

Branch 120 honors its hardest workers

On Friday evening members and their wives or husbands began arriving for the first annual Honours and Awards Night for Branch 120. This was a night set aside to let our many dedicated and hard working members know just how much we have sincerely appreciated all their efforts on

behalf of the Legion and Branch 120 in particular. Our Zone Commander Bernie Greenfield and his wife Bernice were present for the evening having come up from Mississauga Branch 583 to enjoy the evening.

Thirteen members of the Legion pipe band favoured us twice during the evening and, as always, were very well received. Drummers out were Joe Goudie, Bob Denham, Ken Donaldson, Bill McCartney, Tom Wolfe and Don Greig. Pipers were Dave Fraser, Greig, Doug Weir, Gord Grozier, Don Burns, Gord Johnston and George Greig.

You looked and sounded terrific fellows, thanks so much for entertaining us. Pete Dancy played records for our dancing enjoyment. About 10 p.m. Branch Secretary 'Mac' McLean got things started by telling us that the honours and awards actually started in the summer

Auxiliary and many times President of the Auxiliary. DOROTHY STONE: Dorothy is one of our honorary members who does such a beautiful job maintaining our Book of Remembrance which is notably the best in Ontario. Also Dorothy has done our portraits of the flag, poppy and torch for our Initiation Team.

AUDREY MARTIN: Audrey helps Dorothy with the Book of Remembrance and looks after Remembrance Day, dinner with setting up the head table and also looking after many articles of value for our initiation team.

President Denny Wright had the pleasure of presenting these awards to these most deserving recipients and we all heartily agreed.

JIM EMMERSON: Jim has spent many years working for the Branch and has been a member of the executive holding many offices. A valuable member still.

HARRY BOTTOMS: Harry has spent many years in the Branch and has been an executive member, Branch Sgt.-At-Arms, and presently is Sgt.-At-Arms of our Initiation Team. He also is still a valuable member of the Branch.

LLOYD BOYD: Lloyd has served on the executive and has done a superb job as our branch Service Officer helping many members and or their dependents have a more comfortable existence and seeing to their general well being. A well respected member.

HERB ROBINSON: Herb has been a standout member for many, many years around the Branch, and working in kid hockey giving many hours to this cause on behalf of Branch 120.

DENNIS WRIGHT: Denny is our President who is a hard worker, dedicated, has our Branch first and foremost on his mind and has put in many years around the Branch in many capacities. A credit to the Royal Canadian Legion and to Branch 120.

Second Vice-President, Pat Chamberlain had the pleasure of presenting these well deserving members with their award.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS CHARLIE DAY: Charlie's citation reads "Member of Branch 120, June of 1945 when membership was approximately 450. Charlie became an active member in 1950 when he was elected to the executive committee, a position he held for five years."

In 1956 he was elected to the position of Branch Secretary which he retained until 1963 when he resigned in order to become secretary of Zone B7 for Comrade David Capers, who as Zone Commander at that time.

In addition, Comrade Day served as chairman of the Kiddies Christmas Tree from 1954 to 1957, was secretary of the Branch Poppy Fund Committee for many years and was an original member of the successful Branch 120 Glee Club.



The lifetime members



On behalf of her husband Marian Beattie accepts a Certificate of Merit.

months when it was proposed that the Branch do something for these many good people and to recognize their services over the past years, beginning with members who had started way back in the 1940's.

The committee, comprised of Chairman Henry 'Buster' Hale, 'Mac' McLean, Ralph Hawes, Tom Elliott and 'Tut' Harrison have done a thorough and exceptional job. They thought that this job would be a cinch but after going back over the records the past 30 years, they found it tougher than they figured as so many had given time, talent and knowledge to our Branch making it the best Branch in our Zone, district and probably in Ontario.

(That's just my personal assessment shared by many other members in the Branch). 'Mac' said we are just honouring a few tonight and throughout the next few months we hope to honour all names on the list. Our next date set for Honours is April 3 and 'Mac' emphasized that those members honoured at a later date are by no means honoured less than those tonight, but the committee started at the beginning and will continue on until all deserving members are honoured.

Auxiliary members, don't forget your general meetings this Thursday evening beginning at 7 p.m. and is a potluck supper. Everyone please bring something. It sounds like it will be a good evening to attend.

I'm surprised to learn that some of our members are taking advantage of the fact that we have tickets left over for our New Years Eve dance and are coming in for more than one ticket for their guests.

It did say in the paper that any tickets left over on Monday December 15th would be sold to members for their guest, with member signing for the ticket. (Singular—not plural) (December 3rd issue). No doubt a lot of us would like to take friends and it is much fairer to all members if only one extra ticket is available to them, that way we all get the same chance.

Jason Fields...when are you going to pay off that dare, bet or wager? I don't know what it is all about, I was just asked to ask you.

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Branch 120 welcomes members

By Roma Timpson

We welcome two new members to our branch. Their applications were accepted at our last week's executive meeting.

We hope Ross Van Patter and John Marchment will take an active part in the branch and enjoy all activities.

Car Club Winners
No. 24, 199 G. Gaskill; 345, Royce Weston; 473, Josie Tost; 511, John Boyd; 47 I. Penfold; 563, Al Walker.

Plan to take in our district curling in the new year folks? You will be well rewarded if you enjoy keen competition and skilled men in their sport. Ken Nash, Pat Chamberlain, Dunc Money Penny and Gord Campbell, who won zone honours last weekend will

represent Branch 120 on January 10th and 11th 1976 in the district finals.

Thursday evening saw our young fry and some of us older fry's being entertained by the Brampton Clown Band while we were waiting for Santa Claus to appear. He was right on time to the delight of all the youngsters and Santa went around to each and everyone of the kiddies before he settled down to greet them at the Christmas tree and listen to their long list of Christmas gifts. When it was all over the band entertained down in the clubroom.

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Halton teachers, board prepare to negotiate

With the current contract between the Halton Board of Education and its approximately 3,300 secondary and public school teachers drawing to a close in 1976, both sides of the negotiating committee are preparing already for a tough period of bargaining.

The first round in the bargaining went to the board Thursday night as they voted not to grant research officers for either the Halton Elementary Teachers Federation or the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation leaves of absence during the negotiating period.

"This is where all the troubles in Metro (Toronto) were spawned," commented trustee Ernie Bodnar. "It creates a number of people who have firmly established positions to maintain in the bargaining."

"If they can't get what they want they create an opportunity for confrontation."

He blamed the problems in settling the Metro Toronto teachers strike partially on "face saving" by members of the teachers' negotiating committee.

"Besides, you shouldn't help the enemy. After all this is an adversary situation with one side against the other. We've managed to do without these kinds of people before and we don't need them now."

Dr. H. Howard-Lock, a Burlington trustee, questioned, "Who compensates for the trustees' time off? Who looks after that?" She stated that the negotiations, once they begin in earnest, should be carried out "all day, every day until we come to an agreement."

The board's negotiating committee, she stated, was prepared to meet the time demands and hoped the teachers' representatives could also.

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In a later interview Mr. Bodnar, a member of the board's negotiating committee, said that he felt that the outcome of the Metro Toronto teachers negotiations would not have a big effect upon the tone of next year's talks in Halton.

Halton teachers, he said, have managed to remain ahead of Metro's both in salaries and pupil-teacher ratios, particularly in the current contract.

"Metro couldn't afford the settlement we provided in the current contract. We had the ability to pay, they couldn't. They're now trying to catch up to us."

"If the anti-inflation board holds Metro to the guidelines I really can't see how our teachers could really be justified in asking for much more."

120 at the close of 1945. During his 30 years as a member of Branch 120 he has devoted 10 years as an active member of the executive. He was a member from 1949 until 1951 and for the next two years served as second vice-president. 1954 saw him elected to the office of first vice-president. Comrade Garvin was elected president in 1955 a position he retained for five years. It was during the five years of his leadership that two major events took place.

On March 23, 1956 Zone Commander Les Clark presented the Meritorious Service Award to Mrs. Blance Grieves for outstanding service to the cause of the Royal Canadian Legion. This is the highest award possible to a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and the first such award to be presented by Branch 120. In 1967, under the guidance of President Garvin, a committee was set up which successfully conducted the purchase of the adjacent part of our building, making the branch the owner of the complete block.

"Also during his term as president, the decorating and furnishing of the old TV room was undertaken and this proved to be highly successful as it gave the members a room for their entertainment and an opportunity to conduct along within the Branch.

Comrade Gavin has displayed outstanding service to the Branch and to the Royal Canadian Legion."

Comrade Ward was elected Deputy Zone Commander on Zone B7 in 1975 but he continues to take an active part in the operations of the branch as Community Affairs Officer and Liaison Officer between the branch pipe band and the branch.

"Comrade Norm has provided us with effective leadership and has always been a credit to the Royal Canadian Legion."

"In 1961 Comrade Ralph was elected to the executive and became an entertainment chairman, a post he retained when he was elected to first vice-president the following year. In 1964 Comrade Ralph was elected president of Branch 120 and he held this office for three years during which time extensive renovations were carried out within the branch.

"Comrade Hawes was appointed Public Relations Officer in 1967 and again assumed chairmanship of entertainment." He also became the first chairman of the sponsoring committee for No. 756 Squadron, The Royal Canadian Air Cadets. Re-elected to the executive in 1968 he continued as P.R.O. and in 1969 he was also appointed Zone P.R.O. under Zone Commander Charles Heath.

In 1971 Comrade Hawes was elected Deputy Zone Commander and in 1973 Zone Commander of Zone B7.

"Comrade Ralph has been a dedicated worker on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion."

NORMAN WARD'S citation reads "Following service in the Royal Navy in World War 2 Comrade Norm Ward moved to Canada and eventually settled in the town of Georgetown where he joined Branch 120 in November 1963. After serving on several committees he was elected to the executive in 1968 under president H. Hale and in 1969 he was elected to the office of first vice-president.

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mentally retarded.

"Comrade Hale was elected president in June 1968 and again in 1969 and he proved to be an excellent leader and a good example to all members.

The above members also received Certificates of Merit and will also have a lapel pin to proudly wear. Lorne Cross and Gord King were also to be honoured but did not attend the evening's presentations.

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