

The Nomination Meeting

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to maintain gravel roads, compared with \$2,000 a mile for construction of the permanent double surface type. The latter needs no maintenance for at least three years, and there is a terrific saving in cost, Mr. Allen pointed out.

Seeks Deputy Reeve'ship

Seeking the deputy reeve'ship after a 4-year council term, Cr. Doug Sargent told of industrial and town planning matters which came under his jurisdiction this year as chairman of this department.

"We investigated every possible lead from California to Holland, and it wasn't for lack of trying that more industry didn't come to Georgetown," he said.

He was particularly happy to report that the town's newest industry, Varian Associates, is already planning to double its floor space next year.

A system of survey reference monuments was started this year, which will be of benefit in future for surveying properties in all parts of town. He mentioned a subdivision control by-law which stopped gaps which should have been plugged before.

A trade fair booth, shared jointly with Acton and Milton brought no immediate results, but "it sowed seeds which someday will bear fruit" said Mr. Sargent. The booth had been operated at a reasonable cost of \$200 to each town, with industries assisting in furnishing it and an Acton man operating it without charging any fee.

Mr. Sargent hopes that next year a town planning committee can be established, preferably working in close conjunction with a similar group in Esquewaug, to provide orderly development of this whole area. He asked citizens to vote "yes" on the gas by-law, particularly as a stimulus to new industry. One possible industry will locate here only if natural gas is available, he said.

Garbage Problems

"Garbage collection has been a real headache and I hope we have troubles solved now with a change in collection day in the Normandy Blvd. district," said Cr. Harry Hale. He heads the council public works committee.

Mr. Hale said he has had as many as a dozen calls in the evening about late collection, and has spent hours of his time in trying to iron out problems. The collector cannot be blamed for everything, but he does not think the equipment used is first class.

There had been considerable work done to improve the sewage disposal building, and he invited people to visit it and see a building which is a real credit to the town.

Mr. Hale is also seeking reelection.

Wants Disposal Fence

Cr. Thomas L. Lyons, a veteran of 16 years on council, said he is still interested in municipal affairs and will be again seeking office.

He stressed the need for a good fence around the sewage disposal property, where \$2,000 was spent this year in repairing damage caused by children.

He was pleased to see a town engineer hired this year, and Engineer Wilson is certainly the busiest man in town, he opined.

As property chairman, Mr. Lyons reviewed expenses which came under his control. More money had been spent this year on the park "possibly because the mayor lives closer to it" he jokingly remarked. Seriously, however, he said the park is one of the finest, and council had improved it by new fencing, a new floor on the bandstand and improvements to the track which created a race track second to none.

Suggests Tree Trimming

Cr. Walter Gray, who is chairman of welfare, light and police said that lights take the major part of his time on committee work.

Council is taxed to keep-up with subdivision building in providing hydro service. One new subdivision has been lighted, and in the older part of town several dark spots have been improved with new lights or by adding stronger bulbs.

He recommended extensive tree trimming next spring, as many street lights are almost covered by foliage in the summer.

Police affairs have been more important this year, with council choosing a new police force. Noteworthy was the fact that 60 men applied for the position of chief.

Georgetown has a proud record of welfare. The total bill for this department this year was only \$100, a tribute to employment conditions in town. He is seeking reelection for a third term.

Wants Town Planning

Cr. Irwin Noble has been a strong proponent of a town planning board, and once again suggested this as a goal for 1956.

He is disappointed that Guelph St. resurfacing has not been completed, due to the extensive time required to get approval from the various government departments concerned, but is looking forward to the spring when this happens. "The new town engineer is doing a fine job," he said.

Mr. Noble is fire commissioner and paid tribute to the firemen as a "fine group of men doing a good job."

He spoke admiringly for the way Armstrong has conducted public business, particularly his patience in allowing full discussion of matters before and in his courteous reception of

delegations. He is running for another term as councillor.

New 12 Room School

A new 12 room public school in Delrex to serve that area and Sunbeam Heights is in the 1956 future, said Ray Salter, who as board chairman reported for that body.

Mr. Salter cited a 200 pupil increase during the past year, to give people an idea of problems facing the school board. Present enrolment in the two schools is 925. Only two extra rooms could be added at Wrigglesworth because the heating system will allow no more, he said, and also the board feels that the school will be large enough for if schools have too many classrooms pupils have too far a distance to walk.

The new school will have no auditorium as government grants are not available at present for such rooms. He hopes eventually that home economics and manual training instruction will be available in public school.

With such rapid expansion, Mr. Salter said that boundaries will have to be flexible, and he hopes parents will bear with the board if children have to be transferred from one school to another.

The \$98,000 public school budget allows 79 per cent for salaries, 12 per cent operation and maintenance, 7 1/2 per cent supplies and 1 1/4 per cent insurance.

High School Expanding

Similar expansion problems face the high school, said Ernest Forgrave, one of the town's representatives on North Halton high school board.

In September there will be need for four extra classrooms, and it is probable that Georgetown for the first time will have to make use of portable rooms until permanent building plans are made.

Has Solution

Council nominee Alfred Sykes suggested a solution to high school problems.

"The hydro is planning a new building and council is going to enlarge the municipal building," he said. "Why not use the present high school for a combined municipal and hydro head quarters and get on with building a complete new high school?"

There is plenty of room on the high school property for storage sheds and parking, he said.

Hydro Growing

Hydro chairman E. W. Binkley related hydro's most important year, with 9 miles of distribution lines added with incorporation of Delrex area in town limits.

The commission has been handicapped by lack of storage facilities, he said, and is anticipating the move to larger quarters, which has received approval of the H.E.P.C.

Revenue is increasing, with 20 per cent more account added in a year, but expenses are skyrocketing too, he said.

Continue Renovation

The library board is continuing a program of renovations, said chairman J. L. Lambert, and this year painted the exterior and vestibule and added new lighting in half the building, as well as buying a thousand new books.

There has been a steady increase in patronage. Membership jumped by 500 this year and book circulation increased from 13,000 to 15,000.

School pupils now come to the building for library periods, and an interesting feature of the year were display of paintings by district artists.

New Candidate

"I'm a union man and I would be

more at home around a bargaining table than on the speaker's platform" said Sam Reid, who will seek office for the first time as a councillor.

Mr. Reid said he had no criticism of council administration, but wants to share in civic affairs. He realizes that a progressive town must spend money. Schools are needed, and he said Georgetown's schools are the best and on a par in every way with Toronto, where he lived until three years ago.

No "Yes Man"

"I'm no 'yes man'. I may be small in stature, but I'm large in principle" said Fred (Tut) Harrison, a council nominee, who has been in the news this fall as leader of an unsuccessful delegation of garagemen to have the closing hours thrown out.

"There was a little publicity in the Georgetown paper, and a lot in the Brampton paper which didn't care who they hurt and reported the truth," said Mr. Harrison.

He asked why Cr. Walter Gray had changed his mind and voted against the Harrison proposal after three times indicating his support.

"I supported the preparation of a by-law, but when it came to a vote I didn't think there were enough names on the petition," said Mr. Gray in answer. "It's my privilege to change my mind, and any time a petition is presented with enough names, I'll support it."

Why Water Meters?

Another council nominee, Fred McNally, questioned the wisdom of a water meter system which he feels costs more than the extra revenue derived.

He cited his own example, where in a year his extra charge was 20c.

A meter, he said, costs \$18, a meter reader is employed, and an office clerk plus administration costs of billing six times yearly.

"We're getting water for practical-

ly nothing now, the cheapest in Ontario" he continued. "If a flat rate payment was raised from the present \$12 to \$18 council would be money in pocket."

Questioning the mayor on who would pay for putting in gas mains, his answer was that any gas company to which a franchise was given would pay the entire costs and there would be no charge on the town treasury.

Questions Preparing Sale
Fred Harrison questioned sale of a town-owned property on the highway for \$2200 to Irwin Noble who is building a new dairy there.

"Was it advertised for sale and is it the policy to sell public property without advertising," he wanted to know, saying the town got only a third the value of the land.

Cr. Thos. L. Lyons answered that property had been sold in the past in a similar way.

"Two wrongs don't make a right," said Mr. Harrison.

"The sooner you get on council the better, I guess," said Mr. Lyons.

How Far Before Industry
Roy Bradley asked how far Delrex would be allowed to go with housing before industry must come.

He was told by Cr. Sargent, approximately 25 per cent, or in Delrex' case, the H. Craig Reid farm, where building is now in progress. Once houses are built on this land, no more will be allowed until compensating industrial assessment is produced.

Conservation Work
Alex MacLaren, who represents Georgetown on the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, was asked to speak and reported progress to date for this body.

He said not much has been accomplished because the Authority still awaits a government report which will follow the survey of the watershed made a year ago.

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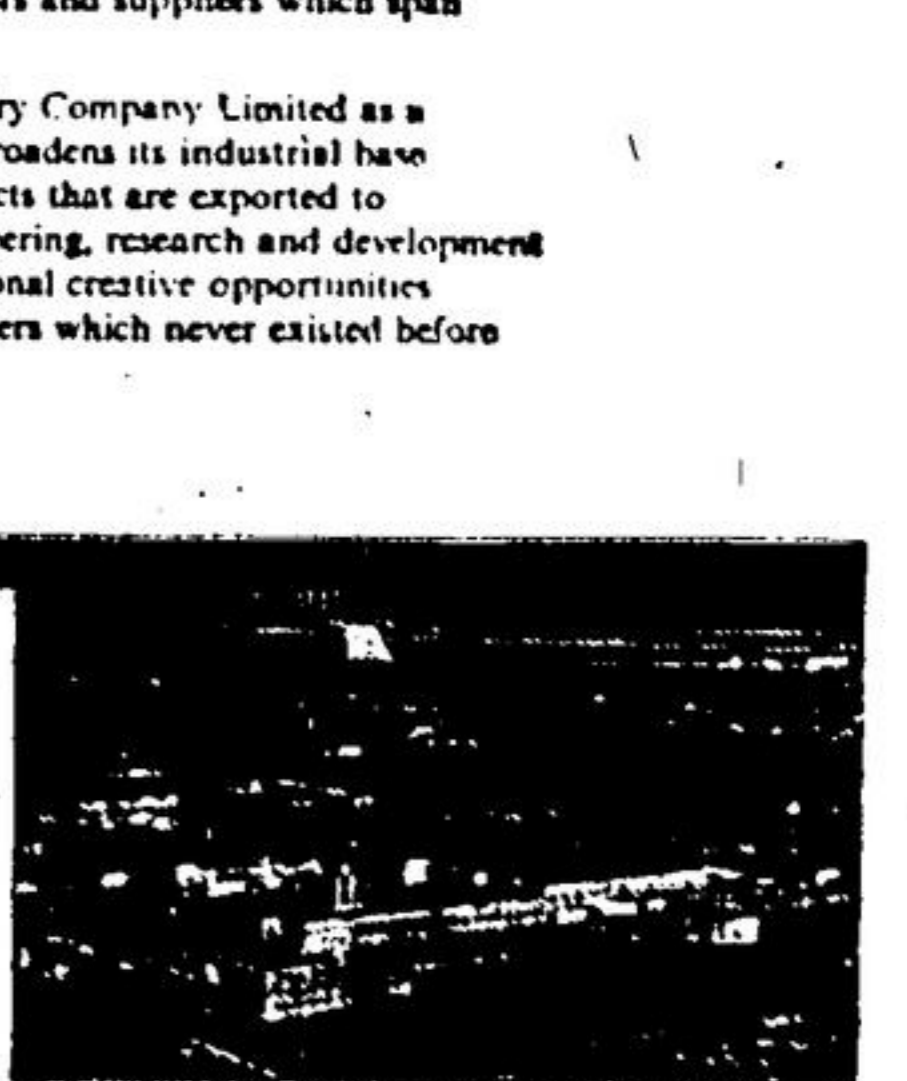
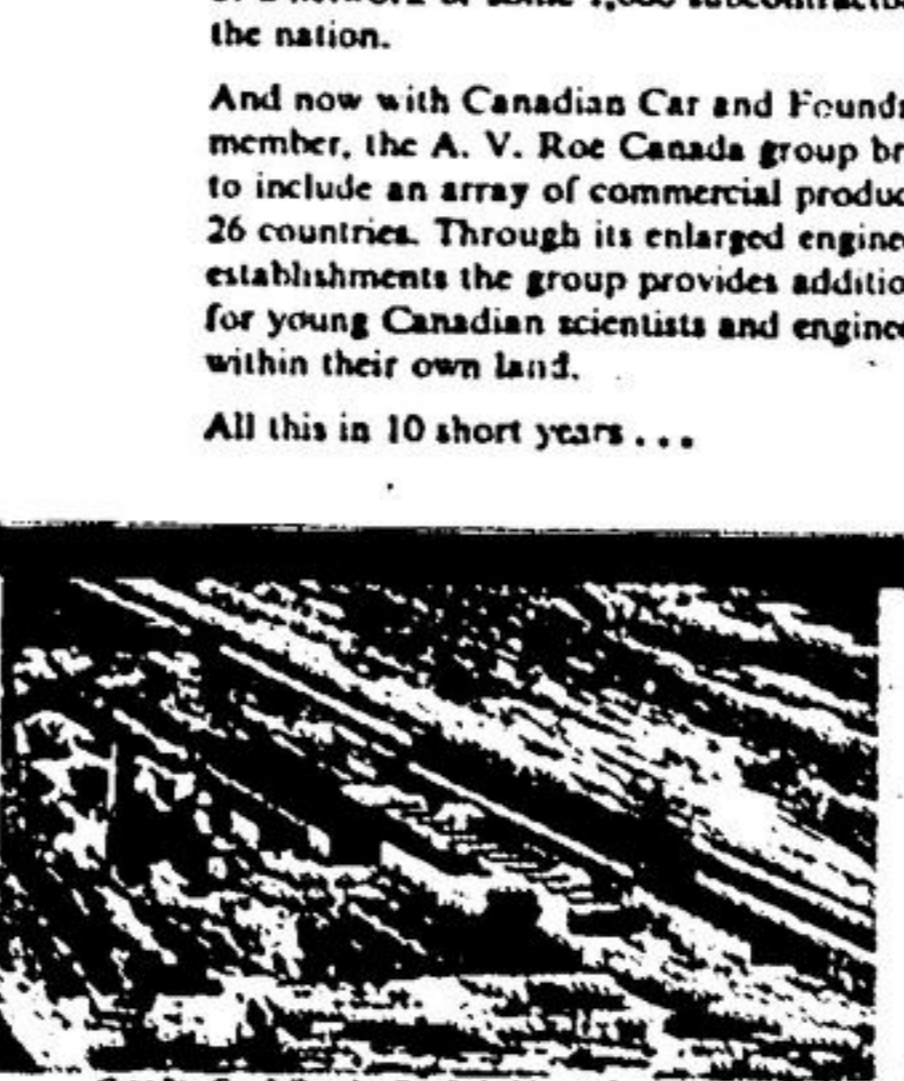
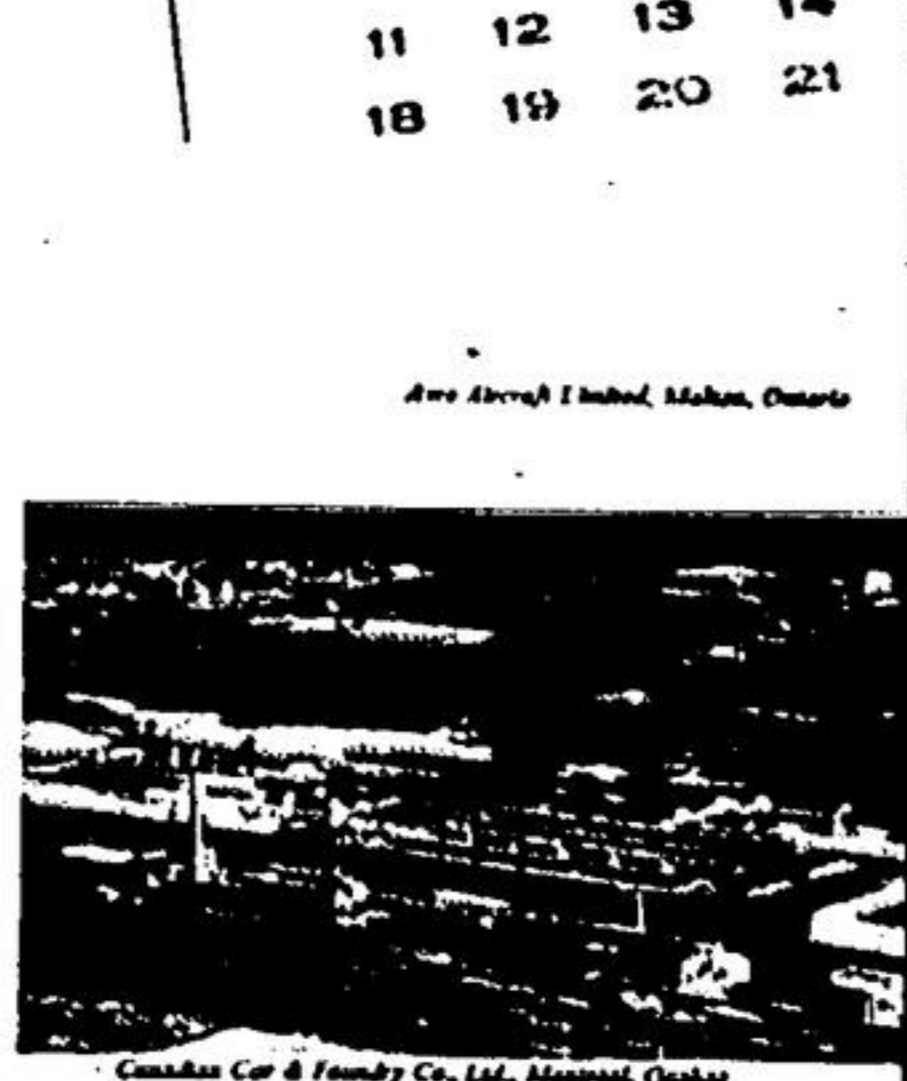
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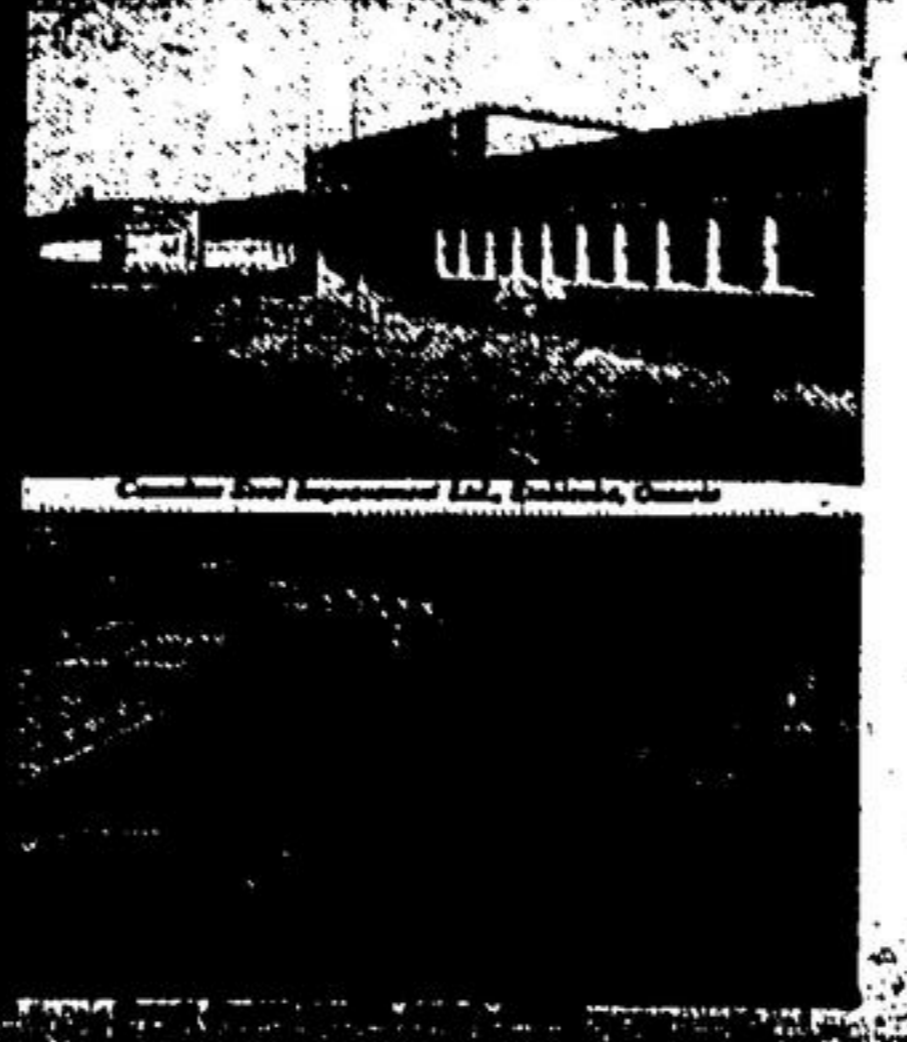
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