

Obituaries

Judith Robinson

PICTON, Ont., Dec. 18.—(CP) —Judith Robinson, penetrating political columnist of the Toronto Telegram who won a national newspaper award in 1953, collapsed and died near here yesterday. She was 62.

Miss Robinson, a newspaper woman for 32 years, was driving from Toronto to Kingston with friends. She collapsed on the Glenora ferry as she got out of her car to clean the windshield, apparently suffering a heart attack.

Her award-winning story, written from Regina, disclosed



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a "cheque-kiting" deal involving an official of a construction company and a Liberal member of Parliament who subsequently resigned his seat.

The daughter of the late John R. (Black Jack) Robinson, publisher of the Toronto Telegram for 40 years, Miss Robinson started her newspaper work in 1929 as a reporter for the old Toronto Globe.

After a few years as a general reporter she became a freelancer, contributing to several periodicals, before becoming a columnist for the Toronto Globe and Mail from 1937 to 1940.

During the Second World War she returned to freelance work but spent much of her time as editor of a controversial weekly, "News," publication of which ceased shortly after the war's end.

Following the war she concentrated on political reporting, becoming a columnist for the Thomson newspapers.

Early in 1953 she joined the Toronto Telegram, writing a daily column from Ottawa. Except for brief periods during illnesses she continued the column until her death.

An author as well as a newspaper woman, she had two books published, a doctor's biography, "Tom Cullen of Baltimore," and a description of a European tour in 1952, "As We Came By." In 1957 a collection of her Telegram columns, "This Is On The House," was published.

She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Joi Miller and Mrs. Edward Baker of Toronto. A brother, John, died a year ago.

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