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The Chronicle's Wish:

In wishing a Happy New Year to all its Subscribers, Advertisers, Patrons and Friends, The Chronicle expresses the Sincerest Hope that for Them and for Everybody 1924 may be Filled with Naught but Prosperity, Good Health and Contentment.

in 1994 also!

A Happy New Year!

Study of Community Center Continues

A long-standing committee studying the refurbishment of the Community Center building continues to meet with Mr. Ron Hart, Director, Management Services Division for Frederick County. The committee is composed of Mayor William Carr, Mr. Philip Postelle, and Mr. Jeff Fitzgerald. They have met with the Frederick County Commissioners, county engineers, and other officials to assess cost and design matters.

The county has committed \$37,000 to

the project. These funds will be used in part to stabilize the building as to immediate needs. They will pay for an architectural study of needs that would include the American Disabilities Act (ADA) mandated requirements. The Town of Emmitsburg will share in part of the design expense. Town officials are working closely with all interested county and state level officials who will be involved with restoration of the Community Center.

"We here at the town level and others are working diligently to keep the Community Center as an integral part of our community," said Mayor Carr.

SENIOR CITIZENS

By Sandy Keene

Where we are going,
They have already been;
What they have said,
We are now repeating:
What they have done,
We are now doing:
And where they are now,
We may someday be.

These are words to ponder. What will we be doing and saying, and where will we be during those winding-down years? :

The Town of Emmitsburg is in the process of making that final stage in our lives a pleasant one by cooperating and coordinating with The Marshall Blackwell Group of Raleigh, N.C., in construction of senior citizen housing called The Lincoln On the Park Development.

This project is partially funded by a Home Innovations Fund Grant from the State of Maryland.

On-going construction for this development will be done by the sub-contractor McCleary-Early, Inc. of Hagerstown, MD. This much-needed development will be comprised of thirty-two apartment units. Completion is expected to be sometime this spring, weather permitting.

The Town Office is requesting that you not contact them at this time for information. They do ask that you check forthcoming issues of *The Regional Dispatch*.

As construction progresses additional information will be posted on the sign at the construction site on Lincoln Avenue. It is heartwarming to think that at this caring and giving time of the year our senior citizens are not forgotten.

COMMUNITY NOTES

A JOYOUS THANK YOU

On behalf of the Carriage House Inn, Proprietor Jim Hance and I would like to thank the following people for making the live nativity scene possible for the Evening of Christmas Spirit last Monday, Dec. 6, in front of the Carriage House Inn:

Pygmy Donkey from the Catoclin Zoo,

Calf from Kenneth Brown, Middle Creek Road,

Nan the goat and Nick the sheep from Clara Flenner, Stultz Road,

Transportation of the animals by Valerie Walters and Nancy Gamble.

Corral construction by Jim Hance, Dennis Sherald, Bob Gauss, Jr., and Fire Police Bob Koontz and Sam Cool.

As in the past years the presence of the animals added an authentic touch to the nativity scene and the evening's celebration.

We sincerely thank you all!

Karen L. Myers.

A JOB WELL DONE

The Christmas Decorating Committee would like to send our warmest and sincere Thank You's to a very special group of volunteers.

It was like magic that all 174 street light arrangements were completed by noon. In the afternoon we made at least 40 arrangements for North and South Seton Avenue plus the Square. By 3:30 p.m. most of the work was completed.

The hanging of the greens on the square went just as fast. We started at 5:00 p.m. and worked until 8:45 p.m.. The wind was blowing but it wasn't too cold. We thank the Ott House for the hot chocolate and to the man at the hotel for making Diane a cup of hot tea.

Three white pine trees were donated by Janet Tokar, S. Seton Ave. Donna and Ronnie Long donated a scotch pine, and Pat and Debbie Zimmerman donated the cedar tree on the square.

Financial donations were made by

Frank and Julie Davis, Mrs Edna Crouse, F & M Bank, the Town of Emmitsburg, Paul and Claire Carter, and others. Please accept our appreciation.

This efficient group of workers included: CHOPPERS: Jason Powell, Jeremy Gingell, Larry Rothhaupt, Mayor Carr. ARRANGEMENT MAKERS: Hope Mahoney, Mary Hoke, Guy and Betty Ann Baker, Joann Boyd, Julie Davis, Pat Norvath, Lois Hartagen, Dottie Phelan, Mary Rice, Donna Cusio, Jim Small, Louise Schafer, Mayor & Chata Carr, Vernon & Bea Keiholtz, Brenda and Melissa Powell, Cynthia Stienfelt, Karen Rothhaupt, Ann Gingell, HANGERS OF THE GREEN: Paula Wetzell, Tracey Wetzell, Dianne Walbrecker, Mandy Johnson, Pat Norvath, Ann Gingell. We also especially thank Rick Krietz and Jim Click.

If we have missed anyone, please accept our apologies. This is one of the largest groups of volunteers we've ever had. I hope all of you can return next year.

Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts for pitching in and helping to make Emmitsburg the prettiest Christmas town anywhere.

Thank you all, and Happy New Year, Ann Gingell, Chata Carr.

THE LIBRARY REPORT

by Kate Warthen

A banquet was held Dec. 10th to honor the volunteers of the Emmitsburg Public Library. Twenty-five volunteers, staff, and Board members attended. Special guests included Mayor William Carr and Barbara Hobday, Extension Librarian of the Frederick County Public Library.

The library's Board of Trustees sponsored and made arrangements for the event which was held at the Incarnation Church of Christ Parish Hall. Following the dinner, Mrs. Sheila Chatlos, secretary of the Board, welcomed the group and presented a brief history of the library. She recounted that it is the oldest library

in Frederick County and will celebrate its 90th year in 1996.

Kate Warthen, the librarian, assisted by Donna Heise and Dottie Dawson, roasted each library volunteer with thanks and praise for their many contributions. Certificates, printed by Francis Smith, and a lighted candle to symbolize how their light shines, were presented to the volunteers in attendance. About 25 certificates wait at the library to be awarded.

Board members Sheila Chatlos and Mary Hoke were also recognized for 30 or more years of service.

Special thanks were extended to Audrey and Eric Glass for their gift of microfilm of the back issues of *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*, and to Ernie Shriver who donated the Architectural Slide Presentation of Emmitsburg.

A special salute was given to Sheila Chatlos, Elizabeth Prongas, Joan Boyle, Dottie Smith, Chata Carr, and Mary Hoke, who have shared their wonderful spirit in doing the important things so willingly. Bea Keiholtz was thanked for the lovely flower arrangements that were given as door prizes. Winners were Larry Noel, Michael Cueso, and Elizabeth King.

The library staff hope all volunteers will continue in their customary fashion, and wish to thank all those who help in any way. We appreciate everything they do.

THE EMMITSBURG HOMEMAKERS

The Homemakers held their meeting in the library, President Sheila Chatlos presiding. Gifts for Springfield were collected. New program books were delivered. Dues are to be collected in Jan. for 1994. Copies were distributed of a pattern for tree ornaments, which are to be sold by the State Homemakers (MAFCE) to defray expenses of distributing our magazine were distributed. Tickets for the "Holiday Happenings" were sold.

"Food Safety" was the topic for the month. Mrs. Chatlos, the presenter, gave many interesting facts about handling and storing food and how to keep it safe. The meeting was adjourned before 9:00 p.m.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FARE RAISES \$360 FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

The luminaria lit the sidewalk leading to the front of the Emmitsburg Community Center on Friday, December 6th, the first evening of the Country Christmas Fare. Thirty local artists and vendors shared their wares as more than 200 people escaped from the cold, stinging rain to browse among the booths in the Community Center auditorium. Available for sale were items ranging from pieces of carrot cake or hot dogs for the hungry shoppers to paintings, puppets, and pottery.

The show, sponsored by the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA), raised \$360, which the group is donating to the Town Office for a fund to renovate the Community Center Building. A drawing for door prizes was a big hit; several browsers stayed around to enter their names again and again in the drawing, held every 30 minutes. Local businesses donated more than 30 door prizes which contributed much to the success of the show.

Linda Postelle, President of the EBPA, said, "Everyone had fun. The Fare was more successful than last year, and we will build on that foundation for next year's show."

The EBPA also organized and coordinated the Lamplight & Holly Festival, Emmitsburg's month-long gala of open houses, Christmas caroling, live Nativity scenes, and horse-drawn wagon rides provided by local businesses, organizations, and citizens. Planning for the Festival begins as soon as the last Christmas decorations are taken down for the previous year. Anyone wishing to participate in planning for next year's Lamplight & Holly is welcome to attend the monthly EBPA meetings, held the last Tuesday night of every month at the Carriage House Inn. Call Crystal Gauss at 447-2222 if you need further information.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY CHORUS

I wish to thank you all for the Christmas Concert. My capacity to be a music critic is limited. However, I am a good listener, and listening is the other

half of performance. Having appreciative listeners is a plus for the performers. From where I sat it seemed as if the entire audience was equally appreciative. (Well there was one fussy baby, but what do they know.)

Music works when the composer and performers are in sync. There is a very evident emotional effect. Beautiful music well performed is an achievement. The audience's listening level was very comfortable. We felt free to enjoy your work and we did. There were some heads bobbing, a toe or two tapping, and shoulders swaying, all in time with the music. Smiles of enjoyment were exchanged. These were signs of the success of your efforts. The selections were interesting. My particular favorite was "Silent Night" as arranged by Rhonda Polay.

My conception was that only monster-sized choruses attacked Handel's *Messiah*. I admire your ambition and it's unfortunate that the musical genetic pool in this region is soprano intensive. You could use more tenors and basses for some balance. "May the force be with you," in your recruiting efforts.

This paper will support your work in any way that it can. Your individual and group efforts are the kind of endeavor that adds to the quality of life in our community, and we appreciate it. Good luck on your Spring Concert. I hope it's SRO. Break a leg.

PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISER

The Catocin Pregnancy Center, which deals with crisis pregnancy, will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner January 29 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Tickets cost \$5.00 for adults, children (6-12) \$2.50. Kids under 5 are served free. The dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and iced tea or coffee. Everyone is welcomed.

The dinner will also include a baby shower. If anyone would like to bring a new or used baby item it will be donated to the Catocin Pregnancy Center. Items needed include: baby lotion, bibs, bottles, diapers, booties, or clothing.

Contact the center at 2 E. Main St. or call 447-3391.

LIONS HEALTH FAIR

The Emmitsburg Lions Club's 11th Annual Health Fair will be held on March 26th, 1994. Mammograms, available by appointment, will be offered again at a cost of \$65.50. Please call 447-2562 to reserve a place. Only 41 appointments can be scheduled.

BREAKFAST AT THE MOTHER SETON SCHOOL.

The Lions Club will hold a breakfast Feb 6, 1994, from 7:00 a.m. until noon. The proceeds from this affair will support the Lions Club projects. Prices are reasonable: \$4.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children 6 - 12, FREE for children under 5 years of age.

A hearty fare consisting of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and gravy, biscuits, bacon, juice, milk, and coffee will be served.

SUPER BOWL BINGO

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company is sponsoring an "All day bingo" on Super Bowl Sunday, January 30. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Early Birds start at 12:45 and regular games begin at 1:00 o'clock. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$20.00 or at the door for \$25.00. Admission includes: Fried chicken & ham platter, 20 regular games, 20 special games, 1st and 2nd half quickie, 1st and 2nd half jackpots and free game. Regular game payouts are \$50.00 and special games are \$75.00. First and second half jackpots offer \$250.00 payout each. For information or advance tickets call 447-6329, 271-7138 or stop by the ambulance building during Monday Nite Bingo.

LITTLE LEAGUE WINTER MEETING

Roy Wivell announced that the Little League will meet Jan. 5, 1994, 7:00 p.m., at the VFW. The public is invited.

The League is in need of volunteers for the coming season. If you can help in any of the following ways, or wish more information call 447-2881.

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COMMENTARY

Emmitsburg, along with the surrounding region, is swelling with a steadily increasing flow of new residents. The "Trends and Issues Report," issued in November '93, by the Frederick County Department of Planning and Zoning, indicates that from 1984 to 1989 the town averaged 13 new dwellings per year. This rate more than doubled to 35 dwellings per year between 1990 and 1992.

Records from the Emmitsburg town office show that 146 new homes were connected to the water lines from 1990 to 1993. These included 95 new homes in the area north of town including Northgate, the Irishtown Road development, and behind the Lutheran Church. Silo Hill gained 43 homes and Seton Place 8.

For a small town this slow growth rate can seem a boom. And in all likelihood this growth will continue. If the prognostications of financial investors and planners are accurate, we should consider the possible effects of a surge of people moving from the metropolitan areas of Baltimore and Washington. Pressures, including good property values, encourage

a move to surrounding rural areas. The roads, and in the not too distant future, rail transportation will be in place to ease the access to areas such as Emmitsburg.

The implications of these developments need to be considered seriously. All of us are concerned with the quality of our life. Our little town is a choice location for resettlement. We may not have significant commercial or industrial development, but often that is what beleaguered city dwellers are seeking to avoid. There will be many challenges and opportunities for us all as the rate of growth continues to increase. There is no reason for a conflict mentality. There will be only us. As Pogo reported to the Owl, "We have sighted the enemy and it is us."

Michael J. Kinsley in his "Economic Renewal Guide" equates a mature community's uncontrolled growth with cancer. "When a town continues to grow after maturity, its cancer is manifest in many ways-- environmental degradation, spiteful controversy, and a loss of a sense of community."

"But," Kinsley said, "development is very different from growth. After reaching physical maturity, we humans can continue to develop in many beneficial and interesting ways -- learning new skills, gaining deeper wisdom, and much more. Similarly, a community can develop itself without growth. It can create housing and jobs, expand cultural and educational opportunities, improve health, and protect the public safety."

People living in the same place for a long time are mindful of its history and the values that their history conveys. New residents may bring with them different values, but in seeking to make a home in a new place they have a sense of the values of the place they choose; there is common ground between the new and older residents. They also bring with them a new set of skills and talents, along with a revitalizing energy.

There are many people in our community who have been and are involved in development (in Kinsley's sense of the term). This editor thinks that a local conversation on development would be interesting and useful. We welcome your thoughts. Direct them to Letters to the Editor.

100 Years Ago "In This Place"

From *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*

New Year

Jan. 5, 1884 - The usual custom of tolling out the old year and ringing in the new year was carried out in this place, while the boys with muskets, revolvers, and firecrackers gave the new year an old time welcome. The places of business were kept open all day and New Year's day was kept in a quiet and orderly manner in this place.

On last Saturday evening Mr. Peter Hoke put off a lot of beautiful fire works in front of his store on West Main Street, which were admired by many of our citizens.

An Old Man Was in It

Jan. 5 - The wonder of the ages will never cease. It is not only strange and remarkable but it is a fact that among the boys in this place, who stayed up to shoot out the old year and welcome the incoming of 1894, was an old man, sixty years of age whose hair and whiskers are as white as the snow, and if 1894 expected to find this man numbered among the aged, afflicted and faint-hearted people, it was fooled, for he was not old that night, he was a boy out "on the town," with his gun and plenty of ammunition and amongst the boys. He walked the streets like a youth and wasted as much powder as any other person, and judging from the smile he has been wearing this week, it is safe to say he had a jolly good time.

Oyster Supper

Jan 26 - An oyster supper, for the benefit of St. Joseph's Catholic Church will be held in the old "Horner" building, at the square in this place, on Saturday Afternoon, Jan. 27. Oysters, chicken, turkey, salads, coffee, ice cream, cake, etc. will be served. Supper 25 cents. All are invited.

1993 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AWARDS

Please note last year's 1st Place winners were ineligible, but will be judged again next year. A Special thanks to The Carriage House Inn for their hospitality and wonderful Christmas Decorations. (Continued page 5)

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Decorations - Cont. from page 4

Single Family Homes (incl. Townhouses & Duplexes)

- 1st - Mr. & Mrs Haller, 700 W. Main St.
- 2nd - Mr. & Mrs Sloane, 500 E. Main St.
- 3rd Mr. & Mrs Bushman, 9428 Waynesboro Pk.
- Honorable Mention: Mr. & Mrs. Andrew, 118 E. Main St.; Mr. & Mrs Rice, 659 W. Main St.; Mr. & Mrs Rosensteel, 220 DePaul St., Mr. & Mrs Schmersal 115 E. Main St.
- All Others (Business, Office, Multi-units)
- 1st - Stonehurst Bed & Breakfast
- 2nd - Skiles Funeral Home
- 3rd - Emmitsburg Pharmacy
- Honorable Mention: Flowers For You
- NorthGate Awards
- 1st - Mr. & Mrs Kuehl, 8 Adams Ave.
- 2nd - Mr. & Mrs Driscoll, 36 Provincial Pkwy.
- 3rd - Mr. & Mrs Potts, 6 Provincial Pkwy.

The Second Flood

by Karen Jackson Meyers

This is a story about a flood and the overwhelming forces of nature. This is a story about survival and renewed faith.

On Sunday the 28th of November, at about 1:30 a.m., the rain waters had been accumulating for about eighteen hours. Saturday evening had seen some of the heaviest downpours of Emmitsburg's history. Karen P. was coming back from a visit with her family in upstate New York and had been accompanied by heavy rains for the entire nine-hour trip. Five minutes more and she would arrive safe and well at her home on Hornet's Nest Road

Traveling up Annandale road, lighted only by her car's headlights, Karen was rapidly becoming aware that the waters were deep and flowing forcibly. The waters came up quickly and in a reaction of common sense Karen understood that to go forward was not possible. She tried to back up. The waters were rising with increasing speed; she knew that she must get her car off the road. The motor stopped and the water's sound and motion took over where man's machine had failed. The car was being moved: twisting and turning like a piece of debris being tossed by the rushing water, nearly deafening in its intensity.

As the car was being forced off the road the interior was swiftly filling with the uncontrolled rain waters. In a time too short to calculate, the water level inside reached the middle of Karen's chest. She started to panic, feeling the air being forced out of her lungs by the pressure of the water. She reached for her seat belt, struggling in the water to free her body from the seat. The car's windows were raised so Karen thought there might remain an air pocket. She climbed atop the steering wheel. She crouched there watching, waiting to see and feel what would come next.

The force of the newly formed river had pushed Karen's car against a tree, where it slowly rocked from side to side. She was trapped, without options, and she was terrified. Everything in her life at that moment was out of human control. Karen turned to God and began to pray.

Karen cannot tell you how she got out

of her car and onto the roof. One minute she was trapped inside a water-filled vehicle, and the next she was on top of her car, away from the increasing pressure of rising water. The car had tipped sideways. She knows she must have escaped through the passenger's side window, but she had no clear recall. When the waters subsided and Karen's car could be seen the passenger's window was not fully open. Miraculously Karen was made safe from the flood inside her car.

Karen waited for about an hour on top of her submerged vehicle before she saw the headlights of an approaching car. The current was so strong that when Karen put her foot down to test the waters her leg was tugged fiercely by the current. In the darkness of the early morning she could hear the strong waters rush.

But she had been at peace, knowing that no effort on her part could save her. Thoughts of home, family, and safety transcended to wonderment and awe as Karen conversed with God.

The rescue took close to a half an hour to accomplish. Karen was cold and soaked to the bone, but thankful to the woman who had seen her predicament and gone for help. Karen is very grateful to all the men and women who gave their time and energy to save her life.

As Karen P. related this story of her ordeal the overwhelming sense was that she was saved by the Grace of God. She told a saga of a weakened, nearly forgotten faith restored. The flood was merely a vehicle toward achieving an end.

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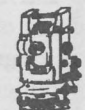
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Brute Council # 1860, established on Dec. 17, 1916, celebrates 77 years of service in the Emmitsburg, Thurmont, and surrounding regions. Its areas of service consist of the council, church, community, youth, and family.

Service activities vary in focus from spiritual to fun, and from family to patriotic. Activities include special memorial masses and masses for deceased members. Many members choose to participate in usher and lector programs at the church.

On the lighter side social activities are held for members and family; crab and shrimp feeds are favorites. The council participates in community events, parades, Christmas celebrations, Halloween parties and hay rides. Community service also includes support of youth groups and institutions such as the Mother Seton Elementary and other elementary schools.

Knights, identified by special vests, are highly visible and active during the October Tootsie Roll Month raising money for disabled children. Fourth degree knights are often seen wearing their colorful Capes and Chapeaux in parades or color corps honoring the flag.

The council is very active in pro-life activities and recently has give support to the Catocin Pregnancy Center, which recently opened in Emmitsburg and helps women experiencing crisis pregnancies.

A basketball free-throw contest (dates to be announced) is scheduled in January for young people.

Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights with the dream that the organization would not only support and sustain the Catholic faith, but also benefit the family. Knights of Columbus programs attempt to restate and publicize their strong pro-life stance, promote family values, and involve family units in the work and fun of the order. The council works to be of greater service to the community by bringing families together, the sharing of faith, and helping those in need.

Worldwide, the Knights of Columbus have over 1.5 million members and in 1990 donated, for charitable purposes, over \$96 million and 36 million man-hours to community service.



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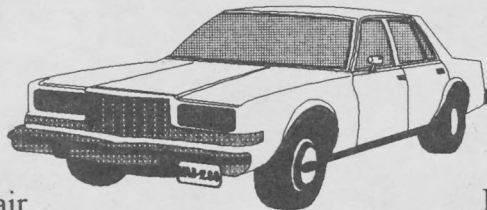
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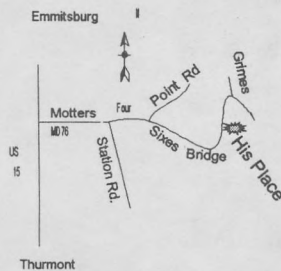
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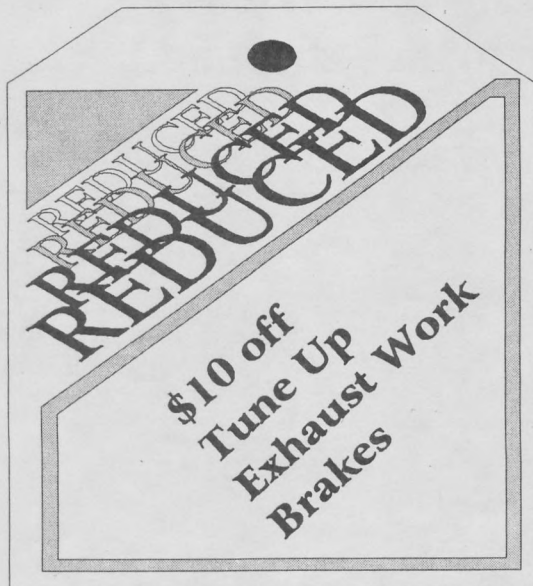
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This little boy started to love the little rabbit. He played with him. He went everywhere with him. But one day he got sick. When he was sick he hugged him. He held him. And one day the boy got well and he went to the seaside. While nanny got everything out of his room and put them in a bag and gave them to the man that binned trash. But the Velveteen



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Emmitsburg Elementary - Mrs. Tammy Reed's Fourth grade class has worked on Christmas Acrostics. Mrs. Sharon Hise's Third grade class combined the reading and writing skills.

Nobody can say things the way a kid can. We love it and hope that you will enjoy the work of these children. Support your own child's or grandchild's efforts to express themselves through writing.

Mallory Miller



Daily News



The Velveteen Rabbit

Title

A stuffed Rabbit becomes real.

Byline

Long ago,

Date/line

there lived a little boy. The boy received a Velveteen rabbit for Christmas. This little boy loved his Velveteen Rabbit.

When this little boy got his Velveteen Rabbit he loved his Rabbit more than any of his other toys. Then the little boy got scarlet fever. Then a doctor came and said every thing that the little boy played or slept on must be burnt. The next day the little boy's man had hired a man to burn the boys toys that had got germs from scarlet fever. When the man took the things out to burn the Rabbit fell out of the bag the man was carrying. Then a fairy came and took the Rabbit to the woods and the fairy turned it into a real Rabbit. The little boy got better and went out to



Book Title The Velveteen Rabbit author Margery Williams



LOT OF HISTORY

Lot #91, with its original log house in modern dress, is located at 216 West on Emmitsburg's award-winning Main Street. "Over the years, residents have seen many changes along this street," said Fran Bittle in a talk prepared for the Emmitsburg Historical Society, "but no man, woman, or child remembers them all. There are no living witnesses. Only a few old houses stand silent witness of generational changes.

"These old houses have been survivors of time, fire, neglect, ill-advised changes, and much tender-loving care. They remain today archivists of the joys and struggles of the families they have sheltered over the years," said Bittle.

The facts connected to the original town plot create an intriguing trail through time. They reveal glimpses of the town's early days. William Emmitt became the owner of Lot #91 when he received it as part of a 35-acre parcel from his father Samuel Emmitt, in 1785. In 1789 the lot was sold to Jacob Fon Hoover, who two years later sold it to Thomas Maxwell (Maxwell later donated half an acre for the Elias Lutheran Church site). The lot changed hands several times during the next twenty years, one of the exchanges resulting from a judgment in an 1819 lawsuit. In 1822, Alexander

Dobbin (whose home in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, is now the well-known tavern and restaurant) bought the lot and house at a sheriff's sale for \$83. Three years later James Dobbin inherited it from his brother. He sold it in 1825 to David Gamble, whose family resided in the house for the next fifteen years. From 1840 to 1925, ten families owned the lot before Louis H. and Anna B. Stoner purchased the lot on March 9, 1925.

"We are fortunate indeed to have the history of ownership of this house," Bittle remarked. "Documented by Louis Stoner, it is a treasure in and of itself. Much effort was needed to research the property records of Frederick County to detail the transactions. The record is factual and precise, but there are fascinating nuances: the generosity of Thomas Maxwell, the mystery of the lawsuit which resulted in the loss of the house in October of 1819, and the short tenure of the new owner which ended with a sheriff's sale. So many stories remain hidden," said Bittle.

Louis Stoner's original research on Lot #91, dating from 1785 to the present, was given to Fran Bittle for safekeeping. Presently, Mrs. Bittle is in the process of compiling and reorganizing her collection of documents concerning the history of Emmitsburg.

An Iambic Epicure

BAKED CHICKEN LEGS

By John - Mother Carey's Chickens

*An itinerant elf, after gentle persuasions,
Gave me Mrs. Claus's recipe for festive
occasions*

*These chicken legs with bourbon and
spice,*

Go well over noodles or buttered rice,

1 TBSP unsalted butter, 1 TBSP vegetable oil,

1 large onion finely chopped, 3 green onions chopped,

3/4 Tsp ground cinnamon, 1/2 tsp ground ginger, 4 tsp nutmeg, 1 tsp allspice,

8 chicken legs,

1 small can mandarin oranges w/juice, 2 TBSP bourbon, 1/4 cup golden raisins. Salt and pepper to taste.

Saute onions and green onions in butter and oil 2 minutes over moderate heat, stir in cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and allspice...Cook for 1 minute.

"Don't let this get back to Mrs. Claus,"

The elf said to me with a hesitant pause.

"It's a North Pole favorite, but I must confess:

If you use reindeer legs, you will probably need less."

Place chicken legs in a 13 x 9 baking pan; spoon onion mixture over the legs. Pour the mandarin oranges and bourbon on top of the onions and season with salt and pepper. Bake at 400 degrees for 40 minutes. Baste occasionally, till tender. Scatter raisins over the top and bake for 5 minutes more.

So serve them right up, and eat hearty, my friends,

The spices and rasins are a wonderful blend.

But, perchance, God forbid, your family should frown,

Just bundle them up, and go out on the town.

ROCKY RIDGE

The Mt. Tabor Quilters have decided against having a "Holiday Greens" workshop this year. In keeping with the season, we are collecting canned goods and laundry/bathroom supplies to give to our local Social Services Agency. The months of December and January are set aside as the "Buy-an-extra-can" time with donations to be delivered in February.

Every Tuesday is Quilting Day at the Mt. Tabor Activity Building. Most of the Quilters are busy at home with craft work and season's preparations, but still find time to come out and work on the quilts we make to give to Heartly House in Frederick. At this time we have 14 quilts ready to deliver.

Banquet for the Ladies

The annual banquet for the Rocky

Ridge Ladies Auxiliary was held Dec. 5, 1993, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rocky Ridge Fire Hall. Ninety-nine ladies attended the wonderful evening planned for them.

We started the evening off by walking into a room filled with beautiful vases of carnations for each lady. Poinsettias were the centerpieces. They were provided by the firemen who also prepared and served a delicious meal. Following dinner Betty Ann Mumma, president of the Auxiliary, introduced the officers and gave a report on the organization's activities and projects this year. Games were played and enjoyed by all. Twelve poinsettias were given as door prizes. Entertainment was provided by the Thurmont Canaries. Attendance was limited due to the bad weather, but the evening was enjoyed by all. The Ladies Auxiliary wish to thank the community for its help and support throughout the year.

Family Fun Night

Bring your family and have some fun at the Rocky Ridge Fire Hall every Saturday evening. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. . Early Bird games will start at 7:00 p.m. after January the 8th.

Hospital

The following recently returned from hospital stays. From the UCC: Charlie Jones, Charles Keeney, Lucille Waymont, Kenny Stambaugh, and Carrolton Houck, Bo Gregg. From the Lutheran Church: Frances Sharrer, Marshall Sharrer, Debbie Wiles, Anita Eyler, and Ronnie Eyler.

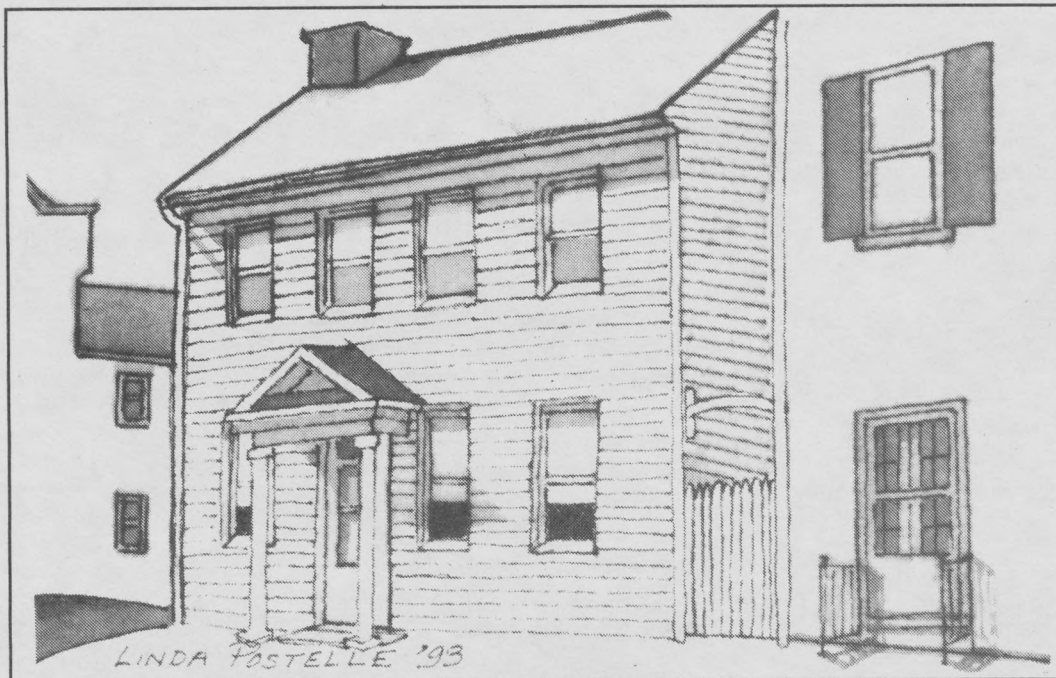
Birthdays - People having birthdays in January are Anthony Harris, William Dinterman, Pauline Sharrer, and Jeannie Angleberger.

The Mt. Tabor Sunday School Christmas party was held Sat. Dec. 18. There were readings, skits, and caroling. A jolly good time was had by all.

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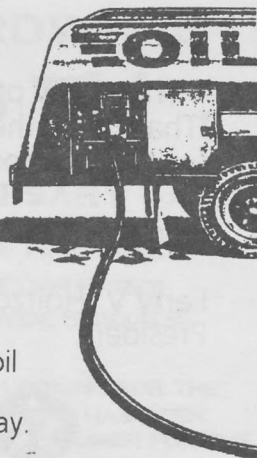
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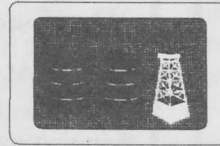
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FIREMEN'S CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Emmitsburg's Vigilant Hose Company has initiated a major capital campaign to raise funds for the purchase of a new ladder truck and the expansion of its facilities on West Main Street.

Fire Department president, Jeff Fitzgerald, said the "Campaign for Community Safety" has established a goal of \$50,000. "The funds will be used to purchase a much-needed ladder truck and to help finance an addition to the current facility to house the new fire-fighting apparatus. The cost of the truck is estimated at 550,000. The building expansion will cost the Fire Department an additional \$400,000," he added.

We need the generous support of the entire community to help us achieve our goal," Fitzgerald noted. "Just as the community relies on the Vigilant Hose Company for security, the Department must rely on community support in order to continue its service," he said.

Until now the Vigilant Hose Company has depended upon the Gettysburg Fire Department for ladder truck support. The ladder truck is used for fire rescue from upper floors, water and ice rescue, and various other emergency and non-emergency uses. The new truck will be housed in an addition being planned for a property directly adjacent to the Fire House on West Main Street.

LADIES GIVE SPORTSMEN A CHANCE

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Vigilant Hose Company will be having a "Sportsman's Night" on Saturday, Feb. 19, 1994, at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and include dinner and chances at cash and gun prizes. Prizes are awarded every 15 minutes from 5:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information or to obtain tickets, contact any Auxiliary member or call the fire hall at 447-2728

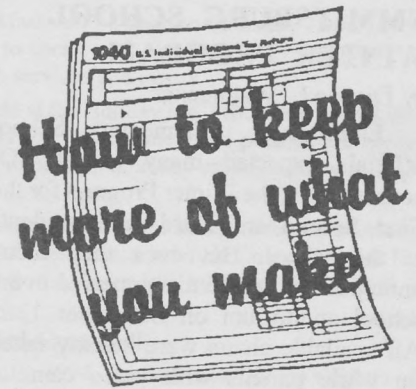
CATOCTIN WINS TOURNAMENT

Catoctin High School Mat Men, coached by Doug Rine, won the first-ever Catoctin Duals Wrestling Tournament held Dec. 10 and 11 on their home mats. The second-seeded squad won victories over Walkersville 52-14 and Liberty 40-31.

In the finals the Cougars faced previously undefeated and first-seeded Preston High School from West Virginia. The mat men scored an impressive 41-22 victory.

The team slammed its way to the trophy in winning the last 6 bouts by falls. These wrestlers finished with 3 wins and no losses: Shane Piffany (171) 3 pins, Tim Cole (189) 3 pins, Mike Harris (125) 2 pins, Doug Haskin (130) 1 pin, and Wendrick Goff (145) 1 pin.

Several young men from Emmitsburg are members of this developing squad: Freshmen Jacob Kline, Chris Ryder, Adam Stambaugh, and Jason Monaghan; Sophomores Chris Higgs and Richard Toms; Juniors Mike O'Brien and Rob Monaghan.



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EMMITSBURG SCHOOL WINTER PROGRAM

by Dianne L. Walbrecker

Emmitsburg Elementary School officials expected many parents. Of course, this is the Winter Program for the First, Second, and Third Grade students at the school. But even they didn't anticipate the crowd that appeared in the school auditorium on December 13th. All available chairs were quickly taken up while parents with video cameras lined the walls and aisles.

The music was enthusiastic and the holiday spirit filled the room. Lauren Hastings performed a wonderful violin solo. The First Grade students sang "Ten Little Jingle Bells," the Second Grade did "Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer" while the Third Grade joined the other classes to sing the play titled "A Sombrero for Santa." In the comedy, Santa is getting from Mexican children letters that he can't read. In order to learn Spanish, he travels to Mexico with Mrs. Claus and the elves. Then Santa and his entourage are stranded because no transportation is available. While stranded in Mexico, they make presents. Finally, Rudolph and the reindeer save the day.

Mrs. Carolyn Wiles, the music

teacher, said she picked the play because the school is working on multicultural issues, and she saw it as an opportunity to continue the theme while having the children learn some Spanish words. She laughs when asked if the play had any political overtones. "No, I chose it long before the battle over the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), but a few of the teachers asked if I was making any political points," she said.

"I was very pleased with the show. The children all knew their parts, and the program was well attended by both children and parents," she added.

PARENTS DISCUSS VIDEOS AND BOOKS USED IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

by Dianne L. Walbrecker

The Northern Region Parents' Advisory Meeting provides direct access for parents to discuss issues affecting their schools with officials from the Board of Education. The group, which meets four times a year, discusses issues such as the Impressions Series (which stirred controversy among some county residents) and Outcome-Based Education. Emmitsburg Elementary School was represented at the December

meeting by Lin Marsh, the PTA President.

Those attending the meeting discussed the policy regarding the use of films and videos in the classroom. The group also discussed Outcome Based Education and each person was provided with a Guide for Parents and the Frederick County Community. "Outcome-based education focuses on the results of the education process. In essence, outcome-based education programs pay close attention to whether students have actually learned the curriculum. School districts and schools work together with state and local boards of education to decide the outcomes to be learned, just as they have always decided the material to be taught." This focus on student outcomes is not new. Functional tests became part of the requirements for a high school diploma in the late 1970s.

The group touched briefly on the Impressions series of books. For any concerned parent, the entire series is available for view in the Hayward Road Complex and at every public library. Other parent concerns included the difficulty of getting a left-handed desk for a student and the fact that students do not have a math text in second grade. Math texts are not used in second grade because the curriculum is based on manipulatives, moving actual objects to learn the concepts. Emmitsburg Elementary will review the program with any parent who would like more information on the use of manipulatives.

The next meeting of the Northern Region Parents' Advisory Meeting will be January 31st. Call Frederick County School's Division of Instruction and School Administration at (301) 694-

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This exchange is co-sponsored by the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Mental Health Advisory Committee, Frederick County Mental Health Services, Frederick Memorial Hospital Psychiatric Unit, and Way Station, Inc.

Red Cross Ball

On Saturday, March 19, 1994, the Frederick County Chapter of the American Red Cross is holding the second annual Red Cross Ball. Beverly Byron will serve as our Honorary Chairperson. The event will be held at the Francis Scott Key Holiday Inn from 8 p.m. until 12 p.m. Proceeds from the Red Cross Ball will benefit the general operating fund of the Frederick Red Cross Chapter. Please respond at 662-5131 by Mon., Jan. 3, so we may make arrangements.

Hospice

Hospice of Frederick County is conducting a training program March 3-6, 1994, at the HFC office in Frederick. There will be two levels of training for prospective volunteers. New Administrative Volunteers, who assist with fund-raising, office work, and miscellaneous other tasks, are required to attend the first two days of training. Direct Service Volunteers, who work with patients/families or in the bereavement program, are required to attend all four days of training.

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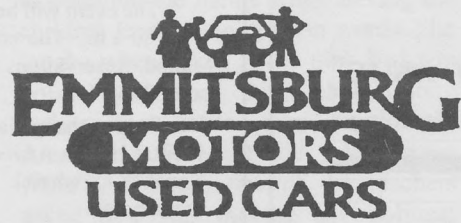
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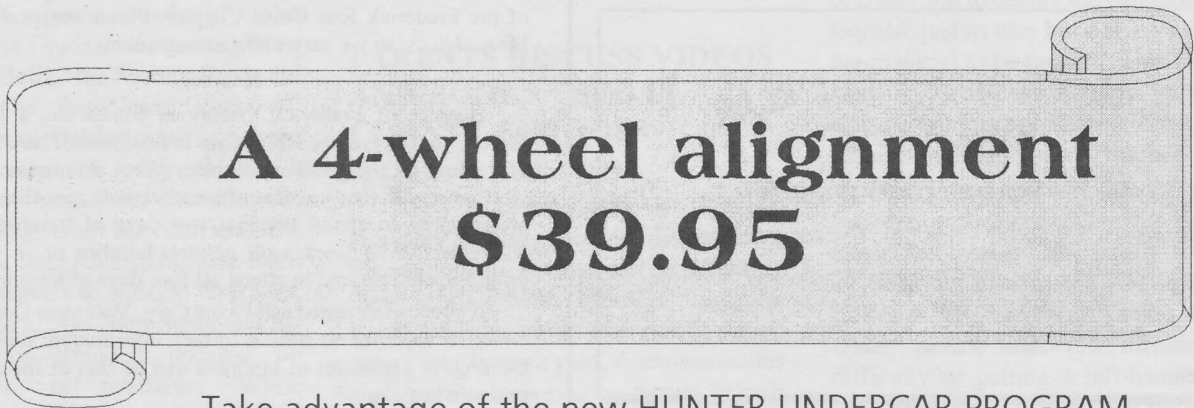
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