

EDITORIAL PAGE.**Letters
to the Editor**

Dear Readers:

Last month you read all about Newboro. You may or may not recognize a scene in Philipsville on our cover this month. In January, we'll be saluting Forfar and eventually would like to tell the community about our neighbourhood. If you have suggestions, requests or an article you wish to submit, your nearest correspondent is waiting to hear from you.

On the subject of correspondants, we find ourselves shorthanded in the Delta area again. There must be someone out there who can help us fill the gap. We're trying hard to serve all the community but we have to know about your news before we can print it.

December brings the end of a year of progress at "The Lantern". I think we all agree that we have come much farther than we expected, thanks to the efforts of the volunteers, support from the municipal governments and moral and financial support from our readers and advertisers. We hope you have benefitted by our success over the past year and the Lantern Volunteers wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Dear Sir,

Attacks by Joe K. Raison on the O.M.M.B. in several Eastern Ontario newspapers prompted this reply by Mr. Donald Hough, a dairy farmer and milk committee member in Frontenac County:

"Sir: In the October 17 edition of The Whig-Standard you printed a letter from Joe K. Raison which contained almost the ultimate in distorted, partial truths, misinformation and genuine gobbledygook.

Mr. Raison's main complaint seems to be the elimination of milk shipped in cans. This change was a result of modern improved equipment and was foreseen for many years by all knowledgeable milk producers. As the more progressive farmers switched to bulk storage and cooling equipment, and produced to higher quality standards, the can shippers became fewer and scattered. Their existence resulted in long mileage for pick-up trucks to gather loads of mostly uncooled, lower quality milk. This was very inefficient and costly.

In the end, it was the processors who set a deadline when they would no longer accept milk in cans, due to the higher cost of providing an employee to examine each can of milk before accepting delivery. These higher costs were for a small volume of lower quality milk, only 6% of Ontario's total.

Also, under the policy of the OMMB, Mr. Raison and all can shippers had the opportunity for almost 10 years to be allotted, free, up to 400 pounds per day quota for the highest paying Group I pool, by changing to bulk handling, and producing to higher standards.

Over the years, thousands of producers took advantage of this generous provision. Those who did not were mainly farmers of advanced age or with small uneconomic operations, who preferred to sell out when they could no longer ship in cans. Everyone had a choice, and was not legislated out of business.

Consumers and up-to-date farmers both recognize that 1978 food quality standards cannot be achieved by methods of the early 1900's."

The Leeds Federation of Agriculture obtained Mr. Hough's permission to print his letter as an answer to Mr. Raison's recent attack on Mr. Ken McKinnon, Chairman of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board in the North Leeds Lantern.

Doris Vonhone, Toledo

Dear Sir,

I feel sure that the author of the article on the Newboro Medical Centre was unaware of indispensable efforts of Mr. E.L. Pritchard which made possible the successful completion of the building and its operations maintenance for many months.

As chairman of the building committee I am probably the only person aware of the hours devoted to the project by Mr. Pritchard. He assisted in examining several possible sites: He visited other clinics and researched plans of other centres: He produced the basic diagrams for the present building; He spent many hours in committee meetings, and on the job during construction. Until recently he maintained the water purification system and made any alterations or repairs which were required. He continues to be a deeply interested and active member of the Rideau Medical Centre Board.

I feel confident in saying that no other person has contributed so unstintingly of their time and talent nor contributed so much to successful completion of the Newboro Medical Centre as Mr. Elswood Pritchard.

Yours truly,

F.W. Fleming.

P.S. Mr. Fred Warriner should also have received recognition. He co-ordinated the efforts of the many hard working canvassers.

Editors Note:

This original submission included the following list of Board Members which did not appear in the Lantern due to a shortage of space:

Chairman: Fred Warriner, Vice-Chairman: Tom Potter; Sitting Members: Elswood Pritchard, A. Arthur Taylor, Mrs. Joan McCann, William Barker, Fred Lake, Frank Perrin, Arthur Keates and Frank Pollard.

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The Lantern's network of volunteers has tentacles throughout the communities of North Leeds. Although our contributors and assistants are too numerous to mention, there are many whose names are not listed every month, yet their valuable contribution is more than worthy of mention.

Giving ourselves a collective pat on the back for another successful year of publishing, we'd like to extend special thanks to the following hard working volunteers:

Susan Dent, Renie Milne, Pat Little, June Greenhorn, Cheryl Plancke, Eldon Kirkland, Belva Balfour, Leorena Hayes, Constance Ryan, Lori Truemner, Sue Warren, Lee Schuster, Hans Koopman, Barb Purdy, Marlene Gratton, Joan Hutchison, Elaine St. Pierre, and many more.

The Cover

This month's cover is a photo of Miles Lockwood's new house in Philipsville, taken in 1895. The picture shows, from the left: (1) Harvey Davison, (2) Hiram Laforty, (3) Pern Halladay, (4) Winnifred Halladay, (5) Ervin Stone, (6) Harmonius Alguire, (7) J.W. Halladay, (8) Lucy Whitmore, (9) Lucille Whitmore, (10) Miles Lockwood, (11) Addie Halladay, (12) Maria Lockwood, (13) Amanda Alguire, (14) Arden Whitmore, and (15) Viola Philips. The only one in this picture still living is Lucille Whitmore, who lives in a nursing home in Brockville.