

# The Emmitsburg Regional

## DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength From One Another

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### Women's Self-Defense



Donna Bucheri practices defensive techniques with Deputy Derry.

Photo courtesy DFC Derry

Self-defense classes for women will be held during the month of March at the gym in Emmitsburg's Community Center. The classes will be taught by town deputy Denny Derry, assisted by Donna Burcheri of Frederick. The classes are free for women 18 years and older and will be divided into sessions for older women and younger, more physically active women.

Similar classes have been taught at Heartly House and for the Board of Education, focusing on special protective skills that can be applied in potential rape situations. According to Derry, "Preparedness is the key. Big city crimes are filtering into rural areas. Although Emmitsburg remains a quiet and safe town, rapes, robberies, assaults, and car-jackings are slowly increasing."

The classes teach specific one-on-one defensive skills that are useful in countering attacks from behind, bear hugs, strangle holds, purse snatching, car-jacking and 2-attacker scenarios.

In the classes Derry teaches how to use personal items (pocketbooks, hats, etc.) as defensive weapons. For the older or physically challenged women, he teaches how to use hands and feet defensively. "There are simple things to do that ladies don't often think about," he said.

The younger women's classes will be more active and involve rolling, throwing punches, using pressure points, and escaping from confined situations. This group will have an opportunity to actually practice the skills they learn on the "Red Suit." Derry will don a full coverage, 1½ inch thick foam rubber protective suit and mask so students can whale away full force.

Two two-hour classes will be held for each group. Classes for the older women will be held March 2nd from 5-7 p.m.; March 3rd, 7-9 p.m.; March 16, 5-7 p.m.; and March 17, from 7-9 p.m. Classes for the younger women will be held March 9th, 5-9 p.m.; March 10th, 7-10 p.m.; March 23rd, 5-9 p.m.; and March 24th, from 7-10 p.m.. Dress for the classes should be casual and loose to allow free movement—slacks, no dresses. The ladies in the younger groups should wear something loose such as sweat-suits and sneakers.

Derry, a certified Defensive Tactics Instructor, teaches classes in conjunction with his police duties. He has instructed other deputies as well as members of the Mount Saint Mary's security force and Watkins Security

For more information or to register, call 447-2313. Classes will be limited to 16 people.

### Fire at Creekside Apartments forces evacuation of 12 families

Residents of the Creekside Apartments in Emmitsburg were forced to evacuate their building early Sunday evening, January 26, by a fire that caused an estimated \$125,000 damage.

The fire started in a basement utility room where an electrical short in a circuit breaker panel ignited framing inside a wall. Flames quickly spread up the three floors of the 12-unit building and into the attic.

Firefighters from nine companies in Adams, Frederick, and Carroll counties responded to the alarm at 100 Creekside Drive. "It was the first multiple alarm in Emmitsburg for some years," said Wayne Powell, Public Informa-

tion Officer of the Vigilant Hose Company. "The bulk of the fire was knocked out in ten minutes after the arrival of the first engine, but it took three to four hours for smoke and water removal."

A total of 34 people were displaced and, with the help of the Red Cross, temporarily relocated in the area with family or friends. Six units in the building were unaffected, according to Powell, and those families may move back this weekend.

The other units will require extensive rehabilitation from smoke, heat, and water damage, a process which could take many weeks.

### Four Points Bridge Restoration Okayed

The Frederick County Board of Commissioners voted at its January 14 meeting to continue with the restoration of the troubled Four Points Bridge.

The commissioners accepted by a 4 to 1 vote the recommendations of the staff of the Department of Public Works. The dissenting vote cast by Commissioner Rhoderick was principally aimed at giving one more opportunity to be heard to citizens who could not attend the 8:00 a.m. meeting.

At the January meeting Mr. Herman Stephan, a Carroll County resident and owner of property in the area, spoke in favor of a new bridge and pointed out that many people who shared his views could not attend because of the early hour of the meeting.

Audrey Glass and Mike Hillman, representing the Committee to Restore Four Points Bridge spoke for the restoration of the historic structure. Dean Fitzgerald, speaking for the Bridge Preservation Society, and Bonnie Fuss

also spoke in support of restoration.

Commissioners Gray, Rhoderick, Reaver, and Hoke expressed their concerns regarding Agri-business in the north-east sector of the county and their desire to build the agricultural economy. Each one, however, noting the existing circumstances and prior agreements involved in the interrupted restoration project, voted not to change bridges in the middle of the stream.

Had the project been changed, the federal funding which presently covers 80% of the cost of the restoration project would have been lost. The cost of a new two-lane bridge would then have cost the county 1 to 1.5 million dollars and would have taken 3 or more years to design and construct a new two-lane bridge.

Four Points Bridge was built in 1870 and is currently on the National Register of Historic places. It is expected to be fully restored and ready for service in the summer of 1997.

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## Wells may be answer to water woes.

The Emmitsburg town commissioners voted at the January 23 public workshop to proceed with the concept of a groundwater supply as a solution to this town's water supply.

Smith Environmental Technologies which has been engaged by the town to test the quality and quantity of water available from the active wells met with officials and proposed a less costly solution to the town's water woes. Representatives from the state came from the Water Resources Department, Hydrology Resources, the Finance Department, and the Maryland Center for Environmental Training. Mayor Carr, Town Manager Yvette Semler and Water Supervisor Doug Wantz represented the town.

Test results have revealed that the volume of flow from the wells was greater than expected. Since the quality of the water from the wells is such that the water does not need treatment, Smith Environmental proposed drilling 4 to 6 more new wells in the watershed area. The entire supply of town water

would be groundwater coming from the wells. Surface water from Rainbow Lake, which requires treatment, would be phased out and the monies used to operate the chemical treatment plant would be applied to the costs of operating the wells.

According to Mr. Mustafa Izadi of the State Finance Department, funds for drilling the wells are currently available through the state, but no funds would be available for the building of a water treatment plant for the surface water. It was also pointed out that the Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment would be tightening up the standards for treatment of surface water and the process would become more expensive in the future.

Mayor Carr stated that exploration and test drilling could be started within a month and that in 6 months water could be available. This new supply of water would mean an increase of nearly 40% more water taps for the town.

## 5th Annual Christmas Decoration Awards

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association wishes to thank all of Emmitsburg citizenry who helped decorate the town and their homes for the Christmas season, and a special thanks to the judges who spent hours touring the town to find the winners, since each year more and more homes and businesses are decorating with live greens, red ribbons, and lights. No other town can compare to Emmitsburg aglow in all its Christmas finery. The 1996 Christmas Decoration Awards are listed below.

### Single family home (incl. townhomes):

1st - Mr. & Mrs. Glass, 239 N. Seton Ave.

2nd - Mr. & Mrs. White, 311 W.

Main St.

3rd - Mr. & Mrs. Haller, 700 W.

Main St. (tie)

3rd - Mr. & Mrs. Sherald, 140 S.

Seton Ave. (Tie)

3rd - Mr. & Mrs. Adams, 25 Park Dr. (Tie)

### All others (businesses, offices, multi-units, etc.):

1st - Carriage House

2nd - F&M Bank

3rd - Her Studio Gallery

### Honorable Mention: Crouse's

Please note: Last year's 1st place winners were ineligible for an award this year, but will be included in the judging again next year.

## Ambulance Company Expansion Ideas Discussed

At a public workshop held January 23, Larry West, vice-president of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, discussed the factors that have forced the company to consider expansion of its present building.

West said that an increase in the number of calls, mandates required by federal agencies, lack of vehicle storage, and suitable quarters for those having to remain overnight all force the company into expansion if it is to remain a viable volunteer organization that meets all the regulations.

"At this time," said West, "the company has no immediate plans for construction, but only ensuring the option for future expansion in our present location if it is needed." The company is seeking additional property, owned by the county, adjoining the present site on South Seton Avenue.

In outlining the Ambulance Company's concerns, West noted that replacing volunteer companies with private ambulance service is now a trend throughout the state. "Taking a patient to Gettysburg Hospital is now free," he said, "but if a private company operated the ambulance service the

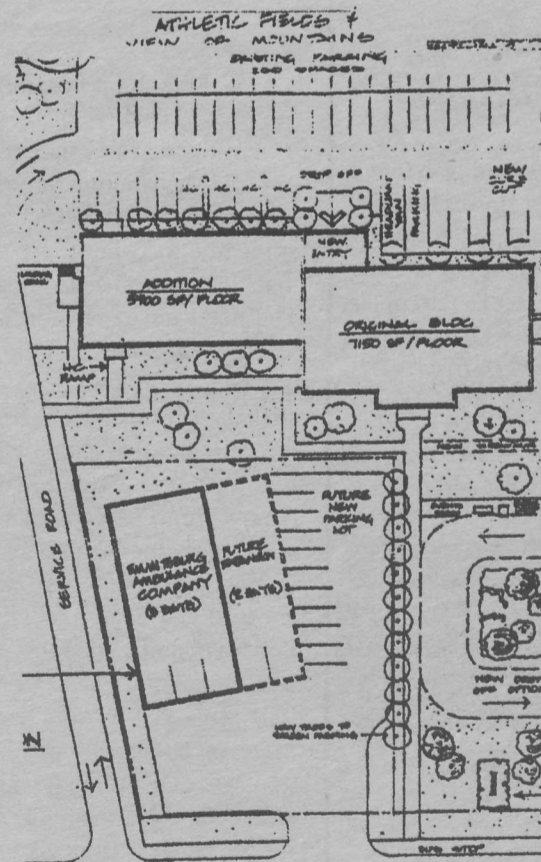
charge would be between \$400 and \$500 dollars."

Noting that there are people who are opposed to the idea of expansion in its present location, West pointed out that if the company has to expand it will do so in a coordinated fashion with the proposed renovation of the Emmitsburg Community Center.

West emphasized that the expansion being considered is for two bays and would not extend in front of the community center's arch. "The parking lot would be bordered by trees and a planting screen," said West.

When Mayor Carr asked if there was any opposition to the company's plans, there was no response from those present. Katie Warthen, librarian, did express her concern over congested parking during special events held at the ambulance company. She said patrons of the library have a difficult time finding adequate parking, especially on Monday nights when bingo is played.

Both the Planning and Zoning Committee and the Town Council have endorsed the ambulance company's plan for expansion.



The proposal above is from the report *Independent Evaluation of the Emmitsburg Community Center* prepared by Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani. Recommendations listed in this report imply dovetailing the renovation of the Community Center and the Ambulance Co. by improving vehicular site circulation, providing a vehicular drop-off loop at the front of the building, and providing a landscape buffer to screen the Ambulance Company parking lot.



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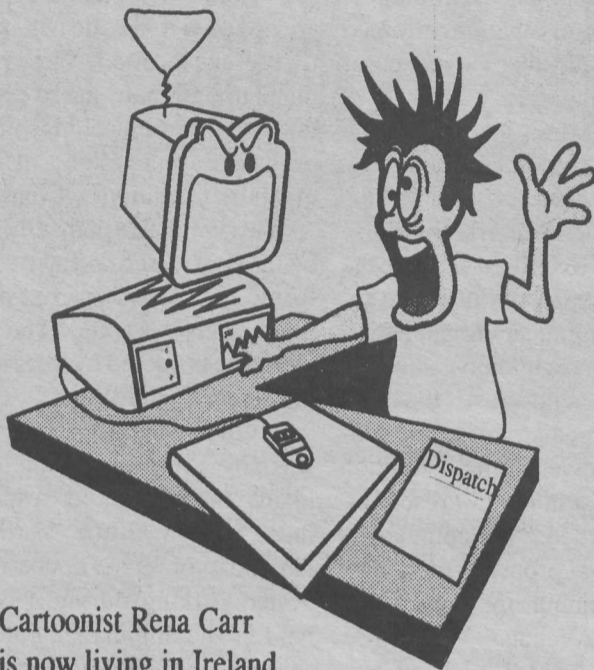
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always at her back and the road run downhill.

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## Commentary:

### Pragmatic Possibilities

Following the water situation (supply and distribution problems) as the longest-playing, permanent floating crapgame in E-burg, are the problems that the Ambulance Company is facing. The need for expansion is upon them and the proposed solution seemingly has heated up conversation. So much so that meetings were held and a special informational session was scheduled for the Jan. 23rd town workshop. Ninety-three percent of the attendees were from the Ambulance Company. Opposition was sparse.

Still it was an interesting informational session. Since this growth problem the Ambulance Company faces will not quickly or silently go away there are some ingredients in the solution mix that should be considered.

- The ambulance building sits where it does because of decisions made several years ago. It exists.

- The design and framing of the building and the strength of the concrete pad preclude the possibility of a second floor on the building.

- Demand for services has created a need for additional equipment, storage, and quarters.

## 100 Years Ago "In this place" from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

Feb. 5, 1897 - The ground hog failed to see his shadow Tuesday, and we may expect six weeks good weather. But, then, his hogship is rather a deceptive animal, and may fool the people.

Feb. 19, 1897 - "Imogene, or the Witch's Secret," an original realistic drama in four acts, by Horace C. Dale, will be rendered at the Opera House, in this place, on Saturday evening, Feb. 27, by the Forest Rose Concert and Dramatic Company, of Emmitsburg. The performance will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Admission 15, 25, and 35 cents. The above company is composed entirely of home talent, and our people should patronize the entertainment and give these amateur performers every encouragement, for it is more difficult and embarrassing to play to empty seats than it is to a crowded house. Every effort will be made to highly entertain the audience.

### Had to Surrender the Fort

Feb. 26, 1897 - On last Friday night

- Regulations regarding equipment and procedures create a need for additional space.

- New buildings and equipment require dollars, and the company is still working off a mortgage on the present building. No new money has appeared on the scene.

- The Ambulance Company has sought to protect its present position by gaining permission from the town council and the county commissioners to expand by two bays.

- The possible expansion of the ambulance building is linked to the Community Center renovation project, by concept if not by dollars.

- The aesthetics of the community center—a hybrid structure, one part Greek revival, and one part 1950's factory—will be affected.

- The community center has a strong emotional/historic link with the community.

- Across the state of Maryland ineffective ambulance services are under siege by private ambulance services who will charge for what we now get for free.

This very important problem is on the table. It is of community-wide concern and deserves the creative juices of everyone. Think about it, learn more about it, and help do something about it. Problem solving equals creative synthesis.

as Mr. Peter Bollinger was about to retire for the night, he heard a noise, and upon going out, he beheld several wagons and buggies driving up. He put up a good fight, but had to surrender the fort to the intruders who took possession and made things lively with games of various kinds, vocal and instrumental music until about 11 o'clock, when all were invited to the dining room where they found the table groaning beneath the weight of all the delicacies of the season. At a late hour all departed for their homes. Not hungry or any hominy joke, but well filled, wishing the genial host and hostess many happy days. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bollinger, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harner, Mr. and Mrs. John Moser, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fitez, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moser, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Troxell, Mrs. Mary E. Motter, M.F. Saylor, Misses Myrtle Brown, Ora Martin, Lulu and Edna Fitez, Zeppa and Florence Troxell, Bertie Bollinger and Emma Moser, Messrs. Joe, Harry and Will Roddy, Will Martin, Claude Fogle, Frank Troxell, Harry Bollinger, Clarence and Charles Saylor.

### A Collision

Feb 26, 1897 - On last Friday evening whilst Mr. Joseph D. Caldwell was driving the express wagon down street, and Mr. Jesse Clagett, of near Motter's Station, was driving up street, the two teams ran together. Mr. Caldwell was pitched from the wagon seat down between the shafts and the horse's hind feet, and Mr. Clagett was thrown out of his buggy on the ground. Both of the gentlemen escaped injury. The shafts on the express wagon were broken, and Mr. Clagett's buggy was somewhat damaged.

### Religious Notice

Feb. 26, 1897 - Services in the Presbyterian Church next Sabbath morning at 10:30 o'clock. Also evening service at 7 o'clock, when the pastor will lecture on the "Conditions of National Prosperity" from a religious point of view.

### A Large Orange

On Tuesday evening Mr. Osborne Green brought to the *Chronicle* office, a large orange. It was raised in the Mt. St. Mary's College green-house, which is superintended by the gardener, Mr. Patrick E. McNulty. It is the largest orange we ever saw grown in this section of the country.

## Vigilant Hose Company Holds Awards Banquet

The Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company held their 113th annual banquet the evening of January 4 to celebrate, recognize, and honor those who provide fire services for this community.

The image of fire companies, sometimes obscured by the myriad of fundraising and community activities, may be perceived more accurately in the words of Mary Lou Anderson in a 1970 speech before the Maryland House of Delegates: "They are the ones who must take risks and sometimes even gamble their lives and well-being in order to assure a better world for others."

Bruce Hisley of the National Fire Academy was master of ceremonies. He told the gathering that in 1996 the Vigilant Hose Company answered a total of 331 calls. An average of 20 persons responded for each call. "There are stories behind these numbers," Hisley said, "man-hours amassed, miles driven, dollars lost—stories of dedication." The VHC was officially organized in 1884 and is staffed by over 100

active volunteers, both men and women. The company operates on an annual budget of approximately \$300,000, of which only about 1/3 is tax supported. There were two notable examples of such dedication: John S. Hollinger, who was recognized for 50 years of service and yet was the 7th top responder for 1996; and Paul A. Keepers, who has served and participated in the

company for 61 years.

Honorary memberships were presented to Mike Myers, Gene Newcomer, Rev. Roland Fearer, and John C. Eline.

Dot Davis, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, presented a check for \$25,000 to the company from the auxiliary. "This will make it worth their while," said Mrs. Davis.

Officers installed for the coming year were Arthur J. Damuth, president; Douglas A. Wivell, vice president; Steven M. Hollinger, treasurer; John A. Glass, assistant treasurer; Steven W. Valentine, secretary; and Thomas E. Vaughn, assistant secretary. Members of the Board of Directors: Jimmy A. Glass, Gregory A. Hollinger, John S. Hollinger, Terry L. Myers, and Charles F. Stouter. Fire Police: Stephen P. Orndorff, captain; Samuel B. Cool, first lieutenant; and Robert A. Rosensteel, Sr., second lieutenant.

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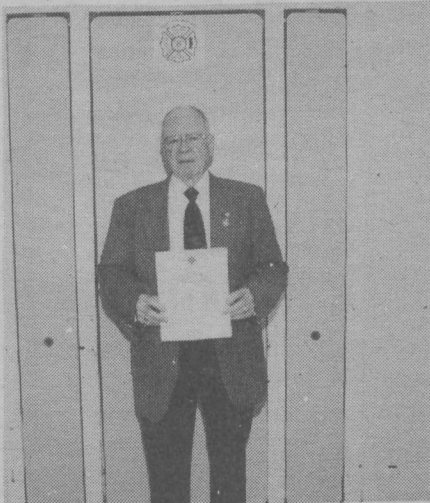
Line Officers installed at the banquet are from the left Frank Davis, chief; James E. Click, first asst. chief; Carl A. White, second asst. chief; Clifton E. Shriner, captain, Carl E. Angleberger, lieutenant; John A. Damsky, lieutenant; Christopher A. Stahley, lieutenant; Guy A. Baker III, safety officer; Vincent L. Boyle, safety officer; and Chad M. Umbel, safety officer.



Ladies Auxiliary officers for 1997 are from the left Dorothy D. Davis, president; Patricia A. Kuykendall, vice president; Jo Ann Boyd, treasurer; Joyce E. Wivell, secretary; and Tiffany R. Stahley, assistant secretary.



Top responders for the Fire Police were, from the left, Butch Morningstar, 3; Sam Cool, 2; and Steve Orndorff, 1.



Paul A. Keepers received an award for 61 years of service with the Vigilant Hose Company

Photos courtesy of Steve Orndorff



1996 Top Ten Responders from the left are Vince Boyle, 1; Chris Staley, 2; Frank Davis, and Carl White, tied for 3; Mike Damsky, 5; Dave Vaughn, 6; John Hollinger, 7; Clif Shriner, 8; Chad Umbel, 9; and Gabe Baker, 10.

## Senior Citizens News

"Roses are red, violets are blue,  
Valentine's Day is coming fast for  
you."

January has passed and weather-wise, except for the cold, it certainly was better than 1996. But, who knows what will be coming in February.

Here at the center we do know what we hope to do, if the weather co-operates. The planned activities are as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 6 & 20 - Bingo 1 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 13 & 27 - "500" Card Party, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb 11 -Frederick Shopping Expedition, 1:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - Meeting day with a guest speaker, Sue Osterman, from St. Catherine's to let us know what facilities are offered there.

Monday, Feb. 17 - President's Day with "Food 'n Friends" lunch from Mountaingate. Reservations must be made by 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 14.

Fridays are shopping days at Jubilee for those who attend lunch and need transportation.

A trip to the Rainbow Dinner Theater is planned for Wed. April 2, to see the comedy *Enter Laughing*. For information contact Anna Margaret at the Senior Center (447-6253) Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lunch is served each day at noon with transportation available. Also home delivered meals are available upon approval of the Commission on Aging.

If you are sixty years of age you are eligible for meals, etc. Come join us and enjoy not only the food but the fellowship and activities of the center.

Note: The next night card party, a fundraiser, will be held on April 23. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.



One of our readers needs your help. Can anyone identify the people in this photo who are believed to be from the Emmitsburg area. The gentleman on the left has been identified as Joseph Rosensteel. Others are probably Rosensteels, Peddicords, and Littles. Please contact the Dispatch (301) 447-6275 if you can be of help.

### 14TH ANNUAL LIONS CLUB HEALTH FAIR SLATED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH

The Emmitsburg Lions Club, in conjunction with The Gettysburg Hospital, will hold its annual Health Fair on Saturday, April 5, 1997, at Mother Seton School from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Everyone is urged to take advantage of this low-cost personal health appraisal. Early detection of potential problems may save years of suffering or possibly save your life.

The usual Multiphasic Blood Screening will be offered at a cost of \$25.00. Again this year a Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) test will be offered to men over 50 for an additional cost of \$15.00. This test may be helpful in the early detection of prostate cancer. Mammograms will also be offered for \$70.75. Please call 447-2562 to make this appointment.

### Emmitsburg Council of Churches Announces New Lenten Schedule of Services

In observance of the Lenten Season, the Emmitsburg Council of Churches sponsor ecumenical worship services at the churches of our community each year. The sermons are excellent, but brief, and the music is outstanding. All are welcome -Please Come - You will Enjoy it!

February 16, 6:30 p.m., Provincial House Basilica, Rev. Cardwell (Tom's Creek Methodist)

February 23, 7:30 p.m. -Trinity United Methodist Church, Rev. Wright, C.M. (St. Joseph's Catholic)

March 2, 7:30 p.m. - Toms Creek United Methodist Church, Rev. Forbes (Incarnation UCC)

March 9, 7:30 p.m. - Elias Lutheran Church, Rev. Jones (Presbyterian)

March 16, 7:30 p.m.- Incarnation United Church of Christ, Rev. Fearer (Elias Lutheran)

March 23, 7:30 p.m. - St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church -Rev. Eby (Trinity Methodist)

March 28, Friday, 12 Noon - St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church - Stations of the Cross

March 30, Easter, 6:30 a.m. - Grotto of Lourdes Chapel, Rev. Kennedy, C.M. (St. Joseph's Catholic)

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Rose Keepers (left), Linda Knox, and Kathy Link portray the social life of the 18th century in the play *The Contrast*, performed at the Emmitsburg Library. It was presented to Melanie Ware's 8th grade students from Mother Seton School. Photo courtesy Joan Boyle



Royall Tyler

The first American play dealing with contemporary social life in this country, *The Contrast* is

*The Contrast*, by Royall Tyler, was first introduced in New York's John Street Theatre in 1787. In the audience was George Washington, a devoted theatre-goer, who ensured the play's publication by heading the subscription list.

a comedy of manners that struck a clearly democratic note, squarely aimed at the native audience. It introduced the character Jonathan, a man of rustic virtues, who stands in direct contrast to those affecting "superior" manners.

The author, a Harvard graduate and veteran of the Revolutionary War, had attended a performance of Richard Sheridan's *A School for Scandal* while on a trip to New York City to arrange extradition papers for Daniel Shay. This theatrical experience inspired him to write *The Contrast*.



A Dispatch Photo

### An afternoon tea at the library

On a cold afternoon in January, over 25 people gathered at the Emmitsburg Branch Library for a warm cup of tea, served the English way. Jean Davis, formerly of Devon, England, demonstrated the proper method of brewing tea. The tea was organized by library manager Katie Warthen, standing at right, and the trays of sandwiches, cheeses, cakes, shortbread, cookies and scones, served with Devonshire cream and raspberry jam, were provided by friends of the library.

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## Mount Volunteers Reach Out to Emmitsburg Area Senior Citizens, Children, and Needy

By Joe Purello

In the Fall Semester of 1996 over 200 Mount students volunteered their time and energy visiting senior citizens and tutoring children, helping regional non-profit agencies feed the hungry and provide housing for low income families, and traveling to distant places to help communities in need. Many of those people who benefited from this volunteer effort live in the Emmitsburg area. In addition, boxes of food, clothing, toys, and baby items were donated to Emmitsburg social service agencies, the result of Mount fund-raisers such as Christmas Giving Tree Program and the Council on Campus Ministry Food Drive.

In past issues of the *Dispatch*, the work of Mount volunteers in the CASS Elementary School Tutoring Program, and in the CROP Walk fund-raiser benefiting the Emmitsburg Food Bank, has received notice. Below another Mount volunteer program that serves Emmitsburg residents is highlighted. This program is the Villa St. Michael's Visitation Program.

### A Time to Give and Learn

In the Fall of 1996 semester ten members (seven students and three seminarians) of the Mount Saint

Mary's community volunteered every Wednesday afternoon at the Villa St. Michael's Retirement Center visiting the residents. This semester the group of volunteers hope to spend Friday afternoons in this activity. Participating volunteers include Lanette Battista, Nathan Brewster, Rosemary Garrett, Christine Gorsky, Bernadette Koren, Ed Lee, Katie Neiderer, Mark Reilly, Mae Richardson, and Hilary Seth.

The weekly visits consist of walks around the Villa property when the weather is nice, and spending time in conversation or prayer with the sisters in their rooms. The day's visit often ends with the group reciting the rosary with the sisters. The volunteers state that they receive from the sisters as much enjoyment as they give. Mae Richardson, the student moderator of the program, echoes the thoughts of other volunteers when she says, "Overall, I have gotten more from the sisters than I could give back. I have learned that there is much joy in helping others and I have made some very good friends in the process."

"I have found that my visits have been very uplifting because I have had the chance to visit women who love what they have committed their lives to, and they give me an example to try to



Mount Saint Mary's students reach out to retired nuns. Pictured (l to R) Ed Lee, Sr. Lydia, David Todd and Mae Richardson Photo by Joe Purello

live up to," said volunteer Bernadette Koren.

What these sisters have contributed to the Emmitsburg community through their work in education, social service outreach, and spiritual formation is simply not measurable. The Villa St. Michael Visitation Program, now in its fifth year, is a special opportunity to actively thank these good sisters who have devoted their lives in service to others.

Joe Purello, a resident of Emmitsburg, is the Coordinator of Community Services at Mount Saint Mary's.

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## EMMITSBURG AT WORK

By Rena Damskey

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Pam works for Dr. Bringardner two days a week and brings experience and training to the job. Before working nine years in Frederick, Pam took the Executive Secretary Course at Abby Business Institute where she learned receptionist skills and word processing. Pam is also a licensed cosmetologist and attended Frederick County Vo-Tech Center after graduating from Catocin High School. She works at the college book-



Pam McNair

Photo courtesy Rena Damskey

store at Mount St. Mary's, and you can see her at basketball games selling sweatshirts and T-shirts.

"Emmitsburg is growing, but it's still a small community. I like the old ways. Emmitsburg is friendly. I like to

see organizations like the Lions Club and the volunteer fire department collecting money—funds that stay in the town to help people. There's a sense of community here that I haven't seen in Thurmont." Pam has helped out at community events at the Rocky Ridge Fire Department since she was a little girl. "Like Rocky Ridge, Emmitsburg has that sense of community. In Thurmont you don't know your next-door neighbor anymore. It's not like that in Emmitsburg."

When Pam is not passing out smiles in Emmitsburg, she is home taking care of her house and family. Pam lives on Grimes Road with her husband, a dairy farmer, and her son Chad, 6, a kindergartner at Mother Seton School. I asked Pam about her hobbies.

She said she doesn't have time for hobbies, but she swims at the Mount and runs the track with her friend Cathy Adams, who comments, "You'd better write 'walks' the track!" Thanks, Pam. Your smile is contagious.

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## A VERY PERSONAL HISTORY

by Ruth O. Richards

And the rains came and covered all the earth—No, this wasn't the flood of the Biblical Genesis, nor was it the flood of June 20th this year. It was Labor Day weekend, 1940. Actually, it was August 31, the day I first saw Emmitsburg.

We crossed the bridge at Flat Run, water up to our hub caps, the last car over the bridge, we were told. We were hungry, and we began looking for a place to eat our first meal in Emmitsburg. Initially we were directed to Tokar's Tavern. That didn't suit us, so we went to the next recommended place, The Palms. No one suggested The Green Parrot, a "fancy place," on the corner of the VFW building. We probably couldn't have afforded it anyway, having had only \$200 when we left South Dakota on the day we were married. (One hundred dollars was a wedding gift; the other hundred we borrowed, to be paid back after John got his first check at the Mount.)

After our meal we went to our "new home," rented furnished from Mrs. Bruce Patterson in June before John came home to be married. John had said from the beginning, "Honey, it isn't very nice. It's all I could find." He was right. It wasn't very nice. I called it a string house; one room right after another, from the sidewalk to the

alley. No electric refrigerator, only an ice box, pretty though, painted red. No automatic furnace, only a hand-stoked coal one, with a little side stove yielding a very limited amount of hot water. No vacuum cleaner to keep the floors clean, no washing machine, not even a radio to keep up with the news. I was less than pleased. Here I was, rain coming down in torrents, in a town where I didn't know a soul except the man I had been married to for a week. I wanted to go back to South Dakota.

It rained all night and into the morning. Feeling confined, and with nothing to do Sunday evening, we set out to find a theater. We didn't know about the Maryland Blue Laws prohibiting Sunday movies. We drove and drove, splashing along until we came to a bridge covered with water. We timidly crossed it, and then didn't know the way back to town. Later we decided that bridge was probably the one at Tom's Creek, at Four Points. What did we know about flooding, having come from the drought-stricken Midwest?

I have a lot of memories of our early days in Emmitsburg. The town itself was a curiosity. I had come from a small, sprawling Midwest city with lots of public facilities, parks, golf courses, swimming pools, many schools, and a big commercial center. John's home town was similar, but smaller.

The layout of Emmitsburg interested me. I could hardly believe that in the vastness of America people would choose to build their houses touching one another: no side lawns, no front lawns. I was also surprised to learn that many of the shop owners lived in the same building or adjacent to their shops. I finally came to realize that Emmitsburg was a very old town compared to my home town in South Dakota, which in 1940 was only about 50 years old.

A different part of America and a different kind of town—how would we ever get to know anyone? We soon learned that it wasn't going to be difficult. We began to have callers. First, other Mount professors and their families, then people who lived nearby called. We met people in the stores where we shopped, and by walking down and up the streets. In nice weather there were those who sat outside their houses in lawn chairs on the sidewalk, and we passed the time of day with them.

Actually, we ourselves were somewhat of a curiosity. Those we met were interested in knowing about the dust storms, a horrifying phenomenon. Our listeners were also interested in the drought, another horrifying experience that still gives me pangs of fright. And of course we had our common experience of the Great Depression. Everyone had and still has a story of those days to relate. Anecdotes and stories are a good way to get to know people.

Father Gordon had made it very clear to me that women were not welcome on the Mount Campus except on special occasions. I therefore had to find friends in town. That was not difficult. I still feel grateful to those women who helped me both in social adjustment and in other friendly gestures.

I learned that Emmitsburg women played bridge, and John, who was a master player, took it upon himself to be my teacher. I was an apt pupil and soon found myself invited to bridge parties. It is hard to believe that, on an afternoon of bridge and luncheon, the women dressed in their prettiest frocks and hats and with pocketbooks on their arms strolled down Main Street to eat outrageously rich desserts followed by a competitive game of bridge. I was a good player and won more prizes than I probably should have!

John's social life outside the Mount was an occasional game of bridge at home with other faculty members and a few town couples, and, on afternoons off, going to Chick Rosensteel's pool hall to shoot a game of pool. That way he got to know the male side of Emmitsburg.

As one month slid into another and we began to be a part of Emmitsburg, a year passed quickly and the war that had been lurking on the sidelines became a reality involving all walks of life.

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### Emmitsburg Historical Society

The Executive Board of the Emmitsburg Historical Society has made a change in the society's meeting schedule. The meetings for 1997 will be held on the first Tuesdays of March, May, September, and November. (No meetings will be held in January and July.) The meeting location will be the media room of the Community Center on

South Seton Avenue. The meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. and all interested residents are welcome. The annual membership dues are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. You can communicate with the group at Emmitsburg Historical Society, P.O. Box 463, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

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## Taking Tea at "Thistlefields"

by Christina Stevenson

In England, "taking tea" is a daily ritual which dates back to the eighteenth century and continues today. The midday meal, referred to as "afternoon tea," gained popularity in Victorian England during the nineteenth century. Afternoon tea was a time to gather with friends and relax while partaking of tea, sandwiches, scones, and dessert cakes. This tradition is carried on through "Thistlefields," an authentic British tea room located at 29 Chambersburg Street in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The owners, Jan and Tony Tebbutt, opened the tea room on March 17, 1996, after more than three years of planning.

The shop offers an authentic afternoon tea which includes assorted tea sandwiches, a scone with jam and clotted cream, assorted tea desserts, and a pot of tea. Variations of the afternoon tea are available, as well as traditional British luncheon items such as quiche, chicken pasties, and beans on toast. Scones and tea breads are baked daily by Mrs. Tebbutt, and the teas are imported from England. Tea books, cards, stationery, Battenburg lace aprons and napkins, teapots and tea-cups, and antiques can be purchased.

Atmosphere is in abundance at "Thistlefields." The walls are decorated with a collection of teapots and old photographs. The tables are set with antique china and linen napkins. The decor and menu vary according to the holidays. A Valentine's Day "Hearts and Flowers" tea will be served on February 14th through the

16th. Heart-shaped scones with raspberry filling and ham pinwheels are some of the items that will be served.

Before visiting "Thistlefields" my idea of "taking tea" was plopping a tea bag in a mug of water, then setting the microwave for two minutes. I have since mended my ways. Mrs. Tebbutt provided me with guidelines for making a proper pot of tea. This method does not include the use of a microwave. While at "Thistlefields" my mother and I were served the traditional afternoon tea with a pot of Yorkshire Gold, one of the finest teas available. It has a distinct golden tone and rich flavor. Sugar cubes decorated with tiny pastel flowers, lemon wedges, and cream are available to complement the tea. I added a sugar cube, which holds a surprise, and a lemon wedge to my cup of tea. The tea sandwiches had tasty fillings such as shredded carrots and cheese, cucumber and cream cheese, tuna and chicken salad, and butter and cream. The sandwiches were followed by a warm scone which we were instructed to cut in half lengthwise and spread with the strawberry jam and clotted cream. Small carrot cakes with Italian icing, raisin and spice cakes, and ruint chocolate brownies, completed our afternoon tea.

"Thistlefields" serves not only tea but a cultural experience. For information or to make reservations call 717-338-9131. The hours are daily 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., tea room serving 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Sunday noon until 4:30 p.m. and closed Tuesday

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## Stick to Your Game Plan



Andy Higgins

Recently, football commentator Frank Gifford said that any team that could stick to its game plan through the first three quarters should be able to enjoy the fourth quarter and win the game.

Sometime ago, a friend on the verge of retirement told me he was glad to be playing in the fourth quarter. He had worked hard, planned well, and was ready to enjoy a new lifestyle.

Whether you're trying to win a football game or the financial game, you must have a game plan. My friend, a man of modest means, has exceptional discipline when it comes to planning. About 15 years before his anticipated retirement, he sought the help of a professional to develop a plan. He did his homework. He knew where he and his wife wanted to be and how much they needed to invest regularly to get there. All they needed was a "coach to help them chart the course."

During the day, the couple operated a successful business. My friend also worked a night job, which created additional income that they earmarked for retirement. In addition, he took

advantage of every investment benefit offered by his employer—a retirement plan, 401(k) and stock options.

This was a smart move. Having a retirement savings plan is important, even for small-business owners. Too many business owners think they will be able to sell their business at retirement and live off the proceeds. This doesn't always work out, due to the business environment and trends in the marketplace.

In addition, the man and his wife invested their business profits, making regular investments and reinvesting dividends. A variety of plans offer features such as no-cost dividend reinvestment, automatic transfers, professional management, and more. This couple chose high quality growth-and-income mutual funds to meet their particular retirement objectives.

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## ROCKY RIDGE NEWS and FIRE COMPANY BANQUET

by Emma Keeney

**Happy birthday wishes** to the following: Greta Lambert, Emma Lou Harris, Lacey Wolf, Ronnie Eyler, Scott Moser, Michael Sponsellar, Philip Dinterman, David Dinterman, Albert Stambaugh, Bruce Beall, Chris Roser, Gregg Moser, Jonathan Moser, Jeanette Miller, Bradley Green, Marshall Sharrer, Sr., Marshall Sharrer, Jr., and Curtis Green.

**Sincere sympathy** is extended to the families and friends of the following: Earl Winpigler, Cathy Jo Moser, Luther Smith, John Duple, Helen Young, Hazel Renner, Jerry Baker, and Robert Sayler.

**Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. James Rice on the birth of their son, Corey William Rice; and to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Moser on the birth of their son, William Rodney Moser.

**Bookings for Mt. Tabor Park** are now being done by Gloria and Kenneth Frushour. If you wish to reserve a time and date in the park, please call them at (301) 271-4180.

**The Joint Council of the Mt. Tabor Lutheran and United Church of Christ has the following new officers:**

President—Michael Smith  
V. President—Pat Haines  
Secretary—Emily Sixx  
Treasurer—Gary Schildt

A joint festival will be held Saturday, June 7. Everyone is invited to come.

### Mt. Tabor Park Lutheran Church News

The Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church will be sponsoring two festivals this summer in the park: Sat., June 14, Sat., July 19.

Council members are Emily Sixx, Barbara Schildt, Gary Schildt, Robert Mumma. Those newly elected are Bea Keilholtz, Kenneth Sharrer, Harold Late, and Pat Haines. The Park Board includes Kenneth Mumma, Dave Wiles, Robert Mumma, Vernon Keilholtz. Those on the Cemetery Board are Mary Ellen Cummings and Jim Glass.

The Willing Workers have the Cat's Meow replica of Mt. Tabor Church. The cost is \$15.00. The cost is \$15.00 each and this includes a history of Mt. Tabor Lutheran and United Church of Christ churches. If you are interested see or call Emily Sixx: 271-2674.

### Mt. Tabor U.C.C. News

The Council members are Bill Dinterman, Gloria Frushour, Emma Keeney, Michael Smith. Newly elected council members are Linda Duple, Richard Dinterman, Emma Lou Harris, Jeff Sharrer. Officers are President—Michael Smith, V. President—Bill Dinterman, Treasurer—Richard Dinterman, Secretary—Emma Keeney. The U.C.C. members of the Park Board are Kenny Frushour, Eddie Stambaugh, David Dinterman, Richard Stambaugh. Cemetery Board members from U.C.C. are Franklin Stambaugh and Bill Dinterman. Shirley Greens is benevolence secretary. Regina Dinterman is church secretary.

Christmas visitors at the home of Cora and Carl Setherley were Gary and Alice Setherley, Falling Waters, WV; Jeff and Karen Ferdock, Jefferson, MD; Frank and Larue Thomas, Littlestown, PA; Keith, Debbie, and Kortney Davis, Sabillasville; and Judy and Jimmy Ryan, Henderson, MD.

Kenny Frushour, Jr., has returned from Bosnia. After visiting his family and friends, he is now in Germany. His address is Spc. Kenneth L. Frushour, Jr., HHB 1/7 FA, Unit 25859 Box 687, APO AE 09033.

### Rocky Ridge Fire Company

The Rocky Ridge Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Christmas party on December 1, 1996, at the firehall for all the ladies that helped us throughout the year. The delicious dinner was prepared and served by the Rocky Ridge Firemen.

**There is ALL PAPER BINGO at the fire hall every Saturday night starting at 7 p.m.**

**On February 22, 1997, the firemen will hold their butchering and the ladies auxiliary will serve the Country-Style Buffet Breakfast from 6 a.m.-10:30 a.m.** The prices are \$4.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Come on out and join us. To place a meat order call Robert Ogle at 271-2880.



The Rocky Ridge Fire Company held their annual awards banquet Jan. 23 when company line officers for 1997 were sworn into office. Line officers from left are Danny Whetzel, chief; Wilton Smith, first assistant; Dennis Mathias, second assistant; Kevin Albaugh, fire lieutenant; and Bonny Hurley, rescue lieutenant. At the banquet the Ladies Auxiliary presented the company with a \$10,000 check.



Top responders honored at the banquet are from left front row (1) Robert Albaugh, (2) Robbie Eyler, (3) Ronnie Wyler, and (5) Larry Eyler. Back row; (6) Matt Moser, (7) Wilton Smith, III, (8) Tom Myerly, (9) Alan Hurley, and (10) Melvin Troxell. Not present was 4th responder, Larry Humerick.



Charles Brauer (center) was presented a special award by Bernard Wivell (left), treasurer, and Robert Mumma, president. Mr. Brauer is retiring after 30 years as chaplain and was named Chaplain Emeritus of the Rocky Ridge Fire Company.

Photos courtesy Stan Licharowicz, a photographer with the *Mountain Echo*, the student newspaper at Mount Saint Mary's College.

## MT. TABOR QUILTERS

By Inspector 13

Here at Mt. Tabor our activities in the quilt block have come to what a bus company manager used to call "a running stop." We are still moving forward, but very slowly. Unfortunately, we've been hit with illnesses, vacations, and other unavoidable absences. Some people who thought they'd come to quilting haven't been able to make it. Some who wanted to learn to quilt haven't made it. However, those of us who can get there are at the Activity Building on Tuesdays and Tuesday evenings. Come join us and chat awhile.

Do you make New Year's resolutions? I don't. However, every fall, in anticipation of the approaching winter months, plans are made to complete all unfinished quilt projects—a New Winter's resolution. Now it's February and *not one* project is completed!

Personal projects were laid aside to work on our group projects. Two of these quilts give us the following tips for the month.

Before assembling *any* quilt, be sure every block is the same size. Even the slightest variation in size of the cut pieces or your seams can alter the size of your block. A good method for keeping all the blocks the same is to cut a cardboard template the size of a finished block. Measure each block as it's finished, using the tem-

plate as your guide, and adjust if necessary.

If setting up your quilt with plain and pieced blocks, make certain they all measure the same. Often the pieced block is smaller than the plain one, and many quilters will ease in, gather, or tuck the plain block to make it fit. This results in a wrinkled, puffy block that's almost impossible to quilt nicely.

Tip number two deals with background fabric in pieced blocks. Many times the person making traditional scrap quilts will use several leftover pieces of plain fabric for background, especially white, pink, or blue. To many this is not acceptable, but I feel, if you plan your blocks well, several shades of one color can be used.

However, do not mix background fabric in any one block. Set your quilt with sashes or plain blocks so that the different shades of the background do not touch. Always cut out background pieces uniformly—do not mix straight and bias cuts in a block.

Remember, we don't all make prize-winning quilts, nor do we want to. But what we make should be our own creation and it's a work of art—no matter how many mistakes we made.

## Little League Proposes Registration Fee

By Bill Wivell

In a Little League meeting held on January 7, 1997, one item of discussion was fund-raisers and the adoption of registration fees. Through this article we are hoping to gain some input from you, the reader, on the subject of registration fees.

The Little League has always had great support from its sponsors. The money that the sponsors give equips the teams with uniforms and this in itself is a very costly and much needed. However, along with the cost of the uniforms are many other expenses such as League Charter fees to National Headquarters in Williamsport, Pa., District dues, Tournament fees, insurance, umpire fees, equipment, and other expenses.

We have to think of these expenses as well as fielding the six regular Little League teams and 14 other teams which include Tee-Ball, Minor League, Senior League & Girls' softball. This year there is strong talk of trying to form a 16 to 18-year old Senior League team if there is enough interest. This will add more to our increasing expenses.

In the past the League has always had to have at least three fund raisers to

help bear the burden of these expenses. With these proposed fees we could drop one or two of the fund raisers. Emmitsburg is the only team in the district that does not collect fees.

The registration fees that the organization are proposing are:

Tee-Ball through 12 year-old (boys and girls) - \$10.00 each

Ages 13 - 15- year old (boys and girls) - \$25.00 each

Ages 16 through 18 year old (boys and girls) - \$50.00 each

The Little League organization would like to know your feelings on this matter. You can fill out this questionnaire or write to this address: Little League Baseball, 16636 Toms Creek Church Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

☐ IN FAVOR OF FEES (Reasons or reasons if any.)

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☐ I have a son or daughter who participates in the program now.

## Little League News

By Marta Hillis

Calling all baseball and softball players!

It's time to sign up for the 1997 season of Emmitsburg Softball and Little League. Already?? That's right! Registration dates have been set for two weekends this month. Registration dates are Feb. 15 & 16 and Feb. 22 & 23, from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Ambulance Co. building.

All interested players (new and returning) from ages 5 - 18 need to come on one of these dates to sign up for a place on one of our many teams—Tee-ball through senior big league. Please bring a copy of your birth certificate and registration fee. The registration fee will be \$10 for ages 5 - 12, \$25 for ages 13 - 15, and \$50 for ages 16 - 18.

The League also has several important positions to fill before the season begins. Open positions are coaches for girls' softball (9-12 division), a conces-

sion stand manager, and fundraiser committee members.

If any of these positions are of interest to you, please consider volunteering. Contact League president Bill Wivell at 447-3766.

The next Little League meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. and will be held at the VFW. All of our meetings are open to the public. New faces are always welcome.

Emmitsburg Little League lost a very special friend recently. Bob Saylor was truly a friend to all and an individual we will remember with fond memories. He became involved with the organization in 1966, serving as League president for 13 years. He observed Little League games and cheerfully served fans from his concession stand for 30 years. We were fortunate to have such a giving volunteer and will miss Bob's friendly handshake and warm smile.

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## St. Anthony/OLMC News

by Ann Marshall

Parishioners from area churches and from Mt. St. Mary's College and Seminary took part in the 1997 March for Life in Washington, D.C., on January 22. The annual rally of pro-life advocates is a protest against the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion-on-demand. An estimated 100,000 people marched along Constitution Avenue and prayed that all life, from conception to death, be held sacred.

A Vesper Service for Janine Pickard was held at St. Anthony Shrine on Sunday, January 19. Mrs. Pickard is the sister of Sister Carol Czyzewski, F.S.S.J. who serves as pastoral associate for the joint parishes. The well-attended memorial service was followed by a light supper in St. Anthony's Hall.

Helen and George Deluca from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, who recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, will be recognized at a special Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore. This Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, February 9, at 3:00 p.m., in honor of World Marriage Day. All married couples are invited by the Archdiocese to attend the Mass and the reception which follows. Special recognition will be given to those couples married 25, 50, or more years.

The Secular Franciscan Order has established a new fraternity for the Emmitsburg area. Meetings are held at 2:00 p.m. each third Sunday at St. Anthony Schoolhouse. Anyone interested in joining with lay persons who follow the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi is invited to call Sister Carol Czyzewski for further information: 447-2367.

Marriage Encounter Weekends are scheduled for February 14-16 and March 7-9, providing an opportunity for couples to strengthen their relationship and rekindle romance in a private and relaxing atmosphere. For further information: call Mike and Anna Middeke, (301) 473-9083.

The Marion Burk Knott Scholarship Fund provides full-tuition academic scholarships for Catholic students now in grade 4 or 8. Applications and information may be obtained by writing to Marion Burk Scholarship Fund, St. Mary's Seminary and University, 5400 Roland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21210-1929. Phone: (410) 323-4300.

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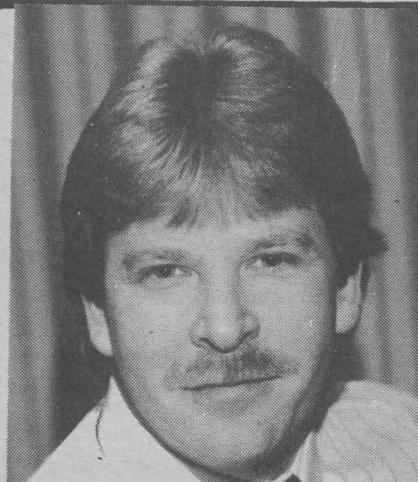
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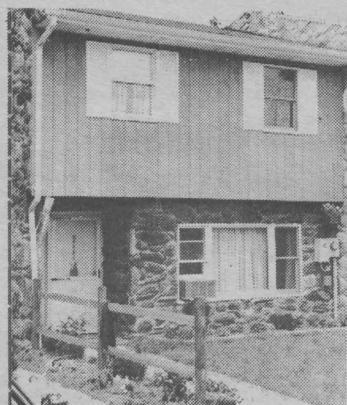
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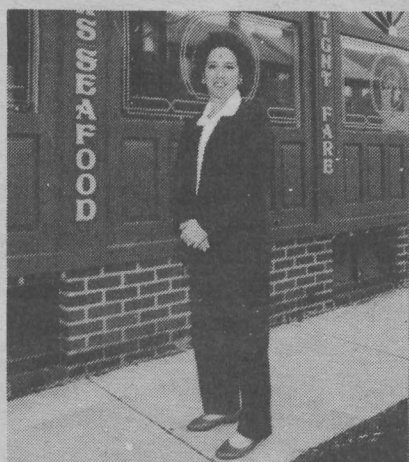
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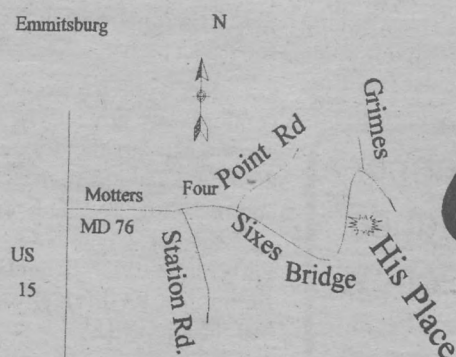
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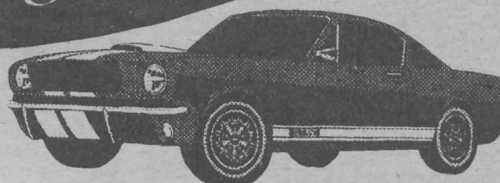
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## GOAT TALES

### The Death of Little Horse: Our First Tragedy

by Christine Maccabee

Little Horse, the one buck we decided to keep from last spring's birthings, was to become just that—our little horse. Had he lived, he eventually would have been trained to pull the cart which was waiting for us in a friend's garage. I imagined this to be a delightful source of entertainment for my children and their friends, a funky alternative to the 4-wheeler as a source of juvenile transportation. As it turned out, none of this has come about due to a very bizarre occurrence.

It was one of the hottest days of the summer of '96...temperatures must have been near 100 degrees. Having fed and watered the goats that morning, I decided to retreat to the coolness of our basement for a while, and easily spent two hours down there organizing the children's craft area. The windows were closed tightly, and the radio and occasional air-conditioner created enough noise to cover any cry of anguish which might have come from the goats up the hill. A good three hours after my first visit to them, I decided it was time to go up and do the milking.

You can well imagine my shock and dismay when I saw poor Little Horse lifeless, with flies already swarming around his head. It took me no time at all to figure out what had happened, as his body was wedged in the narrow space between two trunks of a V-shaped tree. Little Horse had obviously been exploring, as is typical of the ever-curious goat, and had decided to go between the two trunks of this tree, but was unable to get his hind legs through the narrow space. There he remained stuck by the waist for who knows how long. As he struggled, his little heart finally gave way and he succumbed to panic and exhaustion.

I stood there, dumbstruck. I felt great sorrow for the agony he must have endured. I also felt for his mother Fawn, who had watched the entire thing, and who no doubt had been helplessly bleating...bleats which I never heard as I luxuriated in the coolness of my basement that morning.

Our Little Horse had the quiet, gentle nature of his mother. He was quickly becoming my favorite goat as he always greeted me and said goodbye

on my many visits to the pen. Every day I would stroke his head and peer into his entrancing goat eyes. Frequently I would even share breaths, as I do as well with the others. Sharing breaths is a means of becoming familiar and relaxed with an animal, and has been known to be a help in building up trust when taming wild horses. I remembered this from a book I read as a child, and ever since then have shared breaths with horses I've met along the way. Now I do it with my goats. Sharing breaths, however, is not for everyone. It is only for those who care to get close to their animals. Someone raising goats for slaughter may not see fit to get closer. In my case, I saw no harm in it, as I intended to keep my goats until they grew old...unless....

...Unless they died. The children and I spent many months mourning Little Horse's death, and even now the memory haunts us. However, as with any close pet, or even person, mourning the loss is a necessary thing and a good thing. It shows that we have a real connection with creation and that we care deeply—both important qualities to nurture in ourselves and our children.

And so, life goes on, and this fall we will breed Fawn again. Once again she will have her babies to love and to nurture, and perhaps, just perhaps, we will get another Little Horse.



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## Emmitsburg Community Chorus

By Susan Allen

The Board of Directors of the Emmitsburg Community Chorus met in January to select a new conductor. Our former director, Mrs. Sandy Soffe, announced her resignation at the end of the Christmas concert season, due to chronic tendinitis in her arm. The Chorus and the Board received this news with deep regret. Sandy came to direct the Community Chorus at a difficult transition point in 1995. Her talent, buoyant good humor, and abundant hard work helped the Chorus to win new members and a wider audience. We thank her and her husband, John Soffe, for their devoted service and their friendship. We hope she will return as a vocalist when her health and schedule permit.

The Board was very fortunate to find a new conductor with local ties who is already making a mark in the area's musical community. Mrs. Kelly Crenshaw has agreed to accept the director's position with the Chorus. Since 1995, Kelly has been the choir director at Apples United Church of Christ in Thurmont. In that position, she also organized and led a program of Broadway show tunes in July 1996 and a performance of Handel's *Messiah* in December. Singers from several area churches were invited to join with Apples Church choir for both of these concerts. The Christmas performance featured professional soloists, including Thurmont's own Richard Troxell. Kelly is a Frederick

County native, a graduate of Middletown High School and of Towson State University, and a former high school choral director. She has been directing church and community choirs for about 15 years. We are very excited and pleased to have Kelly join the Emmitsburg Community Chorus as our new conductor.

The Chorus has been on hiatus in January, catching our collective breath, reviewing and reorganizing our music library, and planning for the annual Emmitsburg Community Easter Sunrise Service and a concert in June. Rehearsals will begin again on Tuesday, February 4, 1997. We welcome all interested, experienced choral singers, of all ages to join the Emmitsburg Community Chorus as we prepare for Easter and our 33rd annual spring concert. Our rehearsals are held at St. Joseph's Provincial House each Tuesday evening, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. For information about the Chorus, you can contact Susan Allen at 447-6891, Shannon Boyle (Fairfield area) at 717-642-5366, or Ellie Davis (Thurmont area) at 898-9776.

We are a nonprofit public service organization. As such, we regularly perform in nursing homes, public parks, churches, and for community events, upon request. Our "community" and membership extends into Adams and Franklin counties in Pennsylvania, Carroll County, and throughout Frederick County. If you enjoy singing in a choir and sharing music of all sorts, come join us.

## Emmitsburg Council of Churches

By Paul Harner

1996 was another busy year for the Emmitsburg Council of Churches.

In addition to the Lenten services, the Thanksgiving service, and the

Easter Sunrise service, the Council combined with the Thurmont Ministerium in conducting a Baccalaureate Service for the 1996 Senior Class of Catocin High School. The Council disbursed over \$4,000 helping those within the community to make ends meet, sponsoring the Vacation Church School, helping Seton Center Outreach provide Thanksgiving dinners to those in need, helping some children attend the Seton Center Day Care

Center, and providing flood relief to some local senior citizens. The Council was very fortunate this year to have received \$1,000 from the Emmitsburg Lions Club to help our local senior citizens.

Other major efforts in 1996 were co-sponsoring the annual Crop Walk with Mt. St. Mary's College and sponsoring the SHARE program. The Crop Walk had over 50 walkers and raised over \$3,300, 25% of which went to our local Food Bank and the remainder to the Church World Service and its world-wide relief efforts. The SHARE program, which provides quality food packages for \$14 and two hours of volunteer work, has been a most successful community project. The Council is most appreciative to the following people for their time and effort spent in administering and recruiting for the Crop Walk: Loretta Adelsberger, Chata Carr, Denise and Jeff Early, Julie Eyler, Brian Glass, Becky and Jimmy Joy, Phyllis Kelly, Kathy Shirbach, and Susan Snyder.

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## Obituaries

### Mr. Jerry Baker

Mr. Jerry Eugene Baker, 36, of 10129 Rocky Ridge Road, Rocky Ridge, died Friday, Jan. 3, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA.

Born July 31, 1960, at Frederick Memorial Hospital, he was the son of Ralph E. and Naomi W. Wright Baker of Rocky Ridge.

Mr. Baker was a member of Monocacy Church of the Brethren, Rocky Ridge. He was employed by Rotorex Corp., Walkersville, and was a 1978 graduate of Catocin High School.

Surviving in addition to his parents are four sisters: Judy Kelly and husband Vic Jr., Jean Knipple and husband Forrest, Faye Wolfe and husband Steve, all of Rocky Ridge, and Joyce Seiss and husband Bub of Thurmont; one brother, Bob Baker and wife Sharon of Thurmont; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; 10 nieces: Tammy Smith, Tina Smith, Teresa Kaas, Terri Kelly, Karen Knipple, Mary Knipple, Leslie Seiss, Kristie Seiss, Lacey Wolfe, and Miranda Baker; one nephew, Chad Wolfe; and one great-nephew, R.J. Smith. Mr. Baker will also be remembered by many good friends. Mr. Baker was preceded in death by a nephew, Tim Kelly, on Aug 21, 1996.

Funeral services for Mr. Baker were held on Jan. 8 at Monocacy Church of the Brethren, Rocky Ridge, with the Rev. Donald Stine and the Rev. Ralph Schildt officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Monocacy Church of the Brethren, c/o Ernest M. Snyder, 103 Rouzer Lane, Thurmont, MD 21788, or Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD 21788.

### Mr. Nicola Roca

Mr. Nicola Roca, 99, of Mechanicstown Road, Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

He was the husband of the late Angela Clemente Roca.

Born Jan. 1, 1898, in Mola-Di-Bari, Italy, he was the son of late Vito and Anna Campanile Roca.

Surviving are one son, Vita Roca of Emmitsburg; and three grandchildren: two sisters, Rosa Picnataro of Porino, Italy, and Caterina Palazzo of Mola-Di-Bari.

Mr. Roca was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, there was a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with Mr. Roca's pastor, the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, as the celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

### Miss Evelyn Humerick

Miss Evelyn Regina Humerick, 90, of East Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Thursday, January 9, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Born January 5, 1907, in Altoona, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Albert and Alice Little Humerick. She is survived by many cousins.

She was employed by the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Geographic Society.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, Senior Citizens of Emmitsburg, and NARFE.

Miss Humerick will be buried in Calvary Cemetery in Altoona.

### Mr. John Preston

Mr. John Joseph Preston, 86, of Emmitsburg, died Sunday, Jan. 12, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA.

Born May 30, 1910, in Darby, PA, he was the son of the late Harry and Grace Breslin Preston. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mae Theresa Martin Preston.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, Knights of Columbus Brute Council 1860 of Emmitsburg, Bishop McNamara Fourth Degree Assembly of Frederick, and the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens. He was retired from John Wannamaker in Philadelphia, PA.

Surviving are two sons, John Joseph Preston, Jr., of San Francisco, CA, and Robert M. Preston of Emmitsburg; and five grandchildren: Robert M. Preston, Jr., of Gamber, Elizabeth M. Berger of Madison, WI, Virginia A. Preston of Thurmont, Margaret E. Cliber of Emmitsburg, and John Joseph Preston IV of Eldersburg.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 16 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, where the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

### Mr. Robert Sayler

Mr. Robert Roland Sayler, 75, of Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, died Thursday, Jan 16, at York Hospital in York, PA.

Born April 4, 1921, in Motters Station, he was a son of the late James Marshall and Grace Riffle Sayler. He was the husband of Flora Blanche Dubel Sayler for 53 years.

Sayler owned and operated Sayler's Store in Motters Station for 40 years. He was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, where he served as treasurer, sang in the church choir, and was president of the church council and superintendent of the Sunday School for many years.

He served with the 502nd Anti-Aircraft Co. during World War II in the South Pacific, seeing action in the battles of Leyte and Okinawa under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Mr. Sayler was past president of Taneytown Mutual Fire Insurance Co. and was a director at the time of his death. He was past president of the Emmitsburg Little League and operated Sayler's Snack Shack for Emmitsburg Little League for 30 years. In 1996 he was awarded the title of "No. 1 Fan Supporter" of Mount St. Mary's College basketball for 50 years.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Mary Jayne Sayler Moser and husband Robert of Emmitsburg; and two sisters, Anna Margaret Sayler Martin of Emmitsburg and Mary Ellen Sayler Fink of Thurmont. Mr. Sayler will also be remembered by his special friend, Bernard Wivell of Rocky Ridge. He was preceded in death by two brothers, James Richard Sayler and Thomas Franklin Sayler.

Funeral services for Mr. Sayler were held on Jan. 20 at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in Mr. Sayler's name to Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery, P. O. Box 465, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

### Mrs. Margaret Myers

Mrs. Margaret H. Reese Myers, 77, of South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Sunday, Jan. 26, at home.

She was the wife of Robert Louis Myers, who died Aug. 23, 1977.

Born Dec. 20, 1919, in Iron Springs, Pa., she was the daughter of the late George Edward and Stella Mac Sanders Reese.

Mrs. Myers was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. She was also a member of VFW Post 6658 auxiliary, and the American Legion, Francis X. Elder Post 121 auxiliary, both of Emmitsburg. She was a retired seamstress from Bornsteen Clothiers in Taneytown.

Surviving are two sons, Robert L. Myers Jr. of Emmitsburg and Joseph Timothy Myers of Carroll Valley; four grandchildren, Robert L. Myers III and Troy W. Myers, both of Emmitsburg,

Joseph Joshua Myers of Carroll Valley and Teresa M. Myers of Santa Ana, Calif.; two stepgrandchildren, Melissa D. Reed of Taneytown, and Jennifer D. Redelius of Westminster; three great-grandchildren, Robert L. Myers IV and Nicholas Myers, both of Emmitsburg, and Travis Myers of Santa Anna; and two step-great-grandchildren, Natalie Reed of Taneytown and Zachary Redelius of Westminster.

Mrs. Myers was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Myers; three sisters, Cecelia Reese Sanders, Rosalie Reese McGlaughlin and Helen Reese; and two brothers, Vincent Reese and Layman Reese.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, Jan. 29, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with her pastor Rev. Michael J. Kennedy as the celebrant. Interment is in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

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## Over The White Board Fence

By Mike Hillman

For the past month, I have found myself playing detective in what has become an increasingly fascinating and engrossing trek through the history of the lands along Sixes Bridge, Dern, and Four Points Roads, which form the drainage basin for a creek called Stony Branch. The more I began to uncover the history of the land, the more I began to wonder about the people that once lived on the vast family farms that occupied much of the land south and east of Emmitsburg. The more I discovered, the more I realized how much history of this valley has gone untold, and in many cases, unrecorded.

It all started off as a simple story. It was Christmas Eve and I was enjoying a warm fire in my study, which at one time, years ago, had served as a summer kitchen. For the prior few weeks, I had been working on a mantelpiece which was intended to be the finishing touch to a year long restoration effort. Made out of old fence boards, the mantel was meant to symbolize that everything, no matter how old, could still serve a purpose.

That evening, as I sat and admired the reflection of the flames off the old books in the bookcases, I decided that a story on the history of the room would be interesting to do. The story quickly grew to encompass all the restoration work that Audrey and I had done on the house over the past few years. As I was writing, it occurred to me that I knew more about the history of the bridge over Tom's Creek, or for that matter, the Roman Empire, than I knew about my house.

According to bits and pieces of stories I've heard, the house was once the tenant house for the old Bollinger family farm, and it was built some time around the turn of the century. Curiosity soon got the better of me, and the day after Christmas I found myself in the records room of the county court house looking up past deeds on the property. With a lot of help from Bonnie Fuss, I was able to trace the ownership of the farm back through five previous owners to the 1940's where, much to my surprise, I discovered in a deed of transfer that the farm had not always been one lot, but made up of three small lots, each with its own history.

As I went further back in history, I discovered that the names I have become so familiar with, i.e., Wivell, Val-

entine, Zurgable, were never mentioned. Instead the records spoke of unknown families bearing such names as Zacharias, Welty, Stansbury, and Maxwell. Unlike present deeds that contain only facts related to degrees, feet, and acres, deeds written in the 17th and 18th centuries provide a glimpse into the past, often referring to the circumstances surrounding the property transfer and almost always to the names of neighboring farms and their owners.

As I soon discovered, at the turn of the 18th century the plateau on which our farm sits, and the valley it overlooks, were divided into four major farms: to the west was Alta Vista, to the north, Digg's Lot, to the east, Delight, and to the south, Single Delight. Surrounding these farms were older farms from which they had been broken off, farms with names such as Brotherly Love, Whiskey Bottle, Benjamin Good Luck, and Buck's Forest.

While the original deeds noted the dimensions of each of these farms, their exact placements in the valley eluded me. Like all mysteries, however, seemingly insignificant comments turn out to be major clues, as was the case when my neighbor, Rick Yinger, remarked while looking at an outline of Single Delight that it looked remarkably like a diagram on his deed. Sure enough, his deed contained a plot of his farm, superimposed over the 1940 boundaries of Single Delight. Much to my surprise, and relief, the boundaries of Single Delight had not changed much since its founding in 1762.

Later, Joe Wivell Jr, while looking over a 1809 diagram of Whiskey Bottle, remarked that it looked very similar to a section of his father's present-day farm. Sure enough, when the old deed was superimposed over a diagram of the present-day Wivell farm, most of the original 17th century boundary lines matched up perfectly, and unchanged. Much like working a jigsaw puzzle, I was able to plot out the exact locations of the other original farms.

When the warm weather of early January descended upon us, I availed myself of the pleasant weather and, mounting my horse, I began to survey the land. Riding the original borders, I often found myself wondering what the original farmers had seen, and what had made them decide to settle in this valley. From the vantage point on horseback, like the first settlers I was able to get a perspective of the valley that one can never get while driving

through in a car. Knowing that in the 1700s, boundaries of land were based primarily upon the direction water flowed after a rain, the rationale for the borders of the original farms soon became apparent.

An unexpected but pleasurable benefit of this effort has been the discovering of little known or long forgotten items of curiosity. For example, I discovered that the little creek I have driven over for the past seven years has a name—Beaver Creek, and that it empties into Stony Branch, another creek which up until now had been nameless to me.

The deeper I go into this story, the stronger I find the pull to write at least part of the history. I say part, because the history of Emmitsburg is fairly well documented from its beginning to about 1906 in a book titled *The History Of Emmitsburg* by James Helman. However, little of our rich history has been written since then, yet it has not been lost. Instead it resides in the memories of our fellow neighbors. I've developed a sense of urgency in my efforts to record the history of the land and its people when I learned of Bob Saylor's death. I had the great honor of interviewing him just before Christmas, and the wealth of knowledge he freely gave to me has kept me occupied since then. I regret deeply that I had only scratched the surface of the memories of one of Emmitsburg's great men.

I have no idea how many months it will take to accurately and effectively retell this valley's history. But as was

repeatedly stressed in the recent community considerations over the fate of Four Points Bridge, history is an important link in our sense of community.

If this history is to come alive, I will need the help of everyone with tales of the past. No memory is unimportant, so if you are willing to share yours, please let me know by writing to the *Dispatch*, c/o Local History Project, 10635 Harney Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

As this edition goes to print, I find that in spite of extensive research, I have been able to uncover only a limited amount of information on such key families and individuals as the Stansburys—both Nicholas and Noah, William and Mary A. M. Welty, Albert and Mary L. (Welty) Valentine, the Forneys, the Whitmans, the Mosers, the Maxwells, the Marshalls and the Chalices. Any story or lead on them, no matter how insignificant it may seem, will be welcomed. Also any information or maps related to Buck Forest, Frisk Dam, or Digg's Lot would also be appreciated. If all goes well, it is my intention to begin the series in the May edition of the *Dispatch*.

*For those that have enjoyed Michael's adventures of the city slicker trying to survive life in the country, don't despair; he assures us that he's got plenty more to come, especially if we print them unedited! (Like next month's story on rebuilding a car.) Michael will return to recording the more humorous side of life when he completes the history of Stony Branch Valley. Or whenever the Dispatch starts publishing twice a week. So if you like his humor, he'll return to humor quicker if you don't respond to his plea for help. If you dislike how he writes, bury him in information. The choice is up to you!*

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## Mother Seton School News



Classroom winners who participated in the geography bee finals. Back row, l-r: Abby Whitney, Mary Knox, Joseph Crawford, Ben Hanning. Front row, l-r: Russell Hoyt, Zane Craig, Patrick Kelley, Shannon Connell.

Photo courtesy of Val Mentzer

By Val Mentzer

### Craig Wins Mother Seton School Geography Bee

Zane Craig won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee on January 6, giving him a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the ninth annual National Geographic Society and the Sylvan Learning Centers, which provide supplemental education services to students at all skill levels.

The kick-off for this year's bee was held the week of Dec. 2, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories

participating. The school winners, including Zane Craig, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state bees on April 4. The National Geographic Society will provide for state champions and their teacher-escorts an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the National Championship on May 27 and 28. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship. *Jeopardy's* Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals.

Craig received a \$50.00 Mother Seton School scholarship courtesy of the Law Office of Arthur Crum.

### Payback Time - How to Cook a Groundhog

Take one skinned groundhog with entrails removed. Try to get a young or middle-aged hog. Your old groundhog will be tough. Cut it up and remove the "strong bone" which is under the front armpits. For old groundhogs, soak in strong salt water for about one hour, with one teaspoon of vinegar added. Rinse in fresh water. Boil for 15 or 20 minutes in water with 1 tsp. baking soda added. Rinse and boil for 10 minutes more.

For young groundhogs, eliminate the baking soda step. Now take your flour and cornmeal of equal proportions, along with salt and pepper, and mix together in a paper bag. Add the groundhog and shake it good so the ingredients even up on it. Then fry it at low speed and prick it with a fork. When the fork penetrates easily, turn it up to high speed and brown. Dash on a little Worcestershire sauce. Serve with cornbread and vegetables.

...An old local recipe

### Regional Spelling Bee

The *Washington Post* 1997 Regional Spelling Bee preliminary competition will be held at MSS in the auditorium on February 6, 1997, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Class finalists from Grades 6-8 will participate to determine a school representative to attend the Regional Spelling Bee in March in

### Eighth Graders Host Party

The Eighth Grade Class welcomed the children of Mt. Manor last Tuesday, January 14th, for our belated Christmas Party. The older students shone as they helped the 18-month to 4-year-olds paint, bead necklaces, and make pine cone bird feeders and gum drop trees. Kevin Kelley taught them about drum playing on his drum set, and Dave Knox passed out stuffed animals donated by his Mom and Dad. The children's eyes were wide, and when the party, complete with cookies and apple juice, was over, they didn't want to go home. Plans have been made to have them back in mid-February for a sports day.

### Civil War Re-enactment

Mrs. Heiderman's 4th-grade students have enjoyed their own Civil War re-enactment. The students made "hardtack" bread, then stood in an old-fashioned "soup line" waiting for a typical Civil War soldier's meal of bean soup. They have also been learning about the "Wild West" through videos, projects, and stories. The chil-

dren have really enjoyed learning about America's colorful past.

### Swimming in the Winter?

What fine-feathered friends swim when there is snow all around? Penguins, of course! Mrs. Forrence's 1st grade class is learning all about them. Enjoy some of their personal thoughts on penguins:

The fathers look after the eggs while mothers get food. The ice breaks in the spring. Penguins like where it's cold.

Christopher Monacelli

Diamond, my penguin, eats fish. But it loves you. It lives where it's cold. I love my penguins. The fathers look after the eggs while the mothers get food.

Sasha Burchett

Penguins eat fish. Penguins live in the Antarctica. When penguins grow they get their yellow patch.

Tanner Shaffer.

### Can Recycling Drive

Once again, Mother Seton School is collecting those recyclables to benefit the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company. Please bring only aluminum cans on either Monday or Fridays. We appreciate your participation in this community service project.



Karen Fisher, a senior at Mount Saint Mary's College, presents a check for \$833.15 to Dr. Ray Rother of Central Maryland Catholic Charities to support the Emmitsburg Food Bank. The Emmitsburg Food Bank is one of seven food banks in central Maryland supported by the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs. The funds donated to the food bank comprise 25% of the total funds raised in the Fall 1996 CROP Walk sponsored jointly by Mount Saint Mary's College and the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. Karen Fisher served as one of two student organizers of the CROP Walk.

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## Looking Ahead...

### Saturday, February 22

**Tom's Creek United Methodist Church All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast** will be held from 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The breakfast will feature sausage, pancakes, home fries, chipped-beef gravy, scrambled eggs, toast, fruit cup, coffee, and juice. Baked goods and craft table available. Advance orders will be taken for sausage and pork chops. Phone (410) 756-6878 or (301) 447-2691 to order. The church is located on Tom's Creek Church Road (off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg).

### Saturday, March 1

**Elias Lutheran Church's of Emmitsburg will hold their Annual Craft Bazaar and Spring Dinner** starting at 1:00 p.m. Dinner includes beef, turkey, ham, apple fritters, filling, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, stewed tomatoes, cole slaw, applesauce and cake. Carryouts will be available as well as needlework, fancy goods, and homebaked products.

### Friday, March 7

**The World Day of Prayer** will be observed at the Incarnation Church of Christ at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend Refreshments will follow the service.

### Monday, March 10

**A Stanley Party** will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Incarnation Church of Christ at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### SPECIAL SERVICES AT TOM'S CREEK U.M. CHURCH

Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, near Emmitsburg off Route 140 on Tom's Creek Church Road, will have a worship service on Sunday, February 16, at 8:15 a.m., followed by Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. The second worship service at 10:30 a.m. will be a **contemporary** worship service. Included will be special music, scriptures, sharing, praise, and a message. The contemporary service will be held again on March 16.

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings

A mutual understanding and encouragement for successful weight loss - come and join us, Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m., at the Community

Center.

### VHC Ladies Auxiliary Activities

Feb. 20 - Old Fashioned Bingo to be held at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 23 - All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast to be held at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall from 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Cost is \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for children ages 5-10; and free for children under 5. Menu consists of sausage, bacon, creamed chipped beef, pancakes, eggs, home fries, coffee, and juice.

March 9 - A Bingo Bonanza will be held at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall. Price of tickets is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Ticket price includes dinner and cards for bingo.

For information on any of these activities, please call 447-2728.

### New Women's Ministry Group Forming

A new Aglow International chapter is beginning in Thurmont on February 10 with a 6:30 p.m. buffet dinner at the Cozy Restaurant, 103 Frederick Road. The cost for the meatless buffet is \$6.50. To make reservations call 694-2713 or 271-4346 by February 7. The Meeting time is 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. with prayer support afterwards for those wishing to stay.

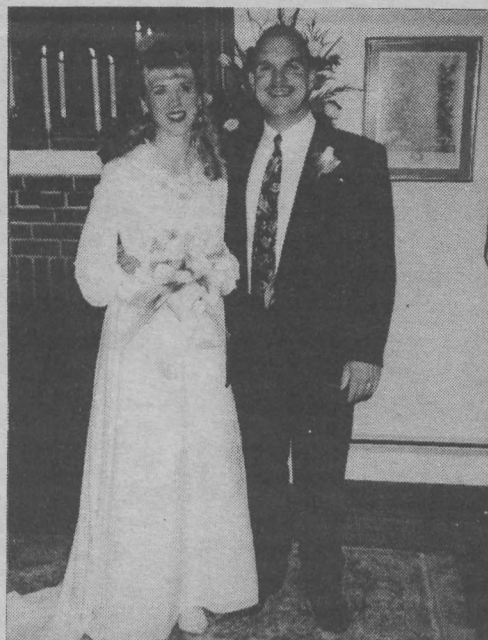
Margaret Heiser, MD State Prayer Coordinator for Aglow, will speak on the faithfulness of God to her as a single parent raising six children.

Aglow International is a worldwide, non-denominational ministry of women seeking to know Christ through monthly outreach meetings, Bible Studies and prayer groups as well as being a loving, caring support to one another.

**'Nuff Said** - A man walked into the Ott House with his alligator and asked the bartender, "Do you serve Firemen in here?"

"Sure do," replied the bartender.

"Good," said the man. "Give me a beer and I'll have a fireman for my 'gator buddy here."



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pue III

Lori Lynne Berlich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Berlich of Lewistown and Michael E. Pue, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Pue, Jr. of Rocky Ridge and Fair Field Farm, Fairfield Station Road,

Fairfield, were united in marriage at the Old Frederick Road home of the groom's parents. The Thanksgiving evening ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas Staup of Harriet Chapel Episcopal Church. The bride was given in marriage by her parents and was attended by her aunt, Cathy Boyd of Woodsboro. James Pue of Fox Ridge, served as best man for his brother and read the scriptures chosen by the wedding couple. A home reception followed attended by the close friends and family members witnessing the service.

Mr. Pue graduated from Catocin High School and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) and is employed by the Frederick City Police Department. Mrs. Pue graduated from Thomas Johnson High School and is employed by Drs. Ashwal, Fisher, Jones, and Lee. After a wedding trip to St. Michael's the couple reside at their home in Frederick City.

## GETTYSBURG DOCTOR INVOLVED IN NATIONWIDE PROGRAM TO PREVENT DIABETIC AMPUTATIONS

Hoping to reduce up to 80 percent of diabetic amputations in the U.S., the federal government has launched a new initiative known as LEAP (Lower Extremity Amputation Prevention).

"Our plan is to effectively implement the LEAP program into the primary health care system across the country and significantly reduce diabetes-related amputations," said Marilyn Gaston, M.D., director of the Bureau of Primary Health Care for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

To decrease the number of amputations in our area, Dr. Scott M. Henry, a local foot and ankle surgeon, has recently implemented the LEAP program. Dr. Henry has seen many unnecessary amputations that might have been prevented if the patient had known about the problem sooner. "With early diagnosis and proper treatment, your feet can last a lifetime," said Dr. Henry.

"Under this program, there is a simple, free test that can determine the level of risk each patient has. In the beginning levels, all that is necessary is to follow some simple foot care procedures. This painless, free test should be performed on all people with diabetes," said Dr. Henry.

Since teaming up with local podiatrists Dr. Stroh and Dr. Butler, Dr. Henry has educated local home health care nurses in the simple procedure of testing the homebound patients. The nurse determines the patient's level of risk, and if necessary Dr. Henry will make a house call for further evaluation.

"If you experience even minor problems

with your feet or experience leg or foot pain, you should have it checked out immediately. Too many people accept foot problems as the normal aging process. That is not the case. Even athletes can improve their performance with simple orthotic inserts in their shoes," said Dr. Henry.

Check your feet daily. If you experience any of the following problems you should seek out the services of a qualified podiatrist:

- Pain in calves during walking or exercise
- Loss of feeling (pins and needles) or cold feet
- Callus or corns
- Thick or ingrown toenails
- Slow or non-healing wounds

Under the LEAP program, most diabetic patients qualify for one pair of comfortable shoes and three pairs of orthotic shoe inserts per year. These comfortable inserts will help relieve foot pain and also can help prevent ulcerations and formation of callus. The LEAP program also includes free pamphlets and information sheets that will help you make your feet last a lifetime.

Dr. Henry's offices are located within The Gettysburg Hospital Medical Building at 455 S. Washington St., Suite 12, Gettysburg, PA, and at 915 Tollhouse Ave., Suite 207, across from Frederick Memorial Hospital. Please feel free to call Dr. Henry with any questions or to make an appointment: (717) 334-1800 or (301) 663-6861.

## FRESH WATER FISH, THE PET

by Jack Deatherage, Jr.

Twenty-couple years ago, I glanced at an orange sun as it hung inches above the horizon. My companions agreed there was enough daylight left to cut the field in hopes of kicking up a bird. We'd been hunting most of the day and hadn't seen anything but hens. I don't know why I chose to walk into the sun, but ten steps later the evening quiet was shattered by the heart-stopping explosion of a ring-necked pheasant pumping skyward one step in front of me.

No words of mine, no photograph, can show you what I saw in the instant before the bird lined himself up in the sun and vanished. A rainbow, a flashing kaleidoscope? You had to see it. No one fired a shot. None of us could break the momentary display of Nature's magnificence with the roar of a shotgun. The hunt was over. Nothing for our tables that night, but I took home a memory that to this day is clear in my mind.

January 1, 1992. I looked into a black tank sitting in a row of tanks in Buck's back-yard. Buck softly told me not to move. We waited a moment and I finally noticed a yellow glimmer deep in the tank.

Slowly the yellow brightened as a fish rose to Buck's familiar silhouette. The sun over Homestead, Florida, lit up the "yellow" *Labidochromis* as if it were a neon lemon. The dorsal fin was erect, black with a stripe of white. The fish vanished almost as fast as it caught sight of my unfamiliar shape. "GOD!" (An exclamation of awe and admiration. Only a mind inspired by a god could have bred that fish.)

To this day I judge any "yellow" by that one fish. And I've found all lacking

its shade, its intensity—its soul, if a color has a soul. Like that of the pheasant, the memory of this fish is clear and always beyond an adequate description. Both pheasant and fish are gone. Hurricane Andrew blew uncounted fish breeds, never seen outside of the farms, into the wilds of South Florida. Some may have survived, but I doubt it.

Another memory is of an angelfish in a Waynesboro fish shop—a black-and-gold marble veil-tail. I marveled at the checkered pattern of its tail, the contrast of black and gold (a deep, rich gold). Another fish I've hunted in pet shops, books, and magazines. Another fish I didn't buy the one time I had the chance.

There were other fish, mostly African Cichlids, that were colored as nothing else I've witnessed. Blues, greens, reds, silvers that my three artistic sisters can't duplicate. Colors that the books and magazines only hint at. Colors that exist only in my mind.

Perhaps I've just now gained an insight. Have I glimpsed the breeder's motivation? Have I found the inspiration of those who turn out fish Nature never intended, but allows? I wonder if I've experienced sights that drove the artists to madness in their desire to capture the color, pattern, and intensity of an image.

More importantly, do I abandon sanity to pursue a fish, a color? Do I collapse in despair because I am rooted to family and job when my soul screams to begin the hunt that I know will end without a catch?

What rubbish! I keep fish. If I find a dream I'll invite you to see it, though I doubt you'll be as impressed as I. Beauty is indeed in the eye and is sometimes found in unlooked-for places.

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