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The Editor's Corner

AN IMPORTANT MEETING

Once again this Friday the most important meeting of the year takes place, when the voters have an opportunity of making their nominations for next year's municipal officials. Every year it has been our custom to try in our editorial and news columns to get more voters to attend this meeting, and while we don't flatter ourselves that everyone reads the Herald, we are sure that a great many more people read it than turn up at the meeting. Perhaps the new ratepayers association will have more luck. The greatest thing that could happen in town affairs would be for an overflow crowd at the meeting.

For the information of new voters who might not be familiar with procedure, the meeting will be held in the Public Library. From 7.30 to 8.30 nominations will be received by the returning officer, Charles Willson. Nominees have until 9 o'clock Saturday evening to qualify as candidates and there is one reservation. If a man is nominated for more than one office he must choose which office he wishes to contest before the close of nominations, otherwise he will be considered for the first office for which he was nominated. After nominations are closed, a public meeting will be held at which it is customary for council members and members of the various town boards to give reports of the year's activities. Candidates for office have an opportunity to speak as well as any ratepayer.

Offices to be filled are as follows: mayor, reeve, deputy-reeve, and six councillors, two from each ward; hydro commissioner; six public school trustees, two from each ward.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Interest in this year's nominations is particularly keen because of the possibility of an election for the mayoralty in view of the resignation of Mayor Joseph Gibbons. Among those mentioned who might be interested in this office are Acting-Mayor Jack Armstrong, who while he would like to keep on as reeve with the expectation of the Halton wardenship in 1950, has often indicated that someday he would like to be mayor; Alex MacLaren and L. E. Fleck, both former Reeves; S. W. Orr, a former councillor and a member of this year's Board of Education; and veteran councillor Thomas L. Lyons. One member of the 1949 council, William McNally, has definitely announced his retirement. Among those mooted as potential councillors are Roy Magloughlen, Ray Whitmee, Frank Petch, David Crichton, Thomas Sykes, John D. Kelly, and David Saxe. Ken MacDonald, a former reeve, is also reported as interested in seeking the deputy-reeveship. Two men who might be in the running for hydro commissioner are Hugh Lindsay and Bruce MacKenzie. The names of Cecil McNamara, Garfield McGilvray, E. L. Arnold and Don Barrager are among those rumored as possible school board nominees.

THREE UP AND THREE AWAY

It is really remarkable how successful the Retail Merchants organization has been in its few short months of existence. First a liquor store was asked and it is due to open next month. Second the group arranged for the erection of signs pointing to the downtown business section to be placed on the highway. Now the request for a motor licence bureau has been granted and M. H. Moyer has been notified that he has been given the agency. To use baseball parlance, three up and three away is good pitching in any man's league.

POT POURRI

Mrs. Alvin McDonald showed us a picture the other day of her son, Flight Lieutenant Gordon MacDonald, clipped from an Irish newspaper. With Flt. Lt. Roy Burgess, he had given an exhibition of synchronized aerobatics at the opening of Headquarters of the Air Training Corps at Sydenham, Gordon, his wife, who was formerly Lois Nielsen of town and their baby are living in northern Ireland where he is stationed with the Royal Air Force. A crushed toe, suffered when a heavy refrigerator fell on his foot, has kept Harold Wilson away from his position in Thompson's Hardware for the past week. Just in case you're wondering, Bystander is not a non-de-plume for the editor. We find it hard enough to keep on top of What Council Did without taking on an extra column. The vacant corner lot beside the hydro building on Main Street has been levelled and improved with the erection of a wire fence. Moira Kelly, whose vocal solo was a feature of the high school commencement, is recuperating in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, after

an appendectomy. It's about time a Royal Commission investigated our Canadian criminal laws which at times seem woefully inadequate. A bank robber seldom gets off with less than ten years but many murderers get sentences such as the four years handed out to a Toronto man who killed his brother-in-law. It is fashionable nowadays for murderers to be excused either on the grounds that they were drunk or that the murder victim attempted a sex offence. Can it be that we put money ahead of human life in our courts?

The Bell Telephone Company, which last month applied for an increase in rates, will apply in December for an interim increase in certain telephonic charges pending hearings on the first application. The company claims that the construction program will be curtailed unless more revenue is available. Inasmuch as Georgetown has been promised dial service within the next year, a refusal of rate increase might have a definite effect on this promise.

GEORGETOWN UNITED CHURCH

Regular morning worship was held in the Georgetown United Church on Sunday, Nov. 20th. The lesson was read from Luke 10:25-37 and the message was entitled "For All the World". Mr. Smith emphasized three main thoughts: "Does the World Need Christ?" "How Can the World get Christ?" and "What Can I do About It?" The choir under the direction of Miss Lynda Stewart sang the anthem "Awake, Put on Strength" — Shepherd. The solo parts were sung by Mr. G. Glassford. As an offertory the choir sang the hymn "Living for Jesus."

The evening message was entitled "Walking in the Spirit" and was a continuation of a study in Galatians. Mr. W. R. Gerrie sang the solo "O Safe to the Rock that is higher than I."

It was announced that a decision concerning the name for our church would be reached by a vote of the congregation after the morning worship next Sunday. A three act comedy play entitled: "Made of Money" is to be presented in the new Assembly Hall on Monday, November 28. This play is being presented by a group of young people from the Old Windham church where Mr. Smith was minister before coming to Georgetown.

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