

# 17 candidates voice their opinions at lively Township nominations

Nearly 125 enthusiastic ratepayers crowded into Brookville hall on Monday night and listened for close to three hours to one of the liveliest nomination meetings in recent Nassagaweya Township history.

Following nominations for reeve, deputy reeve, three council posts and five positions on the Township Area School Board, 17 candidates spoke to the ratepayers.

Township clerk-treasurer J. C. McIntyre was elected chairman of the meeting. A brief summary of the speeches given by the nominated candidates is as follows:

**REEVE WILLIAM COULTER:** Summarized his work on county council, referring to his duties on the roads, personnel and minor committees. He said work delays have postponed the completion of the new manor from March to probably the end of December and outlined a three-year plan of improvement being used by the county roads department.

He told of Nassagaweya council's presentation to the Minister of Mines regarding quarry operations in the township and referred to the brief concerning quarrying on the escarpment which was presented last Wednesday by representatives of the Halton and Hamilton Region Conservation Authorities to the Select Committee of the Ontario Legislature on Conservation. This, he described, as being an "important document".

The incumbent reeve, in indicating he would seek re-election said that regional government is on the way and "within two years there will be some change. It is our right to insure that we are going to have experienced men on council for the next two years," he said, indicating one of the main reasons why four of the five members of the 1966 council favored having a two-year term.

**DEPUTY-REEVE WILLIAM HOEY** (acclaimed) said he was pleased to see so many ratepayers in attendance again this year. "I think it proves again that interest isn't lagging in Nassagaweya". He welcomed Mayor Les Dudy of Acton and Acton town administrator Jack McGeachie to the meeting.

During the year, he said, some matters were left unresolved but a lot had been accomplished. His 1966 year was a busy year in municipal government and pointed to the releasing of the Plunkett Needs Study and the formulation of a proposed zoning by-law by the Township Planning Board. He maintained the planning of Nassagaweya should be considered as part of a plan of a larger area and suggested a "severe time" should be thinking along the line of building an area within an area. He closed by indicating, "I hope we can do this successfully within the next two years."

**COUNCILLOR WILLIAM MAHON** said he had been on council for four years and mentioned his work on the legislation and by-law committee along with councillor Anne MacArthur during the past year. He said all the by-laws passed by council since 1968 were revised and updated. They will soon be put into book form.

Referring to improvements made at a railway crossing, he indicated that although the total cost was over \$29,000, only \$3,632 actually came out of the township funds. In closing, "I do what I think is right. If it happens to be what you like, that's fine. I hope it's always like that." He declared he would seek re-election.

**COUNCILLOR ANNE MACARTHUR** said she had fulfilled her promise of last year to try to do her best, and noted a change in attitude during the past year of council. She said when ratepayers were called in to voice their opinions on the possible establishment of a wrecking yard, "this was contrary to the way things used to happen, and it was good." As an example of the previous attitude of council she said ratepayers were not consulted when Campbellville Sand and Gravel was established in the township and indicated the council of that day had made concessions to the company.

entertainment. "If I go to a CORDA banquet I pay for it myself," she said. Mrs. MacArthur said she had attended only one banquet where she didn't pay and that was "the Warden's big public relations meeting in the county building."

While indicating she would seek re-election, she said she would continue to question the quarries and keep their misdeeds before the public. She said the present total debt of the Township plus interest over the next 20 years totalled \$800,000. "Only your municipal government can tax you out of existence," she said.

She explained why she had voted against the two year term — "the democratic way to do would have been to let the ratepayers vote on it — and said she would like to see closer relationships between council and ratepayers' groups.

The candidate said she was opposed to the idea of Esquesing and Nassagaweya sharing one representative under Mr. Plunkett's proposal.

She invited all candidates to attend the December meeting of Council and said she would welcome them, whether or not she was victorious in the municipal election.

**COUNCILLOR ROSS GORDON** said he would be a candidate and indicated he had enjoyed his five years on council. He noted that he wouldn't canvass the township and said, "I don't think that anything I could say or do would change your opinion of me very much."

He outlined his work on council's property, personnel and road committees and described how council had thoroughly investigated the purchase of a new road grader before finalizing the purchase. He described improvements made on township roads and paid tribute to the road department employees for their work.

Mr. Gordon favored the two year term for council and said unavoidable time was wasted at the start and close of each year. "The distance between the start and the close of the term gives council a much better opportunity to get things done," he said.

**HORACE BLYTH**, school trustee said as chairman of the 1966 board, he was sorry to learn Dr. Cliff Young would not be seeking re-election to the board for a two-year term. He traced his years on school board from the time he was first elected in 1953, and mentioned the up-to-date elementary school system now in operation in the township, referring to the establishment of the kindergartens and the provisions for home economics and manual art training. In closing he said, "we are deeply convinced that the plans we have for the future will benefit all children who enter the Township school system."

**ARTHUR GIBSON**, school trustee said big changes are in store in the field of education. He said the board favors an overall board of education for the north part of Halton which would look after students from the time they enter kindergarten until they graduate from high school. He defended the board's proposal for a nine-room addition at the Brookville School and indicated the eventual aim of the board was to have large schools at both Eden Mills and Campbellville for students from kindergarten to grade six, and senior public

school at Brookville from grade 7 and 8 students with some provision for students in lower grades.

He said it was his intention to run for re-election and indicated it quite possibly would be the last term of office for the township school board. He noted, "we on the board have started on a program and I would like to be able to help carry it through."

**CLAUDE INGLIS**, school trustee said he was pleased to see that people were interested in running for school board. He said he has enjoyed his work on the board and paid tribute to the staff members and in particular, secretary-treasurer Mrs. Doreen Mahon. He said he favored the carrying out of the board's current plans.

**JACK MCPHAIL**, school trustee, pointed out that this could be the last time a school board would be selected for the township. He noted 1967 will be a busy planning year for the school board.

**ALLAN ACKMAN** (nominated as a candidate for reeve) said several ratepayers and delegations had requested him to run for the reeve's post, but he indicated that he hadn't yet decided whether or not he would seek the position. He said he believed in local government and local representation, and was not in favor of putting the power to directly govern the municipality in the hands of a few at Queen's Park.

Mr. Ackman stated he was proud of the actions of councillor MacArthur during the past year — "she shone like a beacon in the darkness," he said.

He said the Planning Board, considering the limitations of the report submitted by the professional planners, had done a capable job, "but we're not out of the woods yet," he warned. He said he had apprehensions on whether or not the good elements of the proposed by-law and official plan would ever be implemented if regional government became a fact.

He condemned Plunkett's suggestions on representation and indicated he was not happy with current expropriation laws. "I'll let you know tomorrow whether or not I will run."

**A. L. GOUTOUSKI** (candidate for council) said he believed he had the experience to be a worthwhile member of council. "No one has asked me to run, I'm doing this on my own. In fact, some have suggested I might wait, but I don't feel we have the time," he declared.

The candidate said whether or not he is elected, he will go after council with some of his ideas. He acknowledged the work of Mrs. MacArthur — in particular her stand on the two-year term. "At this time it is essential that we do not have a two-year term because if a member doesn't do his job after one year, out he should go."

He said he would like to see that with the taxpayers' dollars and a safety survey. "I don't want to have to attend a funeral because the township couldn't afford stop signs," he said.

**MRS. ELVA NEWTON** (candidate for council) noted, "It looks like we're going to end up with a \$60,000 changing room, for a ball park (the new township administration building which she opposed three years ago.)"

"I'm against regional government, I'm an individualist, first, second and last," she said. She warned ratepayers, if they do away with local government they would live to regret it, and suggested, "what Spooner wants, Spooner gets" (Minister of Municipal Affairs J. W. Spooner).

She said the Plunkett study was first considered a suggestion, but now it is being talked about as an accomplished fact. She said she had time for only one member of the township council and that was Mrs. MacArthur. She believed the two-year term was a good thing, but didn't think it should be shoved down the ratepayers' throats.

She said other municipalities were allowed to vote on the two

year term and asked, "why were we not, are we second class citizens?"

A voice from the crowd suggested, "yes".

The chairman of the meeting interrupted Mrs. Newton when she began to express gross dissatisfaction with the efforts of councillor Ross Gordon.

Mr. McIntyre said, "I think in all fairness, personalities should be kept out of this."

Mrs. Newton asked that a show of hands rule whether or not she continue to speak. Immediately a number of hands were raised in agreement with her, but a number of ratepayers also shouted, opposing her statements.

The candidate made a few more comments then closed with the suggestion, "the choice of the type of government you want is left with you — you make it."

**MRS. WILLIE ESSERY** (candidate for school board) said she would consider it a privilege to be elected to the board. She indicated she would try, if elected, to keep the school board as progressive as it has been in the past. "Just because we are in a rural community doesn't mean we have to take a back seat in education," she concluded.

**CARLO BRYCE** (candidate for school board) said he believed he could help out with the school administration. "I have been educated to spend other people's money wisely and this is a major part of a trustee's duty," he indicated. "School board-wise I have no experience, administration-wise I believe I can make a valuable contribution," he concluded.

**MRS. FRANCES SWEET** (candidate for school board) said she was interested in progressive education. The candidate indicated she was not convinced that home economics and shop classes are of real benefit to 11- and 12-year-old students. "I think we could make better use of our tax dollars, when it is considered that these classes are offered in high school, when, I believe, the children are more likely to benefit from them."

**ROBERT J. GREGG** (candidate for school board) would have won the prize if one was given for the shortest speech of the night. A vote for Gregg will be a vote of interest for the people of Nassagaweya, he stated.

**PATRICK REDGRAVE** (candidate for school board) said he would be privileged to serve on the board. He said he was vitally interested in education and noted, "I know nothing but I, like them, can learn."

**Duncan Moffat**, Nassagaweya Township's representative on the Acton District High School Board reported to the meeting on the board's activities during the past year. He indicated the enrollment now totalled 428 including 53 students from Nassagaweya. The buses, are in use each school day and the cost of bus transportation averages out to 42 cents a mile. Nassagaweya pays 10.44 per cent of the school budget which for

## Run for Nassagaweya council



ROSS GORDON Seeks Sixth Term



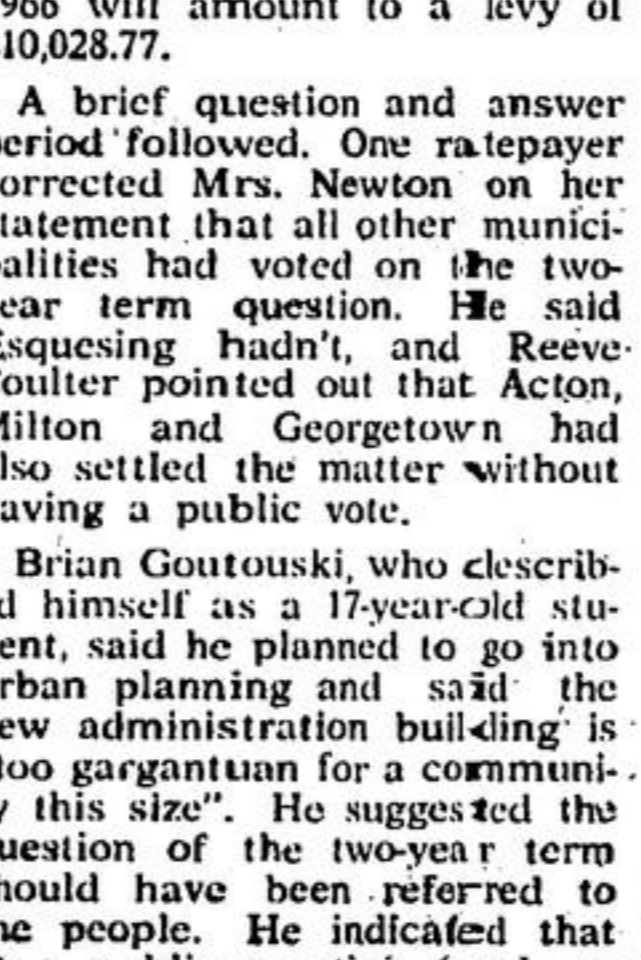
A. L. "GUS" GOUTOUSKI Tries for Council Seat



ANNE MACARTHUR Opposed Two-year Term



WILLIAM MAHON Seeks Fifth Term



MRS. ELVA NEWTON In Search of Council Seat



MRS. FRANCES SWEET Candidate for School Board

## Sheep, strawberry clubs to organize

By Geoff Taylor  
Extension Assistant  
In past years, the Halton 4-H Sheep Club, and more recently the 4-H Strawberry Club, have been quite successful. Organization of these two 4-H Clubs for 1967 is planned for Thursday, December 8, 1966, at the Agricultural Office, Milton, at 8:00 p.m. Any rural boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 21, as of January 1, 1967, are cordially invited to join either one or both of these 4-H Agricultural Clubs.

The 4-H Sheep Club Member cares for a flock of at least five ewes and their lambs, and at the Achievement Day next fall will exhibit one lamb from his or her flock. In addition, records of production costs are maintained.

The 4-H Strawberry Club member, if a first year member, will plant at least 200 strawberry plants in the spring of 1967. Records of production costs are kept, and meetings are held to discuss cultural methods, disease control, and weed and marketing problems. Second year 4-H Strawberry Club members will continue with the strawberry patch they started during their first year, and may wish to add to their planting.

A hike on the Bruce Trail in the Terra Cotta district is scheduled for this Sunday. Toronto hikers are meeting and coming out together, expecting to be joined by more on the 8th Line of Esquesing.

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## Trucks collide dense smoke at dump blamed

New York City had its smog problems last week, and the situation bordered on disastrous. The situation around Acton dump site was nearly as bad, claimed two truckers whose vehicles collided almost head-on near there Thursday afternoon of last week.

Smoke from the burning dump was so thick they didn't see each other, they both told police. Leonard F. Bessey of R.R. 1 Georgetown was driving south on the Third Line, less than a mile south of Highway 7, and a Norm Turner Construction truck driven by William C. Gripps of R.R. 2 Acton was going north. They met at a curve, and the force of the collision sheared the left front wheel off both trucks.

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