

B. OF L.E. BANQUET

Photo above by Inez McCuaig shows J.P. Riccucci congratulating Bob Winters on receiving his 33 membership pin from B. of L.E. A.A. Small, Schreiber Supt. and E.C. Machin, General Chairman B. of L.E. are in the background.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Kitchener Division #562, gave a banquet in the Schreiber Town Hall to honour its recently retired veterans - T.D. Nebitt, Paul Marchand, M.E. Winters, Frank Driscoll, Bert Lang, Archie McColeman and J.P. Noonan. Not all the veterans were able to attend and receive the specially embossed wallets presented by G.A. Scott, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Scott said these wallets were the suggestion of the late Lyng Cosgrove, who lost his life in a railway accident in 1951. They have been used since for such occasions.

M.J. McGrath, local chairman, was M.C. for the dinner, with Stanley Kusik proposing the toast to the Queen. Mr. McGrath toasted the ladies and thanked those who had catered for the dinner.

At the head table, with Mr. McGrath and his wife were: E.C. Machin, General Chairman B. of L.E.; J.P. Riccucci, Special Representative, both from Montreal; A.A. Small, Schreiber Superintendant; Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Mr. A.H. Tees, Asst. Supt. Schreiber and his wife.

Mr. McGrath read the names of recently deceased veterans - Leonard O'Brian, Gary Drake, and Frank Tuomi.

Bob Kinney, the newest member was specially welcomed, it being noted his father, A.W. Kinney was among those receiving 25 year membership badges.

Mr. Machin, Mr. Riccucci and Mr. Tees all briefly expressed their pleasure in being able to attend the happy occasion.

Frank Smith, Mechanical Instructor, familiar with many of the members, said a honour was paid the Schreiber division when C.P. Rail

chose it as the place to begin their new Engineer Trainee classes, the venture proving most successful.

In presenting Mr. Small as their guest speaker, Mr. McGrath welcomed him first as a fellow member of #562 and former working companion, starting his railroading in Chapleau, and briefly outlining his career as a Company official: first Road Foreman of Engines, Sudbury and Smith Falls, Assistant Supt. Aerstook N.b., Asst. Supt. Farnham, Quebec, Transportation Analyst, Montreal, Director of Custom Matters. On March 19, 1975 Mr. Small was promoted to Supt. of the Schreiber division.

Mr. Small said he was pleased and proud of the promotion since Schreiber was a Banner division, where the skill and knowledge of its employees had earned their division its enviable reputation on the system. With four point seven million dollars being spent here this summer, the division will be a busy one, he said. He also stated his hopes for the plan, inaugurated last winter when family men were given Christmas in their homes, could be continued.

He began reminiscing of earlier years, when, light-hearted interjections and comments from the floor showed their enjoyment. He went "way back" to the exploits of certain veterans, among these the tale of the engineer charged with exceeding the speed limit on Middleton Bridge. This engineer stoutly defended himself by claiming the official laying the charge had stood on "the wrong side of the curve!"

Mr. Small concluded by saying both officials and employees have the same goal - the safe and efficient operation of trains.

Membership badges presented included: 20 years - R.H. Costall, Paul Marchand, G.A. Power, M.E. Winters; 25 years - W.W. Cocks, J.C. Gagnon, S.W. Greenshields, A.W. Kinney, G.F. Krause, M.J. McGrath, T.D. Nesbitt, A.L. Parker, W.J. Sauriol, G.A. Scott, A.A. Small; 30 years - G.H. Birch, J.S. Fisher, Paul Humnicki, C.R. Lyttle, H.L. McChristie, Archie McColeman, D.W. Rosie, J.R. Rummery, T.P. Whent; 35 year badge - R.C. Winters, who retired in 1953.

Mr. Winters, who will be 88 years old this August, made his first trip, as a fireman in 1911.

George Birch, engineer and Road Foreman of Engines, referring to himself as "Class of 72" spoke briefly on behalf of the veterans with some humorous comments. Paul Marchand of White River, vigorously defended himself against several allegations of "being an argumentative type!" Cont'd pg. 12.....