

# HOOSIER EARLY MANAGER FOR VIRGINIA TOWN

Edward A. Beck Made Pro-  
nounced Success at  
Lynchburg.

One of the first city managers was the late Edward A. Beck, a Hoosier, who transformed Lynchburg, Va., from a town dependent on tobacco and fruit growing to a city of diversified industries, with up-to-date educational institutions and splendid railroad facilities.

Mr. Beck, born at Peru, Ind., was a Purdue University graduate and brother of A. J. Beck, 2635 N. Illinois St.

His administration of city affairs as city manager for five years was considered a pronounced success. He became city manager Sept. 1, 1920, and died Oct. 18, 1925.

As assistant engineer of the Wabash Railroad, Mr. Beck designed and supervised the construction of the Detroit tunnels, a work of unusual magnitude, wide experience as an engineer fitted him for the position of city manager, and in 1917, he was selected from 516 applicants for city manager of Goldsboro, N. C. He also served as borough manager at Pittsburgh, Pa. All departments were reorganized on a business basis to function under city manager form soon after Mr. Beck went to Lynchburg. He installed the system of monthly departmental reports, published in booklets for public distribution. He supervised resurfacing of 70 per cent of the city's streets and extended the sewage system.

"An able and far seeing executive, his five years at the helm of Lynchburg's business affairs was productive of rapid advancement in many directions. To Mr. Beck more than to any other city official can be attributed the success of the city manager form of government here for he evidenced a keen understanding of city problems which with his

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business thoroughness and his capacity for hard work made it possible for Lynchburg to go forward along sane and progressive lines," said the Lynchburg Advance, editorially.

The Lynchburg News said: "An engineer and executive of ability, Mr. Beck added to sane conservatism, a vision which enabled him to administer Lynchburg's

affairs wisely and well. Although a public officer, Mr. Beck was not active in politics, wisely holding that in municipal affairs inter-party strife should play but small part. Indeed he was not a party man if that term

be taken to imply anything of blind allegiance to a political organization. He wholeheartedly subscribed to the doctrine that government should be for the whole people and not by a few for a few."

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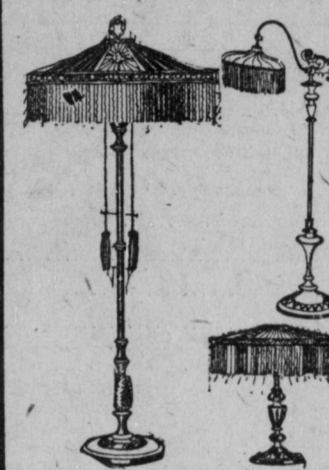
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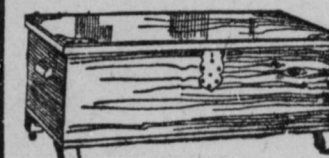
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