

EDITORIAL PAGE.

Dear Readers:

In year 5 the North Leeds Lantern finds itself with a very small number of dedicated volunteers collecting, writing, designing and attempting to please approximately 2500 households with a monthly newspaper.

Some of us, after this length of time, are feeling tired, used and taken for granted even though comments are mostly positive and advertisers as well as the townships continue to support us financially.

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on April 20th, and it would be so pleasant to see some new faces present at the meeting.

If you feel that the Lantern will continue indefinitely without new and more volunteers, you are wrong! Some of the current staff have been volunteering their time and effort since the first edition was published. Needless to say, they are getting tired of it.

The Lantern cannot continue forever without more volunteer support. Most communities are represented in one way or another lay-out night, but some never actually become directly involved.

We urgently need typists lay out night, as well as the weeks prior to lay out. We need people to design ads, proofread material, handle subscriptions, cut, snip or handle any number of jobs which are vital to the paper's success.

If you wish to continue the tradition of the Lantern, please volunteer your help. Come to the Annual Meeting at R.D.H.S., 8 p.m. on April 20th to see what you may be able to do.

Editor and staff
North Leeds Lantern

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BARB INGRAM, GRADE 12
RIDEAU DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

On April third, Bell Canada will be sending out questionnaires to its subscribers on the Seeley's Bay and Inverary exchanges. Bell will be offering us toll-free dialing to Kingston. Surveys done by Bell Canada over the past year have shown that over sixty percent of the residents in these two areas, call Kingston on a regular basis and Bell is now prepared to offer us this service toll-free. The purpose of this questionnaire is to establish whether fifty-one percent of the population would be in favour of this change. At present, a private line in Seeley's Bay costs six dollars per month and gives us access to three thousand five hundred numbers. If toll-free dialing to Kingston is approved, the rate will increase to eight dollars and ten cents per month and give us access to seventy-five thousand numbers or more.

Implementation of this service will take twenty-four months. However, during this period, Bell will be spending 1.3 million dollars to upgrade telephone facilities in the area. By December 1982, we can look forward to an increase in private and two-party lines and automatic number identification. (eliminating the need to give your phone number when dialing long distance) Before you complete your questionnaire - stop and think! Isn't it time you got your money's worth?

Karen Simpson

RETURNING OFFICER SETS POLLING BOUNDARIES

In regard to the changes in the polling stations within the Township of Bastard and South Burgess, our Municipal Council and Municipal Officials wish to clarify with the residents of our municipality, that we were never informed, nor was the issue ever presented to Council for approval.

The Council was told by the Returning Officer for Leeds, that any changes in polling stations or areas, are done by their office, then final approval is given by the Provincial Electoral in Toronto.

The Municipal Council wish to thank the North Leeds Lantern for allowing us the opportunity to inform our residents and clear any issues, whereby our Council and Officials are getting the blame for changes being made in polling areas and stations, which are under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Election Act.

Reeve and the Council of the Township of Bastard and South Burgess



As we plan our gardens, order seeds and begin the spring clean-up, we could take a critical look at our villages. Individually most of us try and maintain our property - enhance it by clearing up debris and sprucing up gardens and buildings. However, how many properties stand out as little eye sores? Perhaps they have absentee owners, perhaps owners are unable to cope with the needed work. There can be a multitude of reasons. I would like to suggest that because 1982 will see a major influx of visitors to our area for the 150th Anniversary of the Rideau Canal that we set ourselves the objective of a major clean-up. This should include individual properties and naturally township owned lands and buildings. Take a tour of your area - does it need some work? - Perhaps a group of community minded citizens could offer help to those who need it, perhaps business men with collections of boxes or junk decorating their properties could be requested to clean up - councils could (and usually do) enforce the bylaws re cutting of weeds etc. Vacant property owners have some responsibilities too.

Let's see all of our communities spruce up - not just for the Sesqui-centennial but because we are proud of our area - It doesn't cost much other than "elbow-grease" which when last priced had not been touched by inflation.

P. Little

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Ontario UNICEF Committee, UNICEF Canada and the many UNICEF children around the world, I would like to extend thanks to the people of Ontario for their most generous support of UNICEF'S work in 1980.

I would also like to extend UNICEF'S sincere gratitude to those representatives of the Ontario media who supported the efforts of our many volunteers so effectively, throughout the past year.

Once again, the people of our province have responded with concern and generosity to our fundraising appeal at Halloween and through the purchase of UNICEF greeting cards during the year.

As a result of this generosity, \$414,542 has been raised to date from the annual Halloween for UNICEF collections and we are optimistic that we will reach our goal of \$450,000 from our greeting card sales across Ontario.

These contributions, when matched by the federal government through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will multiply to approximately \$1,800,000--- monies which will go far in providing safe water supplies, improved nutrition, health care and educational programs for millions of children in the developing countries of our world.

As we move into the 1980's, we are becoming more aware of the interdependence of all people--and the impact we each can make. Through their contributions to UNICEF, the people of Ontario have helped to provide a brighter future for many children around the world. We thank you and look forward to your continuing support.

For a free brochure and details of sales locations for this year's assortment of year-round gift and stationery items now on sale, contact: UNICEF Ontario, 38 Berwick Avenue, Toronto M5P 1H1. Tel. (416) 487-4153

Sincerely yours,
Maggie Smiley, Chairman
Ontario Unicef Committee

Dear Editor:

Last October the students of Rideau District High School were out collecting sponsors for the Terry Fox Jog-A-Walk-An-Hour marathon. Participation and enthusiasm in this event was extremely great. Many of the students weren't even sure about what they were raising money for, but they went out and ran anyway.

Mr. Jack Hilliard, Field Secretary for the Cancer Society came to the school to speak to the students about his personal experiences with Terry. This helped the students with their understanding about Terry Fox and his fight against cancer, but some were still confused.

On March 6, 1981 there was a general assembly in the gymnasium at RDHS. The purpose of this assembly was to view a half-hour film portraying Terry's original strife with cancer, his run, and how cancer came back to stop him half way through the marathon. While looking at the students as they watched the film, the many emotions could be seen on each of their faces. The silence during the film also told how the people were reacting.

The student council at RDHS decided that a portion of the proceeds from the C.K.L.C. dance held on Saturday, March 7, would be donated to the Cancer Society. The amount has been determined, and the Cancer Society will receive \$200 from the Student Council, bringing Rideau's donations to the fight against cancer to a total of \$4880.70. Congratulations and thanks Rideau.

Sincerely,
Robyn Landon