

# EDITORIAL PAGE.

## Lantern Profile



Dear Readers

This month, I've been asked to devote my allotted lines to invite a variety of contributions from our readers. We are anxious to see the work of more of our neighbours in the columns of the Lantern, whether it be news, a poem, a short story or a piece of non-fiction of local interest.

We're sure there must be some wonderful story-tellers out there and we know that North Leeds is just teeming with poets.

Perhaps you're an authority on some aspect of local history or maybe you've committed to paper some of the stories your grandmother used to tell.

If you don't think you have a literary bent, you probably make the best rhubarb pie this side of Hartzgravel and we'll be eagerly anticipating receipt of your recipe for our new "Great Cooks" column.

Whatever your field of interest, we would like to help you share it with our readers and welcome you as a contributor to the Lantern.

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## The Cover

This month's cover shows the two bent over trees along the swamp just west of Crosby. The photograph was taken by Cheryl Courneya.

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### MARILYN MacLENNAN

The LANTERN pays tribute to Marilyn MacLennan, one of its founding members, who is leaving in August for Kapuskasing, Ontario, where her husband, Duncan, has been appointed principal of the high school.

Marilyn was born in Middleton, N.S., where she became a teacher. She met her future husband when he was with the Royal Canadian Air Force in the maritimes. Later they went to Hamilton, Ontario, and both graduated from McMaster University. They came to Elgin in 1967, when Duncan was appointed a teacher of physical education at the Rideau District High School. Latterly he has been vice-principal of Thousand Islands Secondary School, Brockville.

Almost immediately upon their arrival in Elgin, Marilyn became active in the affairs of the community. She has served as supply teacher at both Rideau District High School and South Crosby Public School in Elgin. She joined the choir of Elgin United Church and later was named leader of both the juniors and the seniors.

Raised in a musical family, Marilyn's interests are quite naturally focused in that direction. Whenever there have been musical programs, she has usually been involved, either as a singer, player, director or supporter. For the past six years she has been teacher of music at South Crosby Public School, and her pupils have won a number of awards. In recent years she has organized a ukelele band that has already achieved distinction. Apart from her assigned duties, she has given freely of her time for many extra and special events.

One of Marilyn's great attributes is that she can make herself at home and useful in almost any situation. Her talents and interests are many and diversified. She was one of the original members of the South Crosby Recreation Committee in 1968 and served for eight years as its secretary. During that time she edited and published the South Crosby monthly NEWSLETTER, a forerunner of THE LANTERN. She also helped promote and organize such activities as

the Rideau Lakes Union Library, Rideau Crafts, guitar and tap dancing lessons, rug hooking, summer playground activities, children's hockey and softball programs, South Crosby Senior Citizens, South Crosby Park, and the Elgin Junior Hockey Mothers. She was, for a time, pianist for the Elgin Lions Club, (a position that her mother still occupies with the Middleton Lions Club), and has taught a number of piano pupils. She has been the Elgin correspondent for THE LANTERN and one of its most valued members.

Prior to her departure, Marilyn was honoured at farewell parties tendered for herself and her family by the combined United Church choirs of Lyndhurst, Clivet, Portland and Elgin (of which she was the director for special programs), Elgin Junior Choir, Elgin Senior Choir, at the graduation exercises of South Crosby Public School, and at a staff

party. The MacLennan family was presented with an engraved silver tray by Elgin United Church at a special dinner following the service on Sunday, June 24th. They were given a plaque and a purse of money at a community farewell party at the South Crosby Public School in Elgin on Monday, June 25. It read:

Elgin and District is a better community because of the years you have shared with us

1967 - 1979

THANK YOU

and best wishes for the future.

They are also to receive a plaque from the township of South Crosby.

The MacLennans have two children, Jennifer, 9, and Colin, 8, who have also been valued members in their various organizations. On behalf of our readers, THE LANTERN extends sincere appreciation to this family for all they have contributed to the community of North Leeds. Our best wishes go with them in all their future endeavours.

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