



Taneytown Seeks Restoration Funds

By John F. Barker

TANEYTOWN—Town officials are making application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a \$131,000 grant to fix up the old town firehall and tear down an adjacent building for a parking lot.

If federal officials approve the project, the entire cost would be funded under HUD's community development block grant program.

Taneytown Town Manager Daniel Ernst told the Chronicle that more than \$1.5 million is available in Maryland for such projects for the state's non-metropolitan communities.

The project submitted by the town government to HUD officials consists of seven items all of which are necessary, if the project is to move forward, says Ernst.

Among the seven items in the proposed grant would be \$5,000 to restore the front of the old firehall to its historical condition, \$35,000 to restore the second floor to the original 1902 Council Chamber that could be used by senior citizens, historical groups and other town organizations and \$20,000 to provide an elevator to provide easy access to the second floor.

Also included in the grant proposal is \$55,000 to purchase the building east of the firehall from the present owner, John Connell. Another \$5,000 is included in the proposal to relocate four families living in the building. The demolition of the building would cost another \$3,500 and the construction of the parking lot would cost another \$7,000.

The town at this point is making what is known as a "pre-application" for the grant. Two required public hearings were held last week in Taneytown on Monday and Thursday.

Under the "pre-application" process the town has a chance to learn early whether the grant stands any chance of approval. Ernst said the application must be in by Feb. 18 and some word is expected from HUD within 30 to 60 days whether the project meets the necessary program guidelines.

"Once we make the final application there will have to be a housing study done," said Ernst. The study, that is fundable by HUD is required of communities seeking funds under the community development block grant program.

The HUD program is one of the few federal programs that require no local funds to be shared in the local grant projects.

At the same time the town is applying for federal funds, the town is already pursuing a second project related to the federal grant proposal.

The town government has already spent some \$5,000 to hire a Lancaster

consulting firm to draw up plans for the renovation of the first floor of the old firehall that is to be used for new town offices.

When the plans are completed the town will invite bidding on the first floor improvements expected to cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The improvements already planned by the town government will provide a new town council chamber that will seat about 75 people, a new office that will serve double duty for the town mayor and the town manager, a new office for the town clerk and space for a town police station.

Ernst explained if federal funds could not be obtained for the additional

fix-up plans, then those improvements would be dropped.

"We don't want to use any local tax money," Ernst said about the proposed federal grant.

Ernst noted that communities such as Westminster are submitting grants for \$500,000. "Someone's going to get it. So, why not throw our hat in the ring?" he said.

Regardless of the outcome of the grant application the town is still pursuing the renovations of the first floor of the old firehall. When the renovations of the old firehall's first floor are completed, the town government will move out of its present rented quarters across the street.



The old Taneytown firehall could get a face lift and the building on the right could be torn down for a parking lot.

Town Gearing Up To Fight Plans For School Shifts

EMMITSBURG—Plans to eliminate the upper three grades at the Emmitsburg School have caused a community reaction here unparalleled in recent years.

Several local groups are gathering information about the proposal to send the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from Emmitsburg to Thurmont Middle School next year.

A series of preliminary meetings with local elected and school officials have already taken place in preparation for a large-scale public meeting set for Wednesday, Feb. 23 at the Emmitsburg School at 7:30 p.m. County school Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Anderson and several members of the county school board are expected to be at the hearing along with a number of county school staff members.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed school shifts and allow interested area residents to express their feelings about the proposal.

The local PTA, the area Democratic Party organization and a number of other groups are looking into the situation and formal stands from those groups are anticipated at the Wednesday night meeting next week.

Town officials, meanwhile had expressed their opposition last week to the proposed shifts that would take approximately 158 students from the

Emmitsburg area and bus them to the Thurmont Middle School.

The Emmitsburg School is an almost new facility that was completed three years ago to serve area children. It currently has a capacity for 505 children. This year's September school population figures showed the Emmitsburg School had 454 students.

If the 158 students in the upper grades were moved from Emmitsburg, school population here would drop to about 300 students in the new school designed for 505 students.

The Emmitsburg School that serves children from kindergarten through the eighth grade is apparently in contrast to a county trend to provide large middle schools all over Frederick County.

School officials favor the middle school concept because they claim more educational opportunities can be provided in the large middle schools.

In recent years county school officials have been looking at the cost-effectiveness of various schools very closely and have found the cost-per-pupil of smaller schools is high and the cost-per-pupil in larger schools is much lower.

Meanwhile, in Emmitsburg, parents and organizations are gearing up for what could be one of the most controversial meetings here in the past few years.

Sixes Dam Decision Due Next Week

Frederick County officials will be deciding next week whether to include a huge dam on the Monocacy River in the county's master water plan.

The Sixes Bridge Dam planned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would create 4,000 acre lake between Taneytown and Emmitsburg and would require the purchase of almost 11,000 acres of farmland in Carroll and Frederick Counties.

Area residents have fought the \$32 million project for years claiming it is ill-conceived. In the past few years the Save the Monocacy Association has managed to stymie plans for the project with the aid of Maryland Congressmen.

At the same time the organization had lobbied to have references to the federal proposal deleted from local planning documents.

Recently, the Frederick County Planning Commission has been presented with an update of the Frederick County Comprehensive Plan for Water and Sewerage. The planning commission is scheduled to make their final recommendation on the plan that includes new references to the Sixes Bridge Dam on Feb. 22.

The Frederick County Commissioners then are expected to take final action to adopt the new county water and sewer plan on Thursday, Feb. 24.

Frederick County Planning Director Lawrence Johnson told the Chronicle that he had recommended that notations on the county's water plan maps should not show the Sixes Bridge Dam as a planned project.

Johnson said he felt the new county plan does not actually take a hard stand on whether the Sixes Dam should or should not be built. The plan does say that the Sixes Dam would be the best answer to solve Frederick City's long range water needs although the project would supply much more water than is needed even if the Frederick-Walkersville area was developed to its maximum capacity.

A new comprehensive plan for Frederick City, although not mentioning the Sixes Dam by name proposes one policy that suggests: "The city (Frederick) should consider augmentation of low flows in the Monocacy to meet projected water demands to be its most critically needed water system improvement and should strongly support construction of major impoundments on the river."

In the past few years federal officials have argued the Sixes Dam is one of a series of projects needed to ensure an adequate supply of water to the Washington Metropolitan area.

The Corps of Engineers had noted that in 1966 a drought had reduced the flow of the Potomac River to the same amount of water that is currently being pumped out of the Potomac each day to supply the metropolitan area's water needs.

The new county water and sewer study makes a similar argument to show the need for a dam on the Monocacy noting that future water needs of a growing southern Frederick County could exceed the flow of the Monocacy during drought periods.

Fort Detrick and Frederick City take water from the Monocacy River south of the proposed dam site and require a minimum flow at their intakes of about 9.3 million gallons per day, according to the county water study.

Frederick Planner Johnson says he doesn't believe the language in the county water and sewer plan commits the county to any particular action. In the 1969 plan, Johnson notes, the plan suggested the project should be built with all possible haste. In the new proposed county water plan, says Johnson, the dam is proposed as one of a number of alternatives.

Meanwhile, legislation has been reintroduced into the state legislature to provide a source of funds for the non-federal share of the dam. A similar bill was defeated by dam opponents last year.

The Save the Monocacy Association has also begun holding meetings to assess the latest round of activity on the controversial project.

Emmitsburg To Argue Against State Law

EMMITSBURG—Town Commissioner Norman Flax told the Chronicle last week the town has not been ignoring a 1970 state law that requires all counties and states to adopt a sediment control ordinance.

The Chronicle had reported last week that Emmitsburg was among some 54 jurisdictions cited by the State Department of Natural Resources for failing to comply with the state law designed to prevent muddying of the state's streams and rivers.

"We didn't think we needed an ordinance," said Flax, "when it's all covered in planning and zoning." Flax noted that the Emmitsburg subdivision regulations already contain sections relating to sediment control and that the town is attempting to ensure that construction sites do not allow topsoil to be washed into nearby streams.

Town officials will be required to appear at a state hearing soon to explain why the town does not have a sediment control ordinance that meets the requirements of the state law.

Flax said he would explain to the state officials that Emmitsburg's subdivision regulations already address the problem. Flax says he sees no need for the town to draw up such an ordinance when the situation is already addressed in town regulations.

"Oh, we can have our attorney draw up a new law, but we don't need one," said Flax.

Flax contends it is typical of state officials to draw up unnecessary requirements.

The Maryland Sediment Control Act of 1970 requires each jurisdiction in the state to develop and implement a

program for sediment control although no state funds are allocated to the local jurisdictions to carry out the mandate.

In making the announcement last week about the non-complying jurisdictions the state Water Resources Administration said that most counties and municipalities in the state have actively sought their assistance and are working toward an effective sediment control program.

A recent evaluation of the state program, however, indicates that the inspection and enforcement portion of the program are weak due to lack of manpower, lack of proper training and inconsistencies in policies.

The state citation of Emmitsburg is significant because the state agency could halt all local construction if they aren't satisfied with the answers from town officials.

Barring a complete halt to local construction, the state could simply require the county to assume jurisdiction in the town and allow the county ordinance to be administered in Emmitsburg.

Another alternative state officials could consider if they are unsatisfied with the present Emmitsburg regulations is to require the town to take corrective action within a prescribed time period.

Taneytown Keeps New Town Manager Busy

TANEYTOWN—It's been a pretty busy six months for Taneytown's first town manager.

Daniel T. Ernst, a 29 year-old Hanover, Pa. native, took his post here last August amidst controversy, but has apparently managed to weather the storm.

"I think the controversy was more over the way it was done rather than the appointment itself," says Ernst.

Ernst, a management graduate from York College, says he feels his job allows Taneytown residents to get much quicker response to their complaints and problems.

Running a town government is getting to be a rather complicated and involved job, says Ernst, and part-time officials are hard-pressed to do the job alone.

"Most planners and political scientists suggest that a community with a budget under \$200,000 a year can probably get by with a part-time clerk," says Ernst.

Towns with an annual budget between \$200,000 and \$1.5 million should have a full-time manager, says Ernst. Taneytown's town budget this year is \$334,455.

Besides handling the town's correspondence, Ernst supervises town employees, monitors the town's finances, and works with state and federal officials for grants and finding new funding. The town manager also takes some of the flack away from town elected officials when things go wrong like broken water pipes. "Answers get back faster to the

people and things can get done faster with a full-time person here," says Ernst.

Technically, Ernst is filling the position of town clerk-treasurer, until the town's charter is officially changed to reflect the new title and responsibilities.

Since Ernst has been here he has revamped the town's accounting system and has set up a series of town policies and procedures. He has also changed the way the town writes public works agreements with developers.

Development is one of the things most likely to keep Ernst busiest in the next few years.

"If all of the developers who have approvals get going we could almost double the population of Taneytown in three years," says Ernst.

In 1970 the census said the town's population was about 1,700 people. Today the town population is about 2,600.

In three years the town could have a population of about 5,000 people, says Ernst.

Some commercial and industrial development may also be in the works in the near future, says the town manager.

A new Pizza Hut is expected to be built this Spring on the east side of town near the flashing light on Maryland 97. A new small shopping center may also be going in near the same location, says Ernst. The shopping center has actually met all town requirements for more than a

year. "It's just up to the developer at this point," says Ernst.

A farm on the southern side of the town is being eyed for some industrial

growth, said Ernst.

"Yes, things are going to be pretty busy here for the next few years," says the affable town official.



Taneytown Town Manager
Daniel Ernst

Weather

By Lucille K. Beale

Week of Feb. 5 - Feb. 9

Date	High	Low	Precip.
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6	25	8	3"
7	27	10	3"
8	30	6	2"
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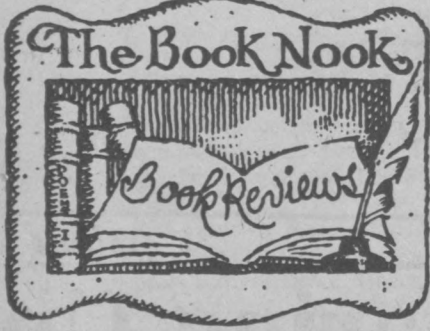
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Women of Courage
from Revolutionary times to the present
by Margaret Truman

Reviewed by Shirley F. Topper

The writing of this book has placed Margaret Truman in the distinguished company of all authors who possess truly impressive talent. She has the ability to gain and hold the readers interest throughout the book, from beginning to end.

Although the title might convey the impression that only women would find the subject matter of interest, men will find the stories as thrilling as any they have ever read. As a matter of fact, the author expresses the hope that men as well as women will read this book and goes on to say, "The sooner men realize that women

deserve a place of honor in our past, the easier it will be for them to accept women as full-fledged partners in our future."...For too long, men have had to feel that they, alone, were carrying the weight of the world's problems upon their shoulders. Here, now, is proof that women can be depended upon to share that load. This should be a matter for mutual pride in the intelligence and fortitude of the human race.

Margaret Truman's definition of courage is one that should be well-remembered and handed down to future generations.

This book is available at the Emmitsburg Public Library and the Taneytown Library.

**Most Anything
At A Glance**

- By Abigail -

We cannot help but think that this natural gas shortage is suspiciously like the gasoline shortage of 1974. Remember those long lines at the gas stations. And that perhaps when the large gas companies have the government at their feet and have the environmental regulations lifted and the prices raised, the shortage will somehow be over.

Some friends and I were talking the other day about how daring we were as children, climbing on high rocks, crossing railroad tracks, and how frightened we would be by the same kind of thing today. Why is it I wonder that when we are young we believe that nothing bad could possibly happen to us, and as we get older we come to believe that everything bad might happen to us?

We read the other day that the Federal Government is considering a requirement that each new law proposed would have to include a "family impact statement", telling what impact that law would have on the family, an institution that divorce and other statistics tell us is in trouble.

That sounds like a good idea. The trouble that family life seems to be in today cannot be wholly the result of character flaws or faulty upbringing, it has to be due in some measure to the social economic and political environment that we live in.

Unemployment and inflation obviously create tensions within families severely affected by them. So also do government and corporate policies of transferring employees around the county every year, labor policies encouraging the use of overtime rather than additional hiring, and laws providing for home or institutional care for handicapped children and senior citizens.

Senior Citizens News

A special meeting of the Executive Board of the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens was held Feb. 9, 1977. The Fire Company was represented by Mr. Kittinger and the K of C by Mr. Eyer. At the meeting it was agreed to adopt the "By-Laws" as drawn up in February 1977. Also discussed was the possibility of obtaining Liability and Vandalism Insurance on the Senior Citizens property.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Where Is It?

Last week's "Where Is It?" picture was correctly identified by a number of readers as a corner of the Elias Lutheran Church in Emmitsburg. This week's

picture is a sylvan scene in the area. With all the warm weather the local streams are flowing again and we ask you to identify this one and where the picture was taken.

Area Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. Shriver, Sr. have returned from a three-week tour of Southern United States and a 12-day bus tour of Mexico.

The tour in Mexico traveled the central Highway to Mexico City and Acapulco, via Cuernavaca, the "City of Eternal Spring", and Taxco, the "City in the Clouds", now a National Monument.

In Mexico City, the group enjoyed the world-famous Ballet Folklorico, toured the archaeological ruins of Teotihuacan containing the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon, and visited the Museum of Anthropology, which contains artifacts of the ancient people of all regions of Mexico.

The trip from Mexico City back to San Antonio was made via portions of the Pan-American Highway, with stop-overs in Tampico on the Gulf of Mexico and Monterrey, the "Pittsburgh of Mexico."

A surprise birthday dinner was held by Diane Martin for her husband, Gene, on his birthday, February 6th at their apartment on W. Main St. Those attending were: Mrs. Gladys Martin, Mrs. Gloria Martin, Mr. Bruce Martin of Emmitsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Martin, Alexandria, Va.; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Martin and children, Robin and Cory, Mr. & Mrs. John Cooper of Thurmont, Mr. and Mrs. David Cooper and son, Benjamin of Frederick.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence F. Sprankle, R. D. 2, Fairfield, Pa., were honored by their family at a dinner on Sunday held at the Aspers Fire Hall in observance of their 40th wedding anniversary. A tiered cake and refreshments were served later at the home of a son, David, Rt. 1, Biglerville, Pa.

Honoring the couple were their six children and families, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Joy, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rohrbaugh, Emmitsburg, Md.; Mr. & Mrs. David Sprankle, Mr. & Mrs. John Sprankle, Rt. 1, Biglerville, Pa.; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence F. Sprankle, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Sprankle, Rt., Fairfield, Pa.; their 15 grandchildren and Mrs. Thelma Adams, mother of Mrs. Sprankle.

Mr. Sprankle, son of the late Marshall & Anna Butt Sprankle, and the former Geneva Adams, daughter of Mrs. Thelma Adams, Rt. 2, Fairfield, Pa. and the late J. Earl Adams, were married February 6, 1937 in Baltimore, Md. They have resided most of their married life in the Fairfield area.

Mr. Sprankle is a retired employee of H.T. Campbell Sons', Gettysburg, Pa. and Mrs. Sprankle is employed by Freeman Shoe Co., Emmitsburg, Md.

Zip Column

Notice is here-by given that Bids are now being accepted, at our office, on a contract to clean and maintain the Post Office Building and property.

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George E. Rosensteel, Postmaster

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Rocky Ridge News

by Harvey M. Pittenger

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keeney, Calvin and Vicky, visited Mr. and Mrs. Warden Smith and family of Taneytown on Sunday.

A surprise birthday party was given Mrs. Michael Harris on Saturday. Those attending were Marlene Brown of Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. James Sanders and sons Kurt and Jimmy of Emmitsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harris and Michael, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keeney, Calvin and Vicky; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeney and Charles Keeney, Jr. of Rocky Ridge.

Mrs. James Harris, Mrs. Michael, Jr. visited Mrs. Wilson Harris and family recently.

Mr. John Kennaerd of Thurmont visited on Sunday with Charles Keeney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Cavell of Boyds, Md. spent Monday evening with Mrs. Cora M. Setherley and Mr. Harvey M. Pittenger, Sr.

Mr. Carl Setherley visited Mr. Lewis Smith and family on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bowman visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mackley of near Taneytown recently.

Mr. Jeffery Smith visited Mrs. Cora M. Setherley and son Carl on Wednesday evening.

Toy Lending Library Opens

A toy lending library sponsored by the Frederick County Board of Education is now open at the Emmitsburg Public Library. A

collection of about 15 preschool toys is available for lending just as books are lent. The toys include puzzles, blocks and stacking toys that teach colors and shapes.

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Using a symbol children can easily identify, ugly Mr. Yuk, the program instills the dangers of poison. The label warns children to check with their mother or father or babysitter before eating or drinking anything.

Mr. Yuk is essentially a negative version of the "smile button". His scowling face is daylight fluorescent green and his tongue protrudes to signify illness. The symbol has been copyrighted by Children's Hospital of

Pittsburgh to protect it from commercial usage that could prevent its effectiveness in identifying poisons.

The Mr. Yuk stickers should be used as a teaching aid to assist youngsters in identifying the dangerous products around each home. It is suggested that the children accompany parents as they place the stickers on containers of household detergents, cleaners, medicines and cosmetics.

Children must be taught that products bearing the Mr. Yuk stickers are dangerous. As an additional precaution, all highly toxic products should be placed in locked cabinets or high shelves.

The stickers being distributed locally contain the telephone number

of the Maryland Poison Information Center where persons may call to request information or help. The Maryland Poison Information Center provides information on poisoning to both health professionals and the lay public.

Since the Center has no treatment facilities, consultations are via telephone and patients in need of treatment are referred to local hospital emergency rooms. A paid staff member is available for consultation twenty-four hours per day.

Persons may obtain their free Mr. Yuk stickers by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Mr. Yuk, 401 Clover Court, Taneytown, Md. 21787.



Town Gets Flood Damage Check

Town Commissioner Norman Flax (left) presents Emmitsburg Mayor Richard Sprankle (right) with a check for more than \$10,000 to cover flood damage done to the town sewer plant and an access road to part of the town water system. Flax had picked up the check

earlier in Frederick from Civil Defense officials. The Federal Disaster Administration came through with the Emmitsburg check and a number of others to cover damage caused by the October 9 flood last year.

Vigilant Hose Co. Ladies Meet

The meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Vigilant Hose Co. was held Thursday, Feb. 10th with Vice-President Shirley Little presiding. There were 22 members present.

Members discussed plans for the making of doughnuts on Shrove Tuesday (Feb. 22) They will be sold for \$1.50 per dozen and 80¢ a half. Orders can be taken anytime by calling 447-6282 or 447-6329 anytime. They can be picked up at the Incarnation Church

anytime from 8:30 to 12:00 noon. Jeanne Angleberger is Chairman and Gerry Hewitt Co-Chairman.

One new member Erelene Sanders was voted unanimously as a member. All members not paid up have until the end of February at pay. Dues are \$2.00 a year and can be paid to Kathy Myers.

A Thank You letter was received from Pat Filler who is home recovering from surgery.

Plans were discussed to hold a bingo March 5 at 7:30 at the Firehall and on April 5 at 7:30 at the Firehall. Gerry Hewitt and Sherry Bushman will be Chairman of the Bingo and Jane Shorb and Elaine Ebaugh will be in charge of the refreshments.

Refreshments will be served next month by Loretta Myers and Kathy Myers.

Door Prize was won by Marlene Springer.

Local Family Leader of Tomorrow Announced

Sherry T. Topper, of St. Josephs High School, Emmitsburg, has been named as 1977 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow. The student won the honor by scoring highest in the school in a written knowledge and attitude examination administered to high school seniors here and

throughout the country December 7. Family Leader will receive a certificate from General Mills, sponsor of the annual Search for Leadership in Family Living, and will now be considered for state and national honors.

From the ranks of all school winners in the state, a State Family Leader of Tomorrow will be selected through judging centered on test performance and will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship. The second-ranking student in the state will receive a \$500 scholarship. Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation will present "The Annals of America," a 20-volume reference work, to the state winner's school.

Representing every state and the District of Columbia, the 51 General Mills Family Leaders of Tomorrow will gather in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, in April for an expense-paid educational tour there and in Washington, D.C. During the tour,

personal observations and interviews will be conducted to select the All-American Family Leader of Tomorrow, who will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship. Second, third and fourth place national winners receive scholarships increased to \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

The test, personal observations and interviews are all prepared and conducted by Science Research Associates of Chicago.

Girl Scouts Plan Supper Program This Sunday

Girl Scouts and their families of Lewistown, Thurmont, and Emmitsburg will have a covered dish supper in observance of "Thinking Day" on Sunday, February 20, at the American Legion Home in Thurmont. All will gather about 5:30 so that the meal and program can begin at 6:00 p.m. "Thinking Day" in Girl Scout language is the time when girls around the world who belong to the Scout organization think of one another and try to learn something of other countries. The official date is February 22, the birthday of the founder of the Boy and Girl Scout movement, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, and also of his wife, Lady Baden-Powell, who is the World Chief Guide.

the various troops of the community in the program. Songs, skits, dances, and much information about the countries will be presented by the girls. From the troops in Emmitsburg will come Mexico and Norway. The Brownies of Lewistown will help those present to know Holland a little better, while the Cadettes will serve as the mistresses of ceremonies. Canada, Switzerland and India will be included as the Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes of Thurmont tell about their particular countries.

As part of the program, the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund Gathering will be held. This is a Memorial Fund established in memory of the founder of the Girl Scouts in the United States, Juliette Gordon Low. Each troop raises this money in its own special way and each troop will present its contribution during the program.

Whole families are urged to be present and to bring a covered dish of food, and everything needed for eating; plate, cup, knife, fork, spoon, napkins for each person and also a serving utensil if needed for the covered dish. Drinks will be provided.

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Notice

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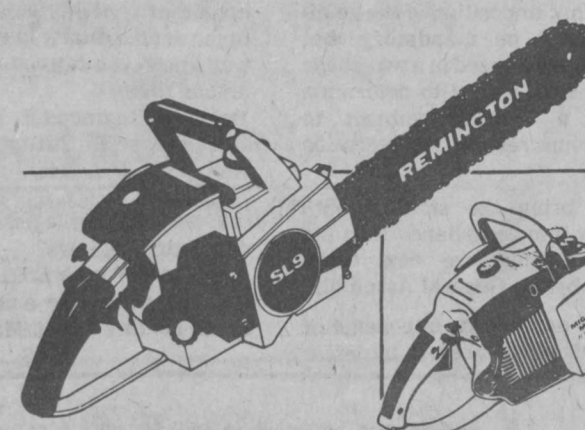
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Editorial

Municipal Taxes: A Time For Changes

There is a lot of hoopla going on down in Annapolis about tax issues, but one question that state officials are going to have to address sooner or later is the inequities in the tax structure that penalizes people who live in incorporated municipalities.

Now that county officials in Frederick and Carroll Counties are trying to correct the past mistakes of sprawl development by encouraging growth in and around existing communities, the dual taxation issue needs to be addressed.

People who live in incorporated municipalities pay their state and county taxes, but are also assessed for municipal taxes. In many instances municipal residents wind up paying twice for services they only get from their municipalities.

The Maryland Municipal League has been attempting to address the problems for years by providing enabling legislation that would allow

county governments to grant a tax break for municipal residents in proportion to the amount of county services they do not use.

Several Maryland counties like Prince George's County already provide the tax breaks, called tax differentials, to some of their municipal residents.

Every resident of an area should be expected to contribute their fair share to the support of their local governments, but no resident should be asked to pay twice.

State and county officials will only begin to pay more heed to the dual taxation problem when municipal residents begin to show their concern.

In order to attract to the area's municipalities the activity needed to make them the centers of population and activity they are meant to be, fair and equitable tax treatment is a necessity.

The Flag Stays

Last week we asked Chronicle readers whether we should keep the American flag on the new masthead and the response was almost unanimous in favor of keeping the flag.

One reader suggested we might even want to add praying hands on the other side of the nameplate to "balance" the

flag. Another reader in defense of the flag "dared" the Chronicle to be different from the more modern newspapers who don't have a flag in their nameplate.

A number of readers stopped by the Chronicle office to give us their oral ballots first hand. The VFW and the American Legion are very strong in this area, suggested one reader, and

they might be offended if the flag was taken off.

Another reader felt the nameplate was not too cluttered and said she liked the flag right where it has been for the last 20 years. "I'm too old for change," she added.

"It's nice to be patriotic," said another reader. "The flag is one way of showing it. I say 'Display the Flag,'" said the reader.

Yet another reader who favored keeping the flag noted that Maryland was one of the original colonies and it is appropriate for a Maryland newspaper to have a flag on its nameplate.

The readers of the Chronicle have thus spoken and the flag remains as part of a proud local tradition.

Letter From The Editors

Dear Readers:

The response to the new Chronicle has been encouraging and your kind remarks are all greatly appreciated.

This week the Emmitsburg Chronicle has become The Weekly Chronicle. Although the name has been changed, it is really not very new. The Emmitsburg Chronicle was called The Weekly Chronicle back in 1915. At the time the newspaper also served a much larger area than the immediate Emmitsburg vicinity. And that is what we hope to do with the new Chronicle.

This issue of the Chronicle is being sent free to more than 1,300 homes in the Taneytown area and the new Weekly Chronicle hopes to fill a vacuum there. Taneytown has been without a community newspaper for some time and although Emmitsburg has enjoyed the luxury of having its own community newspaper, its future was in doubt.

In order to survive in a world of increasing paper and printing costs its hard for a newspaper to stay small, both in circulation and advertising, and still manage to meet expenses.

Thus, the expansion move is an effort to provide a viable newspaper that can meet the needs of the entire area.

The editors are local people, the staff is the same as the old Chronicle and we will continue to rely on local people as much as possible to bring you a fine quality local newspaper.

The new nameplate for the Weekly Chronicle was created by Taneytown artist Frank Steck. We asked Frank to try to give us something that retained some of the old-timey style of a newspaper that has been published for almost 100 years and still give a sleek modern appearance.

The Editors

FOGCO: It'll Shake You Up

by Olaf Hage

What's "FOGCO"?

It's the proposed Federal Oil and Gas Company. The idea is to put Uncle Sam into the business of oil and gas exploration and production.

Right now, an awful lot of our oil and gas is on publicly-owned land. In other words, it's our oil and our gas. It doesn't belong to the oil companies. It belongs to us.

So every so often, the Interior Department will hold an auction to sell leases to oil and gas companies (and anybody else with a few hundred-million dollars to throw around). The lease arrangements give the government a share of the profits. One oil company offered an 83% share to the government on a Gulf of Mexico bid a couple of years ago.

That means the company felt it could do well on only 17% of the profits. This may indicate the amount of reward vs risk that is involved in some oil ventures.

Trouble is, that 83% would be paid into the coffers of the politicians, not the voters. We own the oil, but the politicians get to spend the profits without ever raising taxes to get their hands on our money.

Where do those oil profits come from? From the high oil prices charged in the marketplace, of course. And guess who pays those high prices? We do.

So they take our oil and gas from us and sell it to the oil companies who then sell it back to us at a fat profit, which they split with the politicians. The politicians then come around and offer to build highways and bridges and courthouses and post-offices and a

wide variety of other "Public works" projects.

Communities which would never think of building a new mass-transit-system or flood-control project with their own money are lured into vastly-expensive undertakings by the promise of "federal funds" and "matching grants" and similar gimmicks to win votes. Enter FOGCO.

The idea is to cut out the middleman. Instead of splitting the take with the oil companies, the politicians get ALL of the profits. It was the oil companies' own fault. If they and their friends hadn't gotten so greedy and hiked prices higher than a microskirt, the politicians would have been content just to raise their taxes.

But with the price of oil so high, and natural gas hot on its trail, the "incentive" to find oil is more than anyone can resist, except for the oil companies themselves. They claim oil still isn't worth finding. So they're buying into things like Montgomery Ward and real estate to show their disdain for petroleum.

The Wall Street Journal has reported that even the little "stripper" wells which produce less than eleven barrels a day have now become fantastically lucrative. The oil-prospectors are out there scrounging around the countryside right now looking for the slightest trace of petroleum. Almost any well that finds oil is worth drilling at \$14 a barrel, they say.

The giant oil companies are like fishing boats that sail past single large fish all day, looking for the great

schools of fish so they can dip in a net and haul thousands aboard in a few minutes. They claim that the lack of large schools of fish indicates that there may be no fish at all in the sea.

The idea behind FOGCO is to have the government look for oil in order to prove that it's really there.

Well, it's there, all right, but it won't last forever. Even if we take the wildest estimates made by oil geologists overheard in bars, the amount of oil left in U.S. deposits is no more than 700 billion barrels. This includes generous guesses about undiscovered oil.

twice as much as the "proved" reserves of the entire Middle East.

Tripling in 50 years sounds like a fast growth rate, but it isn't. We tripled national consumption of oil over the last 25 years. If that rate were to continue, we would be using 9 times as much oil in 50 years as we now use.

Natural gas consumption has quadrupled over the last 25 years. In another 50 years, it might have gone up an additional 16-times current use.

All of which is ridiculous. There is not enough oil or gas to support such growth rates, regardless of whether we have FOGCO exploring for it or the oil companies.

Opinion

Sounds enormous, doesn't it? Yet we now use more than six billion barrels a year. So even if it's there—which it probably isn't—it would last only 116 years at current usages rates.

Of course, there are a few problems. One is that the demand for oil is climbing again. So the 116-year figure is worthless. Ten years from now we may be using 50% more oil each year. By the year 2000, consumption might double. In 50 years, it could triple. Which would be too bad, because our 116-year supply would have been cut to a 5-year supply by that time.

Unfortunately, government bureaucrats don't go out of business as easily as private companies. Once we let our Frankenstein politicians create this FOGCO monster, it will be almost impossible to stop.

Take off-shore oil, for example. Right now, the oil companies are frustrated by environmental protests that off-shore drilling might threaten our coastal beauty and fisheries. But FOGCO would trample any environmental objections. It would be backed by "unlimited" resources (our taxes) and be staffed by many of the same bureaucrats the oil companies are now fighting.

We've got the government to protect us from the oil and gas companies (supposedly). But who is there to protect us from a Federal Oil and Gas Co?

Even worse than environmental objections is the earthquake problem. Earthquakes?

Yes. In 1933, Long Beach, California was hit by an extremely strong quake that killed 115 people. That quake has been attributed to oil-drilling in the area.

Off-shore drilling in the Baltimore Canyon out in the Atlantic could also trigger earthquakes. We don't know what the risk is because no one has bothered to investigate.

We do know that there are fault lines running near or through major East Coast cities within 70 miles of the potential drilling sites. If massive oil and gas deposits are discovered and pumped out, the ocean bottom will subside. This might lead to slippage of the shoreline toward the point of subsidence.

In other words, an earthquake.

Or a series of East Coast quakes. We don't know what would happen yet. If oil companies do the drilling, we could probably stop them before it was too late.

But FOGCO? Not likely. The bureaucrats would go right on pumping. Our politicians would hesitate to object while FOGCO is making billions of dollars for their pet boondoggles.

Monocacy Mike Is Always Right

by W. Solstice, Jr.

Q: What drinks blood, always predicts the weather correctly, and watches fornication upside down?

A: Monocacy Mike.

Legends are made, not born. So be forewarned.

"Groundhog Day is a buncha ----!" screamed the small dark prognosticator from his lurking home beneath the Monocacy Bridge that Md. Route 77 uses to span the river.

We had been sent by our editor to interview the Maryland version of Pennsylvania's "Punxsutawney Phil," better-known as THE groundhog of Groundhog Day fame.

"I ain't never missed and I ain't gonna," said Mike, relaxing in an unusually warm February shade.

Back on February 2nd, Punxsutawney Phil had poked his furry little noggin out of a specially-heated, man-made burrow and he had seen his shadow. Temperatures started rising the following week. By Valentini's Day, things were positively balmy.

"We'd better get them 'six more weeks of winter' pretty soon, or we's gonna be fightin' blizzards in April!" Mike proclaimed. "That dumb groundhog don't know nothin' bout no weather, let me tell you. I ain't never missed and I ain't never gonna, neither. You tell him for me."

We promised to write Mike's words down exactly as he had spoken them.

"Punk—that's my name for the little hog—Punk blew it this year. He been listnin' to all them crack metriologists.

They always screw up. I don't pay them no mind at all. They just like to be on TV...like old Punk. Me, I like to stay out of the limelight."

Monocacy Mike is a vampire bat.

"I guess I been hangin' round here under this----bridge for more years than I kin reckon, Sonny," Mike said in his standard upside-down position.

We inquired about the weather. "Come back on April 20th."

Is that the big day?

"Yep! That there is gonna be Bat Day."

Humor

We couldn't resist pointing out that the occasion referred to the day the Baltimore Orioles would be giving out free baseball bats to kids. They have a "Bat Day" every Spring. Mike was unconcerned.

"Don't care. It's as good a day as any. You come and watch. If I look down into the river and don't seem my reflection, it means six more week of Spring."

How can you see your reflection? We thought that vampires couldn't see themselves in mirrors.

"We can't. So every April 20, I look down into the water beneath the bridge and I don't see nothin'. So that means six more weeks of spring, don't it?"

We couldn't argue with that, since six weeks after April 20th is about the

first week of June. And it's still spring, all right.

"I ain't never missed and I ain't gonna!"

We asked him if it were true that he was chosen as the "Official Groundhog" of the Optimists Club.

"Sure was. I ain't gonna let em down, neither. Gonna hang around here until April 20, do my thing, then hunker down for a good movie."

Movie?

Mike flicked a wing in the general direction of the notorious Monocacy Drive-In.

"Ever watch em go at it upside down, Sonny?"

We responded in the negative.

"Twice as funny, let me tell you. I can't hear nothin' from here, but I'll bet folks is laughin' their pants off over there. I laughed so hard one night, I fell right in the river. It was about airline stewardesses who decided to be cheerleaders. Funny thing, I didn't see no airplanes and I didn't see no football games."

We pointed out that the pictures were not meant to provoke laughter.

"Well, watch em upside down without the sound once. I'll dang-betcha you laugh yourself silly."

Mike looked a little older suddenly.

"I gotta go. Sun's comin' up. See you in April."

Just so you don't see yourself, Mike.

Delegate Beck Reports

Despite the fact that drunk drivers caused 339 of the state's 672 traffic fatalities in 1976, Maryland law persists in taking a soft line on drunk driving.

Although traffic fatalities dropped 2% from 1975 to 1976, Maryland auto fatalities caused by drunken drivers rose from 41.6% to 50.4% during the same period.

No reasonable person will argue that the combination of whiskey and wheels is lethal. With the single exception of Maryland, all states and Puerto Rico have tightened their drunk driving laws to define the drunk driver as one who has a .10% blood alcohol level and the impaired driver as one who has a .08% blood alcohol content.

It should be emphasized that depending on their weight, for most people a blood alcohol level of .15% represents the consumption of 6 or 7 straight shots of booze every hour...And that's a lot of booze in anybody's language. Study after study has shown that most people with a .15% blood alcohol level are smashed.

In a study conducted by the University of Indiana, it was shown that most people with .15% alcohol in their bloodstream were staggering drunk. The study also revealed that anything above .08% resulted in "erratic movement, extreme caution or recklessness, failure to anticipate hazards and aggressive driving." Put a drunken driver behind the wheel and the car is transformed from a means of transportation to a deadly weapon.

For the past seven years all efforts to tighten Maryland's drunk driving laws

to lower blood alcohol content to .10% for drunk driving and .08% for impaired driving have met defeat in the House Judiciary Committee. Testimony in the hearings points out that judges, police and other officials are reluctant to see people convicted of drunk driving because it results in revocation of one's license. The figures bear out this contention. A total of 56% of those charged with drunk driving are not convicted.

No question about it, losing a driver's license constitutes an extreme hardship. In many cases, it may mean a loss of employment. But when we consider that loose drunk driving laws result in loss of life, our choice in the matter is clear. It is incumbent upon the General Assembly to enact more stringent laws to curb further highway bloodshed.

THE DEATH PENALTY

As of now, Maryland has no death penalty law. For the second time in less than 5 years the Supreme Court has declared Maryland's death penalty law unconstitutional.

In 1972, the Court declared the law unconstitutional because it imposed the penalty at the discretion of a judge or jury. After two years of being beaten back by opponents of the death penalty, Maryland finally managed in 1975 to enact a mandatory death penalty law for specific crimes. Maryland and 19 other states had interpreted the Court's vague 1972 ruling as calling for mandatory death penalties.

Then, in 1976, the Court ruled Maryland's death penalty law unconstitutional again. In essence, the court said that imposition of the death penalty cannot be mandatory, but rather must be imposed in a two-phase procedure, with a trial to determine guilt and a hearing, subject to appellate court review, to determine sentencing.

Bills to bring the state's death penalty law into compliance with the new court ruling are now being considered by the General Assembly.

And as if on cue, the opponents of capital punishment are out to defeat

these bills in order to keep the death penalty off the books.

Polls indicate that the overwhelming majority of the people, nearly 70%, favor death penalty laws. And, as you well know, you can count this delegate among them.

Delegate Raymond E. Beck, House of Delegates Building, Room 312, Annapolis, Md. 21401.

1) Do you favor legislation to tighten drunk driving laws? YES _____ NO _____

2) Do you favor enactment of the death penalty law in Maryland? YES _____ NO _____

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

One of the best examples of youth in action on the American scene today is the FFA (Future Farmers of America). The FFA is an organization for students studying vocational agriculture/agribusiness and renewable natural resources in public secondary schools.

Nearly 4,000 FFA members in Maryland and over 500,000 nationwide are learning and practicing skills in leadership, cooperation, and citizenship, along with vocational skills in forestry, soil science, farm management, agriculture mechanics, food processing, plant science, animal science, horticulture/floriculture and many other areas in production agriculture and agribusiness.

The traditions of FFA have held strong over its 49-year history and have produced an efficient work force in providing food and fiber to meet the needs of our nation and the world. The bulging shelves of our supermarkets are testimonies to the success of our agriculture industry.

Agriculture's new generation is in the making. They're FFA members today. Please, join with us in celebrating national FFA week, February 19-26, 1977.

Sincerely,
Betsy Merchant
Secretary, Maryland FFA

Naomi Weimer
Vice President, Maryland FFA

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Emmitsburg Clinic Offers Health Services

EMMITSBURG— The nurses of the public health clinic quartered in the Emmitsburg Community Building offer a wide variety of services to the children of Northern Frederick County. Suzanne Fox, Dorothy Corbin and Eugenia Brown carry out the goal of the Public Health Service; to prolong and protect lives and to prevent disease.

The child hygiene clinic is in operation two days a month. The first Monday of each month new patients are seen, checkups of well babies are done and patients who need to see a doctor see one from the University of Maryland.

The third Wednesday of each month, patients regularly enrolled in the clinic receive follow-up care including, hearing, vision, speech and development tests and screening for lead poisoning.

Innoculations are also given to regular patients on Wednesdays. Maryland School regulations require measles, rubella, three polio and four DPT inoculations before enrollment in kindergarten.

All babies born under the care of the Public Health Clinics are visited at home within the first 6 weeks. A blood test is done at that time for the disorder known as PKU. In this disorder babies are unable to digest certain foods. If such a condition is found, a nutritionist is sent to the family to arrange for a special diet for the baby. Without such special attention the baby would be brain damaged.

Babies are then seen at the clinic at about six weeks to two months for a check up. They are seen again at three to four months for inoculations and at six months. At one year they receive measles vaccine and developmental

testing is begun. At 18 months, they receive their booster shots and at two to two-and-a-half further developmental testing is done. At three or four they are given vision and dental tests and at 4 to 5 years they receive the booster shots customary before starting school.

What is new this year is that the clinic is routinely checking seven to eight year olds and also giving a checkup at 13 to 14 years. This satisfies the school requirements for a checkup before beginning senior high sports.

A booster shot has routinely been given at age 10-11 also. Children can also be checked at 15-19 years and at 19-20. A physical is as necessary to maintain good health for older school-age children as it is for very young children, Mrs. Fox says.

She would like to remind parents of regular patients at the clinic to bring their children in for these new physicals at seven to eight years and 13-14 years.

The nurses also visit the local schools, consulting with teachers about students' health and behavioral problems. They have referred children not only to such Frederick County resources as the orthopedic and seizure clinics but also to the Hearing and Speech Agencies of Baltimore and to Rock Creek Diagnostic center. Mrs. Fox visits Seton and Emmitsburg Schools while Miss Corbin serves Thurmont schools and Mrs. Brown, Sabillasville.

The services of the clinic are available to all those who cannot, because of income limitations, take their children regularly to a doctor. All patients are referred by a doctor. Anyone wishing information about the clinic may call 447-6644.

Local Students Cited

Larry Martinez, 8th grade, and Eddie Graff, 7th grade students at Emmitsburg School, were participants in a program initiated by Johns Hopkins University to identify students who are talented in Mathematics.

Both boys are outstanding math students at Emmitsburg School. Larry is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jose Martinez, 23 Federal Avenue. Eddie is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Graff, Rt. 1, Mt. View Road, Emmitsburg, Md.

Emmitsburg Grange

Emmitsburg Grange held their regular meeting on Feb. 2 in the senior citizens room in Emmitsburg with good attendance.

This was the first regular meeting with the new Master Mr. Charles Brauer. Due to the bad weather in Jan. no meeting was held.

Home Ec. Chairman Mrs. Gregory reported the dress and sewing contest would be held in April at the regular meeting along with a covered dish social, a regular routine of our grange.

Again the Emmitsburg grange will serve the chicken barbecue on Sunday at the Community Show this fall. The meeting nights will be changed during

Lent, they will be Tuesday instead of Wednesday at the same time and place.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Charles Brauer keeping in mind of Valentines Day with two beautiful cakes the shapes of hearts and very delicious. Thanks to Mrs. Brauer.

Don't forget next meeting will be on Tuesday night, March 1st at 7:30. Clara Harner Reporter



The Taneytown Lions Club has undertaken another project to help the community during the energy crisis. Wood is being supplied by the courtesy of Taney Supply and Lumber Corporation and is being deposited at the Taneytown Memorial Park.

This wood is for the people of the community to assist in supplying their

fuel needs. Please feel free to help yourself if you are burning wood to keep warm. The wood will continue to be furnished until Winter is over.

Pictured left to right: Taneytown Mayor Neal Powell, Ronald Baker, Secretary of Taneytown Chamber of Commerce and Charles Sackman, President of The Taneytown Lions Club.

Hospital Report

Admitted: Robert Powell, Rocky Ridge, Md.; Toony Shockey, Fairfield, Pa.; Vernon Riley, Blue Ridge Summit; Mrs. John West, Fairfield; Anna Zurgable, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Franklin Andrew, Thurmont; Mrs. Frank Blair, Fairfield; Pauline E. Crouse, Taneytown; Mrs. Dennis Harner, Taneytown; Mrs. Robert Jones, Thurmont; William Myers, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Charles Reese, Jr., Emmitsburg; Mrs. Harry M. Saylor, Rocky Ridge; John W. Walters, Emmitsburg; Lynn Forney, Taneytown; Alma G. Sites, Fairfield.

Discharged: Carroll Troxell, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Dennis Harner and infant daughter, Taneytown; Verna Fleagle, Taneytown; Mrs. Phillip Martin and infant son, Taneytown; Tay Wachter, Taneytown; Mrs. Ronald Harbaugh, Fairfield; Charles Hess, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Howard E. Davis, Thurmont; George Fisher, Rocky Ridge; Earl L. Giffit, Thurmont; Benjamin Keeney, Thurmont; Mrs. J. Walter Kump, Taneytown; Thomas E. Wantz.

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Lenten Services Set

The Worship Committee of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches announces a different time and type of Community Lenten Services this year. The theme of the cooperative worship services on Sunday Evenings will be "A Journey of Love". The schedule of 7:30 p.m. services is as follows: Feb. 27 at the United Presbyterian Church - "The Hand of Love" Preacher - Walter F. Bowers, Pastor of the United Methodist Church.

March 6 at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church - "The Voice of Love" Preacher - John C. Chatlos, Pastor of Incarnation United Church of Christ
March 13 at Trinity United Methodist Church "The Deed of Love" Preacher - Harry Kuhn, C.M., Pastor

of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church
March 20 at Incarnation United Church of Christ "The Mind and Heart of Love" Preacher, - W. Ronald Fearer, Pastor of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 27 at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church "The Victory of Love" Preacher - Eugene R. Ackerman, Pastor of the United Presbyterian Church.

Each of these services will be at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. The Worship Committee met on February 7th at the Presbyterian Church Office to plan for this series of services as well as to make initial plans for the Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at the Grotto of Lourdes.

March of Dimes Bowl-A-Thon Set

A March of Dimes Bowl-a-thon is scheduled for Sunday, February 27 at Village Lanes, East Street in Frederick, beginning at 1 p.m., according to Gina Grimes, chairman of the event.

She said that this year, all Frederick County High School chapters of the Future Business Leaders of America and the Future Homemakers of America have been invited to participate.

Those who sign-up to bowl are being provided with sponsor sheets so they may obtain pledges for pins knocked-down in a total of three games. Bowlers are being provided

refreshments, and official March of Dimes scorekeepers will authorize scores so that bowlers may then collect from their sponsors.

Miss Grimes said that sponsor sheets and Bowl-a-thon rules are available by calling the March of Dimes office at 662-8262.

Organizations whose members are taking part in the Bowl-a-thon to fight birth defects include: Future Homemakers groups at Frederick High School and Linganore High School; and Future Business Leaders of America chapters at Linganore, Governor Thomas Johnson, Frederick, Middletown and Brunswick high schools.

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1. Balance as of June 30, 1976	\$2,984
2. Funds received from July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976	7,006
Sum of lines 1,2	9,990
Total Funds Available	9,990
Total amount expended	7,803
Balance as of December 31, 1976	2,187

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Emmitsburg Historical Society Meet

The January meeting of the Emmitsburg Historical Society was held on Thursday, January 27th, in the Senior Citizens Center on South Seton Avenue. The meeting began with a covered dish social at 6:30 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

President Francis Smith presided over the meeting. We announced the Society is in need of various types of display cases and or glass enclosed bookcases, which can be locked, in order to display artifacts and other memorabilia which have been donated

to the Society. It is anxious to get these items displayed for the benefit of the community, and others who may be interested. Grateful thanks were sent to Mr. Louis Kengla for building and installing shelves in the meeting room of the Public Library.

Kathy Plum reported on the Oral History program being sponsored by the Public Library. Anyone interested in talking to local citizens in the Emmitsburg area about earlier days, are invited to become involved. No special talent is needed - just an

interest in your subject. These tapes will be transcribed by the students at St. Joseph's High School, and then will be filed in the local Library to aid people seeking information on the History of Emmitsburg. There are a few tapes on file now.

Election of Officers for 1977 was held, with the following results: President - Chata Carr; Vice President - Mary Hoke; Recording Secretary - Betty Kengla; Correspond-

ing Secretary - Floyd Lewis; Treasurer - Edith Shriver. Dues of \$2.00 are payable on or before March 31st.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday, February 24th, at which time Mrs. Frances Biddle will talk about patterns and judging quality and workmanship of old quilts. She will also give information on linings, and display some of her collection of quilts, combining them with a few pieces of period furniture. Many of the quilts and pieces of furniture will be from the local area. Anyone interested in this type of program is encouraged to attend.

Right to Life Group Expanding

by D. J. Barker

The Frederick County Right to Life Organization is planning a membership drive and a number of other new programs in the coming year.

A public presentation of the Right to Life stand will be scheduled in the next month or two. Speakers from the state organization are expected to be there.

The county group plans to become affiliated with the statewide Maryland Right to Life, Inc. an educational organization concerned with guaranteeing the right to life not only of the unborn but also the elderly, the handicapped and all those least able to defend themselves.

Other programs the group hopes to sponsor are: presentations at health fairs and high schools, and a Birthright chapter.

Birthright is a program through which pregnancy testing, counseling, referral, and other aid is offered to those women who are pregnant, and who have financial or emotional problems, to enable and encourage them to have their babies. At this time, women wanting such services are referred to the Baltimore Birthright. They may be called collect at 1-323-7444.

Anyone interested in joining or wanting further information may write to Right to Life, P.O. Box 281, Frederick, Maryland 21701 or call Mr. Mark Horak at 663-1554.

Grand Ole Opry Show To Aid Legion Camp

by O. Hage

The Grand Ole Opry is coming to the area on Sunday, February 20th.

Why? Because under-privileged boys from our area need "West-Mar"--the American Legion's boys camp her in the Catoctin mountains, west of Thurmont.

Each summer, two-hundred boys are taken under the firm, but loving management of the camp's commandant, Richard W. ("Dick") Graham of Frederick. If you've ever had the privilege to see the

magnificent job Dick Graham and his fellow Legionnaires up at West-Mar, you know how lucky Carrol, Washington, and Frederick Counties are that we have such fine examples for our youngsters who are most in need of a helping hand.

Now it's our turn. The Legion's 3rd Annual "Grand Ole Opry Show" is our best chance to help out by enjoying great music, singing, and good clean fun at Frederick's Thomas Johnson High School auditorium.

The Grand Ole Opry's very own Diana Trask, Johnny Paycheck, and Alex Houston (and Elmer!) will come direct from Nashville to be a T.J. auditorium this Sunday, the 20th.

Frederick County Sheriff Don Barnes and The Countymen will also be there to keep things hopping during the 2 P.M. afternoon show and the 7:30 P.M. evening performance. All stars will be at both shows.

If you contact any American Legion post in the three counties (Carrol, Washington, and Frederick), you can get advance tickets for just \$6 per person. It'll be seven bucks a head at the door.

Remember, it's at Thomas Johnson High School auditorium in Frederick this Sunday afternoon and evening. Just go down Route 15 and take the Motter Avenue exit. You can't miss it. And you shouldn't.

Seton Shrine Center News

The Seton Shrine Center has received word that the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae (IFCA) Executive Committee has voted to sponsor a chair in the name of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton at the Catholic University of America's School of Education, Washington, D.C.

The announcement was made jointly by Emilie B. Prose, Des Plaines, Ill., presiding of IFCA, and Dr. Clarence C. Walton, president of the University. IFCA will provide funding to support an outstanding scholar to occupy the chair at the University.

The founding of the Chair has the enthusiastic endorsement of Thomas J. McDonough, Archbishop of Louisville, honorary president of IFCA, and of Ann P. Brosnan, chairman of IFCA's effort to fund the Chair and past president of the national organization.

Miss Prose said, "We consider this project to be the most significant step IFCA has taken in the organization's long history of support of education. After careful planning with the University, we know that together,

CUA and IFCA, can make a great contribution toward revitalizing the parochial school system in America."

The first scholar to occupy the Chair is expected to be named shortly. "Whoever is privileged to hold the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Chair will, according to Dr. Walton, have a direct, most profound influence on Catholic education. The Chair allows The Catholic University of America to give even greater focus on that special ingredient in Catholic schools--a set of Christian values--and on the integration of this great tradition with the contemporary curricula."

IFCA past president Ann Brosnan noted: "It was Mother Seton who evolved an education of philosophy and practice which was to inspire many Americans to Christian service and faith." A lay board member of the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Miss Brosnan sees special recognition by IFCA and The Catholic University to this first American-born saint who was also a widowed mother, convert as well as the founder of the Sisters of Charity.

The Seton Shrine Center resumed its regular visitors' schedule February 1. The Shrine is opened 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Applications Available Here for County Public Assistance

There are many people in the Emmitsburg area who are eligible for public assistance, medical assistance (medicaid) and especially for food stamps who are not receiving them because they have not applied.

Eligibility for food stamps is based on income, but the number of people in the family and medical, housing and other necessary expenses are considered. Many senior citizens are probably eligible as are many who are unemployed, either seasonally or otherwise.

Although it is necessary to go into the Department of Social Services offices in Frederick to be certified for these benefits, applications may be obtained at the Seton Center. Sister Rose Marie can explain the application procedure and assist in filling out the forms. Once a family has been certified by the Department as eligible for food stamps, the stamps can be bought any weekday between 9:00 and 2:30 at the Frederick office. They can be purchased on a weekly, bi-monthly or

monthly basis. The stamps enable the family to buy considerably more food with their food budget.

Anyone who believes they may be eligible for food stamps or for public assistance or Medical assistance may write the Frederick Department of Social Services or call or stop at the Seton Center for further information.

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Court of Honor Marks Boy Scout Week

Highlighting Boy Scout Week in Emmitsburg was the Court of Honor, held last Tuesday in the Community Center for Boy Scouts and their families. Opening the program with the Scout Oath was Scout Barney Gingell.

Assistant Scoutmaster Robert Gauss told of the various ranks in the Boy Scouting program. Advanced to new rank within Troop 284 were the following Scouts: Carl White, First Class; David Shields, Second Class; Robert Rosensteel, Jr., Life; Owen Rosensteel, Second Class.

Merit Badge presentations were made to the following boys: Michael Dillon, Citizenship in the Community; Daniel Fearer, Art; Rob Plumb, Emergency, First Aid; Michael Gingell, Swimming; Robert Rosensteel, Swimming, Camping. Scoutmaster Jay Dickinson presented the following Skill Awards: Owen Rosensteel, Swimming, Hiking; John Carter, Cooking, Hiking; Rob Plumb, Citizenship, First Aid; Michael Dillon, Hiking; Michael Gingell, Family Living, Camping; Carl White, Swimming, Environment.

Formally introduced and welcomed to Troop 284 were the following four new Boy Scouts: Tony Aravanis, Guy Baker, Richard Eyer and Thomas Bohager.

Also included in the program was a presentation by Mr. Robert Rosensteel, Sr. who serves as District Commissioner for the Francis Scott Key District. He highlighted the years of Scouting in Emmitsburg by tracing the early days of Boy Scouting from the year 1938 when a small group met at Elias Lutheran Church. Mr. Rosensteel displayed a congratulatory

letter from the American Legion, dated in 1939, which had been written to Troop 14. Local residents with memories that go back to 1939 and earlier and who were members of the Boy Scout program are urged to recall some of their early Scout days. Anyone having any photos or other Scout items, prior to 1939, is urged to contact Mr. Robert Rosensteel so that a complete history may be compiled.

The local Boy Scout Troop 284 is sponsored by the American Legion Francis X. Elder Post 121.

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"Trained personnel are desperately needed in all areas of the health field," Tauraso said. "We wish to encourage young people of Frederick County to fill these vacancies, and the best way is to help them financially with their first year of study. We are grateful to Frederick Countians for making this program possible through their generous contributions to the March of Dimes."

Applications for the 1977 program

must be received at the March of Dimes offices, 251 West Patrick St., Frederick, on or before April 30. Following the deadline, a panel will choose up to three recipients and alternates.

1976 Health Career Award recipients from Frederick County were Janet Ruth Gorman of Thurmont, studying in the field of physical therapy at the University of Maryland Baltimore County; Robert Jean Marie Henke Jr. of Emmitsburg, a first-year medicine student at the University of Maryland at Baltimore; and Kimberly Ann Molesworth of Mt. Aity, studying nursing at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Those serving with Dr. Tauraso on the scholarship committee include James Wilson, Gene T. Mills, Robert E. Gearinger, A. Irvin Renn and Dr. Richard G. Holz.

LCW Meets

The LCW of Elias Lutheran Church met Tuesday evening, February 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House. Devotions were conducted by Anna Bushman, Vice President, in the absence of President Edith Shriver. Plans were finalized for the birthday party the group will give for the Lutheran Home at Gettysburg on Tuesday evening, March 8th. Cars will

leave the Church parking lot at 6:15 p.m.

The group signed a birthday card for Mr. Albert Flenner, who celebrated a birthday on February 10th.

Greeters for the month of February at Elias Lutheran Church will be Mrs. Elizabeth McCleaf and Mrs. Norman Shriver, Sr.

Food 'N Friends

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

Feb. 21 — Hot dog sandwich, baked beans, tossed salad, apple sauce and milk.

Feb. 22 — Chipped ham sandwich, macaroni/cheese, buttered kale, plums, cookie and milk.

St. Joseph's PTSA Holds Bazaar

St. Joseph's High School PTSA of Emmitsburg, Md. will have a Bazaar on March 12 and 13, 1977.

This affair will feature a turkey dinner on the 12, beginning at 1:00 and on Sunday, March 13, a pancake breakfast will be served beginning at 9:00.

Other features of the bazaar will include: Handicrafts, arts and crafts, plants, homemade goodies, sandwich table, rummage sale bingo and other games.

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Standings as of February 10, 1977

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Shaft Nuts	4-16
Gearhart's Electric	4-16
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Team's High Set -1637-Texaco Stars	154
Womens High Game - 154 - Sandy McKinney	
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I wish to thank all who remembered me with prayers, cards, and visits while I was a patient in Warner Hospital.

I'm especially grateful to Dr. Baranski, Dr. Morningstar, hospital personnel and to Mr. & Mrs. John G. Humerick and Mrs. Eugene Zacharias.

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A \$500 reward is offered on finding the compressor and conviction of person or persons responsible.

Contact Emmitsburg Chief of Police with information, or Wallace Ford at 447-2366.

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