

## 10-Seek 6 Seats

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when the town can afford them. A primary council objective has been to keep taxes at as low a level as possible. Proof that this has been done is seen in the fact that so many new residents are flocking into town now, he said.

Taxes are not kept low at the price of any necessary civic improvements, he said. Council has given full cooperation in construction of new schools and in spending money to keep roads in good condition. Salaries for municipal employees have also been kept at as high a scale as possible.

### Continue Road Surfacing

Reporting for the road committee, which he has chaired for two years, Cr. Walter Gray, who will be deputy reeve next year,

said he has endeavored to provide hard surfaced roads wherever possible in town, and that this will save money in years to come by cutting down on upkeep costs.

He explained a \$16,000 deficit in his department, which spent \$65,000 this year, by detailing several unanticipated expenditures. The largest was \$3300 for surfacing the Victoria St. approach to Smith & Stone. Originally planned to be done on debentures, it was decided to pay for this from current revenue when it was found debentures had not been sold.

Mr. Gray said he would like to see council surface all the ditches in town next year, using a spraying machine purchased this year, to get away from muddy, unsightly spaces between road and sidewalk.

"We have a growing town. Sometimes people think it is growing too fast, but that's the way things happen today," said Mr. Gray, in a

bit of philosophizing as he concluded his speech. "The future of Georgetown can be limited or broadened by ourselves. We can't stop progress, and it is our choice whether to take advantage of it or let it pass us by."

### Fire Protection Tops

"It's a privilege to be fire chairman," said Cr. Alfred Sykes, as he paid tribute to the fire department as "the finest in Ontario, with equipment second to none."

Mr. Sykes said that as the town grows it will be necessary to add extra manpower to the brigade. Last year Georgetown had a wonderfully low fire loss record, he said. In fifty calls answered by the department, total fire loss amounted to only \$2200.

As chairman of veterans' affairs, there is little for his committee, to do, Mr. Sykes said. The town has an excellent Legion branch and receives the fullest cooperation on such projects as the Remembrance Day parade and the May 24th fireworks display.

"Next year's council has some important decisions to make and it will be an asset to have members with past experience," he said, in asking ratepayers to vote for him. "You know my stand on things if you follow the news in the Herald" he concluded.

**Urges Improved Lighting**

Improved type street lights are being used in the newer subdivisions, and will gradually replace old-fashioned lighting in other parts of town, said Cr. Fred Harrison reporting on his duties as committee chairman in charge of welfare, light and police.

Mr. Harrison said an unanticipated \$1,000 had led to a deficit in welfare expenditure this year, but this is one phase of public affairs which is unpredictable. The police budget was also up, as salary increases had not been taken into account when the budget was struck.

"I'd like you to support me at the poles if you think I have served you well this year, but if you don't vote for me, get out and vote for somebody," was his request to ratepayers. Use of the voting franchise is one of democracy's most precious possessions, he said.

**Doesn't Like Debt**

"You will gather from press reports that there are some things the majority of council and myself don't see eye to eye on," said Cr. Ern Hyde, explaining that he would rather have a high tax rate and little debenture debt than the reverse.

As property chairman, he said he had only a brief report, and mentioned park improvements as one of the major things his committee had been entrusted with this year.

"We have to go along with Del-

rez. It's part of town and we must make something of it," he said "but the 40-50 industrial ratio must still be the yardstick," he said. Three years ago, the town had been told by planning consultant Dr. E. G. Faludi that a healthy town should have 40% industrial and commercial assessment.

"This year Dr. Faludi had discovered that this isn't very important at all, but he hasn't convinced me it isn't," said Cr. Hyde.

Mr. Hyde said he had voted, with other council members, to start action on a million dollar sewage disposal plant. He pointed this out, he said, to prove he isn't opposed to town expansion, but he reiterated his stand that the ratio in the Delrez-town agreement is a yardstick which must be used in expansion.

"It's an honour to be nominated for mayor, but I have neither the experience or the time for that job and will run as a councillor," said Mr. Hyde. "If you think I'm on the right track, support me."

Cr. Harry Hale, who is not seeking re-election for council this year, was prevented by illness from attending the meeting. Cr. Hale has been chairman of the public works committee this year.

**Plan Hydro Sub-Station**

Returning to the hydro commission for his fifth 2-year term, E. W. Binkley, who was commission chairman this year, said a new \$50,000 sub-station is planned on the 9th Line to take care of town expansion in that area.

Installation of new services is taxing the hydro staff to capacity, he said, and the commission is now operating a quarter million dollar business.

The commission is working on a program which will eventually see mercury vapour lights, such as those on Main St. and the northern part of the highway, in other parts of town as well, he said.

Completion of the new hydro building and creation of a central parking area, a joint project with the town council, were other important items of hydro business this year.

**School Report**

Reporting for public school board chairman Ray Salter, who was detained on out-of-town business from attending the meeting, Edwin Wilson told of a fourth school which will be built in the park area, and of an addition to Harrison School which is hoped to have ready by early spring.

He explained that while it might not seem sensible on the surface to build a school in the park district, which is not growing, it will even out a situation by which pupils at all three schools have farther to walk than should be necessary, and that the location has been carefully considered.

**Tear Down Old School?**

The district high school board, of which he is chairman this year, is discussing plans to tear down the old part of the high school and replace it with eight modern classrooms, said Ernest Forgrave in reporting on high school business.

The 5-municipality, 3-school board has also plans for adding 6 classrooms at Milton and 4 at Acton, he said. Georgetown is in the fortunate position of having enough land to take care of any foreseeable expansion, he said.

"Recent world events have shown the need in the western world of keeping as many pupils in high school as possible," Mr. Forgrave said "and it is up to our board to give the best facilities possible in order to encourage young people in their studies."

He mentioned that another local board member, Fred Masterman, has undertaken to guarantee that no student capable of attending university will be kept by finances from doing so. Mr. Masterman is seeking aid from local people in lending money to deserving students who can pay it back when they have graduated and established themselves in the business world.

**Library Well Used**

Gordon Tee, secretary of the library board, reported continued increase in book borrowing in 1956. 18,000 books were circulated locally; in 1957 this increased to 21,000.

A film borrowing library, added as a facility this year, has been well used too he said. The board has purchased a photo-panorama set which is proving valuable to students. Mr. Tee said the library has also mentioned a memorial label presented by a friend of the late Harry Adams, in recognition of his work as secretary.

Reporting for the Board of Parks Management, chairman Bob Lane said that, while disappointed that the renovation plan cannot proceed at present, the board is carrying on as best it can at the arena, and doing what it deems the most necessary to keep the building in good repair, and provide the most recreation facilities possible.

**Objective Achieved**

Achievement of its objective of

preparing a zoning by-law and official town plan, which has been made law by council has given the town Planning Board a sense of achievement, chairman Edwin Wilson told the meeting.

Mr. Wilson said the work had been monotonous at times, with forty pages of detailed information to discuss, but that it is important work and will be valuable in future development of Georgetown.

**Candidates Speak**

Six nominees, who with four present councillors will seek one of the six 1958 council seats, then were invited to speak by the chairman.

John Elliott said he would favour a policy of spending only money that is absolutely necessary and to keep debt charges to a minimum if he is elected. He said he would suggest formation of an industrial procurement commission and that Georgetown should have men in council who work here and are available 24-hours a day to serve the ratepayers. As CNR stationmaster, he has a lot to do with figures, he said, knowledge of which is important to a councillor.

"I won't be a 'yes' man and you can expect constructive criticism on council if you elect me," he said. "This is already a good town; I believe I can help make it a better one."

John Gunn said he has taken an interest in town affairs while serving on several public boards and that he would now like to help the town in a larger way as a councillor.

"I'll do my utmost to provide the type of administration Georgetown is going to need in the coming year," he said.

Jim Emmerson explained that he has attended many council meetings and has taken a keen interest in the deliberations of the town's governing body.

"What have I to offer? Faith, a little common sense, and I am willing to work," he said.

Mrs. Al Currie said she has never made a secret of the fact that she believes there should be a lady council member. Through her job as a newspaper reporter, she has attended many meetings and gained some knowledge of procedure and will be a candidate, she said.

"In my 2 1/2 years in town I have been interested in municipal affairs. We have a good town and I think I could help to make it a better one," said Roy Warwick.

Mr. Warwick said it would be his policy to serve town interests as a whole, to attend meetings of any public group, on invitation, for mutual exchange of ideas, and to favour speedy council decisions on matters of town business.

Other planks in Mr. Warwick's platform includes a close liaison between council and school board to ensure housing does not develop without adequate schools; action to stabilize town taxes; and that questions submitted by the public when attending council meetings should be debated to a conclusion at that time, rather than re-introduced to the exclusion of the interested party.

Murray MacDonald said he realizes far-reaching decisions will be taken by Georgetown council next year and that he feels new blood is essential in the new council.

"We need a complete new outlook and effective action, not talk. Unnecessary debate in council must be avoided," he said.

Vote as you like . . . but vote Next Monday is your opportunity to choose the six people you would like to serve as councillors in 1958.

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