We bow out.

With this issue of the Gazette Times, the publishers for the past eight and three-quarters years, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. H. M., and their friends and subscribers (as well as the newspaper industry in general) are welcoming the new publishers, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Freeman, on July 15, to take over the duties of publishing and printing that have been their life work for over sixty years.

Taking leave of anything that has occupied one's thoughts so closely has demanded the attention of one's waking hours. We have been part of the newspaper business since its earliest days, and as such we quickly adapted to the changes in the industry and our work has been a guiding force in making the Gazette Times a successful enterprise since its fall of 1942.

In taking leave from the Gazette Times it is much like taking farewell to a member of the family. The long association of the Crowthers with the newspaper has served to make the home or at least the newspaper office our home, and that time has arrived. The responsibility is too great and the pace has fast for those approaching mid-life to have found the hours of the day are gone by before they will be able to welcome the chaos and that they have never been so eager for the change of the day.

Many improvements in the area and country have taken place since 1942. Newspapers have grown not only in population but also in spirit as well. The Gazette Times has been a key part of this progress, and its future is bright.

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To the Crawford's and staff, we extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for their years of service to Hopper and Morrow County. For the future, we wish you good health and the joy of a satisfaction in a work well done.

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