

# The Emmitsburg Regional

## DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength From One Another

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### Hooray and Up She Rises!



The Four Points Bridge comes ashore.

Photo courtesy Paul Beale

By Mike Hillman

On November 25, 1996, four days after its 120th anniversary, another chapter in the long history of Four Points Bridge began. Following weeks of painstaking research and preparatory work, the bridge was gently lifted out of its watery resting place and is now sitting on dry land.

Preparations for the bridge's lifting shifted into high gear following the laying of a crushed rock roadway through the creek in early November. The temporary roadway was laid parallel to the bridge's original position and engineered to support the weight of the crane as it moved the 10-ton bridge.

Next, power and telephone lines on the east side of the creek were rerouted to the west side. To allow movement of the crane's 115-foot boom, however, it was necessary to cut down almost 18 small trees on the Fuss property.

The Friday before the lift was spent removing painting equipment entangled in the bridge's structure and cutting off any extraneous and severely damaged elements of the bridge.

On the day of the actual lift, the crane arrived at 7 a.m. and was quickly positioned in the creek where the first phase of the lift—moving the bridge parallel to its original orientation—was quickly accomplished. The crane was then repositioned parallel to the east side roadway, where it once again hoisted up the bridge. The crane was then slowly backed down towards the road until it had sufficient room to swing the bridge over and onto support blocks placed in the middle of the road.

By noon, the crane was packed up and on its way to its next job, and county building inspectors were breathing a sigh of relief as the good condition of the bridge became apparent. Even better, the actual cost for  
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### Floodproofing Plan to be Presented at Town Meeting

The Town Council will hear a report of the county's floodproofing protection plan for Emmitsburg at the town meeting on Monday, January 6 at 7:30 p.m., at the town office.

Alan Hudak, bureau chief of Frederick County's highways and transportation, will discuss proposed county recommendations to help protect the Emmitsburg area from floodwaters. The floodproofing plan comes after severe flooding occurred in the area in June and a task force was formed to look at ways to avoid future problems.

The plan calls for a regular maintenance schedule for Flat Run that will include clearing the floodway of debris, keeping the bridge openings clear of sediment buildup, coordinating private

permits to enable work to get done, and preventing damage to homes along the run.

Residences affected by the floodwaters in June and listed in the plan to be floodproofed are on First Avenue, Park Drive, Main Street, DePaul Street, and Seton Avenue. Protection of the homes will require the construction of an earth berm or concrete floodwall around some residences. Other homes may require elevation and at least one may require elevation and filling in of the basement.

Floodproofing the homes will cost an estimated \$100,000 with funds coming from the county and any other flood-funding obtained from state or federal programs.

### Expansion Plans of Ambulance Company Subject of Public Workshop

On Jan 23, 7:00 p.m. at the VFW meeting room, speakers from the Ambulance Company will discuss their expansion plans. Residents are invited to attend.

### No Plastic in Our Town!

This season the lovely traditional decorations appeared again as if by magic on the lamp posts along Main Street complimenting the charm of Emmitsburg. In their usual efficient manner the annual gathering of the "Christmas Elves", under the admonition—"There shall be no plastic in our town"—made quick work of assembling the swags of evergreens and bright red bows. Bless them all...every one.

The Elves: Dianne Walbrecker, Bill & Chata Carr, Guy and Betty Ann Baker, Ann Kulcheski, Cindy Adams, Hope Mahoney, April and Mark Adams, Leeann Adams, Gabe Baker, Julie Davis, Robin Murphy, JoAnn Boyd, Tiffany Stahley, Becky

Joy, Carolyn Keilholtz, Vernon and Bea Keilholtz, Loretta Adelsberger, Ann Gingell, Josh Gingell, Dottie Phelan, Dave Copenhaver, Linda Postelle, Kathy Boudin O'Toole, Elizabeth Murphy. Financial support was given by elf Edna Crouse and the whole bunch of elves at the Indian Lookout Conservation Club.

Elves Loretta and Nathan Adelsberger, and Paula Wetzel helped hang the greens while elves Rick Krietz and Jim Click hung the swags and wreaths.

Papa elf, Dave Copenhaver, brought in the equipment to set up the tree on the square.

## Letters To The Editor

### Resolve the noise issue

In response to "Check Noise Ordinance" letter written by Clifford Sweeney in the December issue of the *Dispatch*.

As of this writing, most citizens of Emmitsburg probably know that a Noise Ordinance which was in the works and discussed at a public workshop in November and unanimously agreed to by all commissioners is now a dead issue.

Why did Commissioner Sweeney wait until after this meeting in November to discuss this with some of the citizens? Why was this not done before the workshop in order to have the input of many citizens thus achieving an ordinance all could live with? Why did he not solicit input from the people who have registered complaints at the town office about the noise?

Commissioner Sweeney and his family are not for a Noise Ordinance because his stereo and or television are played so loud that my wife and I can not enjoy our house which is in excess of 75 feet away from his. There is no way my wife and I can enjoy an eve-

ning on the front porch nor can we even sit in our living room and watch television unless we "crank up" the volume on our set or close every door and window in the house. (Sometimes the noise can still be heard.) If it were not for this, I too would question whether this "quiet" town needs a Noise Ordinance.

My wife and I take walks around this town, and [not] even on Main Street where the houses sit right next to the sidewalks do we hear any noise near the volume which comes from across the street from us.

Based on information received from legal council, if this town does not address this or is not resolved by all this discussion, etc., I will be forced to get resolution by other legal means. Let's not drop an issue that needs addressed which my family as well as others need in order to live a quiet life in this town.

Respectfully,

Douglas D. Orner  
Emmitsburg

### We Need a Bridge Now

After reading several letters about the Four Points Bridge, I must write. I, too, would like a new concrete bridge and have signed the petition, (reluctantly I should add) to have the bridge replaced.

But let's face reality. How about this time table: 18 months to decide what to do. 18 months to design. 3 months to bid. 24 months to construct. This places a new bridge to us... about 2002. If it stops raining!! We need a bridge now! Why spend 4 million when we could have our old bridge back by spring?

Unlike Paul Beale's 45 years, I have used this bridge for 55 years. Before it was Four Points Bridge and before the roads had road signs! It was Tom's Creek Bridge to us. I know of lots of trucks that crossed the bridge with 50-70,000 pounds. Milk and cattle. Yet now (or before Fran), it was only limited to a car!!! And then closed? Unbelievable!

The county as well as the contractor share full blame on the demise of our bridge. All "locals" had to do was to

watch where the contractor placed his two trailers and several pieces of equipment.

And the county even placed their office trailer in the middle of the meadow that gets 3-4 floods a year of 4'-6' of water. Yet when "we told them," they looked at us as people who knew nothing! And to wrap our bridge in a heavy plastic canvas?!? Everyone knew a week prior that Fran was coming. Such disregard of public real estate and total carelessness of the contractor as well as the county is...well, just plain stupid!! Why don't "they" pay for their carelessness? Why should the taxpayers be denied their bridge and pay damages as well?

Just set the bridge on the old foundation and watch it come back to life!

You have nothing to lose! It can be restored. It can be repaired. We can save money and cross once again! That is, if the county ever decides to lift it out of the creek! Unbelievable!

Eric E. Glass  
Emmitsburg, MD

### What's going to happen to the Four Points Bridge?

Considering the fictional romantic novel Mike Hillman wrote about Toms Creek Bridge, [published in the *Frederick News Post*, *Gettysburg Times*, and *Walkersville/Thurmont Gazette*], it appears that Mike has aspirations to become a writer of fiction. If so, some of us suggest that he study the methods used by outstanding fiction writers such as James Michener who wrote outstanding books such as *Chesapeake* and *Hawaii*. Before he would write a book he would live in the area so that he could write by showing that he was knowledgeable concerning the area about which he was writing.

Mike asks, "Has farm equipment grown that much larger since the fall of the bridge?"

We realize that Mike is new to the area, but due to the fact that there are 18 obvious incorrect statements in his story, many of us believe he should benefit by Michener's method and spend some time studying the farms and environment on both east and west sides of Toms Creek. He could visit farmers such as Fred Grimes, Eric Glass, Norman Shriver, Richard Weybright, Frank Williams; take a tape measure along and measure the width of their 16 to 18-foot machinery that has been around for a good many years.

He would find that some farmers farm on both sides of Toms Creek; for instance, Jim Kaas, who farms and milks cows on the farm that adjoins Four Points Bridge, also farms land adjacent to the National Fire Academy. Due to no sturdy bridge, he must travel with heavy and wide machinery many extra miles: up Simmons Road, north two miles to Route 140, west to Emmitsburg, then south on Rt. 15. Summer, fall, and winter we see and hear him go past our farm with hundreds of trailer loads of hay and wagon loads of silage to feed his cows.

Mike says the Four Points Bridge is in Emmitsburg. It's miles away from Emmitsburg. He says it is a "sturdy little bridge." Some engineers say it's a shame to put back such a "flimsy" structure. Our pictures show how twisted and bent it is, and thin and weak its beams are.

He says, "For those of us who use and know the bridge - we can stand on the bridge for hours without being disturbed by the passage of a car." Of course he can't now, because the bridge has been closed for traffic the last three years because of its collapsing foundation and its rusty and weakened steel beams.

He mentions he and his dogs and imaginary children and mothers playing in the water under the bridge. There it shows that he needs to do some more research. Up the creek not far from the bridge he could find a large sewer pipe dumping into Toms Creek, a little above our pasture, that brings all the sewerage from the town of Emmitsburg. And farther up stream comes in

all the sewerage from the town of Fairfield, Pa., and also from Site R, called the underground Pentagon.

He implies that the bridge was never used much. For 46 years that bridge has been our main route of travel; to Frederick and Thurmont where our five sons went to high school, and later on to the University of Maryland. Since we live a short distance from the bridge, for years we have been able to hear the rumble of the planks as many vehicles passed over it, day and night.

Forty years ago we hauled cinders from Mt. St. Mary's College to fill in our barnyard. Five years ago a farmer on the west side of the bridge wanted to make a hundred acres of hay on our farm, using his heavy machinery; but, after considering the impracticality of going the long distance around by Emmitsburg and Route 140, he gave up.

The neighborhood needs and wants a strong two-lane concrete bridge that can handle all kinds of traffic. Mike says concrete bridges are not romantic and people don't like to stand on them and watch the water. A lady who lives near the west end of the concrete bridge over the Monocacy River on Route 140 at Bridgeport says she doesn't know what he is talking about. She says lots of people stand on that bridge and watch the river and also fish for catfish.

Mike says, "We prefer the sound of hoofbeats and carriage wheels on old wooden-decked bridges." In 40 years we haven't seen or heard a horse and buggys go down toward the bridge.

If he wants to see an inspiring bridge he should take a look at the beautifully arched bridge on Legore Bridge Road, which itself has an interesting history. It was built many years ago across the Monocacy River by Italian workers. And most inspiring of all is the magnificent Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

Mike may have never noticed the bridge until its recent problems. The day after the bridge washed away we were taking pictures of Mike and others watching while the debris and damaged equipment were being dragged from the creek. We heard Mike ask, "What road is this? Is it Simmons Road?" A road sign back of us read "Four Points Road and Keysville Road."

A bridge there is not just for children to play on, but for the serious task of transporting people and equipment throughout our community.

Many in the community wish that Mike would do more research before he writes his fictional dissertations, and not pass off fiction as fact. It might look better if he would get out of his fantasy world and face the real world.

Sincerely,  
Paul and Lucille Beale  
Emmitsburg

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the complete lift was around \$4,000, about 10% of the original estimate.

Initial damage estimates indicate that less than 30% of the bridge's components will require repair work. A large portion of the damaged parts will be heading to local machining mills where they will simply be heated and straightened. The county estimates that only a few select pieces will need total replacement, and since they will be relatively easy to fabricate, the total material cost is expected to be only in the hundreds-of-dollars range.

Fortunately, none of the key joints or bridge components were damaged. The twisting and tearing forces exerted on the bridge during its fall were taken up primarily by the bridge's 120-year-old wrought iron bolts, which had held it together for these many years. As the bolts sheared, the metal trusses simply fell apart, with only minor damage.

The fact that less than 20% of the bridge would have to be replaced was of critical concern to the county, since 80% of the funding for the bridge is coming from the Maryland Historic Bridge Trust Fund. In order to receive funding from the trust, bridge restorations have to include at least 50% of the original structure. If the bridge had failed to meet this criterion, funding would have been withdrawn. Users of the bridge could then have been in for a minimum 5-year wait, as funding for a new bridge was placed on the county's Capital Improvement Plan. Of course, funding would have been only the first of many roadblocks for a new bridge. Obtaining access rights of way, meeting environmental impact statements, and fighting preservationists would have delayed a replacement indefinitely.

Over the years, the bridge has survived many severe storms. The great storm of 1883, which produced the Johnstown Flood, was the first to test its metal. While every bridge over the Monocacy was washed out, Four

Points Bridge was unfazed. In 1933, it survived 40 hours of continuous rains, which produced water levels exceeding the record set in 1883, and the small bridge also easily survived the record-breaking water levels brought on by Hurricane Agnes in 1973. Just this past June, the bridge survived a local storm of such severity that meteorologists predict that the area will not see another like it in the next 500 years. The June storm resulted in the bridge's deck planks being submerged under 4 feet of water. Based on its track record, Frederick County's oldest wrought iron bridge would probably have easily weathered Hurricane Fran, had it not been under repairs and shrouded in canvas at the time.

Over the years the bridge has become a mecca for neighbors. For real locals, it's a place to stop and converse with neighbors "over the hill." For residents of the town, the slow-moving, broad shallows of the creek offer a safe playground for dogs and kids on hot summer afternoons. Paul Krietz remembers playing on the bridge in his younger days, and now brings his kids to play in the water. Ever since the invention of the inner tube, Mount St. Mary's students, like Stanley Licharowicz, have used the bridge as a resting place on "tubing" rides down the creek. In more recent days, the bridge has also taken on the role of being a rest stop for the long-distance cyclists who have begun to tour this part of the county because of its bucolic appeal.

When finally returned to service, the restored bridge will be carrying a beefed-up weight limit, which will allow the passage of all Emmitsburg's current fire equipment except the tower truck, according to Frank Davis, as well as school buses and large farm equipment. Frank Williams, the largest farmer in the area, with over 3500 acres of crops on both sides of the bridge, has no problems with the efforts to restore the bridge and is looking forward to the bridge being back in service. "The beefed up weight limit will help by allowing tractors and hay wagons to

**Letters to the Editor (Continued)****A clean delivery**

I want to congratulate the *Dispatch* for its excellent coverage of local interests and the manner in which the newspapers are distributed.

A short drive along our local highways is littered with other publications that have been thrown out in their little

plastic sleeves—often appearing 2 and 3 at a time where there are no houses. I am glad the *Dispatch* doesn't litter and think the other publications could take a lesson from you.

Mary E. Cummings

Rocky Ridge



The Wrought Iron Bridge Company of Canton, Ohio, was organized in 1864 and specialized in building wrought iron bridges for small communities. [They built the Four Points Bridge in 1876.] In its 1885 sales brochure, the company boasted that it was capable of shipping the iron works for a 60-foot span within 7 hours of receiving the iron from the mill and having completed 100- to 140-foot spans (about the size of Four Points Bridge) in 8 to 15 days.

To order the bridge, the company's brochure requests only five things: "Length of the span; width of the roadway; kind of lumber to be used for the planking and its value; name of the nearest railroad station and distance of bridge from station; and depth of water at ordinary level and height of the floor above the water."

The ability to produce such enduring structures came as a result of new

milling methods. Prior to the development of wrought iron, manufacturers relied on cast iron, which was brittle, especially in cold weather. The new milling methods allowed iron makers to remove more carbon content from the raw iron, thereby reducing its brittleness. Wrought iron could be forged and bent cold, without breaking or cracking.

The ability of the bridge's metal to accept bending allowed it to survive its rendezvous with Hurricane Fran, bent, but relatively intact.

It's a rather ironic twist of fate for the 120-year-old bridge. At the time of its construction, Four Points Bridge embodied the spirit of growth and modernization. Its backers had to fight tooth and nail those who wanted a more traditional wooden bridge to be built.

cross. My big combines have always been too wide and too large to get across, but since I only have to get them to the other side once a year, it is not a big deal. I just go down to route 140. It's more important to try to get the weight limit up to allow the passage of heavy milk and grain trucks, but if they can't do it, so be it. We should do what ever they can to restore the bridge. Four

Points bridge is a piece of our history, and it's an important part of our sense of community."

The current schedule calls for the damaged components of the bridge to be fixed by early spring and the bridge to be in service once again before the summer sets in. Sounds like a good reason for a celebration!

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## Commentary:

## Should the *Dispatch* Grow?

For the past four years those of us associated with the *Dispatch* as contributors, advertisers, and staff have been demonstrating the potential of a community newspaper.

We have been applauded, criticized, and, yes, ignored. All of which reflects the diverse interests of the readers and creates challenges. Mostly, we are told, the *Dispatch* is seen by readers as playing an important role in the community and we are being encouraged--almost pushed--into growth.

Growing in this case means solving a series of problems: Can we publish every two weeks instead of monthly? How can we increase our newsgathering capability? How can we improve our production? How can we improve our distribution? How can we compensate our contributors and associates? We think of these things as being significant.

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## Shooting for the Stars

Growing also means becoming socially responsible. We believe the *Dispatch* as part of the process of Emmitsburg should contribute a percentage of any profits back to the town—a worthy cause, the community center, the library, etc.

### The decisions we make depend upon the community response.

Growing boils down to dollars and manpower. There are still more critical questions to answer. Can we support the paper by selling issues at local stores or in honesty boxes? Should we distribute the paper only to subscribers? (NO more free copies.) Money raised in this manner would support increased printing and mailing costs. Money raised through selling advertising would support the production costs and compensate contributors. Are there others who would like to

become involved in the production on any of several levels—writing, layout, cartooning, photography?

Over the coming months we will seek the answers to these questions. This will be involved but not too difficult.

What will be more exacting and essentially more crucial is the support we can expect from the citizenry. The decisions we make depend upon community response. Our hope is that individual readers will let us know what they think and feel about these critical questions. We urge you to share your honest thoughts and suggestions (as a reader, advertiser, advocate, opponent, or indifferent) with us.

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You may also stop by the house and we can chat over a cup of tea.

### "In this place"

Something very important happened at the December 2 meeting of the town council. Public comment on the proposed ordinance 96-11, the so-called noise ordinance, rang in the ears of the council members, and they listened.

The council with all good intentions and desire tried to "beef-up" the current ordinance which was perceived as being unclear. The new effort was to make the ordinance more inclusive and enforceable by police intervention. The new draft was roundly criticized as "unworkable and impractical."

The sweeping inclusiveness of the new draft was an example of how a practice (in this case a law) can sometimes multiply the problems it intends to correct. "Opening up a can of worms," was one of the more colorful descriptions used during the speak-out.

By delaying action and showing a willingness to seek other solutions the council side-stepped the possibility of creating a regenerating effect, i.e. spinning off more problems worse than the original one. This was good.

There should be a term for too much intrusion by law. In the practice of medicine there is the term *iatrogenic*, meaning physician caused diseases.

Laws do not control human behavior—individuals do. We are fortunate in this small town to be able to influence the shape of legislation through participatory democracy. What is unfortunate is that discussion seems to take place in an adversarial mode rather than a problem-solving one.

It has been suggested that the rewriting of Ordinance 96-11 is not necessary and that consideration be given to more effective use of nuisance laws presently on the books at the county and state levels.

Consideration should also be given to a required mechanism or process of conflict resolution to be followed by parties in a dispute. Individual spats should be resolved without rewriting laws for the entire community. We do live in a litigious society, but there are times when finesse and good sense can be substituted for legal action.

100 Years Ago, "In This Place" will resume again next month.

## Music Groups Provide Christmas Spirit

Music bubbles up from the depths of the human soul that expresses its deepest feelings of composer, performer, and listener. This is especially so during the Christmas season. Music provides the background in which we play out the drama of the holidays. We "in this place" are fortunate that there are in our midst those who will not let the seasonal traditions of music be forgotten.

On Dec. 8, The Emmitsburg Community Chorus presented its annual Christmas Concert in the Basilica at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and on Sunday Dec. 15, the St. Joseph's Sunrise Singers sang in concert at the new Parish Hall at St. Joseph's Church.

Some 40 voices of volunteers who according to Michael Forrence of the Sunrise Singers, "...sing, because that is what we like to do." Their singing keeps the heritage of Christmas music alive for the rest of us who can't. Attending concerts is not a matter of should or should not. Those who did were treated to delightful arrangements and interesting selections from the

mass of Christmas music. And well sung, too.

For taking the time to share their talents and selves with the community we wish to thank these singers and musicians.

The Sunrise Singers - Lin Ackerman, Beverly Adams (Director), Linda Bowden, Michael Brannon, Sheila Vinson Bucheister, Harold Ditzler, Elaine Ebaugh, Dennis Ebaugh, Dean Fitzgerald, Michael Forrence, George Kramer, Clifford Sweeney, Susan Valenti, and Michael Warthen (guitarist.)

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus - Ann Aden, Sue Allen, Shannon Boyle, Harry Brooks, Sr. Mary Louise Brown, Ellie Davis, Harold Ditzler, Frankie Fields, Ken Fields, Margaret Franklin, Mary Ann Gill, Tom Grenchik, Rose Keepers, Kathy Kolumban, Edie Long, Anna Margaret Martin, Vickie Novak, Phyllis Nowell, Bill Riffle, Bill Ruppert, Cliff Sweeney, Becky Thompson, Shelia Vinson, Sandy Soffe (Director) and Pat McEllroy (Accompanist.)

## Youth Group Receives Funds

On Sunday, December 15, the St. Joseph's Sunrise Singers presented a concert at St. Joseph's Parish Hall to support area youth programs with a raffle and a free-will offering. The crowd enjoyed a selection of Christmas carols sung by talented local vocalists.

During the intermission Commissioner Clifford Sweeney presented a check to Debbie Wivell Swiderski, Catoctin CASS Coordinator and Dr. William Carr, Mayor, to support a new youth program for children. The contribution came from PALS (Police Athletic League) which formerly operated at the Emmitsburg Community Center.

The CASS program has been working collaboratively with local organizations and the Frederick County YMCA and Mount Saint Mary's College to implement an after school recreation program for area children. The contribution will be used to support the program.

If you are interested in supporting this program through contributions or by volunteering your time, or would like information about it for your child, please call the CASS Program at 447-3611.

## LITTLE LEAGUE NEWS

By Marta Hillis

Although winter has only just begun and we have many cold days ahead until spring, it's not too early to start planning for the 1997 Little League season. Several important concerns were brought up at our first meeting held in December.

We are in desperate need of a concession stand manager. As most of you know, Bob Sayler retired after

many years of volunteer service in the stand. Any person who might be interested in filling this important position, please contact President Bill Wivell at 447-3766.

There is also a need for umpires. If you enjoy working with our youth and are available in the evenings, please consider umpiring at a Little League game. Again, give Mr. Wivell a call or come to the next Little League meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW. Reminder to our managers: please bring your equipment lists to the January meeting. Thank you!

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## Senior Citizens News

"Ring Out the Old  
Ring in the New"  
January is here for me and you."

Christmas has come and gone and with it "Good Cheer" and a "Happy New Year." The Center enjoyed a catered Christmas Dinner from Mountaingate and a Christmas Bingo. Door prizes of Poinsettias were given at the dinner. We also sent small gifts to our shut-ins.

Now it's time for a new year, 1997. It will take awhile to remember that date, but time will help us keep the dates straight.

Activities at the center will be as follows:

Thursdays, Jan, 2, 16, 30 - Bingo at 1:00 p.m.

Thursdays, Jan 9, 23 - "500" card

party at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan 14 - Frederick Shopping

Tuesday, Jan 21 - Meeting day

On Monday, January 20 and Monday January 27, school will be closed but we will have meals both days with the food coming from Mountaingate at noon. Reservations must be made by Friday, January 17 and 24, before 1:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the fellowship and fun along with the food. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. Transportation is available and home delivered meals are also available with approval from the Commission On Aging. Call Anna Margaret at the Senior Center for information. Call 447-6253 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## Activities at the National Shrine

The Feast Day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be celebrated with a mass at 10:30 a.m. in the Basilica at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 333 S. Seton Avenue with the Reverend John Di Bacco as celebrant. The mass will be followed by a taped presentation at 11:30 a.m. of a Monologue on the Life of Elizabeth Ann Seton by Susan Thornton.

A Retreat - Walk with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be held Saturday, February 8, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the National Shrine of St. Eliza-

beth Ann Seton. The cost is \$25 and the reservation deadline is January 27.

The presenter will be Regina Bechtle, S.C. Sister Regina is a Sister of Charity of New York and directs the Center for Leadership and Spirituality at the College of Mt. St. Vincent, Bronx, NY. A writer and theologian, she has given many talks and retreats on spirituality, focusing on women, ministry, leadership, religious life, Elizabeth Ann Seton and the spirit of Charity. For information and/or reservations call Seton Shrine Center, 301-447-6606.

## Catoctin Pregnancy Center has new home and director

Catoctin Pregnancy Center announces the appointment of a new director, Melanie Carroll Turner, and the Center's move to a new location at 402 West Main Street in Emmitsburg where they will reopen January 6.

Former director Maureen Kidwell resigned from the position in November due to other commitments. Maureen will continue her dedication to the Mission of Mercy and many other projects. As director, Maureen initiated many improvements to the Center including upgrading the office space. She worked hard at making the Center's first Fall Fling Dance a success. The staff wishes her well and is very grateful for all her devotion and commitment to the Center and the needs of the unborn.

The new director, Melanie, has been a counselor at the Center for two years. Melanie and her husband reside in Cas-

cade with their daughter Laurie. The couple are expecting their second child in the spring. Melanie is looking forward to helping the Center continue to expand its outreach to the children and mothers of the community.

The Center will be hosting its annual spaghetti dinner on January 25 at the St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Emmitsburg. The dinner will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. For more information, call Tammy Wivell at 447-2752.

During the cold winter months, the Center is in need of warm coats (sizes 2T-6) and snowsuits. There is a continuing need for infant furniture, diapers, and other baby-related items. Items may be dropped off at the Center during office hours.

The Catoctin Pregnancy Center thanks everyone for their continuing prayers and support and wishes all a joyous holiday season.

### All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast

St. Joseph's Parish, Emmitsburg, Md., will hold an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, January 12, 1997, from 7:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Breakfast will include sausage, pancakes, eggs, sausage gravy, toast, home fries, fruit, juice, and coffee. The cost is \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for under 12, and children under 5 eat free. A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the breakfast. Lots of homemade goodies will tempt you. All are welcome.



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## Thurmont Riding Club

by Pat Smith

Congratulations! The following division trophies were awarded to Thurmont Riding Club members at the MD/PA Horse Show Circuit banquet, held at the Waynesboro Elks Lodge on November 16, 1996. This was the culmination of a long riding season (consisted of 15 shows in Maryland and Pennsylvania) for these dedicated horserider teams. Thurmont Riding Club is a member of the MD/PA Horse Show Circuit.

**Light-Shod Walking Horse Division:** Champion - Delectare Est Topper, rider Margie Smith; Reserve Champion - Starry Starry Night Sky, rider Shannon Wetzel; 3rd Place - Gen'll Git Ya, rider Paula Wetzel.

**Plantation Walking Horse Two-Gait Division:** 3rd Place -Pride's-A-Break'n, rider Candy Bennett.

## Historic Preservation Meetings To Be Held

The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee will meet on Tues, Jan. 7, at 3:00 p.m. in the Winchester Room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick. The Committee is continuing its preparation of a sample Historic Preservation Ordinance for Frederick County. The public is invited to participate in this meeting.

The Committee's Recommended Draft of the Frederick County Historic Preservation Plan will be reviewed in a public hearing by the Frederick County Planning Commission on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor Commissioners Hearing Room at Winchester Hall. Any citizens wishing to be heard will be recognized at this hearing.

For further information about the meeting and/or hearing, contact Ray Compton, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, 694-0440 or Janet Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor, 696-2958

### Art Exhibit

The Mt. St. Mary's Special Collections  
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**Open Plantation Walking Horse Division:** Reserve Champion -Pride's-A-Break'n, rider Candy Bennett.

**Juvenile Plantation Walking Horse (17 & under) Division:** 3rd Place - Sissy, rider Rachel Smith.

**Trail Racking Division:** 4th Place - Delectare Est Topper, rider Margie Smith.

**Junior Western Pleasure Horse (4 yr & under) Division:** 3rd Place - Motivated by Money, rider Melissa Hobbs.

**Two/Three-Year-Old Pleasure Horse Division:** Champion -Motivated by Money, rider Melissa Hobbs.

**Youth English Pleasure Horse/Pony A (13 & under) Division:** Reserve Champion - Squirt Gun, rider Rachel Smith.

**Short Stirrup Equitation (10 & under) Division:** Champion -Rachel Smith, riding Squirt Gun.

## New Public Information Phone Line

By dialing (301) 631-3000, Frederick County citizens will receive recorded information about Frederick County government—County office closings, meeting cancellations, as well as inclement weather updates and emergency information.

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## The Twelve Days of Christmas Emmitsburg Style

Entertainment reached a new high this year at the Town Office Christmas Party held December 20th with a rendition of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* Emmitsburg style. Guests were treated to the joyful and melodic sounds of the mayor, commissioners, and town employees singing the well-known Christmas song with words written especially (and anonymously) for them.

Holding their cue cards at various angles (some tried to hide behind them), members of the ensemble began under the direction of Donna Thompson, bookkeeper. The *Dispatch* regrets we forgot to take our camera, but thought we'd share the words with you.

To the tune of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, Council president Dave Copenhaver began - "On my first day in Emmitsburg, the Office I did see."

Each day was followed by the things he saw: 1) "A Mayor who-o-o-o wished he'd never run" (Mayor Carr); 2) Productive workdays (Jim Click); 3) Lazy employees (Doug Wantz); 4) Bickering councilmen (Commissioner Benveni); 5) Rusty Waterlines (Dan Fissel); 6) Faulty radios (Commissioner Gingell); 7) Residents a-whining (Eva Miller- code enforcer); 8) Long, daily hours (Julie Seifert); 9) Phones a-ringing (Helen Reaver); 10) Unearned vacation days (Bill Boyd); 11) Waived parking tickets (DFC Bartlett); and 12) Noise ordinance revisions (Commissioner Sweeney).

No singing contracts were forthcoming following the performance.

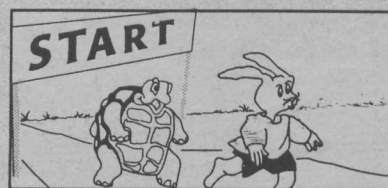
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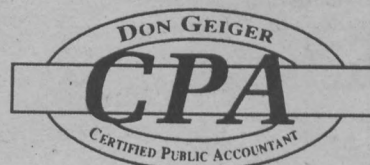
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## Program on New Catechism Resumes

By Bill Steo

St. Joseph's has begun its third year of instruction on *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the first new catechism for the world-wide Church in over 400 years.

A team led by the Pastor, Rev. Michael Kennedy, C. M., offers insights every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The focus this year is on Part III, "Life in Christ," which deals with personal and public morality. A review of parts I (on faith) and II (worship) begins at 7 p.m.

This is no ordinary catechism. No questions-and-answers, as in other catechisms. Explanations are not terse but full, strictly organized, documented with Biblical references, and cross-indexed. Comprehensive, it covers every major Catholic doctrine both of faith and morals. Church officials intend it to be "a point of reference for [other] catechisms or compendiums that are prepared in various regions."

Not a book to curl up with, the 800-page English version which came out in 1994 calls for additional explanations; hence the Tuesday night program at St. Joseph's.

## How The Catechism was Born

The Catechism of the Catholic Church now being presented at St. Joseph's was conceived at an October 1985 meeting of Catholic bishops from around the world who were wrestling with questions of doctrine as well as practice. Suddenly, one of them shot out a suggestion.

"Why not," he asked, "put together, in a single book, a detailed, authoritative summary of Catholic teachings?"

"Right on!" (or its equivalent in Latin) said Pope John Paul II, and immediately issued the orders to get it done so that, as he wrote, the Church could make Christian doctrine "more accessible to the Christian faithful and to all people of good will."

An international team of theologians set to work, and in 1992 the Pope approved the final draft, which was in French. In the next two years it was translated into every major Western language.

Over the centuries hundreds of different local Catholic catechisms have sprouted everywhere in the world. The Baltimore Catechism is most familiar to Americans. The one now being studied at St. Joseph's is the first new catechism for the whole Church in over 400 years. The last was published by the Council of Trent in 1566.

## Dairying Today Program in Frederick

Pointers for Profits is the theme for the annual Dairying Today program for Central Maryland scheduled for February 5, 1997. The educational dairy program is sponsored by the Frederick and Carroll County offices of the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service in cooperation with area agribusinesses. As in the past, the event will take place at the Walkersville Fire Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration and a trade show. Four speakers will address nutrition, marketing, and financial topics that are key to improving farm profitability. In addition the speakers, a producer panel consisting of three New York dairymen is scheduled to share their pointers on operating successful dairy farms.

A four-dollar registration fee will be collected at the door. This fee includes entrance to the meeting and exhibit area, lunch, a proceeding, and eligibility to win door prizes that will be awarded throughout the day.

The Walkersville Fire Hall is located on Frederick Street just off Route 194 at the south end of Walkersville, MD. Plenty of free parking is available.

For complete schedule of the day's activities or for more information, call 301-694-1594 extension 3578.

The Cooperative Extension Service's programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

are being implemented on other farms in the area. Most of the time will be spent walking the farm. The informal atmosphere of these sessions will allow producers to pick up management tips, equipment and facility ideas, and provide a way for farmers to share success stories with other farmers in the community.

For information call Stanley W. Fultz, 694-1594 ext. 3578.

## Walk-A-Bout

The Frederick County Walk-A-Bout will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Larry and Judy Riggs of Leigh-Castle Holsteins will be hosting the event.

The purpose of the Walk-A-Bout is to allow dairy producers a chance to learn more about dairy practices that

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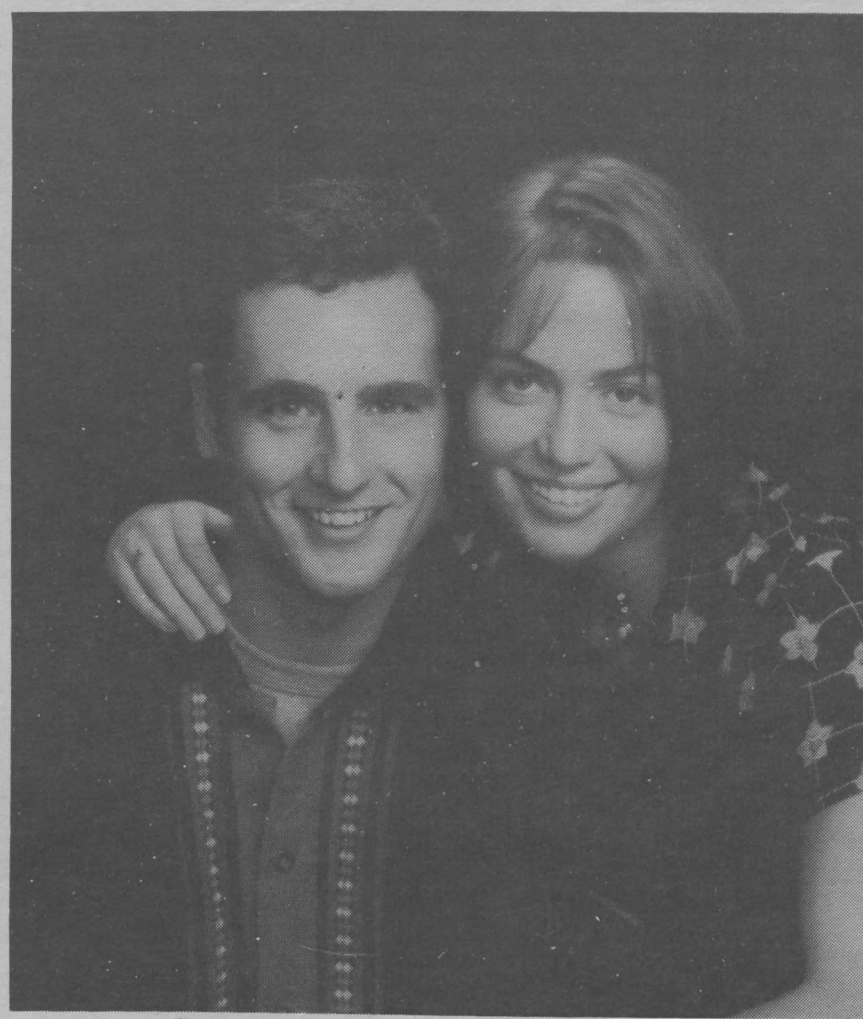
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**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Timothy Wetzel**

Trina Andrew Eiker and Robert Timothy Wetzel were married on September 7, 1996, at the Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. Pastor Ronald Fearer conducted the ceremony.



**Anne Marie Joos and Joshua David Fink**

Mark and Mary Anne Joos, of Bishop, California, and Bernie and Dorothy Fink, of Baltimore, Maryland, announce the engagement of their children Anne Marie and Joshua David.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Bishop Union High School, Bishop California, and is currently enlisted in the United States Air Force, stationed at Pope A.F.B., Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The prospective groom, a 1990 graduate of Calvert Hall College, Baltimore, Maryland, served four years with the United States Air Force and is currently employed with Delta Air Lines.

The couple will wed June 21, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Bishop, California.

Josh is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Humerick, Emmitsburg, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Fink, Sr., Thurmont, Md.

## The Annual Wivell Christmas Party

by Helen Reaver

The descendants of the late Roy and Helen Wivell held their annual Christmas party on December 29 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Rocky Ridge Fire Hall. There were 229 people in attendance.

Blessings and prayers for our deceased members were led by Dick Wivell.

Entertainment this year was by the Margie Fullam family. A funny western skit was presented and enjoyed by all. Margie's daughter Gloria and family had been here for a vacation and were able to participate in the skit.

Paul then gave an update on the family - eight new babies and five weddings. He thanked the following people: Joyce Wivell for updating the family address book; Judy Wivell for doing certificates for Dave and Betty Wivell for their achievement as the Tree Farmer of the Year 1995, and to Margie Fullam who was inducted into the Roses and Thorns Club (over 62); and thanks to all who helped in anyway.

Phyllis Green, our historian, gave a

very interesting update on the family history. Handouts were available that our grandfather Guise ran in the 1906 election for the Pennsylvania state legislature; a bill of sale for William Wivell (our ancestor) dated 1896.

Door prizes were then awarded to the following: Kevin Wivell - a fruit basket; and \$5 gifts to Fred Hoff, Connie Peresada, Phil, Justin, and Joshua Wivell.

The traditional nativity scene was presented by the great-grandkids: *Joseph* - Jacob Ontiveros; *Mary* - Ashley Reaver; *Jesus* - Hayley Crum; *Angels* - April Rigby, Kathy Shields, Allison, Cassandra and Jenna Wivell; *shepherds* - Joshua Fullam, Carley McFerren, and Michael Ontiveros; *kings* - Jordan Fullam, Hunter Wivell and Nick Putnam.

Our nieces led the singing of carols during the pageant.

The children awaited anxiously for the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus who presented gifts to all. Many, many delicious casseroles were enjoyed by all. Happy New Year to all and may God's blessing shower upon everyone.

### A Great Big Thank You!

Thanks for all the cards, phone calls, prayers, and flowers received during my recent car accident. You are all great!! And special thanks to Sr. Jan, my pastoral minister who brought me communion, and the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company for their kindness. Helen Reaver



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## The Bear is Back

"My food and how the building complements it," was the immediate response by Bear Creek Inn owner Ira Mensh, to the question "What are you proudest of?"

"We serve Deep Sea Specials," said Mensh. This is a natural extension of his 20 years of experience in the restaurant business in Ocean City, Md. "We do have the best crab cakes in town, only jumbo lump with no fillers."

"We also feature Country Pasta. Our dishes are prepared using the Asian Fusion technique with ingredients unique to this area...many come exclusively from Louisiana," he said.

His favorite?...again no hesitation. Cowboy Jambalya composed of chicken, smoked sausage, tasso (spiced Cajun ham), shrimp, and Jambalya sauce. He also pointed to Chicken and Ham Florentine (chicken and ham in a spinach cream sauce).

"My fried chicken is marinated for 12 hours in my own proprietary marinade and will please any fried chicken lover's palate," Mensh said. "And, no I will not tell you the secret," he added anticipating the next question.

There are times when something other than a full-blown dinner menu is in order. "We have something a little different and serve specials in the lounge," said Mensh. "On Tuesdays we offer one-half price on burgers in the lounge and it is Happy Hour all night. Wednesday night is Pittsburgh Night with the food prepared by Rhonda Kovacks who comes from there and prepares favorite dishes of the city. Thursday nights are "Cheap Date" nights featuring two-for-one pasta dishes.

Desserts are works of art. Monica Dempsey, the pastry chef and a certified culinary school chef, is responsible for their creation. "A good dessert complements the meal and caps off the the taste buds," said Mensh. "Our signature dessert item is the Bear Creek Peanut Butter Pie. The Baked Bananas in Better Rum and

Key West Lime Pie (made with authentic Key West limes) are excellent also."

Mensh opened the then Havilah Inn in June. "Our hope is to restore the restaurant to its former level of excellence when operated by its founder Joe Fitzgerald. We are working on it...comfortable coziness... the original panelling is made of barn siding that dates back to the 1700's. We have two large fireplaces and have restored the ski lodge lounge.

Former customers pointed out, "Something is missing." Mensh found the original bear that Joe Fitzgerald shot many years ago and reinstated it in its original niche. "The bear is back in the bar and we changed the name to Bear Creek Inn," Mensh said. "We also have the only mounted specimen of a Jackalope in the area," Mensh chortled as he gestured toward a strange-looking critter hanging near the bear.

Good food and coziness call for complementary entertainment. On Friday nights local professional opera singer Dan Brewer sings favorite light opera songs in the dining room. On Saturdays acoustical guitarist Eddie Brook provides a non-intrusive range of popular music in the lounge.

Bear Creek offers a menu for everybody with a comfortable price range starting at \$8.95 for a complete dinner that includes the special poppy and lemon bread. Light fare is also available in the lounge.

"To restore the old reputation we combine the best ingredients with new culinary techniques and expertise...I am proudest of my food," repeated Mensh.

## St. Anthony/OLMC News

By Ann Marshall

Christmas flowers and decorations for both churches were provided through memorial donations made in honor of deceased family members and friends. St. Anthony's received over one hundred contributions and nearly 70 were received at OLMC.

The Adopt-A-Family program took care of Christmas gifts for nine families this year. The project was coordinated by Diane Hawkins and Mary Ann Shields.

Paul Matweecha donated his time and talent to construct a beautiful lectern to house the new public address system which was recently installed at OLMC Church.

The Catoctin Pregnancy Center in Emmitsburg is making an urgent appeal for children's winter coats, sizes 2T to 6. Please call Tammy Wivell, 447-2752, if you have a coat or other warm clothing to contribute.

Jimmy McCauley has earned his Eagle Merit Badge and was honored for his achievement at a recent Boy Scout ceremony.

A Family Pizza Dinner, sponsored by the joint parishes, will be held on Friday, January 24, 1997, at OLMC Parish Center. Chef John Dowling will serve his famous pizza—a treat for all. For further information, call 447-2367.

Brandon Michael Kaas, son of Leon and Christine Kaas, was baptized and welcomed into the Catholic faith on Sunday, December 15, 1996.

## Mt. Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

The Quilters held their annual family banquet on Monday, December 16. After a delicious dinner, games were played and Isabel Mathias shared her tape of the African Boys Choir. Recent travelers from our group went to Sight and Sound for the Christmas presentations. The Stambaugh's visited Myrtle Beach, S. C., for Christmas shows and Isabel Mathias went to California.

Now that the extended holidays are behind us, and long winter days ahead, it is time to begin stay-at-home projects—like making a quilt. A day or two spent studying patterns, planning colors, and making templates is a good way to start. Make a New Year's resolution to use fabrics on hand,

thus cleaning out odd-lot fabrics. Light, bright fabrics will cheer up gloomy winter days.

You want a project to last all winter, so cut pieces and sew by hand. You can sit in a room with the family while they read, play games, or watch TV. You won't be off in a room by yourself madly sewing on a machine that interferes with TV every time you accelerate.

While you sew, you can meditate, rest, plan, converse—even catch a few cat-naps between blocks. Don't set a specific time to finish; don't compete for a prize. Your quilt may not be perfect or pretty, but it's something you created.

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In winter, it's wise to call 271-7933 to see if we are available.

**Rocky Ridge News**

By Emma Keeney

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends and to everyone who knew Novella Dinterman, who passed away November 25th. The Rocky Ridge Community is saddened by the passing of this well known and loved lady. She was a wonderful friend and neighbor always ready to help or

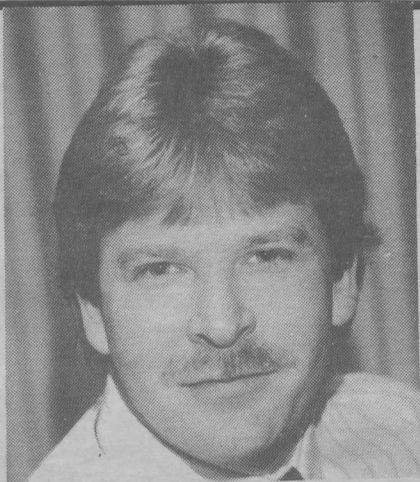
comfort in any way she could. She will be missed by everyone.

Michael Harris, Jr., Fort Hood, Texas, and Libertie Smith, Kempner, Texas, arrived at the home of his parents on December 21st. They have been visiting family and friends and will return to Texas the first week in January.

Kenneth Frushour, Jr., arrived at the home of his parents from Bosnia, where he has been stationed for many months. He has been visiting family and friends while home. He will go to Germany when he returns to duty.

Happy Birthday wishes for January: Anthony Harris, Chris Angleberger, Wilson Baker, Chris Day, Tonya Day, Barry Eiker, Robbie Eyler, Josephine Dinterman, William Dinterman, Pauline Sharrer, Jeanie Angleberger, Elmer (Pete) Lambert.

Marie and Franklin Stambaugh went on a bus trip to Myrtle Beach, December 1 through December 5. They enjoyed many shows including Ronnie Milsap's *Christmas in Dixie* at the Alabama Theater, *Magic on Ice*, the Radio City Christmas spectacular starring the Rockettes at the Palace Theater, and the Gatlin Brothers' Christmas show at Carolina Opry. They also went to Georgetown for a tour.



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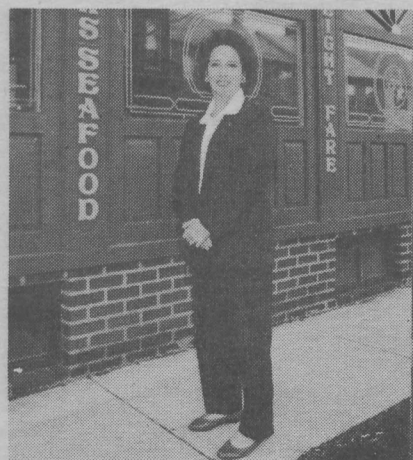


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## Over the White Board Fence



by Mike Hillman

When I was in fourth grade, one of the nuns that taught me told my mother that she had better spank me more if I was to ever be good in English. By the time I was in 9th grade, I was told to concentrate on my math skills. So I grew up able to understand the theoretical mathematics behind nuclear power, but unable to communicate them in writing.

I've always wanted to write, but found my lack of knowledge about basic grammar rules and my inability to spell, daunting obstacles to overcome. Then I discovered text editors and spell checkers, and worlds of opportunity opened up. At the expense of the *Dispatch's* reputation, over the past six months I've had this unique opportunity to play writer. Those of you who have read all my pieces have probably convinced yourselves that anyone, including you, can come up with better topics than I can. If you're thinking about trying your hand at writing for the *Dispatch*, but you're not quite sure how to go about it, I've put together the following list of recommendations to get you going.

**Recommendation #1.** Don't procrastinate. When you get an idea for a story, get it down on paper right away. For example, the idea for this current article came to me one night while reading unedited versions of past articles. Unfortunately, due to space considerations, some of the better story lines, such as the description of Mark Zurgable playing the air guitar to "Stairway to Heaven" when no one is in his hardware store, never made it to print. (Mark keeps copies of the unedited version of the Zurgable Brothers article, which described his hippie days, behind the counter. You know you are a regular if you've seen it.) It occurred to me that if I were to write an article on how to write an article, I could use these edited out-takes as examples. My more embellished pieces would finally see the light of day.

**Recommendation #2.** Ignore all editor-imposed deadlines. How long it takes to

finish an article is up to you. That's half the fun of writing. No one can say you're behind, because only you know where the story will end. It's a great way to get out of work around the farm. Whenever Audrey wants me to do something, I plead a pending deadline and I'm off the hook. (It helps if I promise not to mention her days as a hippie.) In general, all stories get better with age. After completing a good rough draft, I put it away for a week or two and then reread it. If what you've written is still funny or interesting, go with it— if not, change it and repeat.

Ask as many people as you can to review your work, and never take comments personally; take them as an opportunity to learn. I always read my rough drafts to Audrey. If she groans and tells me not to quit my day job, I know I have a winner. I get worried, however, when she says she likes it. That usually means she is up to something, like wanting a day off from the barn chores. Paul at Zurgables is always my last reviewer. I use him to ensure that I've offended everyone equally. The key to a good story is taking as long as you want to refine it. Wait till it's just right; in the meantime, just keep telling the editors -the Cadles - it's on its way.

**Recommendation #3:** Don't worry about your English. That's what God created spell checkers and text editors for. I constantly have to struggle with my English. I couldn't tell the difference between a prepositional phrase and a subjunctive clause, even if my life depended on it. Unlike me, however, there were a lot of people who paid attention in English class, though today they still can't make the correct change for a newspaper. They'll be glad to correct your English. The way I look at it, correcting English is easy; it's the coming up with the story line that's hard. So when the person who is checking your English gives you a snotty comment about your use of "past perfect tense," remember, it's your idea, and you'll be collecting future book and TV royalties, not they.

**Recommendation #4:** Find a good place to write, preferably away from spouses. Writing comes most easily when you have the proper atmosphere to work in. For me, in the summer I do my best writing sitting out under a tree, with a double gin and tonic in hand, PJ my trusty Jack Russell asleep at my side, and Audrey sweating as she pushes the lawn mower around the yard. In the winter, I prefer to write in front of a roaring fireplace, with a double gin and tonic in hand, PJ asleep beside me, and Audrey freezing out in the barn cleaning stalls.

**Recommendation #5:** Write about subjects you know. Everyone has a story to tell, but most figure their stories fall into two categories, stupid, e.g., no one would find it interesting; or personal, e.g., your spouse will kill you if you tell anyone. As to the first, who ever figured that a story about a white board fence would be interesting? (Actually, come to think of it, no one really *has* said it was interesting.) That just goes to show that any topic, no matter how stupid, is fair game to write about. Think about it: I've written about painting a fence, learning how to hammer nails, and a satanically possessed tractor. Surely someone can come up with something better. There are lots of good stories waiting to be written.

**Recommendation #6** If you can't remember the facts, make 'em up. Now while I know that sounds terrible, actually a vast majority of books sold today are fiction based on reality. In grade school it was called lying and you were punished for it. As an adult, you get paid millions of dollars, and cocktail parties are given in your honor. Go figure.

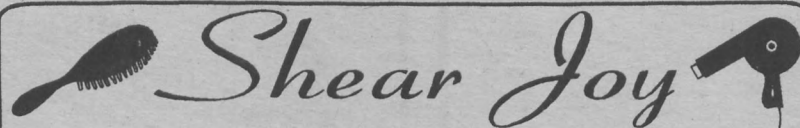
I've also discovered that the factual accuracy of any story is inversely proportional to the time remaining to the deadline. For example, I'm really late for this article, so this is a good time to brief you on my upcoming exposés about Mark Zurgable's impending run for town mayor. While Mark continues to deny it, Paul has confirmed that Mark is having weekly strategy meetings with Gary Kubala, his campaign manager. Gary has reportedly chucked Mark's campaign slogan of "A 3500-pound power washer in every garage" for "A family name for every street," thereby garnering the endorsement of the established families. Gary and Mark currently have agreed to rename Main Street "Wivell Avenue," change South Seton Avenue to "Kermit Glass Parkway," and dub North Seton Avenue "Miller Family Boulevard."

Now isn't that more interesting to read about than the town's septic systems?

**Recommendation #7:** Include friends in every story. Since the purpose of writing a story is to get someone to read it, an easy way to accumulate a following is to name people in your story. This assures you a free beer from them when you run into them in the bar. Everyone likes to see their name in print; it's only human nature, and since all *Dispatch* writers get a percentage of the paper's profits, based upon the number of new readers they bring in, the more you bring in, the bigger your profit share.

**Recommendation #8:** Ignore all suggested topics from the editors. The Cadles don't always have the best grasp of what the residents of Emmitsburg want to read.

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## Obituaries

### Mr. Felix Lingg, Jr.

Mr. Felix Henry "Whitey" Lingg, Jr., 69, of Kelbaugh Road, Thurmont, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA.

Born April 8, 1927, in Emmitsburg, he was the son of the late Felix Henry, Sr., and Rosealia Brawner Lingg.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne Oma Messner Lingg, on Feb. 20, 1994.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg; the AM-VETS Post 7, Thurmont; and was a retired painter for Nusbaum and Ott.

He is survived by three children, Dennis Evers Lingg and wife Judy, Deborah Jean Draper and husband Randy, and Robert Anthony Lingg and wife Linda, all of Thurmont; three grandchildren, Steven Wayne Lingg of Emmitsburg, Tammy Marie Lingg of Waynesboro, PA, and Daniel Evers Lingg of Thurmont; and two sisters, Regina Eiker of Emmitsburg and Mary Stultz of Fairfield, PA.

He was preceded in death by a son, Wayne Evers Lingg; four brothers, Charles Lingg, John Lingg, William Lingg, and James Lingg; and four sisters, Betty Eyler, Gertrude Schildts, Genevieve Corbin, and Margie Little.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Nov. 30, with Mr. Lingg's pastor, the Rev. Leo Tittler, as the celebrant. Interment followed at the New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Memorials may be made to Thurmont Community Ambulance Co., 19 N. Church St., Thurmont, MD 21788.

### Mrs. Alice Buckner

Mrs. Alice Holzbach Buckner, 86, of Emmitsburg, formerly of Richmond, died on Monday, Dec. 2. She was the widow of August Edward Buckner Sr.

Mrs. Buckner was a charter member of the Over 50 Club of Richmond.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Agnes Walter of Emmitsburg and Alice Louise Ross of San Diego, Calif.; five sons, August Edward Buckner, Jr., Joseph Bernard Buckner, Thomas Anthony Buckner, Michael Francis Buckner, all of Richmond and Charles Vincent Buckner of Louisville, Ky.; one sister, Ada Holzbach Blake of Richmond; 24 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held on Thursday, Dec. 5, at St. Benedict's

Catholic Church. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Richmond.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Benedictine or St. Gertrude's high schools.

### The Reverend John C. Chatlos, Sr.

The Rev. John Calvin Chatlos, Sr., 77, former pastor of Incarnation United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, Dec.

18, at his residence on Fairfield Road, Fairfield, Pa.

He was the husband of Sheila Ruth Jones Chatlos, with whom he celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 12.

Born May 5, 1919, in Cumberland, he was the son of the late Rudolf O. and Louise Brunner Chatlos. He was a member of the Emmitsburg Lions Club and the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. He was chaplain at Montevue Nursing Home from 1975 to 1996 and at Citizens Nursing Home from 1977 to 1996. He was active in many other community and ecumenical affairs.

He was a graduate of West Hazelton High School in West Hazelton, PA. He graduated from Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C., in 1943 and from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, PA, in 1945. He was ordained Dec. 16, 1945, at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reform Church, West Hazelton.

The Rev. Chatlos' first charge was in Wapwallopen, PA, where he served five Evangelical and Reform churches. His second charge was at the Brick Church in Whitsett, N.C.; and his third was at Lower Stone Evangelical and Reform Church in Rockwell, N.C. His fourth was at Incarnation United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg, and St. James United Church of Christ, Littlestown, P.A., which he served for 25 years until his retirement in 1984, when he moved to Fairfield.

At the time of his death, the Rev. Chatlos was pastor emeritus of Incarnation United Church of Christ.

Surviving in addition to his wife are four children: Phyllis Kelly and husband Carson of Fairfield, Dr. William Rudolf Chatlos and wife Linda of Herndon, VA, Dr. John Calvin Chatlos, Jr., and wife Kimberly of Old Bridge, N.J., and Sheila Peters and husband Dennis of Villa Park, IL;



seven grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; one great-granddaughter; three stepgreat-grandsons; one sister, Edna Michael of Fort McCoy, FL; and one brother, William H. Chatlos of Sebring, FL.

The Rev. Chatlos was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Kock.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Incarnation United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. Sharon Forbes, officiating.

Memorial contributions in the Rev. Chatlos' name may be made to Incarnation United Church of Christ, 115 W. Main St., P. O. Box 255, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, or to Hoffman Home for Youth, 815 Orphanage Road, Littlestown, PA 17340.

### Mr. Walter Opekum

Mr. Walter J. Opekum, 91, of Venice, FL, formerly of Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, in Florida.

Born Jan. 16, 1905, he was the husband of Margaret M. Opekum. He is also survived by his sister, Tillie Woodsinger of Lincoln Park, NJ.

Mr. Opekum graduated from St. Thomas College, now the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania. He also attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Business School of Economics. He was a football star in the mid-1930's for the University of Pennsylvania, and he coached football, baseball, and basketball at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, in the 1950's before his retirement.

Funeral services were held at Mount St. Mary's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception with the Rev. Carl J. Fives as celebrant. Burial was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

### Miss Cathy Moser

Miss Cathy Jo Moser, 17, of 9839 Longs Mill Road, Rocky Ridge, died Friday, Dec. 27, at R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, Baltimore, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Born April 7, 1979, in Waynesboro, Pa., she was the daughter of George William and Betty Ann Martin Moser, Jr., of Rocky Ridge.

Miss Moser was a senior at Catoctin High School, Thurmont, and was employed part time as a waitress at Kountry Kitchen. She was very fond of animals.

Surviving in addition to her parents are two sisters, Susan Robinson and husband Robert of Fairfield, Pa., and Cynthia Marshall of New Windsor; five brothers, Steven Moser of Gettysburg, Pa., Richard Moser and wife Pat

of LeGore, Timothy Moser and wife Lori of Woodsboro, Scott Moser and wife Melissa, and Greg Moser, all of Rocky Ridge; four aunts, Regina Sweeney and Janet Martin, both of Thurmont, Wanda Moser of Detour, and Yno Ok of Taneytown; three uncles, John Moser of Taneytown, Robert Moser of Detour, and James Martin, Sr., of Thurmont; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Miss Moser will also be remembered by her fiancée, Jerry Henning of Thurmont; her sister Cynthia's fiancée, Preston Carbaugh of New Windsor; and special friends Hattie and Daniel Shindedecker of Thurmont, and Charles Miller of Emmitsburg.

Funeral services were held at Harriet Chapel Episcopal Parish, Catoctin Furnace, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31, with the Rev. Thomas P. Staup officiating. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Frederick County Humane Society.

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## MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

By Val Mentzer

### Catholic Schools Week

January is the month for the nation's Catholic Schools to celebrate the uniqueness and quality of the Catholic School experience. Sunday, Jan. 26th, kicks off the week's celebration at Mother Seton School, with many activities slated each day of this special Catholic Schools Week.

#### Monday, Jan. 27, is History Day.

Mother Seton School proudly acknowledges the birth of the Catholic School system on her very grounds. As the first Catholic school begun by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, we are the roots of the Catholic School system in the United States. Special activities and costumes will be featured this day to commemorate our rich heritage.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 28, is Community Day.

A liturgy will be shared by students with their families and friends, and other activities will help us celebrate within our community of Emmitsburg.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 29, is Family Day, as well as Volunteer and Benefactor Appreciation Day.

Our 4th and 5th graders will perform a special program for the many, many people who support our educational ministry at Mother Seton School.

We will also invite the many pastors from our various local Catholic Churches

to be acknowledged for their support of our students and families.

#### Thursday, Jan. 30, is Staff Appreciation Day.

#### Friday, Jan. 30, is Student Appreciation Day.

A special prayer partner activity will be enjoyed by the students, as well as a musical performance by Ray Owen. Mr. Owen read about our creative music program at Mother Seton School and offered to come to the school to present his "American Adventure," revisiting American culture through songs reflecting early American life, transportation, Western expansion, and the twentieth century. This will be a special treat from a very special musician.

All are invited to attend our many activities and happenings during Catholic Schools Week at Mother Seton School. Please contact the front office for more information at (301) 447-3161.

### Raffle Calendars Are Here!

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Students will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week January 26 through January 31.  
Photo courtesy of Val Mentzer

### National Geography Bee

For the ninth year, the National Geographic Society is holding the National Geography Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States. Sponsorship is being provided by Sylvan Learning Centers which provide supplemental education services to students at all levels. The winner of our Mother Seton School Bee

will advance to the next level of competition, a written exam. A \$25,000.00 college scholarship will be the first prize at the national competition on May 27 and 28 in Washington, D.C. Good luck, students!

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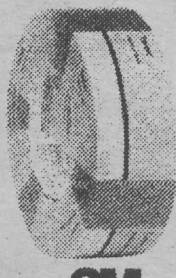
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# The Practical Goat ...

By Christine Maccabee

From the very first day we got our two adorable 4-month old kids, I should have realized that it wasn't going to be an easy "row to hoe." At that time, goats were worlds away from gardens, and in fact, best kept that way. You tell me how practical is it for a serious gardener with extensive gardens, to be spending about one hour less per day in the garden because of goats? I recall many a frustrating day when I had no choice but to drop the hoe or trowel several times and devotedly climb the hill in order to untangle my goats who were for practical purposes tethered to eat unwanted multi-flora bushes (though they seem to prefer the little pine trees we planted 6 years ago). Eventually I gave up on tethering which had the impractical result of creating stress for both myself and my goats. That's when I came up with the brilliant idea of "goat-walks," an altogether impractical process which has led to unusually useful food for thought.

However, always the foremost thought that kept me going in spite of difficulties, and which propelled me into the process of breeding and birthing, was the prospect of eventually milking my goats. I had idealistic visions of my entire family drinking the sweet and wonderfully nutritious goat milk, eating the yogurt with fruit from our trees, and exulting in our independence from store-bought, mass-produced cow's milk. As it is, my children refused to be weaned from the milk they grew up on. The ultimate jolt to my idealistic temperament came

when my son Ashley in his attempt to explain his aversion said, "It just seems weird to be drinking milk coming from our own animals." "But son, that is the whole point, and the beauty of it as well," I exclaimed enthusiastically, but apparently making little impression on him. And so the educational process continues here at our little homestead, seemingly against all odds.

"But Mom, do we have to milk them?" asked my daughter Marie with the great goat-milking hands. Marie was the one who wanted them so much that she'd bought them with her own money. Secretly I was hoping she might get involved with 4-H, though she never expressed interest in it herself. "Why, of course we must milk them...it is time we have some practical pets for a change," said I. I had hopes that my then pre-teen daughter would join the 4-H, go to meetings, and share notes with other young goatherders, continue to milk the goats, and perhaps even show them. However, as time went on and as we viewed the showing of goats at the Community Show, our minds were changed. Just the idea of keeping our goats shaved and cleaner than our pet dogs seemed more a burden than a pleasure. Of course, transporting them would require a truck and other expenses, which would make showing them highly impractical. Thus we gave the idea of showing them through 4-H some serious, though short-lived thought. We were later told that we would never be able to show them anyway because they both had a pair of gorgeous horns on their heads. So, all we do is show them off to friends

and folk who come to visit us. For me, the simpler stay-at-home solution is far more practical than the original idea.

Ask me now whether or not all my practical reasons for getting goats are paying off and I will tell you that it all depends on one's definition of practical. Is it practical to nurture a relationship with a basically wild creature who would no doubt prefer not to be domesticated? To grow in relationship with an animal until you reach a point where you feel you are truly communicating with them, and understanding their feelings. Or, how practical is it to milk them, only to give the extra yogurt and milk away to friends who appreciate it? (Actually I receive much satisfaction through the sharing.) As for the sacrifice of time away from my gardens....only now am I beginning to see the benefits in the form of a continual

supply of wonderful manure which I incorporate into my beds and around my plants. Nutrient replacement is a critically important part of successful gardening. So now the daily chore of cleaning the goat shed of manure has become a meaningful, even joyful, process. And what can I say of the practical worth to my spirit when I climb the hill each day to milk, serenaded by the peaceful, cheerful sounds of birds and crickets. Goat-walks, goat talks, even goat lessons, are all part and parcel of the Practical Goat.

*See me some time in mid-winter when I must climb the hill to the goats in 15" weather with the wind blowing and 2 feet of snow besides. I'm certain I will have much more to say on the subject of the practicality of goat rearing.*

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# FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

by George Geralis

With the mixed weather conditions of late, it seems as though winter has not really arrived. But just wait...and you will soon be wondering what kind of meal to prepare to help offset winter's chill.

What would you think of first? A stew, a casserole, or a soup. My choice would be a hot, hearty soup!

Soups make great meals. They are relatively inexpensive and very nutritious and can be as simple or as ambitious in undertaking as time allows.

There are thick and thin soups, hot and cold soups, and some that are rich enough to even make a complete meal.

And of course America, being the melting pot that it is, has an endless selection of soups representing the tastes of the world. Many of these have changed with innovations and personal tastes from generation to generation, by the influences of our changing lifestyles, and as the result of ethnic and racial intermarriages.

For instance, while many of us enjoy chicken soup one way or another, it would not be uncommon in some households to be served chicken soup, tradi-

tionally seasoned with *rosemary*. Not only does rosemary have a stimulating, refreshing fragrance, but it is considered by some to be symbolic of good friendship and remembrance. Legend has it that when Mary hung the infant Jesus' clothes on a rosemary bush, it flowered at once. Religious, ethnic, and cultural beliefs and traditions will remain an ever-changing part of our food selections.

One of my favorite hearty soups this time of year is Cu

an black bean soup. My first taste of this black gem was at the famous Columbia Restaurant in Tampa, Florida. Urged by my host, I hesitatingly accepted a trial cupful instead of a larger portion, and ever since have enjoyed *sopa di frijoles negros*, as it is called in Spanish.

It would be unfair to compare this soup to the delicious bean soup your mother prepares, because it is different and uniquely appealing when served with cumin and white wine vinegar and a sprinkling of finely chopped hard-cooked egg whites.

Perhaps it was the addition of the above mentioned ingredients that al-

layed the development of *digestive wind* often associated with the consumption of beans, cabbage, and onions.

are tender.

Puree half the beans in a food processor and return to the soup kettle together with the meat removed from the ham hock.

Mix thoroughly before serving.

Ladle into heated bowls and in each bowl stir in 1 teaspoon of white vinegar and 1/2 teaspoon of cumin, mixed. Sprinkle with chopped egg whites. Serve with warm stoned wheat crackers and your favorite beer.

## CUBAN BLACK BEAN SOUP

- 1 pound black beans
- 12 cups water
- 2 cups finely chopped onion
- 2 cloves finely chopped garlic
- 1 chopped green pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 smoked ham hock
- 1 cup crushed canned tomatoes
- 2 cups canned beef broth
- cumin

white wine vinegar

1 hard-cooked egg, white only, finely chopped

Place the beans in a container and add cold water to cover by 2 inches. Soak overnight. Drain.

Place the drained beans in a soup kettle and add 12 cups of water. Add salt to taste and bring to a boil.

Add ham hock

In a non-stick pan, sauté the onion, garlic, green pepper, tomatoes, and oregano until wilted.

Add mixture to the soup kettle together with beef broth and simmer over medium heat for 2 hours or until beans



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## FRESH WATER FISH, THE PET

By Jack H. Deatherage, Jr.

Occasionally amateur fish keepers with fish to sell call a pet store. They've run into the same bonehead response I've encountered. "We'll take your fish if you want to get rid of them, but we won't buy them." Or, "We'll give you store credit." Or, "If you can't supply fish on a bi-weekly basis," from someone wanting 6 fish, but expecting me to set up dozens of breeding, grow-out, and holding tanks! And best of all, "Who wants those?" coming from someone selling that very species for ten times your asking price!

I know of two stores that will discuss buying fish from a hobbyist. The trouble is they need a few fish and we have many. (A pair of Angelfish can hatch out several hundred fry. If the eggs are removed the pair will lay new clutches about twice a month. After culling out deformed or unwanted fry



from two hatches, you still have several hundred fish. Some fish (Oscars) lay clutches of more than 2,000 eggs!

My dream of opening a pet shop started with an attempt to sell African Cichlids. Seeing fish I'd sell for \$2 being sold for \$17 had inspired me to levels of fish-keeping mania my dad never considered. Being told I couldn't get a dime for my fish was a real belly drop. I gave up "fish farming" for the most part.

I've since been scanning magazines, bulletin boards, and newspapers hoping to find a fish club or society near Emmitsburg. There are none. My thought now is to start one.

I have access to discount-priced foods and equipment. Buying for sev-

eral people allows me to purchase in bulk, gaining even larger discounts. A club would bring that advantage. I also make runs to Randallstown and Lancaster twice a year and wouldn't mind taking a few like-minded people along and going more often. Breeders in Florida and elsewhere like to ship large quantities of fish by air freight. A club making a joint order could take advantage of discount prices and pick from a selection of fish that puts to shame even the pet shops I frequent.

A club might also organize a fish show and auction. Shows and auctions would be good ways to introduce people to the hobby, sell excess fish, and pick up new specimens at prices that cause nightmares for pet shop owners. More importantly, members would have access to information they can't get elsewhere—how we've succeeded!

Can't keep angels alive, let alone breed them? Someone in the area does both. Need a "good" algae eater? Someone has an unwanted one or doesn't know which one of the many varieties actually eat the green stuff. Can't figure out why the water turns yellow or green just days after a water change? Someone can figure it out.

Exchanges of information, a club library, discount equipment and foods, a greater selection of fish, shows, and auctions, maybe guest speakers and trips to seldom-visited shops. How much could a group accomplish that individuals haven't the time, money, or expertise to manage alone?

I don't know how many serious fish keepers there are in the area, but this column is an appeal to all of you actively involved or who are thinking about getting into the hobby. Give me a call at (301)447-2151 and tell me how you feel about the idea of a club. Who knows, maybe we can even open a fish shop that sells our excess fish. Below regular shop prices!

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