

EDITORIAL PAGE.

Dear Readers,

We haven't done a lot of editorial crying on your shoulder lately owing to an enjoyable period of relative prosperity at the Lantern. There have been a few changes lately that our readers should be aware of.

The Canada Works program which brought us the services of our reporter, Jan Robson, is drawing to an end. The tasks of writing, typing and co-ordinating the efforts of our staff will have to be taken up by our volunteers for the most part. This means an increased need for volunteer help.

We have never been as well staffed in the typing department as we would wish. Anyone who wouldn't mind typing a few articles each month is encouraged to volunteer their services.

We have had occasion lately to examine our sources of revenue, both public and private. The results have caused us to question the practicality of continuing to mail papers in Westport and North Crosby. Those two areas account for almost 600 papers (25% of our costs), but generate very little revenue from advertising.

North Crosby Township Council has decided to discontinue their financial support of the Lantern, making matters worse and leaving us facing a losing proposition at this time.

In the near future we will be making a decision whether or not to continue mailing the Lantern to these two areas. If you wish to have a voice in the decision, please contact your local Lantern volunteer or Council member. In the event service is curtailed, we will attempt to make the Lantern available by subscription.

Thereby hangs another tale. Our initial application for registration as second class mail has been rejected. We have been lumped in with fraternal, trade and professional organizations for the purposes of the post office act, and those groups don't qualify. Hopefully in the months to come we can sell ourselves to the mail classification people in the months to come, thereby cutting the cost of mailing subscriptions by over half.

This is the news from Lantern headquarters this month. Keep cards and letters coming; and if you can't send a card or letter, come out and lend a hand!

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DEADLINE

All material and advertisements should be submitted by the Friday preceding the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I've thought of writing several times to give you some feedback on your efforts at communicating through these pages. I think your paper is worthy of praise for its attempts at communicating local issues to local people.

I believe the township councils supporting the paper are to be thanked for ensuring that we receive the paper. In my case, I thank the Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne for their support. Reports of council activities are to be encouraged. Municipal government, being front line-grass roots government, obviously needs the support and recognition which your paper is beginning to provide.

A second issue, and one as important to the general reader, is currently beginning in our area. Ontario Hydro is requesting permission from landowners to spray roadsides for brush control. The spray is a herbicide, 50% of which is 2-4-5-T according to Mr. H. Enright, Head of Forestry for Brockville Region, Ontario Hydro.

2-4-5-T is one of the herbicides which breaks down into dioxin. Dioxin made headlines a while ago (via 5th Estate CBC programming) with the implications that its use had negative effects on life forms, even at several parts per million concentration.

We've refused permission for Hydro to spray our property lines and would suggest other property owners consider both sides of the question before they easily agree to this spray programme.

Yours sincerely,
Douglas C. Green

UNICEF in LEEDS

UNICEF, the United Nation's children's fund, is organizing a committee in the County of Leeds.

UNICEF works in over one hundred developing countries of the world in the field of basic services: education, health and nutrition. In Canada, UNICEF committees carry on the well known Halloween programme each October. Canadian children share their fun at Halloween by collecting coins for the less fortunate children of the world in UNICEF'S orange, black and white boxes.

Cards are also sold to raise funds, particularly at Christmas. Cards and stationery are available year round. The public also contributes through donations.

All money collected goes into goods and services, rather than being given directly to a country.

Anyone interested in helping with these programmes please contact Mrs. R. Dunnage, R.R. 1, Portland, telephone 272-2166.

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The North Leeds Lantern is distributed free of charge to all households in the Townships of North Crosby, South Crosby, Bastard and South Burgess, Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne, and Villages of Newboro and Westport.

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GRINDSTONE ISLAND PEACE CENTRE

The Grindstone Peace Centre, located on Grindstone Island on Big Rideau Lake off Portland, has set its summer schedule of seminars. The following are open to public registration:

CANADA/QUEBEC: A NEW FUTURE

Learn about the background to the Parti Quebequois' 1976 victory and Canada's crisis. Write: Prof. D. V. J. Bell, McLaughlin 123, York Univ., Downsview, Ont. July 21-23.

UN & DISARMAMENT: PROJECT PLOWSHARES July 27-30

First-person reports of the UN Special Sessions on Disarmament from delegates like NGO delegates' leader Homer Jack. Write: Murray Thompson, Project Plowshares, 1075 Meadowlands Dr. E., #175, Ottawa, Ont.

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August 5-18 Share in an intensive course on Third World struggles, nonviolent social change, Native Peoples' concerns, etc.. Write: Grindstone School, P.O. Box 571, Stn. P, Toronto, Ont.

AUGUST CO-OP DAYS Aug. 25-30

Canoe, relax or help finish the Pocock Centre. Write: Co-op Days, Grindstone Island, Portland, Ont.

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Learn about alternative energy and energy's role in social change. Write: Doug Saunders, 24 Poplar Plains Rd., Toronto, Ont..