

A.J. GARRITY:

The funeral of the late Albert John Garrity, aged 83, whose death occurred on February 8, 1977, was conducted on February 11th in the King Funeral Home by the Rev. F.J. Meyer and the Rosary said by the Catholic Women's League, and others, led by Mrs. Lorette McParland.

The pall bearers were Hobden Spikula, Emmett Holland, Edmond Borutski, Gerald Fischer, Brian Birch and Pat Halonen.

Interment was in Schreiber cemetery.

Immediate survivors are Richard Bingham, brother; Gerald and Richard Bingham, nephews; Eileen Bingham, niece who attended the service and Mrs. Mary Bingham, all of the United States.

He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Ann Garrity, S.O.S.

Mr. Garrity was born in Preston, England, and came to Schreiber in 1914. He was sent here from North Bay by the C.P.R. to be a telegrapher. Instead of doing that he joined the staff of the "Car Men". In 1915 he enlisted in the Army, going overseas in 1916. At the end of the war he returned to Schreiber and the service of the railway and became interested in sports.

He ran in the famous Times-Journal road race and played hockey with the Nuggets, for practice against the professional team in Schreiber. He was the trainer for several succeeding teams.

In 1939 he bought the drugstore from Witherspoon, a building next to the Bank of Montreal. He later built another, much larger store on the other side of the Bank, on the main street, and became a living legend in the town.

On one occasion, when Schreiber had the highest payroll, per capita, in the country, the money failed to arrive at the Bank of Montreal to meet the CPR payroll. They were forced to borrow from Mr. Garrity, who, to the horror of the Bank Manager, had the cash on his premises. At another time he loaned the money to pay the hydro construction men, when the money again had failed to arrive.

Still during the years he worked for the C.P.R. - retiring in 1959 - he ran his store, a restaurant, coffee bar, poolroom, sold groceries, had a truck working on the highway, built and rented cabins at Walkers Lake and his last venture of building Mountain View Motel on highway 17. He will long be remembered in Schreiber.

SCHREIBER NEW YEAR'S BABY HONOURED

Members of the Women's Institute at the February meeting answered the roll call by telling how to be a good neighbour - by kindness and assistance in times of need.

Motto for the meeting was "What has more influence on a child's upbringing - the school, the church, or the home?"

In current events members discussed the Silver Anniversary of the Queen's ascension to the throne; the unusually severe winter in Canada and the U.S.A. and the closing of Wilroy mines in Manitouwadge.

Minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were adopted as read, and it was ordered that annual fees will be sent to the district secretary Mrs. J. Remsdale.

A new coloured picture of the Queen was ordered for use at meetings. Notes of appreciation were received for cards sent and boxes of apples presented to Birchwood Terrace.

Information was received regarding the Officers' conference in Waterloo on March 3.

Mrs. Anne Todesco, who presided, gave an interesting paper on pictographs in the Lake Superior area along the Canadian Shield. These were done with fingers and twigs, using clay, berries, fish and fish eggs.

Mrs. Russell Saarinen and son Craig, Schreiber's New Year baby, were welcomed along with Reeve H.J. McParland who presented the baby with the town's silver cup. On behalf of the Kinettes Mrs. Ann Moore and Mrs. Mary Speziale presented gifts. Mrs. Todesco presented other gifts from Institute members and several merchants - Joe Cebrario, Mauro Cebrario, McLeods, Hudson's Bay, Spadoni, Costa, Filane's and Schreiber Foodmarket.

The tea table was centred with a special cake made by Mrs. Marion Yates and lunch served by the social committee. The attendance prizes were won won by Mrs. Yates and Reeve McParland.

A successful delicatessen and bake sale was held in the Hudson's Bay Store on February 9th, the workers being Mesdames Ann Todesco, Annie Niemi, Margaret Spillane, Eunice Bolan and Joe Campbell.

SOCIAL: The latest of the covey of Schreiber boys who have gone to Israel are Clyde Gordon and Steven Ross. The others have gone to work but Clyde and Steven are making the visit just the first of a five to six month tour, seeing Europe and the British Isles. They will end their journey in Scotland where both have relations.