

**CANDIDATES' NIGHT**

**Audience Has Few Questions For Oct. 1 Election Hopefuls**

A half-empty auditorium greeted candidates at the candidates night, Tuesday, sponsored by Georgetown Jaycees.

Only wards 3 and 4 council candidates and the four mayoralty candidates were invited. The speeches were brief and the questions few, with none of the heated debates common to such meetings in the past.

Roy Booth, candidate for local council in Ward 3, said it was sad there will never again be a Georgetown council. Emphasizing he was not personally responsible since councils have to work together, he listed the initiation of recreation facilities, road resurfacing, and controlled development as some of the year's accomplishments. He said he would continue to work as hard for the citizens as he had in the past, and keep uppermost the rights and best interests of the individual.

Ern Hyde, a candidate for local council in Ward 3 stressed the importance of unity in the northern area. He said regional government is not really a change, since Esquesing and Georgetown combined have six representatives on county council now, out of a total of 14 members. In contrast, he said, the northern areas will now have five representatives out of a total of 25, so the need for unity is even greater.

Mr. Hyde stated the north was designated a slow growth area, a fact with which he had no quarrel. "Because of the slow growth designation, council petitioned the province to have all industrial taxation in Halton region distributed on a per capita basis, so we wouldn't be known as poor relatives."

In answer to a question from the floor, Mr. Hyde said he was not in favour of local improvement taxation.

John Hole, the third candidate for local council in Ward 3 could not attend as he was being honored by the cancer society for his many trips into Toronto, transporting patients.

**REDISTRIBUTION**

Mike Armstrong, candidate for local council in Ward 4, said he was running in Ward 4 because of the redistribution boundaries, and because he lives in that ward. He said council had made great strides in the area of recreation and credited interested citizens in the community for much of the work. He said a major decision was the extension to the sewage treatment plant.

Mr. Armstrong said he was a member of the works committee, vice-chairman of finance committee, a member of planning board and the industrial commission. "I now have my feet wet," he added.

He concluded by saying he was not an outspoken critic, or a conductor of filibusters, but tried to make unbiased decisions and offer constructive criticism.

In reply to a question from former councillor Joan Smith, about selling industrial land to a private recreation club for \$500 an acre, Mr. Armstrong said the land was not suited for industry, and would cost a great deal to make suitable.

Harry Levy, candidate for local council in Ward 4, said he felt it was more important to discuss matters that concern the taxpayers of Georgetown, rather than regional government. He said he intended to make sure the road reconstruction and recreation program are continued.

He praised the work of the community facilities committee, and said work must begin on the recreation complex before the end of the year. "I feel council has made the wrong decision in locating the swimming pool at the high school, and the balance of the complex on the highway opposite the plaza," said Mr. Levy. He said his background proves his interest in recreational facilities. He stated he was concerned about proper planning and ensuring future development is not a financial burden on the present taxpayers.

In reply to a question, Mr. Levy said the installation of the pool at the high school would cost \$100,000 more than it would in the complex, plus the cost of a second staff. He said he opposed the location because he felt it would not be used by as wide a range of citizens.

"We pay for the pool but the school board owns it," he concluded.

Graham Ripley, also a candidate for local council in Ward 4, said no-one had experience in regional government, and no-one knew how it was going to operate. He warned the voters should think carefully, since regional government was a bigger responsibility than ever before. He said he would make no promises, with one exception. "I won't vote for a salary increase," he added.

**BETTER FORM**

First of the mayoralty candidates to speak, Tom Hill, said he would listen to any worthwhile project, but reminded the listeners they would have to pay in the long run. He termed regional government a better form of government than the present one.

Mr. Hill said there had been great co-operation between Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing during the last two years. "At over 20 meetings, regional government has been

discussed, both at the county level and at the three councils in our own area," he added. He claimed mayor of the northern area would be a full time job, and said he was on a four-year leave-of-absence from his job.

To a question from the audience, Mr. Hill replied that he felt part of Esquesing's \$60,000 reserve fund should go to Georgetown recreation complex, since it will be used by Esquesing residents.

William F. (Bill) Hunter candidate for mayor of the northern municipality, claimed experience was an asset, and cited his 12 years in municipal office, three as councillor, four as deputy reeve and five as reeve. He said he was elected mayor of Halton county, and in this capacity attended over 300 meetings in all municipalities of the county, and became aware of their problems. "I served on all county committees, so learned about the Halton manor, children's aid, in addition to finance and administration." He promised to be a fulltime mayor, available to the people at all times, and would see the tax dollar was spent wisely.

Questioned on the location of the pool and his absence from the discussion, at council, Mr. Hunter replied, "I certainly took exception to the sentence in The Herald which said I left before the discussion. I asked the mayor if I could leave, and was unaware the question of the pool was coming up at all." Mr. Hunter stated emphatically he was not in favor of the pool being built at the high school.

**GETTING OUT**

"How will you handle the conflict between controlling development and making a profit out of it," asked a questioner.

Mr. Hunter replied he was turning over his business to another family member and getting out of it, whether or not he became mayor.

Phil Siddall, third mayor hopeful to speak, said he had put together the final brief on boundaries and assessment that was sent to Queen's Park. "As a result the province extended our boundaries to Highway 401, and instituted a new grant system to areas with lower assessment."

He listed his main proposals as follows:

Rurals areas should be retained for productive agriculture and recreation; development

should be contained within existing built-up areas; planning and zoning changes should be made only after residents of the area are consulted; better ways of waste disposal should be developed, and the use of quarries for dumping opposed; priority must be given to the acquisition of parkland; the park belt along Silver Creek must become a reality, and local government must become more efficient. "Council shouldn't be doing the work of staff, as it has been for too long," he added.

Bill Smith, last of the four candidates for mayor to address the group, stated regional government was simply a reorganization of existing councils, boards and commissions. He admitted he too, was concerned about the effect on taxes since he was a local homeowner and businessman. He reminded the audience the mill rate in 1971, his first term, was 75.43, which was held the next year, and reduced to 73.93 in 1973.

Mr. Smith said the new sewage plant will be built in 1974, and the pilot recycling program is being continued, and the recreation complex is being designed. He claimed the greatest number of roads ever done in one year, 47, are being

done this year. Listing some of the projects in which he has been involved, Mr. Smith said he was chairman of the committee that purchased Cedarvale park, started the permanent road paving program in 1968, served on water commissions that have made available an abundance of water. "We use 2.8 million gallons a day, and can pump 7 million," said the extension of the GO train to mayor. I helped promote the town."

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| Math - Analysis (13)                    | 7:00 - 10:00 | \$30.00 | (Mon. & Wed.)    | 15 weeks |
| Geography (13)                          | 7:00 - 10:00 | \$30.00 | (Mon. & Wed.)    | 15 weeks |
| Mathematics (12)                        | 7:00 - 9:00  | \$20.00 | (Mon. & Wed.)    | 15 weeks |
| Geography (12)                          | 7:00 - 9:00  | \$20.00 | (Mon. & Wed.)    | 15 weeks |
| Welding (10-12)                         | 7:00 - 10:00 | \$40.00 | (Mon. & Wed.)    | 15 weeks |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                          |              |         |                  |          |
| Biology (13)                            | 7:00 - 10:00 | \$30.00 | (Tues. & Thurs.) | 15 weeks |
| Biology (11)                            | 7:00 - 9:00  | \$20.00 | (Tues. & Thurs.) | 15 weeks |
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| Conversational French I                 | 7:30 - 9:30  | \$20.00 |                  | 20 weeks |
| English as a 2nd Language               | 7:30 - 9:30  | \$ 5.00 | (Tues. & Thurs.) | 20 weeks |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                        |              |         |                  |          |
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