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Margaret Olley of Rideau Crafts presenting a cheque to Jane Monaghan, Board Chairman R.L.U.L.



Vera Slemon of Rideau Crafts making the presentation to Brys Scovil, Lantern editor



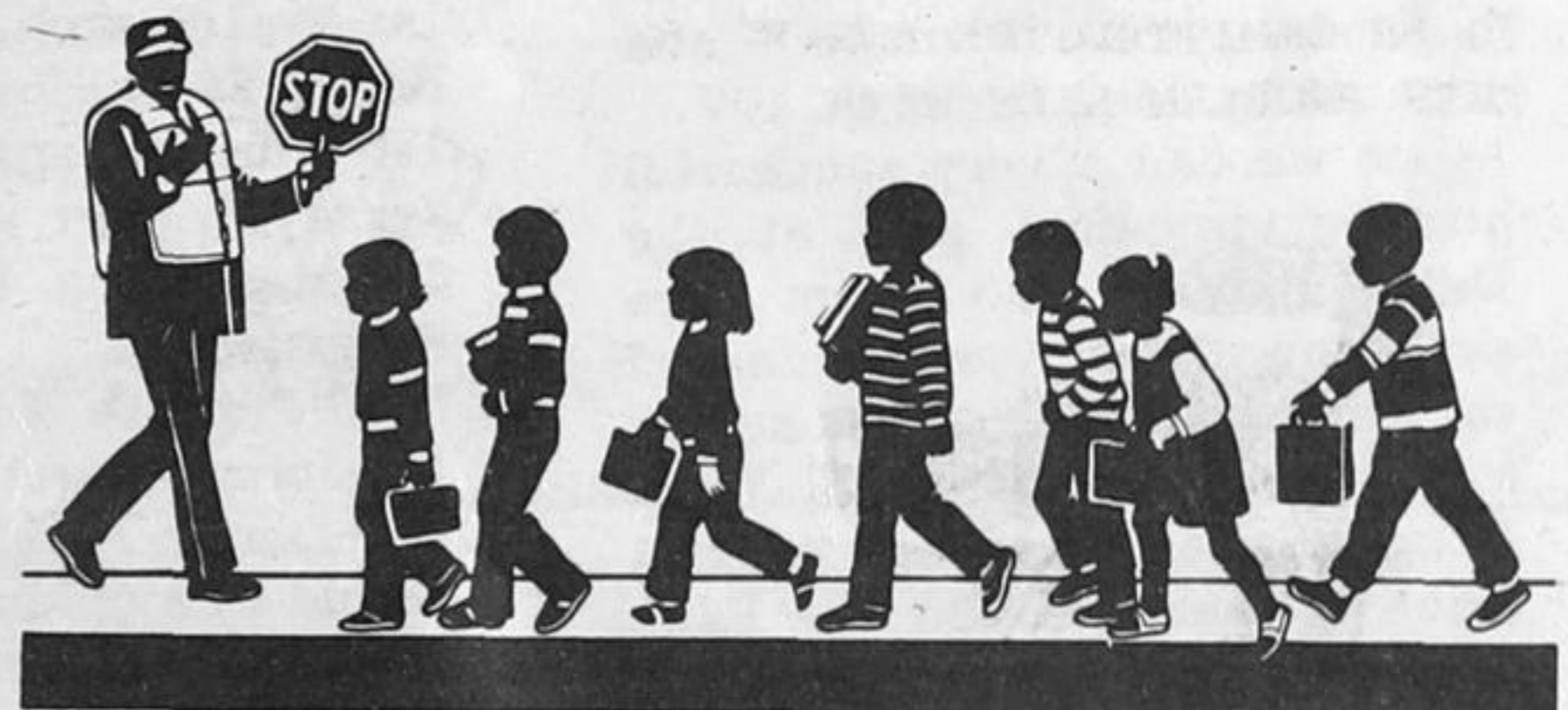
The Directors of North Leeds Lantern wish to express their delight and sincere thanks upon receiving a generous donation from Rideau Crafts. It will enable us to improve our working conditions, and the quality of the Lantern.

Rideau Crafts were sponsors of the Lantern and their members helped to layout the paper in the early days. They leave many active and successful groups to mark their presence and they surpassed their early dreams of improving the quality of life in North Leeds.

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SEPTEMBER 17



To the Editor - This is an open letter to Hon. Don Mazankowski, Minister of Agriculture.
Hon. Don Mazankowski
Minister of Agriculture
Room 209-S
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Mazankowski,
I am writing this letter over your recent decisions regarding the capping of industrial milk prices for twenty months. Let me introduce myself. I was born in Holland, immigrated to Canada in 1950 when I was five years old with my parents and five brothers and sisters. My Dad wanted to be a farmer and couldn't do so in Holland. He came to Canada as a farm labourer, rule of entry at that time, and did so for four years. He then worked with an older farmer in a 50/50 partnership for two years. He then bought the farm for a dollar down, that gave him 21 cows, 15 young stock, 3 horses, 150 hens and 200 acres (100 tillable). I joined him in 1964. We were industrial shippers of milk. We have struggled to improve and expand our farm over the last twenty-five years. Stability came to the industry

in 1965 starting with the Ontario Milk Marketing Board, the Federal Subsidy in 1968 and Market Share Quota in 1971 and the cost of production formula. Dairy farmers were finally able to make plans, they were able to see a future and build on it accordingly. Sons came home and either took over the farm or joined their fathers, as I did, and everybody was optimistic. The government was quite content with the way things were going for the dairy farmer. We have a system that was in place that gave a farmer a fair return for his investment and labour, and consumers were content with a stable price for our product, and no more surplus of dairy products. At one point, Canada had a surplus of 350,000,000 pounds of butter, a whole year's need (mid to late 1960's) and who knows how much skim milk powder. Our system was the envy of the world. Up to this date 22 countries have studied our ways and used all or part of our marketing system. Enter Brian Mulroney and his deregulation staff, Free Trade and G.A.T.T. negotiations. During the election of 1988 you stated quite clearly that supply

management and its underpinnings would stay intact for the dairy industry. We had a five year dairy policy in place made by former Agriculture Minister John Wise which you said would not be changed. The election is over and you have started to break your commitments. I truly do not believe that you understand how supply management and orderly marketing works. Supply management has three ingredients:
1. Producers have quotas assigned to them to fill domestic requirements for industrial milk plus a small 2.2% for export purposes.
2. That the government use a cost of production formula properly indexed to insure that efficient producers receive adequate and stable returns. Thirty-five percent of dairy farmers considered to be efficient under the present system.
3. That the government have border controls to prevent the dumping of subsidized dairy products from other countries which is allowable under Article 11 of G.A.T.T. Without any of these three items we do not have effective supply management. The government has decided in April to cap industrial milk

prices for twenty months, in essence item number two under supply management, has been put on hold for twenty months. Also because the formula has not been properly indexed since February of 1988 we as dairy farmers will be accepting a price freeze for thirty-two months. No other person or industry in Canada would accept these conditions. I would like to know from you Mr. Mazankowski, why the government has made these changes in dairy policy. We are not a problem on the world market, we provide a quality product at a fair and equitable price. We have our house in order and would like you to do the same with yours. My oldest son has recently started farming with me and we would like to carry on the tradition of the family farm. I believe the government has a hidden agenda for marketing boards and that this is a start of a ten year program to dismantle our system. Farmers are starting to wake up and take note. We fought hard to get this system and we will fight harder to keep it!
Yours truly,
Ron Visser - Chairman
Dairy Committee
National Farmers Union