

LIQUOR STORE 'FIRST' FOR SCHREIBER

Schreiber again has a 'first' - a first self-service liquor store on the North Shore of Lake Superior.

R.B. Spadoni, who built the store on Manitoba Street, had the pleasure of presenting the keys to F.G. Buchanan, Manager of Store Operations, Area 1, Liquor Control Board of Ontario.

Reeve F.V. Harness shared the honour of cutting the ribbon to the entrance with Roy Mills, the manager, transferred from Atikokan.

The area of the building and parking lot is 110 by 120 with the store proper 80 by 32 feet.

Constructed of concrete blocks, the building has a front finish of chestnut brown brick, is insulated with zonolite, air conditioned and has hot air heating, the suspended ceiling with recessed indirect lighting.

The interior shop is completely metal-shelved, the Brill Light Neon Signs making it a pleasure for the customer to browse, consider and consult with friends, before a purchase is placed in the shopping cart and taken to the check-out counter.

Geno Caccamo is the assistant manager.

Photo below by I. McCuaig - F.G. Buchanan accepts keys from R.B. Spadoni.



FRIENDS HONOUR J. McCOUAN ON RETIREMENT

A continuous throng of relations and friends called at Jack McCouan's home with gifts and good wishes on the occasion of his retirement as a train conductor from C.P. Rail. Mrs. McCouan served an al fresco dinner, assisted by Mrs. Bill Randa and Mrs. Walter Zaporzan (daughters), Mrs. Ivan Johnson and Mrs. Leonard Hiller (her husband's sisters).

On behalf of his fellow workers and community

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCouan



friends Leonard Hiller presented a gift to Mr. McCouan. Among the many other gifts received was a handsome china cabinet, several amusing personal ones.

Yves Henri and Richard Cardiff served the punch for the many toasts proposed by the men who'd worked with

Jack for so many years - despatchers, trainmen, enginemen, trackmen and their informal speeches recalled amusing incidents of earlier days on The Road.

Jack began his service with the C.P.R. in 1928 as an engine watchman and between then and 1940 when he went on the trainmen's list, he, like all other local boys, served in many departments - call boy, trainmaster, etc. He was 'set up' as conductor in August 1943 retiring in that position July 25th.

Jack was born and raised in Schreiber and his wife, a local girl, is the former Alice Harris.

And with their family and other relations so close to them Jack and Alice are remaining in Schreiber.

Attending the party from out of town were Joe Harris, brother-in-law from Chapleau and George Godmier from Marathon.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR MR. & MRS. JIM GRAY

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gray were given a farewell party in the Schreiber town hall before they left for their new home in Thunder Bay as Jim recently retired from C.P. Rail as a telegrapher. Attending the party were fellow workers and friends of Jim's and Mrs. Gray's.

Frank Kenna, M.C. in tribute to Jim, said he is the last of the old-time Morse operators to leave the Schreiber division. The telegraph key is now a part of history but not too long ago it was a lifeline of our nation and the Morse operator a most important man. He had to be letter perfect in his telegrams, for in addition to personal ones, banks and other businesses transacted business by messages in code and a mistake of one letter in a telegram could be costly to a private individual or a business firm arranging a deal. Jim worked the wire job here for years and, Schreiber being the division Supt's headquarters, hundreds of messages were sent and taken daily.

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