

# EDITORIAL PAGE.

## 1986.....HERE WE COME!

As a new year begins, we tend to look back over the twelve months and review, not only our happy times, but also those which have brought us some sadness. Newspapers are filled with the major events of both kinds which made the headlines, but most of us, while remembering those events, will also have our private highs and lows for 1985.

It may be the birth or wedding of a relative; sadly perhaps the death of a loved one. More often than not, as we prepare to see the old year out, we remember our younger years (at least those of us over thirty nine) and regale the "younger" set with tales of "how it used to be".

Being of the former group (over 39) I also wonder what our youth will have to remember when they become part of the "memories" brigade.

Families are now spread over the Province and even the world. Seldom do we see multiple generations preparing for this season together. Our young people are caught in the crunch of the need for higher learning while still faced with lack of employment. Canada, a nation with so much promise, has yet to handle its problems of low population and massive expanses of territory. The Canadian identity, while much energy has been spent in looking for and defining this entity, appears to be more American every day. While one level of government attempts to deal with the debt of generations, others try, in all good faith, to be all things to everyone. Looking back, everything has changed... and yet everything is the same!

The problems of today are new to today's people, but, talk to any senior and one realizes that they are the same as those of earlier times. Different...but the same. Our good times, as well as our bad appear to be cyclical. As our senses are assailed with catastrophes of a very human nature, we begin to act more humanely to every occurrence and in turn to every-day events. Last year our charity and love went to Ethiopia, followed by an increased awareness of the problems of many other countries suffering a similar plight.

These past few months we have been shocked at the carnage on our highways and programs like SADD, RIDE etc. have come into being with hopefully the desired results. (We do know that the youth are responding to these programs...now if the government's stiffer penalties have

the same effect on the adult population we could be "in the money".

Star Wars came to light in 1985...but on a positive note, the two major powers have been talking...and while many demean this action as "just talk" I quote one of Canada's own Minister's; "It's better to jaw-jaw than war-war!"

Strikes, while threatened and occasionally occurring, do not seem to have caused the major disruptions we took as "natural" a few years ago. The critics suggest that this is because of the employment situation but I would like to look at the positive side and suggest that perhaps employers and employees are beginning to communicate in a much more intelligent manner.

I began by "looking back" and my inclusion of the situations mentioned is "looking back". Each generation can give you a look at similar events in "their" past. Not always exactly the same, but certainly within the same context. We have many advantages, and these grow yearly. We do know who we are...we have to decide how important that is in today's ever-shrinking world. Unemployment will always be with us, for a variety of reasons...we have always had to handle it - with soup kitchens, make-work projects, (the work camps from the thirties should remind us of how far we've come) But look at the gains in the support systems today. While not condoning the present level of unemployment, we should be aware of the contributions being made by all levels of government and our own local enterprises. In other words, we are, or should, all be trying to help the situation not just sitting back in despair.

While governments and institutions attempt to grapple with the psychological damage of the so-called negativisms of today's world, we, as individuals can also help. Families have a role to play, even when separated from each other. Looking at another's son or daughter and giving that proverbial "hand" is just another way of offering your own offspring a hand. We are more human today, more in touch with both the bad and the good of the world. We also have more power than we ever had before, to influence change and let our thoughts and feelings be known. Look to 1986 to be better...take the bad with the good and add to the good by being positive about the future. While the past is pleasant for memories, the future holds challenge and excitement. Welcome it...it's the fodder of life!

**WISHING ALL THE LANTERN READERS  
Great and Wonderful things in 1986**



Eileen Ripley, Gladys Soper, Maude Soper, Gwendoline Warren, Vena Judson, Miriam Dargavel, Doris Waddington, Marjorie Ferguson, Pearl Soper, Hilda Kerr, Eleanor Smith, Vera Lloyd, Anna Halladay, Frances Dargavel.

(several names missing...can you help identify)

MEMORIES

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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.

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IT PAYS TO KEEP YOUR LANTERN!

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North Leeds Lantern  
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