

**JANUARY & FEBRUARY...
My Kind Of Months!**

Only another "would-be-writer" would understand my love of January and February!

I get to write "filler"! (That's the unimportant trivia used to fill "white space" in newspapers).

The first two months of the year are always "light" on news as community activities and group organizations are just getting into the swing of things. News items are scarce and even some of our advertisers take a much deserved break (or do the annual stocktaking chores). So I get to write...."filler". Several topics come to mind and, as each one is headed appropriately and carefully assigned PL at its conclusion, you have the option of reading with interest or, (my feelings will not be hurt) skipping to the next item.

Birthdays

We all have them...and they do come annually, unless you were born on February 29. ...and they usually include gifts and a celebration.... at least that's what we hope!

I recently read an interesting article by Tom Harpur of the Toronto Star. He expressed his concern about our present preoccupation with "aging". He had a lot to say about the fact that we tend to make our older citizens feel even older, by constantly harping on how many there would soon be...treating them as if they were entering their second child-hood, and removing many elements of their "humanism" strictly because of their age. He went on to say that age or aging is an exciting process...and with this I totally agree. Many people laugh at me when I say I look forward to growing old...not in mind but in years.

Just look at the things you can get...and get away with!

I'll have a pension....Our mortgage will be paid off....and the kids too!(paid off that is). I won't have to do anything I don't want to...because "I'm too old, frail, forgetful or any combination there-of". I can be as grumpy and as mean as I like...it's simply because "she's old!" I won't be expected to remember names, dates or even faces...because I'll be entering senility. I can pretend not to hear as everyone knows old people grow deaf!!! Offer advice when in your prime and you are thought to be a pushy,

know-it-all....add a few years and either you become the voice of experience or you are a doddering old fool!

My kids will have to lend me money...what a change!

Women's Lib be d....ed ... everyone will carry my parcels and open doors for me...if they don't I'll tell them straight out what rude little devils they are!

It's going to be fun...and I'm getting there fast. Little things don't bother me that much anymore. I think I care more about people than things. Yesterday is not as important as tomorrow. I really don't mind if everyone doesn't love me so long as they realize I am alive! What my kids do is finally becoming their business... and is not going to prevent me from getting my sleep. I have just as much energy, a clearer mind on some matters, an opinion on almost everything and I really do want to leave my mark on the world, (even Elgin will do!)

Like Tom Harpur, I like old people, I really simply like people and I find I am getting more tolerant of more and more, both young and old...(confidentially I still find 2 to 4 year olds a bit of a trial)

So, birthdays aren't to be regretted..but enjoyed. Age is no excuse for opting out! In closing I have included a poem I took to be my "philosophy of life" some years ago and I finally believe I might make it.

*I want to live to be
An outrageous old woman
Who is never accused of being
An old lady*

*I want to live ten thousand loves
In one love
One 70-year-long-loving-love*

There at at least two of me

*I want to get leaner and meaner
Sharp-edged
Color of the ground
Till I disincorporate
From sheer Joy!*

***** P.L.

The Township of South Crosby



613-359-5830

Listed below are the dates for council meetings for 1986:

Monday	January	6th
Monday	January	20th
Monday	February	3rd
Monday	February	17th
Monday	March	3rd
Monday	March	17th
Monday	April	7th
Monday	April	21st
Monday	May	5th
Tuesday	May	20th
Monday	June	2nd
Monday	June	16th
Monday	July	7th
Monday	July	21st
Tuesday	August	5th
Monday	August	18th
Tuesday	September	2nd
Monday	September	15th
Monday	October	6th
Monday	October	20th
Monday	November	3rd
Monday	November	17th
Monday	December	1st
Monday	December	15th

All meetings commence at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

Meetings are held at the Municipal Office, Elgin. Anyone interested in the operation and procedure of council meetings is invited to attend.

Myrna Baxter A.M.C.T.(A)
Clerk-Treasurer.

Reserve tickets from:
Wayne's Service Centre
Duncan's Radio & T.V.
Halladay's Grocery

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
DANCE**

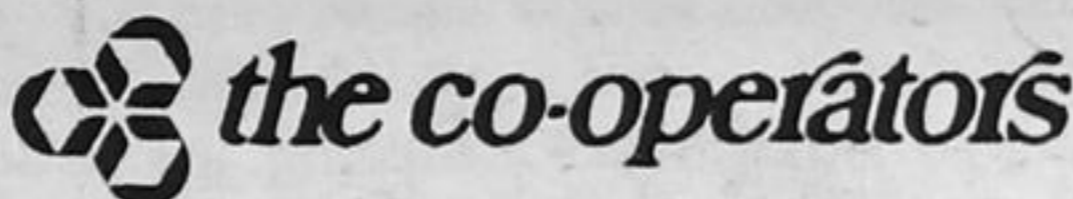
Sponsored by
South Crosby Volunteer
Fire Department

at

RIDEAU DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Dance 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
to "The Ramblers"

Buffet \$20.00/couple



Insurance Services

Jim Stedman
Sales Representative

Life, Auto, Home,
Commercial, Farm

R.R. No. 1
Elgin, Ontario K0G 1E0
Bus.: 272-2729



Front Row-L to R: John Ambrose Murphy, Allan Mustard, Stanley Haskins, Barbara Lake, Irene Singleton.

Standing: Wilfred Kenney, Ross Patterson, Marlene Mustard, Sheila O'Mara, Patsy Kenney.

photo courtesy Bill Singleton



MEMORIES

Sitting(1st Row) Stella Smith, Maude Judson, Mrs Gersham Earle
Orissa Ripley, Belle Stanton, Lettia Kelly
Second Row: Alma Earle, Mrs. Charlie Kerr, Lurie Coon, Aggie Shanks,
Mrs. T. Townsend, Alice Halladay.
Back Row: Mrs. Robert Powell, Stella Campbell, Mrs. Ed Burt,
Mrs. Will Powell, Maggie Smith, Eva Halladay, Ruth Halladay,
Mrs. Wylie Coon.



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

RE: PARKING AT THE FIRE HALL, ELGIN

Please note that PARKING in front of the fire hall entrance is PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES.

And further, any vehicle that is parked in front of the fire hall entrance will be towed away. All expenses for towing and storage of such vehicles will be the responsibility of the owner.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. C. Robert Smith, Reeve, will be in the Municipal Office on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Anyone wishing to speak to the Reeve during these hours should call the Municipal Office, 359-5830, to set up an appointment.

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