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Les Whitelock a man of many accomplishments

A MAN whose accomplishments in Hamilton ranged from founding its first air cadet squadron to chairing the board of education is dead.

Dr. William Leslie Whitelock, known as "Les" to his friends, died yesterday. He was 92 last month.

Born and raised in Hamilton, Dr. Whitelock spent all his life here except for First World War service overseas and university in Toronto.

Dr. Whitelock was a dentist in the city for 50 years, beginning his practice in 1923 and seeing patients in the same office, at Main and Burris streets, from 1932 until his retirement in 1971.

He was elected president of the Hamilton Dental Academy in 1933 and was appointed director of dental services in 1936 by the city board of health. As director, he set up nominal-cost clinics for low-income families and originated the then-famous "5-cent toothbrush" for clinic patients.

Dr. Whitelock was a Ward 7 school trustee from 1935 to 1948, serving as board chairman in 1940. During his time on the board, he originated the idea of intermediate schools, which became the senior public schools that spread all over the province. He also was involved in the formation of a milk program for school children.

He was elected president of the Urban School Trustees Association of Ontario in 1943 and two years later was appointed to serve on a Royal Commission on Education.

In 1946, he was a member of a



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group that led the province to create the Provincial Textile Institute of Technology on Wentworth Street. The institute later became a polytechnical institute and is now part of Mohawk College.

Dr. Whitelock was also an active member of the Hamilton Rotary Club, serving as president in 1958. In 1941, he had proposed that the Rotary sponsor the city's first air cadet squadron, and by the next year the Number 62 Westdale Squadron had its first parade.

He also served on the board of directors of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children and was responsible for the formation of orthopedic classes for crippled children at Prince of Wales School.

Dr. Whitelock is survived by his wife Loretta, three children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

WHITELOCK, William Leslie "Les", D.D.S. — (Retired dentist in Hamilton having practised for 50 years; member of the Rotary Club of Hamilton joining in 1939 and former Chairman of the Hamilton Board of Education.) At his residence on Wednesday, March 5, 1986, Dr. William Leslie Whitelock of Burlington, Ontario, formerly of Hamilton, beloved husband of Loretta B. (Lamond) Whitelock, in his 93rd year. Dear father of Mrs. Lois Noonan of Burlington, Gertrude (Mrs. Lloyd Elder) of Birmingham, Michigan and Reginald of Scarborough. Dear grandfather of Murray, Glynis, Shelley, Susan, Robert, Sharon, Michael and Dawn and also survived by four great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends at SMITH'S FUNERAL HOME, 485 Brant Street, Burlington, (632-3333) on Thursday 2:30-4:30 and 7-9 p.m., where Funeral Service will be held Friday, March 7, 1986, at 1:30 p.m. The Reverend Earl McDonald officiating. Interment Woodland Cemetery, Hamilton. Expressions of sympathy to the Rotary Club of Hamilton Sunshine Fund, Suite 209, 112 King Street East, Hamilton, L8N 1A8, sincerely appreciated.

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