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Howie Will Close In Tribute To F. D. Roosevelt Announces Decision Not To Run For Council

'Citizens' Will Offer Full Ticket

Two Out For School Board

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Announcement of his decision to withdraw from public service, after ten years on the City Council, was made today by Councilman W. N. Howie, who said he will not be a candidate for re-election at the forthcoming municipal election.

The days only other development was further assurance from the Citizens Group that "we will have a slate of seven good men, a ticket that everybody can support."

Formal disclosure of the list of candidates was made today, and it was announced that the Citizens' committee of 22 is approaching the end of its assignment in obtaining consent of good men to run for the Council. Announcement will probably be made tomorrow, if the loose ends can be gathered up and the full slate completed.

BUSINESS DEMANDS
Mr. Howie, who today announced that he will not run again, said that his demands on his business in these days of manpower shortage are such that he cannot devote any further time to political campaign. "I have served for ten years and am proud that I have been a part of good government at the City Hall these years. I have enjoyed my association with the city and the council, but I cannot find the time to continue."

Elected in 1933 at the beginning of the Douglas administration, Mr. Howie went on the Council at the age of 30 years, probably one of the youngest. He is the youngest ever to be elected to the City's governing body. He is completing his third term.

At the office of the Mecklenburg Board of Elections it was learned that Mr. Howie, who calls himself "Poor Boy" Brown, 61 Belmont Ave., had formed a committee for the City Council. He was only the fourth to file with the board. The others were B. Thomas, Jr., president of the Citizens' group, and James A. Williams, who operates a filling station at 1021 Belmont Ave.

OTHER CANDIDATES
Two additional candidates for the City School Board were also announced today. They are: Charles Barkley, attorney, 645 Broadway Road, and Courtney R. Maury, 116 Cambridge Road, trust officer and assistant secretary of the Western Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Maury had previously announced that she would be a candidate for one of the three places on the school board to be filled at the municipal election.

Leon P. Harris, Negro lawyer, is the only candidate for the school board who is formally recorded with the Election Board.

Mr. Barkley is a former Charlotte newspaper man, having worked on both The Charlotte News and The Charlotte Observer. This year he was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Public Prosecutors, which is held in Raleigh where he covered the state capital for several years. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was City solicitor and established an office as public prosecutor. He and Mrs. Barkley have two sons, one a student at the University of North Carolina and the other a pupil at Alexander Graham Junior High School here.

Mr. Maury has been prominent in civic affairs and has been active in the Citizens' group.

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Will Not Open Doors Tomorrow

City In Mourning For President

Directors of the Charlotte Merchants Association issued in mid-afternoon an announcement that all retail concerns of this city were requested to close all day tomorrow in observance of the American Day of Mourning, which was proclaimed by President Truman.

At the second of the directors' special sessions of the day, the board expressed approval of Mayor I. H. Baxter's proclamation which declared a day of mourning for his country, according to the announcement by L. V. Wells, the merchants' executive secretary.

O. D. Bruns, president of the organization, presided at each of the special meetings, one held in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Between the meetings, Mr. Wells talked by telephone with the office of Low Hahn in New York, managing director of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, to obtain his advice regarding the policy for this city in observance of Mr. Roosevelt's death.

Mr. Wells was told by the NRDDGA that all large cities of the United States are closing their retail establishments throughout the morning and the smaller cities are falling rapidly into line, so it looks like there will be almost a complete suspension of retail trade tomorrow over the Country as a tribute to the late President.

Any Charlotte merchants who are engaged in operations "necessary for the welfare of the community or for the war effort" and those which have operating hours peculiar to themselves may remain open all or part of the morning, as the executives of these establishments may determine.

Informal surveys of sentiment among the store executives here were made in the course of the afternoon. Mr. Wells reported, and "we learned that there was strong support for the plan to close the stores all day tomorrow."

By J. A. DALY
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Though still chilled with regret and grief over the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Charlotte's people, business and industry spokesmen and leaders in civic and religious affairs expressed today their best wishes for the new President, Harry S. Truman, and hastened preparations for joining fully tomorrow in the American day of national mourning.

Numerous military, civic and religious organizations will hold memorial services tomorrow, mostly scheduled with the funeral of the late President in the National City Hall. The funeral of the late President of the United States, commander-in-chief of the Nation's armed forces and world statesman. Several groups held tributes to the late President at meetings today. In the City's public schools brief periods were devoted to eulogies and simple memorials for the World War II President, the teachers taking the lead. Classes were stopped an hour earlier than normal this afternoon.

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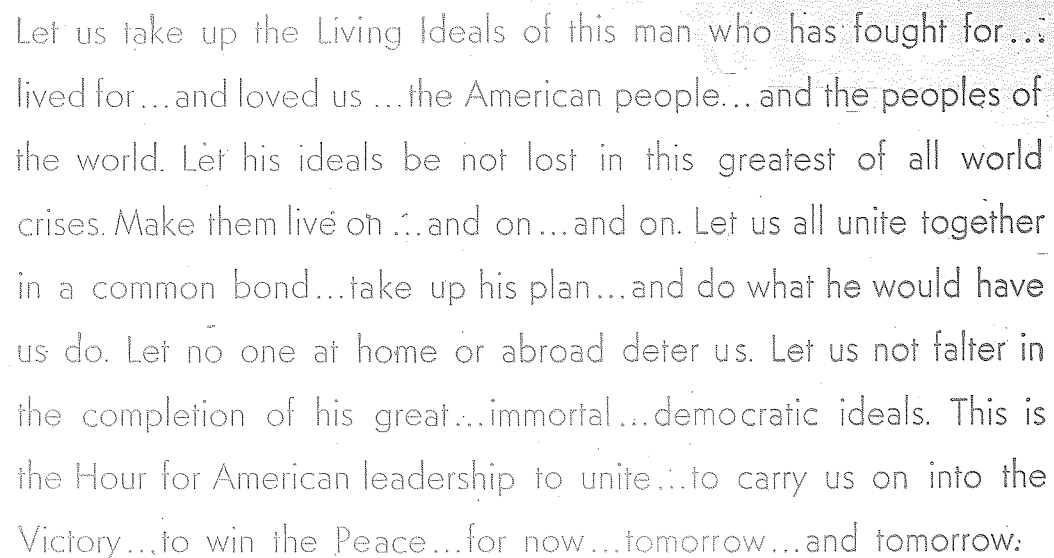
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