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a million and a half. He spoke of a new 20 inch water line along Maple Avenue to take water to industries and to the eastern section of town.

Criticises County Rates As a member of county council, the

reeve criticized a system which he feels pays more attention to countycontrolled roads in rural areas. "I intend to press for hard surfacing of all county connecting links

next year" he said "and for representation by Georgetown on the road committee." As a member of the county assessment committee, he said he had been happy to see equalization work smoo-

thly. He indicated how falton is growing by saying a fourteen million assessment addition is expected, to the present 68 million. He fiso mentioned that the Centennial Manor at Milton, a county home for elderly people, is overcrowded and must have a building addition.

· New Registry Office

Deputy Reeve Allan Norton, returning for a second year to this position. pointed out the need for a new registry office at Milton, which will mean Halton's second debenture debt. The Centennial Manor is the only such at

Solving Garbage Problems

Councillor Harry Hale, who heads the committee on public works, endeared himself to residents in the park district when he said the park dump will be abandoned in the near

Council has not come to a definite Lyons. decision on the actual machine to be purchased, he said, but there is every indication that one of the bullclam type is in the immediate future.

Satisfied With Deal

"Annexation is undoubtedly the biggest news on Georgetown's horizon, and it is hard for the average man to grasp the magnitude of doubling in size" said Councillor McGilvray, who as finance minister holds the reigns of the town's expenditures

"I still don't know how the Heslop plan will affect us financially, but I believe we made a good bargain with both the township and the subdivider," he continued.

He described a trip taken by the council to see the new Rexdale sub-

division and said it was amazing to see what has been accomplished in three years. On what was farm land, thirty to forty industries. If this happens here, he said, our population will double overnight.

. He complimented the town clerk for saving bank interest charges and said Georgetown's economy must be good because two debenture- issues this year had been purchased at a

premium of over \$105. Mr. McGilvray does not agree with Mayor Armstrong's pessimism about a tax rate increase and doesn't think the town rate will increase very much in 1955. He defended issue of debentures as the only way a town can progress and said the town is in a relatively good position for its million dollar debt is well below the ceiling set by the Municipal Board of one third of the assessment.

Drawing attention to how important street, work has became he recalled a day in 1945 when council debated all night about raising the budget for this department from \$2500 to \$3,000 This year, he said, road expense amounted to \$33,000.

Subdividers Should Pay

"Last year at the nomination meeting I advocated that subdividers should pay for water and sewers into their property," said Cr. Lyons, veteran of 18 years around the coun-

cil table Since we brought this into being, the town has derived a total of \$7,000 in seven months and this year I'm going farther and say that subdivisions should also pay for their own roads and sidewalks," continued Mr.

He reviewed progress in the town property committee which he heads, with such improvements as a new town truck and better facilities in the park

Mr Lyons showed how town business had increased by comparing his first term of office when council met once a month, to the present year when there has been almost one meeting a week.

Need for Planning, Zoning

Councillor Sargent, who heads the industrial and town planning committer of council, advocates the immedrate establishment of a town township planning area which could bencht both municipalities

He also favoured a zoning by law in

town, advocated by Dr. Faludi in a report which the town hired him to give, in order to obviate a bodgepodge growth of industry and housing which would not be good.

He mentioned establishment of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority as a forward step_which will benefit future generations, then reviewed industrial progress- this year-which has seen one new factory, Wood-way Manufacturing, established, another enroute with purchase of property by an American electronics firm, and the future prospects of many new industries in the Heslop promotion.

He mentioned the hiring of Ross Simmons as engineer for the towns of Georgetown, Acton and Milton, and establishment of an urban board which has been a wonderful meeting place for exchange of ideas which are mutually beneficial to the three Lowns.

"In 1955; he said "the emphasis in . Georgetown looks as if it will shift from looking for industry to town planning" he concluded.

Plugs Recreation Council

"I would like to see a Recreation Council established once again, and would certainly support such a move in council," said Irwin Noble, whose council activities included the firemen and vetgraps' affairs depart-

He supported Mr. Sargent's ideas about town planning, paid tribute to the fire department for efficient work and complimented the mayor on his handling of the many phases of pubhe affairs which he heads.

Improved Light System

Improvements in the street lighting system were detailed by Walter Gray, whose council departments include this as well as police and welfare.

Beaides installing several new poles and street lights, certain changes had hern made by changing positions of lights and by using heavier bulbs in some places.

School Attendance Rising

Ray Salter, school board chairman, explained that it is difficult to deal with the new subdivision as far as schools are concerned, until houses have actually been built, as the Dept. of Education must have concrete evidence of growth before approval will be given to school building.

He said that if the subdivision is built as fast as rumoured, the lengthy procedure needed to bring a school from the planning to the building stage will put the school board temporarily on the spot

Aside from the Heslop subdivision, he said, a third Georgetown school might be necessary in a few years to take care of the rate of growth in the present town boundaries. School enrolment has risen to an all-time high of 710, and the Wrigglesworth addition of 4 rooms will only serve the present population.

"We've heard considerable tonight about town growth, and hydro has naturally grown too" said the hydro chairman Graham Farnell A hundred and twelve new services installed in a year brings total local customers to 1575 and seventy new services will soon be added in the Cloverdale subdivision, he said.

Hydro costs money also, and a \$110,000 debenture issue recently floated by the town is for \$67,000 for frequency standardization, with the balance to be used to buy the Cross Street substation from Ontario Hydro, which will result in some saving of funds over a 20 year period. Hydro is big business, with a total

gross income of \$200,000 over a year period. "We show a profit on paper, but we have ploughed all profits back into

the business," he said. Hydro is still one of the cheapest items in the cost of living, he maintained.

Amazing Growth

Amazing growth in the number of library patrons was cited by J. L. Lambert, who reported for the library board.

In 1951 records showed 200 people patronizing the library. In 1954 there will be over 1100. New books costing \$1200 were added to the shelves this year and a major building improvement was installation of a new oil heating system.

Next year, plans have been made for new lighting in part of the building as well as some exterior painting and repairs to the steeple.

Wants Parking Enforced

The only question asked in an open discussion period was by James Goodlet, merchant and former coun-

Mr. Goodlet criticized laxity in enforcing the 2-hour parking limit on Main Street.

"It was headlined in the Herald when council decided not to enforce this" he complained. "Growth of new subdivisions is making 4t impossible for people to shop downtown because there is no place to park."

He said council should either enforce the by-law or drop it from the statutes. Mayor Armstrong answered by out-

lining what council has done to help, by creating one downtown free parking lot. When we did enforce the by-law

it proved a very objectionable way of dealing with the matter, and some of the greatest objections came from the merchants themselves," he said. One retailer, he continued, made

a count of 26 cars owned by merchants which were parked on Main St. at-one given time, and he thinks cooperation by all businessmen in keeping their cars out of the area, plus a parking lot is council's best action in the matter.

It might be possible to create another parking area behind the stores on east Main Street, he said, and this must be a joint action by council, Chamber of Commerce and merchants.

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