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The Editor's Corner

MUNICIPAL PERSONALITIES

This year, with so many new residents who will be casting their municipal ballot for the first time, we thought it would be of interest to devote this week's editorial to some brief glimpses of nominees for public office. First we introduce . . .

● **MAYOR HAROLD CLEAVE**, Georgetown's "head man" for the past two years, who will be guiding the town's affairs for another term by virtue of his acclamation at last Friday's meeting. A life-time resident, he is one of our most successful agricultural residents and has a farm home on the north-west side of No. 7 Highway within town limits. A veteran campaigner, he entered Council in 1927, has been Reeve for two spells, 1930 to 1935 and 1940 to 1942 and was honoured with the Wardenship of Halton in 1935. Defeated in the 1943 mayoralty contest by the then mayor, Joseph Gibbons, he re-entered Council as mayor by acclamation the next year, and defeated Mr. Gibbons in the elections last year. He has a wide variety of interests including the Bowling and Curling Clubs, Oddfellows, two Masonic Lodges. Always interested in sports, he was on the local hockey team some fifteen years ago.

● **THOS. L. LYONS**, retired farmer, who lives on the corner of Edith and Church Streets, is an aspirant for the reeveship after serving seven terms on the Town Council. He has lived in town for the past ten years after selling his farm in the Cheltenham district. Mr. Lyons was the first candidate to declare his 1946 intentions, for at last year's nomination meeting he promised to go "up or out" this year.

● **KEN MacDONALD**, who has represented Georgetown on County Council for two years, was a Councillor before becoming reeve in 1944. This will be Ken's first contest for reeve as he has been given an acclamation in his two previous terms. He has the unique distinction of being one of two manufacturers of knitting machines in Canada and is kept busy serving the needs of the trade from his shop at the rear of the Legion building. At present he is building a new shop behind his home on Market Street, as the Legion needs his present location for an expansion program. A Legion member, Reeve MacDonald is prominent in the Lorne Scots Band and has been president of that organization.

● **JOSEPH GIBBONS**, no stranger to municipal politics, is providing some competition in Ward 1 this year for the two present incumbents who are also in the race. Mayor of Georgetown for ten years, he retired in 1944, made an unsuccessful try at the mayor's chair last year running against Mayor Cleave. Mr. Gibbons lives above his barber shop on Main Street, is a keen student of municipal affairs which are almost a hobby with him. During his term of office he was instrumental in purchasing the present Municipal Building and in the town assuming ownership of the arena.

● **GARFIELD McGILVRAY**, better known as "Mac," is employed with this newspaper, lives in a frame and stucco house on the highway across from the United Church. Ward 1 Councillor for two years, he is the capable secretary of Esqueving Agricultural Society which sponsors the annual Fall Fair and also finds time to act as publicity chairman for the Board of Trade and the Lions Club. He is active in promoting hockey in town and serves on the Official Board of the United Church.

● **W. P. "BILL" THOMPSON** is the fellow who leaves the Maple Leaf Dairy bottle on your doorstep, and is one councillor who will be calling on the voters every day. Representing Ward 1 for the past two years, he is one of the three who seek election in that ward for next year. He lives on George Street, which runs west from the monument and is familiarly known as "Top Street." Bill is an enthusiastic curler.

● **JAMES GOODLET**, making his third bid for office in Ward 3, is a well-known Main Street merchant. Formerly proprietor of what is now Caldwell's Food Store, he purchased the old Reid Hardware this year and turned it into one of the most attractive stores in town. He lives in a new stone home in "The Pines" on Edith Street.

● **BRUCE MacKENZIE**, one of three candidates for Council in Ward 3, is a Georgetown boy who recently came back to town after living in Brampton for a few years. He served with the RCAF in the war, is now local agent for the London Life Insurance Co. Bruce is building a new home across from the bowling green on Edith Street and expects to be moving in before the end of the year.

● **SID. ORR**, Ward 3 Councillor for two years and "Minister of Finance" on last year's Council, is the chap who owns the big white barn at the foot of Charles Street. He moved to Georgetown from the city four years ago and purchased the former Swackhamer home on Maple Avenue. He is an exponent of another bank for Georgetown and has kept a close eye on town expenditures during his term of office.

● **THOS. EASON, Jr.**, is one of four seeking election in Ward 2, which will give two new faces to Council this year, Clifford Bradley having moved to Erin and Jack Armstrong retiring after a two-year term. Tom made one try for Council the year before last. He is employed with Alliance Paper Mills, and has just recently opened the Rosedale Greenhouse in association with his father-in-law, beside their home on Murdock Street. He is a member of the choir and People's Warden at St. George's Church of England.

● **C. E. HERRINGTON**, who conducts a fancy poultry business under the name of Sunset Farm, is a John Street resident who is a candidate in Ward 2. Corey edits a monthly poultry paper, "Feather Fancier", travels around quite a bit as a show judge and is recognized as one of the best in Canada.

● **THOS. L. LESLIE**, a Durham Street resident, is a retired farmer who still takes an active part in the affairs of Esqueving Agricultural Society. A newcomer to local politics, he has been Warden of the County during his service as a township and county councillor.

● **JIM RITCHIE**, also a Ward 2 candidate, is a Georgetown boy making his first try for office. He lives in the Grandview Apartments on Queen Street across from the station, but has recently purchased a lot and intends building himself a new home. During the war he worked at Malton, is now employed with Smith & Stone, and is a prominent curler.

● **W. H. KENTNER**, returns to the Hydro Commission for a two-year term, having received an acclamation. Member of the firms of W. H. Kentner & Son and the Georgetown Lumber Co., he has served several terms on the Commission. He is a resident of Ward 2, living on Emery Street near the CNR station.

● **MISS ANNIE RYAN**, who represents Ward 1 on the Public School Board, is a retired principal of the school. She has played an active part in Red Cross work in Georgetown during the war years. With her sister, Miss K. Ryan, she lives on the Guelph highway across from Holy Cross Church.

● **JOHN D. KELLY**, Ward 2 representative on the School Board, lives on Albert Street, is an official of the Barber Division, Provincial Paper, Ltd. Mr. Kelly is prominent in fraternal and service club work and was instrumental in organizing the Safety Patrol at the Public School.

● **E. V. MacCORMACK**, who again represents Ward 3 on the School Board, is one of Georgetown's Main Street druggists and lives on Charles Street, out past the park. He is also active in fraternal organizations, and is president of the newly-organized Georgetown Recreational Association.

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