

What a Free Press Means to Canadians

Award-Winning Editorial by Clarence Noyes, The Sudbury Star, Sudbury.

A democratic society is publishing society, is the legal base of that phrase. It is one where the citizens freely exchange comment on the activities of other citizens, high or low.

The newspaper's job is to winnow this flow of gossip, to secure, praise, complaint and proposal — separating the precious grains of fact from the heap of fabrication and fancy. Even the factual harvest may be unpalatable, but it provides a hard core of nourishment for a democratic society, freedom of the press is taken for granted

THE MAIL BAG

Criticizes All Roads Not Just Eastern Ones

58 Stevens Crescent
November 19, 1960

Dear Sir:
Upon publication of the October 15th edition of your paper I was pleased to see my letter in "The Mail Bag" section. However, I would at this time like to correct your article of "Criticizes Treatment of Roads of East Georgetown". This title might have been justified by some of the contents, but my intention was to submit my criticism at the treatment

of all roads and works and utilities of Georgetown. It has been said by many that the North Line interchange of the 401 highway is all that is needed to bring to industry. There is no doubt that the opening of such an access will be of great benefit for traffic and greatly increase the attraction of industry but it is somewhat naive to believe that one road opening will result in industry pouring in. With the widening of No. 7 highway and good railway accommodations along with excellent water, gas and hydro supplies. The question still arises as to why our founding areas and Brampton in particular can get industry and not Georgetown? I can only credit this to the noisy and continued squabbling of different factions of the town.

granted. He has respect for his right to represent the public and is alert to any encroachments on this right.

A general theme invites a definition of terms. How free is our press? And how Canadian are its readers?

The press of Canada is as free as any public body which depends on the mass of citizens for support. It is essentially conservative, alluring, that which has proved good, and constantly reaffirming it. At the same time, it opens its pages to discussion of new policies, realizations that some of the "received" ideas of today will find places in the foundation of tomorrow's society.

The content of a Canadian newspaper is governed by the interests of Canadians. It is the original source of most news of day-to-day happenings in Canadian life, and reflects the Canadian reaction to news from outside our borders.

It follows that the Canadian way of life, in all its aspects, is nurtured by its newspapers. The press of Canada does not attempt to control the thinking of its readers. Rather, it strives to present as much accurate information as will be necessary to the citizen who wants to be fully aware of the community in which he lives. The boundaries of that community have extended far beyond the village square; but the technology of communication is more than keeping pace.

Freedom of the press is freedom to know what others are doing to affect our lives. That is a privilege denied to the people of some countries, and curtailed in others. In Canada, it is interwoven so closely in the fabric of our society that we fail to notice it.

Let us remember that life is possible without it — but not our life.

Both my wife and I are going to make Georgetown our permanent home. Our wants are peace, prosperity and expansion. We have four children and we want them to grow up in a decent Georgetown. I want them to have the opportunities of parks, recreational facilities and youth educational and training programs.

On December 5th I hope the voters will exercise their democratic right to vote. Voting is not something we should let the other fellow do. WE MUST ALL VOTE. WE MUST KEEP OUR VOICE STRONG.

Yours truly,
William J. Richmond

LOCAL SHRINERS ATTEND TORONTO CEREMONIAL

The Royal York Hotel was the locale for the Fall meeting of Ontario's Shriners, when they gathered for their Ceremonial sponsored by Ramsey Temple, of Toronto.

The event took place last weekend. The previous one was held in Ottawa last spring. District men present included John T. Armstrong, Leslie M. Clark, William B. Hamilton and Irwin Noble.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN BEATTY
MRS. SINCLAIR, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sinclair, Erin, became Mrs. John Beatty on Saturday, October 22nd, in a wedding at Erin United Church. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Russell Beatty of Kitchener, and the bride the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibson, R.R. 1, Glen Williams. — Photo by Gordon Campbell Studios

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FORD MONARCH FALCON

Litter Carrier Saves Barn Lightning Damage

During the thunderstorm last Tuesday evening a ball of lightning hit the barn of W. H. J. Maxwell. They were Robinson, it seemed to travel Kimberly Jean Archer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry well grounded. It blew several light bulbs out and frightened the cattle that were in the barn. It blew three gas lights out plus the radio in the house.

Birthdays wishes to several residents this week. Mrs. Har old Learmont and Doug Leslie's birthdays are November 23. Mrs. Martin Southwood on November 24. When Southwood and Doug Leslie who will be six years old on the same day. Mrs. A. Miller will celebrate her sixtieth birthday on November 24.

A collision between a car and truck occurred during the rainstorm last Tuesday evening at Hornby Church. The truck was driven by Walter Lawson and the small car was from Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lee of Grimsby visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Learmont for a day this week.

MERRY MENAGERIE By Walt Disney



Get-well wishes are extended to Mrs. Roy Wilson who returned home after a week's stay in Milton District Hospital.

Belated anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bud Galbraith who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on November 9. A family get-together was held to mark the occasion.

Lynn Hill was hostess Saturday afternoon when Hornby Slumberettes, the Halton North 4-H Homemaking club held their fourth meeting. The minutes and treasurer's report was given. The roll call was answered and the girls were shown by the leaders how to cut a

The Bailey Hunt Club returns to St. Mary's school on Saturday morning. The boys from Mansfield last land came home Saturday night without any deer to their credit.

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