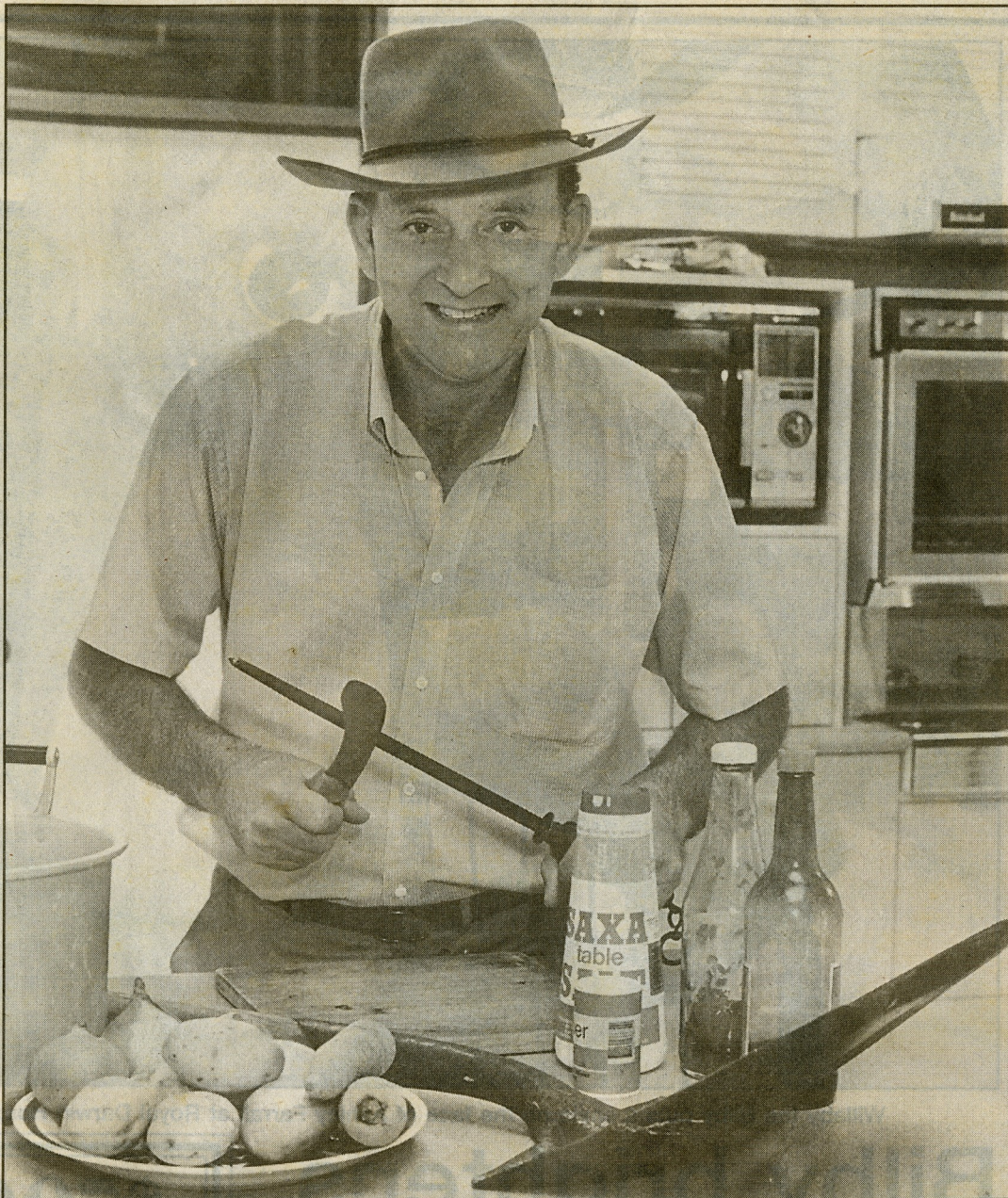


# Can-mountain man is now Honourable



Roger Steele ... proposed his can mountain to ease litter problems

By TIZ ZERONI

A former politician who wanted to build a mountain of beer cans just outside Darwin will be called "honourable" for the rest of his life.

Roger Steele, the former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and a current member of Chief Minister Shane Stone's staff, was yesterday given the right to use the word honourable next to his name.

Mr Steele works for Mr Stone in a community liaison role.

A spokesman for Mr Stone confirmed the Chief Minister had made the request for Mr Steele and former minister Fred Finch.

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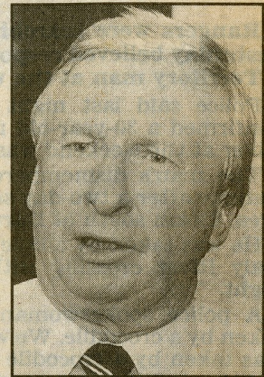
The Queen's approval was announced by Governor-General Sir William Deane in the *Commonwealth Gazette*.

Territory Labor attacked Mr Steele yesterday over the decision and also pointed at his Queen's Counsel appointment.

Legal affairs spokesman Syd Stirling said: "Why is Stirling so obsessed with titles and making himself and those around him look important?"

He also questioned the timing of the move.

Mr Stirling said: "The timing of Stone's action is peculiar - the Honourable Roger has not been a Member of Parliament for more



Mr Finch ... former minister



Mr Stone ... attacked

than 10 years. His elevation came out of the blue."

Mr Steele is famous for a proposal to build an artificial mountain, made out of beer cans, to ease litter problems.

A spokesman for Mr Stone said the honour was an entitlement for federal and state officeholders with five or more years service.

He said previous recipients included Paul Everingham, Roger Vale, Tom Harris and Jim Robertson.