

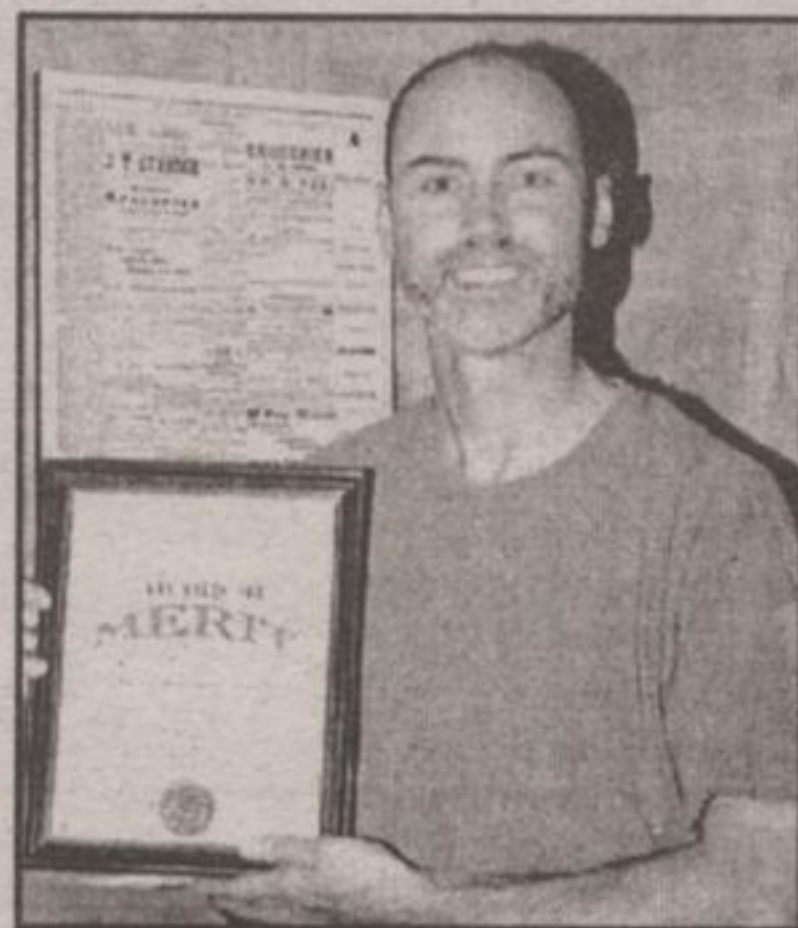
Library wins another Internet award

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

An award of merit from the Ontario Genealogical Society is "further validation" of the work by Halton Hills library staff and volunteers to make Halton's history available at the click of a mouse.

Chief librarian Betsy Cornwell said the award also recognizes the library's leadership in developing an Internet-accessible historical and genealogical database and a powerful search engine. She said years of work with constantly evolving HALINET Intranet system has resulted in a "fairly impressive suite" of programs.

"Our vision was to bring the local history databases together so you could enter a name, for instance, into the search engine, and you'd get every reference with that name from databases including things like local newspa-



GENEALOGICAL AWARD: Geoff Cannon shows off his award. — Frances Niblock photo

pers, cemetery records and birth and death announcements," Cornwell said recently.

"We're making it possible for people to locate, probably the majority of these local references, in one place," she said, adding a long-term goal is to digitize the records to eliminate the need of having

to go to the library to look at some of the old records.

Library staffers Gail Richardson and Geoff Cannon accepted the award on behalf of the library and Cannon, the library's manager of support services, said the system allows for universal access to the area's history.

"We have people accessing the Web site from all over the world. Locally, the system allows us to preserve the records and documents because people don't have to come into the library and actually handle a lot of it.

The historical and genealogical software developed by Acton's Walter Lewis, the library's manager of support services, is now being used by numerous other libraries.

"There's a lot of content and a lot of guides to content that are available from a single, quite simple, search," Lewis said on Sunday, adding they couldn't begin to

deal with a tiny fraction of the people they deal with on-line, if they still had to come to the library to initiate a search.

"The level of service that we can deliver this way is significantly better," Lewis said, adding a data search that took two or three years before the software was available, now takes 30 seconds.

While the library began developing computer index of records 18 years ago, Lewis said "people began to get truly excited" when it was posted to the Internet and they were able to combine all the searches into one.

Annual book sale June 9

Halton Hills Public Library is holding its annual book sale on Saturday, June 9th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Acton Branch and Saturday June 16th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Georgetown Branch.

Hundreds of items will be for sale at unbeatable prices, including adult books, children's books, magazines, cassettes, videos and laser discs. Arrive early for the best selection.

For more information, please contact the Acton Branch at 853-0301 or the Georgetown Branch at 873-2681



DECORATION DAY: Legion member Joyce Buchanan and Helen Van Opstal help plant geraniums on veterans' graves at Fairview Cemetery on Sunday morning. Over 30 Legion members turned out to plant flowers at 491 graves in Fairview, Rockwood and Dublin Cemeteries, under the chairmanship of Ab Irwin.

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LEGION NEWS
By Joyce Buchanan
Secretary

Hi again:

The turn out for Decoration Day was very good and the rain stayed away, but only until the planting was done, which was fine because it did water the plants for us.

Many thanks to all those who took the time to come out; Mr. Irwin was pleased and even smiled at times. I should also thank Keith Andrews because it seems all the plants are in around the Branch. I don't know who his helpers were but I suspect one was his

wife, so thank you anyway.

The only thing left for me now is to complain about the weather. Isn't it the pits? Maybe it will get its act together and let the sun shine through. In the meantime don't forget those who are ill and give them some time if you can, also please keep us informed.

While the weather is miserable why not come down to the Branch and play Bridge or Euchre.

See you at the Branch.

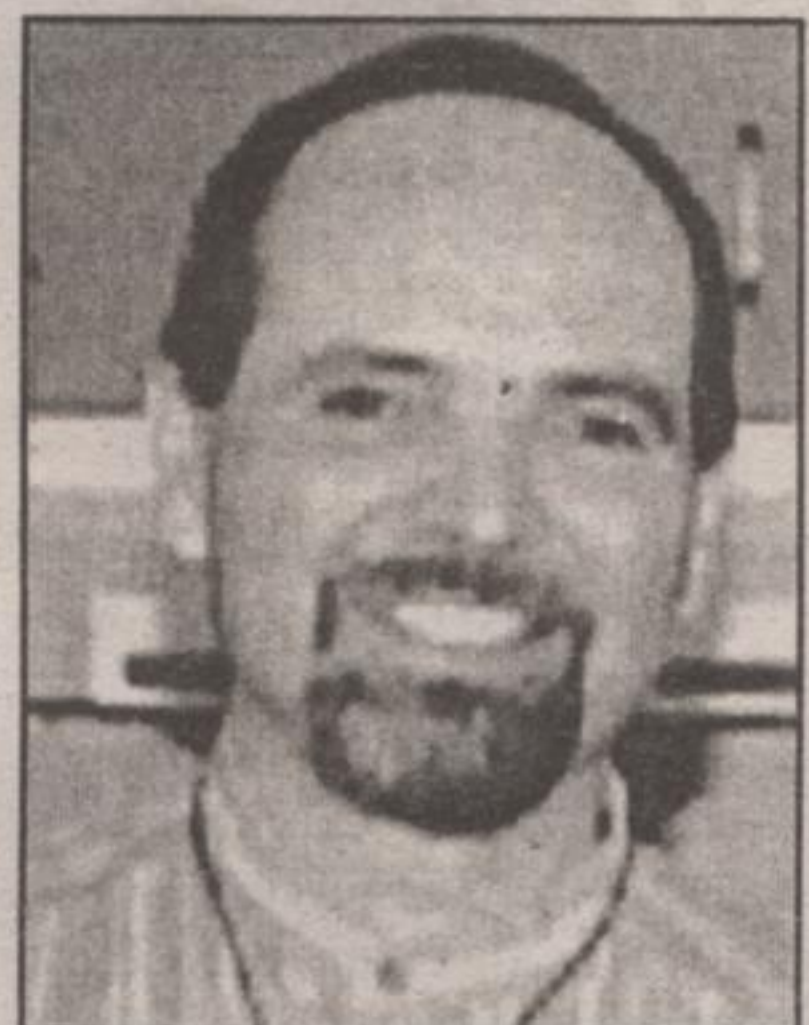
Rev. Bob Matton to leave Trinity

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After six years as minister of Acton's Trinity United Church, the Reverend Bob Matton is leaving to accept a position as minister for the Alma and Goldstone United Churches, both located north of Fergus.

Rev. Matton intends to commute to his new ministry beginning in September, and his family will remain in Acton.

"One knows when the time has come to undertake new challenges and opportunities," Rev. Matton said on



Rev. Matton

Monday, when asked about his decision to leave Trinity. The congregation was told of his decision on Sunday.

Rev. Matton said he accomplished what he wanted to do at Trinity, serving out his mandate to rebuild the church.

"The congregation is facing some questions about its future and what direction they want to go, and this is a good time for a change for all concerned," he said.

Rev. Matton said he has no regrets about his time at Trinity, and is pleased that while he was there, projects like the new church roof, making the building fully accessible and encouraging children and young families to be an active part of the church, were accomplished.

"I'm looking forward to a fresh start... the journey will continue at Alma-Goldstone, but I hopefully will continue to be a part of the Acton community where our family has put down roots," Rev. Matton said.



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