

Bruce Warden's banquet a "Lamont Affair"



The Bruce County Warden's Banquet on Friday evening at the Bruce Township Community Centre in Underwood was not only an official thank-you to Warden Alex Lamont for his execution of that office during 1976 but also a veritable family celebration. The banquet fell on the evening of Mrs. Wilda Lamont's birthday and shortly after their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary during the summer.

Attending the banquet were twenty-one members of the Lamont family, both on Alex and Wilda Lamont's side of the family. Nephews Roderick McGillivray and

David Lamont provided a musical interlude in true Bruce County style on the Bagpipes and organ, with a performance of 'Amazing Grace'. Many references were made to Alex's father Dan Lamont who had presided over a similar banquet 20 years previously in 1956. Besides Warden Alex Lamont and his father Dan, three other Reeves from Saugeen Township have been Bruce County Wardens, John Pierson in 1888, P. Cummings, 1894 and A. McCannel in 1915.

Thirteen former Wardens of the County attended the Banquet along with County Councillors, representatives of towns and townships local federal and provincial politicians and businessmen, for a total of two hundred guests.

Bruce County Clerk Cliff Buckingham, in a toast to Bruce County said over the years many remarks had been made about Beautiful Bruce, washed by the sparkling waters of Lake Huron, and many and varied had been the changes since it was known as the Queen's Bush, with the people of Bruce being responsible for progress in forestry, farming and power production. He said any of the old timers would be proud of what the young ones have been able to achieve in Bruce, today, which had been highlighted this

Reeve Leo Murray presents Alex Lamont with a gift from the County watched by head table guests, Roy Liverance, Rev. Douglas McDonald, Mrs. L. Lamont and (right) Reeve Andy Cormack, Chairman of the Warden's Committee and toastmaster for the evening and his wife.

year by the success of the International Plowing Match.

Busy but wonderful year

In reply Warden Lamont said he was quite overwhelmed by the tributes and that in thanking everyone he felt he could only say that it had been a busy but wonderful year, a particularly satisfying part of which was the plowing match, last month. He paid tribute to his family and the help he had received from his three sons on the farm and his wife and daughter and son-in-law. Reeve Leo Murray, on behalf of County Council presented Warden and Mrs. Lamont with a silver tea service, on a silver tray engraved 'Alex Lamont Warden of Bruce County 1976'. Mrs. Lamont also received a bouquet of red roses and a birthday cake baked by the ladies of Bruce Township.

Worthy Warden in outstanding year for Bruce

Many tributes were paid to Alex Lamont and his conduct of the

office of Warden; Justice Campbell Grant, the senior living former Warden of Bruce County told the guests he was a ratepayer of Saugeen Township who knew Alex's father Dan Lamont very well, and in his opinion Warden Alex had contributed much to the County this year. He said the calibre of the man was reflected in the municipality in which he lived, that the integrity and ability which Alex had displayed during his term of office was similar to that of his father. Dan Lamont would be proud of Alex's record, he added. Justice Grant was Warden of Bruce County in 1933 at the age of 31, his judicial term comes to an end this year.

William Oswald, Warden in 1954 told the audience that on the Sunday before he was elected Warden, Dan Lamont and his young son Alex drove up to his

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