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CAVAN COUNCIL MEETING REPORT - (delayed because of holiday complications.)

An enquiry regarding the legality of maintaining roads in Whiterock Estates will be addressed to an official of the Department of Transportation and Communications. These roads measure up to Cavan Township requirements but have not been deeded to it. The Whiterock picture appears to become more clouded all the time. President Gary Bluestein has announced in the Toronto press that the terms of the mortgages on building lots sold by his Company will be legally enforced.

The men who keep the township roads cleared and in good shape had a delegation at the meeting to broach the matter of a raise in pay. The Clerk will be in touch with other communities regarding wage scale and Council will, presumably, base its decision on information thus obtained. A promise of early consideration in the new year was made.

A plan to replace the old wood burning furnace which for fifty or more years has provided the heat for many meetings and dances in the Cavan Community Hall was presented to Council by Wes Eardley and Charles Smith, directors of the board of management. The request was supported by a letter from Shirley Adams of a youth group. When certain formalities have been met regarding budgets and grants the way would be paved for carrying out the change. Lotteries and bingos, if approved, could help finance the idea.

The 'improvers of the breed' will have a chance to bet their bucks at Kawartha Downs on Sunday afternoons during January and February, when Council approved a request for this from Ray Richards, general Manager.

Under Highways Traffic Act legislation cars parked on township roads that interfere with traffic or snowploughing will be towed away and the charges for removal become a lien against the vehicle.

The Chronicle thanks the Cavan Council and Clerks for providing a copy of the minutes of their meetings - even delivering them - and extends to them Best Wishes in the New Year. In spite of repeated requests, and in spite of a lot of pre-election rhetoric about an 'informed electorate' we have not had much luck in obtaining minutes of Millbrook meetings.

THE PICTURE OF THE WEEK:

The picture in the Chronicle office building this week was kindly loaned by Doug. Sanders. It was taken in 1894 and the following information was with it.

Man with white apron - Harry Nattress (grandfather of Lyle) on his left Billy Kerr. Boys to the left 1.? 2. Tip Hogan (killed in first world war) 3. Levi Bingham. To right of H. Nattress 1.? 2. George Hetherington, 3. Albert Payne (father of Allie) 4. Jimmy Sanderson, 5. Jim Coates. Boys in front - 1. Ted Burnham 2 ?, Cow belonged to John Robinson Younge and the bus to Jack Crocker (grandfather of Buck Raper.

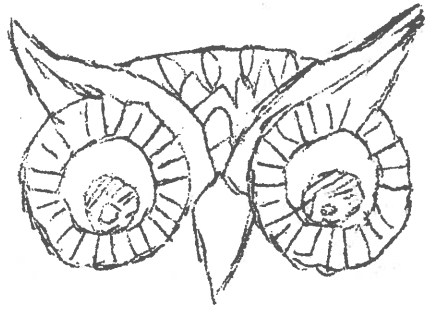
Next to Nattress Butcher shop - Dr. Burnham's office (grandfather of Jean Burnham) On the other side is the present Simser home as this building was moved to Tupper Street.

The three storey building in the picture was burned in 1913 and rebuilt as a two storey building now occupied by Croswells and Nancy Olan.

We hope we have a happy "news" year. Like the sun dial we would like to record only the sunny hours.

A VILLAGER VIEWS THE SCENE (aha.)

(Being a sometimes cock-eyed look at people, things and events - locally, nationally, and internationally.)



Friday morning - 6.30 a.m.

The night people and snowmobilers had gone to bed and the day people had not appeared on the scene so the only company on downtown King Street was a dog and two cats.

So we alone enjoyed a view of Christmas-card beauty. The rising sun bathed the low-lying altocumulus clouds in cameo pink and the motion of the clouds created the illusion of a sea of light red waves. A picture worthy of the brush of a Francois or Rosa Bonheur.

Saturday morning - about the same time.

As we slithered and slid down the icy sidewalk under the pelting rain, we wondered what had happened to that song that used to create a continuous pre-election din in our ears - "On-tar-iar-o, is there any place you'd rather be?" For further details as to where we'd rather be look elsewhere in this issue.

A report was current on Saturday morning that a local snowmobiler had crashed his high speed machine into a tree and broken both legs. We saw him around noon and his legs had been restored to complete mobility. A miracle of "instant surgery".

SUNDAY -

We heard Neighbourly News, on C.B.C. extend greetings to Mrs. George Howson, on her ninetieth birthday, and somewhat belatedly we add those of the Chronicle.

Watching the funeral service for Mr. Pearson, a man who excelled in everything he did, pointed up the useless and purposeless lives many of us lead, So, in farewell to 'The Happy Warrior' "May You Rest In Peace".

A drive around part of the village indicated that not too many people were too interested in decorating their homes with Christmas lights. One little pocket of light in a rather drab area was at the corner of Union and Centre Streets where the Youngs, Hards, and Pattons combined to brighten up this intersection. In the business section Jack Chong's Restaurant led the parade by the proverbial mile, while modesty prevents us mentioning which place of business we would place in second spot.

I was never too enthusiastic about the clamorous merriment of New Year's Eve revels so was at home when some very nice people, who were driving through the village, dropped in to wish the editor a Happy New Year! One of them after several laudatory, but totally undeserved, compliments ended by saying "1972 was worthwhile because that's the year I met you". And those words were just the balm needed to cure the effects of an ego-shattering opinion expressed by someone just the day before.

On Sunday evening, along with an estimated 100,000,000 people we watched the Rose Bowl game. Seeing the huge conglomeration of players in the college teams involved lends credence to the statement that they use three teams - an offensive team, a defensive team and a third team - that attends classes. And a young lady watching the game created the impression that she wasn't a very astute ^{student} of it when she asked "Is that team called the offensive team because it hasn't used Right Guard?" and "What kind of a contortionist is a player who can run around his own end?" There was an announced one hundred and seven thousand fans at the game and a reasonable estimate would be that every third one had a bottle of Brain Glue of some description. When the attendants clean up the stadium they get dozens of demijohns and pour the remaining contents from all the bottles into these. This gives them a high voltage blend of every type of Tanglefoot every brewed, distilled or squeezed out of a caribou's antlers. Thus in all future games, in the next three months, in the Rose Bowl they "drain the tall glass thrice and see two games for one admission price."

OUR SLIP IS SHOWING:

The associate editor has just pointed out that it was rather a neat trick to watch the Rose Bowl game on Sunday when it wasn't played until Monday. That's that pesky international date line again.

Speaking of slips - the bride's attendants were helping her dress for the ceremony when one of them remarked "Your slip is showing." "That's ridiculous the bride replied, I'm not wearing a slip." "I mean the slip you made three months ago." was the catty rejoinder.

Webster in his dictionary describes a slip as a 'loose outer garment' but I'm prepared to debate that point with him. I began to lose faith in Webster when he led me astray in the spelling of stentorian. His dictionary spelling is stenotrian - (Page 711 The New Peerless Webster Dictionary) and this definition of slip is the final slip, unless my memory has failed.

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This is the season for the big Bowl games in football and as soon as they are over all the experts and alleged experts will be picking all-star teams. A few years ago Franklin P. Adams, the very witty sports writer who used to be heard on "Information, Please" made this selection of university all-stars.

Cedars of Lebanon; Diet of Rice; Crossing of Delaware; Bells of St. Mary's; Dissolution of Union; Quality of Mercer; Heart of Maryland; District of Columbia; Pillars of Temple; Grist of Mills; and Destruction of Carthage. For substitutes he had Hard, Knox, Dead, Centre Gimme, De Pauw.

And to fill in the little bit of space left I've started my own all-star team: Press of Ryerson; Bull of Durham; River of Trent; Power of Assumption; Highland of Laurentian; Bishop of Laval; Simple of Simon; (that's reaching a bit) and A-Baloo of Hull.

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AN INTERESTING COINCIDENCE

Over the weekend we read, or more correctly re-read Wilfred Eggleston's "While I Still Remember". He credits the editor of the Lethbridge Herald, W.A. Buchanan, with the initial encouragement that steered him into journalism early in life.

He ended his career in journalism as director of the Carleton School of Journalism which occupies the old Ottawa Ladies College building. His book also mentions Charles Clay, literary editor of the Winnipeg Free Press.

Now herein lies the coincidence - we doubt if Mr. Eggleston ever heard of Millbrook - but here are our notes on Mr. Buchanan, who he describes in his book as his "spiritual father".

Senator W.A. Buchanan, editor, Lethbridge Herald - President of Canadian Press. Missed by hours being a Dominion Day baby. July 2, 1876. Born in Fras, oops, Frazerville. Parents married in Millbrook.

And here are our notes on Rev. W.D. Armstrong, as they relate to Ottawa Ladies College. This is a quote from the Toronto Globe at the time of his death - "He was a staunch friend of the Ottawa Ladies College and much of the great success of that institution was due to him. He was the managing director of the institution for many years before he retired from St. Paul's Church to give all his time to it, as principal. Most of the responsibility of the erection of the beautiful new college on Lyon street in the Glebe fell on his shoulders and it is a splendid monument to his services" Rev. W.D. Armstrong was born on the Fourth Line of Cavan - two miles from Millbrook.

So Mr. Eggleston entered his life work through the influence of an ex-Millbrookite and wound up his career in a building "which is a splendid monument to the services of" an ex-Millbrookite. If all this was pointed out to him he might have a warm spot in his heart for Millbrook - and what a guest speaker he would be at a Millbrook Old Boys Re-union. His experiences in newspaper work with the Toronto Star and later in the Ottawa press gallery would really be something to listen to.

And looking at that last sentence we are reminded of a teacher who once told me - "You should never end a sentence with a preposition or a proposition!"

The reference to Charles Clay above we're checking.

A POLICY CHANGE FOR 1973.

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In future issues there will appear a "Coming Events" column in which we shall list the event, the date & the place. In this there will be no charge to non-profit organizations, such as Red Cross, Senior Citizens, Women's Institute. Activities of other groups will be listed only if their advertisements appear elsewhere in the Chronicle. A copy of Coming Events will appear in the window of the Chronicle office, to give further coverage.

All future notices of births, cards of thanks, deaths, engagements, marriage notices, in memory notices and coming events, as well as all classifieds of 4-5 lines or less will be .50¢ if paid in cash. If we have to bill you - .65¢ At this price your ad. is reaching readers at the rate of 30 for each one cent charged for your ad.

Hockey games, if no charge made at the gate, will be listed free. If a turnstile toll, usual rates apply. Managers, who don't expect to go into a sports shop and get a puck or a roll of tape free, have in many cases a casual assumption that advertising should be free. Not so, in any paper in Canada. In hockey advertising there is no way it can cost - it always pays. As an example we ran a couple of ads. (free) for the All-star - Juvenile game and there was a crowd in attendance. We also wrote up a brief account of the game for further publicity purposes.

A rate sheet outlining prices for larger ads. will be forwarded to advertisers.

A Christmas card from Gordon Musprat arrived with a few news items enclosed. His son is studying music in New York and last year was featured pianist with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. He asked if I remembered the time I put a car through the fence at his father's farm (now Charlie Manley's). This isn't quite right Gord - I was racing with the car that ended up in the fence but it was driven by Larry Ingram. I asked Larry about it and in race track terms he recalled "We were out of the gate in front of the Bank at about 7.30 p.m. I went into an early lead but you caught and passed me on that flat in front of the Mary Widdis' farm. (Out of space now, Gord, tell you about it later. What do you think of the idea of a re-union?)

MILLBROOK MEATS

Weekend Specials:
Bread 4 loaves .89¢
Beef liver .65¢
Smokies (Sausage) .99¢
Bologna - by the piece .43¢

Faye and Al Croswell.

Another misprint:-

Kindly reader - On the last line of the item concerning a proposed Re-union please read "on" as "of".
Thank you.

FOR SALE

In Peterborough, a three bedroom brick bungalow, near Adam Scott, Queen Elizabeth and St. Annes Schools. 186 Shelbourne Street, Peterborough. Immediate occupancy. For details call 742-7159.

MULE OVER THESE FACTS - THAT MEANS KICK THEM AROUND.

Part of a statement by Len Cassidy retiring president of the Toronto Real Estate Board.

"As long as wage levels continue to go up so will the price of houses. A house bought at to-days prices will be worth much more in dollars when the time comes to sell. A mortgage will be paid off with cheaper dollars as wages rise."

Mr. John C. Hurlburt, Toronto Home Builders Ass'n. president.

His prediction - the price of the average new single-detached house will climb by as much as \$6,500 in Metro area in 1973 due to rising costs.

Mr. Wronski Planning Commissioner has urged the government to divert Metro population to other centres.

So what does it all add up to - higher prices for houses. So think about this. A carpenter or handyman buys an older house for (to keep it in round figures) \$10,000. He spends for repairs and heating \$2,000. His down payment is \$2,000 and his rental income is \$200.00 per month. The first year he reduces his other income by about \$2000. and gets an income tax rebate. From then on he builds up his equity together with the inflationary increase in value of his asset.

This is a very skimpy outline but get in touch with the editor IF you have a \$2,000 down payment. He'll show you how easily this place will convert into two large self contained apartments with private entrances.

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D A N C E

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Deliveries Fridays - Saturdays.

Local agents - Millbrook Meats.
Mill. 932-2759 Pt. Hope 885-4011

MILLBROOK T V - 932-2605

Repairing and selling - colour and black and white sets, radios, record players, tape recorders and small appliances.
IF SHOP CLOSED LEAVE NEXT DOOR.

WANTED:

A small apartment.

Stan. Kennedy.

Lotta Dempsey, Toronto Star staff writer asked eight well known people this question - "Suppose you were told that of all the things you hold dear, you could take but one possession into the New Year? What would it be?"

A reply to this by The Rev. Canon Arthur Chote (who will be guest speaker at the doctor's testimonial dinner) is posted in the window of the Chronicle building.

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE:

Does your home need repairs or renovating? Or a new addition built on? If so, call on your local carpenter.

Please call Andrew Hartjes at - Millbrook 932-2892.

WANTED:

A fur coat, muskrat, in fair condition - size about 16.

Tel. 932-2748

Legion Activities in near future.

Bingo - cash prizes - January 4th.

Social evening -cards-lunch 5th
This for Legion members & friends.

General meeting January 8th

Regular fortnightly dance Jan.13th.

Chamber of Commerce meeting re testimonial dinner - mun.bldg.Jan.9

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THE BABBLE OF THE 'BROOK.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lajdry of Willowdale spent the holiday with the latter's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Reg. Dufty.

Phyllis, Walter and Mike Challice were Christmas visitors of Gail and Wayne Challice at Brampton.

On New Year's day Bob Carr phoned Edna Watson and Roy Pengelley at the Pen-Ed camp on Rice Lake. When Bob was playing the bag pipes to Edna on the phone he could here Roy, that very active octogenarian, step-dancing in the background.

This morning we asked President Bob Carr of the Legion for the Presidents message for New Years. He suggested that "actions speak louder than words" and the 1972 record of the Legion seems to bear this out. Bob asked us to pass on his thanks to all his hard working assistants who helped out so tremendously during the year.

Just An Idle Thought:

We have a Boxing Day after Christmas so why not a Wrestling Day after New Years. This morning we heard several revellers wrestling with their conscience and "never again" sentiments were being expressed freely.

The Legion dance in the Hall on New Year's Eve was a big success. The old cliché - a good time was had by all - applied.

Mrs. Earl Liesemer and a friend in Galt have been exchanging the same Christmas card for 35 years. It all started as a joke about being economy-minded and kept going from there. Surely must be a record.

Mr. Lyle Nattress visited Mary and Jimmy Larmer in Belleville this week.

A New Year's Day phone call from Saskatoon ordered a subscription to the Chronicle. This was from the Sedgewicks - Bryar and George who will be vacationing in the South Pacific. Son Tim, who was born in Millbrook, was a gold medallist in the British Empire games a couple of years ago.

A young out-of-towner, noting the lack of Christmas street lighting was heard to ask "Don't they know there's a Christmas on?"

We are getting an encouraging number of offers of help in the promotion of a Millbrook and Cavan Old Boys and Girls Reunion. So, subject to a couple of conditions listed later in this article, as far as the Chronicle is concerned it's "full speed ahead". Since the most effective organization ever devised is a three-woman committee, with one in hospital and another out-of-town, we see no reason for a debating group consisting of the old standbys of pres. vice-pres. no's 1,2,3, sec'y., treas., p.r. man, press officer and committees number one to ten inclusive. One co-ordinator and a few agreeable helpers can put this thing across a heck a whooping. In the initial stage all that is required is a mailing list to which an r.s.v.p. invitation may be mailed. And compiling a mailing list is 'duck soup'. It works like this - my next door neighbour is George Harkness, (Mrs. Harkness, that grand old lady, who will be one hundred in March is in Springdale Nursing Home, R.R. #5, Peterborough. Why not send her a card?) But back to the subject of mailing list. George has a married brother in Toronto, they have a daughter and family in Oakville, there is a sister with family and grandchildren in Norwood, Alex. lives in Millbrook and has a son with a family and grandchildren at The Lakehead. Carolyn, a daughter lives in Galt with her family. On the same street there is one of the Gervans (Mr. Gervan was Presbyterian minister here in the 1920's.) So we add David, Russell, Jeanne, Patty and several others and their families to the list. So there is at least fifty people and we could get all their addresses with three phone calls or letters. That's from one house - like to guess the number of names a canvass of the town would turn up?

The two stipulations for Chronicle support? A full public disclosure of the expenditure of all funds. And an undertaking of all interested people that if this thing is started it won't be allowed to fizzle.

Esther Tinney, will you keep a list on interested people and call a meet.