



SURPRISE PRESENTATION was made Friday at a Dills Printing and Publishing staff dinner. Hartley Coles and Mrs. Dora Ryder, who have been with the company 26 years, received certificates and 25 silver dollars from Dave Dills. Mrs. G. A. Dills then presented son Dave with his certificate.—(Staff Photo)

25-year staffers honored at dinner

After 25 years of helping put out the weekly issues of the Free Press, linotype operator Dora Ryder and editor Hartley Coles were singled out for special presentations, Friday, during a staff dinner at the Caravan Restaurant banquet room in Milton.

Dave Dills presented each of them with special certificates citing 25 years of service from the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, and 25 silver dollars.

Both were taken by surprise when Jim Dills and Dave Dills began by talking of the many

changes in the past years, then became more personal in referring to their two long-time friends and associates.

Mrs. Ryder started work before Mr. Coles, but was away for two years in the Navy. She began in the office but as Dave recalled, whenever anyone was needed to do anything in the shop, she quickly learned. There were only four or five on the entire staff then.

Hartley Coles joined the staff from high school and over the years became highly skilled in all aspects of the newspaper business from writing and photography to printing.

After the two surprised recipients had spoken, Mrs. G. A. Dills rose to make another surprise presentation — to older son Dave. He really started coming to his father's plant first when he was just four years old, she explained. He had also had a stint away in the Navy.

All 44 full and part-time employees attended the special dinner. With husbands and wives the total was 65. Why the discrepancy in figures? There are several husband and wife combinations on the staff — Mr. and Mrs. Don Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dills, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Scoyne, Mr. and Mrs. Will Duval, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marshall, and one husband, wife and daughter combination, Mr. and Mrs. Will McEachern and daughter Mrs. Jim Thornhill. Other wives have also been on the staff at various times, and when help's needed to put out papers, relatives come along

O.P.P. report

Drink could part you from driver's license!

During our reporting week of November 23, to November 30, the men at the Acton Detachment while working a total of 219 1/2 hours patrolled 987 miles of town roads.

A total of four teenagers will face the courts for drinking liquor under age and two men face the more serious charge of supplying liquor to persons under age.

Three property damage accidents were reported to the police office during this reporting week. This was the first time that motorists had to face bad driving conditions due to snow and ice. And sure enough, as in the past years, the results were the same — "CRASH!"

Cars don't cause traffic accidents nor do icy roads, it is people who cause accidents. So give a little more thought and skill to our driving habits and let's put a stop to the carnage on the highways.

The Safety Shield was won by the Robert Little School for the month of November; this was

the second win for the school in a row. The boys and girls at the school say they intend to keep the shield hanging on the wall all next year! What do you say to that, M. Z. Bennett School?

During 1968, 178,049 people were killed or injured in traffic collisions in Canada. This is an average of one every three minutes. With a view to slowing down this ever-rising figure, the government has passed a new law making it compulsory for a driver who is suspected of impaired driving to give upon demand of a police officer, a sample of his breath, and if the reading on the machine shows an alcohol reading of 0.08 PPT, then the driver will be judged to be impaired. A driver who refuses to take the test will be judged to be impaired and will receive the same penalty. So be very careful when you say 'I will just have one more for the road'. That could be the drink that parts you from your driver's licence for three months.

—Prov. Const. Roy Wood.

Allow three families in house but still seeking legal opinion

After lengthy debate Nantawegwa Council decided Monday to seek legal advice and gave tentative approval to a family requesting permission for three families to live in a single family dwelling.

The family's name was withheld at the request of Raeve Mrs. A. MacArthur. They are situated in a renovated garage south of Campbellville.

Council debated the request as it contravenes their by-laws but agreed they could act out of humanity and allow the families to stay until May. This would allow time for the tenants to find a new home and for the landlord to regain any investment.

Councillors Gordon Agnew and Art Gibson agreed they might be setting a precedent and weakening the by-law. "How can we rule against someone else doing the same thing again if we

allow this?" they asked. Both Mr. Agnew and Mr. Gibson asked for legal advice before granting permission.

Mrs. MacArthur noted she didn't care about the precedent, all she wanted to do was help the ratepayer and noted that before long small communities wouldn't be allowed to show any compassion for the ratepayer. Her note was a reference to regional government.

Building Inspector S. W. Savage said later he had issued two stop work orders when the building was being added to and both were ignored.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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R. 4 Acton, Ontario, Dec. 1, 1969.

Dear Editor: Before Christmas gifts get stacked behind things, might I be permitted to make a suggestion?

Let us take stock of the contents of our bookshelves, note and take action about any that belong elsewhere. Mrs. Watson at the Library, is well-acquainted with my thoroughness (?).

Thank you Mildred Long. (Mrs.) A. R.

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