

## Branch mourns lost comrade

By M.G. TUTTY  
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Branch 120 mourns the passing of our comrades George (Duke) Wilson, a 42-year member and Earnie Peasey, a 35-year member. Earnie served Branch 120 for a number of years in the executive as 2nd Vice President and Sgt.-at-Arms. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families and friends. Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget.

**Memo from Marion:** Your car club tickets must be paid in full by Dec. 19th. Watch this spot for the winners!

**Memo from Orval:** The Fred Gilmore Trophy will be played for in House League on Sunday, Dec. 8th. Register at 11:00 a.m. at 12 noon. Prizes, trophies and turkeys. This competition is open to members of Branch 120 only.

**Friday Night Euchre, Nov. 8th:** 1st - Alice MacDonald, 2nd - Gord Harley, 3rd - Lily Maybanks. M.L.H.: Mae Tost, Booby: Flo Carswell. Nov. 15th: 1st - Glad Inglas, 2nd - Robert Darling, 3rd - Delores Delahunt. M.L.H.: Mae Tost. Booby: Marjorie Tutty.

**Sat. Meat Draw, Nov. 9th:** Norma Lawrence\*, George Sheppard\*, Sharon Burke, Peter Smith, Dennis Thorogood, Harry Allen, George Wagner, Marion Carney, Herman Nicholson, Stella Suecie, Jim Watson, Greg Wagstaff, C. King. Nov. 16th: Barbie-Joe Reid, H. Wiley, H. Nicholson, Nellie Bell, Vi King, Lisa Cantara, Karen Buckley\*, Norma Lawrence, Keith Ewing, Sheila Hicks, Joe Lennon, Jeanette Allen, Dennis Levac, Marg Appleyard, Ab Ford, T. King. Ladies Auxilliary

The President Sheila Hicks and the members of the Ladies Auxilliary wish to extend our sympathy to the family of our late comrade Joyce Markham. "Father in Thy gracious keeping, Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

To Joan Gillespie who is in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, May



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the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face. And rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of His Hand. Get well soon, Joan.

Our General Meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21st at 8 p.m., Saturday, November 23rd the L.A. Bazaar, 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29th Open Darts. Register at 7 p.m., play at 7:30 p.m. The Ladies Auxilliary are catering to the following banquets: Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, Dec. 13th and 14th. Please be generous with your time when the phoning committee calls on you.

Don't forget the Xmas Party and Pot Luck on Sunday, Dec. 1st in the Lounge, 1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m.

**Sick Chairman**  
Visited with Gordy Browne and Gear Hayes recently, and both are now home. We wish you both a return to good health.

Charles Tutty.

## Schools busing costs on the rise

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT  
The Herald

If Halton taxpayers want increased service in school transportation, they're going to have to pay big bucks for it.

A Transportation Committee report presented to Halton Board of Education last Thursday, revealed if parents want a reduced distance eligibility for bus transportation, it's going to cost taxpayers an estimated \$105,000 more at the kindergarten level, \$415,000 more at the Gr. 1-8 level and \$275,000 more at the Gr. 9-13 level.

These figures were included the Boards' Student Transportation Policy, which is currently being revised.

The old policy distance guidelines set bus transportation eligibility at: 1) Kindergarten to Grade 2-if walking distance is more than 1.6 km 2) Grade 3 to 8-more than 3.2 km and 3) Grade 9 to 13-more than 4.8 kilometres.

In their revision of the present policy, the transportation committee came up with five alternatives to change the policy which trustees will vote on Nov. 28.

- The alternatives include:
- 1) Reduce distance eligibility for Kindergarten to 1.0 km at a cost of \$105,000; reduce distance eligibility for Gr. 1-8 to 1.6 km at a cost of \$415,000 and reduce distance eligibility for Grade 9-13 at a cost of \$275,000.
  - 2) Keep existing policy distance eligibility requirements the same except for Kindergarten, which would change to 1.0 km at a cost of \$105,000.
  - 3) Keep existing policy but change Kindergarten to 1.0 km and Grade 3-5 to 1.6 km at a cost of \$105,000 and \$95,000 respectively.
  - 4) Keep present policy and change only Grade 3-5 distance eligibility of 1.6 km at a cost of \$95,000.
  - 5) Keep existing policy with no change at no cost.



Dick Howitt

Georgetown school board trustee Richard Howitt sits on the Transportation Committee and said he personally isn't in favor of increased transportation costs if it will increase the board's present expenditure budget forecast of 7.8 per cent.

He also stated he wouldn't support increasing transportation costs if it meant programs like the Grade 3 swim program or the computer program would have to be cut from the budget.

"It all comes down to how high a priority transportation is in terms of budget for me," he said, admitting that striving for a lower budget would be a higher priority.

One reason for Mr. Howitt's partial support of the transportation policy may be because in Halton Hills, increased busing isn't as hot an issue as in other parts of Halton.

"I've had less than five phone calls from local residents complaining that their kids have to

walk too far to school," said Mr. Howitt.

As well, Halton Hills has few areas where walking can be hazardous, he said.

"The only real hazardous place I can think of is the tunnel under the railway tracks in the northern part of Georgetown and we already bus the kids who'd have to walk under the tunnel," he said.

Being a committee member, he found most of the parents worried about distance eligibility for bus transportation came from "small pockets" of people outside of North Halton.

"A fair amount of people wanted change in those pockets but in terms of the huge area the board covers, it was a small proportion of people that wanted change," he said.

In their report to the board, the Transportation Committee as a whole, stated in their summary: "reduced transportation distance eligibility is necessary to...alleviate parents concerns and provide service in line with surrounding boards."

Whatever trustees vote to do, whether it be reducing distance eligibility or keep the existing policy, it will be implemented in September 1992 and remain effective until 1997.



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