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Election Monday

(continued from front page) erals had been installed in 1951 as well as some improvements to the disposal plant.

The garbage system, he feels is excellent and done at a good price. He asked householders to cooperate in obeying the 60 lb. rule and not expect the garbage collector to lift cans of ashes which sometimes weigh well over 100 lbs. He too seeks reelection.

. Wants Economy

Cr. Norman Hill, a candidate again, said his platform was strict

"If elected," he said "I am desirous of reducing the tax rate and keeping it down."

He favours more sidewalks, but doesn't think anything big should be tackled while prices are high Keep Tax Rate Down

Cr. Thos. L. Lyons, with fourteen years experience, seeks another term on council.

He, like Mr. Hill, favours strict economy. He advocates building sidewalks and hard surfacing streets, but said that this could be done and the tax rate reduced at the same time, and if elected he would, to the extent of his ability, see that this was carried out.

Industrial Prospect

Cr. Frank Petch, as industrial chairman, said he was sorry that he hadn't too much to report. So far there have been prospects for new industry. One man was in town last week, was favourably impressed, and it is hoped that he will come back again. Next year, he feets the town should take steps to advertise Georgetown as a good location for teeder plants for the new Ford plant 'at Oakville.

Questioned from the audience, Mr. Petch said he personally favouted a vote of the people on the question of a fixed assessment if a substantial new industry comes

In answer to a question as to why he thought new industries avoided the town, he said that most of them seemed to want buildings, and there are no empty ones, phis the fact that as a paper town our wage rates are away above such towns as Acton, Milton and Brampton.

Rebuilding of sidewalks and a program of hard surfacing some of the streets each year are in Mr. Petch's platform for reelection.

Hydro Still Cheap

E. W. Binkley, hydro chairman, reelected for a two year term, said hydro is one of 'he few things which is cheaper than it was 1943.

The local hydro commission has embarked on a program of lighting modernization, he said, which will see the highway and Main Street completely relighted in a three year period.

Continued School Expansion

Edwin Wilson, school board chairman reelected along with Harry Shortill and Ross Duncan for a two year term explained some of the difficulties which face a school board in a growing town.

Attendance this year increased by 35, necessitating a new teacher, and a 35 to 40 increase is anticipated in each of the next 3 years. This means that the new 6-room school will be filled to capacity and if Georgetown continues to grow, in 1954 the school board would be planning an addition to the new school, he

The board feels the responsibility, he said, of spending 25 per cent of the tax money and has tried its best to keep costs down. In fact, he said school board costs have not increased in as much proportion as

the overall cost of local government. He does not think it is a healthy thing that such an important body as the school board should be elected by acclamation and hopes in the future to see more candidates for office.

High School Future

Walter Biehn, reporting for North Halton high school board which administers schools at Georgetown. Milton and Acton said the board was hampered by not receiving any expressions of public opinion.

A town council is continually criticized and can get some direclive from the voters, he felt, but there is rarely any opinion, good or bad expressed about the school board's actions.

He could see no hope of the three towns agreeing on any one site for a central school, and personally was of the opinion that the best thing for Georgetown is an addition to the present building and the elimination of transporting student to Milton for shop work and household economics, which is both costly and wastes a lot of the

students' time. New Library Cheaper

While it may seem incongruous, J. L. Lambert, new chairman of the Public Library Board, who reported for that body, said that it would be cheaper to build a new building than to make repairs estimated at \$10,000 to the present time.

The present government grant on a tax levy of \$1575 is \$236, he said. If there was a debenture charge of \$1,000 yearly, the grant would rise

to \$1575, because of a graduated grant structure set up by the gov-

The time has come, he said, when either the present building will have to be repaired or abandoned.

Seeks Mayoralty

Town clerk Charles Willson, who acted as chairman of the meeting, called on various new candidates, in the order of their nomination, after committee reports had been

given. Jack Armstrong, pointing to his past experience as a councillor, deputy reeve and reeve, said there is one remaining honour he would like to have, and announced his candidacy for mayor.

Art Scott, deputy reeve nominee, said his nomination had been a sunprise and he would withold a decision until Tuesday.

David Beattie and Douglas Sargent also wanted to "sleep on it" before making a decision.

council," said James Goodlet, also a former councillor and deputy-

year record on council and said he was proud to have been on the councils which had put artificial ice in the arena at no cost to the taxpayer, installed a sewerage system at a low rate of debenture interest, put in the new water system

and brought wartime houses to town. He queried the value of an interim statement which could change so radically as last year when an estimated \$900 surplus had turned into an \$11,000 deficit a month later.

they never got." The water system, he said, had been designed to provide for a rebate to taxpayers who paid promptly plus setting up a sinking fund tor major improvements. The practice of using the whole surplus to lower the tax rate profits the taxpayer at the time but not when the big expenditures come

never made.

tinued at a "council which sought office on a 'pay-as-you-go' policy and ended up by issuing \$235,000 in debentures.

As for roads and sidewalks, Mr. Goodlet said he was in complete disagreement with the deputy reeve

wait for it to come. The town will to induce them to build.

tal care in the public school, but was replied to by school board chairman Wilson, who pointed out that council had nothing to do with this. Last year, said Mr. Wilson, 10 per cent of the school budget had been spent for dental care and the board thought this was too high a cost for the board to shoulder. The new policy is to supply free care for children in kindergarten and Grade 1, then continue this on each year until eventually all the children will have it.

He said he was pleased to hear count of the waterworks system and the town men, in view of some reyears ago of a different type.

College View home.

his farm had been the only one without chicory and wild carrot. and now that he had moved into town he found the same situation here. He delayed a decision on whe-Tuesday.

election. "Last year, I was the goat and they say I 'caused' an election. doubt be accused of the same."

Mr. McNally said he did not think it was proper in a small town to use such unfair tactics. He had been accused of having no platform, but how many other candidates had one in 1950. Cr. Lyons, he said, had campaigned on a ridiculous idea of building a bridge at the foot of Ewing Street. Cr. Petch had an industry which might come to town. Those had been the only platforms,

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Scott Undecided

Goodlet Seeks Office "I'm definitely a candidate for

Mr. Goodlet pointed to his six-

"This year," said Mr. Goodlet, there is going to be a surplus of erhaps \$11,000 and I suggest that it will be made up of \$8,000 profit for the Recreation Commission which from water plus \$2500 budgeted

He is "confused", he said, when a council asks for a vote on a \$2500 grant to the GRC, every councillor tavours it, the money is voted by a large majority, then the grant is

He is, more 'confused', he con-

and thought they were terrible.

Mr. Goodlet said that the town should seek out new industry, not have to embark on an advertising campaign, he said, and be prepared to give fixed assessments in order

He criticized the dropping of den-

Davidson a Candidate?

Cecil Davidson, a former councillor spoke briefly but did not indicate whether he would seek a seat or

the reeve give such a glowing acmarks which had been made two

Need Weed Control

W. O. Brownridge, a newcomer to town, said he had a "beef" about lack of weed cutting around his

He had never been satisfied with weed control in Esquesing where ther he would seek office until

"I'm not a candidate," said Fred McNally, defeated in last year's Whoever stands this year will no

Stan Allen, president of the Smith & Stone union, Georgetown's largest union local, announced him-

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WARD THREE-AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING Polls open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

> CHARLES WILLSON, Returning Officer.

self as a candidate.

in the Rainy River district, Although this is his first try for he had served for six years as office locally, Mr. Allen said he road commissioner, four

had had some municipal experience as chairman.

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