



Emmitsburg Senior Citizens are seen here participating in the Model 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 Cassidy, 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. Cassidy 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 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. Cassidy 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. Cassidy 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 relevant groups." In general, the model law calls for:

- Compulsory licensing of all cats and dogs.
- Differential pet licensing fees to encourage voluntary spaying and neutering.
- Impoundment fines and citations at restrictive levels.
- Dogs must be under constraint and must be obedient to command.
- Owners are responsible for removal of waste.

- 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. Cassidy 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 sending \$1.00 to the Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L. Street, N.W., Washington, 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 abreast of local conditions and ordinances pertaining to animal control.

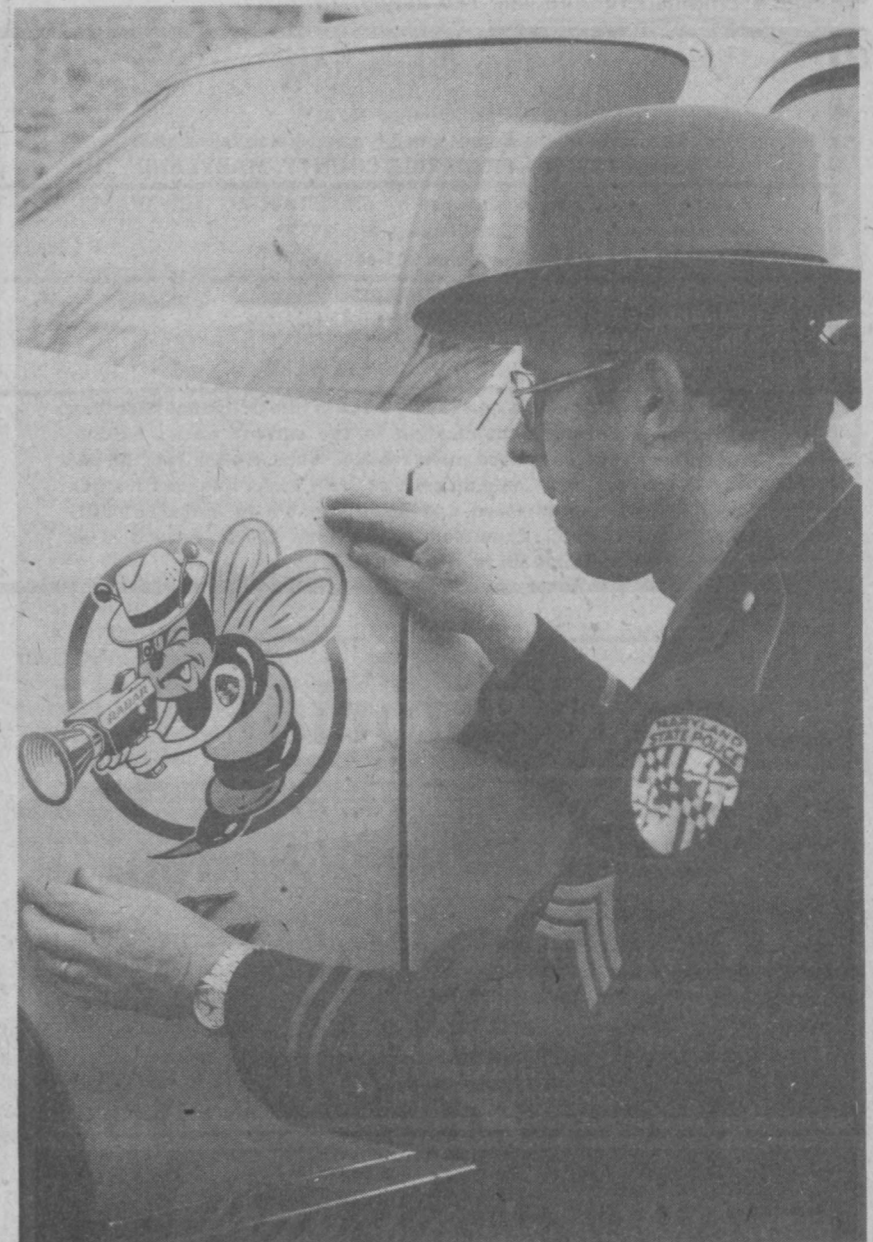
Utilities Must Notify People Before Cutoff

During these recent 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 procedures for the discontinuance of service for non-payment 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 bitterly cold weather exists or has been forecasted.

Accordingly, the Public Service Commission of Maryland is herewith directing each 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 to make 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 or property, particularly to those types of persons previously mentioned, in applying 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.



This new "Yellow Jacket" decal is the symbol of the State Police campaign to zap speeders and drinking drivers on Maryland highways. Many additional Troopers

will be patrolling 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 highly-visible "Yellow Jacket" decal which is both the symbol and name of the new enforcement campaign.

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 drivers."

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 drinking.

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 computer-searched for speed and alcohol-related accident experience.

Investigators found the county-by-county high accident locations. Analysis showed that accidents involving speed or alcohol tend to cluster along small segments of roadways. For example, a thirty-mile highway 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 occurred 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 alcohol-speech 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 attorneys, District Court judges and the Motor Vehicle Administration to deal quickly and severely with speeders and drinking drivers."

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 WGCT or WTHU in case of any change.

Area Deaths

Mrs. Corrinne Boarts
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 Magazine in Chicago. Until about three years ago, she operated a Hershey Store in Thurmont. She was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Thurmont; the Business and Professional Women's club, American Legion Auxiliary, and Colt Corral. Surviving are one son, James Boarts, Thurmont; two brothers, William J. Kearney, Gulfport, Fla., and Richard J. Kearney, Storm Lake, Iowa.

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 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.C., a son of Russell E. and Marie Salvetera Fisher.

Mr. Fisher worked as a service station attendant. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

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 Salvetera, Hazelton, Pa.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7 at the Creager Funeral Home, Thurmont. Father Joseph Cote will officiate. Interment was in the Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

Armed Service News

Navy Seaman Recruit Douglas E. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling E. Green of Rt. 1, Box 173, Thurmont, Md., has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week training cycle, he studied general military

subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid.

He joined the Navy in October, 1976.



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