

NORMAN McCUAIG HONOURED AT RETIREMENT PARTY

Norman McCuaig (left with glasses) discusses with A.A. Small, Schreiber CPR, the McCuaig Record of almost 500 years service in running of trains on the Schreiber Division - Norman being the last of line.

Norman A. McCuaig, whose service began with the C.P.R. in June, 1934 and ended on March 31, 1976, was honoured at a dinner party arranged by his daughters, Barbara Ann (Mrs. Wilf McLaughlin) of Schreiber and Jeanne (Mrs. Dave McKay of Sioux Lookout.

Following the dinner open house was held in Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin's home which was thronged with friends calling with good wishes and innumerable recollections of past years.

Mrs. McKay and Mrs. McLaughlin were M.C.'s at the dinner. The Toast was proposed by eleven year old Michell McLaughlin, the oldest grandchild.

Jack Stokes, MLA, paid tribute to Mr. McCuaig's service as a member of the Municipal Council when the new dam for the water service in town and the Pollution Control Centre were worked on and completed. The sewage installation on town streets was also completed at this time. Mr. McCuaig served on the Rink Committee and numerous other local committees. Mr. Stokes remarked on the historic point in Mr. McCuaig's retirement from the railroad, being the last of the McCuaig's who had given almost 500 years to the C.P.R. on the Schreiber Division. He also mentioned the part Mrs. McCuaig has played in community affairs as a highly efficient secretary on many committees and for many organizations. He presented personal gifts from himself and his wife - an amethyst tie clip to Mr. McCuaig and a salad bowl made by a district man from hardwood native to Northwestern Ontario.

Mrs. Barbara Petty, Mr. McCuaig's sister, on behalf of his family, other relatives and friends, presented him with a stereo tape

deck.

Mrs. Howard Reid, Norman's sister, Alda, evoked waves of laughter as she recounted and recalled childhood days - she and her sister's resentment, when, in their opinion Norman "got away" with things, because he was the only boy in the family. She recalled mysterious disappearances of pies from the family larder. Their mother, gave up the battle of using ordinary pie tins early because her family and all their small friends were inordinately fond of pastry and, for many years used the former round beer trays for her delectable pies. But, it was always a losing battle, until her family left home.

Other relations at the dinner and during the evening spoke informally paying tribute to the McCuaig's hospitality as family hosts. Others, unable to attend the occasion sent messages and gifts with their good wishes. Gifts were presented by the many calling during the evening.

Among those attending the party from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Dave McKay with son Dale of Sioux Lookout; Mrs. Barbara Petty, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Humeik and Jonathon, Mr. and Mrs. Harry White, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. McCuaig, Miss Myrna McCuaig and Wally Charlebois, Mrs. Dorsa Hepburn, all of Thunder Bay; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reid with Catherin, Barbara and Gordon Reid of Espanola; A.B. McCuaig of Terrace Bay; Mr. and Mrs. K.T. McCuaig and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCuaig of Heron Bay; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner of Terrace Bay; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Doig of Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miller of Carrying Place, Ontario and Dr. Linus Offiah of Ireland.

SCHREIBER SOCIAL:

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Doig of Trenton who spend summers at their cottage at Walker Lake had the following visitors this season: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mitts and son Marc, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pederson and daughter Kim, of Burnaby, B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kendrick and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neil, Mr. John Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Mitts and daughter Cathy all of Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller and family of Surrey, B.C., Mr. J.G. McKay and Mrs. Stewart McKay of Thunder Bay and Rodney McKay of Burbank, California. It might be added, the Doig's do not advertise - they are just superlative hosts.

Alfred Lessnau, of Edinburgh, Scotland, is the guest of cousin, Alec Gordon, visiting also George Gordon, another cousin and other Gordon relations in town.

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