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Gaining Strength From One Another

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Cool!

A Dispatch Photo

A Bear of a Storm

What will you remember about the blizzard of '96?

Each of us has special memories of the blizzard, but our roving reporter thought you might like to hear what some of your friends and neighbors will remember.

Virginia McLaughlin (Itinerant Artist - 40 years' experience): "I think this is the most snow I've ever seen."

Helen Reaver: "I enjoyed being off from work. I have a lot to do at home and I never get cabin fever. I did, however, feel sorry for the people who had to get out in it."

Rick Kretz (maintenance superintendent for the Town): "I don't have any fond memories," Rick said with a grin. (He slept in the town's garage Saturday, Sunday, and (Please see Storm on page 3)

Blizzard Blows Away Budget

The \$3,000 budgeted for snow removal in '96 was buried under 30" of snow by the Blizzard of '96. According to Town Manager Yvette Semler, the cost of plowing and removing the snow from the three-day storm was nearly \$25,000.

The largest expenditure was for contracts with individuals who were called in to assist the town maintenance crew in the clean-up. A total of \$14,670 was paid to contractors. Other expenses included town personnel, \$5,384.45; town equipment, \$4,165; salt, \$525; and anti-skid, \$27.25.

Semler said an application for disaster funds, which included Emmitsburg's blizzard costs, was filed by Frederick County Public Safety Director John Droneburg with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) January 19, 1996. FEMA's determination of

which counties will get funding has been delayed until the more immediate problem of flood relief can be handled. However, when FEMA does make its decision on funding, it will take several months after that before the dollars are appropriated. Semler said that in the past FEMA has paid 75 percent of the town's cost.

Rick Kretz, maintenance superintendent, measured 30" of snow on the picnic table outside the town's garage where he spent three days and nights supervising the snow removal team. The team worked continuously, Kretz said, and estimated that once they got rolling they were moving a truck full of snow every 1½ minutes. The thirty inches on the streets were transformed into snow mountains in the parking lots of the swimming pool and Memorial Park, and the men's softball field in Community Park.

Contractors who assisted with the snow removal were Andy Eiker, Frank Hobbs, Jim Welty, Joe Reckley, and CAD Enterprises.

Town Manager Semler said there was a great deal of coordination and cooperation within the community that helped make the snow removal a success. She expressed her appreciation to all the people who moved their cars off the streets which made the job easier and to Bill Boyd who used his truck and plow to get to the water treatment plant. Mount St. Mary's offered the town the use of a truck, she added, and while the town office was not officially opened, Christina Stevenson, the town clerk, "trudged" in from Northgate to answer the phone and keep things orderly. Rick Kretz and Jim Click "did a great job for the amount of snow," Semler said, "but I hope this is our last storm of the winter."

New Shopping Center Expected to Open in March

Silo Hill Village, the new commercial center located adjacent to the Jubilee food store, is slated for opening in 6 to 8 weeks, according to Ed Galligan, local pharmacist and spokesman for the management company, the St. Mary's Group.

Businesses which will be located in the center include Medicine Plus Pharmacy, Town Video, a tanning salon, and a pizza/Italian restaurant. Three other businesses, a flower/gift shop, a beer/wine store, and a dry cleaner's are pending. Applications are being accepted by the St.

Mary's Group for the remaining open spaces.

The colonial style one-story 10,000 square-foot building will be faced with brick and aluminum siding. There will be a covered walkway supported with columns (Please see Center on page 2)

A Community Newspaper

Letters to the



editor

Firemen come to our rescue

On Sunday, Jan. 14, 1996, the staff of the Emmitsburg Antique Mall became alarmed when they heard the flat roof creaking under the weight of the recent snow storms. Someone suggested calling the Vigilant Hose Company. Their response was far more than expected. Several trucks responded and it was decided to put two men on the roof to shovel snow by hand until a snow blower

could be used. Each man was secured with a rope in case the roof collapsed. No more than two could work at a time because of the added weight involved. The fire company worked into the night eventually resorting to working by flood lights. We are very grateful to these men and their organization. It is wonderful to know there is a helping hand out there even in unexpected ways.

LINDA POSTELLE
Emmitsburg

Rocky Ridge postmaster says thank you

Before memories of the Blizzard (and flood) of '96 melt away, I would like to take the opportunity to thank some very important people.

First, I would like to thank our customers for their patience and help. Despite the tireless and dedicated efforts of postal employees throughout the entire Frederick County area, in some areas we were unable to provide the kind of service our customers deserve. We appreciate their understanding and their efforts to keep the approach to their mail boxes clear. It was a difficult task for many and often it was undone by the snow plows attempting to keep our roads cleared.

I want to thank all our postal employees and contractors. Some battled the elements to make it to work to process the mail. Others braved snow drifts and unplowed roads to deliver the mail. These dedicated employees often worked long hours under grueling conditions. There is no way we could have gotten back to business as quickly as we did without them. The Postal Service applauds their dedication, commitment, and efforts.

(CENTER from page 1)

along the entrances of the stores. "Signs will be tasteful and uniform and complement the character of the town," Galligan said. "The center is designed to be compatible with the appearance of Emmitsburg."

There will be approximately 60-70 parking spaces. The building will be nicely landscaped and have conveniently located

benches and bicycle racks. "We want to provide a nice friendly setting and encourage pedestrian visits, too," Galligan said.

The building project is using local resources. C&D Enterprises, Inc., owned by Mike and Steve Wiyell, are the principal contractors. Other local contractors and sub-contractors have also been used in the construction of the center.

Last, but not least, thanks to the road crews for attempting to ensure that our roads were cleared of the ice and snow. These people worked long hours; it was an endless job to keep up with the roads. We appreciate their efforts; because of them we were able to maintain mail delivery in most areas.

For those of you whom we were unable to serve during the peak of the storm, we apologize and ask for your understanding. It was not from lack of effort by our employees. Our goal is to deliver all the mail, all the time. During the week of the blizzard and the flooding following, that may have been impossible in some instances. But we're back on track now and will continue to strive to provide you with the best service possible. If there is anything we can do to assist you with your mailing needs please feel free to call the Rocky Ridge Post Office, 271-4920. Thank you.

DARLENE DONALDSON
Postmaster,
Rocky Ridge Post Office

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.

A thought from Down Under: "Take time to stuff more mushrooms."

Small town newspapers fill a special niche in the world of print, and can make very satisfying reading. Our little community newspaper here in Kerikeri, New Zealand (a hub of sorts in the Bay of Islands - you may need a good atlas to find it, though), is not above offering personal advice to its readers on occasion.

Over the Christmas holidays, which is also our summer vacation, the editor offered us her suggestion for a New Year's resolution: "Do." Try something new, get to that project you've been meaning to start (or finish), fill your hours. "Life is too short to stuff a mushroom," she advised. That was okay, so far, as an inspiration to well-meaning procrastinators, hesitant types, and other time-wasters.

Then she went on to say that the good old Zen saying of "Be here now" could be included in that, to read "Do more now." Now I'm not qualified to make any authoritative statements on Zen (except I'm sure "being here now" requires "non-do-

ing," and that seems to make the editor's statement confusing, if not completely contradictory), but it did start me thinking.

Most of us nowadays seem to be doing too much already. At least, we always seem to be busy. Our time to think, wonder, or share an unhurried meal or conversation with family or friends seems ever more scarce and fragmented. Doing is great - as long as it's kept in balance. More is not necessarily better. And time "wasted" in cooking a real meal, or making mudpies with the kids, is so often actually gained in that intangible "satisfaction," rather than lost.

All of us have different views on just what the balance is between "doing" and "non-doing," but I have our local newspaper to thank for arriving at one New Year's resolution: "Take time to stuff more mushrooms."

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Town of Emmitsburg

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Feel free to visit the Town Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday to look at the map.

(Storm continued from page 1)
Monday night.) "I'm not that crazy about snow - I don't mind hauling it away, but when plowing and pushing the snow out of the streets, it sometimes goes on to the sidewalks, especially with all we had during this storm. Sometimes people stand there shaking their shovels at me and I don't like that."

Dave Martin: "I'm claiming I saw a total of 4 feet of snow in my front yard."

Mary Welty: "I've never seen a snow like this in 91 years. It snowed for 35 hours."

Greg Hollinger (VHC 1st assist. chief): "It seemed like the fire whistle never stopped blowing. We ran ourselves ragged and I was tired of being tired."

Bruce Hollinger: "I will remember being fortunate enough to have neighbors that helped each other."

Jim Kittinger: "I love the cold, and I love the snow, but the biggest problem was where to put it."

Tom Gingell: "It didn't affect me any. The blizzard was an inconvenience to us, but the flooding last week was more of a disaster for some. Oh yes, three awnings and all the spouting on the front of our house came down, but I'm waiting for the insurance man to call - it's been a long wait."

Charles Champlain: "I remember not being able to get out of my house for three days."

Jane Hubbard (Post Office): "I don't want to remember anything about the blizzard, but one of the carriers said he would like to remember the 95% of the people who cleared away their boxes. He would like to compliment them."

Henry Dick (Post Office): "The only thing that comes to mind is 'HELP!' The snow was above a 4-foot chain-link fence in our yard, and when the rains came on Friday I had about 18" of water in my basement - enough to move my wood stove."

Kevin Tamayo (EMT): "I was on duty Sunday when the blizzard hit. It took three of us to keep the driveway open to the ambulance building - that was the toughest part."

Linda Kaas (scanning coordinator, Jubilee): "Nothing. It was crazy - worse than any holiday. I saw both sides of people. But it was nice to close the store for a day."

Charlotte D. (cashier, Jubilee): "I can tell you a lot of things I don't want to remember - a broken pipe, holes in the kitchen ceiling (and hoping the tub doesn't fall in the kitchen). It was not a good start for '96, but now there's much less time until spring."

Mac McGlaughlin (VHC member): "Lots of little special things! It was awful nice to have all the help. We had 4 or 5 fire companies to help us, and the ladies auxiliary served food all the time. They were wonderful."

Frank Davis (VHC chief for last 6 years): "I'll remember when the blizzard stopped - we couldn't have survived without mutual aid (fire companies from Greenmount, Blue Ridge Summit, Fairfield, Thurmont, and Independent Hose). The women started preparing food on Saturday and we fed a lot of people - not only the men from the other fire companies, but also the crews working the county plows. Everything else was closed. Jubilee really treated us well - they opened up especially for us. We had the best of food."

Jerry Wantz (meat department, Jubilee): "I don't want to remember nothing.....I just shoveled snow."

JANUARY- A BELL RINGER FOR VIGILANT HOSE COMPANY

Collapsed Roof on Ruby Farm

At 4:45 a.m., Jan. 14, Vigilant Hose Company dispatched Brush 65, a 4-wheel-drive truck, equipped with chains, to answer an emergency call for a collapsed barn roof at the Harry Ruby Farm on Mountain View Road.

After surveying the situation, Chief Jim Click established a command station and issued a mutual aid call to the fire companies of Fairfield, Greenmount, Blue Ridge Summit, and Thurmont.

Using chain saws, pry bars, and a sawzall (with electricity provided by a portable generator), crews from all companies shoveled, dug, and cut wood to free the herd of cows. Twelve of the herd were killed in the incident.

Crews from the mutual aid companies were alternated and rotated back to the VHC building where they were served food provided by the Ladies Auxiliary. The rescue operation was completed at 10:46 a.m.

Tower Six Reaches Out in Water Rescue

Friday, January 19, Tower 6 played a key role in its first water rescue call. A motorist driving along Fringer Road near the Francis Scott Key Highway in Carroll County was floated into the flooded basin of a nearby creek ending up about 65 feet from the roadway. Ice floes hurtling down the swollen creek prevented the rescue team from the Taneytown fire company from launching a rescue boat. A mutual aid call was placed for Tower 6.

Crewed by Carl White, Frank Davis, Steve King, and Jamie Eyler Tower 6's boom was extended out to the driver of the car stranded on the roof of the car. According to Carl White the driver was able to step directly into the door of the rescue bucket without even touching the water.

In addition to the above, the Vigilant Hose Company responded to the following incidents during the month of January: structure fires (12); medical assists (14); emergency service calls (22); accidents (8); water accidents (8); brush fire (1); fill ins (3); and 1 gas leak.

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**100 Years Ago, "In this place"
from *The Emmitsburg Chronicle***

Feb. 7, 1896 - This week has been very disagreeable. Rain, snow and hail being the ruling elements, and it is all chargeable to the prophetic Ground Hog, who saw his shadow last Sunday morning, and if this kind of weather continues for six weeks his Hogship will be the worse abused hog in the country.

Card Player Raided

Four boys, of this place, were found playing cards in the Public School building last Saturday night. Mr. Palmer, the principal of the school was notified and in company with several other persons made a raid on the boy card players and captured the victims. When Mr. Palmer appeared on the scene, they made an effort to escape through a back door, but were foiled in their attempt and compelled to surrender. After reading the riot act to the boys they were given their freedom. This is not the first time the school house has been used for the purpose of playing cards, and the boys will find it safer and may not be disturbed when in the midst of an exciting and interesting game, by appropriating some hay mow for that purpose.

A Doll's Tea

A children's party was given on Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Andrew A. Annan, for her little daughter, Luella. The invitations had been issued for a doll's three o'clock tea. Miss Alice Annan assisted Mrs. Annan in entertaining the little people, and it is not too much to say, in the estimation of the twenty-five or more little folks - there never was a happier doll's party.

Shooting Match

Feb. 14, 1896 - A shooting match will be held in this place, on Wednesday, Feb. 26. The prizes will consist of a fine Jersey bull, gold watch and sweepstakes. The shooting will be at blue rock targets thrown from three traps. The shooting will be governed by the rules of the American Shooting Association. The sportsmen will meet at the Emmet House on the above day. For further particulars address Robert E. L. Barrick, Rocky Ridge, Md.

(Please see 100 Years page 18)

Commentary

Is this intersection safe?

Emmitsburg residents are concerned about the safety of the traffic intersection at Silo Hill Road and Route 140 east of town. The local Planning and Zoning Committee has been urged to do something about this situation.

The P&Z committee members are sympathetic to concerns about the conditions, but feel blocked by the results of a traffic survey made of the intersection several months ago by the State Highway Administration. The study was made over an eight-hour period. The survey showed that at this time the absence of accidents and the volume of traffic do not warrant a traffic control device according to the national guideline. The SHA agreed, however, to monitor the intersection as growth continues.

Many residents feel the time to put up a signal is now — before accidents occur. Those who have to enter the flow of traffic on 140 have their

vision hampered by a hill to the east and a curve to the west. It is a difficult entry and will not get any better. Traffic will increase with the opening of the new Silo Hill Village shopping center in March.

Motorists are the customers of the State Highway Administration who, according to one traffic engineer, see their job as "customer service." We urge all residents who are concerned about the safety and design of this intersection to write to the office located in Frederick and let them know of your concern.

The address is: State Highway Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation, 511 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, MD 21704-8305. Send a copy of your letter to the local Planning and Zoning Committee, c/o The Town Hall in Emmitsburg. That will help them solve the problem.

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State Erects New "Historic Emmitsburg" Signs Along U.S. 15

Two new State of Maryland historical information signs have been posted along U.S. 15 (north) just prior to the South Seton exit and U.S. 15 (south) before the Route 140 off-ramp. These signs announce that Emmitsburg is an historical site and direct tourists to the Visitor Center located in the Community Building.

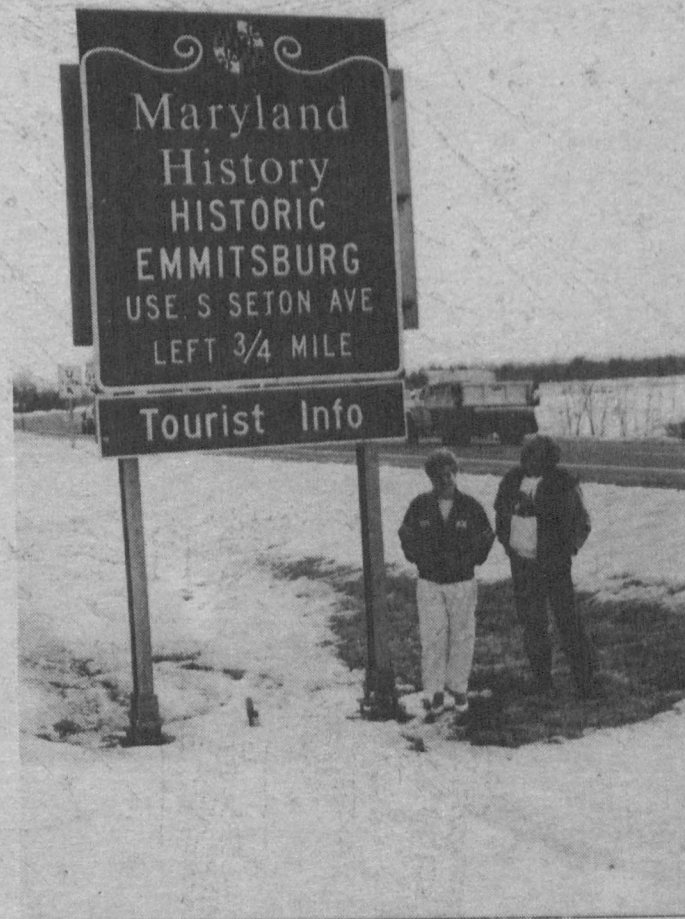
The free signs, offered by the state to towns that have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, were obtained through the efforts of local surveyor Bob Gauss. In the course of his job, Gauss travels extensively throughout the state, and had noticed the "big brown signs" along the highways near other towns on the Historic Register.

Working under the auspices of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA), Gauss contacted the State Highway Administration office in Frederick to see if

Emmitsburg could have these signs. Working with Nancy Jones, a traffic engineer in that office, Gauss began the 9-month long effort to have the signs placed along the highway. Part of the task was to survey other signage along the portion of U.S. 15 that by passes Emmitsburg to assure the best placement of the signs. "We did not want them to get lost among the other traffic signage," Gauss said.

The EBPA and Gauss were especially interested in having the signs give directions to the Visitor Center. "We really appreciate Nancy helping us to combine historical information and tourist information in one project," Gauss said.

Volunteers are needed to staff the Visitor Center when it opens this spring. If interested, please call Bob Gauss at 447-2222.



Nancy Jones of the State Highway Administration and Bob Gauss of Emmitsburg inspect the new sign on U.S.15. *A Dispatch Photo*

President Houston Hosts Dinner for Members of EBPA

George Houston, president of Mount Saint Mary's, was host to members of the EBPA and their guests Mayor and Mrs. William Carr at a dinner meeting held in the President's home Jan. 16, 1996.

Following the informal buffet, President Houston remarked on the importance of the relationship between Mount Saint Mary's and the town of Emmitsburg. He told the group that as the Mount makes progress with its plans to utilize the land surrounding the college he will keep the town advised. The president said they were considering several projects at this time: a retirement community surrounding a golf course, and the establishment of a prep school.

President Houston also pointed out that one of the missions of Catholic colleges is to provide community service projects for each funded club on campus. "We want our students to be involved in the community,"

Houston said, and asked how the college could be of assistance to the EBPA. It was suggested that Mount students might help in staffing the Visitor Center when it reopens this spring.

In other business, Don Geiger, president of the EBPA, thanked the Mayor on behalf of the business community for the efficient and effective manner in which the town handled the prodigious problem of snow removal. He remarked that he had traveled to several other towns in the area in the week following the blizzard and found that Emmitsburg was far ahead of all of them in cleaning up the snow.

Linda Postelle, chairman of the Christmas Country Fare, reported that the accounting is nearly completed. The proceeds will be turned over to the town for deposit in the special community center account.

Deadline!

February is a short month. Ads and articles will be needed sooner. Due date - Feb. 22, 1996

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Senior Citizens News

by Anna Margaret Martin

January was terrible! Snow - Ice - Floods - Blizzard. What can we look forward to in February? We all hope the worst of winter is over. The center was closed a total of 7 days during the month! We are thankful that we all survived the miserable weather.

Now it's February, the month of Valentine's Day and Presidents' birthdays. Activities are as follows:

Thursdays, Feb. 1, 15, & 29:
Bingo

Feb. 8, 14, & 22: "500" Card Party (Feb. 14 is a make-up game that was cancelled in January)

Tuesday, Feb. 6: 5th grade from Emmitsburg Elementary School (Mrs. Vengi's Class), 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13: Frederick Shopping, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Meeting Day. Speaker - Barbara Jean Brightful from Frederick Memorial Hospital with "Women's Cancer Prevention Program," 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 27: Nutrition program from Commission on Aging.

Every Friday is grocery shopping at Jubilee after lunch.

The Senior Center is open Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch is served to anyone 60 years of age or older at 12 noon. Reservations are a must - 24 hours in advance. Transportation is available if needed. Call Anna Margaret at the center for information. Stop by and visit us anytime.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary share Christmas spirit with veterans at VA Medical Center and local shut-ins

by Dolores Henke, Secretary, VFW Auxiliary

On December 10, 1995, volunteers from the Emmitsburg VFW Ladies Auxiliary traveled to Martinsburg, West Virginia, for their yearly Christmas party held for the veterans at the VA Medical Center. Individual fruit baskets were distributed to approximately 90 veterans along with gifts of various toiletries. Cakes, brownies, and 40 dozen cookies were enjoyed by all, along with the chips and punch provided by the Auxiliary. Volunteers who made the trip were Mary Topper, Rita Byard, Evelyn Ott, and Lois Hartdagen. Other volunteers, who accompanied the ladies, included Don Topper, Sr., Don Topper, Jr., and Don Byard.

The Auxiliary, in addition to the veterans' Christmas party, presented a check to the Department of Veterans Affairs at Martinsburg for the purchase of a television. A donation was also made to the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company in memory of Wilbur Umbel.

Other activities at Christmas time on behalf of the Auxiliary included four nursing home visits and visits to the homes of 16 Emmitsburg residents. Each person visited received a Christmas Tote Bag with gifts. Thirteen fruit baskets were taken to other local residents, and flowers were given to Gold Star Mother Betty Krom. Two hospitalized members also received flowers.

The next monthly meeting will be held on February 1 at the Post Home.

Health Department Expands Services

The Frederick County Health Department announces the resumption of clinical services to the Emmitsburg/Thurmont area in 1996. Patients will be seen at the old clinic site in the Community Building lo-

cated at 300 South Seton Avenue. The clinic will open Tuesday, Feb. 13. There will be additional clinic services in March.

For information call 694-1739.

Little League Registration Set

by Marta Hillis

Calling all baseball and softball players! It's that time of year again already! Emmitsburg Little League registration will be held on February 17 & 18 and February 24 & 25 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Ambulance building.

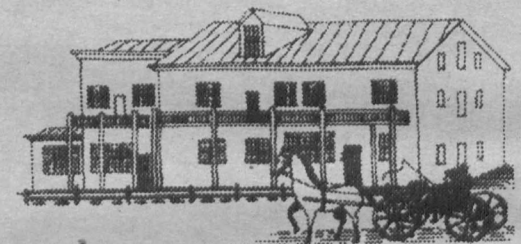
There's a place on a team for all interested youth from ages 5 to 18. Our Little League organization includes T-ball, minor league, major league, softball, and senior league teams.

All new players (as well as returning players) need to come to registration on one of the above dates for two important reasons: 1) To let us know you want to play! (All first time signees, please bring along a copy of your birth certificate); and 2) To pick up the first fundraiser packet of the 1996 season.

Please note that a new mandatory participation fee of \$25.00 for senior league players (ages 13 and up) will be collected at the time of registration.

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Ladies Auxiliary Raises \$25,000 for Vigilant Hose Company

Old-Fashioned Bingo and Breakfast Scheduled for February

By Joyce Wivell, Secretary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Vigilant Hose Company would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped us make 1995 such a successful year. Through your generous contributions and participation we were able to donate \$25,000 to the Vigilant Hose Company at the annual fire company banquet on January 6, 1996. Without the support of the community that donation would not have been possible.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Vigilant Hose Company will be busy in 1996! Due to the uncertainty of the weather, we canceled our January bingo. The next Old-Fashioned Bingo will be held at the Fire Hall on Thursday, February 15. Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Bring the whole

family out for an evening of fun. Please monitor the local radio stations (WFRE, WFMD, WTHU, WGTU, AND WGET) as well as the Emmitsburg Cable Channel 22 and Thurmont Cable Channel 21 for cancellation in case of bad weather.

An All You Care to Eat Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 18 with a snow date of Sunday, February 25. The breakfast will be held at the fire hall from 6:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Auxiliary-sponsored events include Bingo Bonanzas scheduled for April 14, June 2, and September 8. For ticket information for the April 14 Bingo, call Joyce Wivell at 447-2952 or Julie Davis at 447-6811. Sportsman's Nights are scheduled for March 23 and October 23. For ticket information for the March 23 Sportsman's Night call Jo Ann Boyd at 447-2297 or Patty Kuykendall at 447-6370.

112th Banquet for Vigilant Hose Company

The Vigilant Hose Company held their 112th annual banquet the night of January 6, just hours before the Blizzard of '96 blew into town. Bruce Hisley of the National Fire Academy was the master of ceremony.

Before the awards and recognition of service were announced a memorial service was held in memory of Robert L. Koontz, (1930-1995); Wilbur T. Umbel (1913-1995); and Lloyd S. Fitez (1902-1995). Paul Keepers received the Years of Service Award for his 60 years of service. Life Memberships were awarded to Charles Champlain and Monroe Hewitt for their 25 years of service. A special award was given to Frank Davis for six years of service as fire chief.

The top ten responders for 1995 were 1st) Jim Click; 2nd) Dave Vaughn; tie for 3rd) Steve King and Chad Umbel; 5th) Raymond Sanders; 6th) Steve Hollinger; 7th) Chris Stahley; 8th) Carl White; 9th) Larry Glass; and 10th) Kenny Krietz.

Vigilant Hose Company 1995 Fire Report

CALLS:

1st Due Fire.....	90
1st Due Rescue.....	49
Mutual Aid Fire.....	66
Mutual Aid Rescue.....	13
Ambulance Assist.....	28
EMER Service	20
Helicopter Standby.....	5
False Alarms.....	3
Transfers.....	27

Types of structures responded to for reported fires in 1st due area

Private structures.....	3
Private dwellings.....	26
Field, brush, woods.....	16
Vehicles.....	12
Commercial property....	6
Institutions.....	13
Public utilities.....	1
Miscellaneous	4
Storage and warehouse...	2
Educational.....	13

Est. Property Damage....\$783,250
Average minutes per call: 45
Average responders per call: 21

Emmitsburg Arts League To Hold Member Show in March

To celebrate two full years in existence the Emmitsburg Arts League is sponsoring a member show for the month of March 1996. The show will be held in HER STUDIO GALLERY with a kick-off grand opening on Saturday, March 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The public is invited.

Each of the league's members may enter two works of art. The categories will be Oils & Acrylics, Water-

colors, Drawings and Pastels, Photographs, Fiber Art, Sculpture, and Pottery. Ribbons will be awarded by popular vote taken during the reception. Normal gallery hours are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. with the show closing on Sunday, March 31. HER STUDIO GALLERY is located at 304 E. Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD. Call 447-2866 for information.



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EMMITSBURG LIBRARY PATRONAGE INCREASING

By Kate Warthen

The Emmitsburg Public Library is going great guns. We attribute the rise in circulation to the great children's programs, the increase in population in the new developments, and the baby boom. Story hours are geared to the very young and on any given Thursday morning you see young mothers trudging to the library with their youngest in a baby seat and leading the next youngest. What beautiful children and what better gift could we give our children than the desire to learn. It all boils down to what we put in the little ones' heads. Obviously if we don't learn to teach our children, how will they ever be taught to learn? If you begin to read to your children at a very early age, they will develop a desire to continue reading. If the parents give them time and read to them and the children see the parents reading, what a wonderful example for them. Keep up the good work.

The blizzard of 1996 won't be forgotten for a while. Many of my patrons were grateful that they had included a visit to the library before it hit. One patron was delighted that she had borrowed 6 thick books. Now when you hear the weather report of the next oncoming snowstorm, include a visit to the library in your errands.

The library now boasts a collection of 50 videos. This collection will

SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER AT ANTRIM

By Kate Au

Valentine's Day will soon be here and those who are looking for a special dining experience merely need to travel to the Antrim 1844 Country Inn in Taneytown, Maryland. The Antrim offers a restaurant that prides itself on elegant service and cuisine for its guests. Special Valentine dinners will be served February 9, 10, 14, 16, and 17. Reservations are recommended.

Every evening provides an opportunity for the restaurant's chef Sharon Ashburn and maitre d'hotel Stewart Dearie to delight their guests. The evening begins with an hors d'oeuvres party to which all guests are invited. A fixed-price five-course dinner is served

circulate around the county. When the last of the floating videos have made their rounds, a new collection will be put in place. It should take a family sixty days to view all the films in the collection. This collection is not to take the place of the regular ordering from the audio visual co-op, which will continue as usual, thereby giving you a full range of films from which to make selections. Our collection includes many children's favorites as well as a nice selection for the adults.

The February calendar for Story Time for 3-5 year olds on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is as follows: Feb. 1 - *Will He See His Shadow?*; Feb. 8 - *Valentine's Day Already?*; Feb. 15 - *Snow!!!*; Feb. 22 - *Too Many Mice?*; Feb. 29 - *Are Your Mittens Missing Yet?*

The Emmitsburg Library staff will host a party on Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m., in the multi-purpose room of the library—snow date Feb. 23, 1996. Volunteers, including staff and Board of Trustees, are invited. We are providing the meat and beverage and invite you to make and bring your favorite dish. This will be our 3rd annual party. They have all been delightful. Please reserve that date and plan to attend. We really appreciate all the time and effort that goes into volunteering at the library. Thanks, Thanks, Thanks.

in a variety of elegant rooms adorned with antiques and warmed by crackling fires.

Guests are welcome to relax after dinner in the beautiful atmosphere of the inn. In the Pickwick Club they may enjoy select wines, beers, and after-dinner drinks with or without a cigar. The Library, with its plush leather sofas, provides a welcome atmosphere for conversation. Those who wish to enjoy the grounds (weather permitting) may stroll through the English gardens.

The Antrim 1844 Inn also services wedding receptions and business functions. To make reservations or for more information call 1-800-858-1844.

217 Attend Wivell Annual Christmas Party

By Helen Reaver

The descendants of the late Roy and Helen Wivell held their annual Christmas party on December 31, at the Rocky Ridge Firehall, Rocky Ridge, Maryland, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Brad Wivell led the prayers and thanked God for the many blessings showered upon this large family. Henry Wivell prayed for the deceased members of our family.

The entertainment this year was provided by the Bernard Wivell family: a job well done.

Phyllis Green gave an excellent update on the Wivell family history, very interesting.

Bernard Wivell was inducted into the "Roses and Thorns" Club—one for members sixty-two years and over.

Paul thanked everyone for the outpouring of Love for all special events and in the time of need. These events were a large yard sale held for Marty Wivell who was hurt in a farm accident, January 1995; the on-going Education Trust Fund in memory of Eliot Kelly (who died with a heart condition at the age of five years); the honor and privilege for Ed and Helen Reaver of receiving communion from Pope John Paul II on Octo-

ber 8, 1995, at Camden Yards, Baltimore, MD; and on October 26 a memorial dedication called "Mary's Garden" at Mount Saint Mary's in memory of Mary "Sis" Wivell.

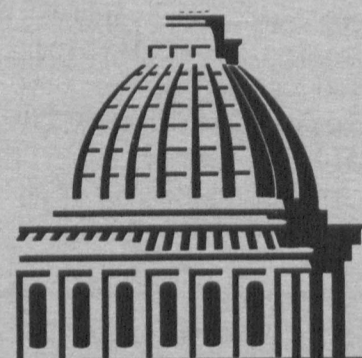
Door prizes were awarded. The winners were Wayne Wivell, Ed Reaver, Rick Topper, Andrea Wivell, Tony Billet, Lindsey Billet, and Justin Wivell.

The year 1995 brought 8 new children and five weddings. Our family now totals 316.

Next came the Christmas Nativity Scene portrayed by the great-grandchildren. The participants were Jessica Wivell, Blessed Mother; Evan Wivell, St. Joseph; Kathy Shields, Jennifer Wivell, Liz Reaver, Ashley Reaver, and Rheannon Wolz, angels; Nick Putnam, Ryan Kelly, and Daniel Goetz, shepherds; Nathan Goetz, Joshua Fullam, and Jordan Fullam, Kings. Our young women of the Wivell family sang the traditional Christmas songs during the Nativity Scene.

Santa arrived bearing gifts for everyone. Many kinds of casseroles were enjoyed by all and everyone had a wonderful time.

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1995 a busy year for Council of Churches

by Paul Harner, President

In addition to the Lenten services, the Thanksgiving service, and the Easter Sunrise service, the Emmitsburg Council of Churches combined its efforts with the Thurmont Ministerium in conducting a Baccalaureate service for the 1995 Senior Class of Catoclin High School. This was held at the Basilica of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in June.

The Council disbursed approximately \$3,000 helping those within the community make ends meet (rent, heat, electricity, etc.); they sponsored the Vacation Church School (which had a record 120 students); and helped Seton Center outreach provide Thanksgiving dinners to those in need.

Other major efforts in 1995 were sponsoring the annual CROP WALK which raised over \$1,700 for the Church World Service, 25% of which went to our local Seton Center Food Bank; formulating and distributing a *Welcome to Emmitsburg* booklet; and sponsoring the appearance of the "Celebration Singers" at Mt. St. Mary's.

The Council expects 1996 to be another busy year with the normal Lenten, Thanksgiving, and Easter serv-

ices as well as another Baccalaureate service. The Council's primary efforts, however, in addition to the distribution of local aid and organizing the Vacation Church School, will be to sponsor another CROP WALK in the fall; to provide some financial support to needy users of the Seton Center Day Care Center; and to help those elderly persons with short-term financial crises. It should be noted that the Emmitsburg Lions Club recently contributed \$1,000 to the Council for providing local aid with particular attention to the elderly.

The schedule for the ecumenical services for Lent and Easter for 1996 are as follows: Feb. 25 - Provincial House Basilica, Rev. Eby, Trinity Methodist; March 3 - Elias Lutheran, Fr. Tittler, St. Anthony's Catholic; March 10 - Trinity Methodist, Rev. Cardwell, Tom's Creek Methodist; March 17 - St. Anthony's Catholic, Rev. Fearer, Elias Lutheran; March 24 - Tom's Creek Methodist, Fr. Pehrsson, St. Joseph's Catholic; March 31 - Presbyterian Fr. Prior, St. Joseph's Catholic; April 5 (Good Friday) St. Joseph's Catholic Stations of the Cross; April 7 (Easter) Grotto Chapel, Rev. Jones, Presbyterian.



Gene Rosensteel (left), president of the Emmitsburg Lions Club, presents a check for \$1,000 to Paul Harner, president of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches, to supplement the Council's effort in providing aid to needy local families. The primary focus of the Lions Club share will be on local elderly people with short-term financial needs. *A Dispatch Photo*

Lions Club Annual Health Fair to be April 13, 1996

By Gene Rosensteel

The Emmitsburg Lions Club, in conjunction with the Gettysburg Hospital, is planning its annual Health Fair Saturday, April 13th, 1996, at Mother Seton School, from 7:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Everyone is urged to take advantage of this low-cost personal health appraisal. Early detection of potential problems may save years of suffering or possibly save your life.

The usual Multiphasic Blood Screening will be offered at a cost of \$25. New this year will be a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test which will be offered to men over 50 for an additional cost of \$15. This test may be helpful in the early detection of prostate cancer. Mammograms will also be offered for \$70.75. Please call 447-2562 to make appointments.

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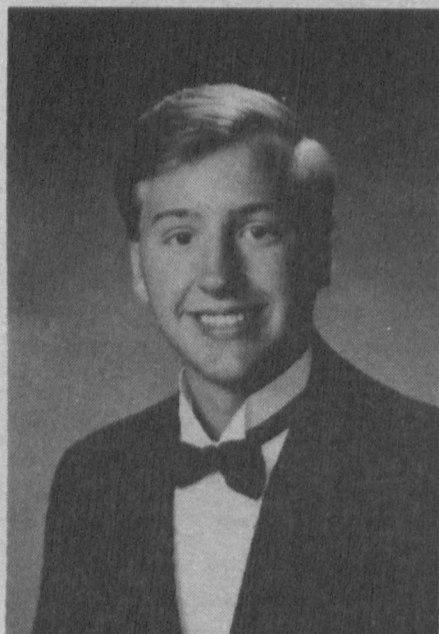
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Catoctin High School Senior Appointed to Annual U.S. Senate Youth Program



Mark Baumgardner, a senior at Catoctin High School, one of two students from Maryland was recently appointed to the 34th Annual U.S. Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C. Prior to this selection, Mr. Baumgardner scored as one of the top ten students in Maryland on a U.S. government examination. He, along with the other candidates, reported to the National Archives in College Park, MD, for a personal interview. After completion of the interviews, the two finalists were selected.

With this prestigious honor, Mark will attend an all-expense-paid conference during the week of March 2 - 9th in Washington, D.C. He along with the other student representatives from all 50 states will be studying the federal government and U.S. Senate in particular. He will be meeting with Senators Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski of Maryland. He is to meet with President Clinton and Vice-President Gore, as well as other dignitaries, throughout the week as agendas permit.

Mark has been a very active student at Catoctin. Currently he is treasurer of the Student Council, president of the National Honor Society and Spanish club, member of Future Business Leaders of America club, and the varsity soccer and tennis teams. He was also chosen as this year's Homecoming King. Mark works part-time as a cashier at Jubilee grocery store in Emmitsburg as well as working on his family's farm. His future plans include attending college, double majoring in political science and business. His long-term aspiration is to someday be elected as a U.S. Senator.

Mark is the son of Paul and Nancy Baumgardner, Keysville Road, Emmitsburg, and the grandson of Bernard and Mary Ellen Fink, Thurmont, and Maude Baumgardner, Taneytown.

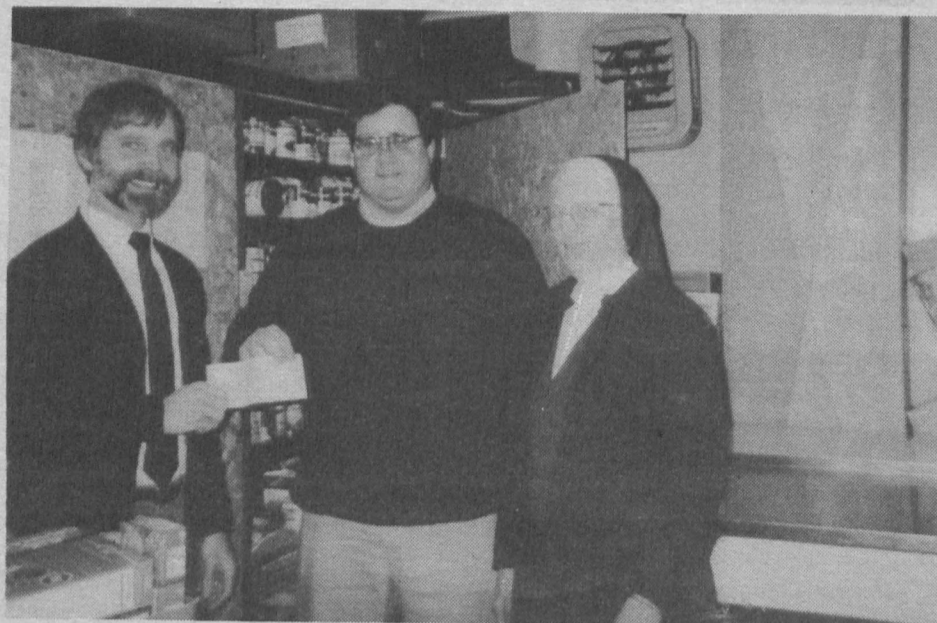
area. She served as part-time local pastor for 5½ years on the Great Cacapon: Orleans Charge in Morgan County, West Virginia. They have now settled into the church parsonage located at 16252 Tom's Creek Church Road and may be reached at the parsonage by calling 447-2693 or at the church 447-3171.

Pastor Cardwell is continuing in the Course of Study School at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. She expects to complete this course in the summer of 1997.

She invites anyone who would like to be a part of a spirit-filled church to worship at Tom's Creek U.M.C., located 1½ miles south of Rt. 140 at the intersection of Tom's Creek Church Road and Simmons Road. Worship times are 8:15 and 10:30 each Sunday - Church School is held at 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Donnie Jane Cardwell

TOMS CREEK - Pastor Donnie Jane Cardwell was appointed to Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on January 1, 1996. She and her husband Dale resided at Hedgesville, WV, before moving to this



Joseph Purello (center) Coordinator of Community Service at Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, presents a check for \$307 to Dr. Ray Rother of Central Maryland Charities and Sr. Denise Simms, Daughters of Charity, of the Emmitsburg Food Bank. The money, which will benefit the charitable efforts of the Emmitsburg Food Bank, is 25% of the total amount of money raised by 38 members of the Mount Saint Mary's College Community who participated in the fall 1995 CROP WALK.

Lynchburg College Student Recognized

The George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, VA, announces the selection of Amanda C. Deatherage of Gettysburg as a George C. Marshall Undergraduate scholar for 1995-1996. Deatherage is the daughter of James Deatherage of Fairfield and Anne Deatherage of Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, and the niece of Hilda Hemingway of Emmitsburg. She is a student at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA,

One of 20 students from Virginia-area colleges chosen by their professors for this honor, Deatherage is majoring in International Relations at Lynchburg College and will be doing research at the Marshall Library to develop a paper relating to the post-World War II War Crimes Trials-Nuremberg Trials.

Deatherage is a member of the educational policies committee of the Student Government Association at Lynchburg College

She has also been selected for the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

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She is a 1992 graduate of Gettysburg Senior High School.



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Attorney Finds Emmitsburg a Friendly Town

By Jeff Roth

For Attorney Tracy Sheffer, making friends and contacts in Emmitsburg and Frederick County is important.

"I love Emmitsburg. It's a very friendly town," said Sheffer, of the law firm of Matthew Battersby. "I'm only in my office one afternoon a week, but we (Battersby and Sheffer) eat lunch there often. People couldn't be any nicer."

Sheffer said for a relatively new attorney in Maryland—she has practiced law in Pennsylvania—it is vital for her to establish relationships with other attorneys. Those contacts can help her understand the differences between the operations of the courts in both states and can be a source of camaraderie.

While the law takes center stage in her life now, it was not always so. Sheffer said she wanted to be a

dancer, but became a lawyer instead. Upon graduation from Gettysburg High School in 1981, she enrolled in Wilson College, where she began dancing. After her first year at Wilson, she transferred to Oberlin College in Ohio, where she joined the Oberlin Dance Company. She graduated in 1985 with a B.A. in history. Sheffer, 31, whose parents Dale and Cherie Sheffer live in Gettysburg, also enjoyed equestrian competition.

For about one year after graduating from college, Sheffer worked at various odd jobs. In 1986, she was persuaded by a friend of the family and a professor at Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, to pursue a legal career. She found a job with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission in 1989. She also clerked for Adams County judges Oscar Spicer and John Kuhn.

After about seven months, her job with the Human Relations Commission ended. A friend, Ed Puhl, a jour-



Attorney Tracy Sheffer

nalist turned lawyer, referred her to Battersby. At the same time, the Human Relations Commission contacted her with another job offer.

"I had to make a quick decision—private practice or government work. I had always been fearful of private practice," Sheffer said. "I decided I had to challenge myself and pursue private practice. I made the right choice." As the new kid on the block, Sheffer found herself representing more and more criminal defendants. She also began to become involved in family law.

Criminal cases tend to be low pay and high stress, she said. Family law also gets her adrenaline pumping and is often stressful. "It is difficult to turn it off at the end of the day and to turn off others' problems. The cases are often heart-wrenching from both sides," she said. "I wanted to do something with my life that would make a difference. A lot of people don't think lawyers do that. On a day-to-day basis I try to have a positive influence on people's lives."

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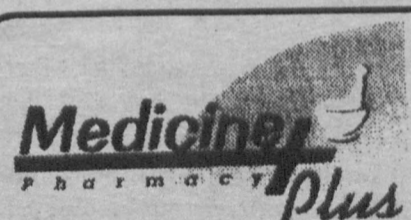
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Looking ahead ...

Saturday, February 3
Howard Gospel Choir to perform in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception of Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary, 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

Sunday, February 4
Mount Saint Mary's Art Gallery. Reception for official opening of the new Mount Saint Mary's Art Gallery in the Knott Auditorium from 1-4 p.m. The first exhibit will feature the works of Mount professors of the Visual and Performing Arts department and will continue until Saturday, Feb. 17.

Tuesday, February 6
TransAfrica Director, Randall Robinson to discuss Third World policy, 7 p.m., in the Knott Auditorium of Mount Saint Mary's College. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Thursday, February 15
Old-Fashioned Bingo, 7:00 p.m., sponsored by the VHC Ladies Auxiliary at the Emmitsburg firehall.

Little League meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the VFW.

TransAfrica Director Randall Robinson to Discuss Third World Policy

The U.S. policy toward Third World countries in the post-Cold War era and the current activities of TransAfrica will be discussed by Randall Robinson, director of TransAfrica, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the Knott Auditorium of Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary. The lecture, which is in conjunction with Black History Month, is free and open to the public.

Robinson captured the nation's attention with his 27-day fast, which was most influential in changing U.S. foreign policy toward Haiti. He was protesting of President Clinton's refusal to allow Haitian refugees into the United States, declaring that he was "prepared to risk my life if it might spare thousands."

His efforts also contributed to ending apartheid in South Africa. As director of TransAfrica, Robinson, a Harvard Law School graduate, is con-

Saturday, February 17
Country-style buffet breakfast at the Rocky Ridge firehall, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary, 6:00 - 10:30 a.m. Tickets: adults - \$4.40; children - \$3.

Sunday, February 18
All You Care To Eat Breakfast at the Emmitsburg firehall, sponsored by the VHC Ladies Auxiliary, from 6:30 - 11:00 a.m. Snow date Feb. 25.

Tuesday, February 20
EBPA meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Carriage House.

Saturday, March 2
Elias Lutheran Church annual spring supper and craft bazaar starting at 1:00 p.m. Beef, turkey, and ham with apple fritters will be served. Adults \$7.00; Children \$3.00; under 6 -free; carryouts \$8.00. For more information call 447-6239.

Emmitsburg Arts League Member Show. Opening reception for the member show, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Her Studio Gallery, 304 E. Main St., Emmitsburg. The public is invited. The show will continue through the month of March.

sidered by many to be the American most responsible for today's democratic government in South Africa. Ten years ago, Robinson led protests at the South African Embassy, leading to his jailing. As a result, the Congressional Black Caucus launched a campaign against the Reagan administration, which grew into a nationwide movement to boycott South Africa.

Robinson has received numerous awards including the Martin Luther King, Jr., Distinguished Service and Humanitarian Awards and the Congressional Black Caucus Humanitarian Award. He also received an honorary doctorate from Chicago's Columbia College in 1986 and has been cited as "Person of the Week" by ABC. For more information, contact the Multicultural Affairs Office at (301) 447-5720.

Emmitsburg Community Deputy 1995 Annual Report

The following is a list of major incidents handled by the Emmitsburg Community Deputies.

Alarms.....	21
Alcohol Violations.....	1
Assaults/Fights.....	8
Breaking & Entering/Attempt....	7
CDS Investigation.....	10
Dest. of Property.....	16
Disorderly Person.....	21
Domestics.....	21
Escorts.....	146
Fire/Amb. Assist.....	27
Firearms Complaint/Hunting....	5
Found Property.....	4
Loud Party.....	16
Missing Persons.....	4
Patrol Checks.....	97
Supicious Person.....	40
Supicious Vehicle.....	17
School Talk.....	26
Thefts.....	23
Trespassing.....	5
Welfare Check.....	12

The following is a summary of all arrests, warrant arrests, and traffic-related activities that took place in Emmitsburg involving the Community Deputies.

Activity	
Warrant Attempts.....	36
Warrant Served.....	24
Warrant Assist.....	4
Criminal Arrest.....	9
Juvenile Arrest.....	14

Traffic Arrest.....	12
a. suspended.....	5
b. D.W.I.....	7
Civil Citation.....	2

Traffic Enforcement Activities

Radar Enforcement

Citations.....	337
Warnings.....	348
S.E.R.O.....	14
Commercial Veh. Inspection....	27

Other Related Activities

Motor Veh. Accidents.....	41
Disabled Vehicle.....	43
Parking/Traffic Complaints....	38
Traffic Details.....	9

Circuit Court Docket

Ronald Sweeny, of Emmitsburg, was found guilty of carrying a firearm in the Town's Memorial Park at the Circuit Court hearing on January 24, 1996, in Frederick, Maryland. Sweeny was fined \$150 plus \$50 court cost. The offense will be placed on Sweeny's record, but because it was his first offense the fine was lowered from the municipal fine of \$1,000. Deputy Jeff Bartlet and Town Commissioner Chris Weaver



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By Jane Houston

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most of our center-based services. Our goal is to empower parents and their children with skills, knowledge, and self-confidence to build healthy and positive families. Up-County Family Center is located at 16840 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Our phone number is (301) 447-2810.

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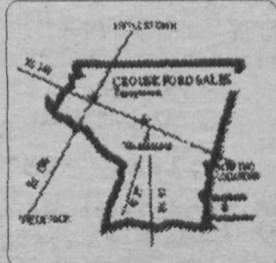
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Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

On February 17, 1996, the Rocky Ridge Auxiliary will hold a country-style buffet breakfast from 6 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The ticket prices for adults will be \$4.50 and \$3.00 for children. Come on out and join us!

February birthday greetings to these Rocky Ridge neighbors who celebrate their birthdays during February: Greta Lambert, Emma Lou Harris, Lace Wolf, Ronnie E. Eyler, Scott Moser, Michael Sponsellar, Philip Dinterman, David Dinterman, Albert Stambaugh, Bruce Beall, Chris Roser, Gregg Moser, Jonathan Moser, Jeannette Miller, Bradley

Greene, Marshall Sharrer, Jr., and Marshall Sharrer Sr.

Happy anniversary to Chris and Tonya Day and Donald and Betty Brown.

Betty Brown would like to thank everyone for helping Herman and Bonnie Beall move out during the flood at Tuscora, and then helping them clean up and move back in.

The Rocky Ridge Firemen hold **BINGO** every Saturday night starting at 7 p.m. weather permitting.

On Jan. 25th the Auxiliary served the firemen at their annual banquet.



Top Ten Responders honored at Firemen's Banquet (front row left to right) Robert Albaugh (128 calls); Robbie Eyler (125); Ronnie Eyler (119); Luke Humerick (83); Matt Moser (80); Back Row: Ronnie Hahn (65); Alan Hurley (64); Wilton Smith, III (54); Tommie Myerly (51).

A Dispatch Photo



Some of the ladies who served the firemen at their annual banquet on January 25th. Commissioner David Gray, commenting on the delicious food told the firemen, "The only way you can improve this meal is to serve dessert before and after dinner." The Ladies Auxiliary presented the fire company with a \$10,000 check.

A Dispatch Photo

Mount Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13
Mary Ellen Cummings

On January 2, 1996, the Quilters held their annual family banquet. Two birthdays were also celebrated: that of Isabel Mathias (a December baby) and Anthony Harris whose birthday was the day of the banquet. Traditionally, Banquet Tuesday each year is limited to food, fun, and fel-

lowship—with no mention of quilts or quilting.

That tradition was broken, however, when Emma Lou Harris presented this writer with "Friendship Album" blocks to make my own quilt of memories. The quilters had been secretly cutting and sewing the blocks behind my back—or in at least one instance right in front of my face. Each block is signed with the mem-

ber's name, including the men who knot our charity quilts. Thank you all!

During the time since Thanksgiving the quilters have had many interruptions and have only had 3 good quilting days. We are lagging behind the completion dates for some projects and will have to play catch-up when the weather improves. Each quilter has been busy at home with projects of items for sale later in the year.

Inspector 13 has spent more time looking at snow drifts than in making plans for the group. But the "January thaw" has reached her house and ideas are sprouting. Quilters beware!

One quilt in progress is a "Dresden Plate." It will be sold by the Joint Councils of the two Mt. Tabor churches to benefit the new building fund. Tickets will be available in mid-February.



Bernard Wivell presents the Honor Member award to Bob Kaas.

ST ANTHONY'S SHRINE/OLMC NEWS

By Ann Marshall

World Marriage Day will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on Sunday, February 11, starting at 3:00 p.m., and all married couples are invited. This is a wonderful opportunity to give witness to the beauty and dignity of marriage and family. Special recognition will be given to those couples married 25, 50, and more years. Mass will be followed by a reception. Couples wishing to receive recognition should contact Ted and Suzanne Burkhardt at 301-829-3614 (Mt. Airy) or Charlie and Joanne Haitmanek at 410-683-0288 (Cockeysville).

To Be Church Together is an Archdiocesan ministry formation and leadership development program for lay women and men. It provides anyone who is interested in volunteering in parish ministry an opportunity to improve skills, knowledge, and confidence and to network with other committed lay ministers. Information and a schedule of meeting may be obtained by calling the Office of Ministry Formation Programs, 410-547-5470. The application deadline is April 1, 1996.

New First Communion classes have just begun and meet each Sunday morning at 10:30 at Thurmont Middle School following the regular CCD meetings. All students enrolled in the First Communion program are expected to attend. A schedule for parent meetings will be announced later.

Weekday Mass Schedule. From now through May 31, 1996 the time for the weekday Mass and Communion Services and the first Saturday Mass will be 11:00 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. Rosary will be recited after Mass. Occasionally, a weekday service may be canceled due to inclement weather. Parishioners are asked to use discretion on icy or snowy mornings.

Renew, Season IV, *Discipleship*, begins February 18. Sign up NOW.

Watercolor Exhibit

"Domes and Such," an exhibit of watercolors by Molly Finn White will be on exhibit at Gallery 30, 30 York Street in Gettysburg through February 28th.

The exhibit of small watercolors was inspired by Roman Churches. White visited with her son, Dr. Steven White, a history professor at Mt. St. Mary's College. Some of White's watercolors depict dome exteriors and others are inspired by tracery patterns of stained glass windows in cathedrals such as

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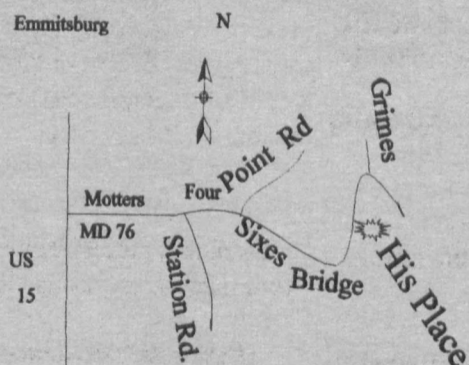
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Obituaries . . .

Richard Edward Mulligan

Richard Edward Mulligan, 69, of Old Frederick Road, Emmitsburg, MD, died Saturday, December 30, 1995, at the University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore.

Born August 27, 1926, in Morgantown, WV, he was a son of the late Richard Patrick and Edna Marie Kester Mulligan.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, January 2, 1996, at the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Donald VanAlstyne officiating.

Mrs. Mary Sutton

Mrs. Mary Euphemia Ott Sutton, 80, of Orndorff Road, Thurmont, died Friday, January 5, 1996, at home.

She was the wife of Paul J. Sutton Sr., who died March 18, 1967.

Born May 7, 1915, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late John B. Ott, Sr., and Ida Amanda Miller Ott.

Mrs. Sutton was a member of St. Anthony's Shrine Roman Catholic Parish, Emmitsburg, where she was a member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was a member of the auxiliary of VFW Post 658 of Emmitsburg, the auxiliary of American Legion, Francis X. Elder Post 121 of Emmitsburg, and the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens. She retired from the housekeeping department of Mount Saint Mary's College.

Surviving are six children: Paul J. Sutton, Jr. and wife Beverly of Thurmont, John F. Sutton of Thurmont, Patricia Rosensteel and husband Bill of Gettysburg, PA, Ellen Spalding and husband James of Thurmont, Ann L. Sutton of Thurmont, and Mary Martin and husband Richard of Emmitsburg; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; seven brothers and sisters, Charles Ott of Emmitsburg, Lawrence Ott of Thurmont, John B. Ott of Emmitsburg, Frances Matthews of Thurmont, Elizabeth Andrew of Thurmont, Doris Asper of Hanover, PA, and Betty Weatherly of Fairfield, PA.

Mrs. Sutton was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Constance Rosensteel.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, January 9, at St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Em-

mitsburg, with the Rev. Leo B. Tittler as celebrant. Interment was in the New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Frederick County, P.O. Box 1799, Frederick, MD 21702, or the Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., PO Box 1101, Emmitsburg, MD, 21727.

Sue Morris Vinson

Sue Morris Vinson, 82, of Taneytown Pike, Emmitsburg, died Friday, Jan. 5, 1996, at St. Catherine's Nursing Home in Emmitsburg.

Born August 22, 1913, in Eagleville, Tenn., she was a daughter of the late Robert Jackson and Sarah Elizabeth Haynes Morris. She was predeceased by her husband, Clyde B. Vinson, who died in 1990.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, and was retired from the Gettysburg Shoe Company.

She is survived by one daughter, Vernelia Bennett of Emmitsburg; one son, Stanley M. Vinson of Emmitsburg; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Esther Vinson of Eagleville.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Jan. 8, 1996, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church with her pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Pehrsson officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Lulu Herring

Mrs. Lulu Amanda Andrew Herring, 86, of DePaul Street, Emmitsburg, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 1996, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

She was the wife of Peter Donald Herring, who died March 14, 1966.

Born Dec. 17, 1909, in Emmitsburg, where she was a lifelong resident, she was a daughter of the late George Washington and Rose Harbaugh Andrew.

Mrs. Herring was a member of Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, the Lutheran Church Women, and the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens.

Surviving are five children: Donald A. Herring of Taneytown, Gloria A. Eyler of Taneytown, Rodney E. Herring of Littlestown, Pa.,

Sharon K. Keilholtz of Emmitsburg, and Thelma J. Byard of Hagerstown; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three brothers and sisters, Ida Koontz, Carrie Hahn, and Daniel Andrew, all of Emmitsburg; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Herring was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters, Flora Althoff, Earl Andrew, Russell Andrew, Clarence Andrew, Ernest Andrew, Mark Andrew, John Andrew, Glenn Andrew, Edgar Andrew, and Carlton Andrew.

Funeral services were held at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiating. Interment is in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 465, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Albert Kelly

Mr. Albert Clarence Kelly, 74, of Waynesboro Pike, Emmitsburg, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 1996, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

He was the husband of Dorothy Stouter Kelly, who died Sept. 19, 1993.

Born April 10, 1921, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Francis P. and Henrietta Lingg Kelly.

Mr. Kelly was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. He was retired from H.E. Koontz Creamery in Baltimore, where he worked for 33 years as a home delivery route salesman.

Surviving are three children, Beverly Ann Fitzgerald and husband James E. Fitzgerald, Sr., of Emmitsburg, Judith L. Henshaw and husband William Henshaw of Frederick, and Gary Stephen Kelly and wife Patricia of Walkersville; and two grandsons, James E. Fitzgerald, Jr. and Kevin J. Fitzgerald, both of Emmitsburg.

Mr. Kelly was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Kelly Cool, and three brothers, Francis R. Kelly, James M. Kelly, and Bernard N. Kelly.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Alfred R. Pehrsson as celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Frederick County/Western Maryland

Chapter, 1730 N. Market St., Frederick, MD 21701. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

Melva R. Shultz Smith

Melva Roberta Shultz Smith, 80, of South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Friday, Jan 19, 1996, at the Gettysburg Hospital.

Born June 21, 1915, in Cash-town, she was a daughter of the late James and Florence Shultz. She is survived by her husband, William D. Smith.

She was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg.

She is survived by two daughters, Doris Leist Bigham of Gettysburg, and Helen Leist Simpson of Littlestown; one son, William A. Smith of Emmitsburg; one step-daughter, Marie Smith Champlain of Emmitsburg; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Cleason Shultz of Fayetteville; three sisters, Mae Shultz, Mildred Shultz, and Helen Spence, all of Gettysburg; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, the Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lutheran Social Services, 1075 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Mary H. Randolph

Mary Helen Lingg Randolph, 79, of DePaul Street, Emmitsburg died Friday, Jan. 19, 1996, at Gettysburg Hospital.

Born Nov. 28, 1916, in Emmitsburg, MD, she was the daughter of the late John E. and Jane Baker Lingg. She was the wife of John C. Randolph.

Mrs. Randolph was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. She retired from the dietary department of St. Joseph's Provincial House. She was the coordinator for many years for the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens.

Surviving in addition to her husband are three children, John P. Randolph of Chambersburg, Mrs. William (Martha) Austin of Emmitsburg, and Diane Randolph of Emmitsburg; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five brothers (Please see Randolph on page 17)

(RANDOLPH from page 16) and sisters, Rita Stahley, Catherine Lawe and Raymond Lingg all of Emmitsburg, Doris Morgret of Hanover, and Ruth Heiser of Littlestown.

A memorial Mass was held Jan. 23, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with her pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Pehrsson, as the celebrant. Interment was in the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Randolph's name to Hospice of Frederick County, 1730 N. Market St., Frederick, MD, 21727.

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Christopher C. Springer

Christopher Clyde Springer, 74, of Fraley Road, Emmitsburg, MD, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 1996, at the Gettysburg Hospital.

Born Dec. 8, 1921, in Frederick, MD, he was the son of the late Christopher Columbus and Annabelle Benzel Springer. He is survived by his wife, Lottie A. Miller Springer.

He was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Kenneth Slick of Hanover, Clarence Springer of St. Thomas, PA, and Rodney Springer of Emmitsburg; three daughters, Sarah Gebhart of Emmitsburg, Barbara Swisher of Carroll Valley, and Cheryl Carney of Harney, MD; 21 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1996, at the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiating. Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Sister Marian Heffernan

Sister Marian Heffernan, 81, of South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD, died Tuesday, January 23, 1996, at Villa Saint Michael, Emmitsburg, MD.

Born October 7, 1914, in Pennsylvania, she was a daughter of the late Patrick Francis and Mary Rosalie Agnew Heffernan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, January 25, 1996, from the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

at Emmitsburg.

The Rev. John J. Lawlor was the celebrant. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Dr. John W. Richards



Dr. John W. Richards, former professor of physics at Mt. St. Mary's College, died on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg, MD.

Dr. Richards joined the faculty at the Mount in 1940 and retired in 1987. During World War II, he served his country by teaching mathematics and applied science to servicemen in the Navy's V5 and V12 programs at the college. He served as chair of the Science Department during the 1960's and received the Bruté Alumni Award in 1987. In 1979, the college recognized his service by inviting him to deliver the inaugural Distinguished Faculty Address as part of the annual Honors Convocation.

During his forty-seven year tenure at the Mount, he also lectured at St. Joseph's College, received summer grants to study at the University of Maryland and at Cornell College in Iowa, and secured grant money from the National Science Foundation to purchase equipment for the Coad Science Building. A member of the American Chemical Society for all of his professional life. Dr. Richards was recognized in 1987 for fifty years of membership. In 1966 he was elected a Fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was also a member of Sigma Xi and the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Dr. Richards often joked that he had grown up on the golf course and under a pool table. Although his friends and family had no concrete evidence of his passion for pool, they were witness to his love of golf, which he exhibited every summer as soon as the weather permitted. A similar love of fly fishing structured his leisure time. As a young man, Dr. Richards tied his own flies and throughout his life he could be seen casting for trout in the clear mountain streams of Frederick County.

An avid bird watcher, he never left the house without his binoculars. He was a member of the Maryland Ornithological Society, serving as president of the Frederick Chapter in the 1960's, and in 1952 was elected to the American Ornithologists' Union. In the early 1950's, Dr. Richards' assistance was solicited in setting up an annual Audubon Society Christmas count in Northern Frederick County, which he then led from 1954 to 1982. This count gained not a little fame in the community as it was followed by a delicious buffet supper prepared for all the stalwart participants by Mrs. Richards. As coffee and Christmas cookies were served, the count was tallied to intermittent exclamations of praise and delight as unusual species were found to be wintering in Frederick County.

His sedentary loves included playing bridge and chess, reading cheap mysteries, solving math problems, and working the Sunday *New York Times* crossword puzzles with his wife.

Above all else, teaching was Professor Richards' greatest passion. Whether it was teaching his daughters how to solve physics problems, how to swim, how to drive, or how to play baseball, John Richards was always explaining the world. Most particularly, he gave his life to the science students at Mt. St. Mary's College, where he was affectionately known as "Doc." Students of his went on to successful careers of their own in academia, medicine, dentistry, and research. Always a modest man, when asked what he did for a living, Dr. Richards would reply that he "taught a little physics."

Dr. Richards received his bachelor's degree from Yankton College, Yankton, SD, his M.S. and Ph.D. (in physical chemistry) from the Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

Son of the late Richard John and Lelah Watson Richards, Dr. Richards was born in Hartington, Nebraska, Jan. 24, 1914. He was preceded in death by his sister, Margaret Jane Richards, of Frederick. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ruth Owen Richards, of Emmitsburg; his daughter Dr. Katherine Fishburn and her husband Dr. Thomas A. Vogel, of East Lansing, Michigan; his daughter Marjory J. Richards and her husband DeWitt Cheng, of San Francisco; and a grandson, Alan Cheng, also of San Francisco.

Dr. Richards has directed that his body be donated to the Maryland Anatomical Society for Medical Research. A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 20, at the lecture hall in the Coad Science Building on the campus of Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dr. Richards' name to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

This memory of Dr. Richards was written by his daughter, Katherine Fishburn, and was read by her at his memorial service.

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Mother Seton School News

Students get a taste of another culture

By Val Mentzer

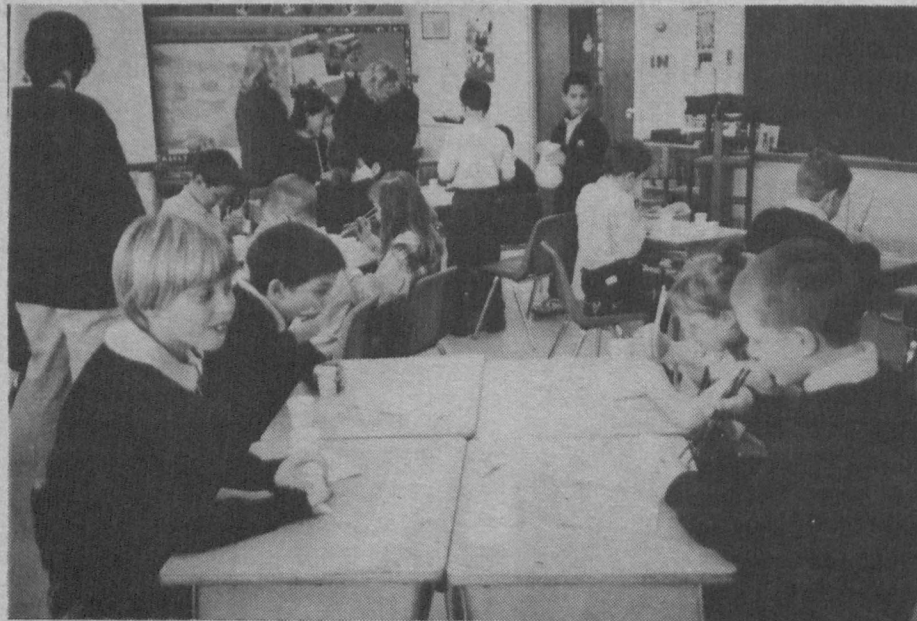
Mrs. Barnes' 3rd graders learned to eat with chopsticks, tasted Chinese tea, and enjoyed the delicious flavor of Chinese noodles. Mrs. Patricia Sanicola, mother of student Matthew Sanicola, shared her knowledge of Chinese culture. Several years ago, while in college, Mrs. Sanicola received a scholarship to visit China. She shared her experiences of Chinese life and lifestyles. The children found learning to use chopsticks to be very challenging. Matthew enjoyed pouring tea for the students to sample.

Catholic Schools Week

The week of January 28-February 2 was Catholic Schools Week. The theme was "Growing Together-Remembering Love Changes Everything." Catholic schools around the country hosted many special events throughout the week that celebrated our Catholic school education. Mother Seton School celebrated with a number of activities.

Sunday, Jan. 28 - Parish Day: As a school family we celebrated Mass together in our own parishes.

Monday, Jan 29 - Benefactor, Pastor and Volunteer Appreciation Day: Our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students performed "Christmas Greetings" to all of the people that help support Mother Seton School. Refreshments and school tours were available.



Mrs. Barnes's class sample Chinese cuisine.

Tuesday, Jan. 30 - Visit from Bishop Murphy/Staff Day: Bishop Murphy visited our students in their classrooms and the students prepared treats for the staff and faculty.

Wednesday, Jan 31 - Family Day: Our entire school family came together in prayer to celebrate the gift of Mother Seton School. The 1st and 2nd graders performed for the evening program. Families and students decorated snowflakes and hearts to share special family experiences.

Thursday, Feb. 1 - Community Day: Mother Seton School participated in "Harvest For the Hungry." This is a special campaign to collect canned goods for the needy in the local community. Every classroom participated and will continue this food drive until February 27.

Friday, Feb. 2, - Student Day: Students were special guests of a surprise bingo activity. Special treats and prizes were given to all students.

(100 Years from page 4)

Feb. 21, 1896 - The weather here Monday morning and Thursday morning was the coldest of the winter, the thermometer registering 4 and 5 degrees above zero.

"Yellow Tea" Party

Mrs. A.A. Hack entertained in a delightful manner her many friends at a "Yellow Tea," February the 18th, from four to six. The large parlor and hall were brilliantly lighted with banquet lamps and numerous wax tapers with yellow shades.

A dainty tea-table, in yellow and white, was set in the doorway, from which were dispensed sandwiches, salad, ice cream, meringues, water-ice, wafers, chocolate mints, and raisins filled with almonds. Miss Annie McBride poured tea. The gentlemen of the household were present, as well as Eleanor, Mrs. Hack's little daughter, who assisted the hostess in kind hospitality to all. The pleasantly heated rooms, sweet perfume of flowers, and pretty new gowns made such a bright scene, one forgot winter was here in all its severity.

Feb. 28, 1896 - A shooting match was held at this place on Wednesday, but owing to the inclemency of the weather in the early morning, the shooters were very scarce. There being only five or six who took part in the sport, and none of the prizes offered were disposed of. The shooting took place in Mr. Jacob Smith's field, near town.



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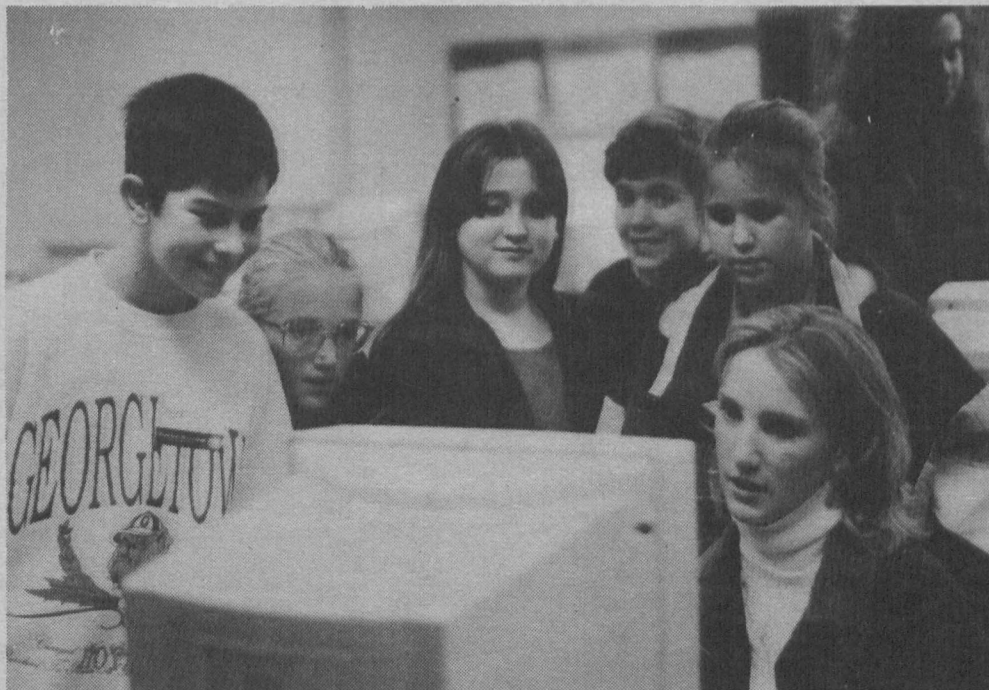


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Students Envision Their Future



Mark Butler, Hope Stouter, Marian Currens, Kevin Keilholtz and Leah Adlesberger watch MSM student do a computer search.

Photo Trisha Schofield, MSM

By Dianne L. Walbrecker & Mrs. Krietz's 5th Grade Reading Group

The Emmitsburg Elementary School (EES) students, miniature versions of the college students bustling around them on the campus, were fascinated by all of what they saw during their visit to Mount Saint Mary's (MSM) College. However, seeing germs under the microscope in the science lab was the indisputable favorite for most. As the MSM students guided groups of six ele-

mentary students throughout the campus, they talked about life in college, why they chose to attend, and what they were studying.

"We are going to show you what life is like in college in case you want to go that route after high school," said Professor Voigt of the Education Department in her introduction.

The visit to Mount Saint Mary's College was the first step in a journey toward their future that the fifth grade students will take this year.

Their second step was a visit to the Career and Technology Center (CTC) in Frederick, MD. At the CTC, they talked to students who are studying such careers as auto mechanics and building construction. "They have jobs that use their hands," said Johnny Ridenour from EES.

Nikki Vitale added, "I learned that you can try out a job to find out what you want to do."

The Career Awareness Unit, led by EES's Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Terri Zigler, will help the children identify the relationship between what they are doing in school and the career opportunities that will be available for them.

Heather Darby, an EES 5th grader who wants a career working with older people, explained that she liked going to the CTC because it gave her "a vision."

"We went on those visits to find out where we can go to learn what we can be trained to do," said Bryan Fawley.

The Career Awareness Unit began in November and will stretch over the next few months. Since they now have a vision of what their future may entail, Zigler will explore the details of potential careers with the students.

As part of this unit, the students interviewed each other about what they learned from their two visits. Elizabeth A. Rhodes interviewed April L. Rigby. "I was surprised to

learn that MSM has many buildings instead of one whole school," said Rigby. She wants to be a veterinarian because she likes animals and wants to take care of them.

Brandon Lasher reported that he wants to be a doctor. "I learned at MSM that you can take classes about how to do certain jobs."

While they have not yet studied the details of any particular careers, the EES students expressed a wide range of choices, ranging from lawyer to hair stylist. Elisabeth Fink, interviewed by Laura Kieffer, would like to be "a lawyer, doctor, gymnast, or bike racer because I want to solve cases on defense, to see the insides of people, to conquer my fear of heights, and to build leg muscles." If she couldn't become any of those, she wanted to be an assistant at a major company.

Lisa Keeney interviewed Jordan Chrobat, who learned from his visit to MSM that college is hard work and that "the skeleton of a tarantula is on the outside."

"I would like to be a teacher, but if I can't do that, I would be an accountant, since I like to talk on the phone," said Ashley Mumpower.

Tonya Smith, Suzanne Cordasco, Sallie Beth Johnson, Maggie Gilgallon, Emily Wright, Beth Ann French, Megan Tracey, Joan Rusnak, Mike DeCeasar, Jennifer Dowd, and Brendan Cronin were the MSM students who led the tour.

A Miller's Tale

by Ivan Lufriu

Advances in Milling: The First 70,000 Years

The milling of grain between two hard surfaces has been practiced by humans since the earliest days of crop cultivation. Indeed, civilization, agriculture, and milling evolved concomitantly and synergistically beginning tens of thousands of years ago. Grinding some types of grain between rocks was certainly an arduous and time-consuming task usually performed by the women of the family and sometimes by the children.

Improvements in the milling process developed slowly through the centuries, and a variety of power

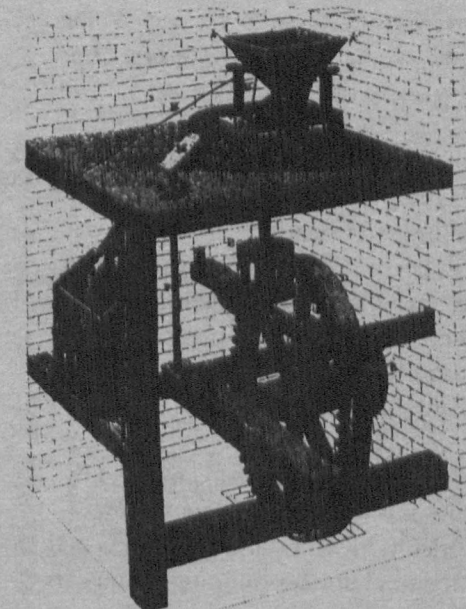
sources were conceived to alleviate the tedium of the chore. From the earliest flat or concave surfaces, the stones became rounded so they could be turned by hand or animal power. Vertical water wheels as a source of power were first used in ancient Rome two thousand years ago. Wind power was harnessed for this purpose a thousand year later, and even though we associate windmills with the Netherlands, these mills were widely used in the early coastal settlements of America.

Many of the ideas used for the processing of grain into flour found application in the related areas of farming and industry. Grain elevators, conveyors, gears, pulleys, and separators all found uses in a variety of other settings. The six simple ma-

chines (you remember from your physical science class) namely the pulley, wheel and axle, lever, inclined plane, screw, and wedge were used extensively in eighteenth century mills and became the basis of the more complex machinery that was to come.

Oliver Evans, who possessed one of the greatest inventive minds of early America, in the 1770's, turned his attention to improving the milling process. The result: the automatic mill where water power did all the work. For the first time in history, raw materials could be fed into one end of the process and the finished product taken from the other end. If you think this sounds like the definition of the "Industrial Revolution," you are right! Industrialization of

America, of Europe, and of the world can trace its roots to the simple rustic mills such as those which were found along the creeks of central Maryland.



Vitruvian Watermill

The Emmitsburg Sports Connection

by Grandpa Cuseo

I have been to the majority of this year's Catoctin High School basketball games. I've been very disappointed - but not by the team, or the coach - nor the fans that show up. I'm disappointed by the empty grandstands.

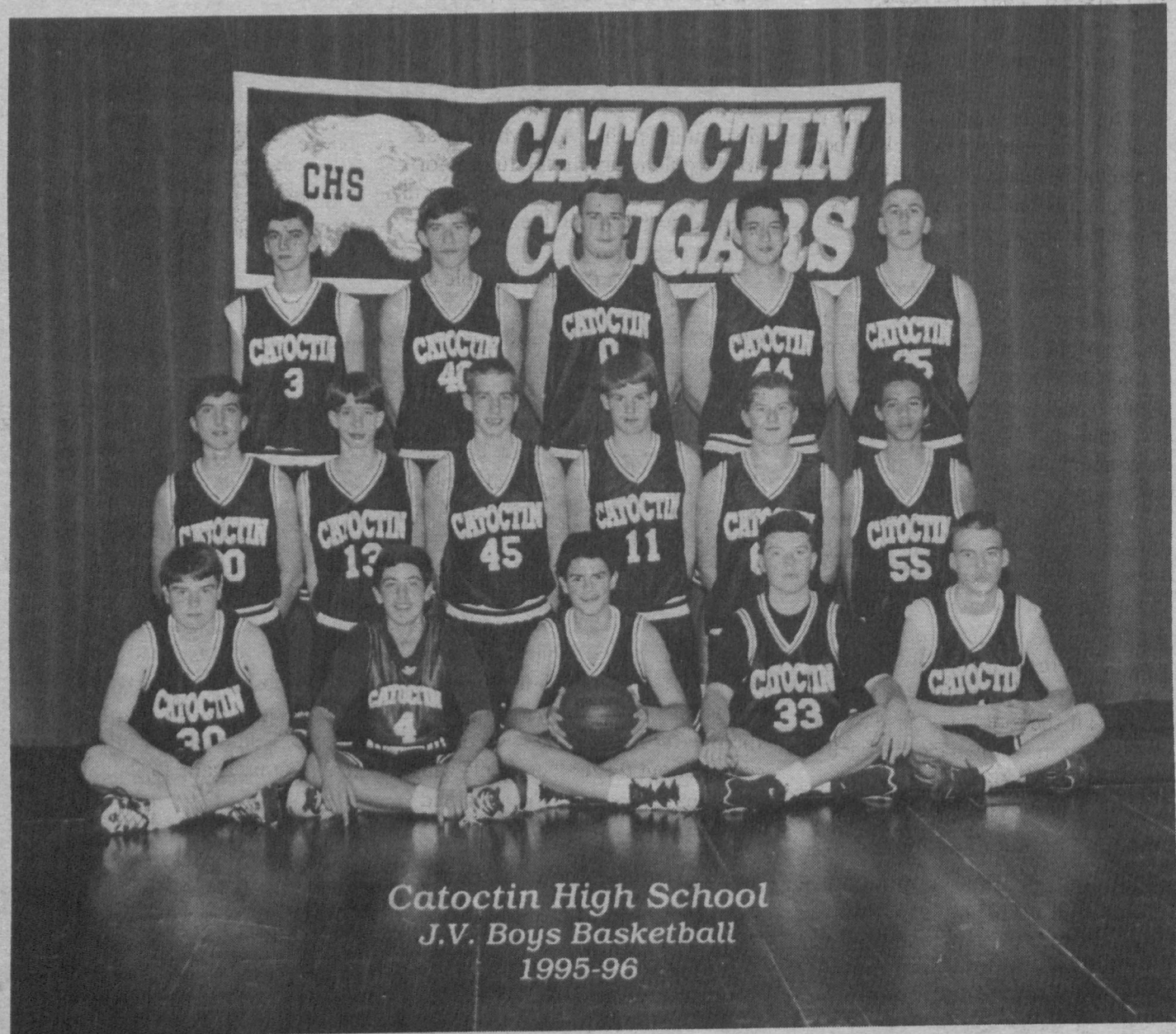
I guess I have to face up to the fact that times have changed. There are so many more activities to keep us busy, plus that darn TV set and all the VCR and Nintendo attachments. I have nostalgic memories of the whole town turning out for the games and being rowdy in the stands.

I think there might be a lot of reasons for Emmitsburg to start watching the Catoctin Cougar Basketball team - in fact eight reasons - and their names are Travis Dawson, Chris Shriner, Chris Manning, Dylan Daugherty, Jeff Ridenour, Joah Bury, Troy Madlock, and Utaw Cuseo-White. They comprise half of the JV team. The majority, if not all, will move up to the varsity next year and again will comprise more than half of the team. The varsity is losing 6 of its top players -thus making room for our Emmitsburg boys in the starting billets.

I think we should fill up those grandstands with our Emmitsburg rooting section. And we should start now when they are JVs. These guys put on a heck of a show - sure, it's not the NBA or the ACC - they don't even have a winning record, but what a show they give you - all heart and hustle. They are often down several points - but seldom out of it - and boy, do they scrap to get back in the game -just a free throw, or one errant pass away from victory.

Amazing energy - and that's what it's all about. These boys are establishing a foundation for what they will become. They will use these experiences throughout their lives. They will have great memories while establishing lasting friendships with their teammates.

A lot of this spirit is instilled by their coach, Roger Albanze. He works hard with our boys. He is dedicated to character building. You can see his positive leadership skills in the way he handles each individual



Catoctin Cougar JV Basketball Team. Front row (left to right); Jeff Schutz, Jeff Ridenour, Matt Weddle, Rusty Wood, Jason Jenkins. Middle Row: Joah Bury, Utaw Cuseo-White, Jason Sweeney, Dylan Daugherty, Troy Madlock. Back row: Chad Wiley, Chris Manning, Travis Dawson, Aaron Reynolds, Chris Shriner

player. This is the kind of positive male role model you want to have an influence on your child's life [get off the soapbox!]. He is a West Coast coach, having had successful teams at Berkeley High School and Fremont Christian.

Let us all finish out this season with the JV team (our team!) - then follow them through their varsity years. Here is the remainder of their schedule (notice they are always TUESDAY and FRIDAY games):

Feb. 2 - North Hagerstown - Home
Feb. 6 - South Hagerstown -
Away
Feb. 9 - Francis Scott Key -Home
Feb. 13 - Williamsport - Away

Feb. 16 - Walkersville - Home
Feb. 20 - Boonesboro - Home
Feb. 21 - Middletown - Home
Tournament begins February 23.

There will be several makeup dates due to the Blizzard of '96. Try to watch for the dates.

There is a good deal for us old folks. You can get a "sunshine card" if you are over 55. You get in all games -all sports - all year long - FREE. Come on, grandparents -let's get out and watch these guys!

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The Thurmont Riding Club

Although the MD/PA show dates have not been confirmed the first Fun Day for the club will be held in April. Members are asked to help obtain sponsors for the 1996 show season.

Margie Smith, a director of the Thurmont Riding Club, confirmed that the Club's annual banquet will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, at the VFW in Emmitsburg. The meal will be covered dish style with the club providing the meat and drinks. Members should coordinate with Margie Smith (447-6119) as to other dishes to bring.

Garden Ramblings....

A Tale of Two Roses

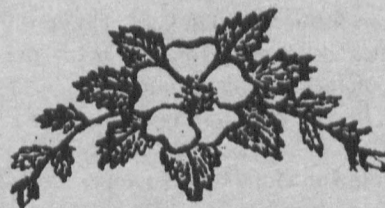
By Christine Maccabee

This is a love story. The theme is the love connection which binds people to the beautiful things of this earth, in this case, the rose. This is also a true story.

Once upon a time a colony of magnificent wild roses grew upon the shores of the Northern Kingdom of Cape Cod. There they bloomed each summer with such profusion of color and smell that all who passed by were deeply moved, their spirits lifted. One summer morning, toward the end of vacation days, when the rose hips were forming full and red where the flowers had grown, a young woman wandered wonderingly by. She marveled at the tremendous number of rose hips which crowded each sturdy stem, and she thought perhaps if she took a few, she could plant them in her own garden back home in her Southern Mountain Queendom. She had loved roses

dearly from early childhood, as she'd played for hours in her beloved grandfather's gardens. It was there she'd learned to love all living things. As she filled a container with the rose hips, little did she know what her actions would mean for the future, for her life, the lives of many others, and the rose bushes along the sea.

That evening the good people of Cape Cod were told to leave their homes along the shore as a great storm by the name of Bob was charging up the coastline. The danger to all was extreme. So, this same young woman, lover of roses, took her family away for a while to a secure place, but left the container of rose hips, along with other treasures, resting high and she hoped dry in her room by the sea. The storm was indeed a wild and destructive one, but both the woman and her rose hips were preserved. Upon returning to her room the woman found her treasures just as she'd left them, but she was concerned about the mother plants which had been unprotected and assaulted



by the full fury of the storm. Rushing down to the sea, her eyes scanned the banks on which they grew, but there was not one plant to be seen. They had all been either uprooted and washed away, or simply crushed and covered with sand. Search as she might, she could not find a trace of them and she was greatly saddened by their loss. She hoped that somewhere, somehow the rose hips and plants tossed by the storm would be able to grow again, to shed their

beauty on the world, gracing it with wondrous color and smell once more.

But there was still the container full of rose hips! These she happily took back to her Queendom, placing them in a special area near her raspberry and wild aster, and creating a lovely border of seashells which encircled them like a prayer. Miraculously, many plants began to come forth in the spring, and the young woman's heart was full of joy. After two seasons of growth came the first odorous flowers, and running to see them every chance she had, the woman would be blessed by the wondrous smell. She would share their beauty, as well as their story, with others and they too filled with wonder, their spirits lifted.

And so, many summers came and went, the roses in the Kingdom of Cape Cod were rejuvenated, and the ones in the young woman's garden thrived and multiplied. And the world remains filled with beauty and love.

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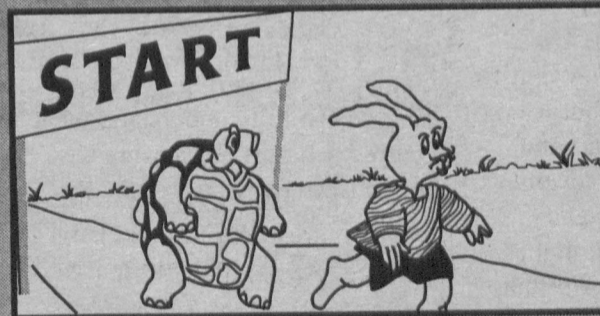
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Food for thought . . .

By George Geralis

Our neighbors, in a community spirit, converged onto our property with snow blowers and snow shovels to clear our driveway after the first wave of "Blizzard '96." In years gone by one could have described this neighborly act as being "Christian-like." Today, perhaps one might describe it as an act of kindness or to be "clerically correct," a "Godsend." Whatever...it sure was nice of them and enough to warm the cockles of our hearts.

With a clear driveway and a plowed road, I drove to the grocery store to replenish our food supply, only to find many shelves practically bare, particularly those in the bread, dairy products, and egg departments.

Fortunately for me, I discovered a lonely beef shinbone large enough (about an inch thick) with just an ample quantity of meat and marrow for the basis of a beef vegetable soup.

The cost was slightly more than two dollars and with celery, turnips, and onions already in our vegetable bin at home I envisioned a rather inexpensive hearty meal of Jefferson's Beef Soup, just like the one described in *Thomas Jefferson's Cook Book* published by the University Press of Virginia.

I also purchased a small head of cabbage, recalling its inclusion in this recipe, and after gathering up all other available necessities to life headed home imagining a meal enjoyed at Monticello

over 200 years ago.

Jefferson was occasionally faulted for his strong admiration of intricately prepared dishes, no matter how delicious they may have been, and was criticized by Patrick Henry as being unfaithful to good old-fashioned roast beef. Do you suppose Patrick was the forerunner of "meat and potatoes" in this country?

In spite of the criticisms Jefferson's Beef Soup is a classic example of how simple some of Monticello's recipes were. It was undoubtedly prepared in the French manner taught to his slave, James Hemings, while in Paris with the Jefferson household.

Unlike those in most soups, the vegetables in this recipe are cooked separately and introduced into the soup toward the end of all preparations.—

BEEF SOUP Monticello

- 1 Shinbone (about an inch thick)
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 3 Onions, finely chopped
- 2 Cups chopped cabbage
- 2 Turnips, and
- 2 Parsnips*, and
- 1 Stalk of celery, all cut into small even pieces
- 3 Tablespoons butter
- (* I prefer carrots)



- In a heavy pot, melt 2 tablespoons of butter over moderate heat and cook shinbone on both sides until light brown, being careful not to burn butter

- Cover shinbone entirely with water and let it come to a boil

- Skim the foam that rises, adding more water, if necessary

- In a large saucepan, melt 3 tablespoons of butter and add the finely cut pieces of onions, turnips, parsnips (or carrots) and celery, and turn them over and over until coated with butter

- Add just enough broth from the pot containing the shinbone, to cover the vegetables and continue cooking over low heat until partially cooked

- The cabbage may now be added and cooked until all the vegetables are done to your desired tenderness

- Continue cooking the shinbone, skimming and adding water to cover until meat separates from the bone easily

- Remove the shinbone together with all the remaining meat, reserving the marrow

- When the meat is cool enough to handle, cut into small pieces and return to the pot

- With a paring knife, carefully remove the marrow, cool it and slice it into small pieces and reserve as a garnish, when serving

- Reheat soup with meat and add hot vegetables

- Serve hot soup garnished with a piece of sliced marrow

Optional:

The addition of some *Ribbles* will thicken the soup and enhance this recipe. *Ribbles* are easily prepared and were probably originated by slaves put to service in early American kitchens.

Ribbles

- 1 Egg
- 2 Cups flour
- beat egg until light
- Sift flour over beaten egg
 - Work flour and egg mixture between fingers until fine *Ribbles* are obtained
 - Add ½ cup *Ribbles* to soup and cook for 10 minutes before serving. Note: Remaining *Ribbles* may be refrigerated in a sealed container for another use for up to one week.

Tax Time

It's Tax Time Again - Electronic Filing

By Don Geiger

Well it's hard to believe; another year has gone by and Christmas is now behind us, but don't think the government shutdown is going to delay the income tax filing season. By the time you read this article you should have received your federal and state income tax booklets.

You probably saw some of the headlines this past tax season concerning electronic filing: "IRS Scrutiny Crimps Filing Electronically"-*USA Today*, February 14, 1995; "Electronic Road to IRS CAN Be Bumpy"-*New York Times*, March 23, 1995. If you are a prospective electronic filer, these headlines might cause you to wonder

just what you are getting into. If you're a seasoned electronic filer, you may be wondering just what is going on. To fully understand what occurred this past tax season, we need to learn the story behind the headlines: the effects of the IRS anti-fraud changes without the sensationalism.

While the media did focus most of their attention on the electronic filing program and the anti-fraud campaign changes, the headlines didn't always explain the long-term effects of these changes and the fact that in many cases the changes were also implemented with regular paper returns sent by U.S. mail as well.

Last year when many taxpayers learned of the anti-fraud changes which were delaying many tax returns, they chose instead to file their returns on paper, many under the mistaken notion that these discrepan-

cies would not be checked in the paper system and that their refunds would be processed normally. However, social security number discrepancies were still being caught in the paper process and refunds delayed even longer than electronic returns.

Taxpayers who experienced delays were angry! They filed their returns electronically expecting their refunds to be processed in 10 to 21 days, even faster if they applied for a refund anticipation loan. Because the IRS changes took many preparers by surprise, electronic filers were unable to prepare many of their taxpayers for the delays. Later in the season, when there was a better understanding of the IRS changes, they were able to spot potential problems and explain the new changes and processing times to their clients. For taxpayers facing refund delays, electronic filing still was the best method to receive a faster refund.

The IRS effort reduced the number of tax returns filed with incor-

rect claims for dependents, or erroneous claims for Earned Income Credits. The IRS found over 10 million instances of social security number problems, identified over 2,500 fraud schemes, and stopped \$62.5 million from being paid on nearly 31,000 fraudulent returns.

There are indeed a number of new enhancements to the electronic filing program this year. This year the systems will allow for multiple direct deposits per taxpayer. The criteria for selecting returns for review have been refined with estimates that there will be fewer delays. Many new forms can now be filed electronically. Individuals can now file their own returns electronically on the Internet. Maryland has improved the Maryland Electronic filing program.

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Fresh Water Fish, The Pet

By Jack Deatherage, Jr.

Slipping under the ice, the last of our African Cichlids shivered into permanent sleep. I hate having to cull fish from my collection. Even fish sick and beyond my help produce conflicting emotions as I try to quickly, dispassionately end their lives.

The Africans were mature, healthy, brilliantly colored in metallic greens, blues, and silver, with hints of red and orange. They shined with the promise of a beauty that would last for years. Now they will decay in the root zones of Wanda's daylilies and become fertilizer.

We bought the Africans in Homestead, the January before Hurricane Andrew devastated South Florida. After glancing into dozens of 400 gallon concrete tanks, we met the owner of the fish farm. She smiled politely as we blathered about wanting every fish we saw. We bought 42 fish; we had room for 5.

A wild frenzy of aquarium buying followed. Every room but the bathroom had fish in it. Wanda threatened to throw me out if I put fish in the tub. We couldn't have guessed how much worse it would get as a year passed.

Some of the fish had babies (fry). More aquariums were bought. More filters and air pumps. More foods, books, more everything. Fish of other species also found their way into our home, or aquarium, I'm not sure what our house had become.

Plastic garbage cans soon proved more practical than glass aquariums.

Four 32 gallon cans held dozens of African fry. Food was bought in bulk! UPS drivers wanted to know when we were planning to open our store. I even checked into that idea. (I couldn't do the town, county, state, and federal paper shuffling.)

It was time to test my dreams. I had fish that were absolutely gorgeous! I had fish that no one in the area had. I had fingerlings, hundreds of them! It was time to sell and count our profits!

I called every pet shop in Frederick. I called Gettysburg, Lancaster, Waynesboro, and Randallstown. I sold 52 fish for \$24 in cash and \$7 in store credit. Wanda did a rough estimate from receipts we could find. We had spent \$3,000 on our fish.

I've found out why the pet shops didn't want my fish; many of their customers haven't the expertise to keep Africans, or the money to buy aquariums and filters needed to keep the fish healthy. Some of the shops have even less knowledge of these fish than their customers. Other shops did not know me and chose not to risk even the low price I asked for my stock.

A month before the last of my Africans slipped below the ice, I found a pet shop that would take them all, nearly a hundred mature fish. I agreed to a dollar apiece. A dollar for fish I knew would cost me as much as \$75 each to replace!

I could safely move 7 fish at a time. I had to drive 50 miles round trip in a car that gets 14 miles to the gallon. The shop wouldn't pay cash, I had to take store credit. I already have thousands of dollars worth of

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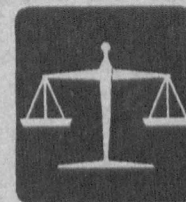
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