

# S.W.O.X. Fire Dept. Awards



Members of the South-West Oxford Township Fire Department received service awards for the first time at a dinner Saturday evening at the Brownsville Hall. Shown here are some former members of the department who received plaques to mark their retirement from firefighting.

They are, left to right: Robert Hayward (1958-1976), Glen Prouse (1961-1976), Gordon Mitchell (1964-1976), Bill Jeffrey (1958-1976), Dick Burn (1958-1978), and Jack McClure (1965-1977).

## Fireman receive long - service awards

Awards for 10 and 20 years' service and retirement plaques were presented for the first time

to members of the South-West Oxford Township Fire Department Saturday night.

Township firefighters, their wives, and members of township council gathered at Brownsville Hall for a dinner and presentation of the awards.

Township Mayor Lou Barrett was master of ceremonies and County Fire Coordinator Charles Young of Woodstock was guest speaker. Other township councillors present were Cecil Wilson, Fred Franklin, Walt Wilson, Beth Wallace and Jim Brown.

Mr. Young said he would like to see a radio network for the county fire departments, with a central dispatcher in Woodstock. Trucks would be radio-equipped and each firefighter would carry a pocket monitor to alert him to fires in his area.

The radio network system would probably be less expensive in the long run than the present fire-phone system, Mr. Young said.

Pins were presented for 10 and 20 years' service, and plaques embellished with the township crest were presented to retired members.

Those receiving awards were: Joe Sharps, 10-year

pin, plaque (1958-1976); Alf Burn, 20-year pin; Donald Mulholland, 10-year pin, plaque (1958-1976); Donald Honsberger, 20-year pin; Richard Burn, 20-year pin, plaque (1958-1976); Harold Foreman, 10-year pin, plaque (1958-1976); Donald Leach, 20-year pin; William Jeffrey Jr., 10-year pin, plaque (1958-1976); Donald Deller, 20-year pin.

Robert Hayward, 10-year pin, plaque (1958-1976); Howard Cole, 20-year pin; Carl McQueen, 20-year pin; Harry Leach, 10-year pin; Glen Prouse, 10-year pin, plaque (1961-1976); Jacques Anderson, 10-year pin, plaque (1966-1976); Jack McClure, 10-year pin, plaque (1965-1977); Lawrence Donais, 10-year pin, plaque (1964-1978).

John Watling, 20-year pin; Bob Pearson, 20-year pin; Gerald Mitchell, 10-year pin; Joe Lillywhite, 10-year pin; Murray Mitchell, 10-year pin; Victor Manship, plaque (1973-1977); Vern Heslinga, plaque (1973-1978); Gordon Mitchell, 10-year pin, plaque (1964-1976); Bob Benson, plaque (1972-1976).