

IN MEMORIAM



A. S. GARRETT

In loving memory of A. S. (Scott) Garrett who passed away suddenly in May, 1964.

"You bade no one a last farewell
Not even said goodbye,
You have gone before we realized
And only God knows why.
Your end was sudden,
Your thoughts unknown,
But you left a memory we
are proud to own".

The W. W. Garretts'

Scott was always interested in things historical and spent all of his free time taking pictures, delving into the past and collecting material. His articles appeared frequently in the Free Press, on the page "Looking over Western Ontario". Scott gave us much of the material that was used in our book Birr and Beyond. He and his articles are greatly missed.

A.S. Bilyea, died December, 1964

It was an April Annual Meeting of the Birr Branch W.I. at the home of the late Mrs. Gerald Rollings (Dorothy Cohoon) on the 40th Anniversary, 1951 when the late Mrs. Norman Bilyea (Anne Sadler) and Mrs. Jack Legg (Janet Hewett) took membership in the Birr W.I. Branch.

Faithful to her W.I. duties Anne went on to be the Branch President in 1957-1959. Then, in District W.I., the Secretary-Treasurer work fascinated her. Birr bus trips she enjoyed although in failing health. Her cheery voice and radiant smile endeared her to her friends.

The hamlet of Birr was put on the map so to speak by Anne Bilyea writing the news of Birr area, and sending it to the London Free Press, fresh and accurate in its content.

She was kind in her tutoring Mrs. Jennie Raycraft Lewis upon the latter's request of Mrs. Bilyea in the preparation and presentation of manuscripts suitable and acceptable to the editor of the London Free Press.

This to me has been a truth,
Anne was a friend I knew
Too short a time on earth.

Tribute by Janet Legg, 1972.

