

# Emmitsburg The Regional Dispatch

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Gaining Strength Through Each Other

June, 1994



Students with a little help from a friend plant trees at Arbor Day Festivities.

## MSM HONORS EMPLOYEES

Several area residents were among the 51 employees of Mount Saint Mary's College honored for their service to the Mount community at the recent annual Employee Awards Banquet.

Honored for 10 years of service were Phyllis M. Cool (Emmitsburg), Richard D. Cool (Emmitsburg), Lisa A. Davis (Taneytown), Eleanor M. Edwards (Leesburg, VA), Kevin J. Fitzgerald (Emmitsburg), Robert A. Flynn (Emmitsburg), Melissa M. Gladhill (Cascade), Carol A. Hobbs (Thurmont), Fred W. Peters (Taneytown), Laura S. Ritter (Fairfield), Iren L. Shank (Fairfield), Connie A. Springer (Fairfield), Deborah J. Stely (Emmitsburg), David B. Wantz, III (Emmitsburg), Rebecca A. Weaver (Emmitsburg), and Stephanie J. White (Thurmont).

Honored for 15 years of service were Lorrie A. Clabaugh (Fairfield), Dr. Gertrude D. Conway (Emmitsburg), Denise L. Ditch (Emmitsburg), Sr. Ann Miriam Gallagher, RSM (Emmitsburg), Dr. Germain Grisez (Emmitsburg), Jeannette E. Grisez (Emmitsburg), James W. Hartnett (Emmitsburg), Edna F. Humerick (Thurmont), Gloria J. Myers (Emmitsburg), Sr. Mary Nusbaum, SFCC (Emmitsburg), Karen L. Popenfus (Emmitsburg), Susan J. Sanders (Mercersburg, PA), Dr. Carmen B. Schmersahl (Frederick), James D. Stultz (Fairfield), and Mildred A. Valentine (Emmitsburg).

Honored for 20 years of service were Dorothy G. Joy (Emmitsburg), Dr. Christopher B. Smith (Emmitsburg), Patricia L. Trout (Emmitsburg), and James A. Wagerman (Emmitsburg).

Honored for 25 years of service were Rev. James T. Delaney (Emmitsburg),  
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## NEW LOOK FOR COMMUNITY CENTER?

Architectural drawings of the community center were unveiled by Mayor Carr at the May 2nd town meeting. The renderings will be used to study space usage and to determine the most feasible way to proceed with the renovation of the building. The proposed plans were derived from previous assessments of the structure's needs, interviews with groups and organizations currently using the building, and other possible uses of the space. An estimated cost was given for each of the suggested plans.

One feature of all three plans was moving the town offices to the community center. Mayor Carr stressed that no definite plans have been made to move the offices but that it was important to include the possibility in order to consider fully the most efficient use of the building. He also stated that a public meeting would be held to get residents' views before making any decision.

The first two schemes, Plan A and Plan B, call for renovation of the first and

second floors only. Both plans include moving the main entrance to the rear of the building, installing a 3-floor elevator, and enlarging the floor space for the library to 4,500 square feet. The two plans differ in the designation of locations and space for the various groups and organizations using the facility. The estimated cost of each of these plans is \$1.3 to \$1.5 million. Plan C calls for renovation of the entire building using the same entrance configuration but opening up more usable space on the third floor. Plan C carries an estimated price tag of \$1.7 to \$1.9 million.

Funding for the project will be sought from a variety of sources. The state government will provide up to 80% of the cost of complying with the requirements mandated by the American Disabilities Act. Some funds are being sought from the county by shifting capital improvement funds for the '96-'97 budget to the '95-'96 budget. Grants will also be investigated as possible funding sources.

## ROUNDS

### Town Meetings

At the May 2nd town meeting the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association requested permission to place banners across S. Seton Ave. in December to promote their annual Christmas Fare. Permission was granted. The council also agreed that the town crew could assist in placing the banners.

Margaret Sifert of 15 Robindale Drive was selected to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Committee. The opening was created by the resignation of Peter Dorsey.

Sign Ordinance 94-3 was accepted at the May 18th public workshop by the council in order to be in compliance with the provisions of the U.S. 15 Sign Performance District. This ordinance limits advertising along U.S. 15 frontage of the Emmitsburg area to gasoline services, food services, lodging, and shopping centers. The ordinance details application procedures, fees, logo board requirements, construction, repair, and maintenance of the signs. Applications for signs will be processed through the local zoning board.

Mayor Carr gave a summary of the new budget and a date for the formal presentation of the budget to the community was set for June 6, 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. The regular town meeting will follow at 7:45p.m.

Yvette Semler reported that the community organizations and merchants have generously made over 25 contributions to the pool appreciation party that will be held May 28.

### Police Report

The town deputies, Jerry Horner and Bill Hunter, reported that in April there were two accidents, one firearm complaint, and no other significant disturbances. They conducted 22 escorts, assisted with three fire calls, served three warrants, made three adult arrests and one traffic arrest. Thirty traffic violations were issued and 16 warnings were given. They investigated one suspicious person and two suspicious vehicles. They also

gave one school talk. At the present time the deputies are engaged in seven follow-up investigations.

Code enforcer Bob Koontz issued 225 tickets and issued a notice to remove a vehicle without proper tags. He assisted in traffic control for eleven fire calls, eight ambulance calls, three funerals, and directed traffic during repairs to a water main. He reported receipts of \$1,061.45 from parking meters and \$458 from fines.

### Fire Services

In the month of April the Vigilant Hose Company responded to 26 emergency calls. These included 10 first-due calls, six mutual aid calls, seven auto accidents, two medical assists, and two station transfers. The company accumulated 1,417 personnel hours and conducted one department drill.

### Ambulance Services

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company made a total of 65 emergency calls in April, driving a total of 1,485 miles. There were 43 emergency medical calls, 11 motor vehicle accidents, four routine transports, and seven fire assists. Twenty-nine of the calls went to the Gettysburg Hospital and nine to Frederick Memorial Hospital. Eleven of the calls required advanced life support and 54 of the calls required basic life support. The company noted that the number of motor vehicle accidents was surprisingly high this month. Be careful out there, and buckle up!

Reminder: the ambulance company has set a goal of training 250 new people in the art of rendering emergency care. Classes are on-going. If you are interested contact a member of the ambulance company or stop by and sign up.

## ZONING

Residents! If you are going to make changes to your property in any way, please call the Town Office, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., to check if you need a zoning permit from the town. If one is required the Zoning Administrator will arrange an appointment for Tuesdays or Thursdays. Call 447-2313.

## R & R

### Funds Sought For Repair And Renovation of Caboose

PLEASE HELP US RESTORE EMMITSBURG'S CABOOSE!

The Emmitsburg Town Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission are currently asking for your contributions for the restoration and renovation of our caboose located in Community Park.

Please place your contribution in the caboose banks located at the Town Office and other business establishments, or send to :

The Town of Emmitsburg

P.O. Box 380

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Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727

If you would like to purchase a caboose bank, orders are now being taken at the Town Office. The cost is \$15.00 each and proceeds will benefit this project.

**RECYCLING REMINDER** - make sure you remove the lids from all recyclable containers! Containers with lids cannot be recycled.

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Mary Lee Shriner (Thurmont), and Linda Wantz (Emmitsburg).

Prof. Thomas D. Ryan (Emmitsburg) and Guy A. Ridenour (Gettysburg, PA) were honored for serving 30 years and James J. Phelan (Emmitsburg) was honored for serving 40.

Retiring from the Mount this year are Leon M. Allen (Zullinger, PA), Doris J. Cullison (Emmitsburg), Milton Harvey (Emmitsburg), Frances M. Keilholtz (Emmitsburg), Fred H. Marquardt, Sr. (Westminster, MD), John R. Ridenour (Emmitsburg), and Patricia A. Zanella (Emmitsburg).

The Mount is one of Frederick County's largest private employers, with almost 500 full- and part-time faculty, administration, and staff members.

## Emmitsburg Public Library

by Kate Warthen

Finance is a subject with which we should all become familiar. In this library we have a great selection of books for all ages on how to manage your money. Sometimes money manages us, but until we become familiar enough with our finances to know where our money is spent, how much our bills are, and how much we can save, we will never know how to take control of our money.

Listed below you will find books about children's allowances, books for young people, and books for older people getting ready to retire and books to help people invest to help them retire in the event there is no social security in later life.

*The First Book of Investing* by Samuel Case. The absolute beginner's guide to building wealth safely. The purpose of this book is to help you make money. It tells you about the first things you need to know about investing in the various financial markets. This book is meant to be read before you do anything with your money.

*Straight Talk on Money* by Ken and Daria Dolan. This guide to family money management guides you to that hidden money in YOUR paycheck, those buried savings in your taxes, those untapped sources of time and income you can never seem to uncover on your own. This book explains three secrets to having money left at the end of the month, six ways to cut your credit card payments without cutting up your credit cards, how to save big bucks on your mortgage without refinancing, four types of insurance never to buy, and how to avoid broker's commissions and still find good stocks. There is much more to help your family save money and get better value from your home, your car, your job, your taxes, your kids, your health, your insurance, your retirement, your investments...

*Building Wealth* by Russ Whitney. How anyone can make a personal fortune without money, credit, or luck. Are you tired of being in debt? Tired of struggling just to meet the bills each month? Do you want to move into the financial comfort zone? Would you like to be independent, and perhaps even become a millionaire?

## LOCAL SINGERS IN CONCERT

### Familiar Movie Melodies Will Be Featured

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus under the direction of Gary Schwartz and accompanied by Patricia McEllroy will present its 30th annual Spring Concert, "The ECC Goes to the Movies," on June 12, 1994, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 47 DePaul Street, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The chorus will sing songs from familiar movies including "Bohemian Rhapsody" from *Wayne's World*, "O Fortuna" from *Excalibur*, a medley from *Fiddler on the Roof*, "Hail Holy Queen" from *Sister Act*, plus many more. Also appearing at the concert will be the St. Joseph's Church Sunrise Singers.

The concert is open to the public and facilities are accessible to the handicapped. A good-will offering will be taken. For more information please call either Gary Schwartz at 301-898-0189 or Shannon Boyle at 301-447-3121.

### Sunrise Singers

by Bev Adams

The Sunrise Singers, a liturgical folk group, was founded in the early 1970s by Monte Ray, a high school student and parishioner at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Monte was a guitarist and used his talents to bring some of the "newer" liturgical music to the parish. Rev. John King was pastor then and was very influential and supportive of the group in its formative and early years. As time

passed and members went off to college, the directorship changed hands, but the group was always under the leadership of parish youth. However, in the late '70s, the group disbanded.

In January 1991, Marie Lupinske Ott and Christy Kramer Gregory, who both play guitar, decided to "reorganize" the group to sing at one Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Church. There were four or five members. They asked me to help them get started, so several months later we added organ accompaniment along with the guitars and began adding to our repertoire. Within a short time, our regular membership grew to more than a dozen regular members, this time all adults. We also have a few members who join us occasionally for special events. Several members of the current group were members of the original Sunrise Singers. Quite a few of the current members are my former music students from Saint Joseph's High School.

On several occasions, we have been invited to sing as part of the Emmitsburg Community Chorus concerts. We are looking forward to joining them once again on June 12th. However, this will be a first for us in that we will not be singing sacred music, but will entertain with selections from *Oliver*, "All That Jazz" from *Chicago*, the "Best of the Beach Boys," and "At the Hop."

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much to save and where to invest and how to manage more efficiently. These and many more books are to be found in the library.

The Summer Reading Club will begin on June 1 and will last through August 5. The requirements to obtain a certificate are that the older children from 4th to 7th grade read ten (10) books in that period. Younger children, starting at age two, should read, or have read to them, 20 books. Parents help keep the record straight. Instructions and charts can be found in the library. Story hours are on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

## COMMENTARY

Community is connectedness in many forms. We overlook a deeper, out-of-sight out-of-mind link: the water/sewage system. The town is bracketed by the old and the new: in the west by a water supply system and in the east by a state-of-the-art treatment plant. There are also problems in the middle with the water distribution lines and careless users. Many feel that the condition of the system is THE critical problem the community faces.

According to water commissioner Tom Gingle, past problems with the filters have been resolved and the quality of the water is well within the required EPA standards. At the present time the system is delivering 300,000 gals. of water every 24 hours. Gingle said the biggest problems are the old sections of the distribution system that need to be replaced. He indicated that the state will be making funds available to implement the needed repairs.

The world as we know it today operates by the bottom line. Deficit and debt service are not happy thoughts. At the present time the treatment plant is operating at a deficit. One cause, state and federally mandated changes must be funded locally, cannot be controlled. Another, the rising cost of energy, could

be limited indirectly by controlling the amount of material to be processed. An unthinkable task?

Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) is a scheme which attacks problems by treating them not as separate entities but as related to the overall system in which they occur. This approach suggests that (Continued on page 5)

## Letters to the Editor

*In response to the May 1994 issue, Letter to the Editor, written by the children of the Hardmans.*

I also would love to know who is taking flowers from the graves at Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery and how many other families are missing things off the headstones. Over the years my family has lost about 16 arrangements that were on the stone, not on the ground. There is no way they could have blown away. The things are now secured by duct tape and bindertwine around the wire brace and then around the stone. The brace itself slips over the top of the headstone very tightly. We went to these measures to ensure that it could not be blown away. Someone has cut the twine and tape to get them off. It seems there is no way we can feel sure they will be there next time we go to the grave.

The most recent loss occurred a few weeks ago. My relatives had placed Easter flowers on the headstone. When they went to change them for Mother's Day they discovered that brace, flowers, and all were gone. This action, apparently a common theft, has caused deep distress to my family. If anyone knows anything, please speak up. If you have been missing things off the graves, let the rest of us know. It's time this is stopped and peace of mind is restored to those of us who visit the graves. We go there to mourn and respect our parents, grandparents, children, aunt, and uncle who have gone before us--not to find more distress.

C. Little

Granddaughter of Charles and Opal Stambaugh

### 100 Years Ago - "In This Place" From the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

June 1, 1894 - The fountain at the public square in this place has been repaired and repainted and presents a good appearance. The water was turned on for the first time this summer on Tuesday evening.

#### That Fashion Book and Tidy

June 8 - About the middle of May a well dressed man with anything but a pleasant countenance spent a few days in town soliciting subscriptions to the *Standard Fashion Magazine*. He offered the magazine at 50 cents per annum, and showed a handsome tidy which he said was given to each subscriber as a premium. The premium tidy was a fine piece of work and the ladies were at once delighted with it -- so much so that between twenty and twenty-five ladies of this place, invested their fifty-cent piece in this well dressed gentleman and took his receipt for the money. They have been waiting patiently for the arrival of the fashion book and tidy, which were to be sent in a few days, but they have not yet arrived, and all they have or possibly will ever receive from their good investment is the small piece of paper on which the receipt for the fifty cents is written.

We have before us copies of letters from the Standard Fashion Company of New York, stating that the man is a swindler. At Burkittsville and Petersville he gave his name as W. J. Young, and at Hagerstown he used the name of Hooper. We have been unable to learn the name used by the man who was in this place.

The ladies who invested in this finely dressed man are now more or less grieved over their loss, but they have no one to blame but themselves and possibly their experience with this stranger may prove a profitable lesson to them, and hereafter avoid investing their shekels in well dressed and smooth tongued faitours[con man].

#### Rapid Growth

June 15 - Mr. Howard M. Rowe, of (Continued on page 5)

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the cost of operating the supply side (pumps, filtering, and purification) and the cost of the treatment plant could be reduced by controlling the amount of water going through the delivery system. As a matter of fact, the town officials have urged water conservation in the past. However, most consumers give only lip-service to the idea of conservation. Many consumers are of a "mining mentality" and consider the resource supply to be endless. IRP challenges the notion of passive conservation and "resource mining" with a new creed of "water efficiency."

The commissioners are faced with thorny problems of system up-grade, increasing capacity, and maintaining quality in the face of escalating operating costs. Larger cities facing similar problems have attacked the problem by controlling the amount of water going through the system. New York City has a program of replacing the standard flush toilet (2.5 gals/flush) with low-flush toilets (1.5 gals/flush). The city's Department of Environmental Protection decided to launch the world's largest toilet replacement program when faced with a choice of spending \$1.8 billion to expand the water supply and sewage treatment plants as a way to free up an equivalent amount of new capacity.

The challenges we face in dealing with the water system problems are not only financial and environmental but also social. In Los Angeles a similar program was stymied until the city recognized it was necessary to work through the neighborhood civic associations. New ways had to be explored to make consumers a part of the solution.

Upgrading systems, effective use of tax dollars, and delivery of services, is the "stuff" that community workshops are made of. The processes of Integrated Resource Planning offer some hope of saving energy costs, maintaining quality, and using our water resources more efficiently. We have one of the most delightful main streets in the state. Now all we have to do is deal with what's under it.

Express your concerns through  
Letters To The Editor in the *Dispatch*.

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this place, measured one of the blades on a stalk of corn in his garden on Thursday morning and in the evening he again measured it and was surprised to find that it had grown three inches. During Thursday night it grew half an inch.

#### Good Works

June 15 - The old saying that a new broom sweeps clean, can be justly applied to the new street lamplighter, Mr. H.E. Hann, who has kept the street lamps in a first-class condition for more than a week. His mode of traveling from one lamp to the other, is somewhat of an improvement over the old way. He rides about the streets in a skeleton wagon to perform his work, and as soon as one lamp is lighted, he starts for the next one on double quick time. If the new broom don't wear out, and continues to do as good work the entire year, as has been done the first week, there will be no necessity for complaining about the town not being well lighted.

But last night the lamps were not lighted. What was wrong? The moon was shining bright, but that should not have had anything to do with keeping the lamps from being lighted, as they are to be lighted every night, moon or no moon. It is the duty of the Commissioners to investigate this matter and find out who is to blame for the lamps not being lighted and remedy the wrong. Is the broom wearing out?

#### They Won A Game

June 22 - "The Little Potatoes Hard to Peel" played a game of ball with the second nine of Mt. St. Mary's College yesterday afternoon, and came out of the battle victorious. The score being 19 to 13 in favor of the Little Potatoes. This is the first game won by this team this season. On Thursday of last week the first Junior boys gave the Little Potatoes a thorough peeling, which has proven profitable to the boys. We congratulate them on their success in yesterday's game, and hope that hereafter they may prove by far the peers of their adversaries. Keep up the good work, boys.

## Emmitsburg Visitors Center to Open Soon

Work is almost complete on the Emmitsburg Visitors Center in the Community Center Building. This has been a joint effort of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association, the Emmitsburg Historical Society, and the Emmitsburg Town Office. On display will be items of historical interest to all of Emmitsburg and the surrounding area. Many items have already been collected and we are always grateful for donations. Locked showcases will be available to house our more valuable items.

The Visitors Center will be staffed by volunteers. A schedule of volunteers is now being formed. If you can donate a few hours per week or per month to the Visitors Center please leave your name and number with the Town Office, 447-2313, and you will be contacted. We anticipate being open during the early part of June.

## Catoctin Class of 1994 Baccalaureate

A Baccalaureate service for the 1994 graduates of Catoctin High School will be held June 3, 1994, 7:30 p.m. at the Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. This service will be sponsored by the Thurmont Ministerium and the Emmitsburg Council of Churches with voluntary participation and attendance by the graduates.

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## -- CORRESPONDENTS --

### St. Anthony/OLMC Parishes

by Ann Marshall

Summer Mass schedule begins the weekend of June 4 & 5 and will continue through the months of June, July, and August. There will be no Saturday afternoon Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church during the summer. Saturday Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony's at 5:00 p.m. for both parishes. There is no change in the Sunday Mass schedule.

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Friday during the week of July 11, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The program is open to children ages 4 and up. Junior and senior high school students are invited to both participate and assist. Adults who would like to volunteer to teach or help in any way are also welcome. To register or for further information, please call Yvette Leith at 447-2367.

A trip to the Orioles vs. Milwaukee Brewers game at Camden Yards on June 20 is being planned. Tickets are \$5.00. Game time is 7:00 p.m. Call Yvette Leith at 447-2367 for further information.

The following children from St. Anthony's received Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, May 1: Heather Hobbs, Russell Hobbs, Edward Kwarta, Steve Little, Vince Reaver, Rikki Lynn Wivell, and Kathleen Williams. Following Mass, the First Communicants and their families were feted at a breakfast in the Parish Hall.

At Our Lady of Mount Carmel, thirteen young parish members received Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday morning, May 7. The First Communicants are John Cavanaugh, Glenn Eaves III, Meaghan Eyler, Danielle Freshman, Laura Hobbs, Margaret Joyner, Steven Joyner, Kelsey McGee, Bradley Seiss, Vince Testa, Colleen Weeks, Benjamin Whitmore, and Benjamin Whitney. First Communicants and their families were honored at a breakfast at the Parish Center.

Requests for tuition assistance for children in Catholic schools, grades 1-8, are due at the parish office by June 15. Call 447-2367 to obtain a Tuition Assistance Application. St. Anthony's also offers a one-year scholarship to Catholic high schools, colleges, and technical trade schools. Call the parish office for information.

### Rocky Ridge News

by Emma Kenney

The Mt. Tabor Family Night was held May 2, 1994, at the New Midway Fire Hall. Eighty-five people attended.

Pastor James Russell welcomed the group and Emily Sixx gave the invocation. Following the fried chicken and ham dinner, entertainment was provided by the Mount St. Mary's Singers. Happy 40th birthday was also sung to Dale Shields and table prizes were given to persons with the winning tickets. Pastor Rosemary Maxey closed the evening with prayer. The planning committee for the Family Night consisted

of Linda Shields, chairperson, Helen Burrier, Arlene Bowers, Emma Lou Harris, Berneda Russell, Rosemary Maxey, and Regina Dinterman.

Mrs. Sharon Froelick and daughter Jennifer, Long Beach, Mississippi, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sharrer and son Lee, Ocala, Florida, visited Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sharrer Sr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Carl Angleberger and family.

Mary Lane, Neva Decker, and niece Pat Hopkins, West Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and son Lee, Clanton Alabama, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Cummings.

Belated birthday wishes to Wesley Burrier, Josh Ballew, Lee Smith, and Dale Shields.

June birthday wishes to Verna Keeney, Michael Harris, Sr., Shirley Sharrer, Katie Burrier, Lindsey Greene, and Chris Wiles

Join the fun at Mr. Tabor Park this summer. Scheduled events include the Annual Consignment Sale, June 4th, 9:30 a.m., breakfast at 7:00 a.m., (for more information call 271-2648); Bingo Bonanza June 18th and July 2, 5:00 p.m. (for more information call 271-2317); and a Tractor Pull, July 2 at 9:30 a.m. (call 271-2317 for more information).

### Fire Company News by Linda Worthup

At the May monthly meeting of the Rocky Ridge Fire Company, president Robert Mumma presented several Governor's awards to Rocky Ridge volunteer firemen. The awards were presented to the firemen for 25 years of volunteer service for the state of Maryland. Those receiving 25-year awards were Kenneth Mumma, Robert Mumma, George Delphey, Robert Sayler, Harold Late, Charles Brauer, Albert Tabler, Jr., Alan Brauer, Sr., Leon Stover, Melvin Troxell, George Tinkham, Ralph Baker, Daniel Kaas, Robert Albaugh, Paul Burrier, Carrolton Houck, Dale Kline, Sr., and Kenneth Hines.

The Rocky Ridge Fire Company held a Sportsman Night on May 14, 1994.

On June 25th there will be a grand opening for the covered bridge on Old Frederick Road.

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## Portrait of an Artist

by Elizabeth Prongas

Chances are that if you visit Her Studio Gallery, East Main Street, Emmitsburg, on any weekend, you will find artist Linda Postelle working on a fresh and original painting.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Linda grew up in the Silver Spring, Maryland, area. She earned a Fine Arts degree from American University and has attended a variety of workshop sessions with famous artists such as Charles Reid, Frank Webb, and others.

Linda has an impressive resume, most recently winning a Purchase Prize Award in the Baltimore Watercolor Society Spring Show, the Award of Excellence in the Potomac Valley Watercolor Summer School Show, and the Best of Show 1994 in the Frederick County Art Association Annual Membership Show now on exhibit through June 11 at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center. In a recent juried show, one of Linda's paintings was chosen for the opening exhibit of the Delaplaine Center's new building.

Known for her lectures on watercolor

and acrylic painting, Linda is also making her mark as an articulate voice in the art scene. She was elected president of the Emmitsburg Arts League this spring.

Using watercolor to portray the unique pieces she collects, incorporating flowers, laces, and many other objects of interest, Linda also photographs and then paints many scenes from the surrounding farmland. She excels in conveying a sense of dramatic value ranges and subtle color themes. Currently Linda is completing 252 miniature watercolor paintings of all the historic buildings in Emmitsburg. Her use of acrylic paint is quite unique. In these pictures she creates bold, brilliant, and monumental compositions depicting architecture and statuary, capturing the weight and texture of stone, wrought iron, and bronze.

As versatile and prolific as Linda is as an artist, she also gives generously of her time and knowledge to champion developing artists in the area. Her Studio Gallery has provided a showcase for the Senior Artists of Emmitsburg, the Historic Emmitsburg Competition, the

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The Rocky Ridge annual Carnival will be August 15-20 with a parade being on Wednesday night, August 17, 1994, at 7:00 p.m.

Don't forget! Bingo has stopped for the summer and will start again on October 1, 1994.

**Emmitsburg Arts League to have Picnic and Art Supply Swap**

The Emmitsburg Arts League will hold its last meeting before summer on Thursday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Prongas. Instead of the regular meeting there will be a pot luck picnic supper and Art Supplies Swap. All are welcome to join us. For more information please call 447-2866.

Civil War Show, and currently the newly formed Emmitsburg Arts League Member Exhibit. Look for new exhibits each month in Her Studio Gallery.

Drop by for an application to the Emmitsburg Arts League

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## EMMITSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

by Dianne L. Walbrecker

### Community Reading Day Contributes to Literacy Goals

The deep, booming voice rang out over the classroom and the pint-sized children scooted up on their knees, getting closer to the powerful man in the rocking chair. Had the chair been any smaller, he would surely have spilled out over the sides.

It was Community Reading Day at Emmitsburg Elementary School and the kindergarten students were fascinated by their guest reader, William Pickney, from the Frederick County Multicultural Committee. "Sharing books with children like this was a new experience for me and I really enjoyed it," said Mr. Pickney. Since the entrepreneur and financial consultant has a 19-month-old first baby at home, the fact that the experience was positive is an excellent sign for the future.

Mr. Pickney was just one of 23 local business people and residents who took time out of their busy Monday morning a few weeks ago to share their favorite books with children in different classrooms at Emmitsburg Elementary. The list of people, published in last month's *Regional Dispatch*, included business owners and employees, community representatives, parents, and grandparents from Frederick County as well as Emmitsburg.

Small groups were scattered all over the school: some in various pockets of the classrooms and others finding space in the hallways. The students, kindergarten through 5th grade, seemed unusually intent on listening for the 45 minutes their guest readers were with them.

Mary Bare, who works for the National Emergency Training Center, said of her reasons for participating in the Community Reading Day, "I did it last year and really enjoyed it. Sitting in the classroom surrounded by kids brought back my own memories of being in 4th grade."

Linda Burgee, principle of Emmitsburg Elementary School, explained why the program, now in its

## STUDENTS JUMP FOR HEART

The Emmitsburg Elementary School held a successful Jump Rope for Heart event on March 10, 1994. Thanks to the generosity of the Emmitsburg community, the children raised nearly \$4700 in contributions for the American Heart Association. Over 100 children, parents, and faculty jumped rope for 180 minutes to help the AHA in their fight against heart disease. Refreshments were provided by the Emmitsburg Jubilee.

Fifteen children individually raised over \$100 each, with Ying Li raising the most—\$500.



Left to Right, Top Row: Amanda Stine, Lindsay Gelwicks, Michelle Miller, Regan Cantley, Michelle Gelwicks, Ricky Hawkins, and Michael Bradshaw. Bottom Row: Katie Jones, Tracey Wetzell, Julie Burke, Ying Li, Michelle Sheridan, Tara Loveland, and Vincent Reaver. Not pictured: John Ridenour.

third year, was started. "All the Catoclin Feeder Schools participated in this program. The administrators meet monthly to share our problems as well as our goals and methods for accomplishing them. As part of the literacy goals for the entire community, this program was developed to bring the community into the school. It gives students a chance to see that reading is important to leaders in the community and gives the adults who share books a chance to connect directly

with the school. Programs like this benefit the school and the community," she said.

### Linda Burgee Transferred

Linda Burgee, who has served as principal of Emmitsburg Elementary School for several years, announced her transfer to another Frederick County Elementary School at a recent faculty meeting.

The news was greeted with sadness by teachers, parents, and children alike.

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### Nostalgia

#### A Story of the Higbee Girls

Once upon a time, a long, long time ago, there were four sisters named Alice, Helen, Mary, and Lucy Higbee. Because their father was a strict man (as church preachers tended to be in those days), and their mother had been raised by a strict New Englander, the town often marveled at these girls' high spirits and high jinks.

In school, the girls all worked very hard and did well in their studies, finishing their courses early, in fact. Consequently, the sisters all entered college in their early teens and began their professions quite young. Helen one day found herself in the position of having Mary as her teacher--at college level, no less! In her typical fashion, Mary made the most of circumstances, and called upon Helen and her good friend to wash the blackboard after class.

At home, all the sisters were tutored in piano by their mother (as were all the children in the town). Hours went into practicing. But once their schoolwork was done, once the scales were run, the Higbee girls hit the streets. And their friends were waiting.

What would it be today? Paper-bag water bombs from Jane Annan's upstairs street-front window? Wallet-on-a-string from behind the shrubbery between the parsonage and Gillelans? Or "Tip Your Hat"? It was a little complicated, getting the string rigged up at just the right height, but worth it. The last time, it was the Lutheran pastor whose hat was knocked off first. He was a good sort, just laughed and said, "You buggers!"

The fun wasn't all mischief, though. The Higbee girls took part in elaborate theatrical productions put on by the town youth. Music, costumes, scenery, script, direction, and publicity were all the work of the children. The adults had their role on opening night as the audience.

The kids of the town were a tight-knit group. They travelled in a pack, rollerskating, iceskating, swimming, baseball, tennis. In those days with no TV, the kids had to create their own fun, but that wasn't so hard, really. Theirs was a small town, but they had big ideas.

A favorite pastime for all of them was to watch Mr. Harting at work in his watch repair and jewelry shop. The foundry was

also a pretty interesting operation. Miss Ruth Gillelan's shop was the place to go for gift-shopping or speculating, and Miss Helen K. Hoke had a fine selection of hats, sewing notions, and fabrics. Errands for their mothers often took the children into the butchers's shops, where fresh red and pale meats hung from hooks or lay in great slabs in the glass-faced counter cases.

Hot days, they would chase the ice truck, screaming like monkeys for shavings. Pennies for candy were earned by returning to the blacksmith shop and livery stable lost horsehoes found on back streets. On movie night Alice provided piano accompaniment to the fascinating images moving silently on the screen. And it was always a big event when the Orioles baseball team came to town to play. It was a rare day that there was "nothing to do."

So it was in this way the Higbee girls and their friends grew up. World War II came and men from the town went. And some returned. The town carried on, but not quite with business as usual. Helen Higbee married a man from a nearby military base and moved after the war where his work took them. Lucy and Alice moved on in their lives, too, out of town and away from home. Mary, in love with Harold, told her beau, "I could never marry anyone who doesn't share my religion, isn't a Republican, or wants to live anywhere else in the world but here!"

"Well, Harold was a Republican. He went to my church, and he was happy in Emmitsburg," Mary Higbee sums up her decision to marry Harold Hoke. Helen Higbee Wildegans (German for "wild goose") sits in an adjacent chair, listening with a smile to her sister's recounting. These sisters genuinely like each other, you can tell. A natural respect for what the other thinks and has to say buoys their conversation. They have many interests and activities in common; the most consuming one is Emmitsburg.

"I had such fun growing up here!" exclaims Mary. "Emmitsburg was very different then, of course. Not as many people; everyone knew everyone else. And we did things together-- all the kids. Now a boyfriend and girlfriend can't

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## - - Community Day - -



The Emmitsburg Lions Club will hold its annual Emmitsburg Community Day Sunday, July 3, 1994. The raindate will be Monday, July 4. The theme this year is Patriotism. All community residents, schools, churches, organizations, special interest groups, and sporting teams are invited to participate in the celebration.

The time is near. There are just a few weeks until our Small Town Big Time event begins. Experience the fun, entertainment, and food. There will be something for everyone. This will also be the 11th year of the fantastic fireworks display.

### Calendar of events:

**10:00 a.m. FAMILY FUN GAMES:** greased pig, sack race, diaper derby, egg toss, tug-of-war (teams are being recruited), pie-eating contest, and a watermelon-eating contest.

The Lions **GREAT CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE** and expanded food selection opens for business. Included are ham sandwiches, hot dogs, ol'fashioned ice cream sandwiches, soda, popcorn, peanuts, and ice pops.

**12:45 p.m. Registration** for the **HORSESHOE COMPETITION**. Fee is \$5.00 per person. (A great chance to make a liar out of a champ or a champ out of a liar.)

**1:00 p.m. HORSESHOE PITCHIN'** in front of the community center. **OLD-TIME SOFTBALL GAME** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on the field behind the community center. The game will be played by mixed teams of men and women of ages to remain unknown. Anyone interested in playing should contact the Knights of Columbus at 447-2055.

**2:00 p.m.** Special afternoon program of **FIREFIGHTING DEMONSTRATIONS**. The Vigilant Hose Company, celebrating 110 years of service to the community, will provide an afternoon of fun and learning experiences regarding fire prevention and fire fighting. Following the demonstrations the Old Timers of the Knights of Columbus will engage the Vigilant Hose Company in softball shenangians.

**3:00 p.m.** A brief **WORSHIP SERVICE** will be held in the air conditioned ambulance building. This moment of worship is sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches which represents all of the churches in the Emmitsburg area. The Saint Joseph's choir will provide the music.

**4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Registration** for the **MILE RUN** at the community center. Runners may pre-register at the library prior to July 3.

**6:00 p.m.** Emmitsburg's **MILE RUN** will begin at the Dough Boy at 6:00 p.m., pound through historic downtown, and end at the community center. The mile run will precede the parade and follow the same route scheduled for the parade. Runners must register at 4:30. The entry fee is \$2 for adults and \$1 for persons 18 years old or younger. There will be awards for age groups, male and female runners, and ribbons to all other finishers. For more information about the race, contact Larry Noel at 447-2224. **THE GREAT PARADE** will follow the runners (line-up at 5:30 at the Dough Boy). The parade will wind its way through town to the community center.

**7:00 p.m. Evening program OBSERVING INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

**7:30 p.m.** *CATOCTIN* will provide **LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC**.

**9:45 p.m.** The Lions present their 11th year of **FIREWORKS FANTASIA**. Oooh! Ahhh!



## OUR COMMUNITY'S BUSINESSES

by Dianne L. Walbecker

Since the *Regional Dispatch* began publishing a few months ago, its pages have seen a discussion about what a community involves. A community is undoubtedly the people, the schools, the baseball teams, the fire and ambulance departments, and so many other parts of Emmitsburg. But, part of the fabric of this community is its businesses.

The businesses of a community and their attitude towards the people affect the whole nature of the place. If the local pharmacist knows your name and remembers that you have a disease which could interfere with an over-the-counter medicine you are buying, your life is different than if you stand staring at a huge assortment of cold remedies in an

impersonal store that is trying to be all things to all people.

If you have no idea what to buy for your nephew's 10th birthday, especially since you haven't seen him for more than two years and the person at the Main Street store has time to explore the options, your life is different than if you drive to the Golden Mile searching for the perfect present.

If you call a local accountant who can drop by your office on her way home from her office, your life is different than if you had to call a large firm and make an appointment two weeks in the future.

If you walk into a restaurant and the owner knows what you typically order, your life is different than if you order at a congested, chaotic restaurant where they may not even remember what you ordered five minutes after you specified it.

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even walk down the street together holding hands with these trees planted smack in the middle of the sidewalks."

Helen's and Mary's memories of Emmitsburg are of a town that is no more. When they were young, mothers were housewives and kids could congregate freely in one another's backyards because every home was a safe base. Though the town was physically smaller, the limits were larger because there was more space to roam. The Higbee sisters played where cars now park. Though there were far fewer residents, there were far greater resources to accommodate them. Despite the strong religious segregation common to that time, Emmitsburg, when the Higbee girls were growing up, was openly ecumenical.

"Why, the Landers down the street from us invited our family every year to Thanksgiving dinner," states Helen. "And I never knew why. I'm sure we weren't well behaved. We used to rollerskate in front of their house just because Mr. Landers hated it so," she laughs. "But every Thanksgiving, they'd have us. Reformeds sat down with Presbyterians to have Thanksgiving dinner." "Yes," adds Mary, "and remember how Papa and Uncle Sterling Galt used to sing Midnight

Mass with the Catholic church choir on Christmas Eve?"

"We've watched Emmitsburg lose so much over the years," lament the sisters. "St. Joseph's College, the high school, and then the middle school grades, too. It is such a shame, that. But we still have the library. It is the oldest library in the county, you know."

The Emmitsburg Public Library was founded in 1906 by the Higbee girls' uncle, Sterling Galt. It was housed at one time in a front room of the house that is Mary's home now. Mary, in fact, served as librarian from 1929 until her marriage in 1943. It has had several homes in its lifetime and now operates from Emmitsburg's Community Center. "We must keep the Community Center," asserts Mary, echoing the sentiment of many citizens interested in preserving the building. Currently, a great deal of work is necessary to upgrade and improve the stately structure. Children from outlying areas took the train into town to attend the 12-grade building, which is now home to Senior Citizens, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Police Athletic League, and several other groups.

"Emmitsburg is still beautiful," Helen says suddenly. "All our walking places are still here."

And a great deal more.

I've spent some time talking with local business people about what it's like for them to work in a small town where the mall mentality has not taken over and the businesses are nestled in with homes along the streets of town. Some believe their businesses are hurt by the misperception that it's less expensive to shop in bigger stores; others say they would rather do business in a place where life is not a mad rush all the time.

Not all is picture perfect, though. Life as a businessperson in a small town can be difficult. The parking spaces along Main Street are limited, so customers need to walk or be quick at scooting into vacant parking spaces. The bigger shopping centers and malls, once limited to Frederick, are spreading more and more into the country fields once reserved for cows and crops.

As Emmitsburg grows, local businesspeople, residents, and town officials need to discuss what the future of businesses will be in this area. Will our local stores go the way of suburban sprawl or will the small-town atmosphere in Emmitsburg be strong enough to maintain a mixture of businesses and homes in a community spirit?

Our family moved from Manassas, once a beautiful small town with a sense of community. We left when the traffic on Route 234 became so clogged with commuters and shoppers trying to get to the hundreds of stores lining the road that we began really to appreciate the dangers of stress just in the simple act of driving to the grocery store, which was two blocks away.

What advantage, and even responsibilities, do Emmitsburg residents have in supporting the businesses that are here now? What do the businesses offer to the town? What are the advantages of being a businessperson in a small town? What are the disadvantages? If you would like to be interviewed about this issue call Dianne Walbecker at 447-6962.

*[Ed. note - The Dispatch believes that the issue of economic renewal of the Emmitsburg area is vital. We open our pages to discussion of this issue. If you would like to be interviewed or contribute your thoughts in writing please call the offices of the Dispatch at 447-6275 Daine Walbecker at 447-6962.]*

## Remembrances of the Normandy Invasion

by Larry Noel, Emmitsburg, MD

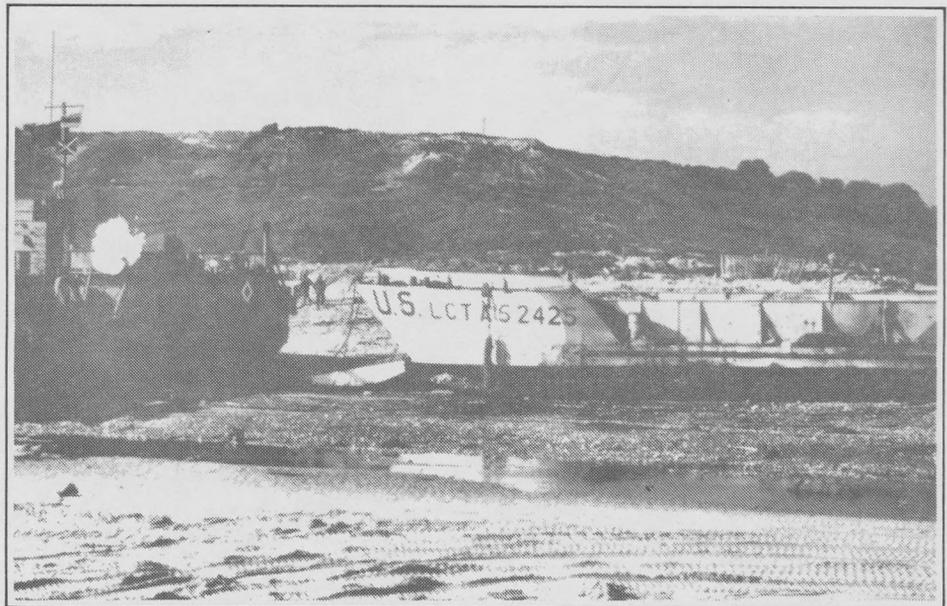
I was making a routine trip to Gettysburg, PA, on July 2, 1993, when I noticed a large banner hanging outside the Ramada Inn. The banner had two words on it in very large letters--OMAHA BEACH. Since those two words had great significance for me I wheeled the car around and went in to see what was going on. The 741st Tank Battalion, which had fought on Omaha Beach in the Invasion of Normandy, D-Day, H-Hour (06:30), June 6, 1944, was holding its annual reunion this year, fortunately, in nearby Gettysburg.

At the time of the invasion, I was a 23-year-old ensign on a Landing Craft Tank (LCT) which had carried some members of the 741st and four of their specially equipped Duplex Drive (DD) Sherman tanks on the first wave of landing craft of that size on Omaha Beach. The DD tanks were a secret weapon to add much-needed firepower while "swimming" in and on the beach against the most heavily fortified section of the French coast.

The 741st members were surprised and delighted to meet me, saying I was the first navy man they had met who had been with them for the invasion. They invited me to their reunion dinner. This tank outfit has been holding annual reunions for years, as have many other large ships and units, but I have found it difficult to find reunions of small LCTs or LCT flotillas.

The Normandy Invasion was the greatest sea and air armada ever undertake: 250,000 troops, 3,000 planes, and 7,000 ships. It was an honor to be a small part of history and to be associated with many brave men, particularly the Big Red 1, First Infantry Division, and the 741st Tank Battalion. The LCTs had a dangerous but short mission while the tank crews and the 1st Division troops were to fight through the invasion, through France, the Battle of the Bulge, and into Germany.

Just prior to the invasion some members of the 741st with its four Sherman tanks and some infantry troops of the 16th Regiment, 1st Division, were packed closely together on the small



Noel's LCT 2425 on Omaha Beach

LCT for several days. An extra 24 hours resulted when the invasion was postponed literally at the last minute. The small LCTs with their slow speed had to leave far in advance of the larger ships. Our LCT was about two-thirds of the way across the English Channel on June 4 when the order came to return to port. The LCTs again left port in England on June 5 for the 20-hour voyage for arrival off Omaha Beach, Easy Red sector at H-Hour. The sea was rough all the way across but not as bad as the day before. Many of the soldiers were seasick and anxious to get on dry land no matter what.

Omaha Beach was shared on the eastern section by the 1st Army Division, 16th Regiment, and on the western section by the 29th Division, 116th Regiment (MD and VA). In an invasion of this size with all of its complexity, timing, and organization something will always go wrong. Two miles off shore, 16 LC's of a Gunfire Support Group were each to launch four Sherman tanks weighing 32 tons for a total of 64 tanks. On the western half of Omaha Beach the army and navy leaders wisely decided that the sea was too rough for launching the tanks as planned and all 32 tanks were taken close to the beach. But on the eastern section the leaders decided to launch at sea as planned. Disaster struck quickly. As tank after tank was launched almost all

sank soon. Twenty-nine tanks were launched, 27 sank and two "swam" into the shore as they had done in practice in more moderate seas. Three other tanks were not launched because of an accident on one LCT, and these were taken into the beach. Instead of 32 tanks on the beach with their great firepower, the eastern section had only five tanks.

Our LCT went ten miles out to where the large transports staged and loaded more 1st Division troops and vehicles including even one unassembled light observation plane for our second trip to the beach. We were not able to land due to the logistic pileup of men and material unable to get off the beach because of heavy enemy fire. Finally we got in about 1600 (4:00 p.m.), unloaded and were unable to get back off due to some 88mm gunfire which damaged the LCT. We abandoned the LCT in a few feet of water and reluctantly joined the troops on the beach. We returned a few days later to England on a Landing Craft Infantry (LCI) to get a new LCT and return to France.

*Larry Noel hopes that army or navy men who participated in the Normandy Invasion will contact him to share experiences and information they have obtained through research or from other veterans. Larry's address is 8730 Hampton Valley Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Phone (301) 447-2224.*

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Camp Jamie is free and is made possible through generous donations of the Frederick County community. If you know of a child interested in participating, call Hospice of Frederick County at 694-6444 as soon as possible. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m..

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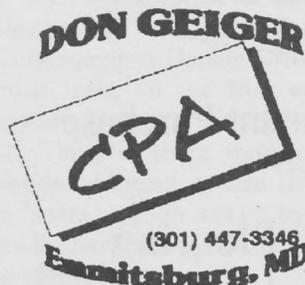
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**June 21** Covered-dish lunch at 12 noon, followed at 1:00 p.m. by Roger Bennett who is from the Frederick County Health Department.

**June 30** There will be a public card party at 5:30 p.m.. The fee is \$2.00 per person.

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## Funerals

Funeral services for Mr. Victor M. Gonzalez, 58, of Welty Ave., Emmitsburg, Md., who died Sunday, April 24, at the Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa., were held Thursday, April 28, with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Waterbury, Conn. Interment was in the New Pine Grove Cemetery, Waterbury, Conn. Local arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, Md.

Funeral services for Mrs. Clare E. Jones, 54, of Baltimore Road, York Springs, Pa., who died Thursday, May 5, at her residence, were held Monday, May 9, with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Anthony's Shrine Parish. Rev. Leo R. Tittler was the Celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Mrs. Alma Myrtle Sheeley, 90, of Old Gettysburg Road, Emmitsburg, Md., who died Saturday, May 14, at the Village Green Nursing Center, Gettysburg, Pa., were held Tuesday, May 17, with a Christian Burial Service from Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with her Pastor Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, Md.

Funeral services for Mrs. Gizelle Marianna Ackerman, 70, formerly of Emmitsburg, Md., recently of Banner Drive, Germantown, Md., who died Friday, May 20, at Montgomery County General Hospital, Olney, Md., were held Monday, May 23, with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, Md.. Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Pehrsson was the Celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, Md. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, Md.

## Obituaries

Mary M. Vauken

Cumberland -- Mary M. Vauken, 82 of Cumberland, died Monday, May 2, 1994, at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Born Feb. 21, 1912, in Dodson, Md., she was the daughter of the late John and Theresa (Podvoy) Vauken.

She was a retired registered nurse.

She is survived by one brother, John Vauken of LaVale; one sister-in-law, Rose Vauken of LaVale; one nephew, David Vauken of Goldsboro, N.C.; and one niece, Nancy Maher of Florida.

Funeral services were held in the funeral home chapel with Father Martin Field officiating. Interment was in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Elk Garden, W. Va

Mary Vauken lived in Emmitsburg approximately ten years prior to being in a nursing home in Cumberland. She was a member of St. Joseph's Parish and the Senior Citizens. She was a long-time friend of Bridie Newell of West Main St.

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**Parish Picnic**

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There will be a white elephant table. Also feature will be money bingo, old-fashioned prize bingo, and many other games and attractions for the enjoyment of young and old. Everyone is welcome!

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## STUDENTS COMPLETE DRIVE

Donate to Firemen's Campaign

Mother Seton School students held a can recycling drive to benefit the "Campaign for Community Safety" of the Vigilant Hose Company. Families of the school children saved their recyclables from November until February as part of an effort to raise money for the purchase of the new fire truck and expansion of the fire hall. Cans were collected at school and taken to Wagaman's Recycling in Gettysburg. Kim Eaton and Daniel White, two fourth grade students representing the school families, presented a \$100 check to Mr. Art Damuth, President of the Emmitsburg Fire Company. Mr. Damuth expressed his appreciation for the enthusiastic involvement of the students and school families in earning and donating the money to support the fire company.

## LITTLE LEAGUE NEWS

The 1994 Little League season has gotten off to a good start. As ugly as the skies have been lately, there has been only one game cancelled for bad weather.

Five teams are participating in the girls softball league, three in Thurmont and two in Emmitsburg.

As of May 21, the Thurmont Expos, managed by Bern Sweeney are in first place and remain undefeated. The Emmitsburg Angels, managed by Harry Gamble are in second place having suffered three losses.

Also as of May 21 over at the boys baseball field, the Dodgers, managed by Denny Ebaugh, are holding on to first place with but one loss. The Orioles, managed by Dale Kaas are in second place having lost three times.

## Thoughts from the Cemetery

by Rev. R. Benjamin Jones, Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church

On a warm, breezy midsummer day a couple of years ago, I stood at the back edge of the Memorial Cemetery and looked out over the town of Emmitsburg. I had stopped to have a look at the plaque in memory of my late father-in-law Sam Hays, who had spent a great many hours over the years loving the cemetery into shape.

As I drank a mint-flavored bottle of iced tea that I had picked up at Rutter's, I was struck by how wide the panorama was from up there. There are the old houses poking up through the tress, the newer houses to the east reaching into the fields, and the misty blue mountains making a shallow bowl of the place. And there are the churches. I kept coming back to them as their steeples of varying shapes seemed to divide the scene into nearly equal spaces.

Thoughts of Sam and his family as part of the town for so many years crept

in, and it struck me that with Sam's death there was no Hays living in Emmitsburg for the first time in maybe a hundred years or more. For all his impact on the town, I wondered how many people down there even knew that he was gone. But there were two tracks that day--Sam and the churches. The steeples drew me back.

As I looked at the five steeples spaced across the scene, it occurred to me that I have spoken at least once in all these churches. I could even remember when I was in each of them and even something of what was said. And I remember the faces, the friends, the neighbors, and the warmth we shared in our times of common worship.

They are different buildings--from the graceful, gold-domed St. Joseph's to the blunt brick fortress of the Presbyterians, and there are different emphases. But there is one solid foundation and one celebrative, life-giving fellowship of the good news tying all these buildings and these people together. I guess "ecumenical" is the word for it, but it seems too fancy for the way I felt up on the hill. It takes on a more human face, really. I remember hearing Francis Quinn say that the most caring

visit he had when he was in the hospital was from John Chatlos. I liked hearing that; the UCC pastor was priesting to the Catholic priest. There's grace in that, and hope too...hope that Christ's high priestly prayer ("...that they may be one...") isn't going begging after all.

## Crop Walk A Success

The Emmitsburg CROP Walk, sponsored locally by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches, was held May 15. There were more than 90 walkers and over \$2,300 was pledged to fight world hunger with 25% going to our local Seton Center Food Bank. The Council consider this a success as this was our first CROP walk in a long time. We would like to thank all who took part in this walk and a special thanks goes to those who helped: the registers, the church recruiters, the cookie and cake makers, the Homemakers Club and the businesses of Jubilee Foods and McDonalds. We also want to thank the Sisters of Charity and the Federal Emergency Training Center for allowing us to walk their lovely grounds.

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## The Village Counselor

By Rosemary A. McDermott

"Ambulance chaser" brings to mind automobile accidents, lawyers, and law suits. Today's column discusses the topic of auto accidents, personal injuries, and how to avoid the lawsuit.

Automobile accidents happen. The odds are high that each of us at one time in our lives will be in an auto accident. What would you do if the odds caught up with you? My first suggestion is this: when you are involved in an accident, tell the other party how sorry you are the accident happened (such a statement does not imply fault), and immediately see how you can be of help. A caring attitude does so much to avoid a summons to a courtroom.

Call a police officer right away. The police report will be of great help in establishing the facts. While waiting for the police write down this information: Names and addresses of drivers, license plate numbers, insurance carriers, policy numbers, addresses of any witnesses, skid

mark measurements, distance measurements, and any details you can recall. In fact, right after you finish reading this column, make a form for yourself with this information and put it into your glove compartment.

As soon as you get home inform your insurance company. If you were not at fault your insurance company will be reimbursed by the insurance company of the person at fault, and there will be no change in your premiums. It is also important to see a doctor if there is the slightest chance you may be injured. If you or someone in the accident was seriously injured, file an accident report with the Motor Vehicle Administration

(MVA). You won't need to file and MVA report if the State Police has a report or if there was only property damage.

I hope you beat the odds when it comes to having an automobile accident. If not, show a caring attitude and obtain the facts. You may be able to avoid additional pain in the form of a law suit.

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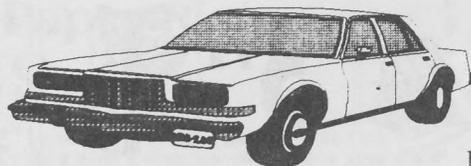
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**SELLABLE ITEMS SOUGHT**- The Catoctin Pregnancy Center is looking for items to sell at flea markets to be held this summer. Pick-up for "sellable" items is available. Call Tammy at 447-2752 or Mary Lynne at 751-1865. Do some spring cleaning and help our young mothers at the same time.

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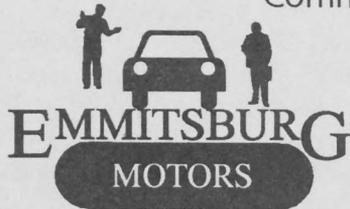
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