



ROY HANSEN



HARRY SHORTILL



EDWIN WILSON

Re-elected by acclamation, three members of the public school board will serve further 2-year terms on the 6-member board. Roy Hansen, Harry Shortill and Edwin Wilson, the latter present chairman of the board, were unopposed in their bid for office at the recent nomination meeting.

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Candidates State Platforms Pre-Election Political Meet

With eight of seventeen candidates for election appearing to state their platforms and answer questions, a meeting in St. Andrew's Church hall on Friday drew some eighty ratepayers.

The meeting had been advertised as being sponsored by Georgetown Citizens' Committee and was chaired by Doug Meades, 72 Rexway Drive, assisted by M. G. Armstrong, 70 Rexway Drive.

Speakers, in order of appearance were council candidate Wm. F. Hunter, candidate for reeve Walter Gray, and council candidates Garfield McGilvray, John Zorge, Pearce Porter, Wm. Carr, Mrs. Anne Currie and John Gunn.

Mr. Hunter gave a biographical resume of himself, mentioning that he had spent some \$1,000 of his own money in sponsoring the intermediate hockey club, and had brought Standard Products to town as well as Dominion Concrete which, he said if their location is "kicked around much longer by the municipal planning board may drop plans for locating here.

Mr. Hunter promised to do everything he can to promote unity in town, saying that although he belongs to two businessmen's groups, there should only be one and that both parts of town should get acquainted. He was also a member of the group which helped persuade Avian Industries to locate in town and put up funds to aid them in developing their gyroplane, he said.

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and people need homes. His platform is Action for industry, a Business approach and Constructive growth.

He advocates a positive approach with good publicity to attract industry; running town business as he does his own, on a dollars and cents basis, and said he would vote on subdivisions by facts and figures after he had seen the auditor's report.

He criticized five men for "running as a slate" saying they had called in a Toronto newspaper for a smear campaign.

"I was an independent candidate last year, and this year and will be next year," he said.

Pearce Porter announced himself as an open-minded candidate who would go into council without prejudices and that he would not slur any other candidate as it would only split the town more.

The present housing request was vetoed by council, he said, and there would have to be new proposals to consider. He levels that Mr. Helop should have built another factory after renting to Standard Products, and that the town should allocate a mill of the tax rate for industrial promotion.

"Publicity has been awful," he said, "and I'd like to get on council and help get us together as a town."

The issue, he thinks, is whether the present council has run town affairs the way people want, he said. "We're not a town of 3,000 any more, and some of our councillors have been in office since those days."

Mr. Porter said he thinks the downtown commercial area should have more development, as this could help the assessment ratio.

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"No candidate has the right to promise other than faithful service to the community," he said "and if I am elected I shall consider each problem as it occurs and make an impartial decision."

Mr. Gray said he was not prepared to answer questions when people asking them were prepared in advance, and that he would not make snap decisions.

Asked by Mrs. John Cordaro if he thinks another 1163 homes will be an advantage to a town without more industry, Mr. Gray said the Delrex proposal has been turned down and no new proposal has yet been submitted for consideration.

Asked by Gerard Wilcox if Main Street paving costs could be cut down and some of the money used to better advantage in other parts of town, Mr. Gray said the work has to be done to government specifications in order to get a subsidy payment.

Garfield McGilvray said he had spoken at some length at the nomination meeting and has mailed an election circular and that people should know he is not a "crackpot" nor is he pro or con in the Delrex controversy.

job, she said, and throw them out if you don't agree. She criticized ratepayers for "coming to state their views over and over again."

Asked if the audit would be made public, Mrs. Currie said it would be.

John Gunn stated a 6 point program which included making as much as possible use of the winter works program, a master plan for roads and sewers with a ten year program of paving, engaging a town manager, return to a ward system, and guidance in subdivision release by the auditor's report.

He is not opposed to controlled release of more housing land, he said, if the subdivider guarantees no extra cost to the town for schools and other services.

At the conclusion of the meeting, chairman Doug Meades said he had misgivings about accepting the post but the meeting had been orderly and complimented those attending on their good manners.

He asked Mayor Jack Armstrong to speak, and the mayor said he hoped everyone would exercise their franchise on Monday as the right to vote is even more important than any issues involved.

Asked by George Evans if any nominees not present had been in touch with him, Mr. Meades said that Fred Harrison, John Elliott and John Henley had advised of previous commitments, that Ian Cass had indicated he would be present, and that others had not indicated whether they would attend or not.

Asked by Fred Ross what he means by progress, Mr. Carr pointed to improvements on Main Street, new schools and plans for a new hospital.

Asked by Mr. Ross if progress means buying a house and selling it for \$2,000 less, Mr. Carr said a federal policy has affected many people in town and that if he gets on council he intends to make a thorough study of Georgetown financially.

Gerard Wilcox asked if Mr. Carr thinks the industrial commission can do any more than Delrex has done to attract industry and was told that a community effort could.

Mrs. Anne Currie said it is impossible to have a platform in municipal politics and the best a councillor can do is view each issue on its own merits impartially.

A councillor shouldn't have a preconceived conclusion, as chances would result if no one would argue in an argument, she thinks. Striving for a more united effort and keeping town squabbles out of daily papers would help Georgetown, she said.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clare Francis, 35 Shelley St. had a guest from Edmonton, Alta. with them on Sunday. Bill Trimble, whose brother Ernie is married to their daughter Barbara, spent the day with them. A Victoria, B.C. resident, stationed with the RCAF in Edmonton, he came east to take a special course at Camp Borden.

Mrs. C. Stumpf of Elmira spent a few days in town last week visiting with her sister, Mrs. A. H. and Mr. Feller, 2 Emery St.

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