

Bill Mattocks

# Halton Land Registrar retires



RETIRING REGISTRAR Bill Mattocks was honored by colleagues and staff on his retirement Monday afternoon. From left are J. P. Charlebois, president of Halton County Law Association who presented the group's gift of a T.V. set, Mr. Mattocks, regional property registrar Tom Dillon who presented a provincial scroll, and supervisor of land registry in Wentworth Donald O. Cannon.

William E. (Bill) Mattocks, Halton's Land Registrar since 1955 retired Monday, Feb. 28 after 31 years of service with the registry office in Milton.

But he doesn't plan to do anything in his retirement years. He started a "limited time" chore with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, the government body overseeing land registry offices in Ontario, the day after his retirement. Bill describes the job as "staff development" and it will include working on staff courses which begin around the end of March. He said he will also be available to fill in for land registrars in cases of illness.

Used to a lifetime of hard work, Mr. Mattocks believes mental alertness is the key to a happy, healthy life and doesn't plan to sit down and vegetate, even though he has retired. He is also active with Legion work (he was president of Acton Branch 197 in 1951-52 and is immediate past president of the Burlington Br. 60) and plans to do more gardening.

When Bill Mattocks first started working at the Halton Registry Office, August 1, 1946, there were only four others on the staff. An average of 35 titles were registered each day and the income barely exceeded the cost of keeping the office open. But that was in 1946 and Halton's boom years of growth were yet to come.

Development and construction throughout Halton and a resulting increase in registry office work have highlighted the intervening 31 years. Today there are 19 on the office staff, the average daily registration is close to 300 and at times has reached 900 a day, and the annual income is over \$3,000,000.

Mr. Mattocks was named deputy registrar after four years in the Milton office, and became registrar when Miss Myrtle Field retired at the end of 1954.

Growth was not without pains, however. The original registry office that had been located on Brown St. in Milton since 1857 lasted just 100 years before the work outgrew it and in 1957 the office moved next door to what is now the Health Unit headquarters on King St. in Milton.

That space proved too small and in October 1962 the registry office moved to become the first tenant in Halton's new county office building and provincial court house on Steeles Ave., where it still functions today. But this accommodation is also cramped and an addition is currently being added to the building. Next spring the registry office will move into the expanded section of the building for its fourth home in 21 years.

The land registry work is complex, putting it mildly. Ontario has a two-part system, one of which is a guaranteed registry, the other not guaranteed. Both systems are in use in all the registry offices.

At one point (in 1972) Mr. Mattocks counted up the legal acts under which his work was governed, and found 159 of them. He hasn't lately—"There may be more of them now," he grinned.

Among the changes he notes in his 31 years in the office are the tremendous speculative land sales and the coming of condominiums, both of which have further complicated the day to day work.

Born in England, he recalls being sent out for child labor at the age of 10. He was lured to Canada—alone—in 1926 to work on farms and the rate of pay was \$5 a month. He spent time on various farms before moving to one near Acton in 1930.

During the dirty 30's—the recession years—he recalls doing "anything and everything" in the way of work, just to put some bread on the table. His first non-farm job was with The Indestructible Milk Crate Co. in Acton (which later went bankrupt) and he later worked for the tannery, Ajax Engineering and other Acton firms.

He got a job at Acton Creamery at \$12 a week and when war broke out he was a buttermaker there at \$18 a week.

During his war service with the Cape Breton Highlanders, Mr. Mattocks was wounded and spent his last 27 months of Army life in hospital. But he enjoyed military work and enlisted in the militia after the war, spending nine years with the unit in Hamilton and working his way up to the rank of Sergeant Major.

In honor of his retirement, his family hosted a surprise family dinner in Toronto Saturday evening. Earlier he and his wife Peggy had hosted the registry office staff to a social evening at his home, 1184 Bellview Ave., Burlington, where they have lived since 1958.

Monday afternoon when it came time for Bill Mattocks to put on his coat and head home from the Milton registry office for the last time, his departure was delayed when the staff and Halton Law Association held a surprise party and presentation at the court house building cafeteria.

Guests included J. P. Charlebois, president of the Halton Law Association and the regional property registrar from the Ministry Thomas Dillon, lawyers, staff and friends.

## Official decision

Trustee Bert Hinton says Halton Board of Education doesn't have any right to try and tell Halton Hills what it must do with Chapel Street School in Georgetown.

Halton Board of Education officially decided to sell the closed school along with some other closed schools and undeveloped school sites.

The school can, at present, accommodate 390 pupils in the ten classrooms.

Superintendent of Business and Finance Bruce Lindley told the board the sale of the building to Halton Hills has been approved but it is subject to the town coming up with the \$125,000 purchase price and consummating the deal by the end of June.

Mr. Hinton said trustees' recent questions about the town's plans for the school were out of line, declaring, "What the town does with it is none of our business."

# GO train funds cut Philbrook leads fight

Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook is leading Liberal backbenchers in a fight to persuade the cabinet to change its mind about cutting funds for rapid transit which has halted plans for expansion of Georgetown GO train service to full time.

Last week Finance Minister Donald MacDonald announced the government was going back on a 1974 election promise to commit nearly \$300 million to development of rapid transit.

The decision to cut the funds means plans for full time GO train for Georgetown have been shelved. Federal money was to be used to improve Union Station and track approaches which

would have allowed expansion of train service. Philbrook, who has received national attention because of his stand against the cabinet including an appearance on CTV's Canada A.M. program Monday morning says rapid transit development in Canada is "crucial".

He says an election promise is a promise and should be honored and predicted the battle between backbenchers and cabinet could become "a big issue."

Philbrook says the backbenchers will do everything to persuade the cabinet to change its mind including "cajole and nag."

"I think we've got the cabinet against the caucus on this one," he stated.

He noted the Liberals have an active caucus which helped persuade the government to start restraints but he feels that while restraints are extremely important urban transit development is "crucial" in a country the size of Canada and besides it saves energy. Restraint yes, but not for this.

Philbrook is quick to point out the movement he started isn't a caucus "revolt" but simply a group of backbenchers trying to get an important point across to cabinet.

One tactic the backbenchers will use in their fight is to speak against and possibly even vote against amendments to the National Transportation Act when it comes before the House.

Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe MP Ross Milne who is planning to seek the Liberal nomination in the new riding of Brampton-Halton Hills said last Wednesday in Georgetown that at the time the Liberals made the promise to aid public transit the economy was booming. He still favors rapid transit but acknowledges the money isn't around since the government must buy Leopard tanks and if Canada is to be a member of NATO then it must spend money to support it.

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Mr. Payne stated that those who take the time to examine the evidence believe that God is about to intervene in man's affairs. "In the Bible," he said, "God makes clear what His requirements are for those who will have this approval."

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# Board will buy new computer

Halton Board of Education decided Thursday to buy a computer worth \$250,000 to handle administration chores and computer programs done by students.

Last month the trustees delayed making a decision on the proposed purchase of a used computer which was expected to cost \$300,000 over five years and would have lasted three to five years.

The administration came back with another proposal Thursday which called for the board to buy a used computer worth \$250,000 which will cost considerably more if the board decides to pay for it over five to eight years as has been suggested. This computer however will last eight to 10 years.

Trustees went along with the purchase of a new computer but rejected a proposal which would have moved the board in the direction of mini-computers for Halton high schools.

The administration has been pushing for a new computer because the old one can't handle the increasing amount of administration work like grading tests, report cards and class schedules along with increasing load caused by

soaring enrolment in computer courses. Out of a total of 28,000 high school students, 1,278 are taking computer courses.

Trustee Bert Hinton noted Queen's Park urges educational institutions to share facilities and suggested the board join forces with Sheridan College.

He went on to point out colleges and universities would prefer students not have a lot of exposure to computers before going into post secondary school computer courses. He said when high schools offer computer courses it should be classroom work dealing with computer language.

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