



New book highlights Esquering founders

Just in time for Christmas, a new book has come out which is a "Roots" story of one family which emigrated to, then populated, the area of Halton formerly known as Esquering.

The book was published posthumously by J. Richard Houston who died three years ago in a plane crash while taking part in a government commission.

A lawyer, Mr. Houston was an amateur genealogist of some repute who started more than 10 years ago to dig into his own roots and was able to follow the Esquering founding Standish family back to a remote part of Ireland in the mid-1700's.

His wife Alix, of Georgetown, is currently introducing book sellers of Halton to the new 350-

page offering which is being published by the Houston Publication Trust.

She said the money to publish the book was given to the trust by a number of people and the trust will be continued so more books of genealogical significance can be produced. This is being done in conjunction with the Toronto Genealogical Society of which Mr. Houston was a member.

What makes the book interesting is the painstaking research Mr. Houston did over the years.

Mrs. Houston remembers him "as a man who truly enjoyed poking around to find every little fact."

It starts in Mill Park, County Tipperary in the 1750's and follows the family of Joseph Standish and the three sons who left to come to Canada. One settled in Rougemont, Que., another in the Alberta area and later generations spread throughout the Pacific Northwest; and lastly the branch of the family which was virtually to be the population of Esquering.

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Mrs. Houston said the book is on sale in a number of Halton area bookstores but she expects this to increase.

The book costs \$20 and part of the revenue goes to the trust fund.

Anyone wishing to purchase the book and

cannot find it in a bookstore, can contact the Houston Publication Trust, 185 Glencairn Ave., Toronto, M4R 1M3.

MRS. ALIX HOUSTON holds the book her late husband J. Richard Houston wrote tracing the Standish family of Esquering Township back to its earliest roots in Ireland. The 350-page book sells for \$20 and part of the money goes to a special fund set up to produce future books of genealogical significance.



THE LIDO RESTAURANT re-opens today (Wednesday) with new owners H. K. Yung (left) and his son Robin Yung in charge. The father-son team has purchased the Lido from its former owners and closed it for two weeks for renovations. They will offer Cantonese and Canadian-style Chinese food as well as western food in the Main St. restaurant. H. K. and Robin are pictured with some of the dishes served at a pre-opening party Sunday evening.

Father, son opening 'new' Lido Restaurant

There's a new management team at Milton's Main St. Lido Restaurant this week, as father and son H. K. Yung and Robin Yung officially re-open the restaurant today after two weeks of renovations and repairs.

They have purchased the popular restaurant from Toy Chan and five partners. Both father and son have extensive restaurant experience and Mr. Yung Sr. was trained as a chef in Hong Kong before he came to Canada.

They said they plan several changes in the Lido's menu, but will continue to offer Cantonese style and Canadian style Chinese food, plus western food, to their clients. Hours (10 a.m. to midnight) remain the same and two waitresses who were with the former management will remain on staff.

A new feature dish will be one Mr. Yung Sr. developed in China — to be known here as Yung's Marinated Chicken. It is a special dish that must be ordered in advance, as it takes a day

and a half to prepare it.

The house specialty was one of six courses served to about 40 guests at a pre-opening party in the Lido Sunday night.

H. K. Yung operated a small restaurant in Hong Kong and later opened his own restaurant there. He came to Canada in 1975 and has cooked in restaurants in Toronto ever since. At present he has a total of 25 years' experience.

His son Robin, who came to Canada in 1960, worked in a restaurant owned by his brother, then as a printer. He recently managed a restaurant in Timmins for 18 months.

Renovations at the Lido include new tables and chairs replacing the former booths. The new owners plan to keep the name and the same general layout inside.

They also expect to apply for a licence to serve beer and wine with meals and hope to have this additional service by next summer.

Milton owes \$140 per

The Town of Milton has the second highest debt per capita in the Region of Halton, according to figures presented by Burlington Mayor Roly Bird.

Mayor Bird said the debt per person in Milton is \$101 based on a debentured debt of \$2,303,000 and 22,706 population. This climbs to \$140 per

person when the regional per capita debt of \$39 is added.

The region has \$9,136,000 in outstanding debentures and a population of 234,892.

The lowest per capita debt is the Town of Halton Hills at \$38, based on debentures of \$1,280,000 and 34,051 people.

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The costumes are being made by each of the carollers and promise to be colorful, according to Deirdre O'Higgins.

Taking part in the singing will be Jim Steeves, Liz Bone, Jim and Penny Carlos, Deirdre O'Higgins, Avril Winchester, Neville Johnston and Anne Ling.

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And further take notice that the time for lodging a complaint with the Assessment Review Court in respect of any assessment contained in the assessment rolls that are required to be returned on the 22nd day of January, 1980, is extended to the 12th day of February, 1980, and in respect of any assessment contained in the assessment roll that is required to be returned on the 15th day of February, 1980, is extended to the 7th day of March, 1980.

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