

with the interests of the citizens. The press is allowed to be free under the Constitution, not for the sake of the press, not so that publishers can sell more newspapers so that television networks can sell more commercial time, but in order that they can provide untrammelled the information the public needs to make a democracy work or to make possible the working of the democracy if people choose to use the information made available by the media. Much of what happens in the media now is not really reporting or a quality journalism, it is entertainment. It is sensationalism and it is often a rush to try to see who can try to be first with the worst. Something may be prominently emblazoned when the story first comes out to grab the attention of the public and you can understand whoever wrote the story, being inclined to do that because we all in whatever profession we choose or endeavor, want to rise to the top if possible. Unfortunately in these days the glaring, garish, almost outrageous headlines become the daily fare in news publications. Even on television before they give the news itself they will try to give you little tidbits that will titillate you, not stir your mind or engage your intellect, but that prurient interest as close as they can come to dealing with that to cause you to watch their newscast, not to get the news, but to watch the commercials. Things that ought to be uppermost in the minds of the media are being made secondary. The Lincoln papers, at least one of them, use to use a yellow sheet, not to indicate the kind of journalism they are engaging in on purpose, but sometimes Freudian slips occur, but because the advertisers said their advertisements show up better and the editor indicated that it won't take away from the readability of the paper, but they have to accommodate their advertisers. The newspaper said they can't charge enough money per paper to underwrite the cost of producing the paper so they've got to get those ads and they've got to deal in an accommodating fashion with those who buy ads from the newspaper. When you get all of these considerations the main purpose of journalism can be lost and we will have reporters, editors and columnists who are neither reporters nor editors writing things in a way that are hurtful to a person, not hurtful because they told a truth which is embarrassing, but which, nevertheless, ought to be disclosed, but giving enough of what may have actually happened to create a false impression of the totality of the situation. You cannot call it a lie. You cannot call it perjury because no person working with a newspaper would