

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 Lynch-
burg, 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. Illi-
nois 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 de-
signed and supervised the construc-
tion of the Detroit tunnels, a work
of unusual magnitude, wide experi-
ence as an engineer fitted him for
the position of city manager, and
in 1917, he was selected from 516
applicants for city manager of Golds-
boro, 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 in-
stalled the system of monthly de-
partmental reports, published in
booklets for public distribution. He
supervised resurfacing of 70 per
cent of the city's streets an 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 evidences a keen understand-
ing of city problems which with his

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By Times Special
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big meat eaters. Figures issued by
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preceding year.

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By Times Special
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gers to the most convenient railway
station stop. The bus service was
inaugurated because persons living
in villages between here and Clifton
are not provided with a convenient
station.

business thoroughness and his
capacity for hard work made it
possible for Lynchburg to go for-
ward 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 con-
servatism, 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
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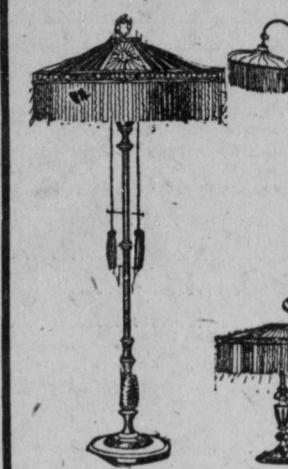
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