Young A. Broussard
Elected In Abbeville

5 Candidates For Council
On Ticket Named To Office

Young A. Broussard was elected mayor of Abbeville Saturday by a narrow margin of 129 votes over incumbent Mayor Earl J. Fritz.

Five city council candidates on the Broussard ticket were elected by an overwhelming majority. Two candidates for municipal Democratic executive committee on the Broussard ticket were also elected.

Only one Fritz ticket candidate was elected, as a member of the municipal Democratic executive committee. Another entered a second primary.

Broussard polled 2,135 votes and Fritz was given 2,006. Broussard carried four of the seven precincts. Broussard's victory was assured when Mayor Fritz failed to get a majority at a precinct which was considered a Fritz stronghold.

Walter Dominque, running on the Fritz ticket, polled 1,626 votes for the chief of police post, with incumbent Albert L. Lepley claiming 1,075 votes, to comprise a second primary which has been set for May 12. They are the only two candidates in the entire Abbeville race to enter a second primary.

Defeated candidates for police chief are Benedict L. "Benny" Morell with 786 votes, and Aurelie Habelt Jr. with 436 votes.

Guy Broussard led the council candidates for election with 1,917 votes. Also elected are Goldman Viator with 1,778, Harold Sellers with 1,756, Justin J. Broussard with 1,722, and Willie "Slim" Meaux with 1,644.

The defeated Fritz council candidates are Emile Dufil with 1,591 votes, Ernest Lormand with 1,500, Carl Hance with 1,391, Preston Echeverria with 1,355, and Andrew "Bill" Touchet with 1,286 votes.

Odie Abshire Jr. led the executive committee field candidates with a total 1,628 votes for election. Elected with him on the Broussard ticket is Nelson J. Hebert with 1,623 votes. Alfred Abshire, a Fritz ticket candidate, is the only one elected in the primary.

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1,641 votes as second top runner.

Defeated executive committee candidates are E. R. Bergeron with 1,336 votes, Aubrey Blanchet with 1,504, Clarence Boudinot with 1,175, and Israel Parker with 514 votes.

Tabulations by precinct in the Abbeville election appear elsewhere in this issue of the Meridional.