

# The Emmitsburg Regional

# DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength Through Each Other

December, 1995



At the November 6, 1995, town council meeting, Mayor Carr and the commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of the town of Emmitsburg, presented DFC Jerry Horner with a proclamation of appreciation for his outstanding service to the community. On accepting the citation Deputy Horner said, "In all my years on earth I have never received anything like this. Thank you all so much. I will treasure it."

A Dispatch Photo

## Town Expresses Appreciation

### Proclamation Presented To Deputy First Call Gerald D. Horner

Whereas, the Town Council first employed the Frederick County Sheriff's Department during the 1992-1993 fiscal year in order to provide law enforcement services for the town of Emmitsburg; and

Whereas, DFC Gerald (Jerry) D. Horner was the first Frederick County Deputy assigned to Emmitsburg, and served from July 1, 1992 to September 1, 1995; and

Whereas, as an extension to his law enforcement respon-

sibilities, Jerry believed that the welfare and development of every Emmitsburg youth was of paramount importance. He therefore took on the additional challenge of providing various worthwhile youth activities, be it educational talks at the local elementary schools, or recreational activities throughout Emmitsburg, in order to keep our children and young adults moving in a positive direction. Many of these activities were funded solely from his own personal finances; and

Whereas, Jerry also established several activities for our senior citizens, in order to en-

courage them to continue to participate in life rather than sitting by the wayside; and

Whereas, Jerry provided the Town with three years of devoted and superior service and responded effectively and sensitively to the needs of our residents;

Be it resolved that the Mayor and Town Council, on behalf of the citizens of the town of Emmitsburg, present this proclamation to DFC Gerald (Jerry) D. Horner in recognition of his valuable contributions which have made this town a better place to live.

## Emmitsburg officials listen to advice on accommodating impending growth

At a joint meeting held November 15, 1995, planning consultants Peter Kumble, Sharon Suarez, and Alan Feinberg challenged the town's officials and members of the Emmitsburg planning and zoning committee to create a vision for the growth of Emmitsburg.

Kumble, a landscape architect and environmental planner with the Annapolis firm of Land Ethics, Inc., specializes in working with small communities. "It is essential that the community develop an employment base," he said, "for with no growth a town becomes depressed." Slides showing examples of what had been done in other small towns were presented as a stimulus to discussion and to illustrate planning ideas and concepts.

"Towns do have the ability to choose how they will grow," Kumble said. "You will have to deal with growth pressures. Where will they oc-

cur? What do you want them to look like? You will have to have ideas and language in place so you don't lose it all," urged Kumble. "Planners can help you," he said, "but the citizens must participate."

The recurring theme of the meeting was the need for officials and residents to work hand in hand and to share a common vision. Alan Feinberg and Sharon Suarez of Fein Design Associates, Inc., Frederick, want the people of Emmitsburg to understand they can control their own environment. "You must decide what you want it to be, what you want to happen; and it must happen from the bottom up," Suarez said. "Know who you are, what you like about your community, and what looks right and works."

Suarez encouraged both residents and officials to take pictures of design ideas or special features, and give (Please see Planners page 2)

### Dedication of the Bob Koontz Memorial

The dedication of the Bob Koontz memorial will be held at the December 4th town meeting. Anna Marie (Boyle) Koontz, the late Mr. Koontz's wife, will receive the memorial. A plaque will be presented which will remain in the town office. The town deputies will attend and all residents are invited.

The town allows free parking from December 4th through January 3rd. During this time, however, many people still put money in the meters. All proceeds collected from the meters during this period will be donated to a worthy youth organization in memory and honor of Bob Koontz.

# A Community Newspaper



## To the editor

### Keeping Connected

Dear Editors:

How fortunate for me to have friends back home send me a gift subscription to your newspaper! I'm enjoying it so much and look forward to future issues.

After living in the Emmitsburg area fifty-seven years, it's a great way to keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Fiery  
Clear Spring, MD

### Seeking Help

Dear Sir/Madam,

I know you will be surprised to receive a letter from far away on this isolated island of unfortunate human beings. But praying for your kindness and understanding, I took the

(Planners from page 1)

them to the planning and zoning committee. Planning must involve everyone, according to Suarez. "The process creates the product and residents are part of the process," indicated Feinberg. He also urged that the guidelines and zoning regulations reflect what residents want and that they be put in place before unchecked growth occurs.

David Whittaker, liaison to Emmitsburg from the Frederick County Planning Office, told the group that Emmitsburg has shown a population growth of 34% from 1980 to January of 1995 and that the growth rate is

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.

courage to write to humbly request you to please print in your newspaper an article about my desperate plea for help.

I am a leper patient in this Leper Colony and a widow with seven malnourished children. It breaks my heart to see my children cry because they are hungry. Their few clothes are worn out already. I cannot provide for my children anymore because my sickness has deformed me severely and I am already bedridden. What keeps us alive is only the food ration our government gives for patients like me but this food ration is hardly enough for us.

If you will be as kind to publish my helplessness and call for help, I just hope to find someone who may want to share with us some of his or her graces and send us some food and old clothes he or she doesn't like to wear anymore and I promise to be very, very grateful.

expected to exceed this level for the decade of the 1990's. Most of the growth is expected to be in the residential sector.

Mayor Carr pointed out that while the town has a high debt service and there are critical infra-structure problems to be solved, planning is important. Even though the town is under a growth moratorium, he said, the time can be used in planning.

The planning and zoning meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the town office. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

I know this is a shameful thing to ask, but my children are sickly and starving, so I've got to try to find help somehow. So I am begging you with all my heart. Please grant me my request.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Very respectfully yours,

Beth delos Santos and children  
Culion Leper Colony  
Curlion, Palawan 5315  
Philippines

[Editor's note: When we received Mrs. delos Santos' letter last month, we wrote to her to inquire about the ages and gender of her children. We felt this would help our readers who may choose to send the family some gifts of food or clothing. Her response came yesterday, and is as follows:

Anita (girl) - 14 ; Cesar (boy) - 12; Remuel (boy) - 9 1/2; Reynaldo, Jr. (boy) - 8; Roderick (boy) - will be 7; Margie (girl) - 5; and Roland (boy) - will be 4. Mrs. delos Santos' husband, who was also a leper patient, died when she was pregnant with Roland. The children stopped studying when their father died, according to Mrs. delos Santos, as she could no longer provide for their educational needs. She would also appreciate help with the schooling of her children.

Anyone wishing to respond to the letter may do so by calling the *Dispatch*, 447-6275 by Dec. 20th.]

## TOWN NEWS

by Kate Au

At the November 6 town meeting Mr. & Mrs. Dick Marsden requested that Sebold Lane be closed. Their property line comes to the center of the lane. The matter will be decided upon at the December 4 town meeting.

The commissioners agreed to participate in the State of Maryland Local Government Investment Pool. The program will allow Emmitsburg to receive approximately 6% interest as compared to the 2.6% interest the town had been earning on money placed in the savings account at F&M bank.

A semi-annual tax plan was approved allowing the county to handle the tax billing. Mayor Carr said that it "was nothing but a benefit for us, especially from an administrative standpoint." He pointed out that it will lower the town's cost.

Four hundred dollars was approved for the purchase of a new freezer to be placed in the Caboose in Community Park. The freezer is needed in order for the Caboose, used as a refreshment stand, to pass the Health Department inspection. Revenue from the sale of food will be used to help pay back the town. The Little League Association will also assist in making the payment.

It was announced that Roy C. Kline of Smithburg, MD, submitted the low bid (\$481,000) on the Up-County Family Center Building.

### Notice - Snow Reminder

In accordance with Ordinance 94-1, all parking along East Main Street, West Main Street, Robindale Drive, Provincial Parkway, Zanella Drive, Adams Avenue, Williams Court, and Reeny Circle during a snow emergency is prohibited.

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Mayor Carr, Senator Derr, Mike Spurrier, Peg Whyte, Tonya Hanvey & daughter Ashlee, Margaret Williams, and Laurie Sheffield-James.

## Up-County Family Center breaks ground for new building

A ground-breaking ceremony for the new home of the Up-County Family Center (UCFC) was held November 20, 1995, at 303 W. Lincoln Avenue in Emmitsburg. The town of Emmitsburg will own the facility which will be leased by the Up-County Family Center and the counseling services of Associated Catholic Charities.

Laurie Sheffield-James, Director of UCFC, opened the ceremony by thanking the many individuals and agencies involved in helping to obtain the funding for this extensive project. Monies came from the bond bill passed by the State Senate and House of Representatives of Maryland; a Community Development Block Grant; the Frederick County Community Action Agency; local business people, Catholic Charities, Friends of Family, United Way, Merrick Foundation, Weinberg Foundation, Fredericktown Bank, Farmers and Mechanics Bank, and the Fraternal Order of Police.

Mayor Carr of Emmitsburg,

Margaret Williams, Executive Director of Friends of Family, Jack Bovaird, Associate Director of Catholic Charities, and Janine Olah, a member of the board of directors, all spoke positively of the project and of the influence UCFC will have in strengthening families in the area. Nini Hansborough, on the staff of UCFC, gave a beautiful rendition of Whitney Houston's "The Greatest Love of All." Tonya Hanvey, a participant in UCFC, validated the center's programs by telling of her personal experiences with the agency and of her success today as it is directly relates to her involvement with Up-County.

The ceremony was closed with the breaking of the ground by all the speakers and Senator Derr. The project will be started in December 1995 and completed by spring of 1996. Call Up-County Family Center at (301) 447-2810 for any information regarding this project or the extensive programs offered.

## Water distribution problems limit town's growth and development

Continuing problems with the town's water treatment facility and water distribution system force a moratorium on growth and development within the corporate limits of Emmitsburg. Resolution 95-16, adopted by the town commissioners at the November town meeting, halts expansion while necessary work is completed.

The quality of drinking water is lowered by the presence of rust in older iron distribution lines. Plans and funding are in place to replace 12,400 feet of water lines. As a temporary solution residents of affected areas have been supplied with water filters until the new lines can be installed.

Problems with sewer lines have caused the water treatment facility on Creamery Road to operate beyond its designed capacity, requiring a special Consent Order issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment. The normal processing level of the plant is about one-half million gallons per hour. Inflow (cracks in the sewer lines) and infiltration (leakage in lines due to root and joint damage) have increased the quantity of water to be processed to 3.5 million gallons per

hour. This increased processing load is a major cause for the treatment plant being the largest expense item in the town budget. At the present time plans and funds are in place to replace 3,400 linear feet of sewer lines that contribute to the inflow and infiltration problem. The proposed work should be finished by June or July of 1996.

The circumstances and situations that forced this moratorium will be reviewed by the town commissioners on a quarterly basis throughout the renovation period. These quarterly meetings will take place until the moratorium is no longer needed and repealed. A report of progress will be made available to members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, developers, residents and other interested parties. Additional water and sewer taps will be awarded on a priority basis. Priority guidelines are available at the town office.

Individuals and developers who have purchased or received approval for water and sewer taps prior to the adoption of the moratorium are exempt. Limited construction at Silo Hill and some private builders will be allowed to proceed during this time.

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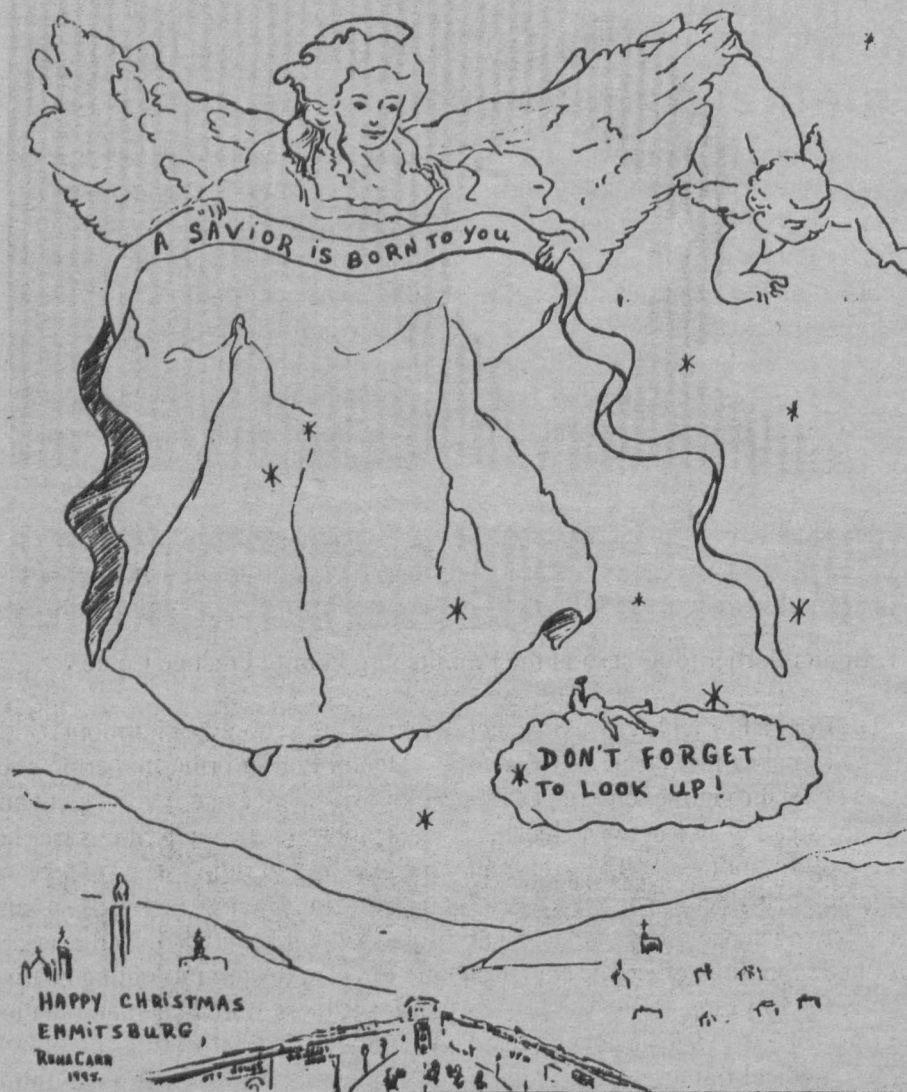
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### 100 Years Ago, "In this place" from *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*

#### Mirror of a Town's Doing

November 29, 1895 - The newspapers of a town are its looking glasses. It is here you see yourself as others see you. You smile on them, and they smile back at you; you frown on them, and you are repaid in kind. They are the reflex of a town. If the town is doing a business the newspapers will show it in its advertising columns. If the merchants are spiritless, shiftless fellows, whose stores are jumbles and junk and jam, the newspapers will show it by the lack of space they take. If you want the world to know that you have a live town, you can only let it be known through its newspapers. *Examiner.*

#### Three Big Hogs

Dec. 20, 1895 - On Tuesday Mr. James McGrath, of near town, killed three of the largest hogs that have been slaughtered in this section this season. They weighed 457, 405, and 404 pounds, respectively. When Mr. McGrath purchased the shoats on

March 26, 1895, they netted 86 pounds, which shows what can be done with hogs when they are properly attended. Mr. McGrath is a good feeder and is to be congratulated.

#### St. Anthony's Rectory

On Thursday, Dec. 19, His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, called at St. Anthony's parsonage, at Mt. St. Mary's and blessed the new edifice. His Eminence was assisted by the very Rev. Dr. Zahn, of the Notre Dame University, and by Drs. Allen, McSweeney, and O'Hara. The Cardinal expressed himself as agreeably surprised by the appearance and finish of the building. He complimented the workmanship and style of the presbytery very highly, and said the Mountain parish had an edifice that any city in the Union might be justly proud.

#### Thieves At Work

Dec. 27, 1895 - Thieves entered an outbuilding at the residence of Mr. J.M. Kerrigan, in this place, on last Saturday night and carried off all the sausage made from a butchering of two hogs.

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## COMMENTARY - Emmitsburg Renewal

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In judging Olympic ice skating events, a system is used wherein the highest and lowest marks are discarded and the score is based upon an average of the remaining marks—sort of a golden mean of the competitor's achievement.

Similarly, achievement in shaping community and its quality of life is not a matter of extremes—either/or. When dealing with governing and setting policy the middle, as well as both sides of the questions, needs to be considered.

The scheme used to describe this process in politics is a continuum, a spectrum of options between the extremes. According to their points of view, politicians are labeled "left," "right," or "centrists." Democratic process and negotiation provide a mechanism for working out the differences in points of view.

Emmitsburg is facing the specter of growth which raises many questions about where this community is going and how it will get there and how it can be afforded. Emmitsburg

is like an old house undergoing renovation. There are problems with services and infrastructure and questions of quality of life, how we relate to each other, and taxes.

Around the area there is an emerging sense that some kind of organizational structure needs to be in place to assist in dealing with the variety of problems, questions, and opportunities that come with growth. This is not to say that current strategies and techniques are not important or effective. Just recently we have seen a consortium of agencies, government, and individuals raise a record amount of money for the new Up-County Family Center.

Still, questions of growth and future needs abound in the political, private, and public sectors. An important question is how we can deal with them in a planned and effective manner. Most of the solutions to problems come on an "as the problem arises" basis. How can these problems be solved without lurching from reaction to reaction and without

debilitating turf-wars?

There is a good example that is worthy of consideration—Japan, Inc. The swift recovery and renewal of Japan after the end of WWII is seen as the result of collaboration among the private and public sectors of the country. Japan, Inc. was formed specifically to enhance collaboration with officialdom rather than confrontation over the problems of rebuilding the nation.

The spirit of this concept emerged at the recent meeting of the EBPA, during a discussion of Emmitsburg's growth. There surfaced a general recognition that cooperation with the town officials is important in furthering the renewal and growth of this community.

Would it be too much to hope for an Emmitsburg, Inc. (sort of a Research and Renewal Company) to deal with issues, challenges, and opportunities of long term growth and renewal for the Emmitsburg region? I think not.



(100 Years from page 4)

**Christmas At The Churches**

Dec. 27, 1895 - Christmas morning dawned with murky skies and all the appearances of a very disagreeable day. A heavy fog or mist prevailed the greater part of the forenoon and many pedestrians carried umbrellas in order to be prepared in case of an emergency. But shortly after noon the clouds began to break away and in a short time the sun made its appearance and shone bright for several hours. Christmas services were held at all the churches, with the exception of the M.E. Church, but the children of that church were not forgotten at the joyful Christmas-tide, and although there was no specially prepared programme for the occasion, they received gifts of various kinds. The services at the various churches were of an interesting and edifying nature, the programmes of which appeared in last week's issue of the CHRONICLE.

At midnight on Wednesday a number of ladies and gentlemen appeared on the street and sang a selection of songs.

The Emmitt Cornet Band enlivened the town of Christmas afternoon with music.

**Lions Club Sponsors Food Drive**

Responding to the identification of needy families and requests for assistance during the holiday season, the Emmitsburg Lions Club will again sponsor a food distribution drive. According to drive chairman Mark Zurgable, food or monetary donations can be dropped off at Zurgable Bros. Hardware or Jubilee. Monetary donations can also be mailed to the Lions' PO Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD. The drive will start Dec. 1 and the food will be distributed Dec. 22.

The Lions Club has been holding food drives during the Christmas season for many years. "The donations have been a little off from past years," said Zurgable, "and the public doesn't always understand how many needy families there are." Last year 30 families benefited from the donations. This year the level of need is about the same.

**Thanksgiving and the Council of Churches**

The Emmitsburg Council of Churches provided ten needy Emmitsburg families with Thanksgiving dinners including turkeys and all the trimmings. St. Joseph's Provincial House provided the homemade pumpkin pies and the dinners were distributed to the ten families by the Seton Center Outreach Program.



Dr. Bonita Portier joins staff at the Emmitsburg Family Practice Center

Dr. Bonita Portier loves people; her life path makes this clear. Her career has evolved through several stages: sociology student and activist, teacher, wife and mother. The current stage—medical doctor—started at age 43 after having tenaciously pursued her pre-med schooling, often one course at a time, for 13 years.

From 1987 to 1991 she concentrated on her medical training. Dr. Portier is a graduate of West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine; she did her internship at Clarion Community College and her residency in internal medicine at Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore. Now she assumes her role as a specialist in internal medicine at the Emmitsburg Family Practice Center in Emmitsburg.

Bonnie Portier is no stranger in Emmitsburg. She moved here in 1979 when husband Bill, a professor of theology, accepted a teaching position at Mount Saint Mary's College. Over the years she and Bill raised three children: Phil, a graduate of Mount St. Mary's and now a musician in Salisbury, Maryland; Thea, a student of Greek classics at Yale; and Laura, a senior at Catocin High School. The Portiers' granddaughter, Sloane Justine Portier,

attends pre-school in Thurmont.

Doctor Portier brings to her practice a love of science and involvement and dedication to people. She says her medical training allows her "to take my interest in science and people and squash them together." Her energies are directed toward promoting healing and wellness through manipulation techniques that help bring the body's systems back into normal functioning. Combining these techniques with normal allopathic procedures helps "turn the corner to recovery," she feels.

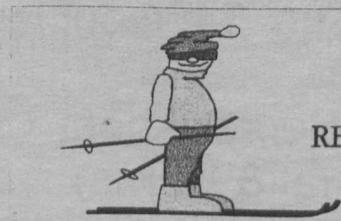
In her spare time Dr. Portier loves to hike, visit with friends, watch old movies, and work on crossword puzzles. Cooking is also a favorite pastime, and on Sundays, after attending St. Anthony's Church, the Portiers enjoy having friends over for an afternoon of good food and fellowship.

When asked who were her role models when she was growing up, Dr. Portier said her parents were a great influence. "They were dedicated and involved people - early risers - always active - and they taught me that the impossible just takes longer." Now she says, "Every good person I meet becomes a role model."

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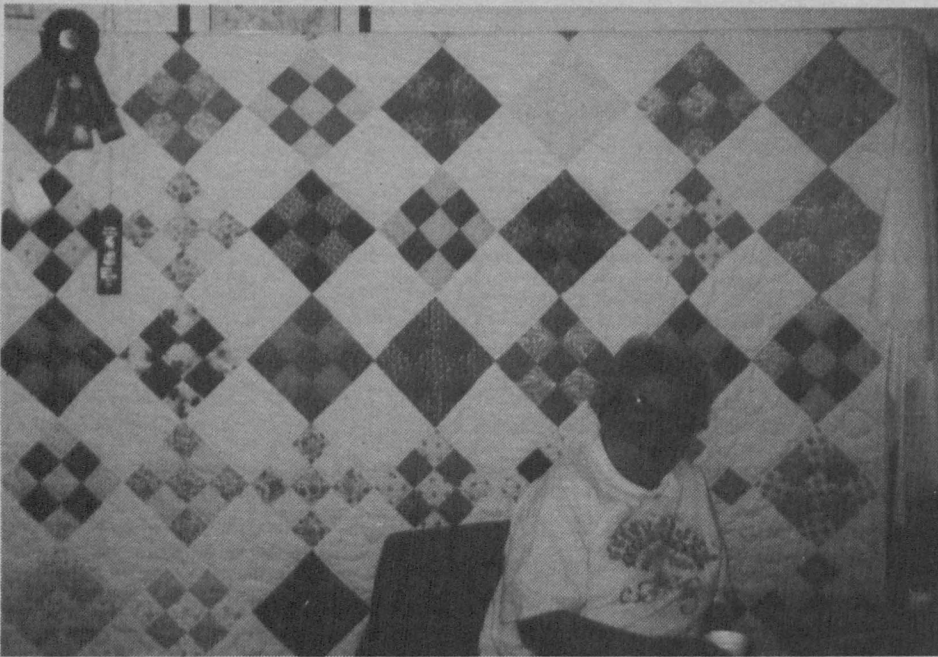
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At the Senior Citizens Bazaar held November 11, Dorothy Seiss sells chances for the quilt made by the seniors. Their handiwork won second prize in the Quilt by a Group category at the 1995 Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community show. Kathleen Eighenbrode, of Blue Ridge Summit, was the lucky winner.

A Dispatch Photo.

## Senior Citizens News

By Anna Margaret Martin

"There's a song in the air  
There's a star in the sky,  
There's a mother's deep prayer  
And a baby's low cry."

Christmas, a time of love, prayer, songs, and the most precious gift to all—Jesus—the reason for the season.

It seems as if Christmas comes faster every year and with the hustle and bustle we forget the reason—"Peace, good will to all."

The Seniors will be very busy during the holiday season with food, fun, fellowship, good cheer, love for our friends and neighbors.

Activities for the month are as follows:

**Thursday, Dec 7 & 21** - Bingo, with a Christmas Bingo on the 21st, 1 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 14 & 28** - "500" card party, 1 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 12** - Frederick Shopping, 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec 13** - An interesting travelogue on *Holland*, 1 p.m.

**Thursday Dec. 14** - Our Christmas Dinner from Food 'n Friends, 12 noon, *reservations a must, 24 hours in advance.*

**Monday, Dec. 18.** - Senior Citizens' catered Christmas Dinner, 2 p.m. No reservations after Dec. 13 and you must come to the center and register with a \$2.00 donation.

**Tuesday, Dec. 19th** - Mrs. Wiles's 5th grade music class will entertain with Christmas music, 1 p.m.

**Dec. 22, 26, 27, 28 and 29** - We will be eating at Corneys-Reservations a must.

**On Wed., Dec 27** - We will be traveling to Columbia, MD to see "A Symphony of Lights." Time: 4:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Cost \$10. Call Anna Margaret at 447-6253.

We will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, and New Year's day, Jan. 1st. Come visit us at the Center any other time (300 S. Seton Ave). Happy Holiday.

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## VFW-Ladies Auxiliary

By Dolores Henke, Secretary VFW

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the V.F.W., Emmitsburg Memorial Post 6658, was held at the Post Home recently with Mary Topper presiding. Following the opening ceremonies, the reading of official communications and other correspondence, Treasurer Rita Byard gave the financial report. A new member, Diana Long, was voted into the organization.

There was no monthly visit to the V.A. Medical Center in Martinsburg in October, but the next scheduled visit will be November 19. Lois Hart-dagen, Dixie Vivalde, Dolores Henke, and Barbara Knott are scheduled to visit the Center. The annual Christmas Party for the veterans at the Center has been set for December 10. The president reminded the members that cookies, cakes, and various sundries will be needed.

The Auxiliary bingo being held at the Ambulance Building at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 29 was discussed; the proceeds will help provide items needed for the veterans and also help defray the cost of the gifts given to local shut-ins and those members in a nursing home for Christmas. Cookies, cakes, and other finger foods, in addition to prizes, are requested for the bingo.

Chaplain Gloria Bauerline gave her report for the month stating that a donation had been given to the Ambulance Fund in memory of member Ann Marie Koontz's husband Bob. Also flowers had been sent to member Patty Troxell in memory of her mother. Under other business, it was decided to purchase a ticket for the Gettysburg Hospital Ball. The ticket will be chanced off among the members present at the Christmas Party. The Auxiliary's Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 7, at the Post Home. It will be a "pot-luck" dinner with a social hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. Instead of exchanging gifts, members are asked to bring donations of mittens, scarves, and caps which will be given to the needy.

The president introduced guest Betty Baldowski, District 7 President, who addressed the group. She advised the members of the joint district meeting being held on December 14 at Owings Mill VFW, and she also spoke of the Department President's Special Project for the year, which is "American Veterans First," and various projects underway for the veterans. She praised the Emmitsburg Auxiliary for its work and urged it to continue. Following the meeting, everyone enjoyed refreshments prepared by Rita Byard.

# New Year's Eve Party

## at Ott's

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## New Flagpole Dedicated

Last month on Veteran's Day, a dedication ceremony for the Thomas S. Bittle memorial flagpole was held in the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, West Main Street extended. Under somber skies, family and friends of the late Mr. Bittle gathered on the hillside as church bells sounded in the distance.

Robert Gillelan, on behalf of the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery Association, led the program. Following a prayer offered by Pastor Ronald Fearer, Frances Bittle, the wife of the late Mr. Bittle who served during World War II, spoke to the gathering:

"Today, on the 77th anniversary of the first Armistice Day, now Veteran's Day, my children and grandchildren join me in welcoming you to this brief celebration when we remember the service and sacrifices of so many who loved their country and served her well.

"Tom's brother Jim and his sister Beverly and I felt that this gift to the cemetery and to the community was a fitting memorial, not only for Tom, but for all of those men and women who have worn their uniforms proudly. They have marched, sailed, and flown, bled and died here at home and on foreign soils and seas.

"They did so to assure that the American flag would remain an enduring symbol of a nation whose principles of freedom and justice must never be compromised or die.

"Prisoners of war risked their lives to fashion facsimiles of the flag as a reminder of America's promise to them and to their children's children.

"It has been carried world wide - to Mt. Surabachi, to Verdun and Pleiku, to Gettysburg, St. Lo, Bataan and Da Nang, to Kuwait and over a thousand other hills and fields and over the waters of the oceans of this earth. It has been taken into space and saluted on the moon.

"Lest we forget, as we honor the colors today, it has also been a shroud for hundreds of thousands of veterans and servicemen and women."

"Never lowered in deference to any other flag, it is lowered to half-staff to honor the dead. This week, this very flag flew at half-staff as our nation honored a man who died in the pursuit of an elusive peaceful solution to a weary world's troubles.

"Let us particularly remember those ill or wounded hospitalized veterans. They still serve and need no reminders of what Veteran's Day is all about.

"Over the coming years, into a new century let us fly the flag proudly over American homes and businesses, on silos and fences, and over our porches and yards.



Honor Guard raising the flag to the top of the Thomas S. Bittle memorial flagpole.  
A Dispatch Photo

"It will always be a reminder of God's blessings on us and on our nation."

Following Mrs. Bittle's remarks, members of the Francis X. Elder Post of the American Legion in Emmitsburg gave a gun salute, taps were played, and the flag was raised to the top of the Thomas S. Bittle memorial flagpole.

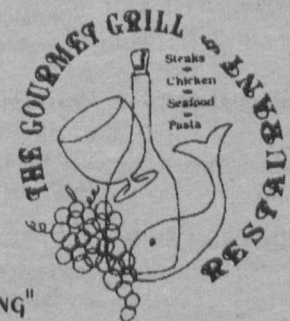
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## Holiday cautions for your pets' safety

by Dr. Hugh Matthews, Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital

As we approach the holiday season with all its food, folks, and fun, there are some cautions you need to be aware of. As hectic as the holidays can become we often overlook our pets and the dangers which abound.

Christmas tree decorations and pets do not mix. There have been more than one dog or cat requiring emergency surgery to remove a swallowed ornament. The glass ornaments can also easily cut an animal. Tree tinsel is especially dangerous to cats who seem to be enthralled by its glitter and movement on the tree. Be especially careful about leaving Christmas tree lights on with pets alone in the house. This can be a real fire hazard. And remember puppies love to chew on electric cords!

The most common problem we encounter over Thanksgiving and Christmas is overindulgence. Either a pet gets into the garbage with all its turkey skin, bones, etc., or something is left out for an endearing family member, i.e. gravy, turkey drippings, leftovers. Please do not feed too much of something your pet is not accustomed to eating. One side-note to this is "raw venison can make animals extremely ill" so be careful, all you deer hunters.

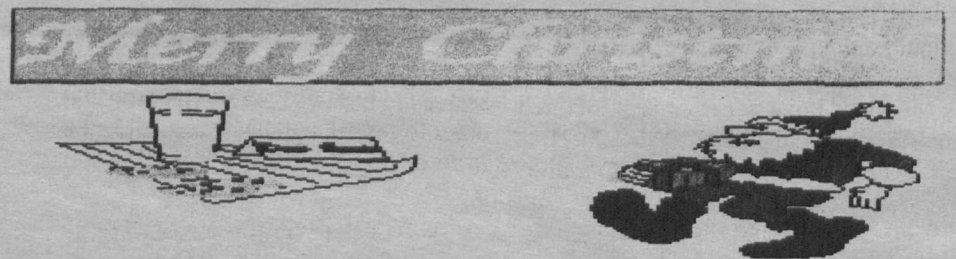
Those beautiful Christmas packages under the tree can be potentially harmful to puppies who like to chew. Also, if food is wrapped, remember pets have exceptional senses of smell; so make sure it is out of your pets' reach.

## Thanks Volunteers!



Volunteers who participated in the October 28, 1995, Chesapeake Bay Storm Drain Stenciling Project in Emmitsburg;  
Bottom row (l-r): Samantha Weaver, Jury Rubeling-Kain, Noah Rubeling-Kain; Second row: Angie Morningstar, Jennifer Weaver, Kayla Morningstar; Third row: Phyllis Morningstar, John Harris, and Jerry Kessler with Frederick BayWatchers. Photo: Rubeling & Kain Studios

Visit Santa's Shanty, December 14 - 15, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company. Don't forget the annual Lions Club Christmas party Dec. 16, at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company from noon until 2:00 p.m. Come help us make ornaments for the town's Christmas tree. Hot dogs & cocoa will be served.



## Lamplight & Holly Scheduled events.

December 4 - 9 *Myers Radio & TV*  
Special sale prices & refreshments

December 4 *Carriage House Inn* - An evening of Christmas spirit: live nativity, caroling, hay rides, Santa, & cookies.

December 5 *MC Foot Health* - Free foot screening; Skin care products, free samples

December 6 *Safe Harbor, Mountain Manor* - Meet with mothers rebuilding their lives w/ their children

December 7-8 *Flowers For You* - Hot Cider and cookies.

December 9 *Emmitsburg Library* - Doll Tea Party: boys and girls are welcome to bring their favorite doll

December 9 *Silver Bell Caroling & Story Hour* - Meet at Jubilee parking lot

December 10 *Her Studio Gallery* - Free drawing for original print

December 10 *St. Joseph's Provincial House*

December 13 *Palms Restaurant* - Hot cider & Snacks

December 15 *Emmitsburg Town Office* - Free post card

December 15 *Don Geiger CPA* - Refreshments

December 16 *Annual Lions Club Christmas Party*: Make ornaments for the town's Christmas tree

December 18 *Medicine Plus Pharmacy* - Refreshments & door prize

December 18-22 *Emmitsburg Business & Professional Association* - House decoration judging within the town limits.

December 20 *Ott House, Inc.* - Customer appreciation night; hors d'oeuvres, DJ, country line dancing, door prize

December 22 *F & M Bank* - Light refreshments

December 23 *Zurgables, Inc.* - Two \$25.00 gift certificates

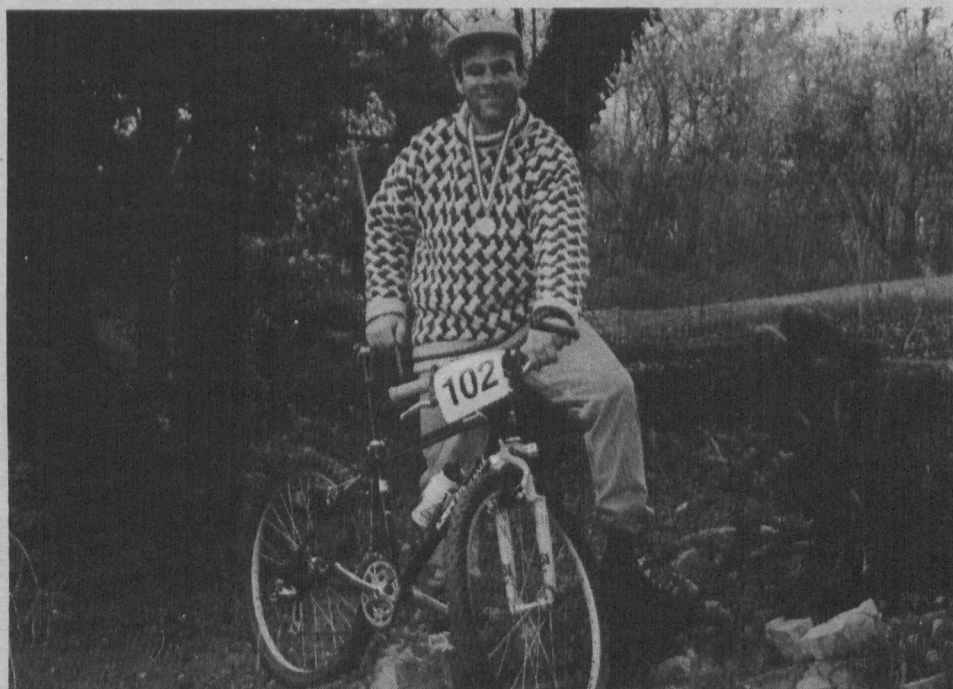
December 25 *Carriage House Inn* - Christmas Day dinner: call for reservations

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Lewis Grandstaff and his trusty "steed."

A Dispatch Photo

## A GOLD MEDAL EXPERIENCE

By Lewis Grandstaff

Yes, the season is finally over. What season am I talking about?—mountain bike racing. Why am I excited? I have been in training since January and I've met the goal that I set for 1995. The Maryland Point Series for the Senior Beginners Class is finally mine. What exactly is the Maryland Point Series? In mountain bike racing the Maryland Point Series consists of three major classes: Beginners, Sport, and Expert. Within each class there are four divisions: junior, senior, veterans, and masters. Each division goes by the age of the participants.

What is this crazy sport of mountain biking? It involves riding a bike off road, through trails, and over rugged terrain. It requires great endurance. This is a sport for everyone. Men and women from all walks of life participate enthusiastically. It requires a bike and a love of the outdoors. In addition, this sport promotes a healthy life style, because it encourages you to eat and exercise properly in order to excel. One can take this sport to any level one wants to. You can train hard and compete at many races or you can simply enjoy biking for the fun of it. It is also good as a cross-training sport. Skiers like to use mountain biking as a tool for training during their off season.

The Maryland Point Series is based on a series of races that awards points to racers who place in the top 20 of their class. First place receives 20 points, second place receives 19 points, and so on. In addition to these points, the racers also get one point for every rider in their class. There are a total of eleven races. The season begins in late March, and ends in November. This year's first race took place at Greenbriar. As the first race of the year, it gave the

racers an idea of what they had to look forward to. Unfortunately, I woke up that day with a temperature of 101 degrees. I knew I could not miss the first race of the season, so I gave it my best shot and placed 8th out of approximately 100 racers. At the Frederick Watershed, during the second lap, I had a flat tire. It took me six minutes to fix it, so I had to make up this time in order to place in the top 20. Each race seemed to have its own set of problems. In order to get through the season alive, I had to solve each problem as it came along.

My accomplishment was achieved by pure enthusiasm and spirit. But there was one obstacle I had to overcome. I was leading in the point series up until July, when I was diagnosed with carpal tunnel syndrome. The problem occurs when the nerves running through the carpal tunnel in the wrist become inflamed, causing pain and numbness in the hands and arms. A rider needs to have total control of arms and hands in order to maneuver around rocks, clear logs, and maintain balance on climbs. Imagine having to accomplish all of this with limited use of your hands. During a race in August, I had to drop out because I couldn't even hold on to the handle bars or brake properly. By doing special hand stretches, putting ice on my wrists, and adjusting my position on the bike, I was able to recover my original position on the point series.

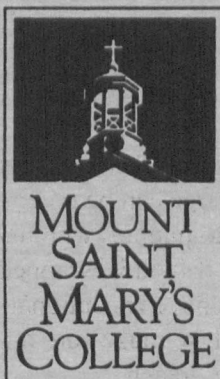
I would like to give my special thanks to the sponsors who supported not just me, but my three teammates: Bruce Culver, Steve Bechtel, and Zina Merryman. The sponsors consist of Race Pace Bicycles of Baltimore, General Nutrition Centers of Westminster, Carroll Chiropractic and Sports Injury Center of Westminster, Maryland Nutritional Distributors, Train Right Software, and the Spiderweb

Screenprinters of Westminster. My very special thanks go out to Bruce, who maintained my bike throughout the season. I also thank my mother for filling my belly with carbohydrates as needed. And, thanks to my future wife, for putting up with me the whole season.

I mentioned winning on pure enthusiasm and spirit. This sport can bring a lot of joy and frustration. It takes a hundred percent of heart and determination to stay in the top 20. Before the season even started, I made a promise to myself that I would win the series not just for me, but

for my father. Two and a half years ago he developed a life threatening respiratory problem. He fought the problem with great determination and that never-say-never Grandstaff spirit. To him I dedicate the last ten months of never ending training and sleeping every night with my wrists in braces. Yes, I did this with the thought of you, Dad. NEVER SAY NEVER!

*Lewis Grandstaff is the son of Lewis and Sally Grandstaff who live on Harney Road, Emmitsburg, MD.*



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## Library News

By Kate Warthen

The Emmitsburg Public Library will again sponsor the Children's Tea Party. It will be held on Saturday December 9, at 10:30 a.m. Boys and girls are invited to bring their favorite doll or toy or stuffed animal. Cookies will be served with tea.

The Seniors will have an Art Exhibit in early December—another wonderful way to get in the mood for the holidays. Check with the library for further details.

The staff of the Emmitsburg Library spent Veterans Day in Frederick at the Headquarters, C. Burr Artz Library. An interesting day included a speech by Dr. Robert Finch, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He spoke on the value of communication. Staff broke into different groups that included Wellness, Security, and One Day in the Life of a Reference Librarian. The day concluded with a monologue by a person impersonating Francis Scott Key.

The library has many new and interesting books:

*50 Essential Things to Do When the Doctor Says It's Heart Disease* by Frederick J. Pashkow, M.D. and Charlotte Libov. This inspiring guide empowers you to take charge of your heart health.

*Perfect Digestion* by Deepak Chopra, M.D. Dr. Chopra provides strategies for balancing mind and body to achieve perfect digestion, an essential aspect of lifelong health and well being.

*Boundless Energy* by Deepak Chopra, M.D. The complete mind/body progress for overcoming chronic fatigue.

*It's Better to Believe* by Kenneth H. Cooper, M.D. The new medical program that uses spiritual motivation to achieve maximum health and add years to your life.

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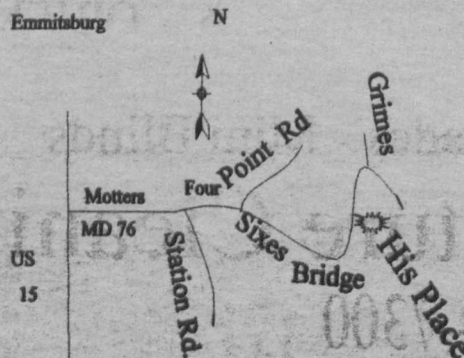
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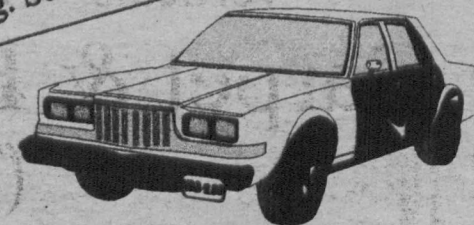
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# FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

By George Geralis

I find it difficult to find all the ingredients of a planned meal at any one market in Emmitsburg and its environs.

With the holiday season upon us, one has difficulty obtaining items such as fresh garlic. Packaged garlic (in little boxes) is not usually fresh and in many instances is dried and musty. Pearl onions and juniper berries for venison stew?—try Frederick or maybe Westminster.

When inquiring for pine nuts, clerks and sometimes managers of grocery stores just stare blankly. Recently, in an attempt to save both time and mileage, I called three local stores to ask if the produce department had leeks. Produce clerks in all of the stores had to ask around. One asked me to describe it. Another suggested "leafy lettuce" as a substitute. But the response that still lingers in my memory was "No, there's no *leak* in the produce department. Everything's O.K.!"

Needless to say, I drove to the Giant in Gettysburg where I found the leeks I was in search of for my potato soup.

In retrospect, perhaps I had advised any of the grocery store managers of my needs, the needed product could have been made available to me and to other customers.

What crossed my mind after each disappointment at the grocery store was: If I

were still in Washington, where all the grocery stores stock these items, I would be able to complete my shopping at one store rather than having to dart around from one store to another, 15 or more miles apart.

However, having lived in Washington for most of my life, I was never accorded the luxury of purchasing fresh meats as directly from the source as I experienced today, when I attended the **Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company Pork Butcher-Sale**.

It was then that sunshine finally shone on the horizon of my earlier expressed commiserations. To my amazement, the order form provided me last week included every conceivable cut of pork, including preparations of pudding and scrapple, and even cracklings, feet, backbones, and lard. I look forward to preparing all the various cuts of pork I selected, but none more than the center cut chops which I plan to cook in the manner of those prepared for a group in which I was included while visiting a summer camp for disadvantaged boys in southern Maryland.

The pork chops were so delicious that I sought out the cook and commended him on his preparation. When I asked if he would share his recipe, this very kind gentleman, whose name I do not recall, condescended. Since he was of African-American heritage, he explained that this is "our way," meaning, of course, the manner in which African-Americans

have been improvising their food preparations for centuries.

## PORK CHOPS "OUR WAY"

4 Center cut pork chops, (about 1/2" thick)  
2 Garlic cloves, peeled and cut at one end

1 Large egg, lightly beaten  
1 Tablespoon water  
2 Tablespoons flour plus additional, as needed

6 Tablespoons bread crumbs plus additional, as needed

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Heat the oil in a heavy skillet over moderate heat

Wipe the pork chops with absorbent paper towels

With the cut end of a garlic clove, rub the bone of each chop, completely, on all sides

Dredge the chops in flour, shaking off excess

Roll chop in bread crumbs

*Note:* Alternatively, the chops may be dipped in the egg mixture again and rerolled in bread crumbs, in which case quantities in both egg mixture and bread crumbs should be increased.

Repeat these procedures with the remaining chops and place in skillet of heated oil

Sauté gently over moderate heat until golden brown, approximately 6 minutes. Turn and continue cooking until done.  
Yield: 4 servings.

Serve with greens and another vegetable of your choice. Pork Chops "Our Way" would probably be served with coarsely chopped collard greens boiled with diced onions and ham scraps, accompanied by apples, peeled, cored, quartered and sautéed in butter until softened and browned.

Such contributions of "our way" cooking have significantly influenced American cuisine.

Now, to sum up my irritation over product availability at local grocery stores: Who really cares? The problem will go away.... You see, the capitalistic system, which has helped make our country so successful, will eventually correct this small problem. Once any one merchant realizes the loss of potential sales, however small, measures to rectify the problem will be taken as a means of survival. The "savvy" merchant must adapt to demographic changes already taking place in the area and face the evolutionary influx of more astute marketers.

After almost 20 years in the area, I have become rather accustomed to shopping around. However, I now know where I can purchase good fresh pork, nearby, for my freezer.



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## Looking ahead ...

**Saturday, December 9**

### *Craft Show and Spaghetti Dinner...*

The Catoctin High School Band Boosters will hold a Catoctin Christmas Craft Show and Spaghetti Dinner Dec. 9, 1995, at the Catoctin High School, Thurmont, Maryland. Craft Show - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. No entrance fee. Spaghetti Dinner, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Prices: Adults-\$5.00; Senior Citizens and children 12 & under-\$3.00.

### *Doll Tea Party...*

Boys and girls are welcome to bring their favorite dolls to the Emmitsburg Library for a tea party on Saturday, December 9, at 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 19**

### *Holiday Party...*

The EBPA holiday party will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Carriage House Inn. Come join other local business owners and professionals in a celebra-

tion of our town and the season. Special prices on your choice of three entrees. Call Dianne Walbrecker at 447-6962 to make reservations or for further information. All are welcome!

### **Attention NASCAR Fans!**

The **MASON DIXON NASCAR CLUB** has just completed its 1st year of existence. Club members met at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company Building on several Sunday race days to cheer their favorite drivers to victory. On November 12, 1995, club members met at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building for the final race of the 1995 season. A Delmonico steak dinner was enjoyed by all, as were refreshments afterwards.

A meeting is being planned for January, 1996. Fliers will be distributed at many local locations. Many activities will be discussed for the 1996 season. Your attendance will be appreciated.

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## *Wedding: Flanigan-Martin*

The Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ of Rocky Ridge, Md., was the setting for the November 4th marriage of Michele Lynn Flanigan of Rocky Ridge, Md., and David Robert Martin of Gettysburg, Pa. Officiating at the double ring ceremony was Rev. Rosemary McCombs-Maxey.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Arthur and Doris Jean Flanigan of Rocky Ridge. The groom is the son of N. Jack and Mary Martin of Gettysburg.

Brenda Miller, sister of the bride, attended as matron of honor. The bridesmaid was Sharon Flanigan, niece of the bride. The junior bridesmaid was Brittany Miller, niece of the bride. The flower girl was Stacey May Flanigan, niece of the bride. The ringbearer was Jeanette Miller, niece of the bride.

Robert Zimmerman, friend of the groom and cousin of the bride, was

best man. Ushers were Andrew Baird, friend of the groom, and Michael and Richard Martin, brothers of the groom. The guest book attendant was Lori Flanigan, sister-in-law of the bride. Organist for the ceremony was Linda Shields.

A reception was held at Carroll Valley Resort, Fairfield, Pa.

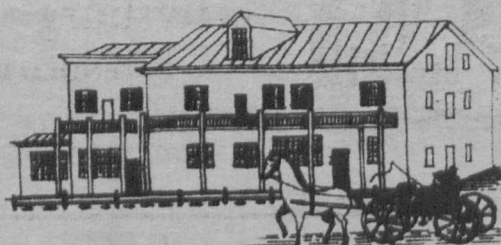
The new Mrs. Martin is a 1989 graduate of Catoctin High School and a 1994 graduate of F.C.C. and is employed by Washington County Hospital as a registered nurse. Mr. Martin is a 1990 graduate of Littlestown High School and a 1991 graduate of Lincoln Tech with a degree in HVAC. He is employed as a mechanic for Hanover Foods.

Following a honeymoon trip to Nashville, the couple will reside in Gettysburg, Pa.



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## A Miller's Tale...



By Ivan Lufriu

Bartering can be a fascinating subject to consider. Think about the times in your life that you've traded something - probably not since you were a kid. For centuries bartering was the way to do business. Even when currency became widely accepted, many people, especially those living in rural communities, preferred dealing in tangibles.

At the business hub of early American towns was the miller at the local grist mill. Rarely milling for a fee, he would accept a portion of the grain farmers brought in as his share or toll, usually about ten percent. A customer desiring to purchase a small bag of flour at the mill or at the local general store would usually offer chickens, eggs, vegetables, or some similar commodity.

During the nineteenth century, sometimes thought of as the mechanical age, there were new-fangled gadgets for everything. Enterprising entrepreneurs went from door to door and farm to farm selling mechanical devices, as well as potions, books, corsets, firearms, and you name it. Since these local farmers

had very little money, the seller often had to be satisfied with accepting an object in trade. Usually people in this line of work found themselves buying, selling, and trading everything imaginable. Watches were hot items, so were horses, and horse traders were perhaps the most infamous business people of those times.

What has happened to bartering today? We've lost the knack! Not to mention that the IRS frowns upon it. Money, being fairly stable, has taken all the fun out of exchange. You might see some haggling at the car dealership, but you'll have to visit foreign countries to have a real appreciation of this skill.

In America's history, the mill owner found himself in the perfect situation because he had dealings with his neighbors on many levels. Providing a milling service was only the beginning. Usually there was also a saw mill, sometimes a general store, perhaps a post office. If conditions were favorable, there might also be a tannery, a carpentry shop, an inn .... Much of the success of these ventures depended upon the bartering ability of this mill owner, and his skills were well honed. Some

of the grandest homes in this area once belonged to these talented and industrious tradesmen, the millers of Frederick County.

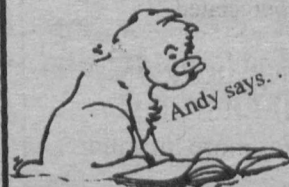
*Ivan Lufriu, formerly the miller at the Union Mills Homestead, now enjoys researching, photographing, writing about, and lecturing on old water-powered mills. Readers are encouraged to send questions or comments regarding old mills to Ivan Lufriu in care of the Dispatch.*

## Watercolor Classes

Watch for a detailed description in the next issue of the *Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch* of Watercolor Classes taught by Linda Postelle. The classes will be held in the Community Center Building and will start January 30th. For more information call 447-1666.



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## Regional Correspondents

### Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

Belated birthday wishes to Adrian Maxey, Carroll Glass, Derrin Glass, and Bernie Hobbs.

Birthdays for December. Happy birthday to Jean Knipple, Erin Eiker, Betty Ann Moser, Isabel Mathias.

Congratulations to Bea and Vernon Keilholtz. They celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary Nov. 17. Also congratulations to Vivian and Jerry Martin on their anniversary December 13.

The Church of the Brethren will hold a candlelight service December 11 at 7:30 p.m. The children's program will be held December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

The Mt. Tabor Youth group filled and delivered Thanksgiving baskets on November 19 to the shut-in church members from Mt. Tabor churches.

### Mt. Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

Mt. Tabor Quilters are pleased to announce that Mrs. Esther Russell of New York State was high bidder on the Sunbonnet Sue quilt. Congratulations, Esther!

It is back to routine for the quilters, with two quilts in frames and two waiting. A small practice quilt will be available for novices. Four young ladies have expressed a desire to learn about quilting. Welcome to the World of Quilt Art!

Today, to the serious quilter, quilting really is more of an art than in the past. Although many beautiful quilts were made and preserved, most early quilting was done to provide covers for beds and utilize scraps from other sewing. New generations of quilters may change designs, materials, and procedures, but the mechanics of making a quilt have remained the same since the ninth century A.D.

QUILT—a simple five-letter word with a vowel combination called a diphthong. Those vowels that run into

The Mt. Tabor Sunday School will present a Christmas program December 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Richard and Pauline Duple, Vernon Keilholtz, Novella Dinterman, Betty Kron, Isabel Mathias, Emily Sixx and Emma Keeney traveled to New Windsor World Service Center November 16. They placed prices and tags and wrapped gifts. They received a delicious lunch. Most of the work was very interesting.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Miller Martin who died October 20.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ms. Agnes King who died November 6. Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of George Rinert who died Fri. Oct. 20. Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Preston Kolb who died Nov. 13.

each other and sound like one are the only unusual thing about the word. Right? Well, not exactly.

Some form of the word has been used in several languages since the 800's A.D. Middle English used the word *quilt* which literally meant *mattress*, or as they spelled it, *materas*. In Old French it was *cuilt* and in Latin *culcita*.

In the ninth century most people used pallets spread on the floor for beds. Several layers of furs, sheepskin, or cloth served as a *materas*. It's logical that in extreme cold, layers of the same materials were used to cover the body. These layers, usually three, were tied together to keep them from slipping apart. Thus the quilt was born.

*Quilt*, *cuilt* or *quilt*—no matter how you spell the word, it's part of the heritage and reflects the ingenuity of the human race. Let's hope that the "scraps" of the present inspire future generations to preserve the "pieces" of their past.

### St. Anthony's/OLMC

By Ann Marshall

Thanksgiving Baskets - The Human Service Committees of the joint parishes worked together to prepare and deliver baskets of Thanksgiving treats to 24 persons who are homebound or who have lost a family member during the past year. Organizers of the annual event thank all those who donated fruit, snacks, sweets, and beverages.

Food Bank - Children are asked to contribute to the local food banks. Non-perishable food items may be placed in a marked box at Thurmont Middle School or in boxes in the back of each church.

Family-to-Family Adoption - A small Christmas tree has been set up in the back of each church. Any family that would like to "adopt" a less fortunate family may pick one or more ornaments from the tree. There is a separate ornament for each recipient. It lists information such as age, sex, clothing sizes, and family code number. Anyone who wishes to donate a gift or who would like to help by wrapping presents is asked to call the Parish Office, 447-2367, for further information. Money contributions may be placed in an envelope marked "Adopt-a-Family" and dropped in the offertory collection the weekend of Dec. 9-10. On December 15 the gifts will be delivered to Seton Center for distribution.

Open House/Christmas Party - This year, the annual Christmas party for both congregations will be held on Sunday, December 10, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Cecil the Clown will be featured. For the first time, the holiday celebration will include an Open House at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish House, 18 Altamont Avenue, Thurmont, from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Donations of baked goods for the party will be very welcome.

Christmas Decorating - On Dec. 24, the churches will be decorated for Christmas following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Helpers are needed.

Christmas Mass Schedule - Sunday, Dec. 24: Mass at both churches at 9:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m., and 12 midnight. Christmas Day Mass at both churches at 9:30 a.m.

Bingo - Saturday bingo games at OLMC Parish Hall have been discontinued until further notice.

Snow-outs - If a parish event is canceled because of weather, the change will be announced on the following radio stations: WFMD 930 AM; WFRE 99.0 FM; WZYQ 103.9 FM; WTHU 1450 AM; WYCR 98.5 FM.

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## Holiday Mailing Tips

by Darlene Donaldson,  
Rocky Ridge Postmaster

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If you are doing a lot of mailing this holiday season, you may wish to choose from two holiday-themed self-adhesive stamps, both in books of 20. The traditional Madonna and Child is available in sheets and books of 20.

If you have any questions please call the Rocky Ridge Post Office at 271-4920. If there is anything we can do to make your holiday mailing easier, please call or visit our office. The Post Office is located at 13516 Motors Station Road in the lower level of the Rocky Ridge Fire Department. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

## The Puppies are Coming, Tra La Tra La!

Starting Wednesday, January 10, training classes for puppies and dogs will be offered at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company facilities. The training techniques used in these classes are very different from traditional training methods, according to Nancy Sheedy, director of Right Start Training, the organization offering the classes.

"Basically, we focus on letting the dogs know when they're right, instead of constantly correcting them for being wrong," explains Ms. Sheedy. "Then we set it up so that they do the right thing. It's much more fun for owners and puppies alike, and the dogs learn astonishingly rapidly this way."

Separate classes are offered for puppies under six months old and for puppies or dogs more than six months. A play period is part of the class for the younger pups, and sometimes for the older ones, if they're compatible. Three levels of training are offered, the first one concentrating as much on behavior and household manners as on formal obedience exercises.

Ms. Sheedy began formally training dogs in 1956 and has been teaching dog obedience classes for 23 years. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Michigan State Univer-

sity and a Master of Education in counseling from the University of Maryland. The latter she feels is useful in dog training because, as she notes, "We're not training the pups. We're teaching the people how to do it without losing their minds!"

Her experience in teaching nursery school and kindergarten for the Department of Defense also comes in handy when dealing with the puppies themselves. "I noticed that children start out so enthusiastic about learning and school and then get turned off by the regimentation. We wanted to find a better way, and we believe we have, at least for dogs. As a result, we're often asked if we will train the children, now that we have the dog under control. The answer is NO! We won't. But children are welcome to come along to the classes. After all, the whole family has to live with the dog, so it's just as well that the whole family learns how to get the dog to listen to them."

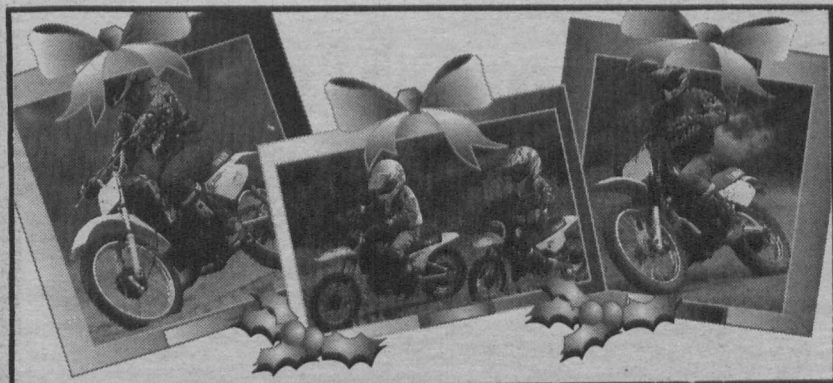
Ms. Sheedy is a charter member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers and attends continuing education seminars and dog training clinics regularly. She is also a founding member of the Catocin Kennel Club and is the club's Puppy Training Director and Newsletter Editor.

## Garden Ramblings

By Christine Maccabee

Both the hoe and the pen  
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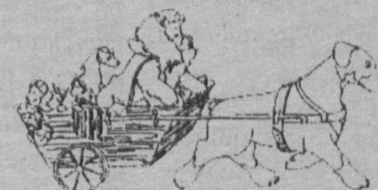
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## Round and About

*Christmas gifts needed for the homeless*

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gift will give hope to someone in need this Christmas.

The Frederick Rescue Mission is currently recruiting volunteers to work on Saturdays until January 1996 at their office at 419 W. South Street. Individuals should have experience in data entry and type 40 wpm. Hours are flexible. If interested, please call Kim Failor at 695-6633.

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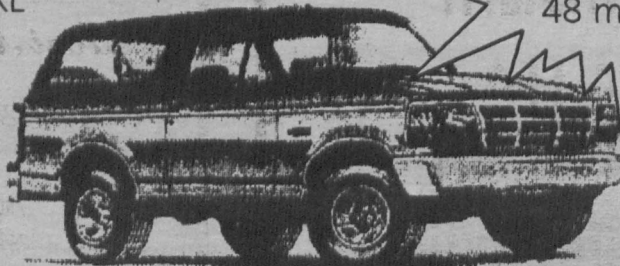
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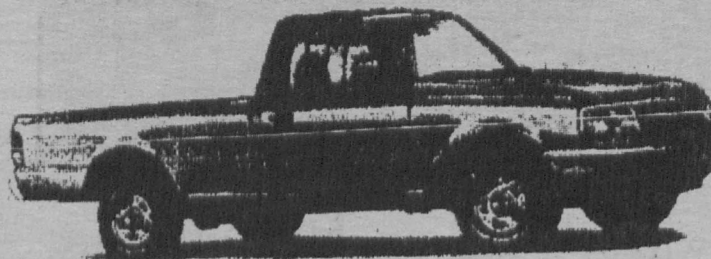
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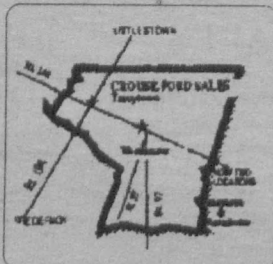
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## Dedication of Statue at Grotto

The dedication and blessing of the first statue of Our Lady of the Poor in this country was held at the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes in Emmitsburg on Saturday, November 18. The Most Rev. P. Francis Murphy, D.D., auxiliary bishop of Baltimore and vicar of the Western Maryland region, officiated at the dedication.

The Virgin of the Poor Memorial is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. John Yi and is fashioned after the original statue in Banneux, Belgium. The statue is made from the same quarry stone as Michelangelo's *Pieta*.

At a Mass before the unveiling of the statue, The Most Rev. P. Francis Murphy said, "The dedication of the



Bishop Murphy (left center) blesses the statue of the Virgin of the Poor at the Grotto. Mr. and Mrs. John Yi, donors, on right flank Msgr. Phillips. A Dispatch Photo

statue is significant in light of what is happening in our country. God wants us to balance the extraordinary wealth of the rich with the poor," he

said, and the statue will "help us bridge the gap and remind us to share our wealth."

Catholics believe that the Virgin Mary appeared to Mariette Beco, a daughter of working-class Belgians, eight times in 1933. The woman identified herself as "The Virgin of the Poor" and said she came "to alleviate suffering." She asked Mariette to build a shrine there at the edge of a pine forest that covers eastern Belgium. Today, in Europe, there are more than 100 shrines to the "Virgin of the Poor."

Mr. Yi and his wife Maria, who live in Silver Spring, are members of the Korean Community at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Pottomac. He gave the statue to the grotto because he loves the Virgin's message, and hopes this will be a way to spread her message in the United States. Mr. Yi immigrated to America 20 years ago from Korea in order to give his children a brighter future.

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## Funerals

Funeral services for Mrs. Ginger Carol (Humerick) Wagerman, 26, of Welty Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Monday, October 23, at her residence were held Thursday, October 26, from Harriet Chapel Episcopal Church, Thurmont, MD, with her pastor Fr. Jacob David Beck officiating. Interment was in Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Irene (Shoemaker) Messner, 78, of St. Anthony's Road, Thurmont, MD, who died Saturday, October 28, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg, MD, were held Tuesday October 31, from Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with her pastor Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiating. Interment was in Elias Lutheran Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Sister Marcia Conelius, 84, of S. Seton Ave, Emmitsburg, MD, who died Monday, October 30, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg, MD, were held Thursday, November 2, from the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at Emmitsburg, with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by her pastor Fr. Walter Menig. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.



## MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

by Val Mentzer

### *We celebrate as a family—*

On Wednesday, November 15, the Kindergartners through 4th grade celebrated a school Thanksgiving meal with their families. Mrs. Debbie Lawrence, Cafeteria Manager and school parent, hosted a fantastic traditional Thanksgiving celebration. Turkey, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, dressing, green beans, rolls, and pumpkin pie were on the menu for the day. Many parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends joined the students in celebrating family.

### *In keeping with the family theme—*

One of the descendants of our country's native families visited our school the same day. "Little Sunshine," a Native American, shared her culture of the Iroquois and Algonquian people. "Little Sunshine" explained the wonderful circle of life that her people have respected over time. Appreciation for Mother Earth was also a main topic that taught our students to be responsible for our own environment. The students were full of many questions and enjoyed her visit to Mother Seton School.

### *Before the Thanksgiving vacation many students received school honors—*

This year, Mother Seton School has initiated the **ABBITT** Program. This is a National Honor Roll Society for students in grades 3-8. **ABBITT** represents students who receive **A's** and **B's** **Because I Try**. In addition to academics, the students must also excel in **ABBITT** habits: cooperation and respect for others. **ABBITT** also proudly recognizes students who show great effort in their academics and have worked very hard during the marking period. This program rewards the students who are exemplary people, as well as students.

The following is a list of **ABBITT** members:

**A's:** (3rd grade) Alison Binder, Kevin Bowman, Katlyn Howes, Samantha Krauss, Barbara McCarron, Kevin Moore, Matthew Sanicola; (4th grade) Edward Kalas, Zachary Mentzer, Nicholas Monacelli, Colleen Weeks; (6th grade) Sedira Banan, Anne Gamble, Joseph Hallinan, Nicolette Hance, Mary Knox, Rene Parks, Mark Rolfs, Mary Ten Eyck, Morgan Williams; (8th grade) Lyndsey Williams.

**A's & B's:** (3rd grade) Maria Arrington, Anthony Durski, Melissa Eaton, Will Emory, Mark Fields, Kyla Gaffney, David Haller, Jr., Kathleen Herring, Layton Hersh, Joseph

Kaiktian, Kathleen Oster, James Robinson, Stacey Williams, Morgan Williard, Jessica Willis; (4th grade) Andrew Beck, Stephanie Crawford, Colin Doll, Nicole Georgoff, Sarah Heiderman, Russell Hoyt, Tim McKenzie, Ben Whitney, Katie Beth Williams; (5th grade) Tracey Evans, Patrick Kelley, Ashley Lance, Briana Lorenzo, Justin Peterson, Rebecca Smith, Natasha Thomas; (6th grade) Alex Adelsberger, Joseph Burkell, Shannon Connell, Kimberly Eaton, Stephen Harrington, Jennifer Hewlett, Lauryn Hoff, Mark Krebs, Rebecca Liddle, Caitrin McCarron, Michael Moore, Zachary Smith, Hugh Taggart, Tony Ventura, Meghan White (7th grade) Katie Hansbrough, Terri Kaas, Amy Kalas, Matthew Mize, Laura Phillips, Ian Simon, Karen Walter, Brendan Weeks, Abigail Whitney; (8th grade) Ruth Ann Carroll, Diana Eaton, Taylor Eichelman, Sarah Emory, Matthew Knox, Phillip Lawrence, Lauren Maruskin, Nicole Parks.

**Special Recognition:** (3rd grade) Daniel Banan; (4th grade) Emily Hemler; (5th grade) Virginia Bates, Donna Smith, Rachel Smith; (6th grade) Crystal Cool, Joseph Mossburg; (8th grade) Elizabeth Farmer, Diane Smith.

*Mrs. Heiderman's 4th grade prayerfully shared the gift of family Thanksgiving....*

Mrs. Heiderman's class prepared a lovely Thanksgiving liturgy for the Mother Seton School students, faculty and staff, and school families. The students sang many beautiful songs and presented a comical puppet show. The puppets told the story of how kids would like pizza for Thanksgiving! But after explaining the family traditions of eating turkey, all decided that Thanksgiving should be a time of family reflection and fun. Thanks to the 4th grade for preparing us for the Thanksgiving holiday.

*Many thanks to the Mother Seton families and Emmitsburg businesses.....*

Our 12th "Candlelight and Holly" Auction was a big success! Thanks to all of the local families and businesses that contributed to this fund-raising effort to benefit Mother Seton School. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Hear ye, hear ye, SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS!**

Mother Seton School is currently having a community service project to benefit the Vigilant Hose Company. Bring your aluminum cans to school on Mondays or Fridays, and you aid the local Fire Company. Last year we raised over \$300. This project will run until May.

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## Fresh Water Fish, The Pet

By Jack Deatherage, Jr.

Gran' Ma Swisher's angels have spawned again. I noticed this batch of eggs did not hatch in two days as I stated in the last column. If anyone is seriously following my misadventures, figure 4 or 5 days to hatching and a few more than two for wigglers. The first batch of "babies" are ready for new homes. They are as big as quarters, but sell for a dollar each.

Meanwhile; Don Stoner and I have been designing fish tanks and occasionally building them. Occasionally, because neither of us has money to spend on unproven ideas. We have built two 7 gallon desktop aquariums; one was given to Jullie Bullock for identifying the most fish in a contest held at the Emmitsburg Library. The other serves as an incubator for two chicken eggs.

A third tank is a mahogany-faced 22 gallon corner tank. It was designed to be unobtrusive; *most tanks invade a room*. It was to be a piece of furniture, *polished mahogany trimmed with black walnut*. It cost over \$500 to build! Don thinks we can cut the cost by several hundred dollars. Wanda, *the boss*, says we don't have the money for another experiment. (Somehow she thinks paying the electric bill and putting food on the table is more important than building fish tanks that no one buys!)

Forced to seek other solutions to our creative urges, Don and I turned to an aquarium he built years ago. The thing is constructed of 2x4's and 2x6's. I calculated it would hold 44 gallons of water and would be perfect for breeding angelfish. We had to replace a sheet of glass that had broken: no big deal. After two days' curing time, we set the tank in a spare room, leveled it, and poured 8 inches

of water (about 10 gallons) into it to see if it would leak. We could have filled it to the top, but Don remembered the tank leaking near the bottom the first time he had set it up and we could get 10 gallons out faster than we could 44, if we had to. (HA!)

No leaks this time. We debated filling it all the way. Instead we drained it and hauled it onto his back porch. We had tested the other home-made tanks outside, filling them to the top, then bumping and shaking them for a week before bringing them into the house. Don didn't want 44 gallons of water leaking into his apartment.

I tell you now that I was impressed with his creation. I guess the tank stands about five feet tall, a massive piece of furniture in its pine frame. The glass gave the water an attractive bluish tint. We couldn't wait to get it into the house and filled with fish. That was at 8 p.m.; by 11 p.m. our opinions had changed.

Don called to tell me he had watched as the front sheet of glass cracked diagonally while a bottom corner blew out! The porch was washed clean as 44 gallons of water flooded across it.

We've decided not to remake that tank; it has a major design flaw. The surviving glass will be incorporated into smaller (less hazardous) tanks. We have enough materials to make a rather interesting wall-mounted aquarium and several set-ups using factory tanks I already have.

It won't be long before I have to buy wood, paint, glass, and sealant. Maybe I can convince Wanda that we don't need new tires on the car, or a new exhaust, or maybe we could get by without cable, the phone, or....



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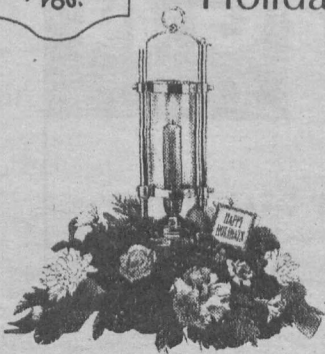
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