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(The year of the re-union.)

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REGISTRATION 2792.

IT'S A GO - THE RE-UNION.

Before the days of the starting gate in racing, the judges, from a lofty perch, looked the field over, and if everything appeared favourable, the word from the officials was a shouted "It's a go". So this week we have every reason to shout in this page that "It's a go." Since our last issue we've had oodles of offers of help - and the particularly nice thing about it was the large number of young people and new comers to the village who offered to pitch in and help. The co-ordination department will have something for each of them to do - typing labels, digging in to school records and directories to compile mailing lists, and so forth.

It didn't come as too much of a suprise when the Chronicle was informed that it would be handling publicity for the project.

Millbrook and Cavan councils will be asked for their blessing, and the former for the use of the silent policemen that used to adorn the intersections of King and Tupper and King and Union Streets.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the re-union when, to quote from a newspaper of 1923 "the pretty and dignified little village has turned from its customary calm to a youthful aspect that delights to welcome home its wandering sons and daughters."

1923 was Millbrook's first re-union year although John Deyell, the first settler, had settled and built a mill here in 1816. Twelve hundred invitations brought visitors from all parts of Canada and the United States and one ex-Millbrookite, Fred Armstrong, made the long trip from London, England for the occasion.

Those who lent their support to the 1923 re-union were - I.E. Needham, George Burnham, H.W. Johnston, A.A. Smith, W.S. Given, Rev. Canon Allen, John Steele, W.T. Wood, R.J. Doak, R.H. Edmonds, W.C. Thorndyke, H.R. Armstrong and Albert Payne. Not one of these is still living, which indicates that the second re-union has been too long postponed.

The Peterborough newspaper, then the Evening Examiner devoted a great deal of space to the re-union. One headline - Old Boys and Girls to Meet in Old Classes. This will give opportunity for recalling incidents of former students days. (There is one teacher I hope makes it back - the one that used to hold my art work up for the class to laugh at. In my younger days I used to dream of someday clobbering her over the head with a sockful of rancid turkey livers but I have now mellowed and would be content to feed her a Mickey Finn, get my little box of paints out and doing a make-up job on her face that would make her look like a Ubangi debutante after the tribe prom.)

The same paper indicates that there is some doubt as to where the name Millbrook came from. It suggests that the first few log houses built as the forest was hewn down and clearing made were collectively called Village Inn. In time as the population increased a store or two began business, and a mill was built beside the brook and the name Millbrook evolved. To quote further - "Others have it that there is a Millbrook in England and some of the early settlers coming from the place or its neighbourhood, brought the name from there.

The paper also mentions an ex-Millbrookite, who didn't live to get to the re-union. He died in May 1923 in Los Angeles and left a fortune of "about twenty five million." More about him next week.

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FOR SALE:

Baby Carriage, clean, in good condition. Blue.
Call 932-5434 Evenings.

LOST OR STRAYED:

A 1925 autographed quilt made by the Mission Circle of the United Church.

This quilt was frequently loaned for display purposes.

Any information regarding it? Contact Mrs. B. Macdonald at Maple Villa Farm. R.R. No. 1, Colgan, Ontario.

SNOWMOBILES CAUSE HEARING LOSS?

In Frobisher Bay, where snowmobiles have replaced the dog teams there is an alarming increase in hearing loss attributable directly to snowmobiles. And the ones in use around here aren't any quieter.

KAWARTHA DOWNS RE-OPENS:

The first racing date will be on Sunday Jan. 14th. Post time 1.30

There will be nine races with a daily double, a quinella in the 3rd and 5th races and exactors in the 7th and 9th.

LEAGUE STANDINGS.

	G.P.	W.	Ti
JUVENILE	12	7	2
MIDGET	8	5	0
BANTAM	9	3	2
PEEWEE	8	7	1
NOVICE	6	1	0
MITES	4	3	0

AND A SPOT OF POETRY:

Too much trivial conversation,
Spoils the marital relation.

All the greatest vamps of history,
Specialized in charm and mystery.

If your wedded life is seamy,
Strive to look aloof and dreamy.

If you have a sense of humour,
Let it seem unfounded rumour.

Solemn men would pay good money,
If their wives were never funny.

Nervous men would be more placid,
If their wives were never acid.

Stolid men might grow ecstatic,
If their wives were less dramatic.

Silence is a point to score on,
Too much talk betrays the moron.

THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH:

Here's a letter taken from an 1896 Millbrook newspaper and could be aimed at the cow that is wandering up King Street - in the picture in the Chronicle window - opposite Docon Building.

Dear Editor:

Can you inform me and many other tormented owners of gardens if we have a by-law prohibiting all cows from running at large on our streets from evening until morning? If we have such a by-law why do our constables not see that it is observed. We pay the men for looking after the interests of the village and if they don't do it who is to blame? The nuisance has become unbearable and should aggrieved citizens take a shot gun to these animals who is to blame?

Yours,
Citizen.

Apparently 'twas ever thus. We have had our delicate ears blasted by at least three people because there were no Christmas lights hung from the hydro poles in the village. We would have been glad to look after this but our pole climbing muscles are slightly atrophied - but we're on a health 'kick' in 1973 and may be able to handle it next Christmas.

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SNOW SCULPTURE STALLED:

The weatherman isn't co-operating in Gerry Bates snow sculpturing contest but it's a pretty safe bet that there will be plenty before closing date for the contest at the end of January. For a model of what can be done take a look at the clipping in the Chronicle window.

SOME HINTS ON FIRE PREVENTION:

A folder from All-State Safety Crusade points out that every two minutes a home suffers fire damage. Most fires can be prevented by eliminating simple fire hazards. Here's the partial checklist:

Careless smoking (a) Are lighters and matches kept out of reach of small children? (b) Is smoking in bed, or when drowsing outlawed in your home?

Improper Use of electricity:

Do you use only 15 amp. fuses for lighting circuits? (b) Are frayed electrical cords or broken plugs replaced immediately?

Accumulation of Rubbish:

Are basements, attics, closets, and such out-of-the-way places kept free of rubbish? (b) Are ashes or embers from any stove or fireplace removed outside and isolated from anything that might catch fire?

(More in later issues)

THE STORY OF THE TWENTY FIVE MILLION.

In a letter to Mr. J.N. McGill, who was secretary of the re-union board in 1923. Mr. F.C. Letts wrote, as follows:

"It was on July 14th 1883 when I dropped off the train in company with my brother, Arthur Letts whom God called home on May 18. He was helping John Martin on the farm on the Fallis Line in July '83 but went from there to Toronto. (Ed. note - apparently he went to Los Angeles after this for a footnote to the letter says that Mr. Arthur Letts died on May 18, 1923 leaving a fortune of about twenty five million.) How? - Oil? Gold? Real estate? Was he an evangelist? California is pretty fertile ground for anyone with a gimmick in religion. Aimee Semple McPherson, a relative of Mrs. H.E. (Doc.) Ellis did alright in this field and reportedly left four million.

CHRONICLE of MILLBROOK

We'd like names and addresses of Millbrook Old Boys and Girls. O.K.? Joyful One on Brookbanks Dr. Toronto

THE RACE OF THE MODEL T'S.

Last week we started this story and then ran out of space to finish it. We left you on the stretch in front of the Mary Widdis farm with the Armstrong car taking the lead and the Ingram car in hot pursuit. These positions were maintained to a point about half way between the Wally Agnew farm, then owned by Irwin Hatherly and the Albert Musprat farm now owned by Charlie Manley. Here complications set in. Another car was on the road ahead. The Armstrong car had good brakes and had no trouble getting slowed down but the Ingram car was not too well equipped in this department - so in order to avoid a tail collision it took to the ditch. There the Ingram car hit a big rock, the top of the touring car folded and settled down over the four occupants in the front seat and the water from the smashed rad splattering on a red hot engine was sending up huge clouds of steam. The only injury was a band-aid cut on the knee of a comely girl who was visiting in Millbrook, but Armstrong, always the opportunist, said "I'd better rush this girl to the doctor". But there was a strong suspicion that he wanted to try out some first aid that he had learned at Trail Rangers, in the Presbyterian Sunday school hall, so that idea was ruled out.

BOB PALMER GETS ARCTIC POSTING:

Bob Palmer, son of Ron Palmer of the Elsie Beough store has been posted to Foxe in the Arctic by the R.C.A.F.

We had intended writing an article about Foxe for we spent three months there but we're running out of space again. We'll make a couple of predictions, however, for Bob's benefit - 1. You'll be an expert ping pong player after a year up there. 2. You'll never hear an Eskimo say "mush" to a dog team and 3. You'll enjoy the breathtaking Northern lights which are visible every night - now 24 hours darkness - but you'll have to look south from where you are to see them.

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SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Falls, of Cedar Valley, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 3rd of January. Friends and relatives gathered at Sam Kinsman's on last Saturday evening and presented them with a kitchenette set.

LOST:

Between Canadian Legion and George Street, Millbrook, a brown wallet containing valuable papers. Finder please phone 932-2721.

NEW SERVICE CLEANERS

Pickups - Tuesdays-Fridays.
Deliveries - Fridays-Saturdays

Local agent - Millbrook Meats.
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Facelle Royal jumbo paper towels. .39¢
Swift Cottage Roll lb. .69¢
Bologna 3 lbs. 1.00
Old Mill sausage .57¢
Heinz tomato soup ea. .10¢
Blue ribbon -100 tea bags .69¢
Velveeta Cheese lb. .89¢
Robin Hood-Fruit Crisps 2 for .89¢

OUELLETTE INSURANCE

SEZ VIC:

It is believed by many among you, that men are smarter than women. Maybe so, but have you ever seen a woman marry a dumb man because of his shape.

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Beautiful double knit slacks with cuffs. \$11.98
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Burns wieners lb. .45¢
Cheese ritz 8 oz. .39¢
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ADVICE TO WOMEN:

Live your life so that you won't be afraid to be the first woman to leave a ladies' bridge party.

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A VILLAGER VIEWS THE SCENE.

(Being a sometimes cock-eyed look at people, things and events - and things and events - local, national and international.)

"There is no way milk prices can remain even at their present level. . . The further farms move away from centres of population, the higher the expense and the more the consumer will have to pay for fresh milk." So says Ken Fallis, director of the soils and crops branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and former resident of the Fallis Line one mile north of Millbrook.

This is pretty sad news for one who became enlightened on New Year's Eve (no connection with getting lit-up) and made the relevant resolution. However, we may be able to do a reversal of the statement of an old hill-billy who was heard to say " A kaig of likker sure don't last long with a family that is too poor to keep a cow".

The much bally-hoo'd World Hockey Association game pitting the all-stars of the east against the all-stars from the west drew fewer than five thousand fans - and put a big question mark after that word all-star. It would seem that fans are beginning to smarten up and question the big admission price to watch a bunch of rather mediocre players blended in with a few, and very few, good ones. We expect that this will be reflected in season ticket sales next year in the N.H.L. It's staging some rather dismal exhibitions which have earned such titles as the Sickly Seals, the Wilted Leafs and the Blunted Sabres.

When we were in Toronto in the bank we went to all the Leaf's home games because if you didn't there was nothing to talk about on Monday, with the male customers. The ladies all seemed to be bridge players and when one of these gets under a full head of steam in describing a game all that was necessary was to interject the occasional "My, my ", "Do tell", "Is that so", and "How brilliant". Mercifully, most of them had street car transfers (this was at Bay and Bloor branch) and could'nt hang around to play the full thirteen tricks.

A letter from Graham Russell, of Toronto, says, in part, " I well remember when hockey was played on the pond at Billie McIvor's Grist-mill and then, of course, Needler's Pond wher George and Bill Needler, Bob Doak and many others had a ball. I often wonder if Gary Doak, presently playing for Detroit, is a grandson of R.J. He seems to have the family resemblance. (I don't think so (and I should know for sure for I am distantly related to the Doaks but we lost touch a few years ago. Albert, (Pud), Bob and Dorothy are all dead. Dorothy's husband Bolton Price was still an Orillia resident a few years ago. I tried to look him up when I was driving through one day, but he was in Florida at the time.) To continue the letter - Yes, I remember and participated in the re-union fifty years ago. I still have a panoramic photograph of the group taken in front of the Town Hall in 1923.

(Ed. note - if you have the addresses of the Needlers, we'd like to get them on the invitation for the 1973 re-union. How about Linden? Have you his address in England? We need him to complete the line-up of that good juvenile team we had here.)

The Toronto newspapers report another case of young men being ejected from a pub returning to throw a gasoline bomb into the place. In this instance the fire was extinguished by the hotel's staff and customers using a fire extinguisher and jugs of beer. Last year in Montreal in a similar incident over thirty people were burned to death. So, why not a law requiring all people being bounced to be easily identified by taking an 'instant photograph'. This would practically ensure that the police could quickly apprehend the culprits.

WATCH FOR THE JANUARY THAW -

January seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, and twenty.

This is all the information we have on this mysterious event but our operatives are working on it and we hope for a full disclosure in next week's issue of the Chronicle.

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THE BABBLE OF THE 'BROOK.

WINNER DECLARED IN A.V. THORN
CURLING TROPHY.

Brownie Eccles (Winner)	10 points
Jack Draper	8 points
George Sheppard	6 points
Lawrence Winslow	6 points
Lew Arbogast	6 points
Arthur Thorn	6 points
Don Porter	5 points
Ron Palmer	4 points
Gordon Reynolds	3 points
Percy Hamilton	3 points
Russell Kennedy	2 points
Bob Carr	1 point

THE OLD PROGNOSTICATOR:

We haven't yet performed the mental gymnastics to determine Stan's average in his selections for last year - but will shortly. It will be well above the passing mark.

On Sunday at Kawartha Downs Stan likes Arawana Belle in the 1st and Chasmar Charlie in the 8th.

PLEASE NOTE:

Elsewhere in this issue we have an ad. for Andrew Hartjes. We had already run it before we received word from Mr. Hartjes to cancel it, until further notice. The message "too busy for any more work right now."

SOUR NOTE:

Mr. Nixon celebrates his sixtieth birthday but we doubt if any of our readers complain if we fail to wish him "Any Happy Returns".

NOVICE HOCKEY TEAM GETS BAD GAME
OUT OF SYSTEM.

The temperature on Saturday morning was well below the cipher. So, if there are errors in this line-up blame it on a cold-handed scrawl which is now very hard to decipher. The Novice Line-up - 8 to 10 year olds.

Danny Taylor, Andy Brotherstone, Paul Smith, Mike Lunn, Paul Jamieson, Todd Miller, Darrell Yokum, Doug Manley, Ken Steele, David Sutch, Greg Capeling, Paul Million, George Fredericks, Ron Ruth, Tom Armstrong, Charlie Flood.

The locals took the anemic end of a 7-0 score against a much bigger team that had a couple of hard-shooting forwards, while our game little aggregation had difficulty in penetrating the visitors' defense, to get a close-in shot at the Lakeshore net and this left the Newcastle goalie playing the role (forward).

(NOVICE HOCKEY - Cont'd.)

of "The Lonely Man". At the other end of the arena Danny Taylor was having a lively time behind a defense that at times developed sieve-like tendencies. The guardian of the nets turned aside a ton of rubber, but fell victim to a couple of Lakeshore marksmen. One oversized player bulldozed his way through the gnat-weight defenders and this enabled him to fire point blank from Danny's Doorstep, while another little chap had a whistling shot, most unusual in novice hockey, that raised a suspicion that he might be Whistler's son.

Another young man on this team has a problem - "Snaz" alias Charlie Flood. He was the last man signed on the team, and this made one more player than club sweaters available. In other words if there is no absenteeism there's no sweater for 'Snaz'. And since absentees come in a large variety size, some weeks the sweater might be of a mini-skirt profile, while next week it could be a lengthy model, once called a Mother Hubbard. This must be particularly disconcerting to a man with a nickname like Snaz (which is short for Snazzy). So, since Snaz did some much appreciated public relations work for the Chronicle (the day after we met him at his father's "fun farm" he was telling his public school classmates "I know de guy that prints the Chronicle!") This, no doubt, was responsible for the many subscriptions that have come in from that area. And since the Chronicle can't have one of its public relations men wearing an ill-fitting sweater (the editor reserves the exclusive right to wear what the well-dressed man is avoiding) we wish Snaz would furnish our personnel dept. with measurements and preference in colour. (We thought that a green sweater would enable you to infiltrate the Newcastle defense unnoticed and spoil those degrading shutouts.) Anyway, Snaz, let's know your wishes. We'll get the sweater.

On the subject of clothes :

Adam to Eve - "Doggone it, first woman, you've gone and put my suit in the salad."

The editor saw a Wildcat on King St. in the area between Millbrook Billiards and Gail's Beauty Salon. But the big game hunters needn't bother getting the rifles out of the gun racks - it was Snaz's new Buick Wildcat - being driven by his father.