

SCHREIBER (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell of this community, postponed the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary to the month of July when all their family could be home to attend. They were married 50 years on March 3.

Festivities began July 5 when the couple renewed their marriage vows in a special service at Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church in Schreiber, with Rev. George Topp officiating.

Following the church service a dinner was held in the Curling Rink, with 92 attending, and in the evening the couple received many relatives and friends at an Open House reception in the auditorium of the high school.

The sons and daughters present with their families included those living in Schreiber — Helen (Mrs. Edgar) LeBlanc and husband and children John, Michael, Bill and Shelley Souliere, and Carole LeBlanc; Bill and his wife, with Billy, Mark and Candace; and Robert and his wife with Joey, Tammy, Cathy, Carrie and Lee Ann; and Russell of Mississauga, with his wife, and daughters Maureen, Laura and Rhonda, and Lenore who lives in Hearst; Betty (Mrs. Ralph) Miller of Tauranga, N.Z., with daughters Glenda and Darlene and Glenda's fiancé Gary Bell; Marjory (Mrs. Hank) Prebeshewski and husband from Westlan, Mich., with Nicky and Tanya; and Carol Ann (Mrs. Dwight) Marshall and husband from Paducah, Ken., with Jackie and Kimmy.

Also coming from out of town was Mrs. Campbell's bridesmaid, her sister, the former Gladys Taylor, now Mrs. Henry Nolan and husband of London, Ont.

For the occasion, Mrs. Campbell, the former Winnie Taylor, chose a long gown in golden tones styled with full, long sleeves and a corsage of golden roses.

When Mr. Campbell spoke for the couple, after Russell, spokesman for the sons and daughters, conveyed the family's tribute to their parents, and presented their gift of a color TV, he thanked the sons and daughters and their families and relatives, who despite the many intervening miles had arranged the happy celebration for them, including the friends who had assisted and Mrs. Edna Cocks and others of the dinner committee.

Master of ceremonies was George Birch, a former railroad working associate of Mr. Campbell, who drew attention to the four-generation family record in the Campbell family as railroad telegraphers started by Mr. Campbell's father John and carried through Joe to his son Russell, now Chief Despatcher in the Toronto Terminal and his grandson Michael Souliere, who had just started.

Mr. Birch paid tribute too, to Mrs. Campbell for the role she had played in community affairs over the years, seven of which were in Jackfish, a few miles distant, and since 1941, in Schreiber, with particular mention of her membership in the Women's Institute where, among other offices, she was a longtime president.

Father Topp said grace; toasts were given by MP Keith Penner, to the Queen, and by



MR. AND MRS. JOE CAMPBELL

Photo by Inez McCuaig

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MLA Jack Stokes to the honored couple. Good wishes from the community were also conveyed by Schreiber Reeve H. J. McParland.

Messages read included those from Governor General Leger and Prime Minister Trudeau, while the couple received plaques from both the federal and provincial governments and a personal letter from Ontario Premier Davis. The head table was centred with a tiered anniversary cake, later

ceremoniously cut by the couple. At the reception in the school Mrs. J. D. Bryson played again the waltz she had played 50 years ago as the opening waltz at their wedding and Mrs. Daniel Imbeault made presentation of a money tree from friends.

Others from out of town attending were Mr. and Mrs. Tom White, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kimmerly, Carol, Doug and Danny, London, Ont.; Mrs. Lorraine Bailey, Aylmer, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Clarke and Veronica, Louise and Tommy, and Shilo, Man.; Mrs. Harriet McBride, White Rock, B.C.; Mrs. G. L. McCuaig, Mrs. Eva Ail, Miss Rose Cerutti and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Willoughby, Hunder Bay; Mr. and Mrs.occo Carvello, North Bay and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Penner, Dryden.

Public Lighting Started in 1914

By INEZ McCUAIG

In 1914 Jules Roos addressed Schreiber municipal council on a plan to supply electric lights in the town.

It was the December meeting and last of the year, so council deferred the matter until the new council was in office and apparently the offer was never again considered.

The first public lighting in Schreiber came in 1914 when six street lamps were installed.

In 1936 diesel engines were brought from Ireland for Harland and Wolfe to supply light in Schreiber. Since this was the first use of engines other than the marine type, the company also sent its own engineers to supervise installation and instruct in the constant checking which was done for records.

In 1948 when J. D. Phillips was reeve, Schreiber began receiving power from Ontario Hydro. Mr. Phillips is now vice president of OMEA.

CPR Yardmaster Retires

By INEZ McCUAIG

A widely-known Schreiber resident, John St. Jean recently retired as CPR yardmaster, a position he had held since 1949. Mr. St. Jean began his career with CPR in July 1916, as call boy. During the years to follow he served as an extra gang laborer, car checker, rock watchman, carman, painter, and trainman.

He was one of the first "rink rats" in Schreiber which entitled him to be the unpaid assistant to the rink manager, Mr. St. Jean recalled that it was a coveted position, even when an open-air rink had to be shovelled off.

An ardent baseball player, he served as catcher for the YMCA team. Equally enthusiastic as a hockey player, he skated for Bargain Johnny's team and the famous Colt team.

The loss of an arm in a highway accident in 1937, prevented Mr. St. Jean from active participation in his favorite sports but apart from this, the accident made little difference to his everyday life.



JOHN ST. JEAN

... retiring yardmaster

His snow shovelling is a matter of daily admiration to other residents and the woodpile outside his home, every cord which he has cut himself, is meticulously arranged.

He still paddles his own canoe to his tourist camp operation, a thriving enterprise north of Schreiber.

The same guests return each year to the camp, not only to enjoy the accommodation and good fishing provided but to enjoy Mr. St. Jean's company.

One of his most recent visitors was an American school teacher who has been coming to Mr. St. Jean's camp with his father since he was a young boy. During each visit he poured over maps, with Mr. St. Jean, dreaming of making a canoe trip to Albany.

When the American finally did make the trip he followed a route prepared by Mr. St. Jean and remembered his advice on supplies and equipment.

The love of the bush, which Mr. St. Jean is presently teaching his own sons, motivated the young American to purchase property, further north, and open his own tourist business. Mr. St. Jean and his wife, Emily, whose baking is the envy of her friends plan to remain in Schreiber.

First Teacher Aged 18

By INEZ McCUAIG

George Albert Evans, principal of Schreiber Public School, was a gifted teacher, serving for 57 years in Schreiber as principal. Arriving here at 18 years of age and looking even younger, the school board representative who met him at the train concluded he wouldn't even last a week.

Many of his pupils, now successful in various fields, speculate on his possession of extra-sensory perception.

Entrance class examinations, the most important test in those days, came in sealed mailbags from Toronto. They were not opened until an outside person arrived to preside for the examinations.

Each year Mr. Evans held special evening classes.

Long before the cult of remembering by association Mr. Evan's pupils remembered sea-ports in France by trousers—too-long-and-too-loose for Toulon and Toulouse.

Mary Put the Kettle On recalled a certain mountain.

Often recited too was "No cigarettes for me, sir, the doctors all agree, that cigarettes are dangerous — so not any sir for me."

Any smoker in the class, was required by Mr. Evans to recite these classic lines.

From the one room school in which Mr. Evans began teaching, the educational boards in Schreiber now care for 875 students.