

EDITORIAL PAGE.



CAN IT BE POSSIBLE?



Dear Readers,

Notices regarding rate increases have gone out to Community Telephone customers again this year. If their application is accepted, we are in for some stiff increases.

Proposed increases range from 80% to over 100%! Those with a private line will find that their monthly rate has gone from \$5.85 to \$10.55. Business users will pay a monthly rate of \$23.80, up from \$13.05.

The largest increase will be for installation of new phones, from \$24.00 to \$50.00!

Many local telephone subscribers are wondering what increase in expenses could justify such large increases in a one year period.

Community Telephone did make improvements in the quality of service after public objections to rate increases two years ago. However, service is still very limited in that local calling areas are so limited. Many subscribers face long distance charges when calling schools, fire departments, township offices and other essential services..

No local hearing about these increases will be held unless it is requested by those affected. If you want the chance to participate in a public hearing fill in the following clip-out and mail it off to:

Ontario Telephone Service Corp.
3625 Dufferin St.,
Suite 200,
Downsview, Ont. M3K-1Z2
A'TT'N: Community Tel. Co.

Rate Application

Be sure to send your written brief or complaint before Nov. 30, '79.

As a subscriber to Community Telephone Company, I would like to have the opportunity to object to proposed rate increases at a public hearing in our area.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Comments _____

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RED CROSS

COMING EVENTS NOTICE

A canvass will be held in November by the North Leeds Sub-Branch of the Red Cross. Proceeds from the canvass will go directly to the sub-branch to support such activities as the Homemaker Service now being widely used throughout North Leeds.

Watch your local papers for the date of the canvass and please give generously to this worthy cause.

SINCERE THANKS

The North Leeds Lantern regular layout staff would like to thank Rideau Crafts Members for their continuing support. Representatives from this organization come each lay-out night and willingly help in all aspects of "putting the paper to bed".

Many thanks and may we continue to enjoy your help and company.

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Lantern Profile



Chaffeys Locks - Mary Warren

One of the persons who has worked consistently to improve the quality of life in our area is Mary Warren.

Prior to moving to Chaffeys Locks with her family to live permanently, Mary was a member of the Lake Ontario Regional Library Board. She soon transferred her concern for library service to South Crosby. Along with other interested individuals, she was instrumental in having a library established in that township. Following the success of this, she guided a committee which worked towards a county library system for Leeds & Grenville. The outcome of the failure to achieve this was the creation of our present Rideau Lakes Union Library, with libraries situated in 6 villages within 4 municipalities. Mary served as the first chairperson of this board and provided leadership for the union through its formative years.

For a number of years Eastern Ontario Library System has offered a variety of programs to libraries in eastern Ontario. Following Mary's suggestion to E.O.L.S., these programs were expanded to include the subjects of crafts and wild plants. A number of local people participated in demonstrating to many others across this section of the province their skills and talents in various fields.

Approximately 7 years ago, Mary was one of the founding members of Rideau Crafts - an organization dedicated to the enrichment of our community through crafts. A large number of craft courses have been offered over the ensuing years. A summer market was established to provide an outlet for the sale of local goods. The annual Christmas Market has become a focal point for local crafts-people. In the past 2 years a craft program has been offered, free of charge, in a local school to grade 7 and 8. During the summer of 1979, the Rideau Crafts Summer School began its first year of operation with hopes that many more will follow. Certainly all of this has been accomplished by the efforts of many people; however, Mary has worked steadily to make Rideau Crafts an organization with a strong impact on our community.

Within Chaffeys Locks, Mary's community involvement has been just as pronounced - within the Womens' Institute and the senior citizens' groups. She is chairperson of the building committee which has arranged for the addition of a kitchen and activity room to the Womens Institute Hall.

The preservation of historic sites is another of Mary's interests. And, recently, a LACA (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory) Committee was formed by the Township of South Crosby. Since the responsibility for historic sites rests with the local municipality, it is hoped that this committee will compile lists of historically valuable sites and buildings which should be preserved. From there, plans can be made as to what form this preservation should take.

This is by no means a complete catalogue of Mary's community activities, but should give cause for reflection on the need to say "thank-you" for helping to enrich our lives.