

CITY MANAGER

OFFICE TENURE

ALDERMEN, COUNCILMEN
OR COMMISSIONERS

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| DAYTON HUNTER | AUGUST 17, 1922 to MARCH 15, 1923 | HARRY SHULTZ H. C. KANE | ROBERT MORELAND J.A. ARNEY, Recorder |
| T. E. WHITTAKER | MARCH 15, 1923 to SEPTEMBER 15, 1924 | R. B. MORELAND HARRY SHULTZ | H. C. KANE J.A. ARNEY, Recorder |
| E. R. LINGERFELT | SEPTEMBER 15, 1924 to JULY 13, 1929 | R. B. MORELAND HARRY SHULTZ | H. C. KANE J.A. ARNEY, Recorder |
| J. A. SMITH | JULY 13, 1929 to NOVEMBER 14, 1933 | C. C. HACKER F. W. HATHAWAY | H. C. KANE J. C. BOWERS R. B. MORELAND |
| E. C. ALEXANDER | NOVEMBER 14, 1933 to OCTOBER 19, 1936 | J. C. BOWERS W. E. GRINDSTAFF | C. C. HACKER F.W. HATHAWAY, Mayor J. D. BRUMMIT |
| NAT C. NAVE | OCTOBER 19, 1936 to MAY 20, 1937 | J. D. BRUMIT F. E. DUNGAN | J.C. BOWERS, Mayor W.E. GRINDSTAFF F. W. HATHAWAY |
| E. C. ALEXANDER | MAY 20, 1937 to MAY 4, 1945 | J. D. BRUMIT F. E. DUNGAN F. W. HATHAWAY | J.C. BOWERS, Mayor W.E. GRINDSTAFF L.C. MILLER C.C. HACKER |
| | | J. C. BOWERS F. T. CARRIER L. D. CHAMBERS | JOE ALLEN G. H. MURRAY L. C. MILLER W. E. GRINDSTAFF |
| M. L. CARRIGER | MAY 17, 1945 to JULY 31, 1948 | JOE ALLEN GEORGE ANGEL W.R. CHILDRESS | J.C. BOWERS, Mayor C.C. BROWN L.D. CHAMBERS F.W. HATHAWAY |
| E. L. BOWERS | AUGUST 13, 1948 to AUGUST 21, 1952 | PAUL GOODWIN J. W. HUNNICUTT E. M. REASOR | DR. W.G. FROST, Mayor E. C. NAVE C. C. STREET F. C. WARD |
| DAVID A. BURKHALTER | SEPTEMBER 5, 1952 to AUGUST 15, 1956 | EDWIN ALEXANDER DR. W. G. FROST I. B. HENDRICKSON | FRANK DUNGAN, Mayor FRED W. HATHAWAY J. W. HUNNICUTT C. J. WAGNER |
| W. P. CRUMLEY | OCTOBER 18, 1956 TO OCTOBER 5, 1965 | DICK BAIN J. W. JUNNICUTT THOMAS PRESNELL | DR. W.G. FROST, Mayor BERT JOHNSON D. M. SHOLES C. J. WAGNER |
| KENNETH R. DEVERO | FEBRUARY 15, 1966 to | RONALD J. MARTIN GLENN ISAACS DR. H.W. ZIEHM REV. W. J. CARTER JOHN W. FETZER | J.L. BOWERS, JR., Mayor G.Z. ROBINSON WALTER VANHUSS M. M. MORRISS F. E. OGLE JAMES CATHLYN |

THE CIVICS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
of the

CARTER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Presents

A

PORTRAIT PRESENTATION

of

City Managers

Who Have Served

The

City of Elizabethton
1922-1968

Thursday, March 21, 1968

7:30 P. M.

Elizabethton, Tennessee

Community Room - Citizens Bank

PRESIDING

William Howard - Chairman
Civic Affairs Committee
Chamber of Commerce

INVOCATION The Rev. J. Donald Sams

STAR SPANGLED BANNER Led by Mrs. Bryan Woodruff

WELCOME W. B. Greene, Jr.

GOVERNMENTAL BACKGROUND Mayor John L. Bowers, Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES Mrs. Alex Shell

APPRECIATION James A. Clear, Jr.

ARRANGEMENTS: James A. Clear, Jr. and Mrs. Alex Shell

MUSIC: Mrs. Fred Witherow and Mrs. W. T. Mottern

REFRESHMENTS: Women's Civic Club

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(THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF A
PREPARED RADIO SPEECH OVER
RADIO STATION WJVL FROM 6:30
P. M. TO 7:00 P. M. BY THE
HONORABLE JOE ALLEN, COMMISSIONER
OF FINANCE AND TAXATION OF THE
CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 4th.

PEOPLE OF CARTER AND JOHNSON COUNTIES:

Tonight we come to the close, of perhaps, the most important campaign in the history of modern times. Tomorrow, we shall go to the polls and cast our ballots for what we believe is for the best interest of America.

It is not my purpose, this evening, to discuss the National Issues, because they have already been presented to the people in clear cut, razor-edge style.

I shall confine myself to the race for Representative. I make no apology for doing so, however, I have this to say as my reasons.

You people who read the Elizabethton Daily Star, probably saw the first page editorial, news item, and political ad, which appeared in the Saturday, November 2nd issue.

In this paper, it was stated that the Honorable E. C. Alexander was the dictator of Elizabethton, and insinuated that he controlled the acts of the Commissioners, but on the other hand, it appears that the Editor of the Star either desires to be a dictator, or is controlled by a dictator, and it was the present Editor of the Elizabethton Daily Star who has proposed and is now proposing what is known in legal circles as the Dictator, City Manager Form of Government, and he proposed that, with a considerable increase in salary for the City Manager.

Being one of the Commissioners, out of seven, who were recently elected by handsome majorities, I resented that intended slur cast upon me, and upon the other Commissioners and upon the voters of Elizabethton.

Who in this town believes that any person could dictate to or control Fred T. Carrier, Walter E. Grindstaff, L. C. Miller, Hobert G. Murray, Dr. J. C. Bowers, Landon D. Chambers or myself? Many people have complimented me, and to me, the other Commissioners for having the intestinal fortitude to stand by our convictions before the threats of pressure groups, and political intimidations. They have said to me, that never before have they had more confidence in the wise administration of the City's affairs.

There are many material manifestations of the same, by the many improvements that are now under construction in the City limits.

Dr. Joe Hardin lets it be known that he intends to legislate out of office the representatives whom the people decidedly chose, and by his hand, select unknown, untried, political puppets, who dare not run the chance of the ballot box, to govern the City of Elizabethton in this critical hour, when its affairs need the wisest, most careful direction and administration. We do not know who they would be, or what they would do, but some of us do know Dr. Hardin, and his past history, and we do know that his most loyal supporters are the

defeated, the disgruntled, disappointed office seekers and would-be political dictators of Carter County and Elizabethton. They have been tried in the past and have been repudiated at the polls. Shall they now slip in the back door and gain the control of our City, to let it default and be put into receivership, in order that large attorney's fees, receivership fees and other large items, to be paid at the expense of the taxpayers.

One of Dr. Hardin's chief advisors, and supporters, who has not the backbone or personal conviction to tell J. D. Robinson, or me, or any other person in a frank open manner where he stands in this election, has repeatedly tried to get me as a Commissioner to work toward default and receivership, and to re-finance. He further stated to me, that he was going to bring about an organized tax strike, I wonder if his Editor is in on this. God Forbid that the people would fall for this scheme, in this critical time.

He was the chief leader in trying to get the City Commissioners to mortgage every piece of improved property owned by the City, in order to borrow \$5,000.00 with which to build an Armory in Elizabethton for the Federal Government, an armory that the citizens of Elizabethton could not have used, first, because of legal prohibitions and secondly, because its size and seating capacity would prohibit its use for all practical purposes. To mortgage this property to his bank, in order that it could not be sold and applied on the bond interest payment, soon due, and thereby, give him, his golden opportunity to get rich at the expense of you people of Elizabethton, by the way of attorney's fees, and brokerage fees, for himself and his editor friend.

Of course, we would like to have the armory for our brave, patriotic, volunteer soldiers of loyal Carter County, but not at that fearful cost. And if because of the stand I took, upon my conviction in that matter, I am to be legislated out of office, so let it be. I can take it. If the people of Elizabethton can afford to pay the full price. But don't say that Joe Allen did not advise you before hand. Furthermore, I would like to state that when the armory question was before the Commissioners for consideration, that we were not permitted to see the specifications or plans. Finally, however, after repeated demands made by me, the blue prints were submitted and then it was clear to me why they sought to withhold the same from us. Because every public auditorium in Elizabethton has more seating capacity and better arrangements than the armory could have been under the most favorable circumstances. I for one, could not see the wisdom of voting an additional tax on the people of my City for military purposes when the federal government has already voted and appropriated Fifteen Billion Dollars. But we did not vote down the Armory, we merely, did not put up \$5,000.00 that we did not have. On the other hand, we voted by proper resolutions a very valuable armory site, valued, conservatively so, at \$5,000.00, together with the full use for military purposes some 8 or 9 acres of additional land.

If the Federal Government needs this armory, have no fear, but that it will be constructed under those favorable conditions. If it does not need the same, why then, we acted wiser than we thought.

Dr. Joe Hardin has let it be known that he has the remedy for the school system of Carter County. What it is nobody knows but his inner guard, composed of repudiated politicians. Could it be that he intends to veto the voters of Carter County when they elected a School Board and a Superintendent of Schools. I don't know, but I do know that the teachers of Elizabethton and the teachers of Carter County are receiving their

salaries on schedule, and that we now have the best schools in the history of our City and County. A vote for Dr. Hardin may change that, I don't know.

The people of Carter County elected a Tax Assessor and Equalization Board in the County Election. Dr. Hardin could change that, whether he will or not, I don't know. But I do know that he is committed, and publicly so, to the practice of legislating people in and out of office. We have had experience in past time of the awful disaster of a legislator who believes in his right to go to Nashville and use his tremendous powers to change the office holders and the laws which govern them in the discharge of their official duties. We have seen how our county finances, including taxes, bond interest, par value of bonds, salaries of school teachers, and other employees fluctuate with the every whim of a legislator gone mad with his power to seek revenge and spite on his political enemies and to satisfy the spiteful desires of his supporters.

I would not knowingly vote for any man who is committed to legislating any person out of office who has received that office by the vote of the people and in the regular lawful way because once he is started on that course, the end is only reached when the legislature is adjourned.

That same issue of the Daily Star attacked the administration of the City of Elizabethton, and is now seeking to hinder the fine progress that is being made to save the taxpayers and to save their homes, the schools and other worthy projects for the betterment of our City. But I can only call your attention to the front page write-up of the June 26th issue of the Star. The editorial which appeared in the May 22nd issue of the Star and the full page, box car letter, editorial of the May 21st issue of the Daily Star, all commending the fine progress and record made by Elizabethton in its financial and fiscal policies. There has been no change in the policies of the City, only that every member of the official body is working harder, and when I say harder, I mean just that, to accomplish the goal of keeping Elizabethton out of the red, and out of default, bankruptcy and receivership. Why has the editorial policy of the Daily Star changed? Could it be, I wonder, politics! and not for the best interest of Elizabethton.

The question of the number of City Commissioners and the salaries they were to receive, was an issue in the recent City election of July 9, 1940, and one candidate who based his campaign on the issue of reduced salaries and reduced personnel received 210 votes out of 1600 cast. I believe the people of Elizabethton have spoken on that issue. That is, the people believe and should know that we have the best possible City Charter, in which no one man can dictate or boss the City, and they believe in paying the Commissioners, in part at least, for the very arduous duty of serving them.

It is my purpose further, to indorse to you, and to recommend to you the election of the Honorable J. D. Robinson, the present incumbent, and the regular Republican Nominee for Joint Representative, and I have some very good reasons for doing so.

First, Mr. Robinson, is a sober man. He is a Christian gentleman. He received his education by applying himself to his studies, and not by an act of the legislature. He is well qualified for his duties, both by education, ability and experience.

BUT THAT IS NOT ALL,

Mr. Robinson ran on a platform 2 years ago, and for the first time in a decade that any representative has stood by his platform. Mr. Robinson did. In other words, he believes and practices the good old American doctrine that a platform and a campaign promise is a sacred and binding agreement between the voters and the candidate, and not to be used as a stairway in public office.

Mr. Robinson strictly adhered to that platform, notwithstanding, many efforts were made to high pressure him into the violation of the same. When you find a gentleman in public office, a second term should be his reward. But I am not the only one who indorses and recommends his re-election on his record. There are many others who do likewise.

The Tennessee Anti-Saloon League.

The State Teachers Association and many educational leaders.

The Four Railroad Brotherhoods and labor unions, together with many men high in civic, agriculture, farm and business circles.

These bodies observed him at work in the last term of the legislature. How he worked to lower taxes, to abolish the poll tax requirement for voters, to promote the schools, better roads and the general welfare of his people.

Today he stands for the same things and on his record, and never one time have you heard any criticism of his record from his opponent or his opponents supporters. It just cannot be done.

Mr. Robinson says, very frankly, that if he is elected that he will not veto the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box. That he will not interrupt the very fine progress that is now being made in every department of the local governments, both city and county.

Let me say again and again, that a vote for Dr. Joe Hardin is a vote for the unknown, the untried and a vote for a spree of private and local legislation, the like of which has not yet been seen. But a vote for Mr. J. D. Robinson, Jr. is a vote for progress, certainty, confidence and good government in state and local affairs.

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My attention has not only been called to the Elizabethton speech of Sam R. Sells by press reports and by my friends, but I took occasion to be there in person to hear what was said. Six years ago, while he was so full of egotism and so swollen with political pride, to have appeared in his august presence would have been a very hazardous undertaking, but after the unknown young soldier, fresh from the battle-fields of France, had relieved him of his seat in the American Congress, (whose name he did not know and whose name he does not now recall), and after the many reports of the great change that had taken place in the life of this man, Sells, I thought I would be safe in taking a seat in the gallery, feeling that his old-time hatred and bitterness had disappeared.

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I want to here and now call on Mr. Sells and Mr. Pierce to come to Elizabethton and assist the citizens of the town in locating this lot, and when they have found it, I will gracefully withdraw as Campaign Manager for Congressman Reece and will make a public apology.

The real facts are, Mr. Sells, that during your term of office, it was reported here that an appropriation of the small sum of twenty-five hundred dollars had been passed for the above purpose, and the people, or a few of the business men did get together, the writer being one of them, and agreed to supplement this amount of money so that a suitable lot could be purchased, and before it had hardly become a law, through the carelessness and negligence of the ex-Congressman, the appropriation was rescinded.

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It was a well-known fact that I had been instrumental in the organization of The First National Bank at this place, and that I had accepted a place as the active head of that Institution, and it is further well known that I continued to denounce him, and that it was not until after every effort had been exhausted to have me accept his leadership over the people who had supported him, that he undertook to remove me. Charges were made by his henchmen and a Post Office Inspector was sent here, and after a thorough and exhaustive investigation had been completed, the inspector went back and made a report in my favor, vindicating me of the charges. He further remembers that the people of Elizabethton met and filled the Court House and denounced his methods and passed resolutions in my favor. He and the people remember that when I found that the charges against me had not been sustained, I quit and took up my active duties with the Bank. Mr. Sells and the people will further remember that the confirmation of the man whom he appointed to succeed me was held up in the Senate for about twelve months by Senator Bob Taylor, or until about the time of the Senator's death.

I am reminded at this particular time that this same Sam Sells was two years ago honored by Chairman Butler of the National Republican Committee by an appointment as Campaign Manager of President Coolidge for Tennessee, and that after it was definitely known that he was using this position for the promotion of his own candidacy for Congress against Congressman Reece, that he was removed from the position by wire, and after that he came out in a public statement denying any knowledge of his removal or that his services were not satisfactory. It was later reported that the Coolidge campaign buttons sent out for distribution in Tennessee were found in a garbage dump near Johnson City.

When Sam Sells came to Elizabethton in a third attempt to name his successor, after he had been repudiated by the people more than five years ago, I did not resent, as I have already said, the remarks made by him concerning me, but I did resent, along with the good people of Carter County, the ridiculous manner in which he on several occasions referred to the wife of Congressman Reece, while he himself was in a hospital in Johnson City, suffering from infirmities due to his exposures in France.

I am not surprised, however, when I remember that he is the same Sam Sells, who, after Colonel Brownlow had accomplished such a wonderful work for the First Congressional District, and had been of great service to him in time of need, betrayed him, and abused him and ridiculed his great work until the time of his death, and on several occasions used the name of the members of his family in his public utterances.

I well remember that when Judge D. A. Vines announced to the people that he would be a candidate for a place as a delegate to the National Republican Convention, that this same Sam Sells came out in a public statement in which he said that he would "Mash hell out of Dave Vines". Since that time Mr. Sells has been repudiated and Judge Vines is now running unopposed for a second term as Circuit Judge.

The people have not forgotten when this same Sam Sells, insane with power and suffering with a case of political big head, denounced in a public speech in 1920, that great labor leader, Samuel Gompers, who had done such a wonderful work for the toiling millions of America.

He is the same Sam Sells of Elevator fame, though he had been honored by the people of the First District for ten years with a seat in Congress, when a Federal Judgeship became vacant, could not find a

man in his District good enough for the job, but again betrayed his people, and joined the forces in the Second District.

Well do I remember that this same Sam Sells, poisoned with bitterness, six years ago, when Colonel Grant Trent announced for Congress against him, denounced him in the public press of the District, charging that "while the boys were fighting in France, that Colonel Trent was sitting in Washington in a swivel-back chair, eating plank steak and drinking near-beer", and at this same time made the statement that if a real soldier would announce that he would gladly relinquish the track. Colonel Trent withdrew, and a real soldier with a wonderful record did announce, and he not only did not relinquish the track, but when he had been defeated by the people of the District, immediately contested the nomination of the young soldier.

The ex-Congressman would have you believe that Congressman Reece has accomplished nothing for his District during his five years in Congress, and for your information I take pleasure in giving you the record of each for a period of five years, together with the military record of each of these two men.

Records of Congressman Reece and Congressman Sells compared during the first five years of each, this being all that Congressman Reece has served.

| | Reece | Sells |
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| Bills introduced and passed by the House----- | 110 | 50 |
| Absent from Congress and did not vote----- | 50 times | 365 times |
| Present and voted----- | 939 times | 870 times. |

During this time Congressman Reece has secured for the First District more than three times as many Federal appointments as did Mr. Sells.

Reece has secured about a million dollars of Federal money for the construction of highways in the District. Sells did not secure a dollar of Federal aid during his first two and one-half terms in Congress.

Reece has secured the purchase of more than 75,000 acres of mountain land in the First District as a Federal Forest Reserve. Sells did not secure the purchase of anything like this much during the whole ten years he was in Congress.

Reece had a large part in securing the Great Smoky Mountain National Park for the State. Sells secured no great Federal project and on this occasion denounced Reece for his support of the bill.

MILITARY RECORDS

REECE: Entered the World War a few days after the war was declared. Served about two years in France. Was at the front for 210 days. Was engaged in 20 battles. Was wounded in action. Was cited for bravery in action and for rescuing wounded men at great danger to himself, by General Pershing, Marshal Petain, General Edwards, General Hale, and Colonel Lewis. Was decorated for extraordinary valor and devotion to duty in battle with the Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

SELLS: Is it not a fact, Mr. Sells, that you were a member of Company "F", Third Tennessee Infantry Vol., from April 25, 1898 to November 30, 1898? Is it not a fact and does the record not show that you were reported on the Company records as absent without leave from October 28, to November 6, 1898, and absent in desertion from November 7, 1898 to November 15, 1898? Is it not a fact that on your return to the service you were placed in arrest until November 29, 1898? Is it not a fact that the only citation you had while in the service was for desertion, and that Colonel Brownlow through the efforts of your father interceded in your behalf and that it was then that you were released and discharged from the service on the following day?

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The above is the comparative records of these two men, and it is public knowledge that during the tenure of office of Mr. Sells that this great Government spent more than forty billions of dollars, and during his ten years in office, he did not cause to be laid one brick or one nail to be driven in the First Congressional District of Tennessee.

It is also known and recognized by every one that Congressman Reece has been serving during the period following the Great World War, when economy has been the watchword in every Department of the Government.

When Mr. Sells made the statement that he had made a greater success as a private citizen than he did as a member of Congress, I fully agree with him.

I want to say in conclusion that the issue involved in this campaign is not between Reese, Lovette and Pierce, but it is whether or not the tactics of this man Sells and his bunch of unscrupulous henchmen shall further dominate and dictate to the people of this District, and I am perfectly willing to leave this matter with the people, and I am not in the least afraid of the final verdict.

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I am reminded at this particular time that this same Sam Sells was two years ago honored by Chairman Butler of the National Republican Committee by an appointment as Campaign Manager of President Coolidge for Tennessee, and that after it was definitely known that he was using this position for the promotion of his own candidacy for Congress against Congressman Reece, that he was removed from the position by wire, and after that he came out in a public statement denying any knowledge of his removal or that his services were not satisfactory. It was later reported that the Coolidge campaign buttons sent out for distribution in Tennessee were found in a garbage dump near Johnson City.

When Sam Sells came to Elizabethton in a third attempt to name his successor, after he had been repudiated by the people more than five years ago, I did not resent, as I have already said, the remarks made by him concerning me, but I did resent, along with the good people of Carter County, the ridiculous manner in which he on several occasions referred to the wife of Congressman Reece, while he himself was in a hospital in Johnson City, suffering from infirmities due to his exposures in France.

I am not surprised, however, when I remember that he is the same Sam Sells, who, after Colonel Brownlow had accomplished such a wonderful work for the First Congressional District, and had been of great service to him in time of need, betrayed him, and abused him and ridiculed his great work until the time of his death, and on several occasions used the name of the members of his family in his public utterances.

I well remember that when Judge D. A. Vines announced to the people that he would be a candidate for a place as a delegate to the National Republican Convention, that this same Sam Sells came out in a public statement in which he said that he would "Mash hell out of Dave Vines". Since that time Mr. Sells has been repudiated and Judge Vines is now running unopposed for a second term as Circuit Judge.

The people have not forgotten when this same Sam Sells, insane with power and suffering with a case of political big head, denounced in a public speech in 1920, that great labor leader, Samuel Gompers, who had done such a wonderful work for the toiling millions of America.

He is the same Sam Sells of Elevator fame, though he had been honored by the people of the First District for ten years with a seat in Congress, when a Federal Judgeship became vacant, could not find a

man in his District good enough for the job, but again betrayed his people, and joined the forces in the Second District.

Well do I remember that this same Sam Sells, poisoned with bitterness, six years ago, when Colonel Grant Trent announced for Congress against him, denounced him in the public press of the District, charging that "while the boys were fighting in France, that Colonel Trent was sitting in Washington in a swivel-back chair, eating plank steak and drinking near-beer", and at this same time made the statement that if a real soldier would announce that he would gladly relinquish the track. Colonel Trent withdrew, and a real soldier with a wonderful record did announce, and he not only did not relinquish the track, but when he had been defeated by the people of the District, immediately contested the nomination of the young soldier.

The ex-Congressman would have you believe that Congressman Reece has accomplished nothing for his District during his five years in Congress, and for your information I take pleasure in giving you the record of each for a period of five years, together with the military record of each of these two men.

Records of Congressman Reece and Congressman Sells compared during the first five years of each, this being all that Congressman Reece has served.

| | Reece | Sells |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Bills introduced and passed by the House----- | 110 | 50 |
| Absent from Congress and did not vote----- | 50 times | 365 times |
| Present and voted----- | 939 times | 270 times. |

During this time Congressman Reece has secured for the First District more than three times as many Federal appointments as did Mr. Sells.

Reece has secured about a million dollars of Federal money for the construction of highways in the District. Sells did not secure a dollar of Federal aid during his first two and one-half terms in Congress.

Reece has secured the purchase of more than 75,000 acres of mountain land in the First District as a Federal Forest Reserve. Sells did not secure the purchase of anything like this much during the whole ten years he was in Congress.

Reece had a large part in securing the Great Smoky Mountain National Park for the State. Sells secured no great Federal project and on this occasion denounced Reece for his support of the bill.

MILITARY RECORDS

REECE: Entered the World War a few days after the war was declared. Served about two years in France. Was at the front for 210 days. Was engaged in 20 battles. Was wounded in action. Was cited for bravery in action and for rescuing wounded men at great danger to himself, by General Pershing, Marshal Petain, General Edwards, General Hale, and Colonel Lewis. Was decorated for extraordinary valor and devotion to duty in battle with the Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

SELLS: Is it not a fact, Mr. Sells, that you were a member of Company "F", Third Tennessee Infantry Vol., from April 25, 1898 to November 30, 1898? Is it not a fact and does the record not show that you were reported on the Company records as absent without leave from October 28, to November 6, 1898, and absent in desertion from November 7, 1898 to November 15, 1898? Is it not a fact that on your return to the service you were placed in arrest until November 29, 1898? Is it not a fact that the only citation you had while in the service was for desertion, and that Colonel Brownlow through the efforts of your father interceded in your behalf and that it was then that you were released and discharged from the service on the following day?

Tennessees. I have not yet been asked to give the Independence speech which my press reports and by my friends, but I think occasion

Government.

fully agree with him.

people, and I am not in the least afraid of the final verdict.

EDWIN CRAWFORD ALEXANDER

Fifth City Manager
November 14, 1933 to October 19, 1936

Seventh City Manager
May 20, 1937 to May 4, 1945

Edwin Crawford Alexander was born February 23, 1879, a son of James Harvey and Senorita Virginia (Lutz) Alexander. His father, Dr. James Harvey Alexander, after thorough education and training, entered active medical practice in Elizabethton, and practiced until his death in 1905.

Edwin Crawford Alexander received his early education in the public schools of Carter County, and then became a student in Maryville College at Maryville, Tennessee, where he received an excellent literary education, and in 1902 was appointed postmaster of Elizabethton. He served in this office for seven years, and in 1910, he assisted in the organization of the First National Bank of Elizabethton, and served as its President for many years.

On February 13, 1914, Mr. Alexander married Miss Lillian Gardner, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gardner of Maryland. They were the parents of four children: Virginia, Edwin C., Jr., Thad Cox and James Henry.

During his business career, he also served as President of the Mountain Springs Water Company, Acme Coal and Land Company, Watauga Development Corporation, as a member of the State Board of Equilization, and as a Republican member of the State Election Commission for several years. During this active career in the City of Elizabethton, he was instrumental in securing for Elizabethton the two large textile corporations.

In January 1934, he was elected City Manager of Elizabethton. At this time the City of Elizabethton was virtually in bankruptcy, and he with the approval and acceptance of the City Council was able to refund the City's large defaulted debt in 1935 with many thousands of dollars in interest savings. Again in 1941 he was successful in refunding the City's debt while pledging the water system's revenue to aid in the retirement of this debt.

Mr. Alexander died October 30, 1945.

| CITY MANAGER | OFFICE TENURE | ALDERMEN, COUNCILMEN OR COMMISSIONERS |
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| Dayton Hunter | August 17, 1922 to March 15, 1923 | Harry Shultz Robert Moreland H. C. Kane J. A. Arney, Recorder |
| T. E. Whitaker | March 15, 1923 to September 15, 1924 | R. B. Moreland H. C. Kane Harry Shultz J. A. Arney, Recorder |
| E. R. Lingerfelt | September 15, 1924 to July 13, 1929 | R. B. Moreland H. C. Kane Harry Shultz J. A. Arney, Recorder |
| J. A. Smith | July 13, 1929 to November 14, 1933 | C. C. Hacker H. C. Kane F. W. Hathaway J. C. Bowers R. B. Moreland |
| E. C. Alexander | November 14, 1933 to October 19, 1936 | J. C. Bowers C. C. Hacker F. W. Hathaway, Mayor W. E. Grindstaff J. D. Brummit |
| Nat C. Nave | October 19, 1936 to May 20, 1937 | J. C. Bowers, Mayor J. D. Brumit F. E. Dungan W. E. Grindstaff F. W. Hathaway |
| E. C. Alexander | May 20, 1937 to May 4, 1945 | J. C. Bowers, Mayor J. D. Brumit F. E. Dungan W. E. Grindstaff F. W. Hathaway L. C. Miller C. C. Hacker |
| | | J. C. Bowers Joe Allen F. T. Carrier G. H. Murray L. D. Chambers L. C. Miller W. E. Grindstaff |

M. L. Carriger

May 17, 1945 to
July 31, 1948

J. C. Bowers, Mayor
Joe Allen
George Angel
C. C. Brown
W. R. Childress
L. D. Chambers
F. W. Hathaway

E. L. Bowers

August 13, 1948 to
August 21, 1952

Dr. W. G. Frost, Mayor
Paul Goodwin
James W. Hunnicutt
Earnest C. Nave
Earl M. Reasor
C. C. Street
F. C. Ward

David A. Burkhalter

September 5, 1952 to
August 15, 1956

Frank Dungan, Mayor
Edwin Alexander
Dr. W. G. Frost
Fred W. Hathaway
Ivan B. Hendrickson
James W. Hunnicutt
Earl M. Reasor

W. P. Crumley

October 18, 1956 to
October 5, 1965

Dr. W. G. Frost, Mayor
Frank E. Dungan
Ray S. Hansford
Fred W. Hathaway
Ivan B. Hendrickson
James W. Hunnicutt
C. J. Wagner

Dr. W. G. Frost, Mayor
Dick Bain
James Hunnicutt
Bert Johnson
Thomas Presnell
D. M. Sholes
C. J. Wagner

Kenneth R. Devero

February 15, 1966 to

John L. Bowers, Jr., Mayor
Ronald J. Martin
E. Glenn Isaacs
Gon Z. Robinson
Dr. Harold W. Ziehm
Walter "Buck" Vanhuss
Rev. William J. Carter
M. M. Morriss
John W. Fetzner
F. E. Ogle
James Cathlyn