

Nomination Meeting

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Ratio Not Solution

In his speech, Mayor Armstrong spoke at some length on subdivisions which, he said, seem to be a chief topic of conversation in and out of council.

In 1954 when Delrex came to town, he said, the prime thought of that year's council was to acquire industrial land. What could be acquired in town limits on a reasonable basis was almost nil, he continued, and annexation of township land seemed to be the answer.

Today's problem in every Ontario municipality is how residential development affects town financing, he said. "I don't know the answer," he said, "and that's why I was instrumental in having an auditor's report to find past and future subdivision costs."

The 60-40 ratio is desirable, but "our problems aren't going to be solved by it," he remarked.

The mayor compared two county towns as indication that things other than a ratio affect tax rates. Acton, he said, which has a 60-40 ratio and 72 residential mill rate and 72 industrial, Burlington, with a 49-51 ratio, has an 80 mill residential tax rate.

In 1954 Georgetown had 41% residential and 58% industrial commercial.

"And then came... I don't have to tell you any more." But, he continued, while 1955 ratio showed 28% to 71%, assessment figures show only two Delrex houses were occupied, and as houses are not normally assessed until they are occupied, he assumes that only these two were included in the total.

Common Problem
Georgetown's problem is province-wide, he said and for some years housing development is going to exceed commercial and industrial.

What should a council do? Keep down capital financing and ensure that capital costs are paid by subdividers.

"It's not a choice, it's a necessity," said the mayor.

School costs, he hopes, will eventually be assumed by provincial government and as these are one of the major items of town financing he thinks the day could come when a town says "let's not have any industry with its smoke and smell."

Delrex Didn't Pay
"I'm firmly convinced that Delrex didn't pay one dime of any capital tax costs. Don't let yourselves be any subdividers in going to He's not going to pay, the house buyer is. And if we're going to assess subdividers with such costs, let's do it fairly for it is your son and mine who will be paying these in future," he warned.

He stressed the fact that capital financing has reached a peak with the bond market bad and interest rates high.

More Committee Work
Next year the mayor thinks more work should be done in committee. At present councillors receive \$13 per meeting, and he said consideration should be given to reducing this figure and paying for committee meetings as well to encourage more interest in such meetings.

Town Manager?
The time is coming, Mayor Armstrong thinks, when part time men haven't the time or energy for efficient administration.

A town like Georgetown needs a town manager, he said. He warned also that maintenance costs must be closely watched in 1960.

Hopes to be Warden
Again a candidate for reeve, Douglas Sargent said he hopes to bring Georgetown the honor of the county wardenship if he is elected. The position was last held locally by Stan Allen, now superintendent of Halton Centennial Manor.

Mr. Sargent is council's chairman of industrial and town planning and he reviewed activities of these departments.

The biggest industrial news didn't happen in town, but at Halton, he said, speaking of the Avro layoffs.

"But every cloud has a silver lining," he continued, "and in this case we have Avian industries and their plans for production of a new gyro."

He commended local people who are backing the new firm financially. He also praised Bill Hunter who gets a share of credit for another new firm, Standard Products, and said it is an example of the cooperation needed to encourage industry locating in town.

Expansion at Smith & Stone, Alliance Paper and Varian Associates are examples of the healthiest kind of industrial growth, he said. With these, and extra commercial assessment from the new plaza and from renovation programs on Main St., the town maintained ratio as a year ago, despite a large number of new homes built, he said.

The Industrial Commission has been active in promotion, with issue of a brochure and regular visits to various agencies to state Georgetown's advantages, he said. The commission has promoted more highway signs pointing to town, and the industrial exhibition recently was a fine publicity job which will have good results, he thinks.

Zoning Finalized
Finalization of the zoning by-law is expected early next year, said the reeve. At present it has temporary approval of the Municipal Board which has suggested some amendments before it becomes law.

A subdivision control by-law was another progressive step taken by council, he said.

Praises Firemen
High praise for the fire department which also comes under his committee was expressed by Mr. Sargent. A fire loss of less than \$5000 is expected this year, and besides their fire-fighting duties, the department renders many public services beyond the call of duty.

A highlight of the year in county business was abandonment of North Halton high school district, which will be replaced in January by three separate districts in Georgetown, Acton and Milton, and the reeve expressed his pleasure that Georgetown will now control its own high school affairs.

Extensions to Halton Manor, is also important locally providing more accommodation for elderly people. There are 116 residents at present, and next year there will be room for 243, he said.

Cut Maintenance Costs
A 4 year road improvement program during his years as chairman will cut maintenance costs in half, is the belief of Deputy Reeve Walter Gray, who is a 1960 office seeker.

Mr. Gray recited statistics, saying that since he took office all roads in the older part of town had been resurfaced. Sidewalks, too, had been in deplorable condition, he said, and over 8,000 feet of sidewalks have been replaced.

"I'm seeking re-election because I believe you will realize what a good job has been done on the roads," he said.

Main Street on Tap
Plans are being prepared for a complete new road program on Main Street, said Mr. Gray. The street needs repaving, storm sewers, curbs and gutters, he said, and he is sure this can be done next year from current revenue.

The work should commence as early as possible next spring, he said.

Hits at "Snipers"
Hitting at what she termed "snipers," Mrs. Anne Currie said she thinks nothing can be accomplished in council work as long as "sniping is the order of the day," and sentiments are taken out of context and used against the speakers.

Mrs. Currie, who is seeking a second term as councillor, said she does not believe it is a search for truth to first take a stand and then find statistics to support it. "The auditor's report recently asked for by council is not a 'red herring' as it has been termed, but a fact," she said, "for the auditor will have no preconceived conclusions and if the report is properly used it can be a guiding light to future councils, she believes."

"If being elected is important enough to harter one's opinions for such election, then democracy is only a popularity contest," she said.

Speaking briefly of her work as police chairman, she said the town has a good force, with policemen respected and acting as scout leaders and safety lecturers in addition to their normal duties. Her department is understaffed according to present population, she said.

Working for Georgetown
A council candidate again, Cr. John Elliott said he fears people with different opinions have been working against each other so much that they might lose sight of the fact they are all working for Georgetown.

"If I can give a little more strength and unity to my council's job next year I'll be more satisfied," he stated, saying that voting for someone with a pleasant smile, a firm handshake or exceptional abilities is all right, but the best councillors are those with good common sense, good morals and sound judgment.

He urged people to vote without bias from pressure groups.

"Let's make December 7th a Day," he said "and elect El for economy and unity."

Doesn't Like Deficits
The town has a \$30,000 deficit this year, which he blamed on a 1958 mill rate lowering, but his public works department showed a \$4800 surplus, Mr. Elliott pointed out.

Work accomplished in public works this year has included a sewer line to the shopping plaza, preliminary work on the new disposal plant, a trunk sewer to the new plant, and banishing of the last four "privies" in town.

Boosts Auditor Report
Expressing surprise that an auditor has asked for an auditor's report on subdivision costs, Cr. John Gray did not indicate in his speech whether he is an office seeker.

He has attempted to have an impartial viewpoint on questions and vote on them as his conscience demands, he said. A brief report on his committee work as welfare, hospital and ambulance chairman contained words of praise for the ambulance service which was a "first" for Georgetown.

Says Drainage Costly
Defending his stand that drainage problems are a costly item in Delrex, Cr. Fred Harrison, also a council candidate again, said he has not taken a \$150,000 estimate out of his head and that it will cost at least this to overcome troubles on Rexway Drive and Delrex Blvd.

If curbs and gutters were installed to make it a perfect job it could easily cost another \$100,00, he estimates.

"As one of the 'unholy 3' as they term us, I've been accused of being against more housing and that isn't true," Mr. Harrison said.

He is against releasing land for 1100 houses when there are 399 lots in subdivisions already approved which haven't been built on, he claims. Pointing to a \$20,000 deficit which the town's interim statement lays at the door of unsold municipal property, he said the town should not hold on to such properties as one on Maple Avenue, which could be sold for commercial use, and to small lots scattered here and there in town which are too small for park land and would produce tax revenue if houses were built on them.

Creation of a cenotaph park at an area in former waste land, he said, referring to land which the property committee, which he chairs, has been improving this year.

Candidate for Reeve
Seeking office as reeve after several years as a councillor, Ken Hyde reiterated his stand that the town must stick to the Delrex agreement and that if the 60-40 ratio varies too much, it will mean higher taxes.

"There's been a lot of talk about smoke screens," he said, "but I don't think I'm responsible for impeding any progress."

Full page newspaper ads by the Delrex firm and petitions to council have contained statistics which he termed "half truths."

"The mayor says he hasn't the answer to the ratio problem, but I can attempt one," said Mr. Hyde.

He then pointed out that half a million dollars of new residential assessment would lead to increased costs of schools, police, fire prevention, water, sewage disposal and extra municipal staff, while the same industrial assessment would be practically clear profit and affect only water and sewer costs.

He warned that the more unbalanced the ratio becomes, the bigger share local industry will be paying in taxes and gave the opinion that it could "break their back."

Ratio Important
While he does not think the Delrex agreement must be "lived to the letter," Cr. Hyde said the residential-industrial ratio is important. In the older part of town, residential-industrial ratio is 66-34 while in Delrex it is 89-11, he claims.

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Tom Sawyer Operetta Is Planned for Glen

Glen home and school chairman, Mrs. Desmond Earl, presided at the November meeting held in the Glen Public School on the 16th. Mrs. Earl opened the meeting with O Canada, and the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting followed by the treasurer's report.

In an abbreviated business session it was decided to postpone the operetta "Tom Sawyer" until January.

On the entertainment side, George DeKleer, and his sister A. DeKleer presented a number of piano and violin selections and Mrs. Don Hancock was accompanied by Mrs. Inglis at the piano in two vocal solos. Tom Darcie also sang accompanied by Mr. DeKleer.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scott, of the Blue Valley also played and sang and a contest "name the ad" arranged by Miss H. Boye was won by Mrs. John Hunter. At the conclusion of the meeting lunch was served by the lunch committee.

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SILVER - WOOD

W. F. Earl Heads Stone School Assoc.

The annual meeting of the Stone School Community Association was held at the school on Friday evening with 39 present.

The president, W. F. Earle, was in the chair. He said that he was disappointed that more people were not attending the gatherings, and asked for a show of hands and whether to continue with the association.

The majority vote was to keep on with the meetings with the hope of attracting more of the parents of the children attending the school, as it was felt desirable to have some place where neighbours could meet occasionally and get to know one another.

A statement of the last year's finances was given by the secretary treasurer Ben Case. The state of officers elected for the coming year is as follows:

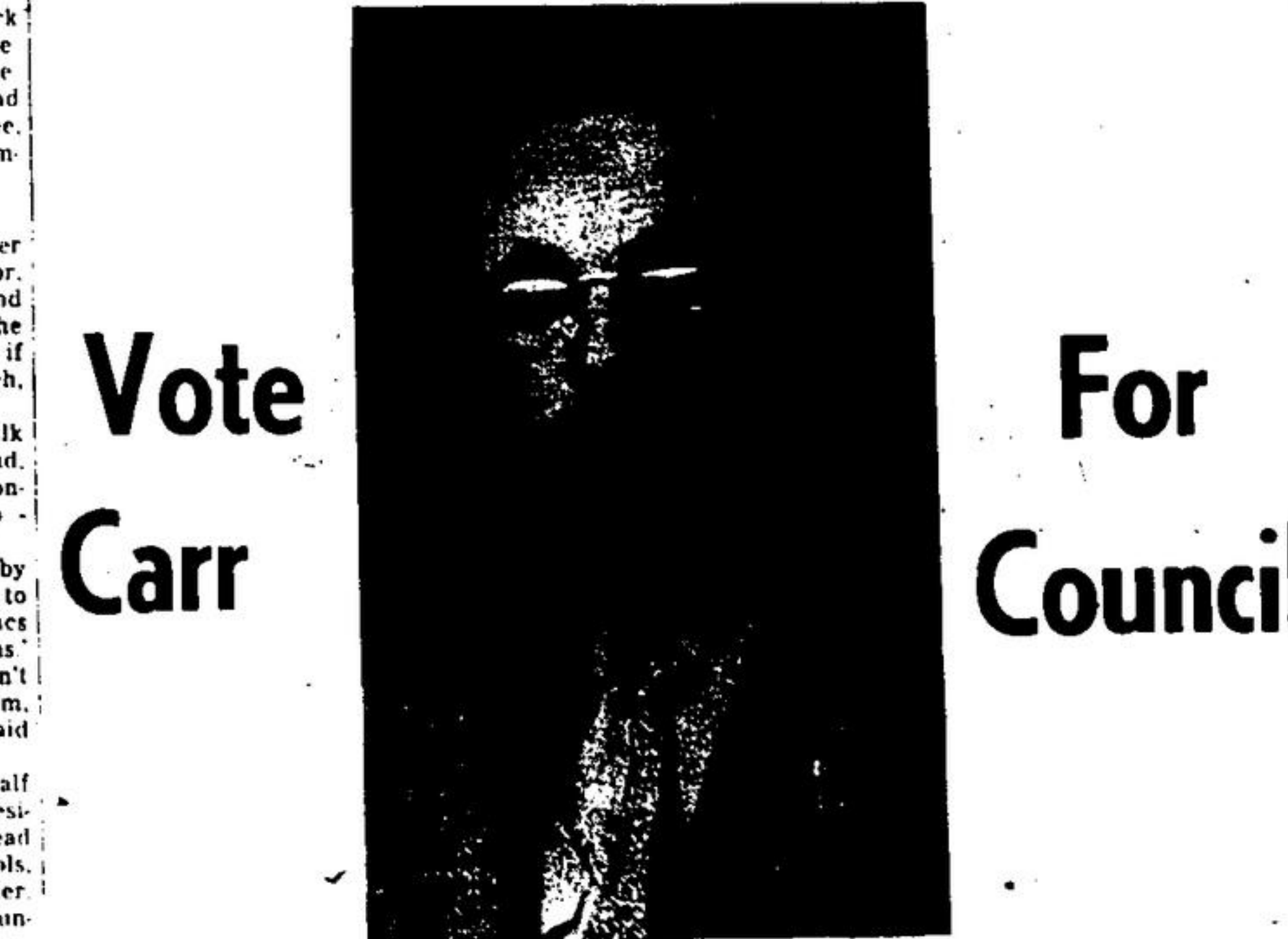
President, W. F. Earle, vice president, George Henderson, secretary treasurer, Ben Case, Directors: Mrs. Ann Lindauer, Gordon Kidney, Charles Greig, Mrs. C. Wilson, Harry Marchington.

Following business, five tab-

40% Industrial	60% Residential
LET US HOLD THIS LINE	
THE WORKING MAN FOR THE WORKING MAN	
James H. Emmerson	
FOR DEPUTY REEVE	

AS A
COST ACCOUNTANT
FOR OVER
25 YEARS
I AM CONCERNED WITH FACTS AND FIGURES
ELECT HENLEY
YOU will then have the benefit of this experience.
HENLEY, John A.
40/60 MORE OR LESS

For Planned Economic Progress



W. H. CARR
Professional Engineer
Ontario Land Surveyor

Born: July 3rd, 1920, Midland, Ontario.
1957: Lecturer in Surveying Dept. of Agricultural Engineering, OAC, Guelph, Ontario.

Member of:
Association of Professional Engineers (Ontario)

Association of Ontario Land Surveyors (Chairman of Town Planning Committee O.L.S.)

Jr. Engineering Institute of Canada

Canadian Institute of Sewage and Sanitation

Canadian Institute of Surveying

Community Planning Association of Canada

Branch #20, Canadian Legion

Georgetown Rotary Club (Past Pres.)

1949: Honour Graduate University of Toronto, B.A.Sc., Civil Engineering

1952: Qualified as Ontario Land Surveyor

1949-1953: Lecturer in Dept. of Civil Engineering U of T and in Private Practice in Engineering and Surveying in Toronto.

1954: Private Practice in Georgetown

1957-1959: Consulting Engineer to Town of Georgetown.

In running for Council I offer my training and experience to the taxpayers of Georgetown to assist Council in making the important decisions necessary in 1960 to guide the future progress of our Municipality in the best interests of the taxpayers of Georgetown.

Through careful planning for continued progress and development of our town, which I will work for on Council on your behalf, I humbly solicit your vote on December 7th, 1959.

VOTE

W. F. HUNTER

For Councillor

December 7th

Industry is what we need, but hard to find. However, I was responsible for bringing two factories to Georgetown this year and am on the alert for more.

I am an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Curling Club, Businessmen's Association and Georgetown Investment Co. and I sponsored and managed the Intermediate B Hockey team for the 1958-1959 season.

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Walter Gray Seeks Your Support for 7th Term as Deputy-Reeve.

The following is a copy of a speech made at the nomination meeting on the evening of Thursday, November 26, 1959, and is reproduced here for perusal by those unable to attend on that occasion.

I was first elected to serve on the Municipal Council in 1954 and in 1956 was asked to act as Chairman of the Road committee.

At that time, the town was faced with the problem of resurfacing all the roads in the older part of Town and new roads in the Swanek, Cloverdale, Parkview, Orr and Sunbeam Heights subdivisions. The roads in the subdivisions consisted of very poor gravel surfaces while in the older parts of town asphalt had been laid on the travelled portion of the street with no thought to proper grading or drainage with the result that we had mud ditches everywhere and no base in the roads, which, in many cases, had caused the asphalt to 'honeycomb' and break down at the edges of the street.

To put this situation right was an enormous project. The costs involved would not permit storm sewer curbs, gutters, sidewalks and new hot laid asphalt paving all in one - or even more - years.

With the finances then available the only course was to resort to a less expensive form of construction, namely liquid asphalt and stone chips which were costing approx. 40c per square yard as compared with \$2.50 per square yard for hot laid asphalt.

The first major project carried out in 1956 was the reconstruction and storm sewer of Guelph St. which had been a major expense to the town for maintenance for many years previous. During the same year storm sewers were laid in King Street, Durham Street, Sarah Street and McNab Street and a few of the streets were resurfaced as far as the budget would allow.

In 1957, under an agreement with the County Council, paving, storm sewers and sidewalks were completed on Maple Avenue. In this year a number of the gravelled roads were given an initial treatment of liquid asphalt and stone chips.

1958 saw the completion of the first stage of the liquid asphalt programme and some streets were given a second or sealing coat.

In 1959 we have applied the second coat to all the remaining streets in the older part of Town and commenced on a programme of more permanent type construction, which, when properly carried out to its ultimate end, will more than halve the yearly maintenance costs now being borne by the Town. On George Street the old asphalt had been taken out, the contours properly graded, completely new base installed, new curbs, gutters and sidewalk installed and new hot laid asphalt pavement laid.

New streets in the Delrex