

Gone Fishin'

Sunday, August 13, Rainbow Lake, Hampton Valley Road. A beautiful Sunday morning in a tranquil setting. The lake is bordered by kids—small groups, individuals, and kids with parents—intently concentrating on the task at hand: fishing. This much quiet concentration is not what one would expect from such a large group, but there is purpose here: not to miss a bite or nibble.

All ages of fishermen are represented, all skill levels also. Casts fly forward, sideways, and backward. Most hit the water. There is great experimentation with how to hold the pole, how to work the line, what kind of bait to use, how to deal with "birdnest" tangles, and how to unwrap the "wrap-around" at the end of the pole. The concentration is not broken.

There are incantations: "Little fishie in the lake, come and bite my hook," chants one who then says that rhymes good enough. Confidence: (whispering) "I know I'll get him this time...he's been nibbling at my worm...there, there he is, see!" Appreciation: "I never keep any of them, I put 'em back. I love it



when they go plop and swim away."

One fisherman observing the smoke drifting down over the lake from the grove of trees where the food was being prepared said, "They must be trying to smoke 'em out." All the while

Deputy Horner circles the lake assuring the fishers, "It's the way you hold your mouth that counts."

More than a few bushes were snagged and a couple of trees caught. No matter—on with the quest. A job was to be done here.

There were rumors of a big one caught over there on the point and a bigger one that "jumped right off my hook."

This day's fishing expedition is sponsored by the Emmitsburg Youth Activities League consisting of the town deputies Horner and Hunter, Code Enforcer Bob Koontz, parents, grandparents, and merchants.

Every fisherman was a prize winner. The following were the ones whose deeds matched the tales: First prize, Dicky Cool; 2nd Prize, Joe Gentile; 3rd prize, Tammy Cool; 4th prize, Kenny Gentile. 1st fish, Michelle Messner.

All participants received a Youth Activity T-Shirt and a free pass to Catocin Mountain Zoo.

Deputy Horner gives special thanks to "Sgt." Hope Mahoney & Family, Carol Stitely, Butch & Phyllis Morningstar, Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., Bob Koontz, John Hollinger, Jamie Eyler, Jimmy Stitely, Allen Hawkins, and Jim Casey.

The success of the day was due in large part to the donations and generosity of these businesses: *CPI Printing*, flyers; *The Rod Rack of Frederick*, bait and tackle; *Thurmont Sporting Goods*, 2 gift certificates; *K-mart of Frederick*, gift certificate; *Frederick Keys*, 12 passes; *Wick-n-Wood of Thurmont*, gift certificate, *Catocin Mt. Zoo*, 100 free passes; *Busy Bee Bakery of Thurmont*, baked goods; *Mid-Atlantic Coca Cola Co.*, 10 cases of soda; *Don's Towing*, cash donation, *Miller's Garage*, cash donation.

Deputy Horner transferred

After three years of unique police service to the residents of Emmitsburg—especially the kids—Town Deputy Jerry Horner has been transferred to the Drug Alcohol Resistance Education (DARE) program of Frederick County. Jerry will be an instructor in the program that is part of the regular schedule of all Frederick County middle and high schools. DARE has been one of the most successful drug education programs for this age group. He will attend a two-week certification course and then begin teaching and working with teachers, parents, and students.

To his normal duties as a deputy Jerry added the dimension of being involved in the activities of the youth of this town. Although there was no Police Activity League or little sustained involvement from parents, Jerry worked to get (See HORNER on page 3)

Her "best day"

Emmitsburg resident Regina Rybikowsky's experience is a reminder that even in small town's senior citizens are the targets of shady practices. Three visits by a Glen Burnie business contractor cost her \$5,300 for painting a roof, which had been painted only a year before, and repairs of leaks that had not been noted previously.

Not knowing how to deal with the contractor and being scared made the 94-year-old woman easy to intimidate. Sgt. Austin Pohl of the Frederick County Sheriff's Department said he had no doubt that Mrs. Ribikowsky was the victim of a con man.

Theodora Capezio, Mrs. Rybikowsky's daughter, discovered canceled checks that

uncovered the contractor's questionable practices. She related her suspicions to local officers who reported the incident to Sgt. Pohl. Pohl visited the contractor and in essence "conned the con" and the contractor offered to return the money—all \$5,300.

For Regina, who said that having the money returned was one of the best things that has

happened to her in a long time, it was her "best day." For the rest of the seniors this incident should be a reminder that unscrupulous people are out there preying on and taking advantage of them in many different ways; contract repairs, telephone scams, and investment scams that sound "too good to be true" often are.

Town hall news . . .

Controversy regarding water taps allocated to Ausherman Development Corporation sparked heated debate in the Aug. 7th town meeting. The development corporation which purchased the taps last summer was in violation because the taps were not used with a year as required by the purchase agreement. They were seeking to renew the assignment of these taps.

Two residents of the Silo Hill Development opposed the reissuance of the taps to Ausherman Development and urged the commissioners to make the taps available to other developers who are ready to begin their developments.

Ausherman representative, Don Owen, said that the corporation would be willing to give up unused taps if another developer is ready to begin construction.

Mayor Carr said the issue should be tabled until there was an opportunity to discuss it with the town lawyer.

At its Aug 29th public workshop the town commissioners reevaluated the request and made a decision regarding the distribution of the water and sewer taps in question. Mayor Carr prefaced the discussion by saying that the town is "in a learning process in this development business" and that there is need to "rethink the town's policy" on how water/sewer taps should be handled in fairness to all parties. "We need to do this in lieu of creating more problems," said Carr.

The board voted 4 - 0 to grant Ausherman Development Corporation an extension on 12 taps so that actual

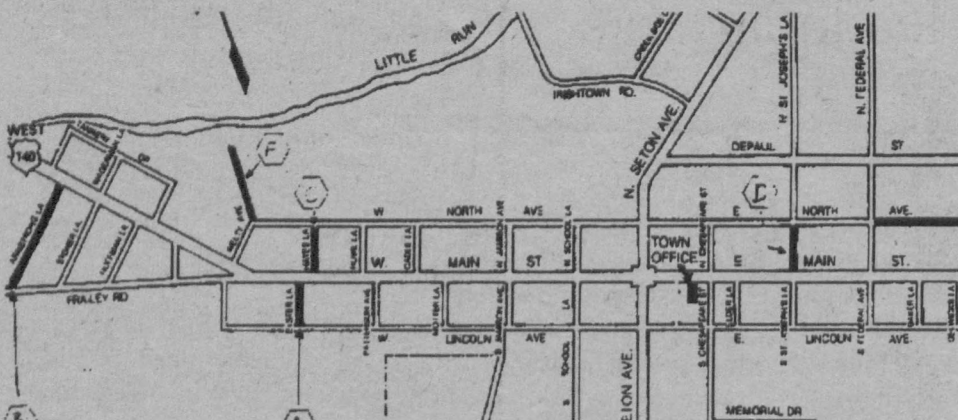
site work can begin. Seventeen taps would be extended to the corporation for 3 months giving the board time to study and clarify past water/sewer tap policy and effects. Penalties would be applied following the 3 month reevaluation period.

The mayor announced that the town has received notification from the Governor of Maryland that it will receive a \$300,000 grant for a multi-service family center building. Ground breaking is expected to begin during October on the site behind the town swimming pool. Up-County Family Support Center is expected to be the primary tenant of the new center.

There is a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Anyone interested in applying for the position must do so by 4:00 p.m. September 8th.

The commissioners voted unanimously to send the town trash to a landfill in Upton, PA. The total cost per ton will be \$45 which is lower than the current fee at the Frederick County landfill, currently \$52 per ton. The town should see an annual savings of \$9,000 according to Yvette Semeler.

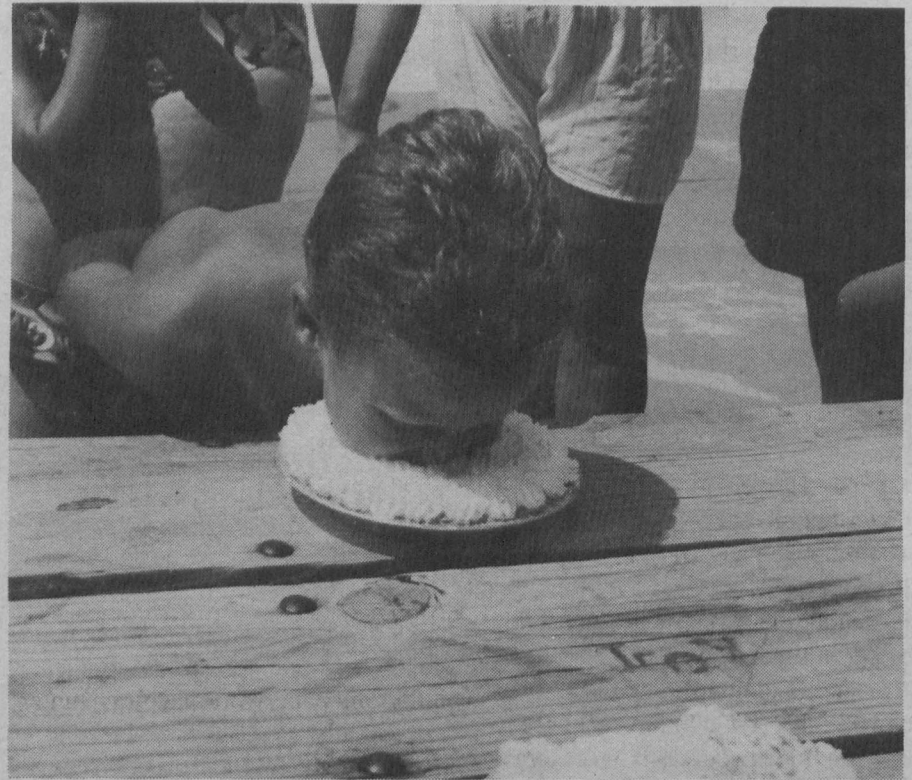
The progress of Southgate residential development is mired as the developers, the town, county planners and soil scientists, and engineers ponder building on the site where the seasonal high water table is but one to two feet below the surface. The presence of this water and possible future drainage and seepage problems have the development of the final engineering platt stuck in the mud—either real or potential.



Resurfacing of several streets and alleys will begin in September. To be resurfaced are Eyster Lane, Armstrong Lane, Hays Lane, St. Joseph's Lane, North Avenue, and Welty Avenue.

Residents who wish to have their driveway or parking areas paved should contact the Town Manager so arrangements can be made for the contractor to prepare the cost. Resurfacing of private property will be at the owners expense. "This is an opportunity to get the work done a little cheaper," said the town manager.

Pool party a "tasty treat" for parents and children



The 1995 Pool Party was a win-win for everybody according to Town Manager Yvette Semeler. "Everybody had fun—we were well satisfied," said Semeler.

The "Dunk Tank" was very popular. Two hundred and six dollars were raised by wetting down the town deputies. All of this money will go to the Parks and Recreation Department.

This annual party was financed by over \$700 of volunteer contributions. Approximately 40 individuals or businesses made contributions to the fun event.

Contributors to the part were: Crouses on the Square, VFW, the Ott

House, Mother Carey's Cafe, Total Look, Fully Involved, Get Nailed by Debbie, Myers Radio & TV, Harrington & Sons, Ladies Auxiliary of VHC, Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., Dr. & Mrs. Carr, Larry Kolbicka, Mary Ann Wivell, Antique Mall Corp., East End Garage, Joan Boyle, Emmitsburg Jubilee, Main St. Deli, Her Studio Gallery, T.V. Video, Palm's, Emmitsburg Pharmacy, St. Philomena Bookstore, Chronicle Press, Pizza Hut, Carriage House, Paul's Pit Stop, American Legion, My Fathers Footsteps, Quality Tire Center, Zurgable Bros. Hardware, E-Z Fill Getty, Corney's Corner, Thurmont Taco Bell, Thurmont Jubilee, Thurmont Food Lion, and General Sanitation.

Hunter attends commercial vehicle inspection school

Deputy Dave Hunter completed the Commercial Vehicle Inspection School co-sponsored by the Maryland State Police and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. Deputy Hunter attended two weeks of class work and spent one week in field training at the New Market Weight and Inspection Site. The purpose of the school is to train deputies to conduct Level I & Level II Commercial Vehicle (truck) Inspection.

Deputy Hunter said the school is part of a nation-wide effort to enforce commercial vehicle operating standards and improve safety conditions. "The standardized inspection that I do here in Emmitsburg will be honored by other states and authorities. I issue a Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Decal and this is good as the truck travels across the country," said Hunter. The alliance enforces compliance and encourages owners and operators of trucks to maintain their vehicles according to the standards, Hunter said.

When a truck is stopped an inspection includes a check for the appropriate commercial driver's license; assuring that parts and accessories meet standards set up by the alliance



Deputy Hunter A Dispatch photo

and federal government; checking brakes, steering, suspension, frame, lights, and paperwork. Deputy Hunter said that at the present time he is not authorized to conduct hazardous materials inspections or weight inspections, but that he will be attending two more weeks of school this fall to become certified for these.

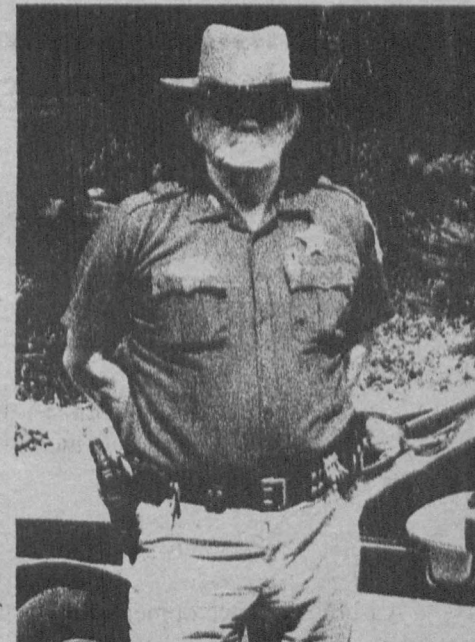
Over the past few years truck traffic along Main Street in Emmitsburg has become a nuisance to many of the residents. Late-night noise from the use of the "Jake" brake, a compression

braking system, has created many complaints from residents along Main street, especially in the area of three blocks on either side of the square. Of equal concern is the formation of two-to-three-inch grooves in the street caused by the braking of heavy trucks especially during hot weather when the surface material is soft and plastic.

Deputy Hunter said he is open with the drivers as to the purpose of the truck inspections and that the drivers have been cooperative, but "many were surprised by local enforcement in a small town." Although he is not equipped with a CB radio, Hunter said that one resident told him that he had heard truckers in Littlestown giving warnings to avoid the Emmitsburg area.

Hunter plans to schedule random days of testing during September when he will pull over trucks for Level I & Level II inspections. He will keep his eyes open for obvious truck defects and will pull trucks over when he is "running traffic." "Safety is the main reason we are doing this. There are some large trucks out there that should not even be on the road," Hunter said.

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Deputy Horner A Dispatch photo

(HORNER from page 1)
the town's kids involved in baseball, fishing, swimming, and basketball. He developed a rapport with the kids that led to trust among them and their parents. He would often get calls at all hours of the day and night to "patch things up." "On many occasions when kids got into mischief they would say 'I ain't talking to nobody but Deputy Jerry'," Horner said. One of Jerry's fondest memories was of a young teen-age runaway who called him to come get her and take her home.

The imposing deputy looms above the kids whom he calls family. "They call me Deputy Jerry to my face but 'Pappy' behind my back. I feel like a grandfather and father figure," said Horner. "I bet I get more hugs and kisses from kids in an eight-hour work-day than many get in a lifetime," he said. Horner said he intends to maintain the links with the Emmitsburg community. "I tell the kids I'm not going to the other end of the earth—I'm only a phone call away," he said.

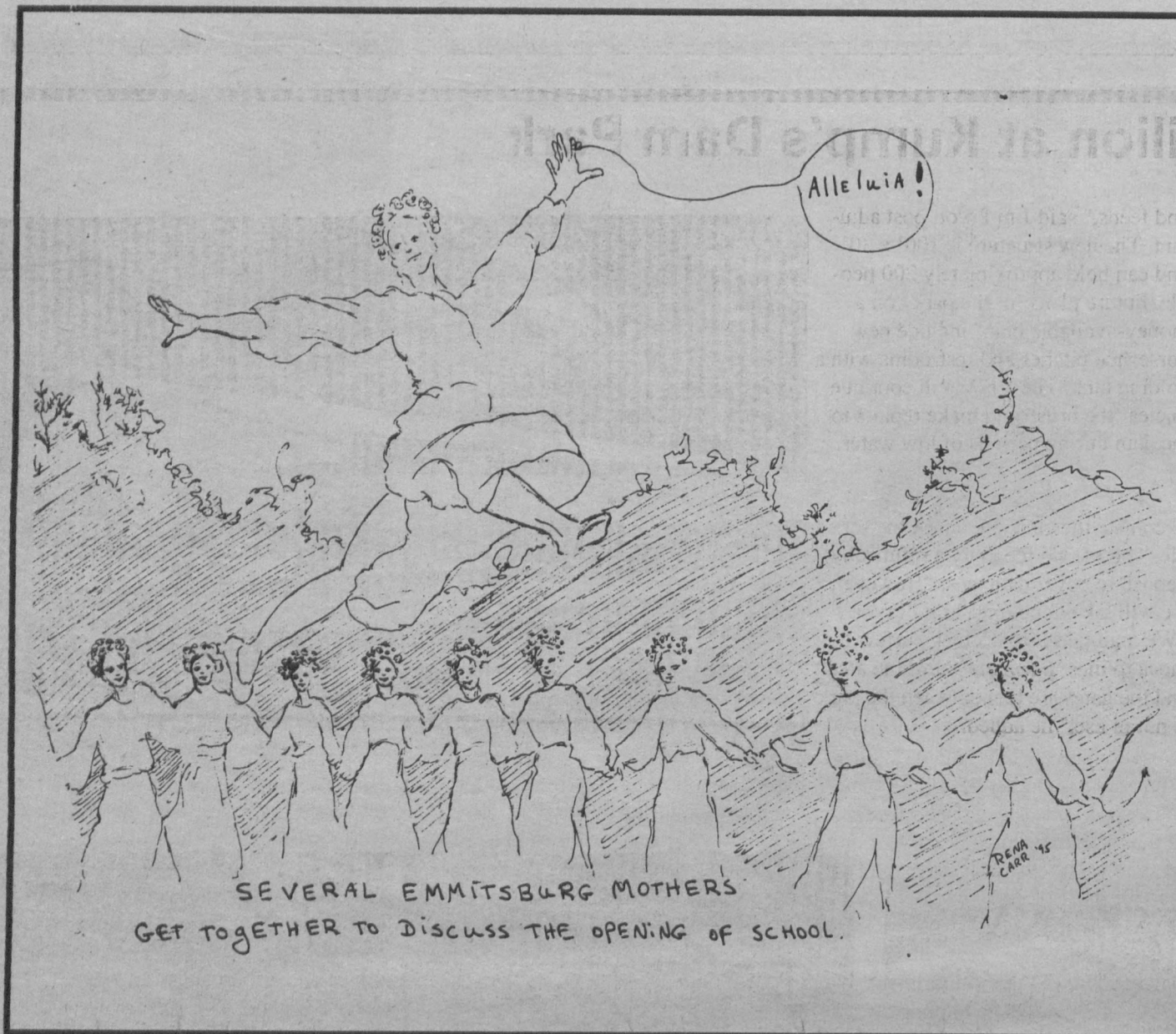
Horner's most deeply felt frustration is with kids' lying. He accepts as fact that kids are going to get into mischief, but lying makes him mad as well as deeply disappointed with the kid. In cases where he could get kids to apologize for lying and covering up they usually "toed the mark" Horner said.

Community policing at its absolute finest is when you can work with and treat people respectfully. Deputy Jerry Horner reached out, gave direction, and served as a positive role model both to kids and parents. He will be missed.

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Letters to the editors

Dear Editors:

I am not a man with aquarium tendencies—no, I prefer my fish lightly broiled with a dab of butter and squeeze of lemon. Thus I cannot explain my delight each month with the aquarium escapades of Jack Deatheridge. Who would have guessed that "Fresh Water Fish, The Pet" would actually work as a newspaper column, but it does. And it works because Mr. Deatheridge is as serious and playful with his writing as he is with his fish. Looking forward to his future filterings of water and words.

Bob Streeter

Wonalancet, New Hampshire

enough "news" to publish a small town paper. If news is defined as information about the things a community shares in common, yes. I think there is enough going on and something to "get." A community newspaper serves a healthy purpose.

Author, farmer and environmentalist Wendell Berry writes, "I believe that the community—in the fullest sense: a place and all its creatures—is the smallest unit of health and that to speak of the health of an isolated individual is a contradiction in family or community or in a destroyed or poisoned ecosystem." To be healthy is to be whole—creation is one continuous fabric including spirit and matter, according to Berry. Creation is not divided into levels that can be peeled apart and judged by man. "I believe that divine love ... summons the world always toward wholeness," says Berry.

Compared to professionals in the world of technical efficiency and high-powered communications we who participate in the existence of the *Dispatch* are amateurs—in the literal sense—ones who work not for profit, but for love. The contributors—writers, staff, photographers, artists, advertisers—share in the maintenance of the health of this region.

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100 Years Ago "In This Place"

from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

Sept. 6, 1895 - The eclipse of the Moon on Tuesday night was a grand success. The night was clear and the moon very brilliant. The eclipse began at 11 P.M. and the moon left the shadow at 2:54 A.M. Quite a number of people in this place stayed up later than usual to view the astronomical phenomenon.

The Schools Reopened

Sept. 6, 1895 - The public schools in this place reopened on Monday morning with a large attendance. The number of pupils enrolled in the three departments was seventy-six. The teachers are: Mr. G. Lloyd Palmer, principal; assistants, Misses Ruth Hoke and M. L. Landers.

For some reasons unknown to us, St. Euphemia's School did not open on Monday morning, as stated in these columns last week. Studies were resumed at this school on Wednesday, the attendance being very encouraging.

Came True

Sept. 13, 1895 - A merchant dreamed that he used a page to advertise his store, and in his dream he saw a stream of buyers pass in at the door. They came by twos, by tens and scores; they came on foot and by rail. They sent their friends to purchase for them; they sent big orders by mail. They bought all he had so he stopped the ad till he could stock up once more. His slumbers broke and he awoke - his dream of affluence was over. But the vision bright haunted him day and night, till he went and advertised; and now he's glad, for through his ad his dream is realized. - Ed.

Carrier Pigeon

Sept. 20, 1895 - A carrier pigeon stopped at St. Joseph's Academy, near town, on Monday, and is still at that place. On the wings it is marked "F6755, 9755," on the right leg is a band marked "F6755," and on the left leg is a brass band.

St. Joseph's Parsonage Improved

Sept. 20, 1895 - The Parsonage of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in this place, is under going a change and is (Please see 100 YEARS on page 11)

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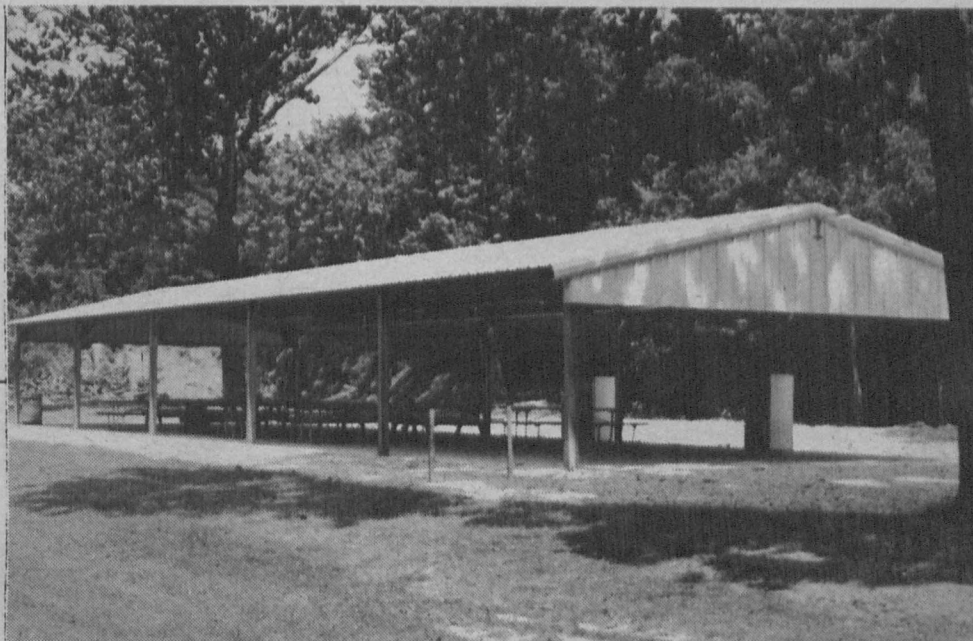
VFW's new pavilion at Kump's Dam Park

Since the early '50's VFW Post # 6658 has maintained a recreation park at Kump's Dam on Harney Road. Maintaining the park is part of a community service program the post provides. The park is used for club functions, family reunions, birthdays, "feeds", and meetings. Other service activities of the VFW include fund-raising, donations, and providing meeting rooms for individuals, clubs and organizations in the Emmitsburg area. "We stick to the 21727 zip code. We're interested in our community," said post commander Stan Lupinsky.

This July the club opened its new pavilion at the Kump's Dam Park. The old pavilion was of inadequate size, holding only about 30 people. "We were limiting ourselves in the number of tickets we could sell for functions

and feeds," said Jim Pryor, post adjutant. The new structure is 100' x 30' and can hold approximately 200 people. Future plans for the park "on a money-available plan" include new horseshoe pitches and restrooms with a holding tank. The VFW will continue to clear the brush and make repairs to the dam during periods of low water.

To use the park it is necessary only to contact the club and check the schedule. There is no fee, only a refundable deposit to cover damages. "However, we will take donations," said Pryor. "We maintain a 10 o'clock curfew for the activities. Deputies patrol the area and the gates are locked when the park is not in use," he added.



"Hoser" and friends

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And the "feed" goes on: the pavillion provided shelter even during a thunderstorm.

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Senior Citizen News

By Anna Margaret Martin

"School Days, School Days," can you believe it! Summer is just about gone—the kids are unhappy, the parents are happy, and the Seniors will be glad to get our "Food 'N Friend's" meals from Catoctin High.

After a busy month of August, September will slow down. Our first important date will be Sept. 6. We go to "Sight and Sound" to see *Noah*. We'll be leaving the center at **8:45 A.M.** We're looking forward to this trip.

Other important dates follow:

Sept. 8, 9, and 10 — Community Show at Catoctin High School. Stop by and take a chance on our beautiful quilt.

Sept. 12. — Shopping trip to Frederick, 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 19 — Covered Dish Birthday Party. Meat, rolls, and beverage provided by the center. You bring a cov-

ered dish or two with enough for 8 to 10 persons. Cake will also be provided.

Sept. 26 — Nutrition Program with Rachel Ford, 12:45 p.m.

Remember: Bingo on Sept. 7 & 12, 1 p.m.; Cards, Sept. 14 & 28, 1 p.m.; Grocery shopping at Jubilee every Friday afternoon.

We're trying a new program on Wednesday, September 13 and 27. We will be showing a travelogue on Switzerland and Ireland at 1 p.m. Plan now to attend and spend an hour visiting another country.

Remember for fun, food, and fellowship to join us each day for "Food 'N Friends" at 12 Noon. Anyone 60 years or older is invited to participate in the program. Transportation is available, also home-delivered meals upon approval. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. For information call Anna Margaret at 447-6253.

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Remember when . . . a few Septembers ago when this team was champion?



The Emmitsburg Shoe Factory Team, circa 1947. Back row (Left to Right): Gene Myers, Tom Saylor, Gene Neucomber, Alan Davis, Frank Wastler, Wilber Ridge, Dave Wivell, Donald Joy, Alan Wastler. Front Row (Left to Right): Slim Deatherage, Unidentified, Unidentified, Felix McGaughlin, Jack Myers, Jason Sanders. Photo courtesy of Jason Sanders.

People in the news . . .



Bob Gauss

A Dispatch Photo

Local surveyor Robert F. Gauss has been elected president of the Maryland Society of Surveyors. MSS is a state-wide organization of over 500 members.

Bob Gauss is president of R.F. Gauss & Associates, an Emmitsburg-based firm doing professional land surveying in central and western counties of Maryland for the past 15 years. Previously he was chief of survey for D.K. Sutcliffe & Associates for 22 years. He has been licensed as a professional land surveyor since 1975 and associated with the Maryland Society

of Surveyors since 1960, and as a member for 20 years. He served as chapter chair for 8 years and director at large for 4 years.

The mission of the Maryland Society of Surveyors is to advance the science of surveying and mapping, maintaining and developing standards of professional responsibility and enforce codes of ethics. Bob's major goals as president-elect are to work with the Board for Professional land surveyors to resolve problems with minimum standards, to support continuing education and seminar pro-

grams, and continue to inform the public and other professionals of the roles and professionalism of the Surveyor. One of his first jobs will be to preside over the Maryland conference of surveyors which will be held in Frederick Sept. 22 and 23.

Locally Bob has taken an active part in the Emmitsburg Community. He is a charter member of the Lions Club and has been involved in their activities for 15 years. Like all other members of the Lions Club he seems to be everywhere doing things for the community. He is a member of the Emmitsburg Business & Professional Association and the Emmitsburg Historical Society. Bob has also served as an assistant scoutmaster and scoutmaster for Boy Scouts of America Troop 284 and Webelos Cub Scout Leader.

Bob's interest in history has blended with his career. He is a member of the Mason Dixon Line Preservation Partnership, an organization of Maryland and Pennsylvania surveyors, who identify, locate, and preserve original mile markers of the Mason Dixon line. As a special project Bob has compiled a record of the present day Emmet House known over the years as the Beegle Apartments, the Slagel Hotel, and Black's Tavern. His book tracks the deeds of ownership back to the original structure, lists the results of early bankruptcy suits brought against previous owners, de-

tails court settlements, and contains photos tracing the architectural changes over the years.

Bob said that almost every job in Emmitsburg connects him with the history of the town. As he goes about his job of subdividing parcels of land he researches deeds to determine the "meets and bounds," many of which were established in 1808 when the town was originally laid out in lots.

In 1964 Bob was called upon to subdivide the property of May and M. Frank Rowe. Ten years later he returned to Emmitsburg and purchased the two Rowe properties. He and wife Crystal now live in "The Rowe House" on West Main Street.

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Antrim Veterinary Hospital opens



Back row: Dr. Myron Bradley, Steve Watkins
Front Row: Dr. Ann Beaudin, Kevin Sherfey, Jeannie Walker w/friend. *A Dispatch photo*

Antrim Veterinary Hospital, located in the Taneytown Shopping Center, Taneytown, MD, held an Open House on Saturday, August 12. The veterinary doctors are Dr. Ann Beaudin, B.S. Animal Science at Cook College and D.V.M. at Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine; and Dr. Myron Bradley, B.S. Dairy Science at Virginia Tech and D.V.M. At Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Bradley resided on a farm in the Emmitsburg/Taneytown area before taking a position in Western Maryland. Both doctors had been practicing in Grantsville, Maryland, until building the present facility.

Dr. Beaudin worked primarily with companion animals while Dr. Bradley worked 75% of his time in the field with farm animals.

Ground was broken for the new 2,564-square-foot building in late March and the hospital opened for business on July 5, 1995. The practice offers full and emergency service for companion animals with the possibility of offering farm animal services in the future.

Current hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For information call (410) 751-0091.

Health care in the future

Dr. John Hagemann

September marks a significant milestone in the history of health care. It was 100 years ago this month that the science, art, and philosophy of Chiropractic was founded by Dr. D. D. Palmer in Davenport, Iowa. Dr. Palmer, a well-known healer of his time, was studying the relationship between the nervous system (brain and spinal nerves) and different conditions (symptoms) that affect the body. He discovered that when there is pressure put on a spinal nerve, that nerve will not function at its fullest potential and a symptom can occur. Once the pressure is removed the body can once again work

at its fullest potential allowing its in-born healing ability to go to work.

Chiropractors have struggled through difficult times in the past, often being ridiculed and even jailed for practicing medicine without a license. Ironically it is a fact that Chiropractors use no drugs in caring for their patients. Rather than covering up a symptom with a chemical, Chiropractic looks to correct the underlying cause of the patient's condition by restoring nervous system function.

At this centennial celebration the profession of Chiropractic has gained acceptance and recognition not only from individuals looking for drugless healthcare but also from government

GARDEN RAMBLINGS

By Christine Maccabee

The praying mantis: friend or foe?

Have you ever seen a butterfly's wings mysteriously minus its body on the ground beneath your favorite flowers? Did you ever wonder why and how they got there? The answer to this mystery is a very unexpected one, or at least it was for me. It is more than likely the work of a praying mantis (or preying mantis as I call them) who seems to favor the soft, buttery bodies of our precious Swallowtails and Monarchs.

The first time I saw a butterfly in the clutches of a mantis, I was shocked. I'd always been under the impression, as have most people, that the mantis is a good insect to have in the garden. When I moved to my country home six years ago, I actually went out of my way to save as many mantis egg cases as I could before the meadow was mowed in the fall. I positioned these egg cases in various parts of the garden and in fruit trees so the insects could do their "good" work the following year. As I discovered, too late, the mantis is all too frequently more foe than friend.

Now, I would never advocate killing the mantis in order to preserve the butterfly, but I thought I would share some information with you which you may find useful in your own pursuit of "Mantis Management."

Though the praying mantis is a federally protected animal you will not be fined \$50 if you are caught squashing one. This myth was started back in the

'40's, and how it got started and continues to this day is "a mystery even to folklorists" according to artist-naturalist John Quinn who has written nine books on nature and science. The mantis is such an impressive creature with an uncanny intelligent—even intimidating—appearance, that it would be difficult (psychologically) to kill one. It evokes awe, respect, even fear in some people. However, they really are gentle creatures, and easily picked up, bodily, with a gloved hand. I have transported many a mantis from my wildflower gardens to the base of my pole lima beans so they can eat bean beetles as they climb. The question is, do they *like* bean beetles, and will they stay where I put them or move on to other flowers? Prior to this humane method of control, I must confess, I did have to kill some. We have an exceptionally large population of mantises where we live, possibly in part to my valiant—though ignorant—efforts to save egg cases for two years. Now I know better (experience is the best teacher) and I have no qualms about putting the egg cases beneath my foot as a means of control. I also save many egg cases in cold storage, periodically putting a couple in the chameleon's cage during the winter. After a few weeks, hundreds of baby mantises will serve as tasty, essential meals for the chameleons.

I can assuredly say that the mantis is both friend and foe to the gardener. If the beetles aren't ruining your squash, then the mantises are eating your butterflies.

The human being, out of necessity, will intervene, in order to have the desired results. Will you serve up a crop of beans, or a crop of beetles? Will it be butterflies on your flowers, or praying mantises? The way of nature is as confounding as it is frustrating. You could spend all your time intervening and controlling, and spend no time appreciating. Ultimately, we must be able just to sit back and let nature take its course. Perhaps the greatest wisdom will be learning to relax in the reality of our inability to control *everything*.

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Dr. John Hagemann is in private practice in Thurmont at Catoctin Family Chiropractic and welcomes any questions you may have about your health. He may be reached at 271-2711

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for October issue
September 22

Ecumenical Vacation Bible School attracts large number of students

The Vacation Church School, sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches, recently concluded a successful week. One hundred three students were enrolled. Held in Elias Lutheran Church, the theme for the week was "Awesome Adventures: God's Amazing Deeds." Evening session included music, Bible-study time, crafts, and refreshments. The project for the week was the collecting of food items for the Emmitsburg Food Bank.

Teachers for the Vacation Church School included: Shelley Chevalier, Kim Benjamin, Leslie DePaola, Laurie Wivell, Marti Thomas, Carolyn Cock-erill, Lydia Kelly, Sister Catherine Frances, Clover J. Fearer, Phyllis Kelly, Michelle Sheedy, and Pastor Ronald Fearer. Pastor Fearer and Chata Carr were co-directors.

Providing musical instruction each evening were Susan Allen and Julie Eyler. Class aides included: Johanna Schmearsal, Dena Little, Barbara Sanders, Rebecca Allen, Laura Branson, Tom Brooks, and Elizabeth Murphy. The refreshment staff included Kathy Hood, Diane Bizzarri, Pat Clontz, Barbara Branson, and Hope Mahoney.

The closing program held Friday, August 11, was presented to an audience of approximately 150. Sponsoring congregations were St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Saint Anthony's Shrine Parish, Trinity Methodist Church, Elias Lutheran Church, Tom's Creek Methodist Church, Incarnation United Church of Christ, and the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church.



Chaining for life

An Emmitsburg Life Chain will form Sunday, Oct. 1. The purpose is to provide a peaceful and non-political visual statement by our local Christian community that abortion is grievously wrong.

There will be a 2:00 p.m. ecumenical prayer service at St. Joseph's church. People of all denominations will gather from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the town square to form the chain.

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Looking Ahead

Labor Day Festival ..

Monday, September 4, 12 noon until 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Thurmont, MD (on the Church grounds on Church Street in downtown Thurmont). Family style fried chicken and ham dinner (adults, \$7; children, \$3.50; 6 and under free). Air-conditioned dining room and ample parking. Live bluegrass music, bingo, and all kinds of stands, crafts, country store, and kiddies games.

Diabetes program.....

Gettysburg Hospital will be conducting an Outpatient Diabetes Management program in April. The five-week program is scheduled to begin on September 6 and will continue each Wednesday through October 4th. The classes run from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. All classes to be held at the Gettysburg Hospital. Pre-registration is required. To register for the program, or for further information, please call the Gettysburg Hospital at 717 337-4181.

Hot topics ...

A series of workshops and discussions for parents of adolescents will take place at the Thurmont Middle School from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The series is sponsored by the Catocin CASS Program and will focus on topics that are critical to the success of the middle school student. The workshops are free of charge and free child care is available. Parents needing child care must call in advance.

The workshops are:

- Sept. 7 - **Homework Management**
- Sept. 14 - **Peer Pressure**
- Sept. 28 - **Adolescent Development**
- Oct. 5 - **Communication with Your Teen**
- Oct. 12 - **Faithful Choices I: Drugs, Alcohol, Sexuality**

Oct 19 - Faithful Choices II: Safety and Violence Issues

There will be refreshments and door prizes at each workshop. For more information or to arrange for child care call the CASS Office at (301) 447-3611.

Parenting workshop...

When you're not getting through to your child... what can you do? A good solution is to join a Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) discussion group for parents and others who want better communication with children.

A STEP group will meet at the Emmitsburg Elementary School, Sept. 11 through October 30, 1995, on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Child care will be available. To register contact Todd Crum 694-1775 or Debbie Swidersky at 447-3611.

Your 3 or 4-year-old child now has an opportunity to participate in a Head Start home-based program. The program will begin in September in Emmitsburg. Call 694-1024 to register.

Crop walk ...

September 17, 1995. Walk the streets of Emmitsburg and the lovely grounds of the Federal Emergency Training Center and the Provincial House. Do it for a good cause—fighting hunger.

Take part in this community project sponsored locally by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches and nationally by the Church World Service. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds go to the Emmitsburg Seton Center Food Bank with the remainder going to fight world hunger.

If no one has asked you to participate, see your church CROP representative or call a member of the local clergy—they'll lead the way.

20th anniversary...

Eucharistic celebration of 20th Anniversary of the canonization of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Sunday, September 17, 1995, the Daughters of Charity and the Associate Board of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton extend an invitation to the public to join in the prayerful and joyful celebration of the 20th anniversary of the canonization of America's first native-born saint—Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton.

His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, will preside as the main celebrant and homilist for the Eucharistic Liturgy to be celebrated in the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 2:00 p.m. at Emmitsburg.

During the liturgy, Most Reverend Edward J. Herrmann, Bishop Emeritus of Columbus and former Auxiliary Bishop of the Washington, D.C., Archdiocese, will receive The Seton Founder's Award. Because of his illness at this time, Bishop Herrmann has asked Monsignor Kenneth Roeltgen, Rector of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, to accept the award in his name.

The Seton Founder's Award is presented by the Daughters of Charity and the Associate Board of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to give public testimony to one whose life manifests the ideas and exemplifies the spirit of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Members of the Antonio Gatto Lodge of the Order of the Sons of Italy Choir (Laurel, Maryland) under the direction of Marie-Helene Buzzanca will provide the music for the occasion.

Ushers will be provided by the Mother Seton Council of the Knights of Columbus in Lanham. The honor guards

will be provided by the Fourth Degree Color Corps from the Maryland District.

All shrine sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Liturgy and the reception following. There is no admission charge and ample parking is available at the Basilica.

Focus on angels...

The National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes above Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary will focus on holy angels during a special evening Mass and prayer service at 7 p.m. on September 18 and 19.


The topic for Monday, September 18 will be, "The Angels and Our Lady." The theme for Tuesday will be "Discernment of Angel Phenomena in the Light of Marian Holiness."

The services will be followed by a lecture that will include a question and answer period led by Reverend Titus Kieninger and Reverend Engelbert Pilshofer, both from Fatima, Portugal.

The public is invited to the mass and lectures. For more information, contact Monsignor Hugh J. Phillips, Chaplain of the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, at 301-447-5318.

History talk...

The speaker for the September 12th meeting of the Emmitsburg Historical Society will be Dr. Jim Hammond of the Frederick Historical Society. Dick Marsden, president, said the speaker will present a brief history of Frederick City. Time: 7:00 p.m.. Place: Emmitsburg Public Library.



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Emmitsburg children read over 2,000 books

By Kate Warthen

The Emmitsburg Library held its summer reading club finale in Memorial Park on Aug. 3, 1995. Seventeen children were present. Cathy Link, Emmitsburg Children's Librarian, told stories, did crafts, served refreshments, and awarded certificates. Children who read more than half of their requirements were given coupons to McDonald's for a free desert. Thanks to McDonald's for all those treats. Emmitsburg children read over 2,000 books. One family alone read 662 books.

Teresa Scheider won the monetary prize for reading the most books in the K-3 class. She read 249 books. Brenda Scheider in the 4th-and-up level read 187 books and won the monetary prize.

In the Pre-K level Nikki Gelles and Josh Gelles had 163 books read to them by their parents. They also won a monetary prize.

Heather Gray won the prize for the hidden mystery poster. She received a lovely book.

June Brindley won the prize for most nearly guessing the number of bubble gum balls in the container.

Thanks to the Moms and Pops who brought the children into the library to list their books and get the stickers for the certificates.

Congratulations to all the children for the reading they did this summer. Thanks, Cathy, for a job well done!



Front Row (Left to Right): Ethan Scheider, Haley Schnibble, David Cockerill, Sean Smith, Brian Leatherman, Elizabeth Hoover, Steve Rowne, Zoey Bullock. Second Row (Left to Right): Renee Seiss, Teresa Scheider, Brenda Scheider, Amanda Hoover, Brian Hoover. Back Row (Left to Right): Cathy Link, Sheila Dorsey, Jacqueline Dorsey

Family programs and opportunities to take-care

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Alternate high school

Alternative high school may be an option for you if you are a pregnant teenager in high school in Frederick County. This program helps to support you during your pregnancy and after your child is born. The main goal is to keep you in school. We have FREE transportation and child care available on the premises. Please call us at Up-County Family Center for more information: 447-2810.

Adult classes

ABE/GED classes are available to anyone interested in obtaining a diploma. Please call for more information. Free transportation and child care for children newborn to 3. Call 447-2810.

Nurturing classes

Healthy families are made up of healthy individuals. The Nurturing

Program for parents and children from birth to four years is designed to promote positive, healthy, and nurturing interaction between parents and their children. The program follows a family system approach to working with families, so both parents and children are invited to attend and participate.

Program goals emphasize increasing empathy, increasing self-esteem and self-concept, learning alternatives to physical and verbal violence, and increasing awareness or developmental needs and characteristics. Parents work on developmental expectations, empathy, behavior management, and self-awareness. Concepts include Nurturing and Parenting, Behavior Management, Personal Power and Praise, Ages and Stages, Touch and Talk, Spoiling your child, Time Out, and Nurturing Routines.

Contact Ceil, Jane, or Rita at Up-County 447-2810 for more information.

Weight loss

Lifesteps® fall classes offered. The Gettysburg Hospital will offer its successful 12-week Lifesteps® Weight Management Program in three different locations in Adams County. This program is designed to help reverse the weight loss game and help participants GAIN—gain activity and information on nutrition. The 12-week

schedule for the programs will be offered at Littlestown YMCA, Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m., September 5 through November 21; Biglerville Elementary School, Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. September 5 through November 21; and at the Gettysburg Hospital on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. September 6 through November 22. The cost for the program is \$150 and a minimum number of participants will be required to offer the course.

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Accident

Sept. 27, 1895 - On last Saturday, Mr. J.M. Kerrigan, of this place, met with an accident whilst returning home with a load of corn. In descending a hill on the Gettysburg road, at the residence of Mr. Wm. J. Wivell's, one of the backing straps broke, letting the wagon run against the horse's hind legs. Mr. Kerrigan attempted to draw the rubbers, when they also broke. A young man named Winegardner, who was in the wagon jumped out, the seat then tilted up, and Mr. Kerrigan was thrown out of the wagon and lighted on the ground on his head, but fortunately escaped injury, although he was considerably shaken up. The horse ran a short distance before it was stopped. The horse's legs were somewhat bruised.

The Dispatch makes a fun gift for friends and relatives no longer in the area. Think Christmas "stocking stuffers."

Mother Seton School

By Val Mentzer

Welcome Home!



Sr. Mary Catherine

Although many romance novels (or talk show hosts) would have you believe that "there's no going back," we know at Mother Seton School this is not true. Fortunately for our school family, one of our own has returned to minister as principal to the needs of our students. Sister Mary Catherine Conway taught first grade for 11 years at Mother Seton School. Sixteen years ago, she was transferred and began her administrative work as Principal of St. Mary's in Rome, Georgia. Sister recently was Principal of St. Anne's School in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Now she returns to Mother Seton School discovering many of her then first graders are now parents of our current students.

Sister Mary Catherine enthusiastically looks forward to the challenges of the new year and is committed to putting the children first. Sister will continue to provide the essential ingredients that have made Mother Seton School special: keeping children the central focus of the school, incorporating family involvement and family values as keys to the students' success.

Along with the return of Sister Mary Catherine Conway, we welcome Mrs. Melanie Ware as our 7th grade teacher.

Hear ye, hear ye!

All parents of kindergartners, please come to the Orientation Night on Tuesday, September 5, 7:00 p.m., in the school auditorium.

On Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. parents with students in grades 1-8 will have their Parent Orientation Meeting in the school auditorium.

Homecoming Special

On Sunday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m., Mother Seton School PTA and Development Office will host a "Back-to-School Family Picnic." This old-fashioned picnic will include food, beverages, and activities for the entire family. Bring a team to participate in the 3-legged race, dizzy bat race, tricycle race, egg race, or water bucket race. Be sure to bring your athletic shoes. See you Sunday, September 10th.

Shining Stars

Congratulations to Matthew Kent, a 7th grader at Mother Seton School. For two weeks this summer, Matthew participated in the Summer Enrichment Program at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore Center of Mathematics, Science, and Technology. Acceptance for this program was based on teacher recommendations, standardized test scores, and grades in both mathematics and science.

Matthew's course of study was "Mathematics: The Human Endeavor." This course emphasized learning various problem-solving strategies and developing concepts of reasoning. These Strategies were learned by following the "scientific method" and applying this to problem-solving in mathematics.

This is quite an accomplishment for this junior high student. Matthew thoroughly enjoyed his studies and felt it was a very positive learning experience.

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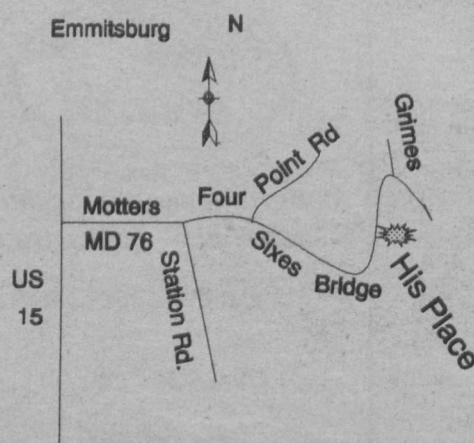
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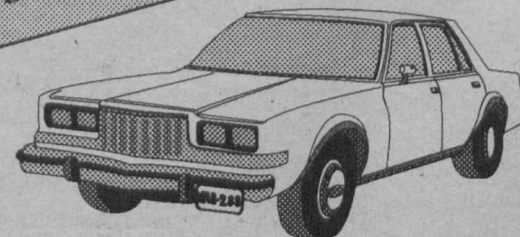
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**St. Anthony's and
OLMC Parishes**

By Ann Marshall

The bus which will take parishioners to Baltimore for the Pope's visit on October 8 is full. Requests for seats are being put on a waiting list.

The summer Mass schedule for St. Anthony/OLMC has ended. The regular Mass schedules are as follows—Weekend Masses at St. Anthony's: Saturday Evening, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Morning, 7:00 & 9:00 a.m. Weekend Masses at Mt. Carmel: Saturday Evening, 4:15 p.m.; Sunday morning, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers are needed: (1) to usher; (2) to help with bingo on the second Saturday of each month at OLMC Parish Center, Thurmont; (3) to help out with CCD classes on Sunday mornings. Call 447-2367 for information and encouragement.

Confirmation for 9th graders and adults will be held on Wednesday, October 25, at St. Anthony's with Bishop Frank Murphy presiding. All 9th graders, including those who attend Catholic school, are required by Archdiocesan regulation to enroll in preparation classes for Confirmation. Also, young adults and adults are needed to help facilitate small group discussion among the students preparing for Confirmation. This is a rewarding volunteer experience. Call the parish office, 447-2367, for more information.

Chairperson Ruth Wivell and Joe Scott report that St. Anthony's summer picnic was a success and raised \$3,629. Raffle winners were Jeff Fitzgerald, clock; Gene Hess, cedar chest; Jeff Bebbart, afghan.

On August 20 parish ushers and their families enjoyed a potluck picnic at Loy's Station Bridge Park. The event was organized by John Dowling.

Lay Ministry In the Church: Historical and Theological Foundations is the name of a new course being offered at Mt. St. Mary's College this fall. Dr. Jean Smith Liddell will teach this course on Tuesday, 6-8:45 p.m. For further information, call MSM at 447-5370. St. Anthony's/OLMC parishes will pay half the \$60 non-credit audit fee for any registered parishioners who take this course.

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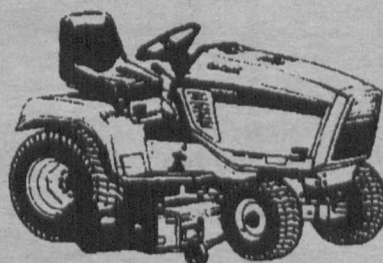
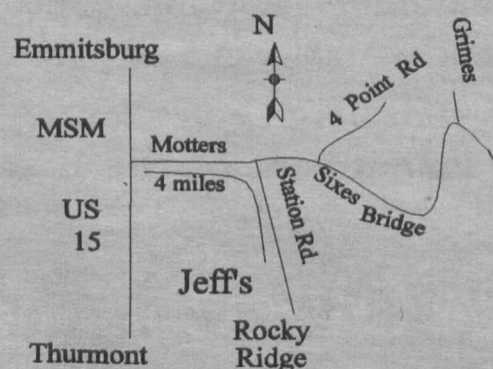
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Rocky Ridge news

By Emma Keeney

Birthdays for September

Congratulations to Mae Long who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on Sept. 23rd. Mae is a member of the Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ.

Other birthdays: Marie Stambaugh, Vicky Keeney, Michael Harris, Jr., Betty Brown, Betty Lee Brown, Bonnie Eyler, Pauline Stambaugh, Tammy Wiles, Michele Flanigan, Guy Pittinger, Robert Burrier, Helen Ogle, Lee Hahn, Kenneth Sharrer, and Ralph Baker.

Belated birthday greetings to Mary Ellen Cummings, Larry Duble, and Jennifer Hobbs.

Happy anniversary to Jeff & Shirley Sharrer, Steve & Faye Wolfe, Bobby & Betty Ann Mumma, and Ralph & Naomi Baker.

Congratulations to Alan and Darlene Donaldson and big sister Brittany on the birth of Sean Nicholas Donaldson, born 11:45 a.m., May 30, 1995.

The Rocky Ridge Fire Company will start bingo Oct. 7. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Early bird games will begin at 7 p.m.

A delightful *surprise birthday party* was given July 27 for Mary

Shriner by her children at the Carroll Valley home of her son David.

Vacation Bible School was held Aug. 7 - 11 at the Church of the Brethren in Rocky Ridge. The theme was learning about people who served God. The following children attended: Daniel Hobbs, Shayna Beard, Kayla Reed, Tara Free, R.J. Smith, Cheyenne Simpson, Jessica Free, Tommy Rey, Lacee Wolfe, Erin Danaher, Bobby Hargett, Tiffany Free, Rebecca Free, Adrian Ott, Deidre Beard, Bradley Wiles, Joey Rej, Brandy Stambaugh, Brundon Free, Michael Hobbs, Chad Wolfe, Sarah Rej, Josh Eyler, Nathan Sweeney, Erin Hobbs, Melissa Wiles, Melissa Sharrer, and Tammy Wiles.

Teachers were Pat Free, Lisa Reed, Debbie Eyler, Faye Wolfe, Ernie Snyder, Lynn Ott, Tammy Smith, Teresa Kaas, Linda Free, Jennifer Hobbs, Doris Sampson, and Tina Smith. Dawn Hobbs, Nancy Anders and Debbie Wiles were in charge of Arts and Crafts. Jerry Free was in charge of the music, and Chris Wiles and Tracey Eyler were in charge of recreation. Alice Eyler was the director of the program.

Colorfest Weekend Activities sponsored by "The Willing Workers of the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church" will be held Oct. 14-15 at the Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge, MD. Apple butter boiling will take place on Saturday only.

Apple butter will be for sale. Call 271-2880 to place your order. There will be good homemade food and the Rocky Ridge Firemen will serve their famous fried ham sandwiches on both days. There will be flea markets, free set-ups, a country store, crafts, the Big Slide, and plenty of free parking.

Mt. Tabor Quilters

"Scrap bag" year will soon be over and the quilters have been busy all summer making things from scraps of fabric. They've quilted several random-color quilts and made wall hangings, table runners, and quilt tops. They're now racing to finish their Challenge Kits by Sept. 1.

We are still planning an inventory

sale and limited quilt show for October. If anyone has a "special" quilt to share, call 447-6661, and we'll discuss displaying it. Our space is limited, so call early to make arrangements. The "Three (covered) Bridges" quilt will be shown.

Inspector 13 attended two quilt shows this summer and made a 2-day tour of Amish Quilt Country. At Rose Hill Manor, Frederick, many spectacular quilts and wall hangings were on display, with many different approaches to quilting. One artist used fabric paint to enhance her pictorial appliques. These were definitely show/competition quilts that had won many ribbons.
(See QUILTERS on page 15)



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(QUILTER from page 14)

I was impressed by the sameness of the Amish quilts—displayed in stores and home shops. A few stood out as being different. All of them were beautiful quilts, many appliqued with designer fabrics, but everywhere the same patterns, the same colors as if mass produced. Very few of those shown were what's generally considered typically Amish with dark, bright plain colors and simple lines.

The highlight was a visit to the Bob Evans Homestead Museum in Rio Grande, Ohio. Five hundred quilts and wall hangings were on display. I had visited this home many times in the past when it was still the Wood Family Homestead. It was amazing to see that many quilts displayed in familiar rooms.

The fabric artists were from Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky. One absolutely perfect quilt by an Ohio quilter had been Grand Champion at the Paducah, Kentucky, Quilt Fair—one of the largest and most competitive quilt shows in the United States.

Impressions—Rocky Ridge youth recalls California trip

By Chris Wiles

I went to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ. With a group of twenty young people from the Central Atlantic Conference, I flew from Baltimore to San Francisco and then took a bus to Oakland.

When we arrived in Oakland and got to the hotel, we settled into our rooms. Then we went to China town and ate at a Chinese restaurant. Our whole group agreed on a six-course banquet. The first thing we had was soup. I had spooned something out of it and didn't know what it was. When I found out, I wished I hadn't asked, because it was squid. Another course of the meal was Peking Duck with plum sauce which was one of my favorites out of all the different things we ate. That was one of the most unique meals I had ever eaten.

The next day we went to a church in Oakland for an activity called "Springboards." I met people from Connecticut, New York, Minnesota, and Arizona. One of our activities was a scavenger hunt where we were separated into groups and our task was to go out on the street and ask questions or find people wearing certain items. If a person had an item, we'd have to get their signature. It was interesting seeing the reactions of people when a bunch of us came up and started asking them a lot of questions. Some people ignored us and others ran away.

Later that night we went to choir practice. The choir was a little larger than our church choir—by about 50 people. The next night was a special night because they were dedicating the new Century Hymnal. It was great to be a part of the dedication. Everyone who sang in the choir received a hymnal to take home.

The Central Atlantic youth were there to be helpful wherever we were needed. I worked with the Office of Communications. I helped the camera crew, setting up lights and cameras. We also went to meetings on violence and gun control, which were debated on later that night. After that we had a discussion on racism. Later there was a dance.

On Sunday morning, we gave out lunches and "T"-shirts. We also directed people to their correct buses. We later went to a big church for worship and communion. We ate what was called an international dinner and then saw some entertainment.

Monday, we met a medicine man named Hosa, whom I found to be quite interesting. He taught me that everybody is connected in a circle, and in a circle there is no beginning or ending. Later we went to Jack London Square and took a ferryboat across the bay for some sight seeing and souvenirs. That night we saw fireworks over the bay. Before we knew it we were packing our things and going to the airport for the trip home.

One thing I'll never forget, was when my friend Cory and I went to a pharmacy to do some grocery shopping. There was a lady that must have been mentally disturbed. She got in everyone's face and started cursing at them. My friend and I

had never seen anything like that before. We went through the checkout and were out of the store before she could get in our faces. It made me feel so relieved to be out of that store. When you see something like that, it makes you wonder what else you might run into.

The thing I liked the most about the trip was meeting people from all over the country. The trip helped me realize that people in California are very different. I also realized that when you make friends with people and spend a week with them, you really don't know how much you will miss them until you're sitting at home a few days later and notice how quiet it is. Another thing I realized was that when you're in a big city with a lot of lights and you come back to the country, it seems so dark and you wonder where all the lights are.

I'd like to thank all who made this trip possible for me. I'll never forget it. If I could, I'd do it again.

Chris Wiles is a member of the Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ in Rocky Ridge.

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Volunteer mentors viewed as valuable

Volunteers are needed for one-to-one mentoring program

A one-to-one mentoring program, one adult matched with one child, will be instituted this fall at the Thurmont Middle School. The program will be started in September with training September 12, 1995. The mentor and child will participate in group and individual activities. The program is modeled after successful programs in other locales. The school, the ministerium, and county agencies will support this program.

Our children are the foundation for the future and we need to insure that they have every opportunity to become confident, courageous, successful adults.

Why are mentors needed? They are non-anxious people who, because they are not affected directly by the child's problems as a parent may be, can encourage the child and provide support and hope by listening and helping the child identify alternate behavior or actions.

A mentor can be any adult over 18 years of age: a college student, a retired person, a young parent, a single adult, a parent whose children are grown, or a grandparent. Both men and women are needed. The mentor will work with the student after school, one day a week, 3:15 to 5 p.m. A six-month commitment is desired. The mentors will receive back tenfold everything they put into the relationship when they see the child benefit from the program.

Without help the child may fail; with help, the child can become a good, useful productive person. Stud-

ies have proven that a supporting, caring adult can make a significant difference in a child's life.

Who among us has not received help along the way? Don't we need a way to pass on that help? The mentor program is a way to do that. No special skills are needed except for caring and the ability to keep confidence.

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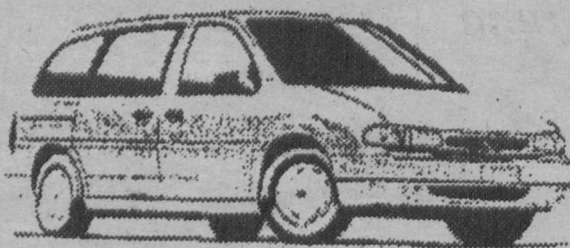
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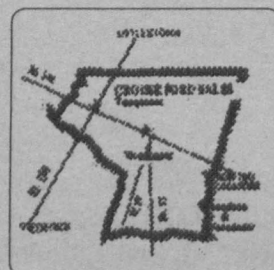
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39th annual community show

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Over 2,500 farm and garden, household, quilt, livestock, machinery, and commercial displays can be seen during the three-day event.

Each year the Community Show honors an organization for its contribution to community life. This year, the show will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Thurmont Community Ambulance Service, Inc.

The show opens Friday, Sept. 8, at 6:00 p.m. to the public. At 7:30, the opening program will begin in the auditorium with the massing of the flags by community civic organizations. Jerry Free will sing several vocal selections during the program. Also during the program, the Community Ambulance Service will be honored. The highlight of the program will be the announcement of the 1995-96 Catoctin FFA Student Ambassador.

Following the program at 9:00 p.m. all baked products exhibited at the show will be auctioned off in the auditorium.

Saturday's activities include the Beef, Sheep, and Swine Fitting and Showing contest from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a pet show starting at 10:30 a.m. The Thurmont Grange will serve a family-style turkey and ham supper in

the school cafeteria from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Catoctin Area FFA Alumni Beef, Sheep, and Swine Sale will be held in the Agriculture Center area at 7:00 p.m.

On Sunday, September 11, the show opens at 10:30 a.m. with a dairy and goat show. At 12:00 noon, a chicken Bar-B-Que dinner will be served by the Catoctin FFA Alumni in the school cafeteria.

"Dash for Mash" pig, goat, and duck races will be held at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00 p.m. by Merle Mills, a Montgomery County farmer. The Catoctin Mountain Horseshoe Pitching contest will begin at 2:00 p.m. Barnyard Bingo, sponsored by the Catoctin FFA Alumni, will begin at 2:00 p.m. on the athletic practice field. Chandra Curry will have a rodeo event at 2:00 p.m. near the Ag Center.

Tyson and Sylvia Creamer will demonstrate sheep shearing at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. and there will be a spinning and weaving demonstration by Deborah May.

During the three-day show, the Catoctin FFA and Hunting Creek Fisheries will have an aquaculture display in the Ag Shop area. The Tom's Creek Church Quilters will be quilting in the quilt and afghan display room. The Loys Station Covered Bridge model, USS Monocacy model, and Church of St. Louis IX model will be on display by Dennis DaSilva and Paul Barbot.

Emmitsburg Ambulance Company fund drives begins

By Jim Kittinger

The EAC provides free routine ambulance service to the community even though other companies are being forced to curtail their routine transports. In 1994, 878 free ambulance calls were answered involving 2,177 volunteer man-hours. Over 30,000 miles were traveled providing this service. We are very fortunate to be able to continue providing this service as well as answering daily emergency calls.

In July the company ran 116 calls—95 emergencies and 21 routine. This is the most calls any county ambu-

lance company has ever run since records have been kept.

The ambulance company still has a building mortgage in excess of \$54,000. We were also forced to replace our 1987 special unit with a 1995 special unit which cost in excess of \$45,000.

Your continued support—moral and financial—is essential if we are to continue providing first-class service. Your continuing assistance supporting this crucial service is appreciated.

VHC Ladies Auxiliary

By Joyce Wivell

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Vigilant Hose Company has many activities planned over the next few months. On the third Thursday of each month, Old Fashioned Bingo is held at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., and bingo begins at 7 p.m. Refreshments are available. Prizes for Old Fashioned Bingo consists of baskets of groceries for regular games with a large jackpot of prizes given away at the end of the evening. Bring the family and come out and enjoy a fun evening. The next Old Fashioned Bingo will be held on Thursday, September 14.

The Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Bingo Bonanza on Sunday, September 10, at the Fire Hall. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Each ticket admits one person and includes a fried chicken dinner and bingo. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call Jo Ann Boyd at 447-2297 or Patty Kuykendall at 447-6370.

The Ladies Auxiliary Fall Sportsman's Night is scheduled for September 30 at the Fire Hall. If you have had a ticket in the past, or are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact any member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

The 200 Club dinner and final drawing will be held on Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall. If you are a ticket holder, you will be contacted by your collector, or you can call Joyce Wivell at 447-2952.

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary, please call Dot Davis at 447-2403. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month in the meeting room at the Fire Hall.

Arts League

The Emmitsburg Arts League will hold the opening of its "Paint Emmitsburg and Around" show Saturday Sept. 2 from 6 - 9 p.m. at Her Studio Gallery on E. Main Street in Emmitsburg.

A series of workshops is being planned for this fall and will be held in the Art Room in the Community Center Building. The first—Everlasting Wreath—will be held Sept. 9, from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon. All materials are included in the class fee of \$25. For information call 271-3715.

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Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Keckler) Sanders, 71, of West Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD, who died Tuesday, August 22, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg, MD, were held Friday, August 25, from the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg. The Rev. John C.

A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



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Girl Scouting . . .



Girl Scouts relax after weeding the area around the Memorial Park Sign and planting flowers. (Left to right): Mandy Johnson, Ashley Mumpower, April Rigby, Amanda Stine, and Lindsey Greene.

AN ADVENTURE

by Dianne L. Walbrecker

Snakes and spiders were what caught the girls' attention on the camping trip during the hottest weekend of the summer. Actually, the number gets bigger with each retelling; only one snake made his appearance at Camp El-Wa-Ho all weekend. Black and wiggly, the snake slithered around the side of the refrigerator as the girls were retrieving dinner. Mandy Johnson left the half-gallon of milk on the picnic table as she ran to tell the others about the snake.

Since the heat index registered at a blistering 129 degrees, the blazing sun and wringing humidity should have been the biggest concern. Ironically, though, when you have no air conditioning and no fan, the weather doesn't seem as hot. The water from the well in the ground was clear and icy cold. Dumping water on each other turned out to be a popular game.

Emmitsburg's Girl Scout Troop #1423 ended up its year with the 2½-day camping trip. The leader, Tina Mumpower, camped with Lindsey Greene, Mandy Johnson, Ashley Mumpower, and Amanda Stine in a peaceful campground northwest of Gettysburg.

The year was filled with trips (camping, Hershey Park, and Totem Pole Playhouse) and fun, but most of all, full of learning about life. When asked to say what the year meant to

them, Mandy Johnson said, "Girl Scouting is about being friendly and considerate to each other and learning how to respect each other and cooperate."

Ashley Mumpower remembered the community service aspect of the year. "We planted flowers beside Memorial Park and the development at Northgate because it was fun to help make the earth more beautiful," she said. "We always look at them when we drive past now."

The hikes they took as Girl Scouts were mentioned by Amanda Stine as an important part of the year. "We also sang He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," which was a lot of fun," she continued.

People are important too. Lindsey Greene replied, "When we sell cookies, it's a lot of fun because we get to see people we don't see for the rest of the year. "Selling cookies taught the girls that the trips had to be paid for while working for badges taught them specific skills as well as the rewards of completion.

A common refrain from Ms. Tina throughout the year was "Figure it out yourself; you can do it." Said in an encouraging tone of voice, the comment encouraged self-reliance and independence and stopped the girls from using the problem-solving strategy of depending on someone else to make it right. "The girls learned a lot about coping and I'm proud of all of them," said Ms. Tina.

Food for thought . . .

By George Geralis

There have been times, in my youth, when I've viewed the serving of vegetable dishes with a jaundiced eye and would eat only a few forkfuls to avoid criticism by my mother or my hostess.

I was raised in the city, in the days when canned vegetables were consumed regularly by most city dwellers and frozen vegetables were unheard of. Don't ask my age.

Today, however, with efficient transportation and competitive marketing, fresh vegetables are readily available from all parts of the country.

There's nothing more tempting to the eye than the natural colors and flavors of fresh vegetables. And when properly prepared, a vegetable dish can raise the finest meal to gastronomic heights.

This time of year, when corn is in season, most of us yearn for the first harvest. Show me an American who doesn't like corn-on-the-cob, slathered with butter and a sprinkling of salt, and I'll show you a person who probably doesn't have natural teeth or who doesn't celebrate the Fourth of July. But seriously, corn can be enjoyed many other ways.

Here's a good and reasonably easy way to serve corn. It's probably healthier for you than the traditional manner as described above.

Sauteed Corn, Zucchini, and Tomatoes (*Sauté Américaine*)

One leader interviewed on "Breakfast Time" said, "Girl Scouts do things to build positive esteem. We blend contemporary issues with traditional Girl Scouting so that girls can survive as women in the future."

Daisy, Brownie, and Junior troops are now forming for the upcoming school year. If your daughter is interested in joining and/or if you would like to volunteer to help the current leaders shape tomorrow's women for the future, leave a message for Jayne Richardson at 447-3165.

I prefer sautéing (lightly frying) these vegetables because the hot oil gives them a delicious, rich taste that cannot be achieved by any other cooking method.

In France, where sauteing vegetables is popular, this dish would be called *sauté américaine* because it includes corn, a vegetable associated with America. It is also referred to as *sauté de maïs au courgettes et tomates*.

3 tablespoons olive oil

2 small zucchini (3 cups) halved lengthwise and cut into ½ inch pieces

2 cups white corn (cut from 3 ears)

4 plum tomatoes, quartered and seeded

½ teaspoon ground thyme

Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

In a large sauté pan or skillet, heat the oil over moderate heat and cook the zucchini, stirring for 10 minutes or until golden. Add the corn and continue cooking for 2 minutes. Add the tomatoes, thyme, salt and pepper and reduce to moderately low. Cover and continue cooking for 3 minutes or until tomatoes are softened.

Serve this colorful dish alone as a side dish at dinner or at room temperature over a bed of your favorite rice for luncheon.

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Fresh Water Fish, The Pet

By Jack Deatherage, Jr

What went wrong in the 29 gallon aquarium with the reverse flow under-gravel filter, the power filter, and the sponge filter?

I had tested temperature, hardness, and pH when the tank was set up. The water was dechlorinated, the pH lowered to 6.5, and the sponge was active with enough nitrifying bacteria to handle the fish in the tank: two angels, a discus, two cories and two gourami. I planned monthly water changes of about 30%. Wrong, wrong, wrong!

Most of the fish were native to rivers. They get "fresh" water constantly in a river. A monthly water change of 30% didn't begin to handle the needs of this over-crowded tank. Add to that: a change in pH caused by decorative seashells, a pet store recommending the wrong medicine that killed the biological filter, deadly ammonia levels, and a fish that guarded food it couldn't eat (the food rotted).

But nothing went wrong! Nothing but my plans. The crowded, semi-neglected, ill-thought-out aquarium did just what it was supposed to do. It died, or tried to.

I salvaged most of the fish, replacing them with fish more suited to the conditions of that aquarium. The owner is happy, the new fish are happy, and I know not to ignore the book advice when setting up aquariums for anyone but myself.

Another problem took me a year to figure out. A series of Betta tanks (2

1/2 gallons) kept reaching deadly ammonia levels despite daily water changes. I used sponge filters from healthy tanks to get a solid biological filter going in each tank. A few days later, boom went the ammonia. The fish keeper, blaming our town water, finally gave up in frustration. I eventually figured out what had happened.

The owner of the Betta tanks was medicating her sick fish with antibiotics that were killing the bacteria I was so desperately trying to establish. Up went the ammonia, the fish got sick, I added "good" bacteria, the owner added medicine to "cure" the fish. My bacteria died, up went the ammonia, fish got sick, I added "good" bacteria and the owner added medicine. The bacteria died- AAAAHHHH!

Another time, I spent two hours on the telephone with a panicked fish keeper trying to figure out why some of her fish were dying at the surface, some in mid-water and some on the bottom. I finally learned that the apartment building had been sprayed for bugs three days before and the sick aquarium was on the floor. I made a quick call to an aquatic expert in Florida and was told to scrap fish, air pump, and the aquarium (purging might save the aquarium). I can't think of many pet shops that would have spent the two hours needed to solve that puzzle. They would have recommended a medicine, useless though it would have been.

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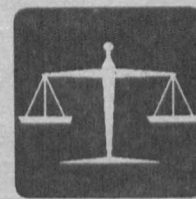
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