



NEW PRESIDENT of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario Mrs. Mavis Slater, centre, with special guests at function honouring her. From left, Mrs. Betty Anderson, past president of Rebekah Assembly of Ontario; Benson Sutter, junior past patriarch, Grand Encampment of Ontario; Mrs. Margaret Duckworth, vice-president of Assembly and Mrs. Gladys Hamilton, noble grand, Schreiber Ruby Rebekah Lodge.

Odd Fellows, Rebekahs To Honor Mrs. Mavis Slater

By INEZ McCUAIG SCHREIBER — A banquet and reception held here honoring Mrs. Mavis Slater of Schreiber, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario was a gala occasion, with the weather contributing to make the first visit to Northwestern Ontario a memorable one for the many representatives from Southern Ontario.

A special tribute was paid in the presence of 11 past presidents to Mr. Slater.

Other high officials in attendance included G. Wanamaker, grand master of Grand Lodge of Ontario; Mrs. Margaret Duckworth, vice-president of Rebekah Assembly of Ontario; Benson Sutter, junior past grand patriarch of Grand Encampment of Ontario; Elmer Teft, commander of the patriarchs militant, the highest degree in Odd Fellowship and Mrs. Betty Anderson, past president of Rebekah Assembly of Ontario who was guest speaker.

Each guest presented formal greetings from their respective associations.

George Birch was master of ceremonies. Pianist was Agnes Bryson. Rev. A. L. Chabot said grace and a welcome in song was given by Mr. Connie Martin.

Noble grand Mrs. Gladys Hamilton of Ruby Rebekah Lodge gave the formal welcoming address to the many in attendance.

Reeve Fred Harness tendered the civic welcome, mentioning it was a double honor and personal pleasure since Mrs. Slater is his sister-in-law.

MP Jack Stokes offered congratulations on behalf of Premier William Davis and the Province of Ontario, pointing out the occasion was "another arrow in his quiver" as member for Northwestern Ontario and he was confident the delegates from Southern Ontario were appreciating the fresh air and wonderful country which had produced such "a confident, charming and ambitious persons" as the new president, who is known to all her life-long friends in Schreiber, simply as "Mavis."

Mr. Stokes said he was surprised, after being given the honor of speaking, to find the Association of IOOF had placed no record or history of its achievement with the provincial library. He added that he felt from his own inquiries and the discovery of their aims and ac-



NOBLE GRAND Alvin Schreiber, left, of IOOF and Elmer Teft, commander of the patriarchs militant, the highest degree in Odd Fellowship were two of the more than 200 guests in attendance at social honoring Mrs. Mavis Slater of Schreiber.

catered for the dinner, despite the inconvenience of no kitchen facilities, adding this was but another display of her hometown's ingenuity.

Interjecting a bit of humor, Mrs. Slater said, that when she had taken on a year, practically, of travel, in preparation for her new position, her husband, left to cook for himself, decided to join the Rebekahs — hoping to find a replacement-cook. But, this scheme, apparently had not worked out. So, she added, after this splendid dinner — I'm wondering if he won't be trying to get into the C.W.L.!

Mrs. Slater said she was proposed for membership in Ruby Rebekah Lodge, by Mrs. Agnes Bryson, when Mrs. Violet Nesbitt was the Noble Grand, and her first office was given to her by Mrs. Myrtle Gordon.

drums, they received a standing ovation!

The program closed with a prayer by Mrs. Winnie Clemens and the rest of the evening was spent in visiting. The occasion had begun with a 'meet-each-other' hour in the town hall after which the crowd over 200 went on to the high school for the banquet.

Among the many attending the occasion from out-of-town were Mrs. Slater's daughter, Miss Dorothy Slater; her niece, Miss Helen Harness, and her aunt, Mrs. Florence Higgins, all of Thunder Bay.

complishments that they were doing themselves an injustice which should be remedied.

Mr. Birch presented Rebekah Assembly officers Mrs. Winnie Clemens, chaplain and Mrs. Anna Laine, conductor, both of Ruby Rebekah Lodge.

He also introduced charter members of Ruby Lodge in attendance, Mrs. Lily Wilson, Mrs. Florence Higgins and Mrs. Agnes Bryson, who this year received the Degree of Chivalry at a ceremony in Southern Ontario.

In her address, guest speaker Mrs. Anderson said belonging to such a great organization offers companionship, and the opportunity for service. "The wealth and prosperity of a nation," she continued, "is not in its mines, its forests, its agriculture, nor its industry, but, in those who work in these."

In any organization, its success is dependent on the individual member she said.

Never have the principles of Odd Fellowship been more sorely needed than in the world of today. An increase in membership is required, but in proposing these, one should choose wisely — never mistaking quantity for quality.

Mrs. Slater, acknowledging the many good wishes, thanked her own lodge, Ruby Rebekah for the obviously careful planning they had done for this occasion in her honor, and also, the Catholic Women's League, who successfully

Her motto, during her year as president, Mrs. Slater said will be, "Create harmony by truth and co-operation".

Many gifts were presented to Mrs. Slater from Ruby Rebekah Lodge, presented by Mrs. Violet Nesbitt; from the six Rebekah Lodges in District 41 by Mrs. Lodge by Mrs. Vera Pellow; from the Municipality of Schreiber by Reeve Harness; personal gifts from Commander Teft and Benson Sutter, along with other mementoes.

The lengthy program was spaced with musical selections — solos by Mrs. Frances Cava, accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Johnson, both of Thunder Bay, and presentations by Schreiber talent — vocal duet by Bruce Gray and Janet Lengyel; vocal solo by Cathy Stokes. But utterly captivating the audience were young musicians. Allan Zborski, 13, vocal solo; Linda Commisso, 15, accordion solo and Mario Commisso, accordion solo. When Mario appeared again, playing the accordion with his brother Marc, 11 on guitar, and seven-year-old brother, playing the

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