

# Brownies name Mrs. C.K. Browne Citizen of the Year at banquet

A full house of Brownies, Guides, mother and guests enjoyed the annual banquet, held last Tuesday at Acton Meadows golf course, and applauded the announcement that Mrs. C. K. Browne is the Brownies' Citizen of the Year. About 170 sat down to turkey dinner at tables specially decorated by the girls. There were placemats; the First Acton Guide company made napkin holders, the Second Acton Brownies made flowers on stands and the Third Acton Brownies made octopus decorations.

Mrs. Browne was introduced by Mayor Les Dudy and presented with roses from Brownie Joanne Van Der Eycken and a toastool casserole from Sherry Trotter. A special plaque was donated by Madame Commissioner Rose Hall.

The mayor also presented Madame Commissioner with a gift, a toastool designed coffee set brought forward by Tweenie Lisa McIntyre and Brownie Patti McClure.

Each Brownie pack and Guide company put on a short program. The Third Acton Brownie pack started with a tribute to Mrs. Browne - a verse for each initial of her name - and then The Brownie World Song.

The Second Acton Brownie presented a skit on how the Brownies began and then sang I'm A Little Acorn Brown.



BEAMING MRS. C.K. BROWNE shows the plaque presented to her by Acton Brownies last week. She was named their Citizen of the Year during Scout and Guide week. Mrs. Browne's store, next door to the scout hall, is a popular stopping-off spot for the girls. (Photo by H. Coles)

## O.P.P. trophy honors late Corp. Ray Mason

An O.P.P. silver trophy, awarded posthumously to Corp. Ray Mason, will be on display in the Acton police office during 1973.

A silver tray was presented to Mrs. Helen Mason by Cons. Nick Farion, the local detachment's representative to district 3 of the O.P.P. and Cons. Paul Brown.

The tray will remain in her possession to commemorate the award.

**Anniversary trophy**  
The trophy, which is in annual competition, will go to another detachment at the end of this year. It was instituted by the Commissioner of Police for Ontario, Eric Hamilton Silk, on the 60th anniversary of the O.P.P. Previous winners of the trophy for this district, No. 3, have been J. Verrai, Oakville, in 1971 and S. Schultz, Brantford, in 1970.

This district includes Simcoe, Brantford, Burlington, Oakville, Waterdown, Milton and Acton as its major centres.

The police association makes the decision on the awarding of the trophy in its own area.



SILVER TROPHY honoring the late Corp. Ray Mason will remain in the Acton detachment offices during the present year. Behind it is a portrait of Police Commissioner Eric Silk, donor of the trophy. Mrs. Helen Mason keeps a silver tray. (Photo by K. Dills)

## Meen tries again

A meeting has been set up for Thursday, March 15, at 6 p.m. in the county administration building, when Arthur Meen, parliamentary assistant to the treasurer, will confer with north Halton councils.

The previous meeting scheduled with Mr. Meen proved disappointing when he did not appear, but sent representatives.

The new invitation to chat over refreshments at 6 p.m. made at least two council members suspicious. At once the mayor and reeve wondered if Mr. Meen would have to be leaving for another meeting that same evening.

Another meeting of North Halton is being held March 7 in Stewarttown with Esquering as hosts. Council agreed to ask the clerk to contact Esquering, requesting an agenda be set up.

A first meeting of all four municipalities concerned was held Wednesday of last week.

## Tower lines

# Residents asked to mark maps

Residents of the district will have an opportunity to indicate the areas they think should be avoided by the proposed 500,000 volt Ontario Hydro power corridors by filling in details on inventory maps placed in strategic points in affected townships.

Data books and maps have been placed in Georgetown library, Nassagaweya, Acton and Rockwood post offices and at Erin township offices. Individuals are being asked to indicate items of local significance which they feel should be included in the inventory and the information will be collected and onto the ten study maps being prepared by Bruce Howlett and his associates, consultants to the Solandt Commission.

Data collected will then be presented at the second area meeting with Mr. Howlett and his staff.

**First meeting**  
First area meeting with Mr. Howlett took place Wednesday at Georgetown Centennial school where an estimated 150-200 people showed up to gather information about the proposed line and its feeder towers, which originally would have split Esquering and Erin townships, with the main 610-foot swath marching across the southern

half of Erin, Eramosa townships and then crossing the northern half of Nassagaweya township into Puslinch.

Mr. Howlett was pleased with the turn-out at the Georgetown meeting, the largest group to discuss the hydro lines to date.

Public concern over the proposed routes resulted in the establishment of the Solandt Commission in June, 1972, to study the matter. After a series of meetings the commission decided further study was necessary to select the routes which would have the least effect on the environment. The job of finding the best route was given to Mr. Howlett and his associates, a neutral firm of consultants who had done similar work in the United States.

He proposed a detailed environmental study of the region to be traversed by the power line, the ten regional maps each deals with a basic environmental topic such as land use, natural resources and areas of high scenic quality. Purpose of the maps is to determine the path of least environmental impact.

**Need power**  
It is generally acknowledged the power corridors are needed to meet increasing demands for electric power in southern Ontario.

The main corridor would include three 500,000 volt lines

with two additional lines of smaller voltage to run alongside. North-south connections will link to the main line.

At Wednesday's meeting the crowd was divided into three groups for discussion purposes and a question and answer period followed chaired by Mr. Howlett. He and various officials from Ontario Hydro fielded questions from the audience.

Ontario Hydro representatives will give a presentation on tower design on March 15 and arranging further meetings with a Tower Design study Group.

## Predicts teachers may leave

"Many teachers in Halton county have come to the foregone conclusion that heads will roll (high school department heads) because of the brief that comes from the director of education, James Singleton," says Tom Ramautarsingh, Georgetown, who is president of District 9 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' federation.

He was referring to the meeting of about 225 teachers and the school board Feb. 15. March 15 is to be the day when the county board will resolve the recommendations concerning headships.

**May leave**  
Mr. Ramautarsingh thinks in introduction of department heads or chairmen whose roles embrace a variety of subjects could lead to incompetent supervision.

He predicts "Many teachers will leave Halton if they cannot retain their headships."

Another contentious issue is the hiring of para-professionals. Mr. Ramautarsingh thinks the para-professionals should be hired in addition to teachers, not instead of them.

He states he does not think parents would like to have their children looked after by people who are not qualified to be teachers.

## Circulation figures up

Circulation at Acton Library increased by 3,000 to 36,787 in 1972 from the previous year, chief librarian Mrs. Isabel Watson reported to the library board. The non-fiction total of 9,069 breaks down into 4,736 for adults and 4,333 to juveniles. The fiction total of 27,728 breaks down into 15,787 to adults and 11,941 to juveniles.

The library board, with the same members as last year, has again elected George Lee as chairman. Other members are Rev. Harry Dawson, Ted Pratt, Fred New and Mayor Les Dudy with Ian Marshall as secretary-treasurer.

The new reference room in the

library basement will soon be ready for use.

Added in the past week or so are about 100 new records, including a cross-section for all tastes. Quite a few of them are modern popular records which will appeal to the teenagers.

## Spilled gasoline hosed down

Gas spilled at L. and L. Ford brought the firefighters out to cope late Monday afternoon. The spillage was hosed down. There was no fire.

# Landfill site water study ready end of March

Indusmin officials made no commitments when asked last week about the possibility of North Halton residents benefitting in some way from the company's proposal to use worked-out quarries on its property as a sanitary landfill site for baled Metro Toronto refuse.

Speaking at a dinner meeting of the Acton Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday night, division manager A. G. Borud said the time when the quarries are filled up and landscaped is too far into the future for him to comment on the possibility of North Halton residents being able to use the land as parkland.

Brendan Ahearne, a former chairman of Acton Parks and Recreation Committee raised the parkland question, expressing the opinion the area should

realize some benefit from the Indusmin proposal.

"The only thing I get now is that my 'frig jumps off the floor every day at 3 o'clock," Ahearne said, in an obvious reference to controversial blasting procedures at the quarries.

**Personal opinion**  
Expressing a personal opinion, Borud admitted he feels there has to be something in the proposal for local people.

"What I don't know," he added. Borud revealed that a hydrological consultant's report on the water table and runoff in the quarry is expected to be ready by the end of March. He said wells will be drilled on quarry and adjacent properties and stations for monitoring possible effects of the proposal on the water table established.

"We would start monitoring as

early as April and if we saw any change in the quality of the water we would correct this before going any further."

Borud explained that the company would be obligated to construct a water treatment plant, if any change in the water supply was discovered.

The company would expect to be in the landfill business for about 15 years, Borud said. After that he predicted they would fall back on their original rehabilitation program, which called for walls of the quarry to be sloped, lakes created and landscaping done.

**Looks ahead**  
"Man adapts to his environment. I believe in 10 to 15 years this waste thing will be gone. There will have been enough research done that shredding and baling and landfill will be over,"

he predicted.

He said Indusmin is interested in operating a landfill site only and not in getting into the baling and shredding business. He suggested a baling and shredding plant to handle Halton County refuse might be built in the Oakville-Burlington area. Anglo-Recycling has already announced plans to construct a plant on Commissioners Street in Toronto.

Although he said some type of gas will be generated from bales stacked and buried at the site, Borud said his company has been told no methane gas emission need result from a properly operated landfill site.

He discounted the possibility of the company having trouble covering the bales during the winter, pointing out Indusmin has an abundant supply of limestone

screenings, which it ships year round.

**Profit factor**  
Asked what profit the company could expect to realize from the operation, Borud claimed a margin of from 2 to 3 per cent could be expected on the first 200,000 tons of refuse.

"We're not getting rich on this. I'm starting to have second thoughts that we're going to make much, the deeper I get into this," he said.

Reaction to the presentation was varied.

Real estate agent George Gray claimed announcement of the proposal is already beginning to affect him.

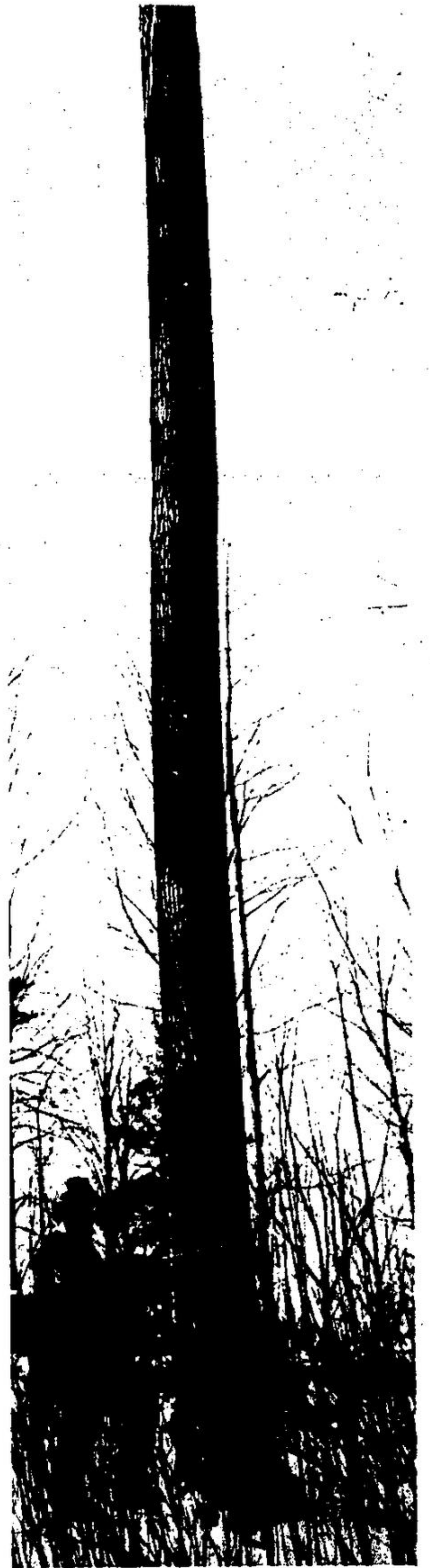
reports before commenting.

Borud told the meeting there are 250,000 homes within 500 feet of a similar operation in San Diego California.

**No history**  
However, he admitted there is no history of buildings being constructed on top of such a landfill site.

Borud promised to look into a question raised by Chamber president Ed Bendicks about the possibility of the bales being sterilized. He said the company hopes to have a sample bale on display at the public meeting scheduled for Stewarttown tonight (Wednesday).

Chamber secretary Betty Eastwood suggested a letter be sent to the San Diego Chamber of Commerce asking for information on the effects of the operation on that city.



MEASURING A "PLUS TREE", an employee of the Ministry of Natural Resources finds it is 100 feet high, unencumbered by branches until it reaches 64 feet. This one is registered for the collection of seeds and scions and contains 400 board feet. It is the type of tree the Ministry is encouraging farmers and land owners in the area to grow—with their assistance. See inside for more pictures and story. —W. Thomson Photo