



## David Cadogan

CCNA president 1987-1988  
Honorary Life Member 1999

**D**AVID Cadogan of *THE MIRAMICHI LEADER* is president of Cadogan Publishing Ltd., publisher of five New Brunswick community newspapers headquartered in Newcastle, N.B. He is a founding member and past president of the Atlantic Community Newspapers Association.

He grew up in Durham, Ontario, where his parents ran *THE DURHAM (ONT.) CHRONICLE*. He began his newspaper career with the then Southam Business Publications Ltd. in Toronto and Montreal. He ran a commercial printing business in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, before acquiring his first newspaper in Woodstock, N.B., in 1970.

His parents, George and Elda Cadogan, were the first husband and wife recipients of Honorary Life Memberships in CCNA in 1981. George was also a former CCNA director.

David's then wife and business partner, Betty Jean Cadogan, is a former teacher who has also served on the ACNA board and the New Brunswick boards of Theatre New Brunswick and the Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Daughter Joanne, a graduate of the University of Kings College school of journalism, became editor and general manager of the Brunswick Business Journal in 1988.

In the year David was CCNA president, George, Elda, David and Joanne made three

generations all writing regularly for publication, although George and Elda were theoretically retired.

Son Colin, a University of New Brunswick computer science graduate, worked then in Moncton and advised the family business on computer matters.

The family, through the Cadogan Foundation, endowed the Cadogan Outstanding Columnist award for the best column in CCNA competition. The first award was given to columnist Bill Smiley in 1974.

David served twice on the CCNA board. The first time began with the formation of CCNA in 1972; he left the board to become ACNA president.

On assuming the presidency, David committed himself to work for the re-emphasis of editorial interests within the association. He and Betty Jean visited 150 member papers and provincial conventions in every region, over the two years he was first vice-president and president.

Major events during the year of his presidency included the Hearts of Gold program, chaired by Bruce Renner of

Bridgewater, N.S. With Air Canada, CCNA member papers honoured over 6,000 community volunteers.

CCNA buckled down to the implementation of the strategic plan devised the previous year. One result was the approval of a \$135,000 budget for the development of a national marketing program.

The Association of Quebec Regional English Media joined CCNA as its seventh regional member. The 16 members and three associates had been members of the Ontario association. Ross Dickson was AQREM president and an OCNA representative on the CCNA at the time.

Fred and Verona Topping chaired their third national convention in Regina, Saskatchewan, in July 1988. Fred and Verona were made Honorary Life Members and also received the Sydney R. Stone Award. The convention was so well planned that Fred ran it from his hospital bed where he was confined for emergency surgery.

Convention highlights included a fifties night welcoming party, a re-enactment of the trial of Louis Riel including CCNA members, a luncheon reading by author W.O. Mitchell, a CCNA race at Queensbury Downs and an address by Saskatchewan premier Grant Devine.

Following custom, the Royal Trust Tommy Lee gavel was presented to David. It was made of wood from the basement of the old DURHAM CHRONICLE building where he began his newspaper career at the age of eight and from the limb of a tree outside his childhood home. This was the last year Royal Trust made this presentation, which CCNA Honorary Life Member the late Tommy Lee began in 1965.

Honouring a personal tradition High Hawk David convened a flight of the Miramichi Night Hawks on the final night of the convention. Veteran members welcomed several new members and they greeted the dawn on Telegraph Hill the following morning.