

MP's life requires 'lot of adjustments' -- Philbrook

He knew it would not be a nine to five job where, at the end of the day, he could come home leaving all his troubles back at the office. Nor would it be the type of job where pressures are slight and worries are few.

When Dr. Frank Philbrook was elected last year as Halton's fledgling Member of Parliament he knew his job was to serve his constituents to the best of his ability, often making difficult decisions which required hours upon hours of careful evaluation and concentration. He knew it's the kind of career where you have to keep your chin up at all times and keep your shoulder to the grindstone every minute of the day.

"Hard-working, best describes my first year in office," began Dr. Philbrook in a recent personal interview with the Herald.

"I feel good about my first year in office and I've enjoyed every bit of it. There is a lot of hard work involved and a lot of adjusting to make."

However with Dr. Philbrook staying in Ottawa five days of the week, his family has had to make many major adjustments as well.

"I'm very fortunate to have such an understanding and participating family. My wife, the three girls have participated as

much as they can. As a family we have made an ideal adjustment."

On many occasions Dr. Philbrook and his wife Midge together attend many of the social functions in Halton and Ottawa ranging from the Governor-General's Ball, to picnics, to official openings.

When asked to describe a typical day in Ottawa, Dr. Philbrook took a deep breath and began.

"My day begins with catching up on the overnight work and the early morning news, which leads into answering phone calls, reading and replying to the numerous letters I receive, greeting visitors, keeping in touch with my Oakville riding office, reviewing applications for federal grants and jobs and so forth.

"Whenever possible I work out in the gym for an hour. Afternoon duties on Parliament Hill range from house duty, to speeches, to caucus, to various committee meetings and other meetings. Evening sessions of Parliament usually last until 10 or 10:30."

However his work is still not completed for Dr. Philbrook must then return to his office to complete the day's work.

Dr. Philbrook pointed out that not all

days are so hectic but the greater majority of his days in Ottawa are spent just as described.

With the federal riding of Halton extending from Lake Ontario in the south to the northern boundaries of Erin Township in Wellington County, including the municipalities of Oakville, Milton, Halton Hills and Erin and Erin Township—in all about 350 square miles incorporating 36,000 households and 68,063 voters—it is no wonder that Dr. Philbrook is constantly on the go.

"I like working hard. It becomes a way of life. Those five days in Ottawa suddenly seem like all one day. It's all very interesting and it's high-pressure enough that, before you know it, the week has gone by," said Dr. Philbrook.

July 8 marked the completion of Dr. Philbrook's first year as Halton's representative in Ottawa and he regards his first year as very satisfying.

"I've enjoyed my first-year immensely. I've learned a great deal which will be helpful in my second year in office."

When asked of highlights of his first year Dr. Philbrook proudly told of his many first year achievements.

"I've asked half a dozen questions which were spoken about in the House of Commons. But what I think was most exciting was when, within six months of my election, I was chosen to serve as head of a Canadian delegation which was to go to Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) for the fourth Commonwealth Medical Conference."

On June 26 Dr. Philbrook delivered his first major address to the Canadian House of Commons. After making his speech on the budget Dr. Philbrook was delighted to receive a hand shake and some words of congratulations from his colleague, John Turner.

The following day Dr. Philbrook again much to his delight, received a note from Mr. Turner stating "Just a brief note to thank you for your fine speech during the budget debate last Thursday. I think you did an excellent job of hitting the main points."

Dr. Philbrook went on to explain his great admiration for Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

"I think we are lucky to have such an outstanding Prime Minister. Trudeau is completely accepted as the leader of our party. He's a brilliant man, a democratic leader, very respected and very well liked.

He's interested in all opinions and is tough when he needs to be tough." Dr. Philbrook continued to describe the Prime Minister by saying, "He tries to get as much information as possible before he makes a decision. Then, when he makes a decision, he makes it firmly. Trudeau, as difficult as it sounds, takes a personal interest in everyone of us. Everyone enjoys his tremendous sense of humour and he always finishes off with something humorous. What astonishes me is the great amount of energy the man has."

Dr. Philbrook stated that law and order will be the major issue to come up before parliament in year two. "We will have to make the system of law and order more efficient and will have to try to reduce the amount of crime and violence to ensure public protection."

Dr. Philbrook expects his second year in parliament will be "just about the same."

"I'll be working just as hard only with much more experience. If I get the chance to take on more governmental responsibilities I will certainly accept them without any hesitation. I found that the harder you work and the more you contribute, the more rewarding the job is."



MP Frank Philbrook



ANY PORT IN A STORM any river on a hot day. Peter Morris, Doug Faubert and Gerard McGrath took advantage of the near-by river to cool off on the Eighth Line, just south of town.

Town not giving up on getting school

The Town of Halton Hills is not willing to give up on the issue of the lease arrangements for Norval school set out by the Halton Board of Education.

Because of the present terms for the closed Norval School, the town could not see fit to go along with the terms. But, the town is reluctant as the Norval Community Association is to sit back and let the Norval residents once again suffer.

At Monday night's general administration committee meeting Mayor Tom Hill made a recommendation, which will now be sent to council, that a committee be formed to deal with the present lease.

The committee will consist of Councillors Dick Howitt and Les Doby and members of the Norval Community Association who will make a request to the Halton Board of Education to hold a meeting and renegotiate the terms of the lease.

At the meeting, Councillor Doby stated his present feelings toward the Halton school board. "I'm not going to say that I am disappointed, I'm disgusted with the school board."

Glen park for sale

Glen Williams may lose their ball park. After ten years of leasing the property for \$1 per year to the three ball associations connected with the Glen park, Clifford Davidson, present owner of the approximately 22 acres, has decided to put the property up for sale.

Ross Irwin, sales representative from Johnson and Carney explained to the general administration committee Monday that Mr. Davidson wishes to sell all of the property and not just the seven some acres which house the ball diamonds.

"We are expecting an option to be taken out on the property, that's why I came to the town. I think the town should purchase the entire property, not just because I want to sell it, but because I think the town will need all of the property for future use," explained Mr. Irwin.

Nell Best representing the three Glen Williams ball associations—the ladies', men's and minor ball clubs—told the general administration committee that it would be a great loss to Glen Williams if the ball diamonds vanished.

"We have 110 children in the minor clubs plus the men's and ladies' clubs and without the ball park in the Glen we would have no place to play. From what we can gather the park in Georgetown is already filled to its capacity. We would like to see some deadlines set for making the decisions so we know if we are coming or going."

Mr. Best further explained that for the past ten years the park has been leased for a fee of \$1 per year with all the maintenance done by free labor with money supplied from profits made at the refreshment booth at the park.

"As I can see it, the ball park has not cost the town one red cent. We have reached the stage where we now need some help. We feel we have an excellent facility now and we would hate to lose it."

Councillor Ric Morrow suggested that Doug Collison, recreation director of Halton Hills, look into the matter and determine how much land is needed for recreation and look into the terms of what will or will not be available. Councillor Morrow also suggested that, at the same time, Mr. Collison look into other possible locations for a ball field either in Glen Williams or somewhere in the surrounding area.

Mr. Irwin then pointed out that if a ball field was built, similar to that of the present one in Glen Williams, it would cost about \$183,000 whereas the entire Davidson property is for sale at a price of \$150,000 but Mr. Irwin was confident that this price was negotiable with Mr. Davidson.

Mr. Collison explained that under the

Community Centres Act, a grant could possibly be made available, however, more than one recreational activity has to be carried out in the park.

"But there would be no problem in establishing another activity," state Mr. Collison. These grants, available under the Community Centres Act cover 25 percent of development costs, up to \$75,000.

Mayor Tom Hill explained the difficulties in purchasing such a property.

"We can't walk into this blindfolded. We have to know how much land we need and how much we can afford to pay. We have to look into all aspects of this."

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Ice rental rates at arena set again

After an in camera session at Monday night's general administration committee meeting, between the committee and representatives of the Junior "B" and Intermediate Hockey Clubs of Georgetown, the hockey representatives expressed disappointment with the committee's final decision on ice rental rates at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

The general administration committee has decided to recommend to council that the ice rental rates at the new arena for both Junior "B" and Intermediate clubs be set at \$33 per hour and that separate agreements will be signed concerning playoffs. The rates during the playoffs will be \$33 per hour or a 60-40 split, whichever is the greater.

At the same time the general administration committee decided that the community hall at the Gordon Alcott arena be rented to the Junior "B" and Intermediate clubs at \$75 per night for eight consecutive home games. After the eight consecutive home games the rates will be renegotiated after a financial statement is presented by both clubs. This agreement can be cancelled by either club with one week's notice.

The proposed rates will now be presented to town council for consideration.

Seniors to Stewarttown

The Senior Citizens Club of Georgetown has decided that they will hold their regular meetings at the Stewarttown Hall, leaving the cottage in Cedarvale "up for grabs."

The Senior Citizens Club had explained to Doug Collison, recreation director for Halton Hills, that the organization needed larger facilities to carry out their meetings and their special events.

The senior citizens will be using the hall on the second and fourth Monday and the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, leaving the hall open for other bookings.

At a past meeting of the general administration committee the Credit Valley

Artisans expressed their desire and need of a facility for their organization. They then suggested the usage of the cottage at Cedarvale.

However, the general administration committee did not want to make any decisions concerning that club until the opinions from the senior citizens organization were heard.

Now that Georgetown's senior citizens club have decided to re-locate, the cottage at Cedarvale will be left open to other interested organizations.

However, at present the general administration committee will not make any final decisions concerning the

usage of the cottage until such a time that other organizations express their desire to use the facility.

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