



Happy Easter

THE GROUP

The Group held its quarterly meeting on March 9, 1993 at 10:00 A.M. at Stn. #5.

There were 28 Pensioners in attendance.

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to Br. Joe Moos who celebrated his 100 Birthday in January.

Special Thanks to Bro. Jack Wilson who on behalf of the group paid respects to br. Joe Moos.

Anniversary Congratulations go out to

Mr. and Mrs. George Sheppard 50 years

Visit by Bro. Larry Staples who spoke on Medical Coverage.

Thanks to all who sent thier membership dues to the Group.

The Following people please pick up your BAR to your Federal Exemplary Medal at Rodger Carnegie. Please phone first. 383-4849. Thank you.

A. Agostineeli
N Bush
V. DiFederico
J. Hill
M. Lynch
G. Zdriluk

D. Alford
L. Choppick
R. Fyfe
E. Hilton
R. McCall

D. Barbour
L. Cooper
E. Grice
W. Killaly
w. Peters

J. Burjaw
G. Cort
I. Harris
B. LAUGHLIN
C. Wood

Letter was sent to the Union thanking them for protesting the Medical Coverage. It since has been rectified.

Sackville Hill Recreation Center-anyone interested in forming a group contact Larry Wootton at 574-2301

Next meeting to be held June 8, 1993 at 10:00 A.M. at Stn. #5.

Fred Morse Secretary
The Group

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOE



Kaz Novak, The Spectator

Joe Moos and wife, Millie, with his silver helmet.

Silver helmet caps celebration for ex-firefighter, 100

By JAMES ELLIOTT
The Spectator

THERE WERE only three candles on the cake — each representing a third of a century — but they could have safely gone with the full hundred. Lord knows Joe Moos is no stranger to fire.

Hamilton's oldest firefighter celebrated his 100th birthday yesterday at Pine Villa in Stoney Creek where he accepted accolades and best wishes from politicians, friends and fellow smoke-eaters.

And eat smoke is precisely what firefighters did when Mr. Moos worked out of the old Bay Street fire station. He came to Hamilton a veteran of the Great War before signing on with the fire

seven, remembers The Spec reporter coming to the house the night of the fire and bringing first word of the accident.

Her father, taken to hospital for smoke inhalation, ended up missing eight days of work.



Firefighter Joe Moos at the time of 1929 fire.

She was scared but this sort of risk was just part of the job.

"We worried about him, but I don't think anything was made of it. You didn't stay off work if you could walk."

After retirement, Mr. Moos worked as a gardener in Ancaster and, until five years ago, when he was felled by a stroke, still kept his own garden.

The stroke left him in a

wheelchair and took his speech

During a 30-year career that ended in 1953, Mr. Moos missed only 13 days of work — twice he had flu and once he nearly died.

It was back in January 1929 and the whole crew of the station was battling a stubborn blaze at Mills Hardware on King East.

Overcome

In a section-front story the next day, The Spec reported it like this:

"Fireman Joe Moos was standing on top of a ladder directing a hose into the building when suddenly he was overcome by the smoke and heat and the fumes given off from the paint.

"He collapsed and fortunately for him, Jack Shea of the same station was beneath him on the ladder and caught him. Fireman Shea succeeded in holding his companion until assistance could arrive, otherwise he would have fallen to the pavement."

Daughter Myrna Smith, then

Mr. Moos and Millie, — herself a spry 95 — live now in Pine Villa, continuing a marriage that began 74 years ago.

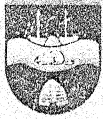
Their daughter, now 71, says her parents are very close.

"You'll find them sitting there most days, sometimes hand-in-hand, just together."

Yesterday, though, was a time for celebration. And a wife's pride in the honor accorded her man.

"He never said a mean word to me all his life," Mrs. Moos said. "He said his prayers and read his Bible every day. He is a wonderful man."

In addition to the greetings from the premier, prime minister and the church he helped found nearly 70 years ago, Mr. Moos was presented with a silver helmet on behalf of the Hamilton Fire Department. Of course, there were no words of thanks but afterward, while he was examining the gleaming helmet, there was no mistaking the tears of gratitude.



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Mr. Vic Melland
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Dear Vic:

Re: Out of Province Coverage Group 2672T

Further to my letter of October 13, 1992 in which I advised you there should be a \$5,000.00 cap on out of province coverage for the above group as confirmed by Human Resources, they now advise this cap should not be in place.

Apparently, the \$5,000.00 cap they inserted in the Local 288, Hamilton Professional Firefighters Agreement, was done in error.

Would you please remove the \$5,000.00 cap from Group 2672T.

Yours very truly,

M. P. Kay
Supervisor, Pensions
and Group Insurance

MPK/sc

cc: Robert Menagh
Manager of Labour Relations
Human Resources

Ron Bowman
President, Local 288
Professional Firefighters Association