

Holmes Succeeds Cunningham Heads Fire Prevention Bureau

Acton Fire Chief M. Holmes will chair the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau for 1970. He was elected at the group's January meeting, held in Milton last week.

He succeeds Chief Jack Cunningham of Georgetown, who was 1969 chairman. Elected vice chairman was district deputy chief Jim Jeffries of Burlington's No. 2 company. Bureau members acclaimed Inspector Peter Campbell of Oakville as secretary and firefighter Bill Cunningham of Georgetown as treasurer. Fire chief J. Douglas Wilson of Oakville conducted the election and administered the oath of office to the new executive.

Later in the meeting the following committee chairmen were selected: literature, chief D. Wilson, Oakville; inspections, chief Jack Cunningham, Georgetown and firefighter George Honey, Burlington; public relations, chief A. E. Clement, Milton; poster competition, firefighter Glenn Stringer, Milton; Christmas fire safety campaign, Capt. Harold Coulson, Milton; and auditors, firefighter Bill Ritchie, Georgetown and Captain Wes Miller, Oakville.

During his annual report on 1969 activities, retiring chairman Chief J. Cunningham reviewed highlights of 10 monthly business meetings, the awards night, the poster contest banquet and the bureau's church parade. He expressed his appreciation to the officers and members for their support and thanked Halton County Council for its financial assistance to the bureau.

Mrs. G. Ella Foote, newly elected Ward 3 Councillor for North Burlington, was a guest at the meeting. She praised the Bureau for its work in campaigning against fires across the county.



Halton Fire Prevention Bureau named its 1970 officers at the January meeting, held in Milton last week. In the front are the new chairman Fire Chief M. Holmes of Acton and vice-chairman District Deputy Chief Jim Jeffries of Burlington. In the second row are secretary inspector Peter Campbell of Oakville, retiring chairman Chief J. C. Cunningham of Georgetown and treasurer firefighter Bill Cunningham, Georgetown.

(Photo by Roy Downs)

DDT Keeps Food Prices Down

"Agriculture has come in for a lot of abuse — some warranted but a lot unwarranted." This was the theme of the talk given by Byron Beeler, director of the soils and crop branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, when speaking at the annual meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association on Jan. 14. Mr. Beeler told the 75 Halton County farmers in attendance that with the current cost-price squeeze in Agriculture, it would be impossible to produce food at the current cost levels without pesticides. He stated that not nearly enough has been said about the benefits of many of these pesticides, with newspapers often guilty of presenting only the one side of the question and using scare tactics.



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Members of the Halton Soil & Crop Improvement Association later in the meeting decided that unless a practical and sensible approach is taken by everyone concerned with this question of pollution on the farm, the costs of producing food in this area could be prohibitive.

SMILE

"What's become of the India rubber man?"
"Oh, he's gone up to Sing Sing for a stretch."

STAND FOR FACTS

DDT did not present a hazard to human health but to birds and fish. A ne group of substances just identified last fall, called P.C.B.'s, found in plastic, waxes, paints, and varnishes have been interfering with the DDT analyses. Thus, the question — is the residue DDT or PCB? Such mistakes have been made in the past in wide spread use of DDT for Dutch Elm disease and mosquito control in parks. But it is has been responsible for greatly increased production in many crops.

applicator if not properly used. Mr. Beeler suggested that farm people must be very conscious of the misuse of pesticides however, they must stand up for the facts and not permit just one side of the story to be told.

COSTS COULD SOAR

With the prohibition of DDT, some of the new insecticides to replace it are much more toxic and could cause hazards to the

It has been suggested that phosphates and potash from fertilizers pollute streams and lakes. An understanding of soils shows that these two elements are very strongly fixed in the soil and do not move out in the soil water. They become firmly attached

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Mrs. Brown: Two; a girl who is a budding genius and a son who is a blooming idiot.

SMILE
Mother: It makes me sick at heart to see you smoking.
Daughter: Well, it seems to affect me more elsewhere.

SMILE
She: A good deal depends on your luck in poker.
He: Nothing of the sort. Your luck depends on a good deal.

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