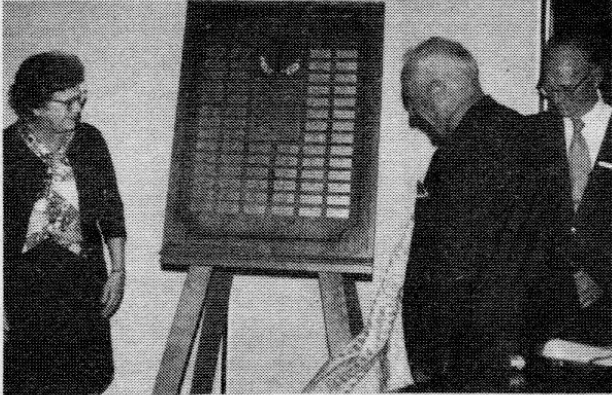


Local Radio Amateur honoured in Hamilton



Unveiling the plaque. Left: Mrs. Inez Clemence, widow of the late Wib Clemence VE3KM. Centre: Art Ferguson, VE3HP our first president in 1933. Right: Bill McCaslin VE3ARX.



Art Ferguson VE3HP, our first president, receiving "Order of The Gavel" certificate from President John Dykstra VE3BOY

Art Ferguson from Port Elgin, of the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club, first President in 1933, recently unveiled a plaque honoring past presidents, with the assistance of Mrs. Inez Clemence, of Hamilton, widow of the late Wib Clemence, co-founder of the club. Through the persistent efforts of Geoff Legg and Bill McCaslin, past presidents of H.A.R.C. and originators of the 'Order of the Gavel', every president who ever held office spanning 44 years was identified. This was no easy task, since club records were destroyed in a fire during war time. Their dreams of a perpetual memorial has been realized and in addition they were able to present each president with an attractive framed document in recognition of a job well done!

Mr. Ferguson was also presented with The Order of the Gavel certificate to recognize the dedication and leadership performed by past presidents, and to perpetuate their memory in a beautiful large oak plaque, containing their individual name plates.

The meeting brought together for the first time, former Presidents dating back to the formation of the Club in 1933.

The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club as the originator of this new Order, is the pilot in a movement to have all radio clubs in North America through the various Amateur Radio Agencies adopt it as the symbol of meritorious service in the Amateur Radio Fraternity, honouring club leadership and establishing historical roots for posterity.