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And The

GREAT PINE RIDGE

"No better value
ever bought!"

LIVELIEST FAMILY WEEKLY

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ANOTHER SCHOOLBOY HOWLER?

An item in an area newspaper says "An estimate from an engineer regarding the old mill has been obtained. A total of \$5,000 is needed to draw up a plan. The engineer advises that to bring the building up to safety standards as a useable building would cost in excess of \$100,000.

Three estimates will be sought to be presented to the L.A.C.A.C. committee for their recommendation."

You'll go a long, long way, my friend, to get more vague generalities than that.

An engineer? C.P.R.? or a stationary engineer from the 'big house' on the hill? or to use the dictionary definition - one who runs an engine.

What is the plan for which \$5,000 is needed?

Cost in excess of \$100,000? That could be any amount in the million or trillion bracket.

For a village that hasn't a room for it's senior citizens, a drop-in centre for the kids or a swimming pool we would suggest that they stay away from estimates to be presented to the L.A.C.A.C. whatever that is. It's an open secret that certain members of council want to remove the mill to get a half dozen more parking places for the arena. This would presumably cover for their shortsightedness in not using the thousands of yards of fill - dumped opposite Waynes Dracups house and on King St. just north of the Old Gravel Road. which could have re-inforced the dam and provided parking for hundreds of cars. The slogan is rapidly becoming "Save The Mill, Get Rid of Certain Councillors!" The Committee will be asking for a photostat of the engineer's report and a statement of the amount paid to him for a 'nothing' statement.

AND IN ADDITION:

In a statement "Village of Millbrook 1978 Financial Highlights here are a couple of highlights that catch the eye. Try this one on your calculator:

1977 - Taxation	\$117,409
Payments in lieu	1,863
Ontario grants	68,551
Other grants	41,780
Fees & service charges	26,387
Other	6,693.

262,683

Total in 'Financial Highlights' shown as \$ 212,683.

Will likely be explained as typographical error but doesn't any one every check these things.

The other item of more concern is an item in the auditor's report of \$2,000 which disappears from "Investments" to shows up in an addition to cash. Try explaining that one by typographical error.

Exactly one year ago I wrote to the Honourable Keith C. Norton about The Municipal and School Tax Credit Assistance Act. This Act provides for tax credits for elderly home owners - this credit is registered as a lien against the property and is repaid when the property changes hands - and it relieves the tax-burden of the pensioner and stalls it off for their lifetime. After that, who cares?

The Minister advised that a member of his staff had contacted Mrs. Wismer, village clerk, and learned that there were no municipal tax credits available.

Why? Was this matter ever brought up in council?

If ever the citizens of a village needed this assistance it is Millbrook.

Come on, Art Thorn, let's get going. on that committee meeting. I get new questions nearly every day.

STAN PICKS A WINNER:

Ah, that man Crossett (or Cosett, if you prefer the Newcastle version) proprietor of the Millbrook Billiard Academy (or pool hall, if you prefer the uncouth Newcastle term). Stan, the Old Prognosticator of the Chronicle staff, without even a preliminary ESP warm-up picked True Blue Crescendo to win the third at Kawartha Downs and True Blue lived up to his name and converted a two buck bet into \$10.60 - a very decent return even in these days of inflation and high bank interest rates. A memory lapse cost the editor a chance of sharing in the windfall. In these days, when every baby born has a public debt of \$4,000 - see or hear political propoganda, 2,064 race followers bet \$128,735 . Stan, once owned Flashlight F. a great little horse that showed hot heels to the opposition in a great many events at the Downs. (Wherever you are Flashlight send us a whinny - collect, of course.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - IN THE BIG L

Many of the world's weightier subjects are pondered here and on Saturday afternoon they were at it again. The problem was something like this: If a two pound bird is weighed when sitting on a platform scale and then a second reading is taken while the bird is hovering in flight over the platform will the two pounds be reflected in the scale reading. Since the law of gravity isn't repealed it would seem that the pressure under the birds wings required to keep it aloft would be two pounds and this would exert a down pressure on the scale.

(In the days when meat used to be weighed on a scale it was an old racket to turn a fan on the scale in order to gain a couple of extra ounces.)

In a vacuum the bird would be flat on its fanny in very short order. The editor has only run into one case of defiance of gravity.

In a discussion on the suspension of strapless evening gowns a girl advised that they were held up by gravity. This left me nonplussed perplexed completely - until she explained that it was the gravity of the situation if they weren't held up.

Anyone more knowledgeable than I on the subject of flying birds is invited to expound his or her theory in next weeks Chronicle.

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By the time he whispers "we were made for each other", she's already planning alterations.

MEL WOOD DAY IN WARSAW:

Last weekend Warsaw paid a well deserved tribute to Mel Wood who has been "Mister Minor Hockey" there for twenty five years. They declared a "Mel Wood Day".

Mel lived in Bailieboro for many years and was connected with sports in Millbrook.

Mel was the only umpire that ever tossed me out of a ball game. It happened like this:

Mel was umpiring and I was playing in a 'dream game'-the fans were dozing off in the stands. As I was going up to bat I whispered to Mel "call a bad one on me and we'll liven things up".

Mel picked up the cue and called a strike on me that I couldn't have reached with a fishing pole. So I backed out of the batter's box and made a loud speech - something like this - " Mr. Umpire, we are both getting on but thank Heaven one of us has retained enough eyesight that a Seeing Eye dog isn't a requirement".

Mel made a suitable reply and we staged an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation - you see them all the time on TV - that brought the fans to life and ended in Mel thumbing me out of the game.

Our congratulations to Mel Wood. The country could use more men like him.

AND TO BELIEVERS IN ASTROLOGY:

Capricornus - Goat - Dec.21-Jan.20

Lucky day - Wednesday. Unlucky day is Saturday. Most successful in March and November.

Persons born under the sign of Capricorn are economical, careful, secretive, sympathetic, considerate, self-controlled, resourceful. Hard workers, they usually succeed in business.

Aquarius - Waterman

Jan. 20 to Feb. 19

Lucky day - Thursday - Unlucky Wed. Most successful in April and August.

Persons born under the sign of Aquarius are restless, indolent, economical, pleasing and agreeable. Usually calm, quiet and seldom ill-tempered. Greatest fault is procrastination.

Hmmm?

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A wife went to the Bureau of Missing Persons to report the disappearance of her husband. "He's short and bald and has no teeth - as a matter of fact, most of him was missing before he was."



KIND readers, who vouchsafe to cast an eye
 On what ensues, lay all prevention by.
 Let not my book your indignation raise:
 It means no harm, no poison it conveys.
 Except in point of laughing, it is true,
 'Twont teach you much: It being all my view
 To inspire with mirth the hearts of those that moan,
 And change to laughter the afflictive groan:
 For laughter is man's property alone.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO COME TO THE AID
OF THE THREE PARTIES..

One of the most frequent complaints of the present political campaign is that it is insufferably dull. Crosbie is making a stout effort with some of his one liners but the leaders are 'out to lunch' in this department! So the Chronical ever-helpful passes on a few 'snappy sayings for restaurant use'.

Last week Joe Clark ate in a cafe in Vancouver's Chinatown. With a little ingenuity he could have come away with a Canadian Press story of the three Chinese girls who waited on him and who demonstrated an economy of language in introducing themselves and at the same time telling him why they wouldn't be voting in the election. The first sister - I'm Tu Yung Tu, the second I'm Tu Dumb Tu, the third No Yen Tu. Not the truth - come on, Joe, when did that ever hold a politician back.

The one we have for Pierre requires the co-operation of the waitress and I think that they would be co-operative.

Pierre inquires "Have you got frog legs,"

To which she replies - "Naw, it's tight panty hose that make me walk like this."

To the more somber Ed. Broadbent we would recommend these one line knee slappers -

"Turtle soup - and make it snappy."
 "Rabbit stew - and hop to it" get it? Rabbit - hippity hop."

There is another one that would go over big on the west coast. The politician orders salmon and when the waitress asks "How's your salmon loaf," You give her the rib-tickler - "Usually on its back."

No, you're welcome, I don't want a seat in the Senate. - A \$50,000 Canada Council grant would do. I have a hell of an idea for a Dew Line story - White Wilderness With A Plot.

Yom Kippur was a general in the Japanese Army.

BUNNIES AVAILABLE IN MILLBROOK.

Mr. Alvin Miller, of the local drug store has asked me to advise our myriad readers that he is prepared to take orders for a very fine Easter confection.

It's the Merritt Easter Bunny - Created from the finest quality milk chocolate it is hand crafted to perfection.

Altogether there are 75 different Easter novelties. See Alvin about these - but don't ask him the location of King Street - after all he has only been in the village for about a year.

Speaking on bunnies did you ever hear of the pair of them that went in to the woods and engaged in a hare-raising event?

Try This One

A young man lives in Millbrook - at least for the sake of argument we call it living. He has two girl friends - one in Pontypool, one in Monaghan. To visit the girl in Pontypool he takes the bus that stops at Becker's store. To visit the girl in Monaghan he takes the bus that stops at the Toronto-Dominion Bank. Since he likes them both equally he simply takes the first bus that comes along. The buses arrive equally often and he arrives at a random moment. Yet, for some obscure reason the girl in Monaghan complains that he is always cluttering up the scene while the girl in Pontypool complains she only sees him about once in three months Why? This is a toughie but logic will handle it.

Temper is the first thing a golfer has to control. It's very bad when a ball tees you off.

The foremost example of rubbing it in, is toasting the post office with sloe gin.

Money talks. If it's a dollar it's small talk.

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE REPORT:

During the past week, members of Millbrook Detachment O.P.P. , investigated 5 motor vehicle accidents all of a minor nature with no serious injuries in any of these.

Other occurrences included (2) Break & Enters; (1) Theft Under; (1) Missing Person; (8) other calls for police assistance.

One juvenile was also charged with Possession of Stolen Property and Possession of Narcotics.

After a lengthy investigation , Prov. Constables J. Coe and J. Dorricott cleared a series of Wilful Damage and "Theft Under ,200" investigations , with David Cowen age 18, of King Street, Millbrook, arrested and charged with these offences. Two juveniles also have been charged over the same incidents.

Peter G. Mitchell,
Provincial Constable #3693

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

George Sheppard reports a quiet week for the Department and with the hope of keeping it that way we pass on a few more hints for fire prevention:

Buy only units which have been certified by the Canadian Standards Association of the Underwriters Laboratories of Canada. Combination wood-gas units are not approved.

Doors and dampers should fit tightly so that you can control the rate of combustion.

If flue pipes must pass through combustible walls, a heat-dispersing thimble at least 18 inches in diameter should encircle the pipes.

THE OLD PROGNOSTICATOR;

In an effort to keep his prediction average at it's 1.000 per cent Stan picks the number one horse in the 8th at the Downs - Valiant Norton.

(And a little message to Angela- If you could drop the list of entries into the mail each week it would give Stan time to permute his prognostications. Better mail it to me as Stan doesn't pick his mail up very often. Much thanks.

SCHOOLBOY HISTORY:

The Persians outnumbered the Greeks because they had more men. Tennyson wrote a beautiful poem called "In Memorandum."

ON THE HOCKEY FRONTS:

Examinations washed out the usual Monday night hockey - but they'll be at it again next week. We've talked to Radio Shack about it and if we ever get in to Peterborough to pick it up we'll have a short range two-way telephone. This will enable anyone writing hockey to keep in touch with the official scorer without going into the shooting gallery that is the players bench.

Write-ups to date have been ill-informed stop-gap measures, and with playoffs coming up something better in the way of coverage is needed .

IT'S STILL CODY:

We saw Cody Todd's name spelled Kody the other day and when we ran in to him in Chang's Restaurant we asked him about it. The name Cody was made famous by Buffalo Bill and one time - on a trip to the west coast via U.S.A. we passed through two towns that were claiming to be " Birthplace of Buffalo Bill " which led us to wonder if his mother had inspired the song that ended up something like this " she was a nice girl, a well-bred girl but one of the roving kind". But back to the subject of the Millbrook Cody. In looking over some old write-ups I saw that Cody had been tagged 'man o' war' Todd by the Chronicle because in any mass action on the ice he was usually squared off with the biggest gladiator on the opposing team - likely with the idea that the bigger they are the harder they fall.

In one incident, a la Eddie Shack, Cody with a rolling body check attempted to take out an incoming attacker whose solo rush if cashed in would result in the winning goal. Through some mis-direction Cody managed to flatten his defence mate and leave the way wide open.

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW:

The inside of a cucumber is often twenty degrees hotter than the surrounding air.

Garlic and onions are relatives of the lily.

The fastest snow skier flies along at more than 100 m.p.h.

SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS:

Name three relative pronouns - Aunt, uncle, brother.

The Scarlet Letter griped me intensely. Tennyson betrayed women very successfully.