



Behind the wheel: Ethan Scheider explores the cab of Tower 6 during the Vigilant Hose Company's open house
A Dispatch Photo

Town remains fiscally healthy, debt reduced, taxes stable

An audit report of Emmitsburg's 1994 budget was presented to the town council at their October meeting by the town's accountant Ted Gregory, CPA, of Linton, Schaffer and Company, P.A. Gregory's report focused on the overall management of Emmitsburg's fiscal resources and included some remarks regarding areas of fiscal concern. Gregory said that comparison of expenditures with the budget showed the planning to be on target and the General Fund amount shows the town is fiscally healthy.

Commenting on the fiscal health Mayor Carr said, "Debt was reduced by 3% and no further debt was acquired." He said that "presently the town's 1994-1995 budget is on target and the

prospects of adhering closely to this budget are good."

"There are, however, some areas of concern as the town moves toward the future," said Gregory. One is the assignment of utility connection fees for general fund use to defray town expenses. According to Mayor Carr, "During the 1995-1996 fiscal year utility connection fees will be placed in a Capital Improvement Fund which will be used to help planners budget those fees for utility improvement and upgrading in the future."

At the present time the debt service of Emmitsburg is 13% of its 1995-1996 budget. Although it is down 3% from the 1994-1995 budget, the level is still too high for a small town, accord-

ing to Gregory. "The largest portion of our debt (80%) is for utility costs from the '70's and '80's when the water plant and sewer plant were built. The balance (20%) of our debt service is for utility maintenance; sewer lines; water mains; purchase of vehicles; and other infrastructure mandates," said the Mayor. Since 1987 no debt over \$20,000 has been incurred. "All of the town's officials are very concerned about the high debt service the town carries," said Carr.

The town is confronted with higher utility expenses mostly involving water services. "Residential development will help pay for a portion of the water improvements, but not all," said Carr. "Grants from the State and (Please see FISCAL page 2)

VHC opens doors for kids

Sparky, Flashie the Fire Dog, and Hoser were on hand to greet approximately 400 kids during the two-hour fire prevention week program held at the fire hall on Oct. 12.

In the fair-like atmosphere of the newly renovated fire hall—with doors open wide, information tables, demonstrations, and equipment displays—kids climbed and crawled over and in fire engines and an ambulance. Par-

ents and firemen were in close pursuit. Two fire trucks, complete with flashing lights, sirens, and horns loudly whisked kids around town.

Emmitsburg's Miss Fire Prevention Thea Maddox spoke with the children about fire safety and had them enthusiastically demonstrating "Stop-Drop-and Roll," a protective technique should any of their clothing catch fire. (See VHC on page 3)

Business leaders get ear of EBPA

by Dianne L. Walbrecker

In conjunction with an effort to update its mission and goals, the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA) recently called local business owners to find out what they needed in a business organization. High on the list of priorities of those called was changing

the meeting time. Typically, EBPA meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. At least half the businesses contacted said they would be more likely to attend meetings if they were held in the morning or at noon. Parents of young children find it difficult to attend evening meetings.

Many people said they would appreciate having speakers who could discuss issues that affect their businesses. The group's July meeting included a talk by Ed Galligan about the new businesses that will be located in the small retail center behind Jubilee. People who were called suggested having (Please see EBPA page 6)

A Community Newspaper

To the editor 

The letters page is an open forum for the members of our community. The Dispatch encourages its readers to express their thoughts about issues that appear in this newspaper or affect the community. Letters should be brief and must include address, signature and a daytime phone number for verification. No unsigned letters. Deadlines for letters is the 3rd week of the month.

with a broad objective such as getting to know each other, what we do, how we can help each other—have a few laughs and generally make friends. I know where we could meet and it's close to home.

Emmitsburg: Getting to know you

To the Editor:

Hello, Emmitsburg. You may not know me or, for that matter, many other "newcomers" to your engaging town. I've been here five years and often I've wanted to speak about something that's troubled me about this beautiful little town. So at last, I have a forum to present my issue.

Throughout my residence here, I have very often felt isolated from the town's people. At first, I thought it was me. That there was really something about me that Emmitsburgians just couldn't welcome. But then I put aside my paranoia and realized that they didn't know enough about me to dislike me. I wanted to feel comfortable in this town so I tried to make the first moves at socializing. I'd smile broader than usual and say something of a trivial nature. I got no response, Emmitsburgians weren't budging. Feeling unwelcome in a place I call home left me cold and indifferent. Not knowing who was who among newcomers and natives, I avoided everyone.

My kids are happy though; they love it here. I have my family and friends (although most of my friends are about an hour away). And the

(FISCAL from page 1) and Federal governments will defray some expenses, but Emmitsburg will have to share in a portion of the total expense," said Mayor Carr.

Future growth of the town will help broaden the tax base; managed planned growth will also be important as will the solutions to immediate needs. The cost of living in Emmitsburg can be expected to increase. "We here in the town office are doing our best to act in a conservative manner while at the same time keeping Emmitsburg the good example of 'Small Town America,' that we cherish," said Mayor Carr.

neighbors on either side of my house are great. We exchange recipes, gifts on holidays, and some evenings we sit and talk for hours. So I figured I could put up with Emmitsburg.

Now, after a couple of years I've gotten to know a number of people through my kids' activities. My husband is an ardent participant in our boys' sports, and consequently he has developed friendships with many parents. Still, it's been a difficult transition.

I've been looking at Emmitsburg from a different perspective lately, and I think I realize what the situation really is. Throughout its history, Emmitsburg has been made up of a relatively small number of families. But each family is made up of a large, very large number of people. So many in fact, each family unit is self-sufficient. These families can foster their own friendships. These founding families are part of a network with other founding families. Families within this circuit don't have a large need for socializing with "outsiders" or newcomers. I don't think their reluctance to embrace newcom-

ers is intentional or that they are even cognizant of their indifference. I've found that these people in Emmitsburg are actually endearing. They take care of their own. They have a tremendous knowledge of their history. These people can captivate listeners as they recall accounts from their forefathers. There's a wealth of chronology here; it would be a shame for us newcomers to miss or neglect the rich stories these folk can retell.

I'd like to make it easier for others coming into this town or those already here to feel at home. Emmitsburg is growing; that's not going to change. The less animosity within this town, the better our community will be. My hope is that we can maintain a small-town cohesion.

I'd like to start a group of community members to get together every now-and-then (about once a month,)

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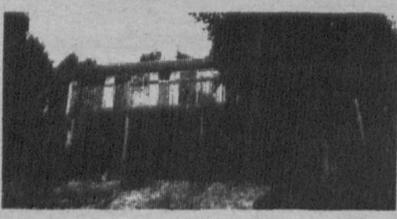
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Emmitsburg's Miss Fire Prevention Thea Maddox with admirers at VHC's open house. *A Dispatch Photo*

Up-County to get new building

By Kate Au

The Up-County Family Support Center is moving to a new building which should be built and opened by the spring of 1996. The Center will continue to offer classes in adult basic education, computer literacy, employability, childbirth, formal and informal parenting, and will provide certain services in individuals' homes. The services provided will continue to be free to those who are expecting children or have children through the age of three.

The new facility should enable the Center to provide better services for the community. It will have a child development area which will occupy one-fourth of the building, a computer facility, an educational classroom, and a commercial kitchen. There will be a space for toddlers as well as a quiet area for those who need a rest. The larger-sized facility will enable the Center to open its doors to anyone at any time.

The new building will be owned by the town of Emmitsburg. A number of organizations have contributed to the project. Among them are the Merrick Foundation, the Wineberg Foundation, F&M Bank, the Fraternal Order of Police, the United Way, and Frederick Town Bank. Laurie Sheffield-James, Program Administrator, expressed her gratitude to the town of Emmitsburg, as well as to the contributors. She also made very clear that had it not been for the businesses of Emmitsburg, Community Action Agency, Friends of Family, Catholic Charities, Mayor Carr, and Phil Postelle, the Center would not be able to continue the effort to produce happy, healthy families.

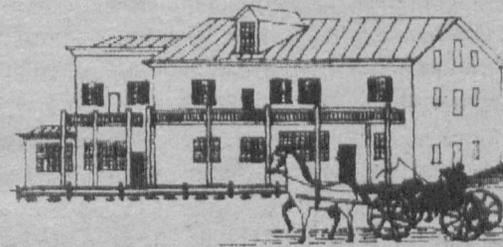
The Up-County Family Support Center is looking for furniture such as desks, toys, file cabinets, and nice lounge furniture. They are also looking for volunteers, especially van drivers. Donations are always welcome. Inquiries about contributions or other matters can be made to the Up-County Family Center at (301) 447-2810.

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clothing catch fire. Mike Dansky demonstrated dressing out in the full protective gear—from boots to breathing equipment to helmet—that firemen wear.

Ice cream, fire helmets, and "official" badges added to the gaiety of the evening. Friends and neighbors greeted each other and chatted and the fire hall continued to fulfill its

function as an important social and service center for the community. According to John Dansky, this open house is a purposeful part of the Vigilant Hose Company's fire prevention program which includes school programs, Senior Citizen programs and 5 or 6 tours a year. John Dansky and Frank Raushenberg were responsible for organizing this night's events and were supported by many of the company members.

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A conversation with Mikhail Gorbachev

Regional Dispatch (RD): What's up? How are things going since you lost your job over at the Kremlin?

Mikhail Gorbachev (MG): It was a bummer, I'll tell you. It took a few weeks to get my head together. Then I got this neat job at the International Green Cross.

RD: Where?

MG: The International Green Cross. You know the planetary organization that wants to clear up the present day global landscape, save humankind—neat stuff like that.

RD: Oh. Sure. Seems like a tall order to me: I know families that get into a hassle just planning the old summer vacation.

MG: That's it. People learning how to work together is the crux. Harry Palmer over at *Avatar* likes to say that people have to give up always being right before things start moving. I agree. Here, let me read this little note that is part of a speech I wrote. "...the slogan of changing human nature is no less destructive than the slogan of man conquering nature. Today a caring attitude towards nature implies, above all, a caring attitude toward man

with all his contradictory passions, strengths and weaknesses. We must understand human nature in order to live in harmony with ourselves and improve ourselves. But we must not try to recast or remold it; we must not seek the impossible. The idea of man as a kind of deity is one of the most dangerous and fateful ideas."

RD: Hmmm.

MG: Get this part, "... it is essential now to understand the limits of the elasticity of human nature, to understand that not only man but society's life too is unique. It requires that we treat it prudently, taking into account the inherent laws of its development. It is true that without developing society would die. But we should also realize that society has objective limits to its development."

RD: Nice idea. But what does it mean for smalltown folk?

MG: Part of the answer is easy. Revolution doesn't cut it; the changes are not long lasting. The trick is to *preserve tradition and enliven it with more content.*

RD: How?

MG: Participate.

RD: Where?

MG: Like government, schools, churches—volunteer even. But you have to

watch out because the growth of freedom does not automatically mean a growth of morality. Life is the greatest moral value. It's not enough to say "Thou Shall not kill." We need an ecological respect and love for every living thing.

Man has no right to seek well-being at the expense of another human being. But man cannot live at the expense of nature either, for when we plunder nature, we steal from ourselves. We need an ecology of moral and spiritual health that opposes chauvinism, racism, and arrogance.

RD: A tall order.

MG: Yes. But, I repeat that *evolutionary development*, the path of gradual change consistent with the nature of mankind and of society is the most effective way. Coordination of all that exists (interaction and cooperation) is much more productive than the mutually destructive struggle of the opposites.

RD: Where do we sign up?

MG: In your own locality or community—it's part of the global planetary scene that you can affect.

This conversation took place within the pages of *Lapis* magazine, a publication of the New York Open Center; a place for holistic studies.

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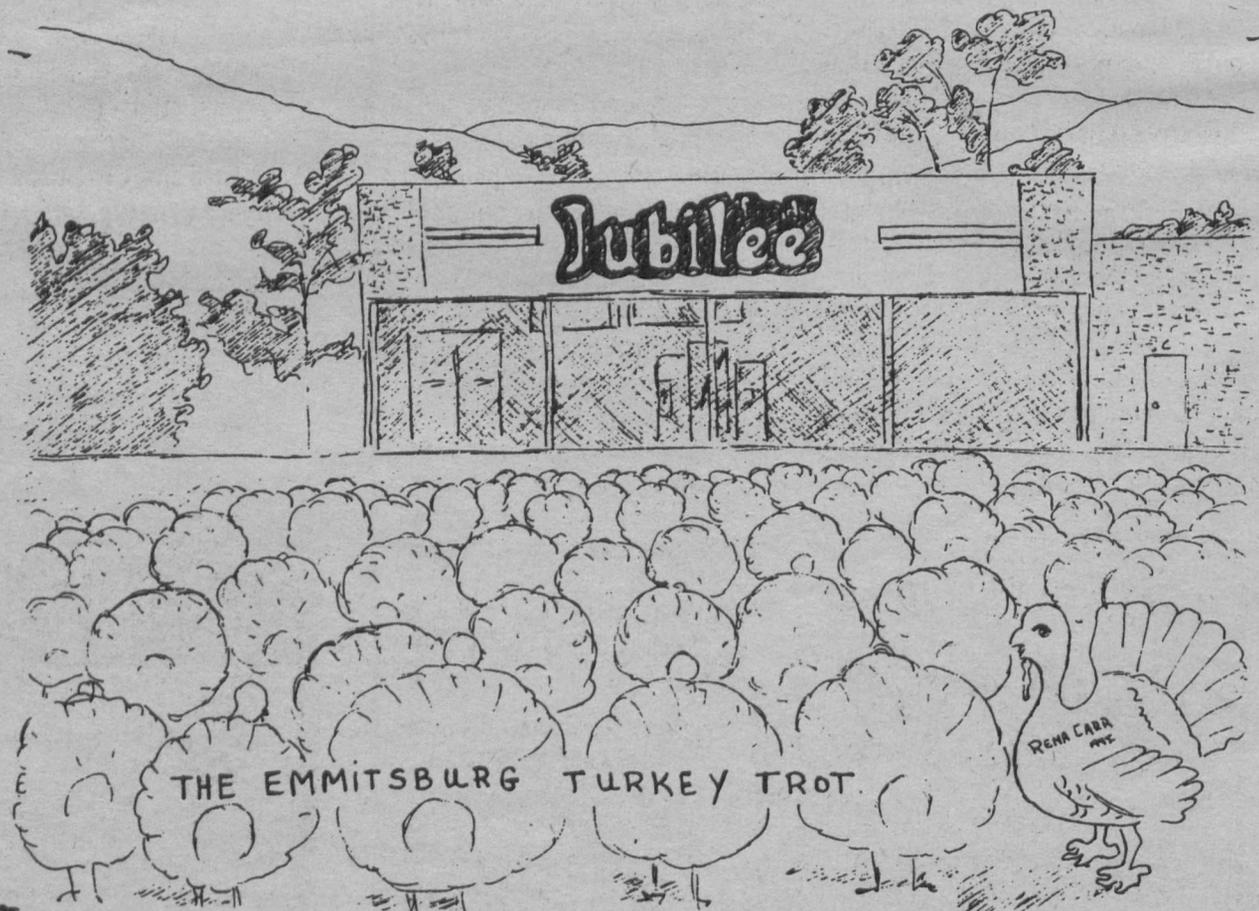
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Mount's student volunteers participate in Papal visit

By John Gehring

The Holy Father undoubtedly has powerful effects on people: inspiring the faithful, gathering thousands in the name of the Church, and maybe most amazing of all, the cause of college students waking up before ten on a Saturday morning. One hundred and fifty students from Mount Saint Mary's boarded buses for an early morning trip to Baltimore October 6, beginning a weekend that for many would provide lasting memories and thoughtful reflections.

While pilgrims must often journey thousands of miles to see the seventy-five-year-old Pope, the most extensively traveled Holy Father and bestselling author, students at the oldest independent Catholic college in the United States would be fortunate to see John Paul II right in their backyard.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I may never have a chance to do something like that again," said Maria Gracci, a senior from Olney, Maryland.

Upon their arrival in Baltimore, Mount students gathered downtown at the Convention Center. Here they joined with young people from the archdiocese as well as students from Loyola College and Catholic University helping to form in a 1,500-strong Young Adult and Youth Corps, serving as good will ambassadors for the Pope's visit. The afternoon was spent singing, praying, and working out group locations for Sunday's parade, which would follow a



Scoreboard at Camden Yards welcomes Pope John Paul II to Baltimore

two-hour Mass at Camden Yards. Later that day, John H. Ricard, urban vicar for the Archdiocese, celebrated Mass at the Convention Center. He applauded the group's energy and commended participants for their gracious hospitality.

After a long day, Saturday night was no time to rest as free concert tickets were distributed to all those participating as good will ambassadors. Pier Six Pavilion rocked as a concert featuring Boyz II Men aired live via satellite around the world. A surprise greeting from the Pope was transmitted from a Jumbo Tron screen. "Tonight I greet you from New York and look forward to meeting you to-

morrow in Baltimore," John Paul said to the high-energy crowd. The entertaining night ended with a spectacular fireworks display over the Inner Harbor.

The streets contained a quiet anticipation the next morning as Mount students filled different places along the parade route. The preparations began as vendors sold an array of paraphernalia including T-shirts, mugs and pennants. Security agents patrolled the streets and snipers positioned themselves on top of the downtown office buildings. The great countdown had begun, a wait heightened by last year's can-

celed visit and the City's countless hours of detailed preparation.

While most Mount students handed out information guides along the parade route, some were fortunate to have a seat inside Camden Yards. Tom Keller, a senior from Towson, served as an usher during the service. Keller helped by answering questions and directing lines for the lengthy communion distribution. "It was definitely an unforgettable experience. I thought it was a great display of Catholicism. There was an energy and enthusiasm at this Mass that you do not find enough of."

The long wait, as many as four hours for some who staked out territory early, came to an end when the much talked about "Popemobile" emerged from the back of Camden Yards, beginning a slow, three-quarter-mile trek through the overflowing streets. There he was, John Paul II, smiling softly, waving and blessing the crowds as cameras snapped and emotions peaked. Some cried; others watched in awe-filled silence as the holiest of Church figures passed in one unforgettable moment.

On the buses back to Emmitsburg the students had time to reflect on the eventful weekend. Being a part of history, for however brief a moment, was often difficult to describe. Junior Bob Ford covered the trip for the college newspaper. "The feeling I came away with that day is still with me today, and will be with me the rest of my life."

John Gehring is a senior at MSM.

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EBPA discusses draft mission statement

by Dianne L. Walbrecker

Twelve members of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA) met at the Carriage House Inn on Tuesday, October 17th at 7:30 p.m. The group discussed a draft mission statement and brochure designed by the president, Don Geiger, and decided that annual membership dues of \$25 will be collected beginning January 1st.

The group also discussed publication of its *Lamplight & Holly* brochure. The brochure is a December calendar that contains announcements

of open houses held by local businesses and events held by civic organizations, such as the Community Chorus Christmas concert.

After a presentation by Sister Mary Beard about a Frederick organization [which offers services for needy children and their families, the group discussed ways that the business community can be family friendly.

While the subject of growth in Emmitsburg is a vital business issue, the members discussed the fact that until the requirement for additional water

is solved, the issue of encouraging growth is a moot point. More discussion will be held at later meetings about ways the EBPA can contribute to solutions to the problem.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 21st at 7:30 pm at the Carriage House Inn. [Some members will meet at 6:30 p.m. to share information over dinner before the official meeting. All local businesses are invited to attend.

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(EBPA from page 1) speakers discuss growth in Frederick County and its effect on local businesses, information on financial topics such as obtaining loans, ways that local businesses can support police efforts to keep teenagers involved in positive activities, and methods for businesses to be "family friendly" in their policies and procedures. A few of those surveyed said that EBPA should work on attracting more people to town to increase their potential customer base. Several people also mentioned that it was important to revitalize the community center.

As a result of the feedback, the EBPA decided to try holding two separate meetings: one for members (which would include speakers and time for networking) and one for EBPA officers (to make decisions that do not need discussion by the

large group). The first split meeting will be during January.

Elizabeth Prongas, who made some of the phone calls, got a personal benefit from her inquiries. When she called the Mountain Manor Treatment Center, she found herself drawn to the center's program for young mothers. In the program, 15 women recovering from drug and/or alcohol addiction are provided with training and skills that will enable them to support themselves and their children. The year-long program includes a place to live and child support while the mother attends classes. "They have shown that this kind of intense program can work wonders. Some of us who believe in the program are working under the direction of Center Director Lynn Roby as an advocacy group for the program," said Prongas.

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Grist from the Mill - A Miller's Tale

By Ivan Lufriu

The grist mills established early in Frederick County's history were the centers of local trade and commerce. Situated along the creeks, these water-powered mills each became the nucleus of a new community and the gathering place for local folks.

The survival of a mill depended on a number of factors, primarily weather related. Since the earliest mills were log structures, hastily constructed, a short life span was inherent. Major floods were disastrous and many mills were never rebuilt after being washed away. The total number of these early grist mills, estimated at about eighty, is something we will never know for sure.

As mills came and went, the millers and millwrights moved from place to place establishing bigger and better mills, situated in more secure locations. Improvements in the milling process, the miller's innovative resources, and an outstanding growing area were the keys to success for early milling enterprises. So productive were the mills of central Maryland that the area became known as the bread basket of the country. Flour

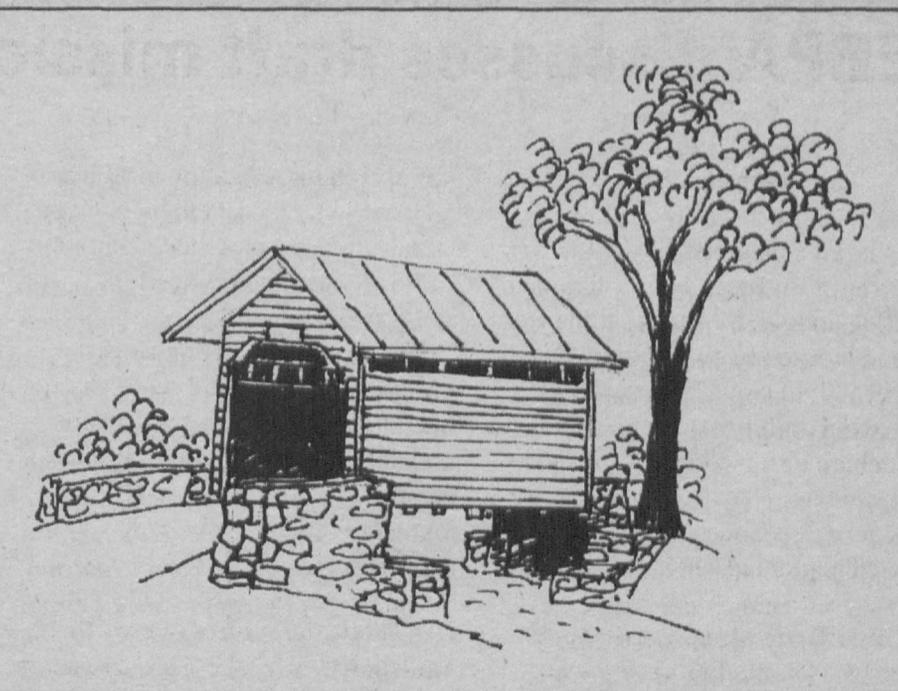
products transported along waterways and primitive roads helped to establish Baltimore as the nation's leading flour exporting port of the 1820's and 1830's.

Local flour milling waned after the Civil War and came to a virtual halt at the end of the nineteenth century. Abandoned mills were burned or just crumbled away, and today very few remain. Little thought is given now to the vital importance of Frederick County's creeks and the great commercial potential the early settlers saw here.

But nothing is forever! Those of us having any connection with the old-time mills, will also have many fond memories. The hum of machinery, the power generated by the water wheel, or perhaps a romantic interlude down by the old mill stream. Can future historians writing about the twentieth century possibly top this?

One miller's Heavenly Corn Meal Muffins

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Roddy Road Covered Bridge: A sketch by local artist Virginia McLaughlin

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- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/4 cup rolled oats
- 1 Tbs. baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.

In another bowl stir together:

- 1 cup water or milk
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 Tbs. margarine or butter, melted

1 tsp. vanilla

Add liquid mix to dry ingredients. Stir gently. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups. Bake 15-20 minutes until golden brown. Cool muffins 5 minutes on a rack before removing from cups. Serve warm.

Ivan Lufriu, formerly the miller at the Union Mills Homestead, now enjoys researching, photographing, writing about, and lecturing on old water-powered mills. Readers are encouraged to send questions or comments regarding old mills to Ivan Lufriu in care of the Dispatch.

Country Christmas Fare

There will be a good opportunity to jump-start your Christmas shopping at the Country Christmas Fare held in the Emmitsburg Community Center on Dec. 1st and 2nd. Some of the participating artists, craftsmen, and vendors are Krista Serpi, Discovery Toy Products; Carol Stitely, wreaths, Christmas fabric shirts; Rena Damsky, candles, wreaths; Barbara Johnson and Kim Beckett, painting and Christmas items; Toni Sands, Peppermint Mill Farms nuts, candy, coffee, gift baskets; Myers Radio & TV, toys; Christine Maccabee, nature crafts and seeds; Crystal Gauss, vinegars and Christmas items; E.B.P.A., special Emmitsburg pottery; Lynn Smith, acid-free photo albums; Linda Postelle, painting and furniture; Elizabeth Prongas, paintings; Emmitsburg Arts League, paintings; Nancy Coblenz Nelson, dolls; Arnell Vendittis, jewelry; Susan Knox, handmade baskets and woodcrafts; Brenda Powell, Toile painting; Peggy Stitely, woods craft sand Toile painting; Valarie Parson, pottery; Rebecca Pearl, painting; Bridgett and Dennis Serald, Santas, sweatshirts and art work. Also, Cindy Collis, Jane Stoner, and Debbie Shultz-berger will have booths.

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LIBRARY

By Kate Warthen,
Branch Manager

The Emmitsburg Branch of the Frederick County Public Library met in the multi-purpose room on Sept. 28, 1995. The Emmitsburg Library is the only library in Frederick County with a meeting room that can accommodate 50 people.

Emmitsburg hosted the branch managers' meeting. These meetings are held every other month in one of the libraries. Branch managers present were Betty Moser from Brunswick, Lois Rook from Middletown, Roxine Thompson from Walkersville, Erin Dingle from Thurmont, Mary Cramer of C. Burr Artz Library, and I. Others attending were Allen Rudin from the Audio Visual Department on Hayward Road in Frederick and Denise Davis, Director of the Frederick County Library System.

A very informative meeting consisted of updates in library services, news about Internet, new services provided by C. Burr Artz, and information about the latest bookmobiles in service. Denise Davis spoke about the increase of library use and changes in the system.

Dolores Maminski chaired the meeting. Joan Fisher, Extension, spoke about upgrading library services from the bookmobile. The next meeting will be in the Thurmont Library.

On Tuesday, November 7, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. Peter Vetrano will read some of his poetry. Peter Vetrano was born in Washington, D.C., in 1947. He was raised in New Jersey, Florida, and California. He has been writing poetry ever since he read Dylan Thomas's "Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night" in a college English class some ten years ago. Mr. Vetrano's lines have warmth and keen insight. Typical of his sensitivity and apt imagery is his poem "Feeling."

Use your library.

Your countless moods
fill my senses,
my times of despair.

You, my friend,
are a floating light,
somewhere.

In analyzing the reason for his interest in writing, he quotes Tennyson: "Theirs not to make reply./ Theirs not to reason why./ Theirs but to do and die...." *Voids of Monday* is Mr. Vetrano's first book, but many of his poems have been published in such journals as the *Hartford Courant*, the *Riverside Quarterly*, *Voices International*, *Major Poets*, the *Lake Superior Review*, and the *North American Mentor*. Mr. Vetrano is a teacher and lives in Garden Grove, California.

The Senior Art Group will present an Art Exhibit for Christmas in early November. Please come; it will make your holiday bright. Also keep in mind our Doll Tea Party which will be held at 10:30a.m. on December 9, in the multi-purpose room. Bring your favorite doll to show and have tea with us at the Library. Boys and girls are welcome.

SR. CITIZENS NEWS

By Anna Margaret Martin

Well, Halloween is over, and believe it or not, the Goblins didn't get us. November is here! And you know what that means—colder weather, Thanksgiving and soon the Christmas season will be here.

November will be another busy month for the Seniors with activities as follows:

Thursday, Nov 2 & 16 - Bingo, 1 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9 & 30 - "500" card party, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 7 - Fire Prevention Program, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 8 - Travelogue, "The Great Canadian Train Ride", 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 14 - Barbara Jean Brightful from Frederick Hospital with information on women's problems, 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 14 - Frederick Shopping, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday Nov. 21 - Meeting Day, Dr. John Hageman, Chiropractor, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 28 - Rachel Ford, Nutrition Program, 12:45 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9 - "Food 'n Friends" Thanksgiving Dinner, 12 noon, Reservations a must, 24 hours in advance.

Jubilee shopping each Friday following lunch. Note: Due to Thanksgiving holidays we will go to the Jubilee on Wednesday, Nov 22.

Don't forget the Senior Citizens Bazaar on Saturday, November 11, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. We'll have lots of "goodies" (something for everyone) along with bingo, flowers, fancy table, nearly new clothing, country store. Lunch will be available. Our quilt will be chanced off at 3 p.m. Come enjoy the day with us.

Lunch is available each day Monday through Friday at the center. Transportation is available and home delivered meals as well. Call Anna Margaret at 447-6253 for information. Remember we are closed for Thanksgiving holidays, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24.

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ALMA TURNS NINETY

By Naomi Rice

"A time of fellowship" was the theme of a surprise birthday given in honor of Mrs. Alma Jones of Emmitsburg at the Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren, Sunday, September 24, 1995, to celebrate her 90th birthday. A crowd of over 140 guests was present and enjoyed a service of congregational songs, appropriate readings for the occasion, quartets, duets, and solos with guitars and organs and piano music. There also was a special reading by two of the grandchildren.

Attending were friends and loved ones from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland. Alma is a dear lady, widely known from her teaching many years in the Brunswick and Emmitsburg schools. She received many good wishes and lovely gifts and delicious party food was served by the church ladies. It was an occasion that will long be remembered by all who were there.

Happy Thanksgiving



Mr. Austin Joy is shown at the Joy Reunion held September 24, at Mt. Tabor Park. With Mr. Joy are his nephew Don Joy, son of his brother Hubert Joy and Marcia Joy Gorsuch, granddaughter of his brother Chester Joy. Mr. Joy will be 90 years old December 9th. He received prizes for being the oldest descendant and having the largest family present.

Laubach Literacy Workshop

There will be a workshop in Laubach Literacy - Basic Course - for Certification at St. Joseph's Provincial House, 333 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, on November 7, 8, 14, and 15 at 6:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Please call the Literacy Center in Frederick (694-2066) if you would like to attend.

Farewell to a Friend

On September 29, 1995, the horse affectionately called "the bionic pony" died. At age 28 Marcus Aurelius peacefully passed away at Mike and Audrey Hillman's, where he had spent his last few years in a well-deserved retirement. He is survived by his owner Mary Anne Tauskey. Marcus competed in the 1976 Olympics on the gold medal Three-day Eventing team. Like the Roman for whom he was named, he will always be remembered for his bravery and courage.

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Family Matters "A Point of View"

by Jane Huston
and Michael Hecht of
Up-County Family Center

Jennifer Lewis was a student in the Alternative High School program last semester at Up-County Family Center. This program is for pregnant teens, allowing them to keep up with their classes during the later stage of pregnancy and the beginning months with their child. The program essentially keeps teens in school during their pregnancies. Jennifer recently came back to Up-County to visit, and to talk about her experiences at the Center.



Jennifer Lewis

"Graduating was my first goal in life...I never wanted to be pregnant while in school." However, Jen did get pregnant while in school, and thanks to the Alternative High School program, she was able to graduate in May, and had her baby, Kaitlin, a few days later.

Jen came to Up-County at the end of her first trimester. She had been experiencing nausea, tiredness, and high blood pressure. Attending high school seemed to be too much for her, and she was ready to quit altogether. Then she found out about Up-County's program, and said it made all the difference in the world to her. Jen felt the positive effects immediately: "I didn't have to rush everyday and my nausea lessened. It felt like a big weight off my shoulders. I felt like staying in school!" Jen felt she had low self-esteem before she came

to Up-County, but now feels better about herself and more empowered. She is content for the moment to be a full-time mother to her baby girl, but she aspires to go to college to prepare for a career working with little children.

When asked if she would recommend Up-County to other pregnant teens, she said they should definitely consider the option. If they could stay in school and remain healthy, obviously that was great, but they should know that there is a good alternative.

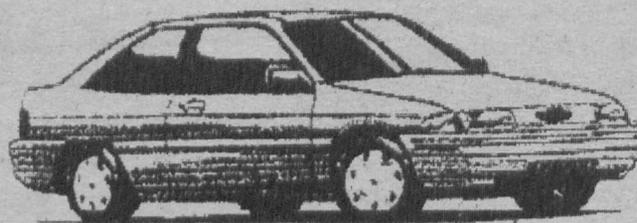
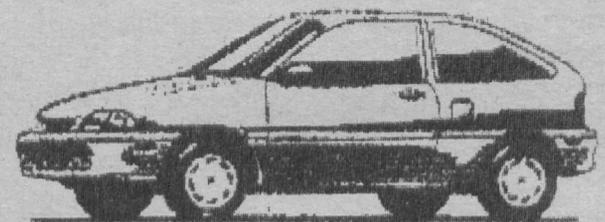
Although she missed her old friends, Jen said she made some great new ones. "I couldn't have made it through school and my pregnancy without Up-County, and with only one more year of school, it would have been a mistake not to finish."

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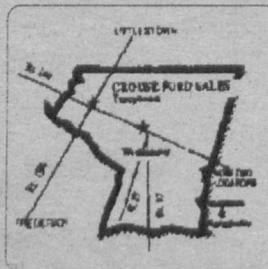
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Christmas auction and extravaganza of foods

Mother Seton School's "Candlelight and Holly Auction" set for Nov. 11th

Mother Seton School's elegant "Candlelight and Holly Auction" will be held on November 11 at the Hunt Valley Marriott beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is the 12th year for this gala event and this year proves to be another fun evening with fantastic food and thousands of items for bid.

The "Extravaganza of Foods" displays several food stations featuring Domestic Cheese and Victory Garden, Seafood Bounty with oysters, shrimp, scallops and crab dishes, Steamship Delights featuring turkey breasts and steamship beef, Three Coins in the Fountain with many Ital-

ian specialties such as spinach tortellini and ravioli. This will be finished off with several dessert carts with cannoli, truffles, strawberries, and cheesecake brownies.

Many of the impressive items for auction this year include several trip packages to Virginia Beach, Cape May, New York City, Philadelphia, Williamsburg, and London. Many handcrafted items include a solid walnut correspondence desk, Portland cherry grandfather clock, and silk flower arrangements. Hundreds of ornate baskets are for purchase featuring kitchen, bath boutique and romantic items. Each classroom from the school has put together theme baskets such as Italian, bird, puzzle, sewing, etc...



Seated at the second table Annabelle Rupert, Jean Myers, and Libby Fuss peel apples while Terry Ogle runs the coring machine. Dorothy Wiley and Betty Lee Mumma stand to peel apples at the front table and Dan Kaas faces them.



Mother Seton students displaying items that will be for sale at their "Candlelight and Holly Auction," Nov. 11. Front row, left to right: Ashley Hajnos, Alexis Kaitksian, Missy Eaton, John Smith. Back row: Joseph Kaitksian, Kim Eaton, Diane Smith, Philip Lawrence, Donna Smith, Beth Hajnos, Caitrin McCarron, Diana Eaton, Mrs. Jayne Richardson (auction coordinator).

PEELING APPLES: A TRADITION OF HELPING

Walking into the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Hall on a crisp Friday morning in October, a newcomer was astonished at the number of people patiently cutting apples into quarters, removing the last bit of apple peel left after the hand cranked coring machines had done their job, and taking out the remainder of the core. The 60 or so women worked diligently, stopping only occasionally to smile as one of the few men peeling apples kidded them or stopped to say hello. Of course the talk was flowing while their fingers were working. News was exchanged and reacted to in all corners of the room.

The smell was sweet, but not overpowering. The atmosphere was busy, but somehow peaceful, not hurried or stressed. These are the Willing Workers of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church in Rocky Ridge. While the group functions under that name, no one feels bound to conform exactly to its definition. People from as far away as Frederick come to help. Neither are the people restricted to any one religion. "There are even some Catholics here," joked one of the men dumping the quartered apples into the machine that ground them to a pulp.

All told, more than 100 people were involved in the effort. While the peelers were working, others were lift-

ing the pans and carrying them to the machine for grinding. Some passed out coffee and homemade danishes while other workers stirred the giant pots of soup cooking in the kitchen. The soup would be served to the workers for lunch. After the peeling, the ground apples were boiled in 30-gallon kettles and stirred all day. One woman, who had been working with the group for 16 years declared, "We have no recipe; we just go by taste!"

This year, 500 quarts of apple butter were sold. Donald Harbaugh of Sabillasville provided all the apples. The apple butter proceeds are used to help the churches support their own efforts as well as those of several community groups.

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Looking ahead. . .

Community events

Thursday thru Sunday, November 2-5

A Christmas Preview...

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Tuesday, November 7

Poetry Reading...

Peter Vetrano will read some of his poetry at 10:00 a.m. at the library. Mr. Vetrano is a teacher and lives in Garden Grove, California.

Thursday thru Saturday, November 9-11

International Gift Festival...

The 34th International Gift Festival held at the Fairfield Mennonite Church, Main Street, Fairfield, PA, markets the handicrafts of Third World artisans. Exotic jewelry, carvings and folk art; expressive stationery, collectibles and personal accessories; engaging toys, holiday decorations and home accents; and ecologically friendly baskets, bags, and table ware will be available. Shopping for seniors and the handicapped on Tuesday, November 7. For more information please call (717) 642-5440 or (717) 642-8936.

Saturday, November 11

Flag Pole Dedication...

A dedication ceremony for the new flag pole erected in memory of Thomas "Jack" Biddle will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery. All are welcomed to attend.

Announce Your Events Here.

Senior Citizens Bazaar...

Don't forget the Senior Citizens Bazaar Nov. 11, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. There will be something for everyone along with bingo, flowers, fancy table, nearly new clothing, and country store. Lunch will be available. A quilt will be chanced off at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 12

Big Breakfast...

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, MD is sponsoring an ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake, Sausage, and Egg Breakfast Sunday, November 12, from 7:30 a.m. until noon. This breakfast will be held at the Parish Hall on North Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg.

Tuesday, November 14

History Talk...

Local history buff and relic hunter Al Hawkins, will present "Historical Artifacts Excavated in Emmitsburg," at the 7:30 p.m. meeting of the Emmitsburg Historical Society. He will display items dating back to before the Civil War and some religious artifacts relating to various churches in Emmitsburg. The public is invited to attend. Hawkins hopes some of those present can help identify some of his artifacts. The meeting will be held in the Library Media Room of the Community Center.

Wednesday, November 15

Community Planning...

There will be a meeting at the town office at 7:00 p.m. of the mayor, town council, and members of the planning and zoning commission to discuss Community Growth Management Strategy. Two speakers from Land Ethics of Annapolis will be present to provide information on different approaches that can be used in planning for the future. Now is the time to look at how downtown Emmitsburg will look in 20 years. The public is invited.

Saturday, November 18

Holiday Bazaar...

Saint Joseph's Parish, Emmitsburg, MD, will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 18, 1995, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Craft and gift ideas will be available, along with a "Santa's Secret Shop" where the kiddies can do their shopping (no adults allowed), stocking stuffers, homemade baked goods, jellies, etc. Lunch—soups, sandwiches, and much more—will be served. This year we are offering theme gift baskets, wrapped in cellophane with ribbon, ready for giving. Please come and join us.

Sunday, November 19

Bingo Mania...

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company is holding a day of Bingo Mania on Sunday, November 19. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m., platters served at 12:00 noon and Early Birds can start play at 12:45 (play 5 only).

The price of admission includes Fried Chicken and Ham platters, regular games, special games, 1st & 2nd half quickies, 1st and 2nd half jackpots, and a free game. Advanced tickets cost \$20.00; at the door the ticket price is \$25.00.

Winners take all and Early Birds extra. Additional packs of 6 card Up \$2.50 to same player, NO additional packs after 1:00 p.m.

Payouts: Regular games, \$50; Special games, \$100; 1st and 2nd half quickies, \$100 each; 1st half jackpot, \$250; 2nd half jackpot, \$500; Free game, \$50.

For tickets or information call 301-447-6329 or 301-447-6626. Leave your name and number on the answering machine to make your ticket purchases.

Tuesday, November 21

Business Meeting...

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association will meet at the Carriage House Inn, 7:30 p.m.

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Looking ahead . . . (Cont)

Saturday, November 25

Hunter's Breakfast...

An All-You-Can-Eat Hunter's Breakfast will be held Saturday Nov. 25, from 4 a.m. to 11 a.m at the Elias Lutheran Church in Emmitsburg. Featuring: pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, chipped beef, home fries, and fruit. Adults: \$4.00, Children 6-12: \$2.00.

Deck The Town...

The town's Christmas Decorating Committee will begin making swags at 9:00 a.m., November 25, at the town maintenance garage, 22 E. Main St. Bring snippers, gloves, and pruners if you have some. Come join your neighbors and help make Emmitsburg beautiful for the holiday season. For more information call 447-6236.

December 1-3

Country Christmas Fare...

Grand Opening of the Country Christmas Fare, sponsored by the EBPA, at the Community Center, Friday, Dec. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Continuation of the Fare, Saturday, 10:00

a.m.- 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Area artists and crafts persons will provide an interesting selection of arts, crafts, and Christmas-related items for holiday gift giving.

Saturday, December 2

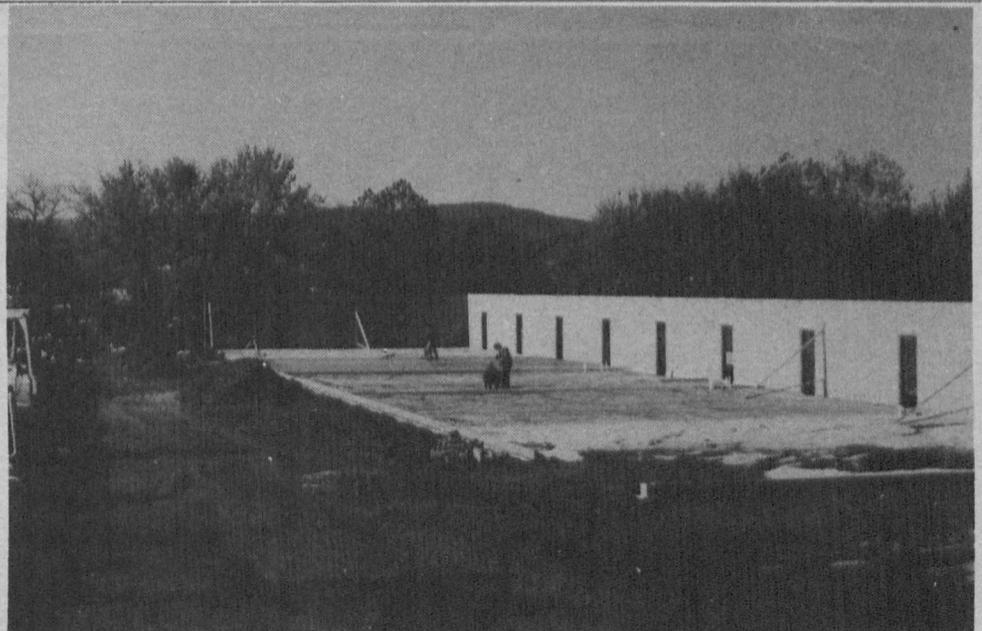
Christmas Bazaar...

Elias Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 2, from 1:00 p.m. on. A Turkey-Ham-Beef Dinner with apple fritters will be served. Adults: \$7.50, children 6-12: \$3.00, Carry-outs \$7.50.

Sunday, December 3

Community Musical Event...

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus will present a holiday concert, THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND SONG, at 3:00 p.m. The concert, under the direction of Mrs. Sandy Soffe, will be held in the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at St. Joseph's Provincial House. Everyone is invited to join with the chorus as they sing in the season with a carol sing-a-long at intermission. Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend this special community musical event!



New Silo Hill Commercial Center construction begins. A Dispatch Photo

Focus Group to study plan

The review and update of the Frederick County Comprehensive Plan, Volume I: Countywide Plan which was last approved in 1990, has officially begun. As the first step in the Update Process, **Community Meetings/Focus Groups** on the Countywide Plan: Trends and Issues Reports are to be held at several locations. The meeting for the Thurmont/ Emmitsburg area will be Wednesday, November 28, 1995, at Catoctin High School from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. The purposes of these meetings will be to permit staff to

highlight the changes which have occurred in Frederick County since 1990, and for the participants to assist the County in identifying the major issues to be addressed by the update to the Countywide Plan. All Frederick county citizens and landowners and any other persons interested in the future of Frederick County are strongly encouraged to participate in this process. For additional information, please contact Edward P. Gorski, Chief Planner, Frederick County Dept. of Planning and Zoning, (301)694-1142.

The
Ecumenical
Thanksgiving Day
Service will be held at
the Emmitsburg Presby-
terian Church at
10:30 a.m.
Thursday, Nov. 23.

Food Drive

M.C. Foot Health & Associates at 106 E. Main Street in Emmitsburg will be conducting a food drive during the month of November. Anyone donating a can of food for the needy will receive a free foot examination. Phone 447-2807 for more informations

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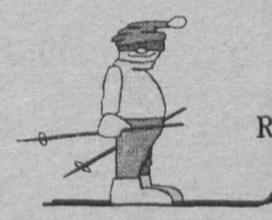
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Regional Correspondents

Rocky Ridge

By Emma Kenney

A picnic was held Sunday, Oct. 8, at the home of Lewis and Dotty Smith. Those attending were Jim, Linda, and Brian Campbell, Fairfield, PA; Paula and Jeff Smith, Paula's dad, mother, and brother; Cora and Carl Setherley; Guy Pittinger; Anthony Harris and David Bowman, Rocky Ridge; David and Tonya Beans, Frederick.

November birthdays: Gloria Frushour, Vivian Dinterman, Ronald Hahn, and Emma Keeney.

Congratulations to Gary Setherley and Alice Posi, Falling Waters, West Virginia for their wedding on October 5, at the St. Johns Lutheran church, Creagerstown. Gary is the son of Cora Setherley and the late Charles Setherley.

Isabel Mathias and Dorothy Wiley enjoyed a wonderful weekend in Leonardtown, MD. They attended the oyster shucking contest and festival. They visited the flea market, antique shops and reportedly tried to eat all of the oysters. They enjoyed a visit with Dorothy's daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Doug Durkin and sons Luke and Patrick.

Bingo has begun once again at the Rocky Ridge firehall and will continue through April. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with bingo starting at 7:00 p.m. There will be a Butchering and Buffet Style Breakfast on Novem-

ber 18, 1995, at the firehall. Breakfast will be served from 5:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Prices are \$4.50 for adults; \$3.00 for children; those under 5, free.

Corrections from Oct. issue: Cora Setherley's birthday cookout—Sonny, Vonnie, and Darl Long are from Middleburg; Gary and Barbara Mahaney and son Timmy are from Thurmont. Also attending were Keith, Debbie, and Kortney Davis of Sabillasville. Steven Day's name was misspelled. Sorry.

Baby Contest Additions: In the 13-18-month age group, the winners were cutest boy, Blake Barnhart, 14 months, son of Chris and Pam Barnhart, Waynesboro. In the 19-24 months group the winners were prettiest girl, Kortney Davis, Sabillasville, daughter of Keith and Debbie Davis; Cutest boy, Steven Day, Hagerstown,

To the residents of Fairfield:

We would love to include news from the Fairfield and Carroll Valley areas. Please send it in.

St Anthony's/OLMC

By Ann Marshall

Confirmation Celebration. Our sincere congratulations and prayers go to all our Confirmandi: St. Anthony Shrine—Gregory Andrew, Shannon Cool, Joshua Kreitz, Cory Krietz, Nichole Krietz, Kathy Messner, Jerry Rice, Jr., Joyce Sanders, Jennifer Wehage, Anthony Wivell, Jennifer Wivell, Julie Wivell; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel—John Dixon, Laura Freshman, Eric Hurline, Todd Mackley, James McCauley, Christopher Merriman, Helee Soliwoda, Anthony White.

A new Confirmation class for both parishes began on November 5. Any youth in grades 9-12 who has not been confirmed and would like to be is asked to call the parish office, 447-2367, and register. Classes are on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$20.

Maria Goretti High School, Hagerstown, is now accepting applications for the '96-'97 school year. There was a waiting list for the current year

so families are advised to apply early. The school emphasizes academic achievement and high moral standards along with a wide variety of extracurricular activities and athletics. For information, call the school office, 301-739-4226.

The Human Services Committee for each parish asks for donations to fill Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed to shut-in parishioners and to parishioners who have lost a spouse or child in 1995. Non-perishable food items such as small boxes of tea, cider mixes, hot coca, nuts, candy, crackers, jams, and jellies are suggested. Contributions should be left in boxes at the back of each church by November 12. Anyone who can help assemble the baskets on November 17 is asked to call the Parish Office, 447-2367.

The Liturgy Committee seeks creative people to help plan Advent, which is the time of spiritual preparation for Christmas. Anyone who wishes to join in the planning, please call Daniel Durski at 241-3793 or Maggie Lechowicz at 898-7613.



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Mt. Tabor Quilters

by Inspector 13

Halloween has come and gone. Thanksgiving will soon be just a memory, and the commercial Christmas season began in September. Bathing suits can't be purchased in August because the "Fall" clothing has been put out for sale. Harvest Festivals and foliage color shows are subject to the whims of nature.

Even Mt. Tabor Quilters changed their calendar. After the hurry and dogged determination to get ready for our Quilt Show/Sale to be held October 21, there was a lull of about two days when the Quilters didn't have anything to do. Work planned for November was pushed ahead so a quilt could be finished for a couple planning their wedding. Sorry, no names.

It was Inspector 13's privilege recently to see the movie *How to Make An American Quilt*. It was a very nice love story! Not being a movie critic, this writer will not attempt to review the movie along filmdom standards. However, being an avid quilter and proud of our group, the Mt. Tabor Quilters, it is hoped that all quilting groups are not judged by those portrayed in the movie.

I want to announce that our group won a blue ribbon on our Sunbonnet Sue quilt at the Community Show. It is now being sold by silent bid which ends November 7. Those interested in placing a bid may call 447-6661 for information.

Remember, life is a patchwork of many pieces, and the finished product depends on how we handle the curves.



Mary Ellen Cummings, affectionately known as Inspector 13 of the Mt. Tabor Quilters, stands in front of the Sunbonnet Sue Quilt which won first prize in the Group Quilting category at the 1995 Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community Show. "The Mt. Tabor Quilters have won first prize in that category for the last 3 years," Mary Ellen said with pride. *A Dispatch Photo*

Many of the Mt. Tabor Quilters were on hand at their first Quilt Show and Sale held October 21st at the Church Activity Building in Rocky Ridge. They were most gracious in answering questions about the racks of colorful quilts and tables of unique handiwork they had made over the year. They meet twice a week and average about 20 people a session - some are quilters and others cut out patches. Tuesday night is

Men's Night. They come to tie the knots for the ladies.

When asked when she began quilting, Mary Ellen said, "It took me 50 years to finish my first quilt. I started when I was 18 and finished it when I was 68. Over half of the material that went into it cost only 10 cents a yard." The Sage Bud quilt is now the proud possession of her daughter, Karen Smith.

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GENDER NEUTRAL

By Jean Liddell

Revisiting his early life in Canada, Ron decided to join a hockey team, a men's hockey team, or so he thought. Having brought his "cold blades on ice" talents from another era, imagine how dumb-founded he became when, on one occasion, he discovered that hockey had become gender neutral. Not only were there women on the ice, crosschecking with the best of them, but they all wandered back to the same locker room after the game. As he hastily dressed, averting his eyes, he struggled to understand the significance of this change. Was he destined for these locker room surprises in the future? Was gender neutrality a new American ideal? That being the case, what paradigm for this gender blend will prevail—that of the female or the male?

"We are different, you know," he blurted, during one of those discussions which lead, more often than not, to disagreement rather than agreement.

"Agreed."

(But what are those differences? Do we know anymore? Are differences "politically correct?" Or only some differences? If so, which ones?)

"You know," I said, "many women would say that they see a fundamental difference between women and men. The expression of "self-in-relation" describes the idea that women do not define themselves in terms of an isolated individual identity, rather they see themselves always situated within their primary relationships."

"Your inference is that men do not. If that is true, then why is my wallet open game for the entire family? If a man did not see "himself-in-relation" his saddle bag (wallet) would always be strategically located underneath his side-arm....All kidding aside, I do enjoy my "Mr. Fix-it" place in the family. It gives me a warm glow to provide care and comfort to the ones I love."

"Well, there must be another way to articulate the differences. I do see in the trend towards terms like "co-parent," "primary care giver," and "Mr. Mom," a diminishment of the value given to women as mothers. I am a little tired of the movies that have come out lately, where the basic plot involves showing how happy children can be without their mother. In "Corrina, Corrina" the mother has died; in Nick

Nolte's case, he easily replaces the mother who has been sent to prison. I think we are losing something."

"I am old enough to remember those days when men were gentlemen and women were ladies. Women enjoyed a

quiet power then that, despite their physical disadvantage, provided guidance and security for the entire family. Any impoliteness, rudeness, or callousness was always treated with outrage, and men went to the extreme to defend the dignity of womenfolk. Yet women remained enigmatic to men. How could these dainty, gentle, emotional opposites find the pain tolerance, strength, and resolve to have babies, to be mothers?"

"It seems to me that we are in a state of flux, that these muddy waters of gender difference will take some time to settle. I certainly don't want to go back to being treated as if I were incapable of rational thought."

Until a better idea comes along, we agreed to remain gender specific.

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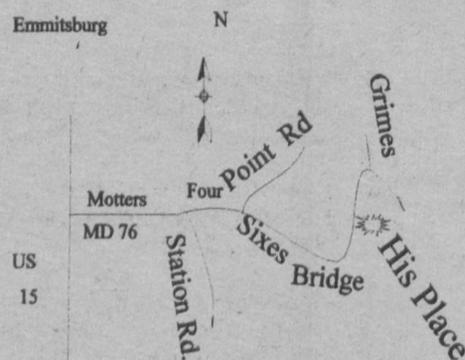
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EMMITSBURG: A CRUCIAL BASE

By Kate Au

Emmitsburg is the site of the National Emergency Training Center, an important part of the United States Fire Administration. In 1994 Mrs. Carrye Brown became the Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration, a branch of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and since then she has striven to strengthen the U.S. Fire Administration while recognizing the important role of Emmitsburg.

Carrye Brown worked on Capitol Hill for seventeen years before becoming the Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration. She worked on issues related to fire administration and believes the experience on Capitol Hill prepared her for her current position. Nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, she is the first woman Administrator for the fire administration and attributes that to her competence, confidence, and truthfulness.

In an interview with Carrye Brown it became evident that she feels honored to be part of a wonderful team headed by President Clinton and

FEMA's Director, James Witt. She said she has "been embraced very warmly," and feels an obligation to do the best job possible. Carrye Brown is a determined woman who admits, "I would not have allowed anything to stop me." She likewise says she "strives to be the best for the U.S. Fire Administration." Carrye Brown discussed what an honor it was to be nominated by the President and feels God had a large part in it all. She is resolved to uphold the kind of sacred trust her position asks of the American people — the trust which was earned in the efforts made to promptly handle the bombing in Oklahoma City.

After the tragedy in Oklahoma City, the important role of FEMA and the U.S. Fire Administration in emergency situations became evident. The effort in Oklahoma City was a multi-agency, one involving law enforcement agencies, federal governmental agencies, and various state agencies. The various organizations had already been working together, but the disaster in Oklahoma City proved the competency of all of the organizations. "[Oklahoma City] showed that they could work to-

gether and they did," said Carrye Brown.

The Oklahoma City bombing was an unexpected test for the Fire Administration. The incident commander who headed the scene in Oklahoma City was a Fire Marshall. Oklahoma City requested a specialist to handle the tragedy and that specialist was in the fire service. "The fire service face so much," said Carrye Brown. "They have to be well trained." Emmitsburg is one of the main centers for that training.

Emmitsburg houses the National Emergency Training Center which focuses on emergency management and fire protection training. Carrye Brown stressed the important position that Emmitsburg holds in the U.S. Fire Administration and in FEMA, a position which is clearly shown by the fact that Mrs. Brown was given two offices, one in Washington, D.C., and the other in Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Brown discussed her goals which rely in part on the efficiency of Emmitsburg's Training Center. She stressed that the most important priority was to reach more fire fighters to en-

able them to be both efficient and effective. She realizes that there needs to be more specialized training and that fire safety education is also an important priority. Fire hazards are more commonly equated with inner cities, but the bombing in Oklahoma City emphasized the need to reach the heartland as well.

Congress has recognized the importance of FEMA and its branches by bestowing strong bipartisan support. Carrye Brown has devoted her energies to ensuring that the U.S. Fire Administration upholds its duties to the American public by producing an efficient and effective fire service management. Emmitsburg remains the base for the production of the fire service management. It is evident that through the joint efforts of Congress, FEMA, the U.S. Fire Administration, and Emmitsburg's National Emergency Training Center the fire service organizations of America will continue to strive for the well-being and safety of the American people.

Kate Au is a Junior at MSM and during the fall semester has an internship with the Regional Dispatch.



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

By George Geralis

Thanksgiving was always very special in our house. Dad would roast the turkey stuffed with ground sausage, rice, chopped meat, chestnuts and currants, while Mom prepared sweet potatoes topped with crushed pineapple and sprinkled with brown sugar, cinnamon, and allspice, and dotted with butter. And there were green peas —always canned until frozen ones became available. The menu was the same from year to year.

There were always candles and flowers and wine and desserts — desserts favored in the "Old World" from whence my parents emigrated, but never a pumpkin pie. Oh, how I yearned for a slice of homemade pumpkin pie like the ones featured in magazine advertisements and in Norman Rockwell-type illustrations!

Years went by and after a while, when my brothers and I returned home from the war, Dad, perhaps out of gratitude, prepared a most delicious pumpkin pie for our first Thanksgiving dinner together in several years.

Though he was a successful restaurateur, and managed a sizable staff, his duties did not include the preparation of food. However, the experience he had gained while at DuBarry's, a 1920's caterer serving discriminating and affluent New Yorkers, enabled him to prepare many specialties, among them, dessert.

Here is his recipe, as I can recall, obviously obtained from one of the many Swiss *patissiers* employed by DuBarry's to prepare their acclaimed pastries.

Pie Pastry

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter cut into bits
 ¼ cup cold vegetable shortening cut into bits
 2 tablespoons ice water

- Combine the flour and salt, add the cold butter and blend until it resembles coarse meal.

- Add the cold shortening and continue to blend until it resembles meal.

- Add the ice water, tossing the mixture with a fork, just long enough to form a soft, mealy dough.

- Shape the dough into a ball and cover with film wrap.

- Refrigerate dough ball for 1 hour before rolling out and place in pie pan.



Dad always used a *tin* pie pan. He claimed it had superior baking qualities to aluminum or stainless steel. While *tin* utensils are not readily available today, search for some and pass them on to your family as cherished possessions.

Pumpkin Pie

3 tablespoons melted raspberry jelly
 3 tablespoons toasted slivered almonds

2 tablespoon melted butter
 1 large egg
 2 large egg yolks
 ½ cup sugar
 1½ cups light cream
 1½ cups steamed pumpkin (preferably butternut squash) mashed and cooled
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon nutmeg and cinnamon
 1 cup heavy cream

- Line an unbuttered pie pan with pie dough rolled out to ⅛ inch.

- Brush it with melted raspberry jelly, sprinkled with toasted slivered almonds.
- Sprinkle, all over, with 2 tablespoons melted butter and refrigerate.

Filling

- Beat whole egg and egg yolks, add sugar and light cream.
- When blended, add mashed, steamed pumpkin or butternut squash.
- Add salt, nutmeg, and cinnamon: mix thoroughly and pour it into cold pie crust.

- Bake pie in 400°F oven for 10 minutes, lower temperature to 350°F, and continue baking for 30 minutes. Allow the pie to cool and cover with 1 cup heavy cream, whipped.

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Garden Ramblings....."Let Go of Me, Summer": a Fond Farewell

by Christine Maccabee

When late October comes, so does the frost. It is an inevitable and sometimes unwelcome reality of life. Tonight the cosmos, marigolds, dahlias, and even some morning glories are still blooming profusely. I will miss their cheerful colors when they are gone. The tiny flowers of the wild asters wink and blink at me as I walk through the garden before sunset, laden with sheets of various sizes with which I will cover my parsley, chard, late limas, spinach, and lettuce. If the frost is not too heavy, some of the flowers will survive another day, but tonight I've neither time, nor sheets, to cover them all.

Suddenly I find myself singing loudly, the poignant words of a song I decided just this week I must learn. It is a seasonal song which speaks deeply of the emotion of change, of the inevitability of the passing of all

the beauty of summer. I sing it lustily, as tho' to convince myself that it is okay, and to strengthen my heart against the cold front and the losses that follow. I sing it out to the valley, to the garden, to the memory of open windows and doors and the easy flow of breezes and bodies from house to garden. I sing...

"Let go of me, Summer, let go of me, please.

I love your slow music, I love your green trees.

But I've miles for to go now and promises to keep,

So let go of me summer, let go me, please!"*

True, the gardens, as well as the gardeners, need and deserve a rest. Changes brought by the cold and grey of winter are necessary, and frequently welcomed. Finally we have time to write those letters, do some cross stitching or woodworking, read

that book, or clean those places we neglected while we were out in the garden weeding between the rows of strawberry plants, etc..

Still, I will miss the wonderful colors, smells, and sounds of summer. I sing out...

"When the roses have opened, when the bee hums again, Wait for me by the ocean, when old June comes again.

Only say to me, Summer, that you'll always come true -

Then go 'way from me, Summer, let go of me, do!."

Yes, there is a sentiment that runs deep in the soul of many a person at this time of the year. It cuts to the very core of all that is precious in life. It is to be valued, perhaps even mourned, but then put aside as we breath deeply of the crisp, invigorat-

ing air of November. Enjoy the season!

* The verses quoted in this article are from a song written by Jean Ritchie, a Kentucky songwriter and performer.

Notes about the writer: Christine Maccabee, songwriter and performer, will be appearing at the Frederick Coffee Company and Cafe on November 25 from 8 - 10 p.m., as well as at our very own Annual Christmas Fare to be held at the Emmitsburg Community Center on Dec. 1-3. Call 271-2307 for more information.

OBITUARY

Joseph Jacob (Jack) Kaiser, Jr., 64, of Emmitsburg, MD, born in Washington, DC, January 31, 1931, to V. Hope Kaiser and Joseph J. Kaiser, Sr., died after a stroke in Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown, MD, on October 17, 1995. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. June B. Butler of Boonsboro and Kathy Kaiser of California.

He was a Christian, having been reared in the Unity School of Christianity. He attended Woodward School in Washington DC, and Washington College in Chestertown. He was also a connoisseur of fine arts, the performing arts, and antiques. Although he suffered many years from the complications of diabetes, while he lived, he lived.

His life will be celebrated in a memorial service at Incarnation Church, U.C.C., 124 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD, on November 18, 1995, at 4:00 p.m. The Rev. Jack Dale Cook of Zion Reformed Church, Hagerstown, will officiate. Graveside services will be held at the Presbyterian Cemetery, Emmitsburg, and a reception will follow at Incarnation Church. Arrangements, Smithsburg Crematory, Smithsburg, MD.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Funeral services for Sister Mary Frances Cumberland, 69, of Norfolk, VA, who died Friday, September 29, at the DePaul Hospital, Norfolk, VA, were held Tuesday, October 3, with a Mass of Christian Burial from the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, at Emmitsburg. The Rev. Fr. John J. Lawlor was the principal celebrant. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Mr. Emmit David (Cutter) Eyler, 63, of North Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Sunday, October 8, at the Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA, were held Wednesday, October 11, with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, MD. The Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Pehrsson was the principal celebrant. Interment was in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Sister Margaret Dougherty, 81, of South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Sunday, October 15, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg, MD, were held Wednesday, October 18, with a Mass of Christian Burial from the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at Emmitsburg, MD. The Rev. Fr. John J. Lawlor was the principal celebrant. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Memorial services for Mr. Robert Michael (Mike) Hess, 56, of Simmons Road, Taneytown, MD, who died Wednesday, October 18, at his home, were held Saturday, October 21, from the Grace Baptist Church of Waynesboro, PA, with his pastor the Rev. John Huff officiating. The private interment was in the Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

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DO WE 'DROP' OUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY NEED US THE MOST?

By Dianne L. Walbrecker

Signing up for Parent/Teacher conferences at Emmitsburg Elementary School can be tricky since the schedule sheet is filled with names. When you attend the conferences, another parent is usually sitting on a chair in the hall waiting for you to finish.

It feels different at Thurmont Middle School. When I went into the school to schedule conferences, each slot for all of my daughter's 6 teachers was open. The school sent a letter home later that week that asked parents to call in and schedule conferences since "we did not get the response we had hoped for." On the day of the conferences, no parents waited outside in the hall.

Parents seem to become less involved in their children's lives as they make the transition from elementary to middle school. Many believe their children are able to work on their own at this age. Yet it has been shown that children ages 10 to 15 years old are at a vital turning point in their lives when they need parents to set guidelines for them and remain interested in their lives, even while they are working toward greater freedom.

On a national level, the Carnegie Council on Adolescence Development has concluded that Americans have ignored the special needs of children from years 10-14. Their nine-year study pointed out that the guidance and nurturing that we give to our children during the elementary school years is all too abruptly withdrawn when our children reach middle school.

"This is a troubling time for children. I spend more of my time responding to concerns at the middle school than at any of the elementary schools or at the high school. Children are going through a lot of changes, struggling with identity issues. They're not babies anymore but they're not quite ready to handle the expectations that people place on them at that age," noted Debbie Swiderski, coordinator of Community Agency School Services.

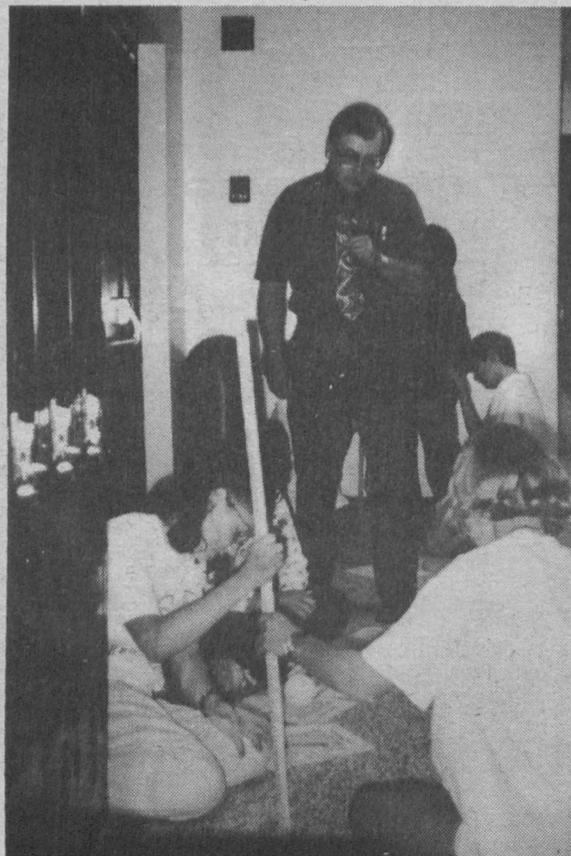
She was disappointed in the lack of response by parents to a recent series of workshops organized at the middle school called Hot Topics. "We tried to choose topics that are relevant to parents of middle schoolers, but got very few participants," said Swiderski.

"There's a wonderful sense of discovery in these years," said David Hamburg, the Carnegie Council's chair and chief author of the report. "Kids are exploring, experimenting, trying on all sorts of behaviors for size. The patterns are not yet cast in concrete, and they can be shaped in healthy ways. Or they can become a time bomb, waiting to go off."

How the Middle School is Responding

Claire W. Kondig, principal of Thurmont Middle School, agrees with that assessment. "This is a critical time for children. I like this age and have worked with them for more than 30 years. The key to working with adolescents is to involve them. If I could set up an ideal school, I would have them doing real work, something that they can apply to their lives. They know at this age if you are just pacifying them and they don't like it."

"We are moving toward a more realistic student government that is involved in decisionmaking, not just planning themes for dances. For instance, the cafeteria was too messy and noisy so the administrators assigned seats and enforced some strict rules. The students didn't like assigned seating so the student government developed its own Cafeteria Management Plan. As long as they follow their own plan, they do not have to abide by the assigned seating. All we usually have to say is, 'remember those assigned seats' and the students usually shape up right away," said Kondig with a smile. Students also serve on the School Improvement Team along with teachers and administrators.



Glen Rippeon, math teacher at Thurmont Middle School, teaches students about probability and development and testing hypothesis. "They were really engaged," said Principal Kondig as she recalls walking through the hall that day. Photo courtesy Dianne Walbrecker.

Another trend at Thurmont Middle School is to provide more opportunity for activities for students. The YMCA is beginning an after-school program, Cindy Thompson runs an open gym after school and Brook Green, chair of activities, is working to involve all the middle school teachers in leading a club that utilizes their skills, such as a camera or chess club.

Some of her teachers also have a special appreciation for this age group. Mr. Osbourne, the band teacher, said, "During the first semester of band in sixth grade, I let the kids settle in and get used to all the changes that come with growing up. It's a lot different in elementary than in middle school. And after all, what's important in life is whether they can learn two skills; to work as a team member but also to push themselves to new heights. Whether they learn how to play a B flat has to be a lower priority than some of the life skills. In the first semester of sixth grade, it's more about getting organized, getting to class on time, and enjoying music."

Others Who Need to Respond

Turning Points, the initial study done by the Carnegie Council on Adolescence Development, noted that, "To fulfill their vital functions, middle schools will need to operate at the center of a network of community resources that includes local government, health services, youth-serving organizations, private businesses, and the philanthropic sector. In many localities today, that network does not exist and middle grade schools are unable to meet their responsibilities to their students or to the community."

Thurmont Middle School officially became a Carnegie School last December. The Carnegie Foundation provides funding for staff development. The focus for the TMS grant was math and science integration and problem solving skills. The designation also means that Thurmont provides survey data from its students, parents, and teachers for a national research database.

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Mother Seton School News

By Val Mentzer



Students selected to participate in the program this year: Front row, left to right: Ian Simon, Brendan Weeks, Jason Quillen, Ben Henning. Middle row: Katie Hansborough, Anne Gamble, Sister Mary Catherine Conway, Mr. Terry Ruppert, Mary Ten Eyck, Mary Beth Knox. Back row: Matthew Kent,

Student Council Inauguration and Community Outreach

The 1995-96 Student Council members and classroom representatives were inaugurated on October 11 at 1:00. Ms. Nancy Gilroy, Assistant Superintendent, delivered the keynote speech. Ms. Gilroy commended the members for their call to serve the student body at Mother Seton School, and reminded them that good leaders possess good listening and communicating skills.

The Student Council is not only a vehicle of communication within the school, but serves as a Christian outreach to the community. This year in the cafeteria, the Student Council is sponsoring "Seton Savings." This program allows the students at lunchtime to contribute to a fund that will be given to the needy people in the community. So far in the first month of school, this fund has collected nearly \$100. Students contribute their extra lunch money or sacrifice their ice cream money to help this fund grow. The Mother Seton School community is very proud of the Student Council and all of their efforts, both in and outside of the school.

PTA Lends Library Support

At the Annual PTA Pot Luck supper, PTA President Dennis Spencer presented Mrs. Myra McCarron, our school librarian, with a check for \$500. Mrs. McCarron was happy to announce that this money will be used to purchase phone lines for the new library computer system.

Mrs. Miller's second grade wrote about apples and made homemade applesauce. They will be decorating a human scarecrow for Halloween.

My Apple Tree by Tyler Mentzer

If I had an apple tree, I would have a Red Delicious tree because it would be fun to climb the tree. I would like to pick the apples off and bob for them at Halloween. It would also be a very good idea to sit under the tree on a hot day. I'll go down to the creek and see how far an apple could float. The best thing of all is to sink your teeth into the apple!

My Apple Tree by Amanda Zier

If I had an apple tree, I would have a McIntosh tree. I would want a

Johns Hopkins recognizes Mother Seton School

For fifteen years, the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth has provided nearly 458,000 students the chance to participate in academic courses that enrich their academic education. Selected on the basis of their standardized test scores and grade point averages, as well as their scores on a graded assessment, students are invited to attend enrichment workshops at Johns Hopkins. This program affirms a commitment

to searching out and serving academically talented youth.

Mother Seton School was recently given a special certificate of recognition for participating in this program for ten years. Many students from Mother Seton have participated in these workshops and were academically challenged in addition to their school curriculum.

Round 'N About

Wildlife seminar...

A full day of outstanding forestry and wildlife lectures and workshops has been assembled for the 14th annual *Mid-Atlantic Forest Stewardship Seminar* to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4 at Frederick Community College. Registration and viewing of exhibits will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Forestry and wildlife experts from the Mid-Atlantic region will present programs that woodland owners will find both challenging and interesting. Topics include: American Forests-A History of Resiliency and Recovery; Understanding the Forest Conservation Act; Options for Deer and Vole Protection for Small Forest Plantations; Identification of Forest Trees and Their Habitats; Black Bears in Maryland; Dollars from Woodlots; Bioengineering-An Ecological Approach to Stream Stabilization and Protection.

If interested in attending, call the Frederick County Extension Office at 301-694-1594, Ext 3576. There is a \$12 registration fee that includes lunch and breaks.

McIntosh tree because I like the apples. My Daddy could hang a swing, and I could swing on it in the fall and summer and eat my apples. I would take some down at Halloween to bob for apples.

Recital Concert...

Nov. 11, Saturday 3 p.m., there will be another *Recital Concert & Party* for the students of Christine Maccabee at their home at 6962 Eyerly Valley Flint Rd, Sabillasville, MD. The students will begin playing at 3:30 p.m. Their presentations will be followed by Bruce and Christine and any other aspiring musicians. So bring your music, your instrument if you would like to perform, or simply your ear. A potluck meal will follow and the music will continue into the evening. (RSVP 271-2307)

Mural Dedication...

The Carroll Street Bridge Mural Dedication will be held November 11, at 1:00 p.m. on Carroll Creek at South Carroll Street in Frederick. (Rain date: November 12). The entire community helped to create this bridge, and everyone is invited to celebrate its dedication. Dancers, entertainment, family fun, and public art memorabilia.

Goblin by Bubba Schwaner

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Fresh Water Fish, the Pet

By Jack Deatherage, Jr.

The gentleman who owned Sea Life Aquarium in Waynesboro told me he had tried for 17 years to raise angelfish from eggs to salable fish. During that time he couldn't get the fry beyond the free-swimming state by more than two weeks. The last time I spoke with him was the day he was closing his pet shop forever.

He said, "I'm going home to spend the rest of my life trying to 'grow-out' angels."

I promised to call if I succeeded before he did. I promptly lost his business card and forgot his name. (Wanda calls me Jack every day so I don't forget myself, I think?)

My latest stab at rearing angelfish has taken a turn toward success! Having tried and failed with various methods of "growing-out," I finally put enough experience and thought together to come up with the following plan.

I used a spare 55 gallon tank to give the mated pair plenty of room. (I know *real* people don't have a spare 55, but I'm not real.) Knowing a 55 requires less maintenance than a 20, I decided that a partial under-gravel filter plate would be the way to filter the tank instead of a sponge or power filter. I brought the pH to around 7, the temperature to 80°F and did 20% water changes once every two weeks. Emmitsburg town water is moderately soft so I just watched the pH and temperature during changes. The angels laid eggs on a piece of slate I'd placed in the tank.

I put a tank divider in at that point, giving the fish less than 25 gallons of water to move about in, but still keeping the whole 55 gallons to support them. The filter plate reached far enough into their space to gently gather the junk without disturbing the eggs.

Two days after the laying, the eggs hatched. Two days later the "wigglers" were moved to a corner by their parents. A few days after that the fry were swimming around look-

ing for food. Lots of food. Food I didn't have!

At that point I tried something I hadn't done before. I lowered the water by 30 gallons! This greatly reduced the space the fish were in, but still gave me 25 gallons to buffer my mistakes while concentrating the food for the babies. I was feeding them the yolk from a hard-boiled egg squeezed through a handkerchief. They also got "micro worms" and whatever flake food I could crush fine enough. The staple of fish breeders, newly hatched brine shrimp, was *not* used! I had to siphon the bottom every day to control the fungus the egg yolk caused, but the water needed to be changed anyhow.

The fry are three weeks old. They are fat and taking on their parents' colors, marble pattern, and fins. I can't see any loss to starvation or fungus. As they grow larger I increase the amount of water in the tank. Eventually I'll remove the parents and the divider so the fry can really do some growing.

I wish I could remember that man's name. I'd really like to let him know that I've figured out a way to do angels from egg to adult. It's only taken a few years and lots of money.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of heaven and earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x) Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me, I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. *The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. C.M.D.*

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