

## Method of Selecting Brigade Officers is Fire Committee Topic

The joint fire committee of Georgetown and Esquimaux met in the Georgetown municipal building to start the political wheels turning in the department for 1973, last Wednesday. Georgetown's first full time paid fire chief Ken Bulkema and executive members of the volunteer firemen's association were asked by the committee to attend this first meeting and were informed that they would be made aware of future meetings.

Georgetown councillor Ernie Hyde was named chairman of the committee. He welcomed the five other members and firemen to the first meeting.

The first priority to be resolved was the setting up of regular meetings. They will take place the first Wednesday evening of every month with extra meetings to be set for Wednesday nights.

Georgetown reeve Ric Morrow moved that the com-

mittee resolve the issue of how line officers would be selected, at this meeting. Cr. Hyde said earlier that it should be discussed and resolved among the members of the committee in a closed meeting. The meeting was then closed to the public for an hour while the firemen and chief retired for a coffee.

**RECOMMEND NAMES**

The committee then gave their resolution to the firemen, which was in two parts and would have to be approved by council. The resolution was that the firemen's association would recommend four names in order of priority for the position of district chief and deputy chief. The committee would then make the recommendation to council under the terms of the coinciding by-law.

The selection of line officers would be done as in the past, an election within the firemen's association. The applicants

would have to meet the qualifications of the by-law and then be ruled on by the committee.

During the meeting Reeve Morrow expressed the desire to have the chief make recommendations to the committee with comments from the association: to have all recommendations discussed with an official body of the association before the committee discussed them and made any decisions. This he said would be best, considering the volunteer nature of the department.

Chief Bulkema said he would like to know where he stood in relation to the committee and the association, not to be sitting on a fence between them. Reeve Morrow assured him, he would keep his own entity under the system, and would not take on the role as a negotiator.

**DIVIDEND**

An issue not on the agenda, a dividend received from Canada Life by the firemen's association was compensated for by the treasurer in the fire budget. Reeve Morrow said it was the mistake of the life insurance company in not paying the dividend to the organization that pays the premiums. Before 1970 the dividend was paid back to the company for lower premiums, now the company refuses any reduction in premiums. The dividend is received because there were no fatal injuries in the department. This was held for future discussion.

The town now pays Jack Cunningham's home phone bill, he being last year's district chief. Reeve Morrow stated they should do the same for Ken Bulkema or discontinue the service for Mr. Cunningham. The matter was left for a future meeting.

Esquimaux reeve Tom Hill expressed concern over receiving the agenda two nights before the meeting. Chief Bulkema, who prepared the agenda, explained how he heard of the meeting on the previous Friday.

Salary negotiations will soon be decided on. Chief Bulkema made a proposal yet hadn't made any formal discussion with the association. The committee recommended he discuss his proposals with them and give their comments along with proposals, and the 1972 salary figures for a future meeting of the committee.

**RESIGNATIONS**

A report by Chief Bulkema regarding the Fire Chief's transportation was held over for a future meeting between the Chief and the committee. Reeve Morrow reported that the idea of servicing the fire truck at the public works department was unfavourable to the department. They said the trucks were too complex and would need other facilities.

The chief reported the resignation of Erwin Lewis and Will Breen, and brought up the issue of filling the vacancies.

Increasing the number of firemen as population increases, was mentioned, and will be discussed at future meetings.

## Trustees Spell Out '73 Education Goals

Haltom school board trustees have set the course of education in the county for 1973.

After three evenings of discussion, they approved the document entitled Aims and Objectives, 1973, which was originally submitted by Haltom education director Jim Singleton on Dec. 23.

A major project this year will be the study of all aspects of primary education in the county.

**PRIMARY THRUST**

Primary Thrust, as it is known, was approved in September and is slated to extend over the next four years.

The task force doing the study is preparing to write core material for all subjects in the early grades and to collect research on the most-up-to-date teaching techniques known in the early grades.

**GO SLOW**

Esquimaux trustee Bill Lawson wanted the board to go slowly on the program.

"Too much haste in primary thrust may not produce the best results", said Lawson.

The board will also study the feasibility of buying video tape playback equipment for the elementary schools so that it can make greater use of educational television programs.

Bilingualism may get a helping hand from the board this year. It is considering the development of a French-immersion program in kindergarten and some of the other primary grades.

**OVERSEAS CREDIT**

Grade 12 students may get their opportunity to earn a high school credit while taking a trip to Europe in the near future. The board will be looking at the possibility of offering a summer school overseas credit this year.

Students interested in such a course would have to be prepared to pay their own way, cautioned superintendent John Belch.

**WITHIN LIMITS**

Singleton warned trustees that all programs suggested in the report would have to work within the limits of the spending ceilings imposed by the ministry of education.

## Hornby News

North Trafalgar Euchre Club held their weekly euchre party on Saturday night, February 10 at the North Trafalgar Recreation Centre. There were nine tables of euchre in play with the prizes going to the following ladies - Dorothy Featherston, Myrtle Cunningham and Martha Ellis. The girls prizes were won by Wilmer Mason, Jimmie Cunningham and Jim Hamilton. The lucky draws were won by Ruth South and Harvey Dunn.

Birthday greetings are extended to Valerie Plant, who will celebrate her 9th birthday on Thursday, February 15.

Anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Les Rutledge of the 9th Line, Hornby, who will celebrate their 27th anniversary on February 16. The best of wishes to Les and Shirley.

Birthday greetings are extended to Kent Hamilton, who will celebrate his 9th birthday, on February 20. Best wishes to Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peacock, are enjoying a week's vacation in Winnipeg.

Eden United Church Women met at the home of Mrs. John Hamilton on Monday evening, February 5 with seven members present. The meeting was opened with the ode and prayer. Plans were made to paint the walls of the downstairs. A discussion was held to decide on material for drapes. Plans for a presentation were discussed for a member of the church. The World Day of Prayer will be held on March 2, at Eden. A Spring Luncheon was discussed and a date will be discussed later. A delicious lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

The Junior 4-H Club was held on Monday evening, February 5. The meeting was opened with the 4-H Pledge. The name for the club will be called "Nifty Knitters". Knits are suitable for almost any type of garment for anytime of the season. Lunch was served and the next meeting will be held on Monday, February 12.

Friends will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Frank Peacock, is improving every day at the Toronto General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plant of the 8th Line, Hornby, are spending their holidays in Florida.

Hornby Cubs and their leaders John Saunders and David Bates enjoyed a hike recently. Later they were taken

to Geoffrey Drew-Brooks where they went into the bush and enjoyed hot weiners which were cooked over the bonfire. Later they went to the home of Mrs. Irene Saunders, where they enjoyed hot chocolate.

Birthday greetings are extended to Jack Fries, who will celebrate his birthday on February 19 and to Bill Bradley, who will celebrate his birthday on February 20.

Belated birthday greetings to Mr. Vic McCallum who celebrated his 80th birthday, on February 2. A surprise party was held on Sunday, February 4 with close to two hundred attending. Friends and neighbours travelled from far. A delicious dinner was enjoyed and a large birthday cake was decorated with 80 candles.

The Junior Farmers Choir will sing on Sunday morning, at Eden United Church with Mrs. George Newell at the organ.

-Mrs. Jim Hamilton

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