

# Editorial Page

## Happy New Year

At the beginning of each new year, we tend to not only look ahead but also look back over the past 12 months. Our lives in North Leeds have not been drastically different from previous years. Spring brought good weather for the farmers. Summer gave us a bumper sunshine & heat season for all and Fall seemed to last & last, with only the final few weeks reminding us of the discomfort of our winters.

But elsewhere in the world and even our country, we have been plagued by news of conflict, adversity and man's inhumanity to man.

Perhaps we are too inundated with the news so that we have actually become immune to the hardships and misunderstandings which seem to prevail. War is as close as the T.V. or the daily paper. Pictorial accounts of brutal murders, child abuse and the like meet us at every turn of the page.... and yet do we really ever give it a second thought?

Another regular annual habit is to make New Year's Resolutions. Perhaps with the present state throughout the world, and we are part of that world, we should all resolve to be more involved, more feeling and more accountable to our fellow man for his/her problems. Perhaps the age of technology is making us too logical, too much like a computer...unfeeling, uncaring. Recently, an M.P. called another M.P. "too emotional". Maybe we should remember that our emotions are probably the most humanizing thing we have. If we let ourselves feel, we might hurt, we may realize that it is like to walk in another's shoes.

For 1984, may you join with me in resolving to try to be more human, more caring, more giving, more understanding of all people from all areas of the world. For the peace and continuation of our world we must accept the fact that all humans are basically the same, with the same needs and desires: to live productive happy lives to the best of their ability, no matter what race, creed, colour or nationality.

May this year be one of peace and happiness to all.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....

Dear Mrs. Little;

The world and North Leeds County is in a serious and unprecedented danger! With 5 to 8 minutes from "blast off" to "blast" we have entered a new era in the nuclear arms race. Is there time for reason to prevail anymore?

Do you remember watching Alexander Haig on T.V. when President Reagan was shot? How would a military mind react to a false alarm? (example-the Korean airline incident)

To add to this potential panic situation we have world super powers playing political games with our future!

Closer to home further danger signs are present. Did you listen to our panel of "prominent Canadians" after the recent film "The Day After"? They exemplified the real problems in our world:

- 1 An unwillingness to listen & to try to understand another.
- 2 An oversimplification of complex human affairs.
- 3 Paranoia & no desire to search out the facts.
- 4 A polarization of viewpoints (i.e. "side-taking")
- 5 No direction....where was the moderator?

I've always had faith that we Canadians exemplified the reasonableness and open mindedness that does exist in the human spirit. What is happening? What really frightens me though is, that I can act the same way, when threatened. However, I must not act in fear, but with courage, concern and hope.

Many local people I talk with are concerned but don't know what to do. May I suggest these actions for a starter:

- 1 Read at least two current books on the nuclear arms race. (see your local librarian)
- 2 Discuss the issues with friends & neighbours. Be sure to listen.
- 3 Think - Is there anything any group or organization can do to help?
- 4 ACT

We must do something constructive - we have no alternative - the risk of doing nothing is greater.

I refuse to live with-out hope for our children and young people.

Sincerely

Mark Timpany

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**Gremlins** > It seems as if our constant companions on lay-out night never take a vacation. We apologize in advance for any bloopers which we miss and hope the reading public will accept that these Gremlins mean no harm.

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