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A ratepayer has shed some light on the matter of Millbrook balance sheets and quotes from the Municipal Act.

Section 216 (1) of the Municipal Act. The treasurer of each local municipality in every year shall within one month after receiving the audited financial statement of the municipality cause to be published or mailed or delivered to each rate payer a copy of the balance sheets etc. etc.

Why hasn't this regulation been followed? Was there any audit?

The clerk who is about to assume the position of clerk-treasurer should look in to this matter. Here's another one that ratepayers and council should ponder. Chap. 284 Sec. 362 (18)

The council of a local municipality may by by-law establish a sewage service rate structure upon which sewage service rates shall be based and calculated and, in establishing the rate structure the council shall have regard to differentiating between classes of users, nature, volume and frequency of use and all other relevant matters to ensure that sewage service rates are imposed upon a basis that is equitable and just.

We doubt from stories current in the village that this regulation has been observed.

And another regulation that is particularly timely - Sec. 215 (1)

The council shall appoint a clerk whose duty it is:

(a) To truly record in a book, without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of council.

(b) If required by any member present, to record the name and vote of every member voting on any matter or question.

(c) To preserve and file all accounts acted upon by the council.

And here is one that is going to be used by the ratepayers:

216 (1) Except as otherwise provided in any Act, any person at all reasonable hours, may inspect any records, books, accounts and documents in the possession or under the control of the clerk except inter-department correspondence and reports, and the clerk within a reasonable time shall furnish copies of them or extracts therefrom certified under his hand on payment of such rate as council may fix.

GREAT PINE RIDGE

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In regard to the \$22,000 plus earmarked for the Olan property the Municipal Act Chap. 284 (308) sub para 5 says the auditor to report on reserve fund and states further that the money raised for a reserve fund established under subsection 1 shall not be expended, pledged, or applied to any purpose other than that for which the fund was established without the approval of the Department.

From a report of Dec. 11/75 "Proceedings on the Olan property were cancelled by council and the solicitor notified".

A 1931 business directory for the village listed the following:

- A private hospital with doctors and nurses.
- Two dentists.
- A veterinary surgeon
- A C.N.R. depot and staff
- Railway section crews
- A telegraph office
- Two bakeries
- Several lunch rooms
- A creamery
- A branch of Lindsay creamery
- Two sawmills
- One gristmill
- A furniture store
- A music store
- A harness shop
- Three barber shops
- Three hardware stores
- A tinsmith shop
- A jewellery store
- A poultry hatchery
- A nursing home
- Two doctors
- One dentist
- Four restaurants
- One sawmill
- One gristmill
- A furniture store
- A harness shop
- Two coal and lumber yards
- Two blacksmith shops
- One carriage shop
- Several garages
- Two hotels
- A curling rink
- A skating rink
- A bowling green
- An egg circle
- A tennis club
- A golf club
- A curling club
- A baseball club
- A softball club
- A lacrosse club
- Several hockey clubs
- A badminton club

Bantam Hockey (Cont'd.)

Mike Corfe tallied the 'Brooks initial goal and the second counter was blasted in on a long shot by Doug. Leonard. Doug. also took a two punch decision in a bit of fist-cuffs that saw a Bewdley player's coiffure rearranged by an overhand right. Officials moved in fast to break this one up and both gladiators were banished for the balance of the game.

The line-up - Dale Heard, Drew McBain, Doug. Page, Rich Maracle, Paul Sutton, Ian Beemer, Shawn Matwey, Mike Corfe, Doug. Leonard, Blair Smith (up from the Peewees to take over in the nets for a short time when Dale Heard was injured in a pile-up.) Scott Campbell Scott Packman - Paul Burnett was out with an injury.

The executive for this team - Jim Chapman, Barry Heard and Lorne Maracle.

Referees: Dave Heaton and Ken Rumball.

The following league standings were posted on the bulletin board with no indication of how up-to-date they were:

Cavan-Millbrook Men's League.

	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pts.
South Cavan	8	2	0	16
Fraserville	5	4	1	11
North Cavan	3	6	1	7
Millbrook	3	7	0	6

Leading scorers:

Dennis Hannah	North Cavan	21
Brian Gillis	North Cavan	21
Brian Page	South Cavan	20

Broom Ball:

- Curtis Home Improvements
- Fireside Tavern
- Mr. Sticks
- Wakely Cartage
- Tops Motor Hotel
- Fraserville
- Peterborough Mobile Homes
- Otonabee Inn.

Leading scorers:

Bruce Robinson	- Wakely	14
Gary Liboiron	- Curtis	14
Marvin Moore	- Fraser.	12

Marvin Moore also led the parade to the penalty box with 46 minutes.

Oh, tradesman, in thine hours of ee
If on this paper you should c c c,
Take our advice and now be y y y
Go straight ahead and advert i i i.

A stalemate is last season's
girl friend,

Several newcomers to the village have enquired about the "sterling, if misguided co-operation of the Examiner in attempting to put the skids under an elected councillor". This should give them the whole story. First the Examiner published an article under the heading "Councillor's vacation suprise to council!" Then it followed up with an editorial "Pick A Worker", which said in part Mr. Gerry Todd has demonstrated amply that he is not the man for Millbrook. Surely there are other more responsible men or women in Millbrook willing to shoulder that responsibility.

The unmitigated lies given to the Examiner in this connection aroused the ire of your editor and he wrote the Examiner, as follows:
In part - Your first item - Councillors Vacation Suprise to Council could only be believed by a subscriber to the psychical phenomenon of pre-recognition. This is the only explanation of the fact that the clerk and some councillors were able to express wishes for a pleasant trip while being unaware any trip was in the offing. But very few people in Millbrook subscribe to this theory. They have another term for it.

Your next news item - " Councillor Away, Now Seat Vacant, is shot so full of misinformation that it is, in some quarters, regarded as having all the earmarks of a hatchet job. For openers, the name is Gerry, not Jerry. Next, your statement that Mr. Todd has been vacationing in Florida since mid-December. The fact - Mr. Todd was in California and he left Millbrook on December 28th. Under the inspired title "Pick A Worker the Examiner editorially proceeds on its blundering way.- "He not only hasn't come back but didn't bother telling anyone he was leaving or how long he would be gone. This diatribe was in the issue of Feb. 4th when Mr. Todd had already returned to Millbrook. He would have been back earlier but because of road conditions he was turned back in the Buffalo area by State troopers.

I don't know if the Examiner fancies itself in the role of a latter day Moses dedicated to leading Millbrook out of a political morass but on the evidence of another statement in this editorial I incline to the view that your paper has brought a virginal mind to the subject of local politics unsullied by any penetrating knowledge of the situation. Your criticism that Mr. Todd hasn't attended to any township business really tops it all. It would surely be resented by the township council, presumable Cavan - a distinctly different body. In a reciprocal gesture for your interest we offer a prayer for you - Dear Lord, please send the Examiner another Robertson Davies.

This story, a true one, started in the Foxe Basin area, north of the Arctic Circle and ended on the tarmac of the Mont Joli airport. I had been on the Dew Line for seven months and had just finished packing in preparation for a Christmas trip to Millbrook. The bag was still open when one of the kitchen staff came in to the tent and tossed a package of coffee in to it remarking "just a little something to remember us by". One didn't need to be gifted with ESP to know what this pot-walloper had in mind. I had "remembered" the waiters but had overlooked the crew in the kitchen. This was corrected and we bid our adieus. I locked the bag and dashed over to the airstrip to get the plane to Frobisher Bay and then to Mont Joli.

At Mont Joli several Provincial Police - Quebec variety - met the plane and explained that on account of numerous thefts from Dew Line sites they were searching all baggage. This was what used to be termed as "a fine kettle of fish". At this time the myth that Quebec police took great delight in arresting people from Ontario was generally believed. And here they had a perfect opportunity - evidence of theft under \$50.00 - a pound of coffee.

Now the formula for such a situation is to meet it with instantaneous ingenuity. But how? If I opened the bag I was sunk - if I didn't I could have an additional charge of obstruction against me, after they had forced the bag open. Then a possible solution dawned on me. I was employed by the New York Dew Line architects and was wearing the uniform of a U.S. Airforce colonel (without insignia of rank) and had just left a highly secret defense operation. As the old saying has it - "in time of war truth is the first casualty" - and I told the law a real whopper. I said "that bag contains highly classified information and if you want it opened get in touch with the Pentagon in Washington". At this point all they wanted me to do was take my bag and go away, which is exactly what I did. I checked in to a hotel, changed into civies, and proceeded to the bar to end The Long Dry Spell.

There I met a charming young French girl and explained my deep interest in learning the French language. Since it was two days before Christmas she thought that "joyeau Noel" (that spelling is wrong.) was appropriate. As the wassail flowed freely the evening got joyeauer and joyeauer - 'til Montreal train time.

A FEW SPORTS NOTES:

On Monday evening in the local arena there was a three-match program that saw Millbrook Peewees play Hastings, Bantams versus Bewdley and the Midgets play Havelock.

In the curtain-raiser Millbrook Pee-wees took an easy 8-2 victory over Hastings. The interesting and unusual feature of the game was a certified hat trick by Blair Smith. Any three goals are called a hat trick but the genuine variety has to be three consecutive goals as these were notched by Blair in scoring the second, third and fourth goals. Other scorers were Steve Edgerton registering a pair, with singles going to Bill McElroy, Jeff Sanderson and John Hough.

The lige-up: John Hough, Shawn Martin Stephen Edgerton, Robert Taylor, Grant Seeney, Blair Smith, Ian Beemer Jeff Sanderson, Doug Wilson, Eric Vowles, Bill McElroy and Drew McBain. The coach is John Eadie and the manager Shirley McBain.

We are told that Robert Taylor's first three shots on goal this year chalked up counters but unfortunately this happy state of affairs didn't continue and his scoring average took a pronounced dip.

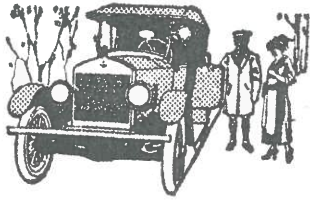
Several of the fans and players told the Chronicle that arena manager Bill Embury is doing a terrific job. He appears to be keeping every one happy - and that's not easy.

In the second game an over-matched Millbrook Bantam team ended up on the skinny end of an 8-2 score with a husky bunch of Bewdley bruisers. The fact of the mis-match showed up early when the visitors took a 2-0 score in the first minute of play. Although we don't alibi home teams but when standard size 13 and 14 year old boys are thrown in against 200 plus pounders its a rather hopeless situation. This classy Bewdley team won a provincial championship last year and are unbeaten in 45 outings, if our informant had his figures correct.

Considering all this all the credit in the world to the locals who, although outgunned were still in there exchanging bump for bump with their huskier foes.

Rich Maracle, of the stalwart, if not gigantic, defensive duo of Corfe and Maracle could have used a bit of luck. when he had a twine-bulger called back on a borderline offside and later when he was nailed for tripping on what some fans regarded as a stumble over his stick. (Which was strategically placed for stumbling over

Seems like
yesterday



In the year 1909;
16 stallions had their business cards displayed in the office of the Millbrook and Omeme Mirror, one of the two newspapers published in the village. There was a by-law outlawing the leading of a stallion up King Street.

It was now possible to reach Carmel by telephone. (Wonder who was there to pick up the receiver)

An article on hockey stated in part " How the very sound of this word thrills our hearts, enlivens the pulse and sets them joyfully vibrating. How the patriotism of every loyal Canadian is rekindled and aglow when the very word is uttered. How other countries envy our unexcelled reputation in this, the grandest of winter sports".

It was a few years after this that Lou Marsh, sports editor of the Toronto Star, said Canada might as well forget international competition as it was a foregone conclusion that we would wallop anything put on the ice against us. Compare that with our cellar-dwellers in international competitions in 1979.

Incidentally, the seating of the arena is not overtaxed and the attendance of a few more fans would be appreciated. You can put your money at the box office and get some entertainment or pay it in taxes - and get nothing.

In the year 1941:

Elmer Hogg won a crokinole tournament and a Miss Esther Armstrong ended up with what was uncouthly referred to as a booby prize.

Millbrook's baseball line-up:

McDowell, Kerr, Wright, Skitch, MacPherson, Bryans, Gray, Inchley, Might.

In 1967 wedding bells rang for:
Sharon Eliz. McGeachy - Ross Smith
Sharon Worr Ronald Fallis
Marilyn Gail Olan - Wm. Gilmour

Cecil McMahon was working for the support of literature. He built a bookcase.

HEARD IN THE COUNTRY CORNER AND CHANG'S RESTAURANT.

It all started when someone remarked that in the near future (already, as a matter of fact, in some places) a chemical concoction will be used as a substitute for cream in coffee. From there it rambled to powdered milk - product of cows in very dry regions such as the desert in the south western States, to mare's milk a cure for something or other in babies. Goat's milk is on sale locally but pigeon's milk is not available - it's for the exclusive use of baby pigeons - squabs. The ancient term milk dame was used to describe wet nurses - who shouldn't be confused with nannies. It is almost a rule that when a speaker at a sportsmen's dinner is given a round of applause he titillates his audience with " as the cow said to the milkmaid, thanks for the warm hand". On the subject of milking it was decided that no special skill was required - any jerk could do it.

In conclusion, you run into some interest subjects in a Millbrook restaurant - in this case udderly fascinating.

In another restaurant, sitting around a table - Jean Steele, Eileen Powell, the Voice from a Farr and her husband Charlie. The subject got around to shoplifting - not the spirit of "do your Christmas shoplifting early" but a case in which a villager in an absent-minded moment carried a small item out of a Peterborough store. When she noted this in the parking lot she was confronted with the problem of whether to take it back and risk being charged or tucking it in her car and getting away in a hurry. Her conscience was her guide - and the Chronicle doesn't blab.

We've all heard some version of the tear-jerking story of the man who stole a loaf of bread to feed his starving children, and ended up with a lengthy jail term.

This was in the back of my mind in a little incident I got involved in a few years ago. I discovered how innocently and easily it can happen. Tell you about it on the next page. If all the economists in the world were laid end to end they wouldn't reach a conclusion.

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