at the drop of a hat, and a pretty good one, has not alienated any great bundle of votes. All in all, Elliott is given a commanding position in his race with Wooten, but a fairly intelligent analysis of the potentials at this time of the two men indicates that there may not be as big spread in the mayor voting as some people suspect.

In the race for the five seats on the board of aldermen only four incumbents are seeking re-

be released on May Fifth and the political wisemen also say, and are willing to back up their talk with money, that a former alderman, Charlie Sanders, will rejoin his mates on the council. Sanders was unseated two years ago by Wooten.

The five "outsiders" who are having a try for one of these five seats on the city council are all newcomers to local ballot bat-



Mayor Guy Elliott

aldermanic race with the logic that it is "easier to beat one man than a dozen."

Wooten is an energetic young man with good solid connections in the community although he is a native of Greene County and has not lived in Kinston but for the past decade. A veteran with overseas duty in World War II, Wooten is well known in veteran circles and is also an active member of and worker in the First Baptist Church. He recently took a leading part in the building of a church in the Glen Raven Mills area and his work and fellowship with the people in that area is not expected to be a hindrance to him at the polls.

Elliott has been mayor for the past six years. He has also served as county attorney and



Burwell Temple

election: Ed Johnson, Burwell Temple, Charlie Taylor and John Rider. The fifth man, Jesse Wooten chose not to run after two years of being under fire in his first jump into the political pond.

These four incumbents are also rated as top favorites to



LeRoy Batts

ties. Ed May, L. O. Batts, Harvey Core, Council Sanderson and the lone Negro candidate, Rev. McKinley Hawkins, compose the quintet that want "in."

May comes from a "politicking" father, Joe May, who has served on both the city council and the county board of commissioners. Aside from what political experience may have rubbed off onto the son from his father that is about the sum and sub-



Council Sanderson

stance of the professional political experience of this quintet. May is an electrical contractor with offices at 404 North Queen Street.

Batts is a local dry cleaner who says if he is elected to the city council he'll have to resign

Queen Street Changes Both Real and Rumored

Rumor is rife along Kinston's Queen Street on proposed business changes that are supposed to be "in the making."

Among these rumors is the departure from Kinston for a second time of Montgomery Ward, the arrival of the Spiegel Company to occupy the spot vacated by Ward, a move from Queen Street of the Colonial Store to an area where parking is available, a move up Queen Street by W. T. Grant to the spot vacated by Colonial, the arrival of Kress five and ten cent store into the Quinn-Miller furniture store at Queen and Caswell and Quinn-Miller's moving to West Gordon to the spot soon to be vacated by the Kinston Auto Parts Company which is going to soon start construction of a new home on the 300 block of Mitchell Street at the foot of West North Street.

Added to this hatful of rumors

is the further speculation that Lester Sparrow is closing his Sportsman Cafe and has sublet that building to a jewelry outfit.

Spiking these rumors is the story that Ward is said to have already re-signed its lease and that Grant has backed out of moving unless it could get both the Ward and Colonial store spaces.

What with the May 21 opening of Woolworth's brand new store on the 300 block of North Queen and the opening either in May or June of the tremendous Rose five and dime store on the 200 block of North Queen added to the opening of a "Cradle Shop" in the spot vacated by Rose on the 100 block of Queen, there is certainly some shifting and rumors of shifting on the downtown front of Eastern Carolina's fastest growing town. —Ooops city.

Week In Review

Judge Henry Grady of New Bern Monday handed Kinston Banker J. E. Peterson a 12 month jail sentence suspended

the one political job he now holds: Chief of Police at Surf City down on Topsall Beach. Batts is well known and has lived in Kinston for many years. This is his first stab at public office. Batts' establishment is at 116 East Blount.

on condition of his remaining on good behavior and violating no law for a period of five years and payment of a \$500 fine and the court costs. Peterson, through counsel, had pled guilty to drunken driving and driving after his license had been revoked. Records were introduced indicating that this was Peterson's fifth indictment for drunken driving, although on two occasions he had been permitted to plead guilty to reckless driving.

County Attorney Tom White this week announced that he was seeking a way to appeal from part of the judgment signed last week by Judge Quincy Nimocks of Fayetteville which had been expected to bring the year-old suit to an end. White accepts the part of the judgment which grants the county permission to go ahead with the renovation of Memorial General Hospital but he strenuously objects to the part of Nimocks' decision which releases the \$15,000 bond of the plaintiffs and orders the county to reimburse the plaintiffs some \$4,500 for legal expenses in this case.

Robert Glen Tyson of Greenville was placed under \$1,500 bond following his arrest this week on charge of bouncing a bad check for \$850 to the Carolina Motor Company. Tyson is charged with false pretense in that he did issue a check for \$850 in payment for a car when he knew that he did not have money in the bank to cover said check.

Charles Graham of Kinston route two and Gilbert Outlaw of 502 Lincoln Street were each placed under \$300 bond this week charged with stealing hogs valued at \$32 from Sarah Hardy. The "hog rustlers" had sold their purloined pork to the Great Eastern Livestock Commission Company when Ace Detective Wheeler Kennedy rode into the case with his rusty rifle and pack of beagle hounds to solve the case.

Charlotte Salesman William Hollefield Saturday night was held up at pistol point in the parking area back of the Caswell Hotel by two overall-clad men in their 20's who relieved him of about \$100 and fled into the night. This is Kinston's

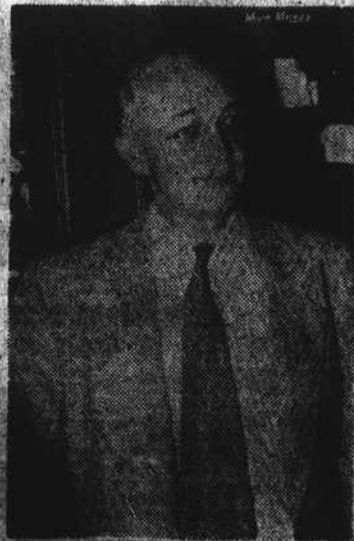
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John W. Rider

for a period was judge of the city-county Recorder's Court. A veteran politician who knows his way around very well in practically every circle, he is rated as a tough man to lick.

In the past several years, at least on the surface, Mayor Elliott has reconciled himself to the city manager form of gov-



Charles Taylor