

# The Emmitsburg Regional

# DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength From One Another

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"Next year we can use this to find out who's been naughty or nice," says Mrs. Claus as she and Mr. Claus read their first issue.

*A Dispatch Photo*

## 100 Years Ago...

### Mary Myers Celebrates A Century

By Ann Marshall

Mary Myers is 100 year old—a lady with a wealth of memories and here-and-now attitude.

"I never had any particular plan to live so long," she said when interviewed at a reception in her honor on Sunday, December 17, at our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, Thurmont. "But I do enjoy each day. When I look out my bedroom window in the morning, it doesn't matter what the weather is. I see that another good day has Please see 100 YEARS on page 4)



Mary Myers

## CHRISTMAS DECORATION WINNERS

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association judges found it almost impossible to determine winners in the Christmas decorating contest. After spending several hours touring the town, they declare each and every person who decorated a home or business a contributor to making Emmitsburg the big winner and the best small town in America.

Winners for single family residences were the following: first place - Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, 706 West Main Street; second place, a tie between Mr. and Mrs. David Haller, 700 West Main Street and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sloane, 500 East Main Street. Honorable Mentions: Mr. and Mrs. Colin Hewitt, 420 East Main

Street; Mrs. and Mrs. Larry Glass, 239 North Seton Avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Stultz, 301 East Main Street.

All others (businesses, offices, multi-units, etc.): first place - Skiles Funeral Home; second place - Palms Restaurant; third place - The Ott House

Please note: Last year's first place winners were ineligible for an award this year.

The EBPA wishes to thank all the residents and businesses of Emmitsburg who participated by decorating for the holiday season. We appreciate these winners and all the participants who helped us all win.



At the December 4, 1995, town meeting, Mayor Carr (center) presented a plaque in memory of Robert L. Koontz, Sr., to his widow Anna Marie Koontz (left). Mary M. Pittenger, daughter of the late Mr. Koontz, is on the right.

The plaque, which will hang in the Town Office, is inscribed: "A Memorial to Robert Lee Koontz, Sr., Friend and Employee, Generously Serving the Emmitsburg Community as a Police Officer and Code En-

forcer, Dedicated December 4, 1995."

Mayor Carr told Mrs. Koontz that her husband had been "a great person for the town," and that the Council had also established a Bob Koontz Memorial Youth Fund which will be used for youth activities within the Town of Emmitsburg. "This is very nice," Mrs. Koontz said, and thanked Mayor Carr and the Council for their tribute to her husband.

## To the editor

### English major sets us straight

I'd like to commend you and your staff for an excellent and greatly needed community newspaper. I know it's an arduous and often thankless task, but the results of your efforts inspire and support Emmitsburg so well.

There's just one thing that has bothered me since its first publication. The motto, "Gaining Strength Through Each Other," imparts such a great idea, but...lest the *Dispatch* be accused of being "indiscriminate," would not "Gaining Strength From One Another," have been more appropriate? [According to the *World Book Dictionary*, *each other* applies particularly to two, and *one another* to more than two.]

Nevertheless, I'll still go on enjoying the *Dispatch*.

Happy holidays to you and your staff.

AUDREY J. GLASS, an English major  
Emmitsburg

*Editor's note: You're absolutely right! Thanks.*

### "Getting to know you" meeting set for January 16

It was great to hear from the many of you that responded to my letter in November's *Dispatch*. Even though I expressed how much I loved it here, I was reluctant to write about my experience when I first arrived. Those who have called encouraged me and I feel more at home than ever. Thank you.

It's been difficult to set up a meeting for December, being the busy season it is. So, I thought an evening in January would be more convenient and a good way to get the new year started. Reverend Benjamin Jones of the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church has graciously allowed us to use the church (two large rooms in the back) for the meeting. It is located on West Main Street about 1 1/2 blocks from the Doughboy. I'll be providing baby sitting for those who need it, a service

The letters page is an open forum for the members of our community. The *Dispatch* encourages its readers to express their thoughts about issues that appear in this newspaper or affect the community. Letters should be brief and must include address, signature, and a daytime phone number for verification. No unsigned letters. Deadlines for letters is the 3rd week of the month.

donated by my sons Brice and Vincent.

The "getting to know you" meeting will be at the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church on January 16, at 7:30 p.m. If you need any information please call me at 447-6603. I'm looking forward to meeting all those who have called, and those who are just curious. This will be fun!

KATHY SHIRBACH  
Emmitsburg

### Now that's a good pie!

One of my fondest holiday memories is that of my mother's homemade pumpkin pies. Beginning with the first days of autumn thru the entire Christmas season, our table was always laden with several of these wonderfully baked pies. Mom would cook the pumpkin and then mash it (nothing from a can) add the eggs, cream, sugar and spices, and pour everything into a pie shell—made from scratch, of course.

My schedule is a bit busier than Mom's was and it's been a few years since I baked a pumpkin/squash pie completely from scratch. When I saw the Butternut Squash Pie recipe in your Nov. issue I wondered what difference the butternut squash would make in taste and if it would be as delicious as the pie I remembered. To my delight...it was!

The butternut squash actually gave the pie a lighter texture and a slightly different flavor than pumpkin. Additionally, I thought that the thin layer of raspberry jam and toasted almonds layering the bottom of the pie shell added a nice touch.

The pie was a hit with my whole family. Mom even suggested we add this dessert to our traditional holiday food list. Now that's a good pie!

DEBORAH WILLIAMS  
Sarasota, FL

### Emmitsburg needs safe storage place for club records

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Emmitsburg Homemakers Club to address a problem we have

here in Emmitsburg.

Many organizations including the Homemakers, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Grange, and Lions Club, to name a few, need a place to store their historical records and artifacts for posterity.

We feel that the Community Center which now houses the Library, Senior Center, and the Health Department, which is now owned by the county, should be the logical place to house these items.

The Emmitsburg Homemakers are celebrating 72 years of continuous service to the community. The late Mrs. Victor Fiery was historian for many years, and kept excellent, accurate records. Right now these valuable artifacts—including pictures, programs, minutes, and other memorabilia are being stored in the president's home.

During the 72 years that the Homemakers Club has been in existence, many prominent women of the community have been members. At one time there were 50 members, including Mrs. Higbee, Mrs. Charles Harner, and Miss Louise Sebold. All of this is documented in Mrs. Fiery's records. It would be tragic if the history of 70 years were lost. Some have already been lost due to the fact that the heirs of deceased officers did not know the value of the records and threw them away.

The activities of the Homemakers in the community are numerous. They co-sponsored the Christmas Program for the children for many years; taught canning, planted trees and shrubs. The lessons which are a part of each meeting taught the women many important things, bringing ideas and better ways to help keep families healthy and happy and organized.

Members have also taken part in national, state, and county Homemakers to which the club is affiliated. One member was corresponding secretary for the state for 2 years; family life chairperson for 4 years for the state and 4 years for the county; she was also public relations chairperson for the county for 4 year. Members have made hundreds of caps for newborns at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

### Public Hearing and Town Meeting

At a public hearing held before the December 4 town meeting, the commissioners unanimously voted against the ordinance proposing a moratorium on development and expansion of residential and commercial structures in Emmitsburg. More than 40 persons attended the hearing and convinced the commissioners that a moratorium on growth was not in the town's best interest.

During his report to the council, Commissioner Weaver thanked the Mount St. Mary's students for painting the inside walls of the pool's dressing rooms. Commissioner Copenhaver thanked Ann Gingell and her committee for the "terrific" Christmas decorations.

The commissioners viewed a video presented to the council by Joan Boyle and prepared by Dave Martin. It showed the jarring effects of the numerous speed bumps on East Lincoln Ave. when traveling at a speed of only 5 miles an hour. Ms. Boyle asked that the town use moderation with speed bumps and look into other types of speed reduction.

In other business the commissioners:  
-gave a 3-month extension (with no penalties) for 17 sewer and water taps to the builders of Silo Hill;  
-closed Sebold Lane to vehicular traffic; and  
-called a public hearing January 8 at 7:00 p.m. re: Ordinance 95-23.

This is why we feel a storage place should be provided that is safe, yet accessible to organization members and officers who might want to see and use the data.

LUCILLE K. BEALE  
Emmitsburg

### Something for the children

Some six or eight months ago upon awakening, a thought came to me of having a coloring page for children.

Just passing this thought along to you with the hope of seeing it in reality.

Seeing the drawing in the December issue of the *Dispatch* on page 4 reminded me to send this as a suggestion. I am sure this will make all children very happy.

Thanks for considering the idea.

THELMA DEATHERAGE  
Emmitsburg

P.S. My crayons are ever ready!

*Editor's note: O.K! Now all we need is a local cartoonist to provide some line drawings. Any takers?*

## Ambulance Company faces increased demand for service

By Kate Au

Volunteers are the backbones of many organizations. Volunteers enable organizations to run smoothly and efficiently while being fiscally responsible. The support behind the Basic Life Support Units of Emmitsburg is a clear example of the devotion volunteers have.

There are two Basic Life Support Units in Emmitsburg. They operate through the Frederick County system under the jurisdiction of the County Commissioner. The Basic Life Support Units contain ambulances and chase cars. There is even one special unit which contains a four-wheel-drive Suburban. This Suburban is available for use during bad weather and/or off-road accidents.

The services provided by the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company are free. Money to fund the services provided by the Ambulance Company comes through donations, bingo on Monday nights, and fund raisers. Frederick County also supplies the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company with a percentage of necessary supplies and insurance.

There are currently around seventy volunteers in Emmitsburg. These volunteers sign up to work evening and Sunday shifts. Calls during the day are taken by whoever is available. Many of the day calls require a volunteer to leave his or her place of employment. Each call requires three to five volunteers. No more than four persons may ride in an ambulance at one time. There is a combination of a driver, a side driver, a crew chief, and the aid persons. At least one volunteer must remain at the Ambulance Company in case another call comes through.

The ambulance service is witnessing a problem staffing volunteers. The service has grown considerably over the past years. In 1973 there were just over 300 calls a year. Last year there were over 5,800 calls in the county and over 1,100 calls in Emmitsburg alone. All of these calls were staffed by volunteers.

The volunteers not only handle the calls directed towards the ambulance service, but they also provide many other services for the community. They provide Santa Clauses for the community Christmas celebration. They go to various nursing homes spreading Christmas cheer. The volunteers are readily available for tours and training for children. The ambulance service volunteers are involved in Special Olympics. They are civic standbys at basketball games, Little League games, various runs, and the like. The Ambulance Company also provides certification in Basic First Aid and CPR.

Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, made clear the devotion and commitment that the volunteers hold towards the service. He lavished praise upon his fellow volunteers by saying, "All in all, when push comes to shove—these guys are good." They should be—they are certainly experienced. Emmitsburg's Ambulance Company is one of the oldest ambulance companies in the county. In 1997 they will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company is clearly an asset to Emmitsburg. Through the dedication of the many volunteers, the Ambulance Company remains a free and reliable service to Emmitsburg. People wishing to offer their time or energies can call the Ambulance Company at (301) 447-6626.



Students shown in front of freshly painted walls are Jason Polun, Caroline Nussear, Kelly Burke, Jami Mataldi, Mark DiPisa and Elliott Smith. Other students who painted, but were not present for the photo, were Karen Staks, Dan Sheff, and Matt Solenberger. *A Dispatch Photo*

## Town Benefits from Students' Community Service Project

Members of Mount St. Mary's College Finance Club spent five hours December 1 painting the walls of the dressing rooms at the town's swimming pool.

"Community service is very important to all Mount St. Mary's College clubs," said Jim Forjam, the faculty coordinator, "and we're pleased to have this opportunity to do

something for the town."

The club, formed by students who are business majors or who have a concentration in finance, helps promote student unity and provide a foundation for a career. Student Elliott Smith said they are also learning "It's important to make good investments in the community, too."

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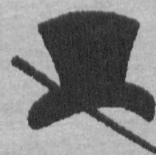
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## Commentary

### Sharing ideas, concerns, and opinions

In the December 2 town meeting, the passage of ordinance 95-16 calling for a moratorium on growth in Emmitsburg was blocked by citizens disagreeing with the wording of the ordinance.

It was interesting and instructive to note that at the meeting in which the moratorium ordinance was challenged there were approximately 42 people—8 citizens—the others developers or observers. Three of the 8 citizens expressed their concern that the wording of the proposed ordinance would affect negatively the development and property sales in the town. The result was a change in position on the ordinance by at least one commissioner.

The point is that when the public (community) expresses its concerns—saying what it wants to happen and where it wants to go—then elected and appointed officials know the job they have to do and can set about getting the job done. This will be es-

pecially true in the immediate future as the region grows.

Growth is the *topic du jour* around town. The future will bring to this town fundamental changes which will probably affect the pocketbook. As the town commissioners and Planning and Zoning Committee members concern themselves with this evolution, we will hear more about the necessity of shared vision and goals. According to John Parr, Executive Director of the National Civic League, "The key element [of renewal] is a collective vision of a city or state's future—a sense of where it is headed. If you haven't put that together, it's very difficult to make innovative approaches work, because people are so confused about the role of government. They become very confused about why government is changing."

Since the majority of citizens do not attend town meetings we suggest Letters to the Editor of this and county newspapers as a viable channel of communication with governmental policy makers. Letters to the Editor are a good way of sharing your ideas and concerns if you choose not to attend town meetings and still wish to share your thoughts, not only of growth but other issues as well.

The *Dispatch* is part of Emmitsburg's civic infrastructure—a networking tool. Perhaps, in the eyes of some, a monthly does not qualify this publication as a "real" newspaper. However, the *Dispatch* is here to provide *stakeholders* of the community an opportunity not to accept the least common denominator in this region's evolution. How "real" this newspaper becomes is dependent in part on the sharing of thoughts by the town's and region's residents.

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begun."

Despite her positive attitude, Mary confessed to being "a little tired" as she accepted congratulations and posed for pictures a few days after her birthday. It was her fourth party that week.

Born at Tom's Creek near Emmitsburg on December 14, 1895, some 13 years before the Wright brothers got their flying machine off the ground, Mary has lived through a century of enormous and rapid change.

She remembers well the first automobile she ever saw. "There was a man in Emmitsburg who owned a big touring car. He was very proud of it and announced that he was going to drive it from Emmitsburg to Tanetyown—a distance of some ten miles. I was about 8 and I stood along the road with a lot of other people to see this wonderful thing." Mary laughs ruefully. "It was a dirt road and the weather had been dry. The car raised so much dust, I could hardly see it at all."

Mary herself learned to drive as a young woman and now, at her century mark, has made the decision to take herself off the road. That doesn't mean she'll be a stay-at-home. For example, she was ex-

pecting to spend Christmas with relatives in Annapolis, transported by family members.

Poised and beautifully dressed, Mary obviously enjoyed chatting with friends. She received letter of congratulation from the Pope, President Clinton, and from many state and local dignitaries. Ilona Hogan attended the reception to read a proclamation and present a desk-sized American Flag from the Frederick County commissioners.

Some letter on display refer to Mary's 29 years as a Thurmont "Hello Girl" (telephone operator) until dialing ended that job in 1949. Other letters recognize the many hours she has given to her parish community, serving as organist, mender of linens, and a faithful volunteer at church suppers. She continues to have many interests.

Mary has lived in her own home in Graceham since 1927. Although she has no children of her own and survives two husbands, she has a wealth of nieces and nephews, some of whom she helped raise. A grandniece came from Hong Kong for the birthday celebration.

A Thurmont woman who seemed to speak for many admirers said, "If you're going to live to be 100, take Mary Myers for a model."

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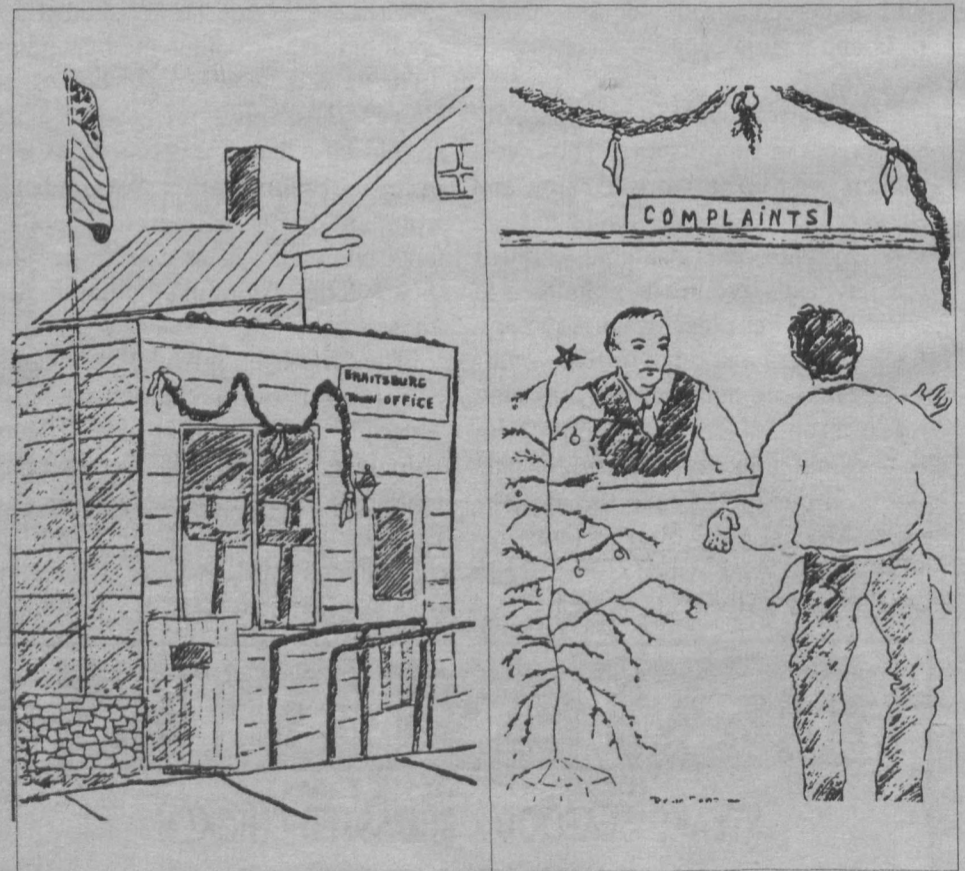
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# Happy New Year

## Mount Saint Mary's welcomes Mother Teresa

By John Gehring

Inside a small, creaky-floored gym on a college campus nestled in the winter-glazed Catoctin Mountains, over two thousand people eagerly awaited the arrival of one of the world's most famous women. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the eighty-five-year-old missionary and 1979 Noble Prize winner, visited Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary on December 9.

Mother Teresa, a world-renowned figure known for her undying commitment to the most desperate poor, visited the oldest independent Catholic college in the country after receiving an invitation from the Seminary. Her trip to Emmitsburg was part of the missionary's journey to Washington, D.C., where fifteen members of her order—the Missionaries of Charity—took their final vows. The new sisters will work in AIDS hospices in the District.

Thunderous applause and camera flashes greeted the humble woman whose thirty-minute speech embodied her quiet, powerful presence. Mother Teresa was welcomed by Mount President George Houston and Student Council President Joe Verch presented a Santa outfit to take

home to her children in Calcutta. The tiny, stooped woman who founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 emphasized the sisters' commitment to the dignity of the dying. Mother Teresa spoke poignantly about one of this decade's most frightening epidemics. "So many young people with AIDS are coming to us. Pray that we continue this work with great love," she told an attentive audience of students, faculty, local residents, and others. Mother Teresa, born in Macedonia in 1910, recounted some of her experiences with the selfless grace possessed by those "poorest of the poor" who die without the smallest complaint.

If there is such a thing as spirituality by osmosis, Mount students have been in good company this year. This was the second time in three months students have heard a major Church figure speak. Pope John Paul II's visit to Baltimore in October was attended by over forty students. Michael Post, a junior and student president of Campus Ministry, attended a private gathering of prayer with Mother Teresa in the Seminary. "It was the most amazing experience of my life," Post said.

*John Gehring writes from Mount Saint Mary's College*



Ann Gingell "conducts" the decorating committee.

A Rosensteel Photo

## Decorating Committee says THANK YOU

The Town of Emmitsburg's Decorating Committee would like to thank the following individuals for their help and support during the 1995 Christmas Season: Nathan Adelsberger, Alex Adelsberger, Jeremy Gingell, Josh Gingell, Ann Gingell, Mary Hoke, Dottie Phelan, Loretta Adelsberger, Pat Hovath, Donna Cuseco, Lois Hartagen, Lois Delp, Bill and Chata Carr, Dave and Kelly Conner, Vernon and Bea Keilholtz, Dave Copenhaver (white pine

trees), Bob and Ann Little (spruce trees) and Ron and Donna Long (spruce trees). Monetary contributions were given by Edna Crouse, Ralph Irelan, Indian Lookout Conservation Club, and the Town of Emmitsburg.

A big THANK YOU to Rick and Jim! Without your help and support we could not have made our town so beautiful.

Happy New Year To All! The Decorating Committee.

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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Anna Margaret Martin

"Ring out the old,  
Ring in the new,  
1996 is just for you!"

Winter is here. It seemed like it came early this year, so perhaps it will leave early. We Seniors don't like the ice. It looks pretty, but that's all.

Our activities for January will be limited this year as we haven't prepared our 1996 calendar yet, but some things won't change.

Thursdays: Jan. 4th & 18th, 1 p.m. - Bingo

Jan. 11th & 25th, 1 p.m. - Card Party

Tuesdays: Jan 9th, 1:30 p.m. - Frederick Shopping

Jan 26th - Meeting Day, Jan 23rd, 12:45 p.m., - Nutrition Program

We will be going to Corney's for lunch on Monday, Jan. 15th; Thursday, Jan. 25th; and Friday, Jan 26th. Reservations a must 24 hours in advance every day.

If you are 60 years of age come join us for food, fellowship, and fun. Transportation is available and home delivered meals for those who qualify. Call Anna Margaret at 447-6253 for information.

Good Luck to All this New Year!

## Art Classes To Be Held at Community Center

According to Linda Postelle of the Emmitsburg Arts League, the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, Frederick, will begin holding some of its classes in the Emmitsburg Community Center Art Room, Emmitsburg, MD. Classes will be offered in both watercolor and acrylics this winter and spring. Linda will be the instructor.

In the class "Watercolor for All Levels," Linda will help each student to achieve the transparent beauty of the medium and the technique of saving the white of the paper in highlighted areas. Color mixing and watercolor techniques will be discussed and demonstrated. Students will work from one of several still lifes set up in the room.

The "Acrylics" class will be taught in a similar manner. Students will learn to enjoy the freedom of using opaque paint and experimenting with shapes and color without the painting become overworked. Students will paint from still lifes.

The fees for these classes are \$65 for



*Tea in the Garden* by Linda Postelle

members of the Delaplaine and \$75 for non-members.

The schedule:

"Watercolor for All Levels" - 5 weeks, January 30 - February 27, Tuesdays, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

"Acrylics" - 5 weeks, March 5 - March 26, Tuesdays, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. "Watercolor for All Levels" - 5

weeks, April 2 - April 30, Tuesdays, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Applications can be picked up at Her Studio Gallery, 304 E. Main Street, Emmitsburg, or at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, 40 S. Carroll Street, Frederick, MD. For information call the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center in Frederick, 698-0656.

## Senior Citizens Christmas Banquet

The Emmitsburg Youth Activities League sponsored by the Emmitsburg Community Deputies held their Second Annual Christmas Dinner for the Senior Citizens on Sunday Dec. 10th at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company Building.

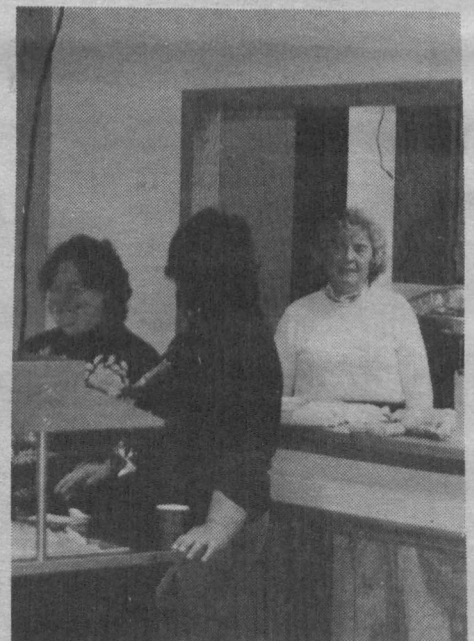
The food was delicious and beautifully served. Door prizes were awarded and the centerpieces from the tables were awarded as well. All enjoyed themselves.

The project was organized by Hope Mahoney and Deputy Dave Hunter along with the help of many local volunteers who gave so generously of their time and energy.

"We want to take this opportunity to thank the businesses for their generous contributions," said Mahoney. Contributions were made by merchants from Emmitsburg, Thurmont, and Frederick. The money collected during the dinner was donated to the Youth Activity Fund.

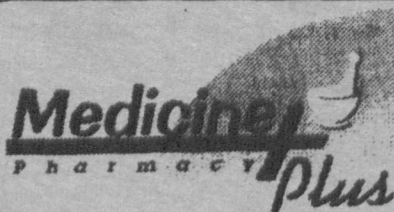
Merchants donating door prizes: East End Garage, Emmitsburg; Flowers For You, Emmitsburg; Carriage House Inn, Emmitsburg; Pizza Hut, Emmitsburg; Mountain Gate Restaurant, Thurmont; Shamrock Restaurant, Thurmont; Baskin Robbins, Frederick; Great American Cookie Co., Frederick; Provence Too, Frederick; Canopis Catering, Frederick; Catoctin Mountain Orchards, Thurmont; Jeff Smith, Rocky Ridge; Main Street Deli, Emmitsburg; Jubilee, Emmitsburg; M.J. Design, Frederick; Emmitsburg Ambulance Company #26; Medicine Plus, Emmitsburg.

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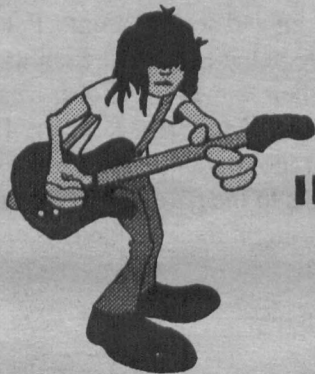
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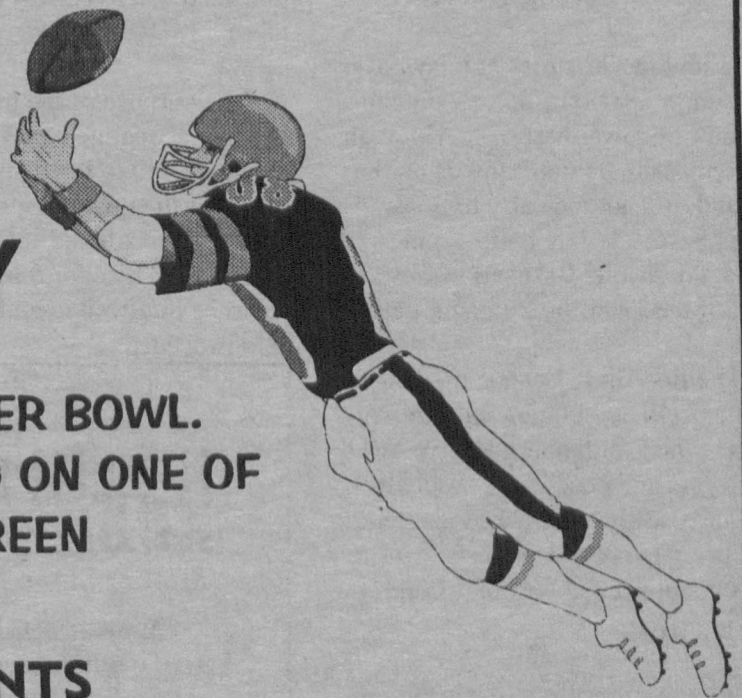
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## Library activities

By Kate Warthen

The Emmitsburg Branch of the Frederick County Library is growing by leaps and bounds. In the early part of the year we will have a collection of films from the Frederick County Audio Visual Center, which is a branch of the Frederick County system. The films will rotate every three months so as to keep the collection fresh and exciting. Look for this new feature when you come in. If you don't see it, ask for it.

The library will be signing on to the new Internet super highway in the early part of 1996. Please come in and see what we will be doing. I'm sure it will take some getting used to. David Martin, one of the Library Board members, has advised me that he will be on call for any instruction we need. I'm glad for that offer.

With the old year behind us we need to find a way to spend the long winter months. For some, that will mean spending time doing hobbies such as quilting or painting. Come

visit our craft and hobby selection to find new ideas and get a jump on next year's Christmas gifts.

For some, the winter weather will mean travel to the warmer climates. If you need a guide in the form of a book, please let us know. If we don't own it, we will borrow it for you. We do have a wonderful supply of travel books on hand.

Books that can be borrowed from another library can generally be obtained the next day, at the most two days. Come try our new catalog on computer. It is neat to search for your own books. Do your own research with a touch of the keys.

Our children's Christmas Tea Party was a huge success for the second year in a row. The children brought their favorite dolls. One boy brought his dinosaur. Dolls ranged from Raggedy Ann, made by one of the children's grandparents, an American Girl, a bride doll, a Barbie, one doll on a horse, and one that cried, laughed and cooed. Cathy Link brought a doll she had when



Attending the Tea Party were (back row left to right) Sara Clontz, Samantha McCarron, Leah Adelsberger, Megan Adlesberger, Sarah Hovde. Front Row: Barbara McCarron holding Jacob Miller and Zoey Bullock.

A Dispatch Photo

she was a girl.

The Tea Party for Dolls and Children came as a result of the Librarians grand-daughters' love for having tea in a special tea pot and small cups. Since they loved it so, we thought other children would enjoy it as well. They did. There were twelve

children and seven parents. Patty Hovde helped to seat the children and take their names for door prizes. Thanks to Mary Hoke, Cathy Link, and Hope Mahoney for the cookies. Thanks to the parents who assisted and brought their children.

## Emmitsburg Little League Meeting Scheduled

By Bill Wivell (Pres.)  
& Marta Hillis (Press)

With the Christmas holidays over and a new year starting, it's time to be looking towards spring. Although it's only January and snow is on the ground, it's not too early to think about baseball. Play ball!!! Sounds good, doesn't it? Baseball means the start of the 1996 Little League season.

The first Little League meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 11th at the Emmitsburg V.F.W. All managers and coaches of baseball and girls softball are asked to attend and bring ideas and requests for equipment needed for the upcoming season.

We are currently looking for umpires for the season as well as a manager and coaches for the 16-18 years-old team. We hope to field a team in this senior category. Anyone who is interested in helping with the games please call 447-3766. The

games can't be played without umpires and there is always a need for more.

The purpose of the meeting is to become acquainted with the new president and to begin making firm plans for the upcoming season. Little League baseball and softball are important activities for our young people to be involved in and everyone's help is needed.

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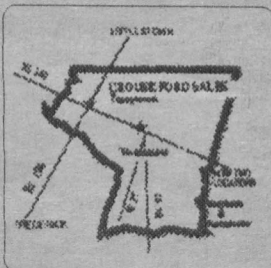
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## Fond memories of the mansion



The Frailey house on Mountain View Road

A Dispatch Photo

By Frederick Meredith

I grew up in the house right next to the Frailey mansion. Though it had been unoccupied during my lifetime, my conversations with the spirits of its former occupants have given me a knowledge only a few others possess. Though most every kid in Emmitsburg spent countless hours roaming the majestic hall of this colossal mansion, I knew I was special, because I lived right next door!

Mr Frailey's spirit still roams about the grounds. I remember him as a kind, patient man who rarely got upset except when kids started vandalizing his house and property. During my childhood, his house provided the best hiding places for our games of hide-and-seek. I remember those "my size" doors in the rooms on the second floor that made the whole place seem as though it had been built for me.

The kitchen, I remember, had a unique feature—a dumb-waiter—actually a sort of Lazy-Susan which was accessible from both the kitchen and dining rooms. All the other rooms were huge! The ceilings were fifty feet tall with solid wood doors that could be concealed within the walls. Of course, I was forbidden to go to "that house" which made it all the more likely that I would be found there.

It wasn't until later in life that I ever ventured into the "dungeon" beneath the house. It was so dark in there (even during the day) that I couldn't even consider exploring it! I'm sure the tales of the mansion my brother and sister told contributed to my apprehensions.

Years later, I believe while I was in college, I ventured through the house once more. Its condition had substantially deteriorated from the years of neglect. I remember going on the top floor and examining a hole in the roof—a hole which had worked its way through the second story, the first, and finally to the basement. I was old enough by then to realize the danger of the structure. Soon after my visit to the house—I suppose someone else had come to the same realization—the doors and windows had been boarded over. I still knew the secret entrance that Mr. Frailey had shown me in my youth, but the boards would keep most others out.

I still remember seeing the lights on in that house on several occasions. In retrospect, I suppose it was probably just other kids with flashlights...but I still don't know for sure.

I visited Emmitsburg about a month ago. As I pushed my daughter's carriage around the property with my son at my side, I recounted to them how I grew up there.

Like everyone else whoever lived in or visited Emmitsburg, "I've always loved that house!"

## Junior Granges For Ages 5 -14

by Pam McNair

Junior Grange programs are designed to provide a basis for training young members to take leadership roles as they learn about parliamentary procedure and public speaking. They learn to serve where there is a need, and have fun at the same time.

**Community Service** projects are carried out by all Junior Granges. Projects range from making tray favors for shut-ins, to reading to a seriously ill child, to sponsoring a holiday party for children of the community.

Beautification projects in the community, learning about recycling, conservation, and pollution control are topics addressed through their **Our Earth Needs You** program.

International understanding is promoted through a **Small World International** project, with study emphasis on a different country and culture each year. A study is also

made of one of the 50 U.S. states every year.

**Fun and fellowship** are a big part of Junior Grange membership while taking part in camps, sports activities and games. Creativity and talent are developed through crafts, writing projects, talent contests, and in some states, public speaking and sign-a-song contests.

Junior Grange provides an opportunity for children to build character, develop self-confidence, responsibility, and respect. It encourages honor, patriotism, and a concern for agriculture.

The next Junior Grange meeting will be held on January 23, 1996, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall in Thurmont located next to the Thurmont Carnival grounds. Entrance to the Grange Hall is located next to Flower Boutique. All children ages 5-14 are welcome to attend. For more information contact Lu-Anne at 271-4268 or Pam at 447-6435.

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## Looking ahead ...

**January 14, 1996**

### All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast

St. Joseph's Parish will hold an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, January 14, 1996, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00. Breakfast will include sausage, pancakes, eggs, sausage gravy, toast, home fries, fruit, juice and coffee. Cost is \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for under 12, and under 5 free. A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the breakfast. Lots of homemade goodies to tempt you. All are welcome.

### In 1996

#### Health Department expands services to Emmitsburg

The Frederick County Health Department is pleased to announce the resumption of clinical services to the Emmitsburg/Thurmont area beginning in 1996. Patients will be seen at the old clinic site in the Community

Building located at 300 South Seton Avenue. More details will be forthcoming.

Currently a nurse is available at the site on the second Tuesday of every month to discuss women's health issues. For additional information, call 694-1739.

#### Substance Abuse Services Available

The Frederick County Health Department Substance Abuse Services will be offering community-based prevention support groups in the Emmitsburg/Thurmont area.

The Kids Like us/Parents Like Us program addresses substance abuse issues among families in a confidential, non-threatening small-group setting led by professional facilitators. Children ages six to twelve and their parents are eligible to participate.

For information please call Pat Wadsworth or Martha Harrison at (301) 694-1775.



### 19th Century Christmas Tree

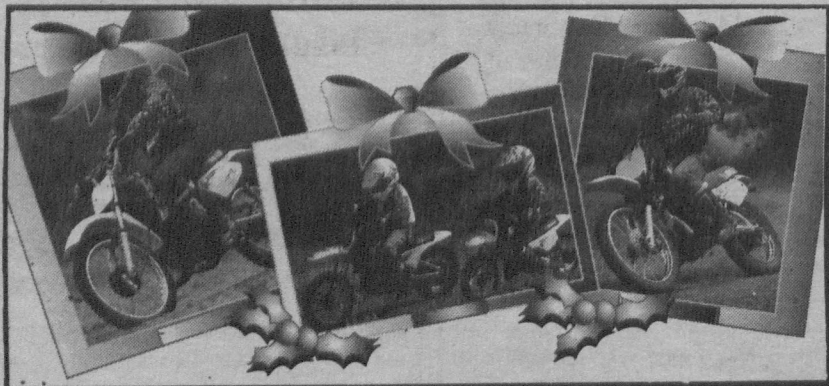
Local residents are invited to visit in early January the Seton Shrine Center to view the lovely Christmas tree decorated in the style of 19th Century America.

The tree fills one whole section of the foyer near the Shrine Gift Shop and reaches from floor to ceiling. Like trees used in the early days of St. Joseph's "White House," the only ornaments are a occasional pine cone, apples, and strings of cranberries. The tree is topped by a large angel in maroon and green velvet with golden wings. Tiny gold poinsettia blossoms among the branches lend elegance to the scene.

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## Garden Ramblings. . .

By Christine Maccabee

### Winter Greens: A Prescription for Health

Are you eating your greens this winter? I ask this question because I just recently had a minor health problem related to lack of potassium in my diet, winding up in the hospital for tests. Greens have a high potassium level and are rich in calcium and vitamin A as well. Potassium is, of course, one of the essential minerals, and lack of it in your diet may contribute to irregular heart rhythms, imbalance of intercellular fluids, growth and elimination problems, as well as nervous and muscular irritability. Sickness has a peculiar way of educating us, and in my case, I am eager to learn, and think perhaps I have been negligent in this area. It was particularly enlightening to have an Italian/Indian friend of mine remind me of a simple truth. In all his wisdom he said, "Our bodies are composed of the earth, are one with the earth, so naturally we must supply them with substances of the earth." To neglect this truth is to do harm to ourselves.

Foolishly, even subconsciously, I began to neglect my intake of greens as the greens from my garden diminished. The extreme early cold this autumn killed many of my kale plants which weren't all that healthy anyway due to aphids and the beautiful, tho' treacherous, harlequin bugs which invested them earlier in the fall. Gone were the days of those wonderful dinners with steamed kale, collards, chard, and spinach along side of sauteed veggies, eaten regularly spring through early autumn. Strangely, as the cold weather set in, and as I picked damaged, tho' suitable leaves for my pregnant goats to eat, I failed to put some in a pot for myself to eat. Even stranger yet was my failure to buy pre-packaged kale at the store (although I did buy broccoli). My life and behavior had become so bound up in the garden and what I was able to grow myself that when it stopped producing I just didn't eat it!

One of my resolutions this coming year is to put at least one-fourth of my garden into leafy greens of a wide variety, and to keep them healthy so I and my family can feed on them throughout the winter. It is never too early to plan your garden

for the coming year, so you might want to do as I will and get your greens growing in early February, or put bought plants in as soon as the soil will permit. I will then plant more in late summer, a growing period which should not be neglected. I will keep the aphids and harlequin bugs off with an organic pesticide, pick the cabbageworms by hand or use some diatomaceous soil, keep the plants well watered through droughts and when cold weather comes, tuck lots of clean straw around them as a winter blanket. It may seem a lot of effort, but it is oh so rewarding. There is nothing more satisfying for me than going out to the garden in the deep of winter and snapping off frozen kale leaves for dinner.

If you do not like the taste of kale, then you might consider growing spinach. Spinach has even more potassium than kale and is rich in iron as well. Beet greens, Swiss chard, and parsley are also good to grow. Parsley can be eaten through late autumn, and even in the middle of winter it will yield its leaves if you cover it with some clean straw, or grow it in a cold frame. My spinach does very well for me in a cold frame located outside my back door, and

last year I was eating it regularly in salads right on through January. I give further protection from the extreme cold by covering the plants with beach towels and the cold frames with blankets. You should be able to pick it right on through till spring and when the warm weather starts, begin to eat even more.

If by chance the drought and the bugs beat me in 1996, I'm sure you will see me at the local food stand or at the Jubilee perusing their packages of green stuff. In fact, you may just see me there shortly after you read this article. If you are interested in staying healthy and eating foods that will keep you that way, one of the best books I know of is *Composition and Facts About Foods*, by Ford Heritage. If you cannot find it in the library, give me a call and I'll be pleased to share mine with you.

Be healthy this year...eat your greens!!

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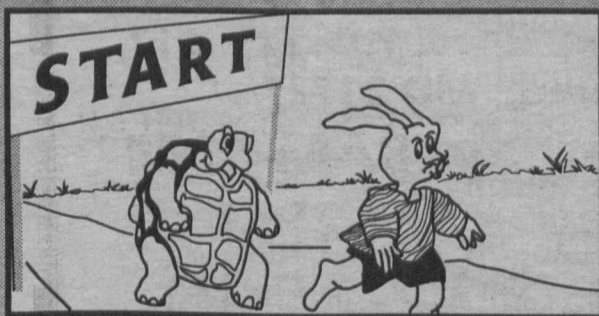
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## Regional Correspondents

### Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

January Birthdays - Those having birthdays this month are: Anthony Harris, Chris Angleberger, Wilson Baker, Chris Day, Tonya Day, Barney Eiker, Robbie Eyler, Josephine Dinterman, William Dinterman, Pauline Sharrer, Jeanie Angleberger, and Elmer (Pete) Lambert.

Linda Northrup reports that the Rocky Ridge Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Christmas party on Dec. 3, 1995. The dinner was prepared and served by the RR firemen. Entertainment was provided by the Martin family singing Christmas songs. Also the family members of the fire company played out the 40-year history of the company.

The RR Ladies Auxiliary would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for all their help throughout the year.

Bingo will resume January 6, 1996.

On February 17th, 1996 we will be having another Country Butchering and buffet-style breakfast. We wish everyone a happy holiday season.

### St. Anthony's/OLMC

By Ann Marshall

WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY HOLIDAY, along with individually chosen and wrapped gifts, went to members of eight families who were "adopted" by the joint parishes for Christmas giving.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY include an overnight "Lock-in" at OLMC starting Friday, January 12, at 8 p.m.; ARRC recreation at MSM Knott Arena on Tuesday, January 16, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Ski Night at Ski Liberty on January 30. For details, call the Parish Office, 447-2367.

BAPTISMS: St. Anthony Shrine Parish Community welcomes Rose Therese Samples who was baptized into the Catholic Faith on Sunday, December 3. Rose is the daughter of Susann Samples. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Community welcomes Kayla Kristine Kinney and Anna Re-

### Mount Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

The Mount Tabor Quilters family banquet and game night was canceled Dec. 19th due to the weather.

January will usher in a new format for the quilters. In the past there have always been "pieces-to-cut" for those who don't sew or quilt. This resulted in a lot of quilt tops for which there was no market.

Under the new plan the quilters will concentrate on quilting customers, tops, making quilts by contract, and making knotted (tied) covers for charity. At present the plan is to have two Tuesdays a month designated for the charity covers, a process involving cutting many pieces or patches, machine sewing them, and finally knotting them to a back. Men, women, and children who don't otherwise do quilt work can participate in this phase.

*AMN Patchwork & Quilting*, Feb., 1996, Lynette Jensen, owner of Thimble Berries Place. "The enjoyment of quilt making should not come from the end result but from the process of getting there."

becca McCulloch who were baptized on Sunday, December 17. Kayla is the daughter of Kelly Kinney and Anna is the daughter of Richard and Anna McCulloch.

OFFERTORY STATEMENTS for 1995 tax records may be requested from the Parish Office. Please call 447-2367 by Friday, January 26. Also, anyone who did not receive in the mail offertory envelopes for 1996, may obtain a packet by calling the office.

CENTRAL MARYLAND CATHOLIC CHARITIES is offering sixteen-week therapeutic workshops for adults who have grown up in troubled families. Workshops will be held in Frederick and led by Eileen Roberston, MS. Workshops begin Jan. 9, 1996 and are held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. or 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. The fee is based on a sliding scale. To register or for more information, call Ms. Robertson at 815-2802.

### RRPO Anniversary

By Darlene Donaldson

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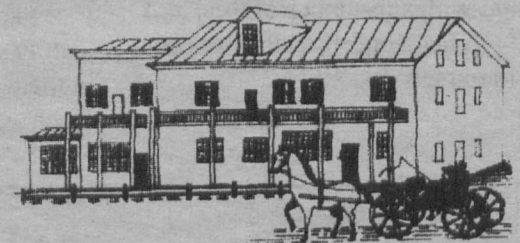
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## A Miller's Tale . . .

By Ivan Lifriu

As fall fades into winter, we can think of lots of traditional events and customs that go with this time of year. But the preparation of buckwheat cakes is one tradition that is slowly slipping into oblivion. This is unfortunate because buckwheat cakes are tasty and nutritious.

In this country, buckwheat's popularity peaked around the time of the First World War when wheat flour was in short supply. Buckwheat flour, having about the same nutritional value, was used in addition to or even in place of regular flour.

Bread didn't rise as well because buckwheat has no gluten. In fact buckwheat isn't even a grain, but a member of another plant family, the *Polygonaceae*, which is a family of weeds. Other members of this family include dock and smartweed which are common weeds, silver-lace vine and *Antigonon* which are flowering vines, sorrel and rhubarb, which have culinary uses.

First cultivated in China a thousand years ago, buckwheat migrated across Asia and northern Europe, eventually coming to America where it grows best in cool climates and well-drained soil. Producing an average of 20 bushels per acre, buckwheat requires little added fertilizer, and is often used as a catch crop.

After combining and cleaning, the hulls are separated from the groats in the milling process. Groats, sometimes called kasha, can be cooked like hot cereal or served as a vegetable with meat or in soup. Further milling will produce buckwheat flour which has the color and consistency of powdered cement.

Commercially available buckwheat mix is usually a blend of wheat flour and other ingredients to give a "watered down" flavor. Real aficionados prefer the strong taste of the undiluted product; they may even start it a day early with added yeast to enhance the sour flavor.

Uses for buckwheat can be found in the *Joy of Cooking* and other good cook books. One hundred percent pure stone ground buckwheat is avail-



able at Union Mills Homestead near Westminster.

For a hearty winter breakfast, try this recipe for buckwheat cakes:

Blend the following one day in advance:

- 1 1/4 cup buckwheat flour, sifted
- 1 1/4 cup wheat flour

- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup warm water

- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 1 packet yeast

Allow to sit at room temperature overnight, then add

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. baking powder.

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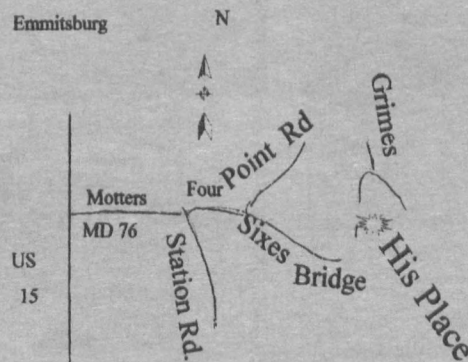
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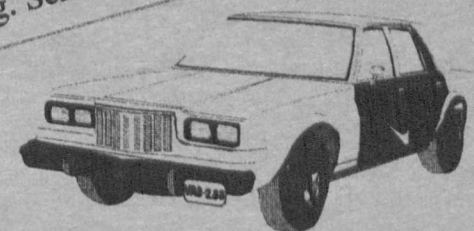
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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

By George Geralis

To me and my family, living in the hills of Carroll Valley has brought forth a better understanding of nature and life in rural America.

Our children will never forget sighting flying squirrels outside our dining room window while we were enjoying dinner one night. There was just enough light from our outdoor lantern to watch them glide from one tree branch to another, yet close enough to notice their webbed limbs and doe-like eyes.

Years later, when we decided to make this our permanent home, we became familiar with fishing and hunting season, when it seems that all other activities come to a halt, as the fishers and hunters go about their traditional recreations.

Though I do not hunt, I had often fancied preparing *Roast Saddle of Venison* for Christmas dinner and in 1979 our oldest son provided us with enough venison from his seven point white tail to fulfill my fantasy and more to share with friends.

The Christmas roast was delicious; however, the preparation was laborious and the recipe too lengthy for this writing. For a simpler approach to preparing venison, I favor making a *ragout*. The following recipe was given to me by an acquaintance who hunted every season. So...if you are lucky enough to bag a deer yourself, or have some venison given to you, try this out:

### Venison Ragout

3 lbs venison  
vinegar  
1 clove garlic, crushed  
¼ cup bacon drippings  
¾ cup diced carrots  
¾ cup diced celery  
¾ cup chopped onion  
1 cup dry red wine  
1½ cup beef broth  
2 bay leaves  
4 green celery tops  
4 sprigs parsley  
½ teaspoon thyme  
6 pepper corns, crushed  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ pound sliced fresh mushrooms  
2 tablespoons butter



2 tablespoons flour  
¾ cups sour cream  
1 teaspoon paprika

- Preheat oven to 325°F
- Cut venison into 1½" pieces
- Melt bacon drippings in a heavy pan
- Wipe meat with vinegar and put into the pan with the crushed garlic and brown the meat

▪ Arrange the meat in a large casserole, and add carrots, celery, onions, wine, beef broth, bay leaves, green celery tops, parsley, thyme, crushed pepper corns and salt

- Cover the casserole and place in pre-heated oven for 30 minutes

▪ Add mushrooms and cook for 30 minutes longer or until the meat is tender. (The cooking time will depend on how long the meat has hung; generally a week or two of hanging at 33°F will bring it to its maximum deliciousness.)

- Melt butter over low heat in a saucepan and stir in flour to make a *roux*

- Whisk the *roux* until blended
- Strain and add into the pan the liquid in which the venison has cooked into the pan and continue cooking until thickened and bubbled, for about 3 minutes

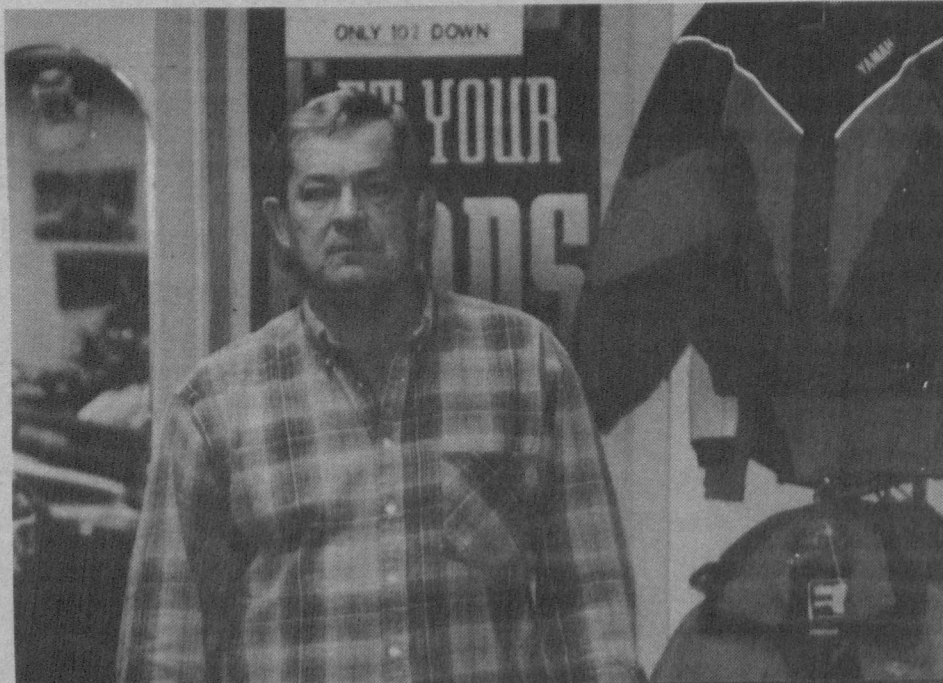
- Stir in sour cream
- Blend the mixture well, adding 1 teaspoon of paprika

▪ Pour the sauce over the meat and vegetables in the casserole

- Garnish with watercress and lingonberry preserves or currant jelly on the side

Serve immediately with a good bottle of *Pinot Noir* or a dry red California wine and a loaf of good hard crusted-bread.

At this time of year, candles and a simple bouquet of evergreens and red berries would certainly warrant a blessing for this bountiful meal. Enjoy!



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## Funerals

Funeral services for Mrs. Donaldine Elizabeth (Gelwicks) Singley, 53, of Merritt Island, FL, who died Sunday November 19 at Cape Canaveral Hospital, Cocoa Beach, FL, were held Saturday November 25, with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, MD, with the Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Pehrsson as the celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Mr. Melvin Overholtzer, Jr., 68, of Harney Road, Littlestown, PA, who died Friday December 1, at his residence, were held Monday December 4, from the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg MD with his pastor Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiating. Interment was in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Gettysburg, PA.

Graveside Funeral services for Mr. John Jacob Sanders, 75, of Cascade, MD, who died Saturday December 2, at Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick, MD, were held Wednesday December 6, from New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. The Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Pehrsson officiated. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Mr. Wilbur Thomas Umbel, 82, of North Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Sunday December 10, at the Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA, were held Wednesday December 13 from Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, MD with his pastor

Rev. W. Ronald Fearer assisted by grandson Dr. William Thomas Umbel, officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Mrs. Joanna G. (Stouter) Eyler, 82, of Emmitsburg, MD, who died Sunday December 17, at the Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA, were held Thursday December 21, with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, MD, with her pastor Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Pehrsson as the celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

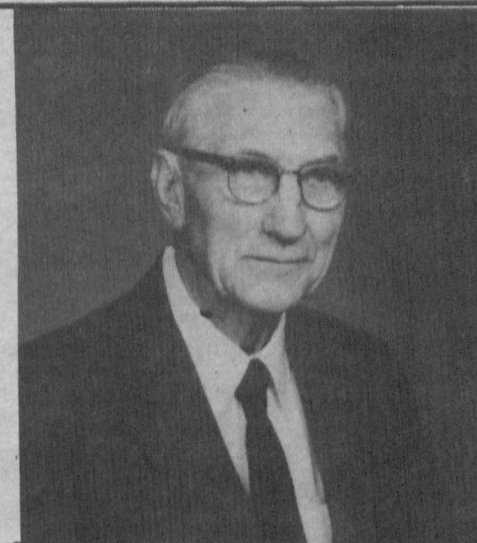
Funeral services for Mr. Lloyd Shreeves Feitez, 93, of Mt. View Road., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Tuesday December 19, at The Michael Manor Nursing Home, Gettysburg, PA, were held Thursday December 21, from Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, MD, with his pastor Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiating. Interment was in the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

## Dr. John Baxter Howes

Dr. John Baxter Howes, 87, of Harney Road, Emmitsburg, MD, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995, at his home.

John Howes, son of William H. and Della Witten Howes, was born October 25, 1908, at Ivyton, KY. He was a graduate of Union College in Kentucky, received his Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree at Boston University, a Master's degree in sociology at the University of Maryland, and was honored with Doctor of Divinity degrees by Lycoming College in Pennsylvania and by Union College.

Dr. Howes began his Methodist ministry in Home Mission work in the Cumberland Mountains of Kentucky and the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. He served parishes in Kentucky, Tennessee, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. He was Director of Rural Work in the Central Pennsylvania Conference and for thirty-two years was Professor of Rural Church at the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.



Dr. John Baxter Howes

He leaves his wife of sixty-four years, Elizabeth Fisher Howes, and daughter, Patricia Howes Bell.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 16, 1995, at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg. The Rev. Kenneth Tyson officiated. Interment in the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Cemetery. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

## Reverend Philip Bower

Rev. Bower died Friday, Dec. 15, at age 98 leaving behind a clerical career that spanned over seven decades.

Rev. Bower was born Oct. 29, 1897, in Adams County. He was a graduate of Gettysburg High School, Gettysburg College, and the Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary. He was also a U.S. Army Veteran of World War I.

According to current Lutheran pastor Rev. W. Ronald Fearer, Rev. Bower began his service to Emmitsburg in July of 1925 and left in 1962, the longest individual pastorate in the 238-year history of the Elias Lutheran Church.

Rev. Bower was central in the religious and personal lives of his congregation's members. "He had over 1000 baptisms, 544 confirmations, 469 burials, and 552 marriages. He touched the lives of many people," said Rev. Fearer.

Described as a fatherly-type person and an avid outdoorsman who often accompanied friends and congregation members on hunting and fishing trips he was a man to whom people could easily relate.

As reported in the Gettysburg Times Weldon Shank, a long-time friend said Rev. Bower often lent a hand when times were tough. "He would help the farmers...in making the hay or thrashing the wheat...he was just a good sport, said Shank. "He had a wonderful

## A Country Road by Beth Fisher Howes

I walked one day along a country road...  
And there were violets and autumn leaves  
And winter snow and July dust;  
A baby's track in sand,  
A broken slingshot in a weed,  
An old man's whittlings  
Near a big flat stone;  
A swinging bridge,  
A steeple,  
And a pine against the sky;  
Blue smoke and mist and frying smells;  
A coo, a sigh, — and graves;  
And things to feel  
Like faith and hope in sticks and stones,  
And fundamental love of God,  
And prayer...  
Along a country road!

*Mrs. Howes' poem was read at her husband's graveside service.*

sense of premonition to know when there was someone without enough to eat."

Rev. Fearer said Rev. Bower was named Pastor Emeritus of Elias Lutheran Church in 1964, in recognition of his contributions. "He felt good about that. It was kind of an approval from all the people he worked for," said Rev. Fearer.

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## Mother Seton School

By Valerie Mentzer

### Special Gift for the Holiday

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Last year, the Student Council responded to a special letter from Sister Rose of Covenant House in New York City. Covenant House is a home run by the Daughters of Charity for runaway teenagers. Mother Seton School's Student Council charitably donated money for the purchase of blankets for Covenant House. This year Student Council will again send some of their donations to Covenant House. In addition to this, money will be donated to the Seton Center (Outreach Center for Catholic Charities) where it will be given to needy families in the local community of Emmitsburg.

### Sixth Graders C.A.R.E. for their community.

Our 6th graders have started a wonderful program this year for their Religious Studies class. Inspired by Mrs. Tina Fogle, the Religion teacher, the students have been visiting the St. Catherine's Nursing Home once a month to partner with the residents and share special times together. The students and residents have been making ornaments together and getting to know each other. Some of the activities the students would like to do are entertainment and sharing games and possibly a prayer service together. This has been a great project for both the students and the residents. This blend of established wisdom and fresh ideas helps to strengthen our community of Emmitsburg.

Although according to our calendars Christmas is over, the holiday memories are vivid in the minds of our young students. One student, Russell Hoyt in Sister Sandra's 4th grade, shares his special creative story of...

#### The Jolly Snowman

Once upon a time there was a snowman who had an odd job. His



Mrs. Tina Fogle, Student Council Coordinator, looks on while Brandi Daigle makes a contribution to "Seton Savings."

name was Jolly. He worked for Santa in the North Pole. He was a backup deliverer for bad snowstorms when the elves could not deliver presents to the forest animals. Now you will never believe what happened! It was Christmas night and Santa was off in the world somewhere when a snow storm hit the North Pole and none of the elves would go in a storm like that. So Jolly was sent out because he was made of snow. As hours passed

everyone had give up hope on Jolly. Then someone in the workshop yelled, "Here comes Jolly!" That night there was a big celebration. Everyone asked him what took him so long. He told all of them that he froze to the ice and a friendly beaver came and gnawed his feet free. That night he was given a medal of bravery and was promoted to number-one deliverer.

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## Fresh Water Fish, The Pet

By Jack Deatherage, Jr.

Ever since Wanda and I set up housekeeping together in '87, I have been told by friends, enemies, and "odd" relatives that Wanda "must really be in love with you to stay with you." I guess they think I am *too* strange or intolerable to be a *life's* companion.

While I understand their intent is to force me into a mold more like themselves, I choose to turn their words to my own uses. Wanda does love me and I take advantage of that to be myself and to make her aware of her own horizons.

Of course she often objects to some of the horizons I have presented her with. Worms are one example.

I started with microworms in a small plastic container with a tight-fitting lid punched full of small air holes. I then added a bit of oatmeal, corn meal, and tank water to moisten. A pinch of yeast, a worm culture, and there it is—nearly instant fry food! I wait for the worms to crawl up the sides of the container and wipe them off with a finger.

Since the microworms are *nearly* too small for Wanda to get upset about, I used them to argue for a culture of vinegar eels. These "eels" are even smaller than the microworms but irritate her a good deal more. (Of course she didn't know that until I brought them into the house.) I filled a wide-mouthed gallon glass jar with a 50-50 mix of cider vinegar and spring water. After tossing in a diced bit of apple and an "eel" culture, I covered the jar with a bandanna.

Wanda complained about the smell but I insisted and now have "eels" to feed to unexpected hatchings of fish in my tanks.

Following the "eels" came the red worms. I commented that I had received two worm cultures and had to buy a container for them. After a withering look Wanda handed me a container that had held lasagna noodles. I thanked her and quickly punched holes in the lid before she could change her mind. A bit of peat moss, some oatmeal (I hated the stuff as a child and take satisfaction in feeding it to worms) and water. Instant worm home.

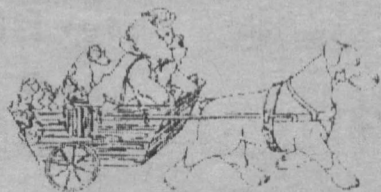
The red worms laid eggs Sunday and they began hatching Wednesday. All I have to do is figure out how to prepare them for my fish. I had tried freezing night-crawlers and chopping them, but they made a mess before and froze and didn't chop well either. Wanda still shudders occasionally when she opens the freezer.

I read about gathering flies by placing rotten meat in a plastic bag and propping it open so flies can get at the meat. When enough of the bugs have entered the bag you close it quickly and place it in the freezer. The flies freeze, you shake them into another bag and refreeze them until you need live flies to feed your fish in the winter. Wanda was not impressed with the idea.

I also found live maggots for sale from a company that caters to fishermen. I doubt that my marriage could stand a bucket of maggots in the 'fridge no matter how I work it. Some things can't be conquered by love.

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