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**SHELBURNE PUBLISHER IS
MR. NEWSPAPERMAN 1956**

The F. P. & E's senior publisher, T. F. E. Claridge, accompanied by son Fred, attended the 1956 convention of the Ontario Weekly Newspaper's Association, held in Windsor. At the banquet tendered the publishers in the Prince Edward Hotel by the Ford Motor Co., Friday night, T. F. E. was formally presented with the citation naming him "Mr. Weekly Newspaperman, 1956," by Werden Levens, secretary-manager of the Association and publisher of the Bolton Enterprise.

The introduction of T. F. E. was greeted with a standing ovation led by "Neighbourly News" Don Fairbairn. The contents of the citation, prepared, we understand by Association past president Frank MacIntyre of the Dundalk Herald, read as follows:

To: Thomas Frederich Ernest Claridge, chosen Mr. Weekly Newspaperman, 1956, Ontario Weekly Newspapers Convention, Windsor, May 18, and 19, 1956.

Sixty five years a printer in Shelburne, Ontario, and almost 53 years a publisher, Thomas Frederich Ernest Claridge has for the year 1956 been chosen as "Mr. Weekly Newspaperman". It is an honour richly deserved.

Born at Hornby, Halton County, on April 24th, 1876, son of Thomas Claridge and Elizabeth Macdonald, T. F. E. (for "Nice Day") Claridge, as he is affectionately called, was the youngest of a family of eight.

T. F. E. Claridge started as a "printer's devil" in the office of the Shelburne Economist in January, 1891. He was employed by the founder of that paper, the late W. L. Smith. Mr.

Claridge took over the paper himself in April, 1903. Twentyfive years later in April, 1928, he purchased the Free Press, Shelburne's other weekly newspaper, from Mrs. R. L. Mortimer and amalgamated them. The paper was given the name "The Free Press and Economist". An only son, Fred M. Claridge, has been associated in the publication of the paper with his father.

"What J. Ollier Says", a column packed with wisdom, humour and philosophy, is a feature written for the paper each week by Mr. Claridge. He started writing this column for The Economist in January, 1922, "to keep from going to seed" as he explains it. The idea must have been an excellent one, for Mr. Claridge, now in his 81st year, is still quite spry and keen witted. Enter his sanctum and you'll find him puffing peacefully on his ever-present cigar. He takes life in stride and doesn't get excited. The reason he is oftentimes referred to as "Nice Day" is because invariably when people meet him on the street, he'll greet them with "Nice Day!" regardless of the weather.

Publishing a newspaper has not been his sole interest. He has been 65 years a bandsman and fifty four of those years bandmaster. Playing a hand instrument came naturally to "The Chief" as his bandmen fondly refer to him. Mr. Claridge's father and his (T. F. E.'s) two oldest brothers were members of the Hornby band when it played for a reception to Sir John A. Macdonald — and were proud to tell about it.

His career with Shelburne Band began in 1891, when the late Joe Park, a celebrated bandmaster of the early days, was the leader. He has been a member of the band ever since, including the 20 years prior to the summer of 1913, when it was the band of the 36th regiment.

He has trained several hundred bandmen during his career, he estimates, and he is still active. On July 12th, 1955, in his 80th year, in spite of extreme heat, he led his band in the Orange parade. Some idea of the high regard the bandmen hold for him is evidenced by the fact that they presented him with a TV set when his hometown of Shelburne held "T. F. E. Night" in his honour in February, 1956 when he was presented with an illuminated address from the town.

A member and chorister of Wesley Church for several years, 23 years a member of the Public Library Board, and treasurer of Lorne Masonic Lodge for 41 years of his 48 year membership have been other activities of this remarkable man who has no notion of quitting.

He has been honorary president of Shelburne Branch of the Canadian Legion since it was organized and a charter member of Shelburne Rotary Club. Incidentally, there are three generations of Claridges in Shelburne Citizens' Band, T. F. E. (bandmaster), Fred, (cornet), Mac and Frederic (both cornet players).

The illuminated address from his townfolk who know him best summed up his life of service in these words: "He has exercised a constructive influence in his every contact in the affairs of the community."



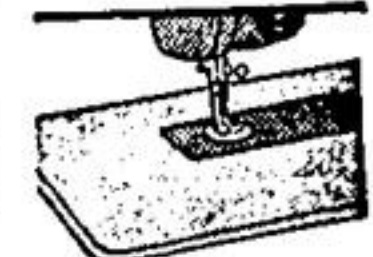
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