

# The Schreiber News

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## LAKEHEAD DELEGATION AT ST. JOHN MEETING

A large delegation from the Lakehead attended the annual meeting of Schreiber A/N Division, St. John Ambulance and, with the local association, attended Church in the Holy Angels' Roman Catholic Church on Sunday morning.

Division Officer, Mrs. J. Rummery presided and, with Supt. W.J. Cringle, welcomed the following visitors:- F. Farewell, Provincial Staff Officer, Miss K.R. Escott, R.N. Area Nursing Officer, A. Potter, Corps Supt., Mrs. O. Tees, R.N. Corps Nursing Officer, C. Mellerup, Division Officer, J. Main, Div. Supt. and Miss G. Mitchell, Division Officer.

The guests all spoke commending Schreiber on its activities during the year, courses completed and attendance at public events to provide first aid. Miss Escott stressed the importance of having planned programs for each meeting, not for the interest engendered but for smooth organization.

Mr. Farewell stated plans are already underway to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Fort William Ambulance Division in 1965, and invited the Schreiber members to attend, noting that the same year would be their tenth anniversary.

A discussion was held on competition work, at both provincial and inter-brigade levels. Since much interest was evinced in the brigade competition in first aid the Corps and area staff will draw up plans for such an event.

Various aspects of the work of St. John were informally discussed.

Highlight of the meeting was a presentation from the Priory, by F. Farewell, of a Priory Vote of Thanks to Mrs. Dorothy Rummery signed by the Governor General of Canada, in recognition of her valued service to St. John, since its inception in Schreiber in 1954.

Following the meeting a social hour was enjoyed and lunch was served by Mrs. Margaret Johnson and Mrs. Helen Dooley.

## ART CLUB NEWS

The Art Club held a meeting in the home of Mrs. B. Gray when they decided to postpone their usual Fall Show and Tea until mid-winter. A drawing for a picture by one of the group will be made at the Tea on November 16th given by the St. John's W. A.

Mrs. T. Harasymchuk of Fort William has been contacted in the hope she will come to give a series of lessons during the winter.

Two members attended the weekend course sponsored by the Red Rock Club.

For the present the Club will meet in homes of the members, the next class on Nov. 7th in Mrs. J. Smitheman's home.

## 50 - YEAR K. OF C. MEMBER HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard (Len) Noonan of Port Arthur were the honored guests at a party held by the St. Edward's Council Knights of Columbus, #3554 in the Town Hall.

The occasion was arranged to mark Mr. Noonan's 50 year membership in the Knights of Columbus, which he joined in 1913 in Regina, transferring in August 1952 to the St. Edward's Council, Schreiber - Terrace Bay.

On January 8th, 1959, he was an honorary member of the Council and Order.

Among the congratulatory messages received that night was one from the Supreme Knight, Luke E. Hart, commending Mr. Noonan on his long years of faithful service and the organizations' appreciation of what his example would do for younger members.

Mel Nicol, Grand Knight of St. Edward's Council, was M.C. for the evening, presenting Mr. Noonan with his 50 year pin and a gift from the local Council.

J.A. MacIsaac, of Fort William, and H.P. Bourguignon, who had been train despatchers with Mr. Noonan, also spoke. Mr. MacIsaac, after references to working association with Len, stated that his (MacIsaac's) first speech at a K. of C. evening was in 1913, in Sudbury. Taken by surprise, and a very new member, he recalls stumbling to his feet, mumbling a few unintelligible syllables and, with knees knocking, falling back into his chair. The response to this effort was a deafening roar of applause, convincing him that successful speeches were brief ones. But, he continued, some memories must be shared, and the audience would be surprised to learn, that Len - the quiet man, could be a fiery character at work which he executed with dead seriousness. This, in itself, was a most admirable quality but, since all Len's cogitations over train movements were made with wreaths of smoke curling about his head from his indispensable pipe, there were times when the other 20 men felt a bit groggy!

Mr. Bourguignon also spoke of the forty years he had worked with Len, as brothers in telegraphy, as train despatchers, as fellow members of the O.R.T. and, in later years, as fellow members of the K. of C. He recalled among happy memories, Len's marriage to "Rosebud" Noonan of White River and their subsequent move to Schreiber.

Mr. Noonan thanked those attending the party, many from Terrace Bay, for the tribute paid to both him and his wife.

Fifty years ahead seems a long time, but is short in passing, and backward glances bring many comparisons between then and now. Oddly, ladies clothes were much the same in style, but gallantly Len affirmed he believed the 'girls' were prettier now (loud Applause).

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