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Warden and Mrs. Hall head reception line as they welcome guests to last night's annual Hastings county warden's banquet. Lady in the background is Mrs. Carl Bateman, wife of the county clerk-treasurer.

# County Officials and Guests Honor Warden at Banquet, Special Gifts Are Presented

More than 300 county officials, their wives and invited guests, attended last night's annual Warden's banquet honoring Hastings county Warden Clayton Hall. The banquet was held at Club Canara in Belleville.

and Bill Smith, member for Harliburton, also attended. Hastings West member W. E. Sandercok was unable to attend because of illness.

The guest speaker chose Canada's Centennial as the topic for his talk, noting that Canadians had a great deal of which to be proud in celebrating the nation's 100th birthday.

nail year, Mr. McQuay called for citizens to work together.

"It is collective action which counts," he said.

As other speakers had done Mr. McQuay paid tribute to Warden Hall's unselfish efforts in the municipal field.

Guest speaker for the evening was Leonard McQuay, Waterloo district farmer, formerly with the Ontario Department of Agriculture Extension Branch.

Invited guests included district MLA's and Federal riding members. Also guests were County Judge J. C. Anderson, and Supreme Court Judge Mr. Justice J. F. Donnelly, this week holding court in Belleville.

Over 20 former county wardens, one of whom, James Bronson of Mayo Township, headed county council more than 30 years ago, attended.

### REFERS TO ROLE

Warden Hall in welcoming his guests referred to his role as county council head and stated service in municipal and county council was one of the greatest schools.

"In county council you learn to live and work with other people," he said.

At the same time he admitted that today the job of county warden was a full time job.

Since he took office last January 21st, Warden Hall said he had been invited to attend no less than 236 different functions or meetings. Out of that number he had attended 227.

"And I still have two and a half months to go," he said.

Warden Hall said Hastings was "not a rich county" but he was certain it would be able to meet any requirements as result of the trend toward regional government.

### GUESTS INTRODUCED

County Clerk-Treasurer Carl Bateman acted as banquet chairman and introduced special and head table guests as well as former wardens.

Others speaking briefly were Belleville Mayor Jack Ellis, Clarke T. Rollins, MLA for Hastings East, and Lee Grills, M.P. for Hastings South. Hastings-Frontenac member Rod Webb,

### PRESENTED WITH GIFTS

There was something in all people which tended them to criticize those in public office, "but it was only after a person got to be in office and realized the responsibility of carrying out decisions that he could really appreciate what public service meant," he said.

"It is hard and demanding work, and before we criticize those in public office we should stop and take a look at ourselves."

To conclude the evening, Warden and Mrs. Hall were presented with numerous gifts from county council members, Thurlow township and by members of his family.

### GIVES REASONS

"Canadians," he said, "were a mixture of French, English, Scotsmen and Irish, along with thousands of Dutch, Italians and other races, all of whom had contributed to Canada as a nation.

"These are some of the reasons why we can be proud to be Canadians," Mr. McQuay said. Without people, Canada would be nothing but a huge empty country."

"Canada is You and I and it always will be You and I."

As Canada enters it's Centen-