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Honoring fallen veterans on Memorial Day



An honor guard of veterans from Emmitsburg American Legion Francis X. Elder Post 121 and Emmitsburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658 fires a volley over the grave of Francis Xavier Elder in St. Joseph's Cemetery in observance of Memorial Day on Monday afternoon, May 27th. Francis Elder (1893-1918), a member of Co. A of the 115th Infantry of the 29th Division, was the first volunteer from Emmitsburg. He was killed in action October 11, 1918, at Belleau Woods, Meuse Argonne Forest.

The honor guard repeated the observance at the Elias Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, the Doughboy statue on Main Street, the New St. Joseph's Cemetery, the St. Anthony's Cemetery, and the Presbyterian Cemetery.

From left are Michael Hartdagen, Edward Pryor, Ben Newton, Robert Dinterman, George Danner, Thomas Hummerick, George Lenz, and Forest Knipple. Not shown, Tom Topper.

New streets and transportation committee meets

Members of the newly formed streets and transportation committee met for the first time on April 11. Commissioner Rosario Benvengi convened the meeting and conducted the election of officers. Brian Brotherton was elected president; Jim Hoover, vice president; and Patrick M. Sullivan, Sr., secretary. Other members of the committee are

Denise Warthen and Kenneth Howard. The committee will meet the third Wednesday of the month.

The committee discussed the possible installation of a traffic control signal at the intersection of Silo Hill Rd. and Route 140. All were in agreement that due to the commercial expansion and the construction of new homes

in the Silo Hill area there would be increased traffic in the area. A motion was passed recommending that the committee work with the town commissioners in pursuing the matter further.

At its May 15th meeting the streets and transportation committee passed a recommendation that the town manager (See STREETS page 3)

Town's '96-'97 budget holds line on most taxes; water rates to go up.

"The 1995-1996 budget was prudently followed during the past fiscal year," reported Mayor Carr at the June 3 town meeting, "and I am happy to say there were no major shortfalls during the year. Unforeseen problems, such as the severe winter, were met as they occurred and the budget was adjusted through transfers made within the parameters of the budget."

The Mayor said the real estate taxation and citizens' utility costs will remain the same as the previous two years at \$0.53 per \$100, but that the state property assessment for Emmitsburg was raised slightly this year. Each penny of tax computes to \$3,101.55, an increase of \$124.74 over the 1995-1996 fiscal year.

The town's water utility is the major priority for this year, according to Carr. Contracts for updating the water delivery system have been sent out, and it is expected that work will be completed by the end of this year. The town received a grant from Maryland Department of the Environment for the project.

"Progress on the updating of the town's water utility has been slow for many reasons," Carr said, "but in recent months we have been able to move at a more rapid pace. Following a joint effort with Mount Saint Mary's College, a study was performed by a

Philadelphia-based environmental firm and they presented us with three options," he said. "The town council chose a direction that enables Emmitsburg to continue operating its own water system, and with that decision made, the town went ahead with plans to obtain a new water treatment plant and to procure additional groundwater sources." The town has a commitment from MDE for the financing of this large project, too.

"The water utility rates are currently insufficient to finance this department," Carr reported, and the town council has approved an increase in the water utility rates for the coming fiscal year from \$26.15 per quarter to \$29.00 per quarter. This reflects a \$2.85 increase.

Mayor Carr reported that the sewer plant has operated well within the 1995-1996 budget and "has been a bright spot for the town." Efficient use of electricity, along with preventive maintenance, has made this department deserving of much credit, he said. There will be no rise in sewer charges this year. Garbage rates also will not increase.

"The Streets and Transportation Department had a difficult year but operated in a (See BUDGET on page 3)

A Community Newspaper

Letters to the editor

Concerned about our youth

I hope this poem from the St. Anthony Newsletter will get a message to our young people.

George Sanders
Emmitsburg

Prom Night

I went to a party. Mom,
I remembered what you said.
You told me not to drink, Mom,
So I drank soda instead.

I felt really proud inside. Mom,
The way you said I would.
I didn't drink and drive. Mom,
Even though the others said I should.

I know I did the right thing. Mom,
I know you're always right.
Now the party is finally ending. Mom,
And everyone driving out of sight.

As I got into my car. Mom,
I knew I'd get home in one piece.
Because of the way you raised me. Mom,
So responsible and sweet.

I started to drive away. Mom,
But as I pulled onto the road,
The other car didn't see me. Mom,
And it hit me like a load.

As I lie here on the pavement,
Mom,
I hear the policeman say,
The other guy is drunk. Mom,
And now I'm the one who will pay.

I'm lying here dying. Mom,
I wish you'd get here soon.
How come this happened to me. Mom?
My life burst like a balloon.

There is blood all around me.
Mom,
Most of it is mine.

I hear the paramedic say
I'll be dead in a short time.

I just wanted to tell you. Mom,
I swear I didn't drink.
It was the others. Mom,
The other didn't think.

He didn't know where he was going. Mom,
He was probably at the same party as
I.
The only difference is. Mom,
He drank and I will die.

Why do people drink. Mom?
It can ruin your whole life.
I'm feeling sharp pains now. Mom,
Pains just like a knife.

They guy who hit me is walking. Mom,
I don't think it's fair.
I'm lying here dying. Mom,
While all they can do is stare.

Tell my brother not to cry. Mom,
Tell Daddy to be brave.
And when I get to heaven.
Write "Daddy's Little Girl" on my grave.

Someone should have told him.
Mom
Not to drink and drive.
If only they'd have taken the time. Mom,
I would still be alive.

My breath is getting shorter. Mom,
I'm becoming very scared.
Please don't cry for me. Mom,
Because when I needed you. you were always
there.

I have one last question. Mom,
Before I say goodbye.
I didn't ever drink. Mom,
So, why am I to die?

This is the end. Mom,
I wish I could look you in the eye
To say these final words. Mom,
I love you and goodbye.

Anonymous

Town News

Sweeney sworn in as new commissioner; Copenhaver elected president of Town Council

As the first order of business at the May 6 town meeting, Clifford Sweeney was sworn in as the new commissioner. He defeated incumbent Christopher Weaver in the April election. David Copenhaver, "a veteran of Emmitsburg politics" according to Mayor Carr, was elected president of the council. Tom Gingell will continue as treasurer.

Commissioner Rosario Benvenuti was reappointed to the position of Streets Commissioner, Commissioner Copenhaver will continue to handle planning and zoning, and Commissioner Gingell will serve as the Water Commissioner.

Sweeney was appointed the Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

Update on Community Center requested

Citizen Joan Boyle asked the council about the progress on the renovation of the Community Center. Mayor Carr stated that he has attended meetings regarding the building and has received support from the County Commissioners. He said there will be a meeting in May to review the renovations as previously agreed upon and to talk with contractors. "It is possible that work could begin in the fall," said the mayor.

Ms. Boyle further expressed concern regarding the committee appointed by the Mayor to organize raising funds for the building. She urged immediate action. "We should have received a report by now," she said. "Time is going by, and we need to get started." Mayor Carr said that he would obtain a report from the chairman, Philip Postelle.

Proposed changes to Brookfield nixed

The developers of Brookfield subdivision appeared before the Council seeking relief from some of the requirements in developing the property. Citing high development costs, the developers proposed several changes: re-zoning of forty sites from single unit homes to townhouses; building a sidewalk on only one side of the street; permission to substitute

another style of street lamp to reduce expenses; and transferring the property for Brookfield Drive to the town so that the road could be built by the town at a later date.

The commissioners voted to go along with the planning and zoning committee's recommendation not to accept these proposed changes.

"Maybe the original plan should be reconsidered and 'jockeyed around' to suit the dollar," said Mayor Carr. "We would like to build the tax base but not at the expense of townhouses over individual homes. We want young people staying. We are not going to sacrifice continuity for growth and we want to grow in a positive manner," said Carr.

Update regarding construction of Emmet Ridge II

See related article on page 5.

In other business-

- Town Manager Yvette Semler announced that the specifications for replacing the sewer line that runs along Flat Run are out and bids are due back May 24th. The town has received a grant of \$100,000 from the Maryland Department of the Environment to complete this project.

- The council committed a water and sewer tap to Joel Neighbors for his house to be constructed on DePaul Avenue. The tap will be acquired from one being relinquished by Ausherman Developers of Silo Hill.

- Ms. Semler reported that even though the ceremonial part of Arbor Day was called off due to inclement weather Mount Saint Mary's students assisted town personnel in planting trees in Community Park. They also cut out part of the proposed Nature Trail and completed painting inside the pool house dressing rooms.

- Ms. Semler announced that Emmitsburg received a grant of \$65,000 from Project Open Space for a park in Silo Hill. She suggested meeting with Silo Hill residents to discuss plans for the park.



The Silo Hill Village Center adjacent to Jubilee is on track to open in June. As of this date there are five businesses to occupy the new storefronts. They are Emmitsburg Flowers and Gifts, Nu-Look Dry Cleaner, Medicine Plus Pharmacy, Mystic Tan Tanning Salon, and Emmitsburg T-Video. A Chinese restaurant is coming soon.
A Dispatch Photo

Up-County Family Center

"The Emmitsburg Up-County Family Center building will soon be a reality," according to Mayor Carr. The building, located on West Lincoln Avenue, will be owned by the Town of Emmitsburg and will serve as the new home of Up-County and Catholic Charities. Construction of the facility, though delayed by weather, has moved rapidly and a tentative completion is anticipated in late July or early August.

Peg Whyte, Senior Program Administrator with Catholic Charities in Baltimore, said, "It will be wonderful. We will have two times the space for child development area, classroom, and computer instruction area. And we will have a spacious kitchen for both food preparation and nutrition instruction."

According to Whyte the playground will be accessible directly from the nursery and will be fenced and protected. "We will be able to serve more people. Currently we have to call families to come to classes and programs because of our limited space," Whyte said. "We will be able to handle more people in a less congested manner."

Financing for this project was obtained through the State of Maryland's Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and through federal funding sources and foundation grants. The Town of Emmitsburg will receive rent from Up-County and Catholic Charities which will cover the maintenance and utility costs of the building.

(BUDGET from page 1) positive manner," Carr reported. Snow removal was accomplished in an "exemplary exhibition of hard work and citizen cooperation," and while the costs were high the town did get some financial relief from governmental agencies.

"The Parks and Recreation Department has been very active," said Carr, "and numerous improvements have been made to the parks." The town's swimming pool has been painted by volunteers from Mount Saint Mary's College and repairs for the coming season have been performed under the direction of Rick Kreitz, the town's Maintenance Superintendent. "This was a great dollar savings to the town," the mayor said. "We applaud his efforts!"

During the 1995-1996 fiscal year, the town was able to refrain from incurring any new debt. Mayor Carr has stated numerous times that Emmitsburg's debt is too high and was

one of his major concerns. To date, it has been refinanced and the debt repayment obligation has been reduced 3%, "a significant amount for us," Mayor Carr said. "Our budget is still plagued by a 13% debt load, but we'll continue to work at reducing the debt to a standard of 5%."

The mayor said his report would not be complete without discussing the town staff and employees. "The Council, through diligent thought and participation have done a wonderful job in meeting their obligations and acting in a caring and democratic manner," he said "and I hope the citizens appreciate their sacrifice and efforts." And, he continued, "I can't say enough about the town's employees. They work hard, they know their jobs, they cooperate with each other, and they get the job done." He said the Town Council, to show its appreciation, had voted to give a 2% salary increase to all Emmitsburg's employed staff.

(STREETS from page 1) search for documentation showing legal written permission for developers of Emmit Ridge to use Provincial Parkway in the Northgate development. This action occurred after hearing from Northgate resident Susan Swartz who questioned how the town could give the developers permission to use Northgate roadways when it had no legal jurisdiction over them.

In other business the committee passed a recommendation that speedbumps along East Lincoln Avenue be replaced.

Also, a letter of recommendation was presented to Commissioner Benvenuti by the committee requesting that the Board of Commissioners request the State and/or County law enforcement officials to increase truck enforcement activity, particularly for weight violations on the Route 140 area of Emmitsburg. It is felt the severe damage to the paved surface of Main Street, specifically in the area of the center of town, is due to the high volume of overweight truck traffic.

Building Shapes Up



Construction moves along at a rapid clip on the new Up-County Family Center on East Lincoln Avenue. A Dispatch Photo

Births

Mr. & Mrs. David (Catherine R. Price) Sanders, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Friday, May 3, 1996.

Michelle Ramsburg and Ryan Stambaugh, Emmitsburg, a son, Wednesday, May 15, 1996

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

A Public Library

Summer, 1906 - No institution is of more value to a town than a library, so conducted as to give it a minimum cost, the greatest benefit and pleasure to the greatest number of people. Emmitsburg should have a library and can have one if a little effort towards that end be expended.

In every household there must have accumulated books which for that particular household, have served their purpose. If all such books were donated by their possessors and deposited in some central place where they would be easily available, under proper restrictions, then and there would be the nucleus for a library

It is surprising how many volumes can, in a short space of time, be assembled by such a means if all the people co-operate, and it is noticeable how steadily a library grows in size and usefulness after once being started.

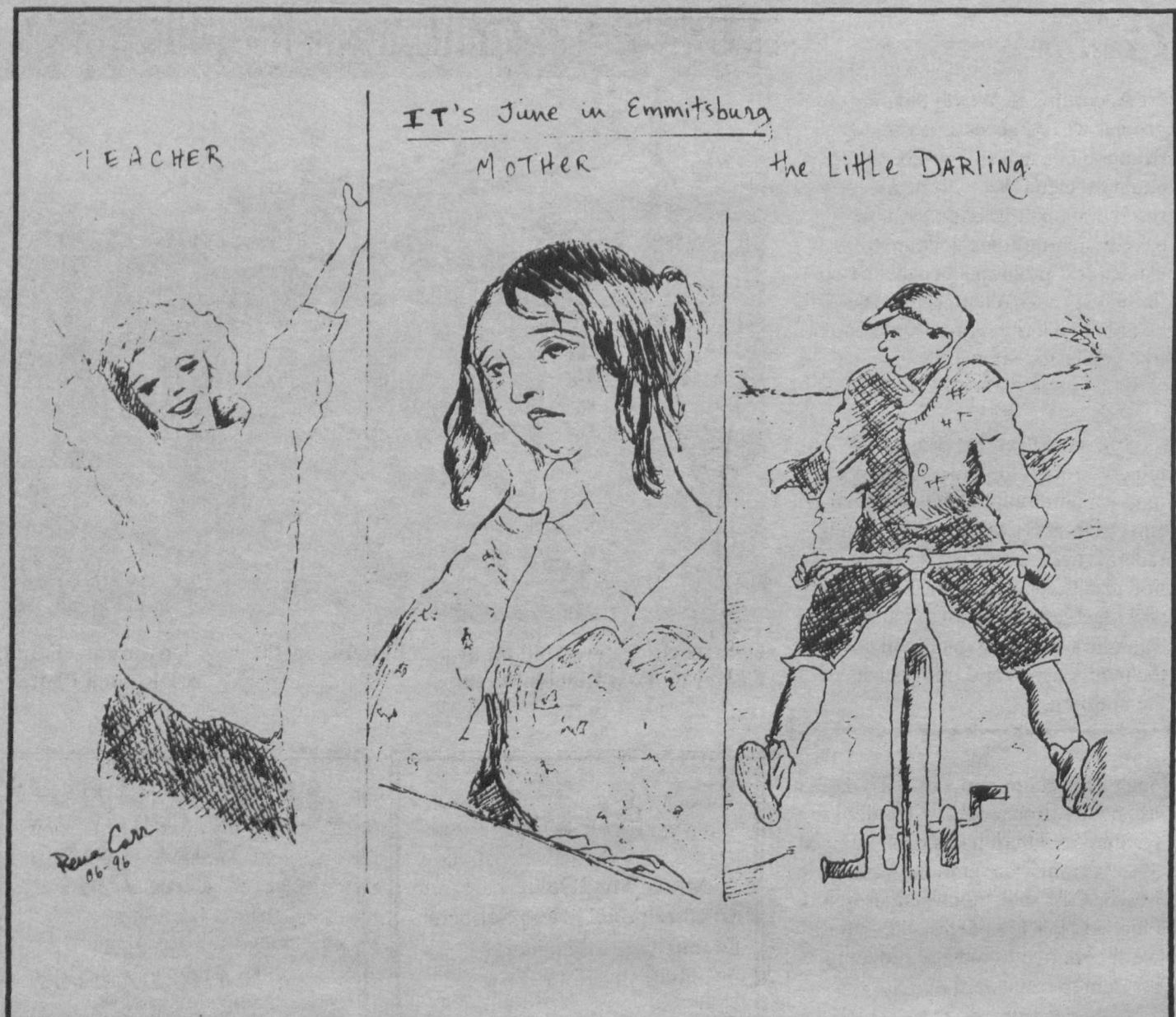
Making the start is the great and important thing.

As an evidence of its firm belief in the success of such an enterprise, *The Chronicle* will contribute twenty-five volumes of current fiction - to be selected by a committee - to the proposed library, and will join with any citizens of Emmitsburg who favor the project, in formulating plans for the establishment of the institution.

By all means let us have a library.

As the town grows, new residents may not share the history but they do share the present and future. "I am a new member of the community," said James Hoover. "When changes are made in the community I feel it is important for the town to get as much input as possible from residents who will have to live with the end results. I hope to see my efforts show other town resident that if we become involved in our community we can make a difference."

We are appreciative of all the men and women who are actively engaged in making our town a better place to live: committee members, volunteers, good neighbors.



TEACHER

IT'S June in Emmitsburg

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the Little Darling

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Commentary: Caring for the community.

Government divestment is a word that pinches small towns. Divestment is a strategy that shifts more responsibilities, along with mandates, to state and local levels in an effort to reduce the federal expenditures.

The success and effects of this federal strategy depend in a large part upon how well citizens at the local level accept or do not accept personal responsibility for the things we need and desire in our lives and in our community. At the core of this strategy are the ubiquitous and anonymously powerful "they"—as in why don't "they"... or "they" should have.

When you think about "they" in terms of government, "they" is "us"—this is apparent on the local level more than any other.

The Town Council has created advisory committees allowing more citizens to assist commissioners with their departmental duties. Members of the newly appointed Streets and Transportation Committee shared some of their thoughts regarding participation in local government.

Denise Warthen said, "My hope is that the committee can see the little things that need to be done. The things that might otherwise get overlooked. Even if the only thing the committee accomplishes is getting more people involved in our town, then it did its job."

Committee members identify their own interest with interest of their neighbors. Kenneth Howard said, "I hope that my participation with others can make a valuable input to the concerns of the town folk for whom we all owe our services."

These committees also increase the possibility of more recent residents' becoming involved in shaping the future of our town. "I have lived in Emmitsburg only a year and a half," said Patrick Sullivan. "When I first visited Emmitsburg four years ago I was impressed with the small-town beauty of it and I want to do my civic duty to help the town of Emmitsburg stay that way. I hope to be of assistance in the issues that need attention."

The Caboose Is Dedicated

"Conversation pieces" are decorative items that sit around the house waiting to fulfil their named purpose—to elicit a remark, to be an ice-breaker. There is a conversation piece of sorts in Community Park out at the Little League field. Waiting quietly to provide refreshment to hungry and thirsty players and fans, the "Caboose" sits prettily alongside the playing field with the mountains in the background.

On May 3, 1996, the "Caboose," donated to the town by Dave George, received its official blessing. Commissioners Chris Weaver and Tom Gingell, Little League president Bill Wivell, and donor Dave George cut the ribbon, ceremonially opening the refreshment stand and declaring, "Sell hot dogs."

The 40 x 12 foot renovated train car is equipped with a hot plate, snow-cone maker, and drink coolers to provide the snacks that go with Senior League baseball. Rick Krietz of the town maintenance department renovated the interior. Reckley Plumbing installed the necessary plumbing lines and Kaiser Electric did the electrical wiring. The "Caboose" has been inspected and approved by the county Health Department.

Senior League (13-18 year olds) games are held Monday -Saturday at 1:00 p.m. The Emmitsburg team will be competing in the District League which includes Brunswick, Frederick American, East Frederick, Frederick National, Thurmont, Four County, New Windsor, Taneytown, and Westminster.

All Aboard for Refreshments



The caboose, donated to the town by David George, serves as new Little League refreshment stand in Community Park. *A Dispatch Photo*

Community Center Update

Progress has been made in the process of restoring the Emmitsburg Community Center located on S. Seton Avenue. Planning and negotiations between county and town officials have been held over the past several months.

Thus far the county has committed \$600,000 to the project. The first phase of the renovations will begin this fall, focusing on elimination of the lead paint and any remaining asbestos. In order to bring the building up to the American Disabilities Act standards, there will be the installation of inside and outside elevators,

ramps, new plumbing, and new window casements.

Negotiations continue with the county concerning the town's share of costs for the second and third phases of the project.

A town and citizen campaign to raise money for the Community Center will start this fiscal year.

In addition, the Community Center will be included in the town's new Capital Improvement Program for future funding.

Northgate residents search for solution

Northgate residents continue to question the legality of using Provincial Parkway as the only construction entrance to Emmit Ridge II, a new development adjacent to the Northgate development.

At the May 15th meeting of the newly formed streets and transportation committee, Northgate resident Susan Swartz questioned how the town could have given the original developer of Emmit Ridge, W.L. DeLauter, permission to use Northgate roadways when the town had no legal jurisdiction over them. According to Swartz "I searched the documents and could find none giving the right-of-way to the developer." The committee passed a recommendation requesting that the town manager search for legal documentation showing written permission to use Provincial Parkway as a construction entrance.

Nelson Zahler, spokesman for the present developer Sunshine Management, takes the position that because the town council accepted the final plans for the development they have a legal right to use that entrance. The

plans show Provincial Parkway as the construction entrance to the new development. The town legal advisor also believes that acceptance of the final plan carries a legal right to use Provincial Parkway.

Construction continues while resolution of the issue is sought. The town council is sympathetic to the issue and has taken action to affect the safety of the situation by erecting stop signs and having police patrols to insure compliance. The developers have also expressed a desire to reduce the nuisance factor, but they have no available financing to construct an entrance on Irishtown Road which is not called for until the third phase of development of Emmit Ridge.

The Northgate residents continue pressing for the development of a second construction entrance from Irishtown Road. They feel that in effect the town is bankrolling the developers. "This issue has really touched the nerves of all the Northgate residents," said Northgate spokesman Chris Baumgardner at the May 2nd town meeting.

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Up-County Needs Muscles and Trucks

July 19, 20, & 22 are moving days for Up-County Family Center. They will move Kit & Kaboodle from S. Seton Avenue to their new location on W. Lincoln Ave. And, they need help to get the job done.

Contact anybody at Up-County to volunteer your time and energies and strong arms to move equipment, furniture and supplies. Call 447-2810.

Senior Citizen News

By Anna Margaret Martin

"June is bustin' out all over" and it is time! Can you believe that 1996 is nearly half over? Spring was short and the summer will probably be hot and humid.

But it will be cool at the Senior Citizen's Center. The air conditioners are ready for us and the fans go round and round. Now is the time to come join us for food, fellowship, and fun. We are open Mon. - Fri. from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (if a card game is not in progress it will be later) and any one 60 years of age can join us. For information call Anna Margaret at the center: 447-6253.

Activities for the month of June are as follows.

- Bingo, 1 p.m. Thursday, June 6th and 20th
- "500" Card Party, 1 p.m. Thursday, June 13th and 27th
- Frederick Shopping, 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 4th
- Meeting Day, Tuesday, June 18th with a covered dish luncheon at

12 noon. There will be a Western theme. Call for information.

▪ Evening card party, Wednesday June 26th, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. There will be refreshments available. Cost: \$2 per person. Everyone is a winner! We play "500" and Pinchole. Bring your friends and join us.

We will be going to Corney's for lunch on June 17, 19, 20, 21, and June 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. Reservations made 24 hours in advance are a must for all our meals. Transportation is available if needed and home delivered meals are available upon approval of the Commission On the Aging.

We will be raffling a knotted quilt July 5th. Stop by and take a chance, five for \$1.

Come visit us anytime and see what we have to offer and perhaps you can help us make our center a better one.

We have a trip planned to the Totem Pole Playhouse. Sat. July 20th to see the comedy "January Thaw." Call for information.

Special needlework display dated c. 1810-1840 at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

A special collection of needlework art will be exhibited in the museum at the Seton Shrine Center from May 25 through June 9, 1996. Featured will be five chenille embroideries on Japanese silk with watercolor used in the background. The embroideries are important as examples of the relatively small amount of art work done by American girls in schools in the first half of the nineteenth century.

The tradition of recording the buildings of St. Joseph's Academy in needlework pictures is thought to have been started by Mother Seton herself who was known to be proficient in ornamental needlework. Two views of St. Joseph's House, later called the "White House" and the original mother house of the Sisters of Charity, were favored by the early students of the academy. One, an embroidered view of the first building built for the school; the other, a dis-

tant view of the school painted in the background of mourning embroidery.

The pictorial embroideries were by students and teachers at St. Joseph's Academy established by Mother Seton in 1810. This school for girls marked the beginning of the parochial school system in the United States.

Visitors will be welcome from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Shrine, 333 South Seton Avenue, on the grounds of the Provincial House of the Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg. The Visitor Center, the Basilica, and the Seton Museum, as well as buildings which date back to Mother Seton's lifetime: i.e., the Stone House, where she first lived and the White House in which she opened the first parish school in the United States on February 22, 1810, will also be opened for visitors. There is no admission fee and there is ample parking available.

On A Sentimental Journey



The Emmitsburg Community Chorus: First row (left to right): Susan Allen, Phyllis Nowell, Janet Utz, Anna M. Martin, Becky Thompson, Sister Mary Louise Brown, Fifi Grenchick. Second row: Director Sandy Soffe, Anne Aden, Ellie Davis, Rose Keepers, Margaret Franklin, Frankie Fields, Vickie Novak, Ledlie Cunningham, Mary Ann Gill, accompanist Pat McElroy. Third row: Harry Brooks, Bill Riffle, Ken Fields, Harold Ditzler, Bill Ruppert, Tom Grenchik. Absent from Photo: President Clifford Sweeney, Shannon Boyle, and Edie Long. Photo courtesy of Jay Allen

Emmitsburg Community Chorus
By Sue Allen

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus will sing in concert on Sunday, June 23, in the Parish Hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 3:15 p.m. The chorus is led by Sandy Soffe, who selected the theme, "Sentimental Journey," and the songs for this spring program.

In choosing the music for the concert, Sandy was guided in part by the enthusiastic audience response to last year's program, which featured "tried and true" melodies from a variety of Broadway musicals. Many of the song standards from the heyday of Broadway, and the early days of radio and recording, are no longer heard on radio and television, but are loved by those who grew up with them. As Sandy said recently, "I learned them from my mom, who sang them to my brother and me when we were kids. And it's important to perform this music, not just for those who already know and love it, but to bring back the songs for those who have never heard them before."

With this in mind, the chorus will present selections which reflect and represent different eras of 'pop' music of the 20th century. The opening number will be "Sentimental Journey" from the "big band" decades. Written in 1944 by Bud Green, Les Brown (of the "band of renown:") and Ben Homer, this song speaks of renewing old memories. With that theme in place, the chorus will take the audience back in time to the popular tunes of the early 1900's, and then move forward through music of the middle decades. From "The Good Old Summertime" of 1902, through "Stardust" all the way to "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," we think you will recognize many of these songs and enjoy them all. John Soffe will provide a narrative accompaniment that will weave a little music history into your appreciation of the melody lines, while Pat McElroy will accompany the chorus at the piano.

Please make note of the slight change in the time of the concert: it will begin at 3:15 p.m. Mark your calendars now so you can join the Emmitsburg Community Chorus on their "Sentimental Journey" on June 23rd. ALL ABOARD!

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You can now e-mail us directly. So, go ahead. Jot down a few thoughts, comments, news stories or ideas, whatever you want, and send it to us at our new e-mail address: bojean@juno.com.

The Emmitsburg Visitor Center Open For Business

by Linda Postelle

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association with the support of the Emmitsburg Historical Society has begun to staff the Visitor Center in the Emmitsburg Community Center Building. Almost thirty volunteers have signed up to staff the center for a two-hour period each month. Currently, we are open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

The Visitor Center has a collection of donated items which relate to the town's history as well as maps and brochures of the area. Several tours have been planned for the volunteers to help them become more familiar with Emmitsburg. A group tour of Main Street was held Sunday afternoon, April 28 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

using the Emmitsburg Walking Tour pamphlet as a guide. Several people on the tour had grown up in Emmitsburg and it was fun to listen to their comments.

The next tour will be Sunday, July 21, at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, beginning at 2:15 p.m. Tours planned for the future include Mount St. Mary's College and the National Fire Academy. Other suggestions are welcome.

We have room for many more volunteers and we are interested in having the center open as much as possible. The response has been delightful in the number of visitors who have noticed our "OPEN" sign and have dropped in. For more information please contact LINDA POSTELLE at 447-1666.

Summer Reading Adventures at Emmitsburg Branch Library

Summer Quest....

The summer reading adventures at the Emmitsburg Library will begin June 1. Sign up to take part in this adventure. Special programs are taking place at FCPL branches throughout the county. Every child who registers receives a passport and earns stickers by reading books. To complete the quest, readers need to read 10 books during the summer, while pre-readers listen to 20. The theme of this summer's program is life on the Chesapeake Bay. Look for special storytimes, contest, and reading incentives.

Priscilla Cummings, author of Chadwick the Crab books, kicked off Summer Quest on June 1 by appearing at C. Burr Artz Central Library, Emmitsburg Branch and Middletown Branch. Chadwick came with her while she talked about her books.

Cummings has written a series of children's books featuring animals of the Chesapeake Bay in entertaining dilemmas. Read about a great blue heron who can't straighten his neck, a Delmarva fox squirrel who discovers she is on the endangered species list, and Chadwick's other friends and neighbors.

Summer Stories for ages 3-6

begins June 6 on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Stories and activities will have different themes every week. For more information about summer programs at Emmitsburg Branch Library, call 447-2682.



Volunteer book-movers needed

Spring is for weeding and packing boxes! Seven thousand books have not circulated in four years and they must go. The library staff is looking for volunteer book movers and packers to help get the books ready for the move. Check it out and maybe even buy a book or two for your home library.

Ambulance company simulates emergencies



Suspended from the Community Center, Frederick County Advanced Technical Rescue Team members Laura Fouche, left, and Rick Hartle demonstrate a "high-angle pick-off" which can be used to rescue climbers and hikers. Photo courtesy of Robert Rosensteel

Members of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company demonstrated the teamwork of EMS providers Sunday afternoon, May 19th, in conjunction with National Emergency Medical Services Week. The event was held at the ambulance company's headquarters at Cedar and South Seton avenues.

In one simulation, personnel rescued hikers from "Mount Emmitsburg" (the Community Center). One of the hikers had fallen and required special attention.

In another staged incident, a narrator described what was happen-

ing while crews extricated and treated people injured after a bus had plowed through a crowd of pedestrians. Special efforts were needed to remove one person from a car.

There were blood pressure screenings, first aid and CPR demonstrations, and a K-9 unit from the Frederick Co. Sheriff's office on hand. The Drug Awareness Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) also made a presentation.

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Cub Scouting comes back to Emmitsburg

The first question has to be "Why?" Why would a mother engaged in rearing her own family, pursuing a career as an attorney practicing in the State's Attorney office, involved in Little League, and a major in the Air Force Reserve want to take on the responsibilities of scoutmaster for Cub Scout pack 1060? Not only why, but how?

Nancy Baumgardner's immediate response to "Why" was that it partially ties in with her job working in the State's Attorney office. "I believe when children are involved in wholesome activities when they are young they will be less likely to become a problem in the future," she said.

How does she do it? With help from friends, volunteers, parents, and especially John Gregorovich and Ken Dougherty who serve as den leaders. Emmitsburg V.F.W. Post 6658 is the corporate sponsor and has ensured



Scoutmaster Nancy Baumgardner with members of Cub Scout pack 1060. A Dispatch Photo

that all of the boys will get *Boys' Life*, the official scouting magazine. Long-time scout and scoutmaster Rodney Willard, who now resides in

Emmitsburg, serves as the District representative for the Capital Area of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Cub Scout pack consists of 20

boys who are grouped into two dens. Each den meets separately once a month and the pack meets monthly at the Emmitsburg Elementary School from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Parents take turns providing refreshment. The boys are working on certification as Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, and Webelo. "Basically, this covers boys in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th grades," said Scoutmaster Baumgardner. "We will start with the Cub Scouts and hope to grow with them into becoming full-fledged Boy Scouts."

Normally scouting slows down during the summer months, but Cub Scout pack 1060 will meet all summer. They will be involved in such activities as treasure hunts, bowling, a nature hike at Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve, and participating in the Pinewood Derby. Parents interested in having their child participate can contact John Winston (694-3736) or John Gregorovich (717-762-0805). The cost of joining is \$2 per month.



Den leaders Ken Dougherty (left) and John Gregorovich listen as Patrick Hathaway reads his letter to a serviceman. A Dispatch Photo

At their May meeting, the Cub Scouts wrote letters to members of the armed services serving in Bosnia. When finished each boy read his letter to the pack.

"I'm in Cub Scout Pack 1060. My name is Patrick Hathaway. I hope you're doing good. Is it nice there? It is good here, it is nice and hot. I'm 7 and 3/4. I hope you like this letter. Thank you for helping people. Your friend, Patrick Hathaway. P.S. My Grandfather was in the Vietnam War.

Dear Sailor, Thank you for helping the world. Thank you for risking your life for our peace and safety. We are proud of you. - Joshua Stinnett.

Dear Sailor, I am on the Astro

minor league team. I am in the second grade. There is a carnival in town. Thank you for protecting us. Could you send me a picture of your ship? Stay safe, Joey Vitale

Dear Sailor, I am going to be in the navy. I want to know is it fun. I am a Cub Scout. The carnival is in town. I'm going on Wednesday. Thank you for helping other countries. Can you give me a picture of the ship? Your fan, Ben Rose. P.S. Good luck and thank you.

Dear Sailor, I hope you help your country. My name is Jack D. I am a

Knights of Columbus Sponsor Squires

The Emmitsburg Knights of Columbus Council #1860 is sponsoring a chapter of Columbian Squires, the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus. According to Patrick Sullivan, Sr., adult leader of the group, the Squires will provide for boys 12-18 years of age activities structured towards developing Catholic values, building self-confidence and self-esteem, and encouraging leadership in the community. At the present time there are 13 members of the organization which meets every other Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus hall on the square

Sullivan, a retired police sergeant from Putnam, Ct., now lives in Em-

mit Gardens. Sullivan's interest in developing youth stems from his experiences of working with troubled youth. "Many times I've faced the parents of kids asking 'Where did I go wrong?' The focus of the group will be to keep them drug free and use peer pressure to help kids fight back," Sullivan said.

The local chapter of the Squires was installed on the 25th of May at St. Joseph's Church in Emmitsburg. The national organization was founded in 1925 by Brother Barnabus and adopted as the official youth group of the Knights of Columbus. For more information contact Patrick Sullivan, Sr. at 447-3782.

Cub Scout. I am a Wolf Cub. It is carnival week. It is hot here. Thank you for helping your country. Love, Jack. P.S. I'm sending this letter for one reason. It is I like you.

Hi, How are you doing? Me just fine. I am six. I am a tiger cub. Thanks for helping protecting people. Justin Sizemore. P.S. Hope you are OK and safe.

Hi, My name is Logan Strehle. What are you doing? I'm going to the carnival tomorrow. Is there one there? Bye, Logan Strehle. P.S. Thank you for protecting us.

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Little League News

By Marta Hillis

The school year is quickly coming to an end. Any student (or teacher) can tell you the number of days remaining until summer vacation. The Emmitsburg 1996 baseball/softball season is also moving along quickly. May 20th marked the end of the first half of the 20-game season for our six Little League teams. As you can see the standings are incomplete because of games postponed due to uncooperative weather.

Players from each division (T-ball, minor, major, softball, and senior league) all seem to be enjoying themselves on the ball field. Remember that volunteers are still needed this season. If you haven't yet volunteered, do it now!

Our Little League program has grown tremendously in a few short years. To run a positive, effective program of this size for our area youth, each person must be willing to do a fair share of the work.

A gentle reminder to parents of "visiting" teams (those listed first on the game schedule,) you are responsible for working in the concession stand. Remember, Saylor's Stand provides the League's primary income. The children would certainly miss those "after-the-game" snow cones if

we had to close down for lack of workers.

The parents of the "home" team are being asked to operate our new electric scoreboard from the press box—it's the best seat in the house. Please sign up with your child's team manager to help out!

Our umpire list has dwindled since the beginning of the season. If you are interested in umpiring a game or two, contact Bill or Roy Wivell.

Hats off to several super volunteers Loretta Adelsberger, Lisa Krom, Bill & Rachel Wivell for overseeing the daily operations of Saylor's Stand when Mr. Bob Saylor was hospitalized recently. Thanks for your help.

A big thank you also to the car wash workers and customers and to all who participated in the Joe Corbi's pizza fundraiser. All support given to Emmitsburg Little League is greatly appreciated. See you at the ballfield.

Standings (as of 5/20)

	Wins	Losses
Giants	9	1
Red Sox	5	4
Yankees	4	5
Dodgers	4	6
Cardinals	3	4
Orioles	1	8

If The Shoe Fits . . .

This poem was found in Saylor's Stand at Memorial Park.

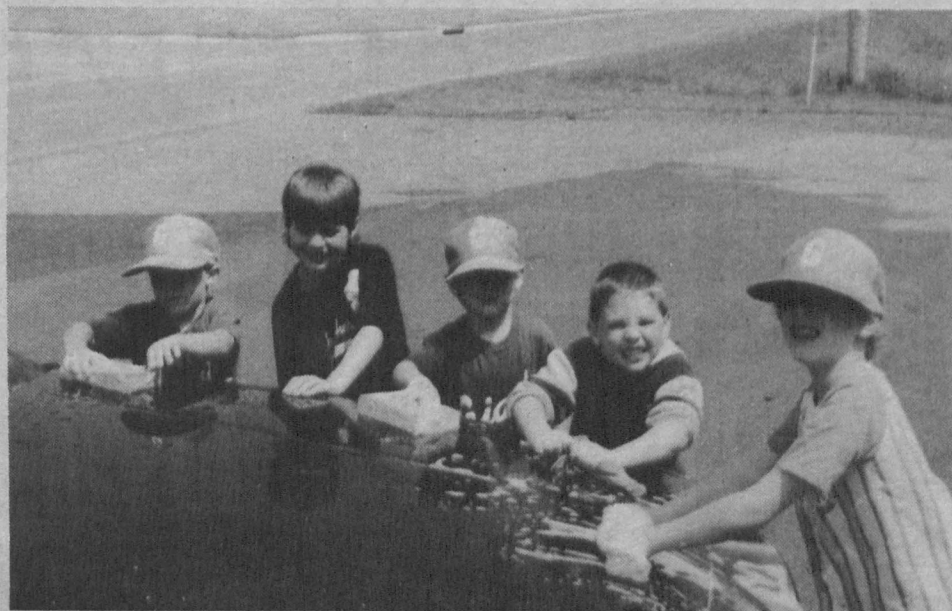
Please don't curse that boy down there;
He is my son, you see:
He's only just a boy you know,
He means the world to me.
I did not raise my son, dear fan;
For you to call him names:
He may not be a super-star,
For these are only games.
So, please don't knock those boys down there,
They do the best they can:

They've never tried to lose a game,
They're boys, and you're a man.
This game belongs to them, you see,
You're really just a guest;
They do not need a fan that gripes
They need the very best.
If you have nothing nice to say,
Please leave the boys alone,
And, if you've forgot your manners,
Why don't you stay at home?
So, please don't curse those boys down there,
Each one's his parents' son,
And win or lose or tie, you see,
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CAR WASHING MACHINES



Scrub a dub dub, Five T-ballers in a tub! From left Justin Shank, Amanda Sweeney, Chad Sweeney, Matthew Bollinger, and Jason Poole wash away. A Dispatch Photo

"T-ballers" learn there is no such thing as a free lunch. On Saturday, May 16th, players not actively participating in a game were detailed to the parking lot of Quality Tire Service to wash cars, raising funds to support their activities.

This reporter is happy to note that these kids wash cars much in the same manner as they play ball—free-form. One fell into a 5 gallon pail...

don't ask.

It was a treat to watch them attack the car, sponges in hand (the adults retained command of the water hose) foam flying, washing the parts too low for most of us to reach without danger of a back spasm. They were very enthusiastic and the nice part was you got a clean car and didn't have to take them home.

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Saturday, June 8th

Shrimp & Chicken Feed by the Sons of American Legion Post 121, at Kumps Dam Park on Harney Road. Cost: \$13 per person, tickets on sale at the Legion home. Starts 1 p.m. Barbeque Chicken, Steamed Shrimp, Baked Beans, Hot Dogs, Munchies, Drinks, Music. No carry outs.

Tuesday, June 11

Health Department Clinic Services at the Emmitsburg Community Center. Immunizations, smoking cessation, women's breast and cervical cancer program, & Kids Count.

Friday, June 14

Flag Day celebration at Emmitsburg's Memorial Park, 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Sunday, June 23

Emmitsburg Community Chorus "Sentimental Journey" Concert, 3:15 p.m. at the Parish Hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, featuring 'pop' music from the 20th century.

Wednesday, June 26

The Emmitsburg Senior Citizens card party, 6:30 p.m., at the Senior Center, 300 South Seton Avenue. IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Pinochle and 500 will be played. Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$2. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 447-6253 between 10 a.m. and 2. p.m.

Wednesday, June 26

Health Department Clinic Services at the Emmitsburg Community Center. Women's Health Clinic. For more information call 694-1733.

Sunday, June 30

Family reunion: George and Rose Andrew family reunion, 12 p.m. at Thurmont Town Park, small pavillon. Bring covered dish and family place setting.

14th Annual

COMMUNITY DAY

Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Emmitsburg Branch Library

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July 6, 1996

FOOD -- 10 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

Chicken barbecue, soft drinks, ice cream sandwiches, hot dogs.

GAMES -- 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Greased pig, egg toss, pie & watermelon, sack race, diaper derby, tug-of-war.

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Register from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Competition starts at 1 p.m. Fee \$5.00 per person (100% prize return plus trophies) "The only game in town where close counts."

GOLF CONTEST -- Closest to the pin. Cash prizes.

EMMITSBURG MILE RUN -- Pre-registration forms at Emmitsburg Library. All runners under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the entry form. Entry fee \$2.00 over 18, \$1 for all the others. For information call Larry Noel at 447-4444.

PARADE -- 6 P.M. TO 7 P.M. Start at the Doughboy on W. Main Street to DePaul to E. Main to Square to Community Center. Those who would like to participate contact John Sanders at 447-3638.

PROGRAM -- 90th Anniversary of the Emmitsburg Branch Library

Master of Ceremonies Jim Hahn, President., Speaker: Sheila J. Chatlos, V.F.W. & American Legion Color Guard to present colors.

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Yet encapsulated within Washington are sites that are on a more human scale - places where one can enjoy the combination of the beauty of nature and creative design of man's mind. Washington is filled with islands of imaginative and beautiful use of the

If you love plants - are open to their beauty, structure, and purpose - and enjoy design with plants, the arboretum is a place for you to visit.

palette of nature.

The National Arboretum is one of these. Its gardens and parks give us the opportunity for pure enjoyment, learning, and quiet meditation. There are pastoral vistas painted with trees and shrubs and delightfully accented with flowering plants. This is of course a personal response. You will have to judge for yourself.

If you love plants - are open to their beauty, structure, and purpose - and enjoy design with plants, the arboretum in Washington, D. C. is a place for you to visit. In time it is about 1 1/2 hours away, costing only the gasoline you burn and the size of the picnic lunch you pack.

The National Arboretum is a research facility and a living museum. Its mission is to provide education, and to conserve and display trees, shrubs, and other plants to enhance the environment. The arboretum represents a partnership between the federal government and the scientific community, other arboreta and botanical gardens, and private groups. At the arboretum they develop improved landscape plants and new propagation and cultivation techniques through scientific research, educational pro-

grams, and display gardens.

"Gardens" is the key word - 10 miles of paved roads leading to new surprises, paths meandering among the trees, meadows that invite one just to stroll. Formal and informal designs create a world not usually associated with Washington the land of bureaucratic gridlock and terrible traffic. It is a place you wish were your

backyard which you can share with others who appreciate the beauty of the plants. Time takes on the tempo of the plants. When you get there ask for Carl—he may be one of the staff of 90, or he may be one of the 125 volunteer, not important. He represents the spirit of the entire arboretum.

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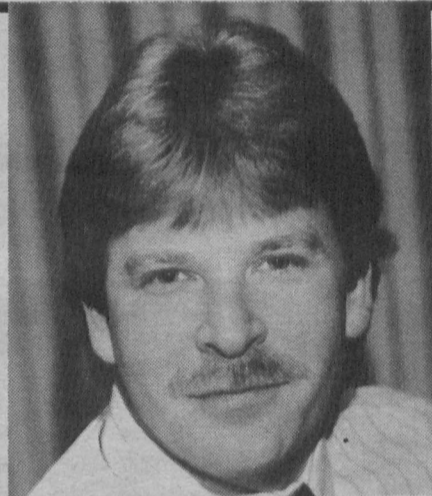
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(graduated *cum laude*); William C. Kuhn III; James F. LaCroce; Jennifer M. Ryan; Susanne K. Schwam (graduated *magna cum laude*); and Elliott E. Smith, Jr. (graduated *summa cum laude*).

The commencement speaker was Dr. Blanche Bourne-Tyree of Frederick, a retired pediatrician and Washington, D.C., public health offi-

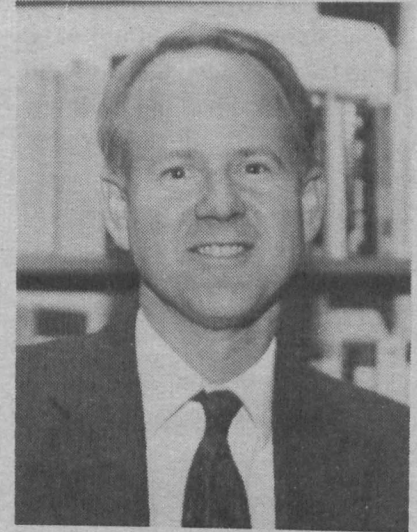
cial, who was the first woman (and first African American woman) from Frederick County to receive an M.D. degree.

The Mount awarded her the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Congratulations

Appointments at Mount

Dr. William Craft, professor of English, has been named the new Dean of Undergraduate Studies at MSM, and Dr. Byron Stay, professor of rhetoric and writing, has been reappointed Associate Dean of the College.



Dr. William Craft

Craft, who joined the Mount faculty in 1980, previously chaired the English Department, worked to revise the English major and helped mold the Mount's nationally recognized core curriculum. He is a former chair of the faculty.

Craft is a graduate of Westminster College in Pennsylvania, and he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Dr. Byron Stay

Stay initially was appointed to the position of associate dean last summer for a one-year term.

He also joined the faculty in 1980 and was director of the Writing Center when it received a Distinguished Program Award from the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

Stay is a graduate of Seattle Pacific College. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of Delaware.

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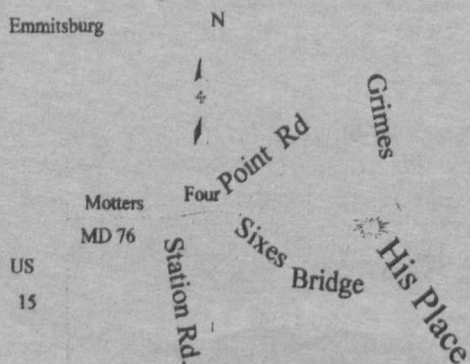
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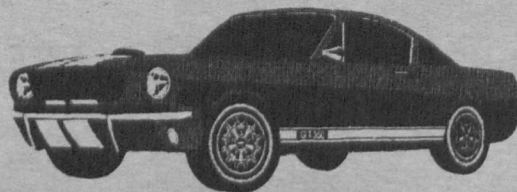
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Down Main Street

The silvered winter sun filters through the casement windows of my green salon and starts its descent in the west, exactly as it did over 50 years ago through the windows of Miss Alice Taney's living room that overlooked the paddock. These rays provoke a nostalgia for a place I call home—Emmitsburg. There must be some left who can recall persons and places long gone or changed. So I ask you to take a stroll down Main Street from the west to the east, circa 1940. These are my memories

Start at the Doughboy, with the large brick colonial behind that was Dr. Beegle's chiropractic office. Just on the right was the large home of the Hayes. Mr. Hayes was in the plumbing business and Mrs. Hayes was my Girl Scout leader. I think they had some sort of electrical shop across the street. Go down a bit further on the right and Frailey's store was on the corner—a relic of another era. Wooden exterior of faded blue; and inside, twisting wooden stools, overhead fans, fly-specked glass cases, and the rich aromas of cheeses, fresh sausage, and old fashioned candies. In the back on the right was a creaky wooden stairs to the 2nd floor that housed toys (especially wagons) for Christmas. Mr. Frailey always had on a crushed brown fedora and a bloody white apron. The neatest thing was that you could call Frailey's by cranking your phone so many times, place an order, and then have it delivered to your house. Bud Warthen made a delivery to our home daily. Early one evening while he awaited payment for the goods, he said to us children with a great twinkle in his eye, "Eat your good grub." All I can recall is the "good grub" was something foul like rice and raisins.

Back to Main Street. Across from Frailey's on the left side was Dr. Cadle's office, scene of my first medical trauma. Dr. Cadle always welcomed you to the door and ushered you in. What was deceptive was that it looked like a charming home from the outside, but off the foyer inside was a chamber of horrors with a black table and alarming medicinal scents, where people could hold you down with their adult weight, while stitches were put into your head. Dr. Cadle was a thin, elegant gentleman who by some artistry left the victim feeling his "assistants" were the bad guys. I was never afraid to go there.

At this spot, I will desist and see

what characters and places can be conjured up for a future edition of the Dispatch.

The writer, our mysterious foreign correspondent, now lives in Europe and is a regular reader of the Dispatch and would like to share some memories, yet wishes to remain anonymous.

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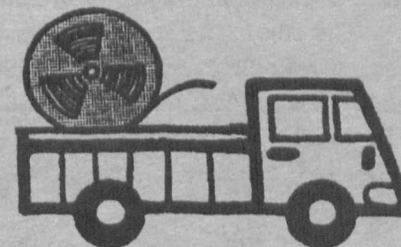
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Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

Mt. Tabor Family Night was held May 9. The welcome was given by Burneda Russell. Vernon Keilholtz gave the invocation. Everyone enjoyed a covered dish meal with many delicious foods. This was followed by a magic show given by Joe Allen and Sarah. The door prize and many flowers were given by drawing numbers from the tickets. The committee responsible for organizing the event consisted of Carolyn Keilholtz, Chairman; Nancy Summers, Co-Chairman; Kathy Wolfe; Gloria Frushour; Dorothy Wiley; and Burneda Russell. The evening was closed with a prayer.

Quilt chances are still available for the Dresden Plate quilt. The drawing will be held at the Big Picnic festival, August 10th.

A special birth announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sanders became the parents of a daughter at 7:45 a.m., May 22. Mackenzie Emma Sanders weighed 7 lbs. 14 ounces and is 20 inches long. Jimmy and Hedi live in North Carolina. Many folk from this area know Jimmy. He returns to this area each year for the Big Picnic, and is planning to attend again this year.

Opens store

Dawn Hobbs, Rocky Ridge, has opened the Mount Shadow Craft and Supplies store in Thurmont.

Surprise party

Family and friends gathered together for a surprise anniversary party for Ray and Idabelle Lescalleet on Sunday, March 24th at the Rocky Ridge Fire Hall to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. A beautiful tribute was given them by their daughter Alice Eyer. Many nice and useful gifts were received.

Church of the Brethren News & Events

On Sunday, June 9th, there will be a guest speaker. On Saturday, June 22, members of the church will be going by bus to Sight and Sound to see "Noah." On Sunday, June 23, there will be the Children's Day service.

Correction: Regina Dinterman's birthday is in August, not May; sorry about the mistake.

Happy Birthday Chris Wiles, Verna Keeney, Michael Harris, Sr., Katie Burrier, Lindsey Greene, Annabell Houck, Shirley Sharrer, Daniel Hobbs, and Tracey Eyer.

Belated Birthday wishes to Erin Hobbs.

Happy Anniversary to Rosie and Eugene Stambaugh, Josie and Richard

St. Anthony/OLMC New

By Ann Marshall

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE for June, July, and August.

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony's (Confessions at St. Anthony's 4:14 p.m.)
Sunday: 7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's, 8:15 a.m. Mass at Mt. Carmel, 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's, 11:00 a.m. Mass at Mt. Carmel.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for both parishes is July 15-19, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 a.m. daily at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center in Thurmont. The program includes a visit to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine and Basilica and the week will end with Mass at the Grotto at Mt. St. Mary's College. Anyone able to provide transportation for either trip is asked to contact Kathy Cashiola at 447-2367.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS from both parishes are currently conducting a food drive which will continue through June 16. On June 22, as part of their community service

Dinterman.

The **Glass reunion** will be held Sunday, June 9, at the Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge.

The **Tractor Pull** will be held July 6, starting at 10 a.m. at Mt. Tabor Park. Breakfast will be served at 6 a.m.

work, the group will prepare and serve a meal to nearly 80 homeless people at the Frederick Union Rescue Mission. Donations of Jello, fruit cocktail, canned fruit, baked beans, Rice Krispie cereal, marshmallow cream, and brownie, cake, and icing mixes are very welcome. Cash donations are always helpful.

CONGRATULATIONS to Cheryl and Robber Lebosky whose daughter, Danielle Rose Lebosky, was baptized into the Catholic faith on May 26, 1996.

THE YOUNG PARISH MEMBER WHO RECEIVED THEIR FIRST COMMUNION IN MAY are: St. Anthony Shrine Kelliann Caufield, Christopher Kubala, Rebecca Peters, Renee Seiss, Joseph Vitale, Christina Walter. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Rebecca Cuddahee, Connie Cuddahee, Ramona Cuddahee, Adam Delauter, Ashley Favorite, Elsie Hawkins, Kyle Hillard, Jesse Johnson, Andrew Kokoski, Jennifer Krebs, Alex Lenhart, Travis Martin, Cassandra Ridgway, Sebastian Sluga, Bradley Smith, Michael Topper, Taryn Wiggins.

Church Festival: The Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ will hold a festival July 27th at Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge. Good food available: soups, sandwiches, pies, ice cream, etc. Games, giant sliding board. Fancy table. Music will be provided by the Kramer family.

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What is Domestic Violence?

Kim Scott, Community Educator,
Hearty House

Recently it seems we have been seeing and hearing a lot about domestic violence, but has all this attention helped us to understand the problem any better? What do we know about domestic violence? According to the FBI, domestic violence is the most frequently occurring violent crime in this country—an incident of battering is reported every 15 seconds. The National Institute of Health has declared that the number one health problem of women is battering. Every year at least two million American women are battered by their partners.

Who is battered? Rural and urban women, children, and even men, of all religious, ethnic, economic, educational backgrounds; of varying ages, physical abilities, and lifestyles are the victims. We know that the vast majority of battering victims are women, but there is no "typical battered person." It can happen to anyone—your neighbor, your family member, your friend—YOU.

It is important to remember that abuse comes in many forms - it is possible to be abused even if you have never been hit. Abuse may be "mild" (occasional verbal or emotional abuse, intimidation, shoves, etc.), or severe (including beatings, rape, and murder).

Every relationship has problems and even the most loving family has arguments, but there is a big difference between an argument and abuse. Sometimes it is hard to define battering. We often think of battering as the use of physical violence, yet it is clear many forms of abuse are not physical. Even words can be very hurtful and do a lot of damage. Physical violence leaves visible bruises. The scars of emotional abuse are not initially apparent, but the pain goes much deeper. And while people can survive emotional abuse, their self-esteem often does not.

So how can you tell the difference between an argument and abuse? Ask yourself the following questions: 1. When your partner is angry are you afraid? 2. Does he say hurtful things, hurt you physically, or

threaten you? 3. Is your partner very jealous and possessive? Does he keep you from spending time with friends and/or family? 4. Do you spend a lot of time watching for your partner's bad and not-so-bad moods? 5. Do you feel pressured or even forced to participate in sex? 6. Have you lost confidence in your abilities, become increasingly depressed, and/or feel trapped or powerless? If you an-

swered YES to any of these questions, you have probably been abused.

Abusive behavior tends to become worse over time. What starts as put-downs, insults, or yelling can escalate to threats and pushing and eventually to dangerous physical violence. If any form of abuse has occurred in your relationship, you should be on the alert for it to happen again. You should also know that you do not deserve to be abused. You are not responsible for your partner's

behavior. Batterers often blame their partners for the abuse. While you may provoke another person's anger, you are never responsible for his/her actions.

Almost all our behaviors are choices and a person can choose to walk away from an argument just as he or she can choose to become abusive. Some people have not learned any other way to cope with their anger, but this still does not excuse battering. (Please see next page.)

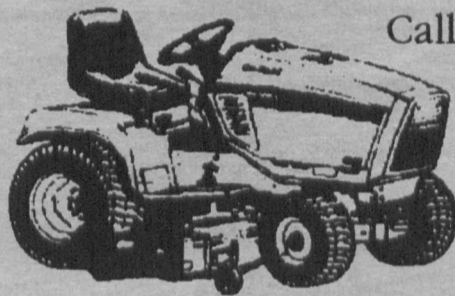
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If you are abused or if you think someone you care about is in an abusive relationship, there is help available. One way to begin to help yourself (or someone else) is to change some of the messages you give yourself. You do have a right to a life free of fear and free of verbal, emotional, and physical abuse. Tell yourself (or your loved one) that you do not deserve this kind of treatment. You can not change the batterer's behavior, but you can start giving your-

self positive messages.

Another way to help yourself is to talk with others who understand domestic violence. Heartly House is Frederick County's only domestic violence program and has a 24-hour hotline. Call collect if you need to; the hotline workers understand domestic violence issues. Having an understanding person to talk to can help you sort out your options. Heartly House also offers emergency shelter, counseling, support groups, legal ad-

vocacy, referrals, and medical accompaniment. The services are confidential and the fees are based on a sliding scale.

Often the first step to change is telling someone about the problem. It may be hard to talk about the abuse, but if you do you will experience a sense of relief. Remember **NO ONE DESERVES TO BE ABUSED.** For more information about Heartly House programs call 662-8800 or the CASS office at 447-3611.

Mt. Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

Summer temperatures might not make you think of quilts, but working on quilts in summer does have advantages. There's no need to hurry; you can work in the shade outdoors or inside with a fan or AC turned on. You can take piecwork with you on trips to relax from the frenzy of rushing from one tourist spot to another. And if you are visiting many relatives and old friends, and you are tired from hearing about Junior Bob and Aunt Sadie for the umpteenth time, get out the piecwork and the conversation will change.

Here at Rocky Ridge, our quilters continue to meet on Tuesdays all summer. This year our main goal is to complete the Dresden Plate quilt we donated to the two church councils. They are now selling tickets for a drawing for the lucky quilt owner in August. A booth will be set up at the Strawberry Festival June 1 at Mt. Tabor Park.

Our other project is completion of as many "charity" quilts as possible. When completed, these covers are donated to people who have suffered catastrophic losses.

We are happy that Marie Stambaugh and Isabel Mathias are able to join us now and that Pauline Duble can make it on a part-time basis.

Although we are affiliated with Mt. Tabor Churches, we are community oriented. We love to have visitors (and help) on Quilt Tuesdays.

Blood donations now tested for HIV antigen

Gettysburg, PA - According to Dr. Yu-Wen Chang, medical director of The Gettysburg Hospital's laboratory, the American Red Cross has begun to test all newly donated blood components for the HIV-1 p24 antigen, effective March 15, 1996. HIV-1 is the agent which causes AIDS.

"The HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody testing that is currently in use reduces the risk of transfusion-transmitted HIV infection to 1 in every 420,000 units of blood. The added HIV p24 antigen testing further reduces the risk to 1 in every 676,000 units of blood," explained Chang. "This is accomplished by detecting HIV-infected donors during the window period when HIV-1/HIV-2 antibodies are still negative," he stated. "Therefore, it increases the safety of the blood for our community."

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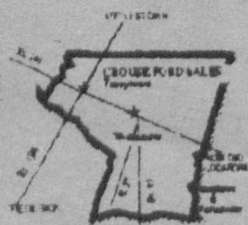
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Obituaries

Mr. Lewis Robert Kengla

Mr. Louis Robert "Bud" Kengla, 85, of Old Frederick Road, Emmitsburg, died Monday April 29, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

He was the husband of Elizabeth Alleman Kengla, whom he married in 1947. Born Feb. 16, 1911, in Washington, D.C. he was a son of the late Thomas G. and Mary Sneider Kengla.

He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He graduated from Business High School in Washington and attended Maryland University while working for Washington Gas & Light Co.

As vice president and sales manager of Air Comfort Corp. in Washington, he attended night school for five years to graduate at the National Law School.

After World War II, he established his own business, Kengla Flag Co. in Washington, which he operated for 24 years. His son now owns and manages the company. Always fond of horses and horseback riding, Bud owned several horses while living in Olney and enjoyed riding in the Goshen Fox Hunt.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Robert Alleman Kengla of Bethesda and a sister, Mary Louise Martin of Olney. A memorial service were held May 3, at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. The Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiated.

Sister Mary Joseph Smith

Sister Mary Joseph Smith, 83, of S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, died Wednesday, May 1, 1996, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg, Md. Born February 16, 1913, she was a daughter of the late Joseph S. and Mary Gertrude Walter Smith.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 3, with a Mass of Christian Burial at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md., with her pastor Rev. Walter Menig as the celebrant. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, Md.

Mr. George Martins

Mr. George E. Martins, 75, of St. Anthony's Road, Thurmont, died Sunday, May 12, at his home. He was the husband of Ruth C. Miller Martins, who died Feb. 12, 1996.

Born Sept. 2, 1920, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Thomas H. and Rose C. Bailey Martins.

Mr. Martins was a private first class in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion Francis X. Elder Post 121 of Emmitsburg.

Surviving are two children, Susan D. Ott and husband Steve of Emmitsburg, and Jeffrey W. Martins and wife Brenda of Emmitsburg; three grandchildren, Ryan Ott, Crystal Martins and Ashley Martins, all of Emmitsburg; and two sisters, Marie Berger of Baltimore and Helen Mooney of Stuartstown, Pa.

Mr. Martins was preceded in death by a son, John J. Martins; a granddaughter, Rene Lynne Ott; and a brother, Thomas J. Martins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 15, with a Mass of Resurrection at St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Leo R. Tittler as celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home.

Mrs. Estella Shriner

Mrs. Estella Margaret Kreitz Shriner, 86, of 14123 Graceham Road, Graceham, died Wednesday, May 15, at home.

Born Dec. 21, 1909, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Robert Francis and Mary Cooke Krietz.

Mrs. Shriner was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Thurmont. She was also a member of the Edwin C. Creeger Jr. Post 168, American Legion ladies auxiliary, Thurmont for 45 years. She was one of the oldest members of the auxiliary.

Surviving are six children: Margaret Sweeney and husband Harold of Thurmont, Francis Shriner and wife Doris of Thurmont, Pauline Clabaugh and husband Eugene of Gettysburg, Pa., Ruth Wagerman and husband Kenneth of Fairfield, Pa., Kenneth Shriner of Thurmont, and Martha Toms and husband Ronald of Thurmont; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one sister, Nita Hahn of New Oxford, Pa.; one brother, Otto Kreitz of Spokane, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by many brothers and sisters and a grandson, Billy Wagerman; a granddaughter, Peggy Shriner Just, and a great-grandson, Sean Wagerman.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, St. Anthony's Road, Emmitsburg, MD., with the Rev. Leo R. Tittler as celebrant. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home.

Mr. James Topper, Jr.

Mr. James Lewis Topper Jr., 79, formerly of Emmitsburg, died Friday, May 17, at his residence on Sunset Valley Drive, Sykesville.

He was born Nov. 23, 1916, in Emmitsburg, a son of the late James Lewis Topper Sr. and Margaret Florence Topper.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Adele Myers Topper, on June 20, 1987.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg; the Knights of Columbus, Brute Council 1860, Emmitsburg; the Bishop MacNamara General Assembly, fourth degree, Frederick; served in the U. S. Army during WWII with the HQ Co. 60th Inf.; American Legion, Francis X. Elder Post 121 of Emmitsburg, V.F.W. Post 6658 of Emmitsburg; and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Margaret Dehart of Sykesville; two grandchildren, Rachel Dehart and Michael J. Dehart, both of Sykesville; a sister, Gertrude T. Roberts of Thurmont; and a brother, Curtis D. Topper of Thurmont.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, May 22, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. His pastor the Rev. Alfred R. Pehrsson was the celebrant. Interment in the New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg. Arrangements by the Skiles Funeral Home.

Mr. Andrew Fry Baughman

Mr. Andrew Fry Baughman, 71, of Harney Road, Taneytown, died Sunday, May 19, at York Hospital, York, Pa.

He was the husband of Irene Baker Baughman, who died in 1973.

Born June 12, 1924, in Travilah, he was a son of Perl C. and Marian Fry Baughman.

Mr. Baughman was a dairy farmer all of his life. He was a member of the Frederick County Farm Bureau, a past director of the Capitol Milk Co-operative, a past member of the Maryland-Delaware Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association, and a member of the National Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association. He was a breeder and exhibitor of champion Brown Swiss cattle in the 1950's and '60's.

Mr. Baughman was an avid fan of Mount St. Mary's basketball. He was a member of Tom's Creek United Methodist Church.

Surviving are three children, Curtis A. Baughman and wife Pat of Taney-

town, Karen K. Wivell and husband Michael Sr. of Taneytown, and Robert C. Baughman of Gettysburg, Pa.; six grandchildren, Curtis A. Baughman Jr., Jacqueline I. Baughman, Michael A. Wivell Jr, Jeremy M. Wivell, Lori A. Baughman, and Amanda M. Baughman; and one great-grandson, Trei A. Jackson; and three sisters, Margaret Lawson of Greencastle, Pa., Virginia Lee Baughman of Baltimore, and Nancy Schnoor of Fremont, Calif. Mr. Baughman was preceded in death by a sister, Clara Williams.

Mr. Baughman is also remembered by a devoted friend, Gloria Gall of Gettysburg.

Funeral services were held at the Toms Creek United Methodist with his pastor, the Rev. Donnie Jane Cardwell, officiating. Funeral arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Ida Koontz

Mrs. Ida Annabelle Koontz, 79, formerly of Emmitsburg, died Thursday, May 23, at her daughter's home in Churchville.

She was the wife of Charles Bernard Koontz, who died Dec. 25, 1975.

Born Feb. 6, 1917, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late George Washington and Rose Harbaugh Andrew.

Mrs. Koontz was a lifelong member of Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are five children Mary Nicolia of West Palm Beach Fla., Betty Hahn, with whom she resided, Charles Koontz of Emmitsburg; George Koontz of Hagerstown; one sister, Carrie Hahn of Emmitsburg; one brother, Daniel Andrew of Emmitsburg; 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. The Rev. Ronald Fearer officiated. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

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Thomas Wins Title

Morgan Whitney Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Thomas of Thurmont, recently competed in a Maryland State Twirling Championship held in Westminster, MD. She was judged in four areas - modeling, interview, strut, and twirling, winning first in all areas and capturing the title of Intermediate Miss Majorette of Maryland. Morgan will now represent the state at the national level, vying for the title of Intermediate Miss Majorette of America, to be held at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

Morgan traveled to Orlando, FL, this year, competing in the first annual Twirl Mania held at Universal Studios. She received first in solo and strut, and second in modeling and basic strut. She recently competed in the annual All East Regional Championships held in Aston, PA, winning all firsts in the modeling categories and receiving the title of Beginner All East Loveliest Model.

Morgan is a member of the World-National Wheaton Majorettes and a private student of Colleen Dougherty. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers of Emmitsburg and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas of Adamstown.

What's NEWS?

Your family anniversaries, birthdays, celebrations, achievements. Send it along to the *Dispatch*.

A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . .

By George Geralis

When you live in the woods, as we do, and enjoy gardening, you plant shade-tolerant plants to complement the existing flora which attracted you to the property in the first place.

Friends who know of my dedication to using the very freshest ingredients in my food preparation have asked me why we don't have a kitchen garden. The reason, of course, is that a successful vegetable garden requires lots of sunlight - something we don't have.

We manage successfully, however, to grow herbs and we plant a tub of patio tomatoes, just as a novelty.

But, in spite of not being able to raise our own vegetables, my gardener and I find comfort in knowing that in season, on any given day, we can select a variety of freshly harvested veggies from greengrocers at nearby farms.

Charles Harbaugh, in Sabillasville, has been our dependable source for a number of years. His homegrown varieties have been excellent and his prices fair. Acquaintances have told me Fred and Judy Crum's Willow Valley Farm Market in Fairfield, Pennsylvania, is also quite good. I plan to visit soon. The directional signs on Rt. 140 in nearby Zora are tempting my curiosity.

With recent temperatures suddenly climbing to the mid-nineties,

thoughts of relief have tempted many to turn on air conditioners. I, on the other hand, had thoughts of preparing *gazpacho*.

If you haven't tried it, you must! *Gazpacho* (gahz pah' cho), a Spanish fresh vegetable soup, is being enjoyed more and more by Americans, especially during hot summer months, as a refreshing appetizer or as a midday entrée.

Traditionally served ice cold, its texture and fresh seasonings are addictive. Don't be concerned by the fact that the soup is ice cold. Try it once with farm-fresh vegetables and I can assure you *gazpacho* will become a favorite among your summer menus.

As always, a glass of wine will add dimension to this refreshing dish. Consult with your wine merchant for a vintage Spanish dry white wine, and in this instance, serve it chilled. Excuse the pun, but the experience is really cool....

GAZPACHO

- 2 Medium-sized cucumbers, peeled, seeded, and coarsely chopped
- 6 Medium-sized ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and coarsely chopped
- 1 Large onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 Medium-sized green pepper deribbed, seeded, and coarsely chopped
- 2 Cloves fresh garlic, finely chopped
- 3 Tablespoons lemon juice



- 4 Teaspoons salt
- 2 Cups fresh tomato juice
- 1 Cup olive oil
- Dash of Tabasco

▪ In a deep bowl, combine the cucumbers, tomatoes, onion, green pepper, and garlic.

▪ Add the lemon juice and salt and mix thoroughly.

▪ Ladle the combined mixture, 2 cups at a time, into the container of a blender or food processor and blend or pulse for 1 minute or until the mixture is puréed.

▪ Pour the purée into a bowl and add the Tabasco.

▪ Add the tomato juice.

▪ Cover the bowl tightly with film wrap and refrigerate overnight.

▪ Just before serving, whisk or stir the soup lightly to recombine the ingredients.

▪ Serve in chilled bowls, accompanied with a selection of garnishes.

GARNISHES

Pass individual bowls with more of the chopped vegetables included in the soup, together with a bowl of croutons.

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Garden Ramblings

By Christine Maccabee

Faith in seeds: seed salvation

Did you know that there is a virtual Noah's Ark of seeds in storage around the world? Perhaps you will be as astounded as I was when I read of this in a little book I bought at the Emmitsburg Library book sale. Let the figures speak for themselves:

- ♦ The National Seed Storage Laboratory at the University of Colorado stores more than 250,000 samples from wild and domestic crops from all parts of the planet. In dark, refrigerated rooms row upon row of shelves hold trays of seeds in small carefully marked sacks. It is only one of several seed banks in the United States and other parts of the world where germplasm of primitive cultivated varieties, their wild cousins, and modern varieties are stored. Some samples are from rare, endangered species, and others are already extinct in their natural habitat.

- ♦ At the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines, 60,000 rice varieties have been stored since 1960.

- ♦ The international Potato Center in Lima, Peru, has the world's largest collection of potato clones, with more than 13,000 samples. The Vavilov In-

stitute in Russia has the second largest collection, with the Potato Station in Wisconsin third with 2,800 samples of more than 90 species.

- ♦ In Turkey the Ismir Center specializes in wheat, barley, alfalfa and other grains collected from Southern Europe and Northern Africa, with 2,500 varieties from Turkey alone.

- ♦ Scandinavian scientists have found a natural freezer deep inside an Arctic mountain where 4,000 different crop seeds are protected from everything, including nuclear disaster.

- ♦ Seed exchanges have been organized to make rare varieties easily available to small gardeners and farmers. The Seed Saver's Exchange offers 5,000 rare vegetable seeds to its members. Other similar organizations are the Abundant Life Seed Foundation in Washington, the Heirloom Garden Seeds in California, and the Plant Finders of America in Kentucky.

However, nothing can beat Mother Earth for saving seeds. She is the ultimate seed saver. In a previous article I pointed out that a cubic foot of soil contains hundreds of thousands of seeds. Perhaps you have heard the remarkable story of some lupine seeds which were found in the frozen Arctic soil. Even though these

seeds were shown by radio-carbon dating to be 10,000 years old, some of them still grew when planted in 20th century soil. I was astounded when I read of this, and I grew even more ambitious to save and continue to plant my own blue lupine here on my property. Lupine is a critically important flower for some species of (naturally) blue butterflies such as Fender's Blue. These rare and endangered butterflies are having difficulty due to their dependency on blue lupine whose habitat is shrinking because of human development. Of course, upon reading of their plight a few years ago, I took it upon myself to plant as many blue lupine seeds as I could, and my efforts have paid off thus far. This year in particular, the cooler, wetter spring has been a big boon to their growth. My two year old towering lupine are flowering profusely in a large bed around my pond, the one year olds are coming along very well, and my other tiny ones are just now beginning to send out their first leaves in containers in my greenhouse.

I have faith that in a few years when my gardens are full of flowering lupine, I will behold a miracle—I will see my first Fender's Blue. My faith in the seed will have borne the fruit of my desire—to provide habitat for both flora and fauna. Want some lupine seeds? Call me at 271-2307.

Tea In The Garden

The Tyler Spite House will present a series of afternoon Teas in the Garden for the benefit of Baker Park. Each Saturday afternoon in June two area artists will present their art work. Visitors will be able to tour the historical bed-and-breakfast inn, meet the artists, view their art work, and have refreshments in the garden.

Saturday, June 1, will feature Frederick artist Charlotte Hoover and New Market artist Marilu Toursignaut. Dawn Walker of New Market and Jan Lamb of Libertytown will be present on Saturday, June 8. On Saturday, June 15, the art work of Mt. Airy artist Noralie Katsu and the pottery of Braddock Heights artist Shelley Stevens will be shown. Saturday, June 22, will feature the paintings of Rocky Ridge artist Elizabeth Prongas and the pottery of Myersville artist Valerie Parsons. On the final Saturday, June 29, the art work of Emmitsburg artist Linda Postelle and paintings of New Market artist Rebecca Pearl will be shown.

The Teas in the Garden will be held rain or shine from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a donation of \$5.00 per person. The Tyler Spite House is located at 112 West Church Street, Frederick. 301-831-4455.

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Emmitsburg Elementary News



Marian Currens, Brenda Scheider, and Justin Wivell were the winners in an Earth Day writing contest at Emmitsburg Elementary School
Photo courtesy of Thora Stith

Students from Emmitsburg Elementary School participated in an Earth Week awareness program. One of the activities was to write a poem or paragraph describing "What Earth Day Means To Me."

Marian Currens' poem won first place, Brenda Scheider's poem placed second, and Justin Wivell's paragraph placed third, as judged by sponsor Thora Stith, the school's art teacher. Maria is the daughter of Ralph and Janice Currens, Brenda is the daughter of Neil and Brenda Scheider, and Justin is the son of Randy and Patti Wivell.

Earth Day
by Marian Currens

Earth Day, earth day,
Clean up the earth day.

Take care of this wonderful land,
Make it beautiful, hand in hand.

Don't pollute this land we live
upon,
Recycle, reuse, go on and on.

Earth day, earth day,
Clean up the earth day.

"Thurmont United In Love" activities planned

People have been asked to save plastic lids, about 4" in diameter, larger or smaller being fine also. They will be used in making house banners for people in Thurmont, who are planning "Thurmont United In Love" day on June 8, which is also the date of a Ku Klux Klan rally

there.

Organizers of the event seek support for the non-racist celebration of life and Christian values on June 1 by helping with this visual display. For more information call Rev. Richard Zamostny 271-2802.

Poem
by Brenda Scheider

Earth Day
Saving, Reminding
Cleaning, Planting, Helping
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World Day



Paragraph by Justin Wivell

Earth Day to me means a clean earth, clean air, planting trees and flowers, and the sun shining real bright, and people cleaning up the earth. One way you can help the earth is by cleaning up trash, plant trees and flowers, and instead of driving to short distances walk or ride a bike, and most of all RECYCLE! I would like to see people picking up trash, planting trees and flowers, and people walking or riding a bike instead of riding a car, and people recycling. We could make the earth a much better place.

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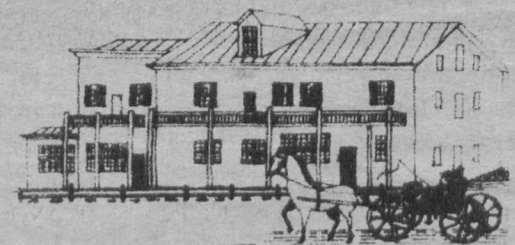
Fifth grade postal workers (L to R) Leah Adelsberger, Miss Carolyn Ainsworth (sponsor), Amanda Hoover, Elisabeth Fink, Seth Froitzheim, and John Ridenour.
A Dispatch Photo

by Carolyn Ainsworth

The Emmitsburg Elementary School Postal System has collected and delivered 1,000 letters this year. The letters were written by students and teachers. Each class chose a street name. Some of the names of the streets were Constitution Avenue, Frog Lane, Hamster Street, and others. The letters had to be addressed

correctly in order for the postal workers to deliver them. The postal workers were fifth graders: Amanda Hoover, Seth Froitzheim, Leah Adelsberger, Elisabeth Fink, and John Ridenour, Jr. Miss Carolyn Ainsworth was the sponsor of the Postal System. Hats off to Emmitsburg Elementary School for reaching their goal of writing 1,000 letters!

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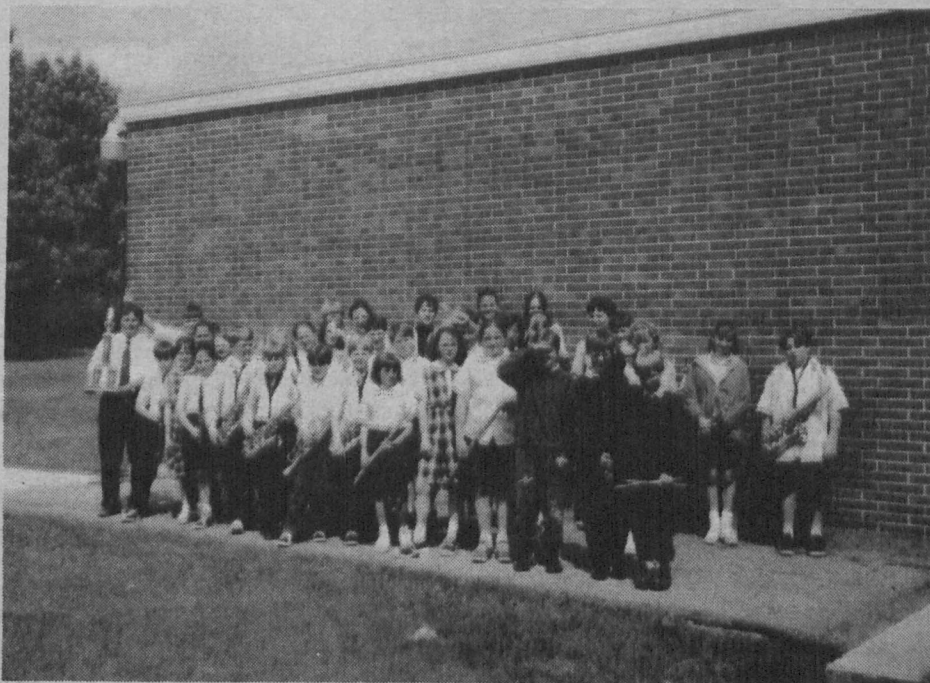
By Val Mentzer

You've come a long way baby

Congratulations to the class of '96. On June 1, 1996 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the 8th grade graduation ceremony concluded their academic and spiritual journey at Mother Seton School. We thank all of them for contributing to our school community and wish them the very best in their high school pursuits.

Congratulations: Aaron Adelsberger, Eric Beam, Ruth Ann Carroll, Brandi Daigle, Cathan Daughterity, Michael Dieterich, Diana Eaton, Taylor Eichelman, Sarah Emory, Abigail Farmer, Elizabeth Farmer, Jonathan Fuhrman, James HernandezII, Amber Jacobs, Robert King, Jr., Matthew Knox, Phillip Lawrence, Andrew LeFaivre, Lauren Maruskin, Nicole Parks, David Prunner, Matthew Satterfield, Diane Smith, Peter Smith, Rebecca Ten Eyck, Lyndsey Williams, Anthony Wilson.

Applause for the Mother Seton School Band



The Mother Seton School band, under the direction of Mr. Dave Metcalf, presented their end of the year concert to the residents at St. Catherine's Nursing Home in Emmitsburg. On April 28th, the school band participated in a band competition in Bal-

timore along with several Catholic Schools throughout the Baltimore Archdiocese. For the second consecutive year, the Mother Seton School band won a first-place rating. Congratulations to Mr. Metcalf and to all of the band members.

D.A.R.E. to say no

The 6th grade held their D.A.R.E. graduation program on Friday, May 24th at 10 a.m.. We thank Trooper Treglia, Mrs Tina Fogle, Sister Ellen Marie, and Mrs. Mary Louise Hoban

for all of their efforts. This program gives our children the skills needed to deal with peer pressure and learning to say "no" to drug use.

Seeds of love



The 6th graders visited the residents of St. Catherine's and helped plant flowers in their courtyard. These children have visited once a month since the beginning of the school year to partner with these residents. Their final visit left behind some beautiful flowers to help the residents remember their young friends throughout the summer.

Thanks for the apples

Thank you very much, Catocin Mountain Orchard and Favorite Bell Hill Orchard, for donations of delicious apples for our walkathon participants. This healthy snack was certainly enjoyed by all.

3rd annual aluminum can drive

Our students once again sponsored an aluminum can recycling drive to benefit the Vigilant Hose Company. Students collected nearly \$400 to benefit our local firefighters. Sister Mary Catherine Conway presented the check to Mr. Art Damuth Saturday evening at our school carnival.

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Alloway Gardens & Herb Farm

Alloway Gardens & Herb Farm Celebrates Its 20-Year Affair With Herbs

by Barbara Steele and
Marlene Lufriu

Last year we looked at the calendar and were amazed. It seems that we sold our first herb plants at Alloway Gardens in 1976...not very many but at least it was a start. Back then, in the Bicentennial year, we did some workshops on historical plants and a few on the uses of herbs. Not many people used herbs beyond parsley.

Sometimes we would get strange stares and funny comments about the types of plants we sold. Remember 1976 was only 6 years from the 60's! Nowadays herbs are on the Internet, cable TV home shopping channels, and marketed in every way, shape, and form through the mass media.

We wonder what the next 20 years will bring and we can only hope that the medicinal herbs will do their share to improve society as they have in past civilizations.

We will be emphasizing the "good herbs" during our 20th year, 1996, offering workshops using culinary, medicinal, and fragrant herbs to enhance our well-being. The mere act



Alloway Gardens

A Dispatch Photo

of gardening with these plants is one that can't be duplicated by machines—gardens become more important (in stress reduction) as life becomes more complicated. We must take 'thyme' to 'smell the roses' and harvest all the aesthetic and useful bounties a garden can give to create peace in our inner being!.

Special Event at Alloway

We will celebrate our 20-year "affair" with herbs and hope that during

this time you will pay us a visit and join in our festivities. On June 7-8, there will be the 1996 Garden Faire and Craft Show, open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The show features quality Pennsylvania and Maryland artists who will display traditional and contemporary crafts.

Special Garden tours will be held each day from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. featuring Tina James, Garden Writer, Maryland Public TV on Friday, June 7th, and Jean Worthley, "Miss Jean" of

Intervention Hotline Looking For Volunteers

The Frederick County Crisis Intervention Hotline is looking for persons who are interested in helping others. Through a 36-hour training program, volunteers acquire knowledge and skills in listening and communication, problem solving, crisis intervention, adolescent development, domestic violence, and community networking.

Group interviews are currently being scheduled.

For more information call Kristen Koelbel at 663-9096.

HodgePodge Lodge, Maryland Public TV on Saturday, June 8th. The Log House Garden Shop will be open where you can see the new items we've added to our herb-oriented stock including Bee Skeps, Hexagonal Herb Pots, Terra Cotta Bed Fenders, Hayracks, and cedar pyramid "Tuteur."

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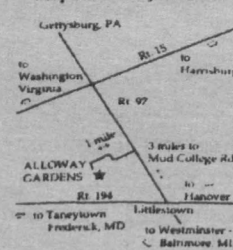
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Alloway Gardens and Herb Farm

Map to Alloway Gardens



Our special garden celebration will be open to the public 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th. Featuring: *Friday*, Tina James, Garden Writer, MPTV; *Saturday*, Jean Worthley, "Miss Jean" of Hodge Podge Lodge, MPTV.

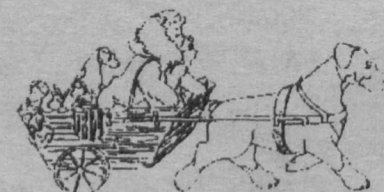
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Fresh water fish, the pet

By Jack Deatherage, Jr.

Trying to find my place in the hobby has been a bit like finding a parking space at the mall two days before Christmas: circling, dashing, stopping, backing, cursing, and finally settling far from where I want to be (if I stop at all). Usually I scream something filthy at the wild-eyed face I see in the mirror and speed back to Emmitsburg where I manage to spend hundreds of dollars without looking for parking or dealing with rude shoppers and/or ignorant temporary clerks. My niche in the hobby has also been right at home, all the time.

Having over-dosed on the hobby, by \$3,000, I couldn't just have a yard sale to get rid of the tanks and equipment I have. Figuring that most things are cyclical, I've moped and stumbled my way through the winter. Spring found me tired, discouraged, and disgusted, but hopeful.

We're finally moving into the second floor apartment. That leaves me with room on the ground floor for my cat, the fish, worms, dogs, and covies. (Wanda won't let me have any birds. She says they're too noisy. As if 5 covies squealing at 2 a.m. while the Rottweiler snorts and smacks her slobbery jaws as near my ear as possible is similar to whispering pines.) I have a FISH ROOM! or two or three!

Buck Albert, a friend of my brother Mike, wrote me from Homestead, Florida, to let me know he had gone into the African Cichlid business. I couldn't meet his minimum order of \$300, so I passed on his letter and price list to the shop in Randallstown. Mike called me a couple of weeks later; he was helping Buck pack fish to fill a second order for the

Baltimore area. He thought the fish might be going to Randallstown.

A week later I found a letter and book, *CICHLIDS, The Pictorial Guide* by Pablo and Ian Tepoot, waiting for me at the post office. Buck had sent them to thank me for finding him a solid retailer. I thank Buck! *CICHLIDS* pulled me emotionally back into the hobby. I had forgotten how beautiful the African lake fish are.

Few people I've met want to spend the money for equipment to care for these fish properly, but I've already done that. Fewer want to learn by trial and error which fish can survive with which fish, I've done that too. And no one wants to pay pet shop prices for beautiful fish that are reputedly impossible to keep. Buck told me to forget the minimum; he'd ship whatever I wanted.

I did a good job with most of the Africans I had. My mistake was trying too soon to leave the hobby in search of a business. Buck had waited 18 years to take up Cichlid farming. (Buck's forgotten more than I'll know about fish.)

So it's back to the African Cichlids I go. No more attempts to breed Discus or Angels, hoping to make a profit. I'll keep Gran' Ma Swisher's Angels as long as I can, but only for our pleasure. No more fancy Guppies, or expensive goldfish. The grogs and crabs are history. Gone are the breeding schemes and the dreams of setting up aquariums in hospitals, hotels, and offices.

I have my own tanks that will house my own Africans. Their wonderful colors and unique behavior will be on display for me and *mine*.

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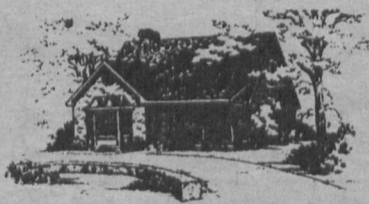
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