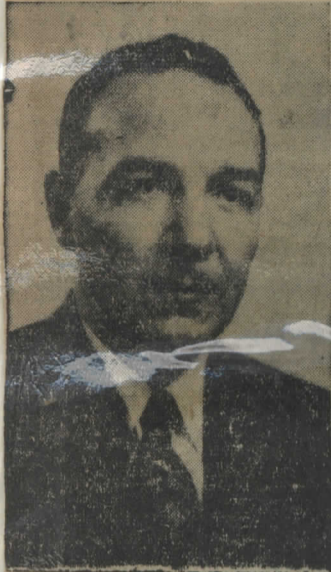


# Candidates Vying for Council Seats

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GEORGE EDWARDS



GEORGE HIGGINS



WILLIAM J. BENHAM



GEORGE CATHCART

## LARGEST TURNOUT

*Negroes - Pol. Activities*

# Negro Candidates in Tuesday's Primary

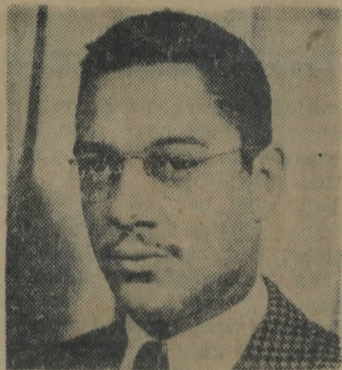
The largest turnout of office seekers from the Negro community in recent experience will face the voters September 10th in the Primary elections.

Leading the field of candidates for Common Council are William T. Patrick, Rep. George H. Edwards and Rep. Charles M. Diggs.

These candidates are considered the front runners in a field which includes Frederick E. Byrd, Charles R. Biggs, William J. Bonham, George W. Cathcart, Mrs. Beatrice N. Johnson, Thomas B. Rivers, Johnny Carey, Mary E. Payne and Amos Varey.

Competing in the race for City Treasurer is George A. Higgins, city health inspector and insurance agent.

The unusual turnout of Negro office seekers comes strangely enough at a time when there is less interest in a City election than the city has experienced in many years and when the total field of 77 candidates for Common Council has reflected less interest in that office than previously.



FREDERICK BYRD

# Dr. Burton Makes Statewide History

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*Negroes - Political Activities*  
Davenport Second in Recorder's Race; Letts Wins Municipal Judgeship in G.R.

Recorder's Judge Elvin L. Davenport, Circuit Judge Wade McCree and Dr. D. T. Burton, Democratic nominee to the Board of Governors of Wayne State University scored impressive victories this week in the record turnout of voters for the 1959 Spring election.

Dr. D. T. Burton became the first Negro to win a state wide office in the history of the state. He will serve a two-year term on the newly-created Wayne State Board of Governors.

The victory of Dr. D. T. Burton marked a high point in a civic and political career which has seen the well

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Judge Elvin Davenport finished second in the field of nine elected Recorder's Judges and Judge McCree after leading the Circuit Court ticket most of the way finished a strong fifth in the elected field of 18.

Albert B. Chennault, Republican candidate for the Wayne State Board of Governors, made a strong showing but was unable to overcome the leads built up by Democrats Leonard Woodcock and Dr. Michael Ference.

On the state level, Supreme Court Justices George H. Edwards and John D. Voelker were re-elected easily.

The resounding victory of the two school proposals authorizing an increase in the millage and a bond issue for school construction was conceded in all quarters to be a victory of the citizen groups of Detroit.

Outstate history was made as John T. Letts, an assistant prosecuting attorney, became the first Negro to be elected to public office when he won easily in the race for Municipal Judge in Grand Rapids.



WADE H. MCCREE



DR. D. T. BURTON



ELVIN L. DAVENPORT