

Archie Turner elected head of Ont. education body

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 MISSISSAUGA — J. Archie Turner, Director of Education for the 61,000-student Peel County board of education was elected president of the board of governors of the Ontario Association of Education Officials at the second annual conference of the O.A.E.O. in Ottawa recently.

Turner, 57, last year served as vice-president of the association board.

In accepting the presidential office, Turner said that he was "enthusiastic" about the growing role of the association and its potential for the future.

The O.A.E.O. is an organization of top-level education officials of the province's municipal school boards and is recognized as the voice of senior educators by the Department of Education and other educational organizations. Membership in the association in 1971 is expected to reach 400.

Turner has been a public school teacher and principal, has taught secondary school and been principal of Port Arthur Collegiate Institute, Port Arthur, and Thomas L.



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Kennedy Secondary School, Mississauga.

In January, 1955, he was appointed Academic Administrator of Schools for the South Peel County board of education and was named Director of Education for the South Peel board in 1960 and

was appointed Director of the Peel County board in 1969.

"One important challenge facing O.A.E.O. in 1971 is the guaranteeing of education cost control across the province," said Turner. He looks to an expanded membership in the association and hopes for regional conferences and seminars for school board administrators in areas across Ontario.

"Although the establishment of the county boards of education formed a springboard for the founding of the Ontario Association of Education officials, I have favored such an association for many years — an association which brings together both academic and business officials in meaningful and vital communication."

The O.A.E.O. has absorbed several former professional associations.

"The primary role of O.A.E.O. is the facilitating of effective school board administration which, through a meeting of minds and various expressions of thought and organized studies will lead to innovations and improvements in Ontario education."