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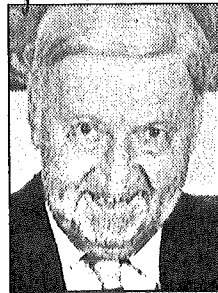
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Vince MacMillan, former publisher of *The Mississauga Times*, died at his city home Sunday.

MacMillan, 78, began his publishing career with the *Etobicoke Advertiser and Guardian*, where he reigned for many years. After serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force, MacMillan bought his first newspapers in the 1950s.

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He made his name in Etobicoke as a crusading publisher who gave his editorial staff encouragement to take on the establishment and work for the underdogs in society.

When Torstar Corp. (*The Toronto Star*) bought out his newspapers in the early 1970s, MacMillan stayed on as publisher. He served as chairman of the board of Metrospan community newspapers, a chain owned by The Star, before his retirement in 1977. When Metrospan bought the Inland chain in 1981, *The Times* and *The Mississauga News* merged.

During the judicial inquiry into alleged wrongdoing in local politics in the mid-1970s, there was a break-in at MacMillan's Mississauga house, which he thought may have been linked to reporting by the paper. The incident was raised by an MPP in the provincial legislature.

MacMillan was an active member of the Rotary Club throughout his long newspaper career. He is survived by his wife Jean, daughters Maureen and Debbie, sons Jim and John and five grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held at St. Christopher's Church in Clarkson yesterday.