

Murray, Frank

Belleville - big

Man-of-Year Sees City 'Sophisticated'

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(Belleville today is a changing scene. As a prelude to the 1969 Citizen of the Year Award, The Intelligencer is interviewing award-winners of earlier years as a source of comment on that change.)

"The city to me has become a more sophisticated urban community than it used to be seven or eight years ago. Then it was a nice, friendly sort of city, but now I see it as the hub of fairly large industrial growth."

Those were the words of Frank Murray, manager of Radio Station CJBQ who has been active in the community for more than a decade.

Mr. Murray was the recipient of the 1964, Belleville Jaycee Citizen of the Year Award.

With his interest in Belleville and its various project and problems, Mr. Murray has developed a keen community appraisal.

"I hope it won't become too industrialized. I'd hate to see the beautiful countryside buried under factories."

However, Mr. Murray's respect for the more natural at-

tributes of Belleville and its surrounding area should not be confused with a desire to halt industrial growth.

On the contrary, he believes that industrial growth is essential to a community like Belleville — but at a reasonable pace.

His one main concern is the safe-guarding of waters and natural resources in the area.

"We've got to absolutely guard our waterfront. Never again should we permit refuse and garbage to be dumped in our bay," he said.

"It (Belleville) is an exciting place to live in at the moment. It's exploding a little. Unfortunately some people get hurt a little with change."

He described his receipt of the Citizen of the Year Award as very "exciting".

He felt that in the past people have been prone to criticism rather than praise for what has been done.

Mr. Murray joined CJBQ in 1947 and then left for a short period of time. He returned to the radio station as assistant manager.

He became station manager 11 years ago. Since that time he has been an alderman, a member of the Industrial Commission and a member of the Chamber of Commerce of which he is now first vice-president.

With the change in the community over the past decade there also has been a change in tastes and interests when it comes to broadcasting.

"In the old days it was an entertainment media. Today it is also an information media, a companion to individuals rather than groups."

Mr. Murray commends the Belleville Jaycees on their work and hoped that the organization was swamped with entries for the 1969 Citizen of the Year.

"I think they really deserve our support," he said.

... was part of almost every major drive for funds — the United Appeal, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the original building fund for the Belleville General Hospital. He is also a member of the Rotary Club.

He has become heavily involved in broadcasting, being president of the Central Canada Broadcasters Association in 1965, director of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters for the past four years, chairman of the board of directors of the Radio Sales Bureau in 1968 and chairman of the Committee for Promotion of Canadian Music in the Canadian Association of Broadcasters.



Outstanding Citizen

Frank Murray, 1964's recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award, has thoughts and appraisals of the community in which he continues to take an active role.

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