

Bronte Building Boom Predicted

A building boom for Bronte was given the initial go-ahead at a special session of village council when construction of 78 homes immediately west of the Bryers subdivision was approved.

William Campbell, whose company will build the bungalows, said minimum selling price would be \$13,500, and that he would build along Hixon, Jones and Radial Road before tackling a subdivision road structure.

Reeve Thomas Millward said he expected the subdivision wouldn't be completed for three or four years. The plan now goes to the joint planning board for approval.

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Burlington Editor Made Life Member

Eighty year old former editor and publisher of the Burlington Gazette, Elgin A. Harris, and Adam L. Sellar, president and editor of the 'Huntingdon (Que.) Gleaner' were made life members of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association at its annual meeting last week.

Former mayor of Burlington, Mr. Harris is well-known in Canadian newspaper circles. He joined the Canadian Press Association in 1922 and is one of the 11 living foundation members of the C.W.N.A. He has served as a director of both organizations.

During his turbulent newspaper career he was served with six libel suits, although none reached court proceedings.

Active in public affairs, he was elected reeve of Burlington from 1921-23, warden of Halton county in 1922 and became mayor in 1923. In earlier days, Mr. Harris fought through the editorial columns for establishment of secondary education and various public works for his community.

Editor Adam L. Sellar was born in Huntingdon, Quebec, where he has published 'The Gleaner' since 1922.

The well-known Canadian newspaperman and publisher is past-president of C.W.N.A. He established La Gazette, Valleyfield - Beauharnois in 1936 and became owner and publisher of Canada-West Indies magazine in 1951.

Mr. Sellar is honorary secretary of Huntingdon County hospital, honorary vice-president Canadian Legion, Huntingdon Branch, B.E.S. L. No. 81 and governor of Mackay Institute for the Deaf, Montreal.

Editors Informed Weeklies Should Be Proud Of Their Role in the Development of Canada

"Weekly newspaper editors have every reason to be proud of the role they play in Canada's development."

This was the keynote of Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association President John A. Vopni's opening address before the nearly 500 editors and publishers who assembled at the Manoir Richelieu, Quebec, last week to deliberate the problems and significance of weekly newspapers on the Canadian scene.

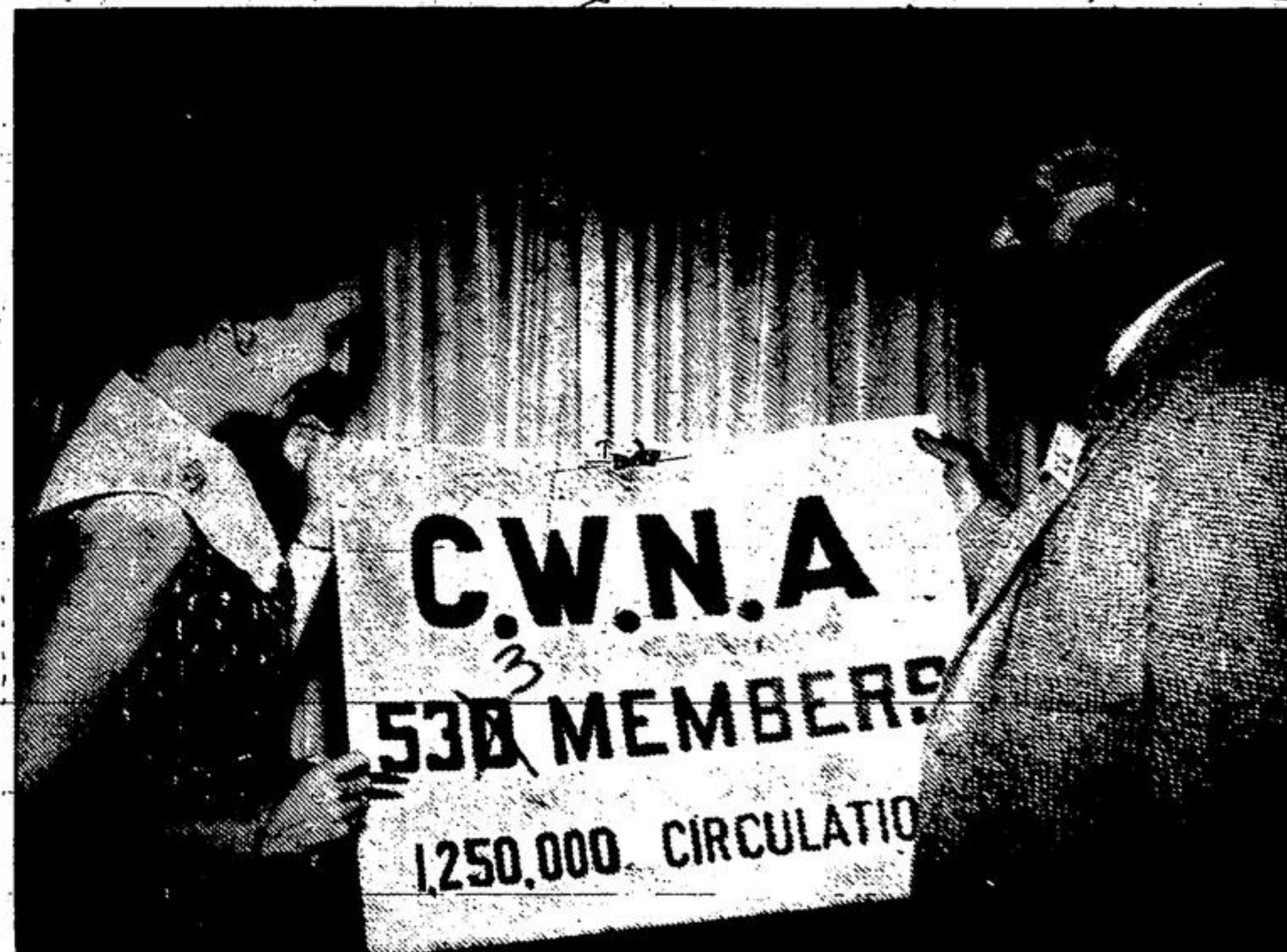
"The non-metropolitan newspapers contribute in great measure to the stability of this nation," the Davidson (Sask.) Leader editor said. "We must not overlook the tremendous significance of our combined efforts in both reflecting and moulding public opinion and public attitudes from coast to coast."

At the same time, the group was urged to guard vigilantly the high respect and recognition won during the past half century.

Several of the speakers at the 37th annual convention complimented the delegates on their accomplishments in building the prestige of the weekly press. But they warned that weekly editors have grave responsibilities in their home towns.

Family Party

The convention, held this year at Quebec's luxury summer resort,



CANADA'S WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS are constantly growing in impact to the point where they now go into over 1 1/4 million Canadian homes. Here, Win Allison and Bill Telfer look over the revised number of member papers at last week's Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association annual convention at Manoir Richelieu, Murray Bay, Que.

Manoir Richelieu at Murray Bay, has become known as "Canada's biggest family party". Although the three day convention had its share of serious business sessions, the general atmosphere was one of congeniality.

Many of the 400 delegates arrived wearing gay Alouette stocking caps. They found bellhops, waitresses and elevator operators similarly attired as the hotel staff joined in the spirit of the get-together.

William Draer, popular editor of

the Wetaskiwin (Alta.) Times, was chosen to succeed his fellow westerner, John Vopni, as president, while G. C. Day, Liverpool (N.S.) Advance and H. E. McCormick, Montreal Monitor, were chosen his first and second vice-presidents respectively.

Directors chosen at the annual meeting were: L. E. Barber, Chilliwack (B.C.) Progress; G. C. Hackett, Abbotsford (B.C.) News; K. Patridge, Camrose (Alta.) Booster; B. P. Knowles, Fort Saskatchewan (Alta.) Fort Record; Walter P. Telfer, Humboldt (Sask.) Journal; Clifford Ashfield, Granfell (Sask.) Sun; John Pinckney, Rosetown (Sask.) Eagle; J. R. McLachlan, Virden (Man.) Empire Advance; G. C. Kroft, Selkirk (Man.) Enterprise; Werden Leavens, Bolton (Ont.) Enterprise; R. G. Shearer, Berlin (Ont.) News-Tribune; W. H. Cranston, Midland (Ont.) Free Press Herald; C. H. Nolan, Stouffville (Ont.) Tribune; Lucien Guertin, Shawinigan Falls (Que.) L'Echo du St. Maurice; Lawrence Gage, St. Johns (Que.) News; J. Louis McKenna, Sussex (N.B.) Kings County Record; G. C. Murray, Pictou (N.S.) Advocate; C. J. Allbon, Springhill (N.S.) Record.

Mr. Vopni, in his address, noted the many changes he had seen in the mechanical departments of weekly newspapers across Canada. The use of pictures, modern automatic presses and mailing machines all demonstrated this mechanical transformation, he said.

Role the Same

"But despite these changes, the basic role of the weekly newspaper has been retained," he said. "Our traditional function remain — to chronicle the happenings in our own communities and to give editorial leadership and inspiration in

the matter of community up-building."

He commended delegates for their support of the C.W.N.A. and their loyalty to each other.

"These are the reasons that the Association is the largest press association in the world."

At the same meeting, W. H. (Bill) Cranston, editor of the Midland Free Press Herald, delivered a strong rebuke to weekly editors who do not live up to the strong responsibilities which they owe their readers.

Although most of the delegates, guests and hosts arrived Tuesday evening, the only official business carried on before the next morning was a short directors' meeting. The remainder of the delegates circulated through the Manoir Richelieu meeting associates whom they had not seen since the previous convention in Vancouver.

Attendance at Wednesday's meetings was spurred by the offer of door prizes to the first delegates to arrive. However, the hotel's noted golf course, the swimming pool and other TSS athletic endeavors lured many delegates away from the business sessions.

Canada Steamship Lines, owners of the Manoir, were hosts for Tuesday evening's dinner. Massey Harris-Ferguson hosted the Wednesday breakfast and various members of the printing trade were hosts at the Wednesday lunch.

The acquisition of three new members during the convention came when Managing Director William Telfer received applications from the Bruno (Sask.) Times; the North Renfrew (Ont.) News and La Voix Des Mille Isles. La Voix is published by Lionel Bertrand, M. P. Secretary of the French Canadian Weeklies Association.

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