

# Child abuse

is discussed

## More cases being reported

CLAREMONT — with in Durham Region. Because of the new Ontario Child Welfare Act, passed in 1978, there have been more cases of child abuse reported and dealt

The information was revealed by Grant Fair, a member of the child abuse team for the Durham Children's Aid Society, (CAS), at a seminar on the subject held at Claremont Public School last Thursday.

The Act states that, "Every person who has

reasonable grounds to suspect in the course of the person's professional or official duties that a child has suffered or is suffering from abuse that

may have been caused or permitted by a person who has or has had charge of the child shall forthwith report the suspected abuse to a children's aid society."

Catherine Skinner, a public health nurse from Toronto, explained that teachers are included as professionals under the Act.

She said the role of the health nurse is to detect and prevent cases of physical abuse whenever possible. That means reporting to authorities anything which could lead to suspicion of abuse.

"People may be afraid to report suspected cases, but Skinner said the CAS will investigate.

"All that is needed is reasonable suspicion that something is happening," he said.

He added that despite what many people think, the CAS doesn't remove children from their homes because a case of child abuse has been reported.

"We try everything to keep the family together. Of course, we always do what is best for the child—often asking what they want."

Stan Todd, principal at Claremont Public, said it was school board policy that teachers report their

suspicious. He added, though, that it must be done in an objective manner, and factual in every detail.

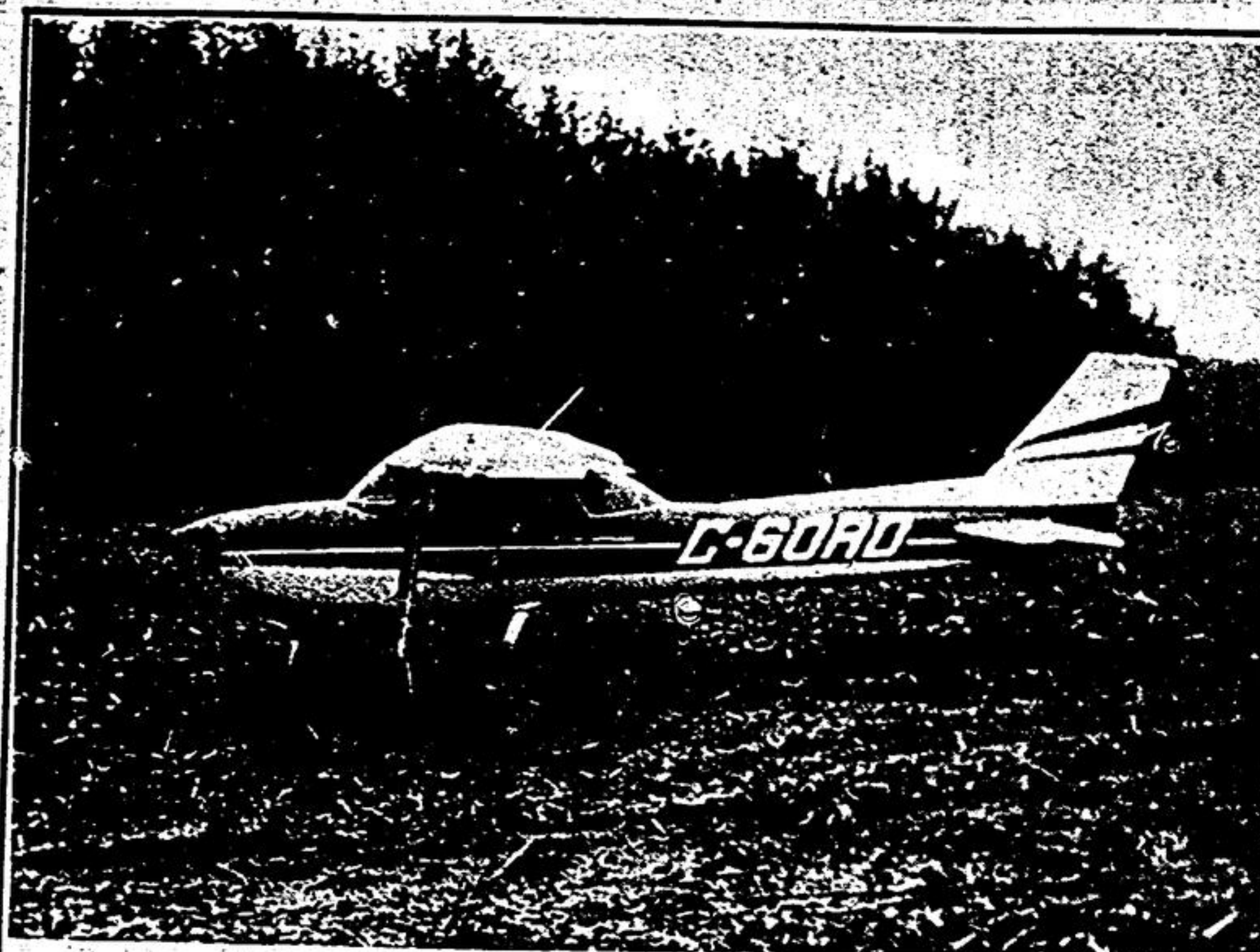
"If the teacher believes the situation is serious enough, he or she would then inform the principal, who would inform the CAS in writing. Accordingly, the matter would then be taken to the Durham Regional Police, the Health Unit, and finally the Area Superintendent would be notified."

Ideally, he said, each school should keep a daily log of children they believe are being abused in any way.

Trustee Linda Carder, speaking on child abuse in the classrooms, said there is "a big difference between reasonable physical force teachers employ and child abuse."

"Society is breaking down discipline, and more and more the onus falls on the schools to provide it," she said.

The 30 concerned parents and teachers who attended the meeting agreed that a "lifeline", someone to talk to in times of depression is essential for every parent to have, and in many cases can prevent potential abuses from occurring.



Emergency landing in a cornfield

While plowed fields make poor landing strips, the pilot of this plane performed his duties perfectly. In fact, it was easier coming in than taking off. The 'emergency' occurred near Ballantrae on Thursday. The identity of the pilot isn't known.

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## Lyne Couturier New reporter in town

STOUFFVILLE — Hello, I'm Lyne Couturier. I've joined the editorial staff at The Tribune for five weeks. I am a third year

Journalism student at Centennial College in Scarborough and working at The Tribune is part of my journalism field placement. Mark Niblett, ex-employee of this newspaper and coordinator of the Journalism program at Centennial College chose The Tribune for me which will offer a great number of challenges.

I was born in Ottawa, July 25, 1958 but my family moved to Toronto when I was two-years-old. But that didn't stop my parents from bringing me up in French. I attended French schools all my life until Centennial College.

I attended Ecole Secondaire Etienne Brule for my high school education. It was a small school with approximately 600 students but it offers excellent courses and I feel that it prepared me for post-secondary education.

I must admit that at the end of grade 13 I still hadn't made up my mind as to what kind of program I wished to study. I was interested in three areas which are not related. Journalism was one along with law and mental retardation counselling.

How I finally ended up in journalism is a long story and I don't want to bore readers with all the details. I'd like to stress one thing - I'm glad I'm in journalism. I don't think I'd be as happy in any other field.

Centennial College offers a three-year journalism program with skilled instructors and adequate facilities. During the three years

you study reporting, photography, lay-out and typography, feature writing, interpretive writing and various other journalism related courses and academic subjects.

The reason I chose Centennial College is because of the practical experience you receive. During the last semester of second year and the first semester of third year, journalism students put out a bi-weekly newspaper called The Observer which is distributed throughout the boroughs of Scarborough and East York.

The students are completely in charge of gathering the news, covering stories, doing photography and laying out the pages. It's a lot of hard work but it's rewarding. You are actually doing something

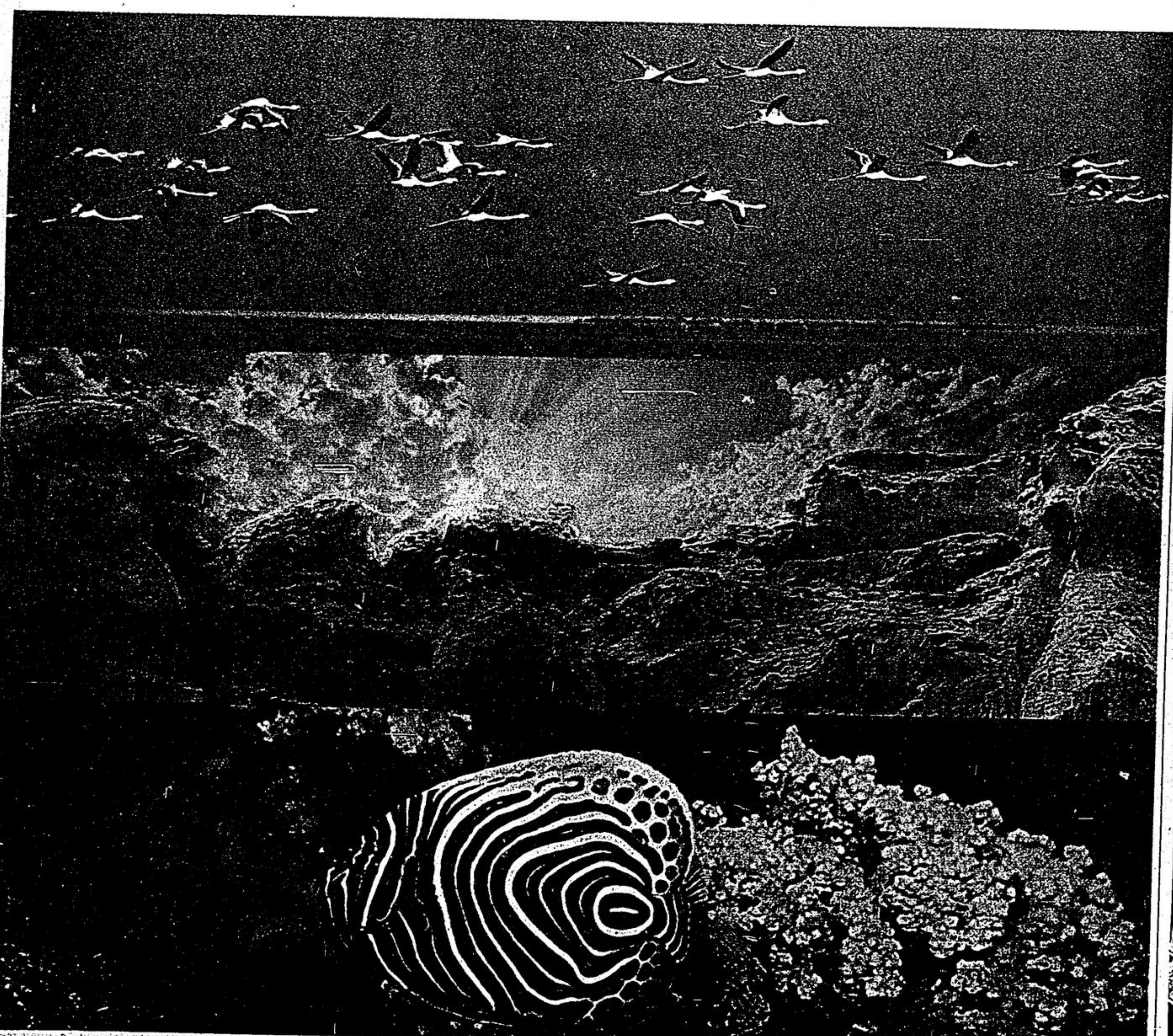
concrete which you can see the results.

But the best practical experience has to be working in a newsroom along with skilled reporters and an editor who really knows his business. I'm looking forward to working here because I know I'll learn a lot. I enjoy writing hard news and feature stories and now I'll have the chance to do some and with the help of Jim Thomas, I'm sure my writing will improve.

I will be graduating in May of this year and I hope to get a job on a weekly newspaper as a reporter. I know with the experience I receive here at The Tribune my chances of obtaining employment will be greater. Who knows. Maybe I can talk Mr. Thomas into giving me a job at The Tribune.



LYNE COUTURIER



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