

Positions Held:

Retired army officer
Primary school teacher
Newspaper reporter

The choice of a tank in the background reflects my years in the Algonquin Regiment prior to leaving Timmins for the regular army. We had two of these tanks at the local Armouries during the 1950s, and they were a common sight on the streets of Timmins. Our old timers will likely associate me most with the years spent in the TH&VS Cadet Corps and with the Algonquins. Many students of our era went on to join the Canadian Armed Forces



I was a cub reporter with the Timmins Daily Press before teaching for two years in Cochrane, after which I pursued a 33 year regular army career.

Some will still remember my parents, Leo and Mildred, along with the extended Del Villano family. It is difficult to believe that no one is left with the family name in Timmins now, though Cousin Janet still lives there under her married name.

The family came from Italy in 1912, and my father was one of the first children born in the new town in 1913, so it is fitting that he was one of the town's longest serving councillors and mayors in later life. Hope to see you all in 2012.



Editor's Note:

Leo Del Villano attended Timmins High in the late 1920's and early 30's. He held first the position of Councillor, then Mayor of Timmins from 1956-59, 1961-66 and again from 1968-77.

In 1959, Mayor Del Villano attracted world-wide attention with his decision to supply bearskins for the caps of the Buckingham Palace guards. There was wide-spread publicity generated in newspapers by individuals who were against the hunting of bears.