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SECOND SECTION

10 Seek 6 Georgetown Council Seats

MAYOR GETS SEVENTH TERM SARGENT REEVE, GRAY DEPUTY

With ten candidates contesting the six Georgetown council seats, there will be at least two new faces on the 1958 Georgetown council.

The three top municipal positions were filled by acclamation at Thursday's nomination meeting in Wrigglesworth School auditorium. Jack Armstrong will fill his seventh term as mayor; Deputy Reeve Douglas Sargent, 33 Charles Street, will succeed to the reeve's position, vacated when Reeve Stan Allen, who has moved to Milton, declined to be a candidate; Cr. Walter Gray, 6 Church St. will be elevated to the deputy's position and will serve his first term as a county councillor.

Four 1957 councillors are seeking re-election, Garfield McGilvray, 8 Guelph St., Alfred Sykes, 3 Young St.; Fred Harrison, 1 Edward St.; and Ern Hyde, 24 Ewing St. A fifth, Harry Hale, is not seeking office again. Newcomers in the field include John Elliott, who was 49 votes short of success when he was a council candidate last year; James H. Emmerson, 20 Margaret St.; John Gunn, 34 Maple Ave. W.; Murray MacDonald, 16 Windsor Road; Roy Warwick, 7 Prince Charles Drive; and Mrs. Al Currie, 19 Elizabeth St.

Two other nominees for the mayoralty declined to allow their names to stand, Cr. Ern Hyde and former town clerk John D. Kelly, 11 Albert St. Two others were also nominated for council, Harold Cleave, 96 Main St. N., a former mayor and past county warden, and W. Oliver Brownridge, 25 College St.

School, Hydro Acclamations
There will be no contest for hydro commissioner or public school board this year. E. W. Binkley, 6 Valleyview Rd. will serve another two year term as

hydro commissioner. Returned for two year terms on the school board are Edwin Wilson, Valleyview Rd., Harry Shortill, 45 Maple Ave. W. and Roy Hansen, 70 King Street.

Wants Town Manager
"No industry transacting the volume of business done by the town would operate without a general manager, and that's what Georgetown is doing" said Mayor Armstrong as he spoke following the nomination period Thursday. The mayor was introduced as the first speaker by the town clerk,

BOWERS - DAWSON WEDDING



A GEORGETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL teacher last year, Mrs. William Bowers is now a Toronto resident since her marriage. Mr. Bowers and his bride, Shirley Dawson, are pictured as they leave for the reception after the marriage ceremony in St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake.

Clarence Benham, who acted as chairman for the meeting which was attended by some 150 ratepayers.

The mayor said the time is coming when municipal business cannot be efficiently carried on by councillors without having a general manager. He suggested that next year's council should

may set itself up as a city. If either should happen, it would mean a great revenue loss to Halton.

Need Hospital Here
"I have been keenly interested in the legislation passed this year by which the county will pay \$6,000 a bed on new hospitals, half the cost of this facility, particularly when we need a hospital so badly here" the reeve said.

Georgetown still has to convince the provincial hospital board that the need exists, and that Georgetown citizens are willing to contribute their share, he said, urging everyone, when the time for a fund appeal comes, to dig deep and be generous.

Road paving takes a large share of the county expenditure in recent years, he said. This year, residents of this area are enjoying a new stretch from Georgetown to Ashgrove. Next year, paving of Maple Ave. is in view.

Praises Ambulance Service
Reeve Allen said the Volunteer Ambulance Service, established this year, has been a wonderful success. He hopes that in 1958, Esquesing and Georgetown will get together on a joint plan and buy first class equipment for this new public service.

Concluding his speech, the reeve expressed his regret at severing connections with council and said that he is sure the town affairs will be properly conducted next year with experienced men like the three top officials on hand to provide good administration.

Industrial Promotion
Re-echoing the mayor's sentiments on everyone being an industrial missionary, Deputy Reeve Doug Sargent said we have the best town in Canada, and we only have to convince others this is so.

Mr. Sargent, who is chairman of the industrial and town planning portfolio, outlined some of the ways industrial promotion has been undertaken. A brochure issued by the Chamber of Commerce, advertising in a special edition of the Financial Post, and joining the Metropolitan Toronto Industrial Commission have all been beneficial, though not as yet producing any new industry, he said.

There was some encouragement this year, however, with addition of the new Sykes Tool plant and a large building addition of Smith & Stone which raised the percentage ratio of 30% industrial-commercial and 70% residential, he said.

Zoning an Impetus
Adoption of zoning recently, culmination of over a year's work by council and Georgetown Planning Board will be an added impetus to industry, he feels, because new industries want to locate in a planned community.

Mr. Sargent spoke of the tri-town urban board of which he was chairman this year. The board, composed of council representatives from Georgetown, Acton and Milton has no official status, but is most valuable in exchanging ideas and promoting legislation in the three towns, he said.

Dog control and the volunteer ambulance idea were two things which had their birth in the urban board, he said. At present, there is talk about a tri-town industrial commission which may come into being in the future.

Tax Rate Low Here
"A lot of people are crying blue ruin, but I have faith in Georgetown and can see a wonderful future," was Finance Minister Garfield McGilvray's way of opening his nomination speech.

Mr. McGilvray said Georgetown, like all Ontario municipalities has been hampered from certain major improvements because "tight money" has made it impossible at present to sell debentures. It has, perhaps, been a good thing for towns, he said, because it has slowed up their major spending and given an opportunity for council's to take stock.

He expressed agreement with the mayor's opinion that a town manager is needed.

Cemetery Board Helps Surplus
Pointing to an estimated \$14,600 surplus on the year's operations, Mr. McGilvray said credit is due the cemetery board for foregoing an \$8700 grant in 1957 to help town financing.

"I'm not going to review town finances in any detail," he said "for most people follow municipal affairs in the local press and are informed about what council is doing."

There are many things the town needs, storm sewers, sidewalks and street signs to name a few.

Commerce Chamber Sponsors Christmas Decorating Plan

This year, it is hoped that every home will cooperate in making Georgetown "The Christmas town."

DAIRY STAFF DINES AT SEAWAY HOTEL
On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Noble entertained the staff of Georgetown Dairy, Ltd. at the annual staff party and dinner at the Seaway Hotel, Toronto.

Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. George Mummy, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conroy, Mr. and Mrs. Les Henderson, Mr. Bill Weir, Miss Joan Brooks, Mr. Len Murdock, Miss Eva Garvin, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Van and Mrs. Clarence Bain.



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consider the possibility of a plebiscite vote in which ratepayers would be asked for an expression of opinion.

He gave his opinion that the 1958 council would have to continue a cautious policy on capital expenditures because of the continuing "tight-money" situation.

Mentioning the proposed \$110,000 arena remodelling, he expressed disappointment that it could not be undertaken, despite an affirmative vote of ratepayers last year, because debenture money is not available. Referring briefly to the tax rate, Mayor Armstrong said the amount of taxes paid on a Georgetown property compares favourably with what a resident of Acton or Milton would pay, and that Georgetown enjoys a lower tax payment than either of the two neighbouring towns.

7,000 Missionaries
"When are we going to have new industry? I wish I could answer that question" said the Mayor, as he urged everyone in town to promote Georgetown whenever possible.

"We should have 7,000 missionaries selling our town at all times" was his way of putting it. The mayor said there are often spotters visiting town on behalf of potential industries. They talk casually to residents here and there, forming their opinions of town life and it is important that people show them they enjoy living here.

"I am aware of three firms at the present time which appear to be very close to settling in town" the mayor continued. Georgetown has attractive industrial land available at a reasonable price, he said. In the past, Georgetown has thrived because of the vision of such men as Harold Cleave, Joseph Gibbons and the late J. B. Mackenzie, LeRoy Dale and Donald McIntyre during their terms as mayors, he said. They had faith in Georgetown's future, and so must we.

Farewell From Reeve
Reeve Stan Allen's speech was the "swan song" for a man who has served the town for six years in this important post. Mr. Allen has moved to Milton to become superintendent of Halton Centennial Manor and is not seeking re-election.

His report covered his council work as water chairman, and a review of county council activities. Mentioning a near-shortage of water last summer, not generally known by the public, he said it is imperative that additional sources of town water be located this spring, or the town will definitely be faced with a shortage this year. A firm has been engaged for this work, he said, and the water department is in the fortunate position of having surplus cash on the year's operations which should cover their fee for exploration.

He recommended that next year's water committee proceed with chlorination, which will kill a growth in the water pipes which, while not injurious to health, creates a nuisance in dirty water for many householders.

Annexation Confusing
Formation of one municipality by Burlington, Nelson and a portion of East Flamboro township has caused a confusing situation in the county, he said. Wentworth County, from which Flamboro was annexed has started proceedings to attempt to annex this whole area to that county. There is also danger that the new

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GEORGETOWN Municipal Election MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1957

ELECTIONS FOR
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- Polling Subdivision No. 1A: At the residence of Mrs. Maynard, 5 Arleita Street
- Polling Subdivision No. 1B: At the Fire Hall, Guelph Street
- Polling Subdivision No. 2A: At the residence of Mrs. George Barnes, 47 John Street East.
- Polling Subdivision No. 2B: At the residence of Mrs. Thomas Grieve, 25 Queen Street
- Polling Subdivision No. 2C: At the residence of Mr. Fred Anthony, 26 Durham St.
- Polling Subdivision No. 3A: At the residence of Mr. Gerard Wilcox, 142 Guelph Street
- Polling Subdivision No. 3B: At the Municipal Building, Main Street North
- Polling Subdivision No. 3C: At the Public Library on Church Street

Polls open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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