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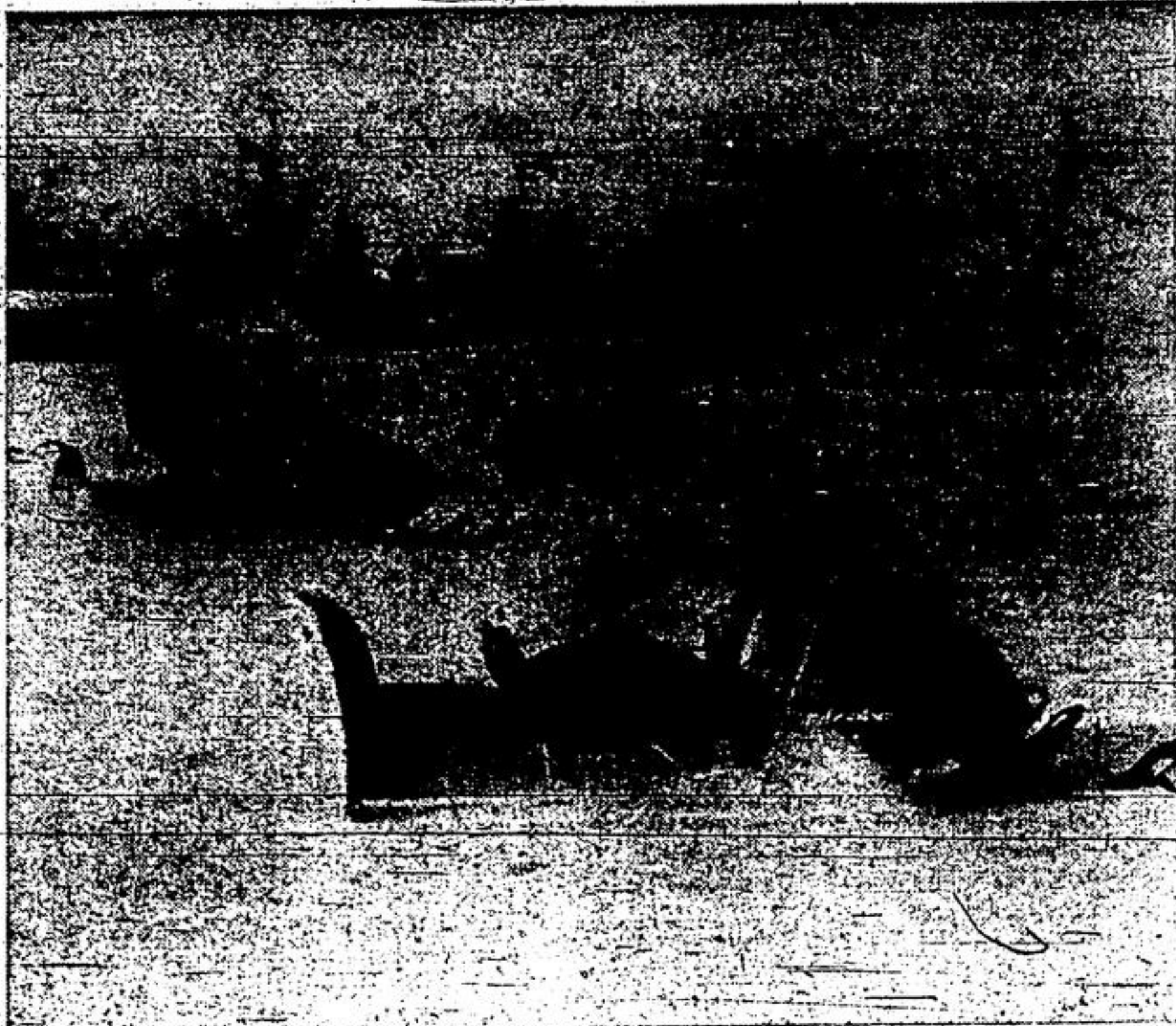
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WHOOPEE!

SKI-SCOOTER PILOTS LOVE IT — all that wonderful white stuff. The more it snows, the more motor toboggans appear on Georgetown hills these wintry weekends, and the amount of precipitation here during past couple of weeks has the snowmobilers from frost-bitten ear to frost-bitten ear. (Stories and more photos inside.)



— Adams Photos



WANT A DRAG?



WHO NEEDS HILLS?

Township Gals Love Leap Year

Are the females of Georgetown more reticent than those in Esquesing? The number of marriage licences issued in the two areas last year, a leap year, would seem to indicate this.

In Georgetown only 41 licences were issued the same as the previous year, but in Esquesing the figure rose to 68, from the previous year's total of 43.

The old jokes about the two dollar wedding licence are really outdated, the price is now ten dollars. Last year the fee jumped from five to ten.

The licence must be obtained at least three days before the wedding, so the mad impulse type wedding just can't happen here.

Mayor Wants Review Municipal System

Mail Volume Dips At Georgetown P.O.

The volume of Christmas cards mailed here dropped twenty per cent over last year, according to the post office. With an increase in population of almost two thousand over last year, this is a significant decrease.

While there was a decided decrease in five cent mail, oddly enough, there was a similar increase in six cent mail. The post office does not hazard a guess why this should happen. It is possible people decided to write letters instead, or because of late mailing, sent their cards first class, in hopes of speeding them up.

The sale of five cent stamps at the main post office, dropped 25,000 over last year, while the sale of six cent stamps rose 20,000.

The "Do your Christmas mailing early" warning fell on deaf ears, with the peak days for mailing being December 17th, 18th, and 19th, in that order.

Many parcels were inadequately packed, reports the post office, and a very large volume of incompletely addressed mail had to be returned. Some of this is a hang-over from the days of no mail delivery, when everyone picked up their own mail, and simply gave their address as "Georgetown."

High School Board Now Committee

Georgetown & District High School Board will continue to keep a hand in the local school's administration as a "continuing committee" at least until the end of the current term.

At the last official meeting of the high school trustees as a board last week they officially became the Continuing committee of the Georgetown District High School Board for Halton County Board of Education. It means the board will continue to handle the local financial transactions and the general business of school affairs subject to the direction from the Halton County Board of Education.

As a continuing committee they will also be responsible for the progress of the current building project up to the point of calling tenders.

School reopened Monday with two new faces on the teaching staff. Ralph Ursel has been hired to teach science and mathematics in the junior grades as a replacement for Quentin Jackson, and Colin Barnfield replaces Mrs. Kathy Bartha to teach science and biology.

THE ONLY WAY TO FLY

"Sworn In, Then Sworn At"

Committees Resolution Passes Unanimously

For the first time in many years, five new councillors were sworn in at Monday night's inaugural Georgetown council, four of them completely new to council.

Sworn in to office by clerk C. G. Benham were mayor Wheldon (Steamer) Emmerson, reeve W. Hunter, deputy-reeve Art Speight, and councillors Ernie Hyde (a former mayor), Bill Smith, Harry G. Levy, Mrs. Donna Denison, Ric Morrow and Sandy Mackenzie.

Following a brief devotional period conducted the Rev. E. Mills and Rev. R.O. Scrivens, Mayor Emmerson stated his aim was a council working together in a spirit of reason and co-operation.

He maintained new ideas and methods would be welcomed, and he would try to put the special abilities of each member to work.

He pointed out that elected officials are committed to the public. "Once you're sworn in, you're sworn at," he quipped.

He paid tribute to the late Joseph Gibbons for his long service to the town.

He concluded by congratulating all elected and acclaimed members of council.

The resolution setting out committee chairmen was unanimously passed. The committee set up was covered extensively in a previous issue of The Herald, briefly, the chairmen are as follows:

Roads, William Smith; finance, Bill Hunter; sewers and sanitation, Sandy Mackenzie; administration and welfare, Harry Levy; fire, ambulance, dogs, and weed control, Arthur Speight; town planning and development, Ernie Hyde; property, industry, trees and street lighting, Ric Morrow; recreation, parks and development, Donna Denison.

Committee meetings will be committee of the whole meetings and held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Should special committee meetings be required they will be held on the other Thursdays.

Serves 13th Term As Local President

Del Majury has been elected to his 13th term and Steve Emmerson to his 9th term as presidents of the Georgetown Locals of the Pulp, Sulphite and Papermill Workers Union.

Also named to the Local 474 Domtar executive with Mr. Majury were vice president Herb Hancock, secretary, Joe McMenemy, treasurer George Inglis, financial secretary Perc Chaplin, shop stewards Eldon Snyder, Doug Hill, Mrs. Gwen Korzack, and Ron Roach, and trustees Ross Cunningham, Bob Heaton and Lorne Hunter.

The rest of Local 481 Provincial Coaters under Steve Emmerson are vice president Cyril Engleby, recording secretary Mike Lorusso, financial secretary Tom Gadd, and treasurer Doug Herrington.

This May Be Last Twp. Council: Currie

At the inaugural meeting of Esquesing council Reeve George Currie forecast the establishment of regional government, in the near future, and termed this council "possibly the last township council to be elected."

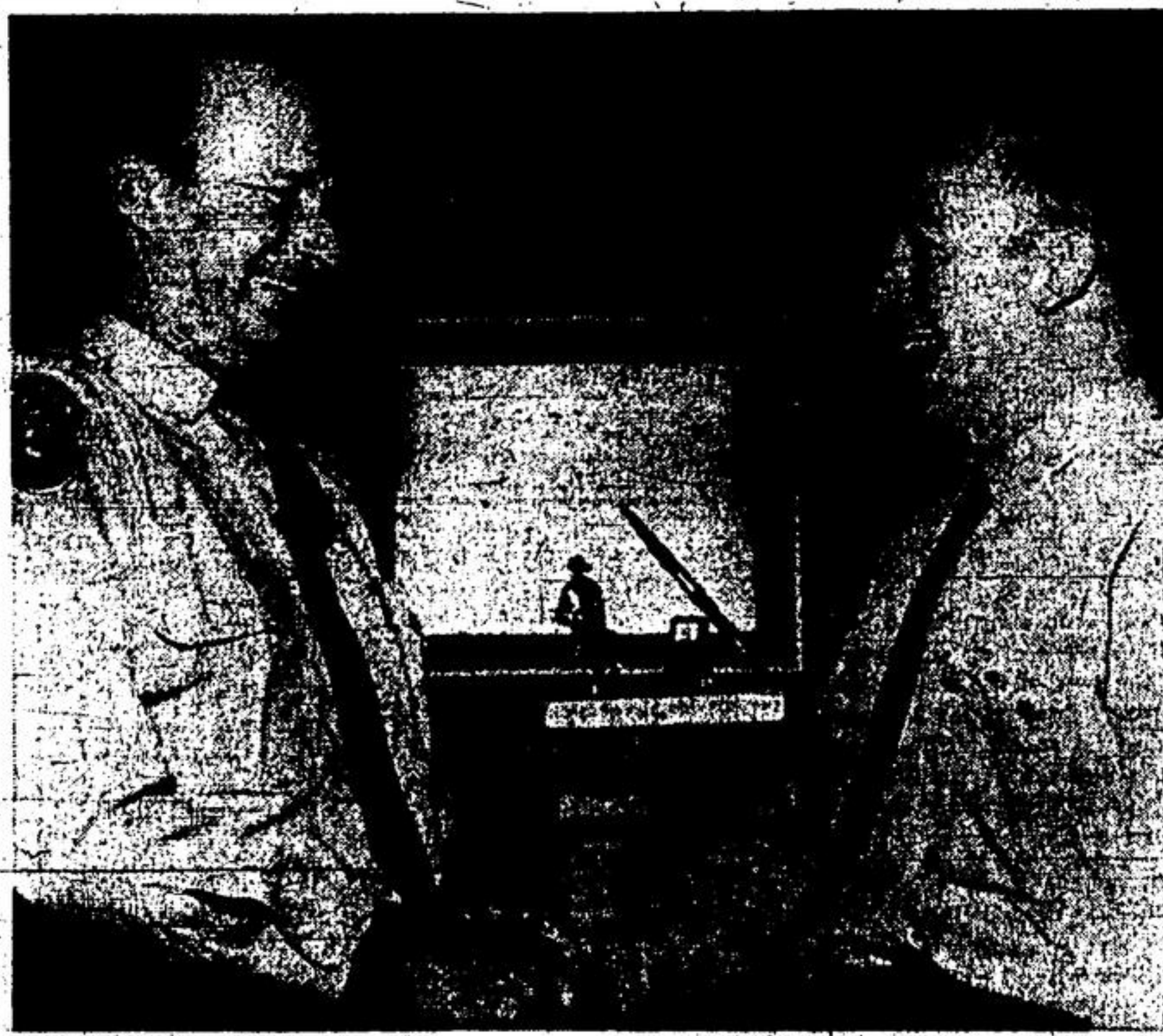
"We are going to be asked to do things we never did before and give our opinions on all phases of regional government. He welcomed the two new members, Russell Miller and Kenneth Marshall, saying, "This is an occasion, it is very seldom

we have two new members at one time, in Esquesing."

Each of the members, deputy reeve Tom Hill and councillors Wilfrid Leslie, Russell Miller, and Kenneth Marshall spoke a few words wishing the reeve well in the coming year.

After the swearing in ceremony by Clerk K. C. Lindsay, Rev. R. Ruggie of St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams, conducted a short devotional period.

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FIRE CHIEF CUNNINGHAM — Georgetown Fire Department's new chief, Jack Cunningham, presents a desk set to firefighter Art Stamp who retired from the department at Sunday's annual meeting. The new chief is a veteran member of the volunteer brigade.

Lists Responsibility Shift, Works Priorities, Beautification in Aims

In an inaugural night address at the traditional mayor's dinner in Knox Church Hall, Mayor Wheldon Emmerson, Monday night, indicated he hopes to see during his first term in office the shifting of more responsibility to town employees, the establishment of a priority list for major capital projects, and emphasis on town beautification.

Speaking to an audience of town officials, close personal friends relatives and other guests Mayor Emmerson said some "great decisions" have to be made during the next two years and stressed team work

as a solution to some of council's problems.

"I hope that all the problems that come before us will be handled in such a way that team effort will be reflected," he said.

He singled out the negotiations with Brumac developments regarding the release of additional land for home building as 'one of the most difficult pieces of business' that will come before council in the immediate future.

Turning to the new county school board system he termed the future demands on corpor-

ation finances as a result of the changes "difficult to predict." Another innovation the creation of a Georgetown Water Commission he called "a step in the right direction. He termed the town's water business "a major responsibility" and warranting the attention of a separate commission.

"As soon as major capital projects now under way, such as Main Street bridge, and trunk sewerage, are completed I would like to see future projects undertaken on a priority basis," Mayor Emmerson said. He said he hopes also to establish a works crew to concentrate on improving the general appearance of the town's parks, streets and boulevards.

"I would like to see council review the municipal system and transfer more responsibility to the town staff freeing council to devote more time to policy setting and running the town he added.

At the conclusion of his address, Mayor Emmerson made reference to his predecessor the late Mayor Joseph Gibbons. "He served the town for many years and served it well. When the time came finally for him to step aside I know it was difficult for him. He would have liked to have been part of this evening."

A former mayor, Jack Armstrong, was chairman for the dinner and introduced the head table, Jim Emmerson, a brother of the mayor, and Mrs. Emmerson, guest speaker Gordon Alcott and Mrs. Alcott, Mayor and Mrs. Wheldon Emmerson, Mrs. Jack Armstrong, Reeve and Mrs. William Hunter, Halton MPP Jim Spow, and Halton MPP Rud Whiting. Deputy-reeve and Mrs. Arthur Speight were unable to attend. Past mayors Harold Cleve, Douglas Sargent, and Ern Hyde were also acknowledged honoured guests. The rest of council, their wives and husbands, were introduced by Mayor Emmerson.

Councillor Bill Smith conveyed the thanks of the guests to the women of the church for the roast beef dinner. Rev. Robert Scrivens of St. George's Anglican pronounced the benediction. Guests charged their glasses in toasts to the Queen, and the host couple. Mr. Armstrong also thanked His Worship and Mrs. Emmerson on behalf of his fellow guests.

Confessing he still hadn't become used to being called "your worship" the new mayor pleaded "please just continue to call me Steamer."

Choose Jack Cunningham Fire Department Chief

A veteran member of Georgetown volunteer fire department was elected chief on Sunday.

Jack Cunningham succeeds Erwin Lewis in the post which Mr. Lewis has held for the past five years. Mr. Lewis was elected deputy-chief for the coming year.

Treasurer Gordon Inglis and secretary Clarence Spence continue in office.

Others chosen to hold office this year are: William Hyde, Captain No. 1; Bill Henderson, Captain No. 2; Jim Valentine, Captain No. 3; Charles Tyler, Lieutenant No. 1; Bill Ritchie, Lieutenant No. 2; Ace Bailey, Lieutenant No. 3; Patrick Woods, Driver No. 1; Charles Hill, Driver No. 2; Ross Dickey, Driver No. 3; Herb Roshier, township driver.

Other members of the 30-man department are Dave Williams, Wilf Breen, Andy Ritchie, Clarence Carey, Bill Hillier,

Walt Richardson, Jack Davidson, Ralph Bludd, Harry Brandford, Tom Massena, Harold Bennett, Bud Hyde, Herb Wild, Judd Davidson, Bill Cunningham and Brian Fife, the latter two taken into membership in recent months.

Acting mayor and county warden Wm. F. Hunter chaired the meeting, and mayor-elect Wheldon Emmerson spoke briefly as did Esquesing reeve George Currie and John T. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong called Art Stamp forward to receive a desk set as a parting gift from the members. Mr. Stamp is retiring from the department after several years' service.

Expressing the town's pride in its firefighting force, Mr. Hunter mentioned particularly a group of long-service members, headed by Bill Ritchie who has been a fireman for 32 years.

Later a buffet supper was served in the clubrooms to firemen and their guests.

MORE THAN EVER

LOCAL TRAVELLERS FLEE THE WINTER

Going off to warmer climates for Christmas is becoming more popular every year.

More local residents left for parts south this year than ever before, reports Barber and Henley travel agency.

The Caribbean seems to be top spot, with the islands of Bermuda, Jamaica, Nassau and Barbados the most popular. Since most of the Florida visitors drive down, the travel agents

don't have figures to show how many are going there.

Spain and Portugal are being visited more now by winter-weary Canadians, and California rups a close second to the islands.

The long school holidays this year, probably upped the travelling, according to Murray Henley.

Many local residents returned home to Newfoundland for a Christmas vacation.