

# Republicans Make Clean Sweep In Election; Myron Higbee Chosen New Mayor

The Republicans of Cedar City gained a sweeping victory in the Municipal election Tuesday, electing party candidates to every city office with comfortable majorities in every contest. Thus the city administration for the next two years will be a one party organization for the first time in many years.

The officers elected were Myron F. Higbee, Mayor. Morris C. Roberts, Four-year Councilman; Burns L. Finlinson, Karl Heyborne and Parson U. Webster, for Two-year Councilmen; Mrs. Ellen Simkins, Recorder, and Francis W. Betensen, Treasurer. Heber M. Sevy, also a Republican, is the hold-over member of the Council. The terms of the new officers begin on January 1st.

Voting was not heavy, but passed the total vote cast at the Municipal election held in 1943. A total of 1455 votes were cast for Mayor Tuesday, as compared to 1415 cast for the same office two years ago.

The Republicans not only elected all candidates, but gained a consistent majority in all districts of the city. In fact only one Democratic candidate succeeded in gaining a majority in any district. Rulon Knell, candidate for Mayor, receiving a 2 vote majority in District No. 1, receiving 98 votes as compared to 96 cast for Higbee. Joseph L. Fakler, Democratic candi-

date for short term councilman, tied with his opponent, Burns L. Finlinson, in District No. 1., each receiving 96 votes.

The race for the position of Mayor was the most closely contested in the election, Mr. Higbee defeating Mr. Knell by a majority of 97 votes, receiving a total of 776 as compared with 679 for Mr. Knell. Morris Roberts won the long-term councilman position by a majority of 224 votes over Clarence Miller. The short-term councilmen majorities were as follows: Finlinson, 139; Heyborne, 131; and Webster, 237.

Francis Betensen, veteran of World War II who recently returned after having been held as a prisoner of war, polled the highest number of votes, 980, for a 486 vote margin over Bertran Langford, Democrat. Both candidates were well qualified for the position, and the heavy vote cast for Betensen seems to indicate that the people generally are determined to give returning veterans an opportunity to find employment and a chance to get back into normal civilian life.

Mrs. Ellen Simkins, Republican candidate for Recorder, received the second highest number of votes, a total of 918 for a majority of 413.

The total vote by districts was as follows:

	Dist. No. 1	Dist. No. 2	Dist. No. 3	Dist. No. 4	Dist. No. 5	Total	Majority
<b>For Mayor:</b>							
Myron F. Higbee, R	96	177	229	149	125	776	97
Rulon Knell, D	98	138	184	136	123	679	
<b>For Long-Term Councilman:</b>							
Morris Roberts, R	113	176	238	172	135	834	224
Clarence Miller, D	80	132	173	111	114	610	
<b>For Short-Term Councilmen:</b>							
Burns Finlinson, R	96	170	220	170	131	787	139
Joseph Fakler, D	96	143	164	123	122	648	
Karl Heyborne, R	104	174	208	157	136	779	131
Kumen Gardner, D	86	136	185	127	114	648	
Parson Webster R	116	182	231	161	126	816	237
E. W. Macfarlane, D	77	123	147	113	119	579	
<b>For Recorder:</b>							
Ellen Simkins, R	136	214	248	184	136	918	413
Margaret Carpenter, D	62	98	131	100	114	505	
<b>For Treasurer:</b>							
Francis Betensen, R	128	213	278	205	156	980	486
Bert Langford, D	64	97	163	78	92	494	