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Remember when . . .



A 30" snowfall overnight had residents and motorists slipping and sliding in the Emmitsburg Square on Palm Sunday, 1942. This photo was taken by Grace Keckler from her window overlooking the square. Our thanks to Jason Sanders for bringing this photo to our attention.

## VIGILANT HOSE COMPANY HOLDS DEDICATION

On Sunday, April 2, 1995, over two hundred people gathered at the Emmitsburg fire hall for the Vigilant Hose Company's dedication ceremony for the newly expanded and renovated fire station and the new aerial truck. The dedication capped the volunteer fire company's eighteen-month campaign to raise nearly one million dollars for the new truck and fire station addition.

"It's amazing what one small community can do," said A. Don Manno as he

looked around at the shiny new 46-foot-long aerial truck with its 100-foot platform that was parked in the new engine bay recently completed to house the truck. Mr. Manno was guest speaker at the dedication and is superintendent of the Florida State Fire College in Ocala, Florida.

He praised the members of the Vigilant Hose Company for their successful campaign to raise money for the purchase of the \$540,000 truck and \$450,000 building expansion. Paraphrasing Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Manno said: "Words spoken here today will not long be remembered, but the action of the men and women of this company and community dedicates so much more than what one person can say."

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## TOWN ELECTIONS SET FOR APRIL 25

### Candidates share views

Town elections will be held Tuesday, April 25, 1995, for three positions: the mayoral seat currently held by Mayor William Carr and the two commissioners' seats now held by John Hollinger, Sr., and Dave Copenhaver. The *Dispatch* submitted questions to all known candidates and has made its columns available for their responses. Commissioner John Hollinger announced that he will not seek reelection.

The candidates and their responses are as follows (in alphabetical order):

Rosario Benvengi—Candidate for Commissioner

Benvengi moved to Emmitsburg in June of 1987. He has been actively involved in several local organizations including the Knights of Columbus, council 1860, and the Emmitsburg Little League. He presently holds a seat on the town Parks and Recreation Committee.

William Carr - Candidate for Mayor

Dr. Carr is still trying to retire from veterinary practice he begun in Emmitsburg circa 1955. He has been a resident of the town for 7 years and has served one term as commissioner and one term as mayor.

David Copenhaver—Candidate for Commissioner

Copenhaver is a long-time resident of Emmitsburg. He has served seven years as the town Water and Sewer Commissioner. He has actively participated as a volunteer with the Vigilant Hose Company and the (See ELECTION on page 2)

## TOWN MEETING

At the April 3rd Town Council meeting, Mayor Carr reported that progress on acquiring funding for the Community Center will be moving at a slower pace than anticipated. "The delay," Carr said, "was a matter of timing—the County Board of Commissioners will not consider any request for fiscal 1996-1997 capital monies until late April or early May."

Carr reported that the county, however, will go ahead with the renovations required by the American Disabilities Act. This will involve removing or sealing the lead paint and asbestos and making the required structural changes to the building.

The council considered a report on the negotiations with the Frederick Towne Bank for refinancing the town's debt of \$750,000. The new agreement approved by the commissioners is basically an adjustable rate mortgage set at 80% of the prime interest rate. At this time the interest being paid by the town would be lowered from 8.2% to 7.3%. "The refinancing will save the town a great deal of money over the 15-year period of the loan, and will "free up money for capital improvements in the town's 1996 budget," Carr said.

In other business:

Mayor Carr commended the work of the town deputies, Horner and Hunter, for their diligent work in enforcing compliance with the speed limit through town. 132 citations for traffic violations were issued last month.

Town Manager Semler will send a letter to Sheriff Hagy pressing the need for sending the local deputies to truck traffic training school. This training will enable the local deputies to have more control over truck traffic through town.

Commissioner Weaver announced that Arbor Day will be celebrated April 28 at Community Park, Memorial Park, and on Main Street. Children from Emmitsburg's elementary schools will participate in the activities which will take place from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Rain date is April 28.

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Emmitsburg Ambulance Service. He is also a member of the Planning and Zoning committee.

**What do you see as special problems or situations the town government must address?**

**Benveni:** In his response Benveni said, "I see two major problems, economic and residential growth and the supply and demand of water." He feels the town must explore all options for pursuing new and supporting existing businesses. He sees both the residential and business growth coupled to the supply of quality water.

**Carr:** "One of the most troubling problems," Carr said, "is citizen participation in town government and activities. I realize that this is an old frustration but a concern that should have some effort made to correct." He hopes town officials, during the next year, will involve more citizens in town government.

**Copenhaver:** "The biggest problem we have," said Copenhaver, "is to get the water situation solved." He feels the first two things to be done are upgrading the present water plant and then repipe the old part of the distribution system. Another problem Copenhaver sees is providing activities for the kids. In particular he pointed out the importance of upgrading the swimming pool and improving its operation.

**What short-term objective would you like to accomplish?**

**Benveni:** "The first thing I would like to accomplish would be to provide the children in town with much-needed activities and job opportunities." He believes the town government has an important role to play in working with the residents in providing activities for the town youth. He feels that co-operation is the key word.

**Carr:** "Short-term goals that I would like to accomplish are many," Carr said. "I would like to see the Community Building progress forward to the finish; establish a small cushion of money in capital improvements in our budgeting; upgrade our water system and provide more water to the (See ELECTIONS on page 6)

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## CELEBRATION TIME

### Lottie Ruby 98 Years Young

By Clover Jean Fearer

Lottie Ruby, the oldest member of Elias Lutheran Church, was honored Sunday, April 2, on her ninety-eighth birthday. At a party hosted by the Sunday School, Mrs. Ruby was surrounded by family and friends. A fireside basket filled with cards and greetings and a decorated cake baked by Pat Mellors added to the festive scene. Mrs. Ruby was the recipient of ninety-eight one dollar bills to mark her special day.

Music was provided by the Sunday School children directed by Marta Hillis. Nita Shank and Nora Whitney, twins, were also celebrating birthdays and presented a selection in Mrs. Ruby's honor. Lori Whittington, chairperson for the birthday event, presided at a reminiscing session with Mrs. Ruby in which she shared some of her early years with the group.



Mrs. Lottie Ruby enjoying her birthday party.

A Dispatch Photo

Mrs. Ruby is a Keysville native who moved to Emmitsburg from Baltimore in 1977. She was a former employee of Montgomery Ward where she worked in the catalog division. An avid Oriole fan, she was a frequent Memorial Park "rooter" while residing in Baltimore.

She has one son, Robert Myers, who with his wife Margaret, is an Emmitsburg resident; two granddaughters, Jeanne Myers of Emmitsburg and Barbara Thomas of Thurmont; and one great-granddaughter, Morgan Thomas of Thurmont.



Part of the lovely old fountain that graced the Emmitsburg town square for many years has reemerged. It was removed in the late 1920s (succumbing to the pressures of increasingly powerful "horseless carriages"), and what happened to it has always been something of a mystery.

According to an article in the *Frederick Post* (Feb. 25, 1974), part of the missing fountain was found at the home of Warren Stackhouse of St. Anthony's where it was being used as a flower planter. Mr. Stackhouse said the fountain portion, believed to be the second tier, was placed on the property in the 1920s by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sigafosse who purchased it from the town.

That part of the fountain will be part of an on-site auction to be held April 15, 1995, at 9:30 a.m., 15945 St. Anthony's Road. The auction will be handled by Mason Dixon Auction Services, Alfred Hobbs auctioneer. For more information call 447-6633.

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## COMMENTARY

### IT'S SPRING... Play Ball!

#### There are two "games" in town

Life in a small town can be compared to baseball. A person may attend a professional game and sit in the stands as a spectator. Some folk get satisfaction from paying admission (taxes), sitting in a comfortable seat (home), and watching (passively consuming value produced by other people). There are others who enjoy playing a pick-up game at a family reunion: all ages and both genders play regardless of expertise. To me there is a morality shift from winning or losing to "how we play the game"—producing something of value. The difference is whether we are producers or consumers.

One of the two games in town is taking place in the political sector. It's called elections. Now being chosen is the local government team that provides services, collects taxes, and makes ordinances to solve problems. The candidates are not professionals but our friends and neighbors who have come down out of the stands onto the playing field—producers.

A revealing measurement of the town's viability will be how many other people come out of the stands onto the field to be counted as voters. Joy comes from participating.

The second game is already underway at the new Little League field in Memorial Park. These games are part of the entire community. They don't generate profit: they require volunteer labor and commitment of hands-on personal attention and compassion to other human beings. They are concerned with teaching kids "how to play the game"—that joy, too, comes from participation.

Even if you don't have kids involved or can't swat a ball off a "T" for more than five feet, your presence carries an important message to the participants. It is your vote of encouragement.

Do yourself, a kid, and a candidate a good turn. Take yourself out to the ball games. Vote. Joy comes from participation.

#### 100 Years Ago "In this Place" from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

April 5, 1895 - About 1 o'clock on last Saturday afternoon, an alarm of fire was sounded in this place, which created considerable stir among the firemen. The reels were quickly taken to the place of the supposed fire - the residence of Mr. Charles Long, on East Main Street. The alarm of fire was caused by a rag catching afire. The rag was the only thing that was damaged.

April 12, 1895 - Yesterday was Arbor Day in Maryland, and the occasion was appropriately celebrated by the scholars of the public schools in this place. Several trees were planted and the exercises connected with the same consisted of singing several appropriate songs.

April 26, 1895 - The thermometer registered 82 yesterday afternoon.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors:

In commemoration of our sea battles in 1945 I am submitting a poem. It is dedicated to the memory of the men who served with "The Fleet That Came to Stay," which is to say the ships which fought off the Philippines and Okinawa. The battle for Okinawa started April 1, 1945, and continued for more than 80 days.

The winds blow ghostly through the night

They haunt the soft spring rain,  
And you come to me with step so light  
I dream I'm young again.

O, you lie half the world away  
And I alone in my bed;  
Yet, the gentle winds of the coming day  
Deny to me you're dead.

Thank you for the pleasure of your paper.

A faithful reader,  
Mary Angas

Dear Editors:

I would like to take this means to compliment all of those persons who helped to make the recent annual Emmitsburg Lions Club Health Fair the success that it was. Everyone at each of the information, registration, and screening stations were friendly and performed their tasks in a professional manner. The entire screening and testing program was well organized and at no time was there a long waiting period for the participants. The exhibits were informative and the coffee, juice, donuts and other goodies really tasted good after our 12-hour fast, and they were FREE.

God bless each of you, and PLEASE keep up the good work. The town of Emmitsburg can certainly be proud of all their volunteers who worked on this very worthwhile project which helps not only people from our community but persons living many miles away (as I do).

Kenneth A. Bartgis, Frederick, MD

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*A Dispatch Photo*  
The passing of an era—Emmitsburg's farm supply store closes. A large crowd came to the auction at Reynold's Supply Company on Saturday, March 25 to bid on farm, home, and garden supplies. Reynold's had been in business since 1988 and closed its doors this winter. The building is now for rent. For information call 410-346-7998.



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**EMMITSBURG RESIDENTS:**

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town at the same time; continue to get the good cooperation we have from county officials; and help bring a small business to Emmitsburg that would employ local people.

**Copenhaver:** Copenhaver pointed out that "in a small town with a limited budget there is only so much you can do." He feels that there is a need to provide more activities for the kids. "There are many problems that need solving," Copenhaver said, "I believe I have to be a good listener and then see what I can do to solve the problems fairly. That's important."

**What would you wish for in Emmitsburg's future?**

**Benvengi:** I would like to see Emmitsburg remain a beautiful, safe community. The town has an identity that can only be described with one word—togetherness. With everyone in town working together, there isn't anything we can't accomplish," Benvengi said.

**Carr:** "I would like to return to Emmitsburg in the year 2095 and find that the town is much the same," Carr said. "That the people are still proud of their community; that the fire company is still a volunteer force; that the Community Building is totally renovated with the Health Department occupying the third floor; and that the town office is still at 22 East Main Street, but in a red brick building all on one floor."

**Copenhaver:** Copenhaver noted that there is a lot of property around Emmitsburg zoned for business. "I think we have had good residential growth and I'd like to see the business sector catch up," Copenhaver said.

Any resident seeking office should file for candidacy by noon on Thursday, April 13. The last day to register to vote is Tuesday, April 17, 1995, by 4:30 p.m.



A Dispatch Photo

Dedication ceremony for Tower 6 at Vigilant Hose Company.

(DEDICATION from page 1)

The "Campaign for Community Safety" was launched in the fall of 1993 under the direction of Dr. William Carr, mayor of Emmitsburg, and Dr. Robert Preston, former mayor and Mt. St. Mary's College professor. The campaign was "kicked off" with a \$100,000 pledge from the VHC Auxiliary and pledges of approximately \$70,000 from members of the fire company.

Three institutions in the community, Mt. St. Mary's, the National Emergency Training Center, and St. Joseph's Provincial House were among the major contributors to the campaign which drew significant support from other businesses and organizations including additional major gifts from Farmers and Mechanics National Bank; the Town of Emmitsburg; the Knights of Columbus, Council 1860; the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6658; Taney Corporation;

Emmitsburg Motors; Jubilee Foods; and many other area businesses and citizens.

A bronze weather vane topped by a fireman with a hose was presented to the company by Long Construction of Thurmont. It was given in memory of Alan Davis, a long-time member of the company and father of Fire Chief Frank Davis, and in memory of Joseph Stahley, father-in-law of Ronnie Long. Mr. Long is a volunteer fireman with the company.

Mayor Carr presided over the ribbon cutting and Guy McLaughlin, one of six former chiefs of the Vigilant Fire Hose Company, christened the new aerial truck. "Tower 6 is now in service," Chief Davis reported over the phone to the Frederick County Central Alarm, "and is available for all calls in the county."

There was loud applause. Sunday was one of Emmitsburg's proudest moments.

**A SPAGHETTI DINNER** to benefit Seton Center will be held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Emmitsburg, on Saturday, April 22, 4-7 p.m. Adults, \$5.00; children ages 4-10, \$2.50; under 4 free. In addition to a delicious, all-you-can-eat dinner, there will be door prizes, raffles, and a baked-goods table. Carryouts will be available. Regular patrons are asked to note that Seton Center's Fourth Annual Spaghetti Dinner is being held at a new location: St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Emmitsburg. All are welcome!

**FOOD SALE**

The ladies of the Incarnation United Church of Christ will hold their annual food sale **SATURDAY, MAY 13, 9:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.** at the fire hall.

**YARD SALE-Rain or Shine**

Mother Seton School Sat. April 29, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Icons of Emmitsburg

By Shelly Chevalier

Icons of Emmitsburg, Bud and Evelyn Ott's hearts and lives belong here. Their family is an institution of Emmitsburg reaching back generations, and reaching forward. Their nine children have had (to date) 16 children, and those children have had (to date) seven children, with another on the way.

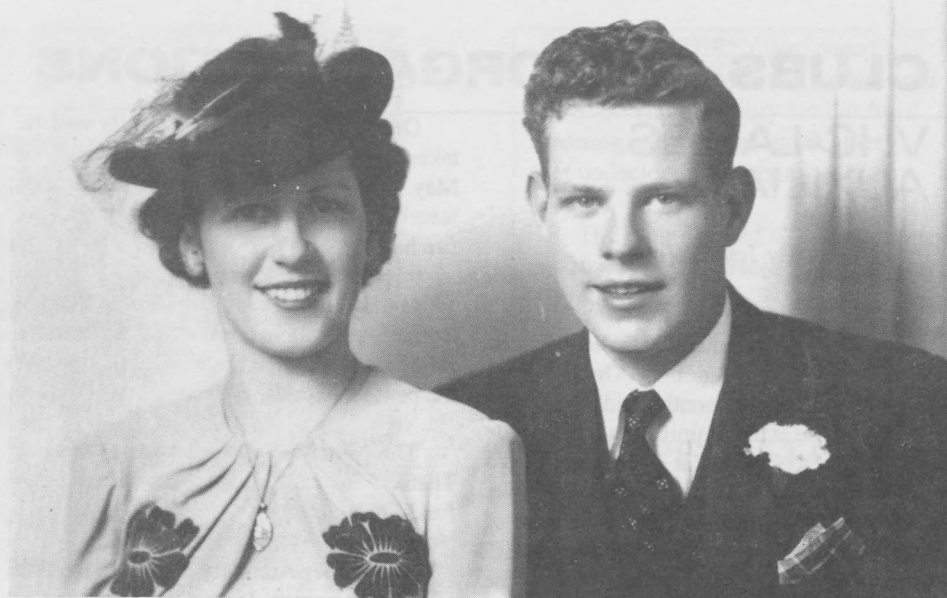
The girls still call Bud Daddy, and sons and daughters alike all still seek his counsel on any decision to be made. His authority over the family when they were young was unchallenged by youth; his authority over the family now grown is elected by insight.

Insight into how hard he worked, the values he instilled, the deep love that drives him. In the early years he lived during the week in Baltimore, where the work was that fed and sheltered and clothed them, all the while steadily increasing the jobs closer to home that finally established the business in Westminster and brought him home every night.

Home was important to him, and his wife Evelyn kept it as he wished it to be kept—supper on the table when he walked through the door, house clean, kids cleaner. Until the kids began to add up, she worked at the shoe factory, too. Then she stayed home, and added more children.

They met at a dance in Barlow. Something about her just struck him, shined out over the rest of the girls present that night. Dressed with care without glare, she was pretty; her smile was pure glamour. Her mystery wrapped its charm around his heart and has held him in its magic for more than 50 years now. World War II separated them for three of those years.

Stationed first at Ft. Meade in Maryland, training for Anti-Aircraft Artillery duty took Bud on to Ft. Eustace in Virginia, Camp McCoy in Wisconsin, and Camp Rooker in New York before he was assigned two years in Europe, in "Patton's army." "Shot 'em out of the sky," he explains. They trained together, lived, ate, and bunked together, fought together, and, to



Bud and Evelyn Ott on their Wedding Day December 16, 1942.

this day, stay together. The bonds of friendship forged by these soldiers during World War II still have the strength of new. Lifetime highlights recall Army reunions and cross-country visits that celebrated their survival of unuttered war memories. "Guys call all the time now, still," he says.

Travel highlights extend vastly beyond the hearths and bosoms of old buddies, however. Pick a state, any state. Unless you chose Minnesota or Alaska, you're a winner. Bud's and Evelyn's toes have touched the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific, and all the islands of the Caribbean. They've been to Mexico, England, Germany, Vienna, Holland. A detailed museum-size picture of Vatican Square commemorates their visit to Rome for the canonization of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

They once packed six kids in the car for a Florida vacation. Leaving a restaurant one night of their trip, another couple also on their way out marveled to them at how well-behaved the children were. Watching the family load into a car with Maryland tags, the man slowly shook his head and extended his hand to Bud. "I want to shake your hand," he said. "I've never shaken hands with a millionaire before." The family roared with laughter, knowing they were as far from being millionaires as they were from Emmitsburg.

Bud retired from the Nusbaum and Ott home improvement company after 35 years.

The 4000-square-foot shop in Westminster is owned now by eldest son Buddy Ott who maintains the quality standards of business learned from his dad. All the kids had a turn working for Dad. Their vivid and colorful history is painted, literally, on and in homes throughout this town. Twin daughters Cathy and Christy can remember painting the goldleaf Roman numerals on the clockface of St. Joe's church. Bobby Ott remembers, at the age of three, painting the inside of his father's truck—windows and all.

The importance of hard work was always stressed to the Ott children. And saving. "It's not how much you make a year, it's how much you save," intones Bob, sternly mimicking his father's famous words. Sisters Christy and Susie cock their heads for a moment at the memory. "He did always say that, didn't he?" Susie smiles. Saving, even while providing for a growing family through the post-War Depression years is the principle that made property investments possible for Bud and Evelyn. In addition to numerous dwellings and commercial buildings, the Ott's have a home in Nags Head, North Carolina. Mr. Ott explains that choice: "All the kids were going down there...."

But, a certain big boat docked there and fish in the water may have a little something to do with it, too. An avid fisherman, Mr. Ott has spent many pleasurable hours pursuing this retirement hobby. Golf was another (Please see ICONS on page 13)

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### VHC-LADIES AUXILIARY

By Joyce Wivell

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Vigilant Hose Company has many activities planned over the next few months. On the third Thursday of each month, Old Fashioned Bingo is held at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bingo begins at 7 p.m. Refreshments are available. Prizes for Old Fashioned Bingo consist of baskets of groceries for regular games with a large jackpot of prizes given away at the end of the evening. Bring the family and come out and enjoy a fun evening. The next Old Fashioned Bingo will be held on Thursday, April 20.

Orders for Gianni's Pizza kits will be taken the end of April and the beginning of May. To place an order, please see any member of the Ladies Auxiliary or call the fire hall at 447-2728.

Other planned activities include a Bingo Bonanza and dinner. We will have more information about definite date and times in the next issue of the *Dispatch*.

The March 15 sub sale was a success! Thanks to all who supported this fund-raising effort.

The Ladies Auxiliary is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary, please call Dot Davis at 447-2403. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month in the meeting room at the fire hall.

### Emmitsburg Senior Citizens

by Anna Margaret Martin

"April Showers Bring May Flowers" and "You'll Be The Grandest Lady in Your Easter Bonnet." It hardly seems possible that April is here, but we seniors love to see the new life springing up around us. Winter is gone, the days are longer, all around us Nature is in her glory. It makes us all feel younger!

One of our loyal members who never misses a day at the center, Lottie Ruby, celebrated her 98th birthday, April 2nd. Mrs. Rosensteel baked her a cake and we celebrated with her on Monday, April 3rd. Happy Birthday, Lottie!

April will be a busy month here at the center.

On Tuesday, April 11th - Beverly Adams will be entertaining us with her 8th Grade Glee Club from Brunswick at 12:45 p.m. Shopping in Frederick will be on the same afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting day, Tuesday, April 18th - Elwood Eiker and his gang of Merry Makers will entertain us with country-western music.

Tuesday, April 25th - our guests will be Mrs. Proger's 5th grade from the Emmitsburg

Elementary School. It's a pleasure to have the school children visit us.

Our night card party will be on Wednesday, April 19th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the party beginning at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be on sale. Everyone is invited, regardless of age. Price: \$2 with prizes for everyone. Come enjoy an evening of fun.

Our regular activities are as follows:

Thursday, April 13 & 28 - Afternoon Card Party, 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 20 - Bingo, 1 p.m.

Jubilee Shopping, Wednesday, April 12 (note change in day) and Friday, April 21 & 28.

Since Easter occurs this month the center will be closed on Good Friday, April 14th. The center will be open on Thursday, April 13 and Monday, April 17 with lunch at Corney's.

Remember our "Food and Friends" program each day at 12 noon. Reservations for lunch must be made 24 hours in advance. Anyone 60 years and older is eligible to participate - transportation is available and home-delivered meals to shut-ins, upon approval, are also available. Come enjoy food, friends, and fellowship with us.

Happy Easter.

## HOMEMAKERS CLUB

by Lucille Beale

The Emmitsburg Homemakers' Club met in February at Hoss's in Gettysburg for lunch and their meeting. Afterward, they went to Sixeas Furniture Store and were given a guided tour of the many kinds of decorating trends that were evident. This was the lesson on "Trends in Decorating." It seems that one can combine patterns, stripes, and plain upholstery in any color scheme one desires. There were many different kinds of woods used in the various room settings. There were armoires which are intended for use of television sets, furniture to accommodate computers, and many other ideas which denote the life of the day.

In March the meeting was held at the home of Sheila Chatlos, president. The lesson on travel was ably given by Lila Franklin, who had just taken a trip to Australia. She gave many tips about the kinds of clothing to take, ways to finance one's trip, ways of traveling (air, ship, train, bus, or private car), including traveling as a group or with several couples. It (Please see HOMEMAKERS on page 9)

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Memorial Park— New Little League fields under construction A Dispatch Photo

## LITTLE LEAGUE

### OPENING DAY SET

By Marta Hillis

Major league baseball may be on strike, but Emmitsburg's Little League is ready to play ball! President Roy Wivell announced that Saturday, April 29, will be the opening day of the 1995 season.

Fences have been going up, fields have been mowed, and teams have been practicing hard to get ready for opening day games and all of the contests thereafter.

Coaches and managers are hoping for a good turn-out this year at the ball field. Parents, grandparents, friends, any and all baseball fans: come on down to watch our youth in action.

Remember that volunteers are always needed to help sell hot dogs, announce games, line fields, umpire, etc. Don't be bashful! Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars today. A guaranteed fun-filled season starts on April 29. See you there!

(HOMEMAKERS from page 8) was decided to go to the Reichs Ford Road recycling facility for the April meeting and to have lunch at an as yet undecided restaurant.

The club decided to donate money to buy books for Head Start and trays for 4H awards.

## SHIPS REUNION

Emmitsburg Veteran Larry Noel, Hampton Valley Road, is helping to "pass it on" about the 12th reunion of the World War II LCT Flotillas. Larry, who served in a Landing Craft, Tank (LCT) on D-Day, said the reunion, the first he has heard of in 50 years, will be held on April 20 - 22, 1995, in New Orleans, LA. Contact Larry at (301) 447-2224 for more information.

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CPR classes are taught at least once a month at the local ambulance building. The Red Cross administration fee is \$5.00. To register stop by Station 26 and sign up or call 447-6626.

## CATOCTIN PREGNANCY CENTER

by Mary Lynne Ziegler L.C.S.W.

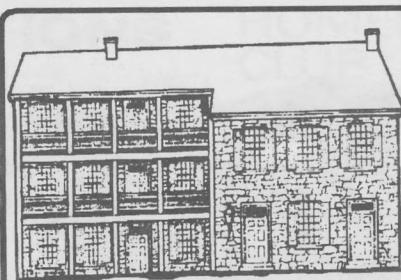
Staff from the Catoctin Pregnancy Center (CPC) recently addressed the Emmitsburg Lions Club regarding the Center's services and needs. We are most grateful for the \$100 donation from the Lions Club.

We would like to recognize two businesses who contributed to our spaghetti dinner but were unfortunately overlooked in our public thank-you's. They are Hickory Bridge Farm and St. Philomena Catholic Books and Gifts. Thank you for your generosity.

It is good news that more women are using our free services. As a result, we are getting more requests for baby furniture than we are able to meet. Anyone wishing to donate cribs, bassinets, dressers, play pens, high chairs, etc. may call and arrange to have these items picked up. Perhaps you could remember us during this "flea market season."

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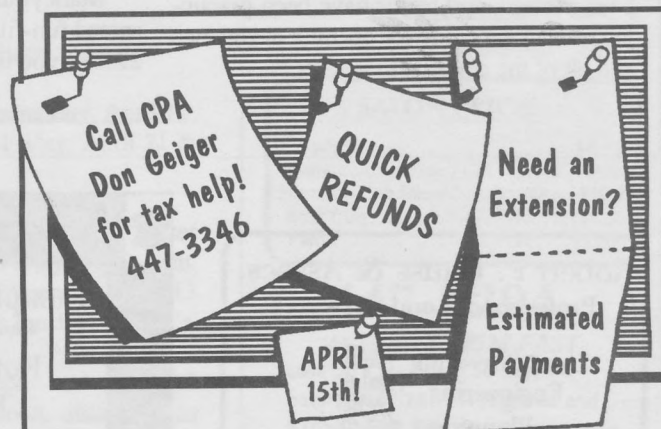
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### Chicken Barbeque and Yard Sale to Benefit the Marty Wivell Medical fund.

by Jim Wivell

The Emmitsburg Lions Club will hold a chicken barbeque across from the Getty Mart on South Seton Ave. on Saturday, May 13, 1995, starting at 10:30 a.m. In conjunction with the barbeque, the Wivell family is holding a yard sale and raffle starting at 8:00 a.m. To rent a space for \$5 (table included), please call Rachael Wivell at (717)642-8914.

All proceeds from the day's benefits will go towards medical expenses for Marty Wivell. Marty is an Emmitsburg area farmer whose leg was severed in a corn-picker accident in January. Shock Trauma in Baltimore reattached the leg and Marty is expected to walk again. His medical bills have exceeded the insurance coverage.

Anyone interested in making a donation may do so the day of the barbeque or mail a check to the Emmitsburg Lions Club, P. O. Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Please make the check payable to: The Emmitsburg Lions Disaster Relief Fund.

The Emmitsburg Lions, Marty Wivell, and his family would like to thank the community for their support.

### St. Anthony/OLMC News

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL COUNCIL MEETING will be held on April 25, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

RAY AND LOUIS HORST, OLMC PARISH, were honored for their work in social ministry at a recent ceremony at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore. Cardinal Keeler presided over the special event which was sponsored by the Campaign for Human Development. The parish extends congratulations to the Horsts and thanks them for their dedicated service.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS for Easter flowers are being accepted by both churches. Names of loved ones to be remembered should be included with the offering. A Memorial List will be published (See ST. ANTHONY on page 26)



Some of the 196 people who attended the 1995 Health Fair

A Dispatch Photo

### 1995 Health Fair a Huge Success

The Lions Club wishes to thank the doctors, nurses, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Service, the Gettysburg Hospital staff, Mother Seton School, and all the exhibitors.

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Printing, F & M Bank, Mother Carey's Chickens, Mt. St. Mary's, the Ott House, Rutter's, the Town officials, Bonnie Sanders, Villa St. Michael, Zurgables Hardware, and the Emmitsburg Post Office for their time, talent and support. The efforts of all of these people and organizations made our 12th annual Health Fair the success that it was.



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## Rocky Ridge

by Emma Keeney

Happy Birthday to Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey, Bonnie Lou Eyler, Carrollton (Toot) Houck, and Michelle Dinterman. Belated birthday wishes to Jeff Sharrer.

Anniversary congratulations to Franklin and Marie Stambaugh on their 44th wedding anniversary (April 7), to Kenneth and Gloria Frushour (April 5), and to James and Loretta Glass (April 16). Belated anniversary congratulations to Vernon and Bea Keilholtz, Pastor Jim and Burneda Russell, and to Ray and Idabelle Lescalleet on their 49th wedding anniversary (March 22).

### Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren News

Easter Sunrise Service will be held Sunday, April 16th, at the Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren.

The Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren is selling replicas of the church made by Cats Meow. Each replica will come with the history of the church and will cost \$16. For more information call Pat Free 271-7425.

### Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church News

April 9 - Palm Sunday Worship and Holy Communion beginning at 9:30 a.m., Pastor James Russell. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

April 13 - Seder Meal will be held in the Activity Building at 6:30 p.m.

April 14 - The Young Adult Class will present the Good Friday Service at 7:30 p.m.

April 16 - The Youth Group will have the Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m.

April 16 - Pastor Rosemary McCombs Maxey, Mt Tabor United Church of Christ, will have worship and Holy Communion beginning at 9:30 a.m. (Please see ROCKY on page 26)

## Mt. Tabor Quilters

The Quilters can "blame it on the weather," but Inspector 13 has decided 1995 will be *Scrap Bag Quilt Year*. While snowbound in February, she spent the time bagging scraps from all the fabric donations on hand. The Quilters have been challenged to use only the fabrics given them to make blocks in five different patterns - Christmas, Sunbonnet Sue, Overall Bill, Calendar Month, and Sampler. A further challenge is to make a crazy patch block from their cut-offs.

Each quilter had to use her own imagination and pattern to make the blocks. Those that have been returned are truly works of art. The results of this challenge, in addition to other quilts and related items, will be offered for sale in an inventory clearance sale in October 1995. A limited quilt show will also be held featuring special order quilts such as the *Three Covered Bridges* quilt and some quilts containing names of area residents - past and present.

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(ICONS from page 7)

interest. "But he's still always busy, always got to have his hands in something," Mrs. Ott says. "Her, too," he tells. "Quilting, making afghans, Bingo, cards, reading, flowers...."

Busy is an apt description of the Ott's. In 1970 they established a second family business, the Ott House Restaurant. Bobby and Susie Ott co-manage this well-known gathering place now. It's demanding work, but that's second nature to all of them. "You never wanted Dad to catch you standing still; you always wanted to be busy doing something, and there sure was always something to do," remember Dave and Pat. But, they report, he's mellowed a bit. Now when Dad comes in the restaurant, it's a time for talking and visiting together.

The family is rich with memories. Mr. Ott can hardly talk for laughing as he tells the story of Christy and Cathy playing outside on a sled when they were little (or was it the wagon?) One gave the other a push that sent her sister head over sled down the hill in the yard. The scared and screeching victim demanded, "Why for you upset me?!" to which the culprit answered, "Why for you get on?"

Mrs. Ott tells of a young Buddy's wide-eyed wonder at hearing the sudden song of locust on a drive one day. That likely occurred (Please see ICONS on page 21)



The Ott family  
Front row (left to right): Christy, Rosie, Bud, Evelyn, Cathy, and Susie. Back row (left to right): Dave, Buddy, Pat, Bob, and Rich.  
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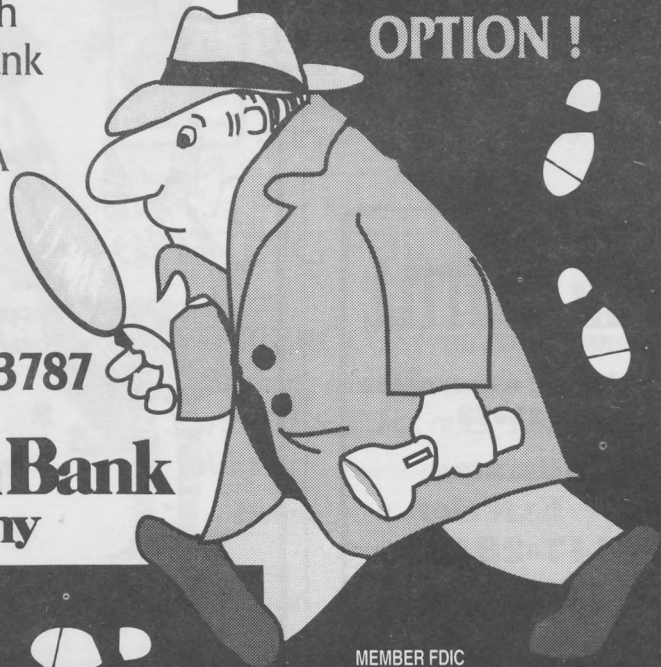
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## Library

by Kate Warthen

The library is continuing its book sale which started Feb. 15th. It is an ongoing sale. We are also pulling more books from the shelves and will offer them to the public on April 22 at 10:00 a.m. Prices continue to be 50 cents for hardbacks, and 25 cents for regular paperbacks. Soft-cover books will be 50 cents.

On April 22 at 11:00 a.m., in the multipurpose room, we will be holding a children's program. Amelia Bedelia, the famous housekeeper, will be on hand to entertain the children. Please register to attend by calling the library at 447-2682.

On April 25, at 7:30 p.m. the library will sponsor a Readers Theater. *The Marriage Proposal* by Anton Chekhov will be read with local persons taking the parts of father, daughter, and suitor. It's great entertainment. Don't miss it!

The library suggests you write your county commissioners if you want them to support your library system. The following address should be used.: Board of County Commissioners, Winchester Hall, 10 E. Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Commissioners are Mark L. Hoke, president, David P. Gray, vice-president, Ilona M. Hogan, Bruce L. Reeder, and Terre Rhoderick. Write to all or to each one. Your preference. The budget hearing is scheduled for April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Winchester Hall. We need your support.



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## Emmitsburg Community Chorus


by Susan Allen

The Emmitsburg community chorus has resumed rehearsals after a short winter break. We are preparing special music for the community's Easter sunrise service and selections for our annual spring concert.

Leading the chorus this season is our new director, Mrs. Sandy Soffe. Sandy is already known to some in the Emmitsburg community through her work as past director of the choir at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. She received her vocal training at the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and has sung professionally. Formerly, Sandy taught art and music at St. Andrew's School in Waynesboro. She also gives vocal lessons to local students. Sandy brings a variety of musical experiences and great enthusiasm to the Em-

mitsburg Community Chorus, and is ably supported by our accomplished pianist, Marc Nicodemus. We invite interested singers - newcomers and former members of the chorus - to join our rehearsals every Tuesday evening at 7:15 p.m. at the Provincial House.


With Sandy at the fore, the community Chorus is heading for Broadway! And we won't have to leave town to get there! "On Broadway" will be the theme for this year's spring concert as we feature melodies and medleys from favorite Broadway musicals. We hope many of you will join us for this trip to the showcase of American popular music. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, June 18th at 3:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall at St. Joseph's Church. Mark your calendars now and plan to be with "The Emmitsburg Community Chorus on Broadway."



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# Book Review

By Christine Maccabee

*Baptized Into Wilderness: A Christian Perspective on John Muir* by Richard Cartwright Austin.

Much like myself, many people have heard of John Muir, most knowing him to be the founder of the Sierra Club. But how many people know him as an ecstatic mystic, a voice crying in the wilderness, a present-day prophet likened unto John the Baptist? Until I read this book, I saw Muir as just another good person who worked for wilderness preservation. Now I see him as he was, a prophet, an interpreter of wilderness, and a spokesperson for spirit in Creation. He wrote prolifically, not only as a means of expressing his deep love for wild things, but also as an attempt to convince and to convert, "to lead men and women to a natural environment they might appreciate without fear and then immerse them in it so they might emerge new creatures." (Austin). Muir wrote, "Choked in the sediments of society, so tired of the world, here will your hard doubts disappear, your carnal encrustations melt off, and you should breathe deep and free in God's shoreless atmosphere of Beauty and Love."

One might wonder how Muir ever grew into such a positive, life-loving person, considering his traumatic childhood. His father, a Scottish Calvinist minister, beat him daily so that "by the time I was 11 years of age, I had about three-fourths of the Old Testament and all of the New by heart and by sore flesh." Then upon immigrating to America with his family he watched his father plunder the land, using its resources thoughtlessly.

How marvelously did Muir overcome these difficult times! Fortunate enough to be nurtured by the love of his mother and sisters, he developed his passions for inventing and for nature. Happily, his interest in nature was to win out over his attempts to participate in a technological society. He became the wandering botanist he'd always dreamed of becoming, vowing to take a "grand Sab-

bath day three years long," a walk that lasted a lifetime. In the Yosemite Valley and mountains he became an expert on glaciers, "speaking" with the rocks and boulders as only he know how.

Richard Austin writes, "His vision was ecological. As Jesus had announced reversal of social hierarchies—"The last be first and the first last"(Matt. 20:16)—Muir reversed the common perception of natural hierarchies. He found life's spirit (even) in rocks." Muir said of rocks, "Their material beauty is only a veil covering spiritual beauty—a divine incarnation—instonation." His delight in nature is frequently playfully verbalized, which I find enchanting. He was a gentle, tolerant "evangelist," and he "found a vocation in the effort to help men and women from the cities overcome their sense of alienation from nature and develop a new relationship." (Austin) He personally turned to nature, as there he felt the "acceptance of the Creator," which more than compensated for his earthly father's horrible intolerance. As well, Muir saw in nature attributes that Christians see in Christ, "the infinite tenderness and power of her love."

Muir's writings are eloquent and passionate. Austin's carefully woven interpretation is inspiring and enlightening. They are a complementary pair. God bless Dick Austin for having written this short, very readable book. Even if you think you have no time to read anything, you will find time to read this. Read but the first page of Chapter One and, like me, you will be unable to put it down!

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## From the Halls of the ARCC

A visit last week to Mount Saint Mary's campus found several members of the women's and men's championship basketball teams working out at the ARCC. They graciously agreed to respond to some questions to give our *Dispatch* readers a more personal glimpse of the Mountaineers they cheered to victory this past season. We thank Nicole Gontkovic (assistant coach of the women's team) Amy Langville, Nicole Schroyer, Heather Wable, Michael Watsons and Chris McGuthrie for sharing their thoughts with us. Also, our appreciation to Chris Baumann, assistant athletic director, and Don Henderson, assistant coach of the men's team, for arranging the interviews with the students.

*What were your hopes at the beginning of the season? Did your beliefs match the team accomplishments?*

**Gontkovic (asst. coach):** "Our hopes were to win the conference championship and make a return trip to the NCAA Tournament. We, as coaches, knew we had the talent and the determination to succeed, and our players definitely proved this point by making the hopes a reality."

**Langville (mathematics major, class of '97):** "At the beginning of the season I had hoped that our team would repeat as North-east Conference champions and then go to the NCAA Tournament again. This we accomplished and next year I hope that we will go farther in the NCAA and beat Georgetown in our nonconference game."

**Schroyer (sociology major, class of '97):** "My hopes were to defend our NEC title and to go on another road trip to the NCAA Tournament, known as the 'Big Dance.' Yes, we were successful in defending our title for the third year in a row."

**Wable (history/Spanish major, red-shirt senior):** "We set a team goal of win-

ning the NEC's again and returning to the NCAA Tournament. Yes, we performed as expected, if not better. We had a lot of injuries and everybody stepped up to contribute to reaching the goal."

**McGuthrie (sociology/business major, '96):** "The men's team's goal was to get into the Tournament. I had high expectations and wanted to go undefeated, but that didn't happen."

**Watson (business and finance major, '95):** "We believed we could win the conference, but it didn't go that way in the beginning. We had to dig down for fire in ourselves, and it turned out pretty good in the end."

*What do you see as the key factors that made your team successful?*

**Gontkovic:** "This team works together, they respect one another, and most importantly, they support one another. These (Please see ARCC on page 17)

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(ARCC from page 16)

three elements are what made our team a success. No matter what happened, the girls kept that positive attitude."

**Langville:** "Our depth gave us an advantage over many of the teams we played this year. Our bench gave us versatility and productivity that contributed to our success."

**Schroyer:** "I feel one of the key factors that made us successful was the amount of depth we have on our bench. We have a number of girls on the bench who could start on any of the other teams in the NEC conference."

**Wable:** "We are a very deep team. Most of our reserves could start on any other conference team. We also do not have to rely on one person. If someone is off, then someone else will be on."

**McGuthrie:** "We've matured as a team. Last year we lost a number of close games, but after one year of maturation we didn't lose many close ones."

**Watson:** "The talks the coaches had with us and their expectations helped us be successful. In the beginning of the season there were many personalities; as we went along there was a coming together as a team - a blending of individuals."

**Was there a "turning point" during the season? a time when you knew you had a shot at the conference title or an invitation to the tournament?**

**Gontkovic:** "I think our turning point was our win against St. Francis of PA in January. They beat us by 2 points in our first meeting, so the win against them at home really started our momentum going."

**Langville:** "The turning point was our only conference loss to St. Francis. It made us work harder and focus."

**Schroyer:** "After our loss to St. Francis we knew that if we wanted to have another shot at winning the conference and make the NCAA Tournament again we had to step up our play another notch."

**Wable:** "The day after our loss to St. Francis we realized that we were not invincible and that every game, every half, and every position mattered if we wanted to return to the NCAA."

**McGuthrie:** "Up until the Tournament a lot of guys thought we were going to be second best. The win over Rider made us believers. The team got better. I can't believe it worked out so well."

**Watson:** "When we were down 17 or 20 points against Loyola and came from behind to win. It showed we could win close games and games on the road."

**What was your personal "significant event" or moment of the season, the thing that you will remember most about the '94-'95 season?**

**Gontkovic:** "The thing that I will most remember is those weeks of the conference tournament and the NCAA trip. It was a great experience."

**Langville:** "The hardest thing for me this season was sitting out a month due to mononucleosis. Sitting out made coming back and playing more exciting. I was excited to be able to contribute again."

**Schroyer:** "I feel the most significant event of the season was the first-round game of the NEC Tournament. It was a very convincing win against St. Francis (NY). This built a lot of our confidence, and we were able to play well in the two games that followed."

(Please see ARCC on page 27)

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## PASTOR'S COLUMN

By R. Benjamin Jones, Emmitsburg  
Presbyterian Church

Lately I have been thinking a lot about worship. Mostly, I suppose, the thoughts grow out of the fact that I must lead worship each week. Beyond that I wonder what people think as they decide whether or not to attend worship services. Clearly, attending church is not a top priority for a lot of people and many who do attend may think the effort a waste of time. It could be, though, that there is something very deep in all of us—in those who do not worship as well as those who do—that nudges us toward something like worship.

More and more people today are talking about "soul" and about the spiritual in us. Though I cannot understand all of what they are saying, some things are clear. I am a spiritual being. There is more to me than a body and a mind. I cannot live by bread alone. There are, I have discovered, at least three ways that I do find nourishment for this spiritual part of me. I find it in love (spouse, family, friends), in beauty (visual arts, music, nature), and most of all in faith (there is a God who loves me).

My spirit is fed, then, by such things as the give and take of love and care with family and friends. There is nothing quite so fulfilling as really being listened to and sharing laughter and tears with somebody who loves you. My deep parts can be touched by looking at the soulful self-portraits of Rembrandt, or listening to the moving sounds of Mozart, or watching a day being born (and feeling something of myself being born) in a quiet but thundering sunrise. And in the pew on a Sunday maybe in hearing the Word, maybe in prayer, or maybe even in the silent places, having the unmistakable conviction that the creator of the ends of the earth accepts me and loves me. Whether we know it or not we all have that need. St. Augustine said:

Thou hast created us for thyself and our heart cannot find rest until it rests in thee.

There seems to be in us a God-shaped void that nothing else can fill. And so I

## Easter Sunrise Service At the Grotto

Christians of all denominations will gather Sunday, April 16, on the mountain-side above Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary for one of the largest Easter Sunrise Services in Maryland.

The ecumenical service of prayer and song is sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches and held at the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, one of the state's most popular sites for religious pilgrimage and worship. Several other services are scheduled at the Grotto on Good Friday, April 14.

In favorable weather, the Easter Sunrise Service has in the past drawn more than 1,000 worshipers. Visitors also may stroll among early spring flowers and visit the Italian mosaics of the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross in copper bas-relief.

The service will begin at 6:30 a.m. Monsignor Hugh J. Phillips, chaplain of

worship—the same way that starving people stand in bread lines.

Something of the urgency of worship can be understood by remembering the story of Jacob and his all-night wrestling match with the mysterious presence (an angel? God?). As dawn came the stranger wanted to go but Jacob held on tight and said that he would not let go until the stranger blessed him. Jacob got his blessing, but the stranger also gave him a shot to the thigh just to let Jacob know who was really running the show. Probably old Jacob limped the rest of his life, but every time he dragged his bad leg he thought of that night, that stranger, and that blessing.

That's kind of how I feel about worship. I say to God Sunday after Sunday, "I'm not going to let go until you bless me. I'm going to keep singing these hymns, and listening to these sermons, and praying these prayers, and swallowing this bread and wine until you bless me. I'm going to hang on. Bless me. I cannot be fully alive until you do. Bless me.

the Grotto, will extend greetings, and Rev. Robert Prior, C.M., of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, will deliver the sermon. The Rev. R. Benjamin Jones of the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church will be the liturgist.

A special program of music will be provided by the Emmitsburg Community Chorus, directed by Sandy Soffe and accompanied by Marc Nicodemus.

Following the ecumenical service, Monsignor Phillips will celebrate Easter Sunday Mass at 7:30 a.m.

All are welcome for both services. The Grotto provides ample free parking.

Members of the sponsoring Emmitsburg Council of Churches are the following: Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg United Presbyterian Church, Incarnation United Church of Christ, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Sisters of Charity, Trinity United Methodist Church, and Tom's Creek United Methodist Church.

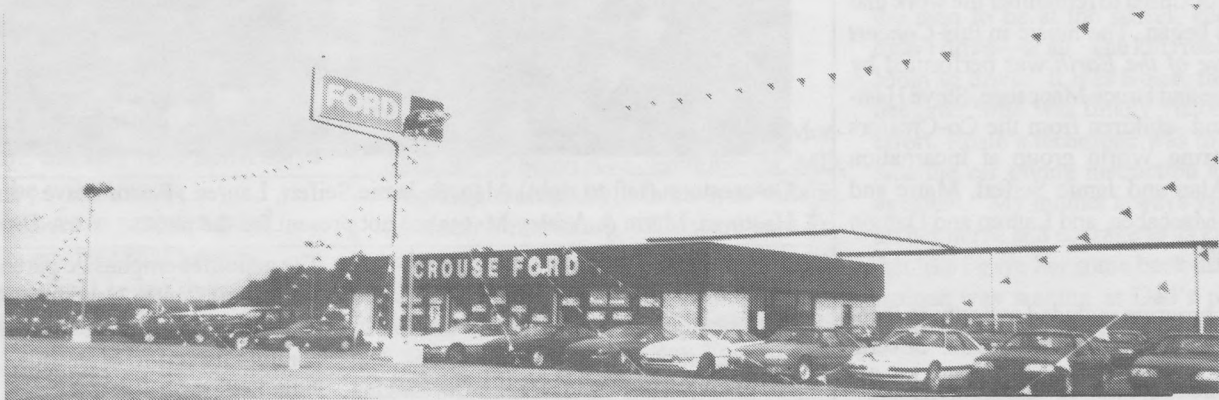
On Good Friday, April 14, a Stations of the Cross service will be held at the Grotto beginning at noon, followed at 1:30 p.m. by a homily on "The Seven Last Words of Jesus" given by Monsignor Phillips. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3 p.m. Tenor soloist Mark Forrest, who has performed internationally to wide acclaim, will provide music for the Good Friday services, all of which are open to the public.

For more information about either the Easter Sunrise Service or the Good Friday activities at the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, contact Monsignor Phillips, chaplain, at (301) 447-5318, the Mount Public Relations Office at (301) 447-5366, or Paul Harner, president of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches at 642-6202.

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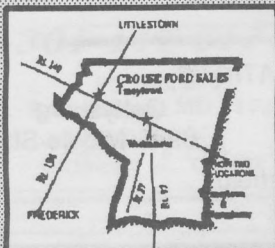
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## CONCERT "TO FRANCES"

"You stayed to touch a child's mind..."

writes Shirley Cubbison in her poem to Frances Froelicher, the recently deceased founder of Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve. Children and parents and friends gathered in March at the Incarnation United Church of Christ to remember the work that Frances began. The music in this *Concert For Love of the Earth* was performed by Christine and Bruce Maccabee, Steve Hastings, and children from the Co-Creators of a Caring World group at Incarnation UCC, Alan and Jamie Seifert, Marie and Ashley Maccabee, and Lauren and Damon Hastings.

The program included everything from folk to popular to classical music. Several pieces presented were written by the Maccabees. Accompanying herself on the guitar, Christine sang three of her songs, "Child's Song," "Song of a Homesteader," and "Voice of the Voiceless," the voiceless being the "wildflowers growing so free..." Christine's lovely soprano voice and clear pronunciation of words provided the listener with the happy experience of not only beautiful music, but an understanding of the message. Bruce, at the keyboard, had toes tapping and hands clapping with the renditions of his own compositions, "The Whole Earth Boogie" and "The Junkmail Blues." And the children's young voices reminded all of us of their concern for the Earth as they sang "All God's Critters" and "I'd Like to Give the World a Home."



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Co-creators: (left to right) Alan & Jamie Seifert, Lauren, Pastor Steve, and Damon Hastings. Marie & Ashley Maccabee not present for the photo. *A Dispatch Photo*

The children of Incarnation have a special Wednesday evening program dedicated to Biblically based concern for the Earth. Co-Creators is for children from age 4 to (5th grade). They meet Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8 p.m. The evening is divided into three parts; play time, Sacred Circle, and craft time. The Sacred Circle focuses on non-denominational lessons of moral, social, and environmental responsibility.

The activities emphasize parent-child interaction and family bonding. "As a parent I believe this is one of the best things the community has to offer kids," said parent Julie Seifert.

If you are interested in participating in this weekly venture with the Incarnation kids call Pastor Stephen Hastings at 447-2270.

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*Frances*

by Shirley Cubbison

You came and saw the beauty.  
 You came and saw the need.  
 You stayed to save a forest and  
 to plant a seed.  
 You stayed to champion justice  
 and to touch a child's mind.  
 You stayed to see some water  
 sparkle  
 and some trails to wind.  
 You left, but still your spirit stays  
 in the wildflowers  
 in every breeze across a pond  
 in every tree that towers.  
 You came and loved these hills.  
 We join our hands to love them still.

**FUNERALS**

Military funeral services for Mr. Robert Eugene Shorb, 63, of Gettysburg, PA, who died Friday, March 3, at the Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA, were held Monday, March 6, from the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD, with his pastor Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Pehrsson officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery. The Honor Guard was provided by the American Legion, Francis X. Elder Post 121 of Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Sister Elaine Mendoza, 95, of Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Wednesday, March 8, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg, MD, were held Friday, March 10, with a Mass of Christian Burial from the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at Emmitsburg, with her pastor Rev. Fr. John King as the Principal Celebrant. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

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on one of the dreaded Sunday Drives the kids remember so well. "Every Sunday," Susie tells, "we never knew where we going. Dad just drove. But we learned a lot on those drives." Christy nods. "He would take us to airports, powerplants, lakes, parks. We realize now we saw a lot of life that way," she says.

Dad always drove those Sundays, for two reasons. It was the old school way for the man to be at the wheel; and Mrs. Ott didn't drive—at all. The kids recall teaching Mom to drive. It was Rosie, the youngest daughter, who was finally victorious in the effort. Rosie's technique was to run alongside the car giving instruction and encouragement. "My mother always said she gave all her nerve and courage to us kids. Well, I felt like I gave her some back that day. Her license was waiting at Dad's place at the supper table when he came home that night."

Their mother's spunk is spoken of often. Never, they insist, never did she miss putting three meals a day on the table unless she was in the hospital. Didn't matter whether she was sick or tired or busy with sewing, marathon canning, or laundry. Dinner was mandatory and it was an open table. There was always enough for anyone who came along. "She worked as hard as Daddy," remarks Richie.

A 52 Game Chest is a particular Christmas memory. Santa knew how to stretch a shiny penny, and the kids recall fondly the fun of playing the endless games provided in that one gift throughout Christmas Day. Their father's, "H-h-h howdy, folks!" is another favorite memory. And eating toast and cocoa. And going to Mass. The aroma of paint.... The sound of their dad's whistling.... VFW Easter Egg Hunts....

"They are two of the nicest people you'd ever want to meet," says Susie. "They've always been there for us, and always will be, and we know that. We're a tight family. I don't know what else to tell you about them. We love them."

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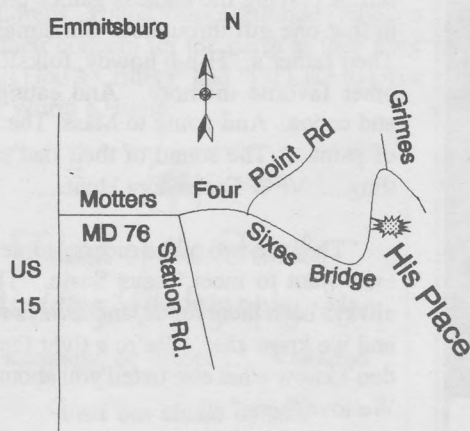
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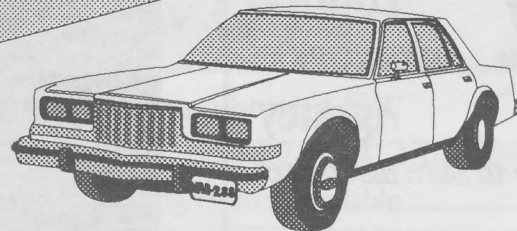
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# FRESH WATER FISH, THE PET

By Jack Deatherage, Jr.

I have yet to make up my mind as to the type of filter I prefer. I have canisters, power, under-gravel: (air driven, power head and reverse flow), sponge and internal canister. Only in the smallest tanks do I use one filter. My 125 gallon tank has an under-gravel filter fed by a canister filter. Backing that up is a power filter and an air drive sponge filter providing extra bio-filtering and a bit more gas exchange. Most of my tanks have power filters with air driven sponges and/or under-gravel plates as back-ups.

The power filter seems to be everywhere, so I guess it is my preferred filter. I like "Whisper" best. The filter is simple and while not as powerful as some, it does a good job in a suitably sized aquarium. The filter cartridges are easy to use, or reuse if need be, and are available in most fish shops. Parts are just a phone call away if you use a pet warehouse for supplies.

Come to think of it, there is another filter I use on every tank I have, though not as often as I should. It's called a "Python" water changer. There are other brands, but I can't afford to try them, so the "Python" is my brand. It consists of a tube (perhaps 2½ inches in diameter and over 12 inches long) for sucking dirt from gravel without taking the gravel with it. The tube is attached to a plastic hose (25' - 50' long) which is attached to a *contraption* that screws onto a faucet.

The *contraption* has a simple open/close valve. Open the valve, turn on the cold water, and place the gravel tube in the aquarium. The water running through the *contraption* from the spigot siphons water from the aquarium through the hose and into the sink. The gravel tube is moved through the gravel drawing uneaten food and fish waste from it.

When a couple of inches of water have been removed, I turn on the hot water until I get the same temperature as the aquarium water. (I have read that water from a hot water heater is not good for fish, but it has never stopped my angels from laying eggs,

or my African Cichlids from spitting out babies.) A quick turn of the valve and the aquarium is refilling. Add your favorite dechlorinator, check the pH, and a water change is done without getting tank water in your mouth or on the floor, though I have forgotten to watch a tank refill a time or two and once the sink plumbing popped loose. (I don't worry about those rare mishaps. Wanda worries for me.)

Now that I have thought about it, I've decided I am the best filter. No matter how efficient, powerful, simple to maintain, or long lasting a filter is, I have to clean it and watch

after it. Nothing on the market takes *that* responsibility away. I've tried the easy route of additives that supposedly destroy the waste or "burn out" the impurities. I've used carbons to trap odors and toxins. And I've treated tanks for a variety of illnesses caused by one major mistake— I didn't do partial water changes often enough!

Sometimes a tank can be over-stocked, over-fed, under-filtered, improperly heated, the pH can be off by whole numbers and the fish still survives if the water is changed often enough. Sometimes!

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# MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

by Val Mentzer

The 6th grade has become part of a special project. Amy Kalas and Abby Whitney filed this report.

This year in the sixth grade we entered a new project, "Photo Pals." It was sponsored by Scholastic News and Fuji Film. "Photo Pals" is just like pen pals—except we send videos, tapes, and pictures. We were paired up with another interested sixth grade class in Ludington, Michigan. We sent a video with our gym class, Spanish, and music along with other things. We also sent a tape with the song, "Lean on Me," various pictures, and a newsletter. The newsletter included a poll of our class's favorite foods, fads, clothes, sports, etc. We were divided into groups to do this. We hope to hear from them soon.

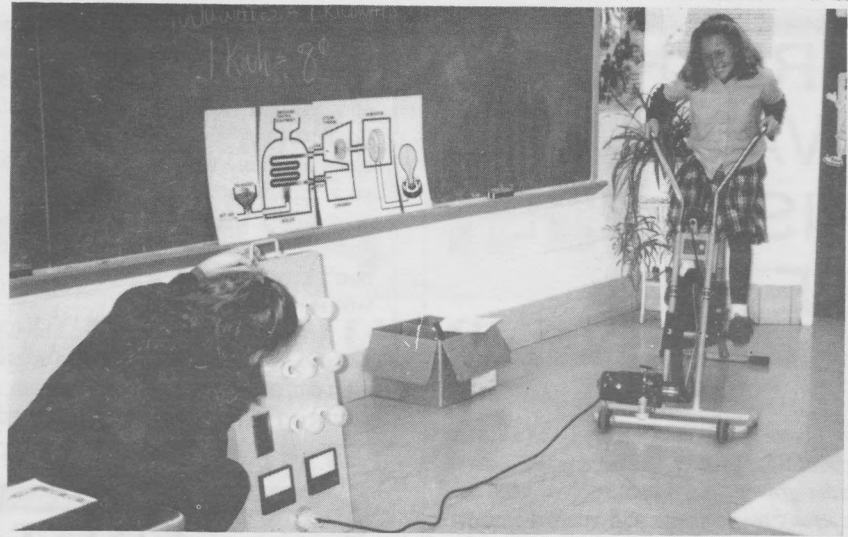
This same 6th grade is involved in a "Design an Ad" program. This program will involve the students in choosing a business to design a newspaper advertisement. The students have been getting many examples of advertisement from their local newspapers.

## Shocking!

Beth Haines, a representative of the Potomac Edison Company, visited the 6th grade class. She presented a program called "Electricity: Watt and How Programs." Students were given a chance to produce energy and used the formula  $AMPS \times WATTS$  to test their strength on a special bicycle. The bicycle was attached to a panel of light bulbs that would light up when energy was expended, thus physically showing the students a direct link between output and energy. They also discussed the process of using coal to produce electricity.

## Shamrocks For Shannon

All people that live and work in the community of Emmitsburg have come to know the heroic battle being fought by Shannon Zahn. Shannon, a student at Frederick Community College, is a Mother Seton School alumna and is currently fighting cancer. There are many that know and love Shannon, and it is those loved ones that are trying to help Shannon's family raise thousands of dollars to provide a bone marrow transplant.



Beth Haines explains the generation of electricity

The Christian community at Mother Seton School, children and adults alike, have sponsored many fundraising efforts to help the Zahn family. The comedy of "Sunshine the Clown" was performed to help raise \$411.25. "Shamrocks for Shannon" were sold at \$1 each. Generous donors placed their name or the name of a loved one on their shamrock and these are displayed in the front lobby of the school. These shamrocks raised a donation of \$297.30.

The student council held a "tag day" in

which the children could pay 50 cents to be out of uniform. They collected \$56.53.

In addition to all of the wonderful cards, notes, and prayers extended to Shannon and her family at this time, the family will be hosting a benefit auction at Mother Seton School on April 22. All proceeds will help provide Shannon with funds for the bone marrow transplant. For more information about the auction contact the Mother Seton School at (301) 447-3161.

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## Homeschoolers

by Mary Lynne Ziegler

St. Joseph's Church homeschoolers celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a host of festivities: a potato scavenger hunt; a presentation of Irish symbols and history; a St. Pat's dress-up relay (the girls "out-dressed" the boys by 1 minute); and a video on this great Saint's life. Of course the day was complete with delicacies such as green punch, green dip, and green frosted cake. The thirty people in attendance had a wonderful time.

Homeschooling is an educational approach which has been around for a long time. It has become in recent years an increasingly popular alternative for families seeking to preserve religious and moral values within an atmosphere of strong family unity. Some common questions and information about homeschooling will be made available in an upcoming article in the *Dispatch*. Our next group event will feature the Scoles and Tales program through the Cunningham Falls State Park. Come and visit with us. Call 751-1865 or 898-0216 for more information.



Homeschoolers celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Left to right: Marisa and Megan Paker, Kelly Worden (dressed as St. Patrick); Alessandro La Rocca; Amy Masser; Fatima LaRocca (coordinator). On and in the trees: Nick Masser, Jeff, Jeremy, and Jesse Ziegler.

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(ST. ANTHONY from page 11)  
in the bulletin for Easter Sunday.

A SQUARE DANCE will be held at OLMC Parish Center on Saturday, April 29, 7:00-10:00p.m. Bob Meunier will be the caller. Admission is a non-perishable food item for the local food banks or a \$2 donation for charitable purposes. Children under 10 are free.

A PARISH SKATING PARTY will be held at Skateland, Waynesboro, PA, on Tuesday, April 18, 7-9:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 plus \$1 for skate rental. There is no charge for watching. NO SMOKING rule applies. For a ride or further information, call the Parish Office, 447-2367.

SEPARATED, DIVORCED OR WIDOWED CATHOLICS are invited to attend a support conference on Saturday, April 22, 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The day-long conference will be held at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, Columbia, MD. The keynote speaker will be Fr. James Denn, chaplain at Georgetown University Hospital and retreat leader. Call 410-730-0860 for further information.

BAPTISMS: Our Lady of Mr. Carmel welcomes newly baptized members Connor Carter, Nathaniel lebedda, and Krista Walter. Connor, son of Kevin and Lori Carter, and Nathaniel, son of George and Teresa Lebedda, were baptized on Sunday, March 12. Krista, daughter of Ronald and Maureen Walter was baptized on Sunday, April 2.

St. Anthony's Parish Community welcomes Brian Patrick Reaver, Jr. who was baptized into the Catholic faith on Sunday, March 26. Brian is the son of Brian and Susan Reaver.

Expectant mother with some health problems needs person local to Thurmont to watch 11-month-old child for a few hours in the afternoon whenever possible so mother can rest. Token pay. Call 271-7682.

(Rocky Ridge from page 12)

May 4 - Family Night will be held at the Rocky Ridge Fire Hall with a covered dish meal. Tickets costing \$2 for chicken and rolls can be purchased from any committee member beginning April 2 (infants to 2 years free). Members include Helen Ogle, Burneda Russell, Rosie Stambaugh, Pauline Duble, Linda Shields, Pat Haines, and Penny Wetzel. Entertainment will be provided by a ventriloquist.

The Youth Group will be making Mother's Day planters again this year on May 11. Orders for them will be taken from April 2 through May 7.

May 6 - Consignment sale will be held at Mt. Tabor Park to benefit the upkeep of the park. Anyone having items to sell should notify Kenny Frushour at 271-4180 or Bobby Mumma at 271-2135.



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(ARCC from page 17)

**Wable:** "Beating WV was the most memorable game because I am from WV and my brother plays football for them. Their head coach said I would never be a good 3-point shooter and I went 5-9. Most importantly, we won and showed my family and friends how good MSM's programs are."

**McGuthrie:** "That's tough to say. Probably the game against Marist when we established a big lead and that made us feel like we were best. Also, it was a struggle for us to get everybody to work together as a team and we made such good progress - I guess that's what I will remember."

**Watson:** "The thing I liked the best was when I hit the last 6 or 7 foul shots to win the championship game."

**What does making it to the NCAA Tournament mean to your school and to you?**

**Gontkovic:** "It's a great sense of accomplishment. It also adds to the strength of our recruiting. It's a big thing to be able to say to a recruit that we have gone to the tournament and have a good chance of going again."

**Langville:** "Not only does making it to the NCAA Tournament give me a sense of pride in our team's accomplishment - it also promotes our small school on a national scale and it is a great recruiting tool."

**Schroyer:** "Making the NCAA Tournament means a lot in terms of spreading our name throughout the country, especially with our men's team qualifying for the tournament. For me, it's just a great experience, a chance to play at a higher level, and a lot of fun."

**Wable:** "It means that we are a legitimate program and it gives us something to shoot for after the NEC's. It is a personal goal to go to the NCAA's. It is one of the most prestigious achievements any women's basketball player can do."

**McGuthrie:** "From a sociological point of view it brought a lot of people together. It was a real boost for school unity."

**Watson:** "It put the school on the map and gave us a sense of pride."

Emmitsburg is very proud of the Mountaineers' conference championships and their appearance in the NCAA Division I Tournament. We extend our congratulations to both teams and their coaches for the fine season. We thank them for giving us something to cheer about.

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