



OPEN ALDERSHOT FIRE HALL — In recognition of Councillor Bill Bennett's outstanding service to the community the new fire station, officially opened Saturday afternoon, on the Waterdown Road, Aldershot, was named in his honor. From left are: Fire Chief Reg Law of Burlington; Martin S. Hurst, of Toronto, deputy fire marshal of Ontario; Mayor John Lockhart, of Burlington, who hands over the key to the new station to Ed Evans, Aldershot district fire chief, and Bill Bennett.

Mayor Opens Fire Station To Serve Aldershot Area

ALDERSHOT — Burlington's third fire hall, located on the Waterdown Road just north of the Aldershot stop-light, was officially opened by Mayor John A. Lockhart on Saturday.

In a surprise announcement, the mayor named the hall the William J. Bennett Fire Station, in recognition of Councillor Bennett's long service to his community, both on the East Flamboro Township council and the Burlington council, and specifically as chairman of the committee which last year made final plans for the construction of the hall.

THE MAYOR voiced appreciation to Councillor Cyril Ashcroft, the present chairman of the fire committee, and remarked on the fine fire protection afforded the town for an estimated six cents plus household per week.

Councillor Bennett introduced Reeve William C. Tyrrell, Deputy-Reeve F. I. Ryckman, and Councillors E. W. Smith, Loran Laing, W. C. Coutts, and C. Ashcroft, who were present for the ceremonies.

Chief Reg Law, who heads the three Burlington fire companies, expressed the belief that a fire chief is always happiest when a new station is opened. He outlined the training which the 30-man brigade has undergone in the past 18 months, stating, "These men are ready and prepared to serve you whenever you call." Chief Law introduced Martin Hearst, deputy fire marshal of Ontario, who expressed the hope that this would be just the first step

in increased fire protection for Burlington.

With the sounding of the alarm by Mayor Lockhart and the presentation of the key to District Chief Ed Evans, the William J. Bennett Fire Station was declared officially open. The balance of the afternoon was spent in touring the modern building and inspecting the equipment.

THE STATION is manned by 30 volunteers living in Aldershot. The equipment consists of a 600 gallon capacity pumper and a general utility truck which carries another 85 gallons of water. The station will serve that area between the Bay and the northern boundary, and between Highway No. 6 and King's Road. The area will be extended eastward upon the closing of King's Road to the Queen Elizabeth Highway.

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"William J. Bennett Fire Station" Opened

Burlington's new Number 3 Firehall was named after Councillor Wm. J. Bennett during unveiling ceremonies on Saturday.

* An estimated crowd of 200 citizens and visitors applauded as Councillor Bennett stood speechless at the unexpected move. Mayor John A. Lockhart, in naming the station told Councillor Bennett he hoped "the station will serve as you have served — long and well."

THANKED THE TOWN

Wm. W. Allen, of the Hamilton architects Allen and McIver, thanked the town for their "tremendous co-operation" in the building of the station. Mr. G. McIver pointed out the building was designed for a "minimum amount of maintenance." Mr. C. Juravinski of Wilcher Construction, who built the station, introduced Councillor Bennett, who, in turn, introduced members of council.

"This station," Councillor Bennett said, "has been in the thoughts of ratepayers for years. The building is of a quality only exceeded by the volunteers who man the station."

Mr. Ed Evans, chief of Number 3 station, has 30 volunteers from the surrounding neighborhood. He received the key for the building from Mayor Lockhart, who rang the station siren for the official opening.

Fire Chief Reg Law said he was "very pleased with the building" and pointed out that up to now the volunteer fire-fighters in the area "didn't have a station or equipment — all they had was enthusiasm."

Mr. Martin Hurst, Deputy Fire Chief of Ontario, said he hoped "this step is just the first in fire protection in this area."

SECOND TO NONE

"Too often," Mayor Lockhart said, "we accept services as a matter of course. We have a fire department with an envia-

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ble record, and fire protection second to none in the province. We owe these men a deep debt of gratitude."

Five fire chiefs from surrounding towns came to celebrate the opening. They were: Mr. Doug Wilson from Oakville, Mr. Jack Newton of Acton, Mr. Babe Clement of Milton, Mr. Gord Tuck of Dominion Fire and Steel, and Mr. George Wright of Trafalgar.

After the official opening refreshments were served and the people invited to inspect the equipment in the station. Fascinated children poured over, under, and inside the glistening fire trucks, prying into the secrets of fire-fighting.

Described as the most modern station in Halton County, the building measures 30 feet by 60 feet. It can accommodate four pumper trucks or an aerial ladder truck and two pumpers. A television set, bought by the volunteers, has been installed in the station. The redstone building was constructed by Wilcher Construction who are presently constructing Burlington's new Post Office on Brant Street.