

John D. Davis

Is Elected

Mayor of Newton

George L. Roberts, Whose Name Was Written In, Receives 143 Votes for Mayor Tuesday

John D. Davis was elected mayor of Newton over George L. "Jack" Roberts, whose name was written in, Tuesday, by a vote of 294 to 143. James A. Mineo and Earl R. Reese were reelected aldermen in wards one and three, respectively, and Marvin A. Earnest was chosen in ward two to succeed Eugene R. Warren, who is employed in an airplane engine plant in Chicago.

It wasn't known until midmorning that there would be any opposition to the Progressive party ticket headed by Mr. Davis. At that time it was learned that an effort was being made to write in the name of Mr. Roberts for mayor. Although the election had dragged up to that time, there was an immediate upsurge of interest and many more votes were cast than had been expected.

Succeeds C. G. Batman

Mr. Davis will succeed C. G. Batman, who has been acting mayor since Milo D. Yelvington resigned last December to become county judge. Mr. Batman will return to his post as alderman in ward three. Other holdover aldermen are O. E. Carter in ward one and Marion Schedlbauer in ward two.

The vote was as follows: Davis, ward one, 87; ward two, 92; ward three, 115; total 294. Roberts, ward one, 50; ward two, 38; ward three, 55; total, 143. Majority for Davis 151.

In ward three, Ernest Benefiel received 20 votes for alderman, and others received scattering votes in each of the other wards.

The Peoples party had made no nominations during February and allowed the time for filing to pass without nominations, so that the attempt to write in the names of candidates had the element of surprise in its favor. Against it, however, was the general lack of interest in the election because there was no contest, and the failure of many voters to mark in the party circle or square before Mr. Roberts' name, which cost him a good many votes.