

Jeff Cuyler

Jeff Cuyler came from the Kincardine region to do all of his teaching in St. Thomas as a teacher principal in Myrtle, Manitoba, Scott, Wellington and Homedale schools. Pupils and teachers always considered Jeff to be firm but fair, with an excellent sense of humour.

Jeff Cuyler became involved with Elgin Unit S.T.O. organization immediately after retiring from teaching. Jeff can be credited with chairing the committee that sent out the first one page newsletter to Elgin Units' S.T.O. membership in February 1973. He took his turn as president of Elgin Unit of S.T.O. in 1976-77. During this period, the government passed the important bill that was very beneficial to Ontario's retired teachers. They received annual adjustments to their pensions in accordance with variations in the cost of living. These adjustments were limited to a maximum of 8% in any given year. If the consumer price index ratio increased more than 8%, the excess was applied toward a subsequent year when the increase was less than 8%.

Jeff's retirement years have been very busy times. He's been involved with activities in the Masonic Lodge, as well as his responsibilities as an elder of his church. Until recently, Jeff spent many hours caring for his yard and flowers.