

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING HELD

Roll call at the December meeting of the Schreiber Women's Institute was answered with toys for the Smith Falls Hospital for Retarded Children and grocery hampers to be distributed locally.

The motto for the meeting was: We don't stop laughing because we grow old, but we grow old because we stop laughing.

A donation was made to the Save The Children Fund.

Mrs. Ann Todesco was appointed delegate to the Road Safety Workshop set for Jan. 16-18 in the Royal Edward Hotel, Fort William.

Mrs. Todesco was asked to contact various businesses in connection with the annual honoring of the Schreiber New Year's baby.

Various ways of preparing cheese dishes were discussed. The book Heritage of Canadian Handicrafts was placed on order for presentation to the public library.

In reply to the high school students' request for support of their annual winter carnival, members agreed to buy carnival buttons and hold a tea on Jan.

31 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Recipes were asked to be sent to the Times - Journal Cooking Edition to appear in February.

A mailing list of members will be sent to the Ontario Food Council.

Mrs. Bill Thrower agreed to make arrangements at a local restaurant for the members' Christmas banquet in early January. An exchange of gifts will take place.

Mrs. Ken Williamson reported on cards sent during the past month.

Mrs. Alvin Slater, district director, reported attending a recent district meeting in Port Arthur. She also read "A Christmas Letter" by Nancy Esther.

It was decided to remember aged and shut-in members on Christmas and to give gifts to two children confined to hospital with broken legs.

The lunch and the gay glittering table were arranged and served by Mrs. Jack Corbett, Mrs. Tom Whitton and Mrs. Wesley Clemens.

Mrs. Harvey McCanna was in charge of the meeting.

## SCHREIBER WOMEN INVESTED



Mrs. Dorothy Rummery of Schreiber was recently invested as serving sister of the Order of St. John by Governor-General Roland Michener in Ottawa.

Mrs. Rummery was the only one of four chosen for the honor from Northwestern Ontario who could attend the ceremonies. Others were from Fort William, Fort Frances and Kenora.

Mrs. Rummery is divisional superintendent of Schreiber combined division of St. John Ambulance 337.

The honor is sanctioned by Queen Elizabeth, sovereign head of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. Those invested were later entertained at a luncheon attended by Mr. Michener at the Chateau Laurier.

Husband to wife as they started out to dinner, leaving their son with a sitter "I still say, when they begin to ask for a blonde instead of a brunette, they're old enough to stay alone!"

## WALTER HARRIS RETIRES FROM SCHOOL BOARD



Schreiber Public School Board recently held a retirement party for Walter Harris who served for 45 years as secretary-treasurer of the board.

Master of ceremonies was W. G. Furlonger, chairman of the board. He read a message from William Davis, minister of education, which congratulated Mr. Harris for his long and honorable service. It was also pointed out that Mr. Harris had worked with every principal of Schreiber Public School since 1924.

A portrait of the retiring secretary-treasurer which will hang in the school was displayed by H. M. Ermel, school principal. He also presented Mr. Harris with a leather lounging chair on behalf of the board.

Area superintendent for the Department of Education, R. R. Steele of Port Arthur praised Mr. Harris' efforts.

"I will always be grateful," Mr. Steele said in his address, "for the number of times a business visit to Mr. Harris' home ended with a cup of tea and a visit with his late wife."

Other speakers included J. S. Lowcock, area supervisor for the Department; D'Arcy McGuire, Schreiber Separate School Board and Gerald Fischer who presented a gift from friends in the community.

Mr. Harris told those attending the fascinating story of the progress of education in Schreiber since his appointment as secretary-treasurer when he moved to Canada from Ireland.

One amusing reference was to the initial three-man board, two

of the members who were railroad engineers. One member was an engineer on the east-end way freight and the other, an engineer on the west-end. Mr. Harris pointed out he was a carman on the 4-12 midnight shift.

Mr. Harris would notify the other members of the train's arrivals and the meeting of the school board would be held immediately in one of the coaches on company time.

He also pointed out that as many as 300 applications for teaching positions were received in those days with the annual salary offered being, \$500. However, aware of certain problems the Schreiber board never paid less than \$900 he said.

The retiring man pointed out that the government grant in 1925 was \$5,644 while today it is \$69,229.

He added that he felt the election of women to the school board was an important step in the improvement of administration.

Attending from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris, Jr. of Port Arthur; Miss Molly Harris, Fort William; Mr. and Mrs. Rob Harris, Sam Harris and Bob McMillan, Terrace Bay.

Assisting with the arrangements were Mesdames Bill Gerow, J. J. Rummery, Alec Gordon, Russell Macadam, Neil Ross, Gerald Fischer, J. D. Bryson, W. G. Furlonger, Michael Reid, Bill Miller, Roland Gander and Wesley Clemens; Misses Gwen Hadley, Edith Clemens and Linda Gibson.