

# Vote Intelligently; Examine Six Candidates' Qualifications!

## Harry E. Bissett

HARRY E. BISSETT, of 171 Henrietta street, has been a resident of Birmingham 11 years, and is engaged in the electrical appliance business. He is 54 years old, married and the father of one child.

### AIMS AND POLICIES

"Any statement I might make at this time which would tend to influence the people in their choice for the office of City Commissioner should, in my opinion, be a simple statement of opinion. "The people's choice for this office, should, in my mind, be based on what they already know and believe which would qualify a candidate for this office and not on what he might say in a facinorous statement setting forth his qualifications. "I am opposed to 'hallooing' at election time as I believe candi-

dates should be drafted to serve in public office. "Too many candidates have been elected on promises which they never kept and in many cases knew they could never keep, and that was this: "Before my petitions were filed, I was asked if I would serve if petitions were taken out for me and I promised I would. "Now that my name has been proposed, I wish to make myself clear on a very few points. "If I am elected, I will face issues as they arise, and not in the future, the same as I would in my own business, for the best interests of all. "I believe in Birmingham and its future as a residential community. "I fully realize the importance and seriousness of the service to be rendered and would conduct myself accordingly."

## Ralph I. Coryell

RALPH I. COREYLL, of 632 Oak street, was born in East Lansing in 1892. He was graduated from Birmingham High School in 1910 and Michigan State College in 1914. In that year he entered the nursery business with his father, the late R. J. Coryell, and

has been identified with this business with the exception of a few years. He is now general manager. He served in the U. S. Army in 1917 and arrived in France with the first "10000 of the A. E. F. He went to the front with the 96th Squadron, the first bombing squadron of the A. E. F., first as assistant pilot as chief observer, and then was transferred to the 2nd Day Bomb Group as observer. He was in charge of operations to be launched against German objectives, which he did on several occasions. He married Grace Gillett in 1920. Their children include Margaret, at Wooster College; Betty and Ralph Jr., in Baldwin High. He is a member of First Presbyterian Church and the American Legion.

Mr. Coryell was formerly a member of the Village Planning Commission, later Village Commissioner in 1927. He was a member of the City Charter Commission. He has served as secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Association of Mayors and director of Michigan Society for Children. In connection with the City Charter Commission, Coryell Park was planned and executed and several roads laid out. He has also worked with the committee of a city of 100,000 public capacity, and has performed in various capacities for the Republican party.

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  
Two large problems face the public today, unemployment and inflation. The first must be solved by private initiative with the cooperation of public agencies and is largely a national problem. The latter is both local and national in scope.

In Birmingham I feel every effort must be expended to improve the efficiency of city operation and yet keep the cost within moderate bounds. The average citizen must be encouraged to go along with his plans without the fear of crippling taxes and restriction on the part of our various governments.

"Birmingham is an attractive suburb and should be kept so in that it may attract new citizens here to build new homes. Cooperation between the city and citizens is essential.

"The best of feeling is maintained with other candidates and the public may expect the election with full confidence that any two of the candidates will serve the city well."

## HAS NEW OWNERS



This Colonial home, located at 911 Madison Avenue, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Whitney. "This is one of several homes recently sold in the Adams Square district," according to Ed Rieker, of Snyder, Buck & Bennett, who negotiated the deal. The former owners, Mr. and Mrs. Myron E. Snyder, are building their new home on Kenwood Court in Harrogate.

to be maintained through the continued enforcement of the zoning law. The ordinance should be amended only where the desirability of a change can be demonstrated beyond a doubt.

"If elected to the City Commission I shall try to give impartial consideration to all the people of the City. I do not support, nor do I intend to represent any one section of the City, for in my opinion, city sectionalism has no place in Birmingham.

"It is my firm conviction that a person should be elected to the office of Commissioner who has 'personal axe to grind,' or who is pledged to, or is being backed by, any political party, can assure all voters that neither of these objections applies to me."

## Arthur J. Kane

ARTHUR J. KANE, of 707 Purdy street, incumbent City Commissioner, has been a resident of Birmingham 15 years. He is 46 years of age, married, and a salesman for the Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co.

**AIMS AND POLICIES**  
"I wish to say that I have been a member of the City Commission for the past 6 1/2 years. I was appointed in October, 1931, to fill the unexpired term of the late T. B. Smith and was elected in 1931 and again in 1937.

"During the period of time that I have served as City Commissioner I have seen a great many changes take place in Birmingham and in my estimation they have all contributed in some way to make our town a better place in which to live.

"Personally, I do not take any credit for any of these accomplishments as I feel the credit is due to the Commission as a whole. I wish to say just a few words in regard to the financial condition of the City.

"During the period from Dec. 31, 1932, to June 30, 1937, the City debt was reduced \$1,577,407. "In addition to the reduction in debt and in spite of the two new bond issues floated over \$1,500,000 has been expended for necessary improvements and services.

**AIMS AND POLICIES**  
"While I see no inherent advantage in placing young persons in governmental office, I do believe that such a person is highly needed in Birmingham. In addition to bringing new views and ideas to the Commission, it would have the advantage of serving with the present Commissioners to the expiration of their terms.

"With the exception of Commissioner Kane, who is 47 years old, the Commission for the City of Birmingham is made up of men whose ages range from 32 to 62 years. One of these, Mr. Lawrence Hulbert, who has carried the City's program as Commissioner for 12 years, has refused to accept re-election, and as a result, the City loses the benefit of his services after April 1 of this year. It seems reasonable that other members of the Commission will conclude, as did Mr. Hulbert, that they have borne their share of civic duties, and will also refuse to stand as candidates for reelection as their terms expire. The fact that all of the members of the Commission are of approximately the same age may result in wholesale retirements within the near future, and in this circumstance arises, the City of Birmingham will be forced to fill these vacancies with men without previous legislative experience. It would appear prudent to recognize this danger by electing a younger man as Commissioner at this election.

"My investigation of this City's affairs leads me to believe that its most important need still continues to be that of economical and efficient government. The balancing of the demands of citizens for additional services against the necessity of reasonable taxes is a difficult feat for any legislator, whether he be a United States Senator or a Commissioner for the City of Birmingham. To the best of my ability I shall endeavor to meet each tax dollar is spent for actual necessities.

"The problem of changing the zoning ordinance is one that is frequently before the Commission. Most families have come to Birmingham because it is an ideal community in which to raise their children. This characteristic must

## experience in engineering work and taxation will be useful.

"I believe that economy is very important now. I would work for a sound reduction in our taxes. It has not been interesting to me to note from time to time in the public press of savings that have been made for the taxpayer but I never seem to note it in my tax bill. I would not care at this point to promise anything specific, but my desire would be to effect a gradual decrease of the Birmingham rate. It seems to me that with an increase in assessed valuation each year and an assured collection record, we could commence to make a reduction of a mill or so soon now.

"But there is one thing I shall advocate with all my might and that is a material reduction in the 10 per cent surcharge on our water bill for the expense of the sewage disposal plant. As chairman of the Citizens' committee that sponsored this bond issue, I feel that this can be reduced. My personal bill for water, the 50 per cent surcharge, and all for my softener is greater than service of other utilities such as gas and electric.

"If elected, I will serve in cooperation with the other commissioners and officers for the very best interests of all of Birmingham.

## John E. Long

JOHN E. LONG, of 330 Valley View Lane, known more familiarly as Ned Long, has lived in Birmingham eight years. He is 29 years old, was born in Chicago, attended Northwestern University, whence he was graduated with a degree from the literary school. For some 15 years he has been with the Jam Handy motion picture service as scenic artist, married.

### AIMS AND POLICIES

"I am offering myself as a candidate for election to the City Commission, not for any preconceived ideas of things to be done. However, I fully believe Birmingham should be kept the best place to live.

"I am interested in the government of Birmingham, and I believe that everyone who is concerned with the management of Birmingham should try to take some part in active government.

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## Kennett B. Olson

KENNETT B. OLSON, of 540 HAWTHORNE ROAD, is a native of Missouri, having been born in Kansas City in 1890 and has lived in Birmingham since 1925. He is married and has two children and lives his home where he resides.

He was educated in the public schools of Kansas City and entered the contracting business after a course of training in engineering. Has had extensive experience in the construction of water-works, sewers, paving and roads throughout the Middle West. Now is engaged in insurance and financial fields, being re-funding agent for many school districts in Oakland County.

He served two years as a member of the County Tax Allocation Commission and has for past seven years had extensive experience in taxation through the work of adjusting past due taxes by the use of bonded funds.

**AIMS AND POLICIES**  
"I am a candidate for the office of commissioner for I believe I can serve my community. My past experience in engineering. Try an Eccentric Classified Ad for quick results.

## See Tiny Daughter for First Time



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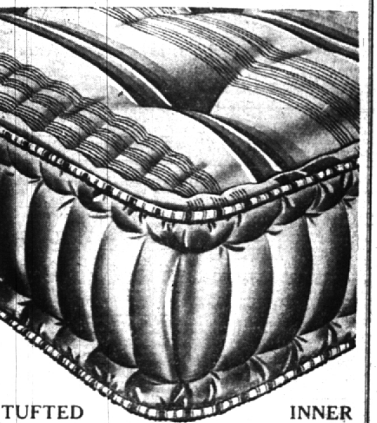
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