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PORT CREDIT — Elmer Wright has just been elected Chairman of the Hydro Electric Commission of the Township of Toronto for the second time. He previously held this office in 1962.

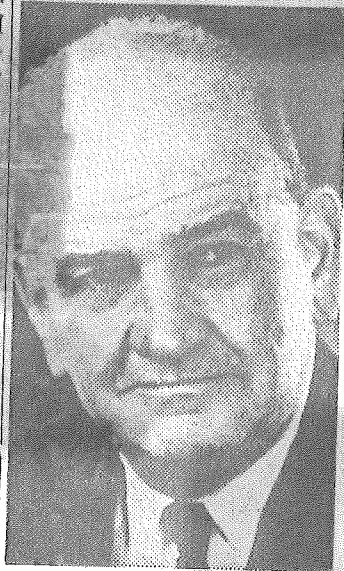
Mr. Wright graduated in electrical engineering from the University of Toronto in 1925 and went to work with the Bell Telephone offices in Montreal. Here he worked on problems in the construction department and equipment engineering.

From here he went on to become District Supervisor of the Hydro, a position he held for 29 years, in the rural hydro field in the centres of Kitchener, Stratford and Brampton.

At that time total staff was three people including himself, with a total of 200 consumers.

In the years of the Second World War, Mr. Wright answered to the Department of Transport for the construction of power and lighting facilities in Southern Ontario airports.

In 1945, Mr. Wright was elected as a Commissioner of the Toronto Township branch of the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission, and since then has contributed to the growth and development of the Hydro Electric Power in the Utilities as the past president of District Four of the Ontario Municipal Electrical Association. He is a director of this



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association, and was a member in past years of the South Peel and Port Credit Boards of Education.

The Toronto Township Hydro is now working on plans for a new building at Confederation Square, Cooksville which will be so constructed that future expansion will be able to build either up or out.

Another project the Township Hydro is currently working on is underground wiring in new subdivisions in the area.

Mr. Wright said: "The cost of changing over the old sections to the underground distribution should be started immediately, and he carried

out over a lengthy period to minimize the cost and dislocation involved in the scheme. Possibly residents of each street could petition to have the wiring removed to below the ground."

Toronto Township has more than 27,000 hydro customers, and over 1,600 electrically heated homes in the Township. This is the largest number in any municipality of Canada.

According to Mr. Wright, Toronto Township Hydro has pioneered in conjunction with Ontario Hydro, the development of various kinds of heating systems.

This year the Toronto Township Hydro plans to provide power to 3,200 new customers, install over 1,200 new water heaters and add nearly 500 more homes to its existing list of electrically heated homes.

The rapid development of the Township has required that a 5,000 kilowatt mobile substation will be placed on short notice, if a failure ever occurs in any of the 22 substations.

Mr. Wright's son William is Provincial Inspector of Music in Ontario for the Board of Education.

At 68 years of age Elmer Wright is hoping he can complete his last two final subjects for a law degree which he was never able to finish in his college days.

If so, he will be admitted to the Bar. Up to now, he just hasn't had time.