

CONTEST RAGES OVER ELECTION IN KENILWORTH

Charges And Counter-Charges Grow Out Of Tuesday's Election

CANDIDATES MAKE WARM STATEMENTS

"Peoples Ticket," "Taxpayers Ticket" Forces Clash Sharply

On the eve of Kenilworth's municipal election, which takes place Tuesday, the fight of more than 100 voters of the "Peoples Ticket" in vote has been challenged by A. H. Adams, representing the "Taxpayers Ticket," and there appears to be a bitter war in store for 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon when the challenges will be heard before the election board.

Both of the tickets, it is understood, have employed Asheville attorneys to counsel them.

The members of the "Peoples Ticket" so-called are: Dr. C. P. Edwards for Mayor; Roscoe A. Marvel, Jack Faulstich, and G. O. Shephard for commissioners.

The members of the "Taxpayer's Ticket" so-called are: B. W. Romagosa for Mayor; A. H. Adams, G. L. Harrell, and M. K. Zindel for commissioners.

No Reason
The reason for the challenges has not yet been made public. This information is expected to be revealed at the hearing tomorrow afternoon, and from indications yesterday evening the hearing will not be any Sunday School meeting. Feeling is running high over the election with the "Peoples Ticket" standing pat upon the ground that Kenilworth's affairs are sound, and the Taxpayers ticket stoutly maintaining that the affairs of Kenilworth have been conducted in the interest of the private affairs of "a wifful handful of men who have been in office or now hold office."

One of the main bones of contention in the fight is the allegation of the "Taxpayer's Ticket" that the incumbent administration is lacking the "Peoples Ticket" because there are certain things in the conduct of the books and the affairs of the town of Kenilworth which the incumbents want to keep quiet. The "Peoples Ticket" declares that the books of the town are open to public inspection, and speak for themselves.

Another bone of contention is the allegation of the "Taxpayer's Ticket" that the incumbent administration and their predecessors squandered the people's money in buying some parks; that no regular and authorized election has been called to vote on a bond issue for the purchase of these Parks; and that there is no record of any deed ever having passed from the Kenilworth Development Company to the Town of Kenilworth.

Open Books
The "Peoples Ticket" answered yesterday by laying open the books of the Town of Kenilworth, and produced the following statement:

Made by Mayor James H. Caine, Roscoe Marvel, and G. O. Shephard. "It has been charged that the Parks of Kenilworth have not been purchased in a proper and legal manner. One of the chief accusers is M. K. Zindel who was a former commissioner and one time Mayor of Kenilworth."

"Mr. Zindel fails to tell that he participated in the purchase of this property, and signed the orders and minutes in the transaction. An ordinance for a bond issue of \$25,000 for the purchase of parks for the town of Kenilworth was run in The Asheville Citizen December 6-13, 1922, as required by law. On December 4, 1922, a resolution authorizing an election to ascertain the will of the qualified voters was passed. The election was called for January 16, 1923, as shown by the records. The resolution was signed by J. M. Chiles, E. G. Hester, M. K. Zindel—one of the present candidates who alleges that the purchase was irregular—and James H. Caine. Mr. Zindel also claims that there is no record that any regular election ever was held. We should just like to call Mr. Zindel's attention to the fact that a regular election was duly certified to on the books of John D. Crews, Edward Holland and Ben Chiles, judges of election. We should also like to call attention to the fact that the resolution of the commissioners adopting this certification was signed by J. M. Chiles, M. K. Zindel, James H. Caine and E. G. Hester, and the signatures of these were certified to by John D. Crews, town clerk."

Zindel Mayor
"Mr. Zindel then became mayor on March 6, 1923, as shown by the records. In a letter from the Kenilworth Development company several plots of land were offered to the city soon after Mr. Zindel became mayor. They were offered for \$5,000 an acre. Upon motion of Commissioner Caine, seconded by Commissioner Holland the proposition of the Kenilworth Development company for purchase of about five acres of land was accepted and a resolution was passed authorizing the treasurer to pay \$25,000 for the parks. This resolution was signed by M. K. Zindel, J. H. Caine, Edward Holland and

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