

The Emmitsburg Regional

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Gaining Strength From One Another

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KUMPS DAM CASCADE



The torrent of water turns Kumps Dam into giant rapids with water covering Harney Road. The recreational area suffered little damage. *A Dispatch Photo*

June 19, 1996 - What A Night!

By Lucille Beale
Official Weather Observer
National Weather Service

That night about eleven o'clock I wakened to hear on the monitor that Gettysburg had had four inches of rain in two hours! The Adams County dispatcher reported that people were stranded in cars on many major streets in the town. Many streams and creeks converge on Gettysburg—Middle Creek, March Creek, Rock Creek, Conowingo Creek. There was heavy rain, thunder and lightning.

Within an hour reports started to come in from Emmitsburg. There was an entrapment at Flat Run on North Seton Avenue; another on Flat Run at the end of De Paul Street. Also several mobile homes had to be evacuated. Trooper 3, the State Police Helicopter, flew in the rain, dodging thunder storms, and the man on the roof of the car in Flat Run was lifted with a net and deposited safely on the ground. Fifty people were evacuated from various places in the town, and a shelter was set up at Mount Saint Mary's. How they got there and who took them I didn't hear.

The reason for all this activity is the result of all the water carried from Pennsylvania in the aforementioned streams of Middle Creek, Toms Creek, and Flat Run. It's a shame this water couldn't have been im-

pounded—it would have provided years of water. All the access roads were blocked. Lord knows how long it will be until some of the bridges can be repaired.

Emmitsburg's two ambulances became disabled due to the floods—one was missing but a Thurmont ambulance spotted it on the road between Emmitsburg and Gettysburg, and brought the personnel back to Emmitsburg. Evidently its electrical system was damaged and the crew could not call in.

Later in the morning another entrapment occurred on Toms Creek at Annandale Road. There were four girls on the roof of a car. Due to the number of trees in the way, the helicopter couldn't rescue them, but emergency boats and an air boat brought up from Montgomery County were successful in rescuing these girls. The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) opened its back gates so emergency vehicles could go through their property, around the Provincial House, enter South Seton at the Ambulance building; then go to the square and west to Annandale Road.

Firemen, deputies, helicopters, ambulances, fire trucks, and boats from Carroll County and Franklin County, Pa. were all called into service. Deputies had their hands full keeping the (See FLOOD on page 3)

Community Survey Looks To Future

New ERC Committee Meets

At its first meeting held June 10, the newly formed Economic Renewal Committee swung into action by dealing with the critical question of the evolution of the Emmitsburg region: What do the residents want the town to be? A questionnaire designed by the town office to elicit information from all the residents in the 21727 zip code area was slightly modified and adopted as the first step in mobilizing the community and generating plans for future sustainable development and growth.

Noting that the survey foc-

uses only on the general population, committeeman Larry Underriner proposed that information also be gathered from the business and institutional sectors of the community. Assignments were made to draw up templates for gathering information specifically from these two areas of the community.

The ERC was formed by Ordinance No. 96-02 which states that the town "has a responsibility to determine the best way... to become, and retain an economically viable community while retaining its charm and small-town atmosphere."

The ERC is a sub-committee of the Planning and Zoning

Commission and is charged with gathering information from the community to be used for the development of the 20-year Comprehensive Plan; studying the effects of change in other communities; and addressing the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the community.

Members of the ERC are Dianne Walbrecker, Joseph Marsden, William Cadle, Joe Purello, Ron Face, Jef Fitzgerald, Robert Myers, Larry Underriner. Yvette Semler and Rosario Benvengi represent the town government and David Whitaker is the representative from the Frederick County Department of Planning.

See Community Survey pages 21-22

Letters to the editor

Questions purpose of association

I am writing in response to the "Northgate Residents Search for Solution" article in the June 1996 issue. Being a Northgate resident myself, I would like to point out that not all Northgate residents' nerves are touched by the construction at Emmit Ridge as stated in the article. Not that I want to see the entrance to Emmit Ridge come through our development, but I have not found any problems with the construction workers.

My nerves have been touched a lot more hearing that Silo Hill will now get a playground for which the town will provide upkeep. I feel that our park is the only reason we have a Homeowners Assoc. Therefore, why not let the town maintain our park and do away with the whole association? After all, we are in the town limits so what is the purpose of the association? If the Northgate residents are that concerned over the town's involvement of our streets then I would like to suggest that maybe they should move out of town limits.

Name withheld upon request
A Northgate resident

A Concerned Resident:

As a concerned citizen from the subdivision of Northgate in Emmitsburg I feel it is important to make the general public aware of a problem that exists with the local government in Emmitsburg.

First let me explain the situation at Northgate. This subdivision was completed approximately 1 year ago. A second subdivision called Emmit Ridge II started construction a few months ago. This contractor is using the entrance to Northgate for his construction entrance and the main entrance to Emmit Ridge II until his development is in its final stages of construction. This could take approximately 4 to 5 years and involve 64 single family homes. Northgate residents presented a petition to the town officials with signatures from 85-90% of the Northgate residents to try to stop

all construction traffic from using Northgate's entrance.

In a discussion at the town meeting in April, it was decided that the contractor of Emmit Ridge II was to use his own entrance off of Irishtown Road for heavy equipment. This entrance would involve a financial burden to the contractor since he is required to replace an existing bridge at his expense, off of Irishtown Road. At that meeting it was decided by the town officials in a 3 to 1 vote to have the contractor use his private entrance, and to stop heavy equipment from going through Northgate. So the town officials made a decision and officially voted to stop his right of way through Northgate.

Several days after the meeting, the contractor was still using the entrance through Northgate. I contacted the town manager to make her aware that the problem still existed, only to find out that she already knew. Her response was there was nothing she or the town could do about it, because of previous agreements with the contractor. Nobody has seen any legal documents stating that he has a legal right of way through Northgate.

Besides the dirt, noise, safety problems, extra traffic (especially heavy equipment) that Northgate is experiencing, we may also be expected to pay for any damages that occur due to overweight vehicles that damage Northgate's entrance and streets, over the next 5 years.

I ask if the town's Mayor and Commissioners make a decision that has no more bearings than that of Northgate decision, then how can this governing body tell us to shovel our walks, keep our dogs on leashes, mow our lawns, or any other ordinances. I thought the government was supposed to be for the people. The elected officials need to stand behind the residents of Emmitsburg. After all we are the voters and tax payers of their community

Susan Swartz
Northgate

Town News



Mayor Carr (left) presents proclamation to Chris Weaver at the June Town Meeting.

A Dispatch Photo

Proclamation

A Proclamation Presented to Christopher Weaver in Appreciation of His Service to the Town of Emmitsburg

Whereas, Christopher (Chris) Weaver generously contributed his time and energy for the betterment of the Town of Emmitsburg, and dutifully served the Town of Emmitsburg as Parks and Recreation Commissioner for three years; and

Whereas, in view of his leadership abilities and his strong concern for Emmitsburg's well-being, Chris was appointed by the Town Council to serve as President of the Board of Commissioners in 1995; and

Whereas, through his direction, the Town of Emmitsburg has been awarded more state and federal grants

In other business the council:

- voted to to award CAD Enterprises the contract for the water line replacement project;
- dissolved the contract with Seahorse Pool Company and voted to pursue a contract with Potomac Valley Pool Management Corporation;
- asked the Town Manager to send notices to property owners whose sidewalks need to be repaired, replaced, or installed.
- A public hearing will be held July

for the acquisition and development of our park land than any other commissioner serving before him; and

Whereas, through his leadership, the Parks and Recreation Committee has provided numerous athletic opportunities for the people of Emmitsburg and the surrounding area; and

Whereas, through his guidance, both the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Pool Advisory Committee were established to provide the Town with recommendations and guidelines for the development and use of our recreational facilities; and

Whereas, as an extension of his Council obligation, Chris believed that the welfare and development of every Emmitsburg youth was of paramount importance. He therefore took on additional challenges of providing various worthwhile youth recreational activities throughout Emmitsburg, in order to keep our children and young adults moving in a positive direction;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Council, on behalf of the citizens of Emmitsburg, wishes to proclaim its appreciation to Christopher Weaver for his dedication, support, and superior service during his term as a commissioner of the Town of Emmitsburg which have made Emmitsburg a better place to live.

Signed the 22nd day of May, 1996 by William H. Carr, Mayor, Rosario Benvengi, Streets Commissioner, David Copenhaver, Sewer Commissioner, Thomas Gingell, Water Commissioner, and Clifford Sweeney, Parks Commissioner.

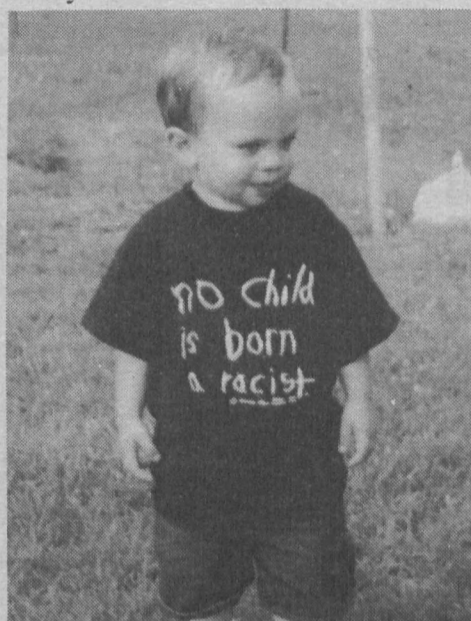
1, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following ordinances:

- 96-11 which addresses noise problems;
- 96-12 which amends the park hours;
- 96-13 and 96-14 which amend the penalties for parking infractions
- 96-15 which amends impact fees; and
- 96-16 which amends the dedication of parkland to the town of Emmitsburg from the development of subdivisions.

Deadline for August Issue — July 22

The Power of Love

By Kate Au



Jacob Montague's shirt asserts "You have to be carefully taught".

The Ku Klux Klan rally held June 8 at Community Park in Thurmont, ignited many people's hearts to defend a person's right to peace and harmony. We are all human. It doesn't matter what color skin we may have. It doesn't matter what religious belief we hold. It doesn't matter what heritage we are from. What does matter is

that each of us is equal as a human being. Black, white, Catholic, Protestant, South or North means nothing. They are only labels; yet our culture follows those labels as if they were rules to live by.

The counter rally, "Thurmont United in Love" held in Memorial Park that same day shattered the confinement of the various labels and demonstrated that exhibiting love may lead to peace and harmony. Andre Smith of Mount Saint Mayr's Multicultural Affairs Office said, "Everything tried to remain spiritually based...that was the anchor." Over 300 Catholics and Protestants alike gathered to support the peaceful demonstration against the ignorance of racism. The Mount community filled two vans with faculty, students, and friends. The counter rally was organized by the Thurmont Ministerium with the hope of promoting a spirit of love. Even among the Confederate flags and hats there was an "obvious spirit of love," said Andre Smith. It is wonderful to see we have not succumbed to the apathy which is said to plague our culture, and are still willing to demonstrate the true power of love, peace, and harmony over hatred and ignorance.

Kate Au is a senior at MSM.

Counter Rally - "Singing in Love"



Slim Harrison and his all-kid pick-up "Jug Band" belt it out during the Thurmont United in Love Rally. *A Dispatch Photo*

(FLOOD from PAGE 1) traffic from passing into Emmitsburg—even tractor trailers had to be stopped and turned around.

Thurmont also experienced flooding. A rescue was made on Frushour Road and Route 77. The Monocacy Bridge at Bridgeport was damaged; the inhabitant near it remarked they woke to find their homes in the middle of an ocean. Also the bridge on Harney Road over the Monocacy was flooded. The fields of wheat and corn were inundated. No one knows how much the farmers lost.

Now the aftermath. Many people whom I talked to on the phone couldn't believe me when I told them about this. Many were made aware of

the reality when they checked their basements. All day today the firemen have been pumping out basements. Some had as much as five feet of water in them. I'm sure many were unable to get to work or to attend other activities today. I measured 4 inches of water, but others seemed to have more.

There was one tragedy. Mrs. Karen Roman, Hampton Valley Road, had not returned from by 3 o'clock. So the helicopter, boats, and personnel searched for her. She was found near Little Owens Creek around noon. If it had not been for the gallant rescue efforts of the firemen, police, and ambulance personnel, many more would have lost their lives.

Emmitsburg Community Day - July 6

Fun! Food! Games! Music! Parade!

FIREWORKS

USED CARS

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1993 Chevrolet Cavalier #96204A Teal, 4 door, 71,541 miles \$7,995
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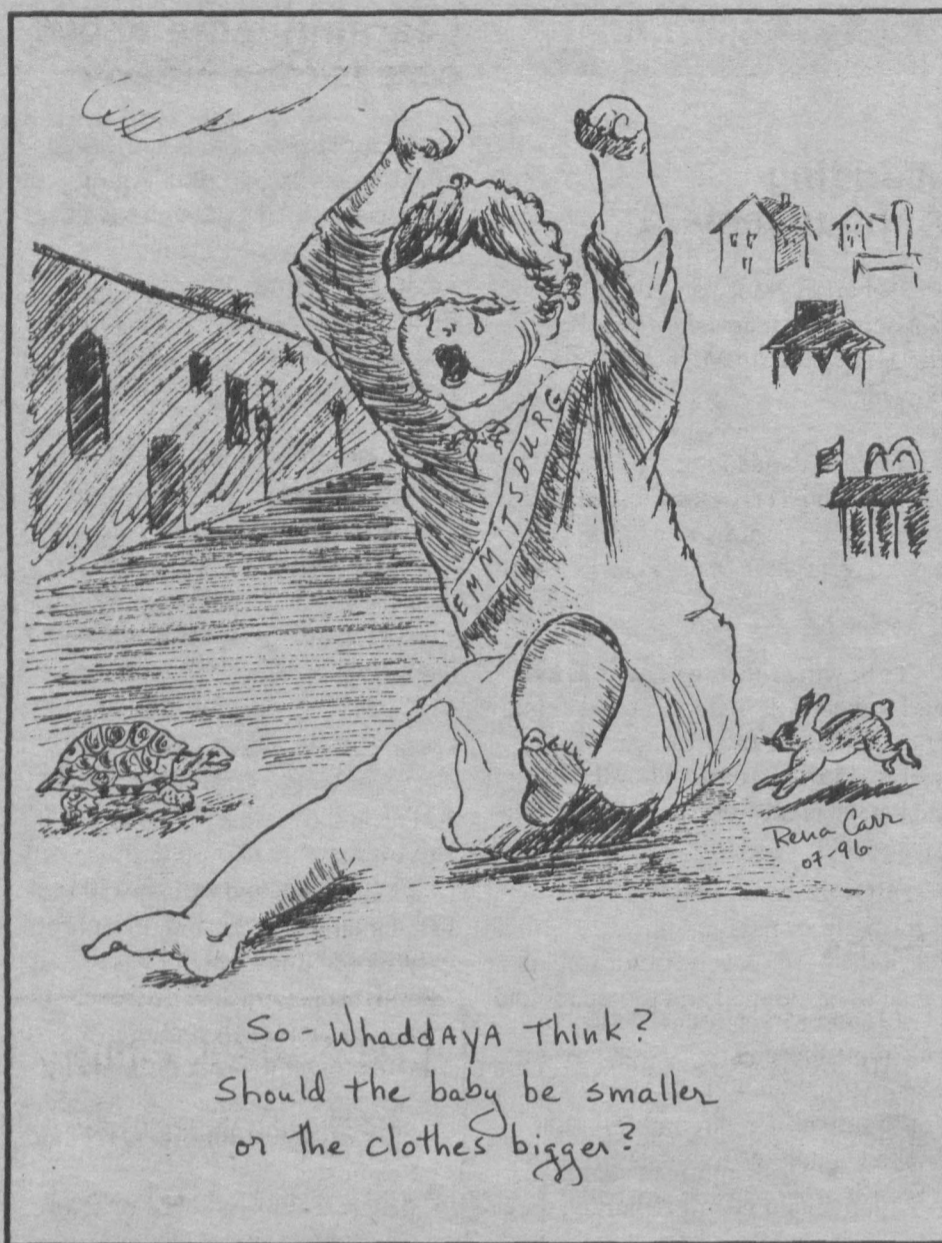
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During the deluge, flooded basements. After the storm many residents in low-lying areas were greeted with depressing sights. *A Dispatch Photo*



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

Lost Another Game

July 3, 1896 - Tuesday afternoon the Emmitsburg base ball team went to Thurmont and crossed bats with a team of that place. The game resulted in another defeat for the Emmitsburg boys. The score stood, Thurmont, 19; Emmitsburg, 16. It is said by some persons, supposed to be in a position to know, that some of the Emmitsburg base ballists pay more attention to the young lady spectators, than to the game they play. This is supposed to be the reason our home team loses so many games when playing in neighboring towns. The above is especially true concerning the young man who recently rode a gray pony to Taneytown and Thurmont. "Mr. Harry" is quite anxious to play another game of ball at Taneytown, presumably for the purpose of seeing the young lady, who, sometime ago, offered him her side comb. But a side comb will not take the place of the article he ties about his head when he retires at night, nor will it in any way assist in winning a game. Boys, play ball and look at the pretty girls afterwards.

Nearly Won a Game

July 10, 1896 - A game of base ball was played in Taneytown Monday afternoon, between the Emmitsburg and Taneytown teams. Our home team came very nearly winning the game, and possibly would have been victorious had all the innings been played. There seem to have been a good deal of kicking during the game, so much so that Umpire Eline called his men off the field in the seventh inning, thus bringing the game to a sudden close. The score was 19 to 19.

Happy Ball Players

July 17, 1896 - The Emmitsburg base ball players are exceedingly happy, and justly so, for after many months of defeats they at last found a foe that fell a victim to their heavy batting. The game was played in this place Tuesday afternoon, and their adversary was a team from Thurmont. The score was 22 to 5 in favor of Emmitsburg. Harry Hoke, who occupied the pitchers box, did effective work, being well supported by the other players. We congratulate the boys on their success. Mr. Harry attributes their success to the absence of young ladies.

Another Game of Ball

July 24, 1896 - A game of base ball was played here Wed. afternoon. The contending clubs were Fairfield and Emmitsburg. The Fairfield boys were much the heavier and, when they first appeared on the field it looked as though the Emmitsburg boys would not be common amusement for them. The score was 22 to 21 or some of our people contend that the score was a tie, 22 to 22.

where is detrimental to the community's family health and well-being.

And then there is fear. Gloria Anzaldúa, Chicana poet and writer, nailed it... "If you aren't willing to listen to the Other, the one who is different from you—because you fear that person what she or he represents, you'll pay for it. The monster that you're projecting onto the other person will get bigger and more terrifying, because your fear will feed it. If you turn away at a stage when you could have listened and spoken in a responsible and nonviolent way, there'll be a violent explosion that will harm you *and* the other person. The monster you've created isn't going to go away—it's going to go on tripping you up until you deal with it."

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Community vs. Fear: a reaction

On June 6, the Christians and some of the KKK had a near-encounter without a tuft of hair lost or a sheet split. The episode was accompanied by film clips, photo-ops, sound-bites, speeches and screeching, singing, letter writing, editorializing, curiosity seeking, intimidating phone calling, and posturing and acting out. A shared cry from both camps directed to the other seemed to be "just listen to yourself." Then both sides went home with neither being a clear winner (unless you count only numbers) and both sides feeling they'd done their cause good. Frustration did not turn violent and that's as much as you can expect when conflicting mind-sets sporadically encounter one another.

I'm not suffering from any delusions of purity and quite happily admit to my southern lineage with the largest part of my family experiences coming from all the "kissin' cousins" in South Carolina. I'm comfortable with many aspects of southern culture and tradition. One thing puzzled me while I was observing over to the KKK Kook-out. Where were their

Grandmas? Man, if I dressed like that and talked like that my Southern Grandma would have jerked me home, smacked my bottom, washed my mouth out with Octagon soap and sent me to bed (unless it was Sunday, then I'd have to go to church two times). Maybe what we need are more Granny Drive-by Whuppin's!!

Joshin' (part of which I learned from good ol' boys in my Granny's town) was meant to send gentle signals such as "let's pay attention here." Her little town of the Deep South, which was the site of the last official meeting of the Confederacy (Jeff Davis and his boys), turned out to be a place where shoutin' Methodists and hard-shell Baptists learned to tolerate each other and they both decided that the Catholic priest didn't have to sneak around the alleys, that Jewish businessmen contributed to the community, and blacks could be elected to city offices. Maybe it's time folk in *this* neck of the woods learn that stubbornly adhering to dead-end ideas that are going no-

People, Places, and Events...

Local Man Recognized for Service

Guy A. Baker, who completed his term as President of the Frederick Community College Board of Trustees was honored at a luncheon Tuesday June 18, by Mount Saint Mary's College President George Houston and FCC President Lee Betts. Baker has been the registrar at the Mount for more than 40 years.

As a leader in community activities, Baker has served as a member of the Board of Trustees at Frederick Community College since 1986, served as president and chairman of the board of the parent corporation of the Gettysburg Hospital for 25 years, and has been a founder and long-time volunteer leader of the Citizens Nursing Home in Frederick.

Baker has been active in the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic War Veterans. He graduated from Mount Saint Mary's in 1953 and served in the Army from 1953-1955. He was named Registrar of Mount Saint Mary's in 1955. He also served as a Frederick District Court Commissioner and served on many committees at Mount Saint Mary's.

45th Wedding Anniversary

By Ceil Wivell Gregory

James and Lorraine Wivell, with their 13 children and their families, commemorated their 45th anniversary on May 5, 1996, with the celebration of Mass at St. Anthony's Shrine, the site of their marriage on May 5, 1951.

Following mass, the family enjoyed a luncheon at the Carriage House Inn. Led by the oldest daughter, Phyllis, the children, in turn from the oldest through the "baby," Dennis, age 18, a June 4 graduate from Catocin High School, shared childhood memories of school days.

Dennis's graduation marked the end of 38 years of James and Lorraine's having children in elementary and/or high school. Dennis will enter the Mount, and be the fifth family member to attend college there.

Congratulations, Mom and Dad, and best wishes for many more years of health and happiness along with thanks, love, and prayers from the children.

Wedding Announcement

Robert F. Hance and Dana L. Sanders were married on Wednesday, June 12th, in Mt. Charleston, Nevada.

Dana is the daughter of Wayne Sanders and Terry Blickenstaff of Emmitsburg. Robert is the son of JoAnn and Jim Hance of Carroll Valley.

Following the honeymoon Dana and Robert will live in Carroll Valley and resume their careers in food service at the Carriage House where they have been working together since 1986.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tyler, Jr., of Emmitsburg, a boy, Nicholas Earl, born April 27th, 9 lbs 6 3/4 oz. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Harrington of Emmitsburg and Mrs. Linda Tyler of Thurmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Nettleton, Emmitsburg, a son, born June 2.

(Are you a proud new grandparent? Let us know. ed.)

Learning more about care for the elderly

Information sessions sponsored by Partners in Caring For Aging Relatives will be held monthly at St. Catherine's Nursing Center. These monthly meetings are for families in the community with aging relatives and will provide information on health care issues for the elderly.

This support group will be held the 4th Wednesday of each month with different topics and speakers each meeting. If you are interested please call Sue Osterman, Admissions Director, St. Catherine's Nursing Center at 447-7000.

Over the counter >>>

According to Jerry Wantz, Jim Miller said he fell on ice June 4th. Jim lives on the Old Frederick Road.

Unconfirmed reports also have it that a couple of inches of hail fell out in the Orndorff Road area.

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Senior Citizen News

By Anna Margaret Martin

"It's the good ol' summertime, it's the good ol' hot summer time." We wished for it in January but now a Little January (with no ice) would feel pretty good. School is out, swimming is in, fireworks will be bursting and, we will be thirsting. Summer is here!

The seniors remember those "good ol' days" and we hear stories of "when we were young." Come and join us. We're open Mon-Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Our activities for the month of July are as follows:

July 4th - CLOSED

July 5th - Chance off our knotted quilt. If you haven't gotten a chance yet stop by and take one; 5 chances for \$1.

July 9th - Frederick Shopping trip - 1 p.m.

July 11th & 25th - "500" Card Party, 1 p.m.

July 16th - Meeting Day. The guest speaker will be Holly Cookery from Gettysburg Hospital.

July 18th - Bingo, 1 p.m.

July 20th - Totem Pole Playhouse. Now playing "January Thaw" - 12:45 p.m. at the senior center. Some tickets still available. No reservations after July 10th. Call the center for information; 447-6253.

Lunch is available Mon. - Fri. at 12 noon. Reservations are a must-24 hours in advance. Transportation is available if needed. Call Anna Margaret for information.

Dates to remember
August 20th - Picnic and Flower Show

August 28th - Night card party

October 11th - Fall trip to Western Maryland.

Hospital Welcomes New Podiatrist to Active Staff

Scott M. Henry, D.P.M., recently joined the active staff of the Gettysburg Hospital. Dr. Henry joined the podiatry practice of Dr. J. Douglas Butler, Gettysburg, in January of 1996.

A native of Frederick, Maryland, Dr. Henry completed his pre-medical training at Towson State University, Towson, Maryland, and graduated from the accredited four-year podiatric medical program at Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine, Miami, Florida, in 1993. He completed a two-year medical and surgical residency at the University of Maryland and Liberty Medical Centers in Baltimore, includ-

ing rotations through the Veterans Administration and Johns Hopkins Hospitals.

He is a member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, American Podiatric Medical Association, and American Diabetes Association.

Dr. Henry specializes in the medical and surgical treatment of a wide variety of foot and ankle disorders, including the treatment of athletes, pediatrics, chronic pain syndromes, trauma, reconstructive foot and ankle surgery, and diabetic and general podiatric care.

New Computerized Awareness Program



Anna Georgulas (left) works on computer assisted by Melanie Moore.
A Dispatch Photo

Reading Center Introduces New Project

By Sister Mary Jerome McGinley

The Marguerite Naseau Literacy Center at Villa St. Michael's is starting a new project—using computer software to help rehabilitate stroke victims or persons with some brain trauma. It is also very valuable as an Awareness Program to help people keep their minds alert.

This program helps enhance speech and recall memory. Sisters from Villa St. Michael and residents from St. Catherine's Nursing Center will participate in the program. Person in the area who are able to come to the Center will be welcome, too. Volunteers are needed for the project! Volunteers will be trained to use the program and each will work one-on-

one with a resident. The work is simple and rewarding.

The Center is still trying to reach some of the 20,000 residents of Frederick County who are functionally illiterate. Illiteracy has reached epidemic proportions and affects one out of every five adults in America. At the present time we have 25 persons in our Reading/Writing/Skills program. You can help us stop the spread of this epidemic by joining our fight against illiteracy.

If you know anyone who cannot read or write ask that person to call us or you call us and we shall contact him or her. Most of all, we need volunteers. Do not hesitate—you will be trained to do your work.

For more information or to volunteer call Sister Mary Jerome McGinley at St. Joseph's Provincial House at (301)447-3121.

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Emmitsburg Library News

By Kate Warthen

The Emmitsburg Library played host to all the branch managers from Frederick County. Included were Miss Denise Davis, Director of the Frederick Co. Library System, and Dolores Maminski, Assistant Director. Branch managers from C. Burr Artz, the Detention Center, Walkersville, Audio Visual Department, Middletown, Thurmont, Brunswick, and Emmitsburg were present. These managers meet once each month to review county library operations.

On June 1, the Emmitsburg Branch kicked off the Summer Reading Club. Priscilla Cummings, noted children's author, talked with children about her books about animals

in the Chesapeake Bay. Mrs. Cummings also discussed and presented slides on how to write books. Fifty people attended the meeting held in the Multi-purpose room at the Emmitsburg Library.

The Frederick County Audio Visual Department has acquired *Frederick Towne*, a new video of Frederick County. It is available and can be reserved by calling the Audio Visual Department or the Emmitsburg Library.

Don't forget to visit the library and sign up for the Summer Reading Club. At the half-way mark of the program, children will receive a coupon for a free dessert at McDonald's. We look forward to a great summer, filled with lots of good reading and fun. Have a happy Fourth of July!



Girl Scout Troop 1423 and members of the Emmitsburg Brownie Troop erect a Peace Pole in the town park. Photo courtesy of Dianne Walbrecker

The Girl Scouts' Year in Review

By Tina Mumpower
Troop 1423 Co-leader

The girls in Emmitsburg's Junior Girl Scout Troop 1423 had a very busy year.

First, congratulations to all the girls for their accomplishments this year. Between going camping and earning badges the girls learned team work, leadership, cooking, crafts, cleaning, along with self-confidence and self-esteem. They took many trips such as camping, a haunted hayride, a visit to the Weinberg Center to see a play, rollerskating and a fun trip to Hershey Park. The girls also did the face painting at the Emmitsburg Elementary School Fun Night and contributed crafts to the Emmitsburg Lions Club Christmas Party.

The troop would like to thank everyone who assisted the girls by purchasing nuts, calendars, and cookies. We would also like to thank the Lions Club and the Elementary School PTA

for making it possible to accomplish our service projects by working with them.

Now is the time to start thinking about the '96/'97 Girl Scout year. If you are a parent who feels Girl Scouting could benefit your daughter please enroll her, or if you are a girl who would like to participate in the activities then be sure to talk with your parents about joining. Any girls interested may call Jayne Richardson at 845-2158. We are now accepting registrations for this fall.

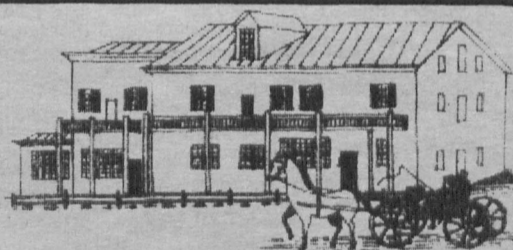
Additionally, the Troop would like to thank Emmitsburg Jubilee, McDonald's, and Flowers For You for their donations, especially for our year-end Bridging Ceremony. We also extend our thanks to the Town of Emmitsburg for all their help and support in the dedication of our Peace Pole at Memorial Park. We invite everyone to stop by and see it.

Quality Time with the Kids

Up-County Family Center is offering an evening program for parents and their children under four years of age each Tuesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the new center building. The programs are free and there is no income eligibility requirement. Family-oriented activities that are developmentally appropriate child care will be emphasized during the program. Activities to be held in August are 6th - Tie Dye (50 cents a T-shirt), 13th - Water play, 20th - Cookout, 27th - Movie and snack.

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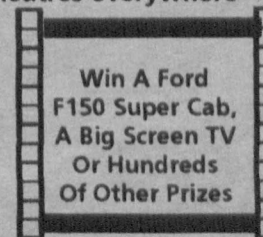
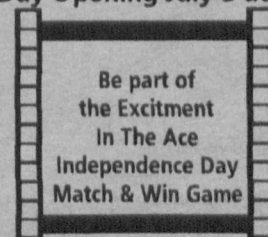
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Little League News

By Marta Hillis

Emmitsburg Little League 1996 regular season play has ended. The Giants under manager Jack Zanella and coaches Eddie Wantz, Tony Eiker, and Carl Wastler clinched first-place honors several weeks ago. The Knights of Columbus sponsored team had a near perfect record for this 20 game season. Congratulations, boys! The Cardinals and Red Sox teams were vying for second place as of June 20.

Following regular season play the six Little League teams held a mini play-off tournament the last week in June. The first-place Giants represented Emmitsburg in the Tourna-

ment of Champions at Westminster on June 29.

Although June and the regular season is over, there are still plenty of baseball games ahead in July. Two T-ball teams will be participating in a Thurmont tournament and some of our Minor League players will be in a tournament in Fairfield, Pa. "A & B" All-Star teams of 9-10 year-olds and 11-12 year-olds will see lots of tournament action for the next several weeks.

Check with managers and coaches for location, dates, and times of tournament games. Come on out and cheer on our youth.

See you at the ballfield.



Mayor Terrence Best, Thurmont; Mayor William Carr, Emmitsburg, Sandy Soffe, Director Emmitsburg Community Chorus; John Soff, and Commissioner David Copenhaver lead Flag Day ceremonies.

Photo Courtesy of Christina A. Stevenson

Fourth Annual One-Mile Run

By Larry Noel

The streets of Emmitsburg will be filled with marching bands as part of the 14th Annual Community Day Celebration surrounding the Fourth of July. The parade will be hard on the heels of the runners in the Lions Club's one-mile run over the same course. The event will start at 6 p.m. at the Doughboy statue on West Main Street.

Last year Paul Spurrier, 17, of Jefferson, MD, won in a new course record of 4:39, by only a stride ahead of veteran distance runner Ted Poulos, 33, Alexandria, VA. First woman runner was Kathy Messner, 15, Thurmont, MD, also in a new course record time of 5:57, defeating two-time winner Lealia Price, 15, Smithsburg, MD, by four seconds. The last

of 67 runners finished in 10:29 and a walker in 23:12; all were part of the celebration.

Advance registration is urged and entry forms may be filled out or picked up at the City Hall near the Square or at the Library on South Section Avenue. Children must have a parent or guardian sign their entry form. Race day entries may register from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. outside the Library. Note that the finish line is near the Library where parking is available and runners must walk to the starting line 1/2 mile away where there is no parking. The entry fee is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 18. There will be 42 awards, mostly in age groups with commemorative ribbons for all finishers. Call Larry Noel for information. 301-447-2224.

EMMITSBURG/THURMONT FLAG DAY CEREMONY

By Christian A. Stevenson

The Memorial Park Pavilion in Emmitsburg was the location of this year's Flag Day ceremony for the Emmitsburg and Thurmont communities. The ceremony was sponsored by the Emmitsburg American Legion Post #121, the Emmitsburg V.F.W. Post #6658, and the Thurmont American Legion Post #168. Old flags were collected from the communities to be sacredly consumed in flames.

A thunderstorm prevented the event from taking place on time; however, it was performed as planned when the skies cleared. There was a wet, but patriotic, handful of residents who came to witness the ceremony.

Mayor William H. Carr of Emmitsburg introduced the speakers and performed the role of Master of Ceremonies. The ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Mayor Carr and Mayor Terrence Best of Thurmont. Mr. John Soffe, a resident of Emmitsburg, provided a lovely prayer which followed

the pledge.

Mayor Best gave a thought-provoking and informative speech about what the flag means to him personally and to us as a nation. Mayor Best stated that while he thinks we all agree on how we feel about our nation, we need to work on achieving that same feeling for each other. Mayor Best summed up his address with a quote by Oliver Wendell Holmes, a poet and physician from the Civil War era: "One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation, evermore."

Mrs. Sandy Soffe, director of the Emmitsburg Community Chorus, added a very special touch to the ceremony by beautifully singing the "Star Spangled Banner".

A firing salute by the Emmitsburg American Legion post #121, Emmitsburg V.F.W. Post #6658, and Thurmont American Legion Post #168 and a striking rendition of "Taps," performed by Mr. William Krantz, topped off the Flag Day ceremony as the old flags were ignited and consumed in a brilliant blaze.

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Lideranza En Las Ciudades Pequeñas

Emmitsburg Mayor William Carr addressed Fellows of Partners of the Americas on June 11th at Mount Saint Mary's College in the first phase of a seven-day intensive seminar focused on the challenges facing local communities throughout the western hemisphere. The topic was Leadership In a Small Town.

The Fellows are emerging leaders, "do-ers," and activists in their communities who are expected to implement community-based development projects when they return to their home communities. The fellows come from North America, South America, and the Caribbean countries and are partnered with sister cities to share information, skills, and techniques on developing community programs.

Describing Emmitsburg as a typical small-town rural community that faces gearing-up for the twentieth century, Carr said "The success and timeliness of Emmitsburg was based on the consistent co-operation of all groups associated with the town and in particular the volunteers." Two important aspects he emphasized were the quality of the work being done and productivity. "All citizens of the town should be engaged. Fairness is mandatory, but to achieve that, regulation becomes part of the equation of governing," Carr said.

As usual at international meetings, simultaneous translation in three languages (Spanish, English and Portuguese) was broadcast over a localized network. In a brief question-and-answer session following his presentation, respondents questioned the mayor on difficult issues that underlined the differences between some of their communities and Emmitsburg. Corruption and lack of resources were problems many faced in their communities. Gilberto Toro, an ex-mayor of a Colombian town expressed "appreciation of your words and your responsibility of not to let the management be exclusive in the hands of just politicians." "But," he asked, "what would you do in my town that is ten times larger in population and has half the budget of your town?" No immediate solution was forthcoming.

Apolinar Salcedo, Councilman for the city of Santiago de Cali in SW Colombia, describing himself as "an intermediate force...a civic person" asked, "How did you achieve that people who live in Emmitsburg become engaged?" Mayor Carr replied, "Give people a job to do, then listen...help them to be productive, and then recognize their contribution...show them you appreciate them."



Tom Topper explains ambulance company operations to members of Partners of Americas. *A Dispatch Photo*

Ms. Chris Ashton of St. Vincent, Eastern Caribbean, who develops and implements rural development programs, remarked that "Emmitsburg is much like my town, about the same size where people were enthusiastic in doing their job and that volunteers are the life-blood."

Partners of the Americas is helping emerging leaders to address the multiple and complex problems of development and to seek creative and innovative solutions to problems we share throughout the hemisphere. Each participant is required to pay a participant fee as an expression of commitment to the program. Partners of the Americas is the largest private voluntary organization in the western

hemisphere promoting economic and social development, while fostering intra-American friendship and cooperation.

Partners is part of the Fellowship in International Development and is supported by the W.E. Kellogg Foundation which was created to "help people help themselves" in agriculture, health, and education. The foundation emphasizes a need for "...capable people—bright, dedicated, persevering despite hardship, prepared through advanced study and continuing profession education—to provide leadership to address their countrys' needs in the most appropriate ways."



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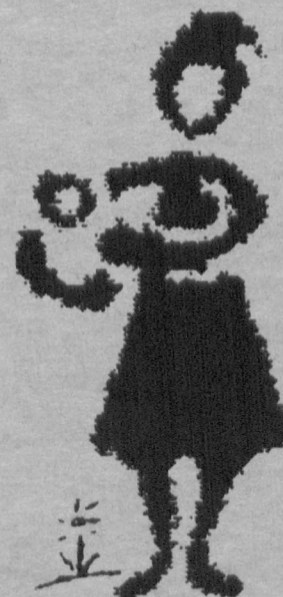
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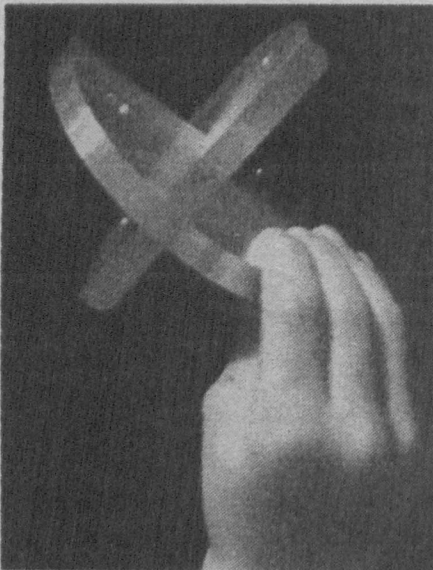


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Local studio introduces sculptural toy

By Lori Rubeling

(Oh-drah-dek) - a sculptural toy - is being exhibited at this year's Baltimore ARTSCAPE Cultural Fair, Saturday and Sunday July 20th and 21st, from noon until 8 p.m. The (oh-drah-dek) was designed and is being manufactured by Rubeling & Kain Studios.



The idea for the (oh-drah-dek) originated from the short story "Cares of a Family Man" written by Franz Kafka and the novel *Flatland* written by Edwin Abbott. Children from age 9 to 89 enjoy pushing and watching the (oh-drah-dek) roll along its 90 degree axis. At rest or in motion, the (oh-drah-dek) form is anthropomorphic; engaging the imagination in its combination of meditative and animated characteristics.

There are two profiles being manufactured at this time: Simple and Lotus. These profiles are interchangeable and assembled; each sculpture is 4 inches in diameter. The (oh-drah-dek) is being fabricated out of brightly polished 3.8"

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In 1990, the (oh-drah-dek) sculptural form was included in the "GEOMETRY" Exhibition at Willis Gallery, Detroit, Michigan. And, in 1993, another variation of the (oh-drah-dek) sculptural form, titled, "About Flatland," was one of four sculpture commissions awarded by the State of Michigan and City of Detroit ART-ON-THE-MOVE sculpture competition.

Lori Rubeling and Brian Kain have been designing collaboratively for over ten years. Their studio has been at its present location on Main Street in Emmitsburg, MD, since 1993. Rubeling & Kain Studios have architectural designs, sculpture, and mural commissions in collections throughout Michigan, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

Please visit Rubeling & Kain Studios at this year's ARTSCAPE, Mount Royal Ave., Baltimore, MD. Inquiries may be made by calling the studio at (301) 447-6583 and by e-mail at R1K2dio3@aol.com.

The (oh-drah-dek) will also be exhibited this fall during Frederick's In the Street Festival, Saturday, October 5, from noon to 6 p.m.

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Exercise Your Imagination

Real People, Real Problems: What I Learned on Capitol Hill

By John Gehring

I'm really not sure why I decided to wake up at 5:00 a.m. two days a week in the spring semester of my senior year in college to do an internship in Washington, D.C. Maybe it had something to do with wanting to peel away the glib generalizations with which most of us cloak over anything political, and to dig a little deeper than the "dirty politics" assumptions that often resonate in our expectations of elected officials. As far as I know my family tree has no political roots. (A healthy tree, cynics would say.) I had never worked in government before, never been an activist or signed a political petition. I'm embarrassed to say I didn't even vote in the last, and my first eligible, election. If Generation X is caricatured as apolitical and apathetic, at least in this instance, I fit the stereotype. For whatever reason I applied and, to my surprise, was accepted as an intern in Congressman Roscoe Bartlett's (R-6th) Washington Office. Two days a week I would travel to a town full of men and women we Americans love to hate.

Politicians have always been our great American whipping boys. Even before Nixon and his creeps (Committee to Re-Elect the President, of course) ushered in the fabled "Water-

gate" and forged a healthy mistrust of power, politicians have always been easy targets. Over beers and barbecues we curse their conniving, bemoan their bickering, and wonder how they could be so out of touch as representatives. "We the people," as a rule, have never been happy with the insider politician.

A registered Democrat, perhaps even a closet liberal (collective shudder) if pressed, I began my first day in a conservative Republican's office with a stomach full of apprehension. In a culture that loves labels, particularly political ones like "liberal" and "conservative," I walked gingerly and remembered to laugh at the Rush Limbaugh "Bubba" jokes. In reality, my internship supervisor at the office knew from a prior interview that I wasn't exactly a Reaganite protégé who would one day crusade for conservatism. After signing the contract that promised I would never write a tell-all expose about the closed door secrets of life in Republicanville, I was greeted with open arms.

Trial By Fire

One word can be used to describe the atmosphere in a congressional office: INTENSE! For three months, (Continued on next page.)

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two days a week, seven hours a day, I fielded constituents' calls, wrote press releases, opened mail, and attended meetings on everything from tax codes to restoring democracy in Haiti. As an intern, I feasted on a Capitol Hill smorgasbord that served up dishes of hot-button issues. For the first time, issues like welfare and the environment were not part of some six-second sound bite, but complex legislation hashed out by competent, passionate people. Yes, politics is often partisan, characterized by sharp,

often mean-spirited debate. God knows television shows, perhaps exacerbates, enough of this vitriol. But what you miss when you can't sniff around behind the scenes for awhile is a place where real people work like mad to resolve real problems that have no easy solutions. You miss the heart and fire of a place that, despite its undeniable balkanized bunches and petty disputes, demands our attention. As the consummate "outsider"—an apolitical college senior who could have

couch-potatoed my semester away—I was fortunate to watch both the mundane and dramatic moments that politics brings. While I may not have been of the same ideology as those in the office, I left with a deep sense of appreciation and respect for a group of people who work tirelessly for something they believe in. I truly believe most of them, even after an exhausting day, drive home feeling a sense of accomplishment. Except for the early morning alarm, it wasn't a bad way to spend the semester. I just

wish more people had the chance to pull back the cynical curtain and see that in this "game" called politics, the stakes are too high not to care.

John graduated from Mount Saint Mary's in May and will be attending Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in New York this fall. We wish him well.

Beitz Becomes First Recipient of Richards Teaching Award

Dr. Charles Beitz, associate professor of management at Mount Saint Mary's College, is the first recipient of the John W. Richards Award for Teaching Excellence.

The award was established to honor Dr. John Richards, a respected and beloved teacher at the Mount for 47 years, who died in January. Nominations were accepted from faculty members, administrators, students, and staff members.

Beitz, who is chair of the business and economics department, was recognized for the following criteria: creative course development; the ability to inspire and challenge students; concern for students' intellectual, moral, and religious development; and the ability to explicate difficult ideas, texts, and concepts.

Beitz joined the Mount faculty in 1981. His areas of interest are leadership, organization theory and behavior, and life and career transitions.

He teaches in both undergraduate and graduate (MBA) programs and presents a number of seminars to students and public and private sector senior executives.

Beitz earned his doctorate from University of Southern California and lives in Carlisle, PA. Beitz received the Richards Award and its \$1,000 prize at the Mount's Honors Convocation.

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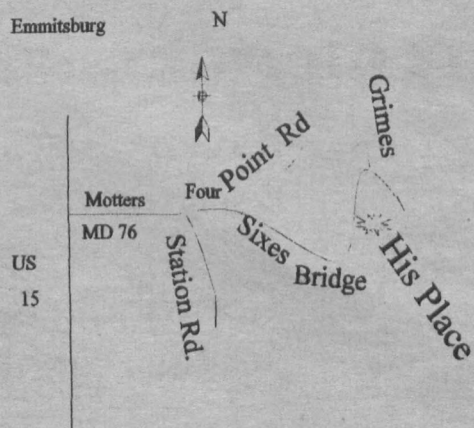
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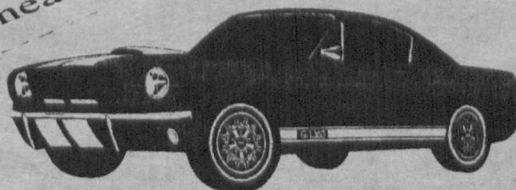
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OVER THE WHITE BOARD FENCE

By Mike Hillman

I can still remember the first time I saw the farm. Audrey and I had just finished a very frustrating day on a farm-hunting excursion arranged by a local realtor, looking at 4-bedroom boxes on 2 to 3 acres. Despite repeated rejections, the realtor continued to insist that the next farm would be perfect for us. We had originally intended to look for two days, but by late afternoon, we decided to strike out on our own. Thanking the realtor, we took a listing of homes for sale that we would pass on our way back to our home in the suburbs of Philadelphia. "How about this? 'Ten acres, 3-bed room farmhouse, horse barn, white board fencing.'" Audrey asked. "Sounds OK. Where is it?" "Emmitsburg, wherever that is." After getting lost two or three times, we finally located the road to the farm. As we crested the hill and the farm came into view, my heart skipped a beat. There it was—a white farmhouse, four fenced pastures, cinder block barn, and one newly painted dilapidated white board fence.

Eight weeks later, the farm was ours, and so began Audrey and Mike's adventure in country living. Over the past several years I had lived in the "country," but as time went on, I discovered how unprepared I was and what it would take to bring our farm up to livable standards, especially when the only tools I started with were a saw that couldn't cut straight and a hammer that couldn't hit any nails.

It took a little while for us to get used to our new neighbors and them to us. While I was awed at some of the habits of my new neighbors—the slaughtering of pet cows, for instance—they clearly were bewildered by some of our habits. One neighbor admitted that their family had stared for hours through binoculars at the sight of our horses standing in the field with blankets on. Another had stared in disbelief at the perfectly sculptured manure pile Audrey was creating behind the barn. "You mean you don't spread it?" The neighbor listened politely to my lengthy explanation of the nuances of horse parasite control; however, when I got to the part about having a mushroom company haul the manure away, it was too much for him. "You

mean you pay someone to take it away?!" Since then, neighbors have been only too willing to relieve us of our excess manure, and we of their excess homegrown vegetables. Later, while I was cutting the pasture, a neighbor stopped by and informed me that it was a little bit too early to be haying. When I explained that I would be mowing it weekly, he shook his head in disbelief. When I next inquired about buying hay from him, he left in a hurry, probably to report an escaped mental patient.

One single activity, however, I'm sure has provided the bulk of amusement to neighbors and passersby: my fetish with the state of the farm's white board fence. The previous owner had thoughtfully (sic) white-washed the fence soon after the farm had been put up for sale. Needless to say, the paint began to peel the day after we bought the farm. That summer, naively believing that fixing more than a quarter mile of fencing would be easy, I budgeted a weekend to re-nail fallen boards and slap on some cheap latex paint. That weekend quickly turned into a month of hard labor, and in the end it only looked so-so. Worse, by the fall, all the boards I had renailed had fallen off and the paint was flaking off like dandruff.

The following summer, I got a little more aggressive with the fence, replacing the worst of the rotted posts and boards, and hand painted the whole fence with a thick coat of oil-based paint. I couldn't help noticing that as I painted, my neighbors would drive by shaking their heads. One finally asked me if the sawmill had clued me in on the necessity of letting the wood dry before I painted it. Dry? it had been up for two weeks and felt dry to me. Oblivious to what his question implied, I convinced myself I was finally finished with the board fence for several years. Encouraged by this apparent success, I next went to work on building a picket fence around the house. I felt myself a true craftsman as I handcrafted each picket out of old pine boards I had found around the farm and patted myself on the back for having gotten the fence up before the start of two weeks of rainy weather. When the weather finally cleared, I leisurely set about painting it again. That fall, the paint peeled off both fences, and

what didn't peel was stained by rust from the nails (The purpose of galvanized nails was still a mystery to me.)

The following summer I resorted to replacing rotted posts and boards with pressure treated wood, (using galvanized nails, a wonderful invention) and covered the fence this time with tow heavy coats of oil based paint. On the picket fence, I had planed off all the latex paint and repainted it using both a primer and oil gloss. However, in spite of all my diligence, that fall, the paint on the picket fence peeled off in sheets, and the pressure treated wood twisted and bent, and the paint job looked like a bad case of acne. The following spring, I had the biggest bonfire in living neighbor history.

Perplexed, I went to the local sawmill (Green's sawmill in Gettysburg) and hardware store (Zurgables) for help, and for their advice. With their advice in hand, I began what for the last four years has been a systematic dismantlement and replacement each summer of whole, contiguous sections of the board fence. Additionally, after the recommended drying time, the fence is painted with high quality, oil-based primer and finish paint. Local farmers who have witnessed my antics

for the past six years drive by shaking their heads, sure in their belief that I'm suffering from some type of mental disorder. Bill Kuhns (owner of His Place), after watching me laboring to dig and enlarge the post holes by hand, showed up with a tractor equipped with a post hole digger, explaining that he couldn't bear to watch it anymore. Another stopped by and pleaded with me to give it up, explaining that every time he and his wife drove by, she nagged him about the state of their own fence.

As for the picket fence, I spent the following winter making all new pickets and triple coating them with oil-based primer while they were still indoors. The following summer, I had another bonfire. The new pickets worked so well, that last year I built another picket fence around Audrey's garden. Both look as good as the day they went up.

What lessons did I learn? 1: Never have a white board fence, and if you do put one up, paint it black. 2: Never go cheap on paint; the two or three dollars you save will never make up for the time lost repainting. 3: Never put paint on thick, the thinner the better; a roller may not be as (Please see FENCE on page 13)

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(FENCES from page 12)
 romantic as a brush, but it is quicker and puts an even coat of thin paint on.
 4: If you can, never replace single boards or posts, replace whole sections, it's more work, but looks infinitely better; also if you use green wood (which is cheapest), make sure it's dry before you apply paint; if you put it up in the late spring, it will be ready to paint in the late fall. 5: Before you do anything, ask a neighbor for tips. Throughout my fence ordeal, when I would discuss fence problems with a neighbor, the listener inevitably would chuckle and explain what I had done wrong. I couldn't begin to count the number of times I heard "Didn't you know that?"
 6: Last, but not least, when you're working on the fence, always look like you're having a tough time. The good-hearted neighbors that make Emmitsburg what it is are always willing to lend a hand.

Mike Hillman lives on Sixes Bridge Road east of Emmitsburg and spends his time painting fences and working with his competition horse Lt. Worf, and dreaming up ways to be an embarrassment to his wife.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PATRONS AND STAFF OF EMMITSBURG VIDEO

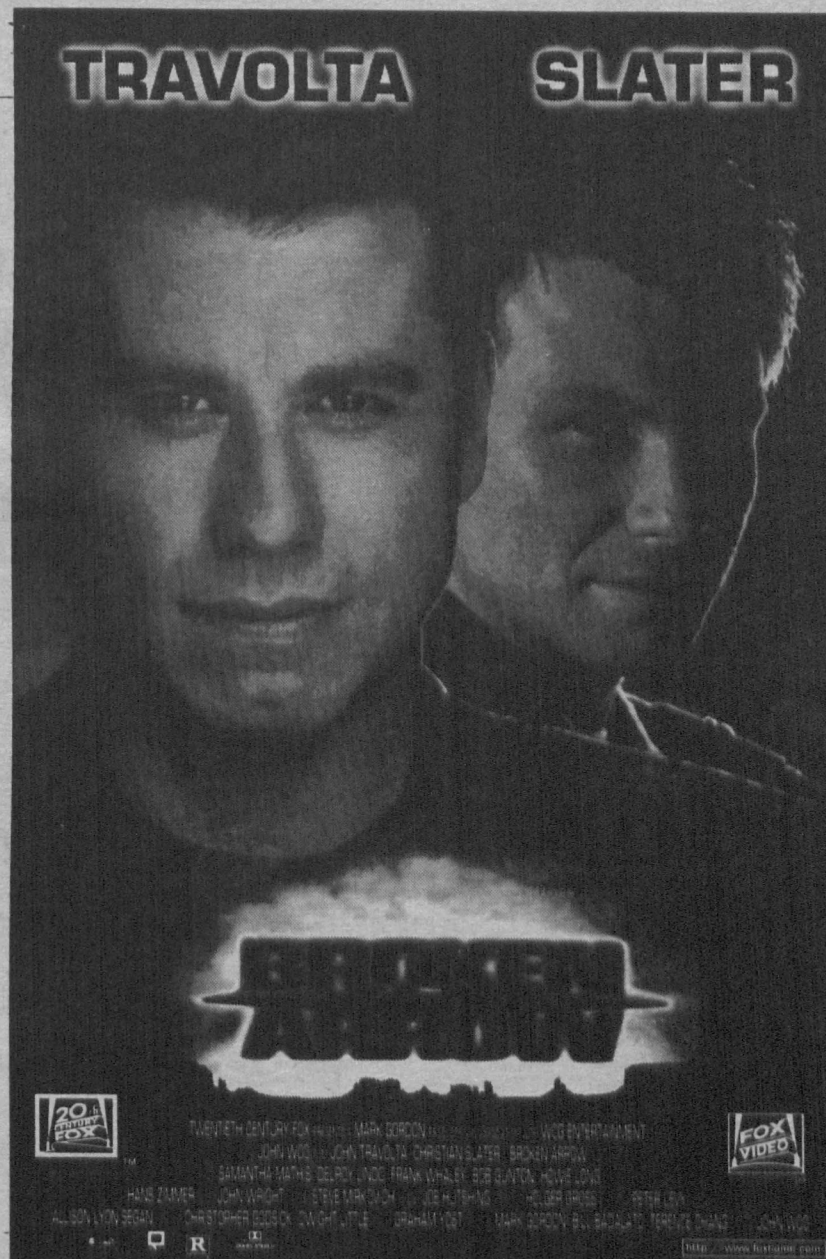
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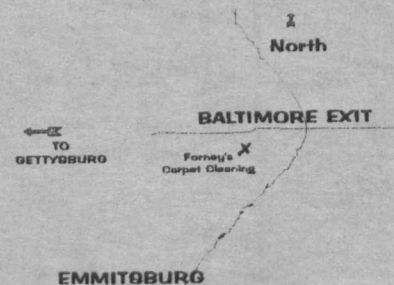
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Garden Ramblings...

By Christine Maccabee

A Hail of a Storm or Weathering Menaces in Nature

How can this be? A hail storm on top of the hardship of an extra long winter and a wet, cold spring. I am just now beginning to recover from shell-shock. My entire garden, flowers, veggies, herbs, were assaulted, shredded, and otherwise brutalized by a furious hail storm which whipped through our little valley, making a beeline for Emmitsburg. Some of you may have experienced its fury. I wonder if you are as depressed as I am.

Considering my terrible reaction to this setback and my very slow recovery rate, I wonder how I would fare if something even worse than a hail storm occurred, say, a twister! People who garden, or who farm, must be prepared, mentally, to face inevitable hardships which come in many forms, be it bug, storm, or drought. I have to wonder after this assault of hail whether gardening isn't more punishment than therapy, for now my work is doubled!

Where is that old spirit of determination? Gone. How about some positivity, some hope? None. Ingenuity? Later. For now, I mourn the loss of

my wondrous large, odorous iris bloom, sliced to pieces. The onions, peppered with bruises from marble-sized hail, are broken and ragged and no longer a joy to behold. The small but healthy basil and beet plants struggled to stand in the heat of the day, having been flattened and bruised on Monday. This is Thursday, and my bruises still hurt as well. Broccoli and bean leaves are sliced, weakened, and vulnerable to heat and pest. And, oh, the wild Bergamot flower tops are all decapitated. I can hardly bring myself to mention the red Canadian lily, whose majestic, sturdy stalks lie now bent and broken, much like my own spirit, bent and broken.

Shortly after the onslaught I had to go to choir rehearsal at Apple's Church (I'm the organist there) and as I went out my front door what should I see but a blasted rainbow. "That is a total joke," I thought as I drove down my lane, noting how the bucket of gold was about one mile down at Ann and Rusty's house. I felt sure they too had been recipients of the ravage. "A RAINBOW???" You've got to be kidding, God." My thoughts as I drove along were not hopeful.

I am feeling a bit more hopeful today, but all the damage and the extra work needed are quite obvious, mostly to me as I am the guardian

and keeper of the garden. The nasturtium leaves are mostly gone, the blue lobelia border muddy, cut and bruised, the blue lupine stripped half naked of their blooms. Don't anyone dare say something cheerful to make me feel better. And yet, there is a sweet irony to all of this...at choir rehearsal our punster of a bass gave me an idea for a new country song, some lines being, "God stamped the Hail out of my garden, and then I saw the rainbow..."

It is Friday, and before I went to the garden I did something I've never done before... I put one of the stereo speakers at the open door, and turned it up loud. The wonderful tones and lyrics of "Sting" graced the garden and me with our own personal festival. I refused to be sad today. Devotedly I planted some old variety green beans and watermelon for the third time this spring.

When gardening gets tough, the tough get gardening. So true.

Keep the faith.

Note: The last we heard Christine's gardens are recovering fairly well, some things are gone for the season, others flourishing. Now it's flea beetles. The garden goes on unceasingly, ever-changing and forever challenging.

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COUNTRY PICNIC

A Chicken and Ham dinner will be served at St. Anthony's on Saturday, July 27, from 1 p.m. until... Adults-\$7; children under 12 -\$3.25. The dinner is a special feature of the yearly country-style picnic.

There will be many fun games going on in the grove behind the Hall as well as stands selling crafts, plants, white elephant items, etc. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each with prizes of \$1,000, \$300, and \$200.

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Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stambaugh on their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Rocky Ridge Fire Company will hold their carnival August 12 - 17 at Mt. Tabor Park. You will find good food and the firemen's famous fried ham sandwich.

The Church of the Brethren will have Bible School July 29 - Aug. 2, beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending or helping please call Alice at 271-7960.

On 10 a.m. on July 6 at Mt. Tabor Park an Antique Tractor Pull will take place. Breakfast will be available at 6 a.m., Lunch will also be available. Space will be available for anyone who would like to set up a flea market stand.

At 6 p.m. on July 20th there will be Park Bingo and food for sale. Bingo will start at 7:30 p.m.

Correction. The music for the United Church of Christ festival is "Heartsong Ministries." The festival will be held July 27 at Mt. Tabor Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harris and son Anthony traveled to Fort Hood, Texas, to visit Michael Harris Jr. and while they were in Texas visited Libertie Smith and her family. When they came home Michael Jr. came with them and visited family and friends for several days. He has returned to Fort Hood.

New Postal Services

By Darlene Donaldson, Postmaster

Rocky Ridge Post Office You can say "Charge it!" at the Rocky Ridge Post Office and the Emmitsburg Post Office. The postal service began accepting credit cards at selected post offices last summer. The program also include acceptance of national and regional debit and AMT cards.

The key reason for the decision to accept credit cards can be expressed in two words: customer convenience.

The credit card has become synonymous with shopping for everything from clothes to cars, and over the past few years, even groceries. Credit cards allow customers the convenience of not carrying large amount of cash—or of making necessary pur-

chases on an emergency basis when cash is not available. There are few places where a credit card is not accepted. Until now the post office was one of them.

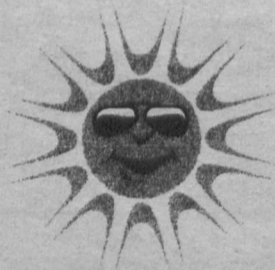
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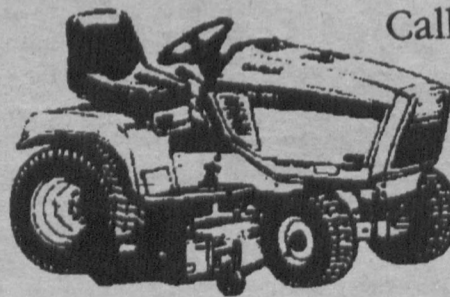
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St. Anthony Shrine/OLMC News

By Ann Marshall

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE for both parishes has been relocated to the Parish Center at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Thurmont. Summer office hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Registration for Vacation Bible School (July 15-19) and for Religious Education will be ongoing

through the summer. Call 271-4099 for information. All the other joint parish office functions remain at St. Anthony's in the lower level of the Hall.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS are needed for Vacation Bible School. Parents and other adults are asked to help the parish children by donations of time, snacks, transportation, etc. Please call Kathy Cashiola or Yvette Leith to offer assistance, 271-4099.

A DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING will be observed by both

parishes on July 11. This is part of a nationwide campaign to override the presidential veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban. Further information about activities may be obtained by calling the office, 447-2367.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Members-at-Large who were elected to serve on the 1996-1997 Pastoral Council: Heather Offutt and Mildred Valentine from St. Anthony's; Tom Stackhouse and Kay Swearingen from Mt. Carmel.

Mount Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

May 20-25 was "Charity Quilt" week. Fifteen people, representing 5 churches, cut quilt pieces, emptying 4 large boxes of polyester knits. Some of these pieces were stitched into baby and crib quilt tops. When assembled, all tops will be finished by knotting and distributed to people recommended by social service agencies. We have donated 35 covers since the program began.

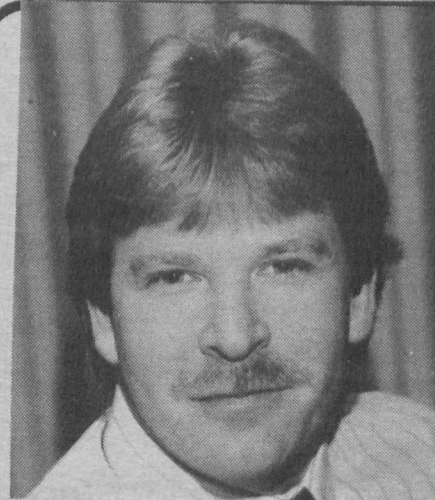
This is a two-fold project—helping people and recycling. Ninety-five percent of the materials used are donated. Sometimes it seems we are the "Claire Frock" recycling center because so many of the fabrics we receive originated at the factory. At the present time we are trying to clear our storage and work areas; therefore, cannot accept new donations. Thanks for your past support.

Recycle is the motto of the 90's, but it is not really a new idea. Thrifty people have always recycled; they just didn't call it that.

Seed was saved from year to year for planting; bed sheets were made from flour sacks; clothing from feed and seed sacks; old milk, dish wash-water, and table scraps were "slop" for the hogs; manure for crops.

The list is long and right at the top should be quilts. Covers were made to use from leftover sewing scraps and good pieces of worn clothing. The pieces unsuitable for quilts were used to make rag rugs or cleaning rags, beds for mama cat's new kittens, and scarecrows.

Yes, thrifty people have always recycled. Even the Sears, Roebuck Catalog was used for a child's coloring book, to paste recipes in, as a scrap book, to cut quilt templates. Oh! Yes, it was put in the outdoor privy to read or use as needed.



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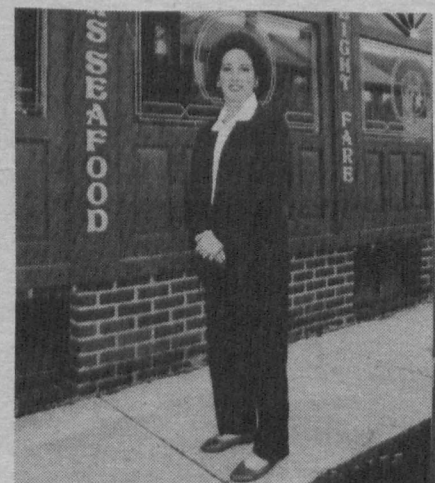
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Obituaries

Mr. Archie Leon Gochenour

Mr. Archie Leon Gochenour, 72, of Appleman Rd., Somerset, NJ, formerly of Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, May 29, at St. Peter's Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ.

He was born November 10, 1923, in Cascade, Md., a son of the late Claude Gochenour and Ruth Smith Gochenour Myers. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Surviving are four children, Kenneth Gochenour, Princeton, NJ, Paul Gochenour of Orange Park, FL., Michael Gochenour of San Diego, CA, and Judith Cicerale of Somerset, NJ; nine grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; five brothers, Harold Gochenour, Apple Valley, CA, Gene Gochenour of Thurmont, MD, Chet Gochenour, Sabillasville, MD, Claude Gochenour, Apple Valley, CA, Gene Gochenour of Thurmont, MD; two sisters Marianne Myers of Emmitsburg and Doris Crowley, Pasadena, MD. He was predeceased by a brother Merle Gochenour.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 1 from the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD with the Rev. Larry Eby Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery, Cascade, MD.

Mr. Donald Long

Mr. Donald Eugene Long, 62, of Manahan Road, Sabillasville, died Friday, May 31, at the University Hospital Shock Trauma Unit, Baltimore. He was born Nov. 1, 1933, in Sunbury, PA.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict.

Surviving are three children, Morgan Anthony Long and Stacey Lee Cornell, both of Ranson, W.Va., and Douglas Long of Florida; a grandson, Kyle Austin Long of Ranson; and a brother, Richard Long of Florida.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 6, 1996, at Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg. The Rev. Donnie J. Cardwell, pastor of Toms Creek United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg, officiated.

Mrs. Karen Roman

Mrs. Karen Denise Riffle Roman, 36, of 7719 Hampton Valley Road, Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, June 19, in Thurmont in a drowning accident.

She was the wife of James Edward Roman, whom she married May 31, 1981.

Born April 6, 1960 in Waynesboro, PA, she was a daughter of Franklin Edward and Shirley Lee Angell Riffle of Thurmont.

She was a member of Weller United Methodist Church, Thurmont, was employed at Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont, and was a graduate of Catoctin High School, class of 1978. She enjoyed gardening, baking, and bird watching.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by three children, Nicole Leann Roman, Joshua Edward Roman, and Kourtney Denise Roman, all at home; two sisters, Kathy D. LaDuke of Renton, Wash., and Karol D. Kolb of Thurmont; a brother, David E. Riffle of Thurmont; maternal grandmother, Dorothy Angell of Thurmont, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 22, at the Thurmont funeral home with her pastor, the Rev. Richard A. Zamostny, officiating. Interment was in Eyler's Valley Cemetery, Emmitsburg. A trust fund for Mrs. Roman's children has been established at the F&M Bank, Thurmont, Md.

Gettysburg Hospital Offers Cancer Screening Program

The Gettysburg Hospital and the Adams County Medical Society Alliance will conduct a Canscreen program on Wednesday, July 17th from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. at The Gettysburg Hospital. Canscreen is a comprehensive cancer screening program designed to help health care professionals detect cancer at its earliest stage.

The screening provides a multi-site risk factor examination of the participant, a personalized cancer risk analysis, limited physical screening tests of the stool, blood and urine, and individualized educational information.

The canscreen program focuses on the following areas of assessment: cancer of the mouth, throat, thyroid, skin, stomach, kidneys, bladder, colon and rectum. The program also includes risk assessments of female cancers, such as breast, cervix, and uterus; and in men, cancer of the testes and prostate.

"Canscreen is not intended to diagnose or treat cancer," says Carol Rowan, R.N., oncology nurse, "that is done, if necessary, by the participant's physician as a result of the program."

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Mother Seton Elementary News

By Val Mentzer

The Discover "E" program, an engineering program sponsored by Northrop Grumman, was held at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg. Mr. Larry Hajnos, coordinator of this event for Northrop Grumman, presented this program to eighth grade students. The students were divided into engineering teams to design a SPLAT Vehicle (Special Purpose Lightweight Aerodynamic Transport Vehicle). This vehicle had to house a raw egg and allow it to fly over ten feet in the air and land without breaking the egg. The students spent the morning watching a video tape and attended a lecture that explained the help of gravity, various materials, and lift and drag techniques to engineer their vehicle. In the afternoon, a contest was held and the winners were announced. A donation of \$1,000 was presented to Sister Charles, middle school science teacher at Mother Seton School, at a reception at the Historical Electronics Museum in Linthicum, Maryland. This affirms the mission of Northrop-Grumman to give aid to the science programs of our schools.

Presidential Fitness Awards

This year's "President's Challenge Physical Fitness Program" awards were presented by Mother Seton School's physical education instructor, Mrs. Bonnie Hahn, on Tuesday, June 11th. Students participated in five events: 1) curl ups - test abdominal strength and endurance; 2) pull ups - test upper body strength; 3) one-mile run/walk - tests cardiovascular endurance 4) sit and reach - tests flexibility; 5) shuttle run - tests speed and agility. Students finishing in the 50-84th percentile receive a national ranking. This is the fourth year

for this program at Mother Seton and over 100 students received a national ranking. This is a 20% improvement since the first year of the program.

Four students were recognized for receiving the Presidential Physical Fitness Award: Laura Phillips, Kim Eaton, Joseph Hallinan, and Tyler Mentzer performed in the 85th percentile in those five events. Laura Phillips was the first 7th grader to receive this honor. Kim Eaton received her third Presidential honor and Joseph Hallinan received his second. Tyler Mentzer became the youngest recipient of this award as a 2nd grader.

Walkathon Presentation

At our closing liturgy on Monday, June 9, Sister Mary Catherine Conway presented Mr. Michael C. Cather, Development Coordinator from the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology Center, with a check for \$4,5000. Mr. Cather was extremely grateful to the hard working and dedicated students and their families for contributing to this worthy cause. The Center is committed to finding new and effective ways of diagnosing, treating, and preventing the various types of cancers that afflict children. Congratulations to the Mother Seton School family for being a leader in community service and giving to those in need.

Discovering Engineering



Top row, left to right: Sister Mary Catherine Conway (Principal), Sarah Emory, Michael Dieterich, Matt Knox, Drew LeFaivre, Cathan Daugherty, John Fuhrman, Mr. Larry Hajnos. Bottom row: Matt Satterfield, Eric Beam, Diana Eaton, Becky Ten Eyck.

Registration for the 1996-97 School Year

Any new families interested in registering for the 1996-97 school year should contact Mrs. Terry Smith in the school office. Summer office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come and be a part of our great Mother Seton School family!

"What an American Veteran Means to Me"

The 8th grade participated in an essay and poster contest sponsored by the AMVETS. Students were to give their thoughts and feelings about "What an American veteran means to me." Proudly, four of our Mother Seton School students received a \$50 savings bond for winning in their category. Lauren Maruskin and Elizabeth Farmer were winners in the essay contest, and Amber Jacobs and Brandi Daigle were winners in the poster contest. Congratulations, students.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

By George Geralis

Smoke from many a ton of charcoal will rise in the air from backyard cooking stoves this summer. Most of the charcoal used will be in the form of briquettes (compressed charcoal scraps and dust with chemical additives). When not using white ashes of seasoned native wood, I rely upon charcoal from Tennessee, sold in bags at most hardware stores. The difference in the taste they contribute to the foods I prepare is notable, especially if they are not doused with liquid charcoal starter.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken parts are favorites for outdoor cooking because of their ease in preparation. Some of us, however, make a special effort by ADDING various seasonings to the outdoor delicacies, making them distinctly different from others.

I had such an experience recently at a neighborhood gathering, when I was offered a hamburger prepared by Debbie Wivell Swiderski's husband, Bill. Trimmings and sauces aside, Bill's hamburger is the best outdoor-cooked burger I have ever had. McDonald's, Hardee's, Roy's and Wendy's should take note. Bill's burgers rank supreme! He may, perhaps, be persuaded to share his recipe in a future column.

Although charcoal-broiled steak is my favorite, I sometimes cook *Shish Kebab* (shish keh bob) for special occasions. The words *Shish Kebab* are taken from the Turkish language, translate *Shish* (sword) *Kebab* (roasted meat.)

Skewered meats were introduced by the Moguls but have been attributed to Balkan cuisines, all of which are basically similar, with variations in seasonings.

While current versions of *Shish Kebab* are of Turkish influence, we will find differences suggesting ingredients indigenous to other cultures where meats are also cooked on skewers. In Russia, skewered lamb is called *Shaslik*, and in Greece another variation is called *Souvlaki*.

The following recipe is an example of such influences developed over many centuries. Lamb, of course, can be related to cultures of the Near East, pineapple to America, and kumquats to China and the Far East.

FESTIVE SHISH KEBAB

1½ Cups dry white wine
2/3 Cup fresh lemon juice
2 Cups vegetable oil

- 4 Large garlic cloves, mashed
 - 1½ Teaspoons oregano
 - 1 Teaspoon thyme
 - 1 Teaspoon basil
 - 3 Tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
 - 1½ Teaspoons salt
 - ½ Teaspoon freshly ground pepper
 - 4½ Pounds boneless lamb, cut into 1½ inch cubes
 - 1½ Pounds small white onions, peeled
 - 1 Medium-sized pineapple
 - 4 Green bell peppers, deribbed, cut into eighths
 - 10 Preserved kumquats
 - 1½ Pounds large mushrooms, cleaned and stemmed
- 3 to 5 minutes to soften them slightly.
 - Drain and set them aside
 - Skin and core the pineapple
 - Cut pineapple into 2-inch pieces and set aside
 - Remove lamb from marinade, saving marinade to brush on *kebabs* as they cook
 - Thread skewers decoratively with lamb, peppers, pineapple, onions, kumquats, and mushroom caps
 - Cook *kebabs* over hot coals 15 to 20 minutes or until done to taste.
 - Turn and baste with marinade as necessary

Serve *Shish Kebab* with a dollop of plain yogurt over rice on the side.

- In a non-corrosive container combine wine, lemon juice, oil, garlic, oregano, thyme, basil, Worcestershire sauce, salt, and pepper
- Add cubed lamb and mix gently
- Cover and refrigerate overnight
- Turn meat several times during this period

When ready to assemble the *kebabs*, begin by parboiling the onions

Don't forget the wine of your choice. A Merlot or a Chateau Neuf Du Pape would be great and if you feel you would like to impress your guests, ask your florist to prepare a table centerpiece of mixed foliage. Flowers would be too much with this festive colored meal.

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Citizen Survey

Information to be used for the Comprehensive Plan

Please return completed form to the Town Office

We need your input! This survey will assist the Town Council of Emmitsburg, the Planning and Zoning Commission and you, the citizens, in developing the Twenty Year Comprehensive Plan for Emmitsburg. The Twenty Year Comprehensive Plan is required by the State of Maryland and is due by 1997.

The survey will help us envision what we want for Emmitsburg's future as a community. Your ideas and suggestions are crucial to the Town and for developing the comprehensive plan.

In addition to filling out this survey, we encourage you to attend the Town Meetings, held on the first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Town Office and the Planning and Zoning meetings, held on the last Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Office. Dates and times for these meetings are advertised on cable channel 22 and posted at the Town Office, 22 East Main Street.

We suggest that spouses complete separate surveys since you may have different responses. Also, if a young adult (at least 18 years of age) is living with you, encourage him/her to complete a survey as well. Extra copies of the survey may be obtained at the Town Office.

Take your completed surveys to the Town Office, 22 East Main Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or drop it in the box on the front door during non-business hours.

Our goal as a community is to plan the future of Emmitsburg based on its citizens' needs and wants. Thank you for taking time to complete the survey. We hope to see you at future meetings!

TOWN OF EMMITSBURG
1996 SURVEY

I. GENERAL:

1. Where do you live? Please provide street or road name.
2. Do you live in the corporate limits of Emmitsburg? Circle one.

YES NO

3. How long have you been a resident of Emmitsburg?

- a. less than 5 years
- b. 5 to 10 years
- c. 11 to 20 years
- d. 21 to 30 years
- e. 31 to 50 years
- f. over 50 years

4. Do you envision yourself living in Emmitsburg for the next few years?

5. If not a native, why did you move to Emmitsburg?

6. Do you own or rent the home in which you reside? Circle one.

OWN RENT

7. What is your age?

- a. 18-25
- b. 26-35
- c. 36-45
- d. 46-55
- e. 56-65
- f. 65+

8. How many members are in your household?

9. How do you get news about Emmitsburg's government?

- a. Town Meetings
- b. The Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch
- c. Emmitsburg Cable Station
- d. Word of Mouth
- e. Not Informed

10. What newspapers do you read or purchase on a regular basis?

- a. Frederick News Post
- b. Gettysburg Times
- c. Glade Valley Times
- d. The Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch
- e. Other

11. Where do you work?

- a. Emmitsburg
- b. Gettysburg/
Pennsylvania area
- c. Thurmont
- d. Frederick
- e. Hagerstown
- f. I-270 Corridor
- g. Washington area
- h. Baltimore area
- i. Other

12. If you work in Emmitsburg is your occupation with a home based business or another business (circle one).

Home based Other

13. Where would you like to work?

II. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 = Very Dissatisfied, 2 = Dissatisfied, 3 = Somewhat Satisfied, 4 = Satisfied, 5 = Very Satisfied, please circle your level of satisfaction concerning community services in Emmitsburg.

condition of community streets
1 2 3 4 5

availability of community sidewalks
1 2 3 4 5

quality of parks
1 2 3 4 5

accessibility of parks
1 2 3 4 5

water quality and service
1 2 3 4 5

sewer quality and service
1 2 3 4 5

fire department service
1 2 3 4 5

police service
1 2 3 4 5

ambulance service
1 2 3 4 5

quality of elementary school
1 2 3 4 5

quality of recreational programs
1 2 3 4 5

quantity of recreational programs
1 2 3 4 5

quality of public library service
1 2 3 4 5

quality/frequency of garbage pick up
2 3 4 5

quality of swimming pool
1 2 3 4 5

2. Please comment further on your ratings of the above services.

3. What additional community services would you like to have in Emmitsburg?

4. What new school facilities would you like to see in Emmitsburg?

- a. elementary
- b. junior high school
- c. senior high school
- d. other

5. Do you experience traffic problems in Emmitsburg? If so, where?

6. Where should there be more pedestrian walkways and accessibility?

III. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

1. How do you feel about the overall appearance of housing in Emmitsburg?

- a. generally, very good
- b. overall, about average
- c. poor

2. What types of houses do/would you like to see in Emmitsburg?

- a. Single Family
- b. Duplexes
- c. Townhouses
- d. Apartments

3. Compared to the region, how do you feel about the purchase price of housing in Emmitsburg?

- a. very reasonable
- b. about average
- c. too expensive

4. Would you like to see more job opportunities in Emmitsburg? What types of job opportunities would you like to have in Emmitsburg?

5. Should Emmitsburg try to attract more businesses? For example: bookstores, clothing, etc.

YES NO

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5. Should Emmitsburg try to attract more businesses? For example: bookstores, clothing, etc.

YES NO

6. If you answered yes to the last question, what types of businesses would you like to see in Emmitsburg?

7. Do you go outside of Emmitsburg to shop and if so, where do you go and for what items?

8. How would you like to see Emmitsburg grow in regards to business and industry?

9. How do you feel about the future growth of Emmitsburg?

10. Refer to the attached map and legend when answering the following questions.

a. Indicate with a "V" the areas which you value the most. Please explain in the space below.

b. Indicate on the attached map where you would like to see the following (use the key provided):

Schools S

Industry I

Parks P

Medical Facility M

11. Please list reasons why you like living in Emmitsburg.

12. Please list a few things you would like to change about Emmitsburg.

13. Please list any concerns not covered in the survey.

Please feel free to attach other comments to answer questions 11, 12, and 13.

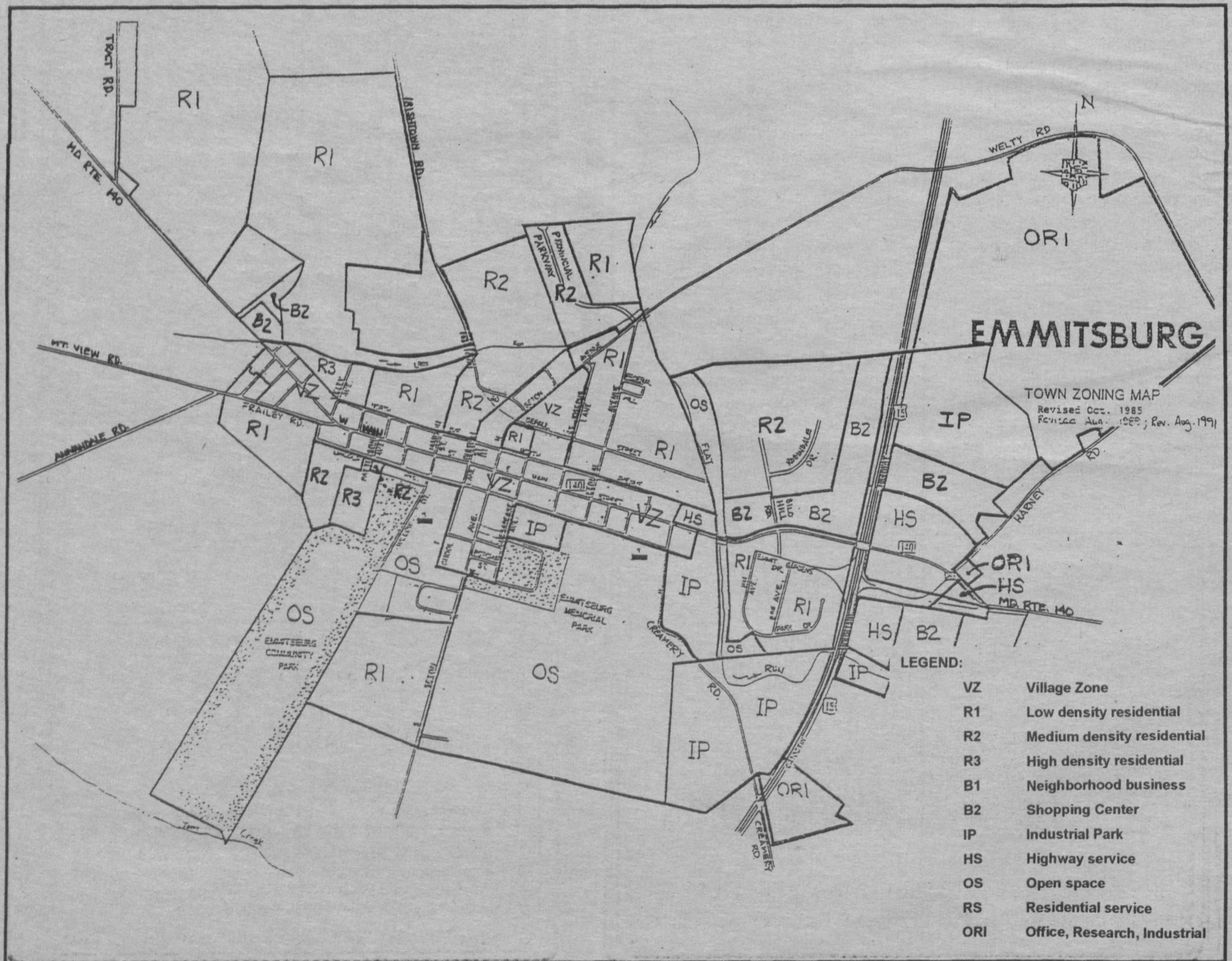
Thank you for participating in the survey! Your comments and suggestions are appreciated.

Facts regarding the Comprehensive Plan

David T. Whitaker

▪ The Emmitsburg Comprehensive Plan is a guide for public officials and residents to lead the town into the 21st Century. The Comprehensive Plan is a long-range guide for growth, land use, transportation, community facilities, environmental protection, economic renewal, preservation, and development in and around the town. If respected and followed, it will help to balance the needs and desires of the community while protecting the resources that make Emmitsburg a special place to live, work, and visit.

▪ The Emmitsburg Planning Commission initiated the process to update the Town Comprehensive Plan in the fall of 1994. A draft of the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1996 and will be forwarded to the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners for review and adoption.



Fresh Water Fish, The Pet

By Jack Deatherage, Jr.

Moving into our upstairs apartment has taken more money than we expected, though not nearly as long as we thought it would. Still, summer is nearly here as I write this and the fish room is not strictly for fish. There is a small couch and entertainment stand in what used to be the living room and the kitchen still holds most of our food and the dishes I haven't washed lately. We've finally decided that it would be smarter to do the majority of our cooking in the new kitchen upstairs. Duh.

Having decided to re-gear fish keeping for my own pleasure, Wanda of course tells me to sell the 55's and buy a few 50's we can set up to breed African cichlids in. (It streaks through what little mind I have left that I've been there, done that, and didn't like it.)

The boss has spoken and we're looking at tanks and considering floor space. We've been discussing our wish list of African cichlids we hope to purchase from Buck in Florida. (We even agree on two species. Not bad, 2 out of 30. We'll have room for four breeding species and I'll get a few fish, as varied in color and shape as possible, for my own viewing pleasure!)

Actually I'm glad Wanda has taken a renewed interest in our hobby. She tends to be more observant than I am, spotting weak fish, odd behavior or brooding females long before I notice them. She also reminds me of filters that didn't work as advertised when I get fired up to buy, buy, buy. She questions every

purchase, requires a detailed explanation of how, what, and why, never forgetting: how much? I have to prove every item I request money for.

I could skip proving my need to buy equipment, food, and fish by simply keeping my pay check each week and spending the money as I choose. I survived that way until Wanda and I got together. I suspect I could manage my own money again.

Sure I could—survive that is. It's taken years for the alcohol haze to clear, but I haven't forgotten the time when I was immortal and didn't care how I lived or died. I remember when 5 years would pass before I bought anything new to clothe myself with other than boots; I wore them out at work or hunting and fishing. I remember money being spent for important things: books, fishing rods, beer, guns, fishing tackle, beer, chess sets, beer, cribbage boards, beer, motorcycles—you get the idea.

I remember when there were no African cichlids, no house, none one to hold, no son to be tormented by, no idea of what was next, or when the hang-over would finally go away.

Sure, I could survive. Actually, I'm glad Wanda thinks we've accomplished enough house repairs and remodeling to become interested in our fish again. She's glad I plan to keep her Gran Ma's angels and the discus that can't seem to get a clutch of eggs hatched. She's excited as I am to be planning another go with Africans. I think I'll stop griping about having to justify everything I want to buy. At least for a week or two.



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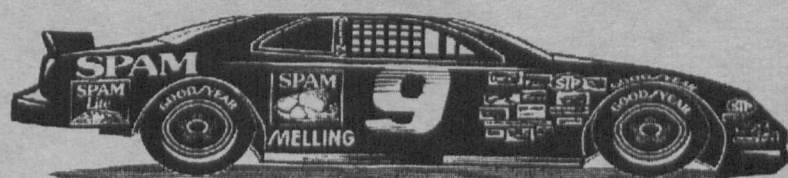
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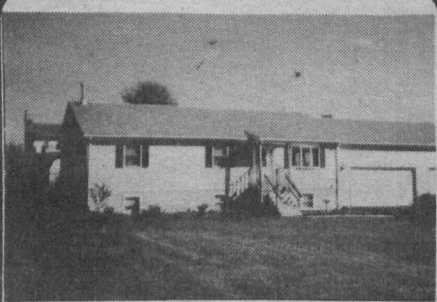
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