

## Chamber of Commerce Is Organizing

### Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

The other afternoon, while riding around the countryside, I drove past Phil Sharpe's rifle test range out on Tract Rd. I know nothing about guns, but I was curious to see what was going on, so I dropped in for a brief visit. Phil was running velocity tests to determine the speed of bullets, and while it seemed all Greek to me—and I never studied Greek—it became very simple as he explained it.

I always thought that you hung a speedometer or something on the end of a bullet to see how fast it was traveling, but as Phil explained it, the speed is determined by measuring the time it takes for a bullet to travel over a measured distance.

Those funny looking box-like affairs on his range are holders for sensitive photo-electric screens. The box section is filled with some 600 pounds of sand to stop a bullet which may be fired too low, and thus is protection for the expensive instrument. The canvas cover is only to keep the sun off the delicate photo-cell.

There are two of these units exactly 100 feet apart. In the range house where the shooting is done, is another instrument called a chronograph, from the words "chronos" meaning time, and "graph" meaning record. This is actually an electronic counter and electrically measures a time interval to .000001 second. When a shot is fired, it passes over a photo-electric eye in the screen and sends an electric pulse back to the chronograph to start it counting. As it passes the second screen 100 feet away, it sends back another pulse to stop it. The shooter reads the exact time in neon lamps on the panel of the unit, writes it down on his report form, and translates it into speed by means of prepared tables.

It sounded complicated until I watched it, but the operation was so fast and simple that it was fascinating. Phil explained that older methods of measuring velocity were so complicated that it took a five-man crew to operate them, with a staff of electricians to keep the units in service. The chronograph he has is of the type now being used by all factories and laboratories and was developed during the recent war for use in atomic research.

Since the war, Phil told us, the electronic counter has been made in a variety of styles for various jobs, and they are still thinking up new ones. One modification of it is used in banks to count new money. A special electric pencil is dragged down the edge of a stack of bills, and at a glance you get the exact count. It cannot be used on old paper money which has been handled.

Another application of it is in laboratories making expensive units like certain vitamin pills. Many of these are packed 100 in a bottle. The bottles travel on a belt conveyor, stop briefly, and pills pour into a funnel over the bottle. An electric eye counts them to the desired number, then stops the flow, and the filled bottle moves on to be replaced by an empty bottle.

Anything can happen in this modern world, and with the high cost of labor, the large companies are adopting the latest in developments.

A modification of this same electronic counter is now being used by large firms specializing in watch repair. Only a few short years ago, after watches were cleaned and repaired, the adjustment or regulation required several days. The watch man regulated it fast or slow by guess, set it accurately, and laid it aside for a few days.

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### Fans Await Opening Ball Game Sunday

Baseball officially comes to Emmitsburg Sunday afternoon. The 1950 season opens at two o'clock and brings Littlestown here for the curtain-raiser. Enthusiasm is running high this year. Emmitsburg has joined a new league, the Pen-Mar, and also has secured a new manager.

Coach John Law, head football mentor at Mt. St. Mary's College, has consented to manage the local squad and has been working faithfully with his charges several nights a week. Cold weather has hampered Law's work and the progress of his players' conditions, but despite this handicap, Law reports his outfit in the pink of condition.

It is proposed to have Mayor Thornton W. Rodgers throw the first ball.

Fans are anxious to get a glimpse of Novak, the tall, rangy shortstop, secured from Gettysburg. To date Novak has displayed a world of natural talent and promises to become one of the outstanding stars of the coming campaign. Other new additions to the lineup are McLaughlin, a pitcher. McLaughlin had a very successful season with Fairfield last season. The catching department has been greatly strengthened in the acquisition of McMahon, baseball manager of Mt. St. Mary's College team. Third base has been capably replaced by Lee Shaeffer. Taneytown, Matt Paidakovich, last year's stalwart third sacker, has been ruled ineligible due to the 15-mile limit on players. Shaeffer possesses a powerful arm, can pitch well, fields well, and can give a good account of himself at the plate.

Fans are asked to come early in order to be there for the many drawings that will be held. The Emmitsburg Baseball Assn. will award some 10 prizes to the lucky winners. These prizes, with the exception of a television set, were donated by the following local merchants: Roger Liquor Store, case of canned beer; Sperry's Garage, Ford deluxe vanity mirror; Texaco Service Station, change of oil; Sanders Bros. Garage, 10 gallons of Esso gas; East End Garage, 10 gallons Tydol gas; B. H. Boyle, \$5 worth of groceries; Hoke's Hardware, one gallon of paint; Mac's Barber Shop, shampoo, tonic, and hair cut; Emmitsburg Recreation Center, one gallon PenSupreme ice cream, and finally, the valuable television set. Tickets have been available on this set for weeks and there are a few more available. Better get them before Sunday's contest. Fans are requested to have all coupons on them and sellers are asked to have stubs in by one o'clock Sunday.

Manager Law has released this probable lineup for Sunday's game:

- FROCK, lf
- DEARDORFF, 2b
- NOVAK, ss
- SMITH, 1b
- SHAEFFER, 3b
- McMAHON, c
- HOLLINGER, cf
- WARTHEN, rf
- McGLAUGHLIN, p

### Candidates Must File Before Midnight

All those desirous of filing for offices in the Town Election in May are hereby warned that their applications must be filed before 12 midnight tonight. Vacancies this year exist for the mayorship and one commissioner. Applications must be presented in writing and can be handed to the Town Clerk, Miss Louise Sebald, or postmarked before midnight tonight. The law requires filing 10 days in advance of the election. Another requirement is that not more than two commissioners can be elected from any one precinct. However, at present, there is one commissioner from each of the two eligible precincts; therefore, any candidate from either Precinct No. 1 or 2 is eligible this year.

### Trotting Horses Now Stabling At Rosecroft

Trotters and pacers from all over the South, East, and Midwest are converging on Rosecroft Raceway at Oxon Hill, near Washington, D. C., this week as the million dollar harness track opens its doors for training purposes before the track starts racing on May 22.

The lure for the nation's top drivers and trainers is some \$550,000 in purses offered by the "Big Four" of Maryland's harness tracks so that many of them are passing up many other established race tracks to compete on the Maryland circuit.

Col. Cornelius C. Jadwin, Rosecroft general manager, announced that the track kitchen, once again handled by Concessionaire Harry M. Stevens, is open to handle the influx of drivers, trainers and their grooms. Within the next week the stables will be bulging to capacity and the overflow (more than 700 are expected) will be handled by the Marlboro track.

Both the mile and half mile tracks will be used for the training and jogging of the trotters and pacers. 510 of which have been nominated for the rich early closing stake events.

Earl Avery has arrived with a string of 17 horses from the powerful C. T. Black stable. Avery won the driving crown at Bay State Raceway last year after making a terrific hit with fans by his driving finishes.

Fred Egan, the two-time winner of the Hambletonian classic, and Del Miller who handles the stable of Millionaire Tobacco Man W. N. Reynolds, are also expected in sometime shortly with their horses.

Many of the horses which will campaign at Rosecroft are also entered in the 20-night meet at Harrington, Del., which opens April 26. Therefore, Col. Jadwin as well as President William E. Miller of Rosecroft, and President Dick Hutchinson of Laurel Raceway are watching to get a line on what to expect when the horses race at Rosecroft.

Following the Rosecroft meeting, the horses will follow the Maryland circuit to Maryland's pioneer harness track, Laurel Raceway which opens June 17, and then to the new Baltimore Raceway, July 14, and finishing up at Ocean Downs Raceway, Ocean City, on Aug. 10.

### Tavern Argument Results In Two Cuttings

Two people were injured and two arrested when a husband and wife engaged in an altercation last Sunday evening at Ancarrow's Cafe, east of Emmitsburg.

Harry Fogle, Lantz, and his wife, Edna, were arrested by Maryland State Policeman Kenneth Bond, and then released on bond to appear for a hearing on disorderly conduct charges before Judge Jacob Baker of Emmitsburg.

Trooper Bond said that Fogle got into an argument with his wife and then struck her in the face with a beer bottle. The bottle broke, cutting Mrs. Fogle about the face, hands, and arms. Raymond Lingg, Emmitsburg Rt. 1, bartender at the cafe, who went to break up the argument, was also hit by the bottle and cut.

Mrs. Gertrude Ludwig, S. Seton Ave., was removed to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kugler Wednesday afternoon in the VFW ambulance, suffering from a heart attack.

### Town Council Spends Busy Session Clearing Books Prior to Election

In a four-hour session Wednesday evening, the Town Council cleared its books of most of its current business. Several important matters were held over to be acted on at a special session sometime next week.

Town Treasurer Louise Sebald reported a bank balance of \$15,000 and a report on the meter fund showed a total of \$2,204.01.

The County Commissioners, in a revision of handling the motor vehicle license dividend, notified the Town Fathers that heretofore they will have to journey to the county seat twice yearly in order to check on the registered car owners in order to obtain the town's portion of the motor fund. July and December were the specified months for compilation.

Contributions were approved for the Emmitsburg Public Library, \$35, and to the Vigilant Hose Co. for \$100. Mrs. Euphemia Rotering was appointed registering supervisor for the town election last week and Mrs. William Stebinsky was appointed for next Tuesday's registering.

C. D. Gillelan was asked to repair a drain pipe on the property tenanted by Thomas Eyer. The drain is located in the rear of the E. Main St. property.

Tackling parking problems, the town solons in the near future will restrict parking on the east side of Broad Alley to four hours and will prohibit any parking on the west side of the alley. Numerous complaints have been filed in recent months pertaining to parking and blocking of garages in the alley to the rear of the VFW Home, Crouse's, Palm Lunch and Houser's Drug Store. No parking signs are to be placed on these buildings and

tags issued to those violators. If this system fails, the officials will consider making the alley a one-way affair and restrict all parking.

Action was taken on a rubbish condition in the alley back of St. Euphemia's School. Residents of that section have been using the alley as a dump. The trash was ordered cleaned up by the Corporation and a warning was issued that offenders in the future will be held responsible for the condition of that section.

A permit was granted Lloyd G. Ohler to begin construction of a three-car garage on his property on E. Main St. Another peddler's permit was granted to the Bollinger Ice Cream Co., of Westminster, legalizing the company to solicit trade within the corporate limits. The fee was \$20.

A complaint and threatened suit by a local property holder was taken under advisement. The case pertains to the placing of one of the new light poles in front of a W. Main St. property. The Town Fathers served notice that they were not responsible for the spacing of the poles and these complaints should be placed with the power utility doing the installation. To date 24 of these poles have been erected.

A request by the council of the Lutheran Church for permission to relocate the alley adjacent the pastor's residence was studied and granted, with certain specifications. The request asked permission to move the alley beside the old Tokar property over several feet in order to allow sowing of a grass plot on both sides of the street. Also the request asked for consent to widen the alley from its present 10-foot width to a proposed 12 feet.

### No Candidates For Town Offices Have As Yet Filed

Consternation is felt by the many friends of the incumbents over the possibilities that they might not run again for office. Many projects, which represent improvements to the town, are under way and it is felt that a change at this time might jeopardize the success of these particular undertakings. Of particular interest to the citizenry is the garbage collection system, which is in its final stages of completion.

Should no applications for the jobs be filed, written votes could elect any qualified candidate. Filings must be completed 10 days prior to the election, which this year comes on May 1. Applications must be in writing and must be postmarked before midnight tonight. They may also be handed to the town clerk, before the deadline.

Rumor has it that a local service organization is considering sponsoring a candidate for the mayorship. Emmitsburg's election picture, to date, produces an air of uneasiness. No candidates have filed with the Town Clerk, Miss Louise Sebald. Deadline for filing expires at 12 midnight tonight. There are two offices to be filled. That of mayor and one commissioner. The present incumbents, Mayor Thornton W. Rodgers and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners James T. Hays have not signified their intentions to run for reelection.

The law requires that not more than two commissioners can be officed from any one precinct. At the present time, Commissioner John J. Hollinger represents Precinct No. 1, and Commissioner Lloyd G. Ohler represents Precinct No. 2. This makes eligible a candidate for either of the two precincts. The mayor is eligible to represent any of the precincts.

### Believe This, and I'll Tell You Another

Once when I was a youngster I was hunting in the Hard Cramel Area on Lowbutcher Creek one morning, when I noticed a slight movement immediately in front of me. While waiting to see what it was, a turkey lit on a limb out to my right. Just at that moment a deer stuck his head above the brush. My muzzle loader limited me to one shot. But, after a second's thought, I put my knee to the middle of the barrel and by a hard pull with my hands I bent the barrel in a half circle so as to shoot a curve. I aimed back of me and fired.

Well, sir, that ball curved right around, killed that turkey, came right on around in front of me and knocked the horns off that deer; but it wasn't done yet. That ball kept right on around dodging those trees, with a drop of sweat on it as big as your fist, until it crashed into a tree behind me, having made a complete circle. I looked down to examine the damage to the tree and noticed honey running out of the big hole made by the ball. It was a bee tree. I wanted to stop up the hole so I grabbed a chunk which turned out to be a rabbit. I slammed that rabbit against the ground to kill him and killed 25 partridges huddled up there in the leaves. (L. C. Peeler).

### Public Invited To Initial Meeting Tues.

A group of enterprising Emmitsburg business men will assemble Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. in the local Fire Hall for the purpose of organizing Emmitsburg's first Chamber of Commerce. These men have long realized such an organization has been sorely needed for this district.

The session is open to the public and anyone is eligible to come and affiliate himself with the Chamber. You do not necessarily have to be a business man, it is understood. If you are interested in the welfare of your community, you can better conditions by becoming a charter member of the group. Some 40 individuals have already signified their intentions of becoming members.

These enterprising and public-spirited men are cognizant of the fact that neighboring communities have advanced far ahead of Emmitsburg and they intend doing something about the matter. Federal and state funds have been awarded other communities while we, in this section, have been lax in securing these grants. Many improvements are needed in this town. Such things as the removal of the Blinker on the Square and a tax reduction plus an adjustment in fire insurance rates will be some of the first business to be taken up by the new business group. There appears to be an inequitable differential between urban and rural insurance rates for this section. The citizens of the town are aware of the fact that we now have two fire engines available, plus a portable pumper, but the insurance rates continue to rise. With all this protection in town, it is believed that only a five-cent differential exists between the urban and rural insurance rates. According to reports, the Fire Assessors Board still has Emmitsburg listed an old-fashioned handdrawn reel fire company and consequently the rates are unbearably high.

Now is the chance for all red-blooded Emmitsburgians to take up the battle for these much-needed adjustments. Come to the meeting Tuesday night and join the Chamber and become a champion of the people's rights. It is for your own benefit.

Mr. Merwyn Fuss, president of the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce, has been secured as the guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Fuss has had wide experience in dealing with small town business and problems and has graciously consented to give his time in helping Emmitsburg organize a chamber of its own.

Present also will be Mr. Charles F. Bowers and Mr. George Slagle, president and secretary respectively of the Frederick Chamber of Commerce.

ENROUTE TO ROME  
Among the group of friends accompanying Denis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia to the Holy Year celebration in Rome is Rev. Salvatore M. Burgio, C.M., Vice Postulator for the Cause of Mother Seton. Mother Seton Guild, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Mary Cinegran returned Tuesday after visiting in Chicago, Ill.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Ivan G. Naugle. Interment in Blue Ridge Cemetery.

MRS. ANNA B. MORRISON  
Mrs. Anna Bell Morrison, widow of William Morrison, Thurmont, died Tuesday morning at 2:30 o'clock at the Garlock Convalescent Home, Hagerstown, after an immediate illness of several weeks, aged 88 years, 3 months, 13 days. She was a daughter of the late Milton and Margaret Saylor Cover and was a devout member of the Thurmont Methodist Church.

Surviving are the following children; Mrs. Dorey Lawrence, Thurmont; Mrs. Margaret Birley, Baltimore; E. Bruce Morrison, Hagerstown, and Ralph G. Morrison, Baltimore. Six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren also survive.

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### Notice Of Registration

The Town Council of Emmitsburg officially announces the registration of voters to participate in the Corporation of Emmitsburg election to be held in May. Those who have become 21 since the last election and also those who have resided here 12 months prior to the election day are eligible to register and vote, providing they are residing within the corporate limits of Emmitsburg.

The judges of election will sit in session in the Fire Hall on Tuesday, April 25.