

Reviewed by Shirley F. Topper

It seems that there is a new trend of thought among many young people of today. Unlike those of earlier years, who spent their day-dreaming time "building castles in the air" and yearning for a glamorous life in a big city, they are now more inclined toward building a cabin in the woods!

and ease of transportation has also played a part in allowing youngsters to "sample before buying".

Not only are more young people reluctant to leave rural life but many city dwellers, both young and old, are seeking a means of escape to the peace and tranquility of a place in the country... Along with this search goes a strong desire to simplify living and do away with the plethora of bibelots and other unnecessary dust-catchers.

George and Phyllis Morrill had dreamed of owning a wilderness homestead and

Snow, Stars and Wild Honey How one family built a good life on a Vermont wilderness homestead

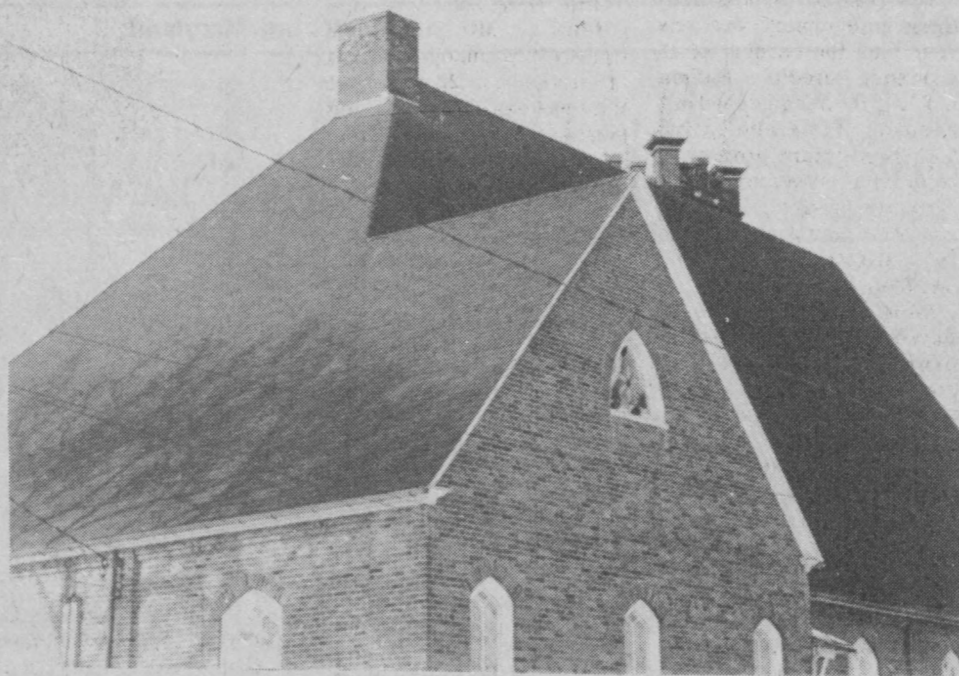
By George P. Morrill

"A day in the country is worth a month in town" —Christine Rossetti

WIFE USE TO MAKE their dream come true in a rough-hewn cabin tucked into the side of a Vermont mountain. This story of a family that grew closer by fulfilling a dream of capturing the good life... a life of independence and of honing their own survival instincts on necessity... will appeal equally to those who intend to duplicate the Morrills' rewarding experience and those who will enjoy the evocative descriptions of the wilderness world.

George P. Morrill is the author of two books and numerous articles and short stories.

This book is available at the Emmitsburg Public Library.



Can you identify this unfamiliar view of a familiar building. Answer in next week's Chronicle.

Rocky Ridge News

By Harvey M. Pittenger

Some of our people from town attended the Farm Show at Harrisburg, Pa., last week.

Five inches of snow fell here on Friday, Nov. 14 and the temperature was 21 degrees.

Mr. Harvey M. Pittenger, Sr. of Rocky Ridge is observing his 83rd birthday on Jan. 14, 1977.

Mrs. Dorothy V. Carrell of Boyds, Md., spent Saturday and Sunday with

her sister Mrs. Cora M. Setherley and family and also visited her father Mr. Harvey M. Pittenger, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carrell of Boyds spent Sunday with Mrs. Charles H. Setherley and family and Mr. Harvey M. Pittenger, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith and son Jeffery spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. Charles H. Setherley and family.

Choir To Perform

The 63-voice Gettysburg Choir will perform a total of 20 concerts from late January through late March, 13 of them during a tour which will see the choir performing before audiences in Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and North Carolina.

The 1977 choir tour program will be the first under the direction of Dr. Russell P. Getz, who has succeeded Parker B. Wagnild, the choir's founder and director for 41 years. Before arriving at Gettysburg, Dr. Getz, a native of Lancaster County, had been state music supervisor and chief of the state department of education's Division of Arts and Humanities.

During each concert, the choir will perform a number of varied works, including the following: "Quem Vidistis Pastores"; "Jesus Sprach zu dem Blinden"; "Vulpus"; "Crucifixus"; Lotti; "Glory Be to God"; Rachmaninoff; "Judge Me, O God" (Psalm 43); Mendelssohn; "Create in Me, O God" (Psalm 51); Brahms; "Grant Unto Me the Joy of Thy Salvation"; Brahms; "Blessed He" (from "The Beatitudes"); Franck; "A Prayer of the Middle Ages"; Hanson; Psalm III, Lee; "The Last Words of David"; Thompson; "Witness"; arr. Fissinger; "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"; arr. Schroth; and "Ezekial Saw the Wheel"; arr. Dawson.

Driving Tips

driving really is a special kind of beast. And when you have to deal with it, you'll need to take special precautions.

Here are some tips to act on. Know how and when to brake in ice and snow. When you can, use the braking power of the engine by shifting into a lower gear, rather than braking. When you must brake, don't jam them on—tap and release them in a pumping motion. If your car goes into a skid, take your foot off the brake.

When you skid, don't panic. Don't oversteer, and stay away from the brakes. Take your foot off the gas pedal. Turn the steering wheel in the direction of the skid. If the rear end of the car is kidding toward the right, turn the steering wheel to the right. When you are able to regain steering control, you may be able to start braking by pumping the brakes lightly.

Beofe goin up a hill, increase speed, within reason, to build up momentum to help you climb. Before going down a hill,

especially a steep one, slow down by shifting into a lower gear. don't use your brakes going down a slippery hill. If you're parked on a slippery surface, start out slowly. If your wheels start spinning, let up on the accelerator until traction is returned.

If you are stuck in a rut, avoid spinning your wheels, since this will aggravate the problem. If you have some salt or sand, spread it in front and in back of your driving wheels (or use traction mats if you have them.) If this doesn't work, try to rock the car out of the rut by alternately shifting from reverse to second gear (if your car has an automatic transmission, check your owners' manual to be sure you can do this with your car).

And, remember the common sense things like having the battery inspected, the antifreeze checked, and the gas tank filled before starting out on a trip, even a short one. Nothing is more frustrating than getting stuck on the road because you forgot the obvious.

Safe Driving Tips

What do you do when your engine starts making smoke signals? When your automatic transmission won't transmit?

If you're a mechanic, you may respond with calm assurance. If you're a layman, though, you probably panic. To help you keep your cool, a common sense guide to everyday automotive crises has been compiled by AMERICA, the Datsun Student Travel Guide, and passed along by Dee Gee Imports in Gettysburg. For instance:

1) When you turn on your car's engine, a loud ticking noise comes from under the hood.

All automobile engines are lubricated and to a certain extent cooled by motor oil. Without sufficient oil, the engine quickly wears out from internal heat and friction. Often the engine will make a ticking noise when there is not enough oil to lubricate it. The oil should be checked immediately, even if the ticking lasts only for a few moments when the engine is started. Most engine problems occur because of lack of oil. Between regular oil and filter changes, the oil level should be checked frequently.

2) When you accelerate, a high-pitched, squeaking noise comes from under the hood.

The water pump and alternator, as well as accessories such as air conditioning and power steering, are driven by belts connected to pulleys which are bolted onto the front end of the engine. If the belts become too dry or too loose, they begin slipping on the

pulleys and create a high-pitched sound—much like the squeaking sound chalk makes on a blackboard. Tightening the belt or applying a special lubricant may be all that is needed.

3) Your car's automatic transmission suddenly begins to slip and then shifts abruptly.

In an automatic transmission, force is carried by fluid in the torque converter rather than by friction between the clutch disc and flywheel. If the transmission fluid gets too low, the torque converter is not able to transfer engine force to the transmission. The transmission fluid also serves other important functions—such as lubricating and cooling—and should be checked whenever the car develops an unusual shifting pattern.

Automatic transmission fluid should be changed every two years, and the transmission bands (friction devices, responsible for shifting gears in the automatic transmission) adjusted at the same time.

4) Your car makes high-pitched noises while cornering.

Your tires may be underinflated, which will cause poor steering response and premature tire wear.

5) Your car pulls to one side but does not make any noise.

If the tires appear to be all right, consider having the wheel alignment checked. Aligning the wheels places the tires at proper angles to the chassis so that they run true.

6) You are driving along when you hear a suspicious "hiss". The car hesitates and stalls. As the hissing continues, white smoke begins to rise from under the hood.

Probably the white smoke is really steam. Open the hood with caution and see if you can locate where the noise and steam are coming from. Often you will find that one of the radiator hoses has developed a hole. Since the engine may have overheated, don't do anything until it has had time to cool thoroughly. Do not try to

remove the radiator cap. Since the cooling system is pressurized, you risk getting scalded if you remove the cap before all the pressure has escaped. Never pour cold water into the radiator while the engine is hot; that could cause the engine block to crack. Driving the car when the engine is overheated can do extensive and expensive damage.

7) When you brake, there is a screech and the car pulls to one side.

Your car may need new brake shoes if it has drum brakes, or new brake pads if it has disc brakes. If brake shoes or pads are not replaced in time, grooves will be worn into the brake drums or discs (rotors) and they will have to be replaced also, which can be very expensive. Many types of disc brakes make some noise during braking even though the brake pads do not need replacement.

Newman Appointed

Dr. Herbert E. Newman, chairman of the Economics and Management Department at Hood College, was recently appointed to the Federal Taxation and Finance Committee of the National Tax Association—Tax Institute of America. Dr. Newman will serve a three-year term on the committee. The NTA—TIA is a national professional organization drawing

membership from among state and federal tax officials, academics, and lawyers and CPA's who are tax specialists. Dr. Newman was notified of his appointment to the Federal Taxation and Finance Committee by Association President James A. Papke of Purdue University. Dr. Newman has served a previous three year term on the committee.

Chesapeake Boat Show Opening

Want to forget one of the worst winters of the past century in Chesapeake Bay Country? Simple, just think ahead a couple weeks to the opening of the twenty-third Chesapeake Boat Show.

Regardless of Old Man Winter's mood more than 200 sail, power, paddle, and rowboats will drop anchor for the Feb. 5 opener of one of the nation's three biggest indoor nautical expositions.

The nine-day show will take over both the main and lower deck of the Armory, more than 116,000 square feet of the latest in boats, engines, electronic gear, marine accessories and nautical clothing.

Capt. Dottie James, show manager, promises the first showing anywhere ever of several new models in this year's show. Craft will range from 6-foot inflatables to 36

foot luxury cruisers. For those who like speed there will be the fastest of the late model expensive high performance craft capable of 90 knots or better.

The biggest outboard engines in the world, some of up to 200 horses, will also be on display, but the sailboat buff need not feel left out. The spacious main floor of the Armory will feature dozens of sailing craft with their mast billowing in the artificial wind.

Special attention will also be given to fishing craft, boats for the ocean, bay or smaller ones for rivers and creeks, Capt. James says. There will be a large selection of bass boats, canoes and pontoon boats.

The local show traditionally offers boating buffs of the mid-Atlantic their first opportunity to inspect the

latest models for the season ahead. More than several million dollars in sales have been run up in each of the exhibitions in the 1970's. The show usually attracts 60,000 or more viewers.

Boat Show hours this year are Saturdays noon to 10; Sundays, noon to 8 P.M., and weekdays, 4:30 to 10. Admission will be \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Protected free parking is available adjacent to the Armory.

CB'ers Receive Warning

As a result of information published by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission listing 92 deaths nationwide associated with Citizens Band radio antennas mounted on towers or masts adjacent to private dwellings, a warning was issued today regarding antenna installation by Donald H. Noren, Director of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Environmental Health Administration.

Mr. Noren said that most of the antenna accidents, which along with the deaths included 156 injuries, occurred when they were being installed or removed and came in contact with power lines.

Consumers are urged by the Administration's Product Safety Division to take the following precautions during installation or

removal of base station antennas:

1. Avoid putting up antennas ANYWHERE in the vicinity of power lines. If this cannot be avoided the local power company should be called in advance for further instructions.

2. Tie off the antenna with a rope so that in the event it should fall during installation or removal it will not touch power lines.

3. Before attempting installation or removal, consult with experienced persons.

Mr. Noren noted that two deaths, the result of CB accidents, have been reported in Maryland.

Arthritis Victims Up

Over 600,000 men, women, and children in the U.S. became new victims of arthritis in 1976, reports the Maryland Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

More than 20 million Americans now have arthritis so seriously that they need medical care, including 400,000 right here in Maryland.

Some 5 million Americans have rheumatoid arthritis, the most crippling kind. This inflammatory disease usually strikes between the ages of 20 and 45, although it can even affect children.

Other types include bursitis, gout, scleroderma, ankylosing spondylitis, and systemic lupus erythematosus.

The Arthritis Foundation says that arthritis, in all its forms, affects more people and causes more crippling than any other group of diseases.

To find out more, write for the free pamphlet, "Arthritis: The Basic Facts." It is available from the Frederick County office of the Arthritis Foundation in the Federated Charities Building, 22 South Market St., Frederick, Md. 21701.

No Safe Cigarette

There is no safe cigarette in the opinion of an authority on smoking who says it is a "cruel hoax" to encourage the public to think low-tar, low-nicotine cigarettes are safe.

contrary, reduction in the tar and nicotine content is likely to increase the health hazards for many present smokers, according to Jacquelyn Rogers, founder of SmokeEnders, the pioneer program teaching people to stop smoking. Approximately 100,000 persons, including over 8,000 doctors, nurses and other health care professionals have ceased smoking cigarettes under SmokeEnders tutelage. Mrs. Rogers cited a recent scientific study conducted by

the American Cancer Society which refiles designating low-tar, low-nicotine cigarettes as safe. She said she joins with others concerned with the subject who believe that low-tar, low-nicotine cigarettes would prompt many persons to smoke more cigarettes a day.

Additionally, smokers may be tempted to inhale the smoke of low-tar, low-nicotine cigarettes more deeply than the smoke of present cigarettes.

"Thus, those smokers would not be benefitting from less exposure to tars and nicotine, and would be exposed at the same time to more of the gases in cigarette smoke," Dr. Jon Rogers, co-founder, said.

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Mt. St. Mary's News

Doctor Robert Preston, associate professor of history at Mount Saint Mary's college, Emmitsburg, has participated in a seminar entitled, "The Communications Media and their Responsibilities to the Public" held recently on the campus of the University of North Florida at Jacksonville.

Dr. Preston, who joins a select panel of educators, publishers, and radio-television management personnel, amde a formal presentation during the "Legal Rights of Communications Media" segment of the day-long program.

Since joining the M.S.M. in 1968, Dr. Preston has expanded his teaching expertise into the field of mass communications, within which he instructs students to objectively analyze the content of local and network news programs.

Dr. Preston, a native of Darby, Pa., is a member of the American Historical Association, Phi Alpha Theta and the Organization of American Historians.

The communications forum was sponsored in part by the Florida Endowment for the Humanities and the University of North Florida.

Mount Saint Mary's College, through its acclaimed internship-cooperative program, continues to place qualified students in work experiences closely related to their fields of study.

Joseph Bathon, a sophomore from Elkton, Md., has joined the staff of the Centers for the Handicapped in Rockville, Md. Bathon is the first intern selected by the center midway through the academic year.

The position entails full-time employment for one year plus the earning of 15 academic credits. Bathon will help the handicapped in a variety of rehabilitative activities—infant programs, children's programs, adult activities programs, work activities, counseling, social rehabilitation, recreation and transportation.

Bathon and his fellow interns will live in center-provided housing of a cooperative nature, emphasizing personal responsibility and adaptability. At the completion of the year's internship, he will receive a \$1,000 scholarship in his name and that of the college, according to M.S.M.'s internship coordinator, Michael Sheerer.

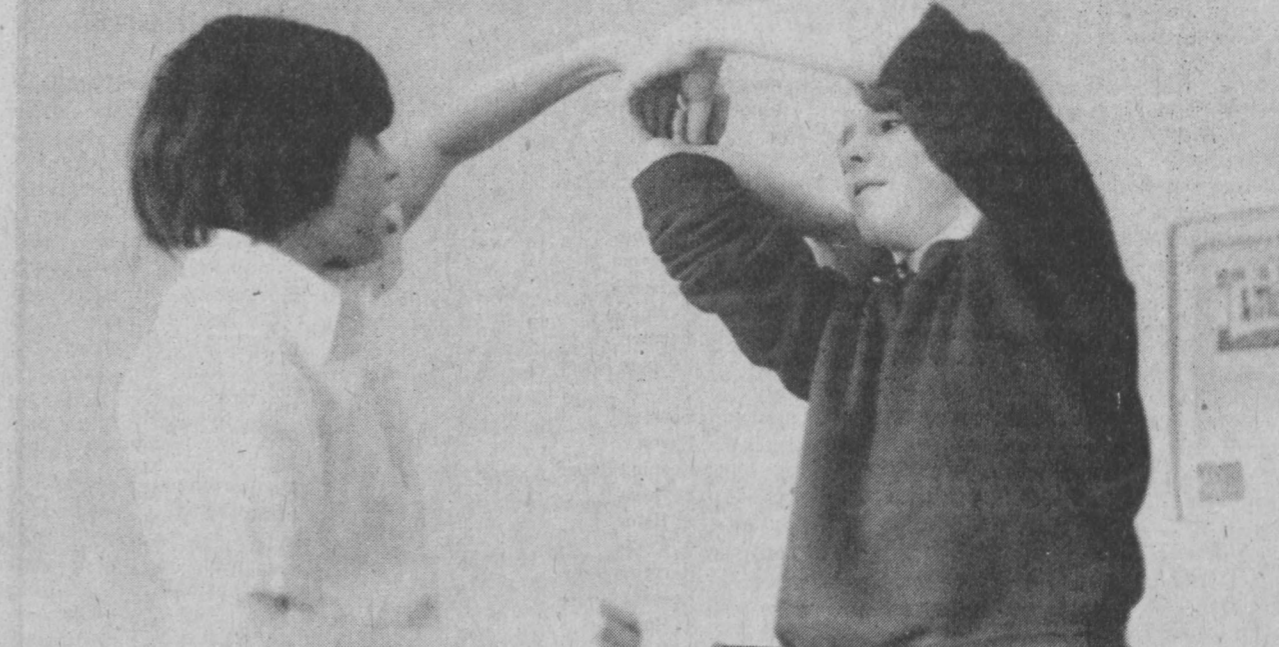
Bathon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bathon, Elkton, has been a member of Mount Saint Mary's Interdorm Council and a staff photographer for Fridge, the college yearbook.

The Dean of Academic Affairs at Mt. St. Mary's College has announced that 385 students, or 22 percent of the total enrollment, earned positions on the Academic Dean's List for the first semester. To qualify, a student must achieve a Grade Point Average of 3.25 out of a possible 4.00 for the semester's work.

Dean Bernard S. Kaliss said this year's list comprises 57 Freshman, 90 Sophomores, 87 Juniors and 151 Seniors.

Area students are as follows:

Belinda K. Troupe, Frederick, Md.
 Frederick M. Jay M. Wallingford, Frederick, Md.
 William R. Hughes, III, Brunswick, Md.
 Roseanne M. Connors, Emmitsburg, Md.
 Sharon A. Danner, Emmitsburg, Md.
 Thomas D. Eckenrode, Emmitsburg, Md.
 Steven M. Hollinger, Emmitsburg, Md.
 Julianne M. Lacroce, Emmitsburg, Md.
 Katherine M. Marshall, Emmitsburg, Md.
 Anne E. Morningstar, Emmitsburg, Md.
 Romaine F. O'Brien, Emmitsburg, Md.
 Lynne M. Phelan, Emmitsburg, Md.
 Eugenia M. Ryan, Emmitsburg, Md.
 Edward T. Seidel, Emmitsburg, Md.
 Virginia Preston, Emmitsburg, Md.
 Mrs. Sheila R. Corbett, Mt. Airy, Md.
 Christopher A. Cunningham, Mt. Airy, Md.
 Jeanne A. Harshman, Mt. Airy, Md.
 Victoria J. Anjos, Myersville, Md.
 Gary J. Orndorff, Rocky Ridge, Md.
 John F. Ecker, Sabillasville, Md.
 Joyce A. Draper, Smithsburg, Md.
 Mary S. Short, Sykesville, Md.
 Marguerite M. Gorman, Taneytown, Md.
 Cindy L. Little, Taneytown, Md.
 Julia C. Neal, Taneytown, Md.
 Steven D. Powell, Taneytown, Md.
 Jacqueline A. Kos, Thurmont, Md.
 Jeffrey L. Miller, Thurmont, Md.



12-year-old M. J. Golibart, with the help of his assistant Jeff Green, successfully "snatched" 44 pennies propelled from his elbow, thus breaking a Guinness World Record. The

previous coin snatching record was held by Chris Redford of England, who in 1973 snatched 39 coins. The record breaking event took place in the Chronicle office to the amazement of the staff.

Radiation Can Cause Cancer

Recent studies confirm a link between thyroid cancer and childhood radiation of the head and neck.

The Medical and Surgical Faculty of the State of Maryland formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Thyroid Cancer with representation from the Maryland Hospital Association to study the situation and to recommend a course of action to the physicians of Maryland.

Thyroid cancer is a rare form of tumor which can be successfully treated. Death from thyroid cancer is a rare occurrence. An independent mass screening program has not been recommended for Maryland.

James P.G. Flynn, M.D., Chairman of the Committee on Thyroid Cancer, states, "Anyone suspecting they may have this problem should contact their physician or regular source of medical care. Physicians in Maryland are being alerted to the most recent information available on the treatment and management of thyroid cancer."

State and county medical societies maintain a list of board certified internists, endocrinologists and surgeons available both to physicians and to the public. Persons without a source of primary care may call the Medical and Surgical Faculty office at 539-0872, or one of the County Medical Societies for the name of a physician to contact in their area.

Area Deaths

Mr. Gerald Noel Ryder
 Mr. Gerald Noel Ryder, of 325 N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, died Monday, Jan. 17, at the Colton Manor Nursing Home in Hagerstown. He was 83 years of age and husband of the late Grace A. Cool Ryder; the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ryder.

For many years he was a maintenance man at St. Joseph's Central Home.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, Knights of Columbus and a charter member of the VFW and American Legion posts of Emmitsburg. He served in the U.S. Army in World War I and served in France.

He is survived by the following children: Gerald F. Ryder, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Wales Rightmour, Hyattsville, and William C. Ryder, Hagerstown; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 20 with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

The Rev. Harry Kuhn officiated. Interment was in the new St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Mr. Stuart L. Geisbert Sr.
 Mr. Stuart L. Geisbert Sr., husband of Mrs. Mabel Elizabeth Stup Geisbert, formerly of Rt. 1, Thurmont, and more recently residing at Mechanicsville, Mr., died on Saturday morning, Jan. 15, at Saint Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, after a lengthy illness. He was born in Adamstown, June 4, 1895, the son of the late Calvin M. and Margaret Snauffer Geisbert. Mr. Geisbert was a life-long farmer of Frederick County in the Buckeystown-Urbana area and in the Lewistown district.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are two sons, Stuart L. Geisbert Jr., Mechanicsville; Richard E. Geisbert, Clarksburg, two daughters, Mrs. Lyle S. Wright Adelphi and Mrs. Harry W.T. Fouche, Kissimmee, Fla., one brother, Calvin M. Geisbert, Frederick, and four sisters, Mrs. Lillian Ramey, Thurmont; Mrs. Margaret Harden, Forestville, Mrs. Martha Yesbeck, Cheverly, and Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Hagers.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from the funeral home of Smith, Fadey, Keeney and Basford in Frederick on Jan. 18, with Rev. Dennis E. Yocum, pastor of the Lewistown United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Elmer R. Fleagle
 Mr. Elmer Reuel Fleagle, 77, died Friday Jan. 21 at West Carrollton, Ohio. He was born in Thurmont, the son of the late George P. and Elizabeth K. Wireman Fleagle.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Lena Alexander, Blue Ridge Summit; Mrs. Rose Lynn, Thurmont; Mrs. Ethel Jackson, Woodsboro; four brothers, Elder David C. Fleagle, Ft. Myers, Gilbert C. Fleagle, Thurmont; Franklin Fleagle, Falling Waters, W. Va.

Services were held in West Carrollton Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Mrs. Homer Shipley
 Jean Frailey Shipley, 57, Randallstown, died January 17, 1977, at the Baltimore County General Hospital. Born in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late William A. and Janet Frailey of Emmitsburg. She is survived by her husband Homer Shipley and four daughters: JoAnn, Lynne, Susan and Gaille and one son William F. Shipley.

Funeral services were held on January 20, 1977, from the Haight Funeral Home, Sykesville, with burial in Grace United Church of Christ Cemetery, Taneytown, Md.

Mrs. M. Gertrude Stoner
 Mrs. M. Gertrude Stoner, 92, Thurmont, died Saturday, Jan. 22, at Michael Manor, Gettysburg, Pa., where she had been a guest for three years.

She was the widow of William J. Stoner. She was born in Clearfield, Pa., May 12, 1884, a daughter of the late Daniel R. and Eugenia Harman Rouzer.

Open Line

This regular column serves as another vehicle to keep in touch with all segments of my constituency. It is an open invitation for you to question me on issues, let me assist you with your problems, request information or comment on whatever happens to be on your mind. Letters should be sent to me, c/o U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. While space is obviously limited for printing all replies, I shall make every effort to answer each person who contacts me.

The following questions were typical of the kind asked of me in recent weeks:

I understand you are now a member of the Armed Services Committee. What kind of legislation usually comes before this Committee?

Legislative jurisdiction includes the Department of Defense, size and composition of the armed forces, ammunition depots, forts, military reservations and establishments, pay, promotion, retirement and other benefits and privileges of members of the armed forces, conservation and development and use of naval petroleum and oil shale reserves, strategic and critical materials necessary for the common defense, selective service, and special oversight of international arms control and disarmament, and military dependent education.

Where can I obtain a list of miles-per-gallon ratings for 1977 cars?

The Federal Energy Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency have jointly issued the "1977 Gas Mileage Guide for New Car Buyers". You may obtain a personal copy by writing, fuel economy, Pueblo, Colorado.

What is the amount of increase for VA pensioners that recently took effect?

A 7 percent increase in monthly benefit rates for Veterans Administration pensioners, plus, increases in the annual income limits on which the pensions are based, became effective January 1, 1977. About a million veterans survivors receiving VA pensions are affected by the new law.

Do you have any information on Federal grant and loan programs for education.

A free booklet entitled "Federal Financial Aid Program" is available from the Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colorado. The booklet describes five grant and loan programs for college, vocational and technical students and includes eligibility and application requirements.

What is the Government in the Sunshine Act?

Basically, the law makes the Federal Government decision-making process open to the public. Under the law, Federal agencies headed by more than one Presidential appointee must give advance notice of meeting times and hold meetings open to the public.

Do you have any questionnaire results?

I am still in the process of tabulating the large volume of questionnaires being returned to my office. As soon as the results are available they will be published in my newsletter, and sent to local newspapers and radio and television stations.

Tax Assistance

The IRS also provides help over the telephone for taxpayers who cannot find answers to their questions in the tax packages. These calls are periodically monitored by IRS to ensure quality service. The best time to call are before 10 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, when lines are least busy.

The number listed in the packages for our area of Maryland, toll-free 1-800-492-0460.

Taxpayers who still have difficulty with their return after checking the instructions and calling IRS, can visit an office for free assistance.

The quickest and handiest source of IRS tax information is the tax package mailed recently to taxpayers. In addition to answering many questions, the tax package also includes order blanks for obtaining free publications from the IRS on such topics as medical deductions, charitable contributions, tax benefits for older Americans, alimony payments, the Earned Income Credit, and how to apply for an extension of time to file.

No Reconciliation Form Required

Employers are no longer required to file a Reconciliation Form (MW-508) with the State Income Tax Division as that form has been discontinued. "We are receiving many telephone inquiries from employers concerning the reconciliation form," Mr. Goldstein said. "None of those forms were mailed out this year because the Wage and Tax Statement is all that is necessary."

The Wage and Tax Statement should show the total wages paid and the Maryland income tax withheld during 1976.

The recommendations of the Select Committee for

End To Committees And Cutbacks Seen

As the Congress of the United States starts its 95th Session, we of the V.F.W. are very much concerned about the dissolution of Veterans Committees and eventual cutbacks in Veterans Benefits. Senate Resolution 586 has been proposed to the Committee on Rules and Administration recommending the abolishment of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and to combine these functions with those of Labor, Aging and Public Welfare under the heading of the Human Resources Committee.

Let me state for the record that the nearly 2 million members of the V.F.W. are unalterably opposed to the dissolution of this Committee. The abolishment of this Senate Committee would seriously impede the Congress' ability to deal effectively with veteran programs and would constitute a major set-back in our continuing effort to provide the best care and services to our nearly 30 million veterans from all wars.

The recommendations of the Select Committee for

Tax Assistance

Internal Revenue Service is offering a variety of free taxpayer assistance in preparation of 1976 income tax returns.

Knowing where to get help is especially important this year, because of the changes in the tax law for 1976 in such areas as child care expenses, income received during retirement, disability pay, business use of a home, and the need for all taxpayers to compute their taxable income.

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Household Name	Color	Sex	A	Marital Status	Occupation	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
Devilbiss, George	W	M	52	M	Farmer	Md.	Md.	Md.
Devilbiss, Sarah	W	F	46	M	Keeping House	Md.	Md.	Md.
Devilbiss, Leroy F.	W	M	19	S	Farm Laborer	Md.	Md.	Md.
Devilbiss, Eaden A.	W	F	12	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Devilbiss, Anna M.	W	F	9	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Devilbiss, George W.	W	M	7	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Devilbiss, Francis F.	W	M	4	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Devilbiss, John C.D.	W	M	68	S	Farmer	dMd.	Pa.	Md.
Sumwalt, Runion	W	M	73	D	Keeping House	Md.	Md.	Pa.
Sumwalt, Rachael	W	F	63	S	Keeping House	Md.	Md.	Pa.
Sumwalt, Isaac H.	W	M	58	S	Farmer	Md.	Ohio	Md.
Barton, Thomas H.	W	M	58	M	Farmer	Md.	Md.	Md.
Barton, Harriet	W	F	18	M	Farmer	Md.	Md.	Md.
Barton, William H.	W	M	17	S	Keeping House	Md.	Md.	Md.
Barton, Emma C.	W	M	16	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Barton, Issac T.	W	M	34	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Wastler, Jonas	W	M	31	M	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Wastler, Diana A.	W	F	10	M	Farm Laborer	Md.	Md.	Md.
Wastler, Walter C.	W	M	7	S	Keeping House	Md.	Md.	Md.
Wastler, Lemuel E.	W	M	4	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Wastler, Thomas G.	W	M	4	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Wastler, Charles B.	W	M	62	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Sharer, Ephraim	W	M	50	M	Farmer	Md.	Md.	Md.
Sharer, Mary	W	F	19	M	Farmer	Md.	Md.	Md.
Sharer, George W.	W	M	16	S	Keeping House	Md.	Md.	Md.
Sharer, Anna M.	W	F	13	S	Farm Laborer	Md.	Md.	Md.
Sharer, Catharine	W	F	45	S	House Keeping	Md.	Md.	Md.
Miller, Wm.	W	M	40	M	At Home	Pa.	Pa.	Pa.
Miller, Julia A.	W	F	17	M	School Teacher	Md.	Md.	Md.
Miller, Henry J.	W	M	7	S	Keeping House	Md.	Pa.	Md.
Miller, Effie C.	W	F	4	S	Farm Laborer	Md.	Pa.	Md.
Miller, Emma J.	W	F	2	S	At Home	Md.	Pa.	Md.
Miller, Sara R.	W	F	10/12	S	At Home	Md.	Pa.	Md.
Miller, Carrie	W	F	57	S	At Home	Md.	Pa.	Md.
Weyant, Elias	W	M	57	M	At Home	Md.	Pa.	Md.
Weyant, Eliz.	W	F	57	M	Farmer	Md.	Pa.	Pa.
Whitmore, Joshua	W	F	25	S	Keeping House	Md.	Pa.	Md.
Whitmore, Laura R.	W	F	32	M	Blacksmith	Md.	Pa.	Md.
Whitmore, Ellie M.	W	F	4	M	Keeping House	Md.	Md.	Md.
Whitmore, Darsy N.	W	F	2	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Whitmore, Fannie	W	F	1	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Whitmore, Alfred	W	F	42	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Whitmore, Ann C.	W	F	38	M	Farmer	Md.	Pa.	Md.
Whitmore, Clara M.	W	F	18	M	Keeping House	Md.	Md.	Md.
Whitmore, Annie E.	W	F	15	S	House Keeping	Md.	Md.	Md.
Whitmore, Ora C.	W	F	11	S	House Keeping	Md.	Md.	Md.
Whitmore, Emma B.	W	F	8	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Whitmore, Charles E.	W	M	5	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.
Whitmore, Mary D.	W	F	2	S	At Home	Md.	Md.	Md.

Girl Scout News

Girl Scout Leaders and Troop Cookie Chairmen met at the home of Mrs. Louise Moss, Old Frederick Road, on Monday evening, January 17. Mrs. Moss, as Community Cookie Chairman, distributed the materials for the troops to begin February 26 and close March 30. Said Mrs. Moss, "With six different kinds of cookies, there is something for everyone. Let's get out and sell. The more boxes the troop sells, the more cash for its treasury and the more profit for Girl Scout activities in the Council. Each troop collects 20 cents per box for its own activities. One troop has high hopes of going to Disneyland. Let's all help with cookies. Boxes are \$1.25 each. They will be on sale February 26.

Thinking Day is rapidly approaching and plans were made for a Community celebration to be held on Sunday, February 20 at the American Legion Home in Thurmont. This will be a covered dish supper at 5:30, eat at 6:00, with all Girl Scouts and families invited. Thinking Day is an annual event, held on February 22, or

near that time, when Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world think of their sister scouts and guides. In connection with this idea, each troop has chosen a country which they will study and present as part of the evening program in the form of a skit, dance, song, display or whatever they desire. In memory of the Founder of Girl Scouts in the U.S.A., the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund was established fifty years ago at her death. Girls contribute to this fund through the local troops and at the Thinking Day supper the monies will be gathered in a special ceremony. This fund is used to help spread Scouting throughout the world as well as give girls and adults opportunities to visit other countries in the interests of World Friendship, and to bring others from their homes to our country.

March 12, 1912 was the date on which Girl Scouting in the U.S.A. was founded. This year the movement will celebrate its 65th birthday. A big celebration is planned for all of Area X, which comprises Frederick County, at the Fredericktowne Mall on March 12. Those troops which wish to participate will display, act, sing, dance, demonstrate, sell, talk, whatever a troop decides. Everyone is invited to this Festival of Troops from 11:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Mrs. Sheila Charles, Community 60 Director, says: "This will really tell the Scout story as each troop does its own thing. I hope they have a big enough birthday cake so we can all have a piece. See the candles around the pool area of the Mall and discover what is going on in Frederick County among the girls in brown and green.

Other activities discussed at the meeting and listed on the calendar were special training sessions for each level leader; Company's Coming, a special training session for leaders on February 9 or 12 with a bus leaving Frederick for the Feb. 12 session which will be held in Baltimore; a Central Maryland Council activity "Stretching Out" to be held on May 14 for all people involved in Scouting. This will be an all day event in which girls will have the opportunity to do many things as they learn of other people and cultures through the many resources in Baltimore.

The Area Association meeting will be held on April 11 and a special Area Association Dinner is being planned for May 23 at which time all girls who have achieved First Class last year and this year will be the honored guests.

Community 60 includes all scouting in Lewistown, Thurmont, and Emmitsburg. Leaders and troop cookie chairmen present were Dorothy Seiss, Ginny Preston, Mary Greco, Betsy Baker, Marta Griffith, Edie Whipp, Jaonne Trapani, Nancy Bomango, Becky Oyhus, Beth Ruppel who is Troop Service Director for Thurmont and Lewistown. Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Chatlos. Next meeting will be held March 21, at 8:00 P.M. in Emmitsburg Scout Room.

From 25 Years Ago

PERSONALS

Holiday visitors at the home of Mrs. Mary Claudia Rosensteel, E. Main St., were Mr. and Mrs. William Rosensteel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sprankle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Armheim, all of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. George Constantine and family, Silver Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Polly and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kleppinger and family, all of Fairfield; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houck, Misses Teresa and Margaret Houck, George Callon, Prof. Richard Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bushman and Mr. Joseph Hoke, all of town.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rosensteel, E. Main St., were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown, Lantz, Md. Mr. and Mrs. William Rosensteel and family, Mrs. Herbert Sprankle, all of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Geor. Constantine and family, Silver Spring, Md.; Mr. and Mrs.

Bishop Dubois Discovered

"Why the Chimes Rang," a playlet, which emphasizes the Christ story, presents a suitable setting for the rendition of two outstanding numbers by the Glee Club: "The Sleep of the Child Jesus" and "Aleluia." The play has the following cast: Holger, Kent Dukehart; Steen, George Arnold; Bertel, William Kincaid and an old woman, Agnes Haley. Others in the supporting cast are Margaret Wivell, Margaret Kane, Gail Sanders, Earl Wetzel, Joseph Doyle, Raymond Sanders, Leo Topper and Joseph Scott. A silver offering will be taken to aid in defraying the expenses of the production and maintaining the Glee Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bollinger, E. Main St., had their daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Poole and Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Bower and all their grandchildren home for Christmas dinner on Christmas Day.

Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary, has received word that the remains of its founder, Bishop John Dubois, have been found following a search spanning two decades.

In a letter to Msgr. Hugh J. Phillips, president emeritus, the trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, report the finding of Dubois' remains, along with those of Bishop John Connolly beneath Mott Street at the foot of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in lower Manhattan.

"This is extremely good news," exclaimed Msgr. Phillips. "For years no one knew what had become of our beloved founder—the news of the find is of great joy to the entire Mount Saint Mary's family."

Bishop John Dubois founded the college and seminary at Emmitsburg in 1808. While serving as the institution's first president, Dubois assisted St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint, in establishing her first religious settlement "on the mountain" on the campus.

It was Dubois, who, while serving as the third bishop of New York, ordained Blessed John Neuman into the priesthood in 1836. Neuman, the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, is slated to be canonized as a saint of the Church in 1977.

Personals

Mr. & Mrs. John G. Humerick had quite a surprise Christmas Eve. Their son Mike and family from Victorville, California, came home for the holidays. Also on hand was Linda Humerick of Baltimore, Md., Tom Humerick and family of Virginia Beach, Va., and Dorothy Fink and family of Baltimore, Md.

It was the first time in fourteen years the entire family had been home all together. Mike and family visited four days and then returned to California. A very memorable time was had by all.

Paul Carter, Jr., St. Joseph's High School, and Paul Smith, W. Main St. marched in the Inaugural Parade in Washington on Thursday, Jan. 20th. They were part of the group known as "Thomas Brigade". This group was made up of boys from different states who belong to Civil War Reenact-

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Prices Higher

Northeast farm market prices were higher for the week of January 10, reports the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, due mostly to adverse weather conditions. Prices were higher on all commodities, except on hens and toms, where they eased off slightly, and on carcass veal, slaughter steers, barrows and gilts, in some instances were lower.

Eastern milk production in December, ranged from a 4 percent decline in Vermont to a 6 percent increase in Virginia, with Maryland and Pennsylvania both up 5 percent and New York up 1 percent, as compared to December 1975.

Milk production, this week, was about steady in all areas. However, a few fractional fluctuations up and down were noted. Fluid supplies were ample to occasionally excessive of a slow to fair Class I demand. Some school milk programs were disrupted as extreme cold and snow storms covered most of the East Coast early in the week. Diversions of surplus milk to Class II channels ranged moderate to heavy. The call for bottled milk was slow, rarely fair.

The demand for cottage cheese was a little slower this week.

Movement of condensed skim was seasonally fair to good. Fluid cream supplies were ample, and occasionally excessive of a slow spot buying interest.

Ice cream production was generally slow to quite heavy where plants rebuilt inventories.

Interest in sour cream and cream cheese was seasonally good. Churning activity remained heavy but slightly lighter than prior weeks.

Northeastern area fruit and vegetable trading was mostly moderate to active during the week. The demand for potatoes was good for limited offerings and prices were higher. Export of potatoes continued.

New York onions were in moderate demand at higher prices.

Cabbage from upstate New York was priced sharply higher due to a demand exceeding offerings.

New York apple demand ranged from fairly light to moderate at about unchanged prices.

The F.O.B. shipping point price for 50-pound sacks of potatoes ranged from \$3.25 to \$3.37, and \$2.75 for offerings from Maine.

New York onions brought \$5.40 to \$6 per 50-pound sack.

Danish cabbage advanced to \$7 per 50-pound sack. Cartons of 12-three pound bags of McIntosh apples from New York sold \$6 to \$6.75.

conditions limited the availability of poultry.

Broiler-fryers negotiated prices for immediate delivery including multiple-drop shipments to New York City, were 40 to 41 cents for Grade A and 39 to 40 cents for plant grade. The undertone was firm.

On the Delmarva Peninsula, broiler-fryer processing schedules were at near record levels, following early week's closing due to adverse weather conditions. Live supplies were ample. Sizes were heavy to moderate-cook demand was fair to good.

New York chicken part prices advanced sharply. The demand for legs were good but fairly good for other items. Available offerings were clearing easily. Prices paid per pound, ice packed, delivered in pool trucklot and trucklot quantities were: 71 to 76 cents for breast, mostly 71 to 72 cents; and 43 to 50 cents for legs, mostly 44 to 45 cents.

Turkey trading activity on carlot and trucklot young turkeys, U.S. Grade A, froze, FOB, New York, were as follows: 8 to 16 pound hens, 48 cents; 14 to 22 pound toms, 51 cents.

Prices eased off slightly on hens and toms, but held steady on fryer-roasters. Trading was relatively light at all levels of distribution. Offerings were fully adequate for the seasonal requirements. Some retail outlets were more active in securing breasts, drumsticks and small sized birds as prices on other poultry and meat items changed due to the cold weather conditions.

Northeastern livestock and meat prices were generally higher this past week. At Lancaster, Vintage and New Holland, Pa., auctions, slaughter steers sold steady to firm. At the Pennsylvania York and ten upstate New York auctions, utility cows were \$1.50 to \$2 higher. Vealers ranged \$1 to \$3 higher, and in some instances \$5 higher. Slaughter barrows and gilts sold 50 cents to \$1 lower in Pennsylvania. At Omaha slaughter steers closed weak to 50 cents lower with barrows and gilts 25 to 75 cents higher.

Choice 2 to 4 slaughter steers, 900 to 1,350 pounds, ranged from \$39.75 to \$42.25 in Pennsylvania, while at Omaha they brought \$38 to \$39.

In New York and Pennsylvania, utility 2 to 3 cows went from \$24.50 to \$29.50, with a few up to \$30.25.

Choice vealers, 150 to 320 pounds, sold from 60 to \$76. High-standard to low-choice vealers, 90 to 110 pounds, went from \$33 to \$46.

U.S. 1 to 3 barrows and gilts, 200 to 240 pounds, brought \$39.50 to \$40.50 at Pennsylvania auctions, \$39 to \$40 at Omaha.

On the East Coast, carcass steer beef was steady to 50 cents higher, utility cow beef was \$2 to \$3 higher, and carcass veal closed from steady to \$3 lower.

Choice 3 steer beef, 600 to 800 pounds, brought \$64.50 to \$64.75. Utility boning 2 to 3 cow beef sold at \$50 to \$51. Prime special fed veal, hide on, 180 to 225 pounds, went from \$107 to \$112. High-Standard to Low-Choice veal, 34 pounds and down, brought \$46 to \$49, and fresh pork loins, 14 to 17 pounds, were unestablished.

4-H Progressive Club Meets

The monthly meeting of the Rocky Ridge Progressive 4-H Club was held at the Rocky Ridge Firehall on Jan. 17th at 7:30 P.M.

Due to the Teen Conference Speaker, our Club did not have a Secretary's Report or a Treasurer's Report. Charles Biser reported on the Christmas Party held at the last meeting. Eric Wivell

reported on the Junior Boys winning their basketball game against Tom's Creek 4-H Club. The score was 46-14. Leader, Mark Wivell, told of the rules that the members should follow during and after the games.

Old President Jeff Wivell, turned the gavel over to the New President, Angie Wivell. Leader, Patty Hahn, passed

out the program books for the New Year. Annie Wivell announced that the January 18th meeting concerning the new senior report forms will be held in the 4-H Office at 7:30, with the leaders and the staff of W.Z.Y.A. There will be a public speaking workshop in the 4-H Office at 7:30, Feb. 8th. Insurance for Frederick County is \$1.00 for leaders

and \$2.00 for the Club. It was moved and seconded that the Club pay the insurance. The meeting was adjourned with Becky Keiholtz and Charles Biser holding recreation. Donna Porter moved adjournment, seconded by Mike Pue. Refreshments were served by the Joe and Jim Wivell families. The next meeting will be held Feb. 21st at the Rocky Ridge Firehall at 7:30 P.M.

Mary Keiholtz, Reporter

Catoctin FFA Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Catoctin FFA Chapter was held on January 11 in Lecture Hall B with 81 members present.

The opening ceremonies were conducted by the Parliamentary Procedure Team with Chalk Dawson as President.

Steve Wivell reported on the corn pick-up which was held at the Mark Muller farm.

Mr. Arrington reported on the Poultry judging contest to be held at Catoctin High School in February.

The Chapter will observe National FFA Week, February 20-26. Some of the activities planned are a

church service, knowledge contest, Roller Skating party, public speaking contest, and a Pizza Party.

Also during this week a meeting will be held where the Chapter Farmer Degrees will be presented.

Pork Standard Set

Establishment of a new standard for pork products—labeled, for example, "country", "country style", or "dry cured" ham or pork shoulder—was announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The standard is designed to help maintain those "country-cured" characteristics—including taste and texture—traditionally associated with products which, years ago,

were prepared by the application of salt and the removal of natural moisture through drying or aging under natural climatic conditions.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said over 200 written comments were received from processors, industrial, national, and State associations, consumers, and other public

respondents on the proposal, which was issued in Sept., 1975 (Press release USDA 2735-75).

About 160 of those comments favored the standard, eight opposed it entirely, and less than 40 expressed objection to some part of it, APHIS officials said.

USDA's federal meat inspection standard defines products such as "country style ham"

or "dry cured pork shoulder" as uncured, cured, dried, smoked or unsalted meat food products made from a single piece of meat from the ham or shoulder respectively. The finished product must be capable of being distributed without refrigeration and weigh at least 18 percent less than the fresh uncured product. In addition it must meet specific preparation requirements, including the following:

"The product must be treated for the destruction of possible live trichinae. The entire exterior of the ham or pork shoulder must be coated by dry application of salt, or salt combined with other approved ingredients, and may be recoated as necessary to ensure complete salt penetration. The combined period of curing and salt equalization must not be less than 45 days for hams and not less than 25 days for pork shoulders.

"Following curing and salt equalization, an additional drying period for products labeled "dry cured" shall not be less than 10 days for hams and not less than 15 days for pork shoulders. For products labeled "country" or "country style", the additional drying period must not be less than 25 days.

Federal disaster payments for the 1976 crop of corn in Maryland totalled 118,000 last year, Francis E. Lookingbill, State Executive Director of the Maryland State ASCS Office reported.

"Figures compiled through December showed that \$289 million had been paid nationally for 1976 crop damage, as compared with \$139 million by the end of 1975, and \$209 million by the end of 1974," Lookingbill said.

Marine Private James L. Morgan, Jr., grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Eyer of Route 1, Taneytown, Md., has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

Farmers Receive Payments

The number of applications filed by farmers during these periods totalled 386,144 in 1976; 260,621 in 1975 and 451,831 in 1974.

Lookingbill noted that extremely dry weather over much of the U.S. caused considerably increased use of the crop disaster program.

Under current legislation, farmers may be eligible for payment if they are prevented from planting wheat or feed grains or if

yields for these major crops are greatly reduced due to bad weather or other natural disaster. In 1976, most of the applications were for reduced yields, particularly in wheat and corn.

The crop disaster program is administered by USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASCS). Applicants for all USDA programs are given equal consideration without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

News

Offers Free Grain Report

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's Division of Marketing is offering the Maryland Grain and Feed Report free to those interested in the grain industry. The report, published weekly at Annapolis, has been acclaimed by many as one of the best up-to-date sources of statewide and national grain and feed price quotations available.

Headed by the weekly report is a narrative by John L. Crothers, Jr., Extension Service Marketing Specialist at the University of Maryland, giving global conditions and their influence on Maryland grain. The remainder of the front of the report is devoted to "Maryland Cash Grain Prices", with averages from Baltimore, Western Maryland, Central Maryland, and the Eastern Shore; "National Cash Grain Prices"; and "Natural Grain Futures Prices."

The second half of the report, starting with the "National Feed News Highlights", is primarily concerned with feed prices. "Maryland Cash Feed Prices" in Western Maryland, Central Maryland, and the Upper and Lower Eastern Shore help livestock and dairy producers relate their feed costs to current grain

values. "National Cash Feed Prices" with selected feedstuffs and markets are also quoted.

Richard Baker, Livestock Marketing Specialist for the Maryland Department of Agriculture provides Maryland livestock and poultry prices, the newest addition to the report. These weekly quotations complete the price cycle from grain to feedstuff to meat.

Richard P. Parsons, director of MDA's Division of Marketing, says "grain production is Maryland's second largest agricultural enterprise; and since it accounts for annual cash receipts in excess of 160 million dollars, the Maryland Grain and Feed Report has become a useful tool to farmers, grain dealers and processors."

The Maryland Grain and Feed Report, compiled by Bradley H. Powers, Field Crops Marketing Specialist with the Maryland Department of Agriculture is a cooperative effort between the State Department of Agriculture and USDA.

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NEWS NOTES



An old landmark was torn down to make way for an access road. Ashbaugh's Store and Ice House stood for many years on the turn on No. Seton Avenue.

To Provide For Birth Defects

With a \$5,000 contribution made this week to a medical service grant of the National Foundation-March of Dimes, the March of Dimes chapter here pledged support of a Regional Intensive Care Nursery Unit in three Baltimore hospitals that will provide facilities for birth defect babies born anywhere in Maryland.

When an infant is born with a problem at Frederick Memorial Hospital, for instance, and its physician feels it requires the facilities of the Intensive Care Nursery Unit, it will be flown by helicopter to one of three hospitals in Baltimore where equipment and specialists are available to provide the unique care for high risk babies.

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From January through October last year, 14 patients from Frederick Memorial Hospital were admitted to the regional nursery. Five were admitted in October alone.

Time elapsed from the moment of the attending

physician's call to the center to the moment of admission at the Baltimore hospital ranged from half-an-hour to three and one-half hours all over the state.

"Even with the declining birth rate, the numbers of infants referred to the intensive care unit has been steadily increasing since 1972. All of the hospitals in the communities of Maryland are eligible to participate in the program," explained Dr. Nicola M. Tauraso, chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Frederick County March of Dimes.

He said that the nursery units will operate in the University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore City Hospital, Johns Hopkins Hospital 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

A physician calls the Regional Intensive Care Nursery center at Baltimore City Hospitals and states he would like to transfer an infant. He is then informed which of the three participating hospitals has been alerted to receive the next patient. The infant is then

flown by helicopter by the Emergency Medical Services of the State of Maryland, without charge. Transport incubators are part of the system, as is the Baltimore City Fire Department Ambulance service.

Dr. Tauraso said that the program will reach out to every community in the state and will involve all hospitals currently delivering babies in Maryland. Dr. Ronald Gutberlet, coordinating neonatologist for the Regional Intensive Care Unit at the University Hospital, is currently visiting participating hospitals to finalize procedures for referral and transport of infants who will use the service.

"March of Dimes support of these nursery units is what the March of Dimes is all about," Dr. Tauraso said. "While we carry on research and education to eradicate birth defects, we also use the March of Dimes contributions to provide life-saving techniques and facilities for infants being born with birth defects."

Notice

The Governing Board of the Emmitsburg Lifelong Learning Council will hold its first quarterly meeting of the year on Thursday, January 27, 1977 at Seton Center at 7 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend. New officers of the board will be elected at this time.

Notice

The Emmitsburg School PTA will hold a general meeting on January 26, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. Among the topics to be discussed is the Calendar project. During the month of February, the drive for calendar sales will be underway. More facts will be forthcoming at the PTA meeting.

Notice

Everyone is invited to be at the Pioneer Baptist Church on 9 Hammaker Street in Thurmont, January 30th, to hear Paul Leaman, Brother Paul and his family were missionaries in New Guinea. He will be speaking in both the morning and evening services. His slide presentation of New Guinea will begin at 7 p.m. Scheduled services are as follows: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; morning worship service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 7:30 p.m. Rev. James A. Coblenz is the pastor. For more information call 271-7259.

Notice

The Dynamics will sponsor a dance January 29, 1977 at the Emmitsburg Community Center. The time will be 8 to 11 P.M. Two Way Traffic will supply the music and cost will be 1.50. Practice for the Dynamics will begin February 2, 1977 at the Emmitsburg Community Center.

Notice

The coldest recorded temperature in the history of Ft. Ritchie was logged in on January 17, according to Air Force Maj. William R. Neuman, Officer in Charge of the Air Force Global Weather Unit at Ft. Ritchie. At 6:30 a.m. the mercury dropped to an icy minus 9 degrees Fahrenheit, with a wind chill factor of minus 45 degrees Fahrenheit. This temperature is colder than the old record of minus 3 degrees set on January 16, 1972.

Boy Scout News

Scoutmaster James Dickinson and several of the local Boy Scouts ventured to Indian Look-Out for an overnight camping trip the weekend of January 16. In spite of sub-freezing temperatures, high winds and an abundance of snow and ice, the strong-hearted campers managed to have an enjoyable outing. Those making the trip were: Robert Plumb, Joseph Antolin, Frank Antolin, Bob Preston, Frank Bowers, Thomas Bohager, Douglas Beale and Fred Martinez.

Other recent Boy Scout activities for Troop 284 included an evening of ice skating on Flat Run. Though there were lots of tumbles and many spent much of the evening sitting on the ice, all agreed it was a great winter treat.

Plans are now being made for the observance of Boy Scout Month and the various activities that will be scheduled during the weeks of February.

February Community Calendar

Feb. 1, 1977 — The Social Ministry Committee of the Council of Churches will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Building.
Feb. 6 — Council of Churches, Executive Committee, at Elias Lutheran Church, 2:30 p.m.
Feb. 7 — Town Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the town office. Sonia Maher will speak on developing tourism in our area. Anyone interested may attend.
Feb. 8 — Boy Scout Court of Honor, Community Center at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym.
Trinity United Methodist Women meet at 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11 — VFW Auxiliary Post 6658 will sponsor a Sarah Coventry Party at 7:30 p.m. in the VFW. Proceeds of this party go to the "March of Dimes Drive".
Feb. 16 — Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Office.
Feb. 18 — CROP meeting with Mr. Stanley J. Noffsinger, the New Director for the Mid-Atlantic Region speaking; 7:30 p.m. at Trinity U. M. Church.
Feb. 21 — Trinity United Methodist Church. Administrative Board, 7:45 p.m.
Feb. 23-Mar. 2 — Evangelism Week in United Methodist Churches.
Feb. 27 — Evangelism Sunday in U.M. Church.
Feb. 28 — Tom's Creek United Methodist Church. Administrative Board and United Methodist Women. 7:30 p.m.
Every Wednesday — Trinity and Tom's Creek U.M. Choir practice at 7:00 p.m.
Every Thursday — Trinity and Tom's Creek U.M. Bible Study at the Parsonage. 7:30 p.m.

Notice

The Lakeview Recreation Center at Ft. Ritchie will feature a program on Norman Rockwell, Monday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a 12-minute film on the life and art of the popular illustrator, followed by a talk by Marlin Sieg, tour coordinator for the Norman Rockwell collection. Rockwell is perhaps best known for the covers he created for the Saturday Evening Post. KThe public is cordially invited to attend this fine program on America's best loved illustrator.

Parking will be available on 'D' and 'E' Avenues. Military Police will assist those visitors who are not familiar with the post.

Food

N'Friends

Jan 31 — Baked chicken pot pie, celery/carrot stix, cold tomato cup, bread/butter, applesauce, milk.

Feb 1 — Hot dog/roll, mashed potatoes, saurkraut, plums, cookie, milk.

Feb. 2 — Spaghetti/meat sauce, cheese stix, cole slaw, hot roll/butter, sliced peaches, cookie, milk.

Feb. 3 — Hamburg on roll, baked beans, stewed tomatoes, pears, doughnut, milk.

Feb. 4 — Orange Juice, submarine, potato chips, pickle chips, fruit cup, cookie, milk.

Project Day

Local church women are reminded of the February Project Day to be held next Tuesday, February 1, at Incarnation United Church of Christ. Work begins at 1:00 p.m. on various projects, though persons may come anytime during the afternoon to assist in preparing pads and bandages.

News

Navy Gunner's Mate Missile Seaman Ronald C. Greer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel C. Greer, Jr. of Route 1, Thorndale Farms, Taneytown, Md., has completed the Tartar Missile Course.

Seedlings Available

In an effort to improve wildlife habitat in Maryland, shrub seedlings are being offered in packets and bulk quantities under a Wildlife Administration program. The seedlings offered, when mature, will provide both food and cover for most wildlife species.

The Wildlife Shrub Program is a cooperative effort between two Department of Natural Resources agencies, the Wildlife Administration and the Forest Service. It provides the landowner with an opportunity to improve his land for wildlife by using shrub packets and, on a larger scale, with bulk orders of shrubs.

Shrub packets will cost \$2.00 each and contain seedlings approximately 12" tall. The 8 seedling packet will be comprised of 2 dogwood, 2 autumn olive, 2 crabapple, and 2 scotch pine.

Individual \$2 shrub packets will be distributed on the third Saturday of March (March 19, 1977) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at various distribution centers by Wildlife Administration personnel. A list of the distribution centers are as follows:

WESTERN REGION
Mt. Nebo W.M.A. - MD. 219 near Oakland - Garrett County
Billmeyer W.M.A. - U.S. 40 near Piney Grove - Allegany County
Indiana Springs W.M.A. - Blair Valley Road, 3 miles north of Clear Spring - Washington County
Lewistown Fish Hatchery -

Fish Hatchery Road, 8 miles north off Rt. 16 - Frederick County.

CENTRAL REGION
Gwynnbrook W.M.A. - Gwynnbrook & Bonita Aves., Owings Mills - Baltimore Co.
Black Hill Ranger Station - R. 2, Northeast - Cecil County
Kent Plaza Shopping Center - Rt. 213, north entrance to Chestertown - Kent County
Madonna Ranger Station - Madonna Road, Jarrettsville - Harford County
County Courthouse Square - Centreville - Queen Anne's Cou.

The landowner desiring bulk orders must contact the DNR Regional Service Centers in Bel Air, Cumberland, Laurel or Salisbury for application forms and instructions. These bulk orders may be made at a cost of \$15 for orders less than 1,000 and \$12 per thousand in orders of one-thousand or more, plus transportation charges.

The landowner should forward the completed application to the Buckingham Forest Tree Nursery in Harman, Md. A check or money order made payable to the Md. Forest Service must accompany the application. Applications will not be accepted at the nursery after March 15, 1977.

Those ordering bulk quantities of shrubs are requested to contact their district wildlife manager for assistance in developing an area management plan. If you do not know who your local district wildlife manager is, you can find out by contacting the regional service center.

The Charles Town Races opens its 1977 racing season Friday, January 28 with 10 races scheduled and the return of some familiar names, Robert Leavitt and the Big Exact.

Returning to Charles Town after a retirement which began at the end of the 1975 racing season is Robert C. Leavitt. Leavitt, 17 years the general manager of Shenandoah Downs, replaces William Z. Schwadron as general manager of the Charles Town Races. Under Leavitt's direction, Shenandoah Downs became one of the singularly successful racing operations in the country, implementing night Thoroughbred racing, so-called exotic wagering and computerized threway ticket selling machines.

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Horoscope by Nerak

Aquarius - New situations may turn up. Avoid the excesses and extremes.
Pisces - Unprepared for happenings may arise to interrupt and otherwise smooth schedule. Watch out.
Aries - That new enterprise you've been waiting to embark upon is ready. Time is right.
Taurus - Changes in job may bring confusion. Take things in stride.

Gemini - Those in positions to help you attain goals are in close range. Now polish up!
Cancer - Your smooth routine may run aground with quick changes. Hold on and do your best.
Leo - Don't mix business with pleasure or you may mess up. Caution!
Virgo - Tried and true is still the best. Use it for furthering yourself.
Libra - Don't press too hard

on matters that interest you. You could lose it all.
Scorpio - Strategic approaches will help you win out. Don't be aggressive or overly forceful.
Sagittarius - Quality not quantity is what counts. Remember this in all endeavors.
Capricorn - Originality and research will make your work finer and more wanted. Take your time.

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Catoctin Girls Top Westminster

Catoctin rallied in the second half to beat Westminster 47-42 in girls basketball Thursday at Thurmont.

Walkersville Defeats Catoctin

Walkersville held off a fourth period Catoctin comeback and defeated the Cougars 65-55 in MVAA action, Tuesday night.

The win puts the Lions back at the 500 mark with a 6-6 record while they regain second place in the league with a 4-1 mark.

quarter." Although his charges did do well in the fourth quarter, the Cougar coach still expressed extreme displeasure concerning the team's performance during the first three periods.

numerous occasions during the first frame but the Lions were able to take control in the final minutes to lead after one period 20-11.

"I was disappointed in our rebounding game though," he added. "We were beaten there."

Sports Spot

By Dave Harris

The old guys have it. It may be hard to find but wherever they keep it they dug up enough to win the first half bowling championship.

issue had write-ups from MSM basketball and SJHS. Way to go—you write it, the Chronicle will print it, and Chronicle readers won't have to buy out-of-town newspapers to find out what's going on in local sports.

heaped upon action, climax after climax, until the offender's responses become deadened. Baseball is for the leisurely afternoons of summer and for the unchanging dreams."

SPORTS QUIZ: Who was the major league baseball player who after being traded to another team and upon returning to Brooklyn...

for St. Joe's. The Trojans had 27 rebounds with Adelsberger pulling down 12 caroms. From the floor St. Joe's shot 36 per cent.

St. Joe's Defeated

St. Francis' John Carson scored 25 points to lead the Pennsylvania prep school over St. Joe's 70-57, at the Mt. St. Mary's gym Thursday night.

In addition to Carson's 25 point performance, Tim Allen was second high for St. Francis with 21 while Dan Tehan had 14 points.

Girl Scout News

The Cadette Planning Board of Frederick County, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, held their monthly meeting at the Church of Good Shepherd on Thursday, January 20.

on the concerns of the girls about the types of activities which would be applicable in the nursing homes and how they could effectively communicate their care and concern to the patients.

Susan Rohr, Laura Kuhns, and Dorothy Weakley from Troop 1075, Green Valley; Debbie Kreitz and Tammy Strickhouser from Troops 350, Emmitsburg; Charlene Lang, Michele Burrier, Rhonda Bohn and Leader Katie Gugler from Troop 970, Mt. Airy; Pat Stoner, Kelly Dayhoff, Kim Stoner, Michele D'Ambrosia, Debbie Puhl, Margie Rider and Leader Doris Stoner from Troop 1303, Walkersville; Susan Brenton and Judy Barton from Troop 1009, Lewistown.

Vigilant Ladies Meet

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Vigilant Hose Co. meeting was held Thursday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. with Pres. Polly Kittinger presiding.

Hospital Report

Admitted: Mrs. Earl Rice, Emmitsburg; Mrs. William Reckley, Thurmont; Brian Hardman, Fairfield; Brian Carson, Thurmont; Robert Fogle, Jr., Taneytown; Carl Cowden, Fairfield; Willie Shumate, Fairfield; May Ling, Emmitsburg; Raymond Ling, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Edward Meadows, Thurmont; Mrs. Michael Pittinger, Sabillasville; Leon Merkel, Taneytown; Mrs. Paul Seabrook, Fairfield; Dennis Fox, Lantz, Md.; Mrs. Donald Haines, Emmitsburg.

Discharged: Dennis Stahley, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Charles Baker, Taneytown; Mrs. Charles Fisher, Thurmont; Mrs. Joseph Reed and infant daughter, Fairfield; Mrs. David Rodkey, Taneytown; Mrs. Kermit Downs and infant daughter, Thurmont; Brooke Herring, Emmitsburg; Verna Fleagle, Taneytown; Martin Hardman, Fairfield; Mrs. Michael Pittenger and infant twin sons, Sabillasville; Mrs. Edward Meadow, Thurmont; Carl Cowen, Fairfield.

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Beck Reports

Soaring property tax assessments of anywhere from 50% to 100% are making the dream of home ownership an impossible dream for middle-income as well as lower income families. Public outrage at overwhelming property tax bills has evoked legislative response that has been both immediate and manifold. There have been almost as many property tax reform bills introduced as there are members of the General Assembly.

home; inflated increases in market value. Whether one favors rollback, freezes, ceilings, deferred payments or elimination of the market value criteria to lower assessments, the point that must be emphasized is that nothing which the General Assembly does to lower tax assessments will achieve the prime objective of lowering homeowner's tax bills. It would be irresponsible on my part to lead you to believe that legislative action to lower assessments, in and of itself, will give you property tax relief. As things stand now, such action will merely force the counties to increase the property tax rate in order to make up for lowered assessments and keep their revenue intake sufficient to finance local services. As for you, the homeowner, your property tax bill will remain the same. The counties' main source of revenue is the property tax. In estimating income for financing programs, counties depend upon 12% to 15% hikes in the assessable base. Cut that 12% to 15% increase in assessments and sure as the sun's going to rise tomorrow, the counties will up the tax rate. The counties simply cannot cut back their expenses enough to absorb a significant decrease in assessments.

establish a local graduated income tax. Such a measure was approved by the General Assembly in 1974, but vetoed by the Governor. The same measure will be reintroduced by the Baltimore County delegation during the current session. Many view a local graduated income tax as a more equitable way to finance local expenditures, since everyone pays according to his means and the homeowner is relieved from footing most of the cost of local government. Frankly, I don't see how the property tax can be eliminated entirely, since the State's bonding and credit rating is based on the tax money paid on our assessable base; the property tax. What I can foresee is a more equitable tax, such as a local graduated income tax predicated on annual income, to make up for money lost by affecting a significant decrease in the property tax. One thing is certain... something must be done to relieve homeowners of the property tax crunch. Along with lowering the assessable base, the state must either enact a graduated state

income tax, similar to those existing in Minnesota, Montana, Delaware, California, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, West Virginia, and Wisconsin... or the state must allow the counties broader taxing powers; a means other than the property tax to raise local revenue. If the state does neither of these things, ceiling, rolling back, freezing or deferring assessments will be an exercise in futility. I would appreciate your views on this matter. Just check "YES" or "NO" after the question, clip out and mail to: Delegate Raymond E. Beck, House of Delegates Building, Room 312, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. 1) Do you favor enactment of a graduated state income tax to give property tax relief to homeowners? YES ___ NO ___ 2) Do you favor elimination of the property tax entirely and substitution of a local graduated income tax instead? YES ___ NO ___ 3) If you have any other suggestions for effectively alleviating excessive property taxes, please note them on a separate piece of paper.

From IRS

The Nevada Congressional delegation has asked the Internal Revenue Service to delay implementing a revised reporting requirement on winnings from bingo, keno, and slot machines until the gaming industry has had a chance to review and comment on them. New IRS regulations require the gaming industry to begin filing new forms on winnings by February 1. In a letter to IRS Commissioner Donald C. Alexander, the delegation, headed by Sen. Howard Cannon, urged a delay until

April 1st and "a public procedure in which the industry can outline some of the unique problems they anticipate". The new form, W-2G, includes a requirement for the name, address, and social security number of the winner, plus a place for a general description of two types of identification furnished for verification. Cannon, Sen. Paul Laxalt, and Rep. SJim Santini complained the IRS has ignored the usual method of having adequate notice and public procedures for commenting on the requirements.

Scenes Of Winter



A lonely cabin in the woods



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Snow blows across roads



Work is at a minimum on the farm



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Birds scratch for crumbs



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