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Gaining Strength Through Each Other.

August, 1994

Yvette Semler Appointed New Town Manager

Mayor Carr and members of the town council, after passing an ordinance allowing them to hire a Town Manager, appointed Yvette Semler to the new position at the town meeting held July 11th. Ms. Semler has worked in the town office for the past two and a half years.

"Every small town needs a Town Manager," Mayor Carr said. "It's important to have someone who knows what's going on, and we're lucky to have Yvette."

Yvette grew up in Germany where her father served in the military. A scholarship took her to the University of Arizona where she majored in Animal Health Services, with plans to become a veterinarian.

Following her graduation from the university, Yvette returned to her family who now reside in Hagerstown. She decided to "take it easy" for awhile before pursuing further studies. She answered an ad for the

position of Zoning Administrator in Emmitsburg.

"I still remember the evening my dad drove me over for the interview. I was so impressed with the beauty of the area," she said. "The street lights were on, the streets were clean — I fell in love with the town." And she got the job.

Duke Martin was the Director of Public Works when Yvette was hired and she worked closely with him, learning all aspects of the job. "He was an excellent teacher," she said, "and still provides me with counsel." When Martin left his position she assumed his duties. Mayor Carr appointed her Coordinator of Public Works when he took office.

As Town Manager Yvette will continue to coordinate all public works, but will also have the responsibility for overseeing the financial matters of the town.

"My job is really one of salesmanship," (Yvette said. "I want to do what is best for Emmitsburg, but I have to present those ideas to the commissioners and get them to go along with me. Sometimes they have better suggestions, so we compromise. We have a mutual respect for each other and I feel we work well together."

According to Yvette, the most difficult part of her job is seeing things that need to be done and being patient until funding is available to do them. She feels the greatest challenge facing Emmitsburg today is the upgrading of our water treatment and distribution system. It is her hope that this will be one of her first accomplishments as Town Manager.

The diversity of the job and working with the public give Yvette the most satisfaction. "I'm here to handle complaints (Continued on page 7)

ELLIOTT SEEKS OFFICE

Delegate Donald Elliott has announced that he will seek reelection to the Maryland House of Representatives. This year's campaign in state district 4B will include Emmitsburg voting district 5. The local district has been included in district 4B as a result of adjusting boundaries to account for changes in the population.

In noting that he has not served in Frederick County in the past, Elliott, in a letter to the *Dispatch*, said, "I have not been involved in any local decisions affecting Emmitsburg or Frederick County. As a member of the Carroll and Howard County delegations, I have participated in legislation which impacted these jurisdictions. I think, in general, that my voting record would be described as conservative."

Elliott feels that "the concerns and problems of Emmitsburg are not too different from those of other jurisdictions in the state.



Rep. Donald Elliott

A notable exception to this is the fact that District 4B is rural, and farming is the livelihood of many of the people in the region."

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Lion's Club

ONE MILE RUN

Four-Year old goes all the way

The second annual Lion's Club one mile run was held on Sunday, July 3, 1994, winding through the streets of Emmitsburg as part of the annual Community Day Festivities. Forty-six runners completed the race, an increase of 13 over last year.

Frank Kelly, 32, of Frederick, MD, won the event for the second year in 4 minutes and 58 seconds, bettering his last year's time by six seconds. Rounding out the top 5 finishers in the men's division were Chris Nitchie, 17, Concord, NH, 5:14; Chris Higgs, 15, Emmitsburg, MD, 5:41; Thad Stultz, 16, Fairfield PA, 5:59; and Jeremy Shields, 13, Emmitsburg, MD, 6:40.

Lealia Price, 14, of Smithsburg, MD, won the women's division for the second (Continued on page 11)

ROUNDS

TOWN MEETING

Mayor Carr, in his report to the Town Council at the July 11th meeting, noted that the study entitled *Evaluation of the Community Center* has been completed. Copies will be made available at the town office for all to see. The report includes three different strategies that could be followed in developing the building. It will be used when town officials and delegates meet with county officials to make final recommendations regarding the building's restoration and use.

Two residents of Emmitsburg, Tom Humerick and Forrest Knipple, attended the town meeting to protest Commissioner Tom Gingell's derogatory remarks about Vietnam veterans made at a June 22 public workshop. Humerick asked Gingell why he had made such a comment, and Gingell replied that the nation had just celebrated on July 4th the signing of the Declaration of Independence which protects his right to say what he wants. Gingell also expressed his displeasure with the article in the *Frederick News-Post* which gave an account of the remark. He said that it had not included the fact that he had proposed that each of the town commissioners give \$10 to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

Forrest Knipple reminded the council that at least six Emmitsburg area families had members who served in Vietnam. Humerick asked the Mayor and Council for a public apology. Commissioner Hollinger stated that the comment in question did not reflect the thoughts of the entire council and ended the discussion.

Eugene Myers questioned the accuracy of the water meter on his property. He stated

AUGUST MEETINGS AT TOWN OFFICE

Aug. 1 - Town meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 25 - Parks and Recreation, 7 p.m.

Aug. 29 - Planning and Zoning, 7 p.m.

Note: Public workshop meeting date set at town meeting. All meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

that "there was no way" he could use 193,000 gallons of water in a four month period. The commissioners said they will investigate even though a new meter has been installed.

Mr. Don Briggs and partners of the Pembroke Housing Development appealed to the commissioners to seek ways of speeding up the installation of water and sewage lines to serve the Pembroke development. Originally the lines were to run through the proposed Brookfield development. The question of ownership and current site plans for the Brookfield site has forced reconsideration of the lines' course. The commissioners expressed a desire to resolve this problem and will meet informally with Pembroke representatives to consider alternative solutions to the lines installation.

R & J Builders were granted eight residential water taps so they can begin construction on new units at their Warthen Way development located on West Main Street.

Twenty-nine residential water taps were made available to the Silo Hill Development of the Ausherman Company for units under construction that will begin soon. During the discussion of the allocation of water taps Commissioner Gingell pointed out that the limiting factor is not the number of taps that can be allocated, but the amount of water that is available. The town is currently working on strategies for increasing the water supply.

A new Cub Cadet tractor was purchased from Harrington and Sons to replace the old unit. The new tractor will be used for grounds-keeping and mowing the town parks and recreational fields.

The proposed newspaper ordinance affecting the distribution of free newspapers and related littering problems is being studied by the town attorney and will be presented at the August town meeting.

Mrs. Patty Ortner of Silo Hill, acting as a concerned citizen, told the commissioners that she had contacted the state highway department concerning using the right-of-way along route 140 between the end of East Main Street and the street leading into Silo Hill. Ortner suggested the installation of a sidewalk that would make walking to and from town safer for residents of the developments as well as shoppers. She reported that the state agreed to the use of the right-of-way for this purpose, but that the expense of construction would have to be borne by the local government. The commissioners ex-

pressed a willingness to investigate the various options and will work on ideas and suggestions in search for a resolution to the problem.

Police Report

The town deputies reported that in June there were two accidents, three CDS violations, one case of property destruction, and one domestic dispute. They made 65 mobile patrols and 52 foot patrols. They made one criminal adult arrest. Twenty-eight moving traffic violations were awarded, nine warnings issued, and two vehicle repair orders given. Deputy Horner, being fluent in Spanish, was called to serve as a translator in one case. Nineteen business escorts were made. (Continued on page 7)

MAYOR'S COMMENT

Emmitsburg's mayor and council support all veterans. We respect them for what they have done for us as individuals and for the town and country in preserving our democracy and way of life.

It is unfortunate that one member of the town council, himself a veteran of World War II, made a statement that belittled Vietnam veterans. We on the town council can't retract something we never said and don't agree with. The statement by that one council member was made on the spur of the moment. None of the council knew what he was going to say. Publicly, the council through its president has stated that the mayor and other council members do not agree with, or support, the one council member's thoughts or statements concerning Vietnam veterans.

The right to speak one's mind and have stated opinions is one of the cornerstones of our democracy. That right, when it causes personal hurt and mental anguish, is at times abused. The council feels that this particular incident is an example of abuse of the right to speak one's thoughts. The mayor and council hope that an occurrence of this nature will never happen again and they will strive to that end.

An Efficient Operation

By now all property owners in town should have received their real estate taxes, annual garbage and sewer statements, and second quarter water billings. The tax statements were prepared by the county, the others prepared by the Town Clerk. All bills were mailed together which saved the town approximately \$500 in postage. Thank you, Karyn and Helen, for your work in completing this project.

-- CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS --

SENIOR CITIZENS

The long, hot days of summer have been with us, but can you believe it's August? It seems that school just ended, but it will soon begin again in the last week of this month.

Here at the center we have been keeping cool with air conditioners and fans. We've played a lot of cards and bingo. We also watched "Mrs. Doubtfire" on the VCR. During August we plan to have our annual picnic lunch, catered by Mountaingate Restaurant, on Tuesday, August 16 at 12 noon. Also on the same day we will have a flower show with prizes for the winners. All entries must be entered by 11:00 a.m. that morning.

On Wednesday, August 31, we will have a pizza party at the "Hut" at 5:00 p.m. Reservations are a must and \$1.00 must be paid with your reservation. Following the party we will return to the Center for some card games.

Our afternoon Bingo will be held August 4th and 18th. The "500" parties will take place on Aug. 11th and 25th.

We will be going to Corneys's Corner for lunch August 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance for all lunches. Anyone 60 years or over is eligible to participate in the meal program each weekday. For information call Anna Margaret at 447-6253.

Here are some special dates to remember: Sept 9, 10, and 11: Community Show at Catoctin High School; Sept. 15: Night card party, 6:30 p.m., public welcomed, \$2 per person; Sept. 20: birthday party, 12 noon, covered dish luncheon.

The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. each week. Lunch is served each day at 12 noon. Come join us for food, fun, fellowship; we'd love to have you with us.

ARTS LEAGUE

The Emmitsburg Arts League has been enjoying a summer of "paint-outs," meeting as a group and painting at various outdoor locations. Our regular meeting will resume on the second Thursday of each month beginning on September 8. If you are interested in becoming a member please pick up an application in the library or at Her Studio Gallery.

HEALTHSCOPE

A Senior Healthscope, sponsored by the Frederick County Commission on Aging, will be held Tuesday, August 30, 1994, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Thurmont Senior Center, 806 East Main Street, Thurmont, Maryland.

Free screenings for nutrition, blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol of persons 60 years of age or over will be provided by the Wellness Center of Frederick Memorial Hospital. A registered dietitian will discuss your individual diet with you and answer your questions.

Personnel from the Frederick County Cooperative Extension Service will offer taste testing and recipes for healthy eating.

Plan to spend about half an hour to get this valuable information at no cost. Preregistration is required. Call 271-7911 for an appointment.

EBPA

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association has begun plans for a Grand Opening of our new Visitors Center Museum in the Community Center Building on South Seton Avenue. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by an auction of goods and services donated by our Emmitsburg businesses and our friends. This event will take place on Saturday, September 17, at 12:00 noon. The Visitors Center is open when staffed by volunteers. We invite anyone interested to be a volunteer.



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COMMENTARY

Voter's Responsibility and Power

Bars were closed when polls were open, history tells us, to keep vote-peddling under control and to counter the affect of corrupting forces on the voters during the heat of a political contest. Nowadays there are hardly enough voters to make vote-peddling a viable enterprise. Times have changed and perhaps it is appropriate to consider a new election-day strategy—shut down TV and open the bars. This might get the voters out of the house and in closer proximity to the polls.

On September 13th, from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., we are to have another opportunity to participate in the selection/election process, an opportunity often more appreciated in emerging nations than here. One can't help but sense an unvoiced slightly cynical attitude of "why bother?" The answer to this question is that our government is of the people and is charged with responding appropriately and equitably to public opinion. There are however, some critically important concerns that come along with this ideal: who is responsible? who has the power?

Responsibility and power are part of the mix of government, They help determine how political decisions are spread among the citizenry or granted to smaller

special interest groups. Even on local levels power brokers exert their influence. It is a part of the political game; it always has been and always will be. How responsibility and power are handled by candidates and office holders helps form our perception of government. How the responsibility and power of participating in elections is handled by the voters sends clear messages to the politicians.

Voters need to prepare before making their mark. Some questions to research include the following: what is important to me and my community? how do the candidates perceive the issues? what is the character of the candidates? how do the candidates accept responsibility and wield power? how can I get myself to the polls? The voters' responsibility is to gather information in time to answer these questions. The voters' power comes from casting their ballots and becoming part of the checks-and-balances process that insures fair representation.

The election in September is a primary. This is the time to support and select the candidate who best represents your views. Too often voters neglect the importance of this part of a general election. Keep checking in the local newspapers for information by and about the candidates. Or better still, appoint yourself a committee-of-one and call the Frederick County Board of Elections at 694-1006 to learn the names of the candidates, the offices they are seeking, their addresses, and phone numbers. If these folks want to represent you, they should be available and open to talk with you about issues and what they believe.

There are two ways to register: get a registration card from the town office and follow the simple instructions, or call the election board at 694-1005 and they will mail you a registration form. Either way you must be registered by August 15th to vote.

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

New Teacher

August 3, 1894 - Mr. L.D. Crawford, of Sabillasville, Md., has been appointed principal of the public schools in this place. Vice Prof. E. B. Fockler, resigned. Mr. Crawford is an experienced teacher and is very highly recommended by the School Examiner and School Commissioners of Frederick County.

An Exciting Time

August 10, 1894 - There was quite an exciting time at the residence of Mr. Charles Keilholtz, near town on Wednesday. Mr. Harry McNair, a stock dealer, went to Mr. Keilholtz's for the purpose of purchasing some lambs. He was driving a colt which he tied to the wagon shed. Mr. Keilholtz, with two helpers, was hauling rye from a stack with two horses in a wagon. Mr. Keilholtz and Mr. McNair went to the field where the sheep were in pasture, leaving the two men to put the load on the wagon. From some cause or other, Mr. McNair's colt made a plunge and fell to the ground. The two men went to the colt to assist it in getting up, and while thus engaged, the two horses in the wagon started to run. The men left the colt lying on the ground and started after the runaway team. The horses ran along a post and rail fence and finally the off-wheel horse jumped the fence. They ran a short distance with one horse on either side of the fence before they were captured, breaking down three panels of fence, being the only damage done. There was not so much as a scratch on either of the horses, which seems almost miraculous. Mr. McNair's colt was also unhurt, although both shafts of the vehicle were broken.

What Became of the Ice?

August 24, 1894 - A few nights ago several large pieces of ice disappeared from Mr. Albert Smith's ice house, in this place. Mr. Smith is at a loss to know what became of the ice. It is incredible to suppose that these large cakes melted during these cool nights, and the supposition is that it must surely have been a very mean person who would carry away another man's ice in the dark of the night without securing permission from the owner. Especially at this season of the year, when ice is such a scarce and valuable article.

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However, he points out, "The concerns of education, welfare reform, crime, the environment, and taxes are shared with all Marylanders."

Elliott listed his thoughts on dealing with additional issues;

"Agriculture - The most significant action of a legislator in assisting the farmer is to make every effort to block legislative proposals which would intrude on the farmer's ability to provide food to the consumer in the most efficient manner at a reasonable price.

"Education - Reasonable achievement standards should be set for each grade level and students should be expected to meet these standards. When a student graduates from high school, the diploma should mean that the graduate has achieved 12th grade skills based on reasonable grade level standards.

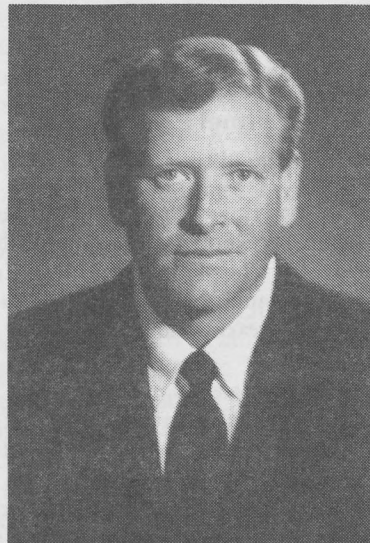
"Welfare reform - The most important action that should be done to cut the welfare rolls is to create an economic environment which would encourage existing businesses to expand and provide incentives for new businesses to locate in Maryland. This would create jobs in the private sector and reduce the welfare population.

"Crime - Public safety is a foremost responsibility of government. Although Maryland ranks number 2 in homicides, too many of our legislators are convinced that gun control is the answer, and there is a reluctance to enact tough criminal control legislation. Criminals must be held accountable for their crimes and punishment must be sufficiently harsh to provide a deterrent against future crimes. In addition, there must be tougher parole and probation policies. Emphasis should be directed toward criminal control—not gun control. Experience has shown that gun control laws are not effective in controlling crime.

"Environment - There must be a proper balance between our efforts to achieve a pollution-free environment and at the same time maintaining a strong business posture free of excessive cost and bureaucratic harassment.

"Taxes - Several years ago when the state was faced with large budget deficits, the legislature voted for almost a billion dollars in new taxes. Similar, although

HAGY SEEKS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Jim Hagy has filed as a Republican candidate for the office of Sheriff of Frederick County. Hagy has twenty-four year's experience working in law enforcement, twenty-two of which were served with the Maryland State Police in Frederick County.

Hagy cites as his reason for seeking the position philosophical differences with the present management of the Sheriff's department. If elected he wants to improve the criminal investigation efforts, reduce dupli-

cation and improve operating efficiency by fostering cooperation among all allied law enforcement agencies, reduce the need for tax dollars by working with county officials to develop a cost-effective law enforcement program, improve response time to calls for service, encourage communication between the operating arms of the Sheriff's Office and the State Police, and work with young people through specially designed school programs.

While with the Maryland State Police, Hagy worked as a road trooper, taught investigative techniques at the Maryland State Police Academy, and served as a criminal investigator. He recently graduated from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and is currently serving as the assistant commander of the Western Region Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. He is also the president of the Frederick Lodge of the Maryland Troopers Association.

Mr. Jim Hagy can be reached at 898-0965 and will be glad to discuss issues with you.

SCORE

The Service Corps of Retired Executives, SCORE, is looking for volunteers to organize a chapter in Frederick. The chapter is being organized by the Chamber of Commerce of Frederick County. SCORE provides the American business person with an important commod-

ity: business counseling and training based on years of actual business experience.

At least seven volunteers are needed in order to start a chapter. If you are qualified or interested, contact the Chamber of Commerce of Frederick County at 662-4164 for more information.

smaller, deficits are projected for the years after 1996. We must downsize government by prioritizing programs and services and assuring that they are administered in the most cost-effective manner. We must search for ways to cut the tax burden on our citizens."

Elliott, a Republican, was elected to the General Assembly in 1986 and has been a member of the Environmental Matters Committee since 1987. He has also served on the Joint Committee on Healthcare Cost Containment, the Governor's Task Force on Solid Waste Management and Indoor Air Quality.

He may be contacted at 301-845-4585.

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== CORRESPONDENTS ==

ROCKY RIDGE

by Emma Kenney

Congratulations to Larry (Luke) and Connie Hummerick, on the birth of a son, Brandon Lee, on July 3rd. Brandon weighed in at 7 pounds, 11.5 ounces. They also have a daughter Amber.

Melissa Sharrer has been visiting the hospital a lot recently as a patient. First she stepped on a nail, then dropped a sledge hammer on her foot; then she had to have her appendix removed. Infection set in and she had to have more surgery. Melissa is recovering and we hope she won't have to see doctors for a long time.

Carrie Ralston injured both her legs and was in the hospital several weeks.

Paul Burrier received severe burns while working on a truck whose fuel line exploded. He was taken to the Francis Scott Key Burn Center.

Michael Harris, Jr. reported to the Army on July 11. During the entrance physical examination doctors found he had injured his shoulder while playing lacrosse. He was sent home until October to give his shoulder a chance to heal.

The annual Mt. Tabor Park Big Picnic and Festival will be held Saturday, August 13. The Baby Show starts at 1 p.m. There will be age groups from newborns up to two-year-olds. Fried chicken and country ham suppers will be served starting at 3 p.m.. Soups, sandwiches, pies, and ice cream will also be available. Bingo and other games will provide the entertainment and the giant sliding board will be open. The local group Catocin will provide the music.

Rocky Ridge Fire Co. News
by Linda Northrup

On June 7th the firemen held a picnic for all the members and families who had helped with Bingo during the year.

On June 25 the firemen and Ladies Auxiliary participated in the opening celebration of the covered bridge at Loy's Station. The ceremony was a great success.

On July 11 the Ladies Auxiliary members enjoyed their picnic at Libby Myers' residence.

News from St. Anthony's & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishes

By Ann Marshall

Food Bank: Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation. Parishioners are reminded that donations for the Thurmont and Emmitsburg food banks may be left in the back of the churches year round.

Pope's Visit to Baltimore: On October 23, Pope John Paul II will visit Baltimore, seat of the first Catholic diocese in the United States. Parishioners who are interested in going to Baltimore for the parade and celebration are asked to call the Parish Office, 447-2367. Through a special collection, St. Anthony/OLMC has donated \$500 to defray the costs of the papal visit. More than a half million people turned out to see the Pope during his trip to Denver last year.

RENEW Meetings In August: August RENEW meetings are set for Sunday, August 14, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Hall, and Wednesday, August 31, 7 p.m. at OLMC parish center. Forty-two parishioners have already signed up to participate in the preparation year of the RENEW program. The theme prayer for the nationwide program is "Renew us, Lord, that we may renew the face of the earth."

Change in Mass schedule? Some parishioners have suggested that the summer Mass schedule become the year-round schedule for the joint parishes. Basically, the change involves Saturday only. Instead of a Mass at each parish, there would be one Mass on Saturday afternoon which would be celebrated at St. Anthony's at 5 p.m. Fr. Tittler and the Parish Council welcome opinions from the church community on this matter.

Baptisms: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish welcome Lucas Krantz and Patrick Krebs in the Catholic faith. Lucas, son of Robert and Jennifer Krantz, and Patrick, son of Robert and Cynthia Krebs, were baptized on Sunday, July 17, 1994.

The Rocky Ridge Annual Carnival will be held from August 15 until August 20. We invite everyone to come on out and join us and enjoy all the good food and entertainment each night. The parade will be held Wednesday on August 17 beginning at 7 p.m.

POETRY "... is meant to wake up your senses and get your imagination jumping."

William Heath

Blackbird basks
in the meadow mow;
he lifts a lazy wing:
pluck, preen, stretch,
feels so good!
Pause! relax! enjoy!
A slight shift to the right
he lifts his lazy left:
pluck, preen, stretch,
catch a few rays
So nice!
Sing songs of praise
a whistle or two:
O God! how great You are!
How grateful I am.

--Olaf

Flimsy films of fluffy clouds
dot the darkening dusky sky
where gray and gold gesticulate
the coy and cozy close of day.
Mystic mountains melt their might
past the piedmont's purple plain
and the sombre still of night
gently graces glimmering light.

Day is done
and night is nigh
while we welcome one
we bid goodbye.

Now cottage lights like fireflies flicker
with their tiny trembling sparks
and the twinkling stars above us
hearken heaven's healing peace.

--Olaf

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LIBRARY

by Kate Warthen

Our Summer Reading Club is in full swing--children are bringing their parents in to help choose books for the reading club. These parents and children come to list the books they've already read. They get stickers on their certificate for reading the books. They also get name stickers on a huge Dinosaur poster to find out who will get the hidden Mystery Prize.

Prizes are given for reading the most books. There are two groups: any age up to 3rd grade and from 4th grade to 6th grade. Seventy children are currently enrolled. Joan Boyle is on hand Wednesdays to assist the children and parents with listing books and awarding stickers.

We have been relying on volunteers this summer as always, but we have been especially busy and short of help. Mrs. Bea Keilholtz retired and we miss her very much.

We were planning on having a children's librarian in July but the County has frozen the position until September. There will be lots of exciting children's programs this fall when the position is filled.

Our Summer Reading Finale will be held on Friday, August 5, at 2 p.m. at the library.

HELLO DOLLY

Nancy Coblentz-Nelson of Rocky Ridge was inducted into the Original Doll Artist Council of America (ODACA) at the Atlanta conference held on July 17.

Nancy qualified for membership by submitting four original dolls, a Victorian woman, a toy peddler, and two character dolls that were critiqued by ODACA members, some of the best doll artists in the country. There are only 40 members in this prestigious group.

Presently, Nancy is preparing a series of Christmas-related dolls (Santas and elves) that will be on display at the Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 West Patrick Street in Frederick. The dolls will be on display from September 1 through October 30. These dolls and figures will be for sale. For more information call 695-3884.

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and need information and feedback from the public to make Emmitsburg better," she said. "I sometimes feel that the residents' apathy regarding town business comes from the belief that what they say doesn't count. I hope we can change that and get them involved in public workshops and town meetings. It is important to me that I do what they want to have done."

Hearings will begin in July on the 20-Year Comprehensive Plan now being developed for Emmitsburg, Yvette encourages residents to attend the Planning and Zoning meetings held the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the town office to discuss the issues. "This plan will affect how Emmitsburg grows and develops over the next 20 years," she said. "We need and want to hear from the residents."

The new Town Manager sees her role in municipal government now as a major career with no more thoughts of veterinary school. She is taking graduate-level business courses, and her love for animals is now reserved for her two horses, "Ricochet," an appaloosa gelding, and "Bugs," an 8-month-old foal with big ears. In her spare time she rides and participates in shows. She also loves to cook (mainly for others) and to design and make quilts for family and friends.

The *Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch* wishes Yvette Semler the very best in her new position.

TOWN (Continued from page 2)

Code enforcer Bob Koontz issued 277 tickets. He reported receipts of \$939.70 from the parking meters, \$515 in fines, and \$592 for flagging. He assisted in traffic control for five fires, eleven ambulance calls, three funerals, four special calls during the Thursday night church services, and one parade.

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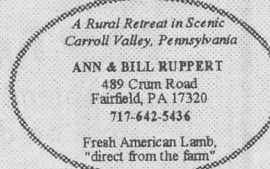
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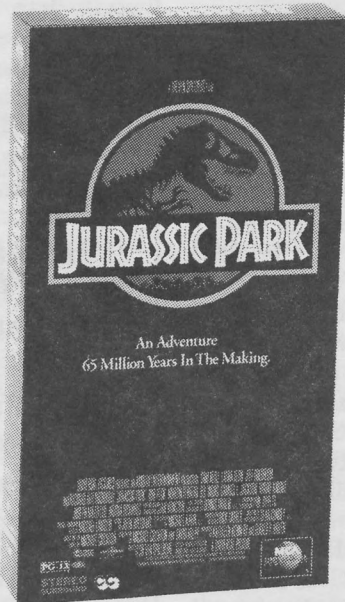


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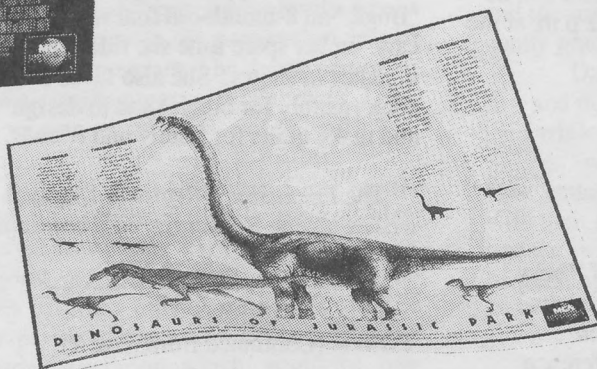
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NEWS BITS

Kuderer Scholarships Awarded

Kuderer Scholarship recipients for 1994 are Mark Shipley of Cumberland, MD, Melissa Di Vincenzo of Landenberg, PA, Amy O'Connor of Columbia, MD, and Laura Kreiner of Baltimore, MD.

The Kuderer Scholarship is funded by a donation left to Mount Saint Mary's by John H. Kuderer. His only direct tie to the Mount was his friendship with a Mount student and her family. He lived a modest life working as a parole officer for the county. Throughout his life, he remained devoted to the church and supportive of education, and continued his own studies throughout his life, earning several degrees.

Pro-Life Memorial Dedicated at the Grotto

A new Pro-Life Memorial was dedicated on June 26 at the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes at Mount Saint Mary's College. Judie Brown, president of the American Life League and national Pro-Life leader took part in the ceremonies. The Knights of Columbus from Emmitsburg, Frederick, and Hagerstown provided the honor guard.

The life-sized, white Carrara marble statue was carved by Gino Barsanti of Pietresante, Italy, and depicts Mary clasping the hand of Jesus following his birth. This work

is intended to be a positive statement about life. The public is invited to visit at the Grotto.

Prof. Heath Publishes Poetry

Assoc. Prof. William Heath's book of poems *The Walking Man* has been published by Icarus books. Heath teaches American literature and creative writing. He serves as advisor to the Mount's undergraduate literary magazine *Lighted Corners*, which has won eight first-place national awards in the last seven years.

Heath's poetry has been praised by several important American poets, including James Wright, who called him "a brilliantly accomplished and gifted poet," and former Poet Laureate Richard Wilbur, who praised him as "a poet who knows how to tell a story."

"The purpose of poetry," Heath said, "is to engage you in your world. It is not escapism, it's engagement. It's meant to wake up your senses and get your imagination jumping."

Prof. Rodriguez Selected to Participate in Brazilian Seminar

Dr. Emilio Rodriguez, assistant professor of government and international studies, is one of 16 scholars who will participate in the 1994 Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program.

The seminar will include visits to the

Amazon, industrial sites, mining operations, dam sites, deforestation areas, ecological reserves, and major urban centers. Rodriguez will be meeting with government officials and academics in Brazil and gathering data for his research project on Brazil's policy-making process as it relates to economic and environmental planning.

Rodriguez says he plans to bring his research and information back to his classes at the Mount and to use the information in conducting teacher workshops.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNED

The Tom's Creek United Methodist Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School from Sunday, August 7 through Friday, August 12. The sessions will start at 6:30 p.m. and run until 8:30 p.m..

The theme of this school is Son Country Farm.

Classes will be available for all ages, pre-kindergarten through adult. All are invited to come and join in the Bible stories, music, crafts, snacks, fellowship, and games. There will even be a live petting zoo.

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PC ALEX, an independent computer job search program, is now offered at the Center, and is available to the community on Tuesday nights from 5 to 6 p.m., Thursday morning from 9 to 10 a.m., and Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2 p.m. Staff will be on hand to help you with this program. We are proud to be able to offer this service to the residents of the north end of the county and hope that anyone looking for a job will consider using ALEX. There is no fee. For more information call 447-2810

EMMITSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

by Dianne L. Walbrecker

New PTA Officers and Committee Chairs

Lin Marsh announced the new PTA Officers and Committee Chairs at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee. "I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of this year's Executive Committee. Your support and time was appreciated. I am excited that several of you will be returning for another term. Your experience and expertise will be a great benefit. I also want to thank our new members for volunteering their time, talent, and effort to next year's board. We have a full schedule ahead of us with lots of hope and promise for a successful and rewarding school year," said Lin Marsh.

She encourages any parent of an Emmitsburg Elementary School student to call her at 447-6117 if he or she would like to become involved on any of these committees:

Lin Marsh, President; Trish Heller, Vice President; Stephanie Gray, Recording Secretary; Tammy Wivell, Corresponding Secretary; Sandy Seidel, Treasurer; Tom Baran, Teacher/Advisor; Pat Clontz, Membership; Marta Hillis, Volunteers; Sharon Hartley, Volunteers; Myra Derbyshire, Book Fair; Bev & George Tuggle, Parent Advisory; Cheryl Jones, Parent Advisory; Karen Rothhaupt, Budget; Dianne Walbrecker, Newsletter; Cindy Tasker, County Council; Cheryl Jones, County Council; Julie Siefert, Cookbook; Terri Ziegler, Cultural Arts; Sharon Hartley, Cultural Arts; Sandy Seidel, Cultural Arts; Stacy Morton, Hospitality; Lin Marsh, Ways & Means; Sandy Seidel, Springfest; Mary Meyers, Audit; Julie Siefert, Executive.

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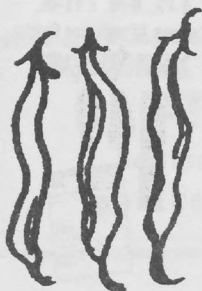
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A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



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Track & Field Day '94

by Diane Walbrecker

Mrs. Jeannie Backhaus, the physical education teacher at Emmitsburg Elementary, took teams of 4th and 5th graders to the county-wide Track & Field Day at the end of the school year. "It was a wonderful--although long--day. Thanks and congratulations to all who participated," she said. Listed below are the students who participated and their results.

4th Grade Boys: Bruce Boyd, Dennis Ott, Vince Shirbach, Jeremy Harley, Josh Hobbs, and Ben Keiffer.

Vince Shirbach came in 3rd in the 200m run.

The 4 x 400 team came in 4th, just missing a ribbon, but made an outstanding effort.

Bruce Boyd made the finals in the 100m dash and came in 5th in that race of the 8 best in the county!

"The 4th grade boys' team should be commended for the wonderful job they did in light of all the last minute substitutions and changes," said Mrs. Backhaus.

4th Grade Girls: Karen Davis, Michelle Bennett, Tabitha Potter, Lindsay Topper, Lindsay Greene, and Genevieve Jones.

Karen Davis made the finals in the 50 yd dash and finished 5th in that race of the 8 best in the entire county.

Lindsay Greene won a 2nd place in the 100m dash.

Jenny Jones won two 2nd places in the 200 and 400 yd. races.

"The 4th grade girls did a wonderful job representing their school. Congratulations," said Mrs. Backhaus.

5th Grade Girls: Ashley Wivell, Angie Wantz, Erin Hobbs, Michelle Gelwicks, Jamie Novak, and Sarah Wivell.

Both Sarah Wivell and Angie Wantz made the finals in their respective races, the 100 and 50m dashes. Both finished 4th in the final race.

Ash Wivell finished 3rd in the long jump.

Michelle Gelwicks came in 3rd in the 200m run.

Jamie Novak came in 3rd in the 400m.

Angie Wantz won 2nd place in the long jump.

5th Grade Boys: Robbie Copenhaver, Steve Reed, Robert Thompson, Adam Wivell, John Bean, Denver Glass, Don Stone, and Cory Cregger.

(RUN continued from page 1)

year in a row with a time of 6 minutes 20 seconds and finished in 5th place overall. The top women finishers were Kathy Messner, 14, Thurmont, MD, 6:43; Trinette Price, 11, Smithsburg, MD, 6:44; Allison Black, 12, Olney, MD, 8:11; Meredith Black, 9, Olney, MD, 8:17; and Michelle Rorke, 10, Emmitsburg, MD, 8:31.

Tim Meehan, Frederick, MD, age 38 finished next to last with a blazing sprint to edge out by one second Kirk Meehan, Frederick, MD, age 4, who won the 46th spot.

Awards were given to the over-all first three finishers in each division. There were also awards given to the first three finishers in each age group. Every finisher received an award or a commemorative ribbon. For more information about running and preparing for next year's "fun-run-one" call Larry Noel at 447-2224. We each should thank Larry and the Lions Club for adding this new dimension to our community life.

CAMP JAMIE

A Special Camp for Children

Hospice of Frederick County announce our fourth annual Camp Jamie. Established by Hospice of Frederick County, Camp Jamie is a special weekend camp for grieving children. The camp is held on the first weekend of August, and provides children ages 7-14, who have recently experienced the death of a loved one, with a safe environment in which to share their feelings of loss with trained adult volunteers and also with other children.

The children are able to speak openly about their grief as well as enjoy other camp activities such as swimming, skits, team sports, fishing, crafts, and campfires. Camp Jamie is free of charge and is made possible through the 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-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m..

The 4 x 100 team came in 2nd in their heat and 4th overall.

The 4 x 400 team came in as 2nd place winners.

John Bean was 2nd place in his heat and 5th place overall.

Cory Cregger came in 5th in the 800 even after falling at the start. WAY TO GO, Cory!

And finally, Robert Thompson swept away 1st place ribbons in the shot put and the 100m dash!

The Village Counsellor

by Rosemary A. McDermott

Ever think about earning all that money for yourself instead of someone else? Ever think about being your own boss? Let's talk about your dream of having your own business. First, how do you intend to organize your business? Here are some thoughts.

A sole proprietorship is the simplest form of business organization. In a sole proprietorship you are the sole creator, manager, and owner of the business, but if you die, the business could die with you. Also, as a sole proprietor you could be personally liable for anything that goes wrong with the business.

Another type of business organization is the general partnership. This arrangement does not require a written agreement of filing. However, as with everything in life nowadays, it's a good idea to write down your partnership agreement. I suggest you use the Maryland Uniform Partnership Act as a model. You and the two or more co-owners of the business could be personally liable for the obligations and risks of your business, so I recommend you obtain some good liability insurance.

The most complicated of business organizations is the corporation. The corporation is an independent legal entity, and its articles of incorporation must be filed with the state. A corporation can act like a person and sign contracts in its own name; it can sue and be sued; it can buy, own, and sell property. The reason many businesses want to form a corporation is the limitation on personal liability. If a corporation has a risk, a debt, or a liability, the corporation is responsible, not the members. However, it is most important that careful attention be paid to the details of the corporation including keeping minute books, signing contracts and checks properly, drafting documents, and paying taxes.

Life is exciting. Why not add to the excitement in your life by finally facing the challenge and beginning your own business? Start talking now to bankers, accountants, lawyers, and other businesspeople. There's much to think about as you begin. Work hard, but have lots of fun! Good luck!

Rosemary McDermott writes regularly for this paper and she is interested in answering legal questions that concern you. Submit your questions to: Editor, *The Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch*, Box 10635 Harney Road, Emmitsburg, Md 21727.

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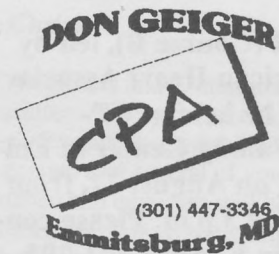
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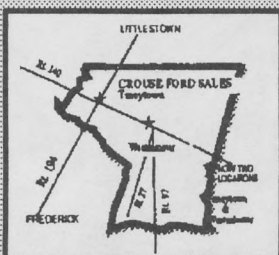
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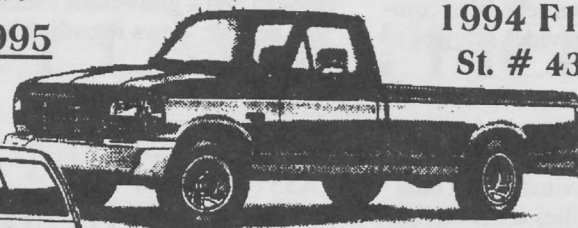
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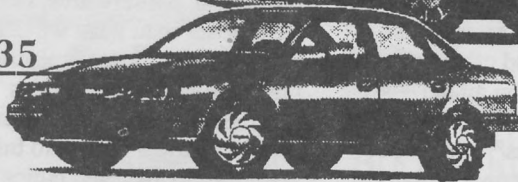
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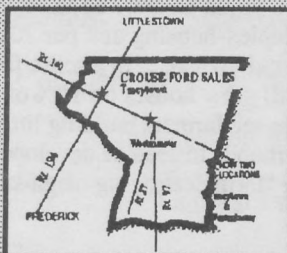
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CASS

Program Review

by Debbie Wivell

The Catocin Community Agency School Services Program is approaching the end of an eventful first year. The CASS Program is a comprehensive community program that provides services to families with children.

Activities

Since the program began in August 1993, personnel at the CASS offices have had contact with approximately 80 families. Currently, 54 families are receiving CASS services. In December, the Families NOW Team consisting of a social worker and parent aide from the Department of Social Services joined the CASS office. The team provides intensive in-home services to families. In March, the CASS Program signed an agreement with Brook Lane Psychiatric Center. Through this agreement, a licensed clinical social worker provides mental health counseling to children, adolescents, and their families.

During the spring, fifteen children from Emmitsburg Elementary and Thurmont Middle School received tutoring from Mount Saint Mary's college students who volunteered through the Campus Community Service Program. STEP Classes were held at two different times at Emmitsburg Elementary School. Approximately thirty parents participated in these parenting skills classes provided by the Frederick County Health Department.

Through partnership with the Frederick County YMCA, a four-week day camp program began on July 18 at Emmitsburg Elementary School. A number of children in the CASS Program will attend camp this summer on scholarships provided by the YMCA. Through the support from the Town of Thurmont and the Town of Emmitsburg, children received pool passes to swim at their respective community pools.

A new health education and counseling service began in June for women. The service is available twice a month at the CASS offices and is provided by the Health Department.

Advisory Council

Recently, the first meeting of the local CASS Advisory Council was held. The council consists of representatives from the following organizations in the Thurmont and Emmitsburg area: the Thurmont town government, the Emmitsburg town government, the Thurmont police department, the Frederick County Sheriff's Department (Emmitsburg resident trooper),

PFIEFFER SEEKS DISTRICT 4B SEAT

Roy Pfeiffer of near Union Bridge is running as an unopposed democratic candidate for the delegate's seat in District 4B. This is Pfeiffer's first foray into the political arena. He is self-employed and a grass-roots candidate and has definite views regarding several issues.

CASS (Continued)

Frederick County Public Schools (area principal), the Thurmont Ministerial Association, the Emmitsburg Council of Churches, UpCounty Family Support Center, Central Maryland Catholic Charities, and the CASS Interagency Coordinator.

At the meeting, area representatives discussed issues affecting the local community. The main topics of concern were substance abuse, particularly among young people, and domestic violence. Following the meeting a survey was developed and distributed to approximately 200 students randomly selected at Catocin High School. One hundred thirteen students responded to the following question: "Are there alcohol and other drugs at the activities and parties you attend?" Thirty percent responded "yes", 42 percent responded "sometimes", and 28 percent responded "no." The council plans to discuss and address this concern in a future meeting. Heartly House provided a support group for women at UpCounty Family Support Center this spring to address the problem of domestic violence. It is hoped that this service will be offered again in the fall.

Through the commitment of Frederick County Agencies, the Frederick County Public Schools, private and local organizations, the services mentioned have been available to the local Catocin Community. The CASS Program wishes to thank all of these groups, organizations, and individuals (too numerous to mention here) who have supported the program and worked cooperatively in providing support to families and children in the local community.

The CASS Program is located at the Emmitsburg Community Center. To inquire about the CASS Program, please contact Debbie Wivell, Interagency Coordinator at 447-3611.

In a pamphlet given to this paper, Pfeiffer states his position on several issues, new and old. Here is what he thinks concerning several issues.

EDUCATION: "The trend in our school systems to build ever larger elementary and high schools is foolish and counterproductive. Schools, especially elementary schools, should be small and local." He thinks that an out-of-touch bureaucracy that believes "bigger always looks better" is responsible for de-personalizing educational institutions.

CRIME: "Keeping crime down... begins with children growing into adults that feel they are a valuable part of their community." He believes that when a law is broken "justice should be swift and severe." The ultimate crime, murder, deserves the ultimate punishment; death," Pfeiffer writes.

LEGAL SYSTEM: Pfeiffer says, "My idea for reforming our legal system is radical, conservative, family oriented, and better than what we ... have in place now." He proposes replacing current jurists with teams of retirees. He wants to give parents and grandparents from all walks of life a chance to bring conservative, family oriented ethics to bear upon our legal system.

RECYCLING: Pfeiffer proposes to use abandoned strip mine pits in Western Maryland as landfills. He suggests installing state-of-the-art recycling equipment and techniques and water treatment systems in the pits and then use them as controlled trash sites for the state.

THE FAMILY FARM: Pfeiffer says, "The family farm is an endangered species." Noting the loss of farm land to developers and low cash flow per acre he proposes a form of cluster housing. A farmer would be allowed to build one 2-acre-duplex-housing unit per 20 acres of farmland owned... "In a sense family farms will grow houses on 10% of their land." He sees farmers building little neighborhoods instead of developers building "farm destroying mega-suburbs."

Roy Pfeiffer can be contacted at 410-775-7039.



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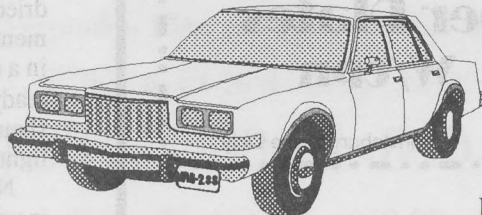
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GARDEN PERPLEXITIES

by Barbara Steele, Alloway Gardens

In the last issue I asked for gardener's questions and comments. I received an interesting range for this month. Some of the questions involve more input and research and might need a whole column to answer. You keep sending in the questions and I will keep working on getting the best information to answer them.

QUESTION? What do you do with Russian Sage?

ANSWER Russian Sage (*Pervoskia*) is a hardy shrub-like perennial with silvery gray leaves and a light blue flower. In July and August. Landscapers are using it a great deal in areas that are not and dry along with ornamental grasses and pink malvas. It can be picked to used in fresh or dried arrangements.

QUESTION? Why does silver mound artemisia fall flat?

ANSWER The one big fault of silver mound is the "dead-in-the-middle-" syndrome. It over grows and the center of the plant becomes black. The best way to handle this plant is to trim it back close to the ground. It will re-grow in a short time and make a new silver mound.

QUESTION? Why don't my dried herbs look like the ones in the store? -

ANSWER Perhaps you are initially not drying your herbs properly. Herbs should be picked after the dew has evaporated but before the heat of the day. Herbs for culinary or medicinal use have the greatest amount of essential oils when they are starting to bloom. Hang the small bunches upside down in a dark, airy location. When totally dry (about 2 weeks) the leaves may be stripped from the stems and stored in airtight containers to preserve flavor and freshness. If herbs and dried flowers are prepared for arrangements the dried material should be stored in a dark place e.g. packed in a box until ready for use. Dried herbs and flowers should be displayed away from bright sunlight to prevent the color from fading.

Next month we would like to do a recipe column. Send in any favorite pickle, relish, garden vegetable recipes you would like to share. Send them to the Dispatch, Box 10635 Harney Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

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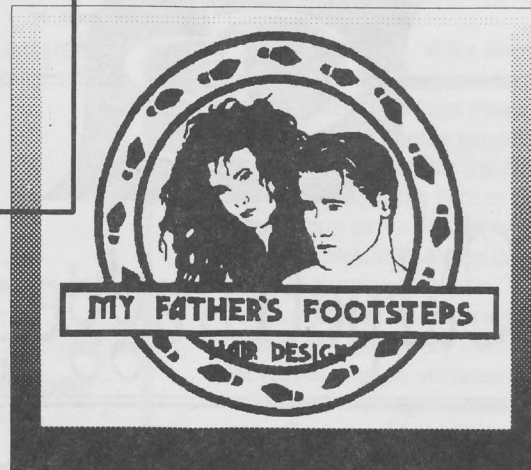
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August 10, 1894 - Croquet playing has gotten to be the game of the evening in Fairfield.

August 31, 1894 - Mr. Thomas Winbrinner, of this place, who like Ninrod, is a mighty hunter. He went to the mountain the other day to shoot squirrels. He saw something on a tree that looked like the head of a snake. He fired and a large black snake measuring six feet, fell. Mr. W. left as he is no friend to reptiles.

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