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FIREMAN'S LIFE IS BUSY ONE IN SPRING:

The Millbrook Fire Department has answered numerous calls in the last week for the spring clean-up urge is responsible for numerous grass fires. The Department has had out-of-town runs to extinguish grass fires at Jake VanDam's farm, which endangered a farm building, to Albert Dew's farm at Cavan, a local call to the field next to the Ted Scott home. In addition a motorcycle burned in the Mustang Drive-In area and a panel truck towed in from Highway 115 after catching fire there rekindled its blaze on Union Street when the upholstery showed signs of blazing up.

We don't know what effect these fires will have on the negotiations going on between Millbrook and Cavan for fire protection service for the Township. The previous arrangement between the two was a retainer of \$3,500.00 which covered the first twelve fires with a fee of \$300.00 per call answered after that. The Village is now asking \$7300.00 for the first fifteen fires and \$350.00 for subsequent calls.

MORE SIGNS OF SPRING APPEARING DAILY:

Purple martins have put in their always welcome appearance in Happy Valley. The owner and the birds have had a working agreement for several years. Suitable places are made available for nesting and in return the Valley is kept clear of mosquitoes.

Another regular caller annually, a kingfisher, has dropped in for a few days and a few minnows. He'll pick himself up a mate and disappear for the summer, then call back in the fall for a couple of weeks on his southern trip.

Dandelions, this could be a vintage year, are starting to show and the pussy willows are brightening up with swamps. The frogs are also whooping it up on the warm evenings.

BRANCH 402 - ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION CAPTURES EUCHRE TROPHY:

The Brothers Corfe - Don and Earl and Ted Scott and Lloyd Slack represented the local branch at a tournament in Hastings on Saturday and rolled up an impressive record. Earl and Don turned in nine wins and one loss and Lloyd and Ted chalked up a 7-3 figure in the won-lost column. This kept the foursome well in advance of teams from all the area branches - Peterborough, Havelock, Norwood, Hastings, etc. The Peterborough branch had a great many teams entered but in this game, as in so many others, (as Philadelphia is finding out) it's quality not quantity that counts.

THE FARMERS CELEBRATE THIRTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Mary and Jimmy were in the village on the holiday weekend and mentioned to the editor that it was their thirtieth anniversary - "and we're still speaking to each other." Their daughter Betty was with them and we were suprised to hear that she hadn't heard of the Tim Horton Award in hockey - a big nothing with a lot of dough around it. Tim is the "Doughnut King" - and Betty worked for him last year.

Bob MacPherson (son of Mac "Rosie" MacPherson) was also in the village on the weekend. Peter Stuart, son of Dr. and Mrs. L.J. Stuart was also a weekend visitor.

We mentioned the potted mums in the window of the Hill grocery store - and had to put a young gentleman right on the point - a potted mum is not a soused parent. (He used to be my horticultural editor, too.)

HELP, PLEASE:

Has anyone Graham Russell's new address? His papers are coming back. "No forwarding address."

THE CHRONICLE WINDOW - THIS WEEK:

In this week in the Chronicle window on King Street you will see - a picture of Mrs. Harkness, taken on her 100th birthday.

The picture of the public school class, also in the window, was taken in 1899, and some of this class are still in the area. We think that a Tupper Street resident would find herself in this picture. The big chap with the moustache on the left was a member of the school board - maybe the one who got himself elected as a trustee in order to pressure the teachers in to giving him passing grades. We heard one time of a student who never passed an examination in public school but as she outgrew the dimensions of the desk it was necessary to promote her to a senior class in the interests of a "fit".

The baseball team, in civilian garb, includes Bob and Ross Edmonds and Norman McGill. Bob Edmonds played for Cobourg in the 1890's, when that town won a Canadian championship. Ross was a well known pitcher, and Norman McGill claimed to be the first curve-ball pitcher in Cavan Township.

The very interesting tourist map of Alberta and British Columbia is the creation of Gordon Muspratt, of Calgary, and the copyright is owned by him. In an accompanying letter he sends greetings to Mrs. Harkness and to his former school teacher. This, we assume, is the editor's sister Alice Innis, who will be returning to Peterborough in the near future after spending the winter months with her daughter, Dr. Nancy Innis, in Halifax.

We also had on display the plywood cutout of Snoopy that was used in the Chronicle entry in the Christmas parade - a third place winner. We were going to have a draw among the children to get a home for Snoopy but we noticed a nine year old girl admiring him so we asked her if she would like to have him. She liked. So she parked her bicycle and scampered home with him. We hope her mother 'liked' too.

"LUNCHEON IS SERVED" - AT ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH - ON MAY 10TH.

Come to Supper on Thursday May 10th at 6.00 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall. The price only \$1.50 per person - sponsored by Unit Three U.C.W. Food provided by the manufacturers and prepared by "Luncheon Is Served" organization.

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An exhibition of magic in Cavan Township Hall on Monday didn't appear to be too well attended - unless the magician as a finale made most of his audience disappear.

There are people that don't believe that certain magic words will work magic - such as turning water into wine and pumpkins into coaches and 'fours'. But these magic words do work! We had a friend who was driving along a highway when his girl pronounced a magic word - and he turned into a motel.

SEASON OPENS ON THE BENCH!

While the benches in Cavan Township Park, King Street, usually await the return of Carman Ingram, from Florida, they are out a little earlier this year. The slatted benches - known as the "Old Corrugators" have been replaced by some with smoother seats - and the end result has been quite satisfactory. No doubt one of the items on the Benchers' agenda will be consideration of the replacement of the shade-giving maple trees - for they have a very limited life span, and sunlight on a shiny dome, we are told, is a bit harrowing.

THE OLD PROGNOSTICATOR:

Stap, The Man, is on a winning streak in his selections at Kawartha Downs. He has clicked on a winner for the last two weeks and expects to keep his record intact again this week. Lyle's selection of Carman Chuck was lost somewhere in the field.

The recent threatened 'energy tax' has a few former staunch supporters muttering "Heaven save us, Mr. Davis". We notice a few politicians are saying "I'm keeping an open mind on the subject" which being translated from politicalesse means "I'll straddle the fence and hope that the issue will disappear".

We regret to report the death of Harold Marshall - (his mother operated the store now belonging to Aleta Olan.)

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THE BABBLE OF THE 'BROOK.

The Millbrook District Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual CLEANATHON on Friday afternoon, April 27th. The Millbrook High School Student Organization will clean the Village streets and will be looking for sponsors. The money earned will be used for purchasing equipment etc. for school use.

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THE HOBBS TOUR ENGLAND AND WALES SCOTLAND IS NEXT.

A post card received from Dr. and Mrs. Hobbs mentions an interesting week in London including attendance at a medical convention also attended by H.R.H. Prince Philip. At the time of writing the card they were on their way to Scotland "in a bright red Vauxhaul Viva. (Ed. note - we recall years ago reading of a man named Hobbs who was to cricket what Babe Ruth was to baseball. A casual mention of relationship (which could be established by going back enough generations) should be good for a few complimentary arf and arfs in the Pig and Whistle.)

Ever hear of the bloke what went in to the pub named St. George and the Dragon. When roared at by a beefy female barmaid he said "Gorblimey, miss, it was St. George I wanted to see, not you.

To-night, Thursday is Bingo Night. So let's all get over to the Legion Hall and join in the fun. The Auxiliary is always ready, willing and able to help out at banquets, wedding parties etc. etc. so a bit of help at the bingos should follow.

The frost in evidence to us early risers may temporarily chill ideas of softball - but it's just around the corner. Don't be a holdout - get your name in to Linda Anthony or Bill Thomas. Remember, there was only one indispensable woman - and Eve has been dead for a long, long time. There are a bunch of eager young junior players who would love to move up to senior play.

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Several people have asked what has happened to Old Home Week. The answer - it's simmering on the back burner. As soon as that national, annual plague - involving T 4's is over we'll be off and running. There will be a special Old Home Week issue of the Chronicle to tell you all about it.

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The several people who asked about quilting frames might click on a set if they called Harry Jones in Bethany.

In reading an old history of the area we discovered that the Indians, who are credited with discovering maple syrup, used to make it by dropping hot stones into wooden troughs. No metal pots were available.

