

Hugh Munro Toast Of The Town

"..... Hugh Munro, this is your life!"

Friday night, April 20 will live on as a special evening for this year's "man of the year".

The St. Marys Lion's Club honored the 52-year-old trucker from Uniondale, at the Community Centre where friends and family paid tribute to a popular and deserving gentleman.

However, it was touch and go for a while as to whether the proposed guest of honor would even be in attendance.

As he told the capacity crowd, after finishing his day's work and returning home, he suggested to his wife Mildred, that they not go to the "This is Your Life" program.

He said, however, his wife convinced him, after a little prodding, that it might be a good idea if they attend.

The former Warden of Oxford County was "completely surprised" by his selection by the club and at the same time said he was honored in being their choice.

Master of Ceremony for the evening, Bruce Murray of St. Marys gave a brief biography of Mr. Munro stating he was born December 26 (Boxing Day), 1927 in Mrs. Crone's Hospital. His mother Marion Munro and sister Ruth Gates were among the first guests to appear on stage to help celebrate with him.

Mr. Munro attended public school in Medina, and high school in St. Marys. While at school, he met and eventually married the former Mildred Louise Tobin. Their wedding took place October 25, 1952, London.

Appearing Friday night to remind them of their wedding day was a former bridesmaid Barbara Graham-Keith of Mount Brydges.

Also among the first guests to honor the Munro's were their children, Ken, Susan, Debbie, Mary Jane and Donnie. Uncle Alan McNair also brightened the

evening by his attendance.

M. C. Murray explained that this is the eleventh year for "This is Your Life" and felt this year's selection "was a wise choice".

He pointed out that each year a selected committee from the Lion's Club go over possible people who may make a good candidate. Prior to the actual program, the president of the club gives the decision of the committee to him.

Mr. Munro has contributed to the community in his work with the Rotary Club, and Shrine Club and also with his work with the Junior 'B' Lincolns hockey club.

A rousing standing ovation was given the "man of the year" and last year's recipient Dave Stevens was on hand to proudly present Mr. Munro and his wife with the coveted Lion's trophy. Only one trophy such as this

is presented out each year, therefore giving it a special flavor.

Along with his family, other guests attending to pay tribute to the Munro's included:

Joe and Thelma Scott, London; Wallace and Edna Hutton, Uniondale; Harold and Ruby Wilker, Tavis-

tock; Charlie and Vivian Ennet, London; Jack and Marcia Smith, Beachville; Bob and Doris Adams, Woodstock; Bob and Eileen Foster, London; Murray and Ruth Older, Thamesford; L.K. Coles, Ingersoll; Ruth Wettlaufer, Tavistock; Jack, Claudette and Tim Wettlaufer, Tavistock; Lin-

da Spearin, St. Marys; Vern and Betty Preadner, Kitchener; Stanley and Connie Moore, Woodstock; Sid and Lil Huddy, Woodstock; Ken and Betty Cole, St. Marys; Madge & Roy Kennedy, St. Marys; Barry Hearn, St. Marys; Bill Hanly, and Jerry and Helen Boland, St. Marys.

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"Here, I'll take that," says Mrs. Mildred Munro, after husband Hugh was honored by the St. Marys Lions Club at their annual "This is Your Life Night." Mr. Munro was caught completely by surprise by this yearly honour.
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DAVE STEVENS, THE 1978 "This Is Your Life" winner was called on to present the beautiful trophy to the 1979 winner, Hugh Munro. Mr. Munro was honored by the St.

Marys Lions Club at their annual "This is Your Life" night at the Community Centre.

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