

The Emmitsburg Regional

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Gaining Strength From One Another

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CITIZEN SURVEY **Emmitsburg Aqua Visions**

By Christina Stevenson

The Emmitsburg Town Council and staff are working to obtain a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the State of Maryland to assist in the restoration of Emmitsburg's Community Center. The Community Center is located at 300 South Seton Avenue and serves as a home for a myriad of wonderful activities and programs offered to the residents of Emmitsburg.

The building is in need of some serious repairs that include asbestos and lead paint removal, and renovations to bring it up to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The estimated cost for this work is approximately 1.6 million dollars and grant funding is necessary in making this project a reality. As a condition for acquiring these funds, communities in-

terested in grant funding must demonstrate that at least 51% of the project beneficiaries have low and moderate incomes (LMI). LMI is defined as income that does not exceed 80% of the area's median income.

In order to obtain this information, we will be conducting a simple five minute survey on Saturday, September 14, 1996, of 350 of our residents chosen at random. Volunteers are needed to conduct the surveys! The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the surveys should be completed by 12:00 noon.

Letters are being sent to those residents selected to participate in the survey. If you are a resident who receives a letter, we hope that you will help in this endeavor! If you cannot participate, let us know as soon as you can so that the another resident can be contacted in time. Call 447-2313 for information.

By Roger Steele

We are dwellers of watersheds—whether it be the drainage basins of creeks such as Marsh, Middle, Swamp, Friends, Toms, Rock, Alloway, Piney or Turkey Creek, or smaller basins often called runs like Muddy, Flat, Rattling, Copper, Plum, White, and Lousy Run. Some small streams, known as branches like Beaver, Cattail, and Miney Branch, carve out watersheds in the landscape as do the large rivers such as the Monocacy which really encompasses all the above smaller watersheds as tributaries. These and many other small streams, some of them unnamed, are

found in an eight-mile radius of Emmitsburg.

What watershed are you living in? Just determine which nearby stream will be entered by water runoff flowing from your property, and that's it. You are a dweller of that stream's watershed. We are a small part of the great Potomac River watershed. Water from our region eventually reaches the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean via the Potomac from its subwatershed the Monocacy. The Monocacy, which starts at the Mason Dixon Line with the confluence of Marsh and Rock Creeks near the town of Harney, is Maryland's largest tributary to the Potomac.

What are visions? What do they mean? Who has them? According to the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin in their published *Potomac River Watershed Visions Project*, "A vision focuses on ends...rather than means...concentrates on potential rather than on limits...describes positive outcomes rather than negative conditions...move(s) from reacting to problems (crisis management) to goal setting...(planning)."

We all have visions. They make a "shared view of how people would like to live and see their community grow in the years ahead. A vision is different from a plan, but it is where a plan begins. The first task in community planning is to envision the direction to go. A vision sets direction and articulates community values. It serves as a touchstone for subsequent plans, policies and expenditure—the steps or strategies that will make a community's vision become a reality."

A Muskogee Creek Indian
(Please see STREAMS on page 3)

Hitchhiking Birds

Tell me again why I'm lying under this car. This is for the birds. That's it! It is for the birds. It's a given that people do strange things. But hitchhiking birds? I had to make sure the story being spun was true. There they were, baby birds happily chirping in their little nest built just behind the left rear wheel in the box frame of the automobile.

The owner of the car, and chauffeur of the birds, insisted that I crawl under the car to authenticate his story of the nest full of baby sparrows that he has been driving around for a couple of weeks. There they were peeping away. No, the bringer of this tale definitely admits he is not a bird-brain, but still wishes to remain anonymous. The story was one of those truths stranger than fiction, and he worried whether others would think him a bit birdy, er, batty.

He told of noticing parents obviously in the throes of nest building hopping under his car and then dismissing the observation until one day while getting in the car he thought he heard birds peeping.

He drove off on his trip, to a wake as a

matter of fact, and when he returned several hours and many miles later, there were the parents waiting for their offspring. They went right about their parental duty of feeding, seemingly not realizing or caring that their babies had been touring Frederick County.

For the next several days the proud godparent chauffeured the birds around town as daily errands were run. Always mamma and papa were waiting to feed the brood when he got home.

That's what he said and that's what I saw. The kindly chauffeur did stop by the other day to report that the babies had fledged and with the loving insistence of parental urgings and peckings did take wing. One, though, the good man reported, might have had travel sickness because it missed the bushes and collided with the house. He placed it in the bush and they all chirped happily ever after. (Or, maybe they're planning to take a southern vacation by auto.)

Dispatch Widely Read



During Robert and Dolores Henke's recent trip to France and Spain to visit family, Delores and her grandson, Jean-Miquel Escola Henke, peruse the *Dispatch* and discuss the June 19 flood in Emmitsburg. Jean-Miquel lives in Barcelona where they get very little rain.

A Community Newspaper

Letters to the



An invitation to the Emmitsburg community

For twenty-five years we [John and Sheila Chatlos] lived in the Reformed Parsonage on West Main Street with our family. For twelve years, since retirement, we have remained a part of the Emmitsburg community even though we live in Fairfield, Pa. For fifty years we have lived together come October 12th.

You have been such a large part of our lives for over half of those fifty years. You have been friend and family, supporting us in many ways. So now we invite you to help us celebrate our golden wedding anniversary.

This celebration will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Incarnation United Church of Christ, West Main Street, Emmitsburg, on Saturday, October 12, 1996, from 2:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. It will be an informal occasion, so come when you can and leave when you must. No presents, please—just your presence.

Rev. John and Sheila Chatlos and children

Slightly surprised!

I was slightly surprised by the lack of response to the survey concerning the town's future. I had guessed *someone* would act in faith and/or ignorance and respond. The few people I've talked with concerning the survey have expressed opinions I've learned are ingrained if not inbred.

Some laughed at the survey, believing that it would be a waste of their time to answer it since the town (the town being everyone involved in its paid, elected, appointed, or volunteered bureaucratic machinations) has never shown any interest in its population's opinions before. There were some who feel they are always at war with the town and nothing they are interested in would be considered by their enemy. Last, some didn't read the paper that issue.

I tend to be among those at war. A few years ago I considered opening a pet shop out of my home. I called the county for information and was laughed at when I told them where I wanted to start a business. Upon their

regaining control an apology was offered with the advice that something was seriously wrong with "that town." I agreed and continued with the purpose of my call. The people I spoke with were very considerate and helpful. I was urged to locate *any* business I started in the town of Thurmont. I would be walked through the necessary paper work. They would even put me in touch with landlords with space for rent. I thanked them and proceeded to the Emmitsburg town office where I was treated with less respect.

I've also heard from several people how the fight to locate my present employer in Emmitsburg was waged. It seems in those days that Emmitsburg was a planned bedroom community. To earn a living, residents would drive to the industrial area Frederick county was planning. Well, whoever conceived the idea got part of what they wanted. Emmitsburg is a bedroom community

I know time and people have changed since I move into the area (about '64.) But many who have grown up here still remember (and want) a time when nobody and nothing seemed to change.

Imagine though! We, the residents, express an opinion and someone acts on it and it turns out worse than what we have now. Who could we complain about then!

New families are moving to Emmitsburg. Perhaps they haven't been infected with whatever the rest of us seem to have.

Jack Deatheridge, Jr.
Emmitsburg

Town News

Streets and Transportation Committee to Discuss Removal of Parking Meters

By Christina Stevenson

Emmitsburg's Streets and Transportation Committee, a town organization made up of five residents and Streets Commissioner Rosario Benvenuti, discussed a variety of issues at their August meeting. The committee considers topics related to Emmitsburg's walkways and roadways, then makes recommendations to the Town Council.

Commissioner Benvenuti made a suggestion to remove the parking meters downtown and asked the committee to give it some thought. The committee would like to know the opinions of business owners and residents for their next meeting scheduled for September 18, 1996, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

The intersection at Silo Hill Road and Route 140 was also discussed. Increasing traffic and safety have been concerns of many residents. Requests for a traffic signal were made by the

Town and studies were done by the State Highway Administration. The results of the studies performed at the time did not justify the installation of a traffic light. The Streets and Transportation Committee is considering the issue once more. A representative from the State Highway Administration was scheduled to appear at the meeting, but was not able to attend, so the discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

Other topics discussed were a complaint from a resident regarding a "No Parking" sign at Federal Avenue and St. Joseph's Lane, making East Lincoln Avenue one-way, construction traffic in Northgate, truck weight limits on residential streets, parking along West Lincoln Avenue and the Fire Hall, a stone wall falling into an alley on North Avenue, and traffic from the F & M Bank drive-through window. Minutes of the August 21, 1996, Streets and Transportation Committee meeting are available at the Town Office from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Park Improvements Continue

According to Parks Commissioner Clifford Sweeney, facilities at Memorial Park will continue to be improved. A new dugout will be started this year and completed in time for next season's opening games. "We are glad the children are using the new fields and happy that we can help the Little League organization," said Sweeney.

Work on Phase One of Community Park is in full swing. Pavilions and picnic areas are scheduled to be finished by the end of September. The volleyball court should be completed

about the same time. "We are hoping to have Phase One completed, including restrooms, in time for the 1997 Fourth of July celebrations," said Sweeney. A dedication program is in the works and will involve all of the organizations that have helped get the park ready.

Phase Two of the Community Park program will develop more slowly. Sweeney said, "We are working with CASS on the possibility of developing a Youth Program in Emmitsburg."

Town Meeting

Residents packed the Town Office August 5th for the monthly council meeting that had one of the longest agendas seen in recent months.

Several residents residing on South Seton Avenue near the proposed Southgate subdivision spoke in opposition to approval of plans for the development. Leo Boyle and Earl Kugler said they were concerned about the water runoff from the property.

Dr. Alan Carroll stated that he questions proceeding with Southgate at this point because he has not had clean water for the past two years. He now changes his filter every month and would like clean water before any subdivision is added to

the area.

Plans for the Southgate subdivision were accepted at the July Town Meeting but were vetoed on July 11, 1996, by Mayor Carr because he felt "they were not in the best interest of the town." He believed more input was needed from the town's inspector. Since then, additional comments were acquired from Jef Fitzgerald, the town's inspector, and Travis Drake of Fox & Associates.

The commissioners voted 3-1 to approve the improvement plans for the Southgate subdivision with the condition that Mr. Fitzgerald's and Mr. Drake's comments are addressed. Commissioner Gingell opposed the motion because he believes there will be a water problem and the town will be responsible. "Our taxes won't cover the

expenses," he said.

In other business the council:

- approved the survey plans for the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company who are considering expanding their facilities. The company answered over 1,200 calls last year and need to acquire adjoining land for additional expansion;
- voted to allow Greg Hollinger to hold a flea market every Saturday and Sunday in the parking lot of Emmitsburg Motors at 119 South Seton Avenue for a two-month trial period;
- agreed to paint the town's fire hydrants as little men, but voted against repainting the storm drains on Main Street.

(STREAM from page 1)
 shaman, Nokus Feke Ematha Tustanaki ("Bear Heart"), recently spoke at the Gettysburg Hospital on Native American healing and spirituality. He states in his book *The Wind is My Mother* that "My people were told a long time ago, 'The rivers and streams are veins of the universe. They are your lifeline, take care of them.'" Can we react to this simple but profound wisdom? Rivers and streams are true bellwethers of our environment. The health of a stream reflects the wellbeing of its surrounding terrestrial watershed. If our stream is "sick," then the watershed feeding it is environmentally impaired, and our quality of life there is at great risk.

What causes stream maladies? Really some rather simple things like increased erosion and sedimentation due to excess runoff (from deforested areas, poor farming practices, and paved streets and parking lots,) excess nutrients (from impaired sewage treatment plants, home septic systems, and improper application of farm manures), oxygen deficient warm waters (from the removal of

streamside tree canopies providing the vital cooling shade), wetland eliminations (from which streams derive important aquatic storage and purification function), and of course dumping trash and chemicals into the stream. These stream causing problems usually have simple solutions that can be successfully addressed. Remember whatever sustains a "healthy life" for our streams will reciprocate to us. We will be the benefactors of wise stream management.

How can a streams's "health" be diagnosed? A simple barometer provided by the Maryland Save Our Streams program is to search for three types of aquatic insects: the stonefly, mayfly, and caddisfly larvae. Their abundance will tell you a great deal of the quality of the stream in question. If they are rare or not there at all, the stream is probably off limits for human use and in need of help.

Streams are such fun! It's a shame we so ignore them. Just think how nice it would be if as we drive across a stream a sign would tell us its name.

Some are marked; many are not. Are these omissions on our part a Freudian slip showing that we do not really care much about our streams? Do you know the names of the streams you frequently cross? It's really satisfying to learn of them. (I recently discovered Miney Branch. I had driven along this stream for many years on my way to Blue Ridge Summit, never knowing its name.) Where are their headwaters? What are their tributaries? Where do they confluence with other streams? How did they get their names? Where do you find their most and least scenic parts? What incidents and artifacts of historical interest are in the watershed? How can you enjoy the wonders offered by the stream without offending its natural state? Soon after the pursuit of questions such as these, a vision will begin forming in your "mind's eye" of a stream that will serve the health and well being of your community in a sustainable way. Such streams will optimize conditions for you and the plants and animals of your watershed.

A suggestion for getting your vision going: Form a watershed group begin-

ning with yourself recognizing the importance of voluntarily protecting, preserving and, where possible, enhancing the quality of the watershed local to your stream. You and others in the group may be as active as you individually desire. Some stream watershed sections are higher in quality than others requiring less effort on your part. It is the community mind-set (vision) that is important in rescuing our streams. Once it is in place, workable plans are soon to follow

For further information on Watershed Associations contact Roger Steele, Alloway Gardens, 456 Mud College Road, Littlestown, PA 17340. If you find items of historic interest or of natural interest on local streams and their watershed, send a short description/location of it to the *Emmitsburg Dispatch*. It would be interesting to share these stream facts and wonders with others.

Roger Steele is the Pennsylvania Alternate Commissioner for the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin and a member of the Watershed Association of Adams County.

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

Leap Year Fete

September 4, 1896 - A most enjoyable leap year fete was given by a number of young ladies of this place on last Friday evening, to young gentlemen, who sometime ago tendered the ladies a dance.

The fete was held at the residence of the Misses Annan, at the west end of town, who kindly gave the young folks the use of their large and pretty lawn, which was artistically decorated and brilliantly illuminated with Japanese lanterns.

The young gentlemen were met at the gate by a reception committee composed of the following young ladies—Misses Helen and Alice Annan, Helen Hoke, Constance Kerschner, Lucy Higbee, and Gertrude Helman, who escorted their gentlemen guests to the house.

By nine o'clock all the guests had arrived and the merry-making began in earnest, and after playing all kinds of interesting games on the lawn, the merry-making proceeded to the parlor, where the remainder of the programme consisting of vocal and instrumental music, and dancing was carried out to the delight of all.

Immediately after the announcement of refreshments, the young gentlemen were auctioned off, one by one, to the highest bidder, which called forth considerable spirited bidding, which was equal to a sale of articles made valuable because of their antiquity. Such articles always bring exorbitant prices, especially when one lady is determined to outbid another, and there was no exception to that rule at this sale, where the articles disposed of were of mankind, and presumably more valuable than a piece of old rustic furniture. The young men were sold separately, to the highest bidder, and although it was like buying a cat in a bag—for each one was covered with a sheet—the price supposed to be paid was enormous in some cases. After all the young men had been sold, some of the young ladies were exceedingly happy (?) over their purchase, and the coveted prizes were escorted to the dining room where the wants of the inner man were satisfied with ice cream, water ice, cakes, candies, water melon and coffee.

Later in the evening the young gentlemen, after expressing in the highest terms their gratification for the pleasant manner in which they spent the evening, bid the fair young ladies adieu.

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Commentary: Forum

Last month it was brought to our attention that we had printed some letters to the editor that were not signed. The caller felt the anonymity of the letter writers prevented any discussion or resolution to the problems stated in the letter.

Our policy has been one of not printing anonymous or unsigned letters because we think it detracts from the letters' credibility if the writers are not willing to stand behind what they've written. Recently, however, we failed to maintain that standard we had set for ourselves and we regret the error. We appreciate the caller's reminding us of this. We will be more vigilant in the future. A name will be withheld only to protect the writer from harmful repercussions such as job loss or embarrassment.

Letters to the editor serve an important function. They are meant as an open forum for discussing community concerns and expressing frustrations. It is hoped that the letters will provide an opportunity for reasoned discussion of issues that concern us all. It is also our hope that these concerns and frustrations can be expressed without hurtful and negative attacks on individuals and organizations which only cloud the issues.

We appreciate our letter writers, and think their efforts reflect those of this paper in trying to provide a service to the community. The *Dispatch* encourages its readers to express their thoughts about subjects of local interest. Letters should be brief, signed, and accompanied by an address and phone number for verification.

New Business in Emmitsburg



Wendy Sumner-Crummitt arranges roses, her specialty, in her new flower shop in Silo Hill Village. *A Dispatch Photo*

Emmitsburg Flowers and Gifts

"Everyday people should be able to have and enjoy flowers at reasonable prices and get good advice on how to maintain them," said Wendy Sumner-Crummitt describing her dream. Wendy is the owner of a new business, Emmitsburg Flowers and Gifts, located in Silo Hill Village.

The dream of bringing the enjoyment of flowers will be supported by offering a large assortment of fresh-cut flowers and weekly rose and cut flower specials. Also included in the offering will be green plants, seasonal plant items, hanging baskets, and herbs.

To supplement the plants Wendy will offer a line of crafted gifts, unique

cards, decorator bags, coffee mugs and gift baskets. Emmitsburg Flowers and Gifts also offers delivery and floral wire services. Future plans include a wrapping service and special service programs once the computer installation is completed.

Wendy has lived in Emmitsburg for six years and has 18 years of experience working with flowers including 6 years as owner operator of a flower shop in Frederick.

Emmitsburg Flowers and Gifts is located at 110 Silo Hill Road in Silo Hill Village. The store will be open Monday through Friday 9 to 7, Saturday 9-12. You can contact Wendy by phone at 447-3037 or 1-800-403-7990.

The New *Fairfield Herald*

By Natalie A. Williams

There is new and exciting news for the residents of the Fairfield area. A group of Liberty Township, Carroll Valley, and Fairfield residents are putting together a monthly community newspaper, the *Fairfield Herald*.

Its purpose is to showcase what is happening where we live, provide a calendar of monthly events, school news, the latest borough government happenings, gardening and herb columns, community club news, etc.

A fall publication date is anticipated. We are looking for writers and others who are interested in other support positions. If you are interested, please call Natalie or Jack Williams at 717-642-9651. Our next planning meeting is Monday, September 11th, so please call for specifics.

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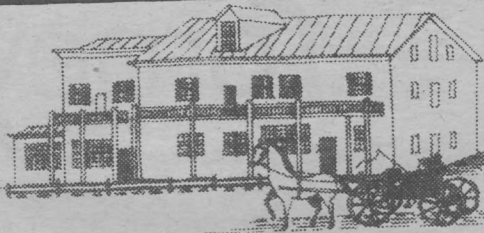
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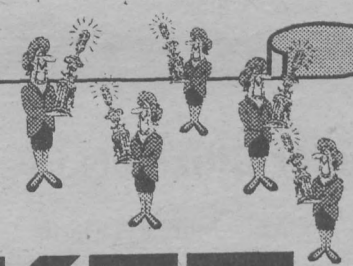
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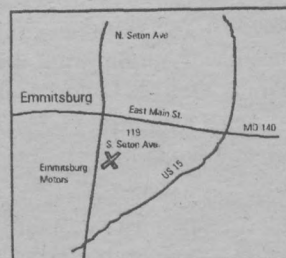
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Up-County Moves to New Location



Dr. Alan Carroll & Ray Rother (in truck) move furniture from Up-County's office to the new building with the help of John (left) and Peter Carroll.

A Dispatch Photo

The Up-County Family Services programs available for families with children from birth to 4-years old are now available in a new convenient location on West Lincoln Avenue next to the community pool in Emmitsburg.

"We are happy with the building. It is light, bright, sunny, open, and a cheerful environment for the kids. It's been good for everybody's spirits," said Lori Sheffield-James, director of the program.

"We now have more sleeping facilities for toddlers so parents do not have to take them home for a nap. Now when the kids are napping the parents can attend special classes," she said. The space will enhance the programs that emphasize parent/child relationships.

Along with Up-County, the building will house counseling services for families in difficulty. Catholic Charities offers counseling services to all families in the area, who are not required to be enrolled in the Up-County programs.

Senior Citizen News

By Anna Margaret Martin

Where has the summer gone? School is open—parents are happy, the kids can't believe it! We seniors are wondering what the next few months will bring.

September, though, will be a busy month for us.

Thursdays, Sept 5 & 19 - Bingo at 1 p.m.

Thursdays, Sept. 12 & 26 - "500" card party, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 10 - Shopping in Frederick at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 17 - Birthday party, bring covered dish. Meat, rolls, and beverage will be furnished.

Wednesday evening, Sept. 11 - There will be a Pizza Party at the Pizza Hut for Senior members at 5 p.m. Reservations a must and \$1 must accompany your reservation. We will go back to the center following the party.

Friday, Sept 20 - We will have lunch at Corney's. Schools are closed for the Frederick Fair.

The seniors will be showing their quilt at the Community Show, Sept 6, 7, and 8. Stop by with friends and family, say "Hello" and take a chance. The making and quilting of the quilt was done by members of our group. We will be raffling it at the Annual Fall Bazaar November 9th.

The center will be taking a day trip to Western Maryland during the fall foliage time, Oct 11. If you're interested call Anna Margaret (447-6253, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) for information.

The center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with lunch served each day at 12 noon. Transportation is available and home delivered meals are available upon approval. The center is a great place to get to know what's going on in the community. We have something for everyone. Come join us for food, fun and fellowship.

Library News

By Kate Warthen

The director of the Summer Quest '96 reading program Sail Away With Books announces winners as of August 2, 1996.

Pre-K: Josh Gelles and Nikki Gelles each read 60 books.

K - 3rd grade: Teresa Scheider read 130 books.

4th grade and up: Brenda Scheider read 129 books.

Lynsie Wanrow guessed that 236 animal crackers were in the contest jar and won! Zack Krietz won the Mystery Dot contest.

Congratulations to all who participated in this summer's reading program. A total of 1,473 books were read. Keep up the good work; don't stop now. Fall and winter are wonderful times to read. Also be sure to take your certificate to your teachers to show what you have accomplished this summer. They will be thrilled and happy.



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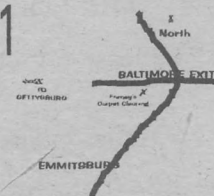
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Over 100 students attend Vacation Bible School

By Clover Jean Fearer

"Adventures with Jesus" was the theme for the Vacation Church School held in the first week of August. Sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches, it was held at Elias Lutheran Church.

Each evening session began with Susan Allen, music coordinator, and Julie Eyster, pianist, introducing new music to the group. Many new songs were learned and classes were given the opportunity to participate using rhythm instruments.

Crafts included making banners, suncatchers, individual photo frames, bird feeders, and note holders. An adult Bible study, using a New Testament series, was taught by Pastor William R. Fearer.



Pre-schoolers practicing a special song with music coordinator Sue Allen for closing night ceremony. *A Dispatch Photo*



Rebecca Tuggle, David Peton, and Brice Shirbach display their banners made at Bible School. *A Dispatch Photo*

ATTEND AN AWESOME AUCTION!

by Dianne L. Walbrecker

An auction is a great place to be on a Friday night! People in the audience crane their necks to get a better look at the goods being offered and the auctioneer's voice is fascinating in its speed.

Besides having fun at the annual Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA) auction, which will be held on September 27th at Mason Dixon Auctions, 17601 Old Gettysburg Road in Emmitsburg, you will be supporting a great cause.

The auction is being held to benefit Emmitsburg's Visitor Center, located through the front door of the Community Center. Volunteers have been keeping the Center open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the last several months, but the supply of those able to provide so much time is starting to dwindle. EBPA is now looking for funding to keep it open on a regular basis.

More than 40 of Emmitsburg's businesses have donated services, products, and gift certificates for this auction. (See the ad on this page for a list of businesses who announced their donations before the publication date. Wind Song Cards & Gifts, Jubilee, R. E. Gauss Electric Services, and the Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital are also donating items for the auction.)

You can bid for such diverse items as a two-night stay at Stonehurst Inn, a hand saw and a six pack of all-purpose oil from Harrington & Sons, or a living will from attorney Rosemary McDermott.

Come join the fun and support your local Visitor Center.

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Girls All-Star Team Places Third In State Tournament.

By Rick Wastler

Recently the District II, (Emmitsburg/Thurmont area) 9 & 10-year old girls' All-Star Team competed in the State Tournament at North-East Field in Elkton, Md.

The tournament was held July 27 through August 3rd with six teams from across Maryland competing. District II finished in third place, the highest placing ever for District II in 9-10 year old softball. The players were Loren Ackman, Jenny Baker, Meaghan Eyler, Britteny Kerns, Nicole Seal, Heather Sink, Amanda Sweeney, Dana Sweeney, Sara Wastler, and Samantha Weaver.

In the first game on Saturday, District II beat South Baltimore 19 to 9, in a game called after 4 innings for the 10-run rule. Britteny Kerns, Sara Wastler, and Meaghan Eyler had 3 hits each, and Jenny Baker hit a 3-run homerun. Heather Sink pitched 3 innings and Sara Wastler pitched the 4th.

Game 2 was against North Calvert. North Calvert scored 11 runs in the first inning enroute to a 14 to 2 win over District II. Amanda Sweeney had 2 hits while Loren Ackman did the pitching.

Game 3 on Monday, July 29, was against Federalsburg, Md. District II fell behind 12 to 5 after 3 innings but rallied with 10 runs in the 4th inning and scored 5 more runs in the 5th on their way to a 20-17 hard fought victory. Britteny Kerns did a great job pitching the first 3 innings in her first time ever on the mound. Heather Sink came in the game in the 4th and did an outstanding job pitching the last 3 innings. Britteny Kerns had 3 hits and scored 4 runs. Sara Wastler had 2 hits and made two nice diving stops of ground balls at shortstop, including one with the bases loaded to get the final out of the inning. Heather Sink had 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Samantha Weaver walked 4 times and scored 4 runs. Dana Sweeney walked 3 times and scored 3 runs.

Game four came after two straight days

of rainouts. Playing against a good Delmar team. District II fell behind 2 to 0 after the first inning. District II then broke the game open with eight runs in the last of the fourth. Loren Ackman and Meaghan Eyler started the inning with singles. After two walks forced in a run, Samantha Weaver and Nicole Seal each singled for 2 more runs. Britteny Kerns then laid down a perfect bunt for a hit. Sara Wastler followed with a bunt single and Loren Ackman and Meaghan Eyler had back to back singles again. One out later, Heather Sink singled in a run. The score after 4 innings was District II 8, Delmar 2. That was how it stayed. Samantha Weaver pitched a great complete game, scattering 10 hits, walking 5, and striking out 5. The team played solid defense behind her. Amanda Sweeney made an outstanding catch just off her shoe tops with the bases loaded and 2 outs in the 3rd inning to shut down a big Delmar threat.

Game five was against Chesapeake City August 2nd. District II took an early 3 to 0 lead but things came apart in the bottom of the second inning. Chesapeake City scored 8 runs on the way to a 9 to 5 victory. Loren Ackman had 4 hits. Samantha Weaver had 3 hits, while Britteny Kerns, Sara Wastler, Meaghan Eyler, and Amanda Sweeney had 2 each. District II outhit Chesapeake 17 to 12, but walks and errors were too much to overcome.

Though they finished 3rd in the state, to me they are all champs. Anyone who thinks girls' softball not competitive or exciting, you couldn't be more wrong. These girls play very hard and never give up. Our catcher Meaghan Eyler had to catch every inning of every game. They gave their all; whether it was a great defensive play, a perfectly placed bunt, a timely hit, or a stolen base, they displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship. This was my first year of coaching girls' softball and it was most enjoyable. I'm proud to say I was manager of this team. The girls had a great ride and I'd like to thank them for letting me be a part of it.

Little League Awards Picnic

By Marta Hillis

Calling all baseball and softball players of the 1996 Emmitsburg Little League. It's party time! That's right, T-batters through senior leaguers, the annual picnic will be Sunday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Park.

Families should plan to bring their own place settings and a covered dish to share. Little League will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages.

Besides looking forward to some good eating, there will be lots of awards given to our players, managers, and umpires.

If you haven't already turned in your uniform, please bring it to the picnic. This is important as uniform replacement is costly. Even if a player plans to return next year, Little League would like all uniforms accounted for now.

Remember to mark your calendar for the September 8th picnic. Let's have a "sell-out" crowd for our end-of-the-season celebration. See you there!

Girl Scout Troops Forming

Girls Scout Troops are forming in the Emmitsburg Community. Call Jayne Richardson at 447-3165 or 845-2158 if you are interested in Daisy, Brownie, or Juniors at Emmitsburg Elementary or Mother Seton schools.

We now have a Cadette/Senior Troop that meets in the Emmitsburg/Thurmont area. For information call Shirley Greene at 447-6308. Registration fees are \$6.00 per girl. The Emmitsburg/Thurmont area is part of the Penn Laurel Girl Scout Council.

Junior Girl Scout Registration

Attention all girls entering the 4th, 5th, or 6th grades!

Emmitsburg Junior Girl Scout Troop 1423 will be having a registration night on Tuesday, Sept 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Community Center. To get to the Girl Scout room, enter at the library entrance and go down the stairs to the last door on the right. We want to see you there!

Births

Ed and Andrea Mannix of New Paltz, New York, proudly announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Denise Marie, on Friday, July 19, 1996, at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie, New York. Denise weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz., and was 20 inches long. She joins her brother, Kevin Rodman, at home.

Grandparents are Rodman and Jean Myers of Thurmont, and Mary Ann Mannix of South Hadley, Massachusetts and the late Edward F. Mannix, Jr. Great-grandparents are Bob and Helen Ogle of Rocky Ridge, and the late Charles and

Helen Myers of Thurmont, and Anna Marie Watson of Chicopee Falls, Mass., and the late John J. Watson, Sr.

Karl and Patricia A. (Baker) Kuykendall announce the birth of a daughter, Kellie Ann, born Tuesday, July 30, 1996, at the Gettysburg Hospital. Kellie weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz., and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Guy and Betty Ann Baker of Emmitsburg and Tom and Mary Kuykendall of Carroll Valley.

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The English Rose Cottage in Gettysburg was opened in 1990 by Rose Bartlett and provides a charming setting for her selection of gifts, plants, English foods, teas, teapots, and as a showcase for her dried flower wreaths and arrangements.

Rose, husband John, and their three children arrived in Gettysburg from England in 1986. Their intention at that time was to build a nursery specializing in unusual trees, shrubs, perennials, and hardy cyclamen. The nursery is called Gettysburg Gardens and carries a wide range of unusual plants, seeds for which John obtains from all corners of the world.

While building their nursery John and Rose planted a field of flowers to dry. The crop was quite successful and prompted Rose to try her hand at wreath making. She found she had a natural talent for it.

The English Rose Cottage offers a wide range of dried flowers, in bunches for those wishing to create their own arrangements. For those

not so inclined, the shop is usually brimming with ready-made wreaths, swags, mantel arrangements, arches, etc. If you don't see one to match your decor, just take a swatch of material along with you; Rose will be happy to create an arrangement for you.

The English Rose Cottage (formerly known as Freemantle's) is located at 1009 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, Pa., and is open Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon to 5 p.m. During November and December the shop will be open 7 days a week at the same hours. You can call the English Rose Cottage at (717)337-2988.

Gettysburg Gardens nursery is located at 381 Long Road, Gettysburg, Pa. and is open April through October, Wednesday - Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. For information on workshops, demonstrations, or garden clubs call (717)359-9474 or (717)359-7997.

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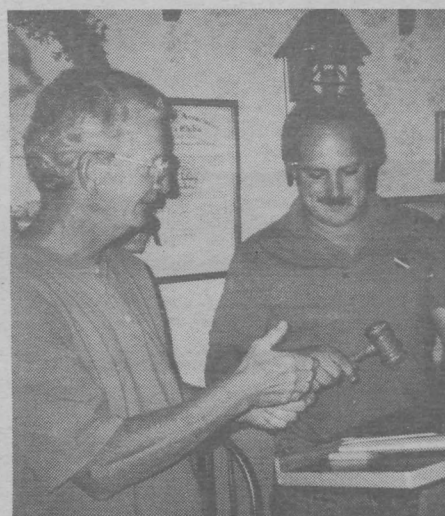
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Mark Baumgardner (right) receives the Dr. Morningstar Memorial Scholarship Award from Lions president Jim Hahn. The Emmitsburg Lions present the award annually to a student in the service area. Elizabeth Prongas (left) assisted the Lions with the judging. Mark will be attending the University of Maryland-College Park, where he will pursue a double major of Business Statistics and Government Policies.

Photo courtesy of Jim Hahn.



Past president Lion Jim Hahn passes the gavel to Bob Gauss, Jr., the new '96-'97 president of the Emmitsburg Lions Club. Other officers installed, but not pictured, are vice presidents Rich Kelley, Paul Baumgardner, and Steve Wivell; treasurer, Gene Rosensteel; secretary, Herb Gingell; Lion Tamer, Mark Zurgable; and Tail Twister, Dale Shields.



Lion Gene Rosensteel, treasurer of the Emmitsburg Lions Club, receives the Membership Key Award from past president Jim Hahn. The award is given to a Lion who helps the growth of International Lions by sponsoring at least two new members to the club.

Photos courtesy of Jim Hahn

The Emmitsburg Lions still collects old eyeglasses and also hearing aids to be recycled. Thanks to all who have helped in the past and will help in the future to make this project a great success.

Over the White Board Fence

Quality in Emmitsburg - Zurgable Bros.

By Mike Hillman

O.K. I admit it, I always wanted to own a hardware store. Some of my earliest recollections involve walking through hardware stores, holding my father's hand and staring in awe at countless shiny marvels of every shape and size. It wasn't until my father retired from the Navy and settled in my mother's home town of Narberth, Pa, that I discovered Ricklin's Hardware, a store that has been my benchmark against which all hardware stores are measured.

Over the ensuing years, my career took me far from my roots, and just to save a buck, I found myself falling into the trap of shopping at 'big name' hardware monoliths; you know, the ones where the store personnel give you a nasty look if you ask for help, and God forbid you ask for advice or request a special order. Thoroughly calloused by years of bad service, I had forgotten just how enjoyable a visit to a hardware store could be, until I walked into ZURGABLE BROTHERS for the first time.

I believe it was Mark Zurgable who greeted me with a "Hi, haven't seen you before. You new around here?" Upon hearing what farm we had bought, Mark started to rattle off the history of the farm, focusing of course on the hardware the store had supplied. Being devoid of any tools and supplies, as well as common farm sense, I quickly became a frequent weekend visitor to ZURGABLES. After the first few times, I was no longer embarrassed to grab one of the store's staff and solicit advice on the best approach to a project I was about to undertake or how to resolve a predicament I was in (like peeling fence paint!).

ZURGABLE BROTHERS, as its name implies, was founded in 1946 by three brothers: Henry, Maurice, and Roger. Born to Thomas and Virginia Lingg Zurgable, the brothers and their two sisters, Margaret Zurgable Shard and Sister Amelia Zurgable, were early pillars of the Emmitsburg community.

During World War II, Henry served on the home front, Maurice was a front-line airplane mechanic in the Pacific theater, and Roger, upon

graduating from Mount Saint Mary's, was commissioned and served also in the Pacific, aboard the destroyer *USS Stack*. Following the war, the brothers decided to go into business together. While today the name ZURGABLE BROTHERS is synonymous with hardware to most Emmitsburg residents, it was not the



Mark, Pat, and Paul behind the counter at Zurgable Brothers' hardware store. *A Dispatch Photo.*

case fifty years ago when the three brothers set up operation. Back then, ZURGABLES was known for its furniture, toys, farm machinery, gas, and feed and seed. Hardware didn't enter the scene until 1953, and then it was just a side business.

Henry, the oldest brother, ran the 'Zurgable Brothers Home Furnishings' at the brothers' 'in town' shop. Mark Zurgable, the current flag bearer of the family trust, has lots of fond memories of his tutelage at his uncle Henry's shop, "especially during Christmas time." Mark remembers spending months assembling toys for Christmas, "everything from doll houses to model airplanes, and when we were ready, the store would be filled from floor to ceiling with toys of every shape and size." Unlike today's furniture shops, if the store didn't have what you wanted, the brothers could arrange to have it made. Even with a long tradition of supplying superior quality furniture, the brothers found it increasingly difficult to compete with the large furniture specialty shops, and in 1968 closed its doors for the last time. Today the building serves as the offices of Dr. Curley and Reckley's Plumbing.

While the brothers were general partners in both stores, Maurice and Roger were responsible for running the 'out of town' store, which housed the farm machinery, gas, and feed and seed business. The brothers were the local distributors for 'Oliver' farm equipment well into the 50's, and sold Shell, and later Texaco, gas at pumps in front of the store until 1982. Customers entering the store in the early 50's would be greeted with sights of all sorts of farm equipment, stacks of feed and seed, bags of cement, and by 'Tiger,' the store's cat mascot. "Back

In addition to selling farm equipment, Maurice and Roger also sold ice cream, sodas, farm clothes, and candy. According to Elaine Ebaugh, proprietor of HAIRS INN in Emmitsburg, the original store didn't even have a cash register: "Roger used to make change from his pocket." Like most general stores of its time, ZURGABLE BROTHERS provided a bench for regulars to sit and converse. Soon, because of the nature of the conversations, it took on the name of the 'Liars' Bench.' Unfortunately for you readers, when Mark began to tell some of the stories about the members of the Liars' Bench, he stopped himself short with "Well...you better not print that, his sister is still alive and she'll get pretty upset," or "Nope, can't write that either, his son is a pretty good customer, and I don't want to get his dander up," or "No, he's family, and my Aunt Margaret will give me what for if she reads that." So if you're interested in some Emmitsburg folklore that will never make it into print, you're going to have to ask Mark himself.

In the late 70's, Roger bought out his brothers and became the sole proprietor of the hardware store. In 1977, Henry passed away, and in 1979, Mark and his brother Jeff, who had worked for their uncles ever since they can remember, succeeded their uncles and became the new 'ZURGABLE BROTHERS.' Mark and Jeff's father Roger passed away shortly after relinquishing the helm to his sons. Maurice, the last of the brothers, passed away last year.

Up until 1981, ZURGABLE (See ZURGABLE on page 13)

in those days, you had to have a cat to keep the mice away from the feed." According to Mark, "Tiger took it on as his personal responsibility to greet each and every customer, and God help you if you happened to sit down on the 'Liars' Bench'...an extensive scratch was then expected." Up until the late 1980's, ZURGABLES' cats greeted their customers, and according to tradition, or lack of originality, all were called 'Tiger.'



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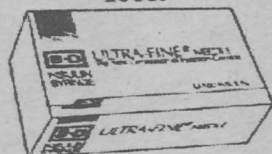


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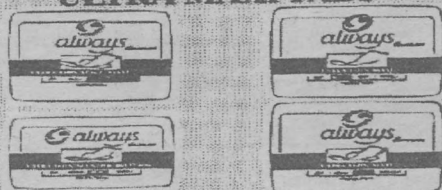
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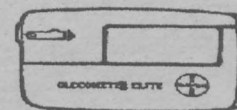
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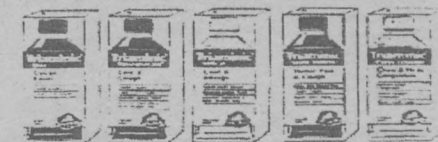
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St. Anthony/OLMC News

By Ann Marshall

FALL MASS SCHEDULE begins in September as follows:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony's (Confessions at St. Anthony's at 3:15 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.

FOUR PARENTING SEMINARS will be held this fall at St. John's Church in Frederick. The four presentations will take place on consecutive Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. starting September 11. Topics are Self Esteem; Music, Media, and Messages; Communication Skills to Navigate the Teen Years; and Conflict Resolution. Participants may choose any or all sessions. Fee is \$6.00 per family per session or \$20 per family for the series. Kathy Cashiola and Yvette Leith are coordinating the seminars for St. Anthony/OLMC. Call 271-4099 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for grades K - 8 begin Sunday, September 15, at the Thurmont Middle School. To register for these classes or any Sacramental Preparation classes, please call 271-4099.

THE FAMILY CENTER PROGRAM, a religious education home study program, will begin on Saturday, September 14, at 4:15 p.m. in St. Anthony's Upper Hall. To register or to learn more about this program, please call the Religious Education/Youth Ministry office at 271-4099.

CARDINAL KEELER invites parishioners to join him on the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Nation Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, October 19. A bus will leave the northern Frederick County area at about 9:30 a.m. and return about 6:00 p.m. Fare will be between \$15 and \$20. Call Bob or Cindy Krebs, 271-4853, for information.

St. Anthony Shrine Parish welcomes into its community of faith Nicholas Evan Kubala and Jordan

David White who were baptized on Sunday, August 11. Nicholas is the son of Gary and Rita Kubala, and Jordan is the son of Robert and Lisa White.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Community welcomes Gabrielle Joy Jurchak and Aaron David Metheny into the Catholic faith. Gabrielle, daughter of Jenny Jurchak, was baptized on Saturday, August 10. Aaron, son of Thomas and Suzanne Metheny, was baptized on Saturday, August 17.

Tom's Creek

Tom's Creek United Methodist Church will be having a Buffet Breakfast (all you can eat) Saturday, September 28, from 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. featuring sausage, pancakes, home fries, chipped-beef gravy, scrambled eggs, toast, fruit cup, coffee, and juice. Advanced orders will be taken for sausage and pork chops (cut off date no later than September 22). To order or for more information call (410) 756-6878 or (301) 447-2691.

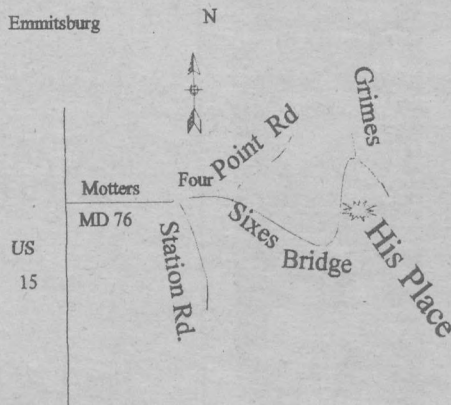
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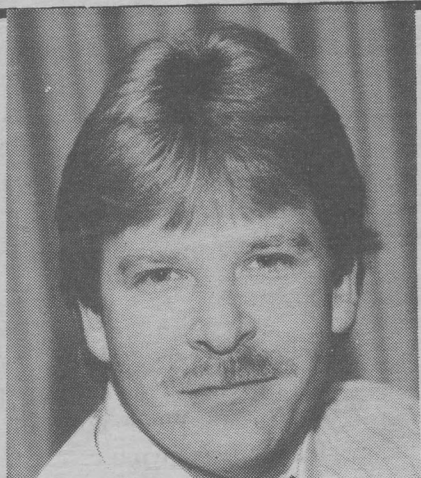
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While I enjoy all the staff at ZURGABLES, Paul Krietz, the store's general manager, is clearly Audrey's favorite, and Paul reciprocates by calling her every time I overspend my 'Zurgable allowance.' According to Paul, what he likes most about working at the store is helping people. "I like explaining how to fix things, and I always know when they leave, they will have the right tools and materials to do it. If I can help them, they'll come back and the business will prosper." Other staff members include Pat Knowles—the hippie—and Tony Orndorff—the new kid on the block. Paul, Pat, and Tony are the guys that really run the store, contrary to Mark's opinion.


Today, I'm probably as close to a 'regular' customer as it comes, and according to Audrey, a natural candidate for the Liars' Bench. Unlike days of old, however, I now make a list of what I need (a trick Audrey taught) and with P.J., my trusty Jack Russell, in tow, set off every Saturday morning to overspend my hardware allowance.

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Mike lives with his wife Audrey on their farm east of town. When not thinking up ways to embarrass her, he spends what's left of his time rebutting the story she's spreading that his mother did not spank him enough.






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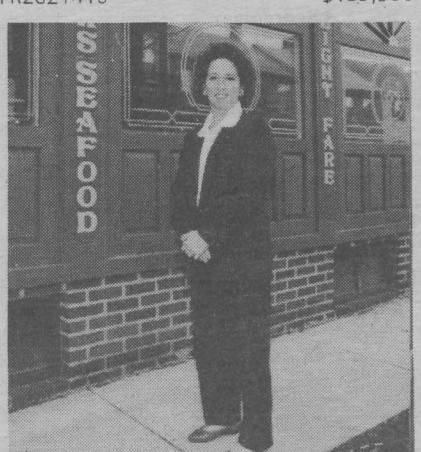
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Garden Ramblings

Memories of Birds

By Christine Maccabee

As gardeners and lovers of nature, our lives are enriched not only by the plants and in the flowers we cherish, but as well by the many insects and birds we encounter. All of us retain memories, as very young children and right on through life, of these various creatures and how they touched us with the beauty of their song or the fascinating nature of their appearance or personality. As far back as I can remember the sounds of the cicada wooed me through many a long, hot summer day, and the sight of delicate butterflies as they flit from flower to flower on my butterfly bush takes me back to my grandparents' bush which I am certain I must have stared at for hours on end my first few years of life. Just the peculiar smell of those flowers, not sweet yet not unpleasant, stimulates images of myself, tiny mesmerized by the smell and the wonder of that beautiful bush, and those butterflies.

As for birds, it takes no more than the sweet silvery song of the house wren or the cheerful caprice of the robin to project me back to my childhood home in Baltimore. Even the delicate warbling of the goldfinch

here at my mountain home reminds me of one precious canary which long ago was a source of joy to this child of nature.

Recently, my father sent me a moving portrayal of a few of his memories of birds throughout his life. It was typed on a very special notecard with painting of birds by Marjolein Bastin, the most important nature artist in the Netherlands today. I'd given the empty notecard to my father requesting him to write me a message on it so I might keep both the card and words as treasures forever. Within less than a week I received it, and I was deeply touched. It is a true joy to see my father writing again, as he is presently on an upward swing after a difficult winter of illness and depression due to cancer and misgiven chemotherapy. I'd like very much to share his special memories with you....

"This is delightful notepaper; interesting and colorful. It makes me want to write something appropriate, about birds of course. As I pondered about that, I wondered when I first became aware of birds. Probably when I was very young in the Spring of 1922 when they could be heard sing-

ing as I lay in my crib close to an open window.



"There was a time which I remember well when I was in grade school. The birds, mostly robins, built their nests and I used to watch them feed their young. Then the young left the nest and followed the adult birds with beaks agape. The adults chattered excitedly and looked fiercely at us kids when we approached the young and tried to catch them.

"The wrens awoke this morning with their song. They were so small and somehow too arrogant for their size. I loved them.

"A low whistling often came from the gooseberry bushes along the alley fence where the orioles would feed on

the bugs. They did not eat the berries and it just occurred to me that our gooseberries were healthy and plentiful because of the bug patrol of the orioles.

"Down at the Lake Michigan shore there were always various kinds of seagulls. When the fishing boats returned from the day's work the men would clean fish and throw the refuse to the birds. They followed the boats like a cloud of wings and feathers, full of squeaking and squawking.

"When I was aboard ship in Alaskan waters [during WWII] I saw the horn or tufted puffins with their big, colorful beaks which fluttered off shore and often rested in the water. Occasionally we would be followed by albatross as they soared behind the ship, never resting their outspread wings.

"Even here in Maryland we counted 21 different kinds of birds at our feeder in 1978. We do not seem to have that variety anymore.

"The robin singing in the evening is a mellifluous sound, an angelus sweeter than the bells which betoken 'peace be with you.'"

Love, Dad.

Thanks Dad, for the inspiration!
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Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

Vacation Bible School was held at Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren on July 29th through August 2nd. Those attending were as follows. Nursery: Candace Butler, Jessica Free, Danielle Wiltrout, Cheyenne Simpson, Kelly Sweeney, R.J. Smith; Beginners: Tara Free, Daniel Hobbs, Kayla Reed, David Speck, Bobby Hargett; Primary: Lacey Wolfe, Brandy Stambaugh, Tiffany Free, Zachary Wolfe, Adrian Ott, Rebecca Free, Erin Danaher; Middlers: Josh Wolfe, Kathleen Ballew, Chuck Gregory, William Gregory, Darrin Glass, Ben Speck; Juniors: Ashley Mumpower, Michael Hobbs, Chad Wolfe, Jeffrey Schildtknecht, Erin Hobbs, Jennifer Butler, Brandon Free, Nathan Sweeney, Mark Butler, Josh Ballew, Terri Kelly, Melissa Wiles, and Josh Eyler.

The helpers were Jennifer Hobbs, Doris Simpson, Tina Smith, Linda Free, Shannon Schildtknecht, Jerry Free, Lisa Reed, Debbie Eyler, Peggy Ballew, Nancy Anders, Dawn Hobbs, Lyn Ott, Faye Wolfe, Tracy Eyler, Chris Dimaggio, Tammy Smith, and Teresa Kass.

We had our closing program on Friday, directed by our music counselor Lynn Ott. A picnic in the park followed. Ron Eyler had the hot dogs

ready and everyone brought a covered dish.

"The children had a good week and I would like to thank all my helpers and all the parents for sending their children. I hope we remember that we will need help and support next year," said Director Alice Eyler.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday wishes to Mrs. Mae Long who will be 93 on September 23. Her address is 7535 Middleburg Road, Detour, MD 21757. Others having birthdays are Marie Stambaugh, Vicky Keeney, Bonnie Beall, Pauline Stambaugh, Tammy Wiles, Michele Martin, Guy Pittinger, Robert Burrier, Helen Ogle, Lee Hahn, Kenneth Sharrer, and Ralph Baker.

Anniversaries

Anniversary wishes to Jeff and Shirley Sharrer, Steve and Faye Wolfe, Robert and Betty Ann Mumma, Ralph and Naomi Baker, George and Betty Ann Moser.

A cookout was held Sunday August 11, at the Keeney home. Those attending were Jim, Pat and sons Kurt and Paul of Iowa City, Iowa; Jimmy, Heidi, Mackenzie Emma Sanders of Charlotte, North Carolina;

Louie Powell of Thurmont; John Stitely of Woodsboro; Melissa Wiles of Keymar; Michael, Emma Lou, and Anthony Harris; Carl, Verna, Calvin, and Vicky Keeney; and Charles and Emma Keeney.

"Dresden Plate Quilt"

The winner was Jeanette Miller of Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

Annual "Big Baby Show" Winners

Youngest baby - Kendia Keeney, 4 days old, daughter of Kenny and Tammy Keeney, Thurmont.

Age 1-3 months: Prettiest Girl - Mackenzie Emma Sanders, 2 months, daughter of Jim and Heidi Sanders, Charlotte, NC; Cutest Boy - David Newton, 3 months, son of Karl and Sharon Newton, Boonesboro, MD; Chubbiest Baby - Timmy Lee Stoner, Jr., 3 months, son of Timmy and Marilyn Stoner, Frederick.

Age 4-6 months: Prettiest Girl - Zoë Funk, 4½ months, daughter of Heather Brennan, Ladiesburg, MD; Cutest Boy - Lance Goff, 6 months, son of Wendric Goff and Jennifer Dorsey, Thurmont, MD; Chubbiest Baby - Jacob Nicholas Small, 4 months, son of Patricia Smith, Thurmont, MD.

Age 7-12 months: Prettiest Girl - Alysha McCleaf, 11 months, daughter of Keith and Teresa McCleaf, Blue Ridge Summit, PA; Cutest Boy - Zackary Sterner, 7 months, son of Allen and Lois Sterner, Hanover, PA; Chubbiest Baby - Morgan Orndorff, 9 months, son of Tammy and Kevin Orndorff, Thurmont, MD.

Age 13-18 months: Prettiest Girl - Samantha Gladhill, 13 months, daughter of Bobby and Deena Gladhill, Cascade, MD; Cutest Boy - Jacob Cunningham, 16 months, son of Amy and Butch Cunningham, Frederick, MD; Chubbiest Baby - Tyler Davis, 14 months, son of Laurie and Jamey Davis, Thurmont, MD.

Age 19-24 months: Prettiest Girl - Brittany Bollinger, 24 months, daughter of Craig and Tina Bollinger, Frederick, MD; Cutest Boy - Ryan Eaves, 22 months, son of Richard and Tammy Eaves, New Midway, MD; Chubbiest Baby - Shane Heward, 19 months, son of Robert and Nadine Heward, Waynesboro, PA.

Thanks to judges Louise Warner of Frederick, Wanda Mathias of Thurmont, and Arlene Metheny of Frederick for their discerning eyes and good humor in judging 59 babies.

Cash Winners

Winners for the drawing at Rocky Ridge Fireman's Carnival were Dave Mathes, Gaithersburg, MD, \$200; Gary E. Matthews, Thurmont, MD, \$100; Kathy King, Libertytown, MD, \$50; T. Schindedecker, Greencastle, PA, \$50; Leroy Eckenrode, Libertytown, MD, \$50; and Carroll Selby, Taneytown, MD, \$50.

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Applebutter boiling will take place on Saturday only. Applebutter will be for sale while it lasts. Advanced orders can be called into (301)271-2880.

There will be the Rocky Ridge firemen's famous fried ham sandwiches as well as hot dogs. There will also be a flea market with free setups (call 271-2135).

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Obituaries

Timothy Eugene Kelly

Mr. Timothy Eugene "Tim" Kelly, 25, of 10215 Rocky Ridge Road, Rocky Ridge, died Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center, Baltimore, from injuries sustained in an accident.

He was born Sept. 23, 1970, in Gettysburg, Pa., the son of Victor Morris Jr. and Judy Elizabeth Baker Kelly of Rocky Ridge.

He was a member of Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren, Monocacy Congregation, Rocky Ridge. He was an avid hunter and loved the outdoors.

Surviving in addition to his parents are four sisters, Tammy Smith and husband Wilton, Tina Smith and husband Nelson, Teresa Kaas and husband Donnie, and Terri Kelly, all of Rocky Ridge; maternal grandparents Ralph and Naomi Baker of Rocky Ridge; parental grandparents, Victor and Katherine Kelly of Rocky Ridge; a nephew, R.J. Smith Jr.; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held at the Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren, 13517 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, with his pastor, the Rev. Donald E. Stine, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



The funeral serves a wide range of purposes, with religious, psychological, and physical significances. There are many aspects and details to the meaningful funeral that are arranged with the assistance of the professional funeral director, usually at the time of need. However, some people prefer counseling prior to need. We offer complete information in pre-arrangements and pre-financing, available without cost or obligation of any kind. Feel free to contact us at your convenience.

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Down Main Street...

By the Belgium Correspondent

Continuing my ramble down Main Street, not too far from Dr. Cadle's office was a butcher shop. Was the owner Mr. Maxell? Cross again to the right and there was the library couched in a tiny town house near the Humericks. Just two little rooms lined with books and it was manned by volunteers! Go a bit further and you hit the GEM, an all time jewel of a movie theater. As a child, it was just as thrilling to lift your feet from mice scurrying for lost popcorn as watching high drama on the screen. There was a feed and grain place across the street from the GEM which later became a Laundromat.

For unknown reasons, I can recall the right side of the street better than the left. There was Mrs. Higbee, the music teacher, in a brown brick house, and down near the fire house was Miss Ruth Gillellan's little notions emporium. The fire house was always good for a few locals spiting tobacco and "chewing the fat" with the volunteer of the day. Across the street was a barber shop [Toss Shorb] that smelled like bay rum. I was in there with my father when news

came over the radio of President Roosevelt's demise.

The Palms restaurant was further down, and on the corner was the Green Parrot Tea Room, which had a big parrot hanging from an upper window. This later became the VFW. The next corner was Trebor's Drug Store which had marvelous globes of colored water hanging in the window. A memorable treat that came from Trebor's was Neapolitan ice cream of vanilla, orange, and raspberry, housed in a box with a rainbow on it.

Cross the street [N. Seton] to Houck's Clothing store; it took up the entire corner. It was fun to swing on the curved wrought iron banister that swept from the 2nd floor. Cross the street [E. Main] to the bank—the least changed place in all the years. Next to the bank was the huge Mondorff Hotel. In summer there were rockers on the front porch, where the clientele cooled off and watched the passing scene.

Just across the street [S. Seton] was the Post Office with a dented stoop and a creaking inner floor. I still recall the musty paper smell and the acute excitement of looking at wanted criminal posters—hoping against hope I'd see one of the criminals walking along the street and reap a big reward.

The focal point of the Square then was a hideous winking round light mounted on the top of an obelisk of sorts. It was particularly frightening at night. Someone during those years told me that before autos, the ugly light was a fountain. So ends the tour of the Square, which always looked round to me.

The writer now lives in Europe and is a regular reader of the Dispatch. She likes to share memories but wishes to remain anonymous.

September

September is a month of bitter-sweet. We mourn summer's passing, even as we gather in her bounty. The month of September has been described by many, in many ways, but none so eloquently as Richard Chambers, in his Book of Days, published in England in 1964.

"Far inland, within sight of our wave-washed shores, along the margins of our pleasant rivers, in level meadows and sinking valleys, on gentle uplands and sloping hillsides, there is now busy movement, for men and maidens are out, with their bended sickles, to gather in the golden harvest. Pounds of beef, bacon, and ham, great wedges of cheese, cold apple pies, with crust two inches thick, huge brown loaves, lumps of butter, and a continually gurgling ale, are the viands which a well-to-do farmer places before his servants, and shares with them, for he argues, he cannot expect to get the proper quantity of work out of them unless they live well.

"To get the harvest in quick, while the weather is fine, is the study of the farmer; and such a far-seeing individual scarcely gives the cost a consideration, for he knows that those who delay will, if the weather changes, be ready to pay almost any price for reapers; so he gets in his corn 'while the sun shines.' If well got in, what price it will fetch in the market, compared with that which was left out in the rain, until it became discolored and sprouted! It is an anxious time for the farmer. He is continually looking at his weatherglass, and watching those out-of-door signs which denote a change in the weather, and which none are better acquainted with than those who pass so much of their life in the fields. Unlike the manufacturer, who carries on his business indoors whatever the changes of the season may be, the farmer is dependent on the weather for the safety of his crop, and can never say what will be, no matter how beautiful it may look while standing, until it is safely garnered."

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Mother Seton School News

By Val Mentzer

And they're off....

The race begins to kick off another school year. Many great things are happening this brand new 1996-97 school year. All of these wonderful things will begin with our school

theme: "We are called to scatter seeds of kindness."

This school season begins the first year of the middle school departmentalization. This new dimension will enable our teachers to teach in their specialty areas. Among those teachers are Melanie Ware, Brenda Quillen, and Bonnie Hahn. We also welcome

Mollie Herrick and Roger Anderson to the middle school teaching staff.

Also new to Mother Seton School is Spanish teacher Lucille Hemingway. Our Spanish program has been a favorite among the students at Mother Seton School, and this should be another great year.

Sybil Krauss and Shari Arrington are our new teaching assistants and Maria Henry will be our new bus driver. Welcome one and all to the Mother Seton School family!

"Invitations to Literacy" will be heading for the Mother Seton classrooms this year. This is a fully integrated reading and language arts program for Kindergarten - 6th grade designed to help every student succeed. This program better prepares our students with the skills they need for the 21st century. Children will be applying their reading and writing skills to the real world, and they will be motivated and confident in putting knowledge to work.

Our Language Arts teachers have been preparing for this program with several workshops and courses to ensure successful implementation of this program for our students.

Our staff, parents, and students have been working together on a Technology Task Force. This task force will be planning the future of technology in the classrooms of Mother Seton School. Recently, our Mother Seton School library has added an LCD panel to its technology component. This panel enables the visual material on the computer to be displayed on a larger screen and be used interactively with the class.

There are some school openings for the 1996-97 school year. For any registration information, please call the front office at 447-3161.

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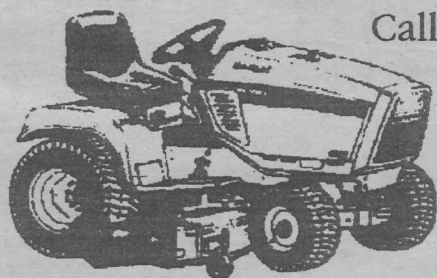
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Chain for life

Once again, on Sunday, October 6th, people of all denominations will gather for the annual Emmitsburg Life Chain, from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the town square. This gathering will be preceded by an ecumenical prayer service 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church. Signs will be distributed at 2:20 p.m. People from across the nation who uphold the dignity of human life will gather at this time for a quiet, prayerful time.

Since the original concept was started in California in 1987, the Life Chain program has expanded to over 900 cities nationwide. The purpose of the program is to provide a peaceful, prayerful, and non-political visual statement by our local Christian community that abortion is grievously wrong.

Food For Thought

By George Geralis

Rain! Can you recall how we wished and prayed for it last year during the drought? I wonder how many are now wishing and praying for the showers to decrease. As one acquaintance of mine recently exclaimed: "Enough already!"

Farming may have its rewards, but this labor-intensive way of life, most assuredly has its all-too-often weather-related disappointments.

This year, the first crop of tomatoes was plagued with rot caused by too much rain and appeared to be completely ruined for the season. But... last weekend, much to my pleasure, I purchased some of the nicest locally grown tomatoes I have seen in years. Round, well shaped, and heavily fleshed. (Yes the subject is still tomatoes.) Just perfect for one of my favorite salads: a platter of sliced tomatoes, alternated with slices of Vidalia onions, sprinkled with chopped fresh basil and a vinaigrette dressing.

If only I could find an authentically baked loaf of Italian bread to sop up the resulting tomato-onion flavored vinaigrette. Oh, well....

Another favorite of mine is Provençal Baked Tomatoes, an accompaniment to either grilled meats or fish or even eggs. The garlic flavor is delicate and not overpowering as one may suspect, but the success of this dish hinges upon the use of the freshest ingredients and very good olive oil, preferably *extra virgin*.

The following recipe may appear to be burdensome, but worry not. Your

efforts will be rewarded with compliments from grateful guests.

PROVENÇAL BAKED TOMATOES

- 4 Medium-size ripe tomatoes, but not soft (about 1½ pounds)
- 2 Garlic cloves, finely minced
- 3 Tablespoons chopped parsley
- 2 Tablespoons bread crumbs
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 5 Tablespoons olive oil

Preheat oven to 425° F
Remove green top of tomatoes, then cut in half horizontally
Squeeze each half gently to remove seeds

Pat dry
Lightly oil a baking dish large enough to hold tomato halves in a single layer

In a small bowl, mix garlic, parsley, bread crumbs, and a pinch of salt and pepper

Heat 3 tablespoons olive oil in a medium-size heavy skillet over medium-high heat

Sprinkle 4 tomato halves light with salt and pepper

Cook them, cut side down, in hot oil for 3 minutes

Turn over and saute one minute
Transfer to baking dish,

cut side up

Repeat w/ remaining tomato halves
Spoon garlic mixture over tomatoes and into their cavities

Sprinkle with remaining 2 tablespoons oil

Bake about 15 minutes, or until tender

Serve hot, warm, or at room temperature.

Yield: 4 servings.

New OB/GYN Joins Gettysburg Hospital Staff

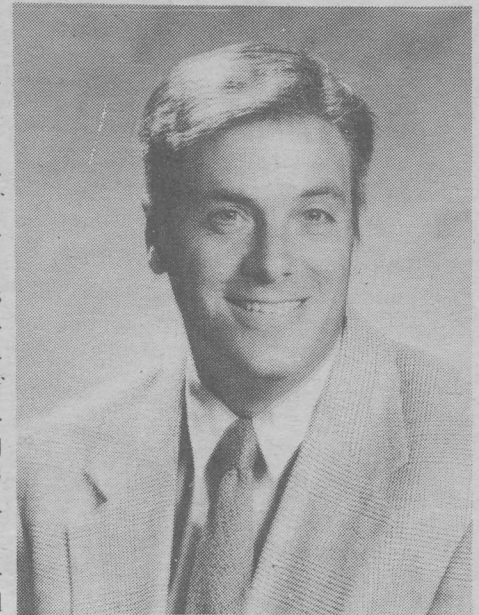
The Gettysburg Hospital recently announced the opening of Adams County Women's Health Associates at 420 S. Washington Street, Gettysburg and the appointment of Dr. Charles H. Marks as staff obstetrician/gynecologist, effective August 1.

A native of Sarver, Pa., Dr. Marks received his bachelor of science in microbiology from the Pennsylvania State University in 1979. He earned his doctor of osteopathy at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1983 and completed a rotating internship at Shenago Valley Osteopathic Hospital, Farrell, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Marks recently completed a residency in the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Memorial Hospital, York, with subspecialty training at Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland and Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Prior to his ob/gyn residency, Dr. Marks was a family practitioner for eight years in New Bethlehem, Pa. and active staff member, including intensive care and obstetric privileges at Clarion Osteopathic Community Hospital. In addition, he was the chair of Clarion's department of obstetrics and gynecology for five years.

Dr. Marks is board certified in family practice from the American College of Family Practice and board eligible for obstetrics and gynecology. He is a member of American Osteopathic Association, Pennsylvania Osteopathic Association,



Dr. Marks

American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, and American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He is also a member of Pennsylvania Osteopathic General Practice Society, National Osteopathic Foundation, American Medical Association, and Pennsylvania Medical Society.

Dr. Marks resides in the Gettysburg area and has two children, Chelsea, 11, and Charles, 8.

Adams County Women's Health Associates is located at 450 South Washington Street, Gettysburg.

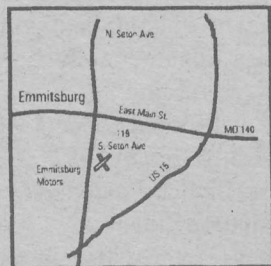
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Fresh Water Fish, the Pet

By Jack Deatheridge, Jr

Wanda has recovered nicely from her momentary "fit." She slammed head-on into reality when I told her that the nitrite levels in the discus tank had gone off the chart of our test kit. Her \$73.49 apiece wild-caught Green discus didn't seem as upset over this sudden increase in toxins as she did.

While I don't know it for certain, I have accepted as "fact" a bit of information I got with the purchase of 8 (quarter-sized) discus 2 or 3 years ago. "Discus can survive ammonia, but the nitrite kills them quick. They seem fine, then they're dead. Watch the nitrite levels!"

Having \$146.98 worth of discus in my care tends to make me believe any warning concerning their health. I did large water changes every day until the nitrite test came up 0. The fish seemed ignorant of the life-threatening situation: fins unfurled, eager to eat whatever I offered. How could they be in danger?

The fellow who had warned me of the nitrite poisoning was a local breeder of discus and angels. He emphasized his warning by pointing out he had lost 2 pairs of breeders he had paid \$1400 for. Nitrite was the killer, he claimed. I take him at his word.

The books I have concerning the keeping of discus do mention the dangers of the Nitrogen Cycle and how easily discus suffer from its mismanagement. They also warn against feeding the discus any food derived from beef. The local breeder insisted that beef heart and shrimp were the best foods he had ever used. I grew-out the 8 fish I bought from him on that mix and couldn't complain about the results, until I read that

beef fat can clog an organ or two and possibly affect the reproductive ability of the fish. Could this be the reason the eggs my Cobalts have laid have never hatched?

The wild-caught Greens were purchased for many reasons, their beauty being the first. The hope that they will produce a healthy clutch of eggs being second, and third, that one of them might mate successfully with a Cobalt.

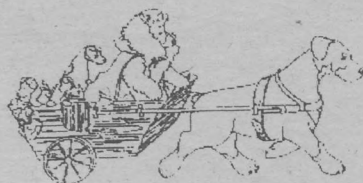
I'm hoping the reproductive failures have been due to my infrequent water changes and not to diet or genetic defect. The water changes will come on a more routine basis now that we have expensive fish to maintain and we aren't cluttering the kitchen with dishes that I constantly find excuses to avoid washing. The sink is free for the "Phyton" water changer and the water is fairly stable anytime I've tested it this last month.

To avoid confusion I'll stick to quality flake and pellets when feeding and make sure I do the water changes. Slowly lowering the pH to 5.5 and raising the water temperature to 82 degree F should be all that's needed to get the fish to lay eggs again. Once I know which of the new fish are male or female, I can worry about what mates with what.

Should I manage to grow-out a clutch of discus fry, I'll be stuck once more with fish I can't get rid of. The nice thing about mature discus is their size. They are potentially larger than my hand if given room, fresh water, and good food. Buck ate African Cichlids in Florida when they became a liability. I wonder what the discus taste like? The Indians along the Amazon eat them, but they didn't pay \$73.49 apiece for them. Wanda *did*.

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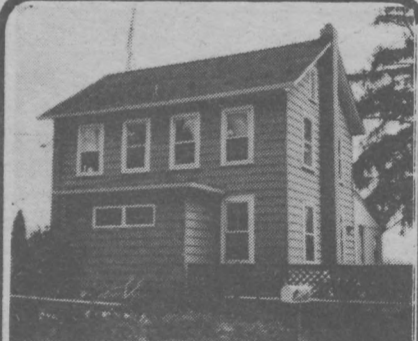
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