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## Biographical Data of City Candidates

(Editor's Note: In the following columns The Eccentric this week presents biographical information obtained from the various candidates seeking election to several city offices at the forthcoming city election, Monday, April 7. The Eccentric has sent to the several candidates for the City Commission a list of ten questions of current interest to Birmingham voters. The candidates' answers will be reprinted in next week's issue.)

### For Commissioner

Donald S. Bell

With his wife and two children, Donald S. Bell, 39, lives at 213 Elm street. Born in Birmingham, he was elected Oakland County coroner in 1936, '37, '38, and '39. Has long participated in the annual city Halloween Party, founded by the Bell family; in Community House fund-raising campaigns; also in fund-raising campaigns for YMCA, USO and Red Cross; worked on War Bond drives; team captain of Woodward general Hospital Special Gifts Committee. He is a member of the Birmingham Lions Club. He is owner of the Bell Funeral Home.

Bruce R. Dodds

Born and educated in Detroit, Bruce R. Dodds, 55, resides with his wife and two daughters at 384 Puritan road. He served as a sergeant in World War I and in World War II served overseas in Europe, was retired as a colonel. In 1921 was elected president of the Automobile Dealers Assn.; is now director of the Michigan Automobile Dealers Assn. and Detroit Auto Dealers Assn. A Ford Motor Co. dealer for 25 years, Dodds is a partner in the Hall-Dodds Agency in Detroit.

S. James Duncan

S. James Duncan, 46, was born in Washington, D. C., where he obtained his high school education. A civil engineering graduate of Carnegie Tech, he has at various times been a construction

Thomas Klingensmith

Thomas Klingensmith, 40, was born in Detroit but has been a resident of Birmingham since 1914. He is a graduate of St. John's Military Academy, Manhattan, N. Y. In 1940 he was president of the local Young Republicans Club, and at the present time is president of the Birmingham VFW post. He is also one of the directors of the Birmingham Veterans Council. He saw overseas duty with the U. S. Army during World War I as a member of an ordnance company in France. He is employed as an engineer with the General Motors Truck Co. in Pontiac. He is married, has one child, and lives at 815 Southfield.

Hazel E. Lawler

A resident of Birmingham since 1910, Mrs. Hazel E. Lawler, 54, widow of the late Lt. Richard W. Lawler of the Birmingham police department, lives at 684 Pierce street. In 1921 was elected village clerk, a position she held for the ensuing seven years; served as secretary of the village council.



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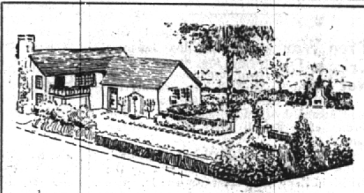
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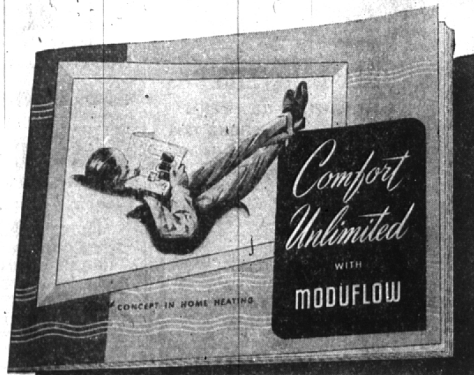
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