



Marking 25 years in publishing, G. A. and Mrs. Dills were feted at a staff party March 21, 1952. Those on hand for the event in the back row were Iain Sillars, Dave Dills, Bob MacArthur, Hartley Coles, Jim Greer, Wilf Duval, Jim Dills. In the



The staff had grown and in 1958 added to the honors already bestowed on G. A. Dills after being named Weekly Newspaper Man of the Year. The staff assembled for the local celebration is shown, in the back, Henry Deveau, Jim Greer, Dave Dills, Henry Ryan, John Cunningham, JoAnn Duval, Alan Harley, Ann Deveau, G. A. Dills. In

centre are Barbara Greer, Irma Coles, Dorothea Downs, Rochelle Cunningham, Dorothy Ryan, Mrs. Dills, Marj Sillars, Dora Ryder, Iain Sillars, Doris Scoyne and Jim Dills. In the front are Hartley Coles, Murray Scoyne, Bill Whitbred, Al Bridges, Wilf Duval and Roy Downs.



Among the production staff members, shown in 1965 were a number who are still on staff at the Free Press. In the back are John Masales, Art Hawes, John McNabb, Terry Wilson, Bill Stuckey. In the middle are George Ware, Dora

Ryder, Oral Norton, Dorothy Rognvaldson, Lil Marshall, Bob Marshall. In front are Wilf McEachern, Wilf Duval, Bob MacArthur, Hartley Coles and John Cunningham. Murray Scoyne is sitting.

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Before the switch to offset printing the production staff is shown in front of the Goss Cox-o-Type press. In the back are Wilf McEachern, John Cunningham, and Dave Dills. In the middle, Bob Marshall, Murray Scoyne, John Masales, Wilf

Duval, Terry Wilson, Art Hawes, Bob MacArthur and John McNabb. In front are Henry Harbers, Bill Stuckey, George Ware, Dora Ryder, Dorothy Rognvaldson, and Oral Norton. The date was November 1966.



Twenty five year awards were presented to a group of employees in 1969. The awards went to Hartley Coles, Dora Ryder, Dave Dills and Mrs. G. A. Dills.



Wilfred Duval was honored on completion of 25 years with the Acton Free Press and Dills Printing and Publishing. The date was 1970.



Janet Marshall was guest of honor at a shower in 1972.



Derek Milnes was dark room technician.



John Black served as news editor of The Free Press from 1953 to 1956.



Retirements from the staff were marked by presentations. Henry Deveau retired in 1973 after being with the firm from July 1956 and Dorothy Rognvaldson had accumulated 16 years. Hilt Elliott operated Dills Stationery for 13 years before he retired. Included in the group are Dave Dills on the left and Hartley Coles on the right, with Anne Deveau beside Henry.



Lorraine Root was judged the best correspondent reporting to Ontario Weeklies in 1971 and is shown with editor Hartley Coles presenting the award.



Rod Prosser helped clean up the old Baxter plant.



Hartley Coles led the farewell party for Doris and Murray Scoyne as the Scoynes left for Ridgetown, Ont. and the ownership of another weekly newspaper The Ridgetown Dominion. Murray had been with the local firm from April 1954 to April 1971.