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Gaining Strength From One Another.

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"Give us back our kids!"

School Committee invites County Commissioners and School Board to attend a public forum.

A Citizen's School Committee has planned an open meeting to present and make clear this town's concern about the future of its school. This open meeting will be held at 7:00 June 12, in the multi-purpose room of the Emmitsburg Elementary School. It is expected that all of the county commissioners will attend and that there will be representatives from the Frederick County Board of Education.

According to committee moderator Mayor Carr, "Our job is to stem the eroding of our kids out of Emmitsburg into the Thurmont School District and then to bring them back to Emmitsburg."

Members of the school committee will present three major concerns: the economic impact of marginalized schools on this area; redistricting to reduce overcrowding at the Thurmont school which will encourage building an addition to the Emmitsburg school; and busing issues including safety, time, and student fatigue. A fourth speaker will clearly state what the committee is seeking.

The committee feels that the request to redistrict the elementary schools is in line with Governor Glendening's effort to control spending for new buildings, keep services in local communities, and develop bonding and a sense of community.

Following the presentation the floor will be open to comments from parents and citizens. All citizens who have concerns about the present school situation and the limiting or hardship effects (such as busing) on their school-age children will be given an opportunity to speak. Speakers will be limited to three minutes' speaking time.

In other business the committee discussed local representation on the School Board. Commissioner Phil Postelle noted that there were soon going to be two vacancies on the Frederick County School Board and that the town of Emmitsburg should work to win one of the positions. John Marshall was selected to be the candidate. Mayor Carr said, "We will work with you to get the sign-up procedures started. Maryland Governor Glendening will make the appointments."

Members of the school committee are Gene Myers, Clifford Sweeney, Brian Brotherton, Sylvia Smith, Lori Rubeling, John Miller, Phil Postelle, Crystal Gauss, and Bill Carr.

Budget and Noise Ordinance to be Discussed

At the June 2 combined public workshop and town meeting the commissioners will hear public comment on the proposed town budget for Fiscal Year '97 - '98 and the newly revised Noise Ordinance. Also the combined preliminary/final plat for the re-subdivision of section 3, lot 1 of Silo Hill will be up for approval. This is the proposed site for the new Eagle Oil service center. The public hearing begins at 6:30 o'clock, the town meeting at 7:30 o'clock.

The proposed \$1,248,417 budget has been based upon projected needs by both the department heads and the

mayor. Proposed income allocations are the following: local taxes, \$295,018; state-shared revenues, \$67,000; licenses and permits, \$12,800; state payments, \$19,838; county revenues, \$51,614; highways and streets, \$14,750; recreation charges, \$13,500; misc. income, \$22,500; sewer revenue, \$311,163; garbage income, \$96,880; water income, \$221,440; and capital improvement, \$114,000.

Projected expenditures are legislative, \$47,860; executive, \$55,331; garbage, \$77,020; public safety, \$155,849; planning and zon-

ing, \$23,397; streets, \$105,945; parks and recreation, \$92,554; water, \$185,746; sewer, \$194,102; debt service, \$192,541; transfer to capital improvements, \$114,000. The projected budget show a surplus of \$4,065.

According to commissioner Postelle, the citizens are in the unusual position of having their real estate taxes raised but paying less." Real estate tax rates were increased eight cents, sewer rates were decreased, and water rates remain the same. The net effect yields a \$3 reduction in taxes paid.

Godspeed Friend



Rev. Ronald Fearer

Pastor Fearer Retires

By Linda Knox

The congregation of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church honored Pastor Ronald Fearer on May 18th with a special celebration commemorating his retirement. Members of the church enjoyed a buffet luncheon and provided a program for their dedicated leader who has served in the community for thirty-four years.

Gifts presented by the church committees and groups, such as acolytes and choir, ranged from practical to entertaining. In some cases there were reminders that trading the hustle and bustle of Main Street for a quiet suburban area may have distinct advantage: traffic noises and blaring sirens will be missing!

The afternoon festivities ended with a reception from 2 until 4 p.m. Friends and members of the community brought greetings and best Wishes.

On February 10, 1963, Pastor Fearer began his ministry at Elias coming from a four-year call in Hagerstown. That same year the first

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Letters to the editor

Small towns have problems too.

Give Girls Their Due

I'm a single mother of a 9-year-old boy (soon to be 10). We moved to Emmitsburg two and one-half years ago. Great place to raise a child (small town USA). I know bad things happen everywhere, but like most people not to my child. I thank God because it could have been worse.

May 5, 1997, my son went to the basketball court to play. When I went to get him—SHOCK 1! Three teen-aged girls had him backed up against the fence, and were rubbing their bodies against him. When we pulled up they didn't stop until I called out my son's name.

SHOCK 2! There were a man and a boy playing ball and the man did nothing. It's a shame when adults stand by and do nothing.

Boys seem to get the bad rap. Well, I think it's time to give the girls their due! I've tried to teach my child to respect other people, and

that sex comes with love, honor, and marriage. These girls need a lesson because their actions have confused a young boy. Now I have had to explain more about sex than my son has questioned me about. I believe in telling my child what he needs to know by the questions he asks me. He has been told about good and bad touch. To a 9-year old that meant touching with hands. Now he knows about other touching, without hands. He felt he was a bad person and I have told him that the girls were very bad, not him, and the girls need to learn about respect for other people's bodies, and yes, I still love him.

So a word of advice to parents: let your sons know about girls and touching without hands and give them half a chance.

I do not give my name only because my son is upset by this. Do please give Bad Girls Their Due!

A Loving Mother
Emmitsburg

Family's Gratitude & Appreciation

The family of Marshall Sharrer Sr., extends gratitude and appreciation to those who showed acts of kindness during his recent death.

The donations of food, cards of sympathy, visits and prayers were greatly appreciated. Many thanks to

the willing workers of Mt Tabor Lutheran Church for the delicious lunch served following the service.

Again, our thanks for your care and concern.

Pauline Sharrer and family

Appreciative of response

When I went to Mayor Carr's office to invite him to the retirement celebration for Pastor Fearer at Elias Lutheran Church, I was hoping that Dr. Carr would attend and extend "congratulations." His Proclamation from the Town Council of Emmitsburg surprised and impressed everyone and was wonderful to hear delivered by the mayor in person.

I just want him to know that I really appreciate this show of support and to remark that it added so much to the event. The Proclamation notes Pastor Fearer's ecumenical role in the community, and closes with these words; *Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town Council, on behalf of the citizens of*

Emmitsburg, wish to proclaim its appreciation to Pastor Ronald Fearer for his dedication, support and superior leadership during his time as pastor of the Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church which has made Emmitsburg a better place to live.

The proclamation brought a very special touch to a memorable day for our congregation.

Thanks to all those visitors who stopped by to greet the Fearers and make the afternoon a pleasant and uplifting experience.

Linda S. Knox
Committee for Pastor's Retirement
Emmitsburg, MD

Town Council At Work



At the May 5th Town Meeting, newly elected Commissioner Phil Postelle was sworn in to the office of Council Member. During the re-organization of the council he was appointed treasurer and Water Commissioner. Pictured above from left are Yvette Semler, Town Manager; Phil Postelle; Clifford Sweeney, Parks & Recreation Commissioner; David Copenhagen, President, and Planning and Zoning Commissioner; Rosario Benvengi, Streets & Transportation Commissioner; and Mayor William Carr. A Dispatch Photo

Mayor Carr presented Commissioner Thomas R. Gingell a Proclamation of Appreciation and said that "the Council has enjoyed his strong efforts, his gravel voice, humor and wit, and that he will be missed." Mr. Gingell responded that he didn't recall having worked with a nicer group of people as Commissioner these past years.

Commissioner Benvengi announced that the widening of East Lincoln Avenue will now become a reality at an estimate cost of \$140,000. Joan Boyle, a longtime advocate of making East Lincoln Avenue, a one-way street expressed displeasure at the idea of spending so much money for the project, suggesting funds could be better used on other projects in town. She said she thought traffic problems in the alley could be controlled by signage.

George Smithies of Seton Place suggested that the town consider a compost recycling center as in other town's. Smithies said the agency that operates

the recycling center in Walkersville expressed an interest in starting a similar operation in Emmitsburg. The commissioners agreed to investigate the matter and they thought it was a good idea.

Duane Pilch, Vice-Pres. of the Northgate Homeowners Assoc., expressed concern regarding alleged selective enforcement in the Northgate Subdivision of damaged sidewalks. Northgate residents feel that they have been singled out to make sidewalk repairs while in the same time frame no other neighborhood had. He pointed out severe cracks in sidewalks along the town streets. Town Manager Yvette Semler explained that cracks along Main Street have been identified and money from the state will be used to repair those sidewalks along Main Street. Commissioners Benvengi and Sweeney expressed the opinion that there should be some way the town can help out with repairs in other areas.

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of twenty-eight students from the Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg received the benefit of his knowledge and guidance through the Seminary field work program.

Events of Pastor Fearer's ministry at Elias Lutheran Church include:

1966 - involved in the organization of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches,

1971 - started writing a history of the church in preparation for the 175th anniversary of the sanctuary,

1975 - reinstated the church newsletter which had been dormant for 50 years,

1982 - began giving children's sermons on a weekly basis,

1984- worked actively in forming the Emmitsburg food-bank,

1985 - supported two worship services for summer months,

1986 - experienced taking the congregation through changes in the Book of Worship,

1993 - imposition of ashes at Ash Wednesday service,

1995 - led the congregation to have weekly communion,

1997 - began Eucharistic service for Protestants at St. Catherine's Nursing Home.

Records show that Pastor Fearer delivered 2,511 sermons and conducted 550 baptisms, 335 weddings, and 396 funerals.

Pastor Fearer and wife Clover Jean are parents of Daniel and Rhonda (Sprague) and proud grandparents of five.

Voter Registration Procedures Changed

At the Public Workshop held May 20th, the commissioners voted to eliminate the Town's municipal voter registration procedures and utilize the Frederick County voter registration system.

Emmitsburg has been one of 6 municipalities in the county to have their own registration system for town elections.

Municipalities that do not have their own registration procedures contact the Frederick County Board of Elections when there is a town election and are provided with a list that shows all Frederick County voters in that town. These people are eligible to vote in their municipal election (and any Frederick County election as well).

At present there are approximately 930 Emmitsburg residents registered to vote through the county. There are only 400 registered directly through the town.

Residents who are now registered only on the town's list, and who wish to vote in town elections, must register with the county. This can be done by contacting the Town Office for county voter registration forms.

Municipalities that have not gone entirely with the county have done so because many people do not want to register for, nor vote in

county, state or federal elections. In addition many people do not want to be subject to jury duty which they would be if registered with Frederick County.

In making his motion to change Emmitsburg's voter registration procedures Commissioner Postelle

said "I think that the use of two systems of registration to avoid possible calls for jury duty are misguided." The vote was 2 to 1 and 1 abstention. Voting yea were Commissioners Postelle and Sweeney; nay, Commissioner Copenhagen; abstaining, Commissioner Benvenuti.



They did it!!

Gene Myers and daughter Pat Orner of Myers TV and RadioShack take a break from stocking display shelves after moving from their previous store to the new location on the square in Emmitsburg. Myers TV provided services for Emmitsburg for 38 years from its former location on East Main Street. "The new location is lighter, brighter, with organized display areas, and items are easier to see," said Pat Orner. "Customers are telling us how convenient this new location in the downtown area is. It is easy to shop, go to the bank, and even get a bite to eat." *A Dispatch Photo*

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



"Havebeens" Defeated by "Wouldbe"

June 4, 1897. Another interesting game of ball was played on last Saturday afternoon on the ball grounds, near town, between two "pick up" nines. A number of those composing the teams had possibly not played any ball since their school days, while some of the other members of the nines are known as adept(?) players, thus it will be seen that the teams were composed of both ordinary and poor players, but the intentions being good, they put forth their best efforts, and every man worked diligently for the success of his team. This is what made the game interesting to the large audience that had assembled to witness the contest.

For the want of better names we will designate the teams "Wouldbe" and "Havebeen." which no doubt, are very appropriate names. At the end of the game the score stood 32 to 11 in favor of "Wouldbe."

Covered Their Graves With Flowers

June 4, 1897. The beautiful custom

of strewing flowers on the graves of the soldier dead, in recognition of the honorable service they rendered to their country in the hour of its need, was carried out in this place by members of Arthur Post, No. 41, G.A.R., on last Saturday morning, according to the programme published in last week's issue of the *Chronicle*.

The Memorial Day exercises were held in the Public School Building, and all the available space in the three large rooms was occupied by an appreciative audience.

At the conclusion of the exercises the parade was formed in the following order: Chief Marshal and Staff, Emmet Coronet Band, children representing the schools, carrying flowers and flags, speakers, ministers, and citizens in carriages.

The order of march was down Main street to Kerrigan's alley, thence to Green street, and then to Gettysburg street, where the parade halted and the graves in the Catholic cemetery were decorated by the school children under the direction from Arthur Post. The parade then moved to the square and up Main street to Zacharias' alley to the Lutheran church, where the exercises were continued. The other cemeteries in town and the surrounding country were decorated by committees from Arthur Post.

Ladies Graduate

June 18, 1897—The eighty-eighth annual commencement exercises of St. Joseph's Academy were held Wednesday morning, His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, presiding.

The appearance of this world renowned institution has been greatly changed since last year's closing exercises, and so much so, that probably those who have been regular visitors to their *alma mater* for many years did not recognize at first the old time-honored institution. This great change has been brought about by the improvements now being made on the avenue leading to the buildings. The old massive trees on either side of the avenue have been removed, and the old flag stones on the walk-ways are no more to be seen. They have found a resting place in a more secluded spot on the Academy grounds. The walks leading to the Institution are now being made of the most modern pavement material, and new and prettier shade trees have taken the place of those which supplied shade for more than three fourths of a century.

A Slight Fire.

June 25, 1897—An alarm of fire was given about 9:15 o'clock this morning but the fire was extinguished without the aid of the firemen. The fire was caused by a gasoline stove catching fire, at the residence of Mr. James T. Hays. Mr. Hays picked the stove up and threw it out into the yard, and in doing so was slightly burned about the head. Mr. Hays' daughter, Miss W. Hays, was burned about the face. Very little damage was done to the house.

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Commentary: He will be missed.

On Sunday, May 18, a parade of parishioners who have had an association with pastor Ronald Fearer for 34 years as teacher, counselor, pastor, and friend came to wish him well in ceremony and celebration marking his retirement. He had baptized them, married them, buried them, worked alongside them, sharing their lives in times both good and bad.

Over two hundred well-wishers from church and community came to express their appreciation through symbolic gifts. Deep feelings were displayed on faces of young and old, reflecting what was in their hearts.

Amid the parade of well-wishers, Rev. Fearer and wife Clover Jean graciously received the varied symbols of appreciation and expressions of congratulations, proclamations, and good-natured gibes. Characteristically, they shared and reflected the goodwill back to all. Clearly the quiet, patient couple were enjoying not only the gifts, but also the enthusiasm and curiosity of grandchildren who helped to open them.

Obviously Pastor Fearer was a

man focused on his church. And just as obviously Pastor Fearer was a man of this community. In this place he worked throughout the community with organizations, committees, and individuals doing the things that are necessary for a small town to live together well.

It is easy to visualize him striding to the post office, beret snapped in place, smiling and greeting passers-by. It is easy to place him in committees struggling to plan community and church activities. It is easy to see him drying the dishes after a church supper. (The dish towel was the only appliance the women in the kitchen would allow him to operate.) It is easy to hear him offering benediction at community and organizational meetings.

It is harder to be sure whether his reference to Emmitsburg as "a little town that lives together well," was meant as a benediction or a challenging opportunity. The latter, I think, because in the thirty-four years of living and working in this community, Reverend Ronald Fearer's life was a model we should not forget.

A Proclamation presented to Thomas R. Gingell in Appreciation of His Service to the Town of Emmitsburg

Whereas, Thomas (Tom) Gingell generously contributed his time and energy for the betterment of the Town of Emmitsburg, and dutifully served the Town of Emmitsburg as Water Commissioner since May of 1989; and

Whereas, in view of his leadership abilities and his strong concern for Emmitsburg's well-being, Tom was appointed by the Town Council to serve as Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners in 1992; and Whereas, through his direction, the Town of Emmitsburg has been awarded more state and federal grants for rehabilitation of water lines and the water supply

system than any other commissioner serving before him; and

Whereas, as an extension of his Council obligations, Tom assisted the Town by providing his expertise and knowledge in regards to the development and restoration of Emmitsburg's municipal streets.

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

Fireworks - We Love It!

Thousands Will Cheer



The first fireworks committee, 1984. Shown from the left are Dick Topper, Alan Bouey, Dot Davis, Marshall Sharrer, and George Danner.

Photo courtesy Marshall Sharrer

Ever since July 4, 1984, residents 'in this place' led by the Emmitsburg Lions Club have enjoyed a holiday fireworks display that does much more than dazzle the eye and numb the ears.

The Lions—a Community Service Club—has for thirteen years provided this community a way for people of the region to draw a little closer and enjoy it. Donations from business and individuals cover the costs of the display enjoyed by thousands from around the region. Their sponsorship frees money raised during the Community Day activities to be funneled back into service of the community. We all win.

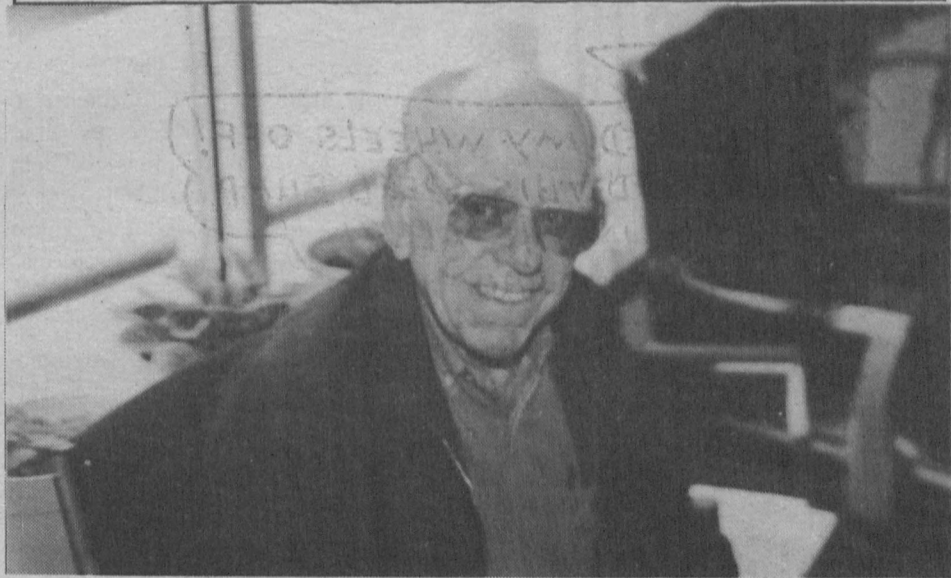
Lion Marshall "Firecracker" Sharrer has been the organizer for the fireworks display for thirteen years and spends over one hundred hours in its preparation. According to Sharrer, "The best parts of the show are the beginning and end. This year the grand finale will have 140 shots all lit

from one fuse." "Ooohhh! Aahhh!" There will be 2-inch and 6-inch aerial shells and sizzling ground displays including pin wheels, the Statue of Liberty, the American Flag, and a Birthday Cake.

The Lions Club engages Zambelli Fireworks Company, one of the East Coast's best fireworks display contractors. Company representative Luther Horine, Jr., of Walkersville and shooter Timothy Rodgers of Thurmont supervise the set-up and firing of the display. According to Horine, "This is one of the prettiest and safest sites across the state."

This year the display will begin at 8:45 p.m. in the park behind the Community Center. "The best place to watch is from the parking area behind the community building and from the elementary school ground and behind the community pool," Sharrer said. "Traffic is not bad. Last year it was cleared out in a half hour."

Retiring commissioner recognized for service.



Tom Gingell

A Dispatch Photo

Former Commissioner Tom Gingell, who was honored at the May town meeting for his years of service to the town of Emmitsburg, took some time this month to talk with the Dispatch about his experience as commissioner. Mr. Gingell has been on the council since the mid-'80s and served as Water Commissioner for 8 years and was treasurer of the Board of Commissioners since 1992. Born 78 years ago in Zora, Pennsylvania, he has been a resident of Emmitsburg since he married Jane Bollinger in 1942

Dispatch: *Why did you get into politics?*

TG: Because I got tired of [former Mayor] Bob Preston bugging me to death to run. Everytime I'd see him he would ask why I didn't run for a council seat. I finally gave in.

Dispatch: *What were some memorable moments during those years as a commissioner?*

TG: I didn't get a whole lot accomplished. I never got the noise ordinance passed and when I ran in this last election I said that's what I wanted to do. I've lived on Main Street all these years and the truck traffic noise is awful. That's been my main concern and I will continue to be interested in getting a noise ordinance passed.

Dispatch: *Do you feel being a commissioner was a good experience?*

TG: Yes, very good. I know how much you can be hated, and then how much you can be praised. There were some good times and we did get some things accomplished. We fixed the water plant 4 or 5 years ago, and even if the town goes on wells, we shouldn't abandon the water treatment system in case the wells go dry. Today we are using less water with more

people being served because the leaks have been fixed in the old water pipes.

Dispatch: *How would you rank the water distribution system in town?*

TG: The line from the water plant to town is in good shape and there is a new line down Main Street. The old cast iron lines should be replaced. I know people who are on those old lines are having problems with muddy water, but there are three contracts to get those lines replaced very soon.

Dispatch: *What would you say to someone just entering town government for the first time?*

TG: Be my guest! And good luck! We have to live with each other so there's no point getting all out of shape over town issues.

Dispatch: *What do you think is the biggest change you've seen in Emmitsburg over the years?*

TG: I don't think it is as friendly. Now, when you walk down the street and you say good morning some people just look at you. I don't know them, but I know they live in town.

Dispatch: *What do you hope for Emmitsburg in the future?*

TG: I hope we can get out of debt and get some light industry here.

Dispatch: *Now that you are no longer a commissioner, what do you do with your spare time?*

TG: I'm busier than when I was a commissioner and went to the town office every day. I have 3 antique cars that I work on in my shop out back, and I still don't get much done. But I'm happy working on the cars. I have a 1913 Buick which goes about 35mph., but if it went any faster, pieces would be all over the road.

New Administrator at St. Catherine's Center



Joe Lydon, new administrator at St. Catherine's Nursing Center.

A Dispatch Photo

St. Catherine's Nursing Center in Emmitsburg, Md., is pleased to announce the appointment of Joseph P. Lydon as its new administrator.

"I am excited about coming to Emmitsburg and participating in St. Catherine's efforts to provide quality

health care to older adults. The Daughters of Charity, who sponsor St. Catherine's, have a great reputation for reaching out to the community and providing excellent services to all, regardless of race, color, or creed. My hope is that St. Catherine's becomes a valued community resource," stated Joe Lydon.

As administrator, Mr. Lydon's responsibilities will include the overall management of operations for the Maryland-licensed skilled comprehensive care 69-bed nursing center.

According to Lydon, "One of the keys for our success will be embracing the value of respect, quality healthcare which respects the dignity of each person no matter their age or health status, and respect for the staff. If St. Catherine's is going to be a great place to live, it's got to be a great place to work. St. Catherine's will accomplish this by strong employee orientation, ongoing training, fair salaries and benefits, and a team concept."

St. Catherine's is in the growth stage. "We are proceeding by 'baby-steps,' but our hope is to develop and address the

well-being of the elderly on a continuum which would include adult day-care, respite care, home health programs, and assisted living," Lydon said. "One of the problems we must confront is developing a pool of more certified nursing assistants who would view working with the elderly a career choice," said Lydon. At the present time, requirements include 100 hours of course work. St. Catherine's does some training on the premises and course work can be taken as a non-credit course at Carroll County Community College or Frederick Community College.

"Our location near the Provincial House and Seton Shrine places us in a very wonderful warm, caring environment. Some families think St. Catherine's is only for Catholics. St. Catherine's is here for all of the elderly in the Frederick and Adams County area who can benefit from our services," said Lydon.

"Dealing with the elderly can be a difficult job, but we stress respect and understanding, especially when dealing with families in crises. There are all kinds

of fears in people's minds which we work to offset through excellent care, trust, and respect," said Lydon. "We provide for families' needs by having a full-time social worker in admissions, provide pastoral counseling, and have family support groups that meet on a monthly basis or meet on a one-on-one basis, if required."

Prior to accepting his current position, Mr. Lydon served as the Executive Director of Kendal at Longwood, a continuing care retirement community with over 360 residents and 250 full-time employees. He holds a Master of Science of Gerontology degree from the University of Southern California and a Master of Arts in American History degree from Temple University.

St. Catherine's Nursing Center is located at 331 South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and is adjacent to the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. For more information, please call (301) 447-7000.

Remember When... circa 1936



Ladies Day at the ball park. From the left: Dot Bollinger, Helen Higbee, Jane Bollinger, Bruce Adele Pepler, Becky Hoke, Mary Higbee, and Sas White. And Happy Birthday to Bruce Adele Pepler who is going to be "80 years old on June 3 and proud of it." Photo courtesy Dot Bollinger.

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Senior Citizen News

By Anna Margaret Martin

"June is bustin' out all over." It doesn't feel like summer is here yet... In fact it's been cold all spring except for a couple of days, but we've been warm and cozy in the center.

We're waiting to hear from the county when the center will be sealed and painted, but so far, no news when it will be moving day. We'll just wait.

Activities for the month are as follows:

Thursdays - June 5 and 19:
Bingo 1 p.m.

Thursdays - June 12 and 26:
"500" cards, 1 p.m.

Tuesday - June 10: Frederick Shopping 1:15 p.m.

Tuesday - June 17: Meeting Day, Covered dish luncheon with a Mexican theme. Come enjoy the day with us.

Wednesday evening - June 25: There will be a fundraiser and a card party. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the card games beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cost, \$2.00 per person with prizes for all. Come and enjoy an evening of fun. Everyone welcome.

The Senior center is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch is served at 12 noon to anyone over 60 years of age. Reservations are need 24 hours in advance. Come join us for fellowship, fun, and food. Call Anna Margaret at (301) 447-6253 for information.

EXCITING SUMMER PROGRAM AT EMMITSBURG CHILD CARE CENTER

Emmitsburg Child Care Center will be starting their Summer Program June 16, 1997.

The Program accepts children ages 2-12 and offers exciting field trips, swimming, nature walks, sprinkler fun, picnics in the park and much more! Meals are also

included; breakfast, lunch, and snack. Tuition rates are affordable based on a sliding fee scale based on your family's income. For information please phone 301-447-6100 or stop in for a tour, we are at 16840 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Spaces are still available for your child to enjoy a fun and educational Summer!

Summer employment opportunities available for lifeguard and child care staff. Apply at Emmitsburg Child Care Center.

People in the news

Henke receives award

As reported in The Mountain Echo by Mary Ostrowski.

This year, Dolores Henke, from the Office of the Vice President and Dean of the College, will be honored for her 50th year of continued committed service to the Mount. Working for the Mount Henke began right out of high school in the Registrar's and Dean's office. She remained there for 27 years before moving to the Vice President's office

The 10th Anniversary of the Awards Banquet was held May 10, to honor employees and retirees for their exemplary service to the Mount community. According to Pauline Engelstatter, the Director of Personnel, the awards are given to employees in five-year intervals, starting with an employee's tenth year of service. The banquet took place in the Student Union Building's dining hall. Dinner was accompanied by a ceremony hosted by President George Houston and Vice President Carol Hinds.

Henke earned a BA degree in

General Studies in 1982 by attending summer school and night classes at the Mount. She graduated from her class *magna cum laude*. "That was a great experience. The greatest asset [to working at the Mount] though," stated Henke, "was meeting my husband. He taught in the language department." Henke also fondly remembered the people that she has met throughout the years. "[While working in the Registrar's office], I dealt mostly with students and have kept contact with some of them along the way. [There have also been] many priests and laypeople who have become good friends."

Coupled with the many people that Henke has met through the years, she remembers those that she has worked with, as well. Henke praised the Mount community and all of the people that she has worked with. She noted, too, some changes over the past 50 years. "I've had eight male bosses and am now on my first female boss ... I've been very fortunate with the people that I have worked with. Being part of the Mount community has been a real pleasure to me."

50th Wedding Anniversary



Ralph and Leah Ohler celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and Eric Ohler's birthday. Photo courtesy Sharon Winfield

A double celebration was held at the home of James & Sharon Winfield for Sharon's parents and brother. Ralph and Leah (Smith) Ohler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married April 5th, 1947, by Rev. Philip Bower in the Elias Lutheran Church in Emmitsburg, Md.

Their son Eric celebrated his birthday also. Eric was born April 1st, 1952. James, the Texan, prepared one of his famous Mexican dinners for the family and a beautiful wedding cake, baked & decorated by Lisa Finneyfrock of Jubilee, was served.

Those attending were the guest of honor, Ralph and Leah Ohler, Eric Ohler, James and Sharon Winfield, their children, Melissa, James, Jr., Dustin, Sherry and her daughter Courtney. Also a special friend, Jane Orndorff.

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Library News

"To Grace This Later Age With Noble Deeds."



The Players, from the left: Kate Warthen (Portia), Rose Keepers (Ophelia), Cathy Link (Katerine), Amy Schildwachter (Juliet), Elisabeth Prongas (Desdemona), and Linda Knox (Cleopatra). Not shown: Nancy Bowerman who alternated as Desdemona.
Photo courtesy Joan Boyle

The Readers Theater Volunteer group and staff of the Emmitsburg Library under the direction of Joan Boyle read *When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet* by Charles George.

In this play six of the most noted of Shakespeare's heroines gather at

the home of Juliet in Verona. Juliet has fallen in love with Romeo and the others visit her to instruct her in carrying out her romance. In the end they find that the youthful Juliet can give all of them lessons in love despite her extreme youth.

15th Annual One-mile Run

By Larry Noel

Over 60 runners of all ages participated in the Community Day by running one mile through the streets of Emmitsburg, MD in 1996. The times of the competitive runners have improved from the first one in 1993 when Frank Kelly of Frederick won in 5:04 - last years winner was John Roemer of Parkton, MD in 4:33. Lealia Price won in 1993 in 6:31 and Kathy Messner, Thurmont, MD won last year in 5:56. Everyone is welcome. An adult or parent should run with small children.

The 42 awards in nine age groups is an inducement to start running. A list of

all the runners and times will be available to see at the City Offices, the Emmitsburg Library and various stores. Pre-registration is encouraged and entries may be picked up a week before at the City Offices and the Library. Children under 16 must have parent or a guardian's signature. Registration the day of the race outside the Library from 4:30 to 5:45. The start of the race at 6:00 is near the Doughboy statue on West Main Street but there is no parking there. Park behind the Library, register and walk about 500 yards to the start. The finish is at the Library. Information from Larry Noel 301 447 2224

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New Information Link for Human Service Providers

The Community Information Service of Frederick County Public Libraries now has an expanded online database which contains up-to-date information about local resources, enabling human service providers to connect clients with the resources they need.

FCPL is sponsoring a hands-on workshop June 3 and June 5 to learn how to find information relevant to the providers' needs. The free workshop will focus on the following topics: How to search for family support services, human service agencies,

advocacy groups, and local support groups. How to contact the appropriate county or city agencies. How to find speakers or experts on particular topics. How to locate a variety of community groups, including professional and business organizations, and service recreational clubs. How to connect to the database from your office or home computer.

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A Very Personal History: WAR

By Ruth O. Richards

We knew it was coming. Everyone knew it was coming.

There were signposts all along the way. Poland fell to the Nazis in the fall of '39. Russia moved in and conquered Finland in '40, and then the tragedy of Dunkirk that same year that Britain turned into a triumph of courage and determination. Also that year Congress passed the Selective Service Act requiring all men between the ages of 18 and 36 to register for the draft, each man given a card with a rating of 1A to 4F, ablest to least able. Waiting, waiting, holding our breath.

Then dawned December 7th, 1941. Do you remember where you were that Sunday when the news bulletin came over the radio telling us that Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor in Hawaii? I will never forget where I was. I was sitting with John on the couch in Mrs. Patterson's house working the *Times Sunday Magazine* crossword puzzle when the announcement came loud and clear from the radio in the apartment above us. Our Navy station in Hawaii was virtually destroyed by the attack. We were stunned. Everyone was stunned. How dare "they?" We now knew that it was WAR.

Twenty days later, on December 27th, registration for rationing began. I volunteered to help with this registration to issue Stamp Books to everyone, limiting the purchase of items that would be needed for the war. Nearly everyone accepted the fact that rationing was necessary, but there were a few who were personally offended by having to give their names and ages before they could get a Ration Book. (Most of these were unmarried women. I am still puzzled by the number of unmarried women in Emmitsburg at that time.) After some coaxing and bargaining that number was either whispered or written with solemn promises of secrecy given.

Then, of course, there was the rationing itself. It is interesting to remember the various items that were rationed. Sugar was available in only small quantities. Rumor said that sugar was plentiful, but rationing it would produce the feeling of patriotism and sacrifice. Americans do love their sweets!

Because mass transportation was needed to move troops and supplies, fresh produce and canned goods were in short supply. This shortage later inspired Victory Gardens. One day a rumor raced through town that bananas were being sold from a truck in the square. The rush to buy them soon emptied the truck.

Sliced bread disappeared from the grocery shelves. The steel for commercial bread slicers was needed for the war machines. That was a bit of silliness as steel bread knives were available to households that had none. Another scarce commodity was mayonnaise, but the ingredients were not, so I, and others bought the eggs and oil and made our own mayonnaise.

Gas tires and cars were rationed. We had bought a new car in October to replace the worn-out, second-hand one we had driven to Emmitsburg the year before. We felt lucky, for as soon as rationing began, the manufacture of all cars for non-military use was prohibited. Anyone needing extra gas or tires had to apply to the Rationing Board and prove "need". Sometimes the request was honored, sometimes not.

Cigarettes were scarce. Great quantities were being sent to the armed forces, both at home and abroad. That prompted smokers to buy the little packets of tissue and little bags of tobacco and roll their own cigarettes.

I knew, as did everyone else, that there was some fudging on rationing, but I also know truly, that the feeling of "doing my part" prevailed and rationing was accepted with only a bit of complaining.

Despite the rationing of gas, we occasionally drove to the Majestic Theater in Gettysburg to see a movie. Remember, seeing a movie also meant seeing "Coming Attractions" and newsreels. The newsreel was the only place we could see live pictures of the war.

On one of these trips we saw Jimmy Doolittle's crew of four B25 bombers that had flown a raid on Japan, April 18th, 1942. As the camera closed in on the crew of this raid, there in the front row was a college

friend of mine. I gasped aloud, "There's Henry Potter." Of course I was heard throughout the theater.

At another time in the same way, I learned that a high school classmate of mine, Joe Foss, was the first Ace of the war, having shot down the greatest number of enemy planes up to that time. After the war he was "rewarded" for his heroism by being elected governor of South Dakota. I found no mention of him in current literature of WWII, that I have read. Such is the short life of fame.

There were ways that non-military individuals could get personally involved in the war effort. Red Cross volunteers from Frederick taught an elementary course in First Aid at the Fire Hall. First a technique was demonstrated and then the students were to prove to the instructor they had been attentive. After proving ourselves proficient in head-bandaging, a friend and I went home to practice head-bandaging on our husbands. It was hilarious. Husbands were not amused.

Emmitsburg had its own Air Raid Wardens. In our part of town Mr. Norman Hoke played the part gloriously and proudly. It was his duty when the sirens sounded to stop all cars from the west. I can see him yet as he stood in the middle of the street

with his hand in "stop" position instructing the drivers to turn off their lights. If anyone had house lights on, even during daylight practice alert, those lights had to be turned off. The drills were taken seriously, although no one believed that enemy planes would choose Emmitsburg as a target. My memory tells me that there was an airplane spotting station atop the VFW building. This is a memory that someone else will have to either verify or dispute.

Fort Ritchie was a training camp and on several occasions soldiers were sent on a forced march down and through Emmitsburg. These marches brought gawkers to the windows and sidewalks up and down Mainstreet (well, you know—"There's something about a soldier") and excitement filled the air and greetings were exchanged between gawkers and soldiers.

At other times a soldier might appear at our front door with a map with place names and directions printed in a foreign language. These soldiers were asking for help in finding these destinations. I think it was contrary to their orders to get assistance, but if we could, we helped translate the maps.

One day I was told that Miss

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HISTORY from page 9

Ruth's Notion Shop was handing out yarn donated by the Red Cross to be knit into sweaters for the troops. I knew how to knit. I picked up a bundle of maroon yarn and began to turn it into a sweater.

Beaming at myself I took this very well knit sweater to Miss Ruth's. There were several other women in the shop and when they saw my sweater, they laughed. My directions were for a "large" sweater. This one was large—it was huge—it was enormous. When I held it up to myself, this sweater reached from my shoulders to the floor. I have often wondered if anyone ever wore it. That was my contribution in helping some serviceman keep warm.

I was too new to town to know the names of the men and women from Emmitsburg who enlisted or were drafted. Because John taught at the Mount I knew that the Mount became a training school for pilots, and the professors taught in that program. This isn't my story to tell, but I can say that when officers connected with this program brought their families to Emmitsburg to live, the social life of the town changed. There weren't many but there certain-

ly was a desire by the residents to get to know them and to make them feel welcome. Where are they now? Does anyone know?

There are so many, many memories, so many stories yet to be told. The war in Europe ended in June, 1945 and the war in the Pacific, as everyone knows, ended with the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan in August of that year. I was in the Midwest at that time. I had taken our first child "home." She was more than a year old and not one of her relatives had ever seen her. I and they could wait no longer. When we heard the news that peace had finally come, the first thing we did was to take a ride, a pleasure we had been denied all during the war.

When I was fourteen I saw a movie that remained forever engraved on my mind and in my memory, "Journey's End," depicting the true horrors of World War I. It was so utterly terrible that I couldn't believe that war would ever come again. I believed, and wanted to believe a slogan of that war: "The War To End Wars." Not even World War II could do that. Sad.

Ruth Richards writes from Emmitsburg.

Emmitsburg Child Care Center Open House



Squeals of delight bubbled up from balloon-hatted kindergartners as Cecil the Clown entertained parents, children, and guests at the open house held on Tuesday, May 13, at Emmitsburg Child Care Center.

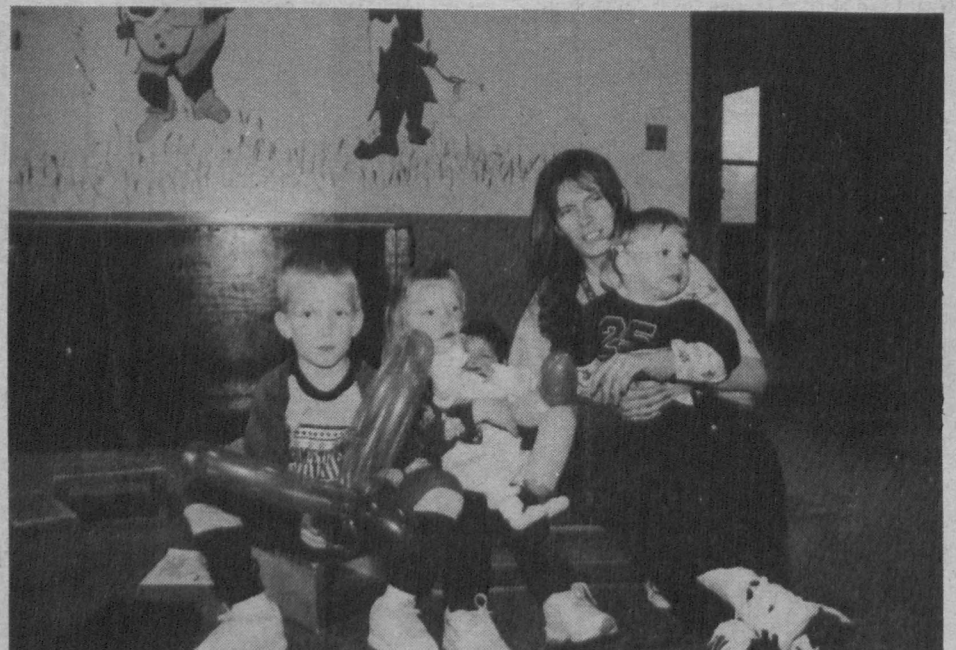
One hundred forty-five children from 100 families residing locally and in nearby Pennsylvania participate in the center's varied program which includes arts and crafts, outdoor activities, and field trips to places such as theme parks, the zoo, and local farms for berry picking. The fully licensed center includes separate class and work areas for each age group, as well as an indoor and outdoor play area.

Emmitsburg Child Care Center serves children from ages 2 to 12 and offers both before and after school care. There are 12 certified teachers which provides the teacher/child ratios established by the Health Department: one teacher for every 6 two-year-olds; one teacher for every 10 three- to five-year-olds; and one teacher for every 15 school-aged children. Tuition rates are based on a sliding fee scale.

"Flexible hours make it easier for parents to match their work schedules," said Mr. Al Opack, operator of the facility. "We serve breakfast, lunch, and a snack and all meals are prepared at the center by our full-time cook Kate Cullison. We are growing and still have room for expansion. We are planning to begin a toddler (18-24 months) program in the fall."

Mr. Opack has been an operator of child care centers for 13 years. Formerly a comptroller for the Marriott Corporation and Sears Roebuck, Opack purchased his first child care center in Poolesville in 1983. Currently he operates day care centers in Frederick and Walkersville, as well as the one in Emmitsburg. Mr. Opack said the Daughters of Charity, who own the Seton Center building and now lease it to him, have continued to be very supportive.

Locally the center is operated by Program Director Sharon Slaybaugh, who has eleven years' experience and by Administrator Ann Marie Green, who has 24 years' experience.



"I like the structure that is provided for my children," said Toni Simmons of Mountain Manor. "They are being well prepared to go on to elementary school."

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Looking Ahead

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Saturday & Sunday, June 7-8

Emmitsburg Arts League 3rd Annual Studio Tour. Visit nine artists and craftsmen's studios from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Maps available at Studio Gallery, 304 E. Main St., Emmitsburg, MD. Free. See ad on page 14 in the *Dispatch* for more information or call 301-447-3292.

A **Strawberry Festival** sponsored by Mount Tabor Lutheran Church and the United Church of Christ will be held June 7 from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Park, Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge.

Second Annual Thurmont United in Love Celebration sponsored by the Thurmont Ministerium will be held (rain or shine) June 8 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Thurmont, MD. Inquiries: 301-416-7199. Donations welcomed.

Monday, June 9

Thurmont Evening Aglow meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Cozy Restaurant, 103 Frederick Road. Cost for the meatless buffet is \$6.50. For reservations call 694-2713 or 271-4346 by June 6. Meeting time is 7:30-9:00 p.m. with prayer support afterwards for those wishing to stay. Eileen Fenner from State Line, PA, Corresponding Secretary of Maryland West Area Aglow Board will be the speaker.

Saturday, June 14

A **Strawberry Festival** will be held at St. Marks Lutheran Church, Sabillasville, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Soups. Sandwiches. Desserts. Yard sale. Located on the church grounds on Rt. 550.

Friday, July 4th

Community Day "in this place"

Saturday, July 5

A **Tractor Pull** will be held starting at 10 a.m. at Mt. Tabor Park, Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. Breakfast will be available at 6 a.m. Food available all day. Flea market set-ups available.

August 11-16

The Rocky Ridge Fire Company Carnival will be held August 11 thru 16 at Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge.

VHC & Auxiliary Events

The Vigilant Hose Company Auxiliary will be sponsoring an "All You Can Eat" Breakfast on Friday, July 4, at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall from 6:00-10:30 a.m. The menu will consist of sausage, bacon, creamed chipped beef, pancakes, eggs, home fries, coffee, and juice. The price is \$5.00 for adults; \$2.50 for children ages 5-10; and free for children under 5. Breakfast will be held in conjunction with the Lions Club activities. Raindate will be Saturday, July 5.

The auxiliary will be sponsoring Old Fashioned Bingo on Thursday, June 19. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments are available. There will not be Old Fashioned Bingo in July or August.

The Vigilant Hose Company will be sponsoring a Golf Tournament on Friday, June 27, at Mountainview Golf Course in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. Cost is \$220 per team of 4. If you are interested, please contact Tim Clarke at 301-447-2080

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Seeking Office: My Experience

Running for Commissioner

By Duane Pilch

First you need a reason to run. Maybe it was my seeing a father's anger expressed at a Town meeting because his children had been exposed to vulgar language and drunken behavior for a second time! Another downtown party had gotten out of hand. Maybe it was my hearing of a broken promise to have the Town lawyer at an appeals meeting to settle once and for all the issue of appliances being left in the driveway of a home repair business. Or maybe it was my feeling that my wife and I were kept in the dark for five months while we waited for a light bulb in our street light to be changed.

But fixing what is broke is only half a cup. You need to have a vision for the future. I wanted to involve Emmitsburg residents in their Town government in a way that no one else has done before—direct participatory democracy by electronic voting on issues—an "electronic Town Hall" if you will. Since many people do not have computers, I figured out a way it could be done by using cable TV and two telephone lines—one for a yes vote, and one for a no vote. Those without TV would be able to vote directly at the Town Office.

Next it was off to buy poster board, paints, stencils and stickers. My photographer friend and I shot a roll of film around Emmitsburg, which a local printer was able to use for printing posters. Several friends and neighbors helped me design a "reminder-to-vote" handout and a platform which I printed using my computer. My evenings and weekends were spent meeting people as I knocked on doors. I asked people what they would like to see done around town and listened as several told me their concerns. My mornings were spent wrapped in two sweaters, long underwear, and ear muffs stand-

ing in front of the elementary school or across from the Getty Mart as I greeted people on their way to work and school. You all really responded—some of you waved and smiled, some honked, and a few of you even stopped and offered encouraging words.

Some expressed their concerns. An Emmitt Gardens resident was concerned about crossing MD 140 to get to the Jubilee, another about the traffic increase with the coming of the new Eagle Oil gas station. A DePaul street resident spoke about a manhole cover on his street that stuck up above the street level and the lack of curbs along the street. Many people seemed interested but didn't seem to know what was going on. A few said they don't vote. They don't take sides. Good Morning, Emmitsburg!

A heartfelt thankyou to all those who voted for me and supported my race for commissioner. Now we all need to pull together to help the Town move in a more positive direction. I hope to stay active in the Town government. But we will probably have to wait another year before we can all look forward to directly voting our hearts and minds on the issues that affect us all.

Remembering the veterans



The American Legion and Cub Scouts carry on a Memorial Day tradition. Gravesite of veterans are marked with flags. *A Dispatch Photo*

Maintaining a Tradition

Members of Emmitsburg's Cub Scout Pack, along with their leaders and members of the American Legion Francis X. Elder Post carried on the beautiful custom of decorating the graves of the military dead in recognition of the service they rendered to their country.

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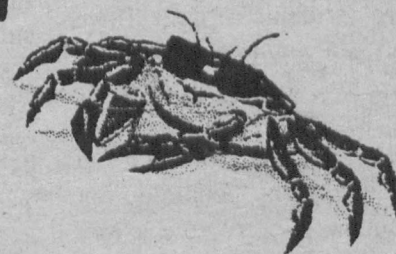
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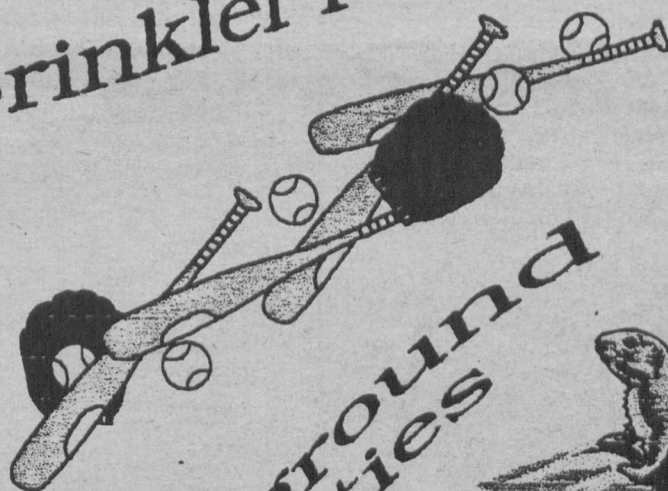
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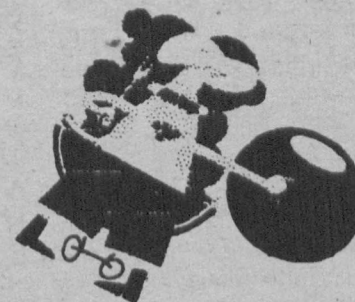
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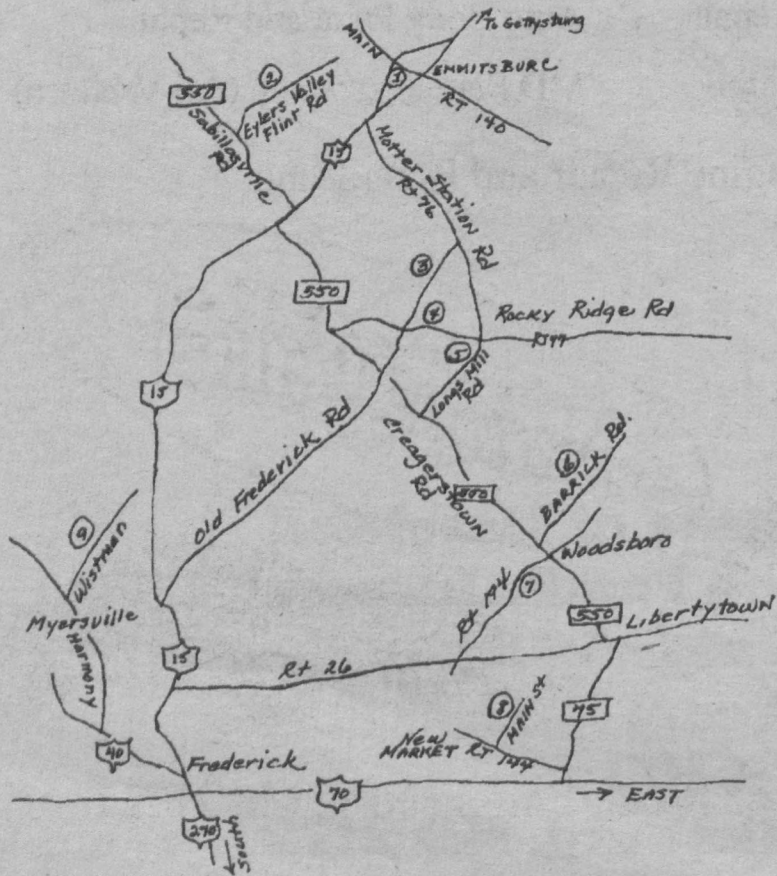
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Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Sabillasville was the setting for the wedding uniting Tammy Working, Emmitsburg, and Keith Lescalleet, Westminster, on May 3, 1997.

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Little League News

By Marta Hillis

The 1997 Little League season is moving along quickly. Believe it or not, the six major division teams are already over halfway through their 20-game schedule. Here are the standing as of May 23.

Team	Wins	Losses
Yankees	11	0
Giants	8	4
Cardinals	7	5
Dodgers	6	6
Red Sox	2	9
Orioles	1	10

Although we haven't had any game cancellations because of rain this far, there have been many chilly, windy nights at the ballfield. Lots of coffee and hot chocolate has been sold at the concession stand. The cool weather

hasn't seemed to take away the enthusiasm of the players from the 5-year old in T-ball to the 18-year old in the senior league.

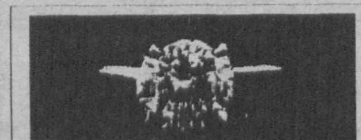
Thanks to all of those volunteers who have been coaching their teams, umpiring the games, manning Saylor's Stand, working the scoreboard, announcing the games, etc., etc. Our league couldn't exist without your willingness to help. And, let's not forget our team sponsors! Hats off to our local businesses and organization involved in the game.

If you haven't yet turned in your child's Hershey candy sale money, please give it to your team manager or hand it in to the concession stand by June 7th. Don't delay any longer. Do it now! Thank you!

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The Catoctin Community Clubhouse: An After-School Program for Area Youth

By Joseph Purello

The Catoctin Community Clubhouse, an after school youth program sponsored by the Frederick County YMCA, brought together twenty-one students from Thurmont Middle School and eighteen Mount student volunteers on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from mid-February through May. The program, which began this year, took place at the Mount ARCC from 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The goal of the program was to provide a structured environment for the middle school students to receive tutoring assistance and participate in various recreational and athletic activities. Activities included walleyball, swimming, viewing educational videos, character building activities, and homework assistance.

The Catoctin Community Clubhouse is the result of collaboration between several area organizations. Sharing in the development, implementation, and management of the after-school program are the Frederick County Family YMCA, Catoctin Community Agency School Services (CASS), and Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary. The sponsoring agency, Frederick County Family YMCA, obtained the grant funding that pays for the part-time salaries of the director and assistant director of the program, as well as ongoing program costs. The CASS Office, which initiated the idea and developed the proposal for the program, continues to serve as liaison between the program and the Thurmont Middle School, Mount Saint Mary's provides the site for the program, as well as the recruitment and coordination of the student volunteers.

The grants which have funded the Catoctin Community Clubhouse are the Maryland After School Community Grant Program which was established by the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, and the Emmitsburg Police Athletic Leagues (PALS) Program. In addition, without the generous support of the Mount, which has provided the Horning Hospitality Suite and the athletic facilities of the Knott ARCC, the program would not be the success that it is. The Catoctin Clubhouse Program staff also state that the personnel of the ARCC were

extremely helpful during program hours and assisting with any facilities related concerns.

With the conclusion of three and one-half months of Clubhouse activities in this 1996-1997 academic year, the results seem to indicate the new program is a success. The program is truly a "community-wide" activity involving Catoctin area youth from Emmitsburg and Thurmont, Mount St. Mary's students, and several local support agencies. The Catoctin Community Clubhouse will reopen its doors in September.



From left: Mount students Meredith Lytle and Jackie Cord help Justin Wivell, Emmitsburg, and Bryan Murray, Thurmont. Photo courtesy Joe Purello

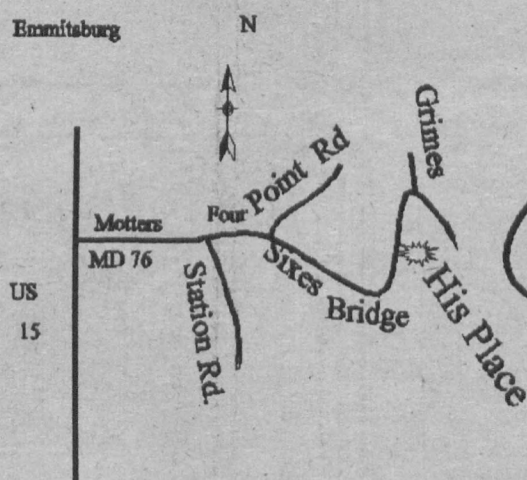
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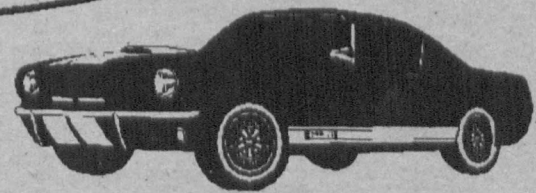
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Rocky Ridge News

by Emma Keeney

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Marshall Sharrer and James Welty. Both lived in the Rocky Ridge area for many years.

Happy Birthday wishes to Verna Keeney, Melissa Wiles, Michael Harris, Sr., Katie Burrier, Lindsey Greene, Annabelle Houck, Shirley Sharrer, Daniel Hobbs, Tracey Eyler, Chris Wiles, Jessie Wetzel, Donald Brown, Debbie Hahn, Robert Albaugh, Herman Beall, and Denise Glass.

Congratulations to Rosie and Eugene Stambaugh on their 25th wedding anniversary and to Richard and Josie Dinterman on their wedding anniversary.

Mother's Day was celebrated in the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church on May 4. The oldest mother was Helen Ogle; youngest mother, Sherry Gillespie; wildest shoes, Rosie Stambaugh; most jewelry, Dorothy Ambrose. A geranium was presented to each lady from the youngest to the oldest.

Mt. Tabor family night was held May 8. Welcome was given by Helen Burrier. Invocation by Pastor Jim Russell. A covered-dish meal with many delicious foods was enjoyed by all. "Chappy the Clown," with some assistance from some of

the children, did many entertaining and puzzling tricks. The door prize and many flowers were given by drawing numbers from the tickets. The committee who organized the event consisted of Amy Burrier, Helen Burrier, Burneda Russell, Rosie Stambaugh, Debbie Wiles, Tammy Wiles, and Pauline Duble.

The Mt. Tabor U.C.C. celebrated **Mother's Day** May 11. Carnations and pens were given to each lady present from the youngest to oldest.

The Rocky Ridge Fire Company will be holding their annual Rocky Ridge Carnival August 11th thru 16th at Mt. Tabor Park, Motters Station Rd., Rocky Ridge.

The Mount Tabor Lutheran Church and the United Church of Christ will sponsor a **Strawberry Festival** June 7, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Park, Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. Sandwiches, soup, pies, ice cream and strawberries will be available. There will be games for young and not so young; also a fancy table and a giant sliding board. Music will be by the Country Christians.

A tractor pull will be held July 5, starting at 10 a.m. at Mt. Tabor Park. Breakfast will be available at 6 a.m. Food will be available all day. Flea market set-ups are available.

Mt. Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

Mt. Tabor's two churches, Lutheran and United Church of Christ, are preparing for a Festival-in-the-Park on June 7. Four of our quilters were named the committee in charge of the "Fancy Table." Of course, we all know that will be a miniature flea market of unrelated items. If the next two weeks are kind to us, the Quilters will have a few items at the table.

We are still quilting for people, but with fewer quilters it takes us a little longer than anticipated to complete each project. We also have a Double Wedding Ring quilt in progress. It is pieced of random colors with a pastel pin background. It will be for sale as a top only or as a completed quilt if desired.

We are often asked, "How long does it take to do a quilt?" The answer, of course, depends on what is meant by "do." Quilting only on a full-sized pieced quilt normally takes less time than that required for an appliqued quilt of the same size. Another variable

that all quilting groups must consider is the number of quilters at each session. On an average Mt. Tabor quilters allow 8 weeks for quilting and binding.

On the other hand, if "do" means making a quilt from scratch, we must add to the 8 weeks enough time to cut the pieces and sew them together. For several reasons our group still cuts and sews each piece by hand, which is considerably slower than rotary cutting and strip piecing.

Our goal is not to finish many quilts in a short time frame, but to enjoy the fellowship and exchange of ideas possible at a slower pace.

We share cooking and gardening tips as well as quilt information. At a recent session we discussed the phrase, "If it's raining when Mary goes over the mountain, it will rain until she come back." We are still not quite sure how this ties into the Almanac—or if it does.

If you have a favorite saying, come, brown-bag lunch with us and share that saying. Any Tuesday. Visit us even if you don't have a saying.

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Raising the flag

Deeds, words, pictures! All were in the mix at the dedication of the new firehall in Rocky Ridge May 18. Gentle rains did not dampen spirits nor distract from the accomplishments. "There is sunshine in this engine room," said Steve Cox, Md. State Fire Association president. Company 13 is the smallest fire company in Frederick County, serving approximately 369 households in the rural community. "What you have accomplished is a marvelous, marvelous achievement. You are an example of volunteerism at its best," said John Hoveland.

President Robert Mumma reported that \$540,000 were tied up in the land and building, but there is only a

\$200,000 mortgage outstanding.

"This building got put here by volunteers, Mumma said, "No tax dollars, lots of bake sales, bingo and butcherings. Even the cabinets in the snack room are made from the oak trees that were cleared off this lot," said Mumma.

Leonard King, Secretary of the Md. State Fire Association, called Rocky Ridge a "grass roots fire service—a pride-based operation." Alice Mengles, representing Fire Administrator Carey Brown, presented a United States flag that was flown over the National Firefighters Memorial at the National Training Academy. The flag was ceremoniously raised by an honor guard.



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ST. ANTHONY/OLMC NEWS

By Ann Marshall

Meunier celebrated their 40th Anniversary with their family on the weekend of May 17/18.

A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL was established at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in a ceremony on May 2, 1997. The new Council is actively seeking members and invites anyone interested in joining to call John Hawkins at 301 271-2194.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held each Monday evening from 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Benediction begins at 9:30 p. m.

THE LAST PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING for fiscal year '97 will be held on June 25, in St. Anthony's upper hall at 7 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend Council meetings. Anyone wishing to place an item on the agenda for any meeting may call St. Anthony's chairman, Ralph Snyder, 301 447-2639, or OLMC chairman, Rick Essma, 301 898-7030.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Two couples from our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish celebrated special wedding anniversaries during May. Armon and Violet Baker marked their 40th Anniversary with family gathering on the weekend of May 10/11. Robert and Patricia

CONFIRMATION: On May 7, 1997, Bishop P. Francis Murphy, Regional Vicar for Western Maryland, confirmed and blessed 17 young people from St. Anthony Shrine and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishes. The ceremony was followed by refreshments and a social hour in St. Anthony's Hall. The *Confirmandi* are:

St. Anthony Shrine:

Kristin Andrew, Todd Krietz, Ben Offutt, Noel Soisson, Lyndsey Williams.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:

Maria Dardanell, Bradley Eyler, Jeffrey Eyler, Kasey Hill, Andrew McCulloch, Kirra Pilson, Lauren Reid, Carolyn Stambaugh, David Mackley, Kevin Sunday, Patrick McCauley, Eric Trio.

BAPTISMS: St. Anthony Shrine Parish welcomes into the Catholic faith **Andrew Christopher Eiker**, son of Brian and Jennifer Eiker, and **Nicholas Joseph and Stephen Christopher Boller**, twin sons of Donald and Kristine Boller. The babies were baptized on April 27, 1997. St. Anthony's also welcomes **Hunter Michael Keith**, son of Kenny and Kelly Keith, and **Robert Edward Reaver**, son of Vince and Cathy Reaver. The babies were baptized on May 11, 1997.

100th Anniversary at St. Anthony Shrine



Parishioners of St. Anthony Shrine gathered May 4, 1997, to commemorate the laying of the church's cornerstone 100 years ago on May 2, 1897. Part of the ceremony included filling a time capsule with current items and information. Chelsea Eyler, a member of the Centennial First Communion Class, hands copies of programs and newspaper publicity from anniversary events to Bob Kaas who placed them in the capsule. A boxed set of 1997 coins and sill sitter models of the church were also included. The capsule will be opened in 2097.

A Dispatch Photo

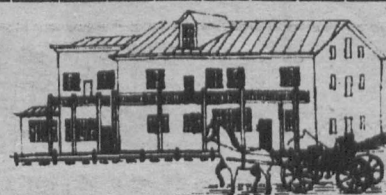
Thurmont "United in Love"

On Sunday, June 8th (rain or shine), from 4-8 p.m. at the American Legion in Thurmont, MD, the Thurmont Ministerium and many local citizens will sponsor the Second Annual Thurmont United in Love Celebration. Last year, this gathering was organized to respond to a growing presence of hate groups in our community. This year, we are gathering to celebrate the growing presence of our citizens claiming "acceptance" as our community value, and practicing this

principle in special ways.

We will gather again in the spirit of peace and love, and we will honor people and groups who exemplify the special welcoming and accepting character that is. Be a witness to God's love as we will conclude by honoring last year with a memory walk to Memorial Park with a closing circle of harmony and unity. Be a part of the spirit of the day. For information call (301) 416-7199. Donations are welcomed.

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Getting to the Root of Things

By Debra Brownley

Trees are the very essence of our existence. Without trees, there would be no life on earth as we know it. Trees take in sunlight and carbon dioxide through the green coloring in their leaves called chlorophyll. The chlorophyll converts sunlight energy into chemical energy. The tree then uses this energy to mix the carbon dioxide with water to produce glucose (a simple sugar that occurs in fruits and honey). Oxygen is given off as a waste product. Did you know that a mature shade tree removes about 26 pounds of carbon dioxide from the air and releases about 13 pounds of oxygen each year?

But trees supply us with more than just oxygen; they provide shelter for wildlife such as birds, squirrels, raccoons, and snakes. Beavers use trees to build lodges and dams. And animals such as deer and squirrels forage on the acorns which have fallen to the ground. The acorn meat is sweet and edible. There is even life amongst the trees for insects such as butterflies and moths which feed on the leaves. Toads often hibernate under fallen logs, and salamanders also use the damp leaves as a refuge in the heat of summer. Long after the death of a tree, it goes on providing food for the larvae of beetles, and the rotting wood acts like a water-soaked sponge for fungi, mosses, and ferns to grow on.

Some trees produce substances used to make medicines like quinine. The buds of the magnolia tree are used by the Chinese as medicine and to season rice. The extract from witch hazel is used to soothe cuts and bruises, and gets its name from the old folklore that its forked branches

could locate gold or water just below the earth's surface.

The tree has many uses. Some are obvious like this newspaper, and the books that I referenced to write this article. Recycle newspapers. It takes an entire forest—500,000 trees—to supply Americans with their Sunday newspaper each week. Other uses of the tree are not so obvious. Did you know that the sticky resin from pine trees is used for making turpentine? Or that the bark from oak trees contains tannic acid, which is used by the tanning industry to change animal hides into leather? The spongy oak bark found in Mediterranean countries also provides us with cork.

Trees supply us with such things as cocoa and chocolate, which are made from the seeds of the South American cacao tree; coffee from the roasted seeds of certain coffee trees; cinnamon from the powdered bark of the cinnamon tree, and nutmeg. Cloves are the dried flower buds of the tropical clove tree, and the bark from the sassafras root is also used as a flavoring agent.

The extract from kola nuts is used to flavor soft drinks. We use chicle, a gumlike substance from tropical American trees, as the basis of our chewing gum. Even the syrup we pour on our pancakes comes from good ol' sugar maples! Not to mention, the fruits and nuts we eat in their

original form.

Mother Nature does a pretty good job of replanting her trees. In the spring, the wind whisks the winged seeds of the maple tree away like little helicopters. Animals eat the fruits and pulpy seeds from the trees' branches. As the seeds pass through the animals bodies, they're scattered around in places where new seeds will grow. Squirrels bury acorns in the ground as a winter food supply, and then they forget where they've buried them all! The following spring, new trees emerge.



From a tree's point of view.

But man has a way of off-setting the balance of nature. We cut down trees at a rate faster than they are able to grow. Did you know that the Amazon rain forest supplies half of the world's oxygen supply? Its forests are constantly under attack because they are being strip-mined for such things as gold and diamonds. We try to segregate ourselves from other countries, but we need to think globally, and act globally. After all,

we all have one thing in common—the need for oxygen. When we destroy our trees, we are inevitably destroying ourselves and all other living things on earth.

It's just a shame that we wait until things are on the brink of extinction before we step in to try to save them. The main reason animals are in zoos is that their habitats have been destroyed. All species, plants and animals alike, play a vital role in the earth's biodiversity. Trees are no exception. There are already many endangered plants and trees such as the American elm. We are all guilty of wasting our natural resources. In one year the average person in the U.S. uses wood equivalent to a ton of lumber, and about 450 pounds of paper products!

Please recycle, reuse, and replant trees, so that we will all be able to enjoy the many uses of the tree for generations to come.

Update: On May 31, 1997, the Fairfield Borough and citizens of the community got together to replant a variety of trees: maple, pear, oak and cherry along Main Street in Fairfield. The original trees were removed by the state because they were encroaching on a state highway. If you would like to help with the continued care of these trees, please send donations to: Fairfield Borough Trees, P.O. Box 601, Fairfield, PA 17320 or call (717) 642-8232.

Debra Brownley writes from Fairfield, Pa.

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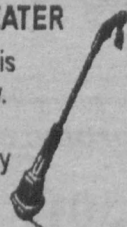
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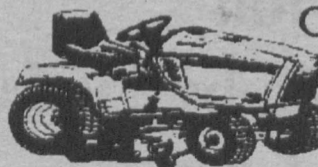
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Obituaries

Mr. Arvin Pary Jones

Mr. Arvin Pary Jones, 94, of Emmitsburg, died Sunday, April 27, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

He was the husband of Alma Jones, his wife of 70 years.

Born April 1, 1903, in Eglon, W. Va., he was the son of the late Charles Page and Tabitha Fike Jones.

Mr. Jones was a member of the Church of the Brethren, Rocky Ridge.

He graduated from Blue Ridge Academy, New Windsor, and the University of Maryland. He received his master's degree from Columbia University.

He taught from 1926 to 190 in Oakvale, W. Va. and from 1928 to 1992 in Libertytown. After receiving his master's degree he was principal of Emmitsburg High School from 1931 to 1939. In 1939 he was transferred to Brunswick where he served as until 1945. From 1945 to 1948 he sold insurance. In 1948 he returned to Emmitsburg to be principal of the school until 1958.

In 1958 he was transferred to Thurmont High School to teach mathematics and science until his retirement in 1968.

Surviving in addition to his wife are Dr. Richard Arvin Jones and Shirley Mae Long, both of Westminster, and Dr. Euclid Howard Jones of Peru, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a sister, Gladys Shanklin of Leisure World Silver Spring.

Funeral services were held at the Church of the Brethren, Rocky Ridge Thursday, May with his pastor, the Rev. Donald Stine, assisted by the Rev. Ralph E. Schildt, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Heifer Project International, c/o Carroll Glass Sr., 10006 Longs Mill Road, Rocky Ridge, MD 21788. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Marshall Sharrer Sr.

Mr. Marshall Vernon Sharrer, Sr., 77, of 153 N Carroll St., Thurmont, died Tuesday, April 29 at Northampton Manor Nursing Home, Frederick, where he had been a resident.

He was the husband of Pauline Elvina Valentine Sharrer, whom he married Aug. 28, 1940.

Born Feb. 16, 1920, in Carroll County, he was a son of the late David Leroy and Nova Matilda Bell Sharrer.

Mr. Sharrer was a self-employed carpenter and dairy farmer in the Rocky Ridge area. He was instrumental in many community projects of the

Emmitsburg Lions Club. He was a life-long member of Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge, and served on the Mount Tabor Park Board for many years. He was a member of the Farm Bureau. He enjoyed fishing and camping in Chincoteague, Va.

Surviving in addition to his wife are seven children, Mary Ann Harbaugh and husband Roscoe of Thurmont, Marshall V. Sharrer, Jr., and wife Rose Mary of Emmitsburg, Jeanne Angleberger and husband Carl of Rocky Ridge, Dale L. Sharrer and wife Vicky L. of Thurmont, Robert L. Sharrer and wife Pam of Ocala,

Fla., Sharon L. Froelich of Long Beach, Miss., and Paul David Sharrer and wife Bonnie of Fairfield, Pa.; 16 grandchildren, Cynthia Hahn, Pamela Welch, Nancy

McMurtrie, Karen Loderum, Jimmy Harner, Chris Angleberger, Bobby Sharrer,

Wayne Sharrer, Jason Harner, Lori Angleberger, Jennifer Harner, Amy Sharrer, Lee Travis Sharrer, Elizabeth Ann Sharrer, Paula Jean Sharrer, and Katie Trish Sharrer; six stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three sister, Esther Moffitt of Hanover, Pa., Louise Price and husband Howard of Hanover, and Mabel Thomas and husband Wilbur of Taneytown; a brother, Kenneth Sharrer and wife Doris of Keymar; a sister-in-law, Ethel Sharrer of Ladiesburg; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Donald L. Sharrer, and a brother Francis Sharrer.

Mr. Paul Eyler

Mr. Paul "Speedy" Eyler, 65, of West Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Sunday, May 18, at his residence.

Born Oct. 4, 1931, in Thurmont, he was a son of the late Roscoe Olen and Helen Marie Wetzel Eyler.

Mr. Eyler was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, and Knights of Columbus Brute Council 1860, Emmitsburg.

He retired from the lawn crew of St. Joseph's Provincial House after many years of service.

Surviving are a brother, Ledlie Eyler of Thurmont; a sister, Dora Eyler Hobbs of Waynesboro, Pa., and a number of nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church with his pastor, the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, as the celebrant.

Interment was in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery, Emmitsburg. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

Mr. James Welty

Mr. James Henry "Jim" Welty, 73, who resided with his stepgrandson, Michael Delphey and wife Jonelle, at 15380 Jacobs Church Road, Blue Ridge

Summit, Pa., died Monday, May 12, at Waynesboro, Pa. Hospital.

He was the husband of Mary Jeannette Zimmerman Welty for 37 years.

Born Aug. 16, 1923, in Rocky Ridge, he was the son of the late William and Nettie Welty.

Mr. Welty retired in 1974 from the Western Maryland Railway, where he had been employed for 28 years. He was a member of Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge, and AMVETS Post 7, Thurmont.

Surviving in addition to his wife and stepgrandson are a daughter, Linnis C. Bruner and husband William of Tulsa, Okla.; a stepdaughter, Josephine Sanders and husband Richard of Woodsboro; a stepson, Robert Delphey and wife Louann of Thurmont; three grandchildren, Rae Lynn Bruner, Tammy Bruner and Melissa Brunner, all of Tulsa; seven additional stepgrandchildren, Bobbi Jo Delphey of Thurmont, Michael Toms and wife Norma of Woodsboro, Mary Margaret Toms of Hagerstown, Cheryl Ridenour and husband John of Emmitsburg, Tracey Ridenour and husband Blaine of Emmitsburg, Tina Wivell and husband Wayne of Waynesboro, and Tony Sanders of Woodsboro; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Oneida Eyler of Littlestown, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews.

He also is remembered by a close friend, Donald C. Fritz of New Windsor.

Mr. Welty was preceded in death by two brothers, Edgar Welty and Howard Welty, and four sisters, Mary Hahn, Helen Peomroy, Hattie Viola Welty and Frances Louise Welty.

Funeral services were held May 15 at the Stauffer Funeral Home. The Rev. Wade Sandridge officiated. Interment in Mount Tabor Cemetery, Rocky Ridge.

Mrs. Freda Eversole

Mrs. Freda Mae Wagerman Eversole, 74, of West Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, May 27, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

She was the wife of the late Theodore Thomas Eversole.

Born Dec. 22, in Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of the late George E. and Alice Elizabeth Ohler Wagerman.

Mrs. Eversole was retired from Fairfield Shoe Co. after many years of service.

Surviving are three sons, David T. Eversole of Waynesboro, Pa., Donald L. Eversole of Rouzerville, Pa., and Roy W. Eversole of Emmitsburg; one daughter, Sharon Snoke of Fairfield, Pa.; five brothers, Richard Wagerman, Jack Wagerman, and James Wagerman, all of Emmitsburg, Kenneth Wagerman of Fairfield, and George Wagerman of Winchester, VA.; five sisters, Helen Strayer of Fairfield, Betty Garman of Elkhart, Ind., and Ann Moser, Patricia Groft,

and Virginia Kreitz, all of Gettysburg, Pa.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Eversole was preceded in death by a grandson Robert Carson.

Funeral services were held May 30 with Pastor Rev. Larry Eby of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

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Mother Seton School News

By Val Mentzer

Hats Off To The Graduates!

Congratulations to the Class of 1997! From the finger-painting and ABC's of Kindergarten, through your first multiplication problem to the study of Shakespeare - you have grown into wonderful young Christian adults ready to begin the challenge of high school. As a school community, we are very proud of your accomplishments at Mother

Let Freedom Sing!

This 1996-97 school year, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students at Mother Seton School studied music in a very unique way. Each grade studied a different era of American music by integrating singing, research, writing, directing, acting, composing lyrics, costuming and technology into a final spring performance. Here is an editorial commentary written by our eighth grade students.

The 8th graders at Mother Seton School have recently presented a 1950's musical. From September to April, they have researched and studied many people and places from around the world. They performed their finished masterpiece this spring.

We began in September by choosing songs to sing from the 1950's. Next, we broke into groups to do different jobs. The writers wrote our original script, the artists and designers made our props and with the help of our director, Katie Hansbrough, our play was beginning to take shape.

By the eighth grade class studying the 1950's, our teachers felt that our program would help bridge the

Seton School and we know you will face the world with great promise and happiness. Good luck and thank you for touching all of our lives!

Lauren Ballenger, Joseph Crawford, Amanda Hane, Katie Hansbrough, Jacqueline Johnston, Katie Joyner, Amy Kalas, Kevin Kelley, Timothy Kelly, David Knox, Trista Kuhn, Matthew Mize, Laura Phillips, Jason Quillen, Shanda Rippeon, Alma Ritz, Ian Simon, Karen Walter, Brendan Weeks, Abigail Whitney.

musical gap. The students independently produced, directed and starred in an original musical composition of our time period!

We began practicing our script, songs and stage lighting. By our dress rehearsal, we had added the 6th and 7th grade with their separate time period and skits. We also added our Mother Seton School band playing some favorite songs.

We performed our final masterpiece in front of a huge crowd and everyone enjoyed it. We heard nothing but wonderful comments. The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders also had a positive experience. Eighth grader Jason Quillen commented, "The hard work of many of those students that thought it would work were rewarded by the success of our final performance." Director Katie Hansbrough said, "By making the whole class cooperate and contribute something to this performance they could learn teamwork and responsibility." Eighth grader Shanda Rippeon concludes, "It takes a lot of time and effort to put together a concert like this. You have to have patience and cooperation to follow through with your goal to

Teaching Excellence



Mrs. McKenzie, surrounded by her class, displays her achievement award with her kindergartners.
Photo courtesy Val Mentzer.

Mother Seton School is proud to announce the nomination of Mrs. Jane McKenzie for the Cardinal's Award For Teaching Excellence. Mrs. McKenzie was one of nearly 100 teachers represented from the Archdiocese of Baltimore honored for teaching excellence. The teachers nominated for this award possess a

deep dedication to Catholic education and have given outstanding service within the classroom and the school community. Mrs. McKenzie certainly represents all of these qualities. She began the Mother Seton School Kindergarten 14 years ago, and today continues to bring innovation and commitment to her classroom. Congratulations!

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Over the White Board Fence

By Mike Hillman

The arrival of the first robin, by tradition, is recognized by most as the first sign of spring. Around our farm however, it's the congregating of neighbors around the strawberry patch, daiquiri glasses in hand, that signals the formal arrival of spring. Although the strawberry patch has become the focal point of June-long Bacchus celebrations of friends near and far, it is only the most recent addition to a long line of gardening wonders that Audrey has created since we moved here.

Of English lineage, Audrey took to gardening as a fish takes to water. By the end of the our first spring, the house sported gardens around its entire circumference. Unfortunately, a lot of her initial plantings failed to survive. Quickly recognizing that gardening in clayish soil, hot summers, and a windy environment would require expert advice, Audrey turned to Barb and Marlene at Alloway Gardens in Littlestown for help.

Like Paul and Mark at Zurgable Brothers, Barb and Marlene had "been there" and "done that" and as a result, always had a solution for every situation Audrey faced. For quite some time, Audrey's Alloway allowance rivaled mine at Zurgable brothers.

During our second year on the farm, Audrey immersed herself in enlarging and upgrading the gardens around the house and the old barn, all the time, however, eyeing our large backyard. Claiming frustration over the hours wasted every week in mowing this large plot of grass, Audrey decided it would make a perfect wildflower meadow and set about collecting wildflower seeds from every part of the country. The following spring, after diligently tilling the soil, she spread the seeds and sat back to wait for the rains to do their magic. Unfortunately, the rains that year never came, and by midsummer, the much anticipated wildflower garden had become a dust bowl.

The following spring, heavy rains brought abundant growth to the wildflower meadow, but not of the nature Audrey anticipated. Weeds of every shape and size quickly took over the meadow, choking out any wildflowers that had managed to germinate. Frustrated but far from beaten, Audrey returned to her drawing board and countless gardening books. Slowly but surely, with help from

Barb and Marlene, Audrey drew up the plans for her dream: a formal English garden.

Encompassing most of the backyard, the garden would consist of 10 raised beds, varying in length from 16 to 65 feet and widths from 4 to 16 feet. The garden also included a pond for goldfish and toads and was to be enclosed by a white picket fence. Having long since learned how to deal with my propensity to procrastinate, Audrey presented her plans to me shortly after agreeing to allow me to purchase a new horse. Needless to say, I was in no position to object or quibble about the garden's size or cost.

Once the beds were completed, Audrey set about planting countless varieties of plants, flowers, and herbs. In accordance with her master plan, each bed in the garden was planted to bloom at a different time. From early spring to late fall there is always one section of the garden in bloom to attract her beloved birds, butterflies and hummingbirds. As a result of her meticulous designs, guests are always treated to brilliant colors, fragrant aromas, and in the evening, countless hummingbirds and butterflies backdropped by spectacular sunsets. The formal garden has become a favorite gathering place for our friends, which in a round-about way, gets me back to the strawberry patch.

In addition to plants bearing Latin names that I can neither spell nor pronounce, Audrey planted carrots for the horse, catnip for our five cats, potatoes for me (I was bad that year), and strawberries for herself. The first strawberry crop was small, and she harbored her daily harvest with greed. Every morning while she dined on strawberries and cream, I was expected to choke down lukewarm Pop-Tarts.

Unwilling to undergo another season of listening to my whining, that fall Audrey agreed to triple the size of the strawberry patch. The favorable rains the following spring brought about what can only be called a bumper crop, and for several weeks we ate strawberries for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. While it was fun at first, with no end of the harvest in sight, we both agreed an alternative way of disposing of strawberries had to be found. Audrey suggested giving them away to friends and neighbors. I on the other hand, suggested using them in strawberry

daiquiris.

It just so happens that the quest began on what would turn out to be the hottest days of that summer. It also happened to coincide with my plans to dig the goldfish pond in the garden. Knowing it was going to be hot that day, I began digging around 7 in the morning. By 10:30, with the temperature pushing 90 degrees, I had dug out less than 1/4 of what was planned. With motivation waning, I decided to begin my daiquiri experiments.

As near as I can remember, the first few pitchers don't really make the grade, but they did make the digging go easier. By the time I finished the third pitcher, I found myself filling the hole back in. Half way through the fifth pitcher, when I found myself digging in the front yard instead of the garden, I knew I had the perfect recipe. Unfortunately, I was in no condition to write, which was immaterial, since by that time I couldn't remember what I was putting into them anyway.

The following morning, Audrey woke me just before sunrise from a rather sound sleep and insisted that I fill in the holes in the front yard, pointedly reminding me that the pond was supposed to be behind the house, not in front of it. Progress

went quickly, in spite of the pounding in my head, and by early afternoon the excavation of the pond was completed.

The shovel had no sooner been put away than friends began to gather and inquire about the nature of the holes in the front yard and on the state of my sanity for digging on such a hot day. Audrey, unable to resist, told the story of my secret daiquiri experiments, and I was immediately swamped with offers to serve as guinea pigs for future taste testing.

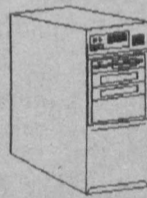
With pleas to resume the experiments growing louder by the minute, I finally ignored the throbbing in my head and set about making more daiquiris. Unlike the day before however, the formula for each new pitcher was duly noted and recorded. I would love to give you the recipe, but I lost it in a card game. If you would like to taste my strawberry specialty, go to the Main Street Deli in Emmitsburg and ask for a Windy Meadow Daiquiri. Enjoy!

Michael lives with his wife Audrey on their farm southeast of Emmitsburg, where he will be enjoying this year's strawberry harvest with friends and neighbors while watching Audrey cut the grass.

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Goat-walks and other thoughts

By Christine Maccabee
Nubian Ears

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But many a goat-walk later the answer came as I observed the leader's behavior.

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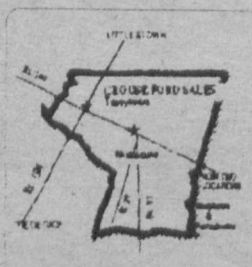
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by
Jack Deatherage, Jr.

Wanda and I are employed by her dad. While Wanda learns the family business, I learn the ins and outs of raising and breeding the various animals that take our fancy. Wanda plans to manage her dad's factory while I contemplate opening a pet shop.

I suspect Wanda will be successful in her venture, while mine will struggle to get beyond a hobby. My vision of a pet shop is one that reflects my interests in fish, birds, caviar, snakes, dogs- what have you- all selected because I find them useful, beautiful, companionable. A major problem with my idea was pointed out to me by a man who has been in the business for at least the 25 years I've known him. He said, "Nobody cares what you like."

He may be right.

The shops I stalk seldom have animals I find interesting. Having recently gotten involved with caviar (guinea pigs) I learned that many pet shops don't have a clue (surprise!) as to what they're selling. I've talked to shop keepers who've told me they couldn't buy my baby "pigs" until they were at least 4 weeks old because it took that long for them to grow fur and they couldn't eat solid food yet.

Not wanting to offend, I didn't bother telling them that caviar are born with their eyes open and full coats of fur. Or that they are up and running within hours of being born and I've had them eat carrots the day after they were born. It's hard to sell show-quality animals to such people.

Angelfish are another problem. I'm looking for a veil-tailed marbled black and gold. Can I find a pair in the pet shops? Ha! I might as well

look for a Westminster Kennel Club dog show winner at the Frederick County Humane Society shelter.

I've been in shops in Hagerstown where I was told they can't get angelfish. They were interested in mine when I was ready to sell. The fish I've seen in Hanover and Frederick were dull, boring creatures, often no bigger than my thumb nail and over-priced for their size. Larger fish, though more reasonable in price, were so commonplace I wanted to spit. The most decent-looking angels were kin to Gran Ma Swisher's which I already have. (As you read this, I've begun selling off the nickel-sized fish for a dollar apiece. If you're interested, get in touch. 301-447-2151.)

There are places that sell a wide variety of angels: dime-sized fish that sell for \$7.50 each and have to be purchased in lots of no less than ten. Worse, they are air-freighted into BWT, not my favorite place! If they survive getting to my tanks, I then have to wait for a pair to mate successfully.

Right now I have one breeding pair of angels. This spring they have laid eggs 6 times. I've hatched out two of those clutches and need two 55-gallon tanks to grow out the fry. Four large tanks would be better. I could use two or three 20-gallon tanks to hatch in, but that would require more large tanks to grow-out the added fry.

Buying new angels would require over \$100 to ensure getting a pair. Mating them and raising their offspring would require at least \$450 worth of new tanks, bare bones at that! Over \$550 for fish I can't find in a pet shop because, "Nobody cares what I like."

Giant Pumpkin Contest to Support Soup Kitchen

Willow Pond Farm of Fairfield is holding a Giant Pumpkin Contest this year with judging taking place September 27 and 28 during the Fairfield Pippinfest. The entry fee of \$2.00 includes the purchase of either 10 Dill's Atlantic Giant Pumpkin seeds or one started plant. All of the money received from these purchases will be donated to the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen. The grower of the heaviest pumpkin will receive a \$50.00 cash prize.

Tom Wajda, co-owner of Willow Pond Farm, said that "Dill's Atlantic Giant pumpkins regularly grow to a weight of two or three hundred pounds. The world record weight is in excess of 700 pounds." In order to achieve these weights it is important to limit the vines to one pumpkin each and to insure that they are well fertilized and watered.

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Entry of exhibits by persons residing in the Catoctin High School district will be Thursday night, September 4 from 6-9 p.m. and Friday, September 5 from 8-12 noon. Premiums will be the same as 1996. There is no entry fee.

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Community Show booklets with premium list will be available in the Catoctin area around August 1st.

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