



In the presence of area businessmen, fire brigade retirees and area politicians, the Georgetown firefighters appointed a new group of line officers for 1982 at the annual general meeting Sunday. This year's officers are (left to right) Bruce Lewis, district chief-Georgetown; lieutenants Ed Pearce and Bill Cunningham; John Murray, volunteer fire prevention officer; captains Don Maveal and Pete Hayes; Bill Barber, deputy district chief and Captain Bernie Egerton. Lieutenant Bob Paul is now shown.

## Do Halton police 'gotta have HEART'?

A 14-month feasibility study on the use of computers by the Halton regional police force began last week.

The task force, made up of members of the police department and Len Collins, a systems analyst from the technical services branch of the Ontario Police Commission,

will be analyzing the current manual method of operation in terms of steps and length of time required to retrieve information.

They will also be looking at the possible gains of having a \$2 million HEART (Halton Entry and Retrieval Computing and Telecommunications)

system used by the regional force.

The study, endorsed by the police commission, costs \$20,000, said Dave Richards, manager of the project for the planning bureau.

"For the first time we'll be looking at what happens, from when a report is filed to when it is put away," Constable Richards said.

He said 28 other police departments in the province currently either conducting feasibility studies or tendering for software.

"It's the project of the decade as far as the Halton force is concerned," Const. Richards said.

Besides helping to make statistics more easily accessible, he anticipates a computer system will improve efficiency, bring about tremendous savings in time, and aid greatly in tracking investigations down.

Spending a few days investigating the use of computers by the Ottawa force recently impressed Const. Richards enormously.

"They made us look as though we were in the 15th century," he said.

### Children learn French

## Venez, parlez francais at Y

By NANCY SHORTILL  
Herald Special

Beginning Jan. 25 the Georgetown Y will be offering a "French for Fun" after school program for children from six to ten years of age.

The program will be held for eight weeks at Knox Presbyterian Church from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. Children who wish to use conversational French in a

fun, after-school setting which will include games, sing-songs, arts and crafts and stories are encouraged to participate in the program.

Registrations are now being accepted for the "French for Fun" program at 89 Mountainview Rd. S. For further information, contact 877-6163. It is important to pre-register for the program as space is limited.



Gathering with fellow firefighters and former members of the Georgetown brigade Sunday, Ace Bailey (left) was honored with a plaque from the town for his 28 years of service battling blazes and promoting fire prevention in the community. The plaque was presented by Mayor Pete Pomeroy during the Georgetown Volunteer Firefighters Association annual meeting at the Maple Avenue firehall.

## \$5.5 million allocated by Attorney General

# Ontario firefighters promised equipment

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald Staff Writer

North America's love affair with the small car means that emergency workers need more extensive training on how to remove victims safely from automobile wrecks, a spokesman for the Ontario Fire Marshall's office told Georgetown firefighters Sunday.

Al Dupuis, of the office's chief advisory service, said that Attorney General Roy McMurtry, through the fire Marshall's office, has allocated \$5.5 million exclusively for municipal fire departments which will be used over the

next ten years to purchase equipment for rescuing car crash victims and training men how to use it.

Speaking at the firefighters' annual meeting, Mr. Dupuis explained that there is a growing number of small cars on Ontario roads. Their light body construction means that crash victims are more likely to be trapped in the wreckage.

The money will likely initially go to fire departments in remote areas where firefighters haven't got the special equipment needed to handle such accidents. While Georgetown hasn't been excluded

from taking advantage of the program, the department last year purchased "jaws of life", a powerful, hydraulic tool used for prying away wreckage to release victims.

In more remote areas, Mr. Dupuis said, members of the Ontario Provincial Police will be trained to use the "extrication" equipment. There have been cases, he recalled, in which victims involved in serious auto crashes along remote stretches of highway have been trapped for several hours awaiting trained help.

Within ten years, the fire Marshall's office expects to eliminate similar circumstances.

He told The Herald later that it would cost about \$50,000 to entirely equip a fire station with the extrication tools currently available.

Other news from the fire Marshall's office, which Mr. Dupuis reported:

— new changes to the Highway Traffic Act allow volunteer firefighters to run red lights when responding to fire calls. While firefighters may no longer be ticketed for failing to come to a full stop, they can be held liable for any accidents caused by the action.

— the fire Marshall's office is still working on a uniform warning lights for volunteers' cars to inform other motorists that they are responding to a call. The currently common flashing amber light over the left side of the car has often been confused for a left-turn signal.

— there will be a regional training school this year for area volunteer firefighters. Courses on the transportation of dangerous goods and the removal of victims from car crashes have been listed as compulsory.

## Lewis, Murphy to lead District 2 firefighters

The Georgetown Volunteer Firefighters Association (GVFA) has a new executive and new officers for 1982 picked from the 45 members based at the Georgetown firehall on Maple Avenue.

Members gathered for their annual meeting in the firehall Sunday afternoon, inviting local politicians and other members of the community who have helped the association over the last year.

Rev. Peter Barrow of Georgetown's Knox Presbyterian Church gave the meeting's dedication prayer, calling on firefighters and retirees from the brigade to silently reflect on the death of firefighter Herb Wild. Mr. Wild was killed while attempting to stop a theft at Meadowglen Mushroom Cannery in Glen Williams last Feb. 1.

Andy Murphy was chosen chairman of the association, Al Bailey as vice-chairman and Ernie Pearce as treasurer. Tom Masena was named the association's secretary.

Officers selected this year include Bruce Lewis as district chief for Georgetown; Bill Barber, deputy district chief; captains Bernie Egerton, Don Maveal, and Pete Hayes and Lieutenants Bob Paul, Bill Cunningham and Ed Pearce. John Murray was named the volunteer fire prevention officer.

Ace Bailey, a Georgetown resident who has spent 28 years with the Georgetown firefighters, was honored for his lengthy service with a plaque presented by Mayor Pete Pomeroy.

Mr. Murphy praised the efforts of some of the community's business which have assisted the Georgetown fire brigade and called their contribution "one which often goes unnoticed but allows us to fill the bill 24 hours a day."

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid noted that while governments continually try to step in and run things, community volunteer services appear able to manage much better on their own.

Other officials at the meeting were Norm Atkins and Al Dupuis from the Ontario Fire

Marshall's office, Ward 4 Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson and fire chief Mick Holmes.

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed was unable to attend.



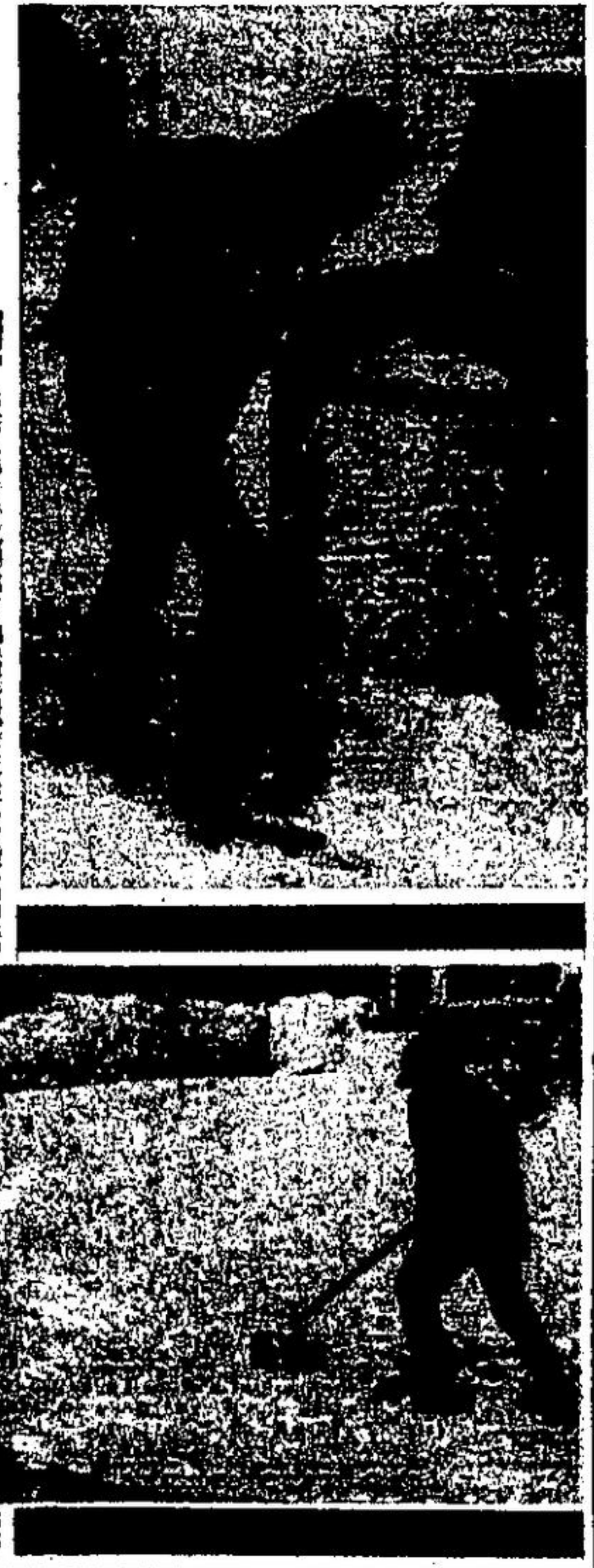
The Georgetown Volunteer Firefighters Association unveiled its 1982 executive at its annual meeting Sunday in the Maple Avenue firehall. The executive is (left to right) Al Bailey, vice chairman, Andy Murphy, chairman and Ernie Pearce, treasurer. Tom Masena, the association's secretary, is currently on holiday.

(Herald photo)

## OH-H-H-H JAMAICA!

Place your bets, what kind of a winter are we in for? Halton Hills residents enjoyed relatively mild weather at the beginning of the month and now everyone is reaching for the thermal underwear as wind and chill factors force the thermometer way below zero. While kids will more than likely find plenty of laughs in the snow, some of us will be spending time shovelling out in the wake of a fresh storm. Like the skier at lower right, the best way to deal with winter (if you can't get away to the Florida beaches) is to grin and bear it and actually enjoy the snow while it lasts. The forecast for the remainder of the week is for a slight warming trend with partly cloudy conditions prevailing.

(Herald photos)



### Obituary

## Ward Brown was 88

A life long resident of the Ninth Line, Ward Brown, passed away at Peel Memorial Hospital Dec. 18 in his 88th year.

He was the son of the late John F. Brown and Margaret Hunter and received his education at Pinegrove School.

He was a member of Norval Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Brown is survived by his sister May (Mrs. C. Gillap) of Georgetown, and four nieces, Marie (Mrs. William Raynor), Alma (Mrs. Jim Watson) of Milton, Margaret (Mrs. Donald Ismond) of Erin and Ethel (Mrs. George Wilson) of Georgetown. He was predeceased by brother Lester and sister Florence Brown.

Rev. Ian MacPherson conducted the funeral service at McClure-Jones Funeral Home with interment at Hillcrest Cemetery in Norval.

Palbearers and flower bearers were grand-nephews — Larry and Donald Watson, Allan Kiernan, Lorne Wilson, Brian Ismond, David Thomson, David Bessey, Rick Meade and David Addison.

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