

EDITORIAL PAGE.

WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT?

The people elected in November, 1985 will control the welfare of their respective municipalities for the next three years. The voter has a responsibility to make sure the people they elect will attend to the needs and desires of all residents of the community. And just what are those needs?

Most residents feel that the quality of life in the rural area needs some improvement. Services are restricted, often by financial restraint as well as the difficulty of supplying a wide variety of services to small populations. In all the municipalities served by the Lantern, it would seem that we have good to excellent fire protection, library service, community hall facilities and average to good roads. Garbage collection, operated through private individuals, seems to be adequate although perhaps this service would be better if it was contracted by councils for all residents and a charge levied on the tax bill.

What other services or priorities should we be looking to councils for?

As a tourist area, perhaps a closer look at what attracts tourists should be undertaken. Beautification (and in some cases, clean-up) of villages and surrounding areas would make the area more appealing. Instilling a pride among residents in the maintenance of their property and their townships could bring about some changes. Possibly bylaws relating to the general maintenance of property, e.g. no dumping, no storing of abandoned vehicles, etc. could speed up this aspect.

Tourism creates employment, but this is usually seasonal. What areas could be developed to pick up employment on the "off-season"?

As our population ages, councils will be faced with increased demands for services to the elderly. Better sidewalks could help many of our older citizens to negotiate through the winter months. Snow removal from walk-ways, either enforced by bylaw to owners in the business section of villages or performed by councils in their regular snow removal program would solve this problem.

What about parks? Not the summer, swimming, picnic areas, but easily reachable rest areas where seniors or those of us who wish to walk to somewhere and back, could pause and rest on suitably

provided benches. For entrepreneurs, the need for home delivery of goods, (groceries and the like) and the availability of transportation, (taxi or hired driver) offers possible service for the general population.

Garbage is an on-going problem in rural and city areas. Gone are the days of signs by the Dept. of Highways, indicating a \$50.00 littering fine, although the U.S. has instigated that type of campaign and had remarkable results.

On the highways, we can do nothing as drivers and passengers alike unload their garbage while "passing through" our areas. In our villages, the supply of garbage receptacles is greatly lacking thus the walker has either to carry his/her garbage or....drop it on the street. Thus a supply of garbage containers could alleviate the constant deposit of refuse on the streets of our communities. Is this an area for council action...or should service clubs take action?

Keeping the tax bill down is often quoted as the main goal of candidates for election, either in municipal, provincial or federal politics. While this is an excellent idea, it should be carefully weighed in the light

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hi,
I am submitting the enclosed letter for your consideration to be published in the North Leeds Lantern. It mostly concerns an error (I believe), but also expresses my thoughts and feelings regarding your photo feature in the October issue of the Lantern.

Many years have passed since the photo was taken and it feels nice to remember all the kids I grew to know so well during our stay in Elgin. This is particularly so since it was (to me at least) so long ago. I did not contact Gene regarding the possibility of a mistake in the name, but it's not really that important because I'm certain I'm in the picture if not in reality then at least in my heart and memories.

Yours truly,
J. Harold Burt

I Remember....

Late this summer, my wife Sandra and I and two of our children, Lori and Stephen had the pleasure of moving into the "old Cuddy place" at R.R.#2 Lyndhurst. After spending most of the past thirty-three years living in the city (Kingston), it is a most welcome change for me and my family. I am not "new" to this area, however, as my family did reside in the village of Elgin for a number of years in the late 40's and early 50's. It was there that my scholastic career started over 36 years ago. Imagine the shock, while reading our first issue of the "Lantern" and what should appear but a picture of my first school teacher and classmates. Talk about nostalgic. Memories flooded my mind as I drifted back to those thirty odd years ago....Annie, my first teacher - we all loved her; bus trips courtesy of Patterson's to Sand Lake in the summer; cokes for 5¢ at Guthrie's Pharmacy; haircuts for 25¢ at Herbert Morris' barbershop; a trip to Kingston to see "Princess" Elizabeth; Sopers Sales and Service (I think Mary-Lou had something to do with this one); the principal Miss? or Mrs? Jackson; my fight with Gord Mustard and George Jackson (something to do with a full basket of blackberries I think); the memories went on and on, and continue each time I look at the picture.

Unfortunately, (I hope I'm not wrong!)

I believe a mistake was made in the list of names shown on the reverse page and guess who? Well, I am certain that the smiling little fellow second from the right in the front row is none other than yours truly, Harold Burt, son of the late Joe and Elaine Burt, brother of the late John Burt and also brother of Lorne Burt of Kingston. I do not recall any Kenney Burt in our class, although there are certainly other Burts resident in the area who might refute my claim.

I did attend the "old" public school that year and after comparing old family photos, I'm certain it was me. In any event, thank you Gene and North Leeds Lantern for showing this picture. Perhaps I may be able to contribute in the future.

Yours truly,
J. Harold Burt

P.S. It feels great to be back in the "old neighbourhood". Hello to all my "new" neighbours and "old" friends.

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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.

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*

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

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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. 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.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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 V.O.N. Office 272-2343
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 Joyce Warriner 272-2237

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