

EDITORIAL PAGE.

FABULOUS FEBRUARY!?!

February brings us Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, and Pancake Tuesday each year. It also seems to bring us, with a certain dastardly regularity, ice storms, the flu and budgets! Thank goodness it is the shortest month of the year. Goodness knows what else would be thrown at us if it had another couple of days to work with.

Groundhog Day came and went...with the groundhog seeing and not seeing his shadow, depending on your precise geographical location. It seems to me that no matter what this creature does, winter is still about three weeks longer than I really appreciate.

This year, for some unknown reason, I forgot Pancake Tuesday....and my family were most upset at missing the annual "pig-out" of crepes, carefully flipped in view of the dining table. (I hasten to add that they too forgot...only remembering three days after the date!)

Valentine's Day brought the usual raft of crazy cards and the much appreciated floral gift from "himself". No chocolates for a change..."they" must be watching my weight too!

The ice storms created the usual havoc although local schools only had one "snow day". From the amount of driving I've been doing, I would guess that most drivers are taking a little more care when the weather gives that extra challenge. How unfortunate that, when the weather improves slightly, all the bad habits return: passing on solid yellow lines, trying to pass as the car in front is making a left-hand turn, driving with "slightly" befogged windows, and parking so close to corners as to make it nigh impossible to check for traffic! I sometimes wish I could be a traffic cop for a few hours. Either that or Hercules and physically move some of the offenders!

Cars also seem to have an aversion for running well in the winter months. Flat batteries, tires and low windshield wiper fluid are minor complaints compared to sticky what'sits; worn-out thingimibobs and burnt-out turn-it-ons! The inventor of the automobile certainly should be given the "stress-creating" award of the century! Nothing like spending an hour and a half shovelling your driveway and then finding that the silly vehicle you've just strained your back for wont even start! (no letters about small cars from JS please!)

The Flu! This year's strain was apparently extremely virulent, knocking some of our hardiest souls out of action for several days. The variety of symptoms made a conversation topic for several weeks. Lets hope the "bug" has left for the year...and hopefully wont find North Leeds next year. That kind of tourist we don't need!

Unfortunately, or fortunately, the new budget wont be out by the time we go to press. I know we are all waiting with baited breath for Mr. Wilson's latest financial configurations...the only thing we can be certain of is that it will cost us more and we're going to get less. At least that seems to be the trend lately, no matter which party is in power. While the press harps on about junkets to Mexico, trips to Europe and the continued increase in the cost of government....our dollar bounces up and down like a yoyo. Fears of cut-backs in social service funding, increased taxes for those with jobs yet further "tampering" with "early retirement" schemes which were introduced to open the job market for the younger would-be workers

makes one wonder just how the eighties will finish. Those who have well-paying jobs usually spend their money in the marketplace, creating a demand for products and services, thus making way for job creation. To tax this group more and more to fund (or underfund) social services seems a non-job productive method. Leave more money in the hands of the workers and their spending would create more employment which surely would be a more positive approach. The Free Trade issue is still being heavily discussed and its implications vary depending on who is addressing the matter. My question would have to be: is "Buy Canadian" now old hat? Several organizations funded with tax money are freely permitted to spend in the U.S. Mr. Masse is, in my mind, on the right track, when he initiates ideas which would make "Buy Canadian" compulsory. Too bad that in some of the provincial areas this is not enforced!

Enough already...the budget is not even out yet.

That's it for Fabulous February...it will soon be history...and we'll only have March to deal with before the "start-up" month of April - garden planning, opening cottages, planning vacations, black fly, mosquitoes - Oh well, what would we do if everything was perfect????!!

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*March delivery date may be affected by the Easter Holidays.

*June 27th Issue is for JULY/AUGUST issue thus ALL material for inclusion (summer events) MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE JUNE 24th.

*January 2 issue may be changed depending on publisher's schedule for Christmas printing.

The North Leeds Lantern is distributed free of charge to all households in the Townships of Bastard & S. Burgess, Rear of Leeds & Lansdowne, South Crosby and the Village of Newboro.

Individual subscriptions are available to those residing outside of these areas at a cost of \$7.50 (Canadian residents) & \$9.00 (United States) For new or renewal subscriptions, contact: Mrs. Margaret Keith Seeley's Bay, Ont. KOH 2N)

Funding for publication is provided through commercial advertising with the aforementioned townships contributing towards the cost of bulk mailing.

The aim of the Lantern is to provide a monthly newspaper, of interest to local residents. News from Councils, local organizations and the public will be published as space allows and under the guidelines set down by the board of Directors. The Lantern also hopes to provide a forum for local concerns and invites letters or articles from the general public. *Letters &/or articles must be signed.

Lay-out Regulars: Pat Little, Jansje Keates, Jeff Baker, Betty Blackman, Doug Roantree, Marj Jackson, Diane Brown.

Deadline: ALL advertising copy, articles, announcements, etc. MUST be received BEFORE the deadline printed in the previous month's issue. Material arriving after that date cannot be guaranteed inclusion in the next issue.

ALL STAFF ARE VOLUNTEERS!

*Phone Calls: While we do list the phone numbers of our volunteer staff, we would appreciate readers/contributors using them with discrimination. Most information is listed in the Lantern re deadline, next issue, & approximate charges.

IT PAYS TO KEEP YOUR LANTERN!

To all Advertisers-please note that camera-ready copy will be accepted on the Monday before lay-out BUT space MUST be booked before deadline.

Sample Ad Rates:

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| 3 x 3 | \$7.00 | 7 x 5 | \$20.00 |
| 1/2 pge (10 x 8) | 35.00 | Full pge (10x16) | \$60.00 |
| Preprinted Business Card | | | \$5.00 |

Classifieds:

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| 2 to 4 lines | \$2.00 | 5 - 8 lines | \$4.00 |
| 8 lines & up | Costing based on inch rate. | | |

N.B. ALL classifieds must be accompanied by minimum of \$2.00. If billing is necessary, a surcharge of 50¢ will be added.

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Ad Content Policy: While the Lantern volunteer staff prepare ad copy for print, the content is the responsibility of the advertiser. False or misleading information should be drawn to the attention of the advertiser.

N.B. No ads, or other information will be taken by phone. Material submitted should include name and mailing address of person to be contacted/billed.

The Lantern DOES NOT ACCEPT Birth, Wedding, Engagement or Graduation announcements. The Directors believe these items fall into the jurisdiction of weekly/daily newspapers.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

*Classifieds MUST be accompanied by a minimum \$2.00 payment. A surcharge of 50¢ will be charged to cover billing costs.

*Classifieds/ads/information CANNOT be given by phone. Material should be mailed to the address listed, or may be dropped into the South Crosby Library Book drop. (clearly marked North Leeds Lantern)

Calendar/Coming Events: Organizations holding regular events may submit items to be included in the Calendar &/or Coming Events column IN WRITING. The Lantern MUST be informed date of commencement and also termination of event. e.g. euchres, Bingo's etc.) All items in these two areas are featured free BUT may not include cost, ticket sellers, or be unduly long in content.

N.B. Commercial enterprises MAY NOT use calendar or Coming Events to announce sales, etc.

Payment of Accounts: Accounts payable should be directed to:

North Leeds Lantern
Box 136, Elgin, K0G 1E0
Attention Mrs. M. Jackson

If copy or instructions are included, please send to same address; attention P. Little.

Gremlins: These little "fellows" are responsible for our "bloopers" We apologize in advance for any "typos, omissions, misprints, etc." We do our best...but the "Gremlins" sometimes win!

It pays to advertise & an ad in the Lantern will reach approximately 3,000 homes in the North Leeds area.

For information in placing your ad.- Contact Pat Little 359-5741 or write Box 136, Elgin, Ont. K0G 1E0

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