

EDITORIAL PAGE.



Dear Readers,

With Christmas behind us and Thanksgiving months away, turkeys wouldn't normally be a topic of discussion in April. If the Ontario Turkey Board has its way, a number of things we've come to think of as normal will no longer be so.

Our forefathers, on arriving in the new world, hunted wild turkeys for food. That seemed normal. In time, turkeys were raised as domestic birds. Progress. A body could be more certain of feeding his family. A normal and noble objective.

A little while later someone decided that he could make a living exclusively by raising turkeys. Again a normal turn of events, after all, we couldn't all raise turkeys, could we? Correct me if I'm wrong, but I'm sure that must have been the moment at which the Ontario Turkey board was conceived. That, at least, would seem to be consistent with the board's apparent objective. After some years of labour the board is now at the point of enforcing regulations which would assure that all the turkeys raised in Ontario will be owned by less than two hundred producers.

It matters not that some of our neighbours have come to depend on the sale of a few birds to make ends meet or that others in search of a lifestyle free from the constraints of a consumer society might enjoy home grown turkey at their tables. The marketing board has an obligation to protect a handful of big time turkey producers from the ravages of the backyard farmer. If they want to raise turkeys, they can buy back what should have been basic liberties at so much per pound. Thanks to the intervention of the minister it is now possible to buy a license to exercise what should be a right, just as long as it is not exercised beyond twenty-five turkeys. Now that's not normal. Not yet.

But who cares? We can't all grow turkeys, can we?

NOTICE OF MEETING

LANTERN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The North Leeds Lantern will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tues., April 17th at 8 p.m., in the Library at Rideau District High School. All Volunteers are urged to attend.

A financial report will be presented and the election of officers will take place.

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- 1) The Lantern reserves the right to refuse to publish any article, letter or advertisement.
- 2) We reserve the right to edit or condense any article submitted for publication.
- 3) All letters to the editor must be signed and those printed will bear the name of the writer.

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STUDENTS

If you are a student looking for a summer job, begin your search for employment at the student office of the Canada Employment and Immigration Center. Students living in North Crosby can register with the Employment Counsellor for students, Lorie Truemmer, at the Employment Center in Perth. This office will provide information to high school and university students seeking summer employment and will assist employers in their search for summer help.

Students living in the Townships of South Crosby, Bastard and Burgess and South Elmsley will go to the Employment office in Smith's Falls, where Dave Evans is the student counsellor. Students living in Lyndhurst and Seeley's Bay will go to the Employment office in Gananoque, while those in Athens will use the office in Brockville.



Part of the recent China Painting display in the Elgin Library. There was an excellent turnout to view the work of the local Leeds China Painters.