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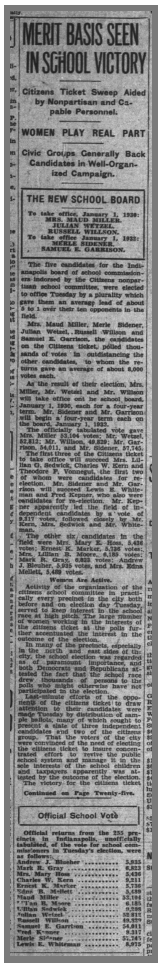

MERIT BASIS SEEN IN SCHOOL VICTORY

Citizens Ticket Sweep Aided by Nonpartisan and Capable Personnel.

WOMEN PLAY REAL PART

Civic Groups Generally Back Candidates in Well-Organized Campaign.

THE NEW SCHOOL BOARD

To take office January 1, 1930:
MRS. MAUD MILLER.
JULIAN WETZEL.
RUSSELL WILSON.
To take office January 1, 1932:
MERLE SIDENER.
SAMUEL E. GARRISON.

The five candidates for the Indianapolis board of school commissioners indorsed by the Citizens nonpartisan school committee, were elected to office Tuesday by a plurality which gave them an average lead of about 5 to 1 over their ten opponents in the field.

Mrs. Maud Miller, Merle Sidener, Julian Wetzel, Russell Wilson and Samuel E. Garrison, the candidates on the Citizens ticket, polled thousands of votes in outdistancing the other candidates, to whom the returns gave an average of about 6,000 votes each.

As the result of their election, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Wetzel and Mr. Wilson will take office on the school board, January 1, 1930, each for a four-year term. Mr. Sidener and Mr. Garrison will begin a four-year term each on the board, January 1, 1932.

The officially tabulated vote gave Mrs. Miller, 48,834; Mr. Wetzel, 52,811; Mr. Wilson, 48,834; Mr. Garrison, 54,011, and Mr. Sidener, 57,745.

The first three of the Citizens ticket to take office will succeed Mrs. Lillian B. Moore, Charles W. Kern and Theodore F. Vonnegut, the first two of whom were candidates for re-election. Mr. Sidener and Mr. Garrison will succeed Lewis E. Whiteman and Fred Kepner, who also were candidates for re-election. Mr. Kepner received the highest vote of the nonpartisan candidates, a total of 57,817 votes, followed closely by Mr. Kern, Mrs. Sedwick and Mr. Whiteman.

The other six candidates in the field were Mrs. Mary E. Hess, 5,436 votes; Mrs. Ulius Sedwick, 5,288 votes; Mrs. Lillian B. Moore, 6,185 votes; Mark R. Gray, 8,853 votes; Andrew J. Hooker, 5,953 votes, and Mrs. Edna Mellett, 5,489 votes.

Women Are Active.

Arising of the organization of the citizens school committee in practically every precinct in the city both men and women have been active and served to keep interest in the school race at high pitch. The large number of women working in the interests of the citizens ticket at the polls furthermore, is believed to have influenced to the outcome of the election.

In many of the precincts, especially in the north and east sides of the city, the school election was regarded as of paramount importance, and both Democrats and Republicans actively worked to get out the vote. Hundreds of persons to the polls who might otherwise have not participated in the election.

Last-minute efforts of the opposition to offset the gains made by the addition to their candidates were made Tuesday by distribution of sample ballots, many of which sought to present a slate of three independent candidates and two of the nonpartisan group. That the voters of the city were convinced of the need of electing the citizens ticket to insure concentrated effort to revive the public school system, however, and that the real interests of the school children were paramount apparently was attested by the outcome of the election. The victory for the citizens ticket

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Official School Vote

Official returns from the 255 precincts in Indianapolis, unofficially tabulated, of the vote for school commissioners in Tuesday's election, were as follows:

Andrew J. Hooker	5,953
Mark R. Gray	8,853
Mrs. Mary Hess	5,436
Charles W. Kern	8,211
Theo. F. Vonnegut	7,189
Miss B. Moore	6,185
Maud Miller	10,194
**Van B. Moore	6,185
Ulius Sedwick	5,288
Julian Wetzel	10,915
Russell Wilson	10,834
Samuel Garrison	11,921
Fred Kepner	9,817
Merle Sidener	11,545
Lewis E. Whiteman	9,879

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