

## **Parents Also Voice Protests**

### **Town Opposes Planned School Shifts** By John F. Barker

The Emmitsburg Burgess and town commissioners registered their opposition at the town meeting this week to a proposal that would move the sixth, seventh and eighth grade children from the Emmitsburg School to the Thurmont Middle School.

Town Commissioner Eugene Myers told a packed house at the town office Monday night that he had arranged for a meeting to be set up on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at the school at 7:30 p.m. Purpose of the meeting will be to inform school officials about the community's feeling on the proposed transfer of Emmitsburg area residents to the Thurmont Middle School.

Although a lively discussion was held about the matter no official resolution was adopted and no vote was taken.

Emmitsburg should not have to lose any more of its children to Thurmont. "The county thinks the state line ends at Thurmont," said Myers. "We'll have to bring some of them up here and educate them.'

"The town of Thurmont never gets penalized. We do," he said. "This doesn't make any sense.'

County school officials have not yet taken any action to make the switch final. Last week school officials had issued a press release containing a large number of proposed shifts that would affect children all over the county. It was noted the shifts were not final and were only in the proposal stage and that meetings would be held in each community affected by the proposals.

The county's new school superintendent, Dr. Gordon Anderson, had Commissioner Eugene Myers said indicated that any such shifts would be made with full community involvement.

Myers indicated he had sent a letter of Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel noting the town had earlier lost its high school and was now on the verge of losing its middle school.

Emmitsburg is the only area in the county that has both an elementary and middle school in one building.

Commissioner George Danner said he had been unaware of the situation prior to the town meeting, but Danner agreed the town should oppose such a move. "I think we should get some of the County Commissioners up here too," said Danner. "I haven't seen a county commissioner here in years," he said.

Commissioner Ernest Rosensteel said the county had used the argument of better facilities when the town lost

its high school to Thurmont some years ago

Opposition to the proposed move was also expressed by a number of town residents at the meeting. "We just want you to know we are going to do everything we can to stop this," said one citizen.

In other action at the town meeting this week the town officials heard Sonia Maher, the county tourism director, offer her assistance to the town and seeking the town government's assistance in promoting tourism in the area.

Ms. Maher said the county tourism council has decided to establish three new tourist information centers in the county and one of those information centers manned by a trained and paid worker will be located just off of U.S. 15 near the Mountain Manor Motel.

The county tourism director also

volunteered to assist the town in having state highway signs changed so that tourist traffic could be directed

through the town. Several local merchants noted that tourists to the area were simply coming directly into the Seton Visitor's Center and going back to U.S. 15 without ever realizing that the town exists.

Commissioner Ernest Rosensteel asked why the town government should support the county tourism council's endeavors. "We are already contributing with our tax dollars," noted Rosensteel.

Ms. Maher said the county currently provides \$25,000 per year to the council and the state government provides another \$12,000. The City of Frederick contributes \$7,500 to promote tourism in the county and local businesses interested in and engaged in the

**Proposal Would Send** 

**Grades To Thurmont** 

tourism business contribute a total of \$5,000 to the annual tourism budget. "The more dollars we have the

better the effort can be," said Ms. Maher.

But Rosensteel said the Seton shrines should be a big tourist attraction for the whole state, not just the Emmitsburg area. "The state should do it," said Rosensteel.

Ms. Maher noted that Ocean City, Annapolis and Baltimore City were also in competition for state tourism promotion dollars.

Pat Boyle, a local merchant, told Ms. Maher if she managed to solve the sign problem on the state highways that have been directing traffic away from the heart of the community, then town officials might be more conducive to lending their support to the county's tourism promotion efforts.

### **One You Can Tell Your Blizzard**: **Grandchildren** About

#### By John and Denise Barker

Few who were out in the Blizzard of '77 will soon forget its brief ferocity and stories of heroic and charitable deeds will doubtless be told for many vears.

The Chronicle had been pretty well wrapped up for last week when the icy winds and blinding snow caused a brief havoc and stranded hundreds of travelers for many hours.

The Emmitsburg area had much more snow before in many previous storms and the wind had blown harder than the 50 to 60 miles per hour that struck here on Friday, Jan. 28, 1977, but few people around here can remember when snow and wind was mixed with sub-freezing temperatures that knawed at the body quite the way this storm did.

There had been some indications earlier in the day that a snow storm had caused havoc in the Midwest and that it was headed this way, but no one here quite expected anything to come up so suddenly

Some people remember driving home from work or heading for a weekend off and then being stunned by almost zero visibility.

Reports of the first accidents began pouring in about 5 p.m. A truck had motorists. Many were taken back to the fire hall and some were taken to the Lutheran Church.

Almost everyone who was caught out on the road during the storm had different kinds of hardships.

For Mary Fiery and nine other people it was a matter of huddling together in one car and then a blinding walk to a cabin on Old Lime Kiln Road.

Miss Fiery was attempting to drive up the country road when she came upon the stalled car of Bill Layman and Tom Byrne, students returning from Catoctin High School.

They moved to her car where they kept the motor going for warmth. While the winds howled outside and th

While the winds howled outside and the blowing snows obscured all but a few feet ahead and behind them, they waited.

Evers Messner of the Park Service came along in his car and tried to get through the snow drift that had now almost completely blocked the road. His car also got stuck.

Next came Mr. and Mrs. Edward Byers and their three children in a station wagon. They couldn't make it through either and after surveying the situation it was decided that everyone should get in the station wagon. A bit later Gary Hurley came along in his car. There was room for one more. The winds continued to howl and spirits of the group sagged when it was noticed that electric wires were breaking and falling, spewing sparks along the road. It was time to get out of there, they decided. Most in the group were not dressed to be out in the kind of weather that could cause frostbite in a matter of minutes. Miss Fiery had some extra clothes in her car that were given to the needy family. Pieces of the

clothing were donned by several in the group and a tortuous walk began to the nearest home. nearest home

The winds howled and blew the snow into the eyes and at times it was hard to breathe and the group came upon the cabin of Edward Sprenger, an older man who lived in meager surroundings by himself. He had been sleeping and his fire had gone out.

Sprenger welcomed the group into his home and shared what little food he had in the house with his guests and a fire was started. There was no phone, but the group heard on the radio later in the evening that their families had reported them missing. Police were trying to locate them.

The storm began to subside and Mr. Byers walked to his home about a half mile away and called relatives and friends of the stranded group. He also contacted the police.

Trooper Valentine of the State Police was dispatched to the cabin and it was midnight when the last of the stranded group had been rescued.

The county Roads Department contacted the motorists to be sure no one else was left out in the snow and promised to have their cars out of the

"There were people everywhere," Hess remembers. "I just asked them to try not to break anything and we'd try to work together through this thing, said Hess

"I had the two bathrooms in the back and they had never been used that much. It all seemed to work out. I had some cards and some of the kids played cards on the floor and the others just tried to make themselves a comfortable as they could," Hess remembers.

Many of the people in the store were out-of-towners who were up at Ski Liberty, but there were also quite a few local residents at the store.

"Then about nine o'clock the police came down and said the fire hall was open for anyone who wanted to go there. The last five left about quarter to eleven and that was it," said Hess. Hess, who has been at the store since November and still lives in Rockville said he just decided to stay at the store that night. "No, I didn't feel like going anywhere," he said.

At the Lutheran Church, meanwhile, Pastor Fearer was tending to the needs of some 20 stranded travelers who were in high spirits considering the weather outside.

More than 150 Emmitsburg School children may wind up traveling to Thurmont on school buses every day next year, according to one proposal being considered by the Frederick County School system.

By John F. Barker

The proposal is among a number of school shifts being considered by school system staffers that could effect hundreds of school children all over the county.

In Emmitsburg the proposed shift would take the children now in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades at the Emmitsburg Elementary School and put them in the Thurmont Middle School.

The idea, according to county school officials, is to have all middle schools in the county serving the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

School officials and the county school board have not made up their minds on the school shifts yet and interested parents willbe invited to meet in a soon-to-be announced meeting to discuss the proposed changes.

The eighth grade students currently at the Emmitsburg School will not be affected by the shifts since they are already slated to go to Catoctin High School's ninth grade next year

pupil personnel told the Chronicle that

Emmitsburg children would have

"more educational opportunities" at

the Thurmont Middle School than they

do now in the Emmitsburg School.

Emmitsburg is currently a feeder

school for Catoctin High School

children, Fogle noted, and the switch

to Thurmont for the Emmitsburg older

children will put them into a larger

Fogel acknowledged that there is no

school sooner.

students at the school that was built three years ago with a capacity for 505 children.

There are currently no plans to send any children from other areas into the Emmitsburg school and thus if the proposal were enacted the local school could have only about 300 children in it when school opens next fall. There would thus be less need of teachers here and perhaps teacher aides.

In order to fit Emmitsburg school children into the Thurmont Middle School, fifth grade children from Thrumont and Savillasville would have to stay at their respective elementary schools, but that is consistent with the announced intentions of keeping the middle schools in the county for the sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

The reconditioned and expanded Thurmont Middle School has a capacity for 830 children and this year about 712 children are in attendance. That figure, of course, includes the fifth grade which would be kept next year under the proposed changes at Thurmont and Sabillasville.

Frederick County's new school superintendent, Dr. Gordon Anderson, has said that he wants to keep parents fully informed about any possible

gone over on its side on Maryland 97 west of town. A half dozen cars had crunched up as they happened on the scene

Meanwhile, out on U.S. 15, frightened drivers pulled over to the side of the road and some just stopped right in the center because they couldn't see anything ahead of them. Fortunately, everyone was driving slowly and the accidents that did take place were relatively minor although numerous.

Members of the fire company went to the rescue of dozens of stranded snow the next day

There were other stories of the events that evening and one is related by Pete Hess, manager of the High's store on Maryland 97 west of town where a pile-up of some 25 cars had turned that road into a massive fenderbender. Some people had suffered minor injuries in those mishaps, but the major problem there was what to do next.

By 5 p.m. more than 100 people whose cars were either stuck or involved in the accidents sought shelter in the store.

By midnight only a dozen were left and they were stretched out on cots that were obtained from Mount Saint Mary's College. Food was purchased by people in the group and they used the church kitchen to feed themselves, the pastor remembers.

Although the group was under some stress when they first came to the church, remembers Pastor Fearer, things became rather pleasant when they realized they were safe. "I think it was an adventure for the children,' said the pastor. "Most of them were quite comfortable," he said.

overcrowding at Emmitsburg School (Continued on Page 8) now. There are currently about 454

anyway Paul Fogle, county supervisor of

school shifts and has promised to set up a series of meetings around the county to discuss the proposed changes in each community that would be affected.

After a meeting is held to discuss the changes the proposals will go to the members of the county school board for a final decision.

School officials have indicated they are hoping for a final decision on the proposed shifts by this Spring so that plans can be made and children can know before they leave school for the summer, just where they will be going to school in the fall.

## **Town of Emmitsburg Cited** for Ignoring 1970 State Law

The Town of Emmitsburg has been cited by the State Department of Natural Resources for its failure to adopt a Sediment Control Ordinance in accordance with a state law adopted in 1970

Emmitsburg and Burkittsville were the only two jurisdictions in Frederick County cited for their lack of a sediment control ordinance although some 54 municipalities in the state were cited for their unacceptable programs.

Purpose of the 1970 state law is to put a halt to construction practices that allow erosion to muddy state streams and rivers.

Town officials will be required to appear at a hearing that will be scheduled soon. At the hearings the non-complying jurisdictions must show what actions will be taken to correct the problems.

Within 30 days of the hearings, the state Water Resources Administration (WRA) of the state Natural Resources Department could take a number of actions including the halting of all local construction until the town complies with the 1970 state law.

The WRA could also issue an order requiring that necessary corrective action be taken during a prescribed time. The state agency could also just assume authority over the town and require the county's sediment control ordinance to be administered in Emmitsburg.

In making the announcement about the non-complying communities, state

officials noted, that most counties and municipalities have actively sought assistance from WRA and are working toward an effective sediment control program

An evaluation of the state program, however, notes that the imspection and enforcement portion of the program are weak due to lack of manpower, lack of proper training, inconsistency in policies or lack of administrative support.

The Maryland Sediment Control Act of 1970 requires each jurisdiction to develop and implement a program for sediment control although no funds are provided to the local jurisdictions to carry out the mandate.

The WRA is charged with the responsibility for assisting communities in carrying out the sediment control program and in evaluating their effectiveness.

### **A Right Hand Turn?**

Senate Bill 38, recently heard by the Constitution and Public Law Committee, provides for the state's adoption of the "Western" rule allowing right hand turns on red lights at intersections, unless specifically prohibited by the posting of a traffic sign.

Currently, Maryland follows the "Eastern" rule which prohibits right turns on red unless specifically allowed by the posting of a traffic sign. Proponents of "right on red" cite the huge savings in precious gasoline...136 million gallons a year...if all states

adopt the law. The Motor Vehicle Administration has consistently oposed enactment of the legislation. As reasons for their opposition, they cite the cost of \$200,000 to survey metropolitan and urban intersections to see if right turns can

be made safely, the need to re-educate children who have been taught it is safe to cross the street when the light is green, and the fact that Maryland which has narrower intersections than western states, does not lend itself as easily to right turns on red.

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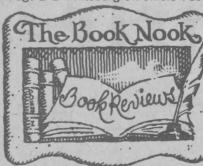


## **Quilts On Sale Here**

Emmitsburg Senior Citizens have been making quilts and they will now be going on sale. Displaying some of their handiwork is, left to right, Margaret Boyer, Larue Harman, Catherine Lowe and Anna Gerkin. The quilts,

priced from \$25 to \$35, can be purchased at the Senior Citizens Center, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All of the quilts were made by local senior citizens and proceeds from the sale of the quilts will support activities at the Senior Citizens Center.

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**Reviewed** by Shirley F. Topper Many of the youn people of today are

leading the way back to earlier ideas and ways of doing things. To them goes the credit for rediscovering the longabandoned methods and wisdom of pioneer and farm living ... A further discovery has been that it is also a way of putting more fun into life!

This almanac is brimming with helpful advice and information on just about everything ... business, homes, gardening, farming, animals, medical and beuty aids, etc.,...but it also includes fresh ideas for children's amusements

On the practical side, it brought to an end this reviewer's long search for a really effective cleaner for kitchen cabinets. (See page 238) Other items of particular interest are cooking tips and recipes..delicious fried mush, for instance, where the trick that ensures a successful mix is revealed. (See page The Mother Earth News Almanac by the Staff of the Mother Earth News

313) Cheespotatoe coup, too, is a timely and savory one-dish meal for this cold season. (See page 294)

On the fun side, children would most surely delight in making their own kites according to instructions on page 74 to 77 and enjoy watching their own handiwork taking flight when the March winds come along. For indoors activity, and child would find that growing a crystal garden would be a fascinating pastime. (See page 290) The numerous items in this almanac are bound to be of interest to everyone, young or old, man, woman or child. The Mother Earth News, started three years ago by Jane and John Shuttleworth, has blossomed into a bi-monthly 132-page periodical, a second bi-monthly magazine, a syndicated radio program, a syndicated newspaper feature and a mail-order countrystore.

This book is available at the Emmitsburg Public Library.

### **Rocky Ridge News**

#### by Harvey M. Pittenger

We had a real snow storm here on Thursday evening. The temperature was 0 degrees.

Mr. & Mrs. John N. Cavell, Mr. Christopher Cavell, Sheldon and Carrie Marie, Miss Barbara Cavell all of Boyds, Md. spent Sunday with Mrs. Cora M. Setherley and family and Mr. Harvey M. Pittenger, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bowman visited

## **Area Personals**

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Staub and saon Freddy, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fuss spent a three week vacation in California.

While there they visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fuss and family. They also visited Disneyland, Forest Lawn, Chinatown, Olvera Street Mexico, Universal Studios, Knott Berry Farms.

On the way home they visited with Rev. and Mrs. King Duncan and family



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mackley of near Taneytown recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harris and son Michael, Jr. spent one evening of last week with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Harris and fanily:

Mrs. Paul Stambaugh visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pittenger and family of Thurmont recently.

Mrs. Janice Valentine spent last week with her daughter in Milford, Delaware.

Mrs. Judy Fleagle brought her mother home Sunday Jan. 30th. Miss Lu Anne Boone, Mrs. Betsy Isaccs and Mrs. Judy Fleagle all of J & J Hair Fashions spent three days with Mrs. Frances Rosensteel and Judy's mother and enjoyed Ski Liberty. They returned to Delaware Tuesday after an enjoyable time.

Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Hain of Hampstead visited Sunday with Mrs. Margaret Boyer, Mrs. Frances **Rosensteel and Mrs. Janice Valentine** all of David Apts.

News

Most Anything At A Glance - By Abigail .

The French have a sying "the more things change the more they stay the same." Isn't it ironic how so many of the young people today are going "back to the land." They want to do not what their affluent suburban parents do but what their rural grandparents did: haul their own firewood, grow their own food. Some are rejecting society and some are in fear of Armageddon, but most simply want to regain the simplicity of life as it is lived in rural areas. And that doesn't seem so had an idea to us.

If you are concerned with the horrendous level of violence on television, as anyone who is concerned with crime, mental health, children and the stability of our society should be, you can get information on the subject by writing to National Citizens Committee for Boradcasting, 1028 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036.

These endless hours of murder, bullying and beating tha fill the evening TV listings cannot help but create an atmosphere of fear and hatred. Just as seeing a story of courage and nobility can make on feel warm glow of good feeling for humanity, seeing a show full of rage, violence and depravity can make anyone feel a cold chill of hostility towards people in general.

And did you hear Presidnet Carter say, in his fireside chat that all government regulations willbe written in plain English from now on and will carry the name of the author. Won't that be a nice change. Wouldn't it be great if everything written were under that rule, like instructions on opening boxes and pickle jars, and Tax Forms and the credit information on he back of charge account bills. "We are actually charging you 25% interest on every penny you owe us every day" signed Bill Smith"

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Some mail order insurance firms are including in their brochures an offer to obtain your Social Sceutiry eligibility information for you, as if they were somehow officially linked with the federal program.

What they are really offering to do is use your signature to obtain informtion that you could get easily and for free just by contacting your local Social Security office at 912 East Street, Frederick.

They will send you the full data regarding your work quarters and eligibility for Socail Security benefits, andan estimate of your benefits, regardless of your age.



### Where Is It?

Last week's picture with the icicles was correctly identified by a number of people. Allyson Sanders was the first to call the Chronicle office to tell us the "Where Is It?" picture was taken at the old hotel on the town square. Miss Bernice Hampson also called and correctly identified the

old hotel. Mrs. Mary Travis and Mrs. LaRue Harmon also knew where the picture was taken. This week we ask you to tell us if you know where this picture was taken. Maybe this one is too easy.

### **CROP** Walk Meeting Set

Persons in the northern Frederick County area are invited to a meeting with the new Mid-Atlantic REgional Director of CROP on February 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Trinity fUnited Methodist Chruch, 313 West Main Street, Emmitsburg.

Mr. STanley J. Noffsinger took this position November 1, 1976 after the resignation of Roger Burtner who had become a familiar name to those acquainted with CROP.

Mr. Noffsinger is a licensed minister of the Church of the Brethren, and he has gained experience for the present position with CROP through studies and travel of western Europe and serving as Assistant Manaer of Processing at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland. This experience at the Center gained him a close working knowledge of the **Church World Service Clothing Appeal** and its dependence on volunteer services.

Friday evening meeting, Mr. Noffsinger will review with us the past CROP events, mainly Walks, look forward to future fund-raising projects, share the filmstrip LOVE GONE TRAVELIN, and answer questions. Everyone with an interest in the work of CROP is welcome to come for this evening of sharing.

For your information, the new address for the office formerly located in Hagerstown is :

Mr. Stanley J. Noffsinger, Regional Director

**CROP Mid-Atlantic Regional Office Box 188** 

New Windsor, Maryland 21776 Phone (301) 635-6464

### **Detour Bank Directors Reelected**

#### by Mary Ellen Catlin

At the recent meeting of the stocckholders of The Detour Bank, the following directors were re-elected: Frederick J. Bower, Arthur W. Clabaugh, Edar G. Emrich, D. Leonard Reifsnider, Robert R. Sayler, Ralph W. Stonesifer, and George C. Zinkhan, Jr.

The board held its reorganization meeting and eledted Emrich prisident, Stonesifer, vice-president, Mrs. Mary Ellen Catlin, cashier and secretary, Mrs. Romaine E. Gruber bookkeeper and assistant secretary, and Mrs. Helen J. Burrier, teller. Mrs. Gladys W. Mathews and Mrs. Jeannette Dutrow are part time employees at the

bank Donald A. Herring is assistant cashier and branch manager of the Keymar Branch office of The Detour Bank, Mrs. Kathryn F. Coshun, assistant cashier, and Mrs. Joyce N. Clingan, bookkeeper.

Frederick J. Bower has been designated as attorney for the bank.

# From Mount St. Mary's College

Debra Lynn Goulden

### Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Goulden of St. Joseph Lane, Emmitsburg, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Debra Lynn, to Mr. Gerard M. Scala II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard M. Scala, I of Baltimore, Marvland.

Miss Goulden is a 1973 graduate of Catoctin High School, Thurmont, Md. and is currently attending Towson State University, Baltimore, Md., where she will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in May, 1977.

Mr. Scala is a 1972 graduate of Calvert Hall College High School, Baltimore, and a 1976 graduate of Towson State University with a degree in Business Administration. He is presently employed in Baltimore. An August wedding is being planned.

Mt. St. Mary's College, has received word that Father Daniel Nusbaum, assistant professor and college Chaplain, has earned his doctroal degree in classical languages from Fordham University, New York.

Fr. Nusbaum, chaplain at Mt. St. Mary's since 1968 is a member of the college's department of language and linguistics.

Fr. Nusbaum's doctoral dissertation "Lupus of Ferrieres - Scholar. Humanist, Monk, "researched the monk and his writings to resolve descrepancies in the conclusions reached concerning his life and intellectualism. Judgments of the monk have ranged from the title of humanist to the designation of his work as "pretentious mediocrity."

Fr. Husbaum undetook a study of the writings of Lupus, including his colledted letters, two theological works, two lives of saints, two short poems and a brief etymology.

In his dissertation, Fr. Nusbaum contends Lupus's wide range of interests and thorough knowledge of the classical authors justify characterizing Lupus as a truly outstanding scholar in the ninth

century

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Fr. Nusbaum's work establishes for the first time the content of Lupus's library, providing a foundation for objective conclusion on the scholarship and humanism of Lupus of Ferrieres.

Along with his campus work, Fr. Nusbaum has held various positions with the National Association of College and University Chaplains (NACUC). He has published extensively in learned journals of music and classical studies; and most recently on the role of college chaplain and campus Christianity.

He received his A.A. degree from Our Lady of Hopoe Junior College, Newburgh, N.Y. He was ordained a priest on July 12, 1961 in Tivoli, Italy after receiving his Ph.B, Ph.L, and S.T.B. from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.

A member of the diocese of Albany, New York, he has also received a Deplome en Musique from the Institut Catholique de Paris, an M.A. in classical languages from St. Louis University and an M.A. in Theology from Oblate College, Washington, D.C.

It's not your ordinary medical treatise

That's the word on a new edition of Bernard Mandeville's Hypochondriac and Hysterick Diseases, written by Dr. Stephen Good, chairman of the English department of Mt. St. Mary's Emmitsburg, Md.

"Hypocondriac" is Good's second book and second encounter with the works of Mandeville. Good edited the text, collated various editions of the work and authored an extensive introduction. The foreword, to be placed in the canon of Mandeville's writings, relates "Hypondriac" to the general medical writing of late seventeenth and early eighteenth century England.

"His general skepticism about medical theory and practice, " Good says of Mandeville, "makes his work seem particularly modern and humane. Not only the content but the style of writing make it a book far more attractive to the modern reader than most medical treatises."

Good's second book, published by Scholars' Facsimilies and Reprints, follows his initial Mandevillean work

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entitled, "Virgin Unmask'd," published in 1975.

Good joined the Mount Saint Mary's faculty in 1968. He earned his bachelors degree from Nebraska Wesleyan (1964), his M.A. (1965) and

Ph.D (1972) from the University of Pittsburgh.

A former president of the East Central Regional Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Good presently serves on the society's executive board.

**Plans Party** March of Dimes. The public is invited.

The VFW Auxiliary to Emmitsburg Memorial Post No. 6658 will sponsor a Sarah Coventry Jewelry party on Feb. 11, 1977 at 7: 30 p.m. at the Post Home. Proceeds will be donated to the See Our Fine Selection Of **American Greeting Valentine Cards** CROUSE'S

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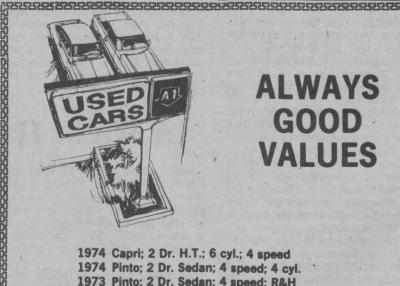
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Emmitsburg Senior Citizens are seen here participating in the Food N'Friends Program at the Senior Citizen Center. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## **Irresponsible Pet Owners Cause Interest In Model Dog Laws**

The need to educate the public, to update and expand most municipal animal control ordinances, and to enforce these ordinances strictly was pointed out by Brian Cassedy, Director of Regulatory Affairs of the Pet Food Institute, at an Animal Control Legislative Workshop recently in Columbus, Ohio, states the Gaines Dog Research Center.

In his speech, titled "How to Shape the Attitudes of an Adult Society," Mr. Cassedy noted that "Owning a pet in today's urban society entails the responsibility to protect the rights of other pet owners and of non-owners. This is not always understood by the pet owner. It is not a pet population problem nor an animal control problem per se. It is simply a problem of people failing to live up to their responsibilities to other people."

Public education and effective enforcement of animal control legislation go hand in hand, Mr. Casedy pointed out. "To change people's habits requires both knowledge and motivation. Education provides knowledge and, for some citizens, motivation as well. But it is only realistic to agree that enforcement provides additional needed motivation."

Mr. Casseddy noted that the Pet Food Institute in 1975 endorsed and the model animal control law recommended in 1973 by the Humane Society of the United States and will campaign to seek support for the principles in the law from other "critically important and revelant groups." In general, the

Adopted pets must be sterilized. Permits must be obtained for operation of shelters, breeding kennels, private kennels and pet shops

Owners are charged with responsibility for providing good pet care, including wholesome food.

Endorsing these principles, which have been advocated by humane societies for years, is not enough, Mr. Cassedy declared. "The next step is broad-based adoption of these model ordinances; and one of the most critical steps is that, once adopted, these ordinances must be stringently enforced."

The model animal control law is contained in a 24-page report entitled "Responsible Animal REgulation" which can be obtained by sendig \$1.00 to the Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L. Street, N.W., Washinton, D.C. 20037.

All dog clubs and dog-oriented organizations are urged by the Gaines Dog Research Center to join with the Pet Food Institute and American humane groups to help educate all people about the responsibilities of dog ownership. Send for a copy of the report, the Center urges, and then keep abrest of local conditions and ordinances pertaining to animal control.

## Area Deaths

#### **Mrs. Corrinne Boarts**

**PHONE 271-2700** 

Mrs. Corrinne Boarts, 65, Thurmont, died Sunday, Feb. 6, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, following heart surgery.

Her husband, Ray H. Boarts died in 1966. She was born in Lemars, Iowa, a daughter of the late William J. and Agnes Cosgrove Kearney.

Before moving to Thurmont, she served on the editorial board of Rotary Until

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. The Rev. Fr. Donald Croghan will officiate. A. Christian wake service was held at the funeral home at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Interment will be in Blue Ridge R Cemetery, Thurmont.

#### Mr. Paul R. Fisher

Mr. Paul R. Fisher, 29 Rt. 3, Thurmont, died suddenly Thursday, Feb. 3. He was born in Washington, D.

Surviving besides his parents are seven sisters, Mrs. Donna Castle, Frederick,; Mrs. Dorothy Beard, Hazelton, Pa.; Mrs. Rose Wivell, Emmitsburg; Nancy Fisher, Annabelle Fisher, Ann Marie Fisher, and Lynn Fisher all at home; four brothers, Russell Fisher, Frederick; Charles Fisher, David Fisher Robert Fisher all at home; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Tuna Salveterra, Hazelton, Pa.

Funeral services were held at 10:30

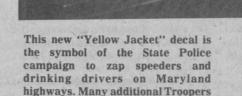
## **Utilities Must** Notify People **Before Cutoff**

During these recemt abnormally cold months, the Commission has reexamined the practices of the gas and electric utilities subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission with respect to their precedures for the discontinuance of service for nonpayment of bills. This reexamination was occasioned by the Commission's concern over the possibility of unintended consequences resulting from utility disconnections to persons such as the elderly, the infirm, the aged, the sick, the blind, persons dependent upon life support systems, or persons otherwise incapable of handling their own affairs should their service be disconnected at a time when bittertly cold weather exists or has been forecasted.

Accordingly, the Public Service Commission of Maryland is herewith directing erach gas and electric utility subject to its jurisdiction to notify personally the occupant of a residence, after the utility has made a reasonable attempt to effect collection through its usual collection procedure, that he or she has at least 3 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, in which tomake settlement on his or her account or have service denied.

If service is disconnected, each gas and electric utility effecting such denial of service shall, within 24 hours file an affidavit of a responsible agent of the utility with the Public Service Commission, affirming that personal notice was given to the occupant of the residence and affirming that it has taken proper measures to avoid endangering life, health of property, particularly to those types of persons previously mentioned, in aplying disconnect procedures during this emergency period.

In addition, the procedures of each gas and electric utility should be designed to permit expeditious reconnection after payments have been made.



will be patroling high-accident locations in these specially-marked cars in an attempt to cut down on fatal and serious injury accidents. (State Police Photo by Bill Clark)

## **Police Begin** Speeder Crackdown

The State Police have launched Operation Yellow Jacket to crackdown on speeders and drinking drivers in Maryland.

Many additional Troopers are being used to supplement regular patrols in this new enforcement effort, designed to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries resulting from highway accidents.

The program is funded by a one-year \$180,000 highway safety project administered by the Transportation Safety Division of the Maryland Department of Transportation. The enforcement operation features the use of off-duty Troopers who are being paid on an overtime basis to selectively patrol high-accident locations throughout the state.

These additional patrols will be specially-identified with a highlyvisible "Yellow Jacket" decal which is both the symbol and name of the new enforcement campaign.

Investigators found the county-bycounty high accident locations. Analysis showed that accidents involving speed or alcohol tend to cluster along small segments of roadways. For example, a thirty-milelong highway might have only a fivemile segment where most of the accidents occur

In further refining the data by the use of high-speed computers, other vital information was developed including the season of the year, day of week and time of day that the accidents occured at these cluster locations.

Armed with this information, the State Police Yellow Jacket patrols will concentrate on high-accident sites during predicted high-accident times. State Police have formed an alcoholspeed enforcement unit, headed by Sergeant John O. Himmelmann, that will direct and supervise the additional Troopers patrolling target locations. New long-range radar sets are being used by the team to help detect speeders. The Troopers have also received special training in the identification and apprehension of drinking drivers. According to Colonel Smith, "We have asked for the cooperation of the state's attornies, District Court judges and the Motor Vehicle Administration to deal quickly and severely with speeders and drinking drivers."



9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M., SATURDAY

Colonel Thomas S. Smith, superintendent of the State Police, said in announcing the program, "When you see the Yellow Jacket teams working you will know they are primarily after speeding and drinking

State Police statisticians have found that speed and alcohol are the two highest contributing factors in fatal and serious injury accidents. A study of Maryland traffic fatalities indicates that speed is involved in three out of five deaths and that probably two out of every three persons killed had been

A State Police inter-disciplinary management group, working with specialists from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, analyzed Maryland traffic accident reports for the past four years. Every road in the state was computersearched for speed and alcohol-related accident experience.

### Notice

The regular monthly meeting of the Senior Citizens of Emmitsburg will be held at the Center on South Seton Ave. on Tuesday evening, Feb. 15, 1977 at 6:30 p.m.

This is a covered dish social. The meat and beverage will be furnished, bring dish of vegetables or a dessert. Please bring your own table setting. Listen to Radio Stations WGET or

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## **Editorial**

## **Emmitsburg School Its Future Is At Stake**

County school officials are considering eliminating the sixth. seventh and eithth grades at Emmitsburg Elementary School and sending those area children to the Thurmont Middle School.

Purpose of the move, according to schol officials we contacted, is to provide a middle school experience for Emmitsburg area youngsters similar to that enjoyed by other youngsters in the county

The proposal is not written in stone and the reason for the announcements before the proposed shift is to get local input.

It's abundantly clear already that many Emmitsburg people disagree with the proposal.

If the move were accomplished it could have a long range impact on the Emmitsburg School that was built just three years ago to acomodate 505 students. The switch of the upper grades to Thurmont would leave the school with a population of about 300 students in a school designed for 505 students

One obvious question raised by the proposal is why county school stffers didn't think about the middle school situation when the Emmitsburg School was constructed.

Another obvious question has to do

with the quality of education that students receive at differend schools in the county. In this case it is hard to tell if Emmitsburg children would be any better off educationally if they went to Thurmont.

The quality of education at any school can change dramatically with the swithc of one administrator or the addition of a few dynamic teachers. While it can be argued that better facilities can be made more easily available at larger schools, facilities aren't everything.

The hardest question that must be addressed is whether the shift will be so overwhelmingly better for area children that it will offset the many disadvantages.

The present county school board has been quick to favor the neighborhood school concept in the past and that tendency may prevail if area residents feel strongly the upper grades should be retained here.

A meeting in late February could well determine what the future of the Emmitsburg School will be for many years to come. Anyone who stays away from that meeting would do well to keep their mouth shut five years from now when their children or grandchildren are affected by the changes that could well take place.

## **The Gas Shortage-Is It Real?**

#### by Olaf Hage

Is the gas "shortage" real? Almost everybody suspects the gas companies of holding back supplies from the market. There are endless rumors.

But speculation is unnecessary. We've got reams of hard statistical data. We have indisputable facts about the real nature of the U.S. energy crisis. And the truth is far more chilling (pun intended) than fictional gossip.

Have companies been deliperately holding gas reserves out of production? Yes. And it's all perfectly legal.

One such example is a natural gas formation in New Mexico's San Juan Basin which has been held out of production for, twelve years by its owner: Consolidated Oil & Gas, Inc.,

Now that gas is selling for over \$2.00 per thousand cubic feet ("Mcf"), the Denver-based company has just announced it will bring into production some 36 billion cubic feet of "proved" reserves (worth over \$72 million at today's prices) which it has owned since the mid-1960's. The effort will require two years and an investment of \$6-million, the company says. You shuld understand three things about this gas company's plans: 1) There is virtually no risk

involved; 2) They and their partners will invest \$6-million at most and make a

minimum of \$66-million in profits (before taxes, if any); 3) The investment would have been

profitable at the \$ .30 per Mcf. pricelevel which existed in 1973. So it was not risk or profitability that held that gas off the market this

winter. The company simply waited until natural gas prices rose up to the energy-equivalent price of crude oil. At the current peak price of \$2.30 Mcf. natural gas is priced the same as oil at \$14 a barrel.

When oil sold for \$10 a barrel in 1975, gas was seling for \$ .52/Mcf from new wells--equivalent to oil at only about \$3 a barrel. Gas companies knew they could sell their gas profitably at the \$ .52/Mcf price, but they also were confident that if they held back and waited, pretty soon the price of gas would be pulled up to the level of oil

#### prices... and gas profits would go into Fantasyland. Now it's happened. The "shortage"

is all over except for th formality of decontrol. Gas will soon start coming out of every backyard in Texas and wherever else it's been stashed.

To be sure, it may take a year or two to worl production back up to the pre-1973 level. But the major turning-point has been passed.

Now for the bad news.

There really IS a shortage of natural gas and major conservation measures are still going to be needed. Right now, only a little over on-fifth of all gas production is sold for residential use. There has never been any danger of someone freezing to death from a cut-off of gas so long as the residential customers were being given top priority. We woul need and astounding short-fall for cutbacks to threaten the bottom 20% of all demand

This is not to say that people are not actually freezing to death in Ohio. New York, nd elsewhere because gas bills went unpaid and the gas company didn't bother to find out why before disconnecting service. But no largescale cut-offs to residences should occur.

Any local gas company which claims it is being forced into that position is either being taken for a ride by its supplier, or it has been grossly shortsighted in preparing storage requirements.

Claims that this winter could not have been predicted are baloney. Three freakishly mild winters ('74, '75, & '76) are no excuse for failing to provide for a normally cold winter plus a margin for error. Many gas utilities, such as Long Island Lighting Co. in New York, prepared adequately for a cold winter and will probably be able to get by.

Utilities are suppoed to be storing up gas reserves during the warm months so that the production of gas will not have to jump up and down in response to every change in the weather. It is almost outrageous to report that some two million new residential customers have been added during the last few years by the utilities while they were screaming "shortage!"

from every rooftop.

These people mut feel rather angry right now. But their anger will surely rise as they discover that the re-sale value of their homes will be reduced in ten years when the real gas shortage emerges.

Brrrr!

It is widely admitted by petroleum geologists that we will largely run out of naturl gas by the end of this century. No amount of coal--gasification or imported gas can make up the deficit in time. Besides, the cost of such gas

will be close to \$5.00/Mcf in quantitylike paying over \$30 a barrel for oil. There will always be enough gas for the rich.

man

Mind you, I've nothing against a person gaining great wealth by doing a great many people a great deal of good. But somehow that's not the image I have of those who sit idly upon gas reserves for a dozen years watching people freeze to death until the price reaces a level that suits them.

Letters To The Editor

The people of Emmitsburg and its surrounding area are faced with a crucial decision - do we want our 6, 7, and 8th grade public school children bused to Thurmont Middle School. Because everyone will be affected by such a move, we need to seriously evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the Board of

Education's proposal. Their stated reason for the to bring Thurmont Middle School in line with other middle schools in the county. Quite possibly the unstated reason is to eliminate the loose edn, administrative headache, hold out from neatly packaged categories that is Emmitsburg School K-8. Thile this may be beneficial to Thurmont Middle School and to the Board of Education, what does it mean to the children who

Why not an extra teaching position or two until our growth enables us to hold our own.

But even if it were impossible to maintain Emmitsburg's middle school on a level with Thurmont and it could be proven that the children would gain educationally by going there, what would we lose in the process?

l. The children would be a minority

discover and develop special abilities. Those who stand out in a small peer group may be hidden in a large one. In Emmitsburg School, almost everyone is involved in something special through patrols, student council, art, mustic, school magazine, plays, etc. Both the distance involved in participating in extra-curricular activities and the large numbers of children competing for these honors will lessen the participation of

more equipped to handle the complex problems of a modern community and a new school built as a middle school that is second to none in the county in its design or structure.

A school that will have thousands and thousands of dollars of new equipment removed and sent to other schools in the county. It will have its specialized middle school areas that can't be dismantled und

Letter From The Editors

#### Newspapers often get letters to the

#### means, if anything, for the readers of

Editor:

editor, but it isn't very often when the editors turn the tables and write a letter to the readers, but we felt there is something we should discuss with you

We've been making a lot of changes in the newspaper that are based on what we understand to be good newspaper practice. As you may have already noticed we have switched from the old narrow eight columns on each page to a six-column format throughout the paper this week. We've also made some changes in the way stories and pictures are laid out on a page and have changed the kind of type we use for headlines.

The Chronicle is also using some modern techniques like circling stories in rounded boxes and utilizing a more horizontal style of layout. We hope the changes make the newspaper more attractive and easier to read and appreicate.

But there is one change we are considering that we felt merited some input from the readers before we make it. The change we are considering is removing the American flag from the left of the newspaper's nameplate.

The Chronicle has had a flag next to its front page nameplate for more than 20 years and although the actual illustration of the flag has changed over the years, the flag has remained.

Edmun Arnold, a distinguished man in newspaper layout circles, has recommended to many large newspapers that "crowded" nameplates are unattractive and that extraneous decorations and the weather and other editorial matter should be eliminated to present a "clean" and uncluttered appearance of the nameplate. While Prof. Arnold has been paid well to advise many large newspapers on how to change their layouts to make them more interesting and exciting to modern readers, Mr. Arnold doesn't know the Emmitsburg area and neither do the current editors.

We honestly don't know what it 

Please take or send this ballot to: The Emmitsburg Chronicle

19 East Main Street Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727 the Chronicle to have that flag there year after year. Surely previous editors must have known something about the community to want to keep the American flag there when very few other newspapers in the country have a flag next to their nameplate.

Perhaps it was put there as a reminder that we live in a great country where people are free to express their ideas and disagree with their government without being put behind bars or perhaps it was started during the Second World War as an expression of our solidarity as a nation to fight the evils that existed in the world at the time.

Or perhaps the flag was simply put there as a decoration that seemed right at the time.

Making changes are certainly the perogative of people who run a newspaper at a particular time, but newspapers, we feel, owe a strong obligation to their readers. It is, after all, the readers in the final analysis and their support of a newspaper that makes it possible to sell advertising to finance such ventures.

And it is the readers who finally decide by their interest the future of any publication.

So removing the flag from the nameplate is not an easy decision. Instead of making that decision ourselves, we've decided to let you decide. Here is a ballot that you may cast either to keep the flag or to remove it and we will count up the ballots next week and let the majority of the readers make the flag decision for us. We've also included some extra room for comments and you may choose to fill in your name if you like, but it's not necessary.

All ballots received in the Chronicle office by noon on Monday, February 14 will be counted and considered in the final tally.

It's up to you readers. Does the flag stay or should we remove it? The Editors

**Flag Ballot** 

I feel the flag should remain on the Chronicle.

I feel the flag should be taken off.

\_ I don't really care one way or the other.

Comments:

will be moved? A primary argument used for the proposal is that the children would gain educationally from the middle school program as it is able to be presented in Thurmont. It is probably true that the Board can provide the specialized teachers inherent to the middle school concept more economically in Thurmont.

However, this argument raises many questions.

1. Where is the research or the evidence to prove that middle schools provide a better education? 2. Why can't more be done to see that Emmitsburg has specialized teachers within the existing expenditure structure? For example, a) our elementary students are utilizing some of our specialized teachers in ways that no other elementary school is able to do. Since this would be eliminated if the middle school is pulled out, wouldn't it be simpler to eliminate this use now? b) With the current teacher surplus and the trend towards teachers majoring in dual area, shouldn't it be easier to obtain specialized teachers on a part time basis or teachers proficient in two subjects?

c) The cost of busing students in the County is approximately \$90-\$95/yr/ student depending on distance and time involved.

If even half of the \$15,000 - \$16,000 cost of transporting the students to Thurmont was used to fund a part time teacher, Emmitsburg could have the physical education teach they have been requesting. The heat this current controversy has had on the Board may have helped to precipitate the desire to eliminate our middle school. 3) What is wrong with asking for extra money to keep our middle school operating at a par with the others? Because of our parochial school, we have the unique distinction of paying a much higher ratio of taxes to money put into our public school than other towns. And we have demonstrated more than once that we have been on the short end of school funding. (Ex.the 1970 study which proved we had the least stocked library in the county.)

group which leads to a lessened selfesteem and unconscious discrimination.

2. They would be going from a school with a viable, effective PTA to one that hasn't been able to organize a PTA for years. Distance would inhibit Emmitsburg parents from carrying the impact they have had to the new school. This can be evidenced by Catoctin which is the only high school in the county without a PTA.

3. The students would lose their sense of community - an important ingredient in forming basic values and self identity.

4 Many will lose the opportunity to

Emmitsburg children.

Another consideration is the effect on the community. Property values will go down. People settle where the schools are located. We had just recovered from the loss of the high school.

A partial list which demonstrates the growing strength of the community would include the new swimming pool, park improvements, housing developments, new businesses, a newspaper motivated as much by community welfare as profit, the best day-care center in the county, our athletic leagues, a town government

lying dormant, while the students it was built for sit eight miles down the road.

All these accomplishments are in danger of stagnating or dissolving.

At 7:30 in the morning when the working mothers and fathers are gone and the buses to Thurmont have taken the 6th-12th graders and the 5 to 10 year olds are getting themselves off to what use to be the elementary-middle shool. some of the life of Emmitsburg will have gone too.

Think about it and take a stand.

**Gail Graff** (Continued on Page 5)

### An Open Letter to the Citizens of Emmitsburg

To The Citizens of Emmitsburg:

Once again the School Board is trying to give the Emmitsburg citizens the short end of the stick. Several years ago they took our High School from us and transported our children eight miles down the road to Thurmont. Emmitsburg has suffered from it ever since. Now the School Board is trying to take our sixth. seventh and eighth grade students away from us and ship them eight miles down the road to Thurmont again!

The town of Emmitsburg cannot afford to loose these three grades from our local school and rest assured, if we loose them, we will never get them back; regardless of what the School Board tells you.

Emmitsburg has been repeatedly penalized for the School Board's blunders. Not only do we loose our youth to the town of Thurmont, but we will also loose other citizens because if the school is there, there is where the people will locate. This will greatly affect our town for the worse. Do no let the school board do it to us this time. I have scheduled a meeting with Dr. Anderson and the entire School Board and the County Commissioners in our community on either February 22nd or 23rd, depending on what date is convenient to us in Emmitsburg. Watch this paper for the date and PLEASE try to atten this meeting. If we do not stand up for our rights these children wil transferred. So, be at

that meeting to express your views so we can keep these youths in Emmitsburg.

It is about time the people of Thurmont transport their children to Emmitsburg and we will see how they like it. I am not going to sit idly by and see this county and School Board take anyone else from this community. The County and School Board both think that the county line stops in Thurmont; but it does not, it extends to the Pennsylvania line. When it is time for votes and tax collecting they have an excellent map to show where we are.

The County and the School Board has built Thurmont a brand new Grammer School, a new Middle School and a new High School. In that same period of time, they built one school in Emmitsburg and are now trying to take that from us. Some of the towns in this county can get almost anything they want from the County and the School Board; but Emmitsburg can get practically nothing from them. It is about time the citizens of this community wake up and unite and let the School Board know that we are not going to put up with anymore of their shenanigans.

So, once again I ask you to watch for this date, be at the meeting and make yourself heard. If we don't, we're lost.

The following is a list of the School Board Members names, address and phone numbers. Call them or write them, but please let them know we do

not like their decision to transfer our children:

Mrs. Frances Ashbury, President 1604 North Market Street Frederick, Md. 21701 663-3523

Mr. William G. Linehan, Vice-Pres. c/o Phoenix, Inc. P.O. Box 676 Frederick, Md. 21701 663-3151

Mr. Frederick L. Smith 800 Rosemont Ave. Frederick, Md. 21701 662-4720

Mr. Clement E. Gardiner Rt. 1, Box 121 Thurmont, Md. 21788 731-3400

Mr. William B Barnes 96 McMurray Street Frederick, Md. 21701 662-6223

Mrs. Rita S. Gordon 202 Meadowdale Lane Frederick, Md. 21701 663-3736

Mrs. A. Doty Remsburg Jefferson, Md. 21755 473-8214

Sincerely,

E. Eugene Myers Commissioner, Emmitsburg

## **More Letters**

#### (Continued from Page 4)

#### To the Editor:

Maryland Senate Bill No. 60, the socalled "death with dignity" bill, is up for committee debate in the Maryland legislature. The need for such legislation is questionable. Under present law, the patient retains the right to demand that extraordinary means for sustaining his life be withheld. The proposed bill addresses itself to the problem of dealing with the comatose patient, a classic example being the Wuinlan case.

On the face of it, the objective of the bill seems to be a worthy one, but it is a simplistic response to the problem. While we acknowledge the anguish of the family of a comatose patient, we cannot overlook the inherent rights of the patient. They key word in the debate is not life or death, but "dignity," the meaning of which has been eroded to such a degree that it is no longer equated with the person's idea of his own self-worth, but with society's conception of the norm.

My principle objection to the bill is that it would legalize the right of one individual or a "committee" to determine whether or not another individual is "fit to make a proper contribution to society." We witnessed the end results of such thinking in the ovens of Auschwitz and Dachau. It affects the full spectrum of life. On the David Susskind Show Sunday night (January 30) during which the issue was debated, I was appalled to hear that a case is presently before the courts in another state in which the defendant seeks to have newborn infants declared nonpersons until 72 hours after birth, the amount of time deemed necessary to determine if the infant is physically and mentally "capable of leading a productive life." By extension, how should we then clasify incarcerated criminals? senior citizens in nursing homes? recalcitrant teenageers? the retarded? Do jet-setters lead productive lives? Where does such rationalization end?

My concern with any such legislation is that while it ostensibly seeks to protect the dignity of life, in reality it leaves the door wide open to destroy it. We, through our elected officials, have a grave responsibility to consider further the ultimate issues involved, to avoid expedient stop-gap measures, and to begin getting to root causes.

> Sincerely, Mrs. Valli M. Ryan Emmitsburg, Md.

#### Editor:

On an early, below 32 degree morning last November, my children discovered the frozen unrecognizable remains of five pet rabbits strewn throughout our back yard. The dogs responsible for this needless slaughter had departed and there was absolutely nothing we could do, but dispose of the

dead rabbits and attempt to console four unconsolable children. At that particular time, I felt it an easier task to see a child through the flu than to try to explain, adequately, the loss of a favorite pet.

Until this morning, I had so hoped the Fall incident would prove to by may only exposure to the destruction and havoc, which only stray and neglected animals can create. But, no sooner had our daughter left the house to tend our ten remaining rabbits, than we heard her scream. As it was just after 7 a.m., we could see little from the window. As my husband and I hurried to investigate, I simply could not believe my eyes. There, on either side of the walk leading to the garage containing our pens, lay the frozen carcasses of 1) Ebony, 2) Samantha, 3) Snowball, 4) Sammy, 5) Crowbar, 6) Ruby Red Dress, 7) Sammy, Jr., 8) Broadsides, 9) Priness, and 10) Snifter. Since the only yet living inhabitant of

the garage was the dog who had killed all ten pets, we immediately closed the one means of exit. The animal proved so vicious, that even the State Policeman, who had obtained permission to kill it, was compelled to shoot through a window.

While I am certain that most families have experienced the loss of a single pet at one time or another, it is impossible to relate the effects that the deaths of ten favorites, all at once, have had upon our children.

The County will reimburse us for the rabbits, the State Trooper responded immediately to our call, and the gentleman from the County Poundcould not have been more considerate. But, today, I have contended with a heart-broken 5 year old, a 12 year old, who became physically ill, an aged 13 daughter who cried continually, and an older daughter, who would not talk. I tried to answer just one of my childrens' "Why?" questions, but nothing which came to mind satisfied me in the least. How, therefore, could I possibly expect any reply to ease the tragedy for them.

Due to the criminal neglect of this dog's owner (and the animal was wearing a collar), we now have a very empty, empty garage. At this time, I should like to state, that in the future, I shall not hesitate to therein, pen any dog I discover upon my property and notify the County Pound, at once, to retrieve the trespasser. We have, very simply, had enough.

Ruby Red Dress was a gift to our 5 year old when Timmy was just learning to walk. And, I am glad to have the photos I have taken of the both of th em over the past few years playing together nd growing together. Perhaps Timmy will enjoy these pictures in a year or two, but certainly, not now.

> Most sincerely, N. LeGore Boyle Emmitsburg, Md.

## **Psychic Forecasts For 1977**

Stunned by the onslaught of winter in January, the people of America are wondering what other surprises we will face in the rest of 1977. Except Ms. Vernalee Quinox, Frederick County psychic and retired roller-skate repairwoman. Mrs. Quinox doesn't have to wonder what will happen next; she knows. We journeyed up the long, winding tortuous road that goes almost to the snow-caapped peak of towering Mount Airy where Mrs. Quinox hangs out, 9-5 weekdays, telling fortunes ina small tent she erects for the purpose.

"Are you a cop?" she said as I entered.

We identified ourself as a reporter for the Chronicle.

"I knew it! You don't look like you're a cop."

Mrs. Quinox was one of the few psychics in the entire world who predicted that President Carter's recent inaugeration would go off without a bomb-explosion or masskilling of any kind whatsoever.

"I could've taken a beating on that one, kid," she said, blowing the foam off the mug of dark German beer she favors. "All the psychics were expecting bloodshed, but I took a chance and it paid off."

She reached down to refill her pipe with a pungent black tobacco. "You chew?" she asked.

We deferred and inquired about the gas shortage.

"I knew it! I knew you'd ask about the gasoline shortage ... "

We interrupted to point out that the present shortage has to do with natural gas, not gasoline.

"Right You see? I know you were

thinking of something to do eith gas and fuel. The whole energy thing. Am I right?"

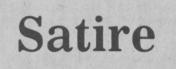
We nodded and asked when we could expect the crisis to subside.

"Spring. You wait. As soon as it starts to get warmer, people will use less gas and the shortage will disappear. You wait and see if I'm not right.'

Mrs. Quinox was peeling a banana. "Got any stocks or bonds?" she inquired.

ied that we had no money for such things.

"Good! You won't get wiped out in the crash."



The stock market crash?

"MKaybe. You never can tell. I ain't saying it will and I ain't saying it won't. But I've got this neggin feeling you'll be seeing hfeadlines having to do with stocks and bonds sometime in the not too distant future, give or take a year or two either way.

Mr. Quinox became one of the most talke-about psychics in the field after her incredible accuracy in predicting two years ago that Flight 699 from DAllas to Green Bay--a Boeing 747 carrying the entire Central Division of the American Conference of the National Football League, plus a crew of eleven--would land without incident on November 17th in the evening.

"I was off by only on lousy week. Can

you beat that? Some clown misprinted the schedule in the paper. But I totally missed the score of the game. I'm no good at sports."

> Where does Mrs. Quinox get her psychic input?

"Voices. I wake up in the middle of the night and I got voices telling me things. It's a pain in the ...., let me tell you. I need by beauty sleep, you know? Anyway, they won't leave me alone. Earnuffs are no good. So I jut lie there, taking it all down in short-hand in Italian."

Mrs. Quinox offered me some pretzles.

"You need to eat more up here in this drafty tent. The cold is terrible, but it keeps the beer from having to be refrigerated."

We asked about various famous people in the news.

"Okay, but remember: There's more on heaven and earth than is dreamt of in your philosophy. By the way, I liked your interview last week with my brother. Now where was I

#### with my brother. Now where was I? Famous people-

"Right. I knew you'd know. Let's see.. In 1977, LizTaylor will be the victim of a collossal amount of idle speculation, but her career will not be damaged...In 1977, Jackie Onnassis will repeatedly fail to avoid being photographed at a number of very expensive restaurants, but fortunately, she will be wearing all the latest fashions at the time. Burt Reynolds will appear on the cover of National Enquirer with someone other then Dinah Shore."

We thanked Mrs. Quinox and got up to leave.

"Wait! There's more! It's going to get very warm after the 4th of July... There will be no shortage of heating oil this ummer...Mondale will not resign!"

We thanked Mrs. Quinox once again and explained that we had to go if we were to meet our deadline. "Okay, okay! You win! Ted Kennedy will not be shot in 1976... That was last year. We lifted the tent flap to leave.

"Wait! Give me another chance! I promise I'll say something really newsworthy ... World War Three will not wipe out all of humanity in 1977! You did't eat your pretzle...Amy Carter will get good grades in math and English! Oh, please don't go yet!" I sludged through the snow to my car

and turned to look back. "It's not fair! she cried. "Maybe it's my shorthand. Or my Italian. Have you ever tried to do simultaneous translation in Italian? It's not easy, let me tell you."

We opened the car door. "What do you want from me? I can only repeat what the voices tell me, can't I? You want me to lie?' We got in the car. But just as we were about to close the door, we heard the following:

"All right, already! If that's what you want... UFO's will land on the White House lawn during the 4th of July ceremonies and kidnap Carter and Mondale while they are holding a joint press-conference with Nixon and Agnew. Tip O'Neil will become President and declare a national emergency, saying we must go to Mars by 1990!

We closed the car door and drove back to the office at 70 mph to type up our big exclusive on 1977.

**Delegate Beck Reports** 

House Bill 162, heard by the Houe Judiciary Committee, would allow the state to collect triple damage fines from health care providers who fraudulently obtain medicaid overpayments.

Health care providers include, but are not limited to, doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nursing home operators and laboratory owners.

Medicaid, a joint federal-state program administered at the state level, provided health services for the poor. During the 10 years it has been in operation, medicaid costs have mushroomed from \$1.7 billion to \$15 billion in federal and state funds. Maryland's medicaid budget for fiscal 1977 was a whopping \$267 million in federal and state funds. This represents an increase of 11.8% in just one short year.

A. U.S. Senate subcommittee investigating medicaid fraud revealed that medicaid abuse committed by health care providers mounts up to a staggering annual cost of from \$1 billion to \$2 billion annually. delivered...And there are "gang visits" whereby a doctor merely walks through a facility, but submits a bill for individual examination of each patient.

As it stands now, the state can collect from those convicted of medicaid fraud only the monies it can prove were fraudulently obtained. I agree with the sponsor of H.B. 162. Fines imposed on health care providers who commit medicaid fraud ought to be as harch as possible. After all, making a doctor or nursing home operator return only the money he obtained illegally, as the law now does, is not really imposing a fine at all...And after all, when we refer to health care providers, we are speaking about people who are numbered among our highest educational and income levels. They commit medicaid 

fraud, not out of need, but rather out of greed.

#### **RE-THINKING THE LAW ON 18** YEAR OLD DRINKING

The General Assembly will consider three separate bills uring its reconsideration of a law enacted in 1974 to allow 18 year olds to drink beer and wine. All the proposals agree that the drinking age should be raised. They differ only on as to whether it should be raised to 19, 20 or 21 years of age.

A survey of high school principals indicated overwhelming uspport among them to raise the drinking age. Principals point to a marked increase

in student drinking since the law was passed.

It's an old story...when the drinking age was 21, the 21 year olds would secure liquor for the 19 and 20 year olds. It should come as no surprise. therefore, that 18 year old are getting beer and wine for their 16 and 17 year old friends.

In addition, Maryland State Police statistics point to an increase in alcohol-related auto fatalities among 18 to 21 year olds since the passage of the law, In 1975, 18, 19 and 20 year olds were responsible for the highest number of alcohol-related traffic accidents.

### Will Include Local Households

**Census Bureau Survey Planned:** 

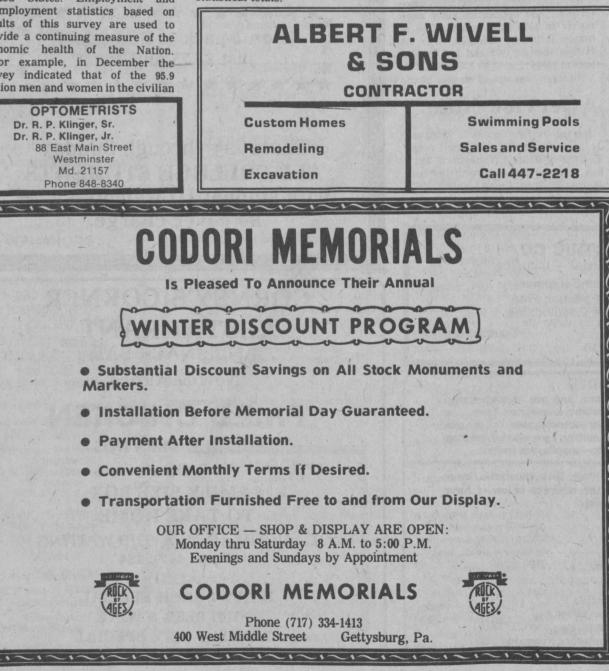
Local representatives of the Bureau of the Census will conduct a survey of employment in this area during the work week of February 14-19, Porter S. Rickley, Director of the Bureau's Regional Office in Philadelphia, announced today

The survey is conducted for the U.S. Department of Labor in a scientifically designed sample of approximately 70,000 households throughout the United States. Employment and unemployment statistics based on results of this survey are used to provide a continuing measure of the economic health of the Nation. For example, in December thesurvey indicated that of the 95.9 million men and women in the civilian

labor force, 88.4 million were employed. The Nation's unemployment rate was 7.9 percent, down from 8.1 percent in November and substantially below the recession peak of 8.9 percent reached in the second quarter of 1975.

Information supplied by individuals participating in the survey is kept strictly confidential by law and the results are used only to compile statistical totals.

The many schemes used to commit medicaid fraud have given birth to a new vocabulary. There is "pingponging" in which doctors refer patients to other doctors when there is no medical need to do so...There is 'upgrading" which entails padding bills for services not rendered...There is "Steering" which entials sending patients to a particular pharmacy with which the doctor or clinic is affiliated... There is "shorting" whereby pharmacies charge for a full prescription, but shortchange the patient on the number of pills





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The Emmitsburg Public Library located in the Community Center has a new college intern. Anne Haughery is earning

a credit in sociology by working on a story hour until May. Anne is a student at Mount Saint Mary's.

## 'Lion In Winter' Planned By **Fredericktowne** Players

The title of the Fredericktown Players' next production, "The Lion in Winter." is probably applicable to most of us who, during this "winter of our discontent," are beginning to feel like a caged lion. The James Goldman play will be presented on two successive weekends, February 18-19 and 25-26. All performances will be at 8 p.m. in the theatre at the Maryland School for the Deaf, South Market Street at Clarke Place in Frederick.

"The Lion in Winter" is the story of King Henry II of England, his Queen, Eleanor of Aquitaine', and their battle over which of their three sons shall inherit the crown. Henry favors John, the youngest, who gained a permanent place in history when his nobles forced him to sign the Magna Carta. Eleanor espouses the cause of the eldest son, Richard, who later in life will be known "the Lionhearted." The middle son, Geoffery, secretly plots to play his two brothers against each other and by so doing to win the crown for himself. That he failed is evident from the little notice given him by historieans.

Director Dennis H. Hughes has assembled a most competent cast headed by Wallace Hutton as Henry and Fran Crum as Eleanor. The sons are played by Michael Resser, Richar; E; Kempton Hood, Geoffrey; and Paul Wright, John. Also appearing are Gail Lucas Jones as Alais, Henry's mistress, and Harry Nogle as the young King Philip of France.

Much effort has been made to insure authenticity to the production. H. I. Gates, well known Frederick artist, has designed a simple yet striking set. Alfred Denn III, a collector of medieval armor and artifacts has conducted extensive research into the period of the play, the latter part of the twelfth century. Music of the period has also been diligently researched by Mildred B. Trevvett.

Tickets at \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for students may be purchased at the door or in advance at Elkins Jewelers, Hendrickson's, Colonial Misic, and Routzahns in downtown Frederick, or at Colonial Music and Montgomery Ward in Frederick Towne Mall. For additional information call (301) 662-3410.

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## **National FFA Week Plans Set**

Members of the Catoctin Chapter join with over 500,000 other FFA members in the United States in celebrating National FFA WEEK which starts February 19.

Throughout the WEEK the Maryland Chapters are planning activities to support the theme, "Agriculture's NEW Generation." The 49-year traditions of FFA have

Many people today are concerned about the seemingly lack of interest of American youth. But it is important not to overlook the tremendous worth of the majority of America's high school students.

Take a look around you--at the FFA members in this community and at the vocational education program in agriculture throughout the nation. We are directing their energy and talents toward building careers for tomorrow's agriculture.

FFA members are students of vocational agriculture in high school. Through the supervision of the vocational agriculture instructors, who is also the FFA chapter advisors young people are learning responsibility and dedication for the challenge that lies ahead.

This is National FFA WEEK, an

opportunity for all of us to take a better

look at the fine work of these

Americans. Also to salute this

outstanding educational program

which produces "Agricuture's NEW

### **Fertilizer Prices To Hold Steady**

"Fertilizer suplies are expected to remain adequate and prices could hold steady or lower through the rest of the fertilizer year ending June 30, 1977," a spokesman in USDA's Energy

Coordinator's Office recently

harvested corn acreage in 1975 and 97& last year. Rates averaged 105 pounds per acre of corn in 1975 and 127 pounds in 1976.

Nitrogen applied on other major

crops in 1976 was: 71% of the wheat crop, at an average of 51 pounds per acre, 76% of the cotton crop, at 81 pounds per acre, and 20% of the soybean crop, at 14 pounds per acre.

held strong and produced a mighty work force for food and fiber to meet the needs of our nation and the world. Successful agricultural leaders of today are the testimony. "Agricul-ture's NEW Generation," is in the making. They're FFA members today.

National FFA WEEK always includes George Washington's birthday in observance of his leadership in promoting scientific faraming practices. Washington is considered the patron saint of the FFA and has come to symbolize the FFA Treasurer.

According to President Tommy Willard of Thurmont, the Catoctin Chapter will attend a church service, hold a meeting, have a roller skating party, have a FFA Knowledge Contest, have a donut and bake sale, hold a pizza party and recreation night, and have an FFA dresup-day.

Organized in 1928, the FFA promotes leaadership, cooperation, among high school vocational agriculture students. The FFA Foundation awards program provides chapter, state and national recognition for supervised programs of agricultural production, marketing, processing and service.

club. They came to talk about the 4-H

Teen Conference and the activities

The meeting was held at the home of

Laurie Kling and Phil Wivell,

president, presided. Russell White and

Steve Watkins told about the club 4-H

by Susan Hill

that week

basketball games.

took that look and found an impressive and encouraging sight.

About five hundred thousand FFA'ers live in the United States and Puerto Rico. Six are from our own Frederick

County. These young men and women

**Armed Service News** 

Now wearing U.S. Air Force silver wings following graduation from pilot training at Columbus AFB, Miss., is Captain Herman Ertischweiger, Jr., son of retired U.S. Army Colonel and Mrs. Herman Ertischweiger of 8 Orchard Ave., Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.

Captain Ertischweigher is being assigned to Homestead AFB., Fla., for flying duty with a unit of the Tactical Air Command

A 1966 graduate of Annandale (Va.) High School, the captain received his B.A. degree in economics in 1970 from the University of Virginia and was commissioned through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He earned his N.A. degree in 1975 at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

Generation "

Marine Corporal Perry G. Spade, whose wife Donna is the daughter of Mrs. Nevin Jackson of Thurmont, Md., has reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in May 1975.

Marine Lance Corporal Robbie F. Fissel, whose wife Teresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cullison of Box 179, Rt. 2, Fairfield, Pa., has reportd for duty with the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. A 1974 graduate of FAirfield High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1974.

reported.

As of miJanuary, fertilizer manufacturing and weather outlooks point to the favorable prices and for production levels to gain or continue steady

Prices paid by farmers are included in a summary issued by USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS). As of October 15, 1976, farm prices averaged \$182.00 per ton for anhydrous ammonia, \$169.74 for urea, and \$136.31 for ammonium nitrate. Triple superphosphate was \$146.00 per ton, and muriate of potash was \$94.20. On major crops farmers used more fertilizer and application rates were higher in 1976 than in 1975. Use of major fertilizer, nitrogen, was 8.5 million tons in 1975 and 10.3 million tons in 1976.

Nitrogen was aplied on 94% of the

### Service Note

Marine Private James L. Morgan, Jr., grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Enrest E. Eller of Route 1, Taneytown, Md., has reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in August 1976.

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Brenda Lenhart and Virginia The club decided to sell flower bulbs again this year. Ramsburg were guests at the January meeting of the Tom's Creek Dairy 4-H

> Mile Hill gave a demonstration of "Feeding the Lactating Dairy Cow". Then Phil Wivell gave a talk on "Udder Edema"

Steve Watkins led the recreation and refreshments were then served by Mrs. Klingh



**Toms Creek** 4-H

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## **Scouts Celebrate Their Week With Pharmacy Window Display**

Boy Scout Week was launched locally when members of Boy Scout Troop 284 arranged a display in the Emmitsburg Pharmacy last Saturday, February 5. Interesting items are currently on exhibit and represent a mini-view of articles that are of value to Scouts. Stop by the Emmitsburg fPharmacy and see what our local Scouts are doing.

Boy Scout Sunday, February 6 was observed in Emmitsburg when Troop 284 attended Worship Services at the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church. Presenting the morning sermon was Pastor Eugene Ackerman. Accompanying the Scouts were Scoutmaster James Dickinson and Assistant Scoutmaster Robert Gauss. Congratulations to Scout Robert Rosensteel, Jr. who was advanced to Life Scout at the monthly Board of

Review last week. Robert, a member of Troop 284, is twelve and a half, and a Seventh Grader at Mother Seton Shool. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Rosensteel. We commend Robert on this achievement and look forward to hearing more about the Service Project he has chosen. Each Life Scout is required to select a project that will benefit the community and its citizenry

An interesting art exhibit entitled, "Scouting Through The Eyes of Norman Rockwell", is currently being shown during Boy Scout Week at the Washington County Museum of Fine ARts inHagerstown. Located at City Park, the Museum opens daily at 11:00 a.m. Norman Rockwell and the Boy Scouts are American institutions. The paintins in this current exhibition represent a half century of

Mr. Rockwell's work and are part of the series he created for the famous Scout calendars. All of them are owned

by the Boy Scouts of America. Norman Rockwell's association with the Scouts began in 1911, when at the age of 17, he was hired to do 100 illustrations for TheBoy Scout's Hike Book

Rockwell was personally active in Scouting activities. He attended jamborees and meetings where he developed his ideas and found the young models for his paintings. His own sons, Jerry, Tom an Peter were Scouts.

On hand for the opening of the Rockwell exhibition last Sunday were Scoutmaster James Dickinson, and Scouts Robert Plumb, Joseph, Robert and Stan Antolin.

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## **Sports Spotlight**

#### **by Dave Harris**

Charlestown is open; for you fans of animaterd roulette. If you go to the track on a Thursday, watch the favorite in the 4th race with Hudson, Dupuy, Hykes, Cope, Scott, Shelton, or Kirk aboard. This was the best "favorites" race going last year, winning 38 percent of the races. That's 5 percent above the national norm of 33 percent. If you bet it and lose, you didn't hear it here. Caveat Emptor!

Remember my mentioning in this column the professional slo-pitch

league being formed nationally ? Well. it's here and Baltimore got the area franchise. They'll be the Baltimore Monuments in the American Professional Slo-Pitch Softball League and will play 28 home games (14 doubleheaders) in Rips Memorial Stadium, Bowie, Md.

Tryout candidates welcomed at Rips on Rt. 301 on March 26-27, April 2-3; contact Baltimore Monuments, 4355 Ebenezer Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21236. Opening date: May 29 vs Milwaukee.

Speaking of slo-pitch, I note that some softball meetings are scheduled around town. Maybe there really is a Spring after all.

Sprots Quiz Answer- Ballplayer with the sparrow on his dome was Casey Stengel.

BOO OF THE WEEK - The Edgewood Lanes; they must caot their alleys with chicken fat or bear grease-Slickest alleys I've ever bowled on.

### **Emmitsburg** Native Retires

Edwin A. Ohler, Ph.D., director of Grants Administration and Associate Professor of Physiology t the Kirksville (Missouri) Collge of Osteopathic Medicine, (KCOM), has retired from the college it was learned in Emmitsburg this week.

Dr. Ohler was an Emmitsburg native. He graduated from Emmitsburg High School in 1934. He earned the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D degrees, respectively, from Washington College (Maryland), **Tulane University and the University** of Illinois. His academic career, based at Temple University and KCOM, involved participation in teaching,

administration and research. When he left Temple University in 1966, Dr. Ohler was associate professor of physiology and had seved as Acting Head of the department on two occasions. He had been a member of the Admissions and Basic Science Construction Committees and had published regularly in professional journals

Dr. Ohler's first KCOM assignment was as associate dean of the College. As the first man to hold that position, Dr. Ohler contirbuted inplanning and development of clinical and basic science programs, the addition of faculty members and construction of

needed facilities. He served on the Administrative Council and as chairman of the Educaiton Policies Committee, Dr. Ohler was also lecturer in Comprehensive Medicine during this period.

In 1971 Dr. Ohler assumed his responsibilities as director of Grants Administration. In his five yars in the position more than 20 KCOM investigators conducted research using federal and private grant funds. In addition, his office secured financial support for needed buildings, equipment and programs.

Dr. and Mrs. Ohler have moved to Roswell, N. Mex.

### **Hospital Report**

Admitted: Karen Topper, Rocky Ridge, Md.; Laura Ritter, Thurmont; Mrs. Philip Little, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Lary Wortz, Woodsboro, Md; Mrs. Lee Burns, Thurmont; Walter Strzelczyk, Taneytown; Ray Wachter, Taneytown; Benjamin Keeney, Thurmont; Mrs. Verna Fleagle, Taneytown; Mrs. Philip Martin, Taneytown; Raymond Lewis, Thurmont; Thomas Wantz, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Ronald Harbaugh, FAirfield; Raymond Keepers,

Emmitsburg; Charles Hess, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Louis Meixner, Thurmont; Mrs. Walter Kump, Taneytown; Mrs. Earl Fifft. Thurmont; Mrs. Strafford Lawyer,

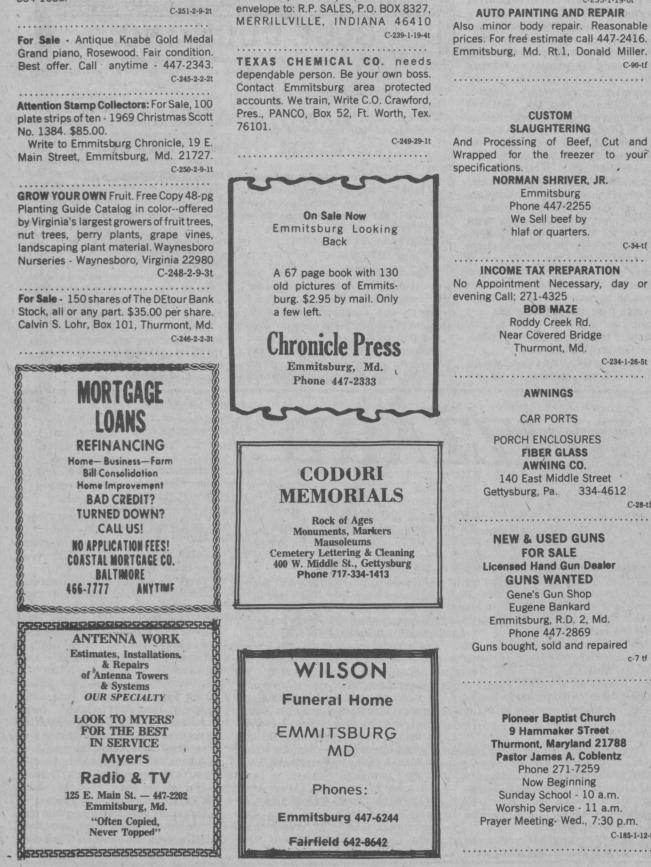
Thurmont; Mrs. Robert Rosenberry Fairfield.

Discharged: John Reese, Fairfield, Mrs. Francis Kreitz, Emmitsburg;

Robert Warthen, Emmitsburg; Patricia Hoke, Thurmont; Mrs.

Strafford Lawyer and infant daughter, Thurmont, Mrs. Howard Miller, Rocky Ridge; Mrs. James Millr, Thurmont; Raymond Lewis, Thurmont; Mrs. Robert Rosenberry and infant son, Fairfield; Robert Fogle, Jr., Taneytown; Mrs. Charles Wilson, Fairfield; Mrs. Edward Fitzgerald and infant daughter, Thurmont; Mrs. Jay Shaffer, Fairfield, May Sayler, Rocky Ridge.





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## **Ritchie Woman Named** Soldier of the Year

A military police woman recently made history at Ft. Ritchie when she was selected as the first Post Soldier of the Year.

Sp4 Paula A Waid, 572d Military Police (MP) Company, beat out representatives from Headquarters and Service and Operations Companies---Sgt. William G. Dean and Sp4 John C. Goodhart.

The selectee receives a trip to Hawaii, \$150 in cash, 10 days administrative leave, a color portrait and dinner at the post NCO/EM Club.

Waid had previously been selected July 1976 Soldier of the Month and 1976 Soldier of the Year from the MP Company. She has been in the Army a little over two years, serving in the law enforcement field.

During the Bicentennial celebration last July 4, Waid suggestd that historical period uniforms be worn by the military police stationed at Ft. Ritchie's gront gate. Her idea was approved by the post commander, and

for one week, Waid and two fellow policemen welcomed visitors in the spirit of the Bicentennial in Revolutionary War and Civil War office uniforms.

For 11 months, Waid served as clerk to the poovost marshal. She is currently working as traffic desk clerk and also stands duty directing traffic. She attends night courses in Law Enforcement taught by Hagerstown (Md.) Junior College. She hopes to specialize in the criminal investigations area and eventually join the Army's Criminal Investigations

(Division) Command. Col. Daniel F. Schungel, post commander, made the presentation at the January Payday Ceremonies. Members of the selection board

included: Sft. Maj. Harold L. Hockenberry, command sergeant major for the 7th Signal Command; Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Butler, command sergeant major for Ft. Ritchie: MP Company 1st Sgt. Gerry E. Lapham;

Operations Comapny 1st Sgt. Larry D. Voss and H&S Company 1st Sgt. Leonard Hembd.

They questioned each candidate closely on topics such as Army traditions, current events, Ft. Ritchie history and more specific information related to the professional field and general military knowledge.

Waid is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenton Waid, 4858 North Ridge East, Geneva, Ohio. She has three brothers, Kenton, 24, now serving in the Air Force; Keith, 19 and Kevin, 6.

Waid disclosed that a keen competition is now being waged between herself and her brother, Kenton.

"He was selected Airman of the Month first," she said. "Then I was selectd MP of the Month. The next month he picked up Airman of the Quarter. Well, he's going to have to move some to beat me now."



FT. RITCHIE'S FIRST SOLDIER OF THE YEAR, Sp4 Paula A. Waid, is presented with the award by post commander, Col. Daniel F. Schungel. She is flanked by the

two other candidates. Sgt. William G. Dean and Sp4 John C.

Goodhart. (U.S. Army Photo by Sp5 Chuck Davis)

### **Teacher Nutrition Workshops Set**

A series of nutrition workshops open to teachers in all disciplines will be conducted by the State Department of Education during late February and early March.

An Eastern Shore session is scheduled in Cambridge on February 22 to 24.

The Baltimore area will be served on March 9 to 11 at Martin's West. The Southern Maryland's meeting, on March 28 to 30, will be conducted at the Prince George's Community

## **Blood Month**

The donation of one unit of blood will assure coverage of the blood needs of the donor's family for one year. February, 1977 has been proclaimed as Volunteer Blood Donor Month in Maryland by Governor Marvin Mandel.

In urging Maryland citizens to support the volunteer endeavor, the Governor states, "The ned for human blood has nearly tripled in the last decade to the point where more than 18,000 pints are transfused each day in the United States. It is estimated that only a fraction - three percent of Americans physically eligible to be blood donors acturally give." Healthy persons between the ages of 17 and 65 years may donate blood by making an appointment at any hospital blood bank or Red Cross facility, or by participating in one of the group programs offered by many businesses, organizations and institutions.

College. Maryland teachers are invited to Cresaptown on March 26 to 28.

Blood donation is a safe and simple

procedure which, if made in advance,

will protect a family at the time of an

unexpected accident or illness.

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By Lucille K. Beale

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### Food 'N Friends

Theme of the workshop series will be

Interested teachers should contact

Kathy Bogan Cannady at the

Maryland State Department of

Education, Baltimore, 796-8300.

the integration of nutrition education

into the regular curriculum.

The following meals are being served this week at the Emmitsburg Food 'N Friends program for area senior citizens:

Feb. 14 — Hamburg/roll, oven brown potatoes, buttered kale, fruit cup, cookie and milk.

Feb. 15 — Meatloaf/gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread/butter, pears, cookie, milk.

Feb. 16 — Beef stew with vegetables, creamed lettuce, bread/butter, plums, cake, milk.

Feb. 17 - Beefaroni, carrot/celery stick, buttered corn, pinapple, milk.

Feb. 18 - Baked fish/tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, butter peas, roll/butter, peaches, cookie, milk.

## **Crime Prevention Advice Offered**

Use well-lit streets, walk on the curbside, avoid dark alleys, park in lots offering good security, and don't have that one drink too many.

That is the message conveyed in a radio and TV public service announcement on street crime released this week as part of the State of Maryland's crime prevention awareness campaign.

The campaign, which was launched in January and will continue through the end of the year, is designed to inform Maryland citizens of ways in which they can reduce their chances of criminal victimization.

In addition to the street crime spot, messages will be released in coming months on rape prevention, burglary prevention, and citizen apathy. The theme of the campaign is "Make Crime More Trouble Than It's Worth."

State officials point out that most law enforcement experts agree that street criminals are opportunists looking for an easy target, and the citizens, by being alert and using common sense, can discourage this tyupe of crime.

Among the street crime prevention techniques being suggested by the campaign are these:

Be alert when using streets,

especially at night. Walk on the curbside, not in close to buildings. This reduces the chances that you may be grabbed by a criminal concealed in a doorway or behing a corner.

\* Use streets that are well-lit and well-traveled. Don't take shortcuts through alleys. \* Park in lots that offer good security

and are well-lit at night. Choose a lot close to your destination. \* Don't have too much to drink.

Street criminals look for victims whose defenses may be impaired by alcohol.

\* Be suspicious of people following you. If you think you are being followed go into a store or head ofr a crowd of people.

\* If you are on foot and think you are being followed by a car, change directions, cross to the other side of the street, or heada for a one-way street.

\* Don't carry or flash large sums of cash.

\* Women should not carry a purse, if it can be avoided.

\* If you must carry a purse, don't dangle it away from your body. Carry it in close with your hand on the clasp.

\* Shoulder bags are more difficult for the purse snatcher to grab.

\* If you are confronted by an armed robber, do no resist; you could be hurt.

**P.E. Claims They Need Rate Hike** 

Report the crime immediately. \* If you witness a crime being committed or see supicious activity, call the police.

The campaign is being funded under a grant from the Governor's **Commission on Law Enforcement and** the Administration of Justice to the State Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Richard C. Wertz, Executive Director of the Commission, said that increasing citizen awareness of crime prevention techniques is the campaign's most important goal. "We want to make Maryland citizens realize that they can play a role in crime reduction simply by making themselves less likely victims," he said.

Edwin Tully, State Deputy Secretary for fPublic Safety, pointed out that the measures being recommended are very simple and do not require a great deal of time or money. "What we are talking about are common sense precautions that citizens frequently overlook, like not flashing large sums of cash and using well-lit streets. We want people to be prevention-conscious." he said.

Citizens may obtain a free booklet on crime prevention by calling the Governor's Commission at 666-9610.

## **Delegation Seeks Fuel Supply Aid**

The Maryland Congressional delegation has requested all assistance possible from the Secretry of Defense to help reduce the severe fuel shortage in Maryland.

In support of the initiative by Senator Mathias, the entire Maryland delegation signed a letter to Defense SEcretary Harold Brown. They urged him to find equipment and resources of the Armed Services to help meet Maryland's fuel transportation needs. Responding to this request, Secretary Brown has directed the Pentagon's Installation and Logistics Office to review their resources towards possible assistance.

Commercial haulers are presently unable to meet these transportation requirements for the Chesapeake Bay area.

Senator Mathias said, "We are maintaining daily contact with any source that might help in this emergency". The delegation succeeded in getting the Federal Energy Administration to grant Baltimore Gas and Electric's petition for 538,000 barrels of naptha feedstock. This will allow BG&E's Synthetick Natural Gas Plant at Sollers Point. Mfaryland, to operate two trains, or process lines, through the end of March. It will not correct the shortage, but should help ease the curtailment of service.

Continuing inflation and the need to attract hundreds of millions of investment dollars to build facilities to meet electrical demand were listed as principal reasons for a Potomac Edison rate increase filed today with the Maryland Public Service Commission.

PE is seeking a 16 percent rate increase. For a residential customer using 580 kilowatthours a month (not including electirc heat or water heating), the requested increase would amount to \$3.58 a month. For an electric heating customer using 2,000 kilowatthours a month, the increase would be about \$8.95 monthly. The utility's last rate increase in Maryland became effective slightly more than two years ago. The average residential rate per kilowatthour for electricity supplied by the local

company is now the lowest of any

major utility in Maryland and lower-

than the national average for all

investor-owned companies, according to J. M. McCardell, PE executive vice president and general manager. McCardell said PE is continuing to study and improve operating efficiency, which was ranked among the highest in the country in a 1975 report made for the national association of regulatory commissioners. In spite of these efforts to control expenditures, construction costs and operating expenses continue to grow more rapidly than revenues. As a result, McCArdell explained, rates currently charged by the company are not permitting Potomac Edison to achieve a rate of return on investment at even the level already granted by the PSC. The erosion in earnings from previously authorized levels can be halted only by increased rates. Moreover, present authorized levels must be increased further to attract savings from the public in the vast amounts of dollars necessary to build facilities to meet electrical demand. McCArdell continued.

"Long lead times are now necessary for construction, particularly for new

## BLIZZARD

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By the next morning everyone was on their way and the church returned to normal. "This was the worst I've seen in the 14 years I've been here," said the pastor. The last storm that came anywhere near like it, he said, was one on a Saturday back in 1966. "I remember that one because we had people skiing to church the next day," said the pastor.

The home of local veterinarian, Dr. William H. Carr, also became a shelter for stranded travelers in the area. Mrs. Chata Carr remembers the first of the storm's victims began finding their way to the house just after five o'clock.

The first group was from two cars from Virginia. Both had veen involved in the fender-benders on Maryland 97 and although the cars were driveable the headlights on both had been knocked out making them impossible to drive during the dark.

"One of the women had a child who was sitting in the car when she got out

generating stations," McCardell said. "We must be making the decisions now for construction to meet needs ten years hence. This means that Potomac Edison must now embark on a ten-year construction program which is almost twice the Company's present total rate base. Without that construction, we will be unable to provide for the demands of our customers in the future."

Environmental protection is one of the principal factors in the high cost of generating stations, where the cost per installed kilowatt has increased about four times since 1971, according to McCardell.

"Reasonable protection of our environment is a necessary part of our everyday life," McCardell said, "but I believe our customrers should be aware of the enormous costs involved and that such costs are non-revenue producing." He said that for the Pleasants generating stations, which will begin supplying power to this area

to look at the damage on her car. The

child was bounced around three times

as more cars crunched into her car.

That youngster was a bit shaken up."

"Everyone was pretty well

frightened when they first came in,"

said Mrs. Carr. "I tried to make them

comfortable and one woman said she

couldn't believe that a half hour earlier

she felt she was going to die in the

storm and that she was in a nice warm

Meanwhile, Mrs. Carr's husband

and son were stuck on the other side of

the Maryland 97 pile-up and couldn't

get through for many hours. "I talked

to them on the radio and they told me

how it was out there. My son tried

walking it, but he just went back. You

A group of Thurmont 4-H'ers who

had be at Ski Liberty then came to the

Carr home. Mrs. Carr says she

remembers feeding 18 people that

"It was about ten or ten-thirty when

place with a drink in her hand."

remémbers Mrs. Carr.

couldn't go in it."

night.

in 1979, environmental protection costs alone will exceed the total cost of the Fort Martin generating station completed in 1968. Capacity of the two stations is nearly identical.

Generating stations needed to meet customer demand by the mid-1980's will cot about three-quarters of a billion dollars. About 60 percent of this amount and of the additional cost of other facilities needed to meet our customers' electrical demand will have to come from investors, McCardell continued.

"The individuals who must supply these millions of dollars," McCardell said, "are people just like you and me from all over America, indeed from all over the world, who have thousands of choices of places to invest their hardearned savings. It is sher folly to expect that they will continue to risk their savings in any requlated business unless they are permitted an adequate rate of return.

we took the 4-H youngsters out. They wanted to head home," she said.

The Virginia motorists and their families stayed overnight, but were gone in the morning.

There were many other stories that could be told about that night. The story at the Shamrock Restaurant near Thurmont has already been told. Dozens of motorists were directed to the restaurant by owner Mike Fitzgerald who wound up with frostbitten ears.

All over the area there were stories to tell and the Chronicle invites its readers to send in their own experiences and we'll publish them in future issues so that a hundred years from now the people of the area can look back and read about how people coped with the blizzard of '77 that taught people here what the term "blinding snowstorm" really meant.

There have been worse storms in the past and there may be many worse and longer ones in the future, but this is one that affected people here and now.

Members of the Senior Citizens and Sisters from Seton Center get together to mend clothes that will be sold in the Thrift Shop at Seton Center. Shown from left to right: Mrs. Helen McNair, Sr. Ester, Sr. Rose Marie, Anna Gerken, and Catherine Lowe.