

Ward One hears candidates

# Regional government, committee system among main issues in Oakville election

An enthusiastic crowd of 75 Ward One Oakville ratepayers crowded into Percy Merry School Wednesday to question, drill and test candidates for public office before going to the polls on Monday.

Three candidates for mayor, two for reeve and deputy reeve, four candidates for two seats representing the northern ward on council and six for four seats on Public Utilities Commission faced a barrage of questions during the four hour session. Even then all the questions hadn't been answered and speakers cut addresses short near the end of the evening.

**Biggest issues**  
Regional government, assessment, the committee system versus town manager system of government and the value of an industrial commissioner emerged as main issues in the election. The meeting was sponsored by the Ward One Ratepayers Association.

Incumbent Mayor McLean Anderson told the crowd they needed strong representation to carry out the bargaining to

ensure Oakville's role in regional government is a fair one. He indicated regional government should be separated from the phony issues. He also reviewed his five year record on council.

Current reeve and warden of the county, Allan Day attacked Anderson's stand on regional government. "Regional government is not an issue in Oakville and never has been," he said, explaining the county had carried the ball in preparing for regional government. He said the county had five meetings with Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough as well as setting up the TECO report. He said Oakville council had done very little in this light.

**15 years on council**  
Day reviewed his 15 years on council and five on county council. He spoke in favor of the committee system and in favor of a full time mayor. He said the mayor should be on hand to meet with ratepayers, developers or anyone else needing his services. "I don't know if you know it or not but the current mayor is getting more than \$10,000 a year. I

wouldn't take any more than that," he said.

Third mayoralty candidate Laurie Mannell said if he were to be a true blue politician he would hold two meetings and tell the farmers if elected he would provide hens that laid bigger eggs, then tell the commuters he would provide roosters that wouldn't crow before noon so they could sleep in mornings.

**Finest town**  
He indicated his aim would be to restore Oakville to its status as one of the finest communities in Canada. He said this was true until 115 years ago when the authority was given to the experts. "I'll work to bring control back into the hands of the people," he promised.

Questioned by an individual in the crowd, both Anderson and Day agreed regional government was inevitable and it would do little good to protest it.

The value of an industrial commissioner came under attack from candidate Mannell. Mayor Anderson told of cases where the commissioner was directly responsible for bringing firms to

town. He told of one case when he had to introduce a man representing a new firm to council as Mr. X.

**Defend Commission**  
While Day and Anderson defended the commissioner and the commission, Mannell said it should be done away with. He said it costs \$35,000 a year to operate and there was more industry lost last year than came in. "If I ever felt like a fool it was the night I met Mr. X," Mannell ridiculed. He said local newspapers revealed the names and all the whole town knew who Mr. X was before council. "This is just the kind of nonsense that goes on with your industrial commissioner," he chastized.

An individual from the crowd challenged Mannell's judgment. He said Oakville coveted everything Mississauga has and some in Mississauga felt the same way 10 years ago but they have been proven wrong.

**Down 3 times**  
Deputy reeve candidates Harry Barrett and Geoff Drew-Brook spoke briefly. Barrett called for the committee system to correct the situation now existing where council has little or no communication with Department heads. He said he had voted against the airport in Omagh three times and feared it would be brought back a fourth time.

Drew-Brook called for a council that wasn't at one another's throats. He said he backed the farmers' plight in their fight for more equitable taxes and noted Oakville is fortunate in gaining time and example in regional government.

**Battle C.A.S.**  
Candidate for reeve Bill Gillies reviewed his term on county council and spoke of the various battles with the Children's Aid

Society that eventually led to a brief asking the C.A.S. be made more responsible to the electorate.

About regional government, Gillies suggested it must come or our municipal governments will erode and eventually collapse. He noted planning was one area that should be handled on a regional basis. He said this way residential land in one community wouldn't be abutting industrial land in another. He suggested this happened in the Oakville-Milton boundary. "We don't have the best working agreement with Milton," he noted.

**Fears region**  
Gillies' opponent Allan Masson said he feared regional government was one step away. He said it was necessary that the people have someone on their doorstep they could talk to. The former mayor recalled his happy council of some five years ago when they got along and enjoyed working for the town.

Gillies said, "it was happy, alright. It was downright hilarious."  
The race for two seats on council boiled down to a battle between incumbent Don Gordon, lawyer in training Richard Day, roofer Don Hardiman and Ken Giles who is nearing retirement as superintendent of transportation with the Halton County Board of Education.

**Higher taxes**  
Giles reviewed his work on boards and committees sanctioned by the town and expressed opposition to regional government noting it would cost more and ratepayers would be saddled with higher taxes yet.

Don Gordon pointed to assessment and regional government as the big jobs to be cared for in the future. He said

unfair it tends to be. The unfairness will cost you money", he said.

He urged a white paper approach to regional government so at least it could be criticized. He said no one knew exactly what to expect.

Hardiman, the last speaker to address the crowd gave up his time in view of the late hour. Others who spoke were candidates for the Ward One Separate School Board seat John Gavigan and Anton Kurz and candidates for PUC.

Running for PUC were Tony Green, Philip Blundy, Ron Wells and Hilmer Lofquist, all incumbents, against newcomers Raie Hill and Jack Orr.



AN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD OF Ward One Oakville Ratepayers turned out to question and hear promises of candidates for Oakville Council Wednesday night at Percy Merry School in North Oakville. The event was sponsored by Ward One Ratepayers Association.—(Staff Photo)

Killbride

## Party for "Charlie Brown" is theme for school play

**By Mrs. William Watson**  
The students of room 106 under the direction of their teacher Miss Filman put on a play entitled "Charlie Brown's Birthday". Charlie Brown isn't having a very happy birthday. No one seems to remember his birthday - not his busy mother, faithful dog or best friends. After a bad day at school, Charlie Brown trudges home (very dejected) to find a surprise party. Charlie Brown is of course, speechless with joy.

The cast included Charlie Brown - Brian Jay, Lucy - Denise Davies, Linus - Dale Tawse, Sally - Pan Vivian, Pig Pen - Kevin Brodz, Snoopy - Randy Slump, Noodstock - Darrell Tawse, Charlie Brown's mother - Colleen Stuble, teacher Cindy Parent, Peppermint Patty, Christine Zuest, Violet - Susan Smith, Little Red Headed Girl - Adrienne Smith, narrator - John Hackett. Rest of class - "extras" and scenery makers.

**Plan hot dog day**  
The executive members of Killbride Home and School Association was held Wednesday evening Nov. 25 with seven members present. Hot dog day for this month will be Wednesday Dec. 16. Christmas concert will be put on by year 4, 5 and 6 students on Monday, Dec. 21 at 7.30 p.m. and on Tuesday Dec. 22 school will be dismissed about 2.30 p.m., school will resume again on Monday Jan. 4, 1971. If you have an old typewriter in your home gathering dust, Killbride students could put it to very good use in the

classrooms, call the school at 878-6394.

There will be no general meeting in January.

Children and teachers at Killbride school enjoyed hot dogs for lunch last Wed. Nov. 25.

Twenty dozen were prepared and served by Mrs. Milton Schuett, Mrs. Gordon Harris, Mrs. Dave Ripper, Mrs. T. German and social convener Mrs. Mel Davies.

Mrs. Arnold Colling of Cedar Springs road is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton.

**Lucky winners**

The Good Neighbor club met Monday evening Nov. 30 at the centre with four tables.

Prize winners were Mrs. Jean Potter, Ruth Parchem, Mrs. Elma Bullard, Harry King, Bob Weir and Donald Douglas. Hosts for the evening were Mrs. Wilbert Ford and Mrs. Ruth Parchem.

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The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thompson on the death of her sister in Nova Scotia. The Killbride Cubs and Scouts are selling Christmas trees again this year. Trees are at the home of Don Coulson, Cedar Springs road, phone 878-4766.

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to all those who worked on my behalf and supported me.  
**RICHARD DAY**

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