



TERRY ROWE AND HIS MESSAGE

## It is an effort of Love

The message of loves comes in book form. Terry Rowe, the author, says most of his first publishing effort was the creation of the several months he spent on the farm of Russ and Jan Armstrong at R. R. 1, Acton.

"Thanks to Russ and Jan I had the freedom and time to do it," he says of his first book, entitled "To You with Love."

It's available in Acton at Simpson-Sears store in an attractive red cover packaging 57 messages of love in red italics.

It was almost never published.

Several Canadian publishers expressed interest in the work but due to other commitments to well established writers they hesitated to publish Terry Rowe's work.

After many broken promises and let-downs, he discovered a printer who believed the message should be shared and agreed to accept the financial risks involved. Caplecan Books is looking after marketing and distribution.

Publication of this work is the beginning for Terry Rowe, a former shoe shine boy at Union Station, Toronto, and a public school drop-out.

Free Press readers may remember Terry's poem, "Remember the Christmas Concerts of our Youth" which appeared in the Christmas issue of this newspaper in 1971, a nostalgic dip into the past, colored by his associations in Peterborough and the farm country of Ontario. He left home at the age of 13 and has travelled extensively through Canada, the U.S.A. and Western Europe. He has been a laborer, short order cook, circus clown and carnival barker as well as picking cotton and strawberries and selling insurance. He spent some years in the RCAF as an intelligence specialist, has sold real estate and has been a successful public speaker and sales consultant.

These experiences can be identified in his collection of poems in praise of "life's celebration of love," sharing but never intruding into our private worlds of fantasy, desire, loneliness and frustration.

The poems are written with simplicity touching on the emotions with tenderness, avoiding the clichés which have enveloped the meaning of the strongest human emotion.

"I've been a prisoner before, but never the same as today, the doors have been slammed and windows have been jammed, but there's always been the possibility of escape. But when you are a prisoner of love, nothing else matters, you don't even think of escape. As a matter of fact you sort of hope there is no way out."

These words on the jacket give readers some idea of the philosophy of the author, who writes in contemporary fashion in a volume which should appeal especially to younger readers.

Terry says he is going to present a copy of his book to Librarian Mrs. Isabel Watson for Acton Public Library. He is presently completing his second manuscript and in co-operation with the Quorum, professional musicians who play at the Forts of Call in Toronto, is composing an original album which will feature selected writings being read and sung by himself, accompanied by original music.

He is available for autograph parties and other public appearances and arrangements have been made for the author to appear on Toronto radio stations as well as on a national network television program.

Terry is obliged to live in Toronto now that he has so many commitments but he told the Free Press that he misses this corner of Ontario where the first publishing effort evolved, from the fertile mind of the 36-year-old writer.

### Director concerned

# No dental care for many

According to Dr. Sam Green, Dental Director for Halton County, 15 per cent of the children in Halton County Schools needing dental care will not receive it because parents cannot afford it. Parents of another five per cent refused to take their children to a dentist.

A report filed with Halton County Board of Health by Dr. Green notes 34 per cent have agreed to have work done, 27 per cent have had the work done, 12 per cent moved out of the area or

could not be contacted, three per cent visited the dentist but the dentist refused to fill primary teeth, and one per cent of those considered to need dental treatment could not speak or understand English.

**No attention**  
During 1971, 21,314 Halton children received dental health education and of those, 65 per cent needed no dental attention at that time.

Last year 2,729 children had topical fluoride treatment and 3,125 children were treated with self-applied fluoride. Only two per cent of the children contacted needed urgent dental care.

"During this stage in our program we are dealing with the 'hard core' of dental cripples who need to be motivated in spite of great strides made through

health education and water fluoridation. This year nevertheless, we saw an increase of nine and a half per cent of children with caries-free deciduous and permanent teeth. Economically this reduction in dental decay is the equivalent of saving the taxpayers of Halton County approximately \$174,800 per year in dental expenses," said Green's report.

Green says the county is getting a money value of \$388,831 in return for a dental budget of \$51,000. According to Dr. Green the dental status in the county is better than average in the province.

**Urgent**  
Dr. Green indicated children with six or more teeth needing restoration were considered as urgent and follow-up phone calls

were made to the parents of those youngsters. Green says results of the program have been gratifying. In 1968, 29.8 per cent were urgent; in 1969 that figure was reduced to eight per cent; and then to 5.1 per cent in 1970 and to two per cent in 1971.

The dental program conducted by Dr. Green and his staff hasn't been restricted to children.

"Preventive geriatric dentistry, that is, prevention of dental disease in our senior citizens, is a vital component of a balanced dental public health program. With this in mind, the Halton County dental division embarked on a geriatric program this past year. Some of the homes for the aged, nursing homes and senior citizen groups, were visited during the year by the dental teams. Instruction in oral hygiene and oral examinations

for dental decay, periodontal disease and possible cancerous lesions were carried out. The visits from this department were extremely appreciated by the various institutions, and it is hoped that this program may be expanded in the coming year," he said.

**Wants grant**  
In his report to the Board of Health Green suggests a government grant from county or province should be made available for families on marginal income and the county should consider paying more for dental hygienists in order to compete on the open market with private practice.



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## Return officers of scout group

Gordon Douglas of Georgetown was re-elected district commissioner at the annual general meeting of Georgetown District Scouts and Cubs in Ballinacod Community Hall last Wednesday night.

Also returned to office were assistant district commissioner for scouting Murray Harrison of Acton, assistant district commissioner for cubbing Mrs. Terry Colter of Georgetown, president Peter Jones of Georgetown, secretary Peter Sellers of Georgetown and treasurer Roger Cooper of Limehouse.

A suggestion was made at the meeting that the name of the group be changed from Georgetown District to Halton District. The change must yet be approved at a higher level.

Ballinacod Cubs ran a successful booth at Erin Fair on the weekend and have their annual Christmas bazaar planned for the community hall, Saturday, November 18.

Cubs appreciate the help of neighbors who donated pies and the tremendous co-operation of parents throughout the past year.

## Coles' Slaw

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side, asked the clerk if he could speak French. The reply was negative.

How can you be mad at them, he asked belligerently. The logic of the position escaped me but the clerk went back to his muttering while we thanked the Swedish girls profusely, gathered up what pride was left and headed for those seven hills on which Rome wasn't built in a day.

More next week.

## OUR READERS WRITE:

### On odors and high places

Dear Sir:

I have two suggestions in regard to recent items in the Free Press.

Having driven through the tannery stink often enough on the way into town, I sympathize deeply with Mrs. Sheila O'Rourke, who seems to be fighting an unending battle.

Do you suppose it would be feasible for Beardmore's to buy the O'Rourke property, since they likely can't sell it elsewhere, and

### Change an ancient law

Dear Sir:

In this letter I would like to talk to the property owners in Puslinch Twp. who lost their tax appeal against what, in their estimation, was an unfair education tax.

I must congratulate them on having enough backbone to put up a fight. Any Erasmosa property owners with whom I have discussed the matter, feel just as you do, but we have not the courage to bring our dissatisfaction into the open.

But what would you expect when only a portion of the populace pays education tax for all the people? The Ryerson education law (passed about 100 years ago) says if

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use the house for visiting dignitaries to stay in and soak up the Acton and tannery atmosphere?

Secondly, the Free Press has mentioned once or twice about town and township councils building a raised platform for reeve or mayor to sit on.

Would it not be equally effective and more economical to just buy highchairs?

Yours truly,  
Mrs. G. J. Thomson

Yours truly,  
Millicent Milroy.

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