

# Cunningham, Henderson are Top Officials For Firemen

A total of 142 years of service was acknowledged Sunday when six past members of Georgetown's volunteer fire department received citations.

It was the department's annual meeting, at which chief Jack Cunningham received an acclamation for the coming term. Bill Henderson was elected as the new deputy chief.

Mayor-elect Wm. R. Smith read a letter from Mayor. Wheldon Emmerson, who was unable to be present, in which he spoke of the department's efficiency and particularly praised the six veterans. Each received a certificate from the town, and

later a mantel clock with space to pin their firemen's insignia.

A former chief, William Hyde, who retired at the year-end after 30 years' service; Harold Bennett and Charles Tyler, who retired earlier this year; and former members Clarence Carey, John (Judd) Davidson and Robert Bonfield, also a former chief, were the six honoureees.

Among those who spoke briefly were Reeve Thomas Hill of Esqueping and Georgetown deputy reeve, Arthur Speight, Jim Snow MPP, John T. Armstrong and a past chief Harry Savings. Cr. Harry Levy

chaired the election, and new officers include: Clarence Spence, secretary; Walter Richardson, treasurer; William Hillier, Capt. No. 1; Gordon Inglis, Capt. No. 2; William Ritchie, Lieut. No. 1; Patrick Woods, Driver No. 1; Charles Hill, Driver No. 2; Ross Dickey, Driver No. 3; Herb Wild, Driver No. 4; Herb Roshier, township truck driver.

Three offices will be filled at a later election. In a lucky draw, Tom Massena won a Polaroid colour camera. Guests were later entertained at a buffet dinner in the clubrooms.

# Disputes R.C. as Chairman For County School Board

Halton County Board of Education trustee Fred Armitage has issued a statement questioning the legality of a Catholic Separate School representative assuming the chairmanship of a county board of education.

He was referring to William Priestner's announcement that he is a candidate for chairman of the Halton County Board of Education. Priestner is a Roman Catholic and one of the two Catholic separate school representatives on the 2 member board.

**NOT ILLEGAL**  
In his statement Armitage says "there is no question that either of the two RC members could fill an effective leadership role, however, the issue is not one of personal qualifications and capabilities, but centres around the representation of these trustees relative to the role of chairman of a public school county board."

He said that although there are no legal limitations preventing a separate school representative from becoming chairman of a public school board he believes there should be, and states the reason.

**HIGH SCHOOL MATTERS**  
"Such a trustee (separate school representative) can not legally participate in or vote on elementary school matters. His representation of the separate school ratepayers relates only to secondary school education." In answering the four page statement by Armitage, Priestner says that his philosophy and qualifications are in tune with those of other board members.

**MECHANICAL ERROR COSTS FARMER \$100**  
A mechanical error on the assessment rolls cost a Norval man more than \$100 on his 1968 taxes.

Sam McClure, a farmer from the Norval area told Ontonagon Tuesday he had been assessed an extra \$8,500 on the 1968 assessment because an additional zero had been placed behind the figure by mistake.

Mr. McClure was applying to the council for a tax rebate. He had failed to notice the mistake and had not filed an appeal before the cut of date of February, 1970.

Cr. Jack Wallace championed Mr. McClure's case saying the township had a "moral obligation" to return Mr. McClure's money. "He paid more and the rest of us paid less that year, we should give him back what we can." He explained that only about 28 per cent could be returned by council anyway as the rest had gone to school board and the county.

"If the township had made the mistake I'd be with you," said Reeve Robert Williams, but it is a provincial government responsibility, we have no machinery to rectify it on this level."

"As a council our hands are tied," he said. Reeve Williams told Mr. McClure that he would continue in his attempts and that council would also inquire into the problem.

Lake Ontario. But fish checked at a Credit River weir showed lamprey predation had been extremely high. Workers at the weir were able to take from the water only 124 adult salmon, but all had the tell-tale wounds inflicted by lamprey.

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Priestner says that if Armitage had doubts about the legality of a separate school representative "why hasn't he tried to do something about it before."

**CHOOSE TONIGHT**  
Catholic school supporters in Halton elect two trustees to the regional board to speak for them on high school matters. There is a county regional separate school board to operate Catholic elementary schools.

Halton County Board of Education will choose their chairman tonight.

The only other declared candidate for the chair at press time was the current chairman Douglas Wood.

**WRITE CHOICE**  
At the inaugural meeting tonight each trustee will write the name of his nomination of chairman on a ballot. The names of those nominated will then be read out, and a 10 minute break will follow.

Then the trustees will vote on the nominees who have accepted their nomination and the person with a simple majority of votes will be chairman.

**Notice to Creditors**  
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Dated at Georgetown, this 30th day of December, 1970.  
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Lost to the Georgetown Fire Department through retirements (from left): Harold Bennett, Clarence Carey, Jud Davidson, Bill Hyde, Chuck Tyler and Bob Bonfield.

# Forecast \$895,000 Surplus Towns to Get Half Million

Halton municipalities will receive more pupils than anticipated. It also received an unexpected \$150,000 following an announcement earlier last month of a special grant for French language instruction.

The board last week approved a recommendation from superintendent of finance, Bruce Lindley that the board set up a reserve fund of \$300,000 and that more than \$500,000 be retained in the 1971 education levies to the various municipalities.

**RESERVE FUND**  
One of the uses of the reserve fund will be to protect county taxpayers against any undue increase in taxation.

Board chairman Douglas Wood said if education spending does not require a tax increase in 1971, the mill rate should go down because of the surplus.

The \$895,000 is made up of \$150,000 from the board's 1970 operating budget of \$35.9 million with the remainder from excess revenue. Lindley stressed that the \$895,000 figure is merely an estimate and final figures won't be known until after the end of the year.

The net \$150,000 operating budget surplus resulted from a \$225,000 surplus in public school operation compared to a \$75,000 deficit at the secondary school level.

**PROVINCIAL GRANTS**  
Provincial grants are based on the number of pupils in the system. The board received an extra \$225,000 in general legislative grants, because there

"This being an election year for Ontario, the province will doubtless follow through with extra aid but we could be in for a tougher time in 1972," concluded Wood.

**PUBLIC PROTEST**  
Since the regional education board was established two years ago the Halton trustees have been under heavy pressure to hold down school costs.

**Lamprey Murder On New Coho**  
The Lamprey remains the major threat to successful development of a natural salmon fishery in Lake Ontario, a report by the Ontario Dept. of Lands and Forests indicates.

**PREDATION**  
Some of the adults, completing the cycle that in native waters brings them back to their parent river to spawn, may have gone to other streams feeding


**FAST APPROVAL**  
Lindley's recommendation to set up a reserve fund was quickly approved by the board last week.

Chairman Wood said: "By law a regional education board can build up a reserve fund equal to 20 percent of its total operating budget."

Wood said that while it is doubtful the reserve fund will be needed to offset tax increases, its aid to education useful in 1972.

Other uses for Halton's reserve fund besides protection against increasing mill rate could be financing a new education administration building in the county and providing working funds at the beginning of the year.

Clerk Delmar French stated that all railway crossings in the township would be guarded when this one is completed. Two others are not completed, but have been approved and should be finished shortly.

  
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Downsview, Ont. December 30th, 1970.

# Plan Warning Lights At First Line Crossing

A letter from the Canadian Transport Commission informed Esqueping council that bells, flashing lights and guard rails would be installed at the first line crossing near Acton.

The Federal government grade crossing fund pays 80% of the cost, Esqueping pay 12 1/2% and the CNR 7 1/2%.