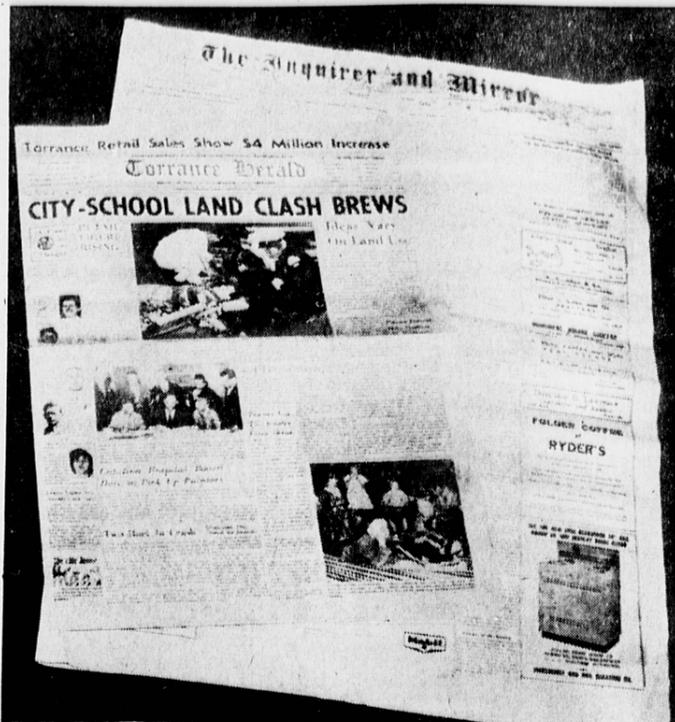


EXAMINES RARE FIND . . . Hubert Brown, who plows through newspapers, books, and other publications in the search of names to build up family genealogies, here examines copies of century-old newspapers he recently received from friends who were "cleaning out the attic." (Herald photo)



MUTT AND JEFF . . . The Inquirer and Mirror of Nantucket, Mass., looks like a bed sheet (which papers of this type have been called) when compared to the regular size of the HERALD. The 139-year-old publication is still issued each Friday in a format which has not changed greatly during the many years of its existence. (Herald Photo)

Century-Old Newspaper Provides Insight to Civil War Era News

A collection of old newspapers dating back more than a hundred years is one of the proud possessions of Hubert Bowen, 17904 Crenshaw Blvd., noted genealogist and collector of antiques and artifacts. Newsgathering a century ago, according to an account which Bowen unearthed in a paper published in Nebraska in 1835, was governed by an editor's originality.

When an editor of one frontier paper lacked copy, he mounted his mule, took along some paper and pencils, and rode through the countryside, interviewing settlers and making sketches of their homesteads.

TYPICAL OF THE old-time papers in the collection is a Civil War edition of Harper's Weekly, published in New York on July 26, 1862.

Photographs were not used in the 28-page tabloid, but in their place were painstakingly detailed artists' sketches of news items and personalities resembling history book illustrations.

On a front page devoid of headlines or news items, reader appeal was sought by two sketches of brigadier generals and three artists' concepts of the frigate "Richmond."

PICTURES RENDERED by war correspondents of the Battle of Chickhomeny and maps of Virginia battles brightened the small-print news column inside.

Present day censorship of military secrets was unknown in those earlier days, judging by an account in the May 17, 1862 issue of the Harper's Weekly.

Entitled "Foreseeing the Merrimac," the story stated:

"The reader may remember that in this paper for November 2, 1861, an admirable, and as it proved, quite accurate cut of the Merrimac was published, with a description of her construction and armament which is very faithful. The account was derived from a workman who professed to have been employed upon the Merrimac, and the result justifies his word."

A **SCATHING** editorial entitled "Chaperons" dealt with stayed out all hours of the

night while their "poor motherers" who accompanied them in the role of chaperons were kept awake night after night, sitting in corners while the "carefree daughters danced the night away."

The writer particularly lamented the fate of the mothers of near-old maids who had put their elders through years of sleepless nights.

Typical of the advertisements which appeared on the back page was one which praised the virtues of Dr. Adam Laurie's Chinese Life Pills. Described as an "antidote to the effect of eating opium," the pills also alleged to cure neuralgia, ticdoloreux, dyspepsia, St. Vitus' Dance, languor, lassitude, depression of spirits, nervous headache, irritability, excitement, and excessive use of tobacco.

NOT NEARLY as old but equally interesting are the papers brought to the HERALD this week by Loring Bigelow, Walteria businessman and civic leader.

The Inquirer and Mirror of Nantucket, Mass., could well qualify as the world's biggest newspaper. It is evident that it was not designed for the commuter.

The 139-year-old newspaper, which is published each Friday by Editor John Stackpole, measures a monster 22 inches across and just short of 30 inches from top to bottom (one page, that is).

YOU WOULD have to call your neighbor to spread it open.

Your HERALD, for comparison, measures 16 inches across and just short of 23 inches from top to bottom.

And in style, the huge Inquirer and Mirror published this year looks a lot more like the newspaper of a century ago than the black-headlined, eye-catching model on the newstands today.

Madison Bids Due

Bids for the new Madison Elementary School at 175th St. and Doty Ave. will be opened at Oct. 9. Cost of the 12-classroom project is expected to be about \$480,000. It is scheduled for completion in mid-1960.

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