



Hill retires from VOTE

Fred Hill of Canterbury, the man responsible for Britain's first involvement in the International Skill Olympics 30 years ago and one of those who kept it going when City and Guilds stopped in its sponsorship in 1970, retired as chairman of the Society for the Promotion of Vocational Training and Education (VOTE), organiser of the UK entry, last Friday. Bill Thorpe, the new chairman, described Mr. Hill as the father of the society who "had a go at it" when the UK turned down an invitation to compete in Madrid in 1953. He and his son Douglas, a joiner, were the first British team. Mr. Hill (left), his wife Betty and Mr. Thorpe, are pictured with a decanter and glasses presented to the couple by VOTE.