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J. Douglas MacFarlane named to Sun senior post

Mississauga's J. Douglas MacFarlane, chairman of the department of journalism at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, has been appointed editorial director of the Toronto Sun, effective Sept. 1.

Born in Ottawa, MacFarlane reported for the Windsor Star and the

Toronto Daily Star before going overseas in 1942 with the Essex Scottish Regiment. Three years later he was ousted as editor of the Maple Leaf, the Canadian Army newspaper, for editorials criticizing the Federal Government repatriation policies.

MacFarlane joined the

Globe and Mail when he returned to Canada, and after three months was named city editor.

In January 1949 he became city editor of The Telegram, which had been purchased by George McCullagh, then the Globe's publisher.

MacFarlane was assistant managing editor in November 1952 when John Bassett bought the paper from the McCullagh estate. A month later Bassett named him managing editor.

He became vice-president and executive editor in 1954 and was named a director of The Telegram Publishing Co., in June 1955. When MacFarlane resigned in 1969 from The Telegram he was editor-in-chief.

He told The Mississauga News his work at Ryerson was "invaluable." Keeping ahead of the changes in the newspaper industry, he said, presented a challenge.