

Retiring chairman reviews successful year of fire prevention

"We feel 1966 was a very successful year in promoting fire prevention in Halton County," retiring chairman Capt. Harold Coulson of Milton told members of Halton Fire Prevention Bureau at their annual meeting in Milton.

Annual meeting held at church

Rev. Wally Leeman presided at Ebenezer's annual meeting. First came a sing-song, after which Mr. Leeman read from First Corinthians, Chapter 12: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God, who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit, the utterance of wisdom, and to another, the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the same Spirit."

The secretary, Mervyn Thomson read the minutes of the 1966 meeting. The work of the various organizations was then reported, as follows: auditors' report - seconded by Charlie Thomson. Mrs. Moffat and Mrs. Hayward reported for the U.C.W.; Mrs. Dunbar gave the Sunday school report; Art Diamond reported for the Session.

In the absence of the choir secretary, Albert Blom Wynne Dunbar gave their report. Doug McLean reported for the Y.P., seconded by Gordon Diamond. Earl Ward gave the Missionary and maintenance report; and Mrs. George Hewer for the Mission Band; Mrs. Blyth for the Cradle Roll. Mr. Francis (Pat) Pattison reported for the Unified Funds, and Wynne Dunbar for the Manse Board.

Mr. Murray Hayward gave the financial statement and Mr. George Thomas reported for the Improvement Fund. Mr. Jimmy Simpson gave the report of the Cemetery Board, including the purchase of another debenture. Mr. Horace Blyth presented the report of the Nominating Committee.

Votes of thanks and appreciation were then the order of the day, compliments flying thick and fast. Mrs. Ward mentioned especially the services of the custodians. Art and Marion have given Ebenezer loving care for 17 years.

Discussion was held on a centennial project. Lunch concluded a neighborhood evening. Belated congratulations to the Finlay McCallums on the arrival of their Christmas son. Mrs. McCallum was our choir leader several years ago, when she was Nessie Henry.

On Sunday, the service of admission of elders was held. The elders are Mr. Blyth, Mr. Clark Chapman, Mr. Art Diamond, Mr. Hayward, Mr. Malcolm Moffat and Mr. Charlie Thomson. Elders are chosen for their grace, dignity, love, understanding and faith. The minister is an ordained elder, ordained to function, not to prestige.

Next Sunday, the service of installation of Stewards will be held.

suit of these many hours - do not show in records of lives or money saved, but we know that many more people in the county are becoming fire conscious," he said.

Capt. Coulson praised the communities, service clubs, churches, industries, businessmen and others who assisted the bureau with its varied program in the past year. He mentioned the grant from Halton County Council which, combined with membership fees from the Oakville, Georgetown, Milton and Acton Fire Departments, was used to purchase fire prevention literature on such topics as spring clean-up, fireworks, Halloween, Christmas, fire prevention week, the poster contest and water safety.

Highlights of 1966 reviewed by the retiring chairman at the bureau's annual meeting included:

- The bureau's "special recognition" award for a scrapbook entered in an international competition - the fourth such award the bureau has received.
- An intensified program of

colored slide presentations to farm groups and service clubs.

- Distribution of 10,000 spring clean-up posters; 15,000 fire prevention place mats for restaurants and hotels, plus 15,000 new "Century of Fire-fighting" place mats promoting the centennial and fire safety; 2,000 new Halloween safety posters; and 20,000 Christmas tree safety tags.

- The annual church parade held in Oakville in October when 50 members marched to church to emphasize Fire Prevention Week, plus a busier-than-ever program for all member departments during Fire Prevention Week.

- A blitz inspection of commercial buildings and schools in Acton and Georgetown in which insurance company adjusters assisted the local fire department inspectors.
- The naming of two winners and five honorable mention contestants in the 10th annual grade 5 fire prevention poster competition, and the honoring of the major winners at a banquet in November when several dignitaries from across Ontario attended.

Third prize for Milton

Fire Bureau wins certificate in international competition

A special recognition for "an outstanding county-sponsored fire prevention campaign" has been awarded to the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau, by judges of the 1966 National Fire Protection Association contest.

The Halton Bureau, which has members in Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and Acton fire departments, was one of 258 Canadian communities and the annual contest. One other Canadian county, Renfrew County in the Ottawa district, was awarded a special recognition certificate.

A scrapbook of the Bureau's activities, compiled by their public relations officer Roy Downes, was the basis of the Bureau's entry in the competition. The 158-page scrapbook contained photos and press clippings of Bureau activities

for the 12-month period ending October 31, plus samples of the literature distributed throughout Halton County by the Bureau and member departments.

The award will be presented to the Bureau in April at the annual meeting of the Halton Mutual Aid Firefighting Service, by an official of the Ontario Fire Marshal's office.

Halton County also had two other winners in the municipal division of the same contest. Milton Area Fire Department, in the 5,000 to 10,000 population bracket, won a third prize certificate for Ontario. West Ferris Twp. was first in the class and Deep River was second. Milton also won an honorable mention in the Canada-

Reports given, budget accepted United Church annual meeting

A pastoral relations committee to secure another minister was appointed, when over 50 attended the annual meeting of the congregation of the United Church in the church on Tuesday evening of last week. The Rev. D. I. Engel, who has served the Acton congregation since a half year, is moving to a suburban church in Orillia April 1.

On the new committee are - representing the session, Bob Hart; stewards, Bill Coats; U.C.W., Mrs. T. Shields; Sunday School, Hugh Patterson; representing the younger members, David Lidke; and two members at large, Orwell Johnston and Mrs. A. Long.

The usual elections were conducted with dispatch. Returned to the session for another five year term are veteran Orwell Johnston, who has been the clerk for many years, Bob Hart, S. Reed, Jack McGeachie and Telford Reidt. New members named are Mrs. R. Bruce, Bill Coats and Fawcett Eaton.

The stewards will add to their number to bring the figure up to 12.

C. L. Rognvaldson and John

Allan were re-appointed auditors.

Special appreciation of Mr. Engel's training of the young people was expressed by Allan Laufer.

A vote of appreciation also thanked caretaker Gordon Lambert, organist and choir leader George Elliott and clerk of session Orwell Johnston.

Mr. Engel thanked "all the people who make the minister's life a real joy."

Mr. Engel chaired the meeting and George Bowman acted as secretary.

Reports of all church groups were prepared in advance for distribution.

The proposed budget for 1967 was accepted.

The manse committee reported on repairs and purchases during the year.

The United Church Women reported a membership of 70.

After the choir report was given, Mr. Engel expressed the feeling of the congregation by saying how much he enjoyed the choir. He said a debt of gratitude is owed to Mr. Elliott for playing the organ and leading the choir.

Sunday School enrolment is down to 110 since the earlier

starting time for church. This is the final year of purchasing new curriculum books.

The younger members of the church reported on their coffee house open to teenagers of the town on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Tiro for boys, Explorers and C.G.I.T. also presented reports in the prepared booklet.

Total church membership increased slightly during the year to 466, with 70 of these non-resident members. There were 13 baptisms during the year, 11 marriages and 16 burials.

Refreshments followed the meeting.

CHURCH PARADE

Members of the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment) staged a mist-shrouded church parade through Oakville on Sunday morning. Led by the pipe band, about 50 soldiers marched to St. Jude's Anglican Church to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the storing of their colors inside the church. It was in 1917 the 164th Battalion (later the Lorne Scots) left for the First World War and their colors were placed in the church for safekeeping.

"World of Food in Canada" next 4-H homemaking project

This spring the 4-H Homemaking Clubs in Halton County will be taking a special centennial project entitled "A World of Food in Canada". In this project the members will be marking the 100th birthday of our country by tracing the development of Canadian food customs from the days of the early settlers to modern times.

In a study of this kind, girls will learn how our food habits are influenced by Canadians of many different backgrounds and will gain a respect for the traditional food practices of various cultural groups who have made this country their home.

The Training School for the Homemaking Club leaders will be held next week on Wednesday and Thursday, February 1 and 2, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. in Grace Anglican Church Parish Hall, Milton. This school will be conducted by Mrs. Patricia Squire, Home Economist with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, for Halton and Peel Counties.

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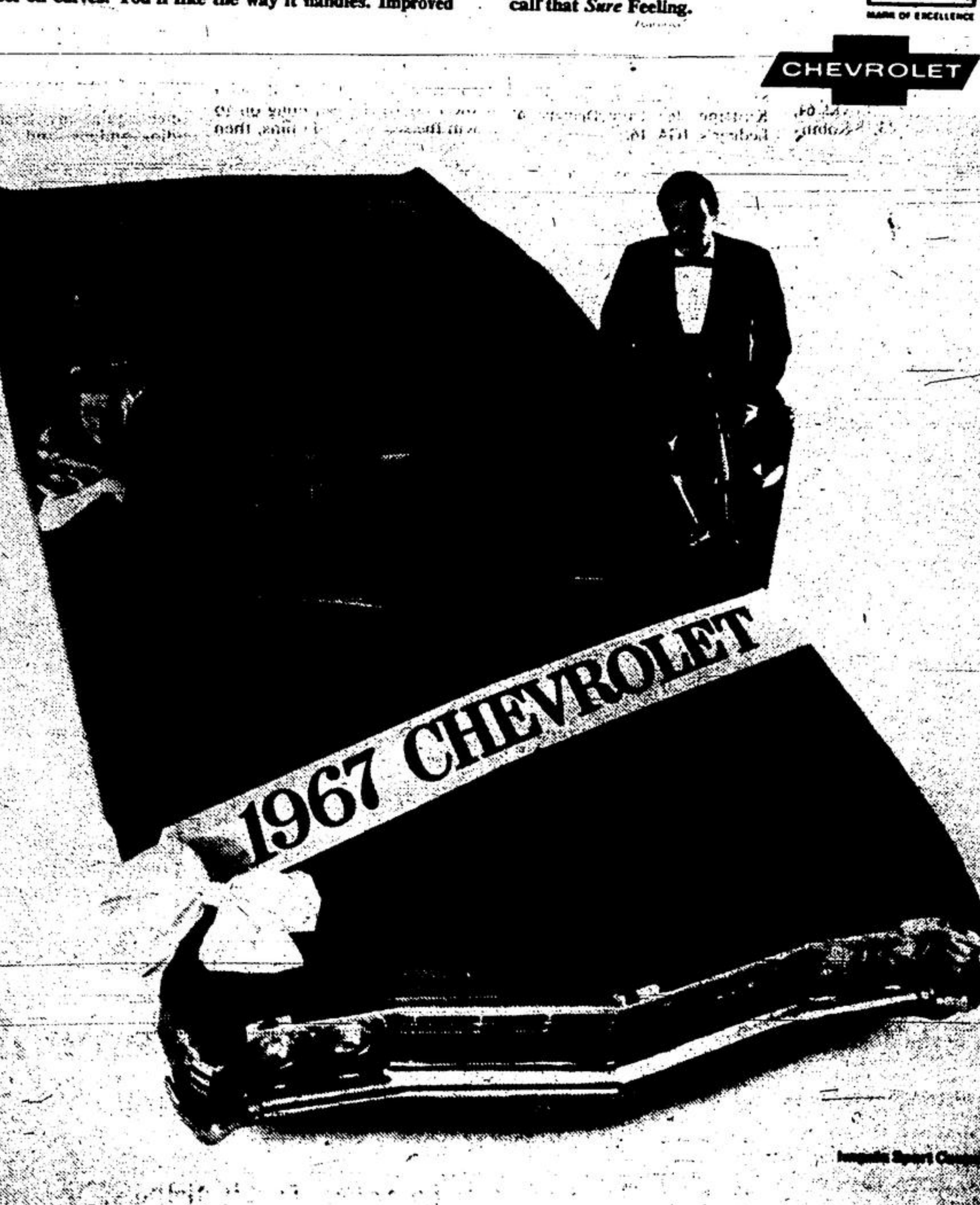
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