

From Prime Ministers to pop stars, Dick was there

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Anyone who lived in Mississauga 30 or 40 years ago will most likely remember photos taken by Dick Holborn that were printed in *The Toronto Star*.

Long before there were cellular phones, the news was gathered by reporters and photographers who raced to get there first before their dreaded rivals from *The Toronto Telegram*.

"It wasn't easy," he said. "You had to come up with the shot no one else could get."

A Mississauga resident for 39 years, Holborn covered this area for *The Star* as a freelance photographer for 13 years.

With his trusty Mamiyaflex he recorded horrendous car crashes and mug



Dick Holborn photographed former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson as he got a haircut in Milton.

shots of young politicians running for public office, including Ron Searle and Frank McKechnie.

Holborn's abilities with a camera caught the eye of photo editors of *The Toronto Star*, who assigned him to cover anything newsworthy that might happen in nearby Milton.

One of his first big picture opportunities was getting a shot of then Prime Minister Lester Pearson getting his hair cut at the local barber shop in Milton.

It wasn't long before Holborn got the Mississauga beat, which meant covering the comings and goings of the rich and famous at Malton Airport.

His photo albums are decorated with shots of popular entertainment stars of the day, including Andy Griffith and Ron Howard when he was Opey.

There were other memorable shots like Punch Imlach holding up his first Stanley Cup or a very young Pierre Trudeau on the campaign trail.

He captured the beautiful Elizabeth Taylor and not-so-beautiful John Diefenbaker.

He recorded a remarkable series of shots featuring The Beatles on their first visit here.

Many of these photos went unpublished and have never been featured in public.

They depict Paul McCartney playing around with one of Holborn's cameras, snapping pictures of John Lennon. There is an interesting shot of George Harrison's passport showing his original scruffy ID picture from the Hamburg days.

At age 64, Holborn said friends and relatives have been telling him for years that his nostalgic pictures have great value.

"I happened to be looking through the album recently and I realized they were probably right," he said.

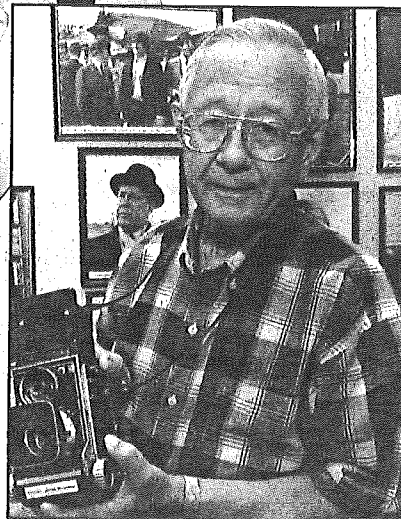
"I've decided to put an album at Art's Photo Centre (in the High Point Mall, 3415 Dixie Rd.) and if anyone wants a copy of a photograph, they can get a laser print."

Holborn, who after leaving *The Star* worked for the LCBO for 25 years, said he's proud of his work as a photo-journalist. He hopes people will enjoy seeing pictures.

Holborn's photo album will be on display at Art's Photo Centre for several weeks. An 11-by-17 inch Beatles laser print costs \$24.95.



Dick Holborn captured a young Paul McCartney clowning with the press at Malton Airport when the Beatles arrived in 1964.



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