

EDITORIAL PAGE

"A THANKLESS JOB"

Everyday we read about the actions or inaction of our recently elected provincial politicians and our year old federally elected representatives. The perqu's and quirks, the major decisions and the minor petty arguments. Televised portions of the "Houses in action" occasionally resemble a kiddies playpen filled with tantrum bedevilled infants.

And yet, at the local level, our elected officials conduct their business quietly and with little discord. Little publicity is given to the work they accomplish on our behalf. Notes from councils reported in the Lantern do not give more than the bare bones of decisions made. No mention is made of the number of hours spent by these people in gathering information, contacting various ministries and consulting various groups. The perqu's? Usually barely enough money to cover out-of-pocket expenses!

Municipal politics is the first step in government and the one closest to the people. Unfortunately, municipal elections usually have the lowest voter turn-out. What a shame when one thinks of the commitment the nominees are prepared to make. Low response has been put down to apathy, lack of interest or on the other side of the coin, total trust.

But we all should get out and vote, especially in the municipal elections. Do you really know what your council does? Do you want to have some say or even just find out what plans future councils may have for the immediate area in which you live? Many decisions made at Queen's Park or in Ottawa do affect our life-style, but no where near as immediately as those made at the local municipal council chambers!

The people who run for municipal office cannot be doing it for financial gain or prestige, as the work involved makes it, on many occasions, one of the most thankless jobs around. Long hours, oft-times tedious meetings, rushed meals and the odd conflict with fellow citizens.

Residents of North Leeds...what do you want from your councils? What are you prepared to give to support them? The very least you can do is VOTE!

The next three years will be governed by the elected officials in November 1985. Make sure you have given the matter some time and thought. Look back on the achievements of the past and the restrictions placed by higher levels of government on the local councils. Once nominations are in, ask those running, questions which are important to you. Discuss with future candidates areas you would like to see acted upon. No-one can work in the dark and many times our councils feel that they don't hear until after the fact, information which would have had a bearing on their decision.

Likewise in the election of a school Board trustee, check the record. Do you know their position on the various issues they will have to face in the next three years.

(In this area, North Leeds has lost one seat representation and only two candidates are to be elected due to an increased representation from the Separate School sector)

Whatever you do, be an informed voter. The opportunity to vote is a privilege at all levels of government and none affects us more directly than the local municipal government. Review the past three years and in most cases you will find that councils do work hard, receive little thanks and really do want your support.

Do your share and VOTE.

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RIDEAU DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Parents' Night

October 9, 1985

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

All parents of Rideau students

are urged to attend.



"Who? Me??? You want me to come to dinner Oct.14?"

THE NEGATIVE & THE POSITIVE

Isn't it sad that we tend to hear only the negative things? Like, when we do something wrong....no-one ever seems to forget But when we do things well....it is forgotten almost immediately?

Thank goodness the human mind doesn't seem to work that way. Most people, having had a bad experience in their past, find it hard to recall just how bad it was...the mind tends to soften the blow by permitting the event or happening to retain some good.

For example, when you have experienced pain, either through surgery, accident or even the dentist...you rarely remember just how bad it was...if you did, dentists could well lose a lot of patients, even with the new almost painless techniques!

We should follow nature's way and try to make room for the good things in the same ratio as we tend to mutter on about the bad! The Lantern staff are lucky in that 90% of the comments we receive are from the good category. With that ratio, we can handle the 10% negative comments fairly well.... But what about kids, fellow workers, friends, acquaintances? Do you ever give some-one a compliment? or do you first pick on the multitude of little wrongs and negate the good? The little book "The One Minute Manager" contains much advice on this topic and is being used by many management teams in business and industry....WHYbecause it works! If you have to point out an error or fault, do it in less than a minute and give an equal amount of time to praise for work well done. It pays off....Try it..You'll even like yourself more!

LATE ITEMS

The following reports arrived too late to print: Portland UCW; Portland Hall Board; Elgin CWL

Unless monthly meetings fall on deadline day or later, the material cannot be included in the following month's issue due to space limitations.

REMINDER: Lantern staff are all Volunteers-All have paid jobs and families-All are involved in other community work-& the Lantern has NO reporters....If you wish to have an event covered, consider writing a report and submitting it for inclusion. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Lantern Staff

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Red Cross HomeMakers 359-5382

V.O.N. Office 272-2343

Cancer Society - Service to Patients

Joyce Warriner 272-2237

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.

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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!

For your information the deadlines for Lantern issues for the remainder of 1985 are listed below. **Please cut and save for reference.**

Issue	Deadline	Released
May	April 24	May 2
June	May 22	May 30
July/Aug	June 19*	June 27
Sept.	Aug 21	Aug 29
Oct	Sept. 18	Sept 26
Nov.	Oct 23	Oct 31
Dec.	Nov 20	Nov 28
Jan/86	Dec 20*	Dec 27*

(Dec. dates to be confirmed)

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:

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:

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.

Notices: Thank you notes, Open House, etc.- Depending on length-minimum charge \$4.00

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.

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, KOG 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. Please remember, the Lantern is operated strictly by volunteers, many with other commitments. We do try our best! but our Gremlins sometimes win!

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)**

***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!