

# After 34 long years as an educator 'Clip' sort of retires

A Streetsville man who spent 34 years as a teacher, administrator and education planner is today taking things easy for the first time in a long while. But, it's only for a matter of weeks because Graydon Clipperton has been on the go too long to call it quits now.

Mr. Clipperton ended a 34 year association with the education profession when the recent school year ended. He was principal at Ledbury Park Junior High School in North York for the past three years. Previous to that he spent tenures as principals of two news schools.

He spent seven years as principal of Wilson Heights Junior High School and then also became the first principal of Oakdale Junior High School. Previous to joining the North York board, he was



GRAYDON 'CLIP' CLIPPERTON

at Forest Hill Village Junior High.

Mr. Clipperton, known to his colleagues as 'Clip', began his career in education in 1935 when he entered the Toronto Normal School for a year of teacher training. In September of 1936, he headed for the Lake Nipigon area in the northland. His first teaching job was at a place called Nakina, Ont. He stayed for three years before returning to southern Ontario.

Mr. Clipperton taught in Galt (now Cambridge, Ont.) from 1939 until 1942. His teaching career was then interrupted for three years while he served with the armed forces in the Second World War.

The Streetsville man decided to move to Forest Hill Village Schools in 1946. In three years he was vice-principal of the junior high school, a position he held until 1958.

North York started a tri-level system of education in 1958 and opened its first junior high schools. Mr. Clipperton assisted in the planning of the original junior high programs.

Mr. Clipperton has been honored on several occasions in recent weeks by friends and colleagues. The North York Board of Education held a reception and presentation for all its retiring members June 12.

The Junior and Senior High Schools Association honored Mr. Clipperton at its annual dinner June 14. 'Clip' then had a few days rest before a third get-together. More than 100 former staff members of the four junior high schools Mr. Clipperton was associated with joined to honor the Streetsville man.

After a summer divided between home jobs and the cottage, he plans to join the staff of W.N. Atkinson Insurance Ltd. in Streetsville. He'll join his two sons, Jon and Mike, and his stepfather, Wix Atkinson, in that venture.