

New Weekly In Perth-Andover

1967

A new weekly newspaper appears in southern Victoria and northern Carleton today. Named the Perth-Andover Gazette, it will be published in the Victoria county twin village once weekly, with publication day Thursday.

First editor of the newspaper is Maurice Rees. He was formerly assistant editor and sales manager of the Bugle.

The Gazette is the first newspaper published in Perth-Andover since the late 1950's. The Gazette office is located on the Main Street of Perth, and telephone number is Andover 750.

Printing, lay-out, illustrations advertising, reporting and photography will be done in the Perth office. Press work will be done on a modern high speed rotary off-set press located at Presque Isle, Maine.

Editor Rees told the Bugle this week that his newspaper will strive to mirror the community, and will exist to serve the people of the area. "We will need help to make the venture a success," Mr. Rees said "and I am sure that we will get the assistance and co-operation of everyone in the area.

The newspaper will be owned by the Bugle Publishing Ltd. of Woodstock, N. B. Publisher Bob Morrison said this week: "The Bugle has been trying to serve this area since our founding four years ago. But the distance between our plant and Victoria county prevented us from complete realization of our goal.

"The only satisfactory solution was to start an entirely new newspaper, locate it at the focal point of the area,

staff it, and start it growing into the kind of community newspaper the area wants, and deserves."

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"In the first stage, the Gazette will carry much of the reading matter which appears in the Bugle. As the new paper grows, and we get delivery of new equipment, train staff and generally increase the capability of the Gazette, it will become a 100 per-cent locally produced newspaper."

"Meanwhile, the many Bugle subscribers in the area will get both newspapers for a time. They can then choose which newspaper they wish to continue getting. We feel strongly that most will prefer the vastly improved coverage of local news which will appear in the Gazette."

The Gazette begins its vigorous growth with two full-time staff members and a number of correspondents. Staff members are expected to grow quickly as readers begin to appreciate the benefits of having their own community newspaper.



MAURICE REES, Editor

Want to see how handsome I was in 1967? To my surprise on May 24th my younger sister, Gloria,

sent the above photo, she had noticed on a Facebook group she belongs to in New Brunswick. It

shows me 53 years ago in 1967, when I was appointed editor of the Perth-Andover Gazette,

Perth-Andover, New Brunswick. I had started working for the parent paper, The Bugle, Woodstock, four years earlier. (Contributed by Gloria Foster, from Facebook posting).

Letters to the editor

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corner store a block away to grab a bag of chips and a soda. Sea animals and fishes are returning to places they haven't been seen in generations.

Here at home, we see attention being paid to the people who are essential to the operation of our society: maintenance people in hospitals, stores, long term care facilities, truckers, grocery clerks, nurses, doctors, police, caregivers, tellers, and the list goes on. Nowhere on any list of essential workers that I have read are billionaire corporate CEOs, stock brokers, and others in that top 1% we kept hearing about as being important before this pandemic hit us like a ton of bricks.

The people who are at the bottom of the economic ladder are slowly being given a hand up with money coming from Ottawa. Attention is being given to the idea of a living wage for all citizens, for real universal health care to include prescriptions and dental care for child care workers; for the needs of long term care residents: (people and issues which have been neglected by our politicians in power and those of wealth). Suddenly the people who should have had the attention of the government all along are the focus for

government and receiving the attention and help they need. Not that all who need help will get it but many more will than has been the practice. Sadly, there will be some at the top who, out of a sense of entitlement, with a barrel rather than a hat, will still be there demanding they get in on the action and receive 'their fair share'. Greed knows no bounds.

So, folks, let's take a close look at what we wish for. I do not want to go back to normal, if by normal, we mean having children going to bed or to school hungry; parents having to choose between food for their children or heat for their houses; people having

to work two or three jobs to barely make ends meet; for people working without benefits; having the line ups at food banks growing longer and longer; having huge multinational corporations making billions of profit paying little or no tax while the poor scrape by and pay more than their share of taxes; having the upper 1% hide their riches in off-shore accounts to avoid paying taxes in the country from which they have received huge government grants; having government cut the tax rate for the rich and corporations in the false outdated belief in the "trickle-down" philosophy; having the carbon dioxide in the air we

breathe rise to a level which is bringing us to the edge of disaster due to climate change.

We need to be careful about wishing things getting "back to normal". We just might get our wish.

Jim Harpell is a business owner, who lives in Shortt's Lake, Colchester County.



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New program to improve building efficiency
Nova Scotia Department of Energy and Mines (NSDEM), along with program partners Efficiency Nova Scotia and the Canada Green Building Council (CaGBC), have launched the Nova Scotia Energy Benchmarking Pilot Program to help building owners improve building efficiency. The pilot, funded by Natural Resources Canada and NSDEM, supports building owners and operators' efforts to reduce energy consumption and transition to the mandatory building energy labeling initiative announced by the federal government in the Pan Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change.

The Program, which plans to enroll 25 buildings in year one, 150 in year two, and 200 in year three, will help improve building energy efficiency and contribute to significant energy savings and greenhouse gas reduction by providing owners with information about their building.

New Student Transportation Policy for September
A new student transportation policy will come into effect in September. The policy was developed with input from a November 2018 online school bus consultation survey that more than 8,000 Nova Scotians responded to.

The student transportation policy will: Set new provincial criteria for school bus eligibility. Students and pre-primary children who attend an elementary school and live at least 1.6 kilometres away will be eligible for busing. Junior and senior high school students will be eligible if they live 2.4 kilometres away. Most regional centres and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial are currently operating at or below the new criteria; address communication plans between service providers and families and include a new review process when families are not in agreement with a transportation decision.

In September, all eligible pre-primary children will also have access to a school bus. Families can contact their regional centre for education or the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial to determine bus eligibility.

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